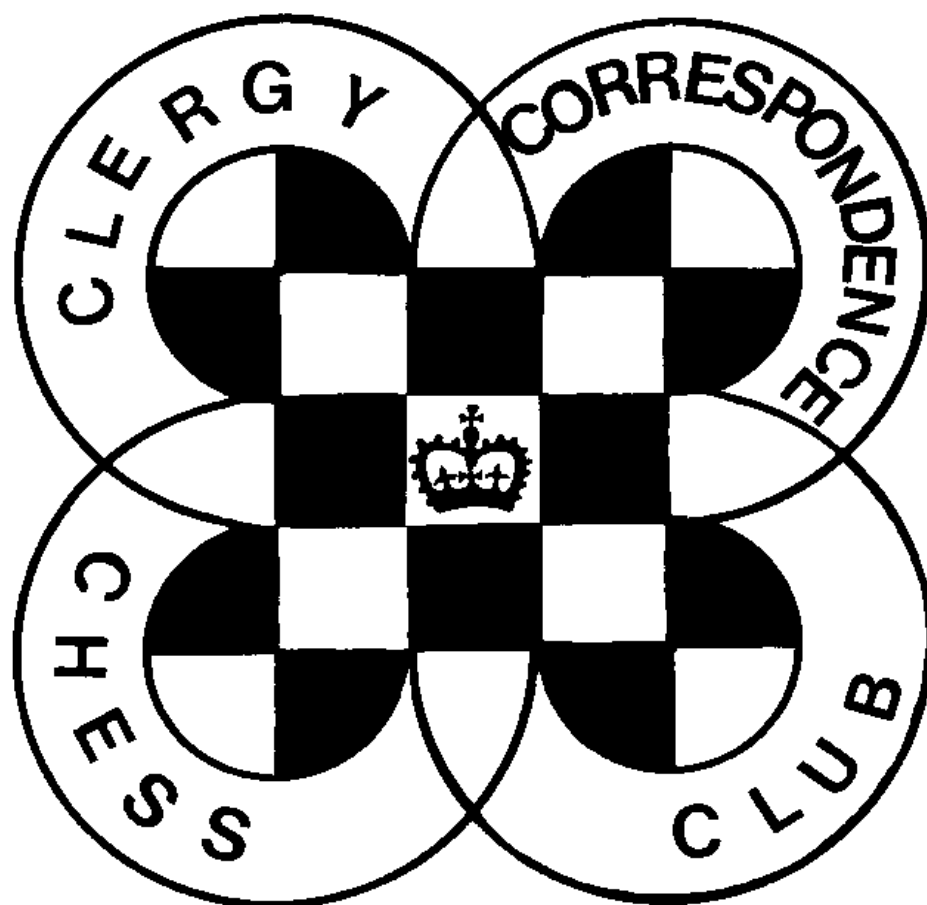


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October 2013

This issue launches the 2013 / 2014 season. You can start playing your games as soon as you like, but this year we are offering players who use the Scheming Mind web site the opportunity to stagger the start dates of their games from now until January 2014, and those using phone or email a less generous but still slightly staggered start. But by agreement you can still play all your games at once (and anyone still using post must do so). See the page with pairings on it for when rounds must start by, and note that whenever you start a game time begins to count from that point to bring all our games into line with those played on Scheming Mind.

If you do play by post and have difficulty in obtaining window envelopes for use with score sheets I still have a few of these and offer them to members for £3 per 100 including postage. If you want address cards for window envelopes send a stamped addressed envelope and I will send some to you, but they are easy enough to make yourself.

We again have 3 Divisions this season and they are a bit fuller than recent years. Hilary Costello has returned to league play and I have entered him in Division 2 on the basis of his past form. We also welcome a new member, Matthew Askey, Chaplain to the Southwell Minster School, who joins in Division 3.

Once again, thanks for getting your results in on time which enables me to get the new season underway early and creating a virtuous circle.

Non-league members should make direct contact with another to arrange a friendly game if required.

Posted magazines will contain sufficient score sheets for the games you are due to play, but extra copies are available from the Secretary in return for a stamped addressed envelope. Those receiving the magazine electronically can easily print the score sheets. Print the file once on each side of a sheet of A4, turning on the short edge, and then guillotine down the middle and you have two A5 score sheets.

We are sorry to record the death of Eric Bailey after whom our original trophy was named. Eric died as long ago as April, but I only found out about this at the end of June. An obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Which leads me to point out that a useful economy I felt I could make in retirement, is that I no longer regularly take *Church Times*, which was always a way of spotting if our C. of E. members were moving or dying, so I would be grateful if others who do read that newspaper could keep me informed if they see mention of any of our members. The same applies to anyone who reads the press of other denominations.

Congratulations to our Scheming Mind Team who have won the first Round of the new Season in our new higher Division, which is a great start.

Your subscription of £5.75 is now due for the current season unless you are a Life Member. You can become a Life Member for £74.00 and not have to remember subscriptions any more. Please send subs. direct to our Treasurer as sending them via me increases postage costs.

As always, my thanks to Michael Thistlewood for typing up games for the magazine, and to those who send them in. Any score sheet sent in will be considered for publication unless you say you do not want this, but please consider sending in your games with annotations which are more instructive to other members.

With best wishes for the new season.

Bruce Carlin (Secretary)

ERIC BAILEY

Eric Bailey, who died in April at the age of 99, was one the earliest members of the CCCC, and donated the Trophy which bore his name that was passed from winner to winner until there was no room for any more of the small Shields affixed to it that bore the winners names, and it had to be replaced with the present trophy. Although retired from use, the Shield of course remains in the Club archive.

Eric had a varied ministry across seven Dioceses before retiring to Bury St. Edmunds over 30 years ago, where he stayed and enjoyed a long and fulfilled retirement, helping out at his local church and playing chess with friends. The priest at his parish spoke warmly of his help and support when she was only able to be ordained Deacon, which continued after she was priested.

I am not certain if he was one of the founder members of CCCC, but he was certainly one of the earliest ones. He was Champion in 1971, and again in 1979 in a four way tie. In later years he felt that the Club was becoming too 'professional' and had lost something of its friendliness. He always enjoyed a chat on the phone whether exchanging moves or reporting results, but he began to feel that members were becoming too keen on winning and less on the social side. He also abhorred the use of computers, which he felt was spoiling the game, but he carried on playing in our League competition until his eyesight began to fail and he could no longer read moves accurately. Friends continued to support him and enabled him to remain at home until a brief period in hospital before he died.

Civil Service Chess Assn. - CCCC - Eric Bailey [D20] 1989 – 1990

Notes by Eric Bailey, who was Black.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 c5 4.d5 e6 5.♙xc4 ♜f6 6.♜c3 exd5 7.♜xd5 ♜xd5 8.♙xd5 ♙e7 9.♙d2

This was a new one on me, and not in my book either. I decided that the idea was to be able to threaten my b-pawn and avoid the losing variation of 9.Qb3 0-0 10.Bxb7 c4 11.Qb5 a6 12.Qd5 Bb4+. I expected 9.Bf4. I played 9. ... Nd7 so I could play Rb8 if he did play Qb3 and take the pawn.

9. ... ♜d7 10.♙b3 0-0 11.♜f3 ♜f6 12.0-0-0

A bit doubtful as he is very open on the Q side, and that is where all the trouble comes later.

12. ... ♜xd5 13.exd5 ♙b6

To drive his Queen away. I didn't think he would exchange.

14.♙xb6 axb6

I think this is bad. It opens up the a-file for me, and leaves his King very exposed.

15.♞de1 ♞xa2

Wins a pawn and gives a completely open file for my Rook.

16.♜b1 ♞a8 17.b3 ♙f6

With a threat of mate!

18.♜e5 ♞d8 19.♙c3 b5

... b4 would be nasty

20.♙b2 ♙f5+ 21.♜c1 ♙g5+

The Bishop checks play themselves. I couldn't see anything better. After the Queen exchange on move 14, his game just collapsed, I was rather fortunate that he was so careless.

22.♜d1 ♞xd5+ 23.♜e2 ♞a2 0-1

**CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB
RESULTS 2012 / 2013**

DIVISION 1	H	S	A	Ha	F	N	C	Pts	%	
Hulme	X	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	5 1/2	92	Smith beats Alexander on the first criterion of tie break – the most wins. Foster beats Nye on the 5 th criterion of tie break, that he drew with Black against Nye.
Smith	0	X	1/2	1	1	1	1	4 1/2	75	
Alexander	1/2	1/2	X	1	1	1	1/2	4 1/2	75	
Hall	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	3	50	
Foster	0	0	0	0	X	1/2	1	1 1/2	25	
Nye	0	0	0	0	1/2	X	1	1 1/2	25	
Carlin	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	X	1/2	8	
DIVISION 2	S	Lw	T	W	Y	Lx		Pts	%	
Stevenson	X	1	1	1	1	1		5	100	Yates loses the 3 way tie for 3 rd place on the 1 st criterion - the least number of games won, while Thistlewood wins this tie on the 3 rd criterion, that he beat Williamson in their game.
Lowe	0	X	1	1	1/2	1		3 1/2	70	
Thistlewood	0	0	X	1	0	1		2	40	
Williamson	0	0	0	X	1	1		2	40	
Yates	0	1/2	1	0	X	1/2		2	40	
Loxton	0	0	0	0	1/2	X		1/2	10	
DIVISION 3	Pa	Cl	Co	Pr	B			Pts	%	
Partridge	X	1/2	1	1	V			2 1/2	83	Partridge beats Cleaves for 1 st place on the 4 th tie break criterion - the most Black Wins. Boddy withdrew so his games are void.
Cleaves	1/2	X	1	1	V			2 1/2	83	
Couch	0	0	X	1	V			1	33	
Procter	0	0	0	X	V			0	0	
Boddy	V	V	V	V	X			VOID		
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID HULME
CCCC CHAMPION 2012/2013**

David Hulme dropped just 1/2 point on his way to this year's title with a draw against Wilf Alexander, who was also unbeaten yet finishes 3rd behind Mike Smith on tie break. Stanley Hall retains his place in the top Division with a 50% score, while Antony Foster survives on tie break pushing David Nye down to Division 2 with Bruce Carlin.

Brian Stevenson returned to league play with a 100% score in Division 2 and now returns to the top flight along with David Lowe. A three way tie is resolved so that Michaels Thistlewood and Williamson stay in Division 2, while Andrew Yates and John Loxton go down.

Tim Partridge and Richard Cleaves were both unbeaten in Division 3 and both are promoted. Peter Couch was 3rd, but although Nick Procter officially scores 0 it is worth recording that had David Boddy not withdrawn Nick would have had 1/2 point as he was the only person in that Division to complete his game with David before the latter withdrew.

THE CURRENT SEASON : 2013 / 2014

Officially our season runs from October to July, but you can start your games as soon as you receive this, or by the dates given for each round on the Fixtures page. This allows those playing by phone or email to delay some of their games until November, and for those playing on the Scheming Mind webserver to delay some even until January next year as that time limit is strictly applied.

Whichever method you choose it is your responsibility to make sure that all games are completed by 31st July 2014 and results reported to me.

The Divisions for the season are on the next page. These normally contain seven players, but some contain fewer to even out numbers. The fixtures for the season follow along with members' email addresses and Scheming Mind aliases. Although it is the player playing White who is responsible for starting games if you haven't heard from an opponent by the due date please chase them up first, and contact the Secretary if you still fail to make contact.

At the end of the season two players are promoted and two relegated from each division, with adjustments to take account of any withdrawals. Algebraic notation must be used unless both players agree to use another. Ties are decided initially by the Baumbach Tie Break, then the Sonneborn-Berger Tie Break in accordance with ICCF procedures. If you are not clear what these systems are then please email the Secretary or send him a stamped envelope for enlightenment...

The time columns on the score sheet are: 'R' is the date that you *received* your opponent's move; 'S' is the date you *send* your reply; 'T' is the *total time* used to date. This way you and your opponent can immediately see where you stand in relation to the time limit.

You may play your games on Scheming Mind, or communicate your moves by post, telephone, fax, or e-mail, but with the recent increases in postage costs I suspect that will now be the least popular method, though if you are playing by phone an occasional exchange of the score card can help to make sure a mistake in notation has not been made. If using the phone please try not to keep your opponent waiting while you find pen and paper and be clear in your notation, perhaps using the phonetic alphabet when reading moves.

If playing by post, phone or email the time limit is 20 days for each 10 moves, time saved is carried forward, same day reply counts as nil, but *every* day counts including Sundays and Bank Holidays. Each player can have 14 days off during a game after notifying their opponent, additional time off for special need can be granted by the Secretary on request. If your opponent exceeds the time limit you can claim the game but you must do this as soon as the time control is broken or you lose the right to claim unless a later one is also broken. In order to avoid anyone exploiting technology to make same day replies impossible (e.g. by emailing or faxing at 2359 hours) the convention is that a move by email or phone is considered to be received the day after it was sent, as if it were a perfect first class letter (I believe there still are such things).

If you are playing on Scheming Mind webserver then the time limit is 30 days plus 1 day per move made, and this is maintained by the web server along with holiday leave etc. and it doesn't allow any leeway so if you break the time limit you lose!

Please try to complete your games by 31st July as it does ease our administration. If you cannot then a game may be submitted for adjudication but there is a charge for this for us to have access to the BFCC adjudication panel.

CCCC DIVISIONS 2013 / 2014

Titles are omitted in this list to ensure that everyone fits on one line (everyone is at least The Rev'd.). If the POST TOWN is in upper case and the postcode is used there is no need to state the County. That is if anyone addresses letters any more!

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CCCC Fixture List 2013 / 2014

Players are free to start their games as soon as they receive this magazine, and there is nothing to stop you playing all your games simultaneously as has traditionally been done. However the quality of play may be improved if games are staggered so that we are not necessarily playing 6 games at once (in addition to any others you might be playing).

If you are playing by post you must still start all games as soon as possible and at least by October 1st. If you are transmitting your moves by phone or email you can stagger the start of your games according to the table below, and if you are playing on the Scheming Mind webserver where the time limit is strictly enforced you can stagger them even further. Since playing time on Scheming Mind starts as soon as you begin a game, this must now apply to all our games.

To ensure fairness the fixtures have been generated on the website fixturelist.com. In this list the player to the left of the 'v' plays White and is responsible for starting the game.

<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Played on Scheming Mind</u>	<u>By Phone or email</u>	<u>By Post</u>
1 & 2	October 1 st	October 1 st	October 1 st
3 & 4	November 1 st	October 1 st	October 1 st
5	December 1 st	November 1 st	October 1 st
6 & 7	January 1 st	November 1 st	October 1 st

Division 1

Round 1	Smith v Alexander	Hall v Hulme	Stevenson v Foster
Round 2	Lowe v Hall	Foster v Smith	Hulme v Stevenson
Round 3	Alexander v Foster	Stevenson v Lowe	Smith v Hulme
Round 4	Stevenson v Hall	Alexander v Hulme	Smith v Lowe
Round 5	Hulme v Foster	Hall v Smith	Lowe v Alexander
Round 6	Smith v Stevenson	Foster v Lowe	Alexander v Hall
Round 7	Lowe v Hulme	Stevenson v Alexander	Hall v Foster

Division 2

Round 1	Thistlewood v Nye	Partridge v Carlin	Cleaves v Williamson
Round 2	Carlin v Williamson	Partridge v Thistlewood	Costello v Nye
Round 3	Cleaves v Partridge	Nye v Carlin	Thistlewood v Costello
Round 4	Nye v Williamson	Cleaves v Costello	Thistlewood v Carlin
Round 5	Costello v Partridge	Williamson v Thistlewood	Carlin v Cleaves
Round 6	Thistlewood v Cleaves	Williamson v Costello	Nye v Partridge
Round 7	Carlin v Costello	Nye v Cleaves	Williamson v Partridge

Division 3

Round 1	Yates v Loxton	Boddy v Procter	Couch v Askey
Round 2	Procter v Yates	Askey v Loxton	Couch v Boddy
Round 3	Yates v Askey	Procter v Couch	Loxton v Boddy
Round 4	<i>No Round 4 in Division 3 as there are fewer players</i>		
Round 5	Couch v Yates	Boddy v Askey	Loxton v Procter
Round 6	Yates v Boddy	Couch v Loxton	Askey v Procter
Round 7	<i>No Round 7 in Division 3 as there are fewer players</i>		

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e-mail addresses & Scheming Mind aliases

This list has the email addresses of all members who have advised me of them. Please do make sure you inform me if you change your email address.

It also includes aliases for those who have joined the Scheming Mind web site. If you wish to play your games using the Scheming Mind webserver then the player who is white should challenge the player who is black. If your opponent has restricted the number of games he is willing to play you may initially be refused, but the best solution is for each of us to create a 'buddy list' and add the other CCCC members to this and then allow challenges from anyone on your buddy list.

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It is always good to have something different from domestic business and games in our magazine from time to time, and following Richard Cleaves' article in the last issue on Internet Chess we now have this. We are grateful to Charles Mason for spotting this article in Private Eye and obtaining permission for us to reproduce it in our magazine.

DARK KNIGHT RISES

Waddling, bow-tied Raymond Keene, chess correspondent for the Times and the Spectator, is known as the Penguin because of his uncanny resemblance to Batman's arch enemy. His villainous doppelganger would surely applaud Keene's latest larcenous exploit. In a Spectator column last month, the Penguin annotated a 1923 game between Alexander Alekhine and Akiba Rubinstein. His comments were plagiarised, verbatim, from Garry Kasparov's book *My Great Predecessors* (2003) – which Keene hailed at the time as “the most important chess book ever to appear since Bobby Fischer's *My 60 Memorable Games*”. Here, for instance, is Kasparov quoting an assessment by the Soviet grandmaster Mikhail Botvinnik of White's twelfth move: “White agrees to give up his bishop at f4 for the knight. On a dogmatic evaluation, all the advantages will be on Black's side: the two bishops and a spoiled pawn formation for the opponent. But a concrete approach shows that White has a considerable lead in development and the opportunity for play in the centre...”

And here is Keene's commentary, presented as if it was all his own work: “White agrees to give up his bishop at f4 for the knight. On a dogmatic evaluation all the advantages will be on Black's side: the two bishops and a spoiled pawn formation for the opponent. But a concrete approach shows that White has a considerable lead in development and the opportunity for play in the centre...”

This isn't the first time the shameless Penguin has been caught red-handed. When the chess writer John Donaldson read Keene's *Complete Book of Gambits* in 1992, he was amazed to find that the chapter on Lisitsin's Gambit had been copied almost word for word – with no acknowledgement – from Donaldson's article on the subject published by *Inside Chess* the previous year. More recently, in *Eye* 1222, we revealed that one of Keene's *Spectator* columns in 2009 was taken largely verbatim from an article by the chess historian Edward Winter, which had appeared three years earlier. The chess blogger Justin Horton, who discovered the Penguin's latest heist, wrote to the *Spectator* last week protesting at the wholesale plagiarism. So far the only reply has come from Keene himself via the Chessgames website: “re *Spectator*– specifically cleared beforehand with the guy who owns the English language rights.” really? The English-language edition of *My Great Predecessors* clearly states that the copyright belongs to Garry Kasparov – who certainly did not “clear” the Penguin to steal his text without acknowledgement. As the *Eye* asked four years ago: do Keene's editors at the *Spectator* and the *Times* have any qualms about employing this absurd comic-book thief? Now as then, the answer seems to be, er, no.

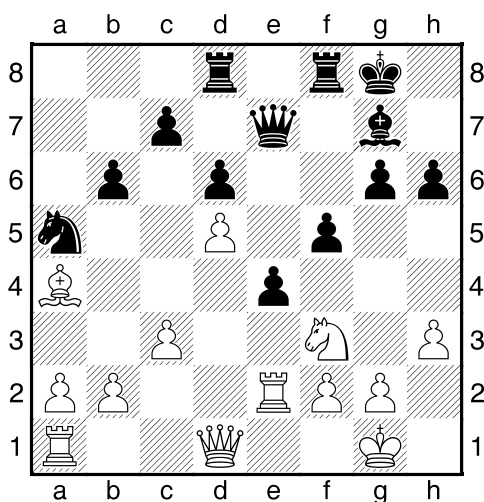
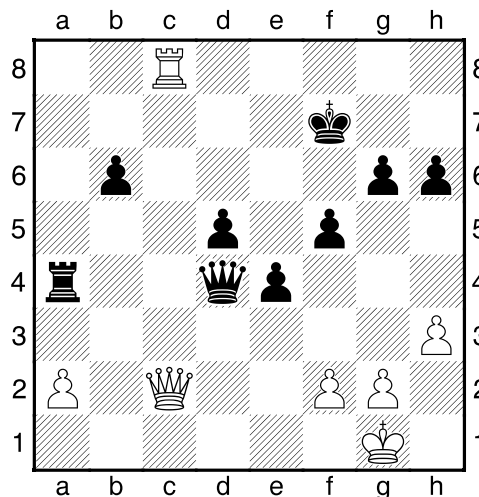
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The Chess Warriors v Bruce Carlin

Scheming Mind

My opponent was from the USA and our game began just before Independence Day, ending just after the Presidential Elections.

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♗f6 4.d3 h6 5.0-0
d6 6.c3 g6 7.♞e1 ♙g7 8.♙b3 0-0 9.♗bd2
♞e7 10.d4 ♙g4 11.h3 ♙xf3 12.♗xf3 ♞ad8
13.d5 ♗a5 14.♙e3 b6 15.♙a4 ♗xe4 16.♙xb6
axb6 17.♞xe4 f5 18.♞e2 e4 Diagram



But Black can't take the Knight or he loses his Queen.

19.♙c6 ♗xc6 20.dxc6 d5

Which leaves White's c-pawn rather isolated and vulnerable and he spends most of the next five moves trying to defend it.

21.♗d4 ♙xd4 22.cxd4 ♞f6 23.♞c1 ♞d6
24.♞ec2 ♞a8 25.b4 ♞a4

But one of White's pawns must now fall, and he chooses to lose the isolated c-pawn after all.

26.♞b2 ♞xc6 27.♞xc6 ♞xc6 28.♞c2 ♞b5
29.♞xc7 ♞xb4 30.♞c2 ♞xd4 31.♞c8+ ♗f7
Diagram

And here we go! For much of the rest of the game Black's moves are effectively forced. Even where there is a legal alternative it would be suicidal to take it!

32.♞c7+ ♗f6 33.♞f8+ ♗g5

This gives the Black King temporary respite from checks, but in serious danger of being trapped by all the pawns and mated by one of them.

34.g3 ♞d1+

Black can get in a few checks now! Briefly I even wondered if I could force perpetual check and salvage a draw.

35.♗g2 ♞f3+ 36.♗g1 ♞d1+ 37.♗h2 e3

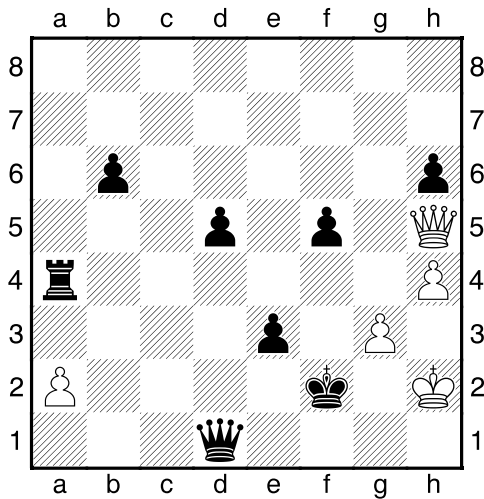
White now gives check on nine of the next ten moves! Black's response effectively continues to be forced.

38.♞e7+ ♗h5 39.♞xf5+ gxf5

White sacrifices his Rook, which opens up the Black King to further attack from his Queen.

40.♞f7+ ♗g5 41.h4+ ♗g4 42.♞g6+ ♗f3
43.♞h5+ ♗xf2

Diagram



And it looked like it was all over now, as White wins my Queen, more than compensating for the Rook sacrifice and the pawn deficit.

But actually all is not lost ...

44. ♖xd1 e2 45. ♔g1+ ♕f3 46. ♔g2+ ♕e3

47. ♔g1+ ...

There is just one worthwhile move I can make. It will not only stop White from checking me, but in fact it wins me the game as after this he has to give up his Queen for my e-pawn, so this slightly bizarre game ends ...

♕d2 0-1

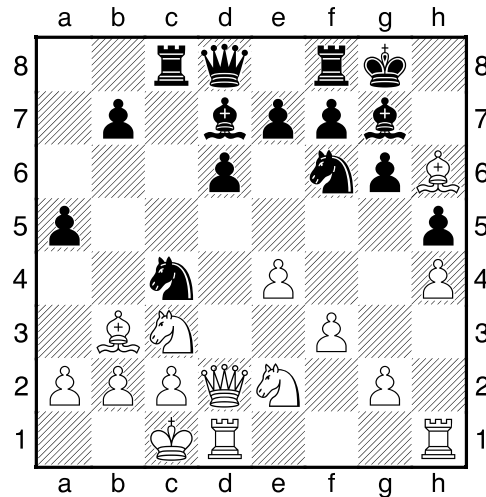
And White resigns.

I had already lost my other game against him, and our Team was thoroughly trounced in the match, with just another ½ point from all our other boards, so this was something of a pyrrhic victory! But satisfying for all that.

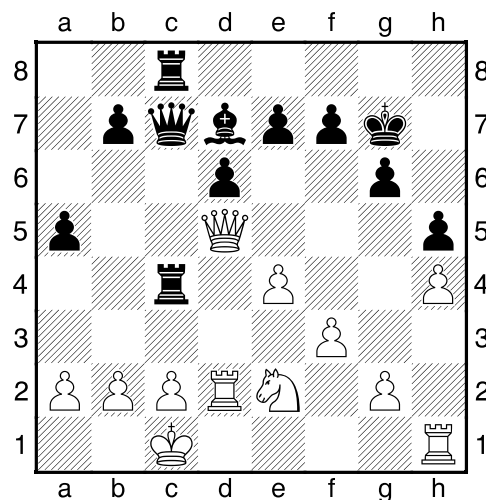
David Lowe v Monty's Python [B78]

Scheming Mind

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♘f6
5.♗c3 g6 6.♙e3 ♙g7 7.f3 0-0 8.♚d2 ♘c6
9.♙c4 ♙d7 10.h4 ♗e5 11.♙b3 ♜c8 12.0-0-0
h5 13.♗de2 a5 14.♙h6 ♗c4 Diagram



15. ♙xc4 ♜xc4 16. ♗d5 ♗xd5 17. ♙xg7 ♕xg7
18. ♚xd5 ♚c7 19. ♙d2 ♜c8 Diagram



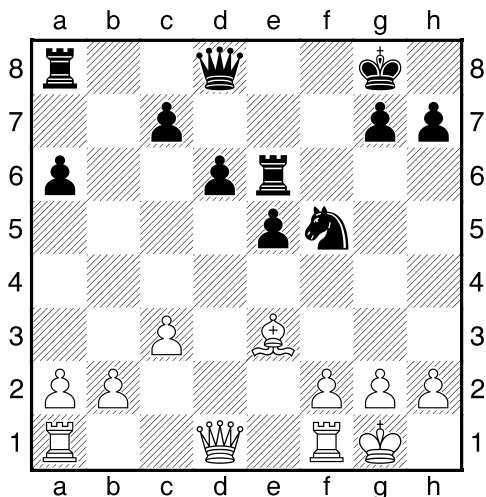
20. ♗c3 b5 21. ♚d3 ♕f8 22.g4 b4 23. ♗d5
♚b7 24.gxh5 gxh5 25. ♚e3 ♜xc2+ 26. ♜xc2
♜xc2+ 27. ♕xc2 ♙a4+ 28. ♕d2 b3 29. ♚b6

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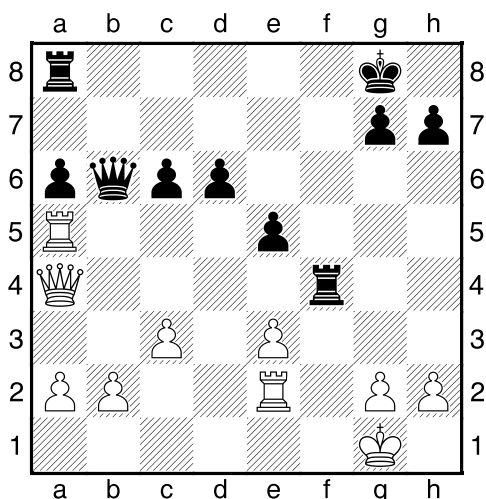
**David Lowe v
Michael Williamson [C62]**

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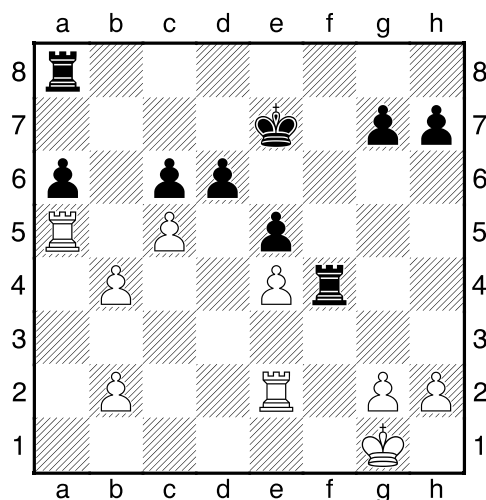
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 d6 4.d4 f6 5.d5 a6
6.♙xc6+ bxc6 7.dxc6 ♘e7 8.♘c3 ♘xc6
9.♙e3 ♙e6 10.0-0 ♙e7 11.♘d5 0-0 12.c3 f5
13.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 14.♘g5 ♖f6 15.♘xe6 ♖xe6
16.exf5 ♘xf5 Diagram



17.♖g4 ♖f6 18.♖e4 ♖ee8 19.♖ad1 ♘xe3
20.fxe3 ♖e7 21.♖d5 c6 22.♖a5 ♖c7 23.♖a4
♖b6 24.♖e1 ♖f8 25.♖e2 ♖f4 Diagram



26.♖b3+ ♖xb3 27.axb3 ♖f6 28.b4 ♘f7 29.c4
♘e7 30.e4 ♖ff8 31.c5 ♖f4 Diagram



32.g3 ♖ff8 33.♖d2 ♖fd8 34.cxd6+ ♖xd6
35.♖xe5+ ♖e6 36.♖xe6+ ♘xe6 37.♘f2 ♖b8
38.♘e3 ♖xb4 39.♘f4 g5+ 40.♘xg5 ♖xe4
41.♖f2 c5 42.h4 ♖e5+ 43.♘h6 ♖f5 44.♖xf5
♘xf5 45.♘h7 c4 46.h5 a5 47.h6 a4 48.♘g8
a3 49.bxa3 c3 50.h7 c2 51.h8♖ c1♖
52.♖h7+ ♘e5 53.♖g7+ ♘e6 54.g4 ♖xa3
55.g5 ♖a8+ 56.♘h7 ♘f5 57.g6 ♖b8 58.♖f7+
♘g5 59.♖a2 ♖c7+ 60.g7 ♖d7 61.♖g2+ ♘f6
62.♘h8 ♖xg7+ 63.♖xg7+ 1-0

Note from Games Editor:

Please keep the games coming in for the magazine. I don't think we have had any games from Divisions 1 and 3 this season. They don't need to be annotated and I usually add the diagrams. They are all worth printing and we can all learn from each other's games.

Many thanks.

Michael Thistlewood.