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# Chess

Roger Gribble scored a lone victory over international grandmaster Walter Browne, who allowed only three draws in an impressive simultaneous exhibition on 25 boards held at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco, Dec. 13.

White: Walter Browne. Black: Roger Gribble.  
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Sicilian Defense.

1 P-K4	P-QB4	22 Q-B2	B-R3
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	23 N-N1	R-N2(i)
3 P-Q4	PxP	24 P-K5	QPxP
4 NxP	N-KB3	25 K-Q1	B-K6
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	26 Q-B3	P-K5
6 B-KN5	P-K3	27 Q-K2	BxR
7 P-B4	QN-Q2(a)	28 NxB	R-Q2
8 Q-B3	Q-B2	29 K-B1	Q-N4
9 0-0-0	R-QN1(b)	30 R-Q1	R-Q3
10 P-B5	N-K4	31 P-KR4	Q-R3
11 Q-R3	N/3-N5(c)	32 N-R5	NxN-7
12 R-Q2(d)	Q-B4	33 RxN	R-1-Q1
13 Q-N3(e)	P-N4	34 N-N3	P-K4
14 B-K2	N-KB3	35 P-N4	BxP
15 BxN(f)	PxB	36 Q-K1	RxR
16 PxP	PxP	37 NxR(j)	P-K6
17 B-R5ch(g)	K-K2	38 N-K4	P-K7ch
18 Q-B4	N-B5	39 K-N2	R-Q8
19 P-QN4(h)	QxB	40 Q-B2	Q-B8ch(k)
20 N-B6ch	K-B2	41 K-N3	B-K3ch
21 R-B1	Q-N3	42 K-B3	Q-R6mate

(a) Trappy, but objectively inferior to the natural 7 . . . B-K2, which is standard in this position.

(b) If Black really had time for this maneuver, then his earlier Knight move could not be criticized. Relatively best is 9 . . . P-N4, although here, too, Black pays for omitting 7 . . . B-K2: 10 P-K5 B-N2 11 Q-R3 PxP 12 NxKP! PxN 13 QxPch B-K2 14 BxN! (Panov recommends sacrificing a second piece for a near winning attack with 14 NxP PxN 15 BxP.) PxN (forced, since the complex variation 14 . . . NxB 15 BxPch! K-B1 16 PxP! B-B1 17 N-Q5! BxQ 18 NxQ leaves White two pawns up when the smoke clears) 15 B-K2 P-KR4 16 N-Q5 BxN 17 RxB, with extreme pressure for the piece (Isaac Boleslawski, *Caro-Kann bis Sizilianisch*, Berlin, 1968, pp. 215-16).

(c) Just bluffing, as 11 . . . P-N4 (11 . . . B-K2? 12 PxP PxP 13 NxP) 12 BxN PxB 13 Q-R5 P-N5 14 N/3-K2 favors White as well.

(d) Reacting blindly, the weary exhibitionist makes his first slip. Correct is 12 Q-R4 P-N4 13 P-KR3 P-N5 14 N/3-K2, and White keeps his initiative going.

(e) Again missing 13 Q-R4. White is setting himself up for a bad fall.

(f) This take only permits Black's KB to capture an aggressive diagonal on R3.

(g) A truly devastating check, but not in the sense intended by White, who has clearly overreached himself by trying to force the game.

(h) When this last, desperate bid for complications fails, White will be a piece down with nothing to show for his efforts but a lost game.

(i) Now Black sweeps all resistance aside with a powerful counter-offensive launched against a fatally wounded enemy.

(j) The lost Bishop is now a full Rook. The end approaches.

(k) Black announced mate in three.

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## EXHIBITION PLAY

Walter Browne, at 20 years old the world's youngest international grandmaster, will appear in simultaneous exhibition at the Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St., at 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 29. The performance will include a demonstration of his game with player-of-the-year Boris Spassky.

Browne placed second behind world champion Spassky and ahead of eight other grandmasters in the II Puerto Rico International held this October.

Playing fee for the exhibition is \$3, spectators \$1. Please bring your chess set.