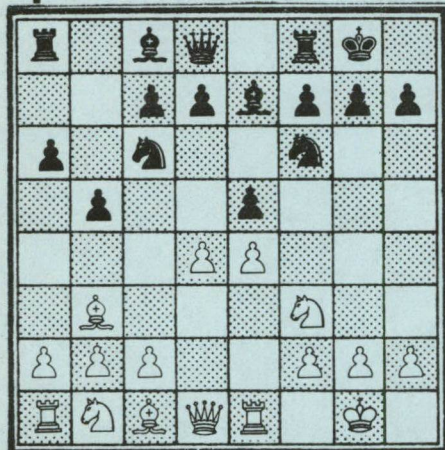
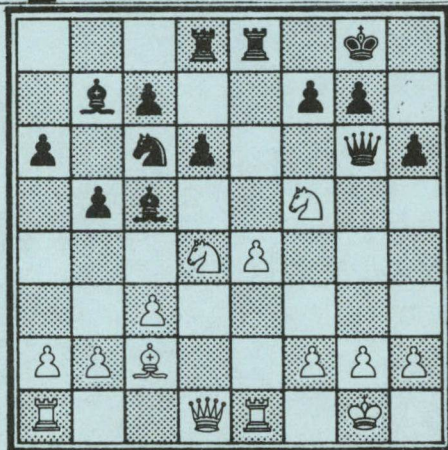


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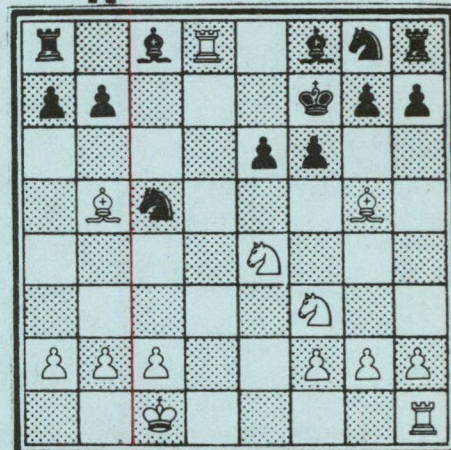
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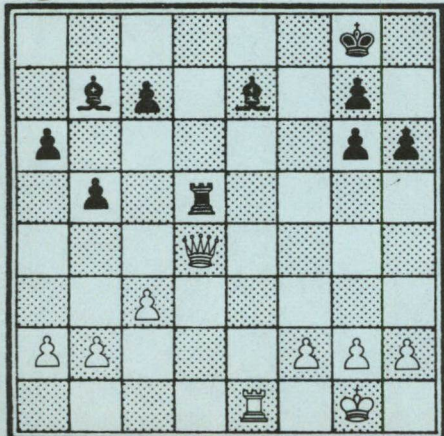
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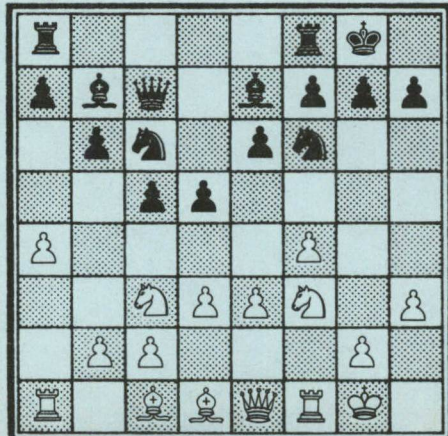
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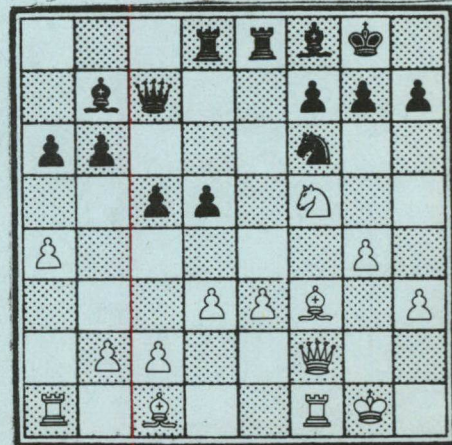
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Play over these games, then compare your ideas with those on the tape.

GAME 1 (Notes by White)

1 e4 e5

2 Nf3 Nc6

3 Bb5 a6

4 Ba4 Nf6

5 O-O Be7

6 Re1

If 6 Bxc6 bxc6 7 Nxe5 Nxe4 8 Re1

is White's position better?

6 ... b5

7 Bb3 O-O

8 d4 exd4

9 Nxd4

Last time I played e5 and won - is it better?

9 ... Ne5

10 c3 Bc5

I remember from reading Fine's 'Ideas behind the chess openings' that black is aiming for ...c5 and needs his knight out of the way.

11 Bg5 h6

12 Bh4 Bb7

13 Nd2 Rfe8

14 Bc2 d6

15 N(d2)f3

This was a problem. I think I should have played b4 and then a4. My knights seemed determined to prove they were horses by bouncing about the board for the next four moves.

15 ... Ng6

16 Bxf6 Qxf6

17 Nf5 Rad8

18 Ng3 Ne5

19 Nd4 Nc6

20 N(g3)f5

Qg6

I spotted my bishop on the same diagonal as his queen one move later. If I'd played 21 e5, he'd have to move his queen or defend e7.

21 Qd2 d5

22 exd5 Rxe1

23 Rxe1 Nxd4

24 Ne7ch Bxe7

25 Bxg6 fxg6

26 Qxd4

I'm not yet in time trouble. I'm sure this is wrong. Rxe7 - rook on 7th must be better, even cxd4 would be better. It's minus something but I don't know what. I even knew there were possible back rank mates, so I invite them in.

26... Rxd5

27 Qe3 Bc5

28 Qe6

I underestimated the dances of the two bishops - I see why you call them 'she'.

28 ... Kh7

29 Kf1 Rf5

30 f3 Bd5

31 Qe8 Bf7

Now I'm really in time trouble. 10 minutes for 17 moves. My scoring also fell apart, I'm not sure what happened.

32 Qe4 Bd5

33 Qc2 Bc4ch

34 Re2 Re5

35 a3 Bxe2ch

36 Qxe2 Rxe2

37 Kxe2 g5

38 b3 Kg6

39 b4 Bd6

Black won.

GAME 2 (Notes by Black)

1 f4 e6
2 Nf3 b6
3 e3 Bb7

I don't know what he's doing but he's
messing up his king-side I thought.

4 Be2 Nf6
5 d3

5 d4 gives him a potentially nice square
for his knight at K5. d3 blocks his KB.

5 ... c5
6 O-O Be7
7 Qe1 O-O
8 a4 Nc6
9 Bd1 Qc7
10 h3 d5
11 Nc3 a6
12 Ne2 Rad8

A cowardly move - I quite like my position
I should attack - but how?

13 Ng3 e5
14 fxe5 Nxe5
15 Nf5 Nxf3ch

I don't want to swap off my black squared
bishop, so I try to distract my opponent
- by checking him. It works.

16 Bxf3 Rfe8
17 Qf2 Bf8
18 g4 Bc8
19 Ng3 Re6

...Bd6. The reason I was keeping the black
bishop. So why didn't I play it? 20 Nh5

Nxh5 21 gxh5 Bxh3 22 Rd1 Bg3. No- 20 Ne2.

20 Bd2 Rc6
21 c4 Be6
22 Nh5 Nxh5
23 gxh5 Rd6

23...h6 was better. I should have blocked
the pawn.

24 Qg3 Qd7

25 Bg4 dxc4
26 Bc3 cxd3
27 h6 g6

If 27...f6 28 Bxf6 gxf6 29 Rxf6
threatens Bxe6. 29...Bxg4

30 Qxg4ch? I might have survived?

28 Qe5 Bxh6
29 Qh8 mate.