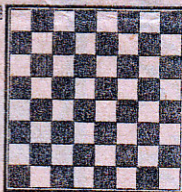


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Black stumbles into a standard opening trap and gets killed. Instead of heading straight for the loss, however, he could have offered strenuous resistance along the way, as the appended book analysis indicates.

White: Gary Weber. Black: Frank Hamaker.

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Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	6 P-B4 (a)	B-N2 (b)
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	7 P-K5	PxP (c)
3 P-Q4	PxP	8 PxP	B-N5 (d)
4 NxP	N-KB3	9 B-N5ch	K-B1 (e)
5 N-QB3	P-KN3	10 N-K6ch	Resigns

(a) The usual build-up these days is 6 B-K3 B-N2 7 P-B3 0-0 8 Q-Q2 N-B3 9 B-QB4 NxN 10 BxN Q-R5 11 0-0-0 B-K3, with a double-edged fight close at hand.

(b) Looks natural enough for a positional blunder. Black must pay strict attention to White's threatened 7 P-K5: 6...N-B3 7 NxN PxN 8 P-K5 N-Q2 9 B-B4 N-N3 10 PxP QxP 11 QxQ PxQ, and in spite of Black's weak pawns endgame prospects are fairly level.

(c) Nor do other moves afford relief: I. 7...N-Q2 8 P-K6! (or simply 8 PxP); II. 7...N-R4 8 B-N5ch (not 8 P-KN4? NxP 9 BxP PxP) B-Q2 9 P-K6! (if 9...BxB, then 10 PxPch KxP 11 N/3xN N-KB3 12 0-0-0, threatening 13 P-B5) 10 NxP BxNch 11 PxB Q-R4 12 B-Q2! (or 12 Q-Q4) BxB 13 P-B4; III. 7...N-N5 8 B-N5ch K-B1 (forced) 9 P-KR3 N-KR3 10 B-K3 N-B3 11 PxP NxN 12 BxN QxP 13 BxBch KxB 14 QxQ PxQ 15 0-0-0; IV. 7...N-N1 8 B-N5ch B-Q2 9 P-K6! or 8...K-B1 9 0-0 P-Q4 (9...PxP? 10 N-K6ch) 10 B-K3 P-QR3 11 B-K2 P-K3 12 N-K4! N-QB3 13 NxN PxN 14 B-B5ch N-K2 15 N-B6; V. 7...B-N5 8 B-N5ch, (1) 8...N-B3 9 PxN! BxQ 10 PxB R-KN1 11 NxN Q-N3 12 N-Q5!, (2) 8...QN-Q2 9 Q-Q3, with a vastly superior position, (3) 8...K-B1

9 Q—Q3 N—K1 10 0-0 N—Q2 11 P—KR3 PxP 12 PxP NxP
13 PxB! N—B2! (13...NxQ 14 N—K6ch K—N1 15 NxQ RxN
16 BxN) 14 Q—K4 QxNch 15 QxQ N—B6ch 16 RxN BxQch
17 B—K3 BxN 18 B—QB4!

(d) Black fares worse with 8...N—Q4 9 B—N5ch K—B1
10 0-0 BxP 11 B—R6ch K—N1 (11...B—N2 loses the Queen
after 12 BxBch KxB 13 NxN QxN 14 N—B5ch) 12 NxN QxN
13 N—B5! Q—B4ch 14 B—K3 Q—B2 15 N—R6ch K—N2
16 RxPmate. Relatively best is 8...N—Q2, although White
has a strong attack after 9 P—K6 N—K4 10 B—N5ch N/1—B3
11 PxPch KxP 12 0-0ch.

(e) Oblivious of White's crushing reply, Black forfeits
his last slim hope of survival by 9...QN—Q2. White retains
a decisive initiative after 10 Q—Q3, but no forced win is
in sight.



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