Mouskos pays tribute

By **Malcolm Pein**

THE UK Chess Challenge, founded by IM Michael Basman in 1996 and run latterly by Alex and Sarah Longson, has a new sponsor. The property company Delancey were loyal supporters for nearly three decades and British chess owes them a debt of gratitude for supporting the event in which more than one million children took part.

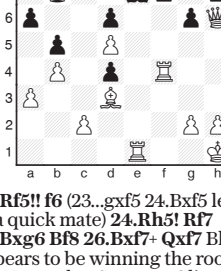
From 2027 the J.M. Mouskos Foundation will become the principal sponsor, and the tournament will be named the Mouskos UK Chess Challenge.

John Michael Mouskos commented: "I offer special recognition to the visionary International Master, Michael Basman, whom I had the great pleasure of meeting. His profound love of chess and belief in its power to transform young lives will always inspire me."

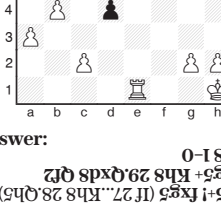
A joyous combination from the Chola Open in India:

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Sicilian Scheveningen

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.a3 Be7 8.Be3 a6 9.0–0 0–0 10.f4 d6 11.Kh1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Qe1 Bb7 14.Qg3 (A tabiya in this popular opening. Black wants to organise b5–b4 or a pawn break in the centre) **14...Rad8** (14...Bc6 15.Rae1 Rae8 16.Bf3 Kh8 17.b4 Bd8 18.e5 was good for White in Anand – Karpov, Sao Paulo rapid 2004) **15.Rae1 Bc6** (Perhaps 15...d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Qe3 Rc8) **16.b4!?** (Ruling out b5–b4 forever, but leaving a tactical weakness on c3) **16...Qb7** (16...g6 was a useful prophylactic move and if 17.f5 e5 18.Bg1 Ba8 Black stands well) **17.Bd3 Nh5 18.Qh3 Nxf4? 19.Rxf4 e5 20.Nd5!! g6** (20...exf4 21.e5 h6 22.exd6 Bxd6 23.Qf5 g6 24.Qf6 mates while 20...Bxd5 21.exd5 threatening mate on h7 is obviously bad) **21.Qh6?** (21.Rh4!! was even better. After 21...Bxh4 22.Qxh4 Bxd5 23.Be3!! Black must lose his bishop as if 23...Be6 24.Qf6 mates) **21...Bxd5?** (21...exd4! 22.Rf3 f6 defends) **22.exd5 exd4**



23.Rf5!! f6 (23...gxf5 24.Bxf5 leads to a quick mate) **24.Rh5! Rf7 25.Bxg6 Bf8 26.Bxf7+ Qxf7** Black appears to be winning the rook on h5. Now, what Svetozar Gligoric, the giant of Yugoslav chess used to call: " The sting in the tail". White to play and win.



Answer:

27.Rg5+! fxg5 (If 27...Kh8 28.Qh5) **28.Qxg5+ Kh8 29.Qxd8 Qf2 30.Qe8 1–0**