

Assault and battery

MY FIRST tournament on arrival in London was the five-round open event at Borehamwood, where I finished fourth equal. The first prize of £150 was taken easily by the very strong English player Dave Rumens, who won all his games.

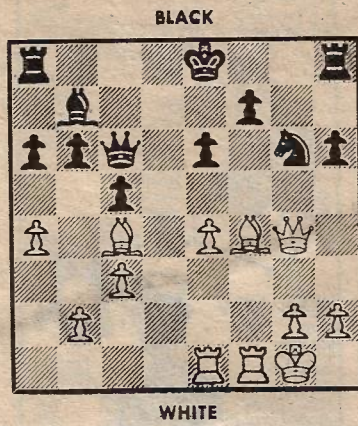
Rumens plays quietly at first, then suddenly complicates things, often with a vicious king-side assault. In the following game he springs a TN (theoretical novelty) on

his opponent, who becomes flustered and has to resign just 10 moves later. What is even more surprising is the opening with which he does it — the much analysed Wilkes-Barre variation!

Le Blancy	D. Rumens
1. e4	e5
2. Nf3	Nc6
3. Bc4	Nf6
4. Ng5	Bc5
5. Bxf7ch	Ke7
6. Bb3	d5!?(TN)
7. h3	h6

8. exd5	h×g5
9. dxc6	Bg4
10. f3	Bf5
11. d4	e×d4
12. B×g5	b×c6
13. Nd2	Qd6
14. O-O	d3dis.ch.
15. Kh1	B×h3
16. Resigns.	

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The second place-getter was G. Leyton. His opponent in this position has omitted to castle and is duly punished.



G. Leyton	P. Thethi
1. Bd5!	Qd7
2. B×b7	Q×b7
3. Bd6	Qc6?
4. R×f7!	K×f7
5. Rf1ch	Ke8
6. Q×g6ch	Kd7
7. Qg7ch	K×d6
8. Rd1ch	Resigns.

Black's queen is lost, as the only way to stop the check is to interpose on d5.

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One of the highest graded players in the tournament was the imaginative K. Wicker. He usually produces exciting chess. Here he sacrifices a piece unsoundly against the tactician T. Hemingway.

T. Hemingway	K. Wicker
1. b3	e5
2. Bb2	Nc6
3. g3	d5
4. Bg2	Nf6
5. Nh3?!	Bf5!
6. c4	d4
7. d3	Qd7
8. Ng5	h6
9. Nf3	Bb4ch
10. N(f)d2	e4!
11. a3	e×d3?
12. a×b4	N×b4
13. O-O	O-O

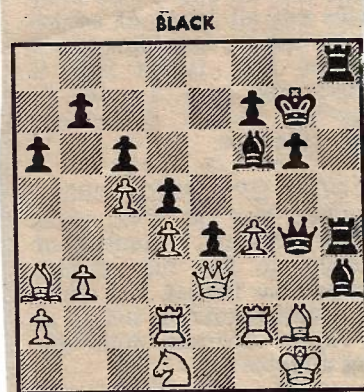
Wicker had originally thought of O-O-O here, not noticing 14. R×a7. Another try, though, is 13... d×e2!?

14. e4!	d×e3ep
15. f×e3	R(f)e8
16. B×f6	g×f6
17. Qf3	Bg4
18. Q×f6	R×e3
19. Nc3	R(a)e8
20. Bd5	Be6
21. Be4	Nc2
22. Q×h6	f5
23. Nd5	Rf8
24. Qg6ch	Kh8
25. Rf4	Qh7
26. Q×e6	N×a1
27. N×e3	Resigns.

Not flawless, but still interesting.

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And now an easy but pretty problem win from round two. Black is to play and win. Having already sacrificed a piece for a crushing attack he now executes an elegant combination.

White, T. Parkes. Black, M. P. Cooper.



Solution: Black played 1... B×g2, 2. R×g2 R(h8)h2ch. Q×g2ch! 3. K×g2 R(h8)h2ch. 5. Kg3 Bh4ch. 6. Kg4 f5 check-mate.

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