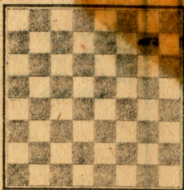


# chess

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The King's Gambit in the hands of an attacking player presents the defender with difficult problems to solve whether or not White's Pawn offer is accepted. The following game illustrates how easily Black can go wrong by opening up the position too soon.

White: Everett McNally. Black: Lawrence Vadnais.  
Hayward Chess Festival, Rapid Transit Tournament.  
King's Gambit Declined.

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| 1. P-K4    | P-K4    | 8. BPxP      | PxP(e)  |
| 2. P-KB4   | P-Q3(a) | 9. BxPch     | KxB(f)  |
| 3. N-KB3   | N-QB3   | 10. Nxpch    | K-N1(g) |
| 4. B-B4(b) | B-K2    | 11. QxB(h)   | N-B3(i) |
| 5. O-O     | N-B3    | 12. Q-K6ch   | K-B1    |
| 6. P-B3(c) | B-N5    | 13. Q-B7mate |         |
| 7. P-Q4    | NxKP(d) |              |         |

(a) Considered inferior to 2...B-B4, but virtually "unbooked."

(b) Also good is 4 P-Q4 or 4 B-N5.

(c) White does not fear 6...NxP because of 7 B-Q5 N-B3 8 BxNch PxP 9 PxP PxP 10 NxP.

(d) Risky. Staunton's "Handbook of Chess" (1859!) recommends 7...BxN with only slight advantages to White.

(e) With 8...P-Q4 Black can still defend himself.

(f) Black survives longer with 9...K-B1.

(g) "Better" but still hopeless is 10...K-K1.

(h) White has a sure mate with 11 Q-N3ch.

(i) Black's last chance to play on is 11...P-KR3.

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