

This week's game features another of our unsung heroes, who kept the Tuesday Night tournaments alive, Simon Green from Skegness. However, there are many opportunities to pit one's skills on the chess.com platform, and indeed the many other platforms that have come to the fore during the pandemic and continued to be very popular since.

This game is where Simon, as white, is playing against Victor Moon who is based in Vancouver on the Canadian West Coast. Such is the advance in technology players who are several thousand miles apart can play as if they were in the next room.

Play began with a variation of the Dutch Defence 1. d4 e6 2. Bf4 f5 with black advancing his f-pawn 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nbd2 Be7 5. e3 0-0 6. Bd3 d6 7. c3 Nbd7 8. Qb3 Nb6 and having developed all his minor pieces Simon is attacking the vulnerable pawn on e6 9. a4 Nbd5 10. Bg3 Nh5 11. e4 Ndf4 12. Bxf4 Nxf4 13. Bf1 fxe4 14. Nxe4 Kh8 and Simon must now keep a watchful eye on black's knight on f4.

Play continued 15. g3 Nd5 16. c4 Nf6 17. Nxf6 Bxf6 18. Bg2 e5 19. dxe5 dxe5 20. 0-0 e4 21. Rad1 Qe7 22. Nd2 Be6 23. Nxe4 Bg4 24. Rd2 c6 and having won the pawn on e4 Simon is looking to take control of the open d-file 25. f3 Be6 26. Rfd1 Be5 27. f4 Bc7 28. Kh1 Bg4 29. Bf3 Bf5 30. Nd6 Bxd6 31. Rxd6 Rfd8 and black moved his rook to d8 to counter the threat (see diagram) but this has set up an opportunity for Simon - can you see it?

Simon played 32. Qxb7 Qe8 as 32. ...Qxb7 33. Rxd8+ Rxd8 34. Rxd8 is mate and 32. ...Rxd6 33. Qxa8+ is also terminal. However, Simon played Qxc6 with a similar outcome and black resigned.

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