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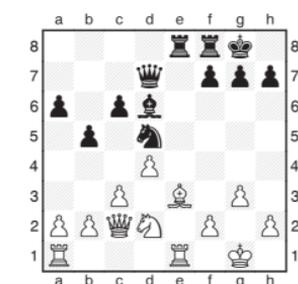
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No matter how up to date a chess book is, theoretical developments now flow at such a pace that it can be in need of correction by the time it is published.

This is the idea behind www.chesspublishing.com, a website co-ordinated by Tony Kosten, where monthly updates arrive regularly alongside the archived material from earlier times. Some of the noted theoreticians currently working there are Glenn Flear, John Emms, Chris Ward, Victor Mikhalevski and Gawain Jones, all highlighting important recent games and adding analysis in the key lines. I've found the occasional hidden gem on the site forums as well.

Chessbase DVDs (www.chessbase.com) continue to come out at an impressive rate with a number of new titles hitting the shelves each month. However, I think it will take a long time before a better product will arrive than *Black repertoire against 1.e4*, a classic debut work by Jan Gustafsson. Volume 1 focuses on the Anti-Marshall and Marshall attack, a line that Gusti has quickly established himself as one of the world leading authorities on.

The game below shows the quality and extent of his homework where he wins a game without leaving his pre-game prep. White's position looks solid enough, but Black's 'f' pawn advances with tempo, acting as a battering ram breaching White's kingside.



Naiditsch, A - Gustafsson, J
Dresden 2007

19... **f7-f5**

Sometimes, in retrospect, the strongest novelties look rather obvious. In this game Black's moves flow naturally.

20.c3-c4

20.Nd2-f3 f5-f4 is also rather dangerous for White.

20... **b5xc4**

21.Nd2xc4 **f5-f4**

22.Be3-d2 **f4-f3**

23.Qc2-d3 **Re8-e2**

The star move the rook interferes with the White queen's defence of the kingside. It still takes a few moments for the computer to realise the strength of this.

24.Re1xe2 **Qd7-h3**

25.Nc4-e3

The only try was 25.Qd3xf3 Rf8xf3 26.Nc4xd6 Nd5-f6, but it only delays the inevitable.

25... **Rf8-f4**



example, 26.Qd3xa6 (If 26.g3xf4 Bd6xf4 and mate arrives soon) 26...Rf4-h4 27.Qa6-a8+ Kg8-f7 28.Qa8-e8+ Kf7xe8 29.Ne3-f5+ f3xe2 30.Nf5xh4 and White has staved off mate only to lose on material.

The unique selling point of the DVD is, however, not the impressive coverage of existing theory, but the mass of unplayed analysis Jan reveals which looks to me to be of no less quality than the game above.

The second volume covers other White options. After 1.e2-e4 e7-e5, the section on the Scotch game is perhaps the most interesting.

I'll finish with a mention of *Prepare to Attack* by Gary Lane (www.everymanchess.com) in which Gary relates what he has learnt from famous games to his own experiences over the board in his usual entertaining style.

Here is a sharp finish from a very brief game from the book, which doesn't seem to have made it into my database.



Yermolinsky, A - Tate, E
Western Open, 2001

Black has played the opening rather eccentrically, but it is rather unlucky that

8.Qd1-a4
is a fatal deflection, Black sportingly played

8... **Qa5xa4**
9.Nd5-c7 **mate**

A pretty final position, White resigned as his entangled pieces can't cope with the threat of Rf4-h4 adequately. For