



Davies vs. Danish Dynamite

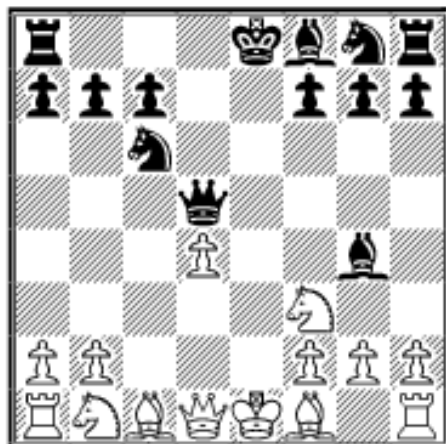
In his recent excellent book, *Play 1.e4 e5!* (Everyman 2005), Nigel Davies recommends meeting the Danish and the Göring Gambit with Capablanca's Defense, and he gives some fresh and interesting ideas for Black. So I decided to take a closer look at the resulting endgames.

61.01 V.Bondarenko (2300) - E.Najer (2455)

Alekhine Open, Moscow 1996 [C44]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.cxd4 Bg4

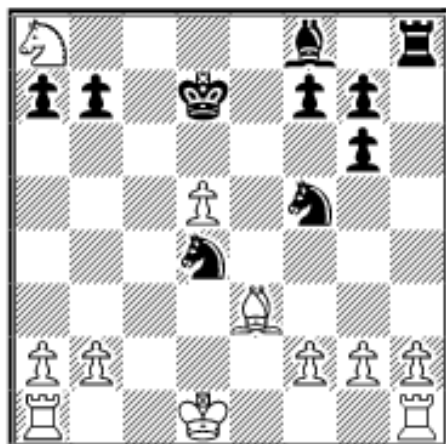
7.Be2



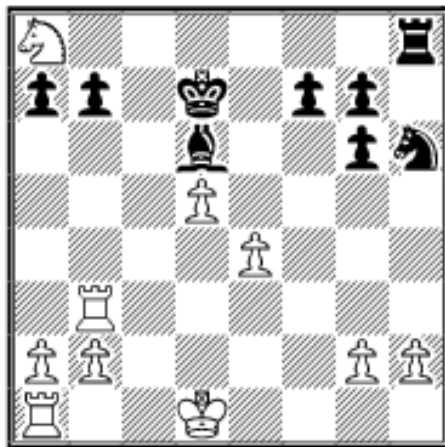
7.Nc3!? is also very interesting, as it gives Black the additional option 7...Bxf3, which is recommended by Davies. (7...Bb4 usually transposes to the main line, but gives White the additional option 8.a3, for further details see *Danish Dynamite*, by Martin Voigt and Karsten Müller, Russell Enterprises 2003.) 8.Nxd5 Bxd1 9.Nxc7+ Kd7 10.Nxa8 Bh5 11.d5 Nd4 12.Bd3 Bg6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Kd1 Nh6 15.Be3 Nhf5:

Endgame Corner

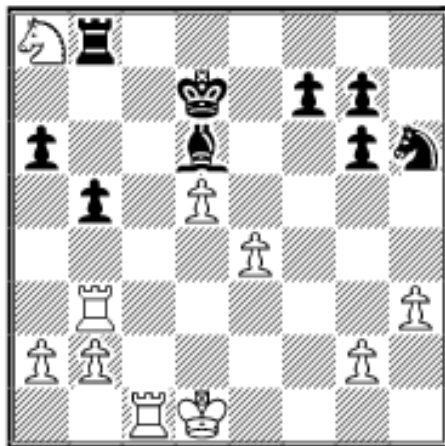
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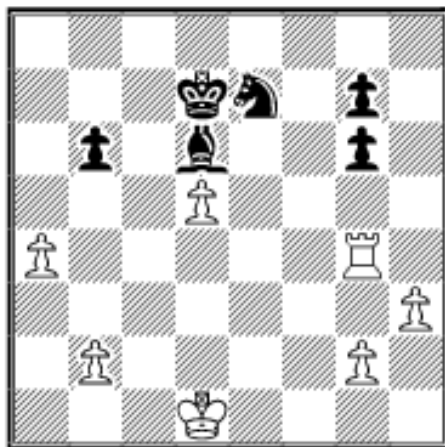
Now Davies gives only 16.Kd2? from Coleman-Westerinen, Gausdal 1991. But 16.Rf1! is the critical test, as given in *Danish Dynamite*: 16...Nxe3+ 17.fxe3 Nf5 18.Rf3 Bd6 19.e4 Nh6 20.Rb3:



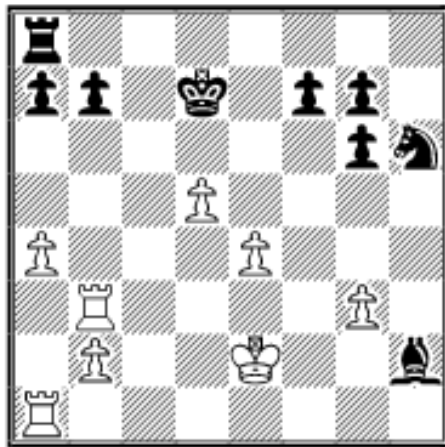
Here 20...Rb8!? may be best. (*Danish Dynamite* only mentions 20...Rxa8 21.Rxb7+ Kc8 22.Rb3 and White is slightly better.) 21.a4! (21.h3? is too slow: 21...b5 22.Rc1 a6:



Black has full control. White should try to avoid this, as without dynamic options the rooks lack prospects.) 21...Bxh2 (21...f5 22.h3 fxe4 23.Rc1 Nf5 (23...Ng8 24.a5 Ne7 25.Rc4 Nxd5 26.Rxe4 Rxa8 27.Rxb7+ Kc6 28.Rxg7) 24.Rc4 b6 (24...e3 25.g4 Ne7 26.a5) 25.Nxb6+ Rxb6 26.Rxb6 axb6 27.Rxe4 Ne7 28.Rg4:

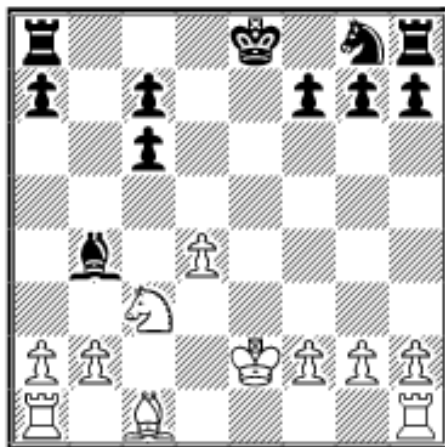


with very interesting and complicated positions in all cases.) 22.g3! Rxa8 23.Ke2:



This complicated position seems to be more-or-less balanced. Any practical tests would be welcome.

**7...Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Qc4
10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Qe2+ Qxe2+ 12.Kxe2**



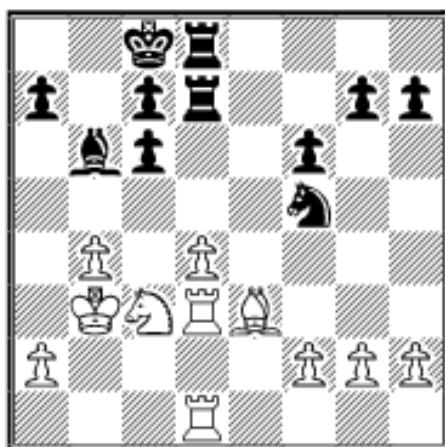
The overall verdict of this endgame has always been that it is equal. Of course, I will not be able to overturn that opinion; I only want to arm gambit players with ideas to meet the challenge.

12...Ne7 13.Be3

13.Kd3!? is an interesting idea to centralize the king immediately:

13...0-0-0 (13...Kd7 can now be met by

14.Kc4 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nd5 16.Ba3) 14.Kc4 Ba5 15.Bg5 f6 16.Be3 Bb6
17.Rhd1 Nf5 18.Rd3 Rd7 19.Rad1 Rhd8 20.b4 Nd6+ 21.Kb3 Nf5:



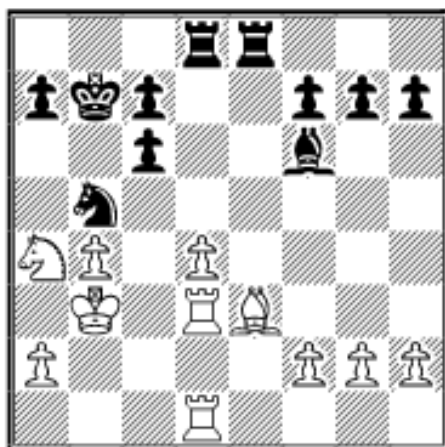
22.Kc4 (22.Ne2!? was an option to continue the fight: 22...c5 23.bxc5 Bxc5 24.g4 Nxe3 25.fxe3 Bd6 26.Kc4)

22...Nd6+ and, in I.Dolgov-F.Fleischanderl, ICCF Email 2002, a draw was agreed.

13...Kd7!? The start of an interesting concept to use the half open b-file.

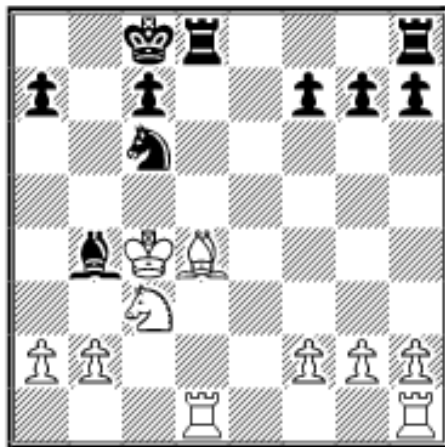
13...0-0-0 14.Rac1 (Other moves are not given by Davies, but I think that 14.Kd3 is

called for, e.g. 14...c5 (14...Nf5 15.Kc4 Be7?! 16.Rad1 Bf6 17.Rd3 Rhe8 18.Rhd1 Kb7 19.b4 Nd6+ 20.Kb3 Nb5 21.Na4 is better for White:



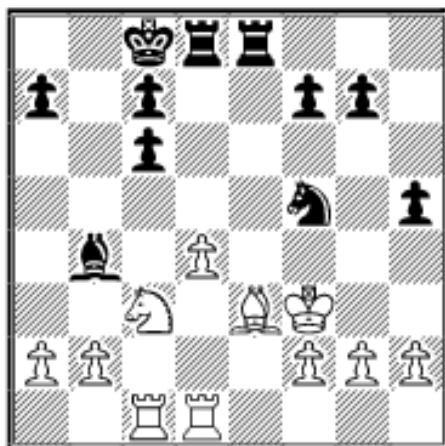
21...Rd5 22.Nc5+ Kc8 23.a4 Nd6 24.R1d2 g5 25.Rc3 Nf5 26.Na6 Nxd4+ 27.Bxd4 Rxd4 28.Rxd4 Bxd4 29.Rxc6 Re7 30.f3 h5 31.Kc4 Bg7 32.Rc5 Be5 33.Rb5 c6 34.Ra5 f6 35.Nc5 Bxh2 36.Ra6 Rc7 37.Ne6 Rd7 38.Rxc6+ Kb7 39.b5 Bg1 40.Kc3 Be3 41.Nf8 Rd8 42.Ne6 Rd7 43.a5 h4 44.Nf8 Rd8 45.a6+ Kb8 46.Nh7 f5 47.Rg6 Rd5 48.Nf6 Rd4 49.Rg7 Rd8 50.Nd7+ Kc8 51.b6 axb6 52.Ne5 Rd1 53.Nc6 Ra1 54.a7 b5 55.Kb2 Ra6 56.Ne7+ Kd8 57.a8Q+ Rxa8 58.Nxf5 1-0, D.Zink-R.Stroehrer,

ICCF Email 2000) 15.Kc4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Nc6 17.Rad1):



White is only slightly better, but the position should be drawn. (17.Be3 Ba5 18.Rad1 Ne5+ 19.Kb3 Bb6 20.Bxb6 axb6 and, in I.Dolgov-P.Schuster, ICCF Email 2002, a draw was agreed.)

14...Rhe8 15.Rhd1 Nf5 16.Kf3 h5:

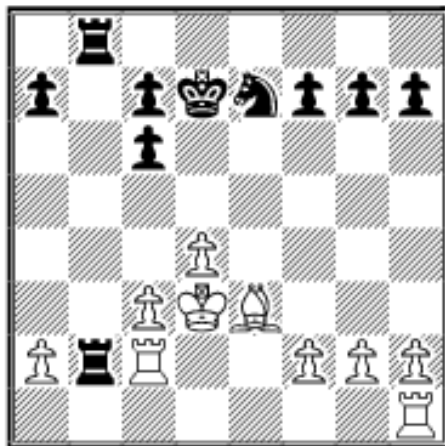


Now I think that 17.g3 is called for, e.g. 17...Rd6 18.Rd3 (18.Na4!?) 18...Rf6 19.Kg2 Rfe6 20.Kf3 Rf6=.

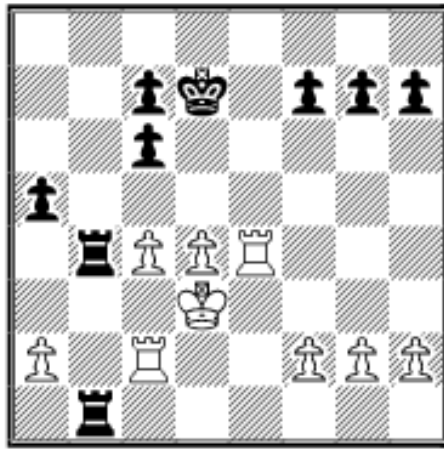
14.Rac1?!

14.Kd3 is not given by Davies, but seems worth a try, e.g. 14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Rab8 16.Rab1 Nd5 17.Bd2.

14...Rab8 15.Kd3 Bxc3!? with the idea to play on the light squares. White must now be careful. **16.bxc3 Rb2 17.Rc2 Rhb8**

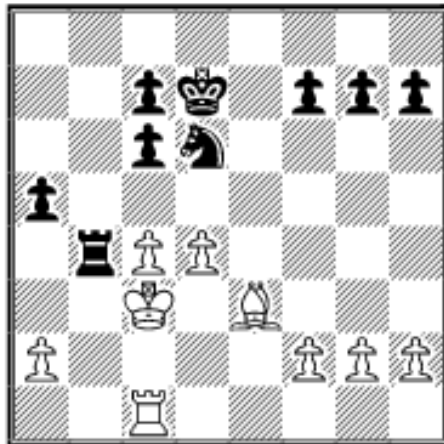


18.c4?! The first step in the wrong direction. 18.Re1! Nd5 19.Bd2 a5 20.Re4 Rb1 21.c4 Nb4+ 22.Bxb4 R8xb4:



The position is equal.

**18...Nf5 19.Kc3 Rxc2+ 20.Kxc2 Nd6
21.Kc3 a5 22.Rc1 Rb4**

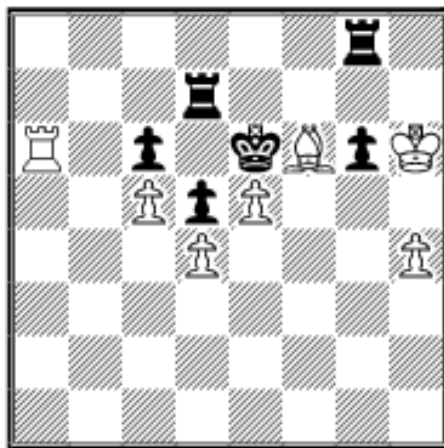


23.c5? Conceding the light squares is fatal. After 23.Kd3, White should be able to hold the position. **23...Nb5+ 24.Kd3 Ra4
25.Rc2 Ke6 26.Bc1 Kd5 27.Re2 Rxd4+
28.Kc2 Rg4 29.Re7 Rxd4 30.Rxf7 Kxc5
31.a4 Nd6 32.Be3+ Kd5 33.Rxc7 Nf5
34.Bb6 Rxd4 35.Ra7 Nd4+ 36.Kd3 Rh3+
37.Kd2 Nb3+ 38.Kc2 g6 39.Be3 Kc4
40.Kb2 c5 41.Ra6 Rh2 42.Ka3 Nd4
43.Kb2 Nf5 44.Re6 Nxe3 45.Rxe3 Rxf2+
46.Ka3 Rf7 0-1**

Solutions to Last Month's Exercises

E60.01 V.Ivanchuk (2748) - I.Cheparinov (2618)

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Cheparinov missed his chance to activate his rooks: **60...Rc7?**

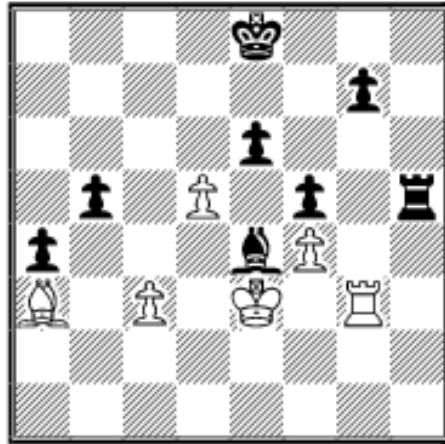
60...g5!! (Shipov on Chesspro.ru) **61.h5** (61.Ra1 gxh4 62.Rh1 Rg4 63.Rxh4 Rdg7-+; 61.hxg5? Kf5 and White is mated.) **61...g4 62.Rxc6+ Kf5 63.e6 Rb7 64.e7 g3 65.Bh4** (65.e8Q Rxe8 66.Be5 Rg8 67.Rf6+ Ke4 68.c6 g2 69.Rf4+ Ke3 70.Rg4 Rxd4 71.cxb7 Rg8 72.Bh2 Re8 73.Kg5 Rb8 74.Bxb8 g1Q+ 75.Kf6 Qb1 76.Be5 Qxb7-+; 65.Kh7 Re8 66.Bg7

Rex7 67.Rf6+ Kg4 68.h6 g2 69.Rg6+ Kh3 70.Rg5 Rb1 71.Rxg2 Kxg2 72.Kg6 Rh1 73.h7 Re8 74.c6 Rc8 75.h8Q Rxd8 76.Bxd8 Rxd8 77.Kf6 Kf3 78.Ke5 Rh5+ 79.Kd6 Ke4-+) 65...g2 66.Rf6+ Kg4 67.Rf8 Rb8 68.Rxb8 Rxb8 69.Bf2 Re8 70.Kg6 Rxe7 71.h6 Re6+ 72.Kg7 Kf3 73.Bg1 Re1 74.h7 Rxg1 75.h8Q Rh1 76.Qf8+ Ke3 77.Qe7+ Kd3-+.

**61.Kg5 Kf7 62.h5 gxh5+ 63.Kf5 Re8 64.Ra2 Rb7 65.Rg2 Kf8 66.Rh2 Rb1
67.Rxh5 Rf1+ 68.Kg6 Rg1+ 69.Bg5 Kg8 70.Kf5 Rf1+ 71.Kg4 Rg1+ 1/2-1/2**

E60.02 Ni Hua (2603) - A.Morozevich (2707)

World Team Championship Beer Sheva 2005



Morozevich stopped White's initiative with a convincing counterattack: **51...g5!! 52.dxe6**

52.fxg5 e5-+; 52.Rxg5 Rxg5 53.fxg5 e5 54.d6 Bc6 55.g6 f4+ 56.Ke2 e4-+ (Afek in *Schach* 12/2005) Black controls White's passed pawns, and will sooner or later promote one of his own.

52...g4 53.Kd4 Rh3 54.Rg1?!

54.Re3 Kd8 55.Bc5 Kc7 56.e7 (56.Ke5 Rxe3 57.Bxe3 a3-+) 56...Kd7 57.c4 (57.Re1 g3 58.Rd1 g2 59.c4 b4 60.Ke5+ Rd3 61.Ra1 a3 62.Kf6 Bf3 63.Kg7 Ke8-+) 57...b4 58.Bxb4 (58.Re2 g3 59.Ke5 g2 60.Rd2+ Rd3 61.Ra2 Bc6-+) 58...g3 59.Be1 g2 60.Bf2 Rh1 61.Re2 Kxe7-+.

54...g3 55.Ke5 g2 56.Rd1 Rh1 57.Rd7 g1Q 58.Bd6 Bc6 0-1



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