

A game to go around the world

THE GUERNSEY International Festival of Chess, sponsored jointly by Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd and States of Guernsey Tourism, lived up to everybody's high expectations.

The whole of the tiny island seemed to participate, with problem-solving competitions in shop windows, wine tasting and excursions adding to the festive atmosphere. Conditions in the luxurious Old Government House Hotel, where the event was held, were fault-

less, and the prize-giving and final banquet they laid on at the end, attended by Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Martin, was a fitting tribute to one of the most superbly organised international events I have attended.

The early pace in the week-long seven round Swiss was set by M. Fuller (Australia), K. Odink (Holland) and myself, with four straight wins apiece.

Fuller v Odink found the

Dutchman on the receiving end of a vicious Fischer system against the Caro-Kann, leaving just the two of us on maximum points. Fuller collected first prize when he beat me and drew in the last round. I won against correspondence chess grandmaster K. Richardson to take second place.

The postal chess GM had previously only dropped one point, against Max Fuller in the third round. The game won the brilliancy prize, featuring a deep combination

masterfully calculated. The tournament controller, Mr B. H. Wood, who chose the game from many others, was full of praise and said it was destined to go around the world's chess circles. Max Fuller was a little more modest but understandably pleased.

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MODERN DEFENCE

M. Fuller K. Richardson
 1. Nf3 g6
 2. e4 Bg7

3. d4 d6
 4. c3 Nf6
 5. N(b)d2

Geller's quiet system.

5. . . . O-O
 6. Be2 Nc6
 7. O-O e5
 8. dxe5 Nxe5
 9. Nxe5 dxe5
 10. Qc2 Be6?!

The best try for equality is 10 . . . b6. After the move played Black's king pawn is a nuisance.

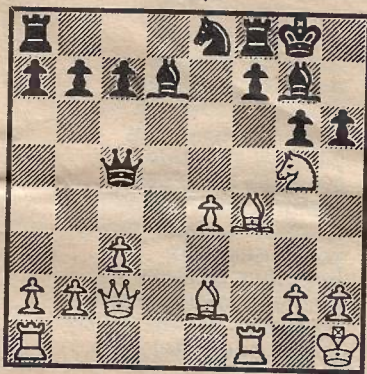
11. Nf3 Ne8
 12. Ng5 Bd7
 13. f4 Qe7
 14. fxe5 Qxe5?

Recapturing with the bishop was preferable. White's open lines compensate for his isolated king pawn.

15. Bf4 Qc5 ch
 16. Kh1 h6

Somebody remarked during the tournament that getting a move from Richardson was like receiving a letter! This was because of the correspondence grandmaster's habit of half-hour long thinks. He spent three quarters of an hour in this position working out that the knight sacrifice was unplayable.

BLACK



WHITE

17. Nxf7!!

But Fuller trusts his intuition: "The sacrifice looks as though it should work," he said.

17. . . . Rxf7
 18. Qb3 Nf6

White was threatening 18, Qxf7 ch! Kxf7. 19, Be3 discovered check, recovering the queen with interest.

19. Bc4 Be8
 20. e5 Ne4

An important alternative was 20 . . . b5. 21, Be6 Ne4. 22, Qd5 Qxd5. 23, Bxd5 Rd8. 24, Bxe4 and White emerges from the complications with a sound extra pawn.

21. Bxf7 ch Bxf7
 22. e6 Be8
 23. e7 ch Kh7
 24. Qxb7 Qc6

Still the combination works — Fuller had cleverly foreseen the critical 24 . . . Bc6. 25, Qxa8! Qd5! 26, Rf3! (Only move) and wins.

25. Qxc6 Bxc6
 26. Bxc7 Re8
 27. Bd8 Bf6
 28. R(a)e1 Kg7

29. Rf4 Bxe7

Hastens the end but White's army of foot soldiers guarantee the win anyway.

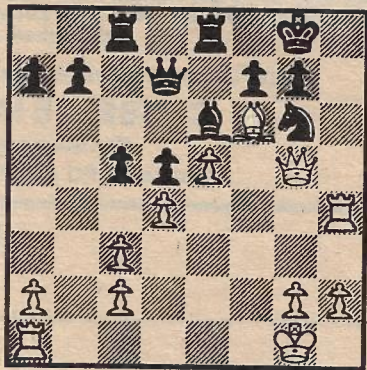
30. R(f)x e4 Bxe4
 31. Rxe4 Rxd8
 32. Rxe7 ch Kf6
 33. Re1 Rd2
 34. Rb1 Ke5
 35. h3 Ke4
 36. a4 Kd3
 37. b4 Kxc3
 38. b5 Rd6
 39. Rc1 ch Kb4
 40. Rc6 Rd1 ch
 41. Kh2 Kxa4
 42. b6 axb6
 43. Rxb6

And Black lost on time (50 moves in two and a half hours) but he will lose both of his kingside pawns, after which the win is elementary.



Max Fuller (left) working hard against correspondence grandmaster Keith Richardson. And it's not even his move!

A CONTENDER for the brilliancy prize at Guernsey was the West German D. Leis's 19 move victory over England's V. Dilworth. Leis was playing white. The final combination was nifty.



White to play and mate in three.

SOLUTION: 1. Rh8 ch! Re8. 2. Qxg7 mate or (b) 1. Nxb8. signs. For (a) 1. . . Nxb8. 2. Qxg7 mate or (b) 1. . . Kxh8. 2. Qh6 ch Kg8. 3. Qxg7 mate. If that doesn't make you smile then there's no hope!

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"The invitation says 'black tie'."