

chess

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Blitzkrieg!

Black infuses so much energy into the opening that his opponent reels from the shock of having the initiative wrested from his hands so early in the game. Note how rapidly and effectively Black's pieces come into play and how in the end they literally swarm around the White monarch's royal head.

White: Scott Campbell. Black: Gary Pickler.

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Falkbeer Counter Gambit.

1 P-K4	P-K4	13 P-QN3	KR-K1
2 P-KB4	P-Q4	14 N-R4 (g)	B-N5ch
3 PxQP	P-QB3 (a)	15 B-Q2	Q-Q5
4 PxBP	B-QB4 (b)	16 0-0-0 (h)	Q-R8ch
5 N-KB3	P-K5	17 K-B2	QxPch
6 N-K5	NxP	18 N-N2	B-R6
7 B-N5	Q-N3	19 B-B3	QR-N1
8 BxNch (c)	PxB	20 R-QN1	N-Q4 (i)
9 Q-K2	N-B3	21 K-Q2 (j)	NxB
10 N-QB3 (d)	B-R3	22 KxN	RxPch
11 P-Q3	PxP (e)	23 K-Q4	BxNch
12 PxP (f)	0-0	24 Resigns (k)	

(a) An old line, once favored by Nimzovitch, that has fallen into disrepute because of 4 N-QB3 PxBP (best) 5 N-B3 N-B3 6 P-Q4.

(b) Black offers to play a kind of Danish Gambit in reverse.

(c) A serious mistake. White's position cries out for 8 Q-K2.

(d) Some attempt should be made to reduce the force of Black's next move with either 10 P-B4 or 10 N-B4.

(e) After 11...0-0-0! White is too far behind in development to put up much of a fight, e.g., 12 NxKBP QR-K1 13 NxR PxP 14 PxP RxQch 15 KxR B-N8!

(f) Now it is not so easy for Black to exploit his advantage after 12 NxQPch K-B1 13 K-Q1.

(g) White should play B-Q2 before attempting N-R4.

(h) Necessary to prevent both 16...QxRch and 16...BxP, but now White's King gets surrounded.

(i) The last straw.

(j) Nothing helps, e.g., 21 Q-Q2 QxPch 22 K-B1 NxB, winning a piece and threatening 23...N-R7mate.

(k) If 24 K-K3, then 24...BxP finishes matters.

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