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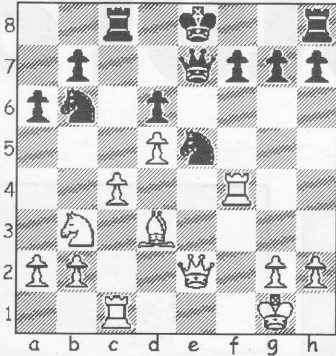
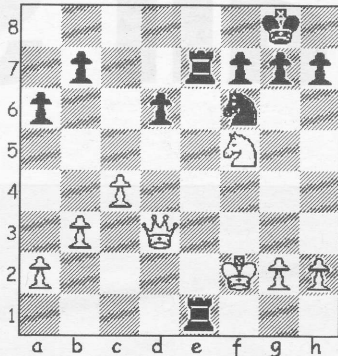


DIAGRAM 2



The Dorset Closed Congress, held last weekend at the Bournemouth International Hotel, proved to be a happy hunting ground for Wimborne players in virtually every section. The event incorporated the Dorset Championship and the title was won by Michael Lewis (Wimborne) with a 4/5 score that gave him an overall rating of 211 for the tournament and took him a half-point clear of runner-up Ian Clark (Wimborne) with Allan Pleasants (Wimborne) finishing in third place a further half-point adrift.

The Major event was won by Peter Wilcock (Wimborne) on 4/5 score, a full point ahead of four players sharing second place, while the Minor produce the closest finish with Paul Errington (Bournemouth) taking the trophy on tie-break after tying on a 4/5 score with John Balem (Weymouth).

The following game is taken from Wessex 2's fourth round match against AMCA Hippos and Ian Clark ignores an all too obvious opening trap on his way to a clinical victory.

Jerzynek, N - Clark, I

4NCL Hinkley Island, 2011
Sicilian Najdorf (B90)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4

4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 The more combative main line is 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 with White declaring his early intention to castle long. **6...e5!?** **7.Nb3 Be6 8.Nd5?!** White should really concentrate on completing his development rather than offer a pawn in the vain hope of **8...Nxe4??** 9.Bb6 Qc8 10.Nc7+ to pick up the rook. **8...Nbd7 9.f3 Bxd5 10.exd5 Nb6!?** Instant pres-

sure on the d-pawn, whereas in Gipslis-Spassov (Albena, 1983) Black opted for the slower 10...Be7 and after 11.Be2 0-0 12.Qd2 a5 13.a4 Nb6 14.c4 Nbd7 15.0-0 a quick draw was agreed. **11.c4 Nfd7 12.Rc1 Be7 13.Bd3 Rc8 14.0-0 Bg5 15.f4** There is little mileage in 15.Bxg5 Qxg5 when Black equalises comfortably. **15...exf4 16.Bxf4 Bxf4 17.Rxf4 Ne5 18.Qe2 Qe7 (Diag 1)** A quiet move, providing added protection for the well-placed knight at e5, and one that also seems to give his opponent time to re-route his knight. However, appearances can be deceptive...**19.Nd2? Nxd5!...**and White, missing the fact that his queen's rook is unguarded, loses the critical d-pawn. **20.Rff1 Nf6 21.b3 0-0 22.Rce1** White senses that his only chance of recovery will come on the open e-file, but Black finds a clever way to stifle any counterplay. **22...Rc7 23.Nf3 Re8 24.Nd4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Qxe1!** Two rooks versus White's queen, especially when they can work in tandem, is too good an opportunity to miss and White soon blunders into further trouble. **26.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 27.Kf2 Rce7 28.Nf5? (Diag 2) Ng4+** A decisive intermezzo check from the knight punishes the error immediately **29.Kg3** and it was at this point, realising that after either 29.Kf3 Ne5+ or 29.Kg3 R7e3+ the queen is lost, White resigned.

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