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## Letters to the Editors

Dear Sirs,

Chris Depasquale's *Confessions of a Super-GM* contains yet another reason not to trust everything you read. In the final position of Rogers-Shirov (WKg3, Pf3 BKh1, Pf7) Shirov certainly did not resign because of the line 3 ... Kg1 4.f4 Kf1 5.Kf3? because Black draws immediately with 5 ... f5!. Instead White should play 5.f5 Ke2 6.Kf4 Kd3 7.Ke5 Ke3 (7 ... Kc4 8.Kf6) 8.f6! which wins easily. Chris seems to have copied the analysis from Avni, who used the Informator notes without checking them. The original erroneous analyst, who claimed in Informator that 5.Kf3 wins was, embarrassingly, me! I hope I would have been rather more careful over the board and found 5.f5 had the game continued

Best wishes  
Ian Rogers

Dear Sirs,

The magazine is looking good. Long may you both retain your enthusiasm. Yes, Bernie Johnson was the high priest of altruism. Even more I suspect than the great CJSP though not for as long. I went to see him from 1974 until his death in 1985. But it's all in Australian Chess Lore. Phil Viner, Fred Flatow, Paul Sherman, Jack Bennet and Del, Bernie's wife were the production team with Bernie doing the lions share. I rang Del when in Sydney recently. She keeps well and asked to be remembered to all chess enthusiasts.

Regards  
Bob Medley

## Games Section by Stephen Solomon

### PORTUGUESE POISON!!

The Portuguese Gambit struck at least three times during the Doeberl Cup, and I was the unfortunate victim twice! Mark Chapman also lost to Michael Gluzman in a very complex game! This issue features Michael's great win over me, and a beautiful strategic game by Darryl Johansen against the third placegetter, Mirko Rujevic. There were 204 players in the three tournaments, a record for Australia! Darryl and Michael came equal first with 6/7.

#### 1998 Doeberl Cup (6)

**White: I.M. Stephen Solomon 2462**

**Black: I.M. Michael Gluzman 2385**

*Opening: Scandinavian Defense;  
Portuguese Gambit*

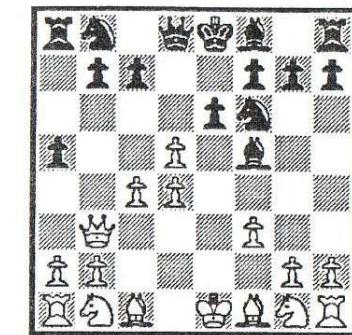
#### 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4!?

This is the beginning of the Gambit. The usual move is 3...Nxd5 and White keeps a small edge.

#### 4.f3

To be considered are 4.Nf3 and 4.Be2. These are both safe ways to decline the Gambit, but all through my career I have been willing to accept Gambits and hold on to the material because I like defending. Maybe this will change after this tournament (No)!

#### 4....Bf5 5.c4 e6! 6.Qb3!? a5!?



This is Michael's prepared improvement, and very interesting. Mirko Rujevic, who had a great tournament and finished third on 5.5/7, played 6...b6?! 7.Nc3 exd5 8.cxd5 Bd6 9.Bb5+ Nbd7 10.Nge2 0-0 against me in round 2, and here I went wrong with 11.Bc6? Rc8 12.Nb5?! going after a second Pawn and allowing Black too much development advantage. This was too dangerous in a position where White's King has no safe haven compared to Black's King which seems safe for ever Castled on the K-side! Better here was 11.Kf2 followed by 12.Ng3, and then Bd2, Rae1 trying to complete development, with better chances for White in a complex game. I think the best move for Black is 6...Na6! 7.a3 Rb8 8.Nc3 c6! with even chances in a very interesting position.

#### 7.Qxb7

If capturing this Pawn is not best, then the previous move, 6.Qb3, cannot have been best because if the Queen remains at b3 it will become vulnerable to a later ...Nxd4 or ...a4, and thus will just help Black's development. For example if