

**Richard Shorman****Chess****EXCITING GAME FOR WINNER AND LOSER**

The Wilkes-Barre (or Traxler) variation of the Two Knights' Defense may or may not be sound, but it cannot be denied that extremely active, exciting games usually result. Since the outcome of such a tactical melee often hangs by a thread, even the loser can find solace in the pleasant complexities he helped to create.

**White: Robert Phillips (1988). Black: Lloyd Linklater (Unr.). Friendly match, Oakland, July 26, 1979.**

**Two Knights' Defense**

1	e4	e5	14	Qg5	Kd7
2	Nf3	Nc6	15	Qg7	Kc6
3	Bc4	Nf6	16	Bd5	Kb6
4	Ng5	Bc5!?	17	Qg4(f)	Qg4
5	Bf7!	Ke7	18	gf	Qf3
6	Bb3(a)	d6(b)	19	Rg2	Ne2?(g)
7	Nf7	Qf8	20	d4!	Bd4
8	0-0?(c)	Nd4	21	Nd2!	Qh3
9	Nh8	Bg4	22	c3	Bc3(h)
10	Qe1	Qc8!(d)	23	bc	Rh8?
11	Kh1	Bf3	24	Rb1	Ka5(i)
12	Rg1	Qh3	25	Nc4	Resigns(j)
13	Qe3(e)	Ng4			

(Notes contributed by the loser.)

(a) Supposedly best is 6 Bd5.

(b) Of course, Black could also have played 6 . . . Rf8.

(c) Avoiding 8 Nh8? Bf2!, but better than castling would have been 8 d3!

(d) Suddenly threatening a lethal check with 11 . . . Nf3!

(e) The bishop was still immune from capture: 13 gf? Nf3.

(f) Clearly White's only try to escape mate.

(g) One of those moves that look so good at the time played (threatening both 20 . . . Nc1 and 20 . . . Nf4), but do not work because of magnificent replies. The winning move was 19 . . . c6!, trading off White's bishop or intercepting its diagonal, followed by . . . Rg8.

(h) Originally intending to respond to 23 bc with 23 . . . Nc3 (guarding the b1 square) and then to get rid of the bishop on d5, but, when it came time to move again, succumbing to the temptation to take the knight first.

(i) Although White's queen has departed, Black's king finds himself in a mating net: if 24 . . . Kc5, then 25 Ba3 mate, and on 24 . . . Ka6 follows another pretty variation, 25 Bb7 Ka5 26 Nc4 27 Bc6 mate.

(j) Because of 25 . . . Ka6 26 B7 mate or 25 . . . Ka4 26 Rb4 mate! White used 45 minutes on his clock for this tactically pregnant game, Black about 30.

**MISCELLANY**

White: Svetozar Gligoric (2560). Black: Frisco Del Rosario (1385). Simultaneous exhibition, Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, San Francisco, Apr. 7, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 g3 Nc6 7 Bg2 Nf6 8 0-0 b5 9 Re1 Nd4 10 Qd4 Bc5 11 Qd\$ Bb7 12 Bf4 d6 13 a3 Rd8 14 Qd2 0-0 15 Rad1 Nh5 16 Bg5 Rd7 17 e5 Bg2 18 Kg2 h6 19 Be3 Be3 20 Re3 Rfd8 21 Rd3 d5 22 g4 Qe5 23 gh Qh5 24 Rg3 d4 25 Ne4 Kh8 26 b4 Qd5 27 F3 Qa2 28 Qd3 Rc7 29 Nc5 a5 30 Khl ab 31 ab Qc4 32 Qd2 Ra7 33 Rdg1 Qd5 34 Ne4 f5 35 Rg7 Rg7 36 Qh6 Resigns.

White: George Barber (1216). Black: Chuck Bradshaw (1314). LERA, Sunnyvale, May 28, 1977. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 cd cd 5 Qa4 Bd7 6 Qd4 ed 7 Qd5 Nf6 8 Qb7 Nc6 9 Qb3 Nd4 10 Qd1 Bf5 11 e4 Ne4 12 Qa4 Qd7 13 Nb5 Bb4 14 Resigns.

White: Kenny Fong (1880). Black: Ernest Curto (1752). "Ebony Rook" Trophy Tournament, Fremont Chess Club, July 12, 1979. Danish Gambit 1 e4 e5 2 d4 ed 3 c3 Qe7 4 cd Qe4 5 Be3 d5 6 Nf3 Nf6 7 Nc3 Bb4 Bd3 Qe7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Re1 Qd8 11 Bg5 c6 12 Qc2 h6 13 Bh4 Be7 14 Re3 Nbd7 15 Rael Re8 16 Qe2 Kf8 17 Bf5 g6 18 Bb1 b6 19 Qd2 Kg7 20 Ne5 Ne5 21 Re5 Be6 22 Qd3 Bd7 23 Qf3 Ne4 24 Be7 Re7 25 Ne4 Re5 26 de de 27 Be4 Rc8 28 Rd1 Qe7 29 Qf6 Resigns.