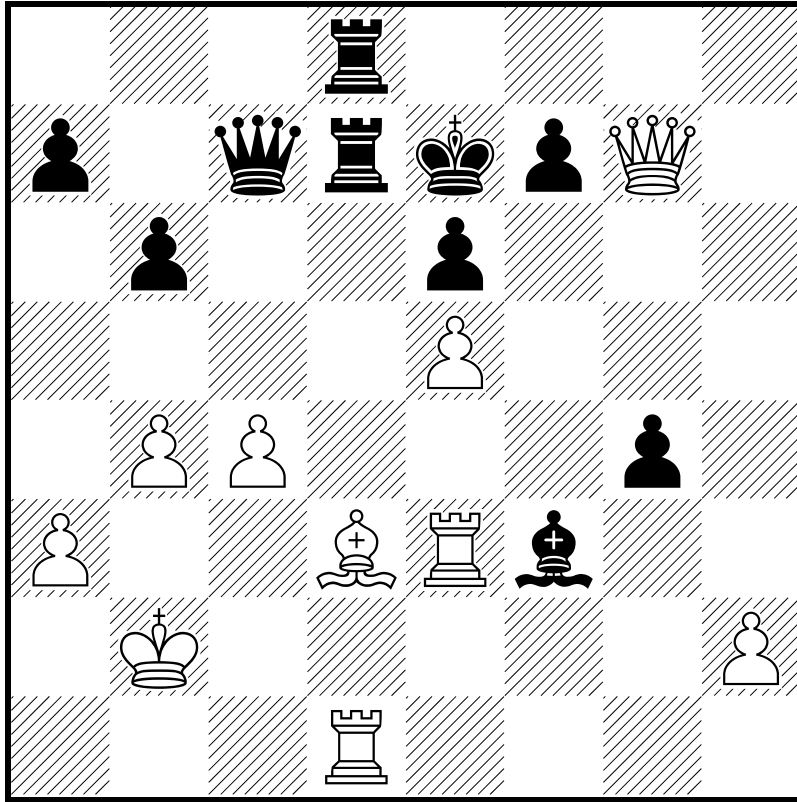


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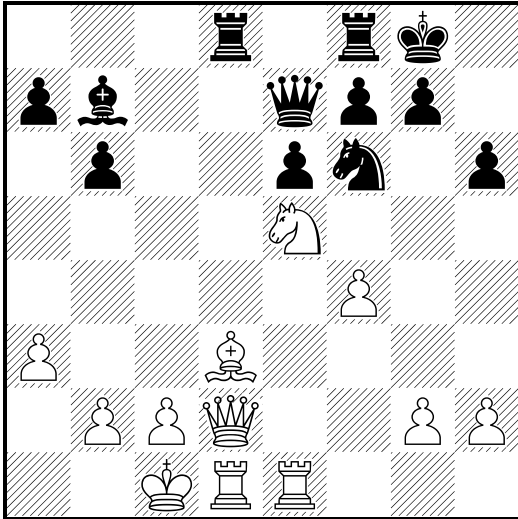
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♗xe4 ♗d7
 5.♙d3 ♗gf6 6.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 7.♙g5 c5 8.dxc5
 ♙xc5 9.♗f3 h6 10.♙h4 0-0 11.♚d2 b6
 12.0-0-0 ♙b7 13.♞he1 ♙e7 14.♗e5 ♗d5
 15.♙xe7 ♚xe7 16.a3 ♞ad8 17.f4 ♗f6

Diagrama



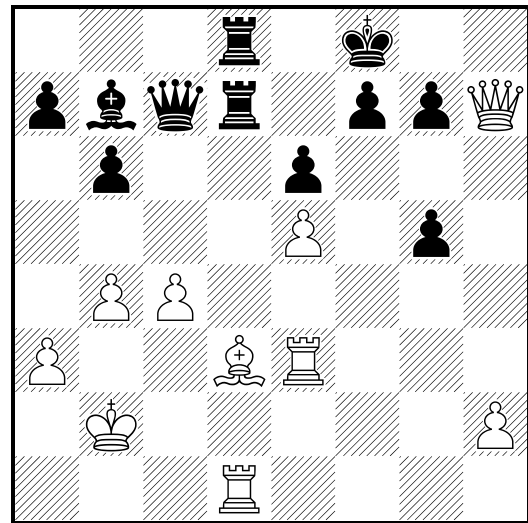
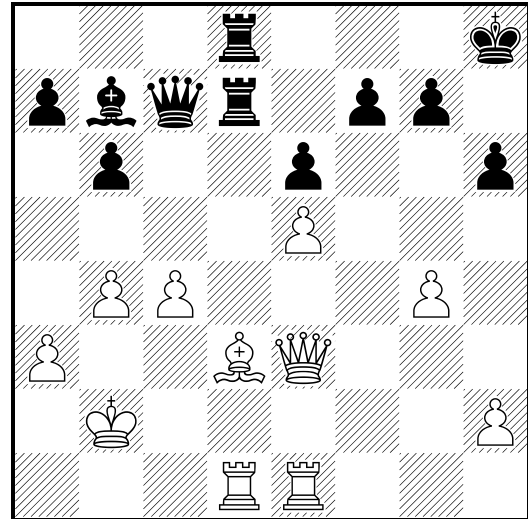
18.c4 Se previene el avance del peón b negro
 ♚c7 19.b4 La actividad del flanco dama a pesar
 de la desnudez del rey blanco queda contralada
 con este avance ♗d7 El negro desperdicia un
 tiempo con esta jugada que solo tiene una
 finalidad: la eliminación del caballo en e5; lo que
 permite al rey liberar el peón c4 de la clavada
 20.♙b2 ♗xe5 21.fxe5 ♙h8 Una jugada
 defensiva que previene la debilidad del jaque en
 descubierta con el alfil en h7 que puede generar
 un cambio en la última línea, la ventaja es ahora
 del blanco 22.♚e3 La dama libera al alfil de la
 clavada y aumenta el control del espacio ♞d7
 Jugada que anuncia con cartelón que el negro va
 doblar las torres en la columna d. El blanco tiene
 poco que temer en el punto d3 que está
 adecuadamente defendido. 23.g4 La carga de
 este peón parece natural y elemental pero es la
 jugada liquidadora porque el negro tiene que
 persistir en el plan anunciado en la jugada anterior
 ♞fd8 Diagrama

(Diagrama)

24.g5 hxg5 25.♚h3+ ♙g8 26.♚h7+ ♙f8
 27.♞e3 Diagrama

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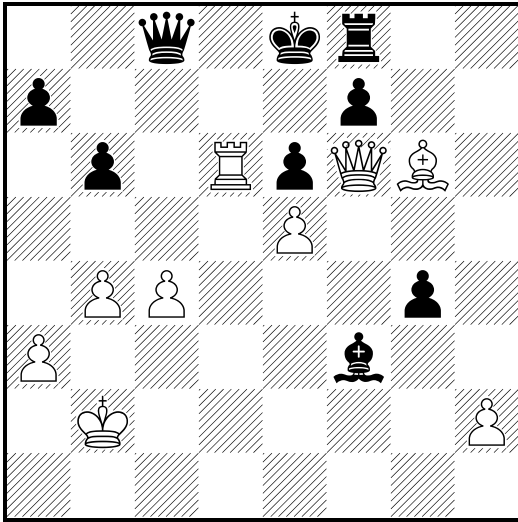
Comparado con el diagrama anterior la situación



mejorado para el blanco con la inversión de un
 peón: La dama ha invadido la penúltima línea,
 centralizado la torre y sigue con la iniciativa g4
 Parece un error, si se mira aisladamente pero es
 obvio que el negro está previniendo que torre se
 ubique en h3 28.♚h8+ ♙e7 29.♚xg7
 La partida está liquidada ♙f3 30.♙g6 ♞f8
 31.♞xd7+ ♚xd7 32.♞d3 ♚c8 33.♚f6+ ♙e8
 34.♞d6 Diagrama

(Diagrama)

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Standings after Round 10	Points
1. Alexander Morozevich (RUS, 2731)	7.5
2. Magnus Carlsen (NOR, 2675)	6 (30.75)
3. Teimour Radjabov (AZE, 2728)	6 (25.50)
4. Andrei Volokitin (UKR, 2662)	4 (19.50)
5. Yannick Pelletier (SUI, 2583)	4 (15.75)
6. Lazaro Bruzon (CUB, 2667)	2.5

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Chess

Space Advantage? Don't Trade. (But Feel Free to Ignore That.)

By ROBERT BYRNE

In my formative chess years, in the 1940's, there were too many abstract principles and not enough concrete tactics to carry them out. This had the effect of giving the principles a bad name. But it was really the lack of road maps that was to blame.

Take, for example, the advice to avoid the exchange of pieces when your advantage is primarily that of space. All well and good, but there are times when it is just a matter of choosing which exchange to make.

In the Rubinstein Variation of the French Defense, Black concedes a preponderance of space to his opponent and plays for the exchange of minor pieces to compensate for that. There was a time when I was a little perplexed by this because I could not find a way to keep absolutely all the material on the board. But that is too high an expectation. At a certain point you decide on the minimum number of pieces to be exchanged and satisfy yourself with that.

That's what Alexander Morozevich did in his game with Yannick Pelletier at the 39th Biel International Chess Festival in Switzerland, held from July 22 to Aug. 4. Morozevich went on to win the game, and the tournament, with a 7½-2½ score. In second, with 6-4, was 15-year-old Magnus Carlsen of Norway.

The French Defense, which comes about after 2 ... d5, produces a blocked center that in its main variations creates a bulwark against quick attacks.

However, after 3 Nc3, the Rubinstein Variation, with 3 ... de 4 Ne4, shifts from a closed game to a semi-open formation that yields White a superiority in control of central space. Both sides freely develop their minor pieces, but that gives White some opportunity for attack.

After 5 ... Ngf6, despite the general rule of avoiding the exchange of knights in such a situation, White has to go ahead with it because both 6 Nc3 and 6 Ng3 lose a tempo.

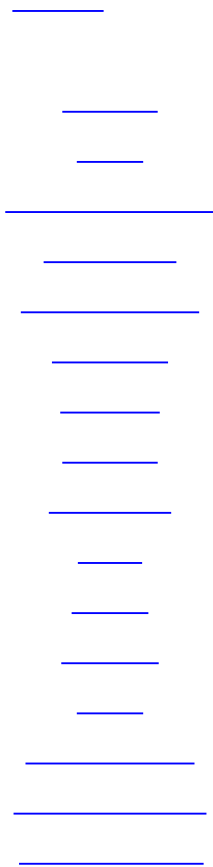
The exchange with 8 dc had to be made

.. Rad8. Black should have played

16 ... Qg5 17 Qg5 hg, and while he would have had some endgame problems, the attack he now faced was even worse.

The exchange of knights with 20 ... Ne5 21 fe would not change Pelletier's situation. It was the rooks that would do him in.

After 34 Rd6, Pelletier gave up, seeing that he had no defense against 35 Re6.



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