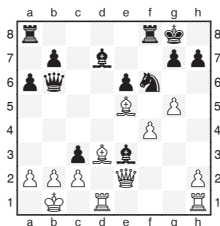


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Shoot-out in Amsterdam

Mark Hebden and Keith Arkell were among the participants in an entertaining all-play-all event held in Amsterdam. The tournament winner, Dr Achim Illner, who also made a GM norm with a round to spare, survives a sharp slugfest here:



R. Vedder - A. Illner
Amsterdam 2012

18.b2-b3

Vedder had a powerful possibility here in 18.Be5xc3 Nf6-d5 19.Bd3xh7+ Kg8xh7 (19...Kg8-f7 20.Bc3-e5 leaves the king in trouble) 20.Qe2-h5+ Kh7-g8 21.g5-g6 Rf8-f5 (21...Nd5xc3+ 22.Kb1-a1 Rf8xf4 23.Rd1xd7 wins) 22.Qh5-h7+ Kg8-f8 23.Bc3xg7+ Kf8-e8 24.Bg7-e5.

18... **Be3xf4**

19.g5xf6

19.Be5xf6 was more incisive, as Black can't respond 19...g7xf6 as 20.Bd3xh7+ wins.

19... **Bf4xe5**

20.Qe2-h5 **h7-h6**

21.Qh5xe5 **Rf8xf6**

22.Qe5-e4 **Rf6-f5**

23.Bd3-c4 **Qb6-c5**

24.Rd1xd7

White now had to eliminate the pawn on c3 with 24.Qe4-e1.

24... **Qc5-a3**

25.Rd7xg7+ **Kg8xg7**

The precise 25...Kg8-h8 26.Rg7-g8+ Ra8xg8 27.Qe4-d4+ Rg8-g7 28.Qd4xc3 Qa3-c5 consolidates the extra material.

26.Rh1-g1+

The final error after 26.Qe4-d4+ e6-e5 27.Qd4xc3 White has plenty of practical chances.

26... **Kg7-f8**

27.Rg1-g8+

There are a lot of spite checks, but it is only a matter of time before the monarch slips away.

27... **Kf8xg8**

28.Bc4xe6+ **Kg8-g7**

29.Qe4xb7+ **Kg7-f8**

30.Qb7xa8+ **Kf8-e7**

31.Qa8-b7+ **Ke7xe6**

32.Qb7-c8+ **Ke6-e7**

33.Qc8-c7+ **Ke7-e8**

34.Qc7-c8+ **Ke8-e7**

35.Qc8-c7+ **Ke7-f8**

36.Qc7-c8+ **Kf8-g7**

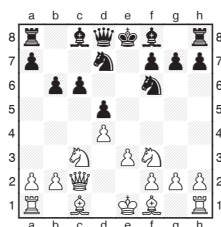
37.Qc8xc3+ **Rf5-f6**

38.Qc3-c7+ **Kg7-h8**

39.Qc7-d8+ **Qa3-f8**

40.Qd8-d4 **Qf8-g7**

0-1



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8.Rh1-g1

9.g2-g4 **Bc8-b7**

10.Bc1-d2 **Bf8-b4**

It was safer to castle immediately. **Ra8-c8**

11.g4-g5 **Bb4xc3**

12.Bd2xc3 **Nf6-e4**

13.Bf1-d3 **c6-c5**

14.Bd3xe4 **d5xe4**

15.d4-d5

This crafty thrust shuts out Black's pieces, and opens the floodgates for White's.

15... **Bb7xd5**

Alternatives are also unappealing: 15...e4xf3

16.Bc3xg7 Rh8-g8

17.Qc2xh7 was relatively best, instead 15...0-0

16.Qc2xe4 b6-b5 17.g5-g6

f7xg6 (17...h7xg6 18.Nf3-g5)

18.Qe4-e6+ Kg8-h8

19.Nf3-g5 gives a powerful attack.

16.0-0-0 **Bd5-c6**

17.Nf3-h4 **Rh8-g8**

18.Nh4-f5

The knight arrives at a dream post and Black soon succumbs.

18... **Ke8-f8**

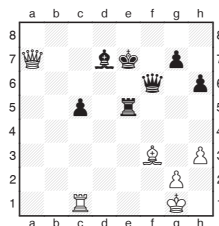
19.Rg1-g4 **Qd8-c7**

20.Nf5-d6 **f7-f5**

21.Rg4-f4 **g7-g6**

22.Qc2-b3

1-0



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42... **Qf6-h4**

Black has to tread carefully here. 42...Qf6-e6 was sensible.

43.Bf3-g4 **Re5-e1+**

44.Kg1-h2

This calm sidestep leaves Black grasping at air.

44... **Re1xc1**

45.Qa7xd7+ **Ke7-f8**

46.Qd7-d6+ **Kf8-g8**

46...Qh4-e7 47.Qd6-f4+ wins.

47.Bg4-e6+

White also wins with

47.Qd6-b8+ Kg8-h7 48.Bg4-f5+ g7-g6 49.Qb8-c7+ Kh7-g8 (49...Kh7-h8 50.Bf5xg6)

50.Bf5-e6+ Kg8-h8 51.Qc7-b8+ Kh8-g7 52.Qb8-g8+

Kg7-f6 53.Qg8-d8+.

47... **Kg8-h7**

48.Be6-f5+ **Kh7-g8**

49.Bf5-g6

A deadly quiet move.

49... **Qh4-f6**

50.Qd6-b8+ **Qf6-f8**

51.Bg6-h7+ **Kg8-f7**

52.Qb8-f4+ **Kf7-e7**

53.Qf4xc1

and Hebden soon converted the extra material.