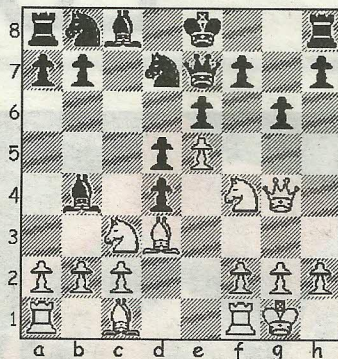


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DIAGRAM 1



WIMBORNE A's challenge for the Bournemouth League 1st Division title has ended for another season after they suffered their third defeat of the campaign against reigning champions Southbourne A.

The result of the match had hinged on the outcome of an adjourned game between Phil Taylor-Bowd and Walter Braun where every piece was still on the board at the first time control and an already bizarre encounter descended into complete eccentricity when both players blundered on consecutive moves shortly after the resumption.

After making the second of the errors and doubtless shell-shocked by events, Taylor-Bowd's position rapidly worsened and Braun duly wrapped up the win that leaves Southbourne A on top of the table, a point clear of Ringwood A and Wimborne B, with games in hand on both teams.

The following game is another taken from the recent Dorset Closed Congress and Ian Clark uncorks a knight sacrifice that provides the platform for a quick win.

Clark, I - Peirson, S

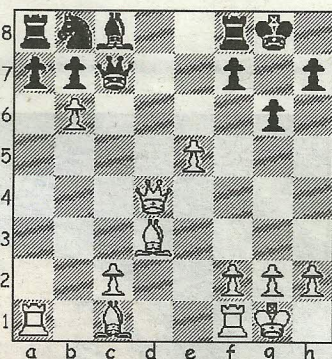
Dorset Closed, 2011

French: Winawer (C15)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4

4.Nge2 Nf6 The main line alternative is a pragmatic capture of the e-pawn and after 4...dxe4 5.a3 Black can either retreat his bishop (5...Be7) or seek to hold on to the pawn with 5...Bxc3+ 6.Nxc3 f5, when 7.f3 exf3 8.Qxf3 leads to a wild variation reminiscent of the

DIAGRAM 2



Ryder Gambit. **5.e5 Nfd7 6.Nf4!? Qe7** A non-committal response to White's inventive knight move. In Grzesik-Short (Dortmund, 1983) Black tried 6...c5, but after 7.Qg4 cxd4 8.Qxg7 Rf8 9.a3 Qa5 10.Nd3 Nc6 11.axb4! Qxa1 12.Nb5 Ncxe5 13.Kd1 Nxd3 14.Bxd3 Kd8, his king was in more trouble than his opponent's and White went on to win in 24 moves. **7.Qg4 g6 8.Bd3 c5 9.0-0 cxd4 (Diag 1) 10.Ncxd5!** Timed to perfection, this sacrifice has a number of elements and Black fails to spot them all. **10...exd5 11.Nxd5 Qc5 12.Qe4 Nf8?** Having avoided the fork of queen and bishop, whilst still guarding the c7 square, Black misses a third threat of advancing queenside pawns... **13.a3 Bxa3 ...** that leads him to give back the piece. **14.Rxa3 Ne6 15.b4 Qc6 16.b5 Qc5 17.Ra1** White prepares to trap the queen with 18.Ba3, thereby forcing Black into an unhelpful exchange and the loss of his isolated d-pawn. **17...Nc7 18.Nxc7+ Qxc7 19.Qxd4 0-0** The king may be safe, but, perhaps lulled into a false sense of security, Black blunders immediately. **20.b6 (Diag 2) Qd8??** The log-jam of minor pieces had to be cleared with 20...Nc6 being the only way to prevent... **21.Qxd8 Rxd8 22.Rxa7 ...** and a loss of the queen's rook (22...Rxa7 23.bxa7 is fatal) which led to Black's instant resignation.

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