

GAME OF THE MONTH
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TENNESSEE OPEN 1969

ENGLISH OPENING		White: Paul Koploy	Black: Bernard Parham
1. N-KB3	N-KB3	16. P-K4	P-KB3
2. P-B4	P-B4 (a)	17. P-K5	FxP
3. P-Q4	P-Q3 (b)	18. R-K1	O-O
4. PxP1	Q-R4ch	19. NxP	R-B7ch
5. N-B3	PxP (c)	20. K-B3	B-B4
6. B-Q2	Q-Q1	21. B-Q3	R-K1 (h)
7. P-K4	N-B3	22. N-N4?	RxR
8. B-K3	QxQch	23. NxR	B-K4ch
9. RxQ	P-K4? (d)	24. K-Q2	RxR
10. N-Q5!?(e)	NxN (f)	25. NxR	B-Q2? (i)
11. KPxN	N-N5	26. N-B2	BxNP
12. NxP	B-Q3	27. N-K4	B-Q5
13. N-Q3	N-B7ch	28. N-Q6	P-QN3
14. K-Q2	NxB	29. B-B5! (j)	BxB
15. PxN! (g)	P-QR4	30. NxB	B-B3
		31. K-K3	K-B1
		32. K-K4	K-K1
		33. P-Q6	K-Q2
		34. K-Q5	P-R5
		35. N-K7	P-N3
		36. N-B6	B-B6
		37. N-K5ch	K-Q1
		38. P-KR3	K-B1
		39. K-K6	B-K8
		40. K-K7	P-QN4
		41. P-Q7ch	K-N2
		42. P-Q8(N)ch!k	K-R3
		43. N-K6	K-N3
		44. N-Q7ch	K-B3
		45. PxPch	KxP
		46. N/6xP	and white won

- (a) A very safe defence to the English Opening.
- (b) 3...P-KN3 would have led to a Benoni Defence after P-Q5 by White or perhaps a Sicilian Defence (Maroczy Bind Variation) after ...PxP by Black and P-K4 by Wh.
- (c) Black has an unpleasant choice after White's fine 4th move. 5...QxP would lead after 6. P-K4 to a Maroczy Bind Sicilian where White has a couple of extra tempi in a variation which already favors White.
- (d) On general principles black should avoid producing a symmetrical position where his opponent has two extra pieces developed. This move loses by force.
- (e) 10. N-QN5! wins at least the exchange since 10...R-N1 is answered by 11.N-B7ch and 12. BxP mate. The move played wins a pawn, but why settle for a pawn when you can get more?
- (f) Forced.
- (g) This move gives Black more problems than 15. KxN e.g. how does black defend against the advance of White's KP?
- (h) For the life of me, I cannot find anything wrong with 21...BxB 22 NxB, RxKNP.
- (i) Black could have shown the weakness of White's 22nd move with 25...BxRP or 26...BxRP. Instead he captures the white QNP, which is not a very important pawn.
- (j) White is effecting his positional advantage. After the following exchange his knight will be stronger than Black's bishop.
- (k) This move finishes the game for all practical purposes. White has played well since his slip on the 22nd move.

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- (h) A game where White accepted the gambit went as follows: 4.BxP PxP 5 NxP Q-N4 6 P-Q4 QxNP 7 R-B1 P-B3 8 B-R4 B-R3 9 P-QB4 B-N5ch 10 N-QB3 N-K2 11 P-QR3? BxNch 12 PxP P-Q3 13 Q-N4 QxQ 14 NxQ BxP etc. (Wennerstrom-Searles, Corres.1969)
 - (i) 12. QN-B4 BxNch 13 NxB Q-B6ch!! 14 K-K1 QxQ 15 BxQ N-KB3 16 B-N5 B-K2 and Black has a clear win. (Grava-Strautins, Correspondence)
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1. Reshovsky	8 -3	5-8. Modnis	5½-5½
2. Addison	7½-3½	5-8. Zuckerman	5½-5½
3. Benko	7 -4	9-10. R. Byrne	4½-6½
4. Lombardy	6 -5	9-10. Saidy	4½-6½
5-8. D. Byrne	5½-5½	11. Bisguier	3½-7½
5-8. Evans	5½-5½	12. Burger	2 -9