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# Chess Editorial

by Executive Editor, IM Malcolm Pein



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## NEW EDITOR

You wait more than twenty years for a change of editor and then three come along before you can say Dr Who. My thanks to Chess & Bridge General Manager Matthew Read for standing in for this issue after John Saunders' move to Associate Editor. I am delighted to announce that the editorship will henceforth be a double act. Long time contributor IM Richard Palliser and IM Byron Jacobs, the brains behind Everyman Chess, will be taking the helm from the November issue. I know they will arrive with fresh ideas and will take the magazine forward into the digital age. I would like to reiterate how pleased I am that John Saunders will continue to contribute his historical and opinion pieces. In 2013, if not before, subscribers will also be able to access a value added online edition of the magazine.



Preparations for the London Chess Classic continue apace. Please check the website for information on the schools' activities which take place on December 3,4,6,7 and 10. Kids come free to the London Chess Classic and Nigel Short is now confirmed for two simultaneous displays on Monday 3 and Friday 7 December. For further details see [www.londonchessclassic.com](http://www.londonchessclassic.com)

The FIDE Open runs across two weekends so only requires a week off work with multiple byes available.

Please go to the London Chess Classic Facebook page and 'like' us for lots of chess stories around the event and some exclusive offers. If you do dabble in Facebook, 'like' the London Chess Centre at the same time!

Tickets are now on sale online at [Londonchessclassic.com](http://Londonchessclassic.com) and you can order the programme at the same time.



The winning Armenian team: (from l to r) Tigran Petrosian, Gabriel Sargissian, Vladimir Akopian (obscured), Sergei Movsesian, Levon Aronian, Arshak Petrosian (trainer)

## ARMENIA: THE CLEVEREST NATION ON EARTH

So runs the title of a BBC documentary. For the third time in four Olympiads, Armenia took the gold medals and kept their nerve in the last round better than anyone else. How do they do it ?

Levon Aronian again led from the front and scored some big wins, even if he lost what looked like a crucial battle with Vladimir Kramnik. Aronian took the prize for the best TPR on board one and his wins over Anish Giri and Vasily Ivanchuk were outstanding. Armenia's lowest scorer was Sergei Movsesian, but it was he who saved a 2-2 draw against Russia and who scored the crucial last round win against Hungary that secured gold after the leaders China imploded.

Speaking before the final day's play, Garry Kasparov said that if China were to be denied, then Ivanchuk must show his genius. This he did, in spectacular style (see Danny Gormally's report). However things did not turn out well enough for Russia who were hampered by a poor tie break score. Sonneborn-Berger was calculated by multiplying the number of points a team scored against their

opponents by the match points of these opponents at the end of the tournament. The lowest performing team was eliminated. Russia's failure to dominate all the weaker teams cost them. It seems like a ridiculous system to me. For one thing, the spectators have no way of following it. The Tweetosphere became the Twitosphere as nobody had a clue.

John Nunn also pointed out a flaw; when two of a team's opponents scored the same number of match points, which one gets eliminated? Using board points or the result of an individual match followed by board points is much simpler. It's worth pointing out that Armenia scored more board points than Russia so they would have won anyway.

Armenia deserve their success, they have support at the highest level. The President of Armenia, Serzh Sargsyan, is also Chairman of the Armenian Chess Federation. Here is an excerpt from his welcome speech at the Presidential Palace: "Today, we are glorifying our heroes. They serve as an example not only to the young people but for all. In a way, they symbolise our country, the road our country and our people went down in the past and will go down in the future."

*When we state that humans are the greatest resource for our development, we mean human qualities just like these ones – strong, competitive in the international field, and patriotic. Great results through small means – that’s what we do, and they prove it for the third time, leaving giants to trail behind.*

*I once again congratulate us all on the occasion of this brilliant victory. This is much more precious for me than just a victory in sports. This victory is a powerful message sent by our chess players to our society and the entire Armenian nation that we are able of accomplishing a lot. This is a message about our strong and, if you will, weak points too. This is a message to us all, on how one should work, on what one should do and especially on what one shouldn’t do”*

Well, hard to imagine David Cameron summoning up that kind of oratory if Mickey, Nigel and the lads pulled off an unlikely triumph at Tromsø. I wonder if Cameron might like to take some time off running the country (which can’t be so much fun) and have a go at being President of the English Chess Federation? Bringing some sanity to the EC Forum can’t be any harder than saving the economy and recently, the post of President became vacant when CJ De Mooi resigned. Despite devoting a great deal of time and energy to the job, CJ became a divisive figure in 2011 when there was that awful and totally unnecessary publicity at the closing ceremony of the British Championships. This was a shame, as CJ was doing a good job in many areas.

Some readers may be aware that the ECF have an odd article in the constitution which enables the ECF Council to elect ‘no candidate’ to a post. I stood a while back for Non Executive Director, and I was handsomely defeated by the non-existent opponent. These council members are a canny bunch. I would urge the Council to act again and go for no candidate in the election for a new president. As I write, the only candidate is Roger Edwards and while he is a perfectly decent chap, I think he has few qualifications for the job. Having seen his manifesto, which hints at unravelling the Direct Membership scheme, I am going to put the LCC votes into the void. The Direct Membership scheme, while far from perfect, is a great achievement and vital to the ECF’s solvency going forward. Outgoing Chief Executive Andrew Farthing must be congratulated for getting it this far. It’s a shame Andrew is leaving his post but he has done a fine job.

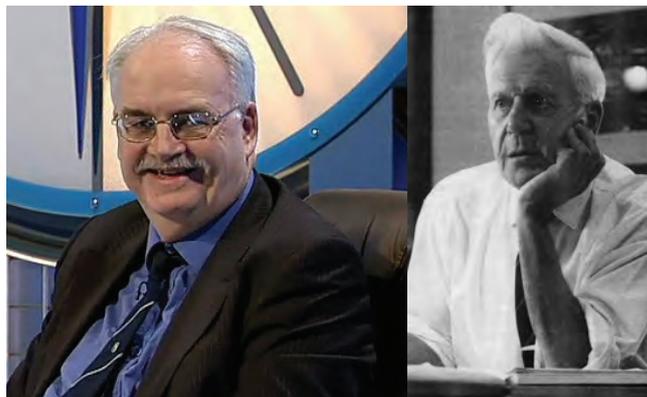
Our contributor Steve Giddins’ blog is somewhat acerbic at times, but he did a splendid piece of investigation into Roger Edwards’ manifesto which mentioned that he was on the Wiki page of his alma mater Harrogate GS. When Giddins looked into this, he found, thanks to the open access feature of Wikipedia, that the entry had been amended only very recently by someone with an internet subscription from Sky in Stoke on Trent when Mr Edwards lives. As they say in Private Eye, ‘I think we should be told’

### FOREIGN BODIES

As one post which should be contested is not being so, another which should not be contested is. Nigel Short is England’s FIDE delegate and, as our best known player and a man who has visited and played chess in 100 countries, he has all the credentials and experience. He is passionately committed to the cause of British chess and of developing the game around the world. He is also committed to the aim of removing Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. The next election is at the Tromsø Olympiad in 2014. The anti Ilyumzhinov camp consists mainly of western democracies. Nigel has been working through the Kasparov Chess Foundation, a charity, to develop chess projects in Africa and South America in order to demonstrate that there is an alternative to ‘alienation’.



*Nigel Short is as passionate about British chess as he is about removing Kirsan from power*



*I’ll be damned if I vote for him: Roger Edwards (top-left) and inventor of the bouncing bomb, Sir Barnes Wallis (top-right) are both alumni of Haberdashers’ Aske’s Hatcham Boys’ School*

It is for all these reasons I am committed to opposing White Rose’s 4NCL team captain Rupert Jones, who has put himself forward. Rupert could not be a more unsuitable candidate. How can Rupert possibly look after the interests of the English Chess Federation? He has been formerly the FIDE delegate for Botswana and at the last Olympiad was playing for Papua New Guinea! Rupert has been in FIDE a very long time, working his way up the greasy pole. Specifically, he is the current Secretary of FIDE’s “Development Commission” which can hand out chess sets and clocks to cooperative federations. Although he will not state this explicitly, he is clearly, in my opinion the candidate for the Ilyumzhinov camp. As Giddins also points out, Rupert would face a huge conflict of interest if he were the English delegate, unless the English Chess Federation decides on a volte face and supports Ilyumzhinov and his cronies.

I think the choice for the ECF Council is clear; either we decide to support a man who has done incalculable damage to the reputation of the game, has a very questionable human rights record in his own country, gives succour to such despots as Saddam Hussein (1990), Colonel Gaddafi (2011) and latterly Bashar al-Assad (2012) who is on record as saying aliens brought the game of chess to earth. Or we continue to fight to make FIDE a better place.

### FROM YEREVAN TO ALSO RAN

Russia looked a shoe in for gold after beating nearly all their rivals but came unstuck against the USA. You could have got long odds before the match on Hikaru Nakamura defeating Kramnik, who had never lost at an Olympiad before(!) and Gata Kamsky overcoming Alexander Grischuk with black. Dmitry Jakovenko, who won his individual board prize defeated the prodigy Ray Robson but it wasn’t enough.



*Smile for the Camera! The Russian team looking a tad dejected after being awarded silver.*

As the Armenians lording it on the Presidential jet and flew back to Yerevan, the Russians reflected on being an also ran. The picture of them receiving the silver medals says it all. This was the fifth successive time Russia has failed to win. The last time they took gold was Bled 2002. The inquest was swift and one point that emerged was that the team might have benefitted from a doctor. In Olympiads past, the English team enjoyed the comfort of having Dr Jana Bellin in the delegation. This time, I am informed, the Cuban team doctor came to the rescue of our team.

### DEMOTION AND PROMOTION

England performed very well, although the team finished slightly below their seeding. Even in the absence of Luke McShane, England looked like medal contenders early on as Nigel Short ran riot, enjoying the relative comfort of board three. Mickey Adams was super solid on top board and David Howell made light of starting with three successive blacks. Disaster struck in the match against the Philippines as the veteran Eugenio Torre defended superbly against Nigel Short and then pounced on a blunder just after the time control. Torre was playing his twenty-first Olympiad and broke Lajos Portisch's all time record. Asia's first ever GM and first ever WCC Candidate had a brilliant time and also upset the Hungarian GM Ferenc Berkes rated 2685. Not bad for a man rated 2469. At sixty years old, Torre was one of the oldest competitors.

As Short enjoyed demotion, Gawain Jones suffered a little with his promotion to board two. However Gawain received some distressing news about his wife Sue Maroroa's immigration status during the tournament and it couldn't have been easy for him. The other home nations did not fare particularly well, although Colin McNab scored a fine 5/9 on top board for Scotland.

### ISTANBULLY

Ali Nihat Yahici is making a name for himself as the mad attack dog of FIDE. His proposals to remove several federations from FIDE did not gain any traction at the assembly. Yet he continues his vendetta against GM Suat Atalik who criticised him publicly; he was rewarded with a ban that 'Comical Ali' has tried to extend to other federations with only limited success, I am pleased to say. Ali's commitment to free speech was further enhanced when he banned Russian journalist Evgeny Surov from the Olympiad completely even though he is the editor of [www.chess-news.ru](http://www.chess-news.ru) a superb bi-lingual website and a source of much original content. Surov was not even allowed to attend as a spectator. This appears to be an act of revenge for an article he wrote which detailed some complaints from participants at the 2011 Women's Team Championship held in Turkey.

The man in charge of Turkish Chess did a decent job of organising the Olympiad. The website had its now traditional two-day wobble with chaos in the live games

but after that it was superb. You could watch 560 games at the same time if you were so inclined. There were complaints about siting the venue near an airport and the prices generally in what should be a relatively low-cost country in western terms. Still, if anyone was worried about the prices in Istanbul they are in for a shock when they get to Norway in two years time!

Increasingly, it looks like chess events are open season to gouge the impoverished chess community. Journalists had to pay a €100 fee ( about \$130) to cover the event. I think that must be a first even for FIDE. Yet another money making wheeze was the Official Olympiad book which cost €28. Ostensibly by Hayri Özbilen and M. Sabri Koçak, as Daim Shabbaz of the The Chess Drum ([www.thechessdrum.net](http://www.thechessdrum.net)) pointed out, large chunks of it were simply copied and pasted from the site [olimpbase.org](http://olimpbase.org). Olimpbase is a labour of love by Wojciech Bartelski of Poland and a wonderful resource for all with an interest in Olympiad statistics. It's scandalous that his work can be exploited commercially in this way. As Daim writes, the classic plagiarism test is whether the mistakes have been reproduced as well and yes, they have been.

### BORIS BASKS IN THE BRONZE

The Summer Games are not quite over. One more medal winner got the chance to shake Mayor of London Boris Johnson's hand. Eight year-old Joshua Altman, England's youngest team member, top scorer and sole medalist in the 2012 European Youth Chess Championships took hold vigorously. And Boris, while offering his right hand and a crisp "Well done!" to young Master Altman, reached toward a hidden shelf with his left hand, revealing a beautifully





*Joshua Altman takes on the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, using a set Boris was given by the Russian Chess Federation. Judging from the position in the photograph he's not as bad as you'd imagine and obviously knows a bit about openings*

carved chess set - a gift to him from the Russian Chess Federation, and challenged Joshua to a "friendly" game. Only 10 uproarious moves later, Boris declared "I resign!" Joshua gave a subtle nod and maintained a steady grin.

### A CHESS MUM SPEAKS

The junior directorate of the ECF has been revitalised this past year and I will be putting my votes behind the incumbent Phil Ehr at the forthcoming election. Our juniors are now better prepared for international competition and there is a concerted effort to organise coaching not only for our elite juniors, but for all those aspiring to represent England. Prior to that the ECF sent a squad to the World Junior in Athens, an operation organised by the outgoing Director of International Chess Lawrence Cooper, who will be greatly missed.

Below is a short extract from the report by the mother of Ravi Haria and I bring it to your attention because of her remarks about school. It's worth reflecting that most chess parents, unlike your editor, come into the chess world with no prior knowledge and experience. We should set our targets ambitiously but bear in mind that in these competitions, our players are up against some state-sponsored opposition that have huge resources behind them

Sonal Haria writes:

*The World Junior Chess Championship 2012 took place between 2nd to 15th*

*August, in Athens, Greece. This international trip was organised and made possible by Lawrence Cooper with both Lawrence and Mark Hebden coaching some of the players (Lawrence coached William, Henrik, Lateefah and Megan and Mark coached Yang-Fan, Callum and Ravi).*

*It was really impressive to see players from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland celebrating successes and helping each other through the tough 13 round tournament, which was attended by many full time junior chess professionals from countries whose leaders prioritise chess above many other pursuits including school. The top under 20 Girl is from China and the top under 20 Boy from Turkey. Our group all played close to or just below their rating, but this is too strong a tournament to expect to gain much in the way of rating points!*

### 40 YEARS AGO

I revisited the twenty-first and final game of the Match of the Century at Reykjavik which ended just over 40 years ago and learnt more about just how deep Bobby Fischer's opening preparation was.

In those days, games were adjourned after five hours play. One player sealed a move in an envelope and that move was revealed the following day. Spassky sealed 41  $\text{♟d7}$  but realised the position was lost and resigned by phone. Nevertheless, Fischer turned up for the resumption of play the next morning just in case!

7...d5! must have been a huge shock to Spassky as it hadn't been played for

95 years. What I found absolutely fascinating was that after this sequence in the Scotch.

1 e4 e5 2  $\text{♞f3}$   $\text{♜c6}$  3 d4 exd4 4  $\text{♞xd4}$   $\text{♞f6}$   
5  $\text{♞c3}$   $\text{♟b4}$  6  $\text{♞xc6}$  bxc6 7  $\text{♟d3}$  d5 8 exd5  
cxd5 9  $\text{♟g5}$  0-0 10 0-0 c6 11  $\text{♞f3}$   $\text{♟d6}$   
12  $\text{♟xf6}$   $\text{♞xf6}$  13  $\text{♞xf6}$  gx6 14  $\text{♞fe1}$  c5

We reach this position:



And after Black's 15th in the game below we reach this



Black has the extra moves  $\text{♟e6}$  and a6. a6 is not great but  $\text{♟e6}$  is just a tempo.

### B.Spassky – R.Fischer

World Ch. (Game 21), Reykjavik 1972

1 e4 c5 2  $\text{♞f3}$  e6 3 d4 cxd4 4  $\text{♞xd4}$  a6  
5  $\text{♞c3}$   $\text{♞c6}$  6  $\text{♟e3}$   $\text{♞f6}$  7  $\text{♟d3}$  d5!

Astonishing! Played only once before in Goering-Anderssen, 1877



8 exd5 exd5 9 0-0  $\text{♟d6}$  10  $\text{♞xc6}$  10 h3!?  
10...bxc6 11  $\text{♟d4}$  0-0 12  $\text{♞f3}$   $\text{♟e6}$   
13  $\text{♞fe1}$  13  $\text{♞a4}$   $\text{♞a5}$  14  $\text{♟xf6}$   $\text{♞xa4}$   
15 b3  $\text{♞g4}$  is equal 13...c5 14  $\text{♟xf6}$   $\text{♞xf6}$   
15  $\text{♞xf6}$  gx6 In comparison with one of the main lines of the Scotch Black has

the extra moves ♔e6 and a7-a6 16 ♖ad1 ♜fd8 17 ♙e2 ♞ab8 Black is better as his doubled pawns are not on open files 18 b3 c4! Spassky sacrifices the exchange as ♙d6-b4 would be annoying



19 ♜xd5 ♙xd5 20 ♞xd5



20...♙xh2+ 21 ♙xh2 ♞xd5 22 ♙xc4 ♞d2 23 ♙xa6 ♞xc2 24 ♞e2 ♞xe2 25 ♙xe2 ♞d8 26 a4 ♞d2 27 ♙c4 ♞a2 (Or 27...♞xf2 28 a5 ♙f8 29 a6 ♞b2) 28 ♙g3 ♙f8 29 ♙f3 ♙e7 30 g4 (30 ♙e3 f5 31 g3 f4+!) 30...f5 Creating a passed 'h' pawn



**STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!**



Lily Cole showed brains as well as beauty at the launch party for the London Grand Prix which was held at Somerset House. Cole took on Veselin Topalov and although she was beaten easily she played a remarkably sound game as can be evidenced by the above picture. Cole said she'd played little chess of late. "I've got a chess table but I burnt a hole in it." A full report of the London Grand Prix will appear in the November issue

31 gxf5 f6 32 ♙g8 h6 33 ♙g3 ♙d6 34 ♙f3 ♞a1 35 ♙g2 ♙e5 36 ♙e6 ♙f4 37 ♙d7 ♞b1 38 ♙e6 ♞b2 39 ♙c4 ♞a2 40 ♙e6 h5 41 ♙d7 0-1

**DON'T SPECTATE, PARTICIPATE**

A new kind of event comes to London on Sunday October 14. *The Spectator* are organising a festival of chess featuring lectures, tournaments and simuls to be held at the Royal Geographic Society. Please see [chess.spectator.co.uk](http://chess.spectator.co.uk) or the advert in this issue.



Spassky resigned by phone although Fischer turned up for the resumption just in case!

41 ♙d7 h4 42 ♙e6 ♙g4 followed by h3+; 41 ♙d5 ♙xf5 42 ♙g3 ♙g5 43 ♙e6 h4+ 44 ♙g2 ♙f4 45 ♙c8 f5 46 ♙b7 ♞b2 47 ♙d5 ♙e5 48 ♙c4 ♞a2 49 ♙b5 f4 50 ♙c4 ♙e4

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# Readers' Letters

## ED. WOOD

Your stint of 13 years as editor is very commendable and the magazine has been in excellent shape under your reign so you deserve a vote of thanks. B.H.Wood was of course a bit of a super human and a complete chess fanatic; playing a lot of chess right through until the end of his life.

An example of this was his participation in the old style British Championship which started off with an all-play-all county stage. These were played usually on Autumn evenings from which a player or two (depending on the strength of entrants) progressed to the zonal stage. B.H. and I tied for a place in the zonal stage at the end of 1977 and were required to play two games to decide who went through. Peter Gibbs notified us of this during the time that B.H. was at Hastings. Since the deadline given was 24 January and we could not start before 19 January we arranged to play them on the 19 and 24 of January. Each game would be played to a finish. The first game started at 7pm at the home of B.H.Wood and he resigned on move 99 just after 4.30am! Game 2 was shorter (58 moves) and I resigned at about 1 a.m. Peter Gibbs was keen for us to toss for the right to go forward but we insisted on doing things properly so extra time was granted. Game 3 on the 1 February resulted in a draw after 45 moves at about 11.30pm. Game 4 on the 7 of February saw triumph for me (at last) in 47 moves at about 1am. The stamina he had was amazing, at 68 he was 30 years older than me, was still running his business and, having lost his wife, was fending for himself at home and suffering from diabetes. Towards the end of his life he had to be assisted to chess matches for his club. A few days before his death in hospital, he successfully concluded an adjourned game with a player from my club graded about 170.

I have CHESS magazine going back to issue No.1 because my father was a strong chess player and took the magazine from its inception. Father was doing research chemistry at Birmingham University in the same laboratory as B.H. so this is not surprising. B.H. had a great sense of humour and my father was sent a renewal reminder in late 1939, upon which was written "born (date given) a daughter Margaret Wood 1-0!" Father sent his sub in mid January with "born 9/1/1940 Keith Ingram 1-1!" This went on until my father finished things off at 4-4. Would I have had more siblings if B.H. had continued?

Keith Ingram, Birmingham

## CHESS' FIRST FAMILY?

It surprised me that John Saunders chose this magazine (*August, page 27*) to declare the (aptly named) LittleWoods as number one British chess family. BH Wood, his four children and his son-in-law Peter Clarke totalled about 1200 BCF grading points in our heyday. What we lacked in quality, we made up in quantity! (My niece Sally Clarke also once beat Michael Adams). Perhaps the surviving pensioners could still beat any British family in a 4 or 5 board match? In our age group, perhaps we could beat any family in the world?

Chris Wood, Germany

*John's opinion that the Littlewoods would be the first family of British chess was just an opinion and we're glad it provoked some debate. Though his assertion that had all three been in their prime today there would be three grandmasters from the same family would indeed be a record. In terms of contemporary chess I'd plump for the Ledgers as the strongest family but one of my colleagues reckon that over 4 or even 5 boards the Haslingers have a good claim. Other contenders would be the Houskas (especially now that Jovanka is married). If you include in-laws we'd have to give the title to Ray Keene, who is reinforced by IM David Goodman (brother of his wife), IM David Levy and (almost IM in strength) Richard Eales (married at different times to Ray's one and only sister!). If we went by marriage then the title surely goes to Jana Malypetrova and a team of her three ex-husbands - Hartston, Miles, Bellin - and one significant other - Plaskett - which adds up to no fewer than four ex-British Champions!*

I have just read the article; *An Interview with Andrew Paulson*. The writers say in the text 'I was hearing in my head a gorgeous amalgam of the Scept'r'd isle speech from Henry V'. This speech is from Richard II, Act 2, Scene 1 spoken by the dying John of Gaunt. How Howard Staunton must be laughing.

Simon Bartlett, Cornwall

*Thanks to Simon for pointing out the error. I'm from the video-game generation and firmly blame my lack of a comprehensive education on the fact that I had a comprehensive education. John, on the other hand, studied Classics at Cambridge so has no excuse.*

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## Solutions to Problem Album (from page 33)

### Taverner

1 ♖b5 ♘ any 2 ♖d3# but 1...♗e4 2 ♖d7# and, most importantly, 1...♗c4 2 ♖b1# where a black piece can be unpinned by the mating agent because a line of fire of the former has been cut by an ally, i.e., 2...♗c2 is now impossible. This theme bears the name of (Frederick) Gamage but he did not show the idea until 1911 (*Tidskrift för Schack*). Other variations are bountiful: 1...♗e4 2 ♖d3#, 1...f6 2 ♗d6#, 1...♗b5 2 ♗b5#, 1...♗d5,e5 2 ♖x♗# and 1...f♗ any 2 ♗x7#

### Malmström

1 ♔g4 (threat also after 1...♗xd5 2 f4#) 1...♗xd5 2 ♖h2#. Or 1...♗xd5 2 ♗d3#. Or 1...exd5 2 ♖e1#. A trio of differentiated mates follow the unwelcome arrival of three black men in turn on the same potential escape square of their monarch. This sequence represents "Stocchi blocks" named after a composer born six years after Malmström's (pioneer) problem appeared! In addition, 1...♗h5+ 2 ♖xh5#, 1...♗c5/1...♗xb6 2 ♖h8# and 1...♗c4+ 2 ♗xc4#

### Nemo

1 ♔g7 threatening 2 ♗c6, 2 ♗e6+ and 2 b6+ with mate to follow each time. If 1...♗d6 2 ♗ef5+ ♔c7 3 ♗e6#. Otherwise, we have 1...e4 or 1...♗d8 2 ♗c6(+) and 3 ♗e8#/1...♗a7 or 1...c4 2 ♗e6+ ♔b8 (2...♗d6 3 ♗f5#) 3 ♗c6#/1...d4 2 b6+ ♔d6 (2...♗d8 3 ♗c6#) 3 ♗gf5#. Each of the three threatened mating processes has survived on its own ("threat separation"). The sequence bears the name of the Hungarian composer Fleck who was not yet alive when Nemo's problem appeared. For further examples of the Fleck see September 2010 issue, p27.

## Solution to May's Study for Solving



1 c7! ♗c8  
1...♗b6  
2 dxe7 ♗xc7  
3 ♗e6 ♗g8  
4 e8♖+  
♗xe8  
5 ♗xc7+  
♔b6 6 ♗xe8  
1-0 2 d7  
♗xc7 2...♗g8

3 c8♖ ♗xg5 4 ♗e2+ ♔a4 5 ♖c6+ ♔a3  
6 ♖f3+ ♗e3 7 ♖xe3+ ♔a2 8 ♗c4+ ♔a1  
9 ♖d4. 3 d8♖ ♗b6+! 3...♗d6+ 4 ♔d1  
♗c5 5 ♗e4 ♗d5+ 6 ♔c2 ♗d4 7 ♔c3  
♗c4+ 8 ♔d3 ♗xe4 9 ♗e8+ ♔b4 10 ♔xe4  
1-0 4 ♔d3! 4 ♔b3? a4+! 5 ♔b2 ♗c2+  
6 ♔xc2 = 4...♗c3+ 5 ♔xc3 ♗xd8 6 ♗e6  
♗b6 7 ♗e8. Winner of the £25 voucher was C.Duffy, Dunfermline