

chess

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A bold, questionable Knight sacrifice transforms a maneuvering battle into a tactical melee.

Robert Martinez (R.M.) and Fred Crosby (F.C.) have both annotated this game for publication. Reader criticism of their analysis is invited.

White: Robert Martinez.

Black: Fred Crosby

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King's Indian Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	13 B-N5	Q-B2
2 N-KB3	P-KN3	14 Q-N3(d)	N-B4
3 P-KN3	B-N2	15 Q-R3	N-K5
4 B-N2	P-Q3	16 B-Q2(e)	NxBP(f)
5 P-B4	O-O	17 KxN	P-K5
6 O-O	QN-Q2	18 N-KN5	Q-B3
7 N-B3	P-K4	19 N-R3(g)	P-B5
8 Q-B2(a)	N-R4	20 PxP	Q-R5ch
9 PxP	PxP	21 K-N1	QBxN
10 R-Q1	P-QB3(b)	22 P-K3	Q-N5
11 B-K3(c)	Q-K2	23 Resigns	
12 QR-B1	P-KB4		

(a) The correct line is 8 P-K4 P-B3 9 P-KR3 Q-N3 10 P-Q5 PxP 11 BPxP N-B4 12 N-K1 B-Q2 13 N-Q3 NxN 14 QxN KR-B1 15 R-N1 N-R4 16 B-K3 Q-N5, with an equal game (R.M.)

8 P-K4 is stronger here. If then 8 . . . PxP 9 NxP N-K4 10 P-B4 NxBP 11 P-N3, White obtains an excellent game for the pawn (F.C.).

(b) This move makes the White Bishop bite on granite (R.M.)

10 . . . P-KB4! is the right move. After 10 B-N5 Q-K1 11 N-Q5 Q-B2 12 NxBP R-N1 13 N-Q5 White's game is only slightly better (F.C.).

(c) White might have tried 11 P-B5 Q-K2 12 N-QR4 P-B4 13 B-N5 Q-B2 14 QR-N1, with the idea of expanding on the Queen side (R.M.).

Vastly inferior to 11 N-K4! Q-B2 12 N-Q6 P-QB4, and already Black has been forced to make major concessions (F.C.).

(d) This really puts my Queen out of the game! I wanted to play Q-R3-Q6 but never had time. Even 14 P-N3 looks better (R.M.).

Unsound as it cuts the Queen off the field of action

(F.C.).

(e) And not **16 NxN PxN 17 N-R4 QxPch 18 K-R1 QxKP**. White probably has a playable game after **16 R-Q8 (R.M.)**.

Best. Replies like **16 NxN, 16 R-B1** or **16 B-K3** lead to disaster (F.C.).

(f) I believe this sacrifice to be unsound (R.M.).

A speculative sacrifice which seemed logical because of White's lack of K-side defenders and Black's pent-up force on the KB file (F.C.).

(g) Here I believe White can hold out with **19 B-B4!** One line of play is **19 . . . P-KR3 20 R-Q6 Q-K2 21 RxNP QxQ 22 PxQ PxN 23 BxNP K-R2 24 R-Q6**, and although a pawn ahead White has a poor pawn structure. Or **19 . . . NxB 20 PxN P-KR3 21 R-Q6 Q-K2 22 RxNP QxQ 23 PxQ PxN24 RxNP**, and White operates on the KN file as well (R.M.).

There are two other major variations here: (I) **19 K-N1 P-KR3 20 N-R3** (An equal position results from **20 N/5xP PxN 21 NxP QxP 22 QxQ BxQ 23 R-N1 B-Q5ch 24 P-K3 B-K4.) Q-K4! 21 B-B4 NxB 22 PxN Q-K1! 23 P-K3 P-KN4 24 R-B1 Q-R4**, with good prospects for Black: (II) **19 B-B4 NxB 20 PxN P-KR3 21 R-Q6** (Black wins after **21 N-R3 P-K6ch 22 K-N1 Q-R5 23 R-B1 P-KN4 24 PxP PxP 25 K-R1 B-K4.) Q-K2 22 RxNP**, and White loses the endgame (F.C.).

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