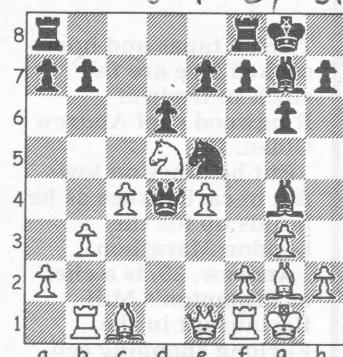


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DIAGRAM 1 20/03/2010



IN what is fast becoming a regular occurrence for Wimborne A, the team have yet again complicated a bid for the Bournemouth League 1st Division title and this time they face the possibility of an upset against relegation-threatened Southbourne B.

A shared point on bottom board for Graham Willette against John Harris turned into a promising start for Wimborne when Phil Taylor-Bowd defeated Dave Balfour, but an early pawn deficit for Michael Lewis against Brian Curran's French Defence led to an adjournment that looks far from favourable.

Wimborne's hopes now rest on the remaining adjournment, the top board clash between Ian Clark and Len Laker, which seemed to be under Clark's total control throughout, only for terrible time trouble to intervene and leave the result in doubt. Bearing in mind title rivals Southbourne A's great interest in the eventual outcome in this match, there is obviously a great deal of analysis to be done on both sides before the resumption of play.

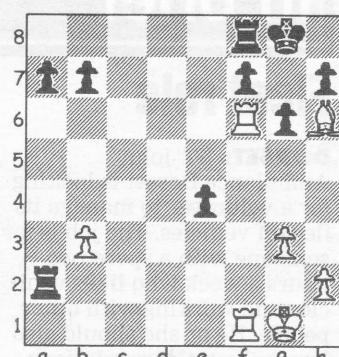
The following game is taken from the 4NCL and Lymington's Bruce Jenks bounces back from the variable form shown in last week's game from the Dorset Closed, to produce this clinical win for Wessex 1 in the latest round of matches.

Jenks, B – Elwin, A

4NCL Hinckley Island, 2010
Symmetrical English (A39)

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.d4 cxd4 An alternative break from the symmetry occurs after 6...0-0 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.0-0 Qxc5 9.b3 d6 10.Bb2 Qh5 when Black emerges with a comfortable game.
7.Nxd4 0-0 8.0-0 Qb6 9.Nc2 d6 10.Rb1 Bf5 In Krensing-Branding (Kassel Open, 1998) Black tried 10...Be6 and, after 11.b3 Rfd8 12.h3

DIAGRAM 2



Qc5 13.e4, in what was in danger of becoming an interesting position, a draw was agreed! **11.e4 Bg4 12.Qe1 Nd4?!** Looking for early exchanges, yet making little progress in so doing, Black would have been better served placing a rook on the c-file. **13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.b3 Nd7 15.Nd5?!** An all-too-obvious threat to the knight backfires, the piece going on the offensive, hitting the e-pawn, and at the same time leaving the black queen vulnerable to attack. Fearing the worst on the long diagonal, after 15...e6 weakens the dark squares around his king, Black decides to ditch the pawn, but misses his opponent's subtle response.

15...Ne5? (Diag 1) 16.Be3! Ignoring the gift, White forces the black queen deeper into enemy territory... **16...Qd3 17.f3 Bxf3...** and Black has little option other than to go for this speculative line, as 17...Bd7 18.Rd1 Qc2 19.Rd2 Nd3 20.Nxe7+ Kh8 21.Rxc2 Nxe1 22.Rxe1 leaves him a piece and a pawn down. **18.Bxf3 e6 19.Rd1 Nxf3+ 20.Rxf3 Qxe4** The queen escapes, but White is able to simplify into an easily won game. **21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.Rxf6 d5 23.cxd5 exd5**

24.Qf2 The dust settles with White a piece for two pawns to the good and worse follows for Black because pressure builds on the f-file. **24...Rac8 25.Rf1 Rc2 26.Qf3 Rxa2** Only a token recovery of material, as White immediately demonstrates. **27.Qxe4 dx4 28.Bh6 (Diag 2)** and Black resigned, realising that, if the attacked rook is moved, 29.Rxf7 threatens a back rank mate that can only be prevented by giving up one of his rooks. For example, 28...Rd8 29.Rxf7 Ra1 30.Rg7+ and the rook is lost.

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