

Chess

United States Amateur Championship

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THE recent United States Amateur Championship in Philadelphia was won by the New Jersey expert Kimball Nedved, who swept the Swiss system field 6-0. Sam Sloan finished second: 5½-½. Five players tied for third with 5-1 each: Richard Parisseau, George Millar, Ross Nickle, Denis Strenzwilk and Jack Kepler.

This event, which attracted over 250 players for the championship and reserve sections, produced a bounty of sharp, tactical triumphs that should be included in any volume on sparkling brevities.

In the Schliemann Defense to the Ruy Lopez, Nedved vs. Millar, White's early reaction to Black's speculative debut is mild indeed. But after this innocent start White molds a kingside assault studded with thematic ideas, containing Black's fluent development.

It is classically instructive to observe how much of Black's army is bottled up away from any action because of the unyielding stand of White's pawn on KB5.

White winds up most brilliantly, giving up a bishop and thereby forcing checkmate, delivered by the White pawn at KN7. However, not to be overlooked is the amazingly original maneuver by White's knight on the eighth rank. This is the propelling high-powered engine that sparks the combustion.

17 R-R3	Q-N4	24 NxNP	R-N4
18 R-N3	Q-B3	25 N-K8	RxR
19 R-N1	N-R4	26 QxR	Q-K2
20 N-B3	K-R1	27 P-B6	QxB
21 N-N5	B-N1	28 Q-N7ch	QxQ
22 B-Q7	R-R4	29 PxQ mate	
23 N-K6	P-QN4		

In the Center Counter Game, Michael Shahade, defending U. S. amateur titleholder, vs. Sloan, the battle wages psychologically for a clear-cut decision, owing to each player's need for a full point to emerge on top.

With 7 P-B5, of course, White is committed to a rigid pawn skeleton on the queen wing. But Shahade hopes the ending will favor him on account of the backwardness of Black's queenside pawns.

With admirable resolution White castles long in the face of Black's rook, commanding a partly-opened file. He even dares to play 14 P-R3, allowing the rook to squat menacingly: 14 ... R-N6. Calmly, with 15 B-B4, White sights on his QN8 and prevents Black's doubling of rooks, nullifying the advance of Black's knights with 15 ... N-K5.

However, Black has the final conquerer. It is 17 ... P-K4. This push breaks down the true bastion of the first player's defense. If he takes the advancing unit or ignores it, he is doomed.

In the Caro-Kann Defense, C. Heising vs. Nedved, White's loss of time by irrelevancies—6 P-B5 and 8 B-B3—gives Black the opportunity for a sharp and decisive pawn break with 9 ... P-K4.

From this point on, White's game quickly disintegrates, even though with 15 O-O he pretends to hold out. Perhaps White forgets that the easiest way out of a painful tableau is a graceful resignation.

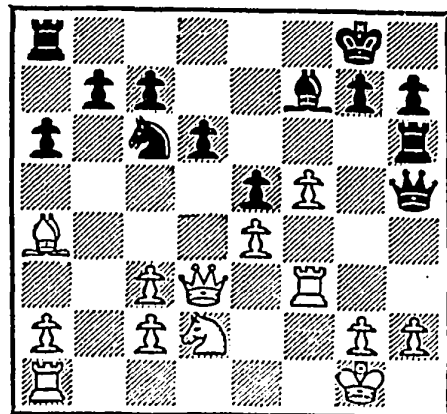
CARO-KANN DEFENSE

Heising White	Nedved Black	Heising White	Nedved Black
1 P-K4	P-QB3	16 Q-Q3	B-QB3
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	17 QxQ	QRxQ
3 PxP	PxP	18 B-N5	P-B3
4 P-QB4	N-KB3	19 B-B4	KR-K1
5 N-QB3	P-KN3	20 R-B2	P-KN4
6 P-B5	B-N2	21 B-Q6	P-B4
7 B-K2	O-O	22 R-Q1	P-B5
8 B-B3	N-B3	23 P-KR4	P-KR3
9 KN-K2	P-K4	24 PxP	PxP
10 PxP	NxP	25 P-QN3	R-K5
11 BxP	NxB	26 K-B1	QR-K1
12 NxN	B-N5	27 P-QR4	R-K6
13 P-B3	NxPch	28 NxP	PxN
14 PxN	BxP/6	Resigns	
15 O-O	BxN/4		

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Nedved White	Millar Black	Nedved White	Millar Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	9 B-N5	O-O
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	10 Q-Q3	Q-K1
3 B-N5	P-KB4	11 N-Q2	P-QR3
4 P-Q3	PxP	12 B-R4	B-K3
5 PxP	N-B3	13 P-KB4	Q-R4
6 N-B3	B-N5	14 BxKN	RxB
7 O-O	BxN	15 P-B5	B-B2
8 PxB	P-Q3	16 R-B3	R-R3

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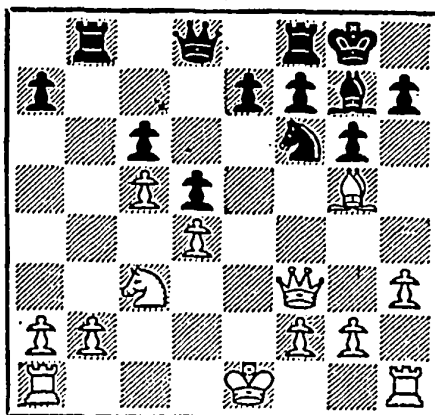


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CENTER COUNTER GAME

Shahade White	Sloan Black	Shahade White	Sloan Black
1 P-K4	P-Q4	7 P-B5	N-B3
2 PxP	N-KB3	8 B-N5	O-O
3 P-QB4	P-B3	9 N-B3	B-N5
4 P-Q4	PxP	10 BxQN	PxB
5 N-QB3	P-KN3	11 P-KR3	BxN
6 B-N5	B-N2	12 QxB	R-N1

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13 O-O-O	Q-R4	19 R-K3	Q-B5
14 P-R3	R-N6	20 K-B2	P-Q5
15 B-B4	N-K5	21 Q-K2	BxNch
16 R-Q3	Q-R3	22 PxR	Q-R7ch
17 KR-Q1	P-K4	23 K-B1	N-N6 mate
18 PxP	NxQBP		