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Chess

TAL MAKES IT LOOK EASY

As former world champion Mikhail Tal has matured out of the wild attacking play of his youth, his game has acquired greater unity and strategic purpose without losing the spirit of aggression and flair for

combinations that brought him fame.

Here is a recent example of Tal's smooth, sharp chess, which could serve as a model of thoroughly integrated positional and tactical play against the English Opening.

White: Ivo Nei (Estonia). Black: Mikhail Tal (Latvia).
 USSR Team Championships, Moscow, 1979.

English Opening

1	c4	e5	20	a4?!(e)	Ng4
2	Nc3	Nf6	21	Ra3	Nb4
3	Nf3	Nc6	22	Qb3	Bc4
4	e3	Be7	23	Qc4	Nd5
5	Be2	O-O	24	Rb3	Rf7
6	O-O	d5	25	h3	Nh6
7	cd	Nd5	26	g4?(f)	Ng4
8	d3	Be6(a)	27	hg	Qg4
9	Qc2(b)	f5	28	Ng2	Re8
10	a3	a5	29	Rf2(g)	Re6
11	Na4	Qe8	30	Qe2	Qh3!
12	Bd2	Qg6	31	Ne1	Nf4!(h)
13	Nc5	Bc5	32	ef	Qb3
14	Qc5	e4	33	Bc3	Rg6
15	Ne1(c)	Ne5	34	Ng2	Qd5
16	f4?!(d)	Nd7	35	Kf1	Rg3
17	Qc2	N7f6	36	Ne3	Qe6
18	de	fe	37	f5	Qh6!
19	Bc4	c6	38	Resigns	

(Annotations by international grandmaster Aleksei Suetin, translated from "Shakhmaty v SSSR," No. 10, 1979, pg. 10)

(a) This variation has become increasingly popular. The position represents a typical Scheveningen set-up with colors reversed and with an extra tempo for White. Inasmuch as White has elected to follow a defensive pattern, the tempo plays an insignificant role, and so it may be asserted that White has achieved only a comfortable equality out of the opening. Why, then, does White pursue such a course? His primary objective is to obtain a complex, little explored opening position.

(b) At Montreal, 1979 Huebner — Hort continued 9 Bd2 Ndb4 10 Qb1 a5 11 Rc1 Qd7 12 Ne4, and the players agreed to a draw.

(c) On 15 Nd4 Black has fair prospects for seizing the initiative after 15 . . . Nd4 16 Qd4 Rad8.

(d) Natural, but not best. The most accurate response is surely 16 f3!

(e) Not only to stop 20 . . . b5 but also to initiate a plan of action on the queen side by Ra3-b3. At first glance, this plan seems attractive, but its implementation will

take the rook away from the defense of the king side. To be considered is 20 Rd1.

(f) Preferable would have been 26 Rf2, settling down to a long defense.

(g) White's game is already very difficult. Black threatens to bring the rook on e8 over to the king side via e6. Of course, 29 Rb7? Rb7 30 Qc6 fails against 30 . . . Qd7 or 30 . . . Rd7, and White is no better off than before. His best chance was 29 Qc2 (29 f5? Re5!) Re6 30 Qd1, although here, too, Black has a dangerous attack after 30 . . . Qh3.

(h) The decisive combinational blow. White is lost.

COMPUTER CHESS IMPROVING

Chess computers are now participating in local events with some regularity, albeit in small numbers. These essentially home computer models ought not to be judged on the same terms as the giant "CDC 5.0" or "Belle" programs, but their limited capacities are nonetheless beginning to raise anxiety levels in their human opponents.

White: Chandler Yergin (2023). Black: "Sargon 2.5" (Unr.).
 San Jose City College Open, Jan. 26, 1980.

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5	23	Nf5	Kd7
2	Nf3	Nc6	24	Bf6	Be4
3	Bb5	a6	25	Qg4	gf
4	Ba4	Nf6	26	Nd4	f5
5	O-O	Be7	27	Qh3	c5
6	d4	b5	28	bc	dc
7	Bb3	ed	29	Nb3	Rf7
8	e5	Ng4	30	Rd1	Ke6
9	Re1	d6	31	Qh6	Rf6
10	Bd5	Qd7	32	Qh7	Qc3
11	e6	fe	33	Qd7	Ke5
12	Re6	Nf6	34	Qc7	Ke6
13	Bc6	Qc6	35	Nc5	Qc5
14	Nd4	Qc5	36	Qc5	Kf7
15	b4	Qd5	37	Rd7	Kg6
16	Nc3	Qc4	38	Qe7	Rc6
17	Re3	Ng4	39	h4	Rc1
18	Re7	Ke7	40	Kh2	Rh1
19	Bg5	Nf6	41	Kh1	Bg2
20	Ne4	Be6	42	Kg2	a5
21	c3	Rhf8	43	Rd6	Kh5
22	Qf3	Bd5	44	Qg5mate	

LE BARON OPEN CHESS CLASSIC

The first annual Le Baron Open Chess Classic, sponsored by Mirassou Vineyards, will take place at the Le Baron Hotel, 1350 N. First St., in San Jose, March 5-9. Ted Yudacufski of Monterey will direct the seven-round, USCF-rated Swiss system tournament in two sections plus classes with a \$7,000 guaranteed prize fund, including trophies, best game prizes and bottles of Mirassou wine.

Entry fees are \$35 for the Premier Section (1st, \$1,000; 2nd, \$700; 3rd, \$450) and \$30 for the Reserve Section (1st, \$500; 2nd, \$350; 3rd, \$225), if received by Feb. 25 (otherwise, \$10 more at site). Please make check or money order payable to Santa Clara Chess Club, 741 Pomeroy Ave., Santa Clara, Calif. 95051.

Round one begins at 7 p.m., Wed., March 5 with a time control of 45 moves in two hours. For additional information, please write John Sumares at the address above or phone him at (408) 296-5392.

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Club hours are currently 6-11 p.m. Thursday and weekends from 3 p.m. until early in the morning. Chessmen and boards are provided and refreshments are available at the club. Playing fee is \$1 a day or \$5 a month. For further information, please call the "Jazz Shop Chess Club," 465-5124.

"CHESS SWIFTIES"

White: Mieses. Black: Amateur. Liverpool, 1900. Vienna Game 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Bc4 Ne4 4 Qh5 Nd6 5 Bb3 Be7 6 d3 0-0 7 Nf3 Nc6 8 Ng5 h6 9 h4 Ne8 10 Nd5 Nf6 11 Qg6 Resigns.

White: Hartlaub. Black: Feingold. Bremen, 1925. Staunton Gambit 1 d4 f5 2 e4 fe 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 e6 5 f3 ef 6 Nf3 Be7 7 Bf6 8 Bd3 0-0 9 h4 c5 10 Bh7 Kf7 11 Ne5 Be5 12 Qh5 Ke7 13 Nd5 Kd6 14 Qe5 Kc6 15 Nb4 cb 16 Qc5mate.

White: Schlemm. Black: Wraney. Vienna, 1872. Bishop's Opening 1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nf6 3 Nf3 Ne4 4 d4 ed 5 Qd4 Nc5 6 0-0 Ne6 7 Ne5 Nd4 8 Bf7 Ke7 9 Bg5 Kd6 10 Nc4 Kc6 11 Bd8 Nc2 12 Rc1 Na1 13 Ne5 Kb6 14 Rc7 d6 15 Rc6 Kb5 16 Nc3 Kb4 17 a3mate.

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