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Piket–Shirov, Aruba 1995

Jeroen Piket (2670) – Alexey Shirov (2710)
Aruba (m-5) 1995
King’s Indian Four Pawns [E76]

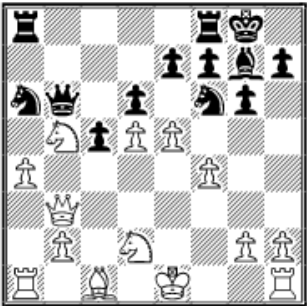
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4

Playing for the gusto. The Four Pawns Attack has a lot to be said for it. Many of the lines are ultra-sharp and a single misstep can cost Black the game, yet these same lines often end in sterile equality. Hence, White takes no risk.

5...0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 b5!

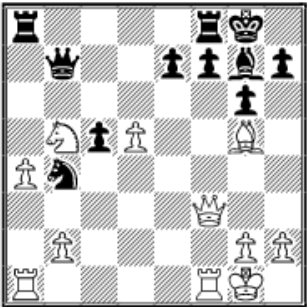
The exclamation is not because I believe in the Benko Gambit, but because this is a good way of avoiding the sharp lines in the Four Pawns. The text may end with an “advantage for White,” but it’s the type of disadvantage that Black can recover from.

8.cxb5 a6 9.Qb3?! Qb6 10.a4 axb5 11.Bxb5 Ba6 12.Nd2 Bxb5 13.Nxb5 Na6 14.e5?



Going on the warpath without having castled cannot be good. A better idea was 14.Nc4 Qb7 15.Qf3 Nb4! 16.0-0 Nc2 17.Ra2 Nb4 18.Ra3 Nc2, inviting a repetition. After 19.Rc3 Nd4 a sharp position emerges.

14...dxe5 15.fxe5 Ng4 16.Nc4 Qb7 17.Qf3 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.O-O Bg7 20.Bg5 Nb4

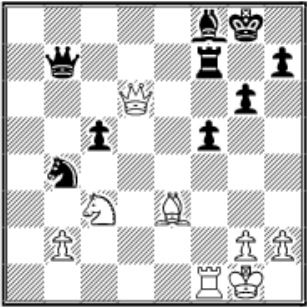


Black has emerged with an advantage. His excellent pieces and pawn structure mean that White has to go for the attack whole hog.

21.Rae1 f6 22.Be3 Rxa4 23.Nc3 Ra5 24.Qe4 f5!

Black isn’t idle. The text activates the g7-bishop.

25.Qe6+ Rf7 26.Rd1 Ra6! 27.d6 Rxd6 28.Rxd6 exd6 29.Qxd6 Bf8



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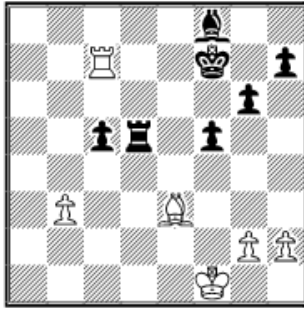
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& Marek Soszynski



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Black has an extra pawn and a good position. White has no more attack, just a bad ending.

30.Qe6 Qd7 31.Qc4 Qd3 32.Qe6 Qa6 33.Qxa6 Nxa6 34.Ra1 Rf6! 35.
Kf1 Kf7 36.Nd5 Rc6 37.b3 Bg7 38.Ra5 Rd6! 39.Bf4 Rxd5 40.Rxa6
Rd7 41.Be3 Bf8 42.Rc6 Rd5 43.Rc7+?



Better was 43.Ke2, limiting the d5-rook.

43...Ke6 44.Rxh7 Rd3 45.Ke2 Rxb3 46.h4 c4 47.h5 gxh5 48.Rxh5 Bd6
49.Rh4 Rb2+ 50.Kf3 c3 51.Rc4 c2 52.Bc1 Kd5 53.Bxb2?! Kxc4 54.g4
fxg4+ 55.Kxg4 Bb4 56.Bc1 Kd3 57.Kf3 Bd2 58.Ba3 Kc3 0-1

If 59.Ke2 Bh6, White is in zugwang.

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