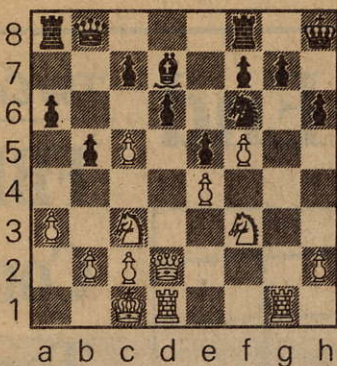


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Position #4718: White to play and win. From the game Hartston-Richardson, England 1983.

Solution to Position #4717: Black wins by 1 ... e6+ 2 dxe6 Ra5+ 3 Bd5 Rxd5+ 4 Ke4 Re5+ 5 Kf3 Rxe6.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Victor Korchnoi has livened up the latest meeting of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) in Manila by demanding three concessions from the Soviet Chess Federation in return for agreeing to meet Gary Kasparov in a semifinal Candidates match. Korchnoi asked the Soviets to apologize to him and to FIDE for delaying the match by not allowing Kasparov to come to Pasadena, to promise in writing to end their policy of boycotting tournaments to which Korchnoi is invited and, finally, to guarantee that the prize fund for Kasparov-Korchnoi will be at least as great as the Pasadena bid of \$50,000 (\$30,000 to the winner).

Each of these demands appears modest and reasonable. The Soviets issued a statement at the start of the FIDE Congress that could be called a very weak apology, but it was directed only to FIDE, not to Korchnoi. Earlier this year, FIDE President Florencio Campomanes reprimanded the Soviet Chess Federation for withdrawing three players from the Wijk aan Zee tournament in Holland, an action which revealed the anti-Korchnoi boycott that the Soviets have always publicly denied. When Campomanes chose Pasadena as the first site for the match, the bid from Rotterdam offered the same prize fund. In Manila, organizers from Austria, England, Holland, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia expressed interest in hosting Kasparov-Korchnoi, so the minimum prize fund should not be a problem. Surprisingly, Campomanes of the Philippines called these demands "too stiff to comply with."

LOCAL NEWS

The National Chess Day tournament in Anaheim, Oct. 1-2, attracted 75 players. Kamran Shirazi, Los Angeles' most active titled player and the current leader in the nationwide race for Grand Prix points, won the Open section, 4½-1½, conceding only a prize-clinching draw in the last round to master Khosrow Choobak. Expert Barry Manthe and Choobak tied for second with 3½-1½.

In the under-2000 Amateur section, Arthur Allen, Franklin Carter, Godo Gonzalez, David Hulvey and Bradley Rogers split first prize with 4-1 scores. Steven Pettman and James Lus headed the under-1600 Novice section with 4½-1½, and Christopher Beard had 4-1.

Last weekend, Shirazi won again in the Golden West Class Championships at the Airport Holiday Inn in Los Angeles. The top section had a disappointing turnout of two masters and four experts. Shirazi chalked up a perfect 5-0 score, and IM Vince McCambridge of Berkeley was second with 4-1.

Today's games feature two Shirazi victories from the National Chess Day Open and a win by Harold Bogner from the latest Futurity at The Chess Set.

Burnett-Shirazi: 1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cxd4 5 Qxd4 e6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Qe4 d6 8 Nbd2 Bd7!? An unusual move, specifically directed against White's reply. **9 Nc4?! Nxc3!** Black will get the healthier pawn structure after 10 bxc3 d5. **10 Nxd6+?** Overlooking Black's 11 . . . Qa5. **Bxd6 11 bxc3 Qa5!** This double attack wins a pawn and the game. **12 Rb1 Nxe5 13 Nxe5 Bxe5 14 Rxb7 Bxc3+ 15 Ke2 Rc8 16 Qf3 Bb5+ 17 Ke3 Bd4+! 18 Kxd4 Qb4+, White Resigns.** Both 19 Ke5 Rc5+ and 19 Ke3 Rc3+ are immediately fatal.

Shirazi-Williamson: 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 0-0?! Theory considers this inaccurate because of Black's next. Bc5 5 d4 Bxd4 5 . . . exd4 6 e5 d5 is the wild Max Lange Attack. 6 Nxd4 Nxd4 7 Bg5 d6? Black should break the pin by 7 . . . h6. 8 f4 Nc6? Now Black gets in serious trouble. Although 8 . . . Be6 9 fxe5 Bxc4? 10 Qxd4! Bxf1 11 exf6, threatening 12 fxf7, is just as bad, Black might survive with 9 . . . dxe5. 9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 Qh5! Qe7 11 Nc3 Be6 12 Bxe6 Qxe6 13 f5! Foreseeing 13 . . . Qe7 14 Nd5 Qd8 15 Qh6, winning an f-pawn or two. Qc4 14 Nd5 0-0-0 Plausible, but there's no defense. 15 Qxf7 Threatening mate and the Queen. Qd4+ 16 Kh1 Rd7 17 Qe6 Black is helpless against the threatened 18 Nxf6. Nd8 18 Ne7+, Black Resigns.

Bogner-Weinberger: 1 e4 e5 2 f4 The King's Gambit, one of the most romantic chess openings. exf4 3 Nf3 g5 Many other defenses are playable, but the text has resisted refutation for more than a century. 4 Bc4 Bg7 Believe it or not, the Muzio Gambit 4 . . . g4 5 0-0!? has been analyzed to a draw! **5 0-0 h6 6 d4 d6 7 Nc3 Ne7 Perhaps 7 . . . Be6 improves. 8 g3 Bh3 If 8 . . . g4 9 Nh4 f3, White can open the f-file for attack by 10 Nxf3 gxf3 11 Bxf7+. 9 Rf2 fxf3 Now White has too much play for the gambit pawn. 10 hxg3 0-0? 11 Bxg5! Be6 After 11 . . . hxg5 12 Nxc3, White breaks through on f7 or h7 with 13 Qh5. 12 Nd5 Bxd5 13 Bxd5 Nbc6 The Bishop is still untouchable: 13 . . . hxg5? 14 Nxc3 Nxd5 15 Qh5 wins for White. 14 c3 Qd7 15 Bxe7 Nxe7 Or 15 . . . Qxe7 16 Nh4, threatening 17 Ng6 and 17 Nf5. 16 Bxb7 White settles for the win of a pawn. Rab8 17 Ba6 Qg4 18 Bd3! Welcoming 18 . . . Qxg3+ 19 Rg2. f5 19 Qe2 f4 20 Nh2 Qxe2 21 Rxe2 fxf3 22 Nf1 c5?! Black creates more problems by preparing this lever with 22 . . . Rf2. 23 dxc5 dxc5 24 Nxc3 Ng6 25 Bc4+ Kh7 26 Rd1 Ne5 27 Be6 Rb6 28 Bf5+ Kh8 29 Nh5 c4 30 Rg2 Nf3+ 31 Kh1 Ng5 32 Rd7 Be5 33 Rgd2, and Black lost on time.**