

□ **Yoo, Christopher Woojin** **C63**
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■ **Tsodikova, Natalya** **2258**
 3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (2.1) 12.05.2026
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 26 e5 14 2.Nf3 22 Nc6 14 3.Bb5
27 f5!? **39** The Schliemann Defense in
 the West, the Jaenisch Gambit in the
 East. **4.Nc3 1:13** Leading to all sorts of
 unusual and unbalanced variations;

[4.d3 has become more popular
 (Karpov's influence!), an attempt to
 keep the violence manageable! But 4.
 Nc3 lives on as well.]

4...fxe4 20 5.Nxe4 10 Nf6 12
 Especially in this line, which is less
 likely to get stratospherically
 complicated and has a number of
 adherents.

[5...d5 has led to a *lot* of analysis
 and madness.]

6.Nxf6+ 1:11
 [6.Qe2 d5 7.Nxf6+ gxf6 8.d4 Bg7
 (8...e4!?) 9.dxe5 0-0 is another fairy
 tale.]

6...Qxf6 45 7.Qe2 1:05 Be7 43 8.Bxc6
31 dxc6 42 Most common.

[But 8...bxc6 9.Nxe5 (9.Qxe5 d6
 Black even has a plus score; 9.d4!
 Qg6! 10.0-0 d6) 9...Qe6!?) (or
 9...Bb7!?) and queenside castling)
 10.d4 Bf6 and the theme of great
 compensation continues. (or
 10...0-0)]

9.Nxe5 1:29 0-0 1:12 10.0-0 46 Bd6
2:15 Sensible, although we've lost our
 2700+ participants around now.

[10...c5 hasn't fared well, for instance
 11.b3 Bd6 12.Bb2 Bf5 13.Rae1
 Rae8 14.f4 Qh4 15.d3 b6 16.Qf3
 Re6 17.Qd5 Rfe8 18.Re3 c6 19.Qf3
 Bc7 20.Rfe1 h6 21.a4 b5 22.g3
 Qh3 23.Nxc6 bxa4 24.bxa4 Bg4
 25.Qd5 Kh8 26.Qd7 R6e7 27.Bxg7+

Kh7 28.Qxe7 Rxe7 29.Rxe7 Bd6
 30.Bc3+ Bxe7 31.Rxe7+ Kg8
 32.Ne5 Be6 33.Re8+ Kh7 34.Nf3
 Qf5 35.Kf2 c4 36.Rh8+ Kg6
 37.Nh4+ 1-0 (37) Durarbayli, V (2625)-
 Beerdsen, T (2511) Al Cup Div 3 L
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11.Nc4 59

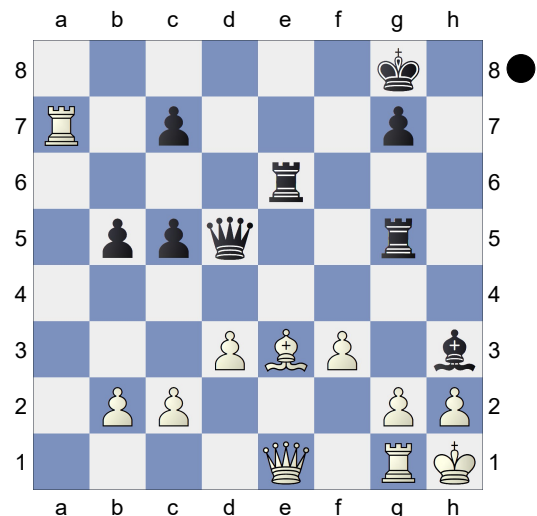
[Stockfish and practice lean towards
 11.d4 -- this whole variation must be
 an acquired taste, I don't get it. Isn't
 White just up a pawn with a great
 knight on e5!?]

11...Bf5?! 5:15

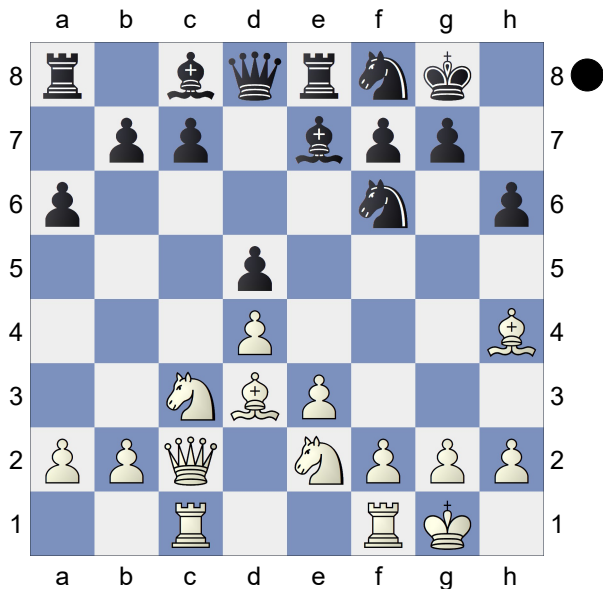
[11...Be6!?]]

12.d3 13 Rae8 1:15 13.Be3 15 Qg6
2:54 14.f3 1:26

[Perhaps a hint as to why anyone
 would want to play this line as Black
 can be found in the following game,
 the sole occasion that a player at this
 level appears in the record: 14.Kh1
 Be5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Qd2 Rfe8
 17.Qc3 h5 18.Rae1 h4 19.Qc4+
 Qf7 20.Qxh4 Qxa2 21.Qd4 c5
 22.Qc3 Qd5 23.Ra1 Bh3 24.Rg1
 R8e6 25.Rxa7 b5 26.Qe1 Rg5 27.f3



Bxg2+ 28.Rxg2 Qxf3 29.Qf2 Rxe3
 30.Ra1 Qxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Rxg2
 32.Kxg2 Re2+ 33.Kg3 Rxc2 34.Ra7
 Rd2 35.Kf4 Rxd3 36.Rxc7 c4 37.b4
 Rb3 38.Kf5 Kh7 39.Ke6 Rxb4



Variation of the Queen's Gambit; Black is no longer letting White slowly move pawns forward and overrunning Black. Black is fighting back better than before. Or maybe I just haven't noticed. *Or* maybe I conveniently forget my losses, and enjoy my wins.

[12...c6 13.f3 Be6 14.e4 c5 15.e5 N6d7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.f4 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Qc5 19.Qf2 g6 20.Ncb5 Qb6 21.Nc7 Rac8 22.Nxe8 Rxe8 23.f5 gxf5 24.Bxf5 Nxe5 25.Bxe6 Nxe6 26.Nxe6 Qxf2+ 27.Rxf2 Nd3 28.Nc7 Rc8 29.Rfc2 Nxc1 30.Rxc1 Rd8 31.Rc5 d4 32.Rd5 Rc8 33.Rd7 b5 34.Kf2 b4 35.Ke2 a5 36.Kd3 Rb8 37.b3 Rb6 38.Rxd4 Rc6 39.Rc4 Rd6+ 40.Ke3 Rd1 41.Rc2 Kg7 42.Na6 Fathallah,J (2067)-Burrows,M (1857) Swansea 2018 1-0]

13.Bxf6 6:04 Bxf6 6 14.Qb3 24 c6 19 15.Na4 46 Be7 5:32 16.Nb6 1:40 Rb8 7 17.Nxc8 3:36 Qxc8 5 18.Bb1 4:28 Bd6= 1:29 19.f4!? 2:52 Nf8 1:04 20.Ng3?! 1:13

[20.Qd3 Qe6 21.Rf3 Qg6=]

20...Nd7± 1:52 21.Bf5?! 6:18

[21.e4!?]

21...Qd8! 1:10 22.Bxd7 39 Qxd7 4

23.Qd3 26 Rbc8!? 2:15 24.Kh1 2:40 Qe6 2:28 25.Rce1 3:44 c5 1:02 26.dxc5 5:02 Bxc5 20 27.Nf5 10:07 Bf8 1:08 28.a3 9:06 Qe4 4:07 29.Rd1 4:58 Rc2 2:07 30.Qxe4 58 dxe4 6 31.Rb1 17 g6 3:10 32.Nd4 23 Rd2 4 33.f5 4:39 Bg7 3:28 34.f6 43 Bf8 8 35.Rfe1 2:45 Bd6 53 36.Nb3 2:07 Rd3 8:11 37.Rbd1 1:29 Re6 45 38.Nd2 9:17 Bc5 56 39.Rc1 37 Bxe3 1:37 40.Rc8+ 6 Kh7 3 41.Nc4 1:08 Bf2 45 0-1

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1.d4 3 c5 6 2.d5 29 e5 6 3.c4 1:13 d6 23 4.Nc3 39 Be7 1:26 5.Nf3 1:23 Nf6 4:22 6.e4 3:44 0-0 1:38 7.h3 1:16 Na6 6:21

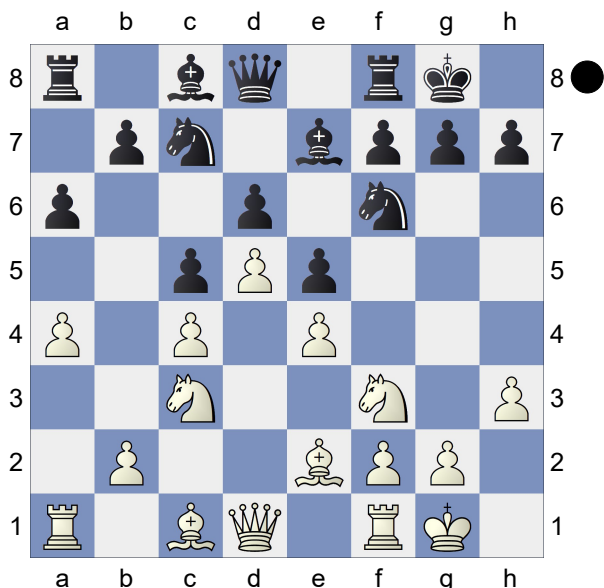
[7...Nbd7 8.Be3 a6 9.a4 g6 10.g4 Ne8 11.Bd3 Ndf6 12.Qe2 Ng7 13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.Kc2 Qa5 15.Ra1 Rfb8 16.Nd2 Qd8 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Nfe8 19.e5 dxe5 20.Bxe5 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Nxd6 22.Nde4 Nge8 23.Nxc5 Rc8 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.a5 Qc7 26.b3 Nf6 27.h4 Nb5 28.Nxb5 axb5 29.Qf3 Nd7 30.Rhf1 Ne5 31.Qf4 Re8 32.Rfe1 Rad8 33.Rad1 Rxd5 34.h5 bxc4 35.Bxc4 Rxd1 36.Kxd1 Re7 37.h6 Pragganandhaa,R (2642)-Wei,Y (2727) chess24.com INT 2022 ½-½]

8.Be2 4:41 Nc7 4:04 9.0-0 47 a6 1:14 10.a4 1:59

(Diagram)

b6N 4:29

[10...Rb8 11.Qc2 b6 12.Nh2 Bd7 13.f4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Nfe8 15.e5 dxe5



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Suarez, Sebastian **2314**
 Zavgorodniy, Andrew **2088**
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 39 c5 24 2.Nf3 10 e6 20 3.d4 8
cx d4 9 4.Nxd4 4 Nf6 15 5.Nc3 7 Nc6
12 6.Ndb5 8 Bc5!? 22 A **very* old line*
that has recently been totally
resuscitated. 7.Bf4 8

[Much of the revival has White trying
 7.Nd6+ Ke7 8.Bf4 e5 9.Nf5+ Kf8!
 10.Bg5 d6 11.Bc4 Be6± 12.Bb3
 (12.Qe2 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 Bxf2+!
 14.Kd2!± !=) 12...h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6
 14.0-0 Bxf5 15.Nd5 Qg6 16.exf5
 Qxf5 17.c3 Ne7 White has
 compensation for the pawn, but
 more?]

7...0-0 16 8.Bc7 4 Qe7 18 9.Bd6 5
Bxd6 11 10.Qxd6 5 Qd8 21 11.0-0-0 4
a6 22 12.Nd4 6 Ne7! 25 13.h4!? 5
[13.a4!? b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Bxb5
 Ne8 16.Qb4 Ra1+ 17.Kd2 Ra8
 18.Kc1 Ra1+ 19.Kd2 Ra8 20.Kc1
 ½-½ (20) Leko, P (2660)-Erigaisi, A
 (2769) Goa 2025]

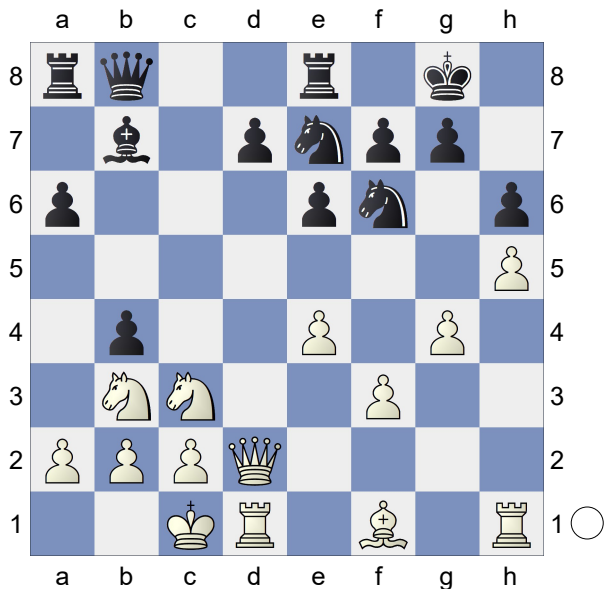
13...b5 24 14.h5 5 h6 28 15.g4 48
Bb7 37 16.f3 24 Re8 59 17.Nb3 25
Qb8 1:04 18.Qd2 13:30 b4?! 7:07
[18...Nh7 19.Na5± (19.Qxd7?
 Nd5!≠) 19...Bc6 20.Nxc6 dxc6
 21.f4± f6=]

(Diagram)

19.Ne2 2:00
[19.Na4!±]
19...d5 1:23 20.g5 1:24 hxg5 3:07
21.Qxg5 35 Nh7≠ 3:00

(Diagram)

16.Bxe5 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Nxd6 18.Bd3
 g6 19.Rae1 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.b3
 bxc4 22.bxc4 Rb4 23.Qf2 Na6
 24.Qf4 Bf5 25.Bxf5 Nxf5 26.Nb5
 Qh4 27.Ng4 Kg7 28.Nd6 Nxd6
 29.Qe5+ f6 30.Qxd6 f5 31.Re7+
 Kg8 32.Qe6+ 1-0 (32) Prijovic, M
 (2135)-Savovic, D (2263) Podgorica
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11.Ne1 6:17 Nd7 5:19 12.Nd3 5:15
Bg5 2:00 13.b4 4:22 Bxc1 3:51
14.Qxc1 23 cxb4 2:09 15.Nxb4 41 Nc5
20 16.Nc6 9:38 Qh4 4:47 17.Qb1 5:44
Bd7 8:24 18.Qxb6 5:53 Ne8 15:34
19.Nxe5 7:57 Bxh3 4:08 20.Nf3 11:03
Qg4 2:30 21.Ne1 27 Qg6 1:54 22.e5
2:51 Bg4 5:13 23.exd6 8:37 Bxe2 50
24.Nxe2 6 Ne4 4:58 25.Qd4 4:46
N4xd6 4:27 26.c5 57 Ne4 2:36 27.Nf3
2:22 N8f6 2:19 28.Rfd1 1:39 Rfd8 36
29.d6 3:07 Rac8 2:00 30.Rac1 1:01
Qf5 22 31.Ng3 1:35 Nxg3 1:07 32.fxg3
2 Ne4 2:41 33.Re1 50 Rxc5 1:28
34.g4 1:59 Qc8 1:17 35.Rxc5 1:19
Qxc5 34 36.Rxe4 29
1-0



22.Qg2? 11:30

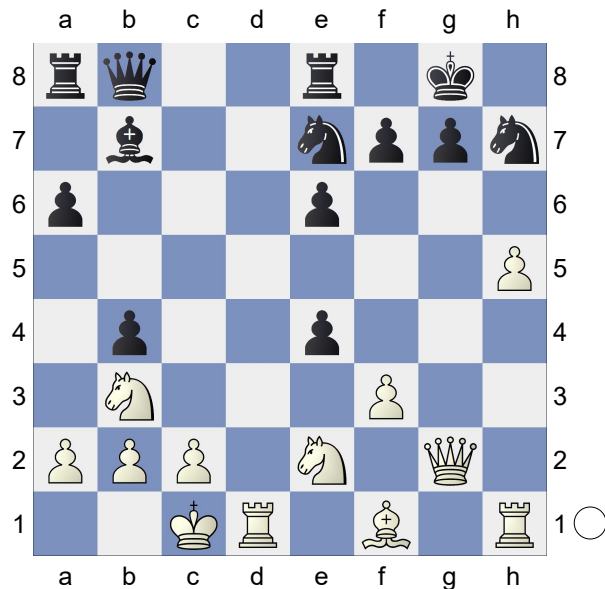
[22.Qh4= dxe4 23.fxe4 Qe5 (-0.16/25)]

22...dxe4+ 2:21

(Diagram)

23.Rg1N 41

[23.fxe4 Qe5 (23...Nf5!-+) 24.Ng3 Red8 25.Bd3 a5 26.Nd2 a4 27.Kb1 a3 28.Nc4 Qg5 29.Qf2 Ba6 30.Qe3 Bxc4 31.Qxg5 Bxa2+ 32.Kxa2 Nxc5 33.Rhf1 Nc6 34.Bc4 Ne5 35.Be2 Rdc8 36.Bd3 axb2+ 37.Kxb2 Ra3 38.Ne2 Ngf3 39.Rf2 Rca8 40.Nc1



Nd4 41.Bf1 Ndc6 42.Bb5 R8a5 43.Be2 Re3 44.Nb3 Ra7 45.Rg2 Kh7 46.Rdg1 f6 47.Nc5 Nd4 48.Bd3 b3 49.Kc3 Nxc2 50.Kxb3 Nxd3 51.Nxd3 Rc7 52.Rg3 Rxe4 Gradalski,O (2167)-Kurmann,O (2377) Katowice 2026 0-1]

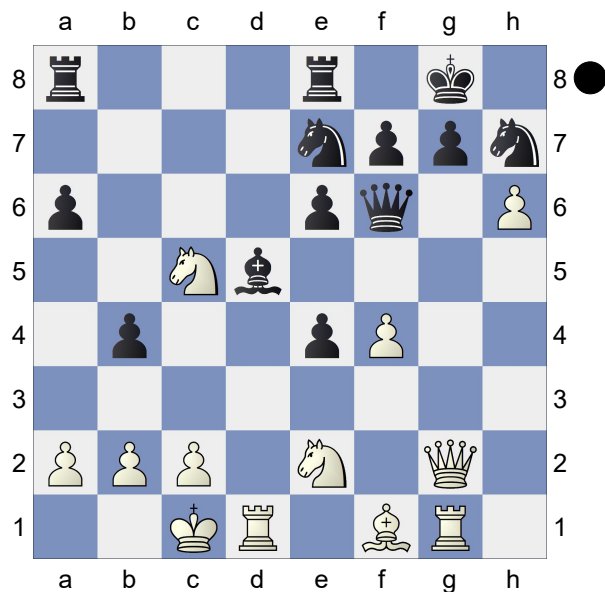
[23.h6 g6 24.fxe4 Nf5-+]

23...Qe5 2:30

[23...Nf5! 24.fxe4 Qe5-+]

24.f4 3:36 **Qf6** 12 **25.Nc5** 28 **Bd5** 3:58

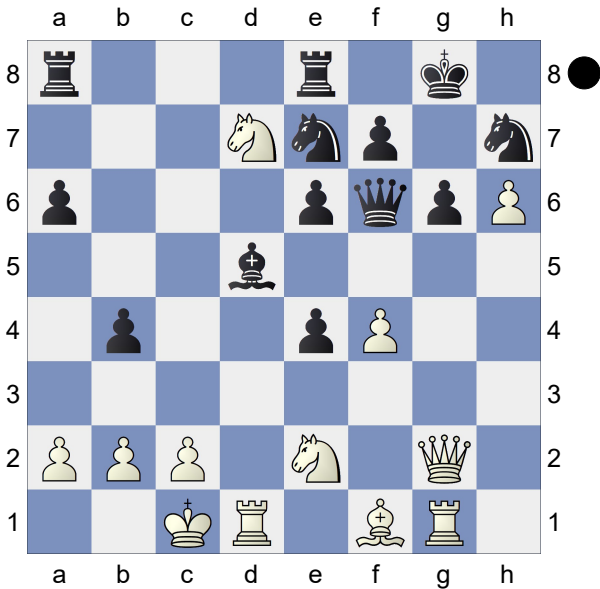
26.h6 18:34



g6? 8:03

[26...Qxh6! 27.Rh1 Qg6 28.Qh2 Red8]

27.Nd7 4:51



Qf5 3:18

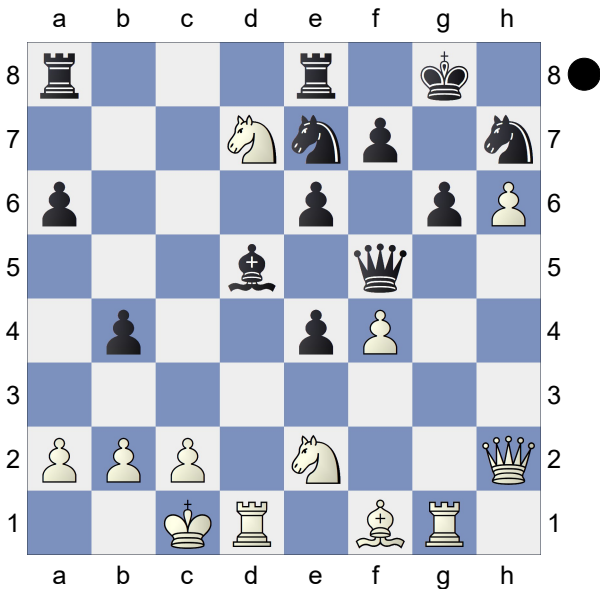
[27...Qh8!=

A) 28.Rh1? e3+ (28...Rad8+);

B) 28.Ne5 Nf6 29.Qg5 Nh7

30.Qg2 Red8]

28.Qh2 2:36



Nc6?! 10:24

[28...Bc6! 29.Ne5 Red8±]

29.Qh4 35:19

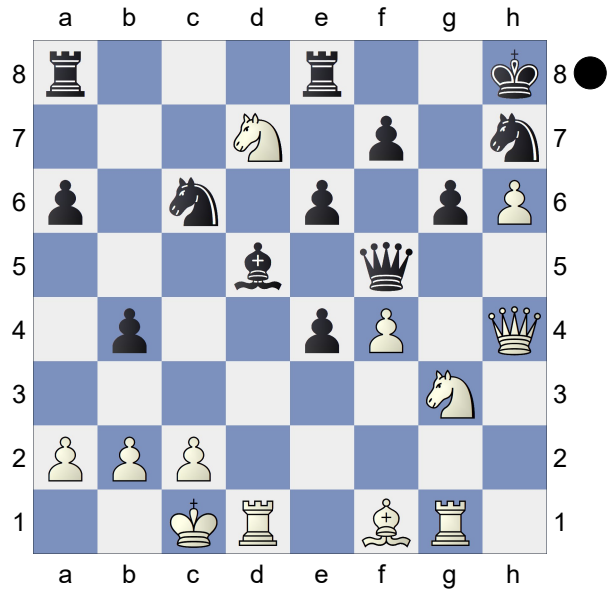
[29.Bh3!±]

29...Kh8! 3:57 30.Ng3 35

[30.Bh3! Qh5 31.Qxh5 gxh5

32.Rg7± Re7 33.Nb6 Rd8 34.f5!±

Nf6 35.Nf4]

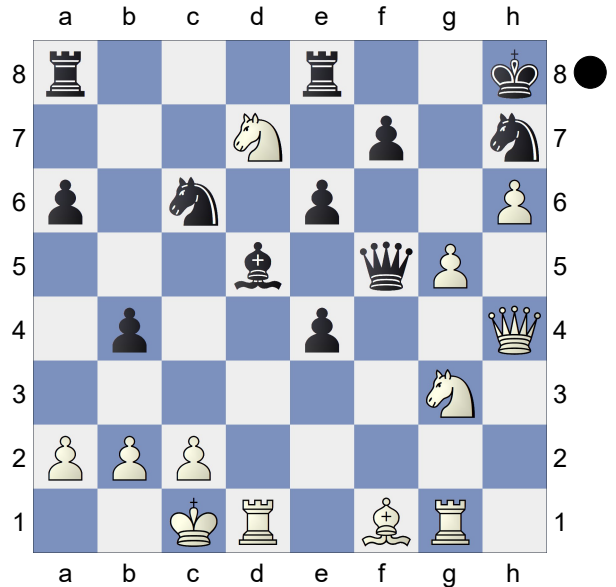


30...g5! 19 31.fxg5? 32

[31.Qxg5!? Qxg5 32.fxg5 Rad8!=

33.Nc5 (33.Nf6? Nxf6 34.gxf6 Rg8

35.Bxa6 Ne5+) 33...Nxc5]



31...Qxg5+?? 20

[31...Qf3? 32.Bg2! Qe3+ 33.Kb1

Qxg5 34.Qxg5 Nxc5 35.Nf6 Ne5!

36.Nxe8 Rxe8 37.Nh5 Rg8!±]

[31...Qf2!

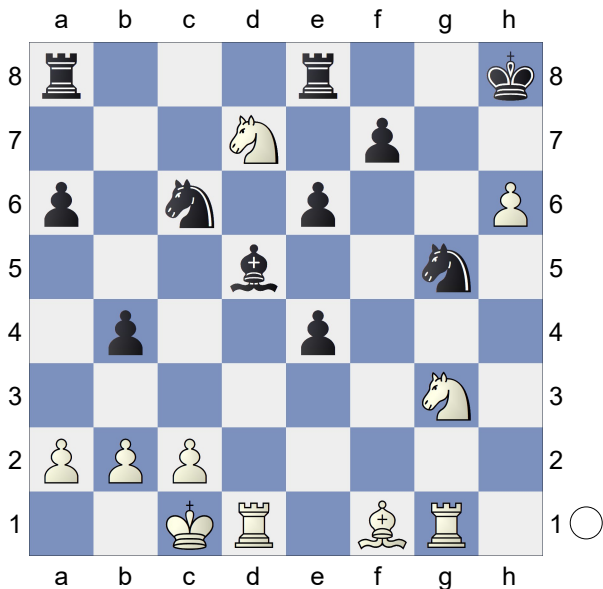
A) 32.Bg2 b3!-+ 33.axb3

(33.cxb3 Rad8+) 33...Nd4!

34.Rxd4 Rac8!;

B) 32.Rg2 Qe3+ 33.Rdd2 Rg8≠]

32.Qxg5 1 Nxg5 8



33.Nf6 1:30

[33.Nh5!+-]

33...Nf3 9:44 34.Rg2 1:08 Nh4 7:19

35.Re2± 1 /+- 35...Red8 6:18 36.Ngxe4

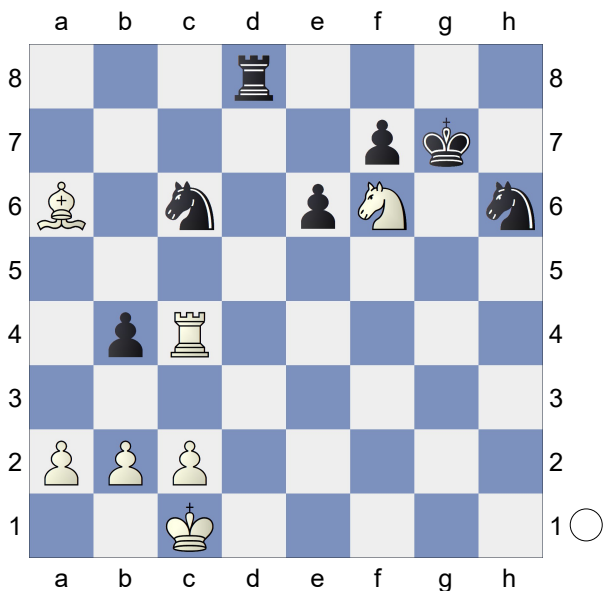
5 Bxe4?! 1:48

[36...Nf5 37.Ng5!+- Nxe6 38.b3 Kg7 39.Rf2 Ne5 40.Be2]

37.Rxd8+ 7 Rxd8 16 38.Rxe4 Nf5 2:29

39.Bxa6 6 Nxe6 2:18 40.Rc4 10 Kg7

2:15



41.Ne4? 41

[41.Nh5+! Kg6 42.Nf4+ Kf5 43.Nd3+-]

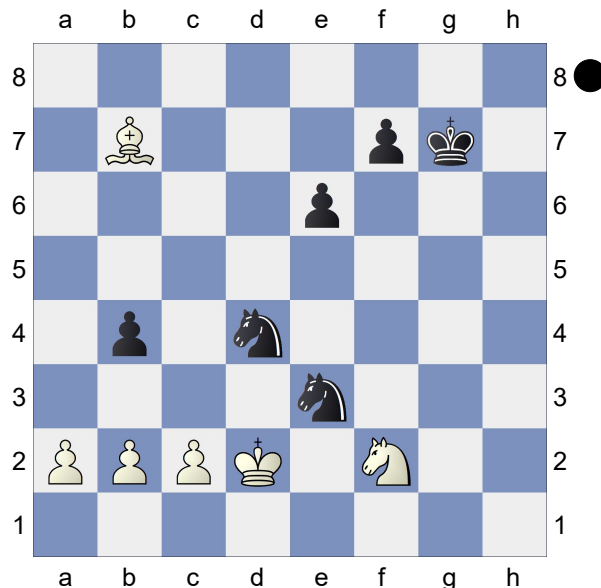
41...Rd4! 2:16 42.Rxd4 37 Nxd4 5

43.Nf2 11

[43.Kd2!?! =]

43...Nhf5 2:10 44.Bb7 1:00 Ne3 1:27

45.Kd2 3:43



Nexc2! 3:58 46.Be4 24 Na1! 51

47.Kd3 2:43 e5 39 48.Kc4 2

[48.Ng4!? f6= 49.Kc4 Nac2 50.Kc5 Kf7=]

48...f5!= 1:09 all 0.00s 49.Bb7 1:04

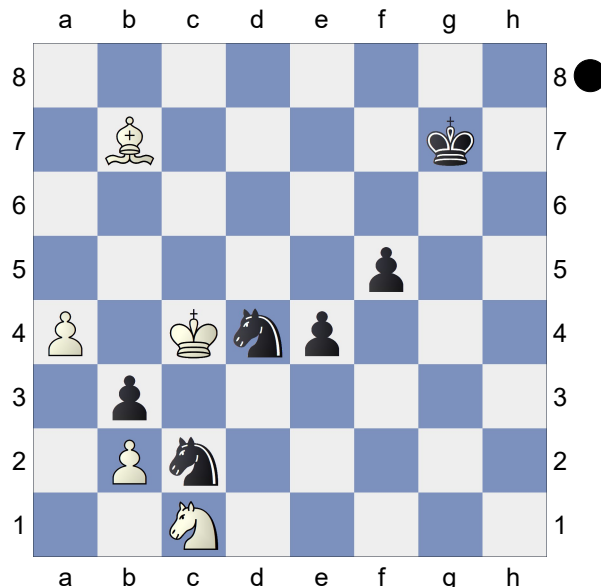
Nac2 5:58 50.Nd3 b3= 27

[50...Kf6=]

[50...Ne3+ 51.Kxb4 Kf6=]

[50...e4=]

51.a4! 28 e4 35 52.Nc1 38



e3? 1:20

[52...Kf6!= 53.a5 Ke5 54.a6 Ne3+
55.Kc5 Ne6+ 56.Kb6 Nc4+ 57.Kb5
Nd6+ 58.Kc6 Nxb7 59.a7□ Na5+=]
53.a5 15 Ne6 4:42 54.a6 56 Nc7 47
55.a7 30 Na3+ 1:17 56.Kd3 48 f4 37
57.Ne2 17 Nab5 33 58.a8Q 32
1-0

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1.e4 6 e5 5 2.Nf3 3 Nf6 6 3.Nxe5 7 d6
5 4.Nxf7 5 Kxf7 9 5.Nc3 3 Be6 6:59
6.d4 9 Qe7 44 7.e5 8:18 dxe5 1:58
8.dxe5 6 Bg4 7 9.Be2 8:46 Qxe5 1:03
10.f3 10 Nc6 14:35 11.fxg4 2:43 Rd8 8
12.Bd2 33:24 Nxg4 5:40 13.0-0+ 56
Nf6 40 14.Bc4+ 1:20 Kg6 41 15.Bd3+ 4
Kf7 21 16.Qf3 3:39 Bc5+ 47 17.Kh1 5
Rhe8 6:48 18.Rae1 7:13 Qd4 4:22
19.Nb5 1:03 Rxe1 4:36 20.Bxe1 1:35
Qd7 6:03 21.Qh5+ 39 Kg8 38 22.Bc4+
2:59 Kh8 1:38 23.Qxc5 9 a6 2:53
24.Nc3 57 b5 31 25.Bd3 1:32 Qe8 55
26.Bh4 1:33 b4 2:01 27.Bxf6 36
1-0

Barreyro,Romeo Belmes **C02**
1500
 Tobias,Mason **1231**
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1.e4 4 e6 3 2.Nf3 49 d5 7 3.e5 33 Bd7
11 4.d4 25 a6 5 5.Bd3 1:02 Bb5 20
6.0-0 39 Bxd3 13 7.Qxd3 9 Ne7 4:22
8.Bg5 36 h6 2:36 9.Bh4 8 g5 1:34
10.Bg3 16 Nf5 42 11.h3 1:42 Nxg3 2:34
12.fxg3 11 c5 3 13.c3 32 Nc6 3:22
14.Nbd2 5:22 Be7 11:39 15.Qe2 3:41
g4 2:35 16.hxg4 1:33 Rg8 37 17.Nh2
2:19 cxd4 33 18.cxd4 1:54 Qb6 2:57

19.Kh1 1:06 Qxd4 36 20.Ndf3 1:32 Qe4
4:45 21.Qf2 1:22 Rg7 3:49 22.Rae1
2:16 Qb4 2:47 23.a3 44 Qa5 1:25
24.Qe3 31 Bg5 3:07 25.Nxg5 7 Rxg5
10 26.Qf4 1:13 Qc7 3:14 27.Nf3 8
0-0-0 43 28.Nxg5 5:10 hxg5 6 29.Qf6
16 d4 2:46 30.Qg7 1:05 d3 2:01
31.Rxf7 35 Qb6 58 32.Rf8 4:29 d2 51
33.Rxd8+ 1:43 Nxd8 22 34.Rd1 6:33
Qe3 9 35.Qf6 23 Qxg3 3:22 36.Qf1 40
Qe3 30 37.Qg1 1:08 Qg3 37 38.Qf1
5:38 Qe3 1:20 39.Qg1 3:56 Qg3 1:46
40.Qf1 4:43 Nc6 1:59 41.Rxd2 Qxe5
1:18 42.Qe2 1:23 Qxe2 46 43.Rxe2 7
Kd7 4 44.Rd2+ 35 Ke7 9 45.Kg1 7 e5
7 46.Kf2 7 Nd4 2:49 47.Ke3 18 Ke6 23
48.Rxd4 47 exd4+ 13 49.Kxd4 5 b6
2:06 50.b3 22 a5 17 51.b4 40 Kd6 2:03
52.bxa5 1:18 bxa5 8 53.a4 42 Kc6 26
54.Kc4 44 Kb6 14 55.Kd4 58
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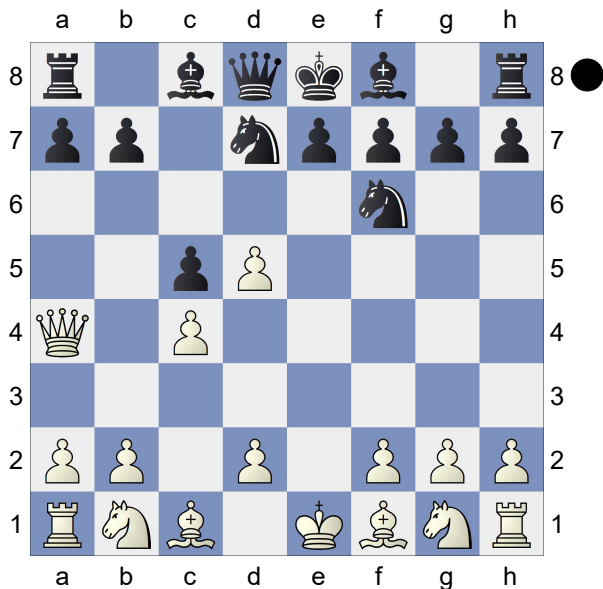
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 Bhatia,Aadit **2279**
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.Qa4+
Nbd7 5.c4

(Diagram)

b5!? (This is actually a line!) **6.Qxb5**
Rb8 7.Qa4 e6 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Nf3
Bb7

[9...Bd6 10.d3 (10.Be2) 10...0-0
11.Be2 Ng4 12.h3 Nge5 13.Nbd2
Bb7 14.0-0 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Ne5
16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Ne4 Rbf7 18.Qc2
Qh4 19.Nxd6 Rf3 20.Qe2 Rxh3
21.gxh3 Nf3+ 22.Kg2 Rf6 23.Ne4
1-0 Naroditsky,D (2618)-Makarian,R
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7
 [6...Ba7]
7.0-0 d6 8.Be3
 [8.c4]
 [8.Qg4!?!]
8...Nf6 9.c4 Nbd7 10.Nc3 b6 11.f4
Bb7 12.Qf3 h5
 [12...0-0]
13.Rad1 Qc7 14.h3

10.Be2 Bd6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.d3 Ng4
13.Bg5 Qb6??

[13...Be7= (! Stockfish concurs)

14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qxa7 Qd6 16.Ne4

A) 16...Bxe4 17.dxe4 Ra8 18.Qb7

Rab8 (18...Rfb8? 19.e5 Rxb7

20.exd6 Rxb2 21.a4±) 19.Qa7=

(19.e5? Ndxe5 20.Qe4 Rxb2⚡);

B) 16...Qf4 17.Qa3 Bxe4 18.dxe4

Nde5 19.h3 Nh2 20.Qc3 Nxf3+

21.Bxf3 Rxb2 22.0-0 Nxf3+

23.Qxf3 Qe5 24.Qe3 Rbxf2

25.Rxf2 Qxa1+ 26.Kh2 Rxf2

27.Qxf2 Qe5+ 28.Qg3 Qxe4

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Copsey,A (2329) ICCF email 2022]

14.Qxd7 I was expecting Bhatia to resign; I didn't know at the time about Bhatia's 154-move(!) game last year...

14...Bxf3 15.gxf3 Ne5 16.Qxe6+ Kh8

17.Nb5 Nxf3+ 18.Kd1 Nxg5 19.Qxd6

Qb7 20.Rg1 Ne4 21.Qc7 Nxf2+

22.Kc2 a6 23.Qxb7 Rxb7 24.Nc3

Nh3 25.Raf1 Nf4 26.Nd5 Ne6

27.Rxf8+ Nxf8 28.Bg4 Rf7 29.Re1 g6

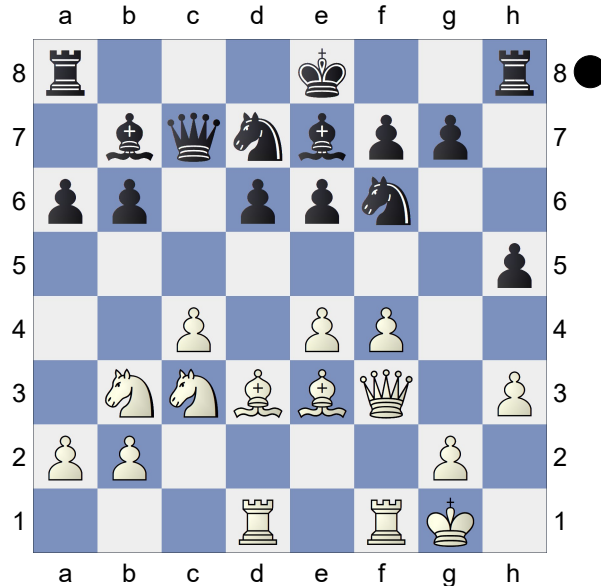
30.Re7 Rf2+ 31.Kc3 Rxh2 32.Nf6 Rf2

33.Rf7 Rg2 34.Be6 Re2 35.Rxf8+

Kg7 36.Rf7+ Kh6 37.Rxh7+ Kg5

38.Ne4+

1-0



g6?!

[14...h4]

15.Qf2 h4 16.Bd4 Rh7 17.e5

[17.Rfe1±]

17...dxe5 18.fxe5 Nh5 19.Ne4

[19.Rfe1±]

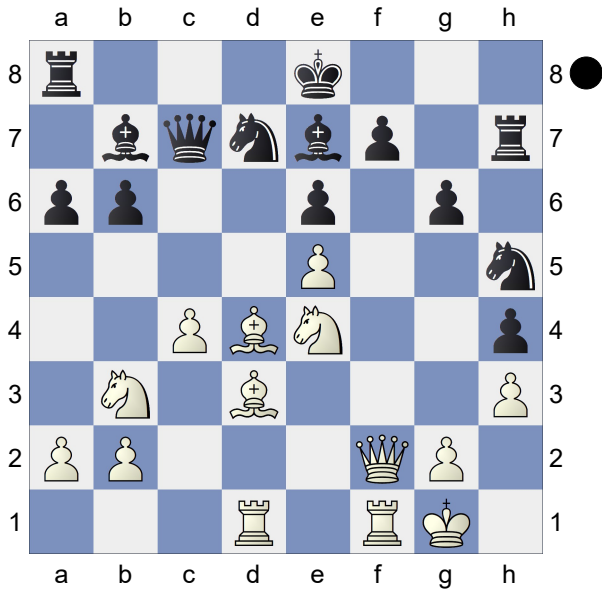
(Diagram)

19...0-0-0??

[19...Bxe4 20.Bxe4 Rd8=

(-0.22/23)]

20.c5+- bxc5 21.Nexc5 Nxc5 22.Bxc5



**Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Ng3 24.Rfe1 Qa5
25.b4 Qxb4 26.Rb1 Qd4 27.Nxb7
1-0**

E11

□ **Clemens,Kristian**

■ **Diller,Bradley**

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[Clemens,Kristian/(Diller,Bradley)]

1.Nf3 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 Bb4+

[3...b6 I mostly prepared for the Queen's Indian.]

4.Bd2 c5 NM Diller is the only player I have seen play this line. [BD] I became enamored of the Vitolinsh variation of the Bogo-Indian championed by Sierawan in several blitz games against Dzindzichashvili that I watched during the 1984 US Chess Championship held in Berkeley. If White captures on b4, the pawn b4 acts as wedge preventing White's natural knight development to c3 and cramps White's queenside space. Black will aim to play e5 aiming to undermine White's center. **5.e3**

[5.Bxb4 cxb4 6.e3 I wasn't sure what Black would do next. My plan would probably be Nbd2, Bd3, O-O. Qc2,

Rac1, Rfd1.]

5...Qb6?! I recognized the change in the situation and decided to trade bishops and continue development. [BD] This was a slight inaccuracy and White could have obtained a slight advantage with Nc3. The straightforward 5 ... Bxd2 equalizes pretty quickly.

[5...Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne4 8.Qd3 Qa5+ 9.Ke2 Nf6 10.f3 Nc6=]

6.Bxb4

[♖6.Nc3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.dxc5 Nxc3 9.cxb6 Nxd1 10.Rxd1=

1-0 Tomashevsky,E (2698)-Jumabayev,R (2583) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (9) (♖10.bxa7 Nxb2 11.axb8Q Rxb8 12.a4 d5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Kd2±]

6...Qxb4+

[6...cxb4 7.c5 Qc7 8.Nbd2

and Black has to hurry to avoid Nc4-d6.]

7.Qd2 Nc6?! 8.a3

[♖8.Nc3±]

8...Qxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d6 I thought this was about equal, but it was the kind of position where I felt like I could keep up on the clock, which was an important goal for me this game. **10.Bd3**

[10.Be2 I decided to keep an eye on the e4 square instead.]

10...0-0 1:27 for Black, 1:23 for White

11.0-0 b6 12.Rfd1 Black can't force the d-file open, but I can, so I thought I would prepare for a potential fight for that file. **12...Bb7 13.Rab1**

[13.Rac1 a5 14.h3 (I am putting in two random moves to show the threat) a4]

13...a5 14.b3 Black thought this maneuver was a waste of time. It's true that I cannot actually push b4, but the point is to avoid Black playing a4 and fixing my backward pawn on b2.

[14.h3 a4 15.b3 axb3 16.Rxb3

Black thought his b6 pawn would be more of a weakness than my a3 pawn. I'm not sure I agree, since he can defend the b6 pawn with Nd7.

Allowing this positional threat was not something I seriously considered.]

14...Rfd8 Around here, my position was starting to feel a little maxed out. I considered Kf1-e1, but I thought I would continue playing actively and clear the d-file instead. **15.Ne4 Nxe4** I spent 9 minutes on my 15th move, and Black sent 14 on his reply. White: 64 min, Black: 54 min. Black played significantly faster than me for the rest of the game.

16.Bxe4 d5 I was initially happy to see this move, but now I think it's simply a good move for Black. **17.cxd5 exd5**

18.Bd3 Rac8

[18...cxd4 This is what I was hoping for- this is a bad version of the IQP for Black, because he doesn't have his good bishop or queens on the board. NM Diller instantly dismissed this idea. 19.Nxd4 Ne5 20.Be2]

19.Bf5 Black thought this was another waste of time, since Ne7 comes with a tempo. I knew I was going to play Rbc1, so I wanted to keep his rooks uncoordinated, but maybe I should have just played dxc5 or Rbc1 right away.

19...Rc7 20.dxc5

[20.Rbc1 Ne7 21.Bh3 Bc8 22.Bxc8 Rdxc8 I discarded this, because his rooks would coordinate quite easily.]

20...bxc5 50 White: 48 min (9 min on the last move), Black: **21.Rbc1 Ne7**

22.Bd3 to stop c4, but I was already failing to spot the idea that won him the game with a4. **22...Rdc8**

[BD] preventing b4 wrecking Black's pawn structure. **23.Be2 Ng6**

I stared at this move for several minutes, wondering why he put his knight on g6. Maybe to play f5-f4? My mind was

totally blank. I didn't figure it out until his next move.

[23...d4 24.exd4 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 cxd4 26.Rxc7 Rxc7 27.Rxd4]

24.Rc3 My initial intention was to double on the c-file and create a pin so I could play Nd4 or b4. I think this was more correct than what I did in the game, because the d5 pawn was very easy to defend. **24...Nf8 25.Ne1** [BD] Ne1 is perfectly adequate and leads to an equal position. Kristian preferred 25 Rdc1 but upon closer inspection leads to an equal position, too.

[25.Rdc1 Ne6 ♖26.Bb5 (26.b4? d4!-+ 27.exd4 cxb4 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Rxc7 Nxc7 30.axb4 Bxf3 31.Bxf3 axb4) 26...Kf8=]

25...Ne6 40 White: 32 min, Black: **26.Bf3**

Now I switched targets after deactivating my knight. This is the kind of dithering that I don't see when I study the games of Kasparov, for example. **26...Rd8**

27.Rcd3 d4 28.Bxb7

[28.exd4 Nxd4 29.Bxb7 Rxb7 30.Kf1 Rdb8 31.b4 This would have been better than what I played.]

28...Rxb7 29.Nf3?! I was so afraid of giving him a powerful outpost for his knight on d4 that I ended up choosing something worse.

[29.exd4 Nxd4 30.Kf1]

29...a4! I didn't see this until I saw his hand hovering over the pawn. This was simple inexperience- I almost never play against hanging pawns in my online games, so I have had very little practice in these structures recently. It's never quite as easy as it looks in books. **30.b4**

[30.bxa4 c4 31.R3d2 d3 32.Rc1 c3 33.Rdd1 (33.Rxc3 Rb1+ This is why I discarded bxa4- I thought I couldn't afford to open the b-file.) 33...c2 34.Rf1 d2]

[30.exd4 axb3 31.dxc5 (31.Rb1 c4

"This is just lost," said Black after the game, and I agreed. 32.Rc3 Nxd4 33.Nxd4 Rxd4 34.Kf1) 31...Rxd3 32.Rxd3 b2] [Δ30.Nd2 [BD] Both Kristian and I missed this nice resource which should equalize with best play. Here is a sample variation: Rbd7 31.Kf1 axb3 32.Rb1 h5 33.exd4 c4 34.Nxc4 Nc5 35.Rdd1 Rxd4 36.Rxd4 Rxd4 37.Na5 Rd3 38.Nc4 f5 39.Ke2 Rc3 40.Nd2 Rc2 41.Kd1 Ra2 42.a4 Rxa4 43.Nxb3 Ne4 44.Rb2 Rb4 45.f3 Nf6=]

30...c4 I spent 9 of my last 25 minutes on this move. Black had 29 minutes left.

[30...cxb4 [BD] Astonishing, the natural and plausible 30 ... c4 was admonished by Stockfish as a mistake and it preferred the simple and straightforward 30 ... cxb4 which yields a slight endgame advantage, for example: 31.axb4 Rxb4 32.exd4 Nf4 33.Ra3 Nd5 34.Rda1⁷]

31.R3d2 d3 32.Rc1 Rc7 This is the position I visualized when I played b4. I completely misjudged this position:

33.Ne5?? It looks like I only spent 1 or 2 minutes on this move, leaving me with 5, but I had already been considering the decision for several moves.

[33.Ne1?? This was my other candidate move, which also doesn't work. Even now, when I am analyzing with the help of the engine, this position seems so complicated that I still don't think I fully understand it. The Ne6 protects both rooks, meaning that there are no tactics with Nxd3. Both sides have back-rank weakness, but Black is also not threatening to push c3 on account of Rxd3. With my clock ticking down, I did not have enough time to dig into this position. In the game, I thought that Ne5 and

Ne1 were almost interchangeable and picked Ne5 to attack c4 as well.

A) 33...Ng5

A1) 34.Nxd3 Rcd7 (34...Ne6 35.Rdd1 cxd3);

A2) 34.f3 f5 35.Kf2

Another computer line;

A3) 34.Rxd3 cxd3 35.Rxc7 d2;

B) 33...Rc6]

[33.Rc3! I don't know if I saw this during the game. If I did, I forgot about the move before I had a chance to analyze it. I thought I could push my b-pawn here to distract his pieces and trade off one of the passed pawns. Black thought that was a waste of a pawn, but I don't see how I can survive if I don't eliminate one of his pawns. It turns out that this move saves the game: [BD] Kristian is entirely correct. I was worried about the simple 33. Rc3! which creates an immovable blockade that I cannot easily undermine, even though I have ostensibly a strong space advantage with my advanced hanging pawns on c4 and d3. I ran this position through a strong cloud engine and it could not find anything that leads to an advantage! Unfortunately for Kristian, with less than 5 minutes he played the tempting 33. Ne5 which fails to the intermezzo 33 ... f6!

A) 33...f5 34.Kf1 Rdc8 35.Ke1

A1) 35...Nf8 36.Nd4 f4 37.Rd1 (37.exf4? Ng6⁷) 37...fxe3 38.fxe3 Ng6 39.Nf3=;

A2) 35...f4= I think White's ideal setup is Rc1, Rc3, Nd2 to threaten the c4 pawn.;

B) 33...Rdc8 34.Kf1 f5 35.Ke1 f4 36.Kd1 The point is that Black doesn't have enough room on the c-file- once he puts the knight on c7, his rook on c6 will be loose, and I

can play Rdx3. Black can't put both rooks in front of the knight (on c6 and c5), so White is able to defend this positionally and regroup his pieces. White actually has majorities on both sides of the board, so if Black passively defends the c-pawn, White will have serious counterplay here. This was all much too profound for me to grasp in my limited time at the board.;

C) 33...Rc6 to clear c7 and transfer the knight to b5 and d5: 34.Ne5]

33...f6 Black played this instantly, and I knew I had been outcalculated. This solves the back-rank weakness, and I didn't realize that both rooks were protected. **34.Nxc4**

[34.Rxc4 fxe5 35.Rxc7 Nxc7
This seems very easy to see in postgame analysis, but I didn't see it during the game until it was too late.]

34...Rdc8 35.Rxd3 Rxc4 36.Rxc4 Rxc4 37.f3 Rc2 38.Rd6 Nc7 39.Rb6 Nd5 40.Ra6

[40.Re6 Ra2 41.e4 Nf4]

40...Nxe3 41.Rxa4 Rxc2+ 42.Kh1 Ra2 43.Kg1 Rg2+ 44.Kh1 Rb2 45.Kg1 Nf5 46.Ra8+ Kf7 47.Rb8 Nd4 48.a4 Nxf3+ 49.Kf1 Nxe2+ 50.Kg1

[50.Ke1 Nf3+ 51.Kd1 g5 52.Kc1 Ra2 53.a5 g4]

50...Nf3+ 51.Kf1 g5 52.Rb7+ Kg6 53.a5 g4 54.Rb8 Kf5 55.a6 g3 56.Rg8 Rf2# 0-1

□ **Heiserman, Jimmy**

■ **Parsons, Stephen**

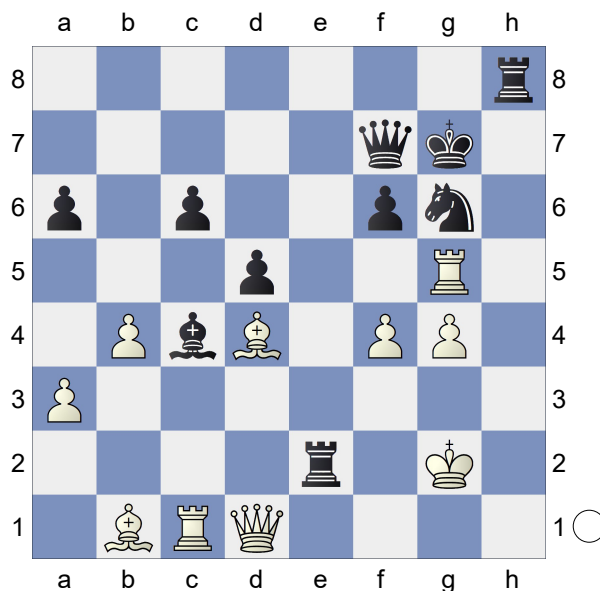
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[Winslow, Elliott]

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47.Qxe2 Bxe2 48.Rxc6 Qxc6 49.Bxc6 Kxc6 50.Rxc6 Rh4 51.Rxf6+ Kh7 52.g5 Bd3 53.Be5 Be4+ 54.Kg3 Rh1 55.Rxa6 Rg1+ 56.Kf2 Rg2+ 57.Kf1 Ra2 58.Rh6+ Kg8 59.g6 Kf8 60.g7+ **1-0**

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☐ Mercado,Adam

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■ Smith,Olivia

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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6

4.Bc4

[4.d4]

4...e5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Qg6 7.Nb5

Bd6 8.Nxd6+ cxd6 9.c3 e4 10.Qe2

Nge7 11.Nh4 Qg5 12.g3 d5 13.d4

Qf6 14.Ba2 Bh3 15.Rg1 h5 16.Ng2

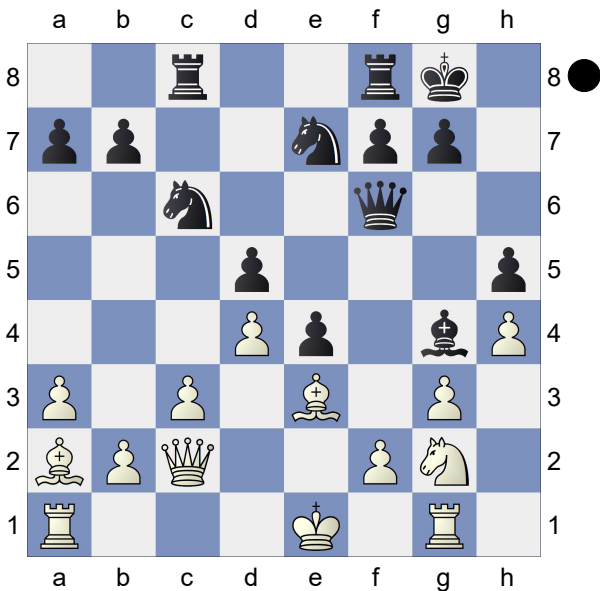
Bg4 17.Qc2

[17.Qb5!? a6! 18.Qxb7? Qf3]

17...0-0

[17...Rc8]

18.h4?! Rac8 19.Be3

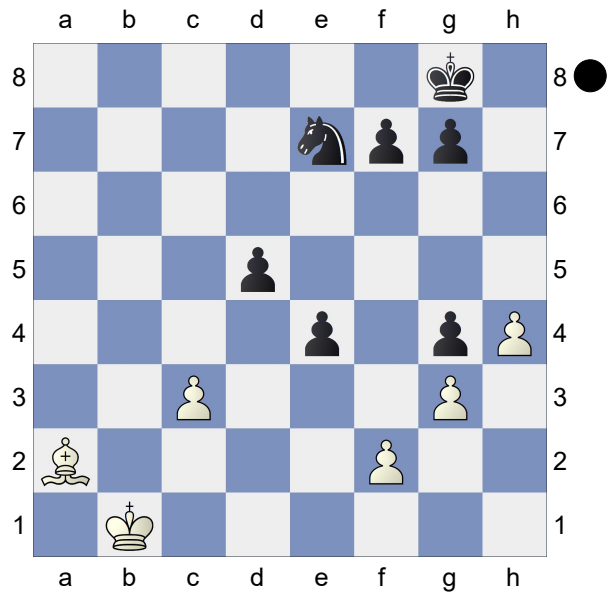
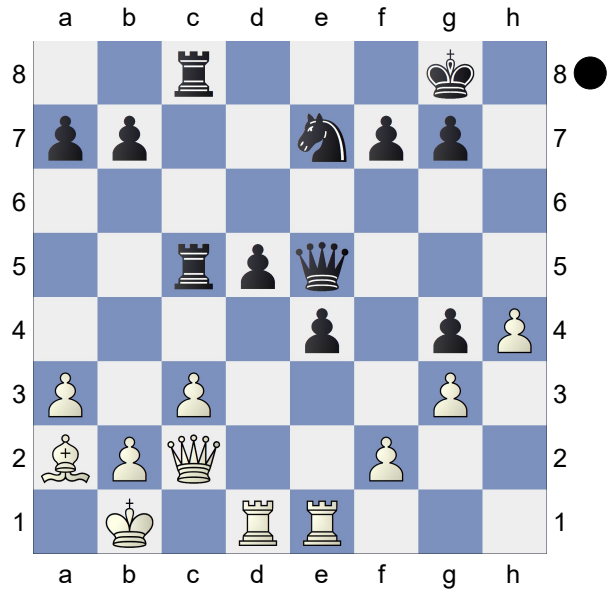


Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Qxd4 21.Ne3 Qe5
22.Nxg4 hxg4 23.0-0-0 Rc5 24.Kb1
Rfc8 25.Rge1+

(Diagram)

b5 26.Qd2 a5 27.Qd4 Qc7 28.Ka1
Rb8 29.Qe3 b4 30.cxb4 axb4 31.Rc1
Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 Qe5 33.axb4 Rxb4
34.Qc3 Qxc3 35.bxc3 Rb6 36.Rb1
Rxb1+ 37.Kxb1

(Diagram)



f6 38.Kc2 Kf7 39.Kd2 Ke6 40.Bb3
Ke5 41.Bc2 f5 42.Ba4 Nc8 43.Ke3
Nd6 44.Bb3 Nb5 45.Kd2 Nd6 46.Ke3
Nb7 47.Ba4 Nc5 48.Bc2 Ne6 49.Bb3
d4+ 50.cxd4+ Nxd4 51.Bf7 Nc6
52.Ba2 Nb4 53.Bb3 Nc6 54.Bd1 Na5
55.Be2 Nb3 56.Bd1 Nd4 57.Ba4 Ne6
58.Bc2 Kf6 59.Bb3

[I would have thought 59.Bxe4 fxe4
60.Kxe4 was a try, but Stockfish
roughly denies that claim.]

59...Nc5 60.Bc2 Nd7 61.Ba4 Ne5
62.Bb5 Ng6 63.Be8 Ne7 64.Kd4 Ke6
65.Ba4 Kd6 66.Bb5 Ng6 67.Bc4 Ne5
68.Bb5 Nf3+ 69.Ke3 Ke5 70.Bd7 Ne1

Qxc2 2:53 19.Nb6 25 Rad8 26:24
 20.Nd7 50 Bg7 1:11 21.Nxf8 1:24 Kxf8
 1 22.Qg5 6:16 Ke8 4:14 23.Qd2 59
 Rc8 1:38 24.Qb4 8:00 Qc7 12:29
 25.Qa4+ 2:19 Bc6 11:26 26.Qa3 1:21
 Be5 6:18 27.h3 7:25 d4 2:38 28.Bc4
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 61.Kg3 41 Rc4 47 62.Raa1 1:17 Rc3+
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 67.Kg2 18 Rg3+ 53 68.Kf1 33 f5 12
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Dharmatti,Ritesh **D18**
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 Seshadri,Sudarshan **2004**
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[Winslow,Elliott]

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 Ng6 17.Qf3 Qe7 18.e4 Ne5 19.Qe2
 Nfg4 20.Nd5 Qh4 21.Bf4 Rfc8 22.Bg3

Qd8 23.Nxb4 axb4 24.h3 Nf6 25.Rfd1
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 14.Bf4 Rfd8 15.Qe2 Rd4 16.Bg3 Rad8
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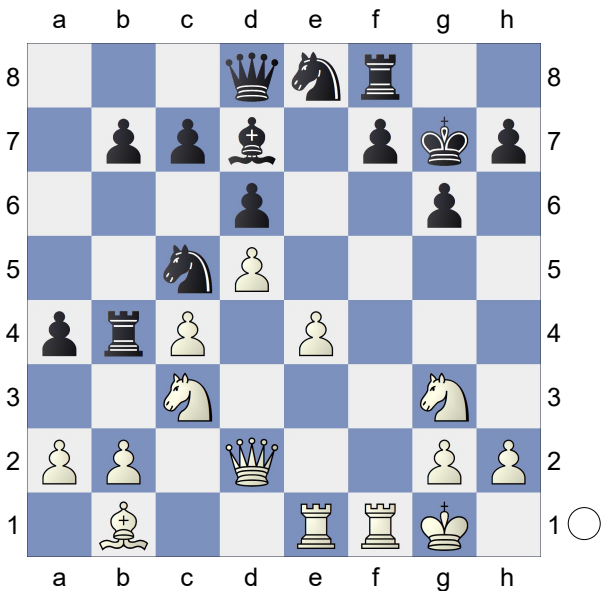
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 38.Ng4 Bd1 39.Rh1 Bxg4 40.Kxg4

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 Rd3+ 67.Kf2 Rd2+ 68.Ke3 Rc2 69.Kf3
 Kh4 70.Rb4+ Kh3 71.Rxa4 Rxb2
 72.Ra5 g4+ 73.Kf4 g3 74.Rh5+ Kg2
 75.Rg5 Rb3 76.Ra5 Kf2 77.Rc5 g2
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□ **Horowitz, Phineas F** **E70** **1951**
 ■ **Perlov, Daniel Robert** **1847**
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[Winslow, Elliott]

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 17.Bb1 Rb4



18.e5 Rxc4 19.e6 fxe6 20.Nh5+ Kg8
 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Qh6+ Kg8 23.Bxg6
 Qe7 24.Rf1 hxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kh8
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□ **Dees, Calvin** **D00** **1806**
 ■ **Gray, William** **1923**
 3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (2.20) 12.05.26

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c3 Bf5
 5.Nd2 f6 6.Ngf3 g5 7.Bg3 h5 8.h3 e6
 9.Bb5 Bd6 10.Qa4 Nge7 11.Bxd6
 Qxd6 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Nd4 Kf7
 14.N2b3 Qb6 15.Nxf5 Nxf5 16.0-0-0
 Rac8 17.Bd3 Nd6 18.Nd4 Ne5 19.Qb3
 Qxb3 20.axb3 Nxd3+ 21.Rxd3 Ne4
 22.Rf1 Nc5 23.Rdd1 e5 24.Nf5 Ke6
 25.Ng7+ Kf7 26.Nf5 Ke6 27.Ng7+ Kf7
 28.Nf5
 1/2-1/2

□ **Lewis, Edward** **D05** **1920**
 ■ **Powers, Christopher** **1832**
 3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (2.21) 12.05.26
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6
 5.Bd3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 e6 7.Bb5 a6
 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Qa4 Rc8 10.Ne5 Bf5
 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Qxa6 0-0
 [12...Qc7]
 13.Qe2
 [13.Nb3!f]
 13...Bd6f 14.Ndf3 c5 15.Nd3 Qb6
 16.a3 Rfe8 17.0-0 c4 18.Nde1 Ne4
 19.Nh4 Qb8 20.f4 Nc5 21.Nxf5 exf5
 22.Qd1 Qb7 23.Rf3 Re7 24.Rb1
 Rce8 25.Rh3 Bxf4 26.Qh5 h6
 27.Qxf5 Bg5 28.Nc2 Ne4 29.Nb4 Re5

30.Qf1 Qd7 31.Rf3 Qe6 32.Nc2 Nc5
33.Bd2 Qg6 34.Nd4 Ne4 35.Be1 Bd8
36.Ra1 Ng5 37.Rf5 Rxe3 38.Rxd5
Bb6 39.Kh1 Qe4 40.Rxg5 hxd5
41.Bf2 Bxd4 42.cxd4 Re2 43.Rc1
Rb8 44.Rxc4 Rxb2 45.Qd1 Rbd2
46.Rc8+ Kh7 47.Qb3 Re1+
0-1

□ Gutta,Anirudh 1631
■ Dutter,Frederic 1900
3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.22)

0-1

□ Peterson,Jared E D00 1801
■ Siegel,David 1627
3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.23)
[Siegel,David]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5
5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h6 8.Bd3
Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Nge2 Qc7
11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.g5 Nh5 13.Bxd6
Qxd6 14.g6 f5

[The only game in the master's database up until this point had 14...f6
However, 14... f5 is much better according to Stockfish. Therefore I would like to claim credit for an opening novelty. Please ignore the fact that I threw away the improvement on the very next move. This is also the only time Stockfish gives me a slightly better score the entire game. 15.e4 0-0-0 16.exd5 exd5 17.Qf5 Ng3 18.Nxg3 Qxg3 19.Ne2 Qf2 20.Qd3 Rhe8 21.Nf4 Nf8 22.Rdf1 Qe3+ 23.Qxe3 Rxe3 24.Rhg1 Rde8 25.Nh5 Ne6 26.c3 c5 27.Re1 cxd4 28.cxd4 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Kd7 30.Kd2 Nxd4 31.Rxe8

Kxe8 32.Nxg7+ Kf8 33.Kd3 Kxg7
34.Kxd4 Kxg6 35.Kxd5 Kh5 36.Ke6
Kxh4 37.Kxf6 Kg3 38.Kg6 Kxf3
39.Kxh6 Ke3 40.Kg5 Kd3 41.Kf4
Kc2 42.b4 b5 0-1 (42) Lyell,M (2256)-
Zherebtsova,A (2205) Djenovici 2019]

15.e4 Nf4 Ok I did spend a long time thinking about 15... Nf4 here.

[The computer prefers 15...f4
After say 16.e5 Qe7 the knight on h5 looks pretty grim, but it's also impossible to capture. The computer's plan for Black is to castle kingside, attack on the queenside, and White can't make progress on the kingside in any reasonable amount of time. Very interesting.]

16.Qe3 Nxe2+ 17.Nxe2 0-0-0 18.e5
Qc7

[I probably should have played 18...Qe7 . At any rate, since the pawn chain is pointing towards a1, my plan right now is to try to make something happen on the queenside. Another interesting position. I guess kingside castling would have been better.]

19.Nf4 Rhe8 20.Kb1 c5 21.c3 a5
22.b3 c4 23.Rh2 cxb3 24.axb3 Kb8
From my opponent's perspective, it seems like he can get his rooks onto the 2nd rank to defend his king and I'm still more cramped than he is. I'm hoping I can still find a way to cause some mayhem, but my opponent defends accurately. 25.Rc1 Nb6 26.Ra2 Rc8
27.Qd3 a4 28.Qb5 axb3 29.Qxb3 Nc4 30.Nd3 I was unhappy to see this. Now the idea of allowing the knight to hop to Nb4 and Na6 is looking kind of scary, so I decide to go for the queen trade. 30...Qb6 31.Qxb6 Nxb6 32.Nc5 Nc4 33.Kc2 Re7 34.Rb1 b6 35.h5 Kc7 I thought I was going to be kicking away the knight. I calculated the game

continuation before playing the move but I made a mistake in my calculation a few moves down the line. **36.Ra7+- Kd8 37.Nb7+ Ke8 38.Rba1! Rcc7 39.Ra8+ Kd7 40.Rd8+ Kc6 41.Nd6 Red7 42.Nf7?**

[42.Rxd7 Rxd7 43.Nxc4 dxc4 44.Ra8+- Stockfish 18 (EW)]

42...Rxd8± 43.Nxd8+ Kd7 44.Nf7 Ne3+

[44...Na5!=]

45.Kd3 Nc4?+-

[Better was 45...Ng2± , threatening Nf4+ to capture the h-pawn. It's actually pretty complicated. What seemed simpler was that I couldn't find a way for White to make progress as long as my knight was on c4, since I could always shuffle my rook back and forth on c7 and c8. I was also very low on time. But my opponent quickly found the right tactic!]

46.Ra8 Rc8 47.Rxc8 Kxc8 48.Nxh6!

Ouch. Now I'm really in trouble. If I had played 45... Ng2 the same line wouldn't have worked. **48...Kd7 49.Nf7 Ke7**

50.Nd6 Na3 Technically speaking, 50... Na3 was a blunder, but every other move was also losing and I wanted to keep my tricky knight. 51. h6 would be completely winning for White. I can't remember if I saw it at the time. **51.Nc8+**

[51.h6]

51...Kf8 My opponent missed 51. h6 and I'm not going to give him another chance. I'm down 2 pawns but I'm stubborn.

52.Nxb6 Nb5 53.Nd7+ Ke7 54.Nc5 Na7 55.Kc2 Nc6 56.Kb3 Na5+

57.Kb4 Nc4 58.Nd3 Nd2 59.Nf4 Nxf3 60.Nd3 Nd2 61.Kc5 Ne4+ 62.Kb4 Nd2 63.Nb2??

I don't know what just happened but somehow I'm back in the game. Stockfish reads =0.0. **63...f4**

Let's go! **64.c4 f3 65.Nd3 Nxc4**

66.Kc3 Ne3 67.Kd2 Nf5 68.Nf4 Nxd4

69.Ke3 Nf5+ 70.Kxf3 Nh6

Draw agreed. I got very lucky.

1/2-1/2

D00

□ **Sisti, Daniel J**

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■ **Kosuri, Dev Isak**

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3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.24)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.dxc5 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.b4 Ne4 9.0-0 a5 10.c3 Be7 11.Qc2 axb4 12.cxb4 Bf6 13.Be5 Bxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf6 15.Qb2 Bc8 16.f3 Ba6 17.Rd1 Ng5 18.Nd2 h5 19.Rab1 Bb5 20.Nb3 h4 21.Ng4 Qg6 22.Nd4 Bc4 23.Ra1 h3 24.g3 Nxf3+ 25.Nxf3 Qxg4 26.Ne5 Qe4 27.Nxc4 dxc4 28.Qd2 0-0 29.Qf2 Rad8 30.Rd4 Rxd4 31.exd4 Rd8 32.a4 Rxd4 33.b5 cxb5 34.axb5 c3 35.Qf1 c2 36.c6 Rd1 37.c7 Qg2#
0-1

C54

□ **Tam, Hoa Long**

1700

■ **Stults, Sawyer**

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3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.25)

[*Stults, Sawyer/Winslow, Elliott*]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 h6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 d6 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 Ba7 11.Nc4 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.Ne3 Ke7 14.Ra6 Qe8 15.Nh4 g5 16.Rxc6 Bb8 17.Nhf5+ Kd7 18.Nxd6 cxd6 19.Rb6 Kc7 20.Rxb8 Qxb8 21.Qb3 Kd7 22.Bb2 Qb7 23.c4 bxc4 24.Nxc4 Ke7 25.b5 Nd7 26.Qb4 Qc7 27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Nxe5 Kf6 29.Nc4

[29.Nc6]

29...Rhb8 30.d4 d5

[30...e5 31.dxe5+ dxe5 32.b6 Qc6 33.Qc3 Qc5]

31.e5+ Kg7 32.Nd6 Qa5 33.Qc5 Qa7
 34.f4 gxf4 35.Rxf4 Qa1+ 36.Rf1 Rf8
 37.Rc1??

[37.Ne8+! Kh8 38.Nf6+-]

37...Rf4??

[37...Qb2-+]

[37...Qa2+]

[37...Ra2!?-+]

38.b6??

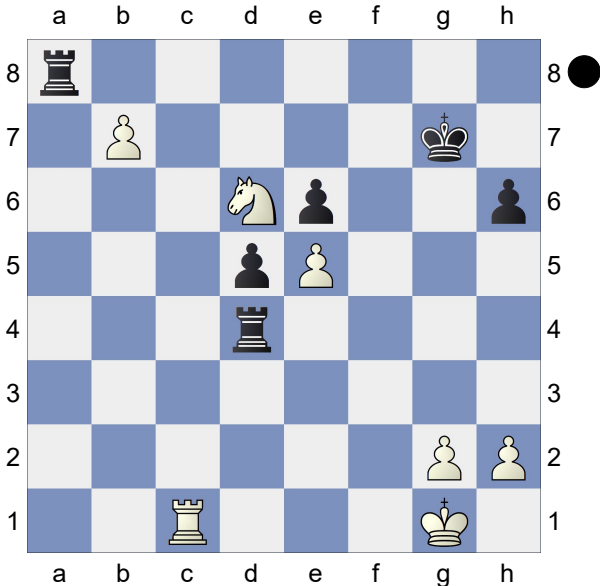
[38.h3=]

[38.Nf5+ Kg6 39.g3 Qb2 40.gxf4
 Kxf5 41.Qc2+ Qxc2 42.Rxc2 Ra1+
 43.Kf2 Rb1=]

38...Qxd4+??

[38...Qb2-+]

39.Qxd4= Rxd4 40.b7



Rb8??

[40...Rf8! 41.Rb1 Rb8=]

41.Rc7+

[41.Rc8+-]

41...Kg6

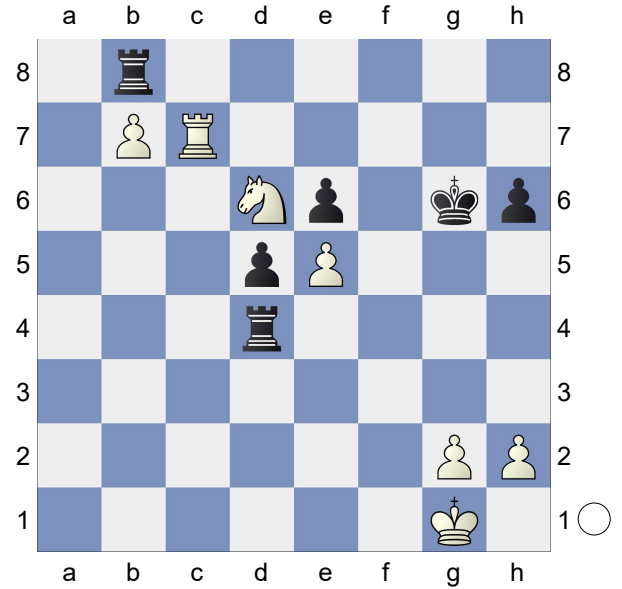
(Diagram)

42.Re7??

[42.Rc8+-]

42...Rf8??

[42...Kg5 43.Rxe6 (43.g3 Rd2)
 43...Rb4 44.Re7 Rf8 45.h4+ Kf4
 46.Kf2 Rb2+ 47.Kg1=]



43.Rxe6+- Kg5 44.Nf7+ Rxf7 45.h4+
 Kf5 46.b8Q Kxe6 47.Qd6+ Kf5 48.h5
 [48.e6 Rf6]

48...Rd1+ 49.Kh2 Rg7 50.Qf6+
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□ Boyer, John

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■ Sloan, Sacha Marino

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3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.26)

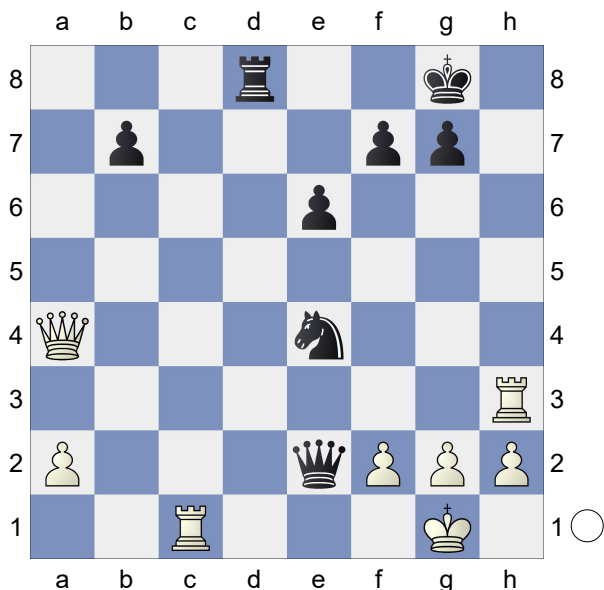
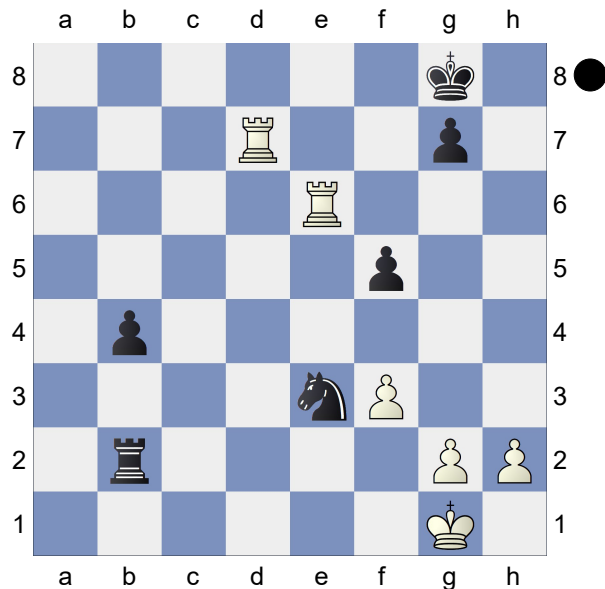
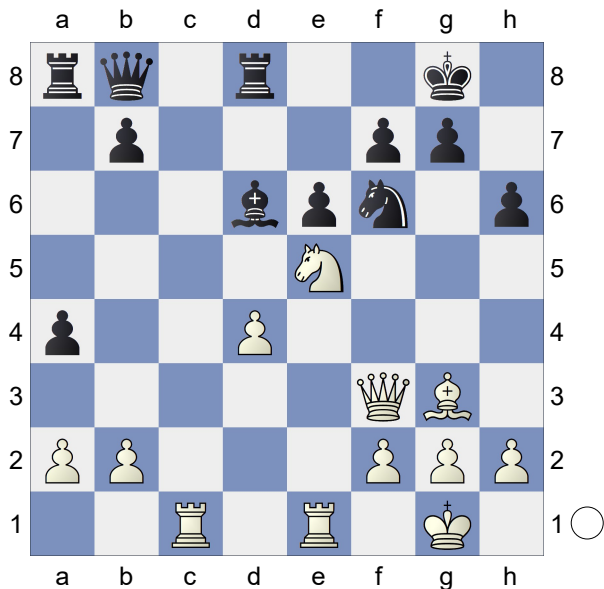
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7
 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.0-0 Ngf6 6.Re1 e6
 7.c3 Be7 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 0-0
 10.Nbd2 Qc7 11.Nb3 Rfd8 12.Bg5 a5
 13.Rc1 Qb8 14.Qd3 a4 15.Nbd2 h6
 16.Bh4 Nf8 17.e5 Nd5 18.Bg3 Ng6
 19.Nc4 dxe5 20.Ncxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5
 Bd6 22.Qf3 Nf6

(Diagram)

23.Re4 Ra5 24.Rh4 Rd5 25.Rxh6
 Bxe5 26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.dxe5 Qxe5
 28.Rh3 Qxb2 29.Qa3 Qe2 30.Qxa4
 Ne4

(Diagram)



45...b2

[45...Rc2 46.Ra1 Rc8 47.Rb7]

46.Rd4 Rc2 47.Rh4#

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□ **Wickliffe,Zachary**

■ **Schaezlein,Charlie**

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.27)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 g6
 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Na3 cxd4 7.Nb5 Qd7
 8.Bf4 Na6 9.Nbxd4 Nc7 10.Bc4 e8
 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Ne5 Qe7 13.h3 0-0
 14.Re1 Qc5 15.Qf3 Nh5 16.b4 Qe7
 17.Bh2 Nf6 18.Rad1 Nfd5 19.Bb3 Qf6
 20.Qd3 Nf4 21.Qg3 Ncd5 22.a3 Nh5
 23.Qd3 Nhf4 24.Qf3 Qg5 25.Ng4 h5
 26.Ne3 Bh6 27.Nxd5 exd5 28.Bxf4
 Qxf4 29.Qxf4 Bxf4 30.Bxd5 Bg5
 31.Nb5 Rd8 32.c4 a6 33.Nd4 Bf6
 34.Nf3 Rb8 35.Ne5 Be6 36.Bxe6
 Rxd1 37.Bxf7+ Kg7 38.Rxd1 Bxe5
 39.Bd5 b6 40.Rd3 a5 41.g3 axb4
 42.axb4 Bd6 43.b5 Rf8 44.Kg2 Bc5
 45.Rf3 Rf6 46.Rxf6 Kxf6 47.f4 g5
 48.Kf3 h4 49.g4 gxf4 50.Kxf4 Bd6+
 51.Ke4 Kg5
 1/2-1/2

**31.Qd4 Ra8 32.Qe3 Qb2 33.Rd1 f5
 34.Qd4 Rxa2 35.Qxb2 Rxb2 36.f3
 Nc3 37.Rd7= b5 38.Rh4 b4 39.Rc4
 Nd5**

[39...Rb1+ 40.Kf2 Rb2+ 41.Kg3
 Ne2+ 42.Kh4 Ng1=]

40.Rc6 Ne3 41.Rxe6

(Diagram)

Rxg2??

[41...f4! □ 42.Rb7 Kh7=]

**42.Kh1 Re2 43.Rg6!+- b3 44.Rgxf7+
 Kh8 45.Rg1**

[45.Kg1!]

□ Booth, Kyle Ewart Coventry

■ Babayan, Gagik

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.28)

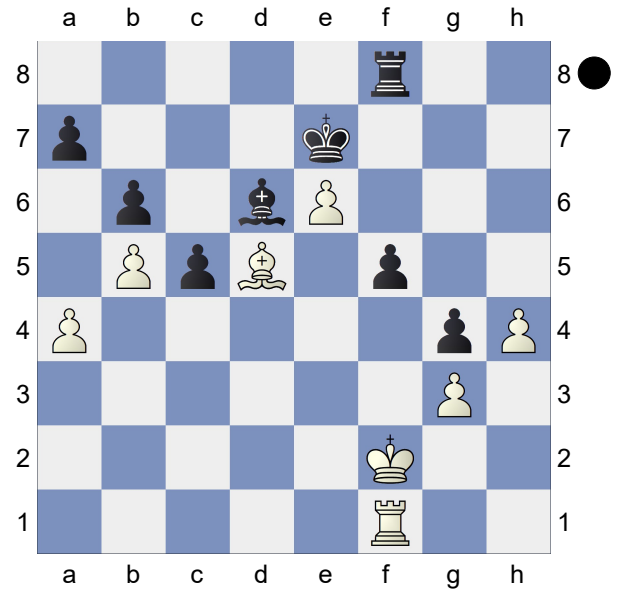
[Winslow, Elliott]

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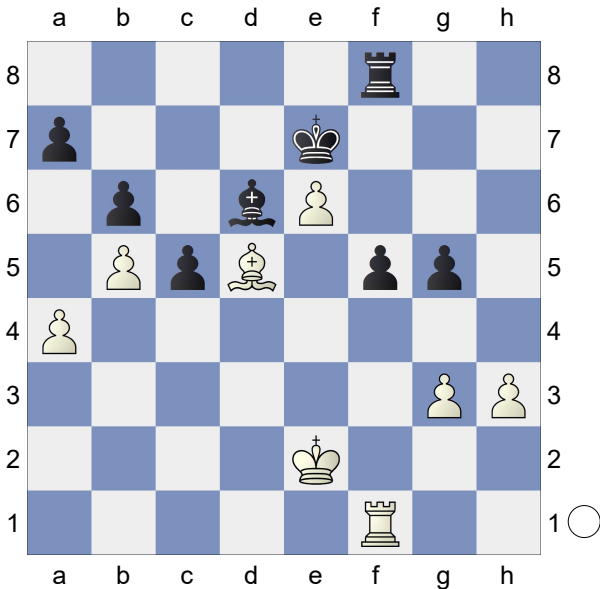
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1.e4 c5 2.a3 Nc6 3.b4 e5 4.b5 Nd4
 5.c3 Ne6 6.Nf3 d6 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4
 Qc7 9.Bb2 f6 10.Nc3 exd4 11.Nd5
 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Ne7
 14.Nxd4 Nxd5 15.exd5 Nc5 16.a4
 Kf7 17.Bd3 g6 18.Rhe1 Bh6+ 19.Kc3
 Bd7 20.Ba3 Rhe8 21.Bxc5 dxc5
 22.Ne6 Bxe6 23.dxe6+ Ke7 24.Bc4
 Bf4 25.Rad1 Red8 26.Rd5 Rxd5
 27.Bxd5 Rd8 28.Kc4 b6 29.g3 Be5
 30.f4 Bd6 31.Rf1 f5 32.h3 Rf8
 33.Kd3 h6 34.Ke2 g5 35.fxg5 hxg5



[38...Bf6⁺]

39.Kg2 Rd8 40.Bc4 Bc3 41.Re2 Bf6
 42.Rf2 Rd4 43.Rf4 Rxf4 44.gxf4
 Bxh4



36.h4?

[36.g4!=]

[36.Rf3= Δ37.g4]

36...g4 37.Kf2?!

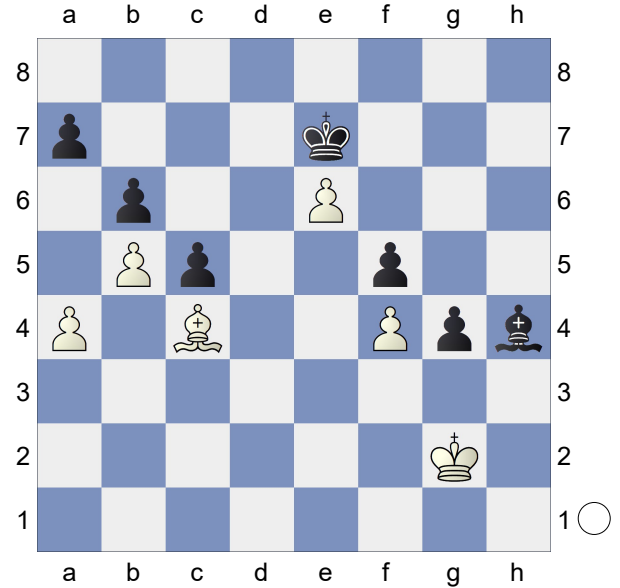
[37.Rg1 Rh8⁺]

(Diagram)

37...Be5?

[37...f4!-+]

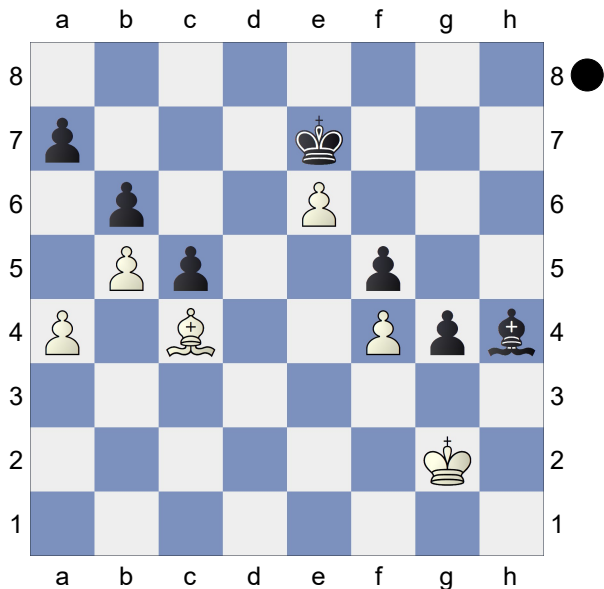
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45.Bd5 Kf6 46.Bc4 Be1 47.Bd5 Bh4
 48.Bc4 Kg6 49.Bd5 Be7 50.Kg3 Bd6
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 54.Bd5 Kd6 55.Bc4 Bg7 56.Bb3 Bf6
 57.Bc4 Bc3 58.Kf2 Bd2 59.Kg3 Be1+
 60.Kg2 Bh4 61.Bb3 Ke7 62.Bc4

(Diagram)

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□ **Chan, John**
■ **Sevall, Daniel**
 3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.31)
[Winslow, Elliott]

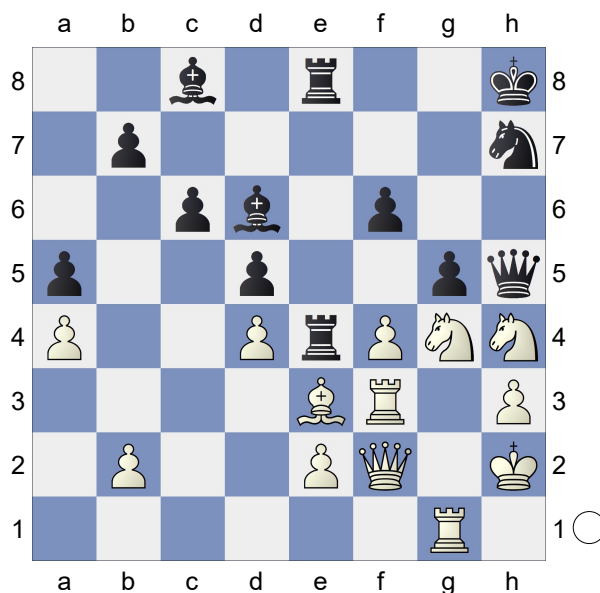
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 5.Bf4 e6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Be3
 Nbd7 9.Nb3 0-0 10.Qc1 Re8 11.g4
 Bg6 12.g5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 e5 14.Bg2
 a5 15.a4 Qb6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4
 Bb4 18.Be3 Qc7 19.0-0 Nf8 20.Ne5
 Bf5 21.Ndf3 Qc8 22.Ng5 Re7 23.Kh2
 Bd6 24.f4 N8h7 25.Ngf3 Ne4 26.Nd3
 Qe8 27.Nh4 Bd7 28.Bxe4 Rxe4
 29.Rf3 Qe7 30.Ng2 Re8 31.Ne5 Bc8
 32.Qg1 f6 33.Ng4 Kh8 34.Nh4 Qf7
 35.Qf2 Qh5 36.Rg1 g5

□ **Acharya, Venkatagiri**
■ **Vazquez, Dominic A**
 3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.29)

C06
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 cxd4
 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Ne2 Bd6
 11.Bf4 0-0 12.0-0 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Ne4
 14.Ne2 Qf6 15.Rc1 Bd7 16.a3 a5
 17.Ng3 Nxc3 18.fxc3 Qe7 19.Qc2
 Rac8 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Qd3 e5
 22.dxe5 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.Rxc8
 Rxc8 25.Bf5 Qd6 26.Bxd7 Qxd7 27.h3
 Kg8 28.Kh2 Re8 29.Rf5 Rd8 30.Rh5
 Qe6 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Rf5+ Ke8
 33.Qh8+ Kd7 34.Qxg7+ Kc8 35.Rf7
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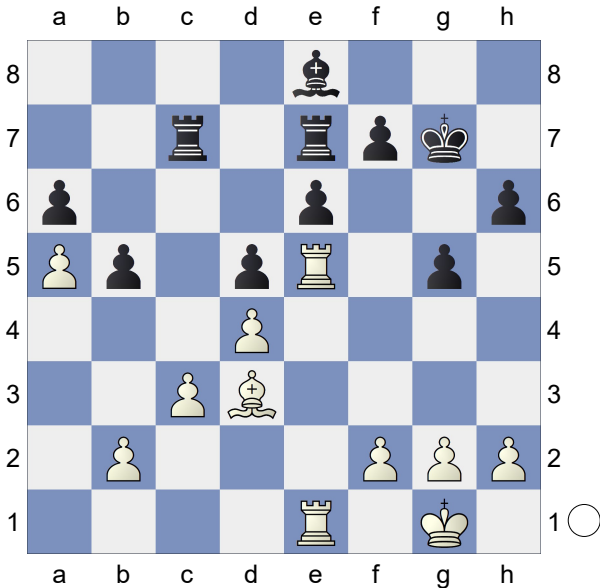
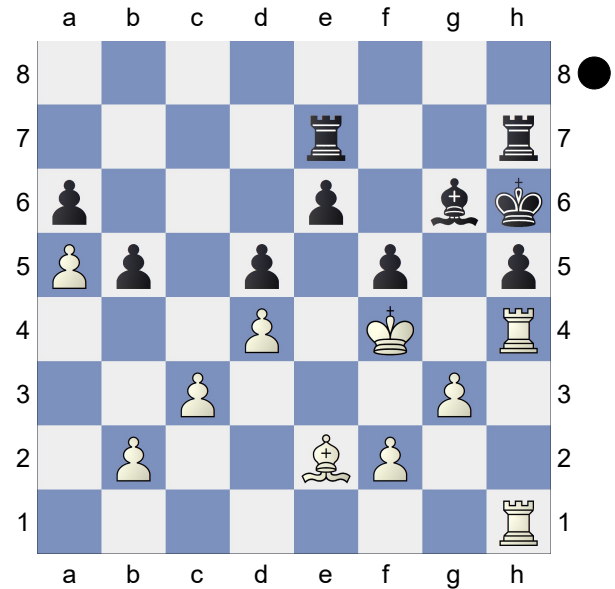


37.Ne5 fxe5 38.fxe5 Bxe5+ 39.dxe5
 Qxh4 40.Rfg3 d4 41.Bd2 R8xe5 42.e3
 Bxh3 43.Qe1 Bf1+
0-1

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□ Pickering, Carl Anthony
■ Karwat, Joseph
3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.32)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Bd3 dxe4 4.Bxe4
Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.c3 0-0
8.0-0 b6 9.Nbd2 h6 10.Nc4 Bb7
11.Bd2 Qd5 12.Re1 Qh5 13.Nfe5
Qxd1 14.Raxd1 Rad8 15.Bf4 Bd6
16.Nxd6 cxd6 17.Nc4 Ne8 18.a4 d5
19.Na3 a6 20.Bg3 Rc8 21.Re3 Kh8
22.Rde1 Nf6 23.Nb1 Na5 24.R3e2
Rfd8 25.Bh4 g5 26.Bg3 Nc6 27.Be5
Nxe5 28.Rxe5 Kg7 29.Nd2 Re8
30.Nf3 Bc6 31.Ra1 b5 32.a5 Bd7
33.Re2 Re7 34.Ne5 Be8 35.Re3 Nd7
36.Rae1 Nxe5 37.Rxe5 Rcc7



38.h4 gxh4 39.Rh5 f5 40.Rxh4 Bg6
41.g3 Rc8 42.Kg2 Rh8 43.Re5 h5
44.Kf3 Rf8 45.Kf4 Kh6 46.Re1 Rff7
47.Be2 Rh7 48.Reh1

(Diagram)

Re8 49.Bxh5 Reh8 50.Bxg6+ Kxg6
51.Rxh7 Rxh7 52.Rxh7 Kxh7 53.Ke5
1-0

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□ Rosston, Andrew Burkett
■ Ramirez, Nazaret
3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.33)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 a6 7.N5c3 Nf6
8.Be2 Be6 9.0-0 Nd4 10.Be3 Nxe2+
11.Qxe2 Be7 12.Na3 0-0 13.f3 Rc8
14.Nd5 Nd7 15.Rad1 Bg5 16.Nc2 f5
17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Nce3
Be6 20.b4 h5 21.c5 dxc5 22.Nc4
cxb4 23.Nd6 Rb8 24.Ne4 Qd8 25.Kh1
Kh8 26.f4 Bg4 27.Qd3 Bxd1 28.Ng5
Nf6 29.Rxd1 Qxd5 30.Qe2 Qg8
31.fxe5 Ng4 32.h3 Rf5 33.Nf3 Nh6
34.Nh4 Re8 35.Nxf5 Nxf5 36.Qxh5+
Nh6 37.Rd6 Re6 38.Rd7 Qb8 39.Qf3
Rxe5
0-1

□ Rao, Neeraj
■ Le, Thu Anh

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.34)

[Le, Thu Anh]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6
5.f3 b5 6.a3 Bg7 7.Qd2 Nfd7 8.Nge2
Nb6 9.Nc1 a6 10.h4 h5 11.Bd3 N8d7
12.N1a2 c5 13.d5 Ne5 14.Bg5 Nbc4
15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Qc1 Ne5 17.b4 c4
18.Qd2 Bd7 19.0-0-0 a5 20.Rdf1
axb4 21.axb4 Ra3 22.Qe3 Qa8
23.Qb6 0-0

[23...Ra6 24.Nxb5 Rxb6 25.Nc7+
I saw up until this point and wasn't
sure, but Black would have won a
piece here Kf8 26.Nxa8 Ra6 27.Nc3
Rxa8]

24.Bxe7 Rb8 25.Qxd6 Ra6 26.Qc5
Rxa2 27.Nxa2 Qxa2 Black offered a
draw here with 5-6 minutes left on the
clock. I couldn't find a concrete mate
and was thinking what if for example, 28.
Qc7 Rc8 29.Qa5 and not sure if Black
still has an attack, ...Bh6+ can be
stopped by Bg5 or f4, many pieces are
still on the board, etc. In retrospect, I
should have played for a few more
moves. If my position is still favorable,
then I must keep going, instead of
demanding clarity to finish the game
when I'm low on time. Perhaps it's the
flashbacks of botched games or flagged
in winning positions that got to me. Big
lesson.

[(EW:) 27...Qxa2 28.Kd1 (28.Qc7
Ra8) 28...Ra8 is Stockfish's fave here
too, but it's hard not to have a big
advantage here!]

1/2-1/2

B07
1577
1474

□ Braithwaite, Andrew
■ Casares, Nick

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (2.35)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 d3
5.Bxd3 d6 6.0-0 Bg4 7.b4 Ne5 8.Be2
Nf6 9.Nxe5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 dxe5
11.Qb5+ Nd7 12.Qxb7 Bd6 13.Be3
0-0 14.Nd2 Nb6 15.Qa6 Qh4 16.Qe2
f5 17.exf5 e4 18.g3 Qe7 19.Bxb6
axb6 20.Qc4+ Kh8 21.Qxe4 Qd7
22.Qe6 Qb5 23.f6 Rxf6 24.Qc4 Qd7
25.Qe4 Re8 26.Qg2 Qf5 27.Rae1
Ref8 28.Re3 Qc2 29.Ne4 Re6
30.Nxd6 Rxe3 31.Nf7+ Kg8 32.fxe3
Qxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Rxf7 34.Rxf7 Kxf7
35.Kf3 b5 36.Ke4 Ke6 37.Kd4 Kd6
38.c4 c6 39.cxb5 cxb5 40.e4 g6
41.e5+ Kc6 42.e6 Kd6 43.e7 Kxe7
44.Kc5 h6 45.Kxb5 Kd7 46.Kc5 Kc7
47.Kd5

1-0

□ Weaver, Kyle
■ Starr, Albert Martin

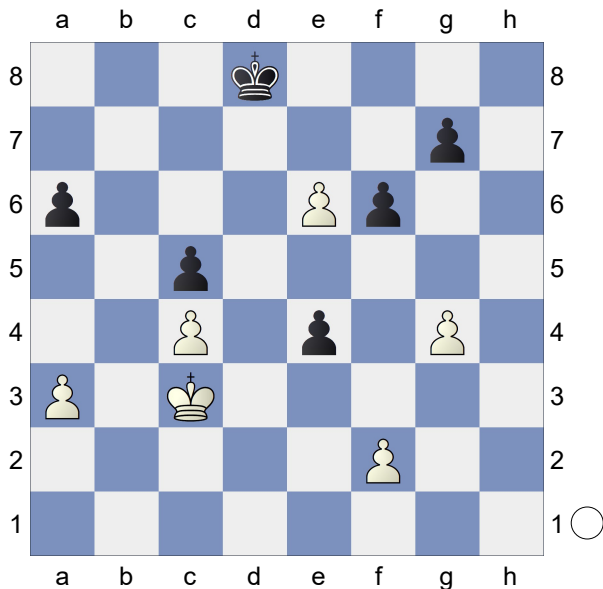
3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (2.36) 12.05.26
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3
Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Bg4 7.h3
Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Qd2
Qe7 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Bg5 f6 13.Re1
Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Be3 Qd6
16.Bd3 0-0-0 17.Rd1 Be7 18.Qe2
Qc6 19.Rhe1 e4 20.Bc4 Rxd1+
21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Bb3 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1
Qd6 24.Qd4 Qxd4 25.cxd4 h5
26.Be6+ Kd8 27.d5 hxg4 28.hxg4
Be8 29.c4 Bd7 30.Kc2 Bxe6 31.dxe6
Bf8 32.Kc3 b6 33.b4 c5 34.a3 Bd6
35.bxc5 Bxc5 36.Bxc5 bxc5

(Diagram)

C44
1405
1600

C42
1184
1500



37.Kb3??

[37.Kd2=]

**37...Ke7 38.Ka4 Kxe6 39.Ka5 Ke5
40.Kxa6 Kf4 41.Kb5 Kf3 42.a4 Kxf2
43.a5 e3 44.a6 e2 45.a7 e1Q 46.a8Q
Qb4+ 47.Kc6 Qxc4 48.Qd8 Qd4
49.Qa5 Qe4+ 50.Kd6 Qe5+ 51.Kc6
Qe8+ 52.Kd6 Qb8+ 53.Kc6 Qc8+
54.Kd6 Qxg4 55.Qxc5+ Kg3 56.Qg1+
Kh4 57.Qh1+ Kg5 58.Qd5+ f5
59.Qe5 Qf4 60.Ke6 Qxe5+ 61.Kxe5
f4 62.Ke4 Kg4 63.Kd3 Kg3 64.Ke2
Kg2
0-1**

□ **Harriman,Connor**

■ **Kojevnikov,Alexander**

3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (2.37) 12.05.26
[Winslow,Elliott]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 d5 4.Bb5+
Bd7 5.exd5 Bxb5 6.Nxb5 exd5
7.Qe2+ Be7 8.Qe5 Na6?!**

[8...Nc6! 9.Qxd5 Qb6! 10.Nd6+??
Bxd6 11.Qxd6 Rd8-+]

9.Qxg7 Bf6 10.Qg4 Ne7

[10...Qb6 11.Ne2?!]

11.Ne2?! [11.Nf3=]

[11.Nf3=]

[11.c3=]

11...Qb6 11...Rg8!

[11...Rg8! 12.Qh3 Qd7! 13.Qxd7+
Kxd7 14.g3 Nb4 15.Kd1 d4]

12.a4

[12.Na3 c4 12...Nb4 13.0-0

[13.Na3]

13...Nxc2 14.Ra2 Nb4 15.Ra3 a6-+

[15...c4+!]

**16.Nbc3 Nd3 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Rxd3
c4+ 19.Re3+ Nxe3 20.dxe3 Bxb2?!
21.Bxb2 Qxb2 22.Rd1 23.Qd7+
Kf8 24.Kf2 Kg7= 25.Nd4?**

[25.Rd6=]

25...Rad8??

[25...Rhd8-+]

26.Nf5+?

[26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.Qf5!+-]

26...Kf6??

[26...Kg6 27.Ne7+ Kg7 28.Nf5+
Kg6=]

27.Qe7+ Kg6

[27...Kxf5 28.Qg5+ Ke4 29.Qe5#]

28.Qg5#

1-0

E87

□ **Sui,Tom**

■ **Menchtchikov,Alexander**

3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (2.38) 12.05.26

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Qd2
Re8?! 9.g4 h5 10.h3 c6 11.Nge2 a4
12.Bg5 Qb6 13.Bxf6? Bxf6 14.gxh5
Bh4+! 15.Kd1 g5 16.Kc2 Na6 17.Rd1
Rd8?! 18.Rg1?! f6? 19.Nc1?? Qxg1
20.Bd3 Qf2 21.Be2 Bg3 22.Rf1?! Qa7
23.Nd1 cxd5 24.exd5 Bxh3 25.Rh1
Bg2

0-1

Martin, Bryan D **B11**
 Ben Cherif, Rachid **1203**
3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (2.42) 12.05.26

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4
Nd7 5.Bc4 Ngf6 6.Qf3 e6 7.Bg5 Be7
8.Ne2 Qb6 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Be3 Nxe4
11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qf3 Bb4+ 13.c3 Bd6
14.0-0 Qc7 15.Bf4 Nd5 16.Bxd5 exd5
17.Qg3 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 Qb6 19.b3 Qa5
20.Qg3 b6 21.Rfc1 Ba6 22.Nf4 Kh8
23.a4 b5 24.b4 Qc7 25.Ng6+ fxd6
26.Qxc7 bxa4 27.Rxa4 Be2 28.Rxa7
Rac8 29.Qxg7#
1-0

Myers, Steven Lee **B10**
 Defranco, Anthony Lawson **1157**
3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (2.43) 12.05.26

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 Bg4 4.d4 c5
5.c3 e6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Bd2 f6 8.Bf4
Nge7 9.Nh4 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 fxe5
11.Bxe5 Nxe5 12.Qxe5 Qd7 13.0-0
0-0-0 14.Re1 Nc6 15.Qxe6 Qxe6
16.Rxe6 cxd4 17.Nd2 dxc3 18.bxc3
g6 19.Nhf3 Bg7 20.Rc1 Rhe8 21.Rxe8
Rxe8 22.c4 d4 23.Ng5 h6 24.Nge4
Rd8 25.f4 d3 26.g4 Nd4 27.Rf1 Ne2+
28.Kg2 Rf8 29.f5 gxf5 30.Nd6+ Kb8
31.Nxf5 Rg8 32.Rf3 h5 33.g5 Be5
34.h4 Bc3 35.Ne4 d2 36.Nxc3 Nxc3
37.Ne3 d1Q 38.Nxd1 Nxd1 39.c5 Re8
40.Kf1 Ne3+ 41.Kg1 Ng4 42.Rf5 Re1+
43.Rf1 Rxf1+ 44.Kxf1 Ne5 45.Ke2 Kc7
46.Ke3 Ng6 47.Ke4 Nxe4 48.Kf4 Kc6
49.Kg3 Ng6 50.Kf3 Kxc5 51.Ke4 h4
52.Kf5 Nh8 53.Kg4 b5 54.Kxe4 Kb4
0-1

Garrett, Tyler **B23**
 Rao, Sriram **1032**
3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (2.44) 12.05.26

1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.Bc4 Nc6
5.Nf3 e6 6.e5 dxe5 7.fxe5 Nd7 8.0-0
Ndx5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Qh5 Qd4+
11.Rf2 Ng4 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+
Kxd7 14.Qxf7+ Kd8 15.Nd1 Nxf2
16.Nxf2 Qe5 17.Nd3 Qd4+ 18.Nf2
Qd5 19.d3 h6 20.Bd2 Qd7 21.Qf3
Bd6 22.Ne4 Rf8 23.Qg4 Be5 24.Nxc5
Bd4+ 25.Qxd4 Qxd4+
0-1

Blum, Paul **C65**
 Telenko, Cassandra **958**
3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (2.45) 12.05.26
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3
Bc5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Nc3 a6
8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Nxe5 0-0 10.0-0 c5
11.h3 Be6 12.f4 Qd4+ 13.Bf2 Qd6
14.Qd2 b5 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.Qe3 b4
17.Na4 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Nxc5
Qxc5 20.Qxc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Re8
22.Bxb4 Rab8 23.Bc3 Ba4 24.b3 Bc6
25.Rf3 Bd7 26.Rg3 Re7 27.Bxg7 f5
28.Bf6+ Kf7 29.Bxe7 Kxe7 30.e5 c5
31.c4 a5 32.Rg6 Be6 33.Rxe6 a4
34.Rb1 (...1-0 57)
1-0

Clark, Joseph **D06**
 Yu, Hyunjug
3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (2.46) 12.05.26

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.Nf3
e6 5.e4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2

Nb4 8.Qb3 a5 9.a3 N4c6 10.d5 exd5
11.exd5 Qe7+ 12.Be2 Ne5 13.0-0 Bg4
14.Qxb7 0-0 15.Qxa8 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3
Bf5 17.Qxa5 c6 18.d6 Qxd6 19.Qxf5
Qxd2 20.b4 Qh6 21.Rac1 g6 22.Qd3
f5 23.Bxc6 Rc8 24.Bd5+ Kf8
25.Rxc8+ Ke7 26.Re1+ Kd7 27.Bb7#
1-0