

CHESS

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DIAGRAM 1

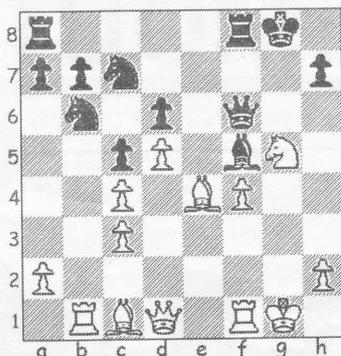
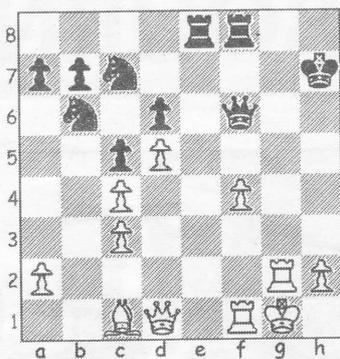


DIAGRAM 2



THE Dorset County Junior Championships are being held at Kinson Community Centre, Pelhams Park, Milhams Lane on Saturday, December 4 (doors open 9.30am for 10am start).

The event is open to all juniors with sections for age groups ranging from under 7yrs through to under 18yrs. Trophies will be awarded for all age groups with prizes for best performances during the day, including a trophy for best school performance, and full details can be obtained from Ian Clark (tel 01202 536370)

The following game, taken from the British Championships, is a fine win for Jack Rudd in which he dispenses with theory at an early stage and quickly finds a way through his opponent's shaky defence.

Rudd, J – Greet, A

British Championships, 2010
Czech Benoni (A56)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Nbd7 6.g3 An unexpected fianchetto, bearing in mind the congestion confronting it on the long diagonal, although in Bagirov-Rashovsky (Funze, 1983) the natural development of 6.Nf3 followed by 7.Be2 failed to ignite an entirely different type of game that ended in a draw after a dozen moves.

6...g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Ne8 10.Rb1 f5?! 11.Ng5 Nc7 12.exf5 gxf5 The decision is made to close the f-file rather than allow a white knight to be established at

e4 (after 12...Rxf5 13...Nge4 Qe7 14.Qe2) thereby becoming a nagging problem for the backward pawn. **13.f4 e4 14.g4!**

Undermining Black's tenuous grip on the centre and leaving him little option but to accept a series of unfavourable exchanges. **14...Nb6 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Bxe4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Qf6 (Diag 1) 18.Rb2!**

Black is free to level material by picking up either doubled pawn, as White prefers to bring a second rook to the kingside in double-quick time. However, sensing the need for caution, Black declines the opportunity... **18...Rae8 19.Rg2 Kh8 20.Nxh7!**...only to be caught out by a stunning knight sacrifice!

20...Bxh7 21.Bxh7 Kxh7 (Diag 2) Two pawns for the knight may be of material significance, but it is an irrelevance in this position due to White having a mating attack.

22.Qd3+ Qf5 A necessary intervention because 22.Kh6/8

23.Qh3+ is fatal. **23.Qg3 Qf6** With 24.Qh4/g7 being one-mover mate threats, this response is a dual-purpose one, yet it is still not enough. **24.f5! Re4 25.Bf4**...as this masking move blocks the rook's progress to the h4 square and 26.Qh3+ Qh6 27.Qxh6 mate is not only inevitable, but also led to Black's immediate resignation.

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