

Will Sedlar vs GM

G/3 minutes Online

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The Game

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. f4 Bg7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. e5 Nfd7 7. h4 c5 8. h5 cxd4
9. Qxd4 Nc6 10. Qf2 dxe5 11. hxg6 hxg6 12. Qh4 Re8 13. Qh7+ Kf8 14. fxe5 Ndx5
15. Bh6 Nxf3+ 16. gxf3 e6 17. Qxg7+ Ke7 18. Bg5+ Kd7 19. O-O-O+ **1-0**

Commentary & Analysis

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The Pirc defense where Black tries to counterattack the center, which is given up early for development. White 4. f4 is called the Austrian attack giving White a very strong center. The main reply for black here is 5. ... c5, counterattacking the center, but in this game, black played 0-0. This allows either bd3, the main move, or e5, an aggressive sideline.

5. ... O-O 6. e5

Black can move his f6 knight to e8, d7, h5, g4, or capture on e5 with his d6 pawn. When moving the knight, theory says the best is Nd7.

6. ... Nfd7 7. h4 c5

White' 7. h4 is a very aggressive move threatening h5 and opening up the h file for an attack on black's kingside, black counters on the flank with c5 attacking the center

8. h5 cxd4 9. Qxd4 Nc6 10. Qf2

The knight will help the Queen get to where she wants to be on her way to h4. While the knight is a developing move for Black it is strangely a blunder because it does not help attack White faster than White attacks Black...

Better for Black would have been 9. ... dxe5 and if 10. Qf2 then 10. ... e4!

10. ... dxe5 11. hxg6 hxg6 12. Qh4

Black is in trouble and is arguably lost.

12. ... Re8

Black, overwhelmed by the position, makes things worse. Better was Nf6, but still losing.

13. Qh7+ Kf8 14. fxe5 Ndx5 15. Bh6 Nxf3+ 16. gxf3

Very forcing.

16. ... e6 17. Qxg7+ Ke7 18. Bg5+ Kd7 19. O-O-O+

Black finally resigns. 1-0

END.