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DIAGRAM 1

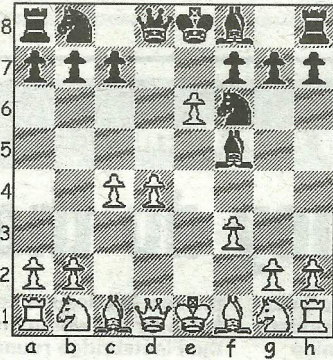
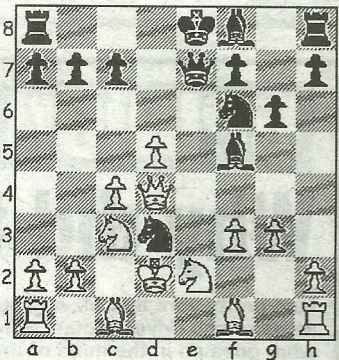


DIAGRAM 2



There was record turnout for the 17th Dorset Rapidplay Championships held at Tuckton Social Club last weekend with forty-six players taking part, four more than the previous best entry, and Len Laker (Southbourne) is to be congratulated for achieving the maximum score of 6 out of 6 to become the Dorset Rapidplay Champion. His excellent 220 grading performance included wins against four of the top eight seeded players together with an exciting last round win with the black pieces against last year's champion Bruce Jenks.

The Dorset County Junior Championships are to be held at St Michaels Primary School, Somerville Road, Bournemouth on Sunday 4th December with the event open to all juniors who will compete within sections for various age groups ranging from under 7 to under 18yrs. Trophies are to be awarded for each age group and there will be prizes for best performances during the day, including a trophy for best overall school performance. Play starts at 10am with prize-giving due to take place at 4pm and full details can be obtained from Ian Clark (01202 536370)

The following miniature is another taken from the Dorset Congress and it features a barnstorming attack in an opening noted for the opportunities available to both sides.

Harman, K - Butcher, D

Dorset Open Congress, 2011
Scandinavian Defence (B01)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4

Bg4!? The Belgian masters Jadoul and Vandevort played this interesting line in the 1980s with some degree of success and since then there has been sufficient evidence to suggest it requires careful handling or, as in this example, variations similar to the Icelandic Gambit (1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6) can cause havoc. 4.f3 Bf5 5.c4 e6!?

Black is about to give some credence to the previous note! 6.dxe6 (Diag 1) Bxe6?! In Dimitrov-Rivera Kuzawka (Lalin, 1994) Black decided to go all-in with 6...Nc6! and after 7.exf7+ Kxf7 8.Be3 Bb4+ 9.Kf2 Re8 10.Ne2 Rxe3! White did not survive an attack down the open files, losing in 16 moves.

7.Nc3 Qe7 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.d5 Bf5 10.g3? A pawn to the good and over the worst, White overestimates the positional safety of his king... 10...Nc5 11.Qd4 Nd3+ 12.Kd2 g6 (Diag 2) 13.Nf4?? ...and promptly blunders into a forced continuation that culminates in the loss of his queen and the game. 13...Qe1+ 14.Kc2 Nb4+ 15.Kb3 Bc2+ 16.Ka3 Nc6+ 0-1

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