

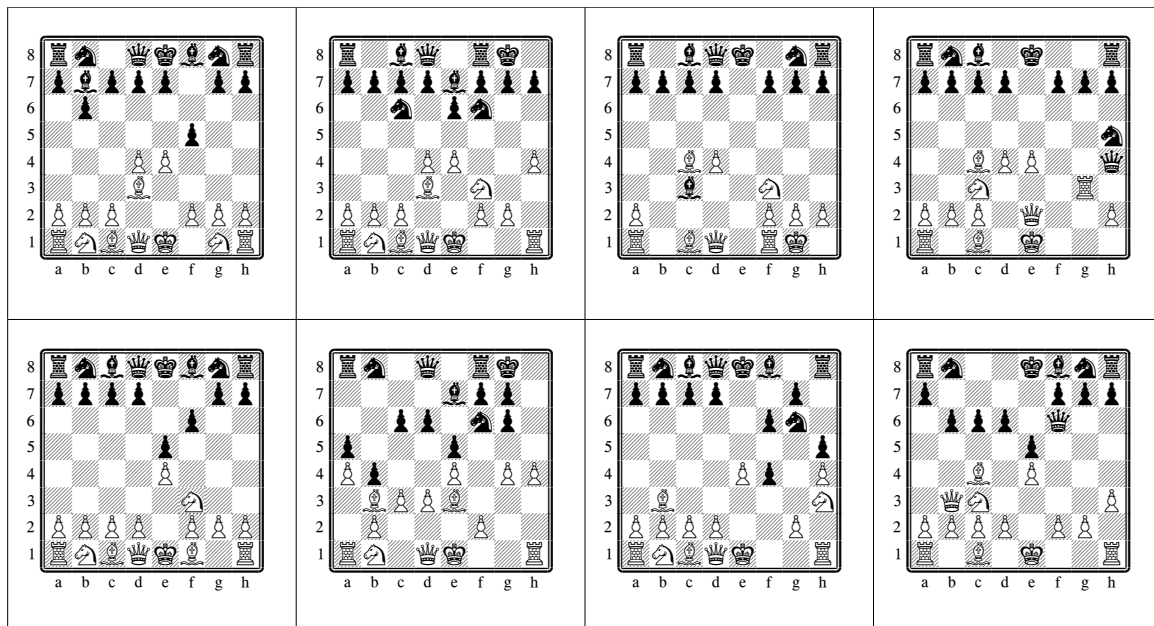
CHESS HISTORY

Gioachino Greco

Italy, 1600 - 1634



Gioachino Greco, also known as "il Calabrese," was the strongest player of his day and left us an exciting and instructive collection of his own ingenious chess games, played or analyzed across the courts of Europe. While brilliant and unexpected moves have always been a part of chess history, Greco's collection revealed a delightful wealth of attacking resources that helped set the tone of *Romantic* chess for the next 250 years.



4. exf5 Bxg2 5. Qh5+ g6 6. fxg6 Nf6 7. gxh7 Nxh5 8. Bg6#
6. e5 Nd5 7. Bxh7+ Kxh7 8. Ng5+ Bxg5 9. hxg5+ Kg8 10. Qh5 f5 11. g6 Re8 12. Qh8#
10. Qb3 (Ba3!) Bxd4 11. Bxf7+ Kf8 12. Bg5 Bf6 13. Rae1 Ne7 14. Bh5 Ng6 15. Ne5 Nxe5 16. Rxe5 g6 17. Bh6+ Bg7 18. Rf5+ gxf5 19. Qf7#
10. Bxf7+ Kxf7 11. Bg5 Nxg3 12. Qf3+ Kg6 13. Bxh4 Nh5 14. Qf5+ Kh6 15. Qg5#
3. Nxe5 fxe5? (Ne7 +/-) 4. Qh5+ Ke7 5. Qxe5+ Kf7 6. Bc4+ Kg6 7. Qf5+ Kh6 8. d4+ g5 9. h4 Kg7 10. Qf7+ Kh6 11. hxg5#
14. h5 gxh5 15. g5 Ng4 16. Rxh5 Nxe3 17. Rh8+ Kxh8 18. Qh5+ Kg8 19. g6 Re8 20. Qh7+ Kf8 21. Qh8#
9. d4 Nxh4? (Nc6 +=) 10. Nxf4 g5 11. Rxh4 gxh4 12. Ng6 Rh7 13. Bg8 Rg7 14. Qxh5 Rxg8 15. Ne5+ Ke7 16. Qf7+ Kd6 17. Nc4+ Kc6 18. Qd5#
8. Nd5 Qd8 9. Nxb6 Qxb6 10. Bxf7+ Kd7 11. Bxg8 d5 12. exd5 Qxb3 13. dxc6+ Nxc6 14. Bxb3 1-0

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