

## **ONE OF BILL'S CHESS LESSONS**

### **GAMBITING MATERIAL FOR THE ATTACK**

Grandmaster Alexei Shirov, originally from Russia but now from Spain, has been one of the top players in the world for many years. He is very aggressive and willing to give up material in order to attack his opponents, as the following entertaining and instructive game shows.

#### **Shirov – Lapinski (1990)**

**1.e4 e5**

**2.f4 exf4** [King's Gambit Accepted]

**3.Nf3** [3.d4 Qh4+ 4.g3 fxg3 5.Nf3 g2+ 6.Nxh4 gxh1(Q)]

**3...g5**

**4.Bc4 g4**

**5.0-0** [Sacrificing material] **gxf3**

**6.Qxf3 Qf6**

**7.e5** [another sac to open a file] **Qxe5**

**8.Bxf7+** [Another sac to expose the king] **Kxf7**

**9.d4** [and another for development] **Qxd4+**

**10.Be3!** [Q: Why can't black take this bishop?]

**10...Qf6**

**11.Bxf4 Ke8**

**12.Nc3 Nc6**

**13.Nd5 Qg6**

**14.Rae1+ Be7** [Look at how white's pieces are all in good places! Now, If 14...Kd8 15.Bxc7 mate.]

**15.Bd6 Kd8** [15...cxd6 16.Qf8 mate]

**16.Qf8+** [And now a Queen is donated!] **Bxf8**

**17.Bxc7 mate.**

**The Point: It's not how much stuff you have that matters most; it's how well you use the stuff you have.**

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