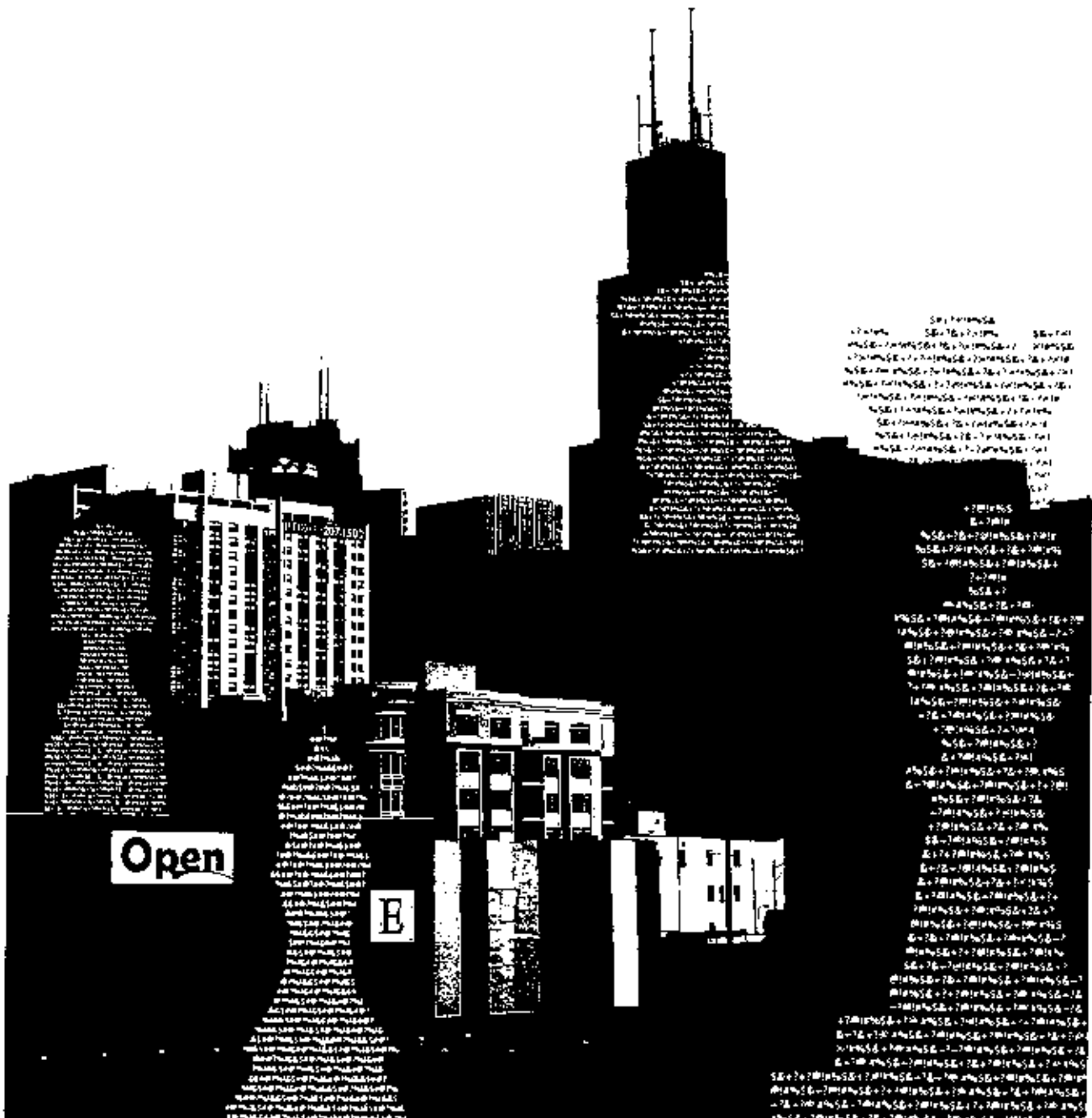


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Sher, M (2431) - Pasalic, M (2363) [A21]

THE 2006 SPRING NORTH AMERICAN FIDE INV Schaumburg USA (5), 20.04.2006

This was my first closed round robin tournament where participants compete for an International Master norm. Until then I tried to earn norms for an International Master title by playing in the open tournaments in Europe, which is significantly harder to achieve. I entered the tournament with modest expectations for couple of reasons. I did not play chess actively ever since I immigrated to the United States in 2000, and I did not analyze games as often as I used to. But this was also an advantage from a psychological point of view, because there was no pressure.

Before this game I had 3 1/2 points out of four games. In my opinion this game was a pivotal game in the tournament, because I had achieved a good position in the early stage of the game against a 2400 player, and have continued my streak by winning two games that followed. I have earned my 1st IM norm with 6 1/2 points out of seven rounds. Looking back at all of the three tournaments in which I have achieved my IM title, this one was the best.

1.c4 e5

Up to this point in the

tournament GM Sher achieved solid positions by playing the English opening with white resulting in reversed closed positions from the Sicilian opening. I decided not to seek a symmetrical position in this game and thus avoided playing 2...c5, which often leads to simplifications and a draw.

2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Qc2

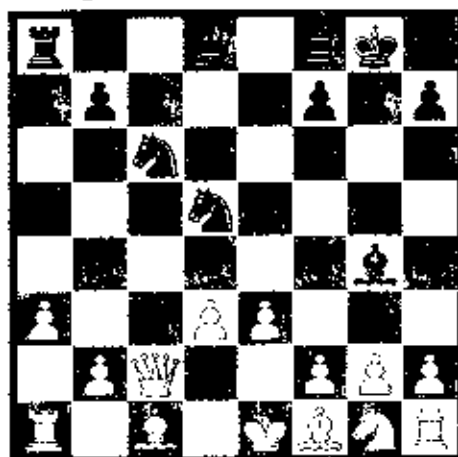
More aggressive is 3.Nd5, where white immediately seeks to gain control over the center. Black then usually plays 3...Bc7.

3...Nf6 4.e3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3 6.Qxc3 Nc6 7.d3 d5

White has the pair of bishops, but he has played too many moves with his queen. Black develops his pieces with tempo, and in a few moves he is ready to attack.

8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Qc2 Bg4!

(Diagram)



According to my database, this move has been played only in two other games before. During this game it occurred to me that white would have difficult choices to make if he wanted to complete developing his

pieces without compromising his pawn structure. It was too bad that after 9.Qc2 it was the end of theoretical knowledge for me.

10.Nf3

In the game Siegel, G (2300) - Mainka, R (2430) Triborg Triborg (11) 1991, white played 10.b4 but after Re3 11.Be2? Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Ndxh4! Lost in the endgame: 13.axb4 Nxb4 14.Qb1 Nxd3+ 15.Kf1 Qd5 16.f3 Rad8 17.Ba3 c5 18.c4 Qc4 19.Qa2 Qxa2 20.Rxa2 b5 21.Nc3 b4 22.Nd5 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Nb4 24.Rxh7 Nxd5 25.exd5 Rxd5 26.Ke2 e4 27.Rc7 exf3+ 28.Kxf3 Rf5+ 29.Kg3 g6 0-1.

10...Bxf3 11.gxf3 Kh8!?

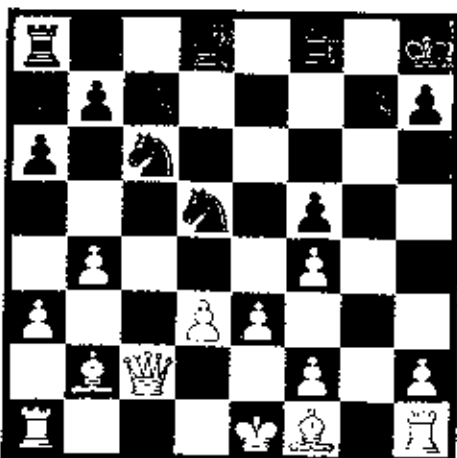
This move prepares f5 and then the f4 advance, attempting to open the f-file. Another more dynamic way to open files in the center was demonstrated in the game Bui Vinh (2465) - Predojevic, B (2470) FSGM September, Budapest HUN (3), 2003 12... Re8 12.Be2 Nf4! 13.Qc4 Nxe2 14.Kxc2 Qf6 15.Qg4 e4!! 16.d4 exf3+ 17.Kd1 Rad8 18.Kc2 Ka5 19.Bd2 Qc6+ 20.Sc3 Qa4+ 21.Kb1 Nb3 22.Rg1 c6 23.Qxf3 Nxa1 24.Kxa1 Qc6 and black used his material advantage to win after 52 moves.

12.b4?!

White seeks activity, but this is not a good plan. It would have been better to play immediately 12.Bd2 followed by 13.0-0-0. Black squared bishop should remain in a defensive po-

sition in the center for now.

12...a6 13.Bb2 f5 14.f4!?
(Diagram)



White decides to play actively. Black will win material, but it is not that easy to realize the material advantage because now, all of a sudden, white pieces become very active. This move is tricky, and I did not consider it in my previous calculations. At this moment, White could have attempted to play 14. O-O-O, then black simply plays 14...f4, and white is already lost. For example:

[14.O-O-O f4 15.e4 Nde7
16.Kb1 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Qxd4
18.Qxc7 Nc6 19.Qxb7 Nxb4]

14...exf4 15.Rg1 Rf7
16.O-O-O

What else?

16...fxe3 17.Bg2 exf2
18.Qxf2 Qd6

Black needs to either eliminate Bb2, which is the strongest piece in white's position, or to block it via the d6 square.

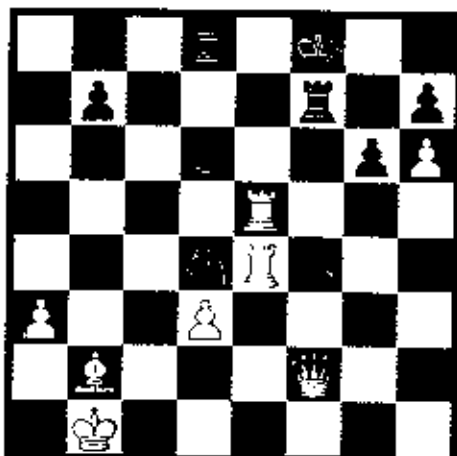
19.Kb1 Rd8 20.Ka1 Nde7
21.h4 a5 22.Bxc6

There was no further use for the Bg2; so why not exchange it for an active knight?

22...Nxc6 23.bxa5 Nxa5
24.h5 Nb3+ 25.Kb1 Nd4

Finally!

26.h6 g6 27.Rge1 c5 28.Re3
Kg8 29.Rdel Kf8 30.Re5 f4
31.Rle4



If my memory serves me well, we had less than five minutes each on the clock. The only additional thinking time that we received was 30 second increments for each move played, but we had to continue annotating nevertheless. This was somewhat stressful for me because I had to use the Monroi device. If you make a mistake when entering the move, you cannot simply scratch it as you usually do on the paper, but instead you have to find that "back arrow" and then correct the move.

31...Nc6 32.Rxc5 Qxd3+
33.Qc2 Qxc2+

I was thinking "This is good. Pieces are being exchanged, and I am two pawns up. This should be easy now". Well, as it turned out it was not that simple. Very soon I realized that I did not eliminate Bb2, and that my 8th rank is weak. The white rooks are very active preventing the advance of my g and h pawns. This is one of those positions when you know that you have a significant advantage, but somehow you cannot find that winning plan!

34.Rxc2 f3 35.Bg7+ Kg8
36.Rd2 Ra8 37.Rf2 Ne7
38.Re3 Nf5 39.Rexf3 Rd7
40.Bb2 Nxh6

In this situation I continue playing moves that do not change my position much, but I do gain some time with the 30 second increments. The moves played are probably by far not the best.

41.Rb3 Nf5 42.Rb6 Ra6 43.Rb5
Re6 44.Rc2 Re8 45.Rb6 Ng3
46.Rc4 Ne4 47.Ka2 Kf7
48.Rcb4 Ree7 49.Rb3 Nd6
50.Rh3 Kg8 51.Rh4 Nc8 52.Rf6
Na7 53.Ra4 Nc6 54.Rh4 Re8 [54...Rf7? 55.Rxg6+!] 55.Rh2
Red8 56.Rff2 Rd5 57.Re2 h5
58.Rhg2 Kh7 59.Ref2 R5d7
60.Rf6 Rg8 61.Rh2 Nd8 62.Bc3
Nf7 63.Kb3 Nh6 64.Rb6 Rc8
65.Rh3 Nf5 66.a4 Re8 67.Rf6
Kh6

No advance is going to happen unless the king participates.

68.Rh2 h4 69.Bd2+ Kh5 70.Rg2

Rd3+ 71.Kc2 Rg3 72.Rf2 Nd4+
73.Kb2 Re4 74.Rf7 Nf5 75.a5
Nd6 76.Rh7+ Kg4 77.Rh6 Nc4+
78.Kc2 Nxd2

I wanted to get rid of that bishop since move 25, and 53 moves later I did. Ironically for white, this exchange is the end of the game.

0-1

Pasalic M (2395) - Arnold M (2276) [B90]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3

This is a solid continuation for white, avoiding the main lines of Najdorf defence.

6. ...e6

With 6. ...e5 black could have transposed into English attack modern line that is currently played on the top level.

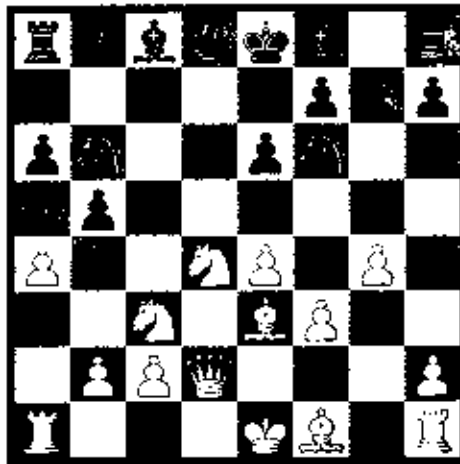
7.Be3 b5

Now it would mean a loss of a tempo for black in case of 7. ...e5, therefore he is developing his pieces typical for sheveninger Sicilian style

8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 Nb6

Black makes room on d7 for his other knight.

10.a4
(diagram next column)



There is no need to play g5 right now, because the Nf6 is intending to go on d7 anyway. The move a4 is much better because it undermines the weaknesses in black position on the queen's side. White is shifting his game to the queen's side.

10...bxa4!?

It is better to play 10. ...Nc4. In the game Edelman, D (2400) - Wojtkiewicz, A (2580)/New York, NY USA 1993, the game continued: 11.Bxc4 bxc4 12.g5 Nd7 13.f4 Bb7 14.f5 Nc5 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Qg2 g6 17.0-0 Bg7 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Qg4 Rf8 20.h4 Rf7 21.Nf3 Rc8 22.Bd4 Kf8 23.Bxg7+ Kxg7 24.Nh2 Rf8 25.Rxf7+, and draw was agreed in move 30. Recently white has opted for 12.a5 instead of 12.g5 with better results.

11.Nxa4 Nxa4 12.Rxa4 Nd7

12...Bb7 13.Rc2 Be7 14.0-0 h6 15.Rfa1 Qc8 16.Rc4 Qd7 17.Qc3 Bd8 18.Nc6 d5 19.Nc5 Qd6 20.Rb4 Bc8 21.Rb5+ Nd7 22.Rc5 Qc7 23.Bc6 Bf6 24.Bd4 0-0 25.Nxd7 Rxd4+ 26.Rxd4 Bxd7 27.Bxa8

Orsini, A (2370) - Zurriel, M (2197)/Necochea ARG 2007 1-0 (47)

13.Be2

White completes his development. I did not take in consideration 13.Qab?!, which was played in a few games simply because it is too early to exploit the weakness on a6. Now white intends to castle, and then bring his other rook on the a file, after which it is hard to find a defense for black.

13...Bb7 14.0-0 h5



There is also a possibility that white might attack on the king's side once the black has played 0-0. Black attempts to block the position on the king's side.

15.g5 Nc5 16.Ra2

On this square rook is very flexible. [16.Ra5 h4+-]

16...g6 17.b4! Nd7 18.Nb3 Ne5 19.Na5 Bc8

White has increased his space advantage. Black still needs to complete the development of his pieces.

20.h3

Preparing f4, and pushing back black's only active piece. Better was 20.Bd4 (threatening f4) Rh7, and the rook on h7 looks misplaced.

20...Qc7 21.f4 Nd7 22.Rd1

There is also the weakness on d6 which white usually cannot exploit because black has enough defense resources, but not in this position.

22...Rb8 23.Nc4

I considered playing 23.c3 first, followed by Nc4 in the next move. But, I lost my patience. I felt that now was the time to open the position. Pawn d6 is doomed

23...d5 24.exd5 Bxb4 25.c3 exd5 26.Qxd5

[26.cxb4? dxc4 27.Bxc4+]]

26...Be7 27.Nd6+ Bxd6 28.Qxd6 Qxd6 29.Rxd6 0-0 30.Rad2

The time trouble phase has kicked in again.

30...Re8 31.Kf2 Nf8 32.h4 a5 33.Ra2 Rb3 34.Bd4 Be6 35.Rxa5 Rb2 36.Re5 Rc2 37.Kg3 Rb8 38.Bf3 Rc8

Attacks the isolani on c3

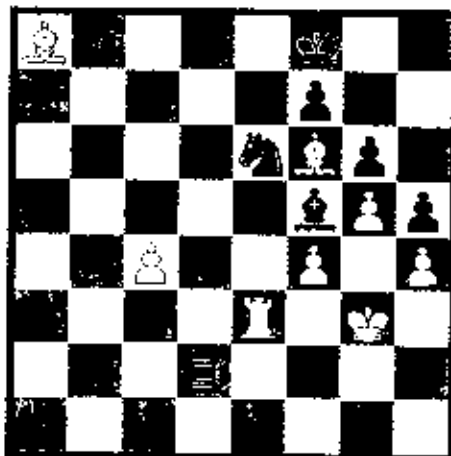
.Re3

It is not that simple to make use of the extra pawn in this position.

39...Bf5 40.Ra6

[40.Bb7 Rb8 41.Bd5 Rd2+-]]

40...Ne6 41.Bf6 Rd2 42.Ra8 Rxa8 43.Bxa8 Kf8 44.c4?



Bad move from a practical point of view. Simply Bb7 or Bf3 is much better.

44...Rd3! 45.Kf2

If 45. Rd3, then black draws the game: 45...Bd3 46. Rd5 (Only defence) Nc7 and opposite color bishops end-game is a draw.

45...Rd2+

In case of 45.Nf4, then 46. Rd3 Nd3 (46...Ed3 loses a piece after 47.Ke3) 47. Ke3 and the c pawn combined with the pair of bishops and active king should decide the game in white's favor.

46.Kf3 Nd4+

After 46...Rd3 white cuts off the black king with 47.Bc6!

47.Bxd4 Rxd4 48.Rc3 Be6 49.c5 Ke7 50.Be4

[50.Ke3 Ra4 51.Be4 Ra2+-]]

50...Ra4 51.Ke3 Ra1 52.c6

It seems that white will lose this pawn without compensation, when in fact this pawn is used as a distraction. While black is preoccupied with c pawn, white will attempt to break through on the king's side.

52...Kd8 53.c7+ Kc8 54.Kd4 Ra5!

Correctly played. After 54...Ra7? 55. Ke5 Rc7 56.Rc7 Kc7 57. Kf6 (Threatening Bg6) 57...Bc4 58. f5! Black is lost. His king is far away from his pawns, and white will simply collect them.

55.Rc1?!

Much better is 55.Rc6 Bd7 56.Rf6 Be8 57.Bd5

55...Rb5 56.Bd3?!

And again, 56.Rc6 is better: 56...Ra5 57.Bd3 Kb7 58.c8Q! Bc8 59.Rf6 Ra4 60. Ke5 Ra5 61. Kd6.

56...Rd5+ 57.Ke4

[57.Ke3 Ra5+]]

57...Ra5 58.Bf1 58...Bf5+ 59.Kd4 Be6 60.Bd3 Rd5+ 61.Ke3 Ra5 62.Rc6!

White finally realizes that this is the right move.

Ra3 63.Kd4 Kb7 64.Rc5 Kc8 65.Be4 Ra7 66.Ke5 Ra4 67.Bd3 Zugzwang

67...Ba2 68.Bb5 Ra8 69.Bc6 1-0

ILAN MEEROVICH
 reports from the
DENKER MEMORIAL
 in Dallas

When I play scholastic events within the ICCA, I usually go into the tournament thinking I will emerge as the victor. However, competing in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions was different than playing in a local scholastic tournament. The competitors in this event are used to winning and most have an abundant amount of trophies. Many of the players are underrated and others are used to winning all the time. All of them wanted to win this tournament. I knew this tournament would not be easy, and I was excited to battle it out on the chessboard with some of the best players in the country.

In the first round of the tournament I was paired down against Mathew Parrshall from Alaska. Unfortunately I did not play my best. The game went into a positional line in the Pirc Defense. After missing a couple chances of getting a better position, I weakened my 7th rank and soon lost. The next day I won both of my games, against 1700 and 1800 rated players. In the 4th round I was paired against Albert Zhou, a 1970 from Nebraska. I was able to get a better position in the opening as black, but my advantage soon faded away. (see diagram)



I was not convinced that Bxc3 and f4 was good for me because my development on the queenside was lacking and I would have weakened my dark squares by exchanging the dark squared bishop. I ended up getting some counterplay on the queenside later on, but unfortunately it was not enough to win. I drew this game. In the 5th round I played against Stanley Yang, a 2200 player from Texas. The game went into a semi-slav and I lost miserably. My last game was against Jonathan McNeill, a 1900 from North Carolina. It turned out to be a good game for me with creative opening ideas. I annotated that game.

Although I did not play my best, I did not play too badly either. I finished with a result of 3.5/6. I thought it was a great experience playing in such a strong invitational tournament. The tournament was organized very well with interesting opening and closing ceremonies (I have never seen that before!). I also liked the idea of players posting flags near their games to

show what state they represented. Finally, I would like to thank the ICA and Warren Junior scholar program for allowing me to play and funding me in such a prestigious event.

Mcneil, J (1900)
 Meerovich, I (2131)
 [B09] Denker (6),
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1.e4 d6

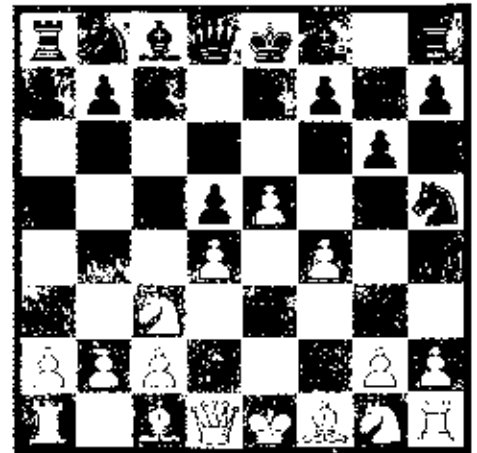
[1...g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.e5 Nh5]

2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 d5

An idea of Morozevich (See Move 1 alternative).

5.e5 Nh5

According to my database:



this has never been played before.

6.Be2

[6.g4 Ng7 7.h3 h5 8.Bg2 c6 9.Be3 Qd7 10.g5 Black will place his knight on f5 and go for queenside counterplay with b6-c5.]

6...Ng7 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be3

[8.0-0?! e6 9.Qd3 Nf5 10.h3 Bx13 11.Bx13 h5 12.Be3 c6

13.Bf2 h4]

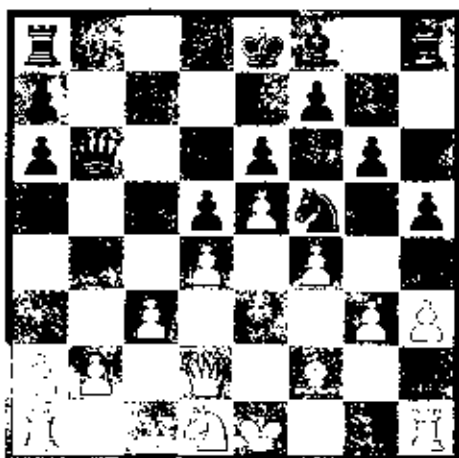
8...Nf5 9.Bf2 h5 10.h3 Bxf3
11.Bxf3 e6 12.g3

White needs to stop h4 threat, fixing white's pawns

12...Na6

[12...b4 13.g4 Nq3 14.Rg1]

13.Be2 c6 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Nd1
Qb6 16.c3 c5 17.Bxa6 bxa6



[Also black has good play after Qxa6 17...Qxa6 18.dxc5 h4 19.g4 Ng3 20.Bxg3 (20.Rg1 Ne4 21.Qe2 Qa4 22.b3 Qc6 23.b4 a5 24.a3 exb4 25.cxb4 Nxf2 26.Nxf2 b6) 20...hxg3 21.b4 b6 22.cxb6 axb6]

18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Bxc5

I think my opponent wanted to get rid of his bad dark square bishop, but in the process gave away his good bishop, and left me in a superior position since my knight is stronger than his.

19...Qxc5 20.Qf2 Qb5 21.Rg1 h4 22.g4 Ng3 23.Ne3 Qa4 24.Nc2

[24.f5 gxf5 25.gxf5 Qe4?! (25...exf5 26.Nxf5 Qe4+ 27.Ne3 d4 28.cxd4 Rc8 Rc2 is threatened with dangerous initiative for black.)

26.0-0-0 Qxe5]

24...Qe4+ 25.Kd2

[25.Ne3 d4 26.cxd4 Rc8 Rc2 is threatened again and black is winning.]

25...g5 26.fxg5 Qxe5
27.Rxg3?



Qe3 is probably the only playable move for white.

27...hxg3 28.Qc5 Kd7 29.Nd4 Qf4+ 30.Kc2 Rhc8 31.Qa5 Qxd4 0-1

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BETSY DYNAKO presents an interview and game from
TANSEL TURGUT

From Correspondence to Over the Board, Dr. Turgut is a Player to Know

Anytime a new player steps up to the plate and hits out a norm, the crowd just has to know who that new guy is. Dr. Tansel Turgut picked up his first IM norm during January's 7th North American Invitational Tournament in Chicago organized by Sevan Muradian.

Turgut isn't new to the world of chess, even though he started later than most. He didn't learn how to play the game until he was 13 years old. Despite his late start, he loves the game. "It is both an art and it is also a science. I like math, and I like competition," he said. One reason Turgut may be less known in the States could be attributed to the fact that he did not come here from his native Turkey until 1992, but it also might be because of his affinity for correspondence chess (CC).

Turgut taught himself to play chess by reading the newspaper, so the fact that he's been successful at correspondence chess for so long isn't surprising. His current International Correspondence Chess Federation rating is 2538 and he expects it to hit 2600 with the next rating supplement. Turgut also has two GM norms to his name with the next one due later

and all these players were very good in computer use. Creative, risky chess, with long term positional sacrifices are very difficult to understand for computer programs and are ideal for CC. Of course, games take one to two years to finish. This is not ideal if you are a professional chess player."

The length of correspondence chess games might not be tolerable for professional chess players, but they are great for a cardiolo-

gist like Turgut. He can move all the pieces, castle, and mate with two rooks! He also likes the program Dinosaur Chess, which I think is great for toddlers."

What motivates a happy, successful correspondence player to leave his house and play over the board? "I always thought that I could become an IM and even a GM if I pursued a career in chess. I had finished 3rd and 4th in Turkey in the Turkish Chess Championships before coming to U.S.," Tur-



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Turgut credits his cor-

... response chess skills with his ability to prepare for the 7th North American Invitational Tournament. His preparation paid off, though not for every game. "IM Ben Finegold used 32 minutes for his tenth move - in a 90 minute game! I lost this game, but my opening preparation was very successful. Preparing this line was an idea of IM David Vigorito, who wrote an excellent book on Nimzo-Indian defense." Turgut analyzed two of his more successful games for us.

Turgut, T (2247) - Szmetan, R (2301) [A44]
7th North American Invitational (1), 20.01.2008

The opponents were known approximately a month ago, which was a great chance to prepapre specific variations. I spent close to 10 hours studying this variation. Even though it looks antipositional, it is sound and white needs to know the plans to obtain an advantage.

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.e4 d6
4.Nc3



This variation is not as bad as it looks.

1) Black has a clear positional plan of Be7, and Bg5 exchanging the dark square bishops.

2) if this is prevented by nf3, black plays Bg4 and exchanges at Bxf3 and then plays Bg5.

3) In resulting positions, white can play a4, a5, Ra3, Rb3 pressuring the b7 pawn.

4) White knight at f3 will be played to c4 from d2 and pressure d6 pawn and the weak b6 square.

5) white's queen belongs on the c1 h6 diagonal.

6) f4 can be prepared also.

6) Black looks for g6, f5 breaks.

7) White can also prepare g3, f4 or direct f4.

8) after black's f5, white can play for f4, and if this is answered with e4 c4 knight may return to c3.

4...a6

This move prevents white's Bb5+, which was the main line that I prepared. Kf8, Bd7, and Nbd7 can all be played, with significant differences in the plans. [4...Sc7 5.Bb5! Bd7 (5...Nd7 6.a4; 5...Kf8 6.a4) 6.a4]

5.a4 Be7 6.Be2!

White scores 72% with this move on chessbase! After the natural Nf3, black plays Bg4 and scores 50% in the main line.

16.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3

8.Bxf3 Bg5] 6...Bg5 7.Bxg5 [7.Nf3 Bxe1 8.Qxc1]

7...Qxg5 8.Nf3 Qe7N

This move is a novelty, however was my main preparation.

9.Nd2 Nd7 10.a5 Ngf6 11.Nc4 0-0 12.0-0 g6! 13.Qd2 Ne8 14.Ra3

[14.f4 exf4 (14...f6 15.f5) 15.Qxf4 Nc5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qe3]

14...Ng7 15.Rb3

15. f4!? and g3 were the moves i analyzed during the game.

[15.f4 ? analyzed this move here. But I was afraid of 15...f5! 15...f5; 15.g3 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.f4 e4 18.Nd1 (18.Na4)]

15...f5 16.Qh6!?

I am not sure about this move. White has a significant advantage on the queen side.

[16.Rb1; 16.Bf3]

16...NE6

[16...f4; 16...fxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf5 18.Qd2 Nf6 19.Nxf6+ Rxf6]

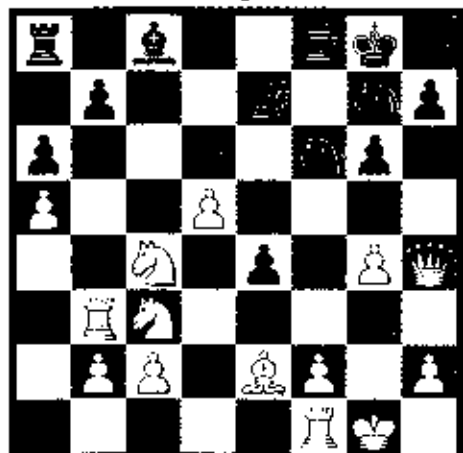
17.Qh4

I looked at Qg5, and f4 in this position, and decided on Qh4. f4 is probably the best line, but tactically very complicated.

[17.Qg5; 17.f4! Nxe4 (17...fxe4; 17...exf4 18.Qxf4) 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Rxf8+

Qxf8 21.Nb6 Rb8 22.Nxc8
Qxc8 23.Rh3]

17...fxe4 18.g4!±



[18.Nxe4? Nf5 19.Nxf6+
Rxf6]

18...Nxd5

[18...Rf7]

19.Qxe7 Nxe7 20.Nxd6 Be6

[20...Nc6 21.Nxc8 Raxc8
22.Rxb7 Nxa5 23.Rb6 (23.
Rd7) 23...Rc6 24.Rxc6 Nxc6
25.Nxe4]

21.Rxb7 Nc6 22.Bc4

[22.Ncxe4 Nxa5 (22...Nd4)
23.Rc7]

22...Rad8

[22...Bxc4 23.Nxc4 Rf4
24.h3; 22...Nxa5 23.Rxg7+
Kxg7 24.Bxe6 Rf6 25.Bd5
(25.Nc4 Nxc4 26.Bxc4)]

23.Bxe6+ Nxe6 24.Ncxe4 h6

[24...Nxa5 25.Rb6 Rf4
26.Rxa6 Nc4 27.Nxc4 Rxe4
28.Nc3]

25.Rb6 Ncd4 26.c3 Nf3+
27.Kh1 Rb8 28.Rxa6

[28.Nf6! Kg7 29.Nd7 Rxb6

30.axb6;

28...Nf4

[28...Rxb2 29.Nc4 Re2
30.Ng3]

29.Rb6 Ra8 30.a6 Nd3 31.Rd1
Nfe1 32.Kg1 Nf3+

We were both to less than 5
minutes here.

33.Kg2 Nf4+

[33...Rf4 34.h3]

34.Kxf3 Nd5+ 35.Ke2

[35.Kg3 Nxb6 36.Nxc5]

35...Nxb6 36.Nxc5 Rf4
37.Nde4

[37.b4 Rxc4 38.bb]

37...Na4 38.b4 Rxa6 39.Rd8+
Kf7 40.Nxa6

[40.Rd7+ Ke8 41.Nd6+ Rxd6
42.Rxd6 Nxc3+ 43.Kd3 Nd1]

40...Rxe4+ 41.Kd3 Rxc4
42.Nc5 Nb2+

[42...Nxc5+ this is black's
best chance. probably still
a win, but it is a rook
ending. 43.bxc5 Ke7 44.Rd6
h5]

43.Kc2 Nc4 44.Kb3 Ke7
45.Rd7+ Ke8 46.Rh7 h5
47.Nd3 Nd2+ 48.Kc2 Nf3
[48...Nc4] 49.b5 e4 50.Nc5
Rg5 51.Nxe4 Re5 52.Nd6+ Kf8
53.Rf7+ 1-0

GAME 2

Bartell (2396) - Turgut
(2243) [C24]

7th North American Invita-

tional, 22.01.2008

I had 2.5/3 points here.
Bartell plays d pawn open-
ings, and 1.e4 was a sur-
prise.

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6
4.Nf3 d5 5.exd5!?

Bb3 should be the correct
move here. But black has
equalized already. [5.Bb3]

5...cxd5 6.Bb5+

[6.Bb3 Bd6 7.Bg5 Be6 8.Nc3
Bc7]

6...Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbx7 8.0-0
Bd6 9.c4!

I like this move! backward
pawn is no longer weak, and
white forces black to make
a decision on the central
pawn formation.

9...0-0

[9...d4]

10.Nc3 d4 11.Ne2

[11.Ne4? Nxe4 12.dxc4]

11...Nh5!

This move is very criti-
cal. If white plays Ng3,
Na4, Qf3 etc, he will have
a strong attack. [11...Re8
12.Ng3]

12.g4!?

very risky., but playable.

12...Nh6 13.h3 h5!

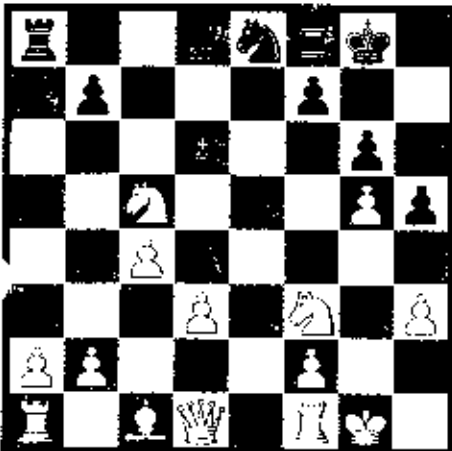
I like this move. Computers
however, do not like it. I
saw the pawn sacrifice and

thought that I had a good compensation, and decided to play h5.

14.g5 Ne8 15.Ng3 g6 16.Ne4 Nc5!?

This is also a very critical point. safe move is Be7. But I prepared the pawn sacrifice when i played h5. I believe that the pawn sacrifice is (almost) correct, and gives excellent compensation. [16...Be7]

17.Nxc5



[17.Nxd6 I was afraid of this move, but still black has compensation due to weakened king side. 17...Qxd6 18.Qe2 (18.Re1 f6 (18...Nd7 19.Qe2) ; 18...Qe6! (18...f6 19.gxf6) 19.Qxe5 a)19.Kc2 Nxd3; b)19.Nxe5 Ng7 (b)19...Nd6; b)19...Qxh3) ; 19...Qxh3 20.Qxc5 Qx13 21.Qxd4 Ng7 (21...Rd8= 22.Qxd8 Qg4+) 22.Qe4 Qh3 23.Sc3 b6 24.Qg2]

17...Bxc5 18.Nxe5

[18.Re1 f6 19.gxf6 Qxf6 20.Kg2 Qc6 21.Rxc5 Ng7]

18...Ng7 19.Nf3!?

Black is already better af-

ter this move. [19.Re1]

19...Qd7!

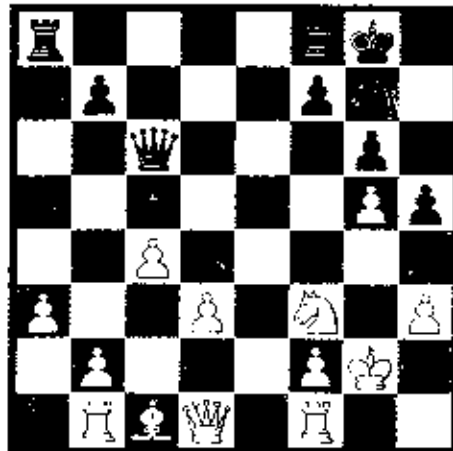
This move, followed by Qc6 is very strong.

20.Kg2 Qc6! 21.Rb1 a5

[21...Rfe8 22.b4]

22.a3

[22.Re1 f6 23.Re4]



22...f6!

[22...a4!? 23.b4 (23.Re1) 23...axb3 24.Qxb3 Nf5 (24...b6 25.Qb5 Qb7 (25...Qd6) 26.Qxc5; 25.Qxb7 Nh4+= 26.Kg3 Nf5+ 27.Kg2 (27.Kh2 Qd6+ 28.Kg2 Rab8)]

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23.b4

[23.Kg1]

23...axb4 24.axb4 fxc5 25.Bxc5!?

[25.b5 Qd7]

25...Rf5 26.bxc5

[26.h4 Raf8-+; 26.b5 Rxc5+ 27.Kh1 Qf6 28.Nxc5 Cxc5 29.Qf3]

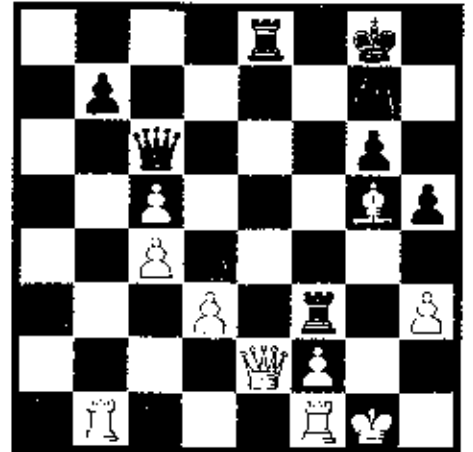
26...Raf8 27.Kg1

[27.Rb6 Rxc5+ 28.Kh2 Qxf3; 27.Kh2 Rxf3 28.Qe2]

27...Rxf3 28.Qe2

[28.Rb6 Qxc5 29.Rb5 Qc8]

28...Re8



[28...Rxb3 29.Qe4]

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What does the future hold for Turgut? He says he will definitely play in more North American Invitation-al Tournaments, "because it is a quality event run by Sevan Muradian." Giving up being a doctor to become a full time chess player isn't in the cards though. "I chose medicine as a profession," Turgut said. "I can make a real difference in medicine, and make someone live, who could be dead otherwise. Sometimes, in the middle of the night I have to go to the hospital to do an angioplasty on a critical patient. I lose sleep, but feel great pleasure making a difference." Dr. Turgut is the man to call if your having heart trouble but not if you want any easy win over the board or by mail.



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