

chess

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Castling on opposite wings, all-out attacks against the enemy King, missed opportunities, and victory to the commander who "gets there firstest with the mostest," all these ingredients combine to produce an entertaining chess game.

White: Peter Trozan. Black: Maj. R. R. Hart.

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Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	17 K-N1	B-N2
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	18 PxP	KR-B1
3 P-Q4	PxP	19 B-B6	QxNP (e)
4 NxP	N-KB3	20 Q-Q7 (f)	Q-N3
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	21 KR-B1	B-B3
6 B-N5	P-K3	22 Q-Q3 (g)	B-K5
7 P-B4	B-K2	23 Q-K3	QR-N1 (h)
8 Q-Q2 (a)	N-B3	24 R-Q2	B-KB4
9 B-B4	0-0	25 B-Q4	P-QR4
10 B-N3	Q-B2	26 K-R1	P-R5
11 0-0-0	P-N4	27 R-KN1	PxB
12 NxN (b)	QxN	28 RxQ (i)	PxBP
13 P-K5	PxP	29 RxBP	BxR/7
14 PxP	P-N5 (c)	30 Q-B1 (j)	BxQ
15 PxN	PxN	31 Resigns	
16 PxBP (d)	B-R6ch		

(a) Usual is 8 Q-B3.

(b) To remove the guards from Black's KB and weaken his K4 prior to pushing 13 P-K5.

(c) And not 14...N-Q4? because of 15 BxN followed by 16 BxB.

(d) Objectively better is 16 QxP QxQ (16...QxP? 17 KR-N1) 17 PxQ BxP (If...PxP, then White exerts pressure after 18 B-R6 R-Q1 19 RxRch BxR 20 R-Q1 B-B2 21 R-B1 P-B4 22 P-N4.) 18 BxB PxP 19 R-Q3, and the endgame favors White.

(e) Regaining a Pawn but missing the most violent continuation...19...P-QR4!, e.g., 20 Q-Q7 P-R5 21 BxRP QxB 22 QxQ RxQ, with a won game for Black.

(f) White passes up another chance for simplification: 20 QxQ BxQ 21 KR-N1.

(g) Too late White offers to trade Queens in order to slow down Black's attack.

(h) More energy! Black wins outright after 23...BxPch! 24 BxB (Of course, White can give up the exchange with 24 K-R1 BxR.) QR-N1ch 25 K-R1 B-N7ch 26 K-N1 BxPch 27 K-B1 B-N7ch 28 K-Q2 RxBch 29 K-K1 BxB.

(i) At last Black breaks through with White's help. After 28 BPxP Q-R4 the battle rages on.

(j) Or 30 R-N1 B-N7mate.

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