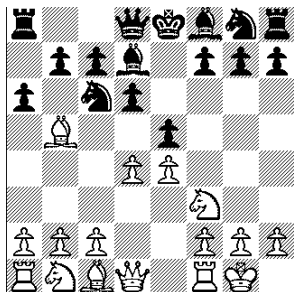


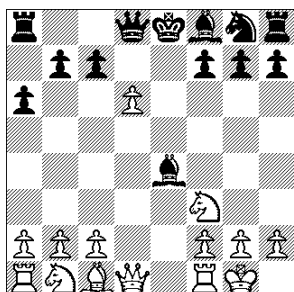
Viktor Kitsis (1236) vs. Chuck Mason (1586), Spanish Game
Cleveland Summer Open, August 2, 2003

This eventful but rather inaccurate game is primarily tactical. Black got in trouble after wasting a tempo on his fifth move. However, Viktor's mistakes created various tactical opportunities for Chuck. Yet, at the end white won. Let us look how a junior, using the gift of one tempo, outplayed his much more experienced counterpart.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 (Steinitz Defense in Spanish) **4. d4 Bd7 5. O-O a6??**
(A gift of one tempo! Could you believe that after this move black should lose?)



6. Bxc6 Bxc6 7. dxe5 Bxe4 8. exd6



It seems stronger — 8. Re1 d5 9. Nc3 Bxf3 10. Qxf3 c6 11. Qg4 with a huge lead in development; or 8. ... Bxf3 9. exd6+ Be7 10. Qxf3 Qxd6 11. Qxb7+/-

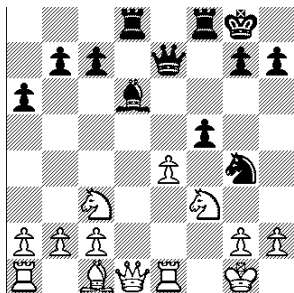
8. ... Bxd6 9. Re1 f5 10. Nc3 Nf6 11. Ng5!?

11. Bg5 wins a pawn and avoids any complications; playing 11. Ng5 white ignored development for the material, yet this move could cost him the game!

11. ... Qe7

sacrificing the exchange — 11. ... 0-0 was another possibility for black

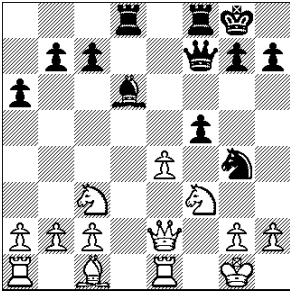
12. f3 O-O (why not 12. ... 0-0-0) **13. fxe4 Ng4 14. Nf3 Rad8** (Look at the position and suggest a good move for white, the threat of Bc5+ and Nf2 is very dangerous)



15. Qe2?

A mistake; after 15. Qd5+ Kh8 16. Bg5 Bc5+ black gets an advantage after 17. Kh1 Nf2+ 18. Kg1 Nh3++ 19. Kh1 Nxc5 and 17. Kf1 Nxc2+ 18. Nxc2? fxe4+ 19. Ke2 Rf2+ 20. Kd1 Rxd5+ is also bad for white; however, after 18. Ke2! White holds an extra piece — what a position!

15. ... Qf7?



Black omitted his chance — 15. ... Bc5+

(A) 16. Kh1 Nf2+ 17. Kg1 Ng4+ is perpetual check, while after

(B) 16. Kf1 Nxc2+ 17. Nxc2 fxe4+ 18. Nf3 Qh4! 19. Qc4+ Kh8

20. Qxc5 exf3 21. Bg5 fxg2++ black wins

16. g3?

16. h3 or 16. Be3 would be better

16. ... Rfe8?

Another missed opportunity — 16. ... fxe4 17. Ng5 Bc5+ 18. Kh1 [18. Be3 Bxe3 19. Qxe3 Qh5] Qh5 and 19. ... Rf2

17. Bg5 Bc5+ 18. Kg2 (the rest of the game Viktor played well) Rd6

18. ... fxe4 19. Bxd8 exf3 20. Qxf3 and white maintains material advantage

19. Rd6 19. h3 Nf2 20. e5 (the remaining moves do not require comments) Qh5

21. Qc4+ Rde6 22. Qxc5 Ne4 23. Nxe4 fxe4 24. Rxe4 Qf7 25. Rd1 Rf8

26. Rf4 Qe8 27. Rxf8+ Qxf8 28. Qxf8+ Kxf8 29. Rd7 Rc6 30. Nd4 Rg6

31. Be7+ Ke8 32. Rxc7 b5 33. Bb4 h5 34. e6 h4 35. Rc8#, 1:0