

# chess

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A King hunt can produce one of the most exciting dramas in chess. The hapless monarch, separated from his retinue, stumbles headlong across the board to face ultimate doom surrounded by a host of pursuers.

White: David Amkraut. Black: Robert Uomini.

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Sicilian Defense

1 P—K4	P—QB4	18 B—KN5	Q—QB2
2 N—KB3	P—Q3	19 NxKP	BxN
3 P—Q4	PxP	20 PxB	Q—K4 (i)
4 NxP	N—KB3	21 R—K3	Q—Q5
5 N—QB3	P—QR3	22 P—K7	P—R3
6 B—KN5	P—K3	23 B—B7ch	K—Q2
7 P—B4	Q—N3	24 P—B3 (j)	Q—K4
8 Q—Q2	QxP	25 R—Q3ch	K—B3
9 R—QN1	Q—R6 (a)	26 P—K8/Qch	RxQ
10 P—B5 (b)	B—K2 (c)	27 BxRch	QxB
11 PxP	PxP	28 R—Q6ch	K—N4 (k)
12 B—QB4	P—Q4 (d)	29 R—B5ch	K—R5
13 PxP	B—N5 (e)	30 R—Q4ch	K—R6
14 R—N3	N—K5 (f)	31 B—B1ch	KxP
15 NxN (g)	BxQch	32 R—R5ch	K—N8 (l)
16 BxB	Q—B1 (h)	33 K—Q1	Resigns
17 R—B1	Q—K2		

(a) Black bravely "wins" the QNP and stands ready to repel White's coming onslaught.

(b) The violent 10 P—K5 has (regrettably) fallen from favor because of 10...PxP 11 PxP N/3—Q2 12 B—QB4 B—N5 13 R—N3 Q—R4 14 0-0 0-0 15 B—B6 NxB 16 PxN R—Q1 (R. Byrne—Zuckerman, U.S. Championship, 1967).

(c) A "minor inexactitude" fraught with dire consequences. White's task is more difficult after 10...N—B3 11 PxP PxP 12 NxN PxN 13 P—K5 PxP! (Kavalek—Fischer, Tunis, 1967).

(d) Castling proves nothing: 12...0-0 13 NxP BxN 14 BxBch K—R1 15 RxP.

(e) Black realizes that opening the position any more than necessary might prove fatal, e.g., 13...PxP 14 BxQP NxN 15 NxN BxB 16 QxB, with a won game for White.

(f) Apparently counting on 15 RxQ NxQ 16 BxN BxR to save the day, but 14...Q—R4 15 0-0 0-0 16 PxP leaves Black without much hope.

(g) Sacrificing his Queen for only two minor pieces. White nevertheless obtains practical winning chances based on Black's exposed King position and inferior development.

(h) Preventing White from castling carries its price: the Black Queen is driven from pillar to post.

(i) Of course not **20...QxB 21 N—Q6ch**.

(j) Better is **24 R—Q3 QxR 25 PxQ PxB 26 P—K8/Qch RxQ 27 BxRch KxB 28 NxP**, with a won ending.

(k) Correct is **28...K—B2**, and White has no convincing continuation, e.g., **29 B—Q8ch K—B1** (or even **29...QxB**) **30 R—Q4 N—B3 31 K—Q2 NxR 32 N—Q6ch KxB 33 NxQ KxN 34 PxN**, with a draw as the probable outcome.

(l) There is no escape: if **32...K—N6**, then White wins with **33 K—Q2!** and Black must part with his Queen to avoid immediate checkmate.

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