

This week's game has been sent to me by Ivan David of Grantham from the dramatic 8½ to 7½ win against Suffolk in the Nation ECF Minor Counties final described last week. Ivan was paired on board 13 as black against John Feavoyour with the opening following the Philidor Defence 1. d4 d6 2. e4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nbd7 4. Nf3 e5 5. dxe5 dxe5 6. Bc4 Be7 7. 0-0 0-0 and after both players have castled honours are about even 8. h3 c6 9. Be3 b5 10. Bd3 Qc7 11. a3 a5 12. Re1 Nc5 13. Qe2 Bb7 14. Bg5 Rfe8 15. Qe3 Ne6 16. Bh4 Bc5 17. Qc1 Nh5 18. Ne2 f6 19. a4 b4 20. Bg3 Nxg3 21. Nxg3 and after 20 moves the first pieces have been taken.

Play continued 21. ...Nf4 22. Bc4+ Kh8 23. Nf5 g6 24. Ne3 Rad8 25. Kh2 Bc8 26. Bf1 Be6 27. Rd1 Qa7 28. Rxd8 Rxd8 29. g4 g5 30. Qe1 h5 31. Rd1 Rd7 32. Rxd7 Qxd7 and after the rooks are off the board it's up to the minor pieces to gain the advantage 33. Nf5 hxg4 34. hxg4 Bxf5 35. exf5 Qd5 36. Kg3 Bd6 and now Ivan is eyeing up a discovered check with the bishop on d6 (see diagram).

White replied with 37. Qd2 hoping for an exchange of queens but Ivan played 37. ...e4 38. Nd4 Nd3+ 39. Kh3 Qe5 40. f4 exf3 and Ivan retook the pawn with the en passant move and white resigned unable to prevent mate in a couple of moves.

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