

February 8, 2026 – late evening

This is the Englund Gambit. If I recall, I saw an eight move win with it for black in *Chess* magazine way back in the 1970s. I might have played it once or twice myself in skittles games decades ago. This is the third time I've faced it on this site, presumably it was the same bloke each time. I've won all three games but the first game was difficult. Not this one though! It's usually black who plays Q-K2 here. Strangely, he didn't see mine coming, and suddenly it was all over. A classic miniature.



Final position

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-K4 |
| 2. PxP | P-Q3 |
| 3. N-KB3 | B-N5 |
| 4. B-B4 | BxN |
| 5. KPxB | N-QB3 |
| 6. PxP | N-B3?? |

- 7. Q-K2ch K-Q2**
- 8. PxP Q-B1**
- 9. N-QB3 B-N5??**
- 10. O-O-Och B-Q3**
- 11. RxBch KxPfed**

And black resigned without waiting for RxNdis ch which leads to a forced win.