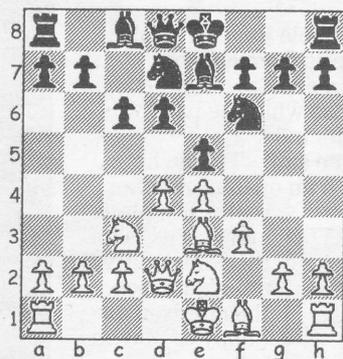


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DIAGRAM 1



WIMBORNE are staging a Summer Rapidplay tournament at Wimborne Football Club, Cowgrove Road on Monday, July 26 (7pm registration).

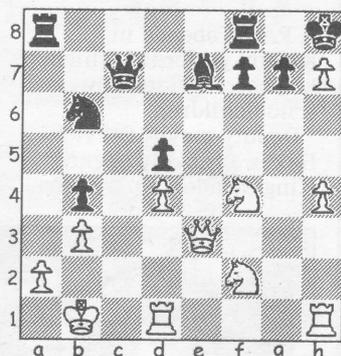
The format will be quickplay (20 minutes per game) with the distribution of that time according to grading and all members are welcome.

The Scottish Championship took place in Hamilton earlier this month and IM Andrew Greet won the event with a 7.5/9 score, having become eligible for the title after living in Scotland for two years. IM John Shaw was runner-up, a half-point adrift, and the following game, an impressive penultimate round victory with the black pieces, is a fine example of clinical attacking play.

Groetz, H – Shaw, J
Scottish Chmps, 2010
Pirc Defence (B07)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 Nbd7
4.Be3 e5 5.Ne2 c6 6.Nbc3 Be7
7.Qd2 (Diag 1) 0-0 In Strowsky-
Le Roy (Paris, 1993) Black antici-
pated the bayonet attack on his
castled king and played 7...Qc7,
but White ploughed on without a
target to aim at and after 8.g4
Nb6 9.Ng3 Be6 10.g5 Nfd7??
11.d5! won a piece and the
game. 8.g4 b5 9.g5 Ne8 10.h4

DIAGRAM 2



b4 Cramping White's own minor pieces for room... 11.Nd1 d5! ...and by opening the centre making it difficult for the white king to find a safe haven. 12.exd5 cxd5 13.f4 exf4 14.Nxf4 Nb6 15.b3?! Unnecessary overprotection of the c4 square leads to a weakening of the queenside pawns. 15...Bf5 16.Bd3 Nd6 17.Nf2 The b-pawn is declined, as 17.Qxb4 Bxd3 18.Nxd3 Ne4 19.Qa5 Re8 leaves Black with plenty of compensation. 17...a5 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.0-0-0 The white king heads for cover, but Black soon shows that there is no escape route on the flank. 19...a4 20.Kb1 Qc7 21.g6? No more than a token effort against a solid line of pawns, whereas the opposite wing is about to come under much heavier fire. 21...axb3 22.gxh7+ Kh8 23.cxb3 Nxe3 24.Qxe3 (Diag 2) Rxa2! 25.Rd2 The rook cannot be taken because 25.Kxa2? Qc2+ 26.Ka1 Ra8 is fatal. 25...Ra3 26.N2d3 Qc3! and White resigned, as 27...Ra1 mate cannot be avoided unless 27.Nb2 is played and the queen is lost. If 27.Rb2, Black simply doubles rooks on the a-file to achieve the back rank mate.

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