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Volumes of volumes

IF THERE IS one historic landmark that every Kiwi chess player in London should visit, it is Bob Wade's place. During decades spent traversing the globe as a professional master, the expatriate New Zealander has collected an enormous wealth of chess literature. Just standing in his large workroom, completely surrounded by books, makes me feel my game is improving! For enthusiasts who cannot spare the time to go to Greenwich, another (possibly cheaper) alternative is to expand one's own library. As usual there is no shortage of new books to choose from. Even as I sat down to type these words the postman limped up with another offering, *The Application of Chess Theory* by Efim Geller (Pergamon Press). At a quick glance this collection of Soviet grandmaster Geller's games, categorised by opening, seems to offer a rich source of instruction for the dedicated student.

Another Russian translation recently published by Pergamon is Yakov Neishtadt's *Paul Keres Chess Master Class*. This 182-page work, which includes 12 photos, is a virtual textbook on attacking play based on the games of the great Estonian Keres. Some of the diagrammed combinations are absolutely fantastic, and if you feel your recent play has been lacking inspiration, then this is the book for you. If, on the other hand, it is openings that give you trouble, perhaps the two latest Batsford releases can help. *The Anti-Sicilian: 3.Bb5 (ch)* by Razuvaev and Matsukevich deals with another way to sidestep the main lines of Black's most popular defence. *Caro-Kann: Classical 4...Bf5* by Sakharov and Kasparov is well laid-out and conscientious work on this resilient variation, arising after the moves 1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5.

A less specialised tome is the new *Oxford Companion to Chess* by David Hooper and Kenneth Whyld (Oxford University Press). This well-produced encyclopedic work contains over 2000 entries embracing all aspects of the game, and claims to include entries on every player who has ever made a grandmaster result or better. You could also find biographical details on 24 leading modern grandmasters in Batsford's latest "instant" book, the *USSR v Rest of the World Challenge Match* played earlier this year. Ray Keene and David Goodman have stretched this epic 40-game contest, narrowly won by the USSR, into 143 pages. Every game is annotated, and the authors comprehensively detail the pre-match organisational drama. It is my feeling that books of this type are of special interest to the New Zealand reader, because of the typically sketchy coverage afforded by our national media during the contest itself.

This week's game, taken from that match, features a game club players will identify with. White, who is no less than Garri Kasparov himself, snatches material in the opening — and successfully keeps it. We need this sort of game to remind us that those daring pawn sacrifices we see in the games of masters are never made casually.

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| 2. c4 | e6 |
| 3. Nf3 | d5 |
| 4. Nc3 | Be7 |
| 5. Bg5 | O-O |
| 6. e3 | h6 |
| 7. Bxf6 | Bxf6 |
| 8. Qc2!? | |

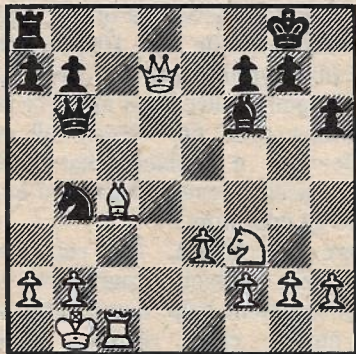
With the less common, but more aggressive, idea of castling queenside. Timman elects to free his game immediately with the pawn sacrifice thrust...c5, banking on counterplay against White's king.

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| 8. ... | c5 |
| 9. dxc5 | Qa5 |
| 10. cxd5 | exd5 |
| 11. O-O-O | Be6 |
| 12. Nxd5 | Rc8 |

If 12...Bxd5 13. Rxd5 Qxa2, White has 14. Bc4 Qa1 ch 15. Qb1 Qa4 16. Qa2 Qxa2 17. Bxa2 Na6 18. Kb1 with advantage as in Lerner-Lutikov, USSR 1981.

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| 13. Kb1 | Bxd5 |
| 14. Rxd5 | Nc6 |
| 15. Bc4 | Nb4 |
| 16. Qd2! | Rxc5 |
| 17. Rxc5 | Qxc5 |
| 18. Rc1 | Qb6?! |
| 19. Qd7! | |

TIMMAN



KASPAROV

A classic example of using counterattack for defence. Now 19...Nxa2 (threatening Qxb2 mate) looks inviting, but White has a beautiful refutation 11 moves deep: 20 Rc2! Rd8 21. Qxf7 ch Kh7 22. Kxa2 Qa5 ch 23. Kb1 Rd1 ch 24. Rc1 Qf5 ch 25. e4! Qxe4 ch 26. Ka2 Rxc1 27. Qg8 ch Kg6 28. Bf7 ch Kf5 29. Qh7 ch Kf4 30. g3 ch Kxf3 31. Bh5 ch winning the queen.

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| 19. ... | Rf8 |
| 20. Qb5 | Qd6 |
| 21. e4 | Nc6 |
| 22. Bd5 | a6 |

If 22...Nd4 23. Qd3! Nxf3? 24. Bxf7 ch wins, so the best chance was 22...Ne5. In the game Kasparov now goes two pawns ahead and the win is soon a formality.

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| 23. Qxb7 | Ne5 |
| 24. Rc8 | Rxc8 |
| 25. Qxc8 ch | Kh7 |
| 26. Qc2 | Kg8 |
| 27. Nd2 | g5 |
| 28. a3 | Kg7 |
| 29. Nf1 | Qb6 |
| 30. Ng3 | Kg6 |
| 31. Ka2 | h5 |
| 32. Qc8 | h4 |
| 33. Qg8 ch | Bg7 |
| 34. Nh5 | Resigns |

34...Kxh5 35. Qxg7 is hopeless for Black. ■

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

G. KASPAROV (USSR)	J. TIMMAN (Holland)
1. d4	Nf6