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CHESS NOTES

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The souvenir brochure of the 32nd Annual Congress of the West of England Chess Union is now available and gives 23 annotated games. Here is that of D.M. Wise v. Dr. J.M. Aitken in the Championship Tournament.

I am reliably informed that Derek Wise came to the 1977 West of England Championship with the distinction of never having lost a game in the top section. Thus defeat, in 24 moves with the White pieces, is all the more astonishing.

- 1. P-K4 P-K4; 2. N-KB3 N-QB3; 3. P-Q4 PxP; 4. NxP B-B4; 5. N-N3(a) B-N3; 6. P-QR4(b) Q-R5; 7. Q-K2 P-QR4; 8. P-KN3 Q-B3; 9. B-N2 KN-K2; 10. O-O P-Q3; 11. N-B3 O-O; 12. K-R1 B-K3; 13. P-B4 BxN; 14. PxB N-Q5; 15. Q-Q1 Q-K3; 16. P-B5(c) QxNP; 17. Q-R5 P-KB3; 18. N-Q5 NxN; 19. PxN QR-K1; 20. R-R3 Q-B7; 21. R-QB3 Q-K7; 22. P-KN4 R-K5; 23. R-KR3(d) P-KR3; 24. R-R4 N-B6!(e) 25. Resigns.

- (a) 5. B-K3 was to be recommended.
- (b) 6. P-QR4 is positively bad. Development, as always, was to be recommended in the form of a KB move. Already White has problems.
- (c) Sacrificing the pawn for an imaginary attack. However distasteful, either R-R3 or, preferably, N-Q5 saves the pawn.
- (d) 23. BxR QxBch; 24. K-N1 N-K7 dis.ch. wins easily.
- (e) A bolt from the blue to which there is no answer. If BxN QxR mate; if 25. RxN Q-Q8 ch; 26. R-B1 R-K6 forces mate or if R-R3 N-KB etc.

The next W.E.C.U. Easter Congress will be held at Newquay and Hampshire players (who have not to date supported this excellent event in any numbers) are cordially invited to take part.

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The position published this week arose in my first round game in the Fareham Club Championship tournament when I had the White pieces against R.G. Warwick. Having unwisely placed my rook virtually out of play, I had an uneasy feeling that at best I could draw and, if not careful, could very well lose. Fortunately for me, my 29th move K-B2 was answered by 29...P-K5?, which turned out badly for Black for two reasons: the premature advance of the King's pawn not only made it more difficult to defend but (probably worse) blocked the fifth rank for the Black rook. The point is - is there a better (and perhaps winning) 29th move for Black? I have been contemplating 29...P-N4, which poses problems for White.

Terry Hollington has sent me the following score of his game which he won against A. Ablaw in the Minor Tournament at Richmond, which has a neat and somewhat unusual ending; in fact, a normal Ruy Lopez opening soon turns into a very unusual attacking line :-

1. P-K4 P-K4;
2. N-KB3 N-QB3;
3. B-N5 P-OR3;
4. B-R4 N-B3;
5. Q-K2 B-B4;
6. P-B3 O-O;
7. O-O P-Q3;
8. P-Q3 B-K3;
9. P-KR3 N-KR4;
10. BxN PxB;
11. R-K1 N-N6;
12. Q-Q1 N-R4;
13. QN-Q2 Q-B3;
14. K-R2 BxBP;
15. R-K2 Q-B5+;
- and White resigns, because 16. K-R1 N-N6+;
17. K-R2 N-B6 dis.+;
18. K-R1 Q-R7+;
19. NxQ N-N6 mate.

(a) 2. P-K4 was to be recommended.

(b) 5. P-B3 is positively bad. Development, as always, was to be recommended in the form of a B move. Already White has problems.

(c) Squaring the pawn for an imaginary attack. However abstracted, either P-Q3 or, preferably, P-N3 was **J.E.C.G.**

(d) 13. QN-Q2 looks 24. K-N5 B-N5 disamb. was really.

(e) A hole into the blue to which there is no answer. If 16. K-R1 mate or 14. K-R1 Q-Q4 etc. 15. B-N3 R-B3 looks more or 16. B-N3 N-N6 etc.

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