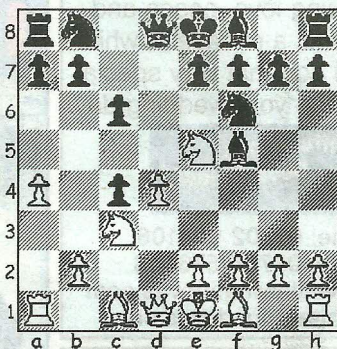


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DIAGRAM 1



THE opening round of Bournemouth League 1st Division matches provided little by way of insight into the comparative strengths of the teams for the new season, with postponement of the Wimborne A v C clash preventing any meaningful review.

Reigning champions Southbourne A began their campaign sharing the points with Ringwood A when, after draws for Len Laker and Russell Pegg against Ken Harman and Tim Weir, a victory for Graham White against Martin Clancy was cancelled out by a win for Michael Yeo over Martin Simons on top board.

Southbourne B are therefore the early league leaders following their emphatic 3.5-0.5 defeat of Wimborne B which, after an early draw between Paul Kemp and Chris Bellers, included wins for Bruce Jenks, Brian Curran and Michael Williams over Steve Peirson, Mark Littleton and Phil Wallace respectively.

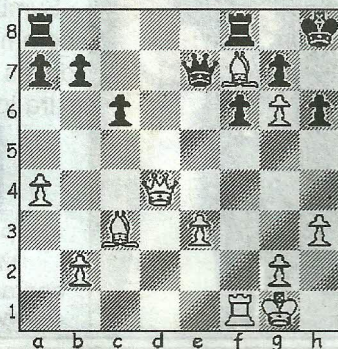
The following game is taken from the British Championships and features some effective and imaginative attacking play based solely on the theme of piece entrapment.

Walton, A - Yap, J

British Chmps Sheffield, 2011
Slav Defence (D17)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Prevention before the cure, but, if White does decide on an immediate pawn recovery with 5.e4, he should be wary and have a thorough knowledge of 4...b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.a4 e6 8.axb5 Nxc3 9.bxc3 cxb5, the Geller Gambit. 5...Bf5 6.Ne5 (Diag 1) Nbd7 Allowing what has now become an inevitable

DIAGRAM 2



return of the pawn. In Garcia Ilundian-Niehaus (Groningen, 1991) Black tried to keep his opponent occupied with 6...c5, but, after 7.e4 Bxe4 8.Bxc4 e6 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Qf3 Qa5+? 11.Ke2 Nd6 12.Bb5+ Kd8 13.Nxf7+ Nxf7 14.Qxf7, he found himself in a hopelessly lost position. 7.Nxc4 Nb6 8.e3 e6 9.Be2 Nxc4 10.Bxc4 Bd6 11.h3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bg6 13.Bd2 Both sides appear set to castle to complete a quiet opening phase, yet the game is only a dozen moves away from a resignation! 13...0-0 14.0-0 e5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.f4!? Forget the threatened piece, White has it in mind to trap Black's white-squared bishop in a mesh of pawns. 16...Bxc3 17.Bxc3 Ne4? Better is 17...Be4 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rad1 Rad8 because, even though his opponent's kingside is shattered, White can make little headway... 18.f5 Ng3 19.Qg4! ...whereas now 19...Bh5 walks into a mate in one, so Black has to part with both knight and bishop for the rook. 19...Nxf1 20.Rxf1 Kh8 21.Qd4! A calm and clinical intermezzo that forces further disruption of Black's defence. 21...f6 22.fxg6 Qe7 The g-pawn is taboo (23.Qh4 mate) but White still has a quick finish available and he takes it with aplomb. 23.Bf7 h6 (Diag 2) 24.Rxf6! Rad8 25.Rd6 Capturing the rook led to mate and now, as 25...Rg8 26.Qf4! means that Black must give up his queen to prevent 27.Qxh6 mate, he resigned.

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