Chess

The price of ambition

ORTVIN SARAPU recently won his 15th New Zealand Championship title, but in a field that was weaker than usual, partly due to the absence of the top four boards in our Olympiad team for various reasons. In the last round Paul Garbett tried to win to be in with a chance of catching Sarapu, and he was playing Black into the bargain!But such plans can misfire badly, particularly if your opponent knows you are only interested in the full point, and the following game is a brutal example of what happens to Black if he insists on an early initiative.

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SICILIAN DEFENCE

B.R. Anderson	P. A. Garbett
1 e4	c5
2 Nf3	Qc7
3 Nc3	a6
4 d4	c×d4
5 N×d4	Nf6

After a shaky beginning the game has transposed into the main lines of the Sicilian defence and now Anderson tries a not widely played line.

6 g3	d6
7 Bg2	e6
8 0-0	Be7
9 Be3	0-0
10 Qe2	Nc6
11 Rad1	Bd7
12 f4	Rac8
13 f5!?	b5
14 a3	N×d4
15 B×d4	e5
16 Be3	Qc4?

Too ambitious. The queen turns out to be misplaced on this square and is a source of embarrassment to Garbett throughout the game. An alternative lies in 16 . . . a, eg 17 N×b5 Q×c2 18 Rd2 Qb3! or 17 Bg5 b4 18 B×f6 B×f6 19 Nd5 Q×c2 when both 20 Q×c2 R×c2 21 N×f6 ch g×f6 22 R×d6 Bb5 and 20 N×f6 ch g×f6 21 Qg4 ch Kh8 22 Qh4 Kg7 should lead to a draw.

17 Rd3	a5
18 Bg5	Bc6
19 b3!	Qc5 ch
20 Be3	Q×a3
21 g4	

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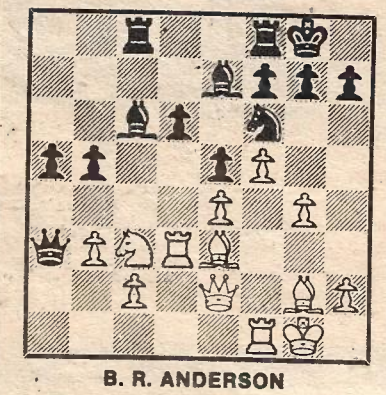

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21	b4
22 Bc1	Qa1
23 g5	b×c3
24 g×f6	B×f6
25 Qg4!	Qa2
26 R×d6	

And another piece joins in the fray. White now threatens 27 R×f6 and if Garbett prevents this by 26 . . . . Be7 he meets 27 Bh6 g6 28f×g6 f×g6 29 R×g6 ch! mating.

26	Kh8
27 R×f6!	

Hey! Kh8 was supposed stop that!

27	Bb5

Capturing the rook by 27 . . . . g×f6 is fatal after 28 Bh6 Rg8 29 Qh4. With 27 . . . . Bb5 Garbett now threatens this capture, as after Bh6 and Qh4 he can protect the vital f6 square by Rc6.

28 Qh4!

The point of this move is that after 28 . . . . B×f1 White has the mate 29 Rh6! g×h6 30 Qf6 ch etc.

28	Rg8
29 Rf3	g×f6

And why not? After 30 Q×f6 ch Rg7 31 Rg3 Rcg8 32 Bh6 Qb1 ch is at least all right for Black. But . . . .

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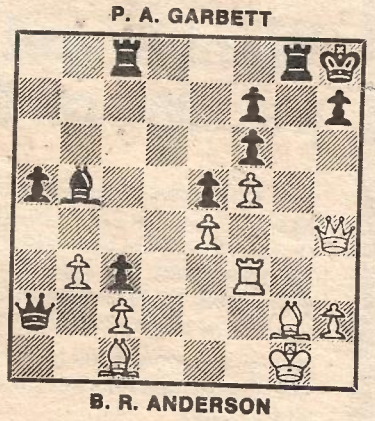

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30 Q×h7 ch!!

A bolt from the blue, and a tremendous finish to a beautifully conducted attack.

30	KXh7
31 Rh3 ch	Resigns

Mate comes after 31 . . . . Kg7 32 Bh6 ch Kh7 (8) 33 Bf8.

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP

O. Sarapu	X	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	9
P. A. Garbett	½	X	½	0	1	½	1	1	½	½	1	1	7½
K. Jensen	1	½	X	0	½	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	6½
B. R. Anderson	0	1	1	X	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	6
T. H. Stonehouse	0	0	½	1	X	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	6
L. Aptekar	0	½	½	1	½	X	1	0	1	0	0	1	5½
A. L. Carpinter	0	0	½	1	½	0	X	1	½	½	½	½	5
P. W. Power	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	X	½	½	0	½	4½
L. H. Cornford	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	X	1	0	1	4½
M. G. Whaley	0	½	0	0	0	1	½	½	0	X	1	1	4½
K. W. Lynn	½	0	0	0	0	1	½	1	1	0	X	0	4
W. Leonhardt	0	0	0	1	0	0	½	½	0	0	1	X	3

PREMIER RESERVE

1= P. A. Clemance, P. B. Goffin	8½
3= P. K. Beach, P. J. Hensman, M. J. Barlow	8
6= P. L. Cordue, P. Spiller	7½

Sixty-four players competed.