

Reflections: Poland (7) by CM Dr Lyndon Bouah

1. Introduction

The food here at the Galaxy Hotel has been wonderful. Every morning there are different types of cheese, food and all-round fruit. There are some interesting names of food as well.

One interesting feature is that there is cake for breakfast. So, we were surprised as we thought cake should be eaten later!



Each player has their own routine in the morning. Andre Schutte and I are sharing a room. We go eat breakfast everyday at 7h00am. The Metcalfe's go about an hour later and Shabier goes at nine. We then normally spend the morning preparing for our opponents. Checking lines etc.

Andre during the week also checks in with work and I normally answer a few mails before closing the work laptop.

At night, we normally eat together and then analyse for 90 minutes, each game is dissected, and we even have analysis from home (thanks Mark Lewis, Denise Bouah and Jacques Frick) who will have helpful hints on what the computer says and what we possibly missed. Amazing!

There are some nice pics on the Fide Facebook page.

I had my Springbok attire on, and the Irish guys were ribbing me asking me if I am front row player waiting for a call from Rassie!



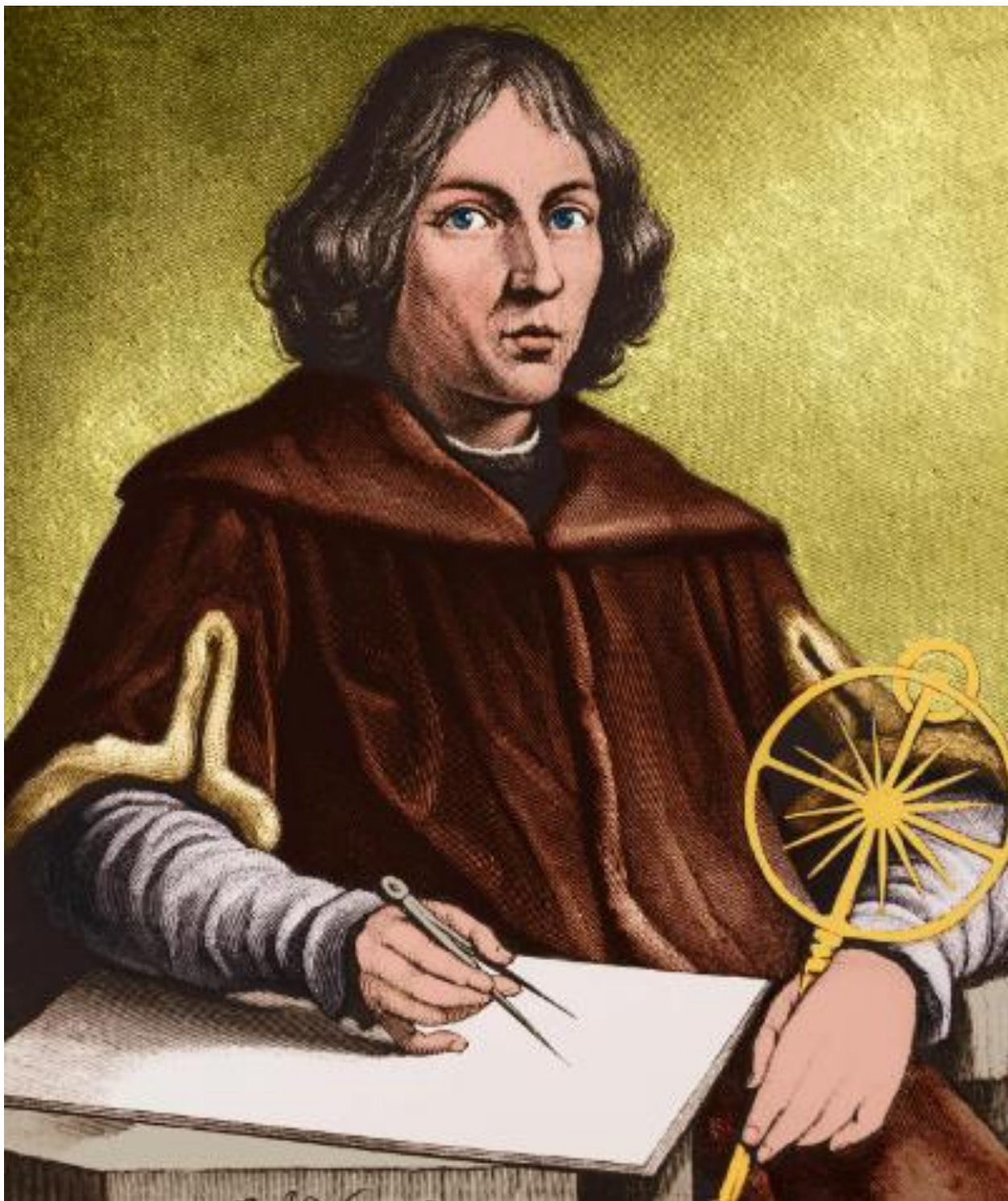
2. Poland

Until now, a purely dynastic union, Poland's relationship with Lithuania was cemented by the Union of Lublin which formed the Commonwealth of Two Nation in 1569. The capital was moved to Warsaw from Krakow on account of the more central position of Warsaw. The union strengthened both Poland's position to withstand Moscow's growing power and the position of Lithuanian and Polish nobility. One of Europe's most cosmopolitan societies, it guaranteed religious equality.



3. Famous Polish people

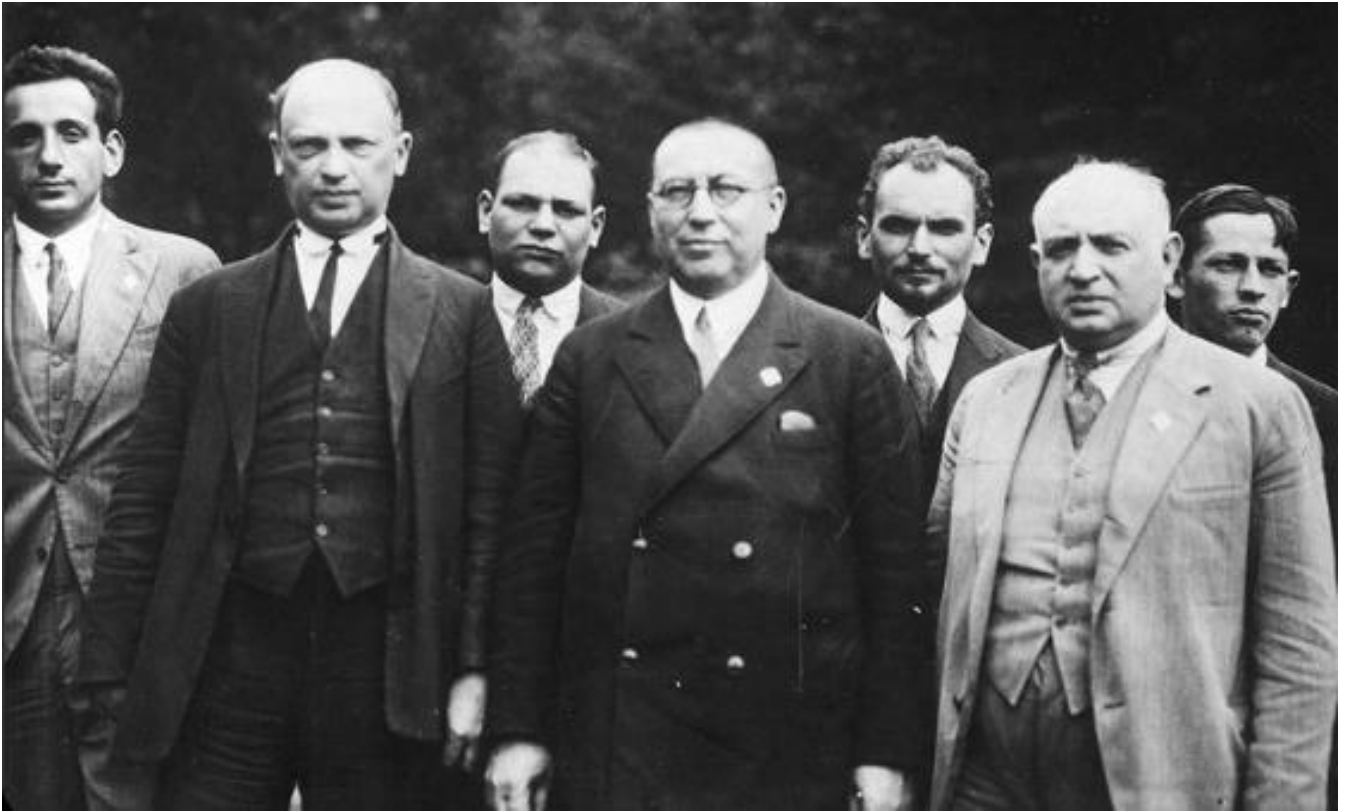
Nicolas Copernicus (1473- 1543) was an astronomer, mathematician, economist, doctor, and clergyman and was born in Torun. He spent most of his life in Warmia. He gained greatest renown for his astronomical observations, particularly for his heliocentric theory of the universe, which he expounded in *De Revolution Orbium Celestium* (1543) which declared that planets rotate around the sun.



Nicolas Copernicus

4. Polish Chess History

One of the greatest achievements in Polish chess and sport history was Poland winning the Olympic Trophy in coming first at the 1930 Olympiad in Hamburg. Hungary took 2nd place and Germany's good finish assured them of bronze medals. Poland truly deserved the victory, who was led by Rubinstein who scored 15/17 and Tartakower with a not much worse score. The team was Rubinstein, Tartakower, Przepiorka, Makarczyk and Frydman.



Paulino Frydman, Savielly Tartakower, Stefan Rotmil, Akiba Rubinstein, Kazimierz Makarczyk, Dawid Przepiórka and Marian Wróbel.

5. The role of a manager

I have been given the privilege by Chess South Africa to be the manager of this team. It was not easy as we needed to raise the funds to attend. The cost of the flight, accommodation and visas and registration worked out to be R50 000,00 per person.

I needed to transfer some of the deposits to Poland and that was an issue on its own as you need to deal with foreign exchange.

The team worked well together and once we received the go ahead from the Reverse Delegate and Chessa we commenced with our planning

Lessons learnt from managing teams

1. The players need the information in order to plan. Different players have different needs but what is important is whether the event is a round robin or a different format and what the implications are.
2. Keep parents and sponsors involved at all times. Nowadays most travels are conducted via air, and it is important that everyone has the information that is needed.
3. Send regular updates via email and direct via fora such as whatsapp. This will allow players and parents and organisations to access the information timeously but also at a later stage.
4. There are various templates that must be filled out well beforehand. Most organisations have developed the templates over the years. There are templates relating to health, medical, insurance and other pertinent

information that the organisers and the manager may need. This must be filled out as soon as you are appointed as a manager.

5. Sticking to routines are important but the individual needs of players must come first. Some players prefer to eat early, and some prefer to sleep later. The important thing is to allow individuality and still maintain the core times such as bus schedules and playing times.

6. Agree with the parents and players (depending on the context) on the times for going out and returning and the consequences for breaking the rules.

7. Some players may have a great event and others may struggle. Have an appreciation for this and speak quietly and privately to players that may be having a difficult time.

8. Keep the public back home informed of progress via regular reports that can be sent via email to websites and directly to parents, clubs, federations and social media.

9. Aspects such as board orders and other important aspects must be dealt with early on so that any bad feelings can be dealt with while at home.

10. Managing a team is a privilege and an honour. The manager is there to serve the team.



6. Impressions of Round Six

We played against the Jhunjnuwala brothers. They are from the USA. There are 6 brothers and 3 sisters. Five of the brothers play chess and this is the fifth year they are playing at the event.

I lost fairly easily against the top brother on board one. I guess it's time to put the Alekhine to pasture. It served me well over the years but at the top level it seems to have run its course. I shall have to review the horsey!

I was especially impressed by my roommate Board Four Andre Schutte. He won his first game! And I am so happy because he is taking to heart the analysis that we do at night!

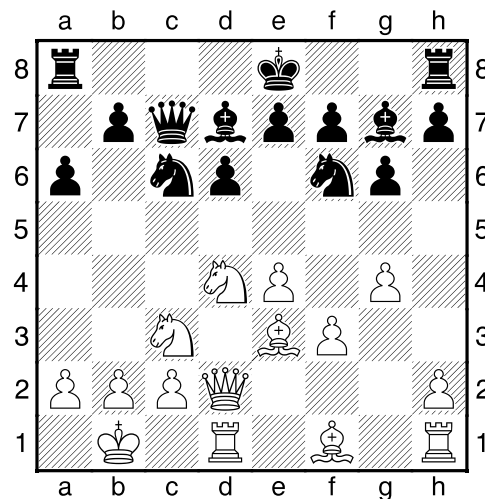
Shabier is in tremendous form and brought home the point!!!

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11.2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jhunjnuwala, Naresh	2009	-	FM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bhawoodien, Shabir Hussain	1990	0 - 1	PGN
11.3		<input type="checkbox"/>	Jhunjnuwala, Ramesh	2050	-		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metcalfe, Allister	1889	½ - ½	PGN
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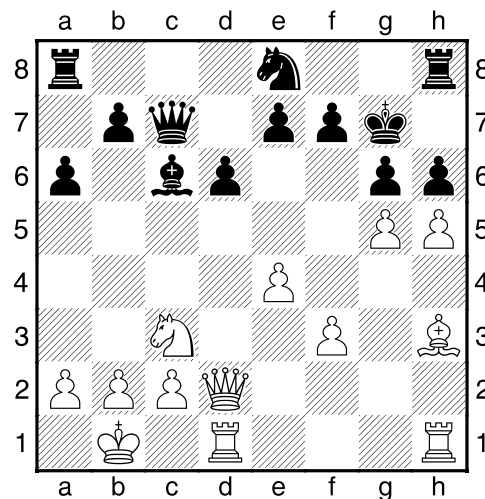
Bhawoodien,Shabier – Jhunjuhnuwala,Naren [B75]

vs Jhunjuhnuwala bros (6), 07.07.2024

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 Bd7 9.O–O–O a6 10.Kb1 Qc7 11.g4 The Dragodorf is a new variation. Mixture of the Najdorf and the Dragon.



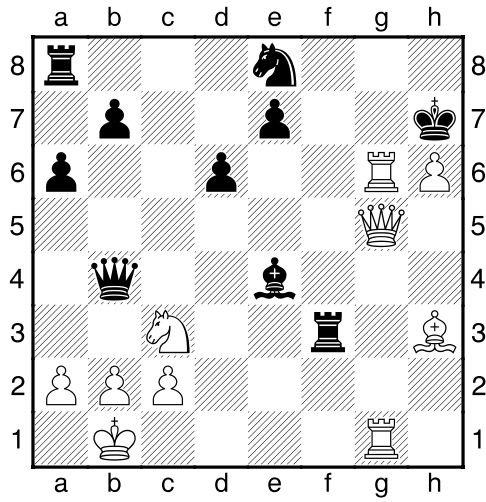
h6 12.h4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6 14.Bh3 Kf8 15.g5 Ne8 16.Bxg7+ Kxg7 17.h5



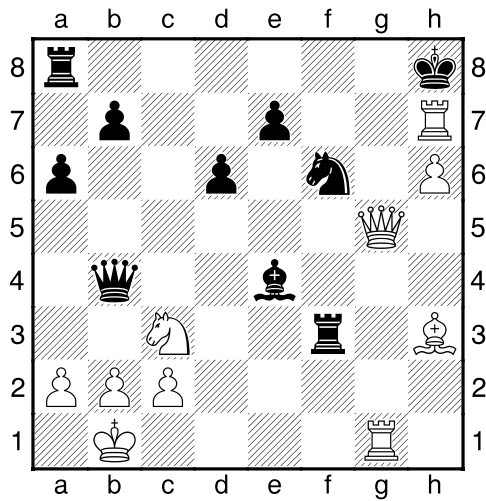
The tension has been created. The g and h pawn duo- is knocking on the doors of the black king! Qa5 18.hxg6 Now if Qxg5 then gf and then Rg1 is threatened which will force Qxd2 and then f7 takes e8 and promotes to a knight which is a cheeky check!

19.gxh6+ Kh7 20.Rdg1 Rf8 21.Rg5 Qb4 22.Rhg1 Rxf3 23.Rxg6 Bxe4 24.Qg5

How does White use the Alekhine's gun top secure a brilliant win which is his fourth in a row! The bag of tricks is not needed!



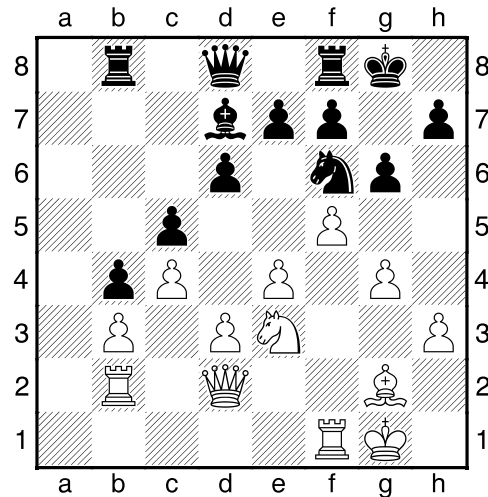
Nf6 25.Rg7+ Kh8 26.Rh7+ 1-0 brilliant finish by the 2003 World Amateur Champion!



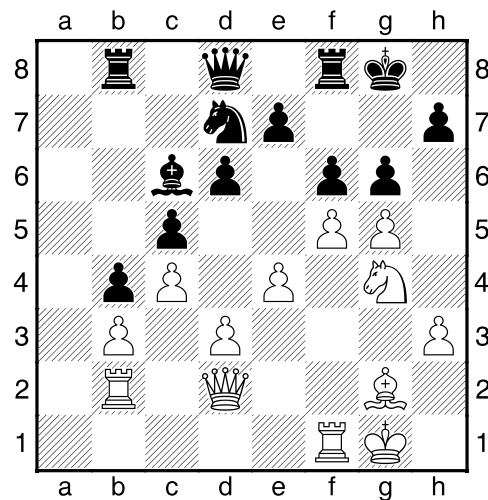
Schutte, Andre – Jhunjhnuwala,Suresh [A36]

vs USA Bros (6), 07.07.2024

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nge2 Nf6 7.O-O O-O 8.d3 Bd7 9.h3 a6 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Qd2 b5 12.b3 b4 13.Nd1 a5 14.f4 a4 15.Ne3 axb3 16.axb3 Ne8 17.f5 Nd4 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Bb2 Bxb2 20.Rxb2 Nf6 21.g4 Andre starts the attack after lots of manoeuvring!

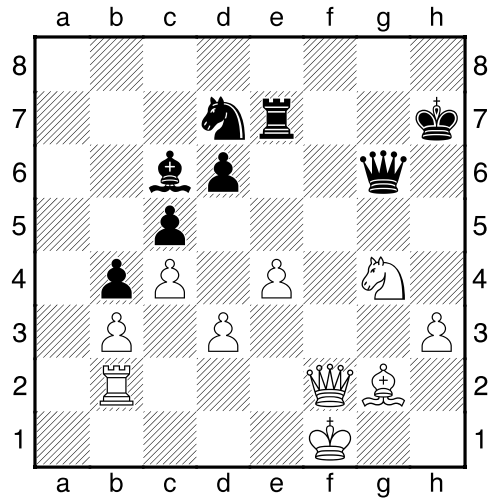


Bc6 22.g5 Nd7 23.Ng4 f6 tension is at the highest, the f and g pawn duo is knocking on the gate and wish to open for the queen to triumphantly enter h6. Her majesty is poised!



24.fxg6 Qe8 25.gxh7+ Kxh7 26.gxf6 Qg6 27.fxe7 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Re8 29.Qf2 Rxe7

How did White finish the game now?



30.Qh4+ 1-0 brilliant by Andre and the crucial draw by Allister secures the victory

