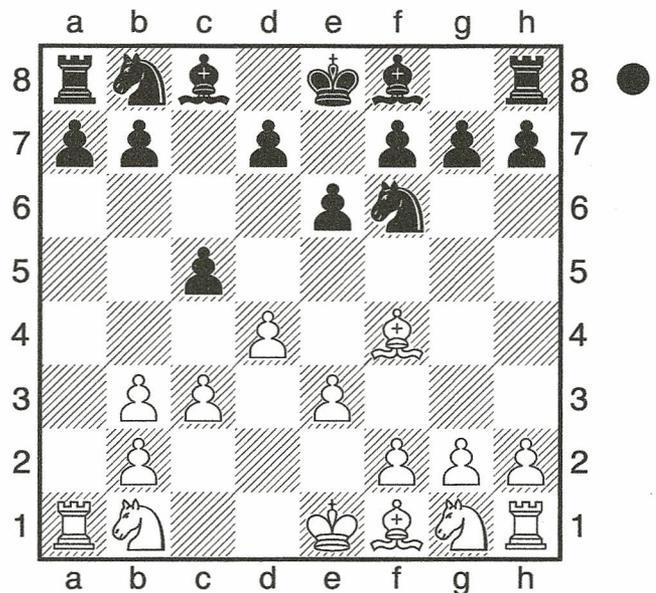


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 □ Mike Callaham
 ■ Vignesh Rajasekaran, age 14
 Charlottesville Open (2) 14.07.2012

Blitz:4'+2" Charlottesville again. I had the "honor" of playing one of the Rajasekaran twins! 14 years old and trying to get that rating over expert. I had a chance to talk to both of them. They both have been to more than 100 events and have tons of experience! They teach chess too. If you see them pick their brains. The Charlottesville tournament was game 90 minutes. I was proud of the combo I pulled off and Vignesh's defence was amazing. If we had had a sudden death time control, the instruction from this unique middlegame could have been on the board instead of in the notes. Again scholastic means young not weak! **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Qb3 Qxb3 6.axb3** Diagram

(Diagram)

That Queen exchange happened really fast. Queens gone by move 6 and everyone is ok. I think I would have tried to take on b6 or developed a little more towards the exchange 1st. I don't think he knew this opening without Queens. This pawn structure requires a little different handling by black in that he can play moves like Nc6 and Nd5 because the c pawn must stay back to protect b4! White playing e4 is hard because we don't want isolated, doubled b pawns. That does sound bad even if you are not a strong player!? **cxd4**
 [6...Nc6 7.Nd2 Nd5 8.Bg3 cxd4□



All the other move allow 9. d4-c5 and after 10. b3-b4 white is working what should be a familiar London bind!
 (8...f5?! 9.dxc5! Bxc5 10.b4 Be7±)
 9.exd4 f5 10.Nh3 Be7 11.Nf4 0-0±]
7.exd4 Nc6 8.Nd2 d5
 [8...Nd5⇒ 9.Bg3 f5 10.Nh3 Be7
 11.Nf4 0-0 12.h4 Nb6±]
9.Bd3 Diagram

(Diagram)

Be7
 [9...Nh5= You have to take your shot at this bishop sooner or later. In this position, now is the time. 10.Be3 Bd6 11.Ne2 0-0 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.b4 a6=]
10.b4 b6?! 11.Ngf3 Bb7 12.0-0 0-0 13.h3 Diagram

(Diagram)

When it comes down to how I annotate a game, punctuation shows up at category changers!! If the game was going at =, an now it will be +/- your going to see some punctation! If the move being