

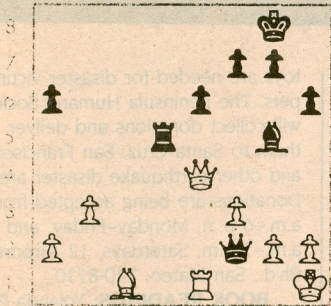
Chess



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SARAPU-BROWNE

Black to play and win.



FIVE TIE FOR FIRST AT AMERICAN OPEN

Grandmasters Walter Browne, Larry Christiansen, Nick DeFirmian, Maxim Dlugy and untitled 14-year-old Gata Kamsky tied for first place with 6½ out of eight at the Software Toolworks American Open held Nov. 23-26 in Long Beach, Calif.

Kamsky led the field by one point after six rounds, but lost to Christiansen in round seven and barely held a draw against GM Tony Miles in round eight.

Master Rich Kelson of Berkeley sacrificed his queen to begin a neat combination in this game.

Long Beach 1989

White: Rich Kelson

Black: Prerioso Saguisag

Caro-Kann Defense

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| 1. e4 c6 ¹ | 14. Re1 Ka8 |
| 2. d4 d5 | 15. b4 Nb8 ⁹ |
| 3. Nd2 ² de ³ | 16. Bf4 Qd7 |
| 4. Ne4 Nf6 ⁴ | 17. Re3 Na6 ¹⁰ |
| 5. Nf6 gf ⁵ | 18. b5 cb |
| 6. c3 ⁶ Bf5 | 19. Qa6 ba |
| 7. Nf3 e6 | 20. Nh4! ¹¹ Qd5 |
| 8. g3 ⁷ Bd6 | 21. Nf5 ¹² Bc5 ¹³ |
| 9. Bg2 Nd7 | 22. dc ef |
| 10. O-O Qc7 | 23. Bd5 Rd5 |
| 11. c4 O-O-O | 24. Re7 h5 ¹⁴ |
| 12. c5 ⁸ Be7 | 25. c6 Resigns |
| 13. Qa4 Kb8 | |

NOTES:

1. With 1...c6. Black prepares to claim a share of the center with 2...d5. 1...e6 (the French Defense) does the same and allows Black to develop the king bishop, but stifles the queen bishop.
2. In most cases, White will recapture on e4 with this knight on the next move, so it matters little whether he develops it on d2 or c3. Black will occasionally play 3...g6, though — then White would like to be able to play c3.
3. Black would rather develop a piece here, but he has no logical developing move (3...Nd7 blocks the bishop, 3...Nf6 4. e5 is good for White and the white-squared bishop has no good squares).
4. Black can also challenge the knight with 4...Bf5.
5. It was automatic to recapture with the e-pawn until imaginative grandmasters Larsen and Bronstein (disappointingly, Bronstein and other Soviet GMs Tukmakov and Vaganian failed to show up for the American Open) showed that Black's preserved center pawn and open g-file compensate for the weaker pawn structure.
6. Support the d-pawn, but gives more scope to the bishop that Black posts on f5.
7. A curious move — White is going to develop his bishop on a diagonal shortened by Black's c6-pawn but the g-file is now shortened for Black's rook in return.
8. White feels his attacking chances balance the permanent concession of the d5-square.
9. Black further inhibits White's d5-break by clearing the file for his rook.
10. Intending ...Na6-c7-d5.
11. Other knight moves merely recover the sacrificed queen — this wins a piece as well.
12. Not 21. Bd5 because of 21...Rd5 and Black can recapture on f5 with the rook.
13. Worse for Black is 21...Qg2 22. Kg2 ef 23. Re7.
14. Black can't even play 24...Rc5 because of 25. Rd1 and 26. Rd7.

SOLUTION: 1...Bh4! wins (2. g3 Bg3 3. hg Rh5 or 2. Rg1 Qg1 3. Kg1 Rd1).

PLACES TO PLAY

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