

NATIONAL OPEN NEWS

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UPSETS ABOUND IN DAY ONE ACTION

Fifteen players head into the second day's play in the National Open with perfect scores after a day the higher seeds might want to forget.

As is usual with a Swiss event, the first round had some major mismatches, with each pairing pitting players rated about 400 points apart from each other.

However, the ratings counted for nothing as there was an upset on board 3 when Dereque Kelley beat GM Ivan Ivanovic and then there was a series of draws on boards 5, 6 and 7. These were followed by further surprising upsets and draws down the entire 41 boards in the Open Section.

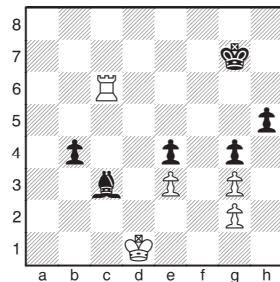
Round 2 saw things settle back into some sort of normalcy as most of the higher rated players won, with a sporadic surprising result here and there, but no doubt the shocks in round 1 are causing some of the favorites to play catch up right from the get go.

Here are some interesting positions from the first day's play, which high-

light some of the good, and the bad.

Akobian,V (2710)
Chakraborty,D (2288)
National Open (1.2)

43.Kd1 Kh7 44.Rc6 Kg7



45.Rxc3

Akobian takes the simplest route. Why makes things compli-



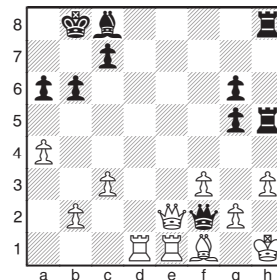
GM Tamaz Gelashvili

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45...bxc3 46.Kc2 Kf6
47.Kxc3 Kg5 48.Kd4
h4 49.gxh4+ Kxh4
50.Kxe4 1-0

Liou,Y (2379)
Gelashvili,T (2693)
National Open (2.3)

35.Qe5 Qf2 36.Qe2



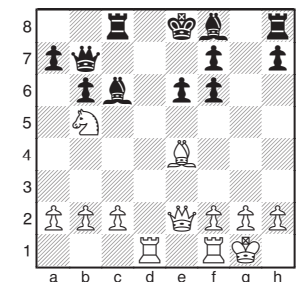
36...Bxh3!

Gelashvili wins a pawn with a neat tactic and goes on to grind his opponent down for the victory.

37.Qxf2 Bc8+ 38.Qh4
Rxh4+ 39.Kg1 Rxa4
40.Rd5 g4 41.fgx4
Rxg4 0-1 (82 moves)

Perunovic,M (2627)
Belakovskaia,A (2333)
National Open (2.8)

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7
3.Bd3 e6 4.Nf3 c5
5.Nc3 cxd4 6.Nxd4
Nc6 7.Nxc6 Bxc6
8.Qe2 Nf6 9.0-0 d5
10.Bg5 dxe4 11.Bxe4
Qc7 12.Bxf6 gxf6
13.Rad1 Rc8 14.Nb5
Qb7



15.Bxc6+ Rxc6

15...Qxc6 16.Nxa7+-

16.Qf3 Rg8 17.Rd6
Rc7 18.Nxc7+ Qxc7
19.Qa8+ Ke7 20.Rfd1
f5 21.Rc6 1-0

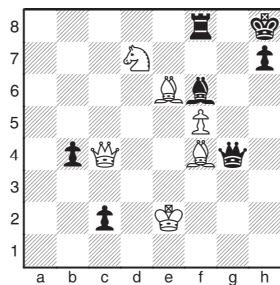
MORE ACTION FROM THE OPEN SECTION, DAY ONE

Here is some more of the good, and the bad, from day one of the 3-day schedule in the National Open Championship.

Yanayt,E (2301)
Molner,M (2540)
 National Open (2.12)

The following complicated position has been reached and both players start to run short of time.

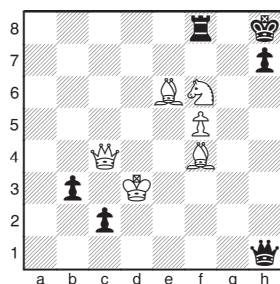
53.Ke2 Qg4+



54.Kd3?

54.Kf2= Qh4+ 55.Ke2 Qg4+

54...Qd1+ 55.Ke4 Qh1+ 56.Kd3 Qd1+ 57.Ke4 Qh1+ 58.Kd3 b3 59.Nxf6



59...Qf1+?

59...b2!-+ 60.Qb4 Qd1+ 61.Ke4 Qe2+ 62.Be3 Qxe3+!

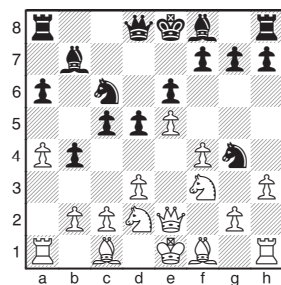
60.Ke4 Qxc4+?

60...Qg2+ 61.Kd4 b2 62.Be5 Qd2+ 63.Qd3 Qb4+ 64.Bc4 Qb6+

61.Bxc4+- Rxf6 62.Bxb3 Kg7 63.Bxc2 Rc6 64.Bb3 Kf6 65.Bd5 Ra6 66.Be5+ Kg5 67.Bd4 h5 68.Ke5 h4 69.Be3+ Kh5 70.Bf3# 1-0

Bacus,C (2300)
Diamant,A (2522)
 National Open (2.14)

1.e4 c5 2.f4 e6 3.Nf3 a6 4.Nc3 b5 5.d3 Bb7 6.a4 b4 7.Nb1 d5 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.e5 Ng4 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.h3



11...Nd4!-+ 12.Nxd4 Qh4+ 13.Kd1 Nf2+ 14.Qxf2 Qxf2 15.N4f3 Qg3 16.h4 Qxf4 17.Ne4 Qf5 18.Ng3 Qg4 19.Rh3 f5 20.Ne2 f4 21.Nxf4 Be7 0-1



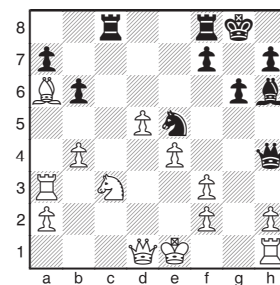
GM Ray Robson



WIM Mihaela Foisor

Foisor,M (2294)
Hansen,E (2438)
 National Open (2.15)

21.Rxa3 Qh4 22.Ba6



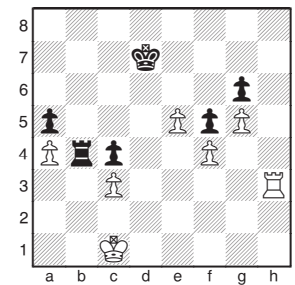
22...Qh3! 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.Nb5?

24.Ne2 Nxf3+ 25.Rxf3 Qxf3 with advantage to Black.

24...Rc1-+ 25.Ke2 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Qc8 27.Rc3 Qa6 28.a4 Qxa4 29.Nd6 Bf8 30.Nc8 Bxb4 0-1

Robson,R (2692)
Bradford,J (2416)
 National Open (2.19)

35.hxg6 hxg6 36.c3



36...Rxa4?? 37.Kb2+- 1-0



GM Timur Gareev

GM MELIK'S ANALYSIS OF KELLEY-IVANISEVIC FROM ROUND ONE

Round one saw what was a huge upset on board 3 when Dereque Kelley beat one of the pre-tournament favorites, GM Ivan Ivanisevic.

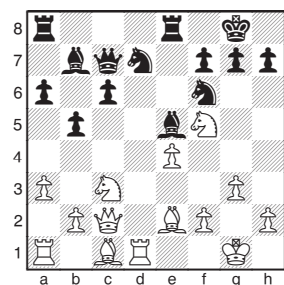
GM Melik Khachiyan offers his thoughts on the game.

Kelley, D (2283)
Ivanisevic, I (2705)
 National Open (1.3)

- 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6**
3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6
5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6
7.Bd3

Nowadays 7.g4 is more popular.

- 7...0-0 8.0-0 dxc4**
9.Bxc4 a6 10.Rd1 b5
11.Be2 Qc7 12.e4 e5
13.g3 Re8 14.a3 exd4
15.Nxd4 Bb7 16.Nf5
Be5



17.f4!?

A very interesting way to try improve a line that has been known for many years. This is a new move according to my database and puts Ivanisevic in new territory having previously had this position over 10 years ago, 17.Be3 Rad8 18.Rac1 c5 19.Bf3 g6 20.Nh6+

- Kg7 21.Ng4 Nxf4**
22.Bxf4 Nf6 23.Bf3
 ½-½ (95) Abramovic, B
 -Ivanisevic, I Vrnjacka
 Banja 1999.

- 17...Bxc3 18.Qxc3**
Rxe4 19.Bf3 Re6
20.b4 Rae8

Black should try to strike with c5 immediately, e.g. 20...c5 21.bxc5 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Rae8.

- 21.Nd4 Rd6**

It looks like 21...Qb6 was a better idea.

- 22.Bb2 Qb6 23.Kf1**
c5 24.Nf5 Rxd1+
25.Rxd1 Bxf3 26.Qxf3
Qe6 27.Nd6 Qh3+?

27...Ng4 was the only move to keep Black's advantage.

- 28.Kg1 Rd8 29.Nb7**
Re8 30.Nd6

After the game, Kelley mentioned he would have been very happy to take a draw, even after 30.Bxf6 Nxf6 31.Bxc5 where he looks a bit better but I can't blame him for wanting a draw against someone who is more than 400 points higher than himself.

- 30...Re7?**

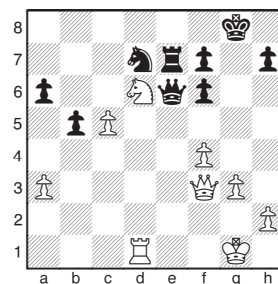
Too much. Black should accept the fact he does not have an advantage anymore and agree to a draw. Now he leaves himself



Dereque Kelley

facing big problems.

- 31.Bxf6 gxf6 32.bxc5**
Qe6



- 33.Qa8+?!**

33.c6 was probably winning instantly.

- 33...Nf8 34.Qd5?**

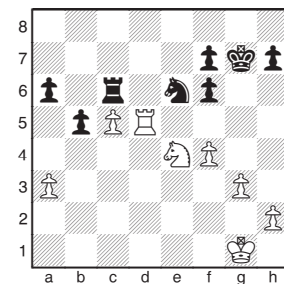
Bad decision by White who shouldn't be worried about anything here. Going back with 34.Qf3 was the best move to keep the queen around the Black king.

- 34...Rc7 35.Qxe6**
Nxe6 36.Ne4 Kg7?!

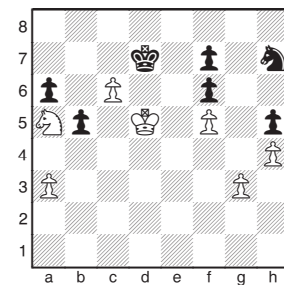
After 36...f5 it was a clear draw. Now Black, after almost coming back to the game, is losing again.

- 37.Rd5 Rc6?**

In my opinion better was to sac the pawn with 37...f5 with the idea after 38.Rxf5 to activate the rook by 38...Rd7 with good chances to make a draw.



- 38.f5 Ng5 39.Nd2 h5**
40.h4 Nh7 41.Nb3
Kf8 42.Kf2 Ke8
43.Na5 Rc8 44.Ke3
Rd8 45.Kd4 Rxd5+
46.Kxd5 Kd7 47.c6+



Look at how sad Black's knight is, having no way to get out from h7 and f8. Black is practically a piece down.

- 47...Kc7 48.Nb3 Ng5**
49.hxg5 fxg5 50.Kc5
h4 51.gxh4 gxh4
52.Nd4 h3 53.Nf3 f6
54.Nh2 1-0



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2-day Round 3 2:00 pm
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10:00 am Round 1
1:00 pm Round 2
3:00 pm GM Karpov Autograph Session
4:00 pm Round 3
6:30 pm Puzzle Solving Competition

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10:00 am Round 4
1:00 pm Round 5
4:00 pm Closing Ceremony

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7:00 pm Analysis of your games, GM Henley (Skybox 207-208)

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