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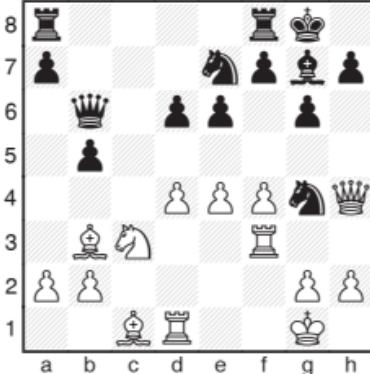
By Malcolm Pein

THE Gibraltar Masters began with the ceremonial first move made by James Humphreys of Tradewise Gibraltar Insurance Ltd, the main sponsors. Humphreys moved 1.e2-e4 for Hungarian Anita Gara, who played very sensible chess, stood better throughout the game, and held Levon Aronian to a draw.

This was one of several upsets on the opening day, the most spectacular of which saw IM Gary Quillan from Liverpool downing Russian international Daniil Dubov, ranked world number 46:

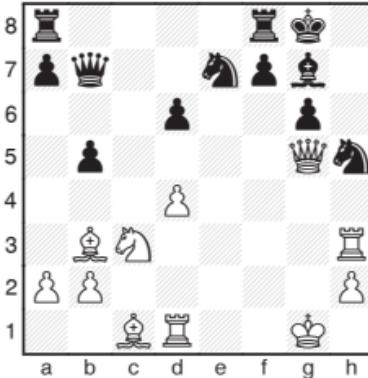
G. Quillan - D. Dubov

Modern Defence Austrian Attack
 1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4
 5.c3! Nd7 6.Bc4! (Threat Bxf7+)
 6...e6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Qe1 0-0 9.Bb3
 Bxf3 10.Rxf3 c5 11.Be3 cxd4
 12.cxd4 Nf6 13.Nc3 Ng4 14.Rd1
 Qb6 (14...d5 15.e5 Nxe3 16.Rxe3 was a safer option) 15.Na4 Qa6 16.Bc1 b5
 (If 16...Nc6 17.e5 dxe5 (17...Rac8 18.h3 Nh6 19.g4!) 18.Nc5 with an edge)
 17.Nc3 Qb6 18.Qh4!



If 18...Bxd4+ 19.Kh1 Nf6 20.Rxd4 Qxd4 21.Be3 wins as the knight on f6 falls. 18...Nf6 19.g4! Qb7 20.Rh3 (Indirectly defending the e4 pawn and beginning a winning attack) 20...h5 21.Qxh5 Nxh5 22.f5 exf5

23.exf5 Nxf5 24.Qg5! (Threatening Rxh5 and Qxg6) 24...Ne7

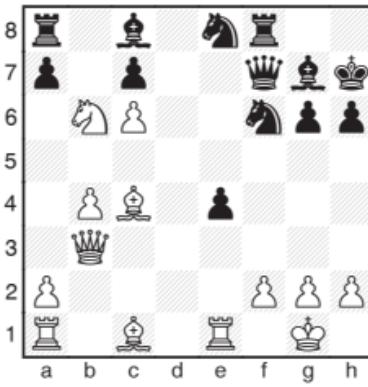


25.Rxh5!! gxh5 26.Rd2! (There is no defence to Rg2) 26...d5 27.Nxd5 Rfe8 28.Rg2 Ng6 29.Nf6+ Kf8 30.Nh7+! Kg8 31.Qxg6 1-0

No upset here, as last year's winner made a smooth start.

A. Tate - H. Nakamura

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bd3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Re1 Nc6 7.d5 Nb8 8.c4 e5 9.Nc3 h6 10.c5 Ne8 11.b4 f5 12.Nd2 Nd7 13.c6 bxc6 14.dxc6 Ndf6 15.Bc4+ Kh8 16.Nf3 fxe4 17.Nxe5 Kh7 18.Nf7 Qe7 19.Qb3 d5 20.Nxd5 Qxf7 21.Nb6 Black to play and win:



Answer:

takes the knight on b6 next move.
 21...Nd5! 0-1 Black attacks f2 and