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Short lights up the Olympiad

The English teams have had an up-and-down Olympiad. Gawain Jones and Sarah Hegarty scored particularly good results. The rest of us had our moments but couldn't match their consistency.

Nigel Short beat France's Laurent Fressinet in this spectacular game.

Short, N - Fressinet, L

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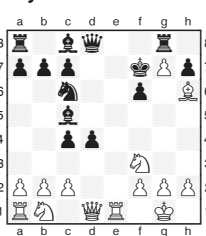
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| 1.e2-e4 | e7-e5 |
| 2.Ng1-f3 | Nb8-c6 |
| 3.Bf1-c4 | Bf8-c5 |
| 4.O-O | Ng8-f6 |
| 5.d2-d4 | e5xd4 |
| 6.e4-e5 | d7-d5 |
| 7.e5xf6 | d5xc4 |
| 8.f6xg7 | Rh8-g8 |
| 9.Bc1-g5 | |

This tricky move has come into fashion recently, Black has to play precisely.

- 9...** **f7-f6**

Another interesting line goes 9...Bc5-e7 10.Bg5xe7 Ke8xe7 11.Rf1-e1+ Bc8-e6 12.Re1-e4.

- 10.Rf1-e1+** **Ke8-f7**
11.Bg5-h6



- 11...** **Kf7-g6**

Black's position is already quite dangerous as the natural developing move 11...Bc8-f5 allows some very strong possibilities. 12.g2-g4 Bf5xg4 (or 12...Bf5-g6 13.Nf3-g5+

f6xg5 14.Qd1-f3+ Qd8-f6 15.Qf3-d5+) 13.Nf3-g5+ f6xg5 14.Qd1xg4 Qd8-f6 15.Qg4-h5+ Qf6-g6 16.Qh5-f3+ Qg6-f6 17.Qf3-d5+ Kf7-g6 18.Re1-e6 pins and wins.

- 12.Qd1-c1** **Qd8-d5**
13.Nf3-h4+ **Kg6-f7**

Nigel came up with a fantastic variation if Black's king continues sightseeing 13...Kg6-h5 14.h2-h3 Bc5-d6 15.Qc1-d2 Kh5xh4 16.Qd2-d1 Bc8xh3 17.g2xh3 Kh4xh3 18.Re1-e3+ Kh3-h4 19.Nb1-c3 Rg8xg7+ 20.Re3-g3 Qd5-f5 21.Bh6xg7 Bd6xg3 22.Bg7xf6+ Qf5xf6 23.f2xg3+ Kh4-g5 24.Nc3-e4+ with a fatal fork. If the king presses on instead 22...Kh4-h3 23.Qd1-f1+ Kh3-g4 24.Qf1-e2+ Qf5-f3 25.Qe2-e6+ Qf3-f5 26.f2-f3+, or 25...Kg4-h5 26.Qe6-f7+ Kh5-g4 27.Qf7-d7+ Kg4-h5 28.Qd7xh7+ Kh5-g4 29.Nc3-e4 are decisive.

- 14.Nb1-d2** **Qd5-h5**
15.Nd2-e4

15.Nd2-f3 was also possible, but this maintains the pressure.

- 15...** **Qh5xh4**

Not 15...Bc5-e7 16.Qc1-f4

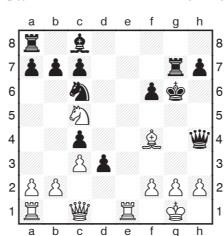
- 16.Ne4xc5** **Kf7-g6**
17.Bh6-f4 **Rg8xg7**

Finally Fressinet is rid of the pesky pawn, but 17...Kg6xg7 looks a better way to keep coordination.

- 18.c2-c3**

Another strong move freeing the e3 square for White's pieces.

- 18...** **d4-d3**



- 19.b2-b3**
 Continuing to open lines and

undermine the advanced pawns.

- 19...** **b7-b6**

A fatal mistake. Black should have played 19...Qh4-h5 20.Nc5-e4, although all the practical chances are with White.

- 20.Nc5-e6** **Bc8xe6**
21.Re1xe6 **Nc6-e7**

The knight has nowhere good to go, 21...Nc6-d8 22.Re6-e8 is also very bad.

- 22.Qc1-e3**

Nigel's major pieces sweep into the action.

- 22...** **Ra8-e8**
23.Qe3-e4+ **Kg6-f7**

24.g2-g3
 Making luft with tempo is the most precise.

- 24...** **d3-d2**
25.Qe4xc4 **Kf7-f8**

26.Ra1-d1
 Rounding up Black's one asset.

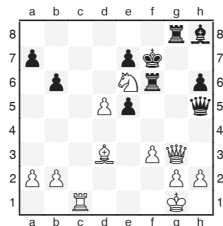
- 26...** **b6-b5**
27.Qc4-e4 **Re8-d8**
28.Re6xe7 **Qh4-h5**

If 28...Rg7xe7 29.Qe4xe7+ Kf8xe7 30.g3xh4 White emerges with an extra piece.

- 29.Qe4-e2**
 This calm retreat retains an extra piece.

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Kanwal Bhatia had defended for 138 moves the day before, but here she alertly seizes the opportunity to bundle the Black king into a mating net.



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31.Qg3xg8+
 Black resigned as 31...Kf7xg8 32.Rc1-c8+ Kg8-f7 33.Rc8-f8 is a pretty mate.