

This weeks offering involves another of David Coates' games in this years British Championships where he came equal 7th out of 73 with 7 points out of 11 in the Major Open championship.

In the 10th and penultimate round David was paired as black against 16 year old Lyall Bayliss from Kent with the opening following the Sicilian Alapin variation 1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 e6 6. cxd4 d6 contesting control of the centre by white's pawns. Both players continued their development 7. Bd3 Bd7 8. 0-0 Bc6 9. a3 Nd7 10. b4 a6 11. Bd2 Rc8 12. Ng5 g6 13. Ne4 and white is looking to find an attacking position for his knight on f6 or d6 but, perhaps with the impetuosity of youth, has overlooked 13. ...dxe5 14. dxe5 Nxe5 winning the pawn for black.

White is now on the defensive and tries to regroup 15. Be2 Bg7 16. Nec3 0-0 17. f4 Nd7 18. Kh1 Nxc3 19. Bxc3 Bxc3 20. Nxc3 but this leads to the latest exchange of pieces which gave David a further opportunity for material gain (see diagram) can you spot it?

David played 20. ...Bxg2+ 21. Kxg2 Rxc3 and is now two pawns up. White tried to mount a last ditch effort 22. Qd4 Qc7 23. h4 e5 24. fxe5 Qxe5 25. Qxe5 Nxe5 but with the queens off the board the game was all but over and white resigned a few moves later.

Although out of the main prize money of £2000 shared by Oliver Jackson of Cheshire, Dave Ledger from Bedford and Norfolk's Stephen Orton with 8½ points, David a won £60 grading prize.

