

EASTBOURNE GAZETTE
EASTBOURNE, ENGLAND
4 APRIL 1894

CHESS NOTES

On Saturday last, we journeyed to Brighton and played for the McArthur cup. We lost two games to four. However, before the end of the contest our astute hon. secretary had found out interesting facts concerning the composition border of the Brighton team which led him to appeal against the decision. If true, Brighton should be disqualified at once. Score as follows:

| Eastbourne. | | Brighton. | |
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| Mr. H.S. Bullock | 1a | Mr. C. Leaver | 0a |
| Mr. J. Martin | 0 | Mr. A. Field | 1 |
| Mr. E.A. Crowley | 1 | Mr. H.W. Shoosmith | 0 |
| Mr. E. Kelsey | 0 | Mr. A. Shaw | 1 |
| Mr. F.T. Lloyd | 0 | Mr. C.S. Malden | 1 |
| Mr. E.K. Roberts | <u>0</u> | Mr. E. Purchas | <u>1</u> |
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The bottom boards, as usual, decided the fate of the day. The following game was of much interest and vigour.

King's Gambit.

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| 1. P to K4 | 1. P to K4 |
| 2. P to K B4 | 2. P x P |
| 3. Kt to K B 3 | 3. P to K Kt 4 |
| 4. B to B 4 | 4. P to Q 3 |
| 5. Castles | 5. P to K R 3 |
| 6. P to Q 4 | 6. Kt to K 2 |
| 7. Kt to B 3 | 7. B to Kt 2 |
| 8. P to K 5 | 8. P to Q 4 |
| 9. B to Kt 3 | 9. P to Q B 3 |
| 10. Kt to Q 2 | 10. Kt to Kt 3 |
| 11. P to Kt 3 | 11. P to Kt 5 |
| 12. Kt x P | |

This sacrifice, although radically unsound, gives White at least a good game. To move the attacked Knight would have been disastrous though, at this stage, because of P to B 6, &c.

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| 13. | B x Kt | 12. | Kt x Kt |
| 14. | Q x P | 13. | P x Kt |
| 15. | P to B 3 | 14. | B to K 3 |

To bring the K B into play again.

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| 16. | B to B 2 | 15. | Kt to Q 2 |
| 17. | Q to R 5 | 16. | Kt to B sq |
| 18. | B to Q 2 | 17. | Q to Q 2 |
| 19. | Q to R 4 | 18. | B to Kt 5 |
| 20. | B x Kt | 19. | Kt to Kt 3 |
| | | 20. | P x B |

And all this to catch the Queen—a narrow shave it is too.

21. P to K 6 ! The only move; and it is a forcible one, opening the K file for the Rooks.

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| 22. | Q R to K sq | 21. | B x P |
| | | 22. | P to Kt 4 |

Hardly wise. But Black is in a nasty position now, and perhaps the Bishop is the least loss possible.

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| 23. | Q to K 4 ! | 23. | Castles (Q R) |
| 24. | R x B | 24. | P to KR 4 ? |

Most unsafe. But White is threatening 25 R to B 7, winning the Queen. Perhaps R to K B sq would have been better.

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| 25. | Q to K 2 ! | 25. | P to R 5 |
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Some attempt at counter-attack. Nero fiddles—and Rome burns.

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| 26. | B x P | 26. | Q R to K Kt sq |
| 27. | R to K 7 ! | 27. | Q to R 6 |
| 28. | P to K Kt 4 | | |

The Queen is out of play now—if no worse. Black makes the best of a bad business.

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| 29. | P x B | 28. | B x P ch |
| 30. | R to K 8 ch | 29. | R x B |
| 31. | Q x R ch | 30. | R x R |
| 32. | Q to K 7 ch and all is over. | 31. | K to B 2 |

Mr. Bullock fared badly in the "East Queen" competition. He was, however, suffering from neuralgia, so that his failure was not due to inferiority of play. On Friday Hastings come to Eastbourne for the final match.

The solution of No. 9 is R to Q 5. Solver: T.A.L., 2; "X," 2; E.C.W., 2; G.P., 2; T.O. 2—1; V.S., 2.

Problem No. 11.

2 kt 5—3 P 3 P—b 4 Kt 2—p p 1 Kt k 3—1 P p 3 P 1—r 1 P p 4—
3 P 3 K—8—White mates in three moves. For key-move three
points for solution showing play up to mate six points.

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