New Englander

Chess Club Update - February 2020

Chairman's Chatter

The new ECF grading list for January is out! In case you have not noticed, there may be an error as it seems probable that the latest Club Championship results have been omitted. Watch this space...

Paul Hanks

Diary Dates

19th February Chairman's Challenge Round 2

7-8th March

Closed Championship Congress for the East Anglian Chess Union at Whittlesford. For an entry form, please see www.eacu.org.uk under the tab "Fixtures and Events".

Puzzle Problem

White to play and mate in 2 - courtesy of the January 2020 ECF newsletter where it is described as a "strategic" two-mover.



Last Month's solution (Skogsenden 1970)

Position: 2Q3N1/3r4/3k4/r5P1/2b3K1/2n5/7p/6b1

1 Ra4 Kh5 2 Bf7# [1 ... Kf5 2.Bd3#; 1 ... Kf4 2 Rf7#; 1 ... Kh4 2 Rh7#; 1 ... Kf3 2 Bd5#]

Website to Watch

With a big tournament coming in March, there are lean pickings in February but the Prague Masters from 12th to 21st gives some high-level competition. The website is praguechessfestival.com/tournaments-english/masters-english/master-games-english if you want to view it in English!

Result Round-up

Cambridgeshire County Chess Leagues

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New England A	2	Cambridge	3		
J Dilley	1	A Stewart	0		
P Hanks	0	S Palucha	1		
R llett	0	D Waller	1		
P Spencer	0	N Hutchinson	1		
E Knox	1	M Symanski	0		
Royston	21/2	New England A	21/2		
Default	0	J Dilley	1		
K Clark	1	P Hanks	0		
P Kemp	1/2	R llett	1/2		
M Pinner	1	P Spencer	0		
Default	0	E Knox	1		
New England A	21/2	St Neots A	21/2		
J Dilley	1/2	A Chapman	1/2		
J Dilley R llett	½ 1	A Chapman R Gompelman	½ 0		
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R llett	1	R Gompelman	0		
R llett P Spencer	1 0	R Gompelman C Emery	0		
R llett P Spencer E Knox	1 0 1	R Gompelman C Emery R Palumbo	0 1 0		
R llett P Spencer E Knox C Russell	1 0 1 0	R Gompelman C Emery R Palumbo P Barkas	0 1 0 1		
R llett P Spencer E Knox C Russell New England B	1 0 1 0	R Gompelman C Emery R Palumbo P Barkas Peterborough B	0 1 0 1		
R llett P Spencer E Knox C Russell New England B P Spencer	1 0 1 0 2 1/ ₂	R Gompelman C Emery R Palumbo P Barkas Peterborough B A Richards	0 1 0 1 2 ½		

Team 550 Competition

NE Cavaliers	21/2	NE Patriots	11/2
R Jones	1	P Spencer	0
M Tarabad	0	S Walker	1
N Wedley	1/2	M Ingram	1/2
J Sutherland	1	E Smith	0

Club Championship

Round 1					
E Knox P P M Tarabad					
R llett	1	0	J Sutherland		

Website: www.newenglandchess.org.uk

Round 2					
C Russell (½) P P Turp (1)					
D Lane (0)	Р	Р	P Hanks (1)		

Round 3					
J Sutherland (½) P P M Tarabad (0+P)					
R Jones (1½)	Р	Р	P Spencer (1)		
S Wozniak (2)	Р	P	P Turp (1+P)		

Round 4					
P Turp (1+2P) P P E Knox (1½+P)					
D Lane (1+P)	Р	P	T Ingram (½)		
J Sutherland (½+P)	Р	Р	R Jones (1½+P)		
M Tarabad (0+2P)	Р	Р	E Smith (0)		

Round 5					
R llett (3)	S Wozniak (2½+P)				
R Jones (1½+2P)	P Hanks (2½+P)				
E Knox (1½+2P)	S Walker (2½)				
P Turp (1+3P)	P Spencer (1½+P)				
N Wedley (1½)	C Russell (1½+P)				
D Lane (1+2P)	J Sutherland (½+2P)				
T Ingram (½+P)	E Smith (0+P)				
M Tarabad (0+3P)	P Weinberger (1)				
Match night : 12 th February Deadline : 31 st March Next draw : 1 st April					

Chairman's Challenge

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Player	AB	ES	sw	МТ	NW	JP	JS	Tot
A Bhattacharyya	Х	<u>4/3</u>	0	22/1	25/3	29/1	<u>1/4</u>	0
E Smith	4/3	Х	11/3	11/3	0	<u>19/2</u>	Р	0
S Wozniak	1	11/3	Х	Р	19/2	<u>11/3</u>	<u>19/2</u>	1
M Tarabad	22/1	<u>11/3</u>	Р	Х	<u>19/2</u>	11/3	19/2	
N Wedley	<u>25/3</u>	1	<u>19/2</u>	19/2	Х	0	11/3	1
J Parker	29/1	19/2	11/3	<u>11/3</u>	1	Х	Р	1
J Sutherland	1/4	Р	19/2	<u>19/2</u>	11/3	Р	Χ	

New England Club Ladder

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Position	Month	Overall	Player	Record @ 29/01/20
1	-	+3	J Sadler	1/2,1
2	-	+1	P Spencer	1
3	-	-2	P Weinberger	0
4	-	-2	M Tarabad	1/2,0

New England Grand Prix

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Player	Сһатр	Ladder	League	Cup	550 Team	Total	TPR*
R llett	3		5½	1	1/2	10	169
R Jones	1½		3		2	6½	145
E Knox	1½		2½	1	0	5	126
P Spencer	1½	1	1	1/2	1	5	117
J Dilley			3½	1		4½	208
C Russell	1½		2	1	0	41/2	106
P Hanks	2½		1/2	1	1/2	41/2	155
S Walker	2½				1½	4	125
S Wozniak	2½				1	3½	141
J Sutherland	1/2				2	2½	87
N Wedley	1½		1/2		1/2	2½	93
M Ingram				1	1½	2½	109
J Sadler		1½			1	2½	146
P Weinberger	1	0	1		0	2	93
P Turp	1		1/2			1½	136
M Tarabad	0	1/2	0		1	1½	95
T Ingram	1/2					1/2	70
D Lane	1					1	93
A Bhattacharyya	0					0	30
E Smith	0				0	0	42
J Parker					0	0	

Tournament Performance Rating is approximate

Match of the Month

Carl Watkins v Jason Dilley

Warboys A v New England A; 27.11.2019

1	e4	g6
2	d4	Bg7
3	c3	d6
4	Nf3	Nf6
5	Bd3	0-0
6	0-0	с5
7	dxc5	dxc5
8	h3	Nc6
9	Re1	Nd7

All fairly standard stuff so far if you like this type of thing. I like this position for Black who has equalised without any fuss. White's pieces look slightly awkward although development will come naturally.

10	Qe2	Nde5
11	Nxe5	Nxe5
12	Bc2	Qc7
13	f4	Nc6



14 Be3 b6 15 Na3 a6 16 Rad1

White has finished his development. Both rooks have made it to the centre and all other major pieces have left home during which time Black has simply attempted to untangle the queenside. Whilst White is ahead with development, I was still happy with my position as Black. As so often in the Modern Defence or Pirc, White has committed to the centre and I was comfortable in biding my time as the black squares on White's kingside looked to me a future area of weakness.

16 ... Bb7 17 Rd2

A major exchange of heavy duty pieces on the d file looks imminent!

17		Rad8
18	Red1	Rxd2
19	Rxd2	Rd8
20	Qd1	

Here I believe White should force the action by exchanging rooks (e.g. 20 Rxd8+ Nxd8 21 Nc4 b5 22 Nd2 c4 23 Qf2) and trying to centralise his knight which is currently offside and away from where the action ultimately takes place. The played move just seems to lose crucial time.

20 ... Bh6 21 Rxd8+ Nxd8

Black now has a slight edge.

22 Qd2 Ne6 23 g3?

The first blunder of the game and it will turn out costly. As previously mentioned, the black squares on White's kingside very swiftly become his downfall. Black still holds good chances in either of White's alternative choices:-

- 23 f5 Bxe3+ 24 Qxe3 Nf4 25 fxg6 hxg6 26 Nc4 b5 27 Nd2
- 23 e5 Qc6 24 Bd1 Qd5 25 Qxd5 Bxd5 26 c4 Be4 27 g3

23 ... g5!

Overloading the h2-b8 diagonal.



24 Nc4 gxf4 25 gxf4 Bxf4 26 Qg2+?

Another inaccuracy which speeds up the conclusion. White's best try is to take on f4. For example, 26 Bxf4 Nxf4 27 h4 b5 28 Ne3 c4 29 Nf5 Kf8.

26		Kf8
27	Bxf4	Nxf4
28	Qg4	Bc8
29	Qf3	Nxh3+
30	Kh1	b5
31	Ne3	Ng5
32	Qg2	Qf4
33	Nd5	Qh4+
34	Kq1	Bh3

More accurate is 34 ... Bg4 when White has to give up his queen the move after next to avoid being mated relating to the threat 35 ... Nf3+ 36 Kf1 Qe1#. For instance, 35 Kf1 Bh3, 35 Qf2 Nh3+, 35 Qh2 Qe1+ 36 Kg2 Bf3# etc.

35	Qf2	Qg4+
36	Kh1	Nf3
37	Rd1	

The only move that prolongs the agony is 37 Nf4.

37		Bg2+	
38	Qxg2	Qh4	0-1