

38...Ne5! 39.Qe6+ Kh7 40.Qxd5 (40.Qxe5 Rxc2 41.f6 Rxe2 42.Qxe2 Qxg3+ 43.Kf1 Qxh4-+) 40...Qxf5 41.Ncd4 Nxf3+ 42.Qxf3 Qxf3 43.Nxf3 Rxe2-+; **B)** 38...Rxc2?? 39.Qe8+ Kh7 40.Qg6+ Kg8 41.Qe8+ Kh7 42.Qg6+ Kg8=] **38.Qh5+ Kf8 39.Qxh7?** White grabs a poisoned pawn and misses the draw by repetition of position. [39.Qg5! Kf7 40.Qh5+ Kf8 41.Qg5=] **39...Nf4 40.gxf4** [40.Nxf4? Qxg3+ 41.Kh1 (41.Kf1 Qxf3+ 42.Ke1 Qxf4-+) 41...Qxf3+ (41...Qxf4 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Qh5+) 42.Ng2 Rxc2 43.Qg6 Rxg2 44.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 45.Kxg2 c3-+] **40...Qxf3 41.Ned4??** An unfortunate blunder which quickly decides the game. After 41.f6! White achieves a draw by perpetual check so long as the black king avoids the square a6, whereupon some interesting queen and knight mates arise. [41.f6! gxf6 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Qh7+ Ke8 44.Qg6+ Kd7 45.Qf7+ Kc8

A) 46.Qe6+ Kc7 47.Qe7+ Kb8 48.Qd8+ Ka7 49.Qc7+

A1) 49...Ka6?? 50.b5+ Ka5 (50...Kxb5 51.Ned4+ Ka6 52.Qc8+ Ka7 53.Nb5#) 51.Qa7+ Kxb5 52.Ned4+ Kc5 53.Qc7#;

A2) 49...Ka8 50.Qc8+ Ka7 51.Qc7+ Ka8=;

B) 46.Qf8+ 46...Kb7 47.Qe7+ Kc8 (47...Ka6?? 48.b5+ Kxb5 49.Ned4+ Ka6 50.Nb4+ Ka5 51.Nbc6+ Ka4 52.Qa7#) 48.Qf8+ Kb7 49.Qe7+ Kc8=; 41.Qg6 Qxe2 42.Qd6+ Kg8 43.Qxd5+ Kh7 44.f6 Qg4+ 45.Kh1 Qxh4+ 46.Kg1 Qg4+ 47.Kh1 Rxc2 48.Qe4+ Qg6-+; 41.Ncd4?? Ra1+ 42.Nc1 Rxc1+ 43.Kh2 Rh1#] **41...Qd1+ 42.Kf2 Qxd4+ 0-1**

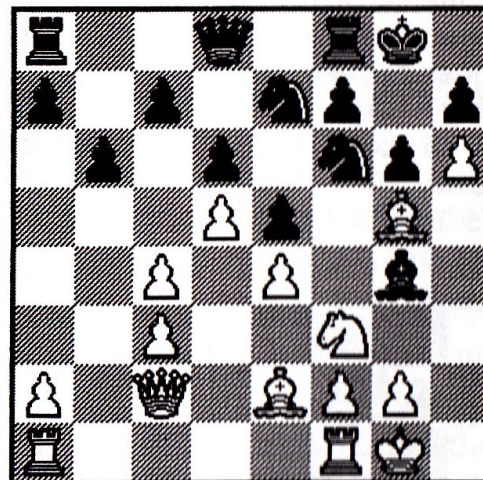
Mexican Gambit

A50

□ **Rooms,T**■ **Baron,A**

Event: E-mail, § 09, June 1999.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 Ne7 5.e4 Ng6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Qc2 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.h4 b6 10.h5 Ne7 11.h6 g6 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Bg4 14.Bg5



14...Nd7 15.Nd4! Bxe2 [15...exd4 16.Bxg4 Ne5] 16.Nc6 Nxc6 17.Bxd8 Nxd8 [17...Bxf1 18.Bxc7 Rfc8 19.Bxd6 Bxc4 20.dxc6 Rxc6] 18.Qxe2 Nb7 19.Rab1 Rae8 20.g4 g5 21.Qf3 f6 22.Kg2 Rf7 23.Qd1 Ndc5 24.Qe2 a5 25.Rfe1 Rc8 26.Kf3 Kf8 27.Ke3 Ke7 28.Qf3 Re8 29.Kd2 Kd8 30.Rh1 Kc8 31.Rh5 Ref8 32.Kc2 Kb8 33.Rhh1 Re7 34.Kd2 Draw agreed! [34.Rh5 Nd7 35.Rbh1 Rd8 36.Qe3 Nf8 37.R1h3 Ng6 38.Rf3 Nf4 39.Rh1] ½-½

"After move 14, I decided I had nothing better than to sacrifice my queen and try to set up a fortress." - Alexander Baron.

Max Lange Attack

C55

□ Norburn,E

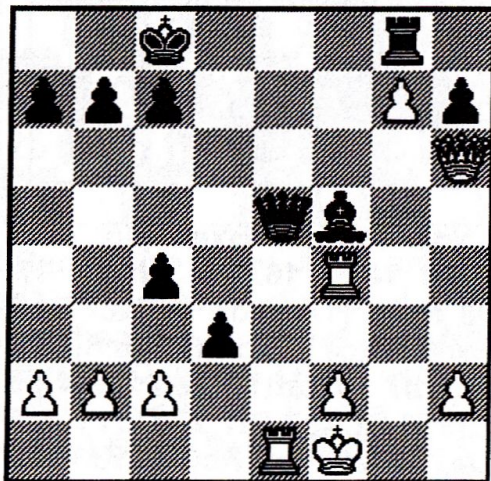
■ Baron,A

Event: CT 8227, 1998.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.0-0 Nf6 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5 Qd5 10.Nc3 Qf5 11.Nce4 0-0-0 12.g4 Qd5?

I thought this was an improvement on the book move, ...Qe5. I can't believe I overlooked the reply and the loss of the exchange. (AB)

13.fxg7 Rhg8 14.Nf6 Qd6 15.Nge4 Qe7 16.Nxg8 Rxc8 17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.Bh6 Ne5 19.Re4 f5 20.gxf5 Bxf5 21.Rf4 Nf7 22.Qh5 Nxh6 23.Qxh6 Qe5 24.Kf1 d3 25.Re1



25...Qxf4! Saving the game, but Fritz 5 found this incredible move. (Ed.): [25...Qxg7!! 26.Re8+ (26.Qxg7 Bh3+ 27.Kg1 Rxc7+ 28.Kh1 d2?) 26...Rxe8 27.Qxg7 Bh3+ 28.Qg2 Bxc2+ 29.Kxc2 Rd8 30.cxd3 cxd3+] 26.Qxf4 Bh3+ 27.Kg1 Rxc7+ 28.Kh1 Bg2+ 29.Kg1 Bf3+ 30.Kf1 Bg2+ 1/2-1/2

Now for a 'blast from the past' culled from an old database file I created sometime ago. The main reason is simply that we are short of members' games so please send in finished games!

Nimzo-Indian Defence

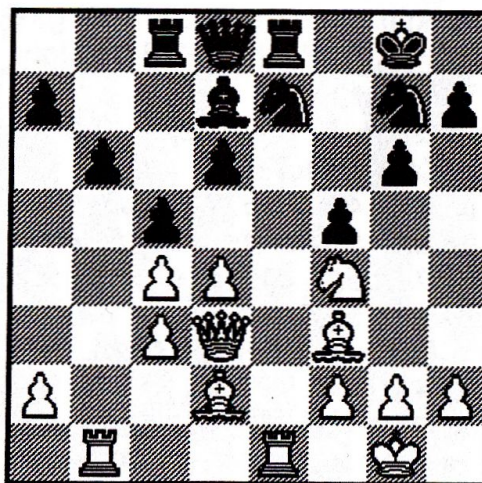
E47

□ Alexander,L

■ Draxl,R

Event: BCCA Overseas Tmt 1949.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 c5 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 d6 9.e4 Ne8 10.Qc2 f5 11.exf5 exf5 12.Re1 g6 13.Rb1 [13.Nf4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nb4] 13...b6 14.Nf4 Ng7 15.Be2 [... Bf3, Bd5] 15...Re8 16.Bd2 Bd7 17.Bf3 Rc8 18.Qd3 Ne7



19.h4 Kh8 20.h5 Rg8 21.hxg6 Nxg6 22.Bd5 Re8 23.Nxg6+ hxg6 24.Qg3 Kh7 25.Bf7 Qf6 [25...Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qf6 27.Re7+] 26.Bxe8 Rxe8 27.Bg5 Qf7 28.Qxd6 Ne6 29.Bf6! [Threatens mate in 2. If 29. ... Qxf6 30. Qxd7+ Re7 31. Qd6+-] 1-0