

Richard Shorman**Chess**

The following game is justly regarded as one of the finest on record. It may also be considered as "high-water mark" for Zukertort, since it was on the result of this game that he was assured of winning in the International Chess Congress of 1883. (Galbreath)

White: Johannes Zukertort. **Black:** Joseph Blackburne.
London, May 5, 1883. Queen's Gambit Declined.

1 P-QB4	P-K3	17 QR-K1(f)	R-B2
2 P-K3	N-KB3	18 P-K4	R/1-QB1
3 N-KB3	P-QN3	19 P-K5	N-K1(g)
4 B-K2	B-N2	20 P-B4	P-N3(h)
5 O-O	P-Q4	21 R-K3!(i)	P-B4
6 P-Q4	B-Q3	22 PxPe.p.	NxP(j)
7 N-B3	O-O	23 P-B5!	N-K5(k)
8 P-QN3	QN-Q2(a)	24 BxN	PxB(l)
9 B-N2(b)	Q-K2	25 PxNP!	R-B7(m)
10 N-QN5(c)	N-K5	26 PxPch	K-R1(n)
11 NxN	PxN	27 P-Q5ch	P-K4
12 N-Q2	N/2-B3	28 Q-N4!!(o)	R/1-B4(p)
13 P-B3	NxN	29 R-B8ch!!	KxP(q)
14 QxN	PxP(d)	30 QxPch	K-N2
15 BxP	P-Q4(e)	31 BxPch(r)	KxR
16 B-Q3	KR-B1	32 B-N7ch	Resigns

(a) Better is 8 . . . P-B4 and then N-B3. (Schiffers).

(b) This bishop is here undeveloped, since the White QP cannot be easily got out of the way. (Lasker)

(c) The game looks quite modern in appearance, as does Steinitz's note, "promptly gaining the advantage of the two bishops." (Chernev)

(d) Playing 14 . . . P-K4 would have afforded him a better prospect of freeing his game and breaking the adverse center. (Steinitz)

(e) Preventing 16 P-K4. (Schiffers)

(f) Beginning to convert the close into the open primary base for the purpose of a K-side attack and winning in the mid-game, which is a maneuver of the highest order of chess. (Young)

(g) The defensive maneuver 19 . . . N-Q2 followed by 20 . . . N-B1 was better. (Chernev)

(h) A fatal weakening of the K-side pawns. (Young)

(i) When Zukertort made this move, he had in his mind's eye the whole combination that follows. It must be remembered that Blackburne doubled his rooks . . . expecting to win a piece. ("The British Chess Magazine")

(j) But now the weak KP is pinned. The Queen should have captured. (Lasker)

(k) If 23 . . . NPxP, then 24 BxBP, winning. (Schiffers)

(l) Momentarily Black seems to have a winning position because of the threat of . . . R-B7. ("Chess Review")

(m) He has nothing better, for if 25 . . . PxP 26 R-N3 Q-N2 (or 26 . . . Q-R2 27 R-B6 R-N2 28 R-R3 wins) 27 P-Q5 P-K4 28 Q-N5 R-K1 29 R-B6. (Staunton)

(n) If 26 . . . QxP 27 R-N3ch wins, or if 26 . . . KxP 27 R-R3ch K-N1 28 Q-R6 is decisive. (Chernev)

(o) The grand coup, offering the unsupported queen without either capturing a piece or giving check and under such circumstances that whether the queen be captured or not the game is equally won. (Young)

(p) The only move. If 28 . . . QxQ mate was forced in 7 moves at the utmost, thus: 29 BxPch KxP 30 R-R3ch K-N3 31 R-B6ch K-N4 (if 31 . . . K-N2 32 R-N3ch and mate follows in similar manner) 32 R-N3ch K-R4 33 R-B5ch K-R3 34 B-B4ch and mate next move. (Steinitz)

(q) If 29 . . . QxR 30 BxPch K-R4 33 R-B5ch K-43 34 B-B4ch K-N3 33 Q-N4ch K-B2 34 Q-K6 mate. (Chernev)

(r) Zukertort could have announced mate in seven moves: 31 R-N8ch KxR 32 Q-N6ch Q-N2 33 Q-K8ch Q-B1 34 R-N3ch K-R2 35 Q-N6ch, etc. (Schiffers)

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