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Rex tempts Garry back, but Levon wins in St. Louis

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Robert Page enjoys a weekend on the Kent coast

Steel Success

Chris Ross reports from an enjoyable visit to the Darnall & Handsworth Rapidplay

On a lovely autumn Saturday, the Sheffield-based Darnall and Handsworth chess club held its second FIDE Rapidplay. Aply organised by Geoff Brown, the tournament was a success, with over 100 participants in total, and four sections. FIDE Arbiter Adam Raooof oversaw proceedings with his usual efficiency and everybody appeared to enjoy an enthralling tournament.

The depth in camaraderie at this chess club is seldom seen in many local chess venues. It was truly refreshing to witness the amount of willingness to support setting up and then clearing away after the event. The night prior to the tournament, members of Darnall and Handsworth gathered to organise the venue, including setting out the multitude of sets, tables and chairs. So smooth was this operation that it took under an hour to clear the whole venue at the conclusion of the prize-giving. With plenty of playing space, vast amounts of green space surrounding the building and light refreshments available, every comfort was taken care of.

In the Open section, it was a tight affair for the prize positions. Tim Wall and Richard Britton shared first place on 4½/6, finishing half a point ahead of four players. In the Under-170 Major, Attar Ansari took outright first place with 5/6, as did Andrew Lake in the Under-145 Intermediate. Finally, Danny Dawson claimed sole first place in the Under-120 Minor with an impressive 5½/6, Jeff Wilson coming second with 5/6, half a point ahead of Anna Szasz in third.

As for myself, despite the pressure of being top seed in the Open, I played fairly well, even though I do not really enjoy

rapidplay as a general rule. Since using my own Braille chess set would be too laborious and time-consuming at such a time control, I tend to play 'blindfold', which becomes rather stressful after three or four rounds! Still, I enjoyed this tournament and can be content with my final 4/6, with my only loss against the eventual joint winner of the tournament.

This game was a long protracted affair, where Black adopted the policy of not creating a target for the white attack. The King's Indian Attack is fundamentally about attacking the black king when he flees to the kingside. If the black king remains in the centre, White's plan is somewhat thwarted. As it is, Richard played sensibly, defended on the queenside and broke through on the f-file in due course. Indeed, it was a patient and well-executed game by White.



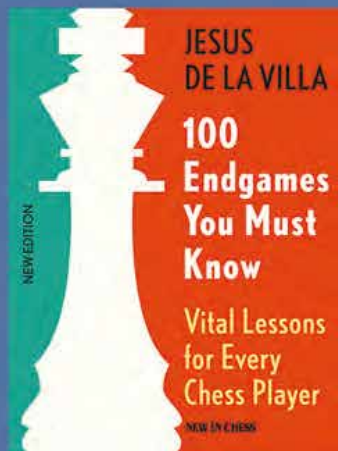
Chris Ross showed that one can play well at rapidplay even without sight of the board.

R. Britton-C. Ross
Sheffield (rapid) 2017
King's Indian Attack

1 e4 c5 2 ♘f3 e6 3 d3 d5 4 ♜bd2 ♜c6
5 g3 ♜f6 6 ♙g2 ♙e7 7 0-0 b5 8 e5 ♜d7
9 ♞e1 a5 10 h4 b4 11 ♜f1 a4 12 a3
bxa3 13 bxa3 h6 14 h5 ♜b6 15 ♜1h2 c4
16 d4 ♙d7 17 c3 ♜a5 18 ♙f4 ♞a7
19 ♜g4 ♜b3 20 ♞a2 ♜a8 21 ♜d2 ♜c7
22 ♜b1 ♙c6 23 ♜e3 ♙a8 24 ♞g4 ♙f8
25 ♞f3 ♙d7 26 g4 ♙e7 27 ♞h3 ♜c8
28 ♙h2 ♞g8 29 f4 ♞a6 30 ♞f2 ♜b5
31 ♜c2 ♙c6 32 ♞ef1 ♙h4 33 ♙g3 ♙e7



34 f5 ♙g5 35 ♙f4 ♙h4 36 ♙g3 ♙e7
37 ♞xe6 ♞xe6 38 g5 ♙d7 39 g6 ♙g5
40 ♜b4 ♞b6 41 ♞g4 ♜b8 42 ♞f7 ♙e8
43 ♞f8 ♞xf8 44 ♞xf8 ♞e7 45 ♞g8 ♞a7
46 ♞f3 ♜c1 47 ♙h2 ♜d3 48 ♜xd3 cxd3
49 ♞xd3 ♙c6 50 ♞f3 ♜xa3 51 ♜xa3 ♞xa3
52 ♞xg7+ ♙b7 53 ♞f7 ♞c1 54 ♞e8 a3
55 ♞a4+ ♞a6 56 ♞b5 ♙f4 57 ♞xb7# 1-0



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