INDY MASTER SERIES

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Number 1: July 8-10, 2022 **T.F. Leech Memorial**

[Lester VanMeter]

[The Indy Master Series of tournaments are designed to promote excellence in chess for Indiana's top players and select invitees with Indiana ties. There will be a series of round robin events with six players and using the FIDE standard time control of g90+30sec increment from move 1.

The initial four events were planned to have a prize fund of $450 total each, but as more sponsorship has come in the prize funds are being increased to $600 and more events are being added. The first one in the series was the **T.F. Leech Memorial** held July 8-10. These events are possible through the sponsorship and patronage of several kind donors. You, too, can help sponsor them!

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To date I have received sponsorship to fund five events that will be held this year.
My goal is to be able to hold ten (10) events next year.

1) T.F. Leech Memorial   ($600)   [Honoring Indiana's first state champion!]
2) Indiana HoF Invitational   ($600)   [Hoping for all living HoF masters to play.]
3) John Van Benten Memorial ($600)   [Inaugural Member of Indiana HoF]
4) D.O. Brooks Memorial   ($450)   [Inaugural Member of Indiana HoF]
5) Ed Vano Memorial   ($450)   [Inaugural Member of Indiana HoF]

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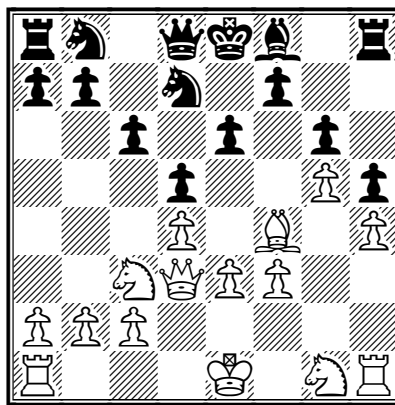
Arnold,Justin (2150) − Povinelli,Braydon (2175) [D00]

TF Leech Memorial (5.1), 10.07.2022

1.d4 d5 [This last round encounter was crucial to the final results. With a win Braydon wins the tournament and recaptures his master rating. A draw yields him a tie for first place. A loss and he will finish clear third while Justin ties for first.]

2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♗f4 c6 4.f3 [Relevant: 4.e3 ♗f5 5.♘f3 e6 6.♘e5 ♘fd7 7.g4 ♗g6 8.h4 ♘xe5 9.♗xe5 h6 10.♗d3 ♗xd3 11.♕xd3 ♘d7 12.♗g3 ♘f6 13.0-0-0 ♗d6 14.g5 ♘h5 15.♗xd6 ♕xd6 16.g6 f5 17.♔b1 0-0-0 18.♘a4 ♘f6 19.f3 ♘d7 20.♖c1 ♕b4 21.b3 ♖hf8 22.c4 ♔b8 23.♕c3 ♕xc3 24.♘xc3 f4 25.e4 dxc4 26.bxc4 c5 27.♘e2 cxd4 28.♘xd4 ♘c5 29.♖cd1 ♖d7 30.♔c2 ♖fd8 31.♘e2 ♖xd1 32.♖xd1 ♖xd1 33.♔xd1 e5 Niemann,H (2642)-Kamsky,G (2657) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1 (74)]

4...♗f5 5.g4 ♗g6 6.h4 h5 7.g5 ♘fd7 8.e3 e6 9.♗d3 ♗xd3 10.♕xd3 g6

[The players got here very quickly...The clock times tell the story:
Braydon is a tremendous opening theoretician, and he has GAINED three minutes of time.
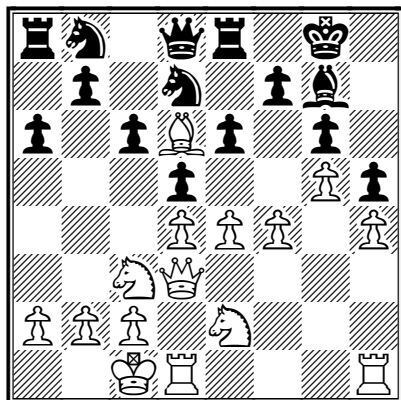Justin thoroughly studies "his openings" and he has gained one minute.]

11.♘ge2

[The "Caro-Kann 'V' pawn structure" is very solid, but it's passive. Black usually seeks counterplay on the queen side in conjunction with the c-file. The ♔ would prefer to walk to g7 if it is possible.]

11...♗g7

[11...c5 looks premature as white can answer in the center with e3-e4.;
11...♘b6 would undoubtedly be Petrosian's choice bringing out his pieces before changing the pawn structure. 12 ♗e5 makes the ♖h8 move, but he wasn't going to go OO at any time.

12.0-0-0 0-0 13.e4 a6 14.♗d6 ♖e8 15.f4

15...b5N [Predecessor: 15...♘b6 16.e5 ♘c4 17.♗xb8 ♖xb8 18.♘g3 ♕b6 19.b3 ♘a3 20.♘a4 ♕a5 21.♘c5 ♖ed8 22.f5 exf5 23.e6 ♘b5 24.exf7+ ♔xf7 25.♘xf5 ♕xa2 26.♘xg7 ♔xg7 27.♘e6+ ♔h7 28.♘xd8 ♖xd8 29.♖hf1 ♖d7 30.♔d2 ♕a5+ 31.c3 ♖e7 32.♖de1 ♖g7 33.♖f8 ♘d6 34.♖e6 ♘e4+ 35.♖xe4 dxe4 36.♕xe4 ♕c7 37.♕e8 ♕h2+ 38.♔d3 ♕g3+ 39.♔c4 b5+ 40.♔b4 ♕d6+ 41.♔a5 ♕c7+ 42.♔b4 ♕d6+ 43.♔a5 ♕c7+ 44.♔b4 ♕e7+ 45.♕xe7 Bifulco,M (2338)-Marcziter,D (2264) Chess.com INT 2021 0-1 (72)]
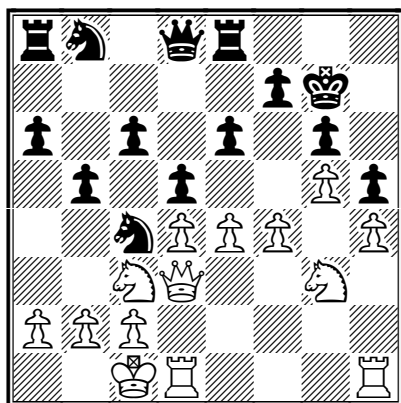
16.♘g3

[With opposite side castling, it is simply a question:
Who gets there first?
Often the one who goes defensive first is the loser.]

16...♘b6 17.♗e5 ♘c4

[⌐17...♕e7 reserving the ♘b6 options]
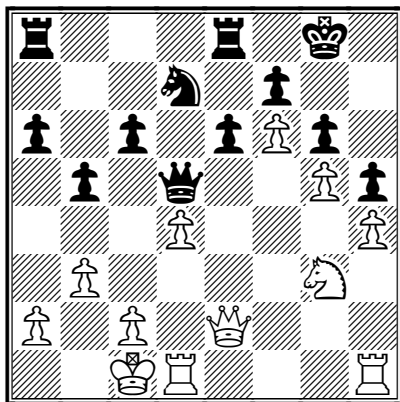
18.♗xg7 ♔xg7

19.b3 ♘d6 20.f5 dxe4 21.f6+ ♔g8 22.♘cxe4 ♘xe4

[Exchanging this knight does reduce the attacking force, but with his ♖a8 & ♘b8 still at home it isn't helping quickly enough.]

[22...♘f5 is quite possible. Black prepares to give his pieces some air. 23.♘xf5 exf5 24.♘g3; 22...a5 trying to continue his attack runs into 23.♘xh5!]

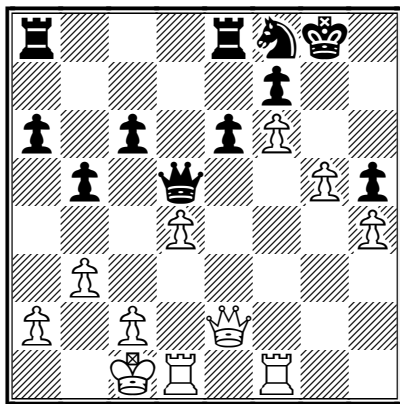## 23.♕xe4 ♕d5 24.♕e2 ♘d7

[Chessboard diagram]

25.♘xh5

[White has been building his attack based upon just this sacrifice to expose the black king.]

25...gxh5 26.♖hf1!

[This strengthening move is the key to going forward. White needs to prevent black's queen from participating in defending the king side. It also poses a very nasty threat that black fails to appreciate.]

[26.♕xh5? ♘xf6]

26...♘f8?+–

[Chessboard diagram]

[Black spent 4 minutes on this losing blunder. He will no longer be able to defend g7. As a

useful calculation exercise you can see if you can see the finishing touches from this position.]

[The only chance was 26...♖f8□ so that a future f6-f7 push could be parried. 27.♕xh5 ♕e4 28.g6 *(28.♖de1 ♕b7)* 28...fxg6 29.♕g5 ♔f7= as black's king makes a run for the queen side.]

27.♕xh5 ♕e4 28.g6 ♕e3+? [28...fxg6 29.f7+ ♔g7 30.fxe8♕ ♖xe8 31.♕g5 is hopeless, but hangs on...]

29.♔b2 ♘xg6 30.♖d3

1-0

G90+30sec

Schedule	
Friday	7:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM
Saturday	1:30 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM
Sunday	1:00 PM

	Last	First	Pairing ##							Points
IN	VanMeter	Lester	3		=	=	0	0	0	1
IN	Smith	Garrett	4	=		0f	0f	0	0	1/2
NY	Prilleltensky	Matan	2	=	1f		=	1	1	4
IN	Povinelli	Braydon	1	1	1f	=		1	0	3 1/2
OH	Padhye	Rohan	6	1	1	0	0		0	2
IN	Arnold	Justin	5	1	1	0	1	1		4

Back: Lester VanMeter, Rohan Padhye, Garrett Smith
Front: Braydon Povinelli, Justin Arnold, Matan Prilleltensky

Pairings

Rd 1

Braydon Povinelli	1 -0	Rohan Padhye
Matan Prilleltensky	1 -0	Justin Arnold
Lester VanMeter	1/2	Garrett Smith

Rd 2

Rohan Padhye	1 -0	Garrett Smith
Justin Arnold	1 -0	Lester VanMeter
Braydon Povinelli	1/2	Matan Prilleltensky

Rd 3

Matan Prilleltensky	1 -0	Rohan Padhye
Lester VanMeter	0 - 1	Braydon Povinelli
Garrett Smith	0 - 1	Justin Arnold

Rd 4

Rohan Padhye	0 - 1	Justin Arnold
Braydon Povinelli	1 -0 f	Garrett Smith
Matan Prilleltensky	1/2	Lester VanMeter

Rd 5

Lester VanMeter	0 - 1	Rohan Padhye
Garrett Smith	0 - 1 f	Matan Prilleltensky
Justin Arnold	1 -0	Braydon Povinelli