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Match of the Generations at Broadgate

This year's giant chess display at British Land's Broadgate arena, near Liverpool Street Station in London, featured players from all parts of the age spectrum.



Sheila Dines

First Sheila Dines, the British Under 11 Champion, played Eugene Geidelberg, last year's British Land UK Chess Challenge Under 11 Champion, in a fifteen minute match. Eugene won, but the players were either so nervous or so unused to playing of a giant board, that between them they managed to

blunder 3 rooks. Next up was the "Championship of Broadgate", between representatives of Deutsches Bank and Baring Asset Management. The clear winner was Rajko Vujatovic of Deutsches Bank over Colm Kavanagh of Baring.



Rajko Vujatovic & Colm Kavanagh



Bill Hartston & Peter Lee

The main bout of the day was the heavyweight clash between two British Champions, Peter Lee (British Champion 1965) and Bill Hartston (British Champion 1973 and 1975). After a close middle game, Bill gained the advantage by positioning a knight at e4. Lee immediately broke back with a sacrifice to dislodge the piece. Then Lee was presented with a problem: to take or not to take the pawn at d5? He took it, but a move too late and resigned as soon as it became clear that he was losing a rook.

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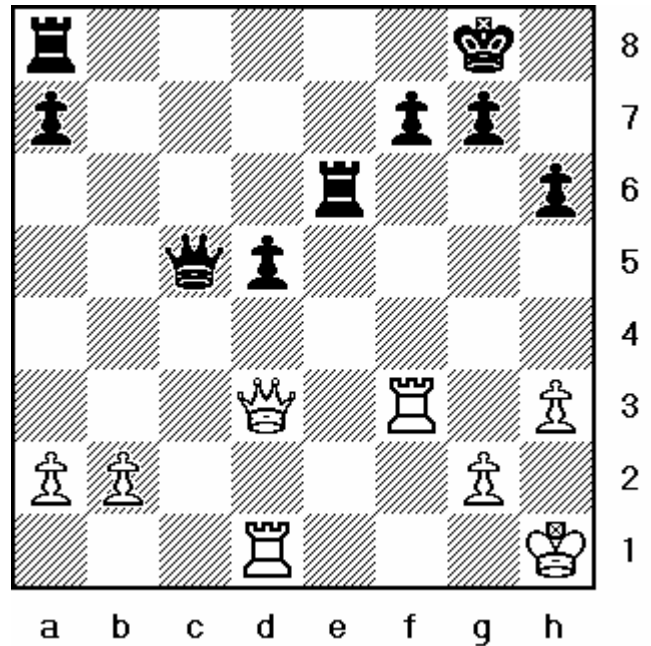
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White: Peter Lee Black: Bill Hartston

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Be3
Nf6 6 Nd2 d5 7 Nxc6 bxc6 8 Bb3 Be7 9 0-0 0-0
10 Qe2 e5 11 h3 h6 12 f4 Bd6 13 fxe5 Bxe5
14 c3 Re8 15 Rae1 Qd6 16 exd5 Bg3 17 Rd1
cxd5 18 Qf3 Bh2+ 19 Kh1 Be5 20 Bd4 Bxd4
21 cxd4 Ba6 22 Nb3 Bxd3 23 Qxd3 Ne4 24
Rf3 Re6 25 Nc5 Nxc5 26 dxc5 Qxc5

27 Qf5? (White should try 27 Qxd5 since if ...
Re1+ 28 Kh2 Qg1+ 29 Kg3 Rxd1, white has
30 Qxa8+, recovering the rook.)

27 ... Rf8 28 Qxd5?? (now is too late). 28 ...
Re1+! 29 Kh2 Qg1+ 30 Kg3 and white resigns
in view of ... Rxd1.



Finally came the “Match of the Generations”, as part of the British Chess Federation’s
Celebration of 100 years in existence. The two winners from the junior and veteran



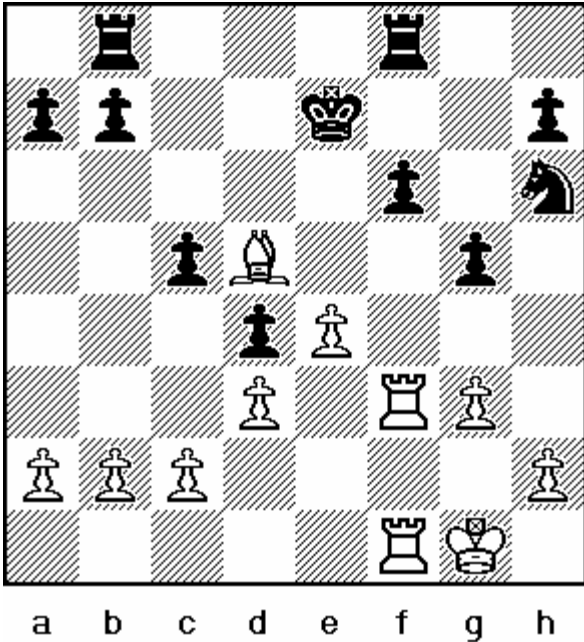
Eugene Geidelberg & William R Hartston

matches played each other with Eugene Geidelberg winning the white pieces. After his performance in the first game against Sheila Dines, we did not expect too much of Eugene, but he quickly gained the advantage and put the champion under pressure. Hartston managed to exchange into an inferior ending, and when his young opponent over-pressed, he demonstrated his excellent technique by winning an ending of good knight against bad bishop.

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White: Eugene Geidelberg Black: William R Hartston

1 Nc3 d5 2 e4 d4 3 Nce2 e5 4 d3 c5 5 g3 Nc6
6 Bg2 f6 7 f4 Bd6 8 Nf3 Be6 9 0-0 Qc7 10
fxe5 Nxe5 11 Nxe5 Bxe5 12 Nf4! Bf7 13 Qg4!
g6 14 Ne6 Qd7 15 Bh3 Bxe6 16 Qxe6+ Qxe6
17 Bxe6 Ke7 18 Bd5 Rb8 19 Bf4 Bxf4 20 Rxf4
g5 21 Rf3 Nh6 22 Raf1 Rhf8 (diagram).

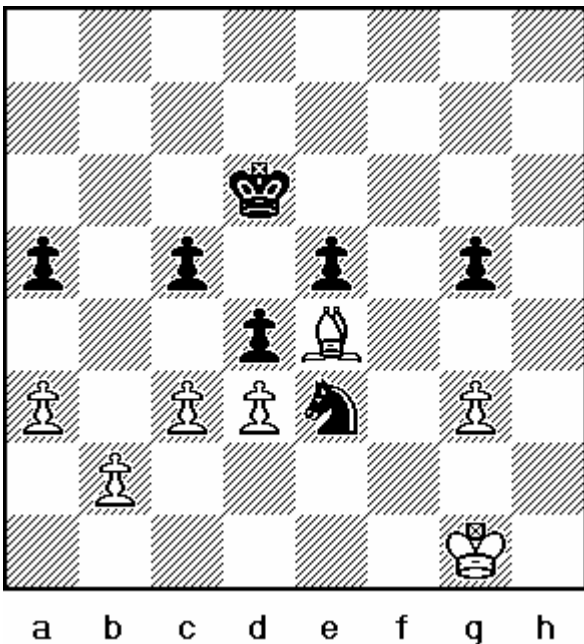


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23 e5? (This move only dissipates white's advantage; better was 23 h3, to paralyse the black knight, and if 23 ... g4 24 Rf4 gxh3 25 Rh4 with advantage.)

23 ... fxe5 24 Rxf8 Rxf8 25 Rxf8 Kxf8 26 Bxb7 Ng4! (Now, unfortunately, the white king cannot activate, since if Kg2 or Kf1, black plays Ne3+ winning a pawn.)

27 Be4 h6 28 h3 Ne3 29 c3 Ke7 30 h4 a5 31 hxg5 hxg5 32 a3 Kd6 (diagram).



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The black king has centralised magnificently, and now awaits the opportunity to invade the queenside. The white bishop, so imposingly placed on e4, is yet quite unable to defend her pawns on the queenside.

33 cxd4 exd4 34 a4 c4! (The decisive breakthrough.) 35 dxc4 Nxc4 36 b3 Ne5 37 Kf2 Kc5 (The king invades via the black squares, which of course, the white bishop is unable to defend.)

38 Ke2 Kb4 39 Bd5 Kc3 40 Kd1 d3 41 Kc1 Ng4 42 Bf3 d2+ 43 Kb1 Ne3 44 Be2 Kxb3 45 g4 d1=R+ 46 Bxd1 Nxd1 47 Kc1 Nf2 48 Kd2 Kxa4 49 Ke2 Nxc4 50 Kd3 Kb3 51 Kd2 Kb2 52 white resigns.

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The event was sponsored by British Land and was watched by chess aficionados as well as the lunch-time workers from nearby offices. Commentary was provided by International player Teresa Khoo, round display by Grenadan champion Natalie Gibbs, arbitration and recording by Wey Valley Chess (Surrey) organiser, Pat Armstrong.

Giant chess events with 15 minutes each on the clock are an excellent way to involve the general public in the game of chess. They have been organised at Broadgate for the last 3 years by International Master Mike Basman.

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