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Chess

EXHIBITION RESULTS

International Grandmaster Walter Browne took on 32 opponents simultaneously at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco, Nov. 14. The four-hour long display ended with Browne winning 28 games, drawing two others and losing only two. Charles Pardini defeated the grandmaster in a 63-move rook and pawn extravaganza, while Gary Johnson downed Browne with queen versus rook. Well deserved draws were achieved by Luis Givt (originally from the Philippines) and Randall Feliciano.

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The striking feature of this game is a thematic double — knight sacrifice that reduces Black's center to rubble. White: Charles Pardini, Black: David Tykwinski, Monterey, October 18, 1970. Sicilian Defense.

1	P-K4	P-QB4	13	P-B4	N-QB3
2	N-KB3	P-Q3	14	NxKP!	PxN
3	P-Q4	PxP	15	NxQP!	PxN
4	NxP	N-KB3	16	RxP!(f)	K-R1
5	N-QB3	P-QR3	17	RxQ	RxR
6	B-QB4	P-K3	18	P-B3	P-N5
7	B-N3	B-K2(a)	19	B-QB2	PxP
8	B-K3(b)	P-QN4	20	Q-R5	PxPch
9	Q-K2	0-0(c)	21	K-Nl	P-R3
10	0-0-0	B-N2(d)	22	Q-N6	K-N1
11	P-K5!	N-K1(e)	23	Q-R7ch	K-B2
12	Q-N4	P-Q4	24	B-N3ch	Resigns

- (a) Double-edged attacks erupt on Black's sharpest return,
 7...P-QN4, with the idea of immediate pressure against
 White's KP. A sample continuation runs 8 P-B4 B-N2 (Too
 risky is 8...P-N5 9 N-R4 NxP 10 0-0 N-KB3, recommended by
 Boleslavsky, because of 11 Q-B3! P-Q4 12 P-B5 P-K4 13 R-K1
 P-K5 14 Q-N3!, when, according to Nikitin, Black must avoid
 the piquant trap, 14...B-Q3! 15 QxP! BxPch 16 KxB R-N1 17
 RxPch!) 9 P-B5 P-K4 10 N/4-K2 QN-Q2 11 B-N5! B-K2 12 BxN!
 NxB 13 Q-Q3 R-QB1 14 0-0-0 0-0 15 K-N1 Q-N3 16 P-KR3 P-QR4 17
 P-N4 P-R5 18 N-Q5 (R. Byrne—Popovich, U.S. Open, Atlanta,
 1967), with White pulling a little ahead in the race for the
 imitiative.
- (b) Inviting Black to enter the so-called "classical" Sozin variation after 8 . . . N-B3. Again, White may transpose into another aggressive set-up with 8 P-B4, e.g., 8 . . . 0-0 9 Q-B3 Q-B2 10 B-K3 N-B3 (better than 10 . . . P-QN4 11 P-K5! PxP 12 PxP QxP 13 0-0-0) 11 0-0-0 (Alexander Nikitin, "Sitsilianskaya zashchita," Moscow, 1969, pg. 93).
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 (c) In view of White's option of castling queen side, Black should hold his king in the center for the moment so as to bring an extra piece into play by 9 . . . Q-B2 10 0-0-0 N-B3 11 P-N4! N-QR4 12 P-N5 NxBch (or else 12 . . . N-Q2 13 BxP!) 13 RPxN N-Q2. And now Velimirovic's sacrificial line produces the critical position for the whole variation, 14 N-B5!? PxN 15 N-Q5 Q-Q1 16 PxP (threatening 17 P-B6, which Black must counter by trading off White's powerful knight) B-N2 17 P-B6 PxP 18 KR-K1 (and not 18 PxP? BxN 19 PxB Q-R4!) BxN! 19 RxB R-KN1! Black's king "threatens" to reach KR1 through KB1 and KN2, so 20 B-Q2 (intending 21 B-R5!) K-B1 21 Q-R5 (if 21 B-R5 anyway, then 21 . . . QxB 22 QxBch K-N2 23 R-K3 QR-K1 24 PxPch K-R1 25 QxR NxP!! catches White flatfooted) looks like the only way to sustain the attack. However, 21 . . . R-N2! instead of 21 . . . K-N2, which suffers from 22 R-K3 followed by B-B3, permits the king access to the safe corner via KN1 and leaves White embarrassed for a move to justify the soundness of his combination (Nikitin, pp. 84-86).
- (d) An instructive error. Black allows a breakthrough in the center by failing to maintain control of his own K4. Correct is 10...Q-B2.
- (e) If 11... N-K5, then 12 NxN BxN 13 NxKP PxN 14 PxP BxQP 15 B-B5, winning, or 11... N-Q4 12 NxN BxN 13 BxB PxB 14 P-K6, with pressure. And, of course, 11... PxP? loses to 12 NxKP (Pardini).
- (f) The point behind White's combination. The black queen must throw herself upon the sword, as any attempt to escape is foiled by a discovered check.