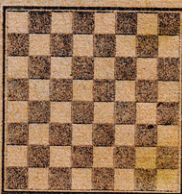


# chess

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A seemingly minor opening inaccuracy in this game (4... P-Q3) cramps Black's development so badly that he soon crumbles under the relentless pressure White brings to bear on his position.

White: Gary Pickler. Black: Raymond Cuneo.  
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Queen's Pawn Opening.

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	16 R-K5	B-N2
2 N-QB3 (a)	P-K3	17 R/1-K1	Q-Q3
3 P-K4	B-N5	18 Q-K4	Q-R6 (h)
4 B-KN5	P-Q3 (b)	19 P-N4 (i)	QR-N1
5 N-B3	QN-Q2	20 P-N5	P-QB4
6 B-QB4 (c)	P-KR3 (d)	21 Q-N4	BxN
7 BxN	NxB	22 QxB	PxNP (j)
8 Q-K2	0-0	23 RxNP	QR-K1 (k)
9 0-0	BxN (e)	24 Q-B6	P-N3
10 PxB	NxP	25 R-R5	PxR
11 QxN	P-Q4	26 Q-N5ch	K-R2
12 Q-K2	PxB	27 QxPch	K-N2
13 QxBP (f)	P-QB3 (g)	28 Q-N5ch	K-R1
14 KR-K1	Q-Q4	29 R-K4	Resigns
15 Q-Q3	P-QN3		

(a) White wants to play a Blackmar Gambit (after 2...P-Q4 3 P-K4 PxP 4 P-B3).

(b) With 4...P-Q4 the opening transposes into a French Defense. The text move is inferior.

(c) Attempts too much; 6 B-Q3 gives needed protection to White's KP and safeguards the Bishop from attack.

(d) Well played.

(e) Beginning a freeing maneuver which, however, fails to relieve his game.

(f) In spite of his mistake on move six, White has emerged from the opening with a clear positional plus.

(g) Now Black's "bad Bishop" is hemmed in even more than before, but there seems to be no playable alternative.

(h) This pawn-grabbing sortie is ill conceived at such a critical juncture. Black must not delay activating his Bishop with 18...QR-N1 and 19...P-QB4.

(i) White's attack is irresistible.

(j) As a last ditch stand, Black can try 22...PxQP 23 PxRP QxBP 24 Q-N4 P-N3 25 RxP P-Q6.

(k) Allows a winning combination. Only 23...P-B3 puts off the inevitable for a while longer.

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