

# CHESS minister !



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Some of you I know, have seen in Church Times that I have been appointed to a new parish, despite that newspaper's inability to cope with people who don't use their first name! After ten years in Roseworth I am moving to be Vicar of Hedworth, a parish some 30 miles north of here, just south of Jarrow, and still in the Durham diocese. Though called Hedworth, the parish is actually based on the former mining community of Boldon Colliery. The pit, like so many others in County Durham, has been closed for some time, and people have had to find work if they can in other areas. We are moving on 1st September, prior to institution on 13th. There is a rather grim large Victorian Vicarage which the diocese is currently trying to render fit for occupation in time for that move! Please note therefore that my address from 1st September 1993 will be:

**St. Nicholas' Vicarage, Hedworth Lane, Boldon Colliery, Tyne & Wear. NE35 9JA.  
Tel. 091 536 7552.**

Now September is the time of year when I am normally preparing our new season to begin in October, and with moving house and settling in to a new parish this may be a little tricky. I will do my best to get the new season started as nearly on time as I possibly can, but **YOU CAN HELP ME DO THIS**. You can help by getting this year's results in as soon as possible. Although the season does not officially finish until 31st July, and results are acceptable until that date, if you can complete games sooner and let me have your results then I can make a start on the new season before I move. If you can possibly finish all your games or agree results, so that I do not have any adjudications to do, so much the better. Please try to do this, and I will in turn try get the new season started as early in October as I can. There is a list of outstanding results elsewhere in the magazine, and if you are thinking of agreeing results but wonder how this will affect your promotion or relegation chances, give me a ring (still 0642 674737 until 31st August) and I will let you know where you currently stand (standing as at 1/6/93 are in any case given in this magazine).

Now to other matters. I have been sent an article by Alan Rawlings about the possibilities of international postal chess, which our members are all entitled to enter by virtue of our affiliation to the BPCF, and this article appears in this issue. Thanks to those who have sent games that have enabled me to fill this issue. Also a BIG thank-you to Michael Thistlewood who has typed them all up and prepared diagrams, without which help this issue would have certainly been later than it is! Please keep them coming as I have no games in reserve. You can send them to me, or directly to Michael.

As stated in the last magazine, the option to play a single game for double points ceases at the end of the current season, as preferred in our recent questionnaire. One player has asked me if it is legal to agree a draw in one game from the outset, and just play the other. The answer to this must clearly be 'yes' since the rules of chess allow any result to be agreed at any stage of a game, presumably even without a piece being moved, providing that BOTH players agree this result. The difference between this and playing a single game for double points is that of course the maximum score that can then be achieved from the two games is 1.5 points rather than 2, and this will prevent the anomalies that presently occur in a division where one player plays single games for double points.

Finally, then, may I repeat my plea that you send me your outstanding results as soon as possible.

**Bruce Carlin**

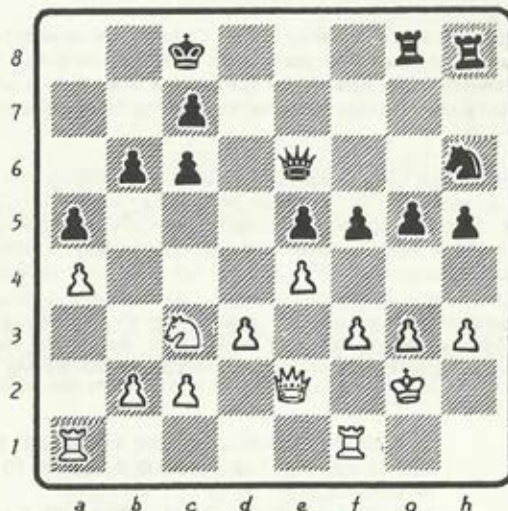
## 1992 / 3 SEASON : CURRENT SCORES AND RESULTS OUTSTANDING

Below are shown the current standings at 1st June 1993. Players are listed in order of percentage scores from games completed, and results outstanding are then listed. Some results may have come in while this magazine was in preparation, in which case, thank you. Other results would be appreciated as soon as they are available.

	<u>Current Score</u>		<u>Games outstanding against</u>			
Division 1	Smith	2.5/4	Morris	Fisher		
	Caldwell	3.5/6	Morris	Hulme		
	Morris	1.5/3	Hulme	Smith	Caldwell	
	Fisher	1.5/4	Hulme	Smith		
	Hulme	1 / 3	Morris	Caldwell	Fisher	
Div. 2A	Bailey	3.5/4	Stevenson	Williamson		
	Norris	1.5/3	Stevenson	Williamson	Nicholl	
	Williamson	0 / 1	Bailey	Nicholl	Stevenson	Norris
	Nicholl	0 / 2	Stevenson	Williamson	Norris	
	Stevenson	-	Bailey	Nicholl	Williamson	Norris
Div. 2B	Waterfield	5 / 6	Kings			
	Davies, I.	4.5/8	---			
	Kings	1 / 2	Harper	Waterfield	Partridge	
	Harper	1.5/4	Kings	Partridge		
	Partridge	0 / 4	Harper	Kings		
Div. 3A	Wright	7.5/8	---			
	Janicker	5 / 8	---			
	Loxton	3 / 8	---			
	Sutcliffe	1.5/6	Hutchison			
	Hutchison	1 / 6	Sutcliffe			
Div. 3B	Dales	6 / 6	Mackenzie	Whitmore		
	Whitmore	2 / 3	Geddes	Mackenzie	Dales	
	Mackenzie	0 / 1	Geddes	Dales	Nye	Whitmore
	Geddes	0 / 2	Mackenzie	Nye	Whitmore	
	Nye	0 / 4	Geddes	Mackenzie		
Div. 3C	Davies, N.	4.5/5	Mason	Carlin		
	Mason	4.5/6	Davies			
	Carlin	2.5/5	Davies	Thistlewood		
	Thistlewood	2.5/6	Carlin			
	Joy	1 / 8	---			
Div. 3D	Warnes	4 / 4	Foster	Couch		
	Hurt	0 / 2	Foster	Couch	Lewis	
	Lewis	0 / 2	Foster	Couch	Hurt	
	Couch	---	Foster	Lewis	Hurt	Warnes
	Foster	---	Couch	Lewis	Hurt	Warnes
Div. 4	NO RESULTS RECEIVED ALL RESULTS REQUIRED PLEASE.					

Thistlewood v. Davies Division 3 1992/3

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Qf6  
 8.Qg3 following an obscure book line and probably cost me the game  
 because of all the unnecessary Queen moves later on(MT).  
 8...g5 to restrict his use of the black squares(ND). 9.d3 h6 10.Qe3 Bb4  
 11.a3 Ba5 12.Ed2 Eb6 13.Qe2 0-0-0 usually a loss-leader for me, but the  
 R now has much of the d-file and can move to K-side(ND). 14.Be3 Bxe3  
 15.Qxe3 a third of MT's moves have now been made by the Queen  
 ...a5 a diversionary move from the planned K-side attack(ND)  
 16.a4 b6 settles the Q-side for the moment(ND) 17.Nc3 I lost my way here  
 - I felt there was a break through on the Q-side but I couldn't(or was  
 too lazy to)work it out(MT) Nd2 was anyhow better since it allowed N to  
 K-side also. See move 35(ND) ...h5 the beginning of the K-side attack  
 which was to win(ND) 18.f3 Nh6 my notes here read"push through with a K-  
 side kamikaze"(ND) 19.g3 Rdg8 20.Kg2 Qe6 21.Qe2 f5 the maginot line(MT)



22.Rh1 f4 23.g4 exciting stuff(MT) 24.hg Rf8 25.Raf1 Nxf4  
 26.Rxb8 danger threatened if g4 had been taken(ND)...Ne3+ the bridgehead  
 achieved! (ND) 27.Kg1 Rxb8 28.Rf2 Qh3 29.Rh2 Qg3+ 30.Kh1 Qxb2+ 31.Qxb2  
 Rxb2+ 32.Kxb2 Nxc2 that is it! but we continued(MT) 33.Kh3 Kd7 34.Kg4  
 Nd4 35.Nd1 the N's first move in eighteen! (ND)...Kd6 36.Nf2 b5 37.Kxg5  
 that can now be afforded(ND) ...Nxf3+ 38.Kf5 Kc5 39.b3 Kd4 40.Ke6 ba  
 41.ba c5 42.Kd7 not very bright K play but the cause was lost! (MT)...c4!  
 43.dc c5 I had overlooked he could go two paces!! (MT) 44.Ke6 Kxc4  
 45.Nd1 Kd4 46.Kd6 Nd2 and white resigned - not before time! (MT)

ND-when playing against MT I always like to attack - our two concurrent  
 friendlies/fiendlies between the Pope of Plumstead and the Patriarch of  
 Ulverston shew the frailty of that desire. "Correspondence chess" takes  
 on a new meaning when you play MT - the accompanying cards are full of  
 erudition, wit, news and encouragement to a hard-pressed parish priest.

## ICCF PROMOTION AND THEMATIC TOURNAMENTS

(by Alan Rawlings)

All Clergy Correspondence Chess Club members are eligible to enter the Promotion and Thematic tournaments organised by the International Correspondence Chess Federation, though very few take advantage of this.

The Promotion Tournaments are organised in two divisions: the World Tournament and the European Tournament. Each has five classes: Master Class, Higher Class and Classes I, II and III (Class III being the weakest and intended for beginners). Entry may be made at any time and all-play-all groups (one game against each opponent) are started whenever sufficient entries are received by the Tournament Office for that division. At present one can expect a wait of up to two months in most classes. Both the World and the European Tournament have 7-player and 15-player groups but the World Tournament has only 7-player groups in Class III. Players may compete in several groups at once, either in World or European Tournaments or both, but may not compete in different classes except to finish off games after promotion or relegation.

New entrants may choose to begin in either of classes I, II or III, but having made this choice and commenced play in one of those classes, promotion to the next higher class is only possible by winning a 7-player group or achieving first or second place in a 15-player group. In the case of a tie for first place, both players are promoted only if 80% of the possible points are achieved. Those who fail to score one-third of the possible points are relegated.

Very strong players who wish to start in the Higher or Master Class should send details of recent correspondence chess results and quote their OTB grade when entering. The decision is made by the Federation's Selection Committee and if agreed, the entrant may start in only one group and must score one third of the possible points in that group before entering further groups in the same class.

Sections are organised to give a varied mix of nationalities, though a seven-player section will probably include two or three Germans and a fifteen-player section may include four Germans and occasionally two British players. All moves are sent by airmail, and time in the post can vary from two days (Helsinki) and several weeks (Russia) - often games go just as fast as games played by second-class post against a UK opponent.

Thematic tournaments are completely ungraded and start every three months or so with approximately twenty themes per year ranging from the totally outlandish to the most intensely theoretical. Players play two games against each opponent. The current themes are as follows:

### Entries 1.6.93, start 1.8.93

<u>TW/3/93</u>	(B63) Sicilian:	1 e4 c5; 2 Nf3 Nc6; 3 d4 cd4; 4 Nd4 Nf6; 5 Nc3 d6; 6 Bg5 e6; 7 Qd2 Be7; 8 O-O-O O-O; 9 Nb3 a6; 10 Bf6 gf6; 11 h4 Kh8; 12 g4
<u>TI/3/93</u>	(B17) Caro-Kann:	1 e4 c6; 2 d4 d5; 3 Nc3 de4; 4 Ne4 Nd7; 5 Ng5
<u>TO/3/93</u>	(A03) Bird's:	1 f4 d5; 2 Nf3 Nf6;
<u>TG/2/93</u>	(C32) Falkbeer:	1 e4 e5; 2 f4 d5; 3 ed5 e4; 4 d3 Nf6;

### Entries 1.9.93, start 1.11.93

<u>TO/4/93</u>	(A00) Slepner:	1 Nc3 d5; 2 e4 d4; 3 Nce2
<u>TI/4/93</u>	(E73) King's Indian:	1 d4 Nf6; 2 c4 g6; 3 Nc3 Bg7; 4 e4 d6; 5 Be2 c6;
<u>TW/4/93</u>	(D20) QG Accepted:	1 d4 d5; 2 c4 dc4; 3 e4 Nf6; 4 e5 Nd5; 5 Bc4 Nb6;
<u>TI/5/93</u>	(C19) French:	1 e4 e6; 2 d4 d5; 3 Nc3 Bb4; 4 e5 c5; 5 a3 Bc3; 6 bc3 Ne7; 7 Nf3 b6; 8 Bb5 Bd7; 9 Bd3 Ba4;

### Entries 1.12.93, start 1.2.94

<u>TO/1/94</u>	(C40) Elephant:	1 e4 e5; 2 Nf3 d5; 3 ed5 Bd6; 4 Nc3 Nf6; 5 Be2
<u>TI/1/94</u>	(B75) Sicilian:	1 e4 c5; 2 Nf3 d6; 3 d4 cd4; 4 Nd4 Nf6; 5 Nc3 g6; 6 f3 Bg7; 7 Be3 Nc6; 8 Qd2 Bd7; 9 Bc4 Rc8; 10 Bb3 Ne5; 11

0-0-0 Nc4; 12 Bc4 Rc4; 13 Nb3 Qc7;

<u>TG/1/94</u>	(A57) Benkő Gambit:	1 d4 Nf6; 2 c4 c5; 3 d5 b5; 4 cb5 a6; 5 b6 d6;
<u>TI/2/94</u>	(C76) Spanish:	1 e4 e5; 2 Nf3 Nc6; 3 Bb5 a6; 4 Ba4 d6; 5 c3 Bd7; 6 d4 g6;

Entries 1.3.94, start 1.5.94

<u>TQ/2/94</u>	(A89) Dutch:	1 d4 f5; 2 c4 Nf6; 3 g3 g6; 4 Bg2 Bg7; 5 Nf3 0-0; 6 0-0 d6; 7 Nc3 Nc6; 8 d5
<u>TG/2/94</u>	(C52) Evans' Gambit:	1 e4 e5; 2 Nf3 Nc6; 3 Bc4 Bc5; 4 b4 Bb4; 5 c3
<u>TI/3/94</u>	(D37) QG Declined:	1 d4 d5; 2 c4 e6; 3 Nf3 Nf6; 4 Nc3 Be7; 5 Bf4 0-0; 6 e3 c5; 7 dc5 Bc5; 8 Qc2 Nc6; 9 a3 Qa5; 10 0-0-0 Bd7; 11 g4 Rfc8; 12 Kb1 b5;
<u>TW/1/94</u>	(C42) Russian:	1 e4 e5; 2 Nf3 Nf6; 3 d4 Ne4; 4 Bd3 d5; 5 Ne5

If your appetite is whetted by all this, please write to me:

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telling me which class you want to enter, mentioning your Clergy Correspondence Chess Club membership and enclosing a cheque payable to "B.P.C.F." for the entry fee. The fee for seven-player sections and thematics is £4.00 per section, while fifteen-player sections are £5.00.

### MATCH RESULT : CLERGY CCC V BCCS

This match resulted in a resounding defeat for us, but then BCCS were the winners of the 1991/2 BPCF Club Championship, so we needn't feel too disheartened by this defeat. They may not have fielded their strongest team, but then neither did we! My own games v. Bob Huston were never completed. He asked for a lengthy time-out because of some business difficulties, and in the end was never able to resume. I could of course have claimed the games (he more than once offered to resign them) but as it would make no difference to the outcome of the match I felt it was more honest to leave the games as having no result.

Fisher	W D	v	L D	Holt
Harper	L L	v	W W	Grimsey
Foster	L D	v	W D	Monk
Norris	D D	v	D D	McCrea
Davies, N.	L L	v	W W	Ardin
Carlin	V V	v	V V	Huston
Whitmore	W L	v	L W	Mason
Dales	L L	v	W W	Hassell
Thistlewood	W L	v	L W	Tolliday
Gowing	L L	v	W W	Mitchell
Clergy CCC	5	v	13	BCCS

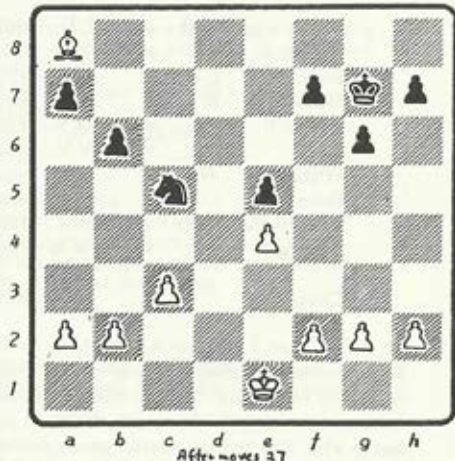
We are currently fielding a team in another friendly against NCCC. Again, we were only able to field 10 boards, and that only after my recruiting a couple at the last minute. I realize that most of our strongest players are already in our BPCF team, but our friendlies do start in spring when they and our internal games should be well on if not concluded, and it can be a way of providing us with a couple of games to while away the summer months with nothing too much riding on the results. I would like to be able to offer other clubs a larger team in future if possible.

## Ramblings of an Indifferent Player

I recently volunteered to play for the chaps - B.C.C.S. v. C.C.C.C. (where would we be without initials?). Imagine my great sense of pride when I was chosen - fact of the matter was they were short of volunteers at the time. To cut a long story short I actually won a game, but it is the game I lost which proved the more instructive, as is so often the case. Anyway I am more skilled at losing!

(was black)

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Be2 0-0 6. 0-0 e5 (first mistake. Having been caught by relying on an opening line in a book and then having no clue as to what to do at the end of the line, I now ignore the book and later realise there is no precedent for my move.) 7. de de 8. Qxd8 Rxd8 9. Bg5 Re8 (do I have to be so cautious about the pin as I have surrendered the d file?) 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Nd5 (this move spoils my breakfast - I wanted to burst into tears (know the feeling? or are you all much more mature? - I had let the chaps down (the more discerning among you will recognise a case of wounded pride)). I give you the diagram below. It seems I have lost a rook with Nxc7 or Nxf6+ There is an answer - work it out before reading on. It is amazing how often in chess we (? I) panic when really there is no need). 11... Bd8 12. Rad1 Bg4 13. Ne3 Bxf3 14. Bxf3 c6 15. Nc4 Bc7 16. Nd6 Bxd6 17. Rxd6 Na6 18. Rfd1 Nc5 19. Kf1 Re6 20. Rxe6 Nxe6 (I am still fairly level and the threat on the d file is less) 21. Rd7 b6 22. Ke1 Nd4 23. Bd1 Kg7 24. c3 Nd6 25. Ba4 (the beginning of a nice combination which wins a pawn and probably the game, although I fought for a draw for a long time) Nc5 26. Bxc6 Nxd7 27. Bxa8 Nc5 (the end game has begun - see diagram 2 - Can anyone work out a draw? I couldn't but felt it should have been possible) 28. Kd2 a5 29. Bd5 f6 30. b4 Nd7 31. Kd3 Kf8 32. ba (black sheep?) 33. Kc4 Ke7 34. f3 g5 35. Kb5 (I decided to let the a pawn go still hopeful of stopping the other two pawns with Knight and King - but was I living in cloud-cuckoo land?) Kd6 36. Kxa5 Kc5 37. a4 Nb6 38. Bg8 b6 39. Bb3 Nxa4 (still hoping for Bxa4 Kc4 any Kxc3!) 40. Kxa4 Resigns.



Michael Thirskwood.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Thanks to two more of our members, for sending in their biographies, both this time from north of the border. If anyone else would care to pen a few words about themselves I would be delighted to receive them for future issues.

### **Jim McIntyre writes:**

I started my career as a Quantity Surveyor, working in Glasgow. I felt my vocation to the ministry in 1959, and so left the Surveying to go to Coates Hall Theological College in Edinburgh.

I was deaconed in 1962, and priested in 1963, and served as a curate in St John's Church, Dumfries, till 1966. I was then appointed Priest-in-charge of the Church of the Holy Name, Cumbernauld, following in the steps of Fr George Sessford, the first priest-in-charge, who is now Bishop of Moray.

In 1974 I became Rector of Holy Trinity, Stirling, where I still am.

In 1986 I was diagnosed as having Parkinsons Disease, and although I have managed to cope with both illness and parish work, it is beginning to deteriorate, so much so, that I expect I shall have to take early retirement on health grounds. I am 55 at present, will be 56 in May.

I am married and have three children - daughter and two sons. Both my daughter and elder son are married. The younger of my two sons works in Edinburgh with Touche Ross, the firm of chartered accountants.

I have played chess since secondary school days, and, although I am not a particularly strong player, I enjoy it. I may improve once early retirement gives me time to study my moves more carefully. With that ultimate pleasure in mind, together with the realisation that finances might be stretched in retirement I took out Life Membership of C.C.C.C.. So I should be guaranteed future games well into the future - unless postal and telephone rates increase too high !!

### **Bert Norris writes:**

I was born in Glasgow in 1930, and served an apprenticeship as a steam engineer repairing whalers. Spent some time at Glasgow and Chichester schools of Art doing life studies.

My theological training took place at B.T.I. Glasgow after National service in the R.A.F.

For 20 years I was an Industrial Civil Servant involved in research and development at N.E.L. East Kilbride. My leave and weekends were spent doing pulpit supply for Scottish Baptist Union, Church of Scotland, and leading mission teams on the islands of Tiree and Islay.

I was ordained in 1983 and took up the pastorate at Kirriemuir Free Baptist Church.

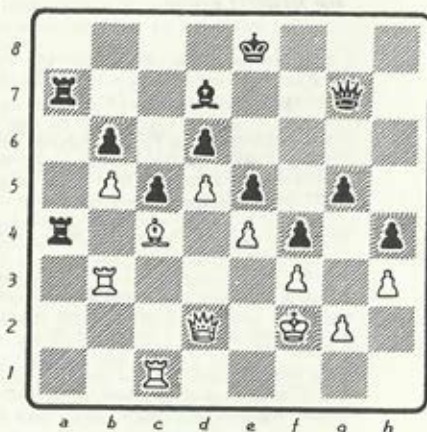
I am married to my long suffering wife Ruth, and we have three grown up children, which means that we have beds in London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

A reprobate Irish uncle taught me to play chess when I was about eight years old and I confess that it has been a lifelong obsession. My other hobbies are painting water colours, photography, and reading the works of John Flavel. Not necessary in that order.



Davies V. Thistlewood (friendly)

1 d4	Kf6	31 Rh1	h4
2 c4	g6	32 R3b1	Bd7
3 Nc3	Bg7	33 Nc3	Nc7
4 Bg5	h6 *1	34 Nb5 *8	Nxb5
5 Bh4	d6	35 cb7*9	Ra8
6 e3	0-0	36 Rb3?*10	Rxa4
7 Bd3	Na6	37 Rcl	Rba7
8 Qb3 *2	c5	38 Bc4	g4 *11
9 Ne4	e5	39 fg	Bxg4
10 Nxf6+	Bxf6	40 hxg4	Qxg4 *12
11 Bxf6	Qxf6	41 Be2	Qg5
12 d5 *3	b6	42 Qd3	Bg7
13 a3?*4	Bf5	43 Qh3	Kd8
14 e4	Bd7	44 R1c3	Ra8
15 Qc3	Rfe8	45 Ra3	Rb8? *13
16 b4	Kc7	46 Ral	Rc7
17 b5 *5	Kf8	47 Qe6 *14	Qe7
18 a4	a5	48 Rca3 *15	Qxe6
19 ba e.p.	Kxa6	49 dxe6	Ke7
20 Ne2	Bc8	50 Bg4	Rd8
21 Qd2	Qg7	51 Ra7	Rdc8
22 0-0	f5?*6	52 R1a6	Rxa7
23 Rab1	Rab8	53 Rxa7+	Kf6
24 f3	Re7	54 Rd7!	Kg5
25 Rb3	Ke8 *7	55 Bd1	h3?*16
26 Kf2	Rf7	56 gh	Kh4
27 Rfb1	Rfb7	57 Bg4	Ra8
28 Ng3	f4	58 e7	Ra2+
29 Ne2	g5	59 Be2	f3
30 h3	h5	60 Kxf3	Ra3+
		61 Kf2	Resigns



AFTER WHITE'S 38<sup>TH</sup> MOVE

1. ? weakens K-side in long run - see white's move 28.
2. To keep white B at home for the present and restrict N.
3. Will backward d pawn be handicap later? Yes! See 54 Rd7.
4. Better h3 now to prevent Bg4. 5. Constrict the bishop!
6. Unnecessary opening-up of K-side. 7. Un-castling!
8. At least a positive move after so much jockeying.
9. ab better - a-file controllable and black has passed pawn on file which he can control. 10. A sheer oversight.
11. The attempt to open up here didn't work! Perhaps Bc8...Ra5...Qa7 in view of later events.
12. This exchange gives black an attack with 2 pawns for bishop.
13. Bga7 would have been better.
14. Around the back at last!
15. Taking advantage of 45 ...Rb8.
16. Would Re8 have been better?

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