Chess



Svidler on a stopover as we win title

Peter Svidler, on the back of an impressive performance in the London Candidates Tournament, and Peter Heine Nielsen, who had seconded Magnus Carlsen to victory in the same event, joined me on the Baden-Baden team, as we secured another Bundesliga title after a 15-match sweep throughout the season.

Svidler continued his epic playing schedule, jetting off to the Russian Team Championships directly afterwards.



K. Piorun - I. Khenkin Bundesliga 2013

White finds a deadly blow opening up Black's king after which it will find no solace.

19.Ba5-f6 a7xf6 Death on the dark squares ensues if 19...Rc8xc3 20.Qd1-g4 g7-g6 21.Qg4f4. 20.Qd1-g4+ Kg8-h8 21.Qa4-h4 Qa2-d5 22.Qh4xf6+ Kh8-a8 23.Re1-e4 Rf8-d8 23...Qd5-f5 24.Qf6-h4 Bb7xe4 25.Bd3xe4 trapping the queen is a key variation. 23...Qd5xh5 24.Re4-h4 is also decisive. 24.Rb1-b5

25.Bd3xe4 Bh7xe4 26.Rh5-e5 Be4-d5 If 26...Be4-f5 27.a2-a4 Na5-c6 28.Re5-e3 Bf5-b1 29.h5-h6 Ka8-f8 30.Re3xe6 finishes the job. 27.Qf6-h6 f7-f5 28.Re5-e3 Rd8-f8 29.Re3-q3+ Ka8-f7 30.Ra3-a7+ Kf7-e8 31.Qh6xh7 Rc8xc3 32.Qh7-a6+ 32.Rg7-d7 Na5-c6 33.Rd7c7 was another very neat finish 32... Ke8-d8 33.h5-h6 Na5-c6 Nc6xd4 34.h6-h7 35.Qa6-f6+ 1-0

Gawain Jones helped Solingen, which has been a home for many other English players in the past, to a third-place finish.



S. Siebrecht - G. Jones Bundesliga 2013

19.Kc1-c2 Nh6-f5 This handy leap, activating the offside knight, was made possible by White's casual last turn. Keep an eye on this man, who has a great career ahead of him. 20.Be2xa4 The knight can't be captured due to 20.e4xf5 Be6xf5+21.Kc2-c1 Nc5-b3 mate. 20... Nf5-d4+ 21.Kc2-b1 Be6xc4 Bc4-d3+ 22.f2-f4 23.Kb1-a2 e5xf4 24.Ba3xf4 a7-a5 25.Bf4-c7 Nd4-c2 26.Bc7xd8 Surprisingly missing Black's unsubtle idea, after 26.b2-b3, giving **Qd5xe4** | the king room to breathe,

matters are not particularly clear.

26... Nc2-b4+ White resigned as he is mated after 27.Ka2-a1 (or 27.a3xb4 a5xb4+) 27...Nc5-b3.



D. Howell - R. Buhmann Bundesliga 2013

David kills Black's hopes of counterplay with a clever combination, leaving Black's king up a gum tree.

| king up a gum tree. | |
|------------------------|--------|
| 24.Qh5xg6+ | Kh7xg6 |
| 25.Nb5xd6 | Bb7-d5 |
| 26.Re2-e7 | Qd7xd6 |
| 27.Re7xg7+ | Kg6-h5 |
| 28.Re1-e3 | Bd5xg2 |
| 29.Rg7xg2 | |
| This is even stronge | |
| 29.Kg1xg2 Qd6-c6+ | |
| Black's king will nev | er |
| escape the net. | |
| 29 | Kh5-h4 |
| 30.Bb2-e5 | Qd6-c6 |
| 31.Rg2-g3 | f5-f4 |
| 31Kh4-h5 32.Rg3 | |
| Kh5-h4 33.Be5-g3+ | |
| Kh4-h5 34.Bg3-d6 v | vins |
| immediately. | |
| 32.Re3-e4 | Ra8-f8 |
| The rook escapes, le | |
| winning ending afte | |
| 32Qc6xe4 33.Be5 | |
| Kh4-h5 34.Rg3-h3+ | Kh5-g4 |
| 35.Rh3-h4+. | |
| 33.Be5xf4 | Kh4-h5 |
| 34.f2-f3 | Qc6-d7 |
| 35.Bf4-e3 | Rf8-f5 |
| 36.Kg1-f2 | |
| 36.Rg3-h3+ Kh5-g6 | |
| 37.Rh3xh6+ Kg6-g7 | |
| 38.Re4-g4+ was bet | |
| the result is not in d | |
| 36 | Qd7xd3 |
| 36Rf5-g5 would have | |

36...Rf5-g5 would have prolonged matters. **37.Re4-e6** Black resigned due to 37...Rf5-g5 38.Rg3-h3 mate.