

Chess

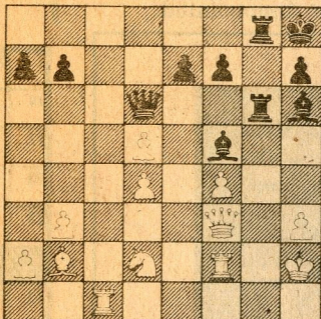
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In Test No. 23 if you had the first move, you had the idea so, did you get 1. . . . N-N5ch? If now 2.PxN, then RxRch; 3.KxR, QxQ; wins. Thus White only has one good move at his disposal: 2.QxN; Q-Q3ch; that forces 3.P-N3; and now Black continues with 3. . . . Q-Q7ch, 4. N-K2; Not 4.Q-K2, as then follows: 4. . . . R-B7ch; 5.K-N1, Q-K8 mate. Points in this test are much higher:

- If 10-20 seconds: 40 points
- If 21-60 seconds: 30 points
- If 61-120 seconds: 15 points
- If 121-150 seconds: 10 points
- If 151-180 seconds: 6 points
- If more than three minutes: 4 points.

Add one point for each second below 10 seconds.

TEST No. 24



TWO MOVES FOR BLACK

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Time in seconds

Another toughie

Played in Australia, 1976

White: S. E. Smith. Black: K. Haines.

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| 1.P-K4 | P-QB4 | 13.NPxP(f) | P-N5 |
| 2.N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 14.N-R4 | NxP |
| 3.P-Q4 | PxP | 15.Q-Q5 | Q-R5ch |
| 4.NxP | P-KN3 | 16.K-K2 | BxP |
| 5.N-QB3 | B-N2 | 17.N-N6 | N-K2 |
| 6.B-K3 | P-Q3 | 18.Q-B4 | P-Q4 |
| 7.B-K2(a) | N-B3 | 19.NxP | N-B6ch |
| 8.N-N3(b) | 0-0 | 20.QxN | PxQ |
| 9.P-B4 | P-QR3(c) | 21.NxNch | QxN |
| 10.P-N4 | P-QN4 | 22.BxR | RxN |
| 11.B-B3(d) | P-K4 | 23.Resigns | |
| 12.P-B5(e) | PxP | | |

(a) The classical variation; a pleasant change from the Yugoslav attack.

(b) If 8. 0-0 black frees his game by 8. . . . P-Q4.

(c) This is slow; both 9. . . . P-QR4 and 9. . . . B-K3 are better.

(d) Very tempting, but 11. P-N5, N-K1; 12. Q-Q2, P-N5; 13. N-R4 and castles queen-side makes black's game look rather sick.

(e) There was still time for 12. P-N5, and if 12. . . . PxP, not 13. PxN, PxB; 14. PxB, Q-R5ch and white gets mated; but simply 13. BxP.

(f) KPxP was both necessary and good.

LOOKING AROUND: Vassily Smyslov, USSR Grandmaster and ex-world champion, played 30 boards simultaneously last Saturday at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club. He won 18, drew 9 and lost 3 games. Winners were three junior players: Jay E. Whitehead, S.F., Victor Baja, S.F. and Randy Fong, Hayward. In an exhibition at Santa Monica, Smyslov won 39 and drew 6 . . . James Tarzan obtained his Grandmaster title! With Browne this makes two Grandmasters in Berkeley. . . . San Antonio, so rumor has it, will have its second great International Grandmaster tournament in October, 1977, once again sponsored by "Church's Fried Chicken"!! The Burlingame Chess Club will start a Swiss Open on Thursday April 1 at 7:30 p.m. All players are welcome to participate. The club meets at 850 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame.