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CHESS.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

We give the games upon the leading three Boards in the recent match, with a synopsis of the play of the others:

BOARD No. 1
(Petroff.)

White.
Spencer Churchill
(Oxford).

Black.
E. A. Crowley
(Cambridge).

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|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1. | P to K 4 | 1. | P to K 4 |
| 2. | Kt to K R 3 | 2. | Kt to K B 3 |
| 3. | Kt takes P | 3. | P to Q 3 |
| 4. | Kt to K B 3 | 4. | Kt takes P |
| 5. | P to Q 4 | 5. | P to Q 4 |
| 6. | R to Q 3 | 6. | Kt to Q B 3 |
| 7. | P to B 3 <i>(a)</i> | 7. | B to K Kt 5 |
| 8. | P to K R 3 | 8. | B to B 4 |
| 9. | B to K 3 | 9. | B to Q 5 |
| 10. | Q Kt to Q 2 | 10. | P to B 4 |
| 11. | Kt to Kt 3 | 11. | Q to K 2 <i>(b)</i> |
| 12. | Q to K 2 | 12. | P to B 5 |
| 13. | B to Q 2 | 13. | B takes Kt <i>(c)</i> |
| 14. | P takes B | 14. | Kt takes B |
| 15. | Q takes W. ch | 15. | Kt takes Q |
| 16. | K takes Kt | 16. | Castles (Q R,) |
| 17. | Q R to K sq | 17. | Q R to K sq |
| 18. | R to K 6 | 18. | Kt to B 3 |
| 19. | R takes R. ch | 19. | R takes R |
| 20. | B takes P | 20. | P to Q Kt 3 |
| 21. | R to K Kt sq | 21. | R to K 2 <i>(d)</i> |
| 22. | B to Kt 8 | 22. | Kt to Q sq |
| 23. | B takes P | 23. | P to B 3 |
| 24. | B to K 4 | 24. | K to R 2 |
| 25. | K to Q 3 | 25. | Kt to K 3 |

26. Kt to Q 2
27. P to Q 5
28. Kt to B 4
29. Kt takes B
30. P to Kt 3
31. R to Kt 5. Ch
32. P to Q 6. ch

26. P to Q B 4
27. Kt to B sq
28. P to Q Kt 4
29. K takes Kt
30. Kt to Q 2
31. K to B 2
32. Resigns.

(a) A very tame continuation. Castles or P to Q B 4 would be more energetic.

(b) Here Castles was far better, and would have given Black a splendid game.

(c) Premature. Again castling was the move.

(d) Losing another pawn, and the game.

BOARD No. 2.
(*Queen's Pawn Game.*)

White.
W. F. Naish
(Cambridge).

Black.
F. Lawron
(Oxford).

1. P to Q 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. P to Q B 4
4. P to K 3
5. Kt to B 3
6. B to Q 3
7. R takes P
8. B to Q 3
9. P to Q Lt 3
10. B to Kt 2
11. R to Q B sq
12. Q to B 2
13. Kt to K 4
14. K to K 2
15. P to Q R 3
16. Kt to B 5
17. P takes B
18. K R to Q sq
19. P takes B
20. P to Kt 4
21. B to K 5
22. Q to Kt 2
23. R to K Kt sq
24. Q R to Q sq
25. R to K Kt sq

1. P to K 3
2. P to Q 4
3. P to Q R 3
4. Lt to K B 3
5. B to K 2
6. P takes P
7. P to Q Kt 4
8. B to Kt 2
9. P to K R 3
10. Q Kt to Q 2
11. Kt to Kt 3
12. Q R to R sq
13. B to Kt 5, ch
14. Q Kt to Q 4
15. B to Q 3
16. B takes Kt
17. Kt to K 2
18. B takes Kt, ch
19. Q Kt to Q 4
20. P to B 3
21. Kt to R 4
22. Castles
23. P to B 4
24. R to K B 2
25. Q to Q 2

26. Q R to K Kt sq
27. Q to Q 4 (a)
Resigns

26. K to R 2
27. Q Kt to B 5, ch
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(a) So far White had all the best of the game, though he missed the strongest continuations several times. This oversight, however, loses the game. B to Q 6 and Q to K 5 would have maintained the attack.

BOARD No. 3
(*Queens' Gambit Declined.*)

- | White. | Black. |
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| R. A. Jenkins
(Oxford). | R. Battersby
(Cambridge). |
| 1. P to Q 4 | 1. P to Q 4 |
| 2. P to Q B 4 | 2. P to K 3 |
| 3. Kt to Q B 3 | 3. Kt to K B 3 |
| 4. P to K 3 | 4. B to K 2 |
| 5. Kt to B 3 | 5. P to Q Kt 3 |
| 6. B to Q 3 (a) | 6. P takes P |
| 7. B takes P | 7. Castles |
| 8. Castles | 8. B to Kt 2 |
| 9. B to Q 2 | 9. P to B 4 |
| 10. R to B sq | 10. Kt to B 3 (b) |
| 11. Kt to K 2 | 11. P takes P |
| 12. P takes P | 12. Kt to K 5 |
| 13. R to K 3 | 13. Kt to Kt 5 |
| 14. P to Q R 3 | 14. Kt to Q 4 |
| 15. B to Q 3 | 15. Kt to Q 3 |
| 16. B to Kt sq | 16. P to B 4 (c) |
| 17. B to R 3 | 17. Kt to K 5 |
| 18. R to K sq | 18. B to Q 3 |
| 19. P to K Kt 3 (d) | 19. Q to R 2 |
| 20. Kt to R 4 | 20. P to B 5 |
| 21. B takes Kt | 21. P takes Q B (e) |
| 22. P to B 3 | 22. Kt to B 7 |
| 23. B takes B | 23. Kt takes Q |
| 24. B takes R | 24. R takes B |
| 25. Q R takes Kt | 25. R to K M sq |
| 26. P to B 4 | 26. P to K Kt 4 |
| 27. Kt to Kt 2 | 27. P takes P |
| 28. Kt (K 2) takes P | 28. B takes Kt |
| 29. Kt takes B | 29. R to B 3 |
| 30. R takes P | 30. Q to Q 3 |
| 31. R to K 4 | 31. K to B 2 |

- 32. R to K sq
- 33. R to K 2
- 34. K to B 2
- 35. K to Kt 2
- 36. K to R 3
- 37. P to K Kt 4
- 38. K to Kt 3
- 39. K to B 3
- 40. P to K R 3

- 32. P to Q Kt 4
- 33. Q to B 3
- 34. Q to B 5
- 35. Q to B 3
- 36. Q to Q 2
- 37. P to K R 3
- 38. Q to Q 3
- 39. Q to B 3
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Adjudicated drawn.

(a) As soon as Black has played P to Q Kt 3 White gains a move by P takes P and B to Q 3.

(b) Black has now the better development.

(c) We do not see the object of this weakening move.

(d) A weak move, which gives Black a chance to get a very strong attack by P to B 5.

(e) If simply B takes B would win at once, as after 22. B to Q 2, Kt takes B P, White would be hopelessly lost; for instance, 22. B to Q 2, Kt takes B P; 23, K takes Kt, P takes P, ch, followed by Q takes Kt.

Board No. 4 (Vienna Opening).—White got the better of the opening; but after a general exchange of pieces, leaving R and pawns only, it was not easy for him to win. He was able later to take advantages of some weak play by Black, thereby securing the game.

Board No. 5 (Compromised Evans).—Mr. McLean adopted a very interesting and rarely tried form of this defence. White wavered in his attack and then found Black unassailable. Black turned the tables, and by a very pretty combination, surrendering and recovering the exchange, reduced the game to an ending of Q against Q with three pawns ahead, which won.

Board No. 6 (Scotch Gambit).—Played tamely by White, whereby Black in the end game got his rooks on to the seventh file. This broke up White's pawns, and, shortly, losing a knight by an oversight, his game became untenable.

Board No. 7 (Ruy Lopez).—Black adopted the King's Fianchetto Defence, and after some exchanges Black was left with a weak Q P (Q 3), which he was luckily able to defend. He presently secured the better end game, and should have won a piece. Instead of this he "closed the drifts," and the consequent block insured a draw.