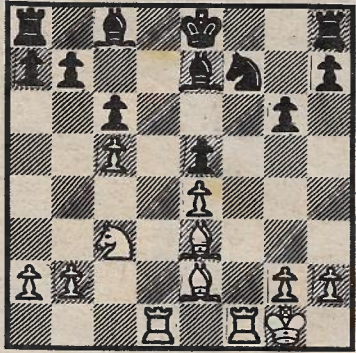


# Miles's mistake



White to play.

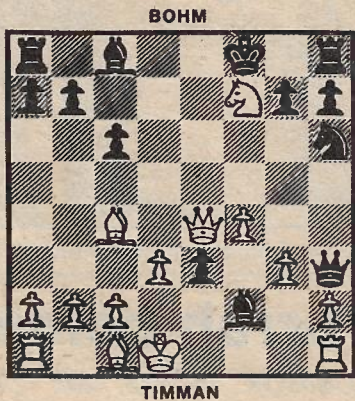
**J. TIMMAN**  
(Holland)  
1. e4  
2. Nf3  
3. Bb5

**H. BOHM**  
(Holland)  
e5  
Nc6  
f5

The aggressive Schliemann variation of the Ruy Lopez. If White, as in this game, tries to refute Black's system outright the game invariably erupts into a tactical melee.

4. Nc3	fxe4
5. Nxe4	d5
6. Nxe5	dxe4
7. Nxc6	Qg5
8. Qe2	Nf6
9. f4	Qh4 ch
10. g3	Qh3
11. Ne5 ch	c6
12. Bc4	Bc5
13. d3	Ng4
14. Nf7	Bf2 ch
15. Kd1	e3
16. Qf3	Nh6
17. Qe4 ch	Kf8

According to Tatai and Zinser in *Le Gambit Jaenisch* White is now lost, e.g. 18. N×h6 Bg4 ch etc but Timman has a surprise.



18. Bxe3! Bg4 ch  
19. Kd2 Re8

If 19...Bxe3 ch 20. Qxe3 Nxf7 21. Rae1! and Black is lost, e.g. 21...Qh5 22. Qe7 ch Kg8 23. Qe8 ch with mate to follow.

20. Ne5 Resigns

This game was generally considered to have refuted Black's entire opening, but I have my doubts. For example, instead of the automatic 18...Bg4 ch, perhaps 18...Bxe3 19. Qxe3 Nxf7! The point is that after 20. Rhe1 the unlikely backward Queen move 20...Qd7 is possible, so White may have to continue 20. Qc5 ch Kg8 21. Re1 Bg4 ch 22. Kd2 Rf8 23. Re7 when after 23...h6! it is not at all clear if White has enough compensation for his piece.

**SOLUTION:**

In the game Ivkov played 1. Nb5! cxb5 2. Bxb5 ch Kf8 3. Bh6 ch and Black resigned, as 3...Kg8 4. Bc4 with mate to follow. However, unbeknown to Miles (who published a correction a week later) the fact that Black can castle does not invalidate this win — 1. Nb5 0-0 2. Nc7 Rb8 3. Bc4! Bg4 (3...Kg7 4. Ne8 ch Rxe8 5. Rxf7 ch Kx8 6. Rxe7 Rxe7 7. Rf8 ch Kg7 8. Rg8 ch Kf6 9. h4 also wins) 4. Rxf7! Rxf7 5. Rf1 Rf8 6. h3 — a delightful quiet move to stop the resource... Be2 — 6...Bd7 7. Bh6! and wins material.

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BRITISH GRANDMASTER Tony Miles writes an entertaining problem section in the English magazine the *New Statesman*, even taking advantage of typographical errors by analysing the resulting wrong positions in great depth! The above position, which he gave, I not surprisingly recognised as coming from the game Ivkov-Kagan, Brazil 1979 (re *The Rio Interzonal*, Batsford £3.95, by Miles and Chandler) but Miles had omitted to mention Black could not castle as a defence. So (a) how did the game end? and (b) what happens if Black can castle as a defence? Solutions are at the end of the column.

On the subject of columnists, the Soviet publication 64 recently singled out a number of British chess journalists for "having their heads in the clouds" in dreaming of an ultimate Miles-Short World Championship match. Leonard Barden angrily struck back in the *Guardian* saying that 64 had recently turned into a propaganda magazine, and accusing the Russians of being chicken for not replying to a challenge match among juniors.

Yasser Seirwan, 19, of the United States made his big breakthrough at the 1980 Wijk aan Zee, Holland, by tying for first on 10/13 points and thus scoring his second Grandmaster norm. Results were: 1st-2nd, Seirwan, Browne (both US) 10 points; 3rd, Korchnoi (Switzerland) 8½; 4th-6th, Albur (ex-USSR), Biyiasas (US), Timman (Holland) 7½; 7th-8th, Bryne (US), Ree (Holland) 6½; 9th Sunye (Brazil) 6; 10th, Kovacevic (Yugoslavia) 5½; 11th, Van der Wiel (Holland), 4½; 12th-13th, Bohm (Holland), Sigurjonsson (Iceland) 4; 14th, Ligterink (Holland) 3.

The field was mainly American and Dutch players as the tournament clashed with the European Teams Championship in Skara, Sweden. Korchnoi's fluctuating form continued — he had failed to win a relatively weak tournament in Linares, Spain, shortly before, and in one astonishing game had overlooked a mate in one. Jan Timman's form, with three losses, was also indecisive but he did crush his countrymen 3½-½. Hans Bohm did not survive the opening skirmish: