

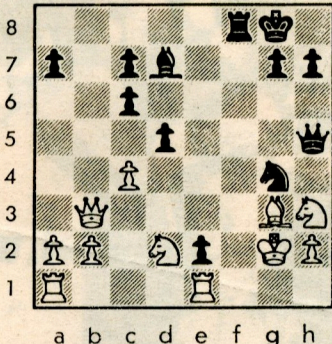
Chess



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MAUS-STEINITZ

Black to play and win.



WILHELM STEINITZ

Steinitz (1836-1900) was the first official world champion. He defeated Adolf Anderssen (who still held a claim to the top spot after Paul Morphy's unhappy retirement) 8-6 in 1866, then Johannes Zukertort 10-5 in the first match to truly name a champion in 1886.

Steinitz was a giant in the development of chess theory. Like Morphy before him, Steinitz proved that successful attacks had positional requirements like central control, defects in the enemy position and open lines for the pieces. Unlike Morphy, Steinitz was first to demonstrate this from closed positions, often accepting a tough defense for the sake of a lasting advantage later.

While his contemporaries were reckless in the pursuit of combination, Steinitz showed that a carefully prepared attack, mindful of the center and the opponent's weaknesses, was a more correct way to play.

Hastings 1895

White: Wilhelm Steinitz

Black: Kurt von Bardeleben

Italian Game

1.	e4	e5	14.	Re1	f6 ⁵
2.	Nf3	Nc6	15.	Qe2	Qd7
3.	Bc4	Bc5	16.	Rac1 ⁶	c6
4.	c3 ¹	Nf6 ²	17.	d5 ⁷	cd
5.	d4	ed	18.	Nd4	Kf7
6.	cd	Bb4	19.	Ne6 ⁸	Rhc8
7.	Nc3 ³	d5	20.	Qg4	g6
8.	ed	Nd5 ⁴	21.	Ng5	Ke8
9.	O-O	Be6	22.	Re7	Kf8 ⁹
10.	Bg5	Be7	23.	Rf7!	Kg8
11.	Bd5	Bd5	24.	Rg7 ¹⁰	Kh8
12.	Nd5	Qd5	25.	Rh7	Rsgns ¹¹
13.	Be7	Ne7			

NOTES:

- To build a pawn center with d4.
- Black intends to contest the center with ...d5.
- Sacrificing the e-pawn for rapid development. If Black chooses to accept the gambit, the likely and complex continuation is 7...Ne4 8. O-O Bc3 (8...Nc3 9. bc Bc3 10. Qb3 is favorable for White) 9. d5 (9. bc d5 is solid for Black). Instead, Black continues with his plan.
- Note that the knight can't be harassed by enemy pawns. Pawns with no neighbors are 'isolated.' Squares in front of isolated pawns are good for your pieces.
- Because he can't castle without losing his knight, Black prepares to connect his rooks after ...Kf7.
- Completing his development. Black should go about his business with ...Kf7, develop his rooks, ...Nd5, etc., but hesitates in fear of a poor sacrifice (16...Kf7 17. Qe7 Qe7 18. Re7 Ke7 19. Rc7 Kd6 20. Rb7 Rc8! followed by ...Rc7).
- Sacrificing his isolated pawn to create one for Black, then using d4 to continue the attack.
- Threatening Rc7.
- The rook is poisoned. 22...Qe7 23 Rc8; 22...Ke7 23. Re1 Kd6 24. Qb4 Kc7 25. Ne6 Kb8 26. Qf4. White is a piece ahead now, but all of his pieces are attacked, and mate is threatened.
- The unprotected rook stays on its journey! 24...Kf8 25. Nh7.
- 25...Kg8 26. Rg7 Kh8 27. Qh4 Kg7 28. Qh7 Kf8 29. Qh8 Ke7 30. Qg7 Ke8 31. Qg8 Ke7 32. Qf7 Kd8 33. Qf8 Qe8 34. Nf7 Kd7 35. Qd6#

SOLUTION: 1... Qh3! 2. Kh3 (2. Kg1 Rf2) Ne3 3. Kh4 Ng2 4. Kg5 Rf5 5. Kg4 h5 6. Kh3 Rf2#

PLACES TO PLAY

Redwood City Chess Club: Meets Mondays, First Baptist Church, James and Hudson. Informal games. John Vitlacil 367-9368.

Burlingame CC: Meets Thursdays, Lions Club, 990 Burlingame Ave. USCF tnmts, informal play. Wilfred Goodwin, 593-0054.

Palo Alto CC: Tuesday eves, days Sat. & Sun. 3800 Middlefield. USCF & blitz tnmts, informal play. Steve Farmer, 329-2487.