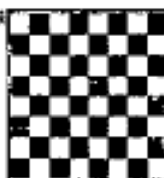


chess



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A sparkling gamelet in the best attacking style of the great 19th century Russian chess player Mikhail Chigorin. White: Mikhail Chigorin. Black: Simon Winawer. Monte Carlo, 1901.

Ponziana Opening

1 P-K4	P-K4	11 R-K1	B-K2
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	12 Q-K2(i)	P-KR4
3 P-B3(a)	N-B3(b)	13 N-KB3	Q-Q3(j)
4 P-QN(c)	PxP(d)	14 B-KB4	Q-B4
5 P-K5	Q-K2(e)	15 P-Q6(k)	P-Q1
6 PxP	P-Q3	16 PxB	R-K1
7 B-N5	N-Q2(f)	17 N-B3	P-QB3
8 O-O	PxP	18 B-B4	P-QN4
9 P-Q5(g)	N3-N1	19 BxPch	KxB
10 NxP	Q-B3(h)	20 Q-K6mate	

(a) Ponziani's Opening is worth a try as a surprise weapon. Traps abound for the second player and White risks nothing more than equality should Black avoid all the pitfalls.

(b) The most direct challenge to White's obvious plan for building a strong pawn center is 3 . . . P-Q4, since after 4 PxP? QxP the Queen cannot be driven away by 5 N-QB3.

(c) White strives for a vigorous open game. With 4 P-Q3 he can play a Philidor's Defense with a move in hand.

(d) Inferior to 4 . . . NxKP 5P-Q5 N-N1 6B-Q3 N-B4.

(e) Part of an organized effort to undermine White's advanced Pawn. The natural 5 . . . N-Q4 runs up against 6 B-QB4 N-N3 7 B-N3, and White stands better whether or not Black accepts the QBP.

(f) Carrying his strategy one step too far. Better is simply 7 . . . B-Q2.

(g) Even stronger than 9 PxP.

(h) Of course not 10 . . . QxN7 11 R-K1.

(i) The pressure on the K-file is unbearable. White threatens 13 N-N4 with play similar to the game continuation.

(j) Escaping 14 B-N5 but to no avail.

(k) Not bad . . .

(l) Black should resign here, but he hangs on for the grand finale instead. Chigorin must have been pleased to oblige.

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NEW YEAR OPEN TOURNAMENT

The second annual New Year Open Chess championships will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 4-5, 1969 at the Walnut Creek Recreation Center on Civic Drive, in the USCF Section all entry fees (\$5 plus USCF membership) from the E-M Division will be returned to the players in two cash prizes 1st-65 per cent; 2nd-35 per cent. First prize in the "A" Division is \$25, "B" Division, \$20 and "C" Division, \$15. CCCA Sections (entry fee, \$4 plus membership) will offer \$20 first prize for the "B" Division and \$10 for the "C" Division. Trophies will be presented to the winners of the Junior Sections, 10-12 yrs, and nine and under \$2, (entry fee). Cash prizes may fluctuate depending on number of entries. Jerry Long, Chairman of the Central California Chess Assoc., will direct the five-round Swiss system tournament. Round one begins at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 4, 1969.