

CHES

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DIAGRAM 1

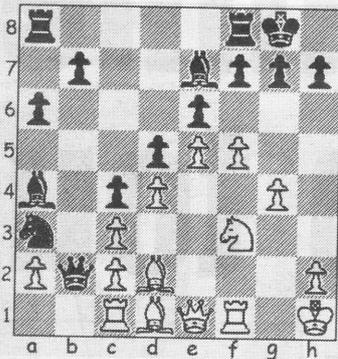
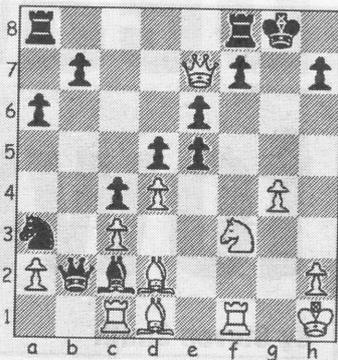


DIAGRAM 2



DORSET have started the season in style by winning the Inter Counties Jamboree (Graded Section) compiling a record nine points over the 12 boards and defeating Somerset (3pts) and Torbay (6pts) on their way to an impressive victory.

Entries are still being taken for Bournemouth Bicentenary Congress which is being held at the Bournemouth International Hotel, Priory Road, West Cliff from Friday, October 8, to Sunday, October 11, and full details can be obtained from Norman Mackie (tel 01202 721870)

The following game, taken from the British Championships, is an instructive miniature featuring a contrast in attacking options, but only one has an effective outcome.

Stayt, J – Wadsworth, M
Major Open, 2010
Alekhine's Defence (B02)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 A quiet response, unlike the more popular 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Nd5 5.Bc4 which, for obvious reasons, is known as the Chase Variation. 3...Nxc3 4.bxc3 d5 5.d4 e6 Black prepares for an advance of the c-pawn and is under-terred by his opponent's reply. 6.Be3 c5 7.Nf3 c4 A critical point is reached with Black deciding to complete his pawn chain, locking them in, while at the same time restricting the scope of the undeveloped king's bishop. In Koltsov-Delchev (Teteven Open, 1991) Black tried 7...b6 and, after 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qd7 10.0-

0 Nc6, the game petered out into a draw in 27 moves. 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Ne1 0-0 11.f4 The strategies for both sides are now clear – White intends to attack on the kingside and Black will counter by targeting the weak doubled pawns on the opposite wing. 11...Bd7 12.Nf3 a6 13.Qe1 Na7 14.Kh1 Qa5 15.Bd2 Ba4 16.Bd1 So far so good for Black, but even though White has been forced on the defensive it is difficult to see where a significant breakthrough will be made. 16...Nb5 17.g4 Na3 18.Rc1 Qb5 The queen heads for the second rank and pressure on the c-file pawns finally looks like paying off. However, White's attack is beginning to build... 19.f5 Qb2 (Diag 1) 20.f6!?! ...and he strikes the first blow! 20...gxf6 21.Qh4! fxe5 The threat of 21.gxf6, followed by 22.Qg5+ and mate at g7 proves too strong and 21...Rfd8 22.exf6 Bf8 23.Bh6 also fails to solve the problem. 22.Qxe7 Bxc2 (Diag 2) Black captures a third pawn to minimise the loss of his bishop, but with most of his pieces on the wrong side of the board the dereliction of duty soon takes its toll. 23.Bxc2 Nxc2 24.Qg5+ Kh8 25.Qf6+ and it was here that Black resigned, powerless to prevent 25...Kg8 26.Bh6 exd4 27.Qg7 mate.

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