



Game 137

SM Kalinsky

N Kenrick

Essex v Oxon, 1996

Sicilian

[After Sean Terry]

1 e4 c5 2 d4

The Morra Gambit, something of a Cavendish speciality. Our President plays it and our top lady has co-written booklets on the subject - jp.

2 ... cxd4 3 c3 dxc3

3 ... Nf6 4 e5 Nd5 5 Bc4 (5 Nf3 Nc6 6 Bc4 e6 7 cxd4 b6 8 0-0 Bb7 9 Nc3 Nxc3 10 bxc3 Na5 11 Bd3 Rc8 12 Bd2 h6 13 Qe2 Bd5 14 Be1 “strange and far-sighted” says Young Ron 14 Ba3 15 Nd2 Bb2 16 Rd1 Bxc3 17 Ne4 Bxe4 18 Qxe4 Bxe1 19 Rfxe1 Nc4 20 d5! Nb2 21 dxe6 fxe6 22 Qg6+ Kf8 23 Re3 Qe8 24 Rf3+ Kg8 25 Qxe8+! Rxe8 26 Bg6± - **NK Regan v CI Howell**, UK Nat Club 2002-03; 1-0

in 50. cf Game 38 for full score.)

5 ... Nb6 6 Bb3 d5 7 cxd4 Nc6 8 Nc3 Bf5 9 Nge2 Na5 10 Ng3 Nxb3 11 axb3 Bg6 12 h4 h6 13 h5 Bh7 14 e6 fxe6 15 Bf4↑;

MJ Corden v S Reuben, British Championship, Coventry, 1970

4 Nxc3 Nc6 5 Nf3 a6!

I like this move. It is ordinary, in the sense that it will most likely be played at some stage in the Sicilian, but has the advantage in this particular position - a hackneyed gambit (*Cheek!* - jp) of not letting your opponent know quite what your plans are as yet for your central pawn structure

6 Bc4 e6 7 0-0 Bb4 8 Bf4 d6 9 a3?

Black has already committed himself to giving White the two bishops, or putting the bishop on a4. No advantage is gained in forcing him to choose now

9 ... Bxc3 10 bxc3 e5 11 Bc1?

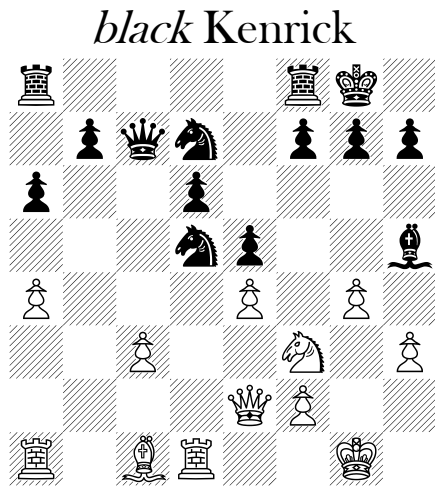
Allied to 9 a3, this has to be a slow plan (11 Bc1?, a4, Ba3). 11 Bg5 has its merits.

11 ... Nf6 12 a4 0-0 13 Qe2

13 Ba3 Qe8 14 Rb1 seems better here.

13 ... Bg4! 14 Rd1 Qc7 15 Ba2 Nd7 16 h3 Bh5 17 Bd5 Ne7 18 g4 Nxd5

A neat interposition which simplifies the position and wins another pawn. If 19 exd5 Bg6 20 c4 Rac8 21 Nd2 Nb6 22 Ba3 Bc2.



white Kalinsky to move

19 Rxd5 Bg6 20 Bb2 Nf6 21 Rdd1 Nxe4 22 Qe3 Rad8 23 Nd2 Nc5

23 ... Nxd2 is probably OK here too, although the psychological impact of the opposite coloured bishops can become an important factor in positions like this

24 Nf1? Bc2

Another pawn goes astray

25 Rd2 Bxa4 26 Ng3 Bc6 (?)

White didn't like this but I (Sean Terry) can't see anything wrong with it. Perhaps Black's mental game started to go wrong with this move

27 Re1 Na4?

Hello?! Three pawns ahead, with the pieces beginning to look to the Kingside, White goes in search of number 4 of the Q-side?! 27 ... Ne6 Δ Nf4 x h3+ is a much better class of consumerism, eg 27 ... Ne6 28 Nh5 b5→.

28 Ba3 Bb5?

Another piece away from the K-side. White is almost better now.

**29 Nf5 Nc5 30 Nxd6!
b6! 31 Nxb5 axb5 32
Rxd8 Qxd8**

Draw agr^{1/2}1/2d

After 33 Qxe5 there isn't much to play for. Black's extra pawn is doubled and White's rook is too active.

(A great save by Syd -jp)

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Game 138

M Healey

JJ Cox

Uxbridge Open, 2009

Bird's

[Notes by Michael Healey except where stated]

**1 f4 (0) d6 (20)
2 Nf3 Bg4 3 e3 g6 4 h3
Bxf3 5 Qxf3± c6 6 Nc3
Bg7 7 g4 Nd7 8 Bg2 ...**

I am not too fond of the Stonewall (8 d4) set-up but am aware it is probably best here.

8 ... e6?!

Alexei Slavin, when shown, was even more surprised by this move than I was otb. It does not really suit the white set-up.

[However, it does suit Black's 'wait and see. Strategy.' -jp]

**9 d3 Ne7 10 Bd2 Qb6 11
Rb1?!**

After 11 OOO I was slightly afraid of facing 11 ... Nd5 12 d4 Nxc3 13 Bxc3 d5±

11 ... e5

11 ... h5!?! ♣

12 ♖e4

Here I quickly calculated 12 ... d5 13 Nd6+ Kf8 14 Bc3 (14 ... fxe5 immediately fails to 14 ... Nxe5) 14 ... d4 and the knight has a safe square on e4. Unfortunately, 14 ... e4! spoils the party.

12 ... 0-0 13 Nxd6 Qc5

13 ... exf4 14 Nc4 Qd8 15 exf4 Nb6±.

14 ♖c4

The move JJC missed.

14 ... exf4 15 b4

My choices start to become important and, given the position at move 18, are probably wrong.

15 ... Qd5 16 e4 Qe6 17 Qxf4 b5 18 Ne3 Be5 19 Qf2 ...

19 Qf3 'far better'.

19 ... f5 20 gxf5 gxf5 21 Qe2 fxe4 22 Bxe4 Nf6 23 Ng4± Qxa2?!

I felt instinctively that this was wrong, but perhaps not. 24 Qg2 (AS) Qxb1+ 25 Ke2 Qa2! is not quite good enough for Cox. 24 OO felt wrong but may well be best

[Saunders gives 23 ... Bg3+ as a possible, exchanging Q's and keeping bl. tied to the back rank.-jpl]

24 Rc1 Nxe4 25 Nxe5!

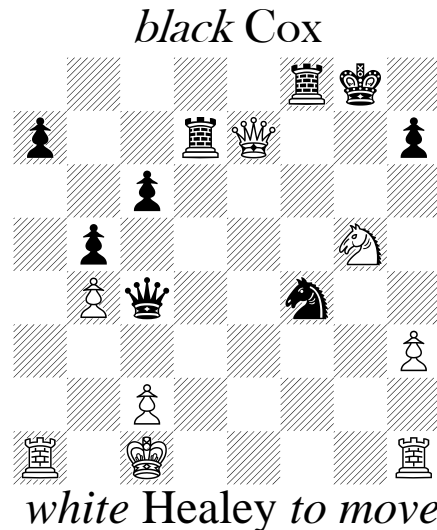
25 Qxe4?! Bg7 26 Nh6+ Kh8=.

25 ... Nxd2 26 Qg4+ Kh8 27 Qd4! Nf3+ 28 Nxf3+± Kg8 29 Kd2 Ng6 30 Ng5 ...

I felt Black was beginning to work his way back into

the game at this point, as Cox subsequently agreed

30 ... Rad8 31 Qe3 Nf4 32 Ra1 Qc4 33 Qe7 Rxd3+ 34 Kc1! Rd7??



'should be the losing move.' - Saunders.

34 ... Ne2+ [Cox] 35 Qxe2 Qf4+ 36 Kb1 Qxb4+ 37 Kc1=.

35 Qxd7 Ne2+ 36 Kd2! Qc3+! 37 Kxe2 Qxc2+ 38 Ke3 Qf2+ 39 Kd3 Qg3+ 40 Kc2?? ...

Thinking the IM had seen 40 Kd4 I conceded material and hoped my rooks would still win me the game. Neither of us wanted a draw at this point. **40 ... Rf2+ 41**

Qd2 \square **Rxd2+** **42 Kxd2**
Qxg5+

Unfortunately I am lost.

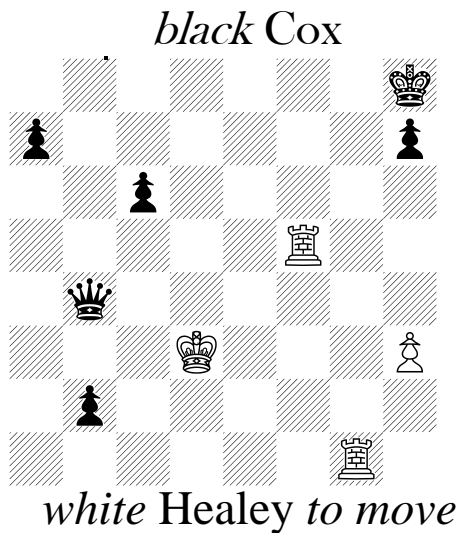
43 Kd3? **Qd5+** **44 Re3**
Qb3+ **45 Ke2 Qxb4** **46**
Raf1 Qc4+ **47 Ke3 Qc5+**
48 Ke4

48 Kd2 b4 -+.

48 ... b4 **49 Rf5**

A desperate try to co-ordinate the rooks.

49 ... Qc4+ **50 Kf3 Qd3+**
51 Kf4 Qd6+ **52 Ke4 b3**
53 Rg1+ Kh8 **54 Rfg5**
Qf8 **55 Rf5 Qb4+** **56**
Kd3 b2



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