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 **Frederick Dewhurst Yates**

 **vs Jan Willem te Kolste, 1913:**

 Black wins brilliantly.

 **A LOOK BACK NEARLY 100 YEARS**

It’s always interesting to look back on major chess events of earlier years. One such event was the 1925 Baden-Baden Tournament (round robin with 21 competitors) which contained many of the world’s top players, though missing Jose Raul Capablanca and Emmanuel Lasker. It was a time when world champion Capablanca

seemed invincible but who might emerge to challenge him?

It was a time when Hypermodernism was emerging, led by

Richard Reti, where White would make no initial attempt

to control the centre (eg 1.Nf3 2.g3 or 2.b3). Winner of the

event with 16/20, and the only player not to lose a game, was

Alexander Alekhine, who was to defeat Capablanca to become

world champion in 1927. Second was Akiba Rubinstein with

14.5, followed by Friedrich Saemisch, Efim Bogoljubov,

Saveilly Tartakower and Frank Marshall with the leading

Hypermoderns Reti and Nimzovitsch finished midway with 11

and 10 respectively. The event was largely organised by

Siegbert Tarrasch, who had lost a world title match to Lasker

in 1908. Sadly Tarrasch was past his prime and scored only *Alexander Alekhine*

7.5. Of note was the score of Dutch master Jan Willem te Kolste, who could manage only three draws in his 20 games, finishing 4.5 points behind the next lowest, Sir George Thomas. However te Kolste’s career did have its successes, winning the Dutch Championship in 1907 and representing Netherlands in the 1927 London Chess Olympiad.

The **WA Championship** and **WA Reserves Championship** will be held from Friday 31st May to Monday 2nd June (7 rounds). For details of this event and entry see cawa.org.au

**SOLUTION**: 1…Rd8! (deflection to relieve the pin) 2.Rxd8 f4+ 3.Kh2 g3+ 4.Kh4 Rh1#. If 2.Re5 Rd3+ mates or wins bishop.