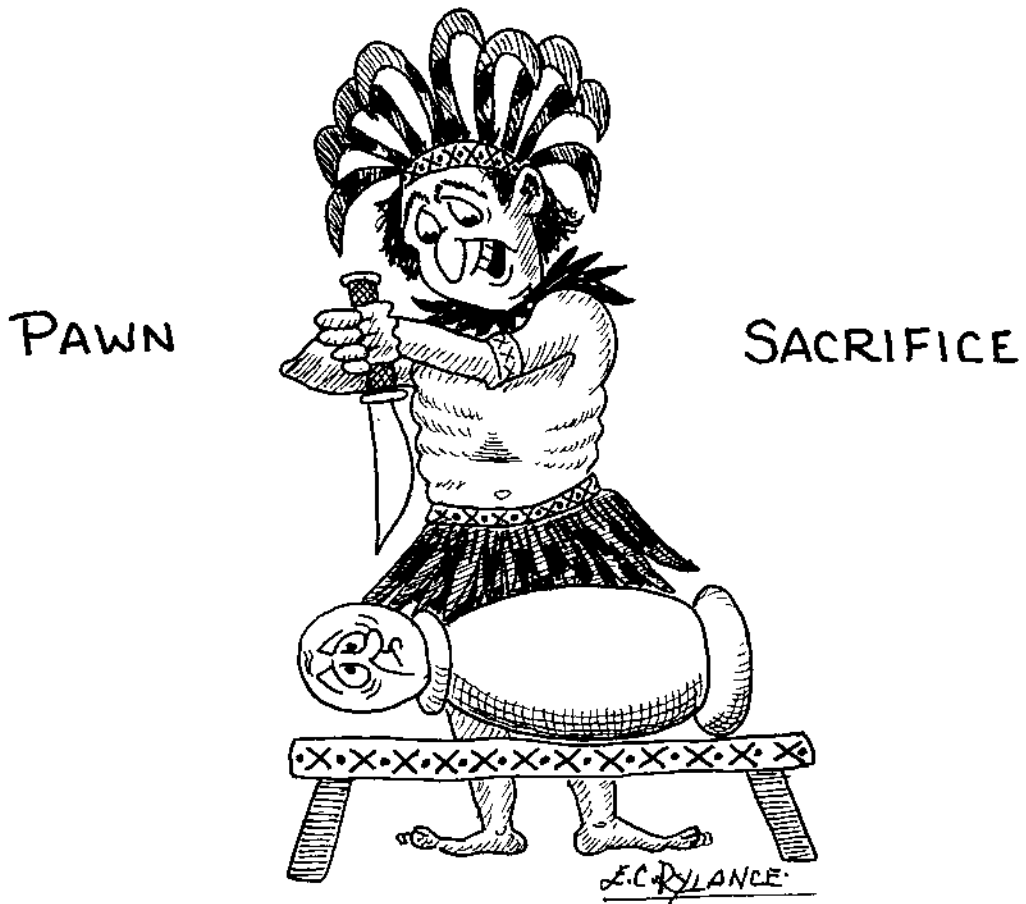
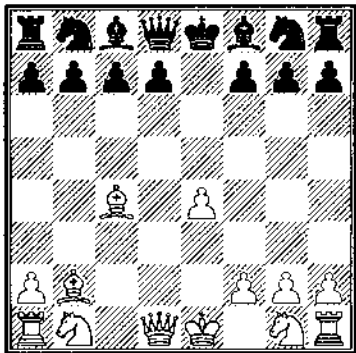


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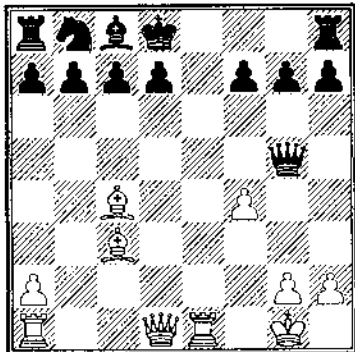


Intentional sacrifices of pieces, Queens, Bishops, Rooks and Knights are spectacular, but the poor little pawns can be given away for slight positional advantages relatively risk free. Consider this game. [

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.♗c4 cxb2 5.♗xb2 (White has sacrificed two pawns so far for quick development - this opening is the Danish Gambit. - not often seen these days)



5...♗b4 6.♖c3 ♖f6 7.♖ge2 ♖e4 8.0-0 ♗xc3 9.♗xc3 ♗xc3 10.♗xc3 ♖g5 11.♗e1+ ♗d8 12.f4 (The critical pawn sacrifice to deflect the Black Q)



12...♖f4 13.♗g7 ♗g8 14.♖g4 (this show Q-sacrifice forces mate) ♖d6 15.♗f6 [1:0] (The game is Linden-Machussky, Paris 1863)

Ayrshire & Cumbria v. Northumbria

At Austin Friars School, Carlisle, on 20th September

Ayrshire and Cumbria joined together in this annual fixture, so that instead of a jamboree we had a match between Northumbria and the combined counties. Despite the fact that three of our leading players – the Eggleston twins and Patrick Beldon – were rested and that we had no fewer than six debutants in our side we still won this annual fixture by 17-7 over the two rounds. Max Brown, Cumbria's Number 1 and at 175 the highest rated player on show, was playing rugby and only turned up for the second round. Three old hands, Jonny Lai, Sameer Ganatra and Theon Rogers (all from RGS) and three newcomers, Stephen Aitchison, Christopher Wardle and Alex Taylor (all from Tynemouth), made maximum scores of 2/2. The Tynemouth trio, together with Michael Atkins (RGS), Edward Farrington (Barnard Castle) and Shaun Simpson (Elemore), were awarded their county colours

Here are the match statistics :

Northumbria	Round1	Combined Counties	Round2
1 Mark Taylor	1-0	David Deary (A)	0-1 Max Brown (C)
2 Jonathan Lai	1-0	Barry Lee-Collyer (A)	1-0 David Deary (A)
3 Daniel Lai	0-1	Terence Nabbs (C)	½-½ Barry Lee-Collyer (A)
4 Sameer Ganatra	1-0	Alain MacDonald (A)	1-0 Terence Nabbs (C)
5 Steven Aitchison	1-0	David Bullimore (C)	1-0 Alain MacDonald (A)
6 Theon Rogers	1-0	Stephen Alderson (C)	1-0 David Bullimore (C)
7 Christopher Wardle	1-0	Jonathan Barnsley (C)	1-0 Stephen Alderson (C)
8 Alex Taylor	1-0	Adam Pieroni (A)	1-0 Jonathan Barnsley (C)
9 Sophie Seeber	0-1	Patrick Wigmore (C)	0-1 Adam Pieroni (A)
10 Michael Atkins	½-½	Mark Hudson (A)	1-0 Patrick Wigmore (C)
11 Edward Farrington	0-1	Shaswath Shetty (C)	1-0 Mark Hudson (A)
12 Shaun Simpson	1-0	Brent Perrins (A)	0-1 Stephen Lewis (C)
	R1 subtotal	8½-3½	R2 subtotal
	Total	Northumbria 17	Ayrshire and Cumbria 7

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CHESS CONGRESS JUNIOR EVENT – 28th SEPTEMBER 2003

		Cross-table (players' numbers in order of ranking)	Points
1. Thomas MAVIN	Darlington	B+ 9 W+ 3 W+ 7 B+ 2 B+ 4 W+ 6 W+ 10 B- 5 B+ 11	8.0
2. Andrew DOUGLAS	RGS	B+ 12 W+ 13 B+ 4 W- 1 B- 3 W+ 8 B+ 9 W+ 7 W+ 6	7.0
3. Alex ROTT	Jesmond	W+ 11 B- 1 W+ 8 B+ 5 W+ 2 B+ 7 W- 4 B- 6 W+ 14	6.0
4. Christopher GOODSHIP	Jesmond	W+ 8 B+ 14 W- 2 B+ 10 W- 1 B+ 5 B+ 3 W+ 11 B- 8	6.0
5. Ross MILLS	Tynemouth	W- 7 B+ 11 W+ 14 W- 3 B+ 6 W- 4 B+ 13 W+ 1 B+ 12	6.0
6. Robin KERRISON	Tynemouth	B- 4 W+ 9 B+ 10 B+ 7 W- 5 B- 1 W+ 12 W+ 3 B- 2	5.0
7. Christopher GAULD	RGS	B+ 5 W+ 10 B- 1 W- 6 B+ 8 W- 3 B+ 11 B- 2 W+ 13	5.0
8. Emma MAYIN	Darlington	B- 10 W+ 12 B- 3 W+ 9 W- 7 B- 2 W+ 14 B+ 13 W+ 4	5.0
9. Charlotte ROGERS	Tynemouth	W- 1 B- 8 W+ 13 B- 8 B+ 12 W+ 11 W- 2 B+ 14 B+ 10	5.0
10. Aine BELDON	Tynemouth	W+ 8 B- 7 W- 6 W- 4 B+ 14 W+ 13 B- 1 B+ 12 W- 9	4.0
11. Nicholas GERBER	RGS	B- 3 W- 5 B- 12 W+ 14 B+ 13 B- 9 W- 7 B- 4 W- 1	2.0
12. Peter CAMPBELL	Tynemouth	W- 2 B- 8 W+ 11 B- 13 W- 9 B+ 14 B- 6 W- 10 W- 5	2.0
13. Jeremy CHARLTON	RGS	W= 14 B- 2 B- 9 W+ 12 W- 11 B- 10 W- 5 W- 8 B- 7	1.5
14. Alastair CAMPBELL	Tynemouth	B= 13 W- 4 B- 5 B- 11 W- 10 W- 12 B- 8 W- 9 B- 3	0.5

