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Chess

BARNES IN BRITIAN

While Larry Christiansen was busy capturing third place in the world junior championship at Teesside, England, Craig Barnes, his second, participated in an open event held concurrently.

This year's British champion was among those trounced by Barnes, and despite its length their game waxed exciting throughout. Particularly pleasing piece play by Black predominates, coupled with continual mate threats, in turn a consequence of Black's double pawn sacrifice in the opening. Barnes's queen steadily increases her range, until at last the combined sweep of Black's army actually nets a two-pawn profit.

Turning the material advantage into account in the endgame forms the second half of the story. White resigns only when the winning technique has been demonstrated beyond all reasonable doubt.

White: Brian Eley. Black: Craig Barnes. Teesside Open, 1973. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 g6 4 d4 cd 5 Nd4 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Nc6 bc 8 e5 Nd5 9 Nd5 cd 10 Qd5 Rb8 11 Bd4 0-0 12 0-0-0 Qc7 13 f4 Rb4 14 g3 Qb8 15 Qa5 d6 16 Ba7 Qb7 17 Bg2 Qg2 18 Qb4 Bf5 19 Qd2 Qa8 20 Bd4 Qa2 21 Qe3 de 22 fe Rc8 23 c3 Qb1 24 Kd2 Qb2 25 Ke1 Bg4 26 Qf2 Qb7 27 Rf1 Qe4 28 Qe3 Qe3 29 Be3 Bd1 30 Kd1 Be5 31 Bd4 Bd4 32 cd Rd8 33 Ke2 Rd4 34 Ra1 Rb4 35 Ra7 e6 36 Kf3 Kg7 37 g4 g5 38 Ra5 Kg6 39 Ra6 Rf4 40 Kg3 h5 41 gh Kh5 42 h3 Rb4 43 Ra8 Kg6 44 Ra3 e5 45 Rc3 Kf5 46 Rf3 Rf4 47 Ra3 e4 48 Ra5 Kg6 49 Re5 Rf3 50 Kg2 f5 51 Re6 Kh5 52 Re8 Rd3 53 Rh8 Kg6 54 Rg8 Kf6 55 Re8 Rd2 56 Kg1 Re2 57 Rg8 e3 58 Re8 f4 59 Kf1 Rh2 60 Rh8 Kf5 61 Kg1 Ra2 62 Resigns.

PETROPOLIS FINAL RESULTS

The only clear winner at the second interzonal in Petropolis, Brazil was young international grandmaster Henrique Mecking, who finished undefeated. Three others (Lajos Portisch, Efim Geller and Lev Polugaevsky) will take part in a play-off competition to settle the remaining two qualifying berths for the upcoming world championship candidates' matches.

Complete results: 1, Henrique Mecking, Brazil, 12-5; 2-4, Lajos Portisch, Hungary, Efim Geller, USSR, and Lev Polugaevsky, USSR, 11½-5½; 5, Vasily Smyslov, USSR, 11-6; 6, David Bronstein, USSR, 10½-6½; 7. Vlastimil Hort, Czechoslovakia, 10-7; 8, Vladimir Savon, USSR, 9½-7½; 9-10, Lubomir Ljubojevic, Yugoslavia, and Borislav Ivkov, Yugoslavia, 9-8; 11, Samuel Reshevsky, USA, 8½-8½; 12-13, Paul Keres, USSR, and Oscar Panno, Argentina, 8-9; 14. Florin Gheorghiu, Rumania, 7½-9½; 15, Peter Biyiasas, Canada, 6½-10½; 16-18, Lian Ann Tan, Singapore, Simon Kagan, Israel, and Werner Hug, Switzerland, 3-14.

The brilliancy prize game of the event is bound to be carried off by David Bronstein, still one of the most creative grandmasters in chess history. Analytical flaws notwithstanding, his offer of a rook against Ljubojevic, followed by a further sacrifice of the exchange, produced a spectator's delight.

White: Davi	d Bronstein.	Black: L	jubomir Ljubojevic.
Petropolis, 1973 (II Interzonal).			
Alekhine's Defense			
1 P-K4	N-KB3	22 RxB	NxR
2 P-K5	N-Q4	23 N-B6ch	K-R1
3 P-Q4	P-Q3	24 Q-KR4	Q-N4ch
4 P-QB4	N-N3	25 K-K3!	P-KR4
5 P-B4	PxP	26 NxP!	QxBch(h)
6 BPxP	P-QB4(a)	27 PxQ	N-Q4ch
7 P-Q5	P-K3	28 K-Q4	N-K3ch
8 N-QB3	PxP	29 KxN	NxB
9 PxP	P-B5(b)	30 N-B6ch	K-N2
10 N-B3	B-KN5	31 QxN	KR-Q1
11 Q-Q4(c)	BxN	32 P-K6	PxPch
12 PxB	B-N5	33 KxP	R-KB1
13 BxP	0-0	34 P-Q7	P-R4
14 R-KN1	P-N3(d)	35 N-N4!	R-R3ch
15 B-KN5	Q-B2	36 K-K5	R-B4ch
16 B-N3!?(e)	B-B4	37 QxR	PxQ
17 Q-KB4	BxR(f)	38 P-Q8(Q)	PxN
18 P-Q6	Q-B1	39 Q-Q7ch	K-R3
19 K-K2!?	B-B4(g)	40 QxQNP	R-KN3
20 N-K4	N(1)-Q2	41 P-B4	Resigns

(Notes compiled from "64", No. 33, Aug. 17-23, 1973, pg. 10. The New York Times, Aug. 16, 1973, and "Sovetsky sport". Aug. 9, 1973, pg. 3)

21 R-QB1

Q-B3

- (a) An old, discarded line of the Four Pawns Attack, typical of Ljubojevic's adventuresome style. Black tempts the enemy infantry forward, intending to provoke a crisis that will end with the destruction of White's center.
- (b) All part of Black's scheme to strike at White's flanks with his bishops. Formerly, 9...Q-R5ch and 10...Q-Q5 was played here, but without much success.
 - (c) More attention should probably be given to 11 B-B4.
- (d) Not immediately 14... B-B4 because of 15 QxB Q-R5ch 16 Q-B2 QxB 17 B-R6, while 14...Q-B2 was shattered in one of Ljubojevic's own games as White versus Honfi (Chachak. 1971); 15P-K6 P-B3 16 B-KR6 QxB 17 RxPch K-R1 18 R-N8ch! KxR 19 Q-N1ch Resigns.
- (e) Getting ready to sacrifice a whole rook for a very promising speculative king-side attack.
- (f) True to his nature, Ljubojevic accepts the challenge, whereas directing a counter-barrage against White's king by 17...R-K1! would leave him high and dry, e.g., 18 B-B6 N(1)-Q2 19 P-Q6 NxP (19...BxP 20 BxPch! KxB 21 B-Q8ch or 19...QxP 20 BxPch KxB 21 B-K7ch! KxB 22 PxQch) 20 K-B1 (20 0-0-0 BxP 21 Q-R6 B-B1) BxP 21 N-N5 Q-B3 22 NxB QxN 23 R-Q1 Q-B3 24 BxN Q-N4ch
- (g) Passing up one last chance at counterattack, "which puts the White king in greater peril than the Black one," according to Robert Byrne: 19... Q-B4 20 N-K4 Q-N4ch 21 K-Q2. N-B5ch. Now, however, Bronstein, takes over completely.
- (h) Ingeniously buying some precious time to see whether or not Bronstein makes it to time control. Besides, 26...Q-Q6ch 27 K-B2 PxN 28 B-B6ch K-N1 29 Q-N5ch Q-N3 30 QxQmate was the only alternative to resigning.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

The 1973 Cal-Open, sponsored by the Calif. State Chess Federation, will be held as a seven round Swiss at the Monterey Chess Center, 430 Alvarado St., Monterey, Sept. 1-3. Ted and Ruby Yudacufski will direct the USCF-rated contest, which offers \$2,000 in cash prizes in nine playing categories. Entry fee is \$20 plus membership in both USCF and CSCF (\$17.50 if received before Sept. 1). Round one begins at 10:30 a.m., Sat.. Sept. 1. Time control for the first two games will be 30 moves per hour, all others 40 moves in two hours and 20 moves per hour thereafter. Please bring sets and clocks. For advance entries or additional information write to CAL-OPEN CHAM-PIONSHIP, P.O. Box 1308, Monterey, Calif. 93940 or telephone

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