
Maroczy vs. Bogoljubow 0-1 New York International 1924

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I found an old book on the New York international chess tournament of 1924 in the library. The tournament featured some of the best chess players in that time with many interesting games such as this one from round 5 of the tournament. The annotations are by chess world champion Alexander Alekhine (who placed third in this tournament and went on to win the world championship 3 years later) with a few comments by myself. The Hungarian Geza Maroczy plays a queen's pawn opening against the Russian Efim Bogoljubow, going for a king's side assault starting from a pretty typical Colle-Zukertort opening system or better Yusupov-Rubinstein position. Bogoljubow defends well and exploits some inaccurate play by Maroczy to win.

I once read that as a beginning chess player, it would be best to start studying the old masters first. I slowly understand the reasoning behind that. Modern games often start with highly theoretical openings followed by subtle maneuvers in the middlegame. While the games played by today's masters seem incomprehensible to me, I seem to have better chances understanding the more straightforward play of the classical masters. But enough blubbering, enjoy the game!

Game from: "New York International Chess Tournament 1924" with annotations by A. Alekhine, edited by H. Helms.