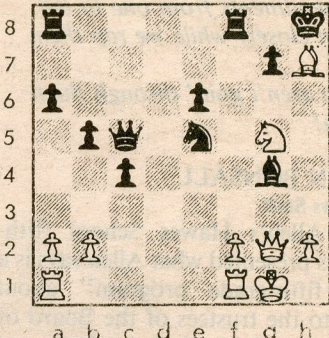


Chess



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KOEPCKE-STRUGATSKY
 Black to play and win.



YESTERDAY CHESS WAS SUCH AN EASY GAME TO PLAY

Senior master Vladimir Strugatsky won the 1990 Northern California Chess Association Masters Open and State Championship held March 30-April 1 in Berkeley, Calif. with a 4½-½ score. Strugatsky earned \$1,000 in prize money.

Forty-one masters played in the event, which conflicted with the Paul McCartney concert around the corner.

Berkeley 1990

White: Vladimir Strugatsky

Black: Luis Busquets

King's Indian Defense

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| 1. | d4 | Nf6 | 12. | f4 | Bd7 |
| 2. | Nf3 | g6 | 13. | e4 | a6 |
| 3. | c4 | Bg7 | 14. | a4 ⁵ | b6 |
| 4. | Nc3 | O-O ¹ | 15. | Bd3 | Nb7 |
| 5. | Bg5 | d6 | 16. | Qe2 | Nc7 |
| 6. | e3 ² | h6 ³ | 17. | e5 ⁶ | Qc8 |
| 7. | Bh4 | c5 ⁴ | 18. | e6 ⁷ | fe |
| 8. | Be2 | Nc6 | 19. | Bg6 ⁸ | Be8 |
| 9. | d5 | Na5 | 20. | Bc2 | Bf7 |
| 10. | Nd2 | Rb8 | 21. | Qe4 | Re8 |
| 11. | O-O | Ne8 | 22. | Rf3 | Resigns |

NOTES:

1. Black is inviting White to form a big pawn center with e4, which he will attempt to freeze with ...d6 and ...e5 and then attack with ...f5. This counterattacking plan is a favorite of world champions Fischer and Kasparov.

2. White chooses not to go for the whole e4 ball of wax, but has posted his queen bishop very aggressively. If Black stays with his plan of ...e5, the resulting pin can be troublesome. White's scheme is championed by another world champion, Smyslov, and Strugatsky scored two wins with it in the event.
 3. 6...c5 7. Be2 Qa5 8. Qd2 Bg4 9. O-O Nbd7 10. h3 Bf3 11. Bf3 Rac8 12. Bb7 cd 13. ed Rc4 was equal in Smyslov-Geller (USSR 1966).

4. Black finds an alternative method to attack the center, but it is from the wing, and White's game blossoms in the center.

5. Black's queenside hopes also dim.

6. White continues to gather space and now threatens to win a pawn by ed and Qe7.

7. If hastily 18. Be7, Black recovers the pawn with 18...Re8.

8. Now Be7 looms as a larger threat.

SAN CARLOS WINS SISTER CITY TELEPHONE MATCH

The sister cities of San Carlos, Calif. and Croydon, Australia participated in a 30-minute chess match over a telephone hookup April 13 in conjunction with Croydon's city festival. The game was played on a lifesized board in Croydon with schoolchildren acting as chessmen.

San Carlos/Croydon Telephone Match 1990

White: Neville Arroues (San Carlos)

Black: Jamie Galatas (Croydon)

Budapest Defense

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|-----|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|--------------|
| 1. | d4 | Nf6 | 18. | Kg1 | c5 |
| 2. | c4 | e5 | 19. | Nf3 ² | Qd8 |
| 3. | de | Ng4 | 20. | Rd2 | Re8 |
| 4. | e4 | Ne5 | 21. | Qd3 | Qc7 |
| 5. | Nf3 | Nbc6 | 22. | Ng5 | h6 |
| 6. | Be2 | Be7 | 23. | Ne4 | Nd4 |
| 7. | O-O | O-O | 24. | Bb2 | Bf5 |
| 8. | Ne5 | Ne5 | 25. | Bd4 | Be4 |
| 9. | f4 | Bc5 | 26. | Qc3 | cd |
| 10. | Kh1 | Nc6 | 27. | Qd4 | Qc5 |
| 11. | a3 | d6 | 28. | Bf3 | Qd4 |
| 12. | b4 | Bd4 | 29. | Rd4 | Bf3 |
| 13. | Ra2 | f5 | 30. | Rf3 | Re1 |
| 14. | b5 | Ne7 | 31. | Rf1 | Rae8 |
| 15. | Qd4 | fe | 32. | Re1 | Re1 |
| 16. | Nd2 | Nf5 | 33. | Kf2 | Time forfeit |
| 17. | Qe4 | Qh4 ¹ | | | |

NOTES:

1. Threatening 18...Ng3.

2. How do you think the children would have acted out the *en passant* capture 19. bc?

SOLUTION: 1...Nf3! wins (2. Nf3 Bf3 3. Qg6 Rf6).