

Report evenings

PLAYING in an international tournament gives one an excellent opportunity to tune in on the very latest chess news from various corners of the globe. With players arriving direct from so many other events and different countries, it is rather like being in a busy press office. Evenings are spent sipping one's beer and swapping information that might otherwise not be known for a couple of months.

A good example of this was the West German Open grandmaster championship in Bochum in which I participated recently. Eugene Torre had shortly before played at Wijk aan Zee, John van der Wiel in the Dutch championship, and Eric Lobron in a tournament in Rome. Czechoslovak top seed Vlastimil Hort had also, we learnt, just helped Porz to a European club championship victory over the Russian club Kiev.

Bringing news from Cuba was not only Guillermo Garcia (who had additionally played in the super-tournament in Linares, Spain) but also Sweden's Harry Schussler who had flown in direct from Havana. Harry could not, unfortunately, tell us the final results, though — he had finished early to make it to Bochum and his Cuban event was still in progress!

Some of the most interesting snippets came from American Grandmaster Lubosh Kavalek. Apparently Europe (consisting of Portisch, Larsen, Andersson and Ljubojevic) had toppled the Americas (Christiansen, Browne, Seirawan and Quinteros) by 19½-12½ in an unusual double-round clash in Argentina.

Lubosh himself had just come from a party in the British Virgin Islands where the entire chess-playing population (around 20!) had turned out to celebrate "Captain" Bill Hook's individual gold medal from the Malta Olympiad. Thus inspired, Kavalek raced to an early lead in our tournament. One of his most impressive displays was the single-minded manner in which he pursued a powerful kingside attack in round six.

QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENCE

L. KAVALEK (USA)	H. SCHUSSLER (Sweden)
1. c4	e6
2. Nc3	b6
3. d4	Bb4
4. Nf3	Bb7
5. Bf4	Nf6
6. Qb3!	

This interesting idea for White of 5. Bf4 and 6. Qb3 was also played in the final Korchnoi-Hubner game during their candidates match earlier this year, but passed rather unnoticed because of Hubner's walkout before the game was completed.

6. ...	a5
7. e3	Nc6?!

Hubner played 7. ... Ne4 8. Bd3 0-0 9. 0-0 Nxc3 10. bxc3 Be7 with a reasonable position, although Black was somewhat lacking in space. Schussler's idea is to protect his bishop

to facilitate the advance of his a-pawn, and Kavalek's next move is directed against this plan. But the game Chandler-Schussler two rounds later showed that after 8. Bd3! a4 9. Qc2 a3 10. 0-0 axb2 11. Qxb2 White also keeps the advantage.

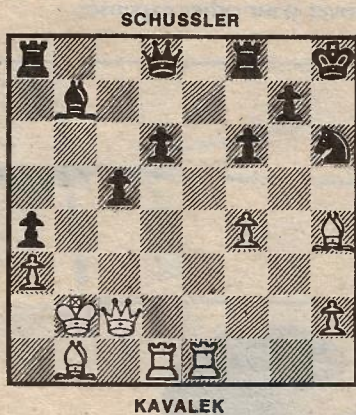
8. a3	a4
9. Qc2	Bxc3 ch
10. Qxc3	0-0
11. Bd3	d6
12. Bg3	Re8
13. Nd2	e5
14. d5	Ne7
15. f3	Nd7
16. Qc2	Kh8?!

This attempt to avoid weakening the kingside (17. Bxh7? g6 traps the bishop) fails as Black finds he has to play ... h6 a move later anyway. Best was 16. ... h6 immediately.

17. Ne4!	h6
18. Bh4	Rf8
19. g4	Nc5
20. Nxc5	bxc5
21. f4	

White's strategy has now crystallised — a kingside assault coupled with queenside castling. Black seeks counterplay in the centre but a superb double pawn sacrifice by Kavalek sustains the attacking momentum.

21. ...	exf4
22. exf4	c6
23. 0-0-0!	cx d5
24. Rhe1	f6
25. g5	Ng8
26. Qe2	dx c4
27. Bb1!	c3
28. gxh6	Nxh6
29. Qc2	cx b2 ch
30. Kxb2	



Although the White king is now also somewhat exposed, Black's pieces are too unco-ordinated to exploit this. The defence is becoming increasingly difficult and moreover Schussler was running short of his allocated two and a half hours to reach the time control at move 40.

30. ...	Qb6 ch
31. Ka1	f5
32. Be7!	Be4
33. Qc3	d5
34. Bxe4	dx e4?

A blunder, but on 34. ... fxe4 simply 35. Bxf8 followed by 36. Rxd5 is decisive.

35. Rd6
Winning a knight.

35. ...	Qb3
36. Rxf6 ch	Kg8
37. Qxb3	ax b3
38. Bxf8	gx h6
39. Bxc5	Rc8
40. Rc1	Resigns

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