

Richard Shorman**Chess****INTERZONAL IN PROGRESS**

One of two interzonal tournaments for the world championship is now in progress in Leningrad. Three winners from each competition advance into qualifying matches next year to produce an eventual challenger for Robert Fischer. The 18-player event will continue until June 28.

East Germany's Wolfgang Uhlmann scored a convincing first round point versus Miguel Cuellar of Colombia. A crushing knight sacrifice plus Black's grandmasterly use of the square e5 as a springboard for his pieces highlight this powerfully conducted game.

White: Miguel Cuellar. Black: Wolfgang Uhlmann. Leningrad, June 3, 1973. English Opening 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 Bb4 (A popular system against the English Opening, based on the idea of loosening White's control over the white squares in the center while leaving him saddled with doubled "c" pawns) **4 Bg2 0-0 5 Nf3 Re8** (Completing the mobilization of the king side with maximum efficiency.) **6 0-0 e4 7 Ne1 Bc3 8 dc d6 9 Nc2 Nbd7 10 b3 h6 11 Be3 b6 12 Qd2 Bb7** (White's unpretentious play has given Black time to post his pieces aggressively.) **13 Rad1 Ne5 14 Qc1 Qc8** (Not merely a carbon copy...) **15 h3** (But White fails to notice the impending danger. Pushing the "f" pawn would prevent Black's shattering reply.) **Nf3! 16 Kh1** (Forced. Robert Byrne cites 16 ef ef 17 Bh1 Qh3, followed by 18...Ng4 and mate as the reason.) **Re5! 17 Ne1 Rh5 18 h4 Qg4 19 ef** (Black's sacrifice can no longer be refused, due to the threat of mate beginning with 19...Rh4.) **ef 20 Nf3 Bf3 21 Bf3 Qf3 22 Kg1 g5! 23 Rd4 Re8** (Bringing up the last reserves. The plan is to checkmate with 24...gh 25 Rh4 Rh4 26 gh Re5.) **24 Qd1** (A last ditch effort to trade queens.) **Re3! 25 fe Qg3 26 Kh1 g4! 27 Resigns.**

Correspondence chess sometimes affords opportunities for brilliance nearly impossible in games played at a faster pace.

In this match by mail Black sticks his knight out in the opening (4...N-N5), and when White attempts to chop it off (5 Q-R4ch and 6 P-Q5), the refutation comes back so strongly that it is hard to imagine anyone finding such moves over the board.

White: Pastor A. Rhode, Correspondence, 1914.

Black: Lt. von Zitzewitz

Center Counter Defense

1 PK4	P-Q4	10 Q-Q5(g)	N-N5!
2 PxP	N-KB3	11 QxQch	RxQch
3 P-Q4	NxP	12 K-B3(h)	N-B7
4 P-QB4	N-N5(a)	13 B-B4	P-K4!
5 Q-R4ch(b)	N(1)-B3	14 BxP	B-N5ch
6 P-Q5(c)	P-QN4!!(d)	15 K-N3	R-QN1
7 QxNP(e)	N-B7ch	16 BxBP	0-0!(i)
8 K-Q2	B-Q2!	17 BxR	RxB
9 PxN(f)	B-B4ch	18 Resigns(j)	

(a) Too sharp, even for the normally aggressive Center Counter Defense, but White must tread softly to prove it. More usual is 4...N-N3.

(b) White spies a sure-fire way to win a piece and wins it only to receive a lesson in why theory recognizes 5 P-QR3! as best.

(c) Surely, Black ought to admit defeat and resign here...

(d) A shocker that turns the tables entirely. From now on White runs into one unpleasant surprise after another.

(e) Unfortunately, 7 PxP N-Q5! loses almost as colorfully, e.g., 8 N-QR3 P-K4 9 PxPe.p. Bx P10 B-K3 (or 10 BQ2 Q-Q4!) Q-R5!, menacing a double knight sacrifice followed by the win of White's undefended queen.

(f) Of course 9 KxN walks into 9...N-Q5ch.

(g) More or less compulsory, as 10 K-B3 Q-Q5ch 11 K-N3 NxRch (for starters) costs too much material.

(h) Any other move permits the enemy knight to pick off his QR and get away clean.

(i) Finishing Black's development and sealing White's doom.

(j) Bowing to Black's announced mate in seven: 18 P-Q-R3 BxPch 19 K-R4 R-N5ch 20 K-R5 N-Q5 21 NxB NxPch 22 KR6 B-B1mate. A fine bit of postal wizardry.

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