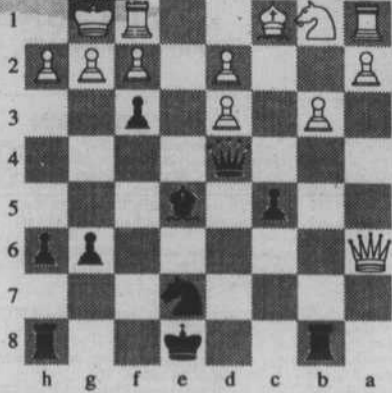


**Chess Corner**

By Dietrich Kappe & NM Stan Holse



**Short leads  
Timman in bid to  
challenge world's  
champion**

note: board position after 18.

British Grandmaster Nigel Short leads Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman 6-5 after eleven games in their candidates final match being held in El Escorial, Spain. The first player to gather 7.5 points will challenge world champion Gary Kasparov. This will be the first time in 20 years that a non-soviet has challenged for the title. The following are the moves to game 9. Short has the black pieces.

Timman - Short  
Ruy Lopez, exchange variation  
1. e4 e5  
2. Nf3 Nc6  
3. Bb5 a6  
4. Bxc6 dc  
5. O-O ...

Fischer's old line, recently revived.  
5. ... Ne7

In game 7 Short tried 5. ... Qd6 and lost after 6. Na3 Be6 7. Qe2 f6 8. Rd1 g5 9. d4 g4 10. Ne1 O-O 11. Be3 h5 12. d5 with a strong attack for white. Short's queen was eventually trapped on the queen side and he had to trade it for a knight.

6. Nxe5 Qd4  
7. Qh5 g6  
8. Qg5 Bg7  
9. Nd3 f5  
But not 9. ... Qe4 10. Re1 h6 11. Qc5 winning.

10. e5 c5  
Threatening c4 to drive off the knight on d3.

11. b3 h6  
If 11. ... Qxa1 then 12. Nc3 boxes black's queen out of the game, allowing white to organize a strong attack and pick up the black queen at leisure with Bb2.

12. Qg3 f4  
13. Qf3  
But not 13. Qxf4 (if 13. Nxf4 Bxe5 14. d3 g5 wins for black) Qxf4 14. Nxf4 Bxe5 15. d4 cd 16. Nd3 Bg7 and black has the two bishops and a healthy queen side pawn majority.

13. ... Bf5  
14. Qxb7 Be4  
15. Qxc7 Bxd3  
16. cd Bxe5  
17. Qb7 Rb8  
18. Qxa6 f3

Note: Diagram of position after 18. ... f3

19. Nc3 fg  
If 19. ... Qg4 20. Qa4+ exchanges queens into a won ending for white.

20. Re1 ...  
After 20. Kxg2 white would get mated after 20. ... Qg4+ 21. Kh1 Qh3 threatening mate in two ways.

20. ... O-O  
Threatening mate on f2.

21. Qe6+ Rf7  
22. Nd1 Qxa1  
Now, finally, it is safe and also necessary to take the rook.

23. Qxe5 Qxe5  
24. Rxe5 ...  
Although white has a bishop and two pawns for the rook, his pawn structure is distorted and weak, and black active pieces will soon gobble them up.

24. ... Nc6  
25. Rxc5 Nb4  
26. Ba3 Nxd3  
27. Rc6 Ra8  
28. Rd6 ...

Not 28. Rxc6+ Kh7 and two of white's pieces are under attack.

28. ... Rxa3  
29. Rxd3 Rxa2  
30. Ne3 Kg7  
31. Kxg2 Ra5  
32. Rd4 Rb5  
33. b4 Rbb7

Rooks are strongest when connected. Black wants to exchange a pair of rooks, increasing his advantage of a rook versus a knight.

34. Rc4 Rfc7  
35. Rg4 Rd7  
36. h4 h5  
37. Rg5 Rxb4  
38. d4 ...

Hoping for a "cheapo." If black now takes the pawn with either rook, white replies 39. Nf5+ forking the king and rook.

38. ... Rf7  
39. Rd5 Rb2  
White resigns. If 40. Nd1 then 40. ... Rd2 with an easy win for black.

Solution to last week's puzzle: A player is said to have the opposition whenever the kings are one square apart and it's the other player's move. In the diagrammed position, black's plan is to advance the pawn with the aid of the king to the eighth rank, forcing white to give up the rook. To prevent this, white's king must somehow catch up with the pawn. 1. Rd2!! d4 2. Rd1! White has now gained the opposition while placing the rook as far away from black's king as possible. This will prevent black from gaining a vital tempo later on by attacking the rook. 2. ... Kd5 The best try. 3. Kd7!!! Keeping the opposition. Now if 3. ... Kc4 4. Ke6 d3 5. Ke5 Kc3 6. Ke4 d2 7. Ke3 catches the pawn. Or if 3. ... Ke4 4. Kc6 d3 5. Kc5 Ke3 6. Kc4 d2 7. Kc3 again catching the pawn. Notice that any other first move for white would have only drawn, since the white king would not have been in time to catch the pawn.

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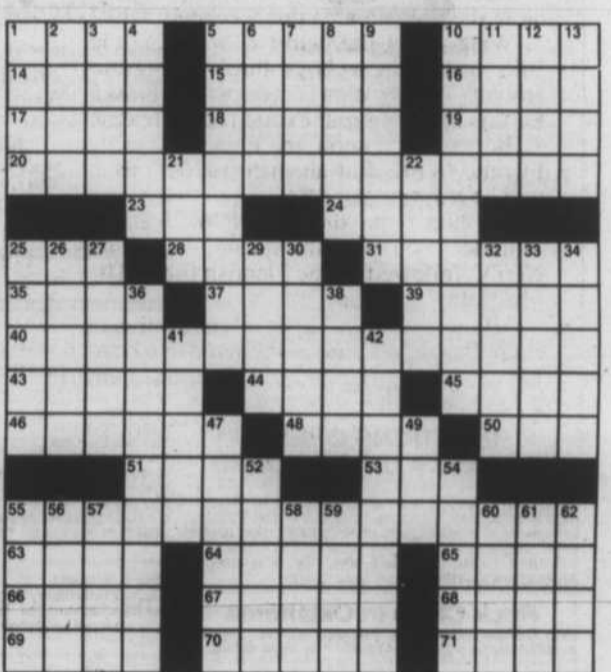
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5 Univ. of Calif. site, with 10 Across  
10 See 5 Across  
14 Trammell of the Tigers  
15 Decorate  
16 Actress Virna  
17 Zilch  
18 Unit of capacitance  
19 It, in Italy  
20 Loser in 1972  
23 Shirt type  
24 Sped  
25 Part of a TV set  
28 Specialty at U.C.L.A.  
31 J. R.'s bailiwick  
35 Kin of hic or hoc  
37 Not sanguine  
39 French historian  
40 College at 5 & 10 Across named after loser to Eisenhower  
43 Painter El  
44 Air: Comb. form  
45 Art cult  
46 Writers Ernest and Anya  
48 Antitoxins  
50 In the go position  
51 Middle East bread  
53 Literary monogram  
55 Loser in 1988  
63 Height: Comb. form  
64 Painter della Francesca  
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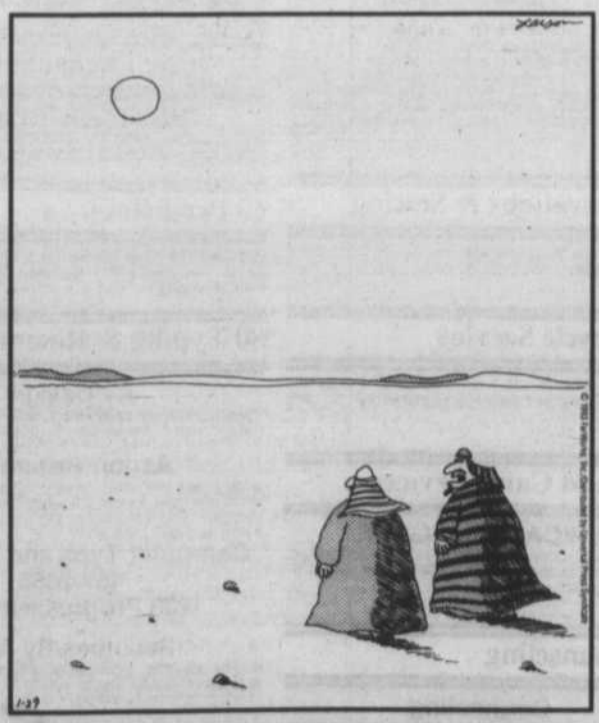
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SEARS OMEN DIE  
ANTI PREPAY EDS  
AREA MAA  
HOW NOW BROWN COW  
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25 Catches flies  
26 Core group  
27 Lease again  
29 Sky Bear  
30 Quotes  
32 Actresses Eilbacher and Kirk  
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34 French legislature  
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38 Simple  
41 Where Ephesus was  
42 José Iturbi was one  
47 "the Rear," old song  
49 Invite  
52 A k a  
54 Let up  
55 Vertical spar  
56 Bakery worker  
57 Canadian Indian  
58 Family branch  
59 Endure, in Edinburgh  
60 "Kiss Me, ..."  
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