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Falconer TNM Round Six Report

NM **Michael Walder** and Expert **Eugenio Garcia** drew a short, tense game on board one in the top section. With 5 points each both players maintain a slim ½-point lead over IM **Elliot Winslow**, who defeated Expert **Edward Lewis** convincingly, despite dropping a rook(!) at one point, and **Nicholas Weng** who fought his way out of a jam and overcame the stiff resistance of **James Bowen**. Winslow vs Garcia and Walder vs Weng seem likely pairings in what promises to be a dramatic last round next Tuesday.

Top board in the under 1800 section saw an incredible fight between **Venugopal Mani** and **Karl Stuart Kingma**, where both players took turns blundering a knight. The result was a draw, and Kingma with 5.5 points is now guaranteed a share of 1st place. Mani is one of six players tied at 4.5, a group that also includes Newsletter contributor **Richard Hack**.

Neil Falconer (1923-2014) was a Mechanics' Institute trustee. A remembrance penned by former Chess Room Director **IM John Donaldson** can be found here: <http://www.uschess.org/index.php/April/Neil-Falconer-1923-2014.html>

For TNM info, standings and results: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/falconer-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

Follow the DGT action: <https://chess24.com/en/watch/live-tournaments/falconer-memorial-tnm-2022/2/1/1>

□ **Garcia,Eugenio**

■ **Walder,Michael**

MI Falconer TNM: 1800+ (6.1) 05.04.2022

[Winslow, Elliott C.]

The big question was, were they feeling combative? Garcia and Walder were half a point ahead of Ed Lewis, who faced Black and a 0-5 record against Winslow (one of two another half point back, along with Nicholas Weng). So for both of them a draw doesn't lock up first, but it does put them in excellent position going into the last round. **1.d4 4 Nf6 5 2.Nf3 10 g6 14 3.g3 13 Bg7 7 4.Bg2 5 0-0 6 5.0-0 7 d6 1:05 6.c4 24**

The Fianchetto System, known for strategic complexity. **6...c5 45**

The Yugoslav Variation.

[6...Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 is the other story, the Classical Fianchetto.]

[6...Nc6 is the Panno Variation, when both players have many alternatives besides the main 7.Nc3 a6 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 c5]

7.Nc3 39 Nc6 40 Mike prefers to allow transpositions.

[The gambit line 7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6!? remains resilient, with recent games and articles showing its viability.]

8.dxc5 52 The Symmetrical Variation, the first sign of some moderation but still plenty of play.

[8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 is the Panno again, a6]

8...dxc5 8 9.Bf4 8

[9.Be3 picks on the pawn directly, when Black can cover it Qa5 (or keep up the "flattery" with 9...Be6)]

9...Be6 5:20 10.Qa4 1:58

[10.Ne5 has been the point, when Na5 was Kasparov's choice against Tal in 1987. In a rapid game on Moscow TV! They drew in 37.]

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10...Qa5 2:31 Insistent. White has done well with the queens coming off here, but it could be from rating imbalance in the sample games. **11.Rac1 4:03**

[The straightforward 11.Qxa5 Nxa5 12.b3 Nc6 saw some vague gestures at imbalance but eventually nothing: ½-½ (31) Tregubov,P (2588)-Zakhartsov,V (2486) Moscow 2018]

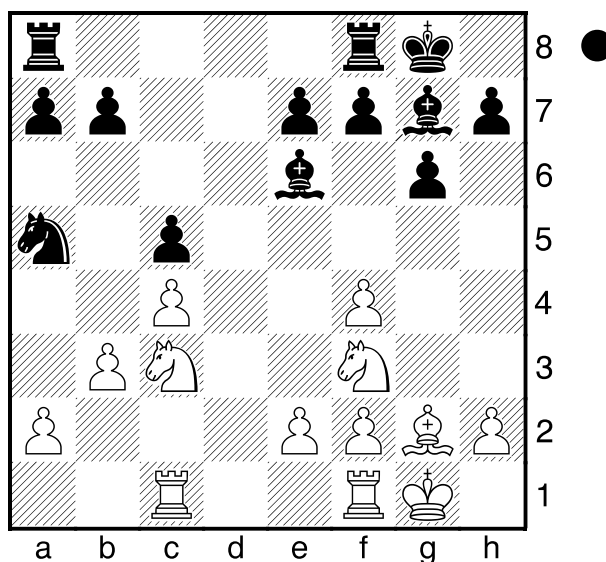
11...Nh5 4:48 12.Qxa5 4:26 Nxa5 8

13.b3?! 18 The balance manages to upset even in this opening! White should probably save this bishop though.

[It's worth mentioning a game from not that long ago but still: a very young Magnus! 13.Bc7 Nxc4 14.Ng5 Bxc3 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bxb7 Be5 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxa8 Rxa8 19.Rxc5 Nf7 20.Rfc1 Nd6 21.e4 Nf6!? 22.e5 Nd7 1/2-1/2 (61) Hansen, T (2282)-Carlsen,M (2127) Gausdal 2002]

[There is some working advantage in the complications (such as they are) after 13.Be3!? Rac8 (13...Nxc4 14.Bxc5 Nxb2 15.Nd4) 14.b3 b6 and now a knight to either knight-five is worth looking into: 15.Ng5 (15.Nb5)]

13...Nxf4 52 14.gxf4 1



Black gets the two bishops, but the added White central dark square control compensates. **14...Rad8** 5:40

[14...Nc6 led to a lot of "fooling around" before Black lost the path:
15.Ng5 Bg4 16.h3 Bd7 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.e3 Rac8 19.Nd5 e6 20.Nc3 Be8 21.Nge4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Nb4 23.Nd6 Rb8 24.Nce4 b6 25.a3 Na6 was a blitz game but still... 1-0 (42) Senthil,M (2246)-Khachatryan,A (2086) Chess.com INT 2021]
[14...Bxc3!? 15.Rxc3 Rad8 takes a shot at the d-file, ♣ or so.]

15.Ne4 9:34

[15.Ne5! shuts down any aspirations: very equal.]

15...b6 1:46 Black has something going. **16.Rcd1**?! 1:46

[16.Ne5 f6 17.Nf3 Rd7 18.Rfd1 Rfd8]

16...h6 2:28

[16...Nc6! Here Stockfish speaks up, giving Black a solid (-1, meaning Black plus) -0.99! So as so often, perhaps those bishops (and Black getting at the queenside pawns before White can) matter after all.]

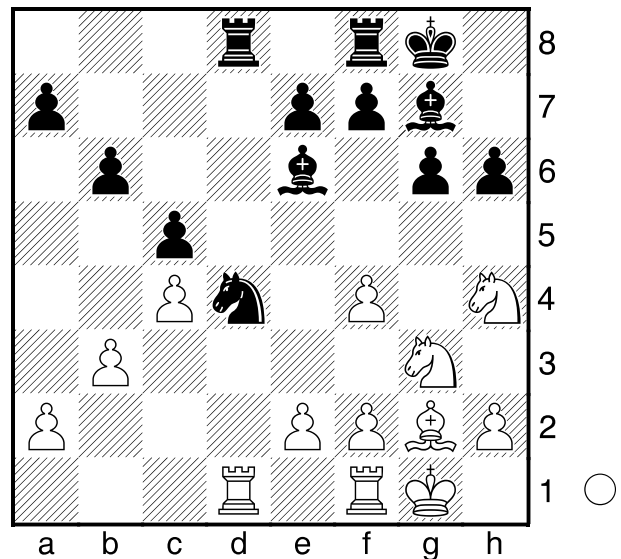
17.Ng3?! 3:23

[17.Ne5 g5 18.e3!? Hard to believe, but White stands no worse!]

17...Nc6 5:00 **18.Nh4** 7:51 **Nd4** 15:53

(Diagram)

Quite a fight for the f5 square, of all things. **19.e3** 2:47 **g5**! 3:03 **20.fxg5** 4:17 **hxg5** 1:07 **21.Nf3** 18 **Nxf3+** 8:40
[21...Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 with the problem for White going back to Steinitz's principles: Black has ...f5 and the knight won't have any active square, thus: the bishops rule. Advantage Black. But Walder decides not to take any risk on his leader position (well,



along with Garcia).]

1/2-1/2

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 Winslow, Elliott C **2258**
 Lewis, Edward **1982**
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[Winslow, Elliott C.]

1.d4 37 **Nf6** 57 **2.c4** 11 **e6** 14 **3.Nc3** 2:11 **d5** 19 **4.cxd5** 11 **exd5** 1:26 **5.Bg5** 6 **c6** 22 **6.e3** 7 **Be7** 25 **7.Qc2** 10 **Nbd7** 4 **8.Bd3** 7 **h6** 1:08
 [8...0-0]
 [8...Nf8!?]
 [8...Nh5!?]

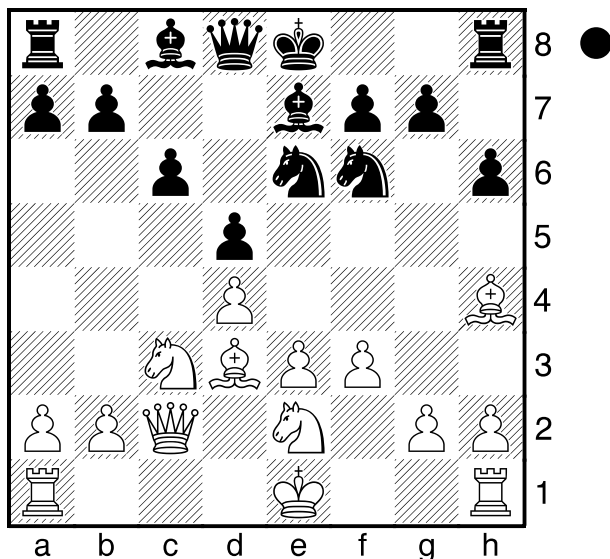
9.Bh4 1:01 **Nf8** 1:39 9...Nh5 is the modern continuation.

[Relevant: 9...0-0 10.Nge2 Re8 11.f3 b5 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Bf2 a6 14.Bf5 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nd4 Bd6 17.Nce2 Ne5 18.b3 g6 19.Bh3 Bc8 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Qd2 Qe7 22.Rfc1 Bb4 23.Qd1 Ba3 24.Rc2 Qb7 25.Nf4 Ned7 26.Qd2 Rxc2 27.Nxc2 Bb2 28.Rb1 Be5 29.Nb4 Nb6 30.Ne2 Bd6 31.Rd1 Qe7 32.Nc2 Rc8 33.Ncd4 Bb4 34.Qd3 Nbd7 35.Qb1 Bd6 36.Nf4 Qe8 37.Qd3 Be5

38.Qd2 Qd8 39.Nde2 Wojtaszek,R
(2691)-Lupulescu, C (2645) Legnica
2021 1/2-1/2]

10.f3!? 3:19 Perhaps a bit too
provocative for the computer, but I like it!

10...Ne6 13 **11.Nge2** 1:13



g5?N 1:36 After this Black's king will be
wandering the desert. That is, there
won't be a safe kingside.

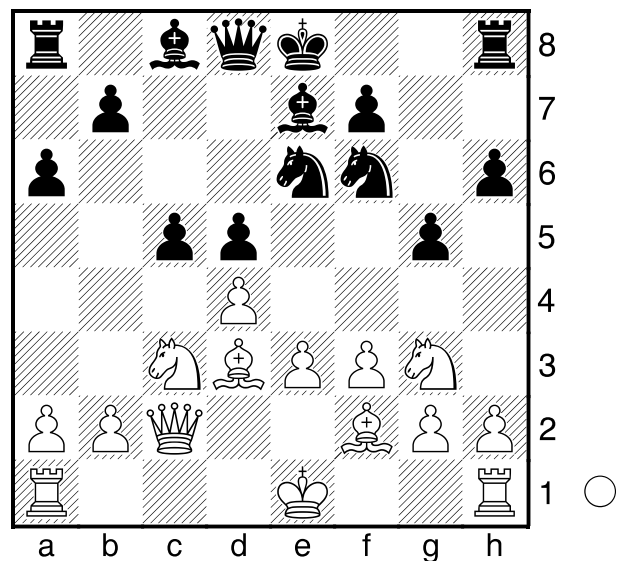
[Predecessor: 11...0-0 12.0-0 b6
13.Rad1 Bb7 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.Bf5 c5
16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Nf4
Qc8 19.Ng6 Re8 20.Nxe7+ Rxe7
21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Qg6+ Rg7 23.Qxf6
Kh7 24.e4 dxe4 25.fxe4 Qc6
26.Rd3 Rag8 27.Rh3 Rg6 28.Qe7+
R8g7 29.Rf7 Rxf7 30.Qxf7+ Rg7
31.Qf4 Rg6 32.Rd3 b5 33.Rd8 b4
34.Qf8 Rg7 35.Qh8+ Kg6 36.Rd3
Qc4 37.Ne2 Rf7 38.Qg8+
1-0 (38) Checa,N (2506)-Tang,A
(2495) Saint Louis 2019]

12.Bf2 1:09 **a6** 1:37 Slow bordering on
irrelevant. And pawn moves on the
queenside will weaken any thoughts of
castling over there, also.

[12...g4!?

13.Ng3 4:23 **c5?! 40**

[13...Ng7 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.h4!]



14.Nf5?! 1:08

[14.dxc5! Certainly an idea I'm
familiar with: tricking Black into a
suspect Isolated Queen Pawn (IQP)
position. Nxc5 15.Bf5!+- But this is a
surprise. Superficially it looks like a
mistake, trading off Black's "bad,"
undeveloped bishop, but that piece is
holding reign over some key squares,
and anyway the computer likes it.
Compare this to Fischer's famous 22.
Nxd7!!(?) in Game 7 of their
Candidates Final, Buenos Aires 1971.
As it happens, recent analysis has
tried to show this was the *wrong*
idea, but brilliant it was nonetheless.]

14...cxd4 1:22 15.exd4 12 Nf4 4:11

So Black also gets a nice outpost.

Except only one of the players has a
pawn available to remove the enemy
steed... **16.0-0 34 Bxf5 53**

[16...Nxd3!? 17.Qxd3 Bxf5 18.Qxf5
looks for freedom through exchanges,
but the e-file is still a problem. And if
Qd7 19.Qxd7+ Kxd7 thinking Black
has the better bishop, it turns out not
to matter: 20.Na4! with a clear
advantage on the dark squares
anyway.]

17.Bxf5 11 Kf8 1:31

[17...0-0 isn't as bad as it might seem on principle.]

18.Rfe1 2:45 **b5?! 18**

[18...Kg7]

19.g3 8:37 **N4h5** 35 Connected rooks is a good thing; connected knights is a not so good thing. **20.a4** 1:46 **b4** 36

21.Nd1! 2:35 **Ne8** 1:19 **22.Ne3** 1:38

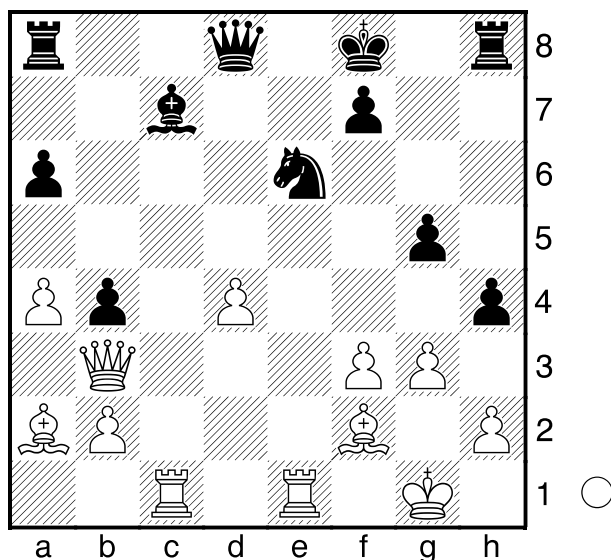
Nhg7 3:12 **23.Qb3** 8:29 **Nc7** 5:47

[23...h5!? is still lost but at least gets the "attack" going.]

24.Rac1 1:16 **Bd6?! 2:10**

[24...Nce6 25.Bh3! Nxd4 26.Qd1 Nge6 27.Ng4 Nf5 28.Ne5 Nfg7 29.Nc6 (29.Rc6; 29.f4!)]

25.Bb1! 4:19 It happens that any retreat (d3, h3) was winning (according to the computer), but this has a certain esthetic. **25...h5** 1:04 **26.Nxd5** 2:06 Not just a pawn, but the diagonal -- White becomes obsessed with mate along a2-g8. Probably making up for a chess youth without any Scholar's Mates. **26...h4** 1:09 **27.Ba2** 3:20 **Nge6?! 2:21 28.Nxc7** 51 **Bxc7** 1:25



29.Rxe6! 3:45 White has so many ways to crash though! The main alternative considered was pushing the d-pawn twice; finally the heavy hammer was brought in.

[29.d5]

[29.Rc6]

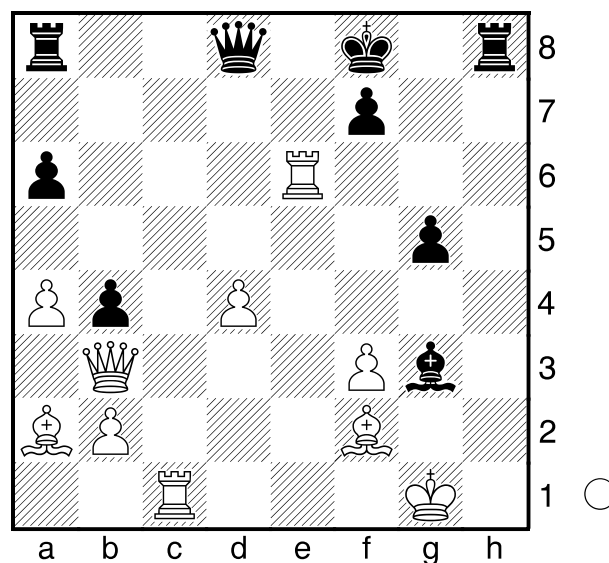
29...hxg3 6:48

[29...fxe6 30.Qxe6 Qe7 White was going to play 31.Rxc7 (31.Qf5+ is of course better on the principle that with the opponent's king more exposed, queens on is right. They're both totally won.) 31...Qxe6 32.Bxe6 and d4-d5 etc.]

30.hxg3 1:13

[Stockfish "likes" 30.Rh6!! gxf2+ 31.Kf1 Kg7 32.Qxf7+ Kxh6 33.Rc6+ Bd6 34.Bb1!]

30...Bxg3 13:10



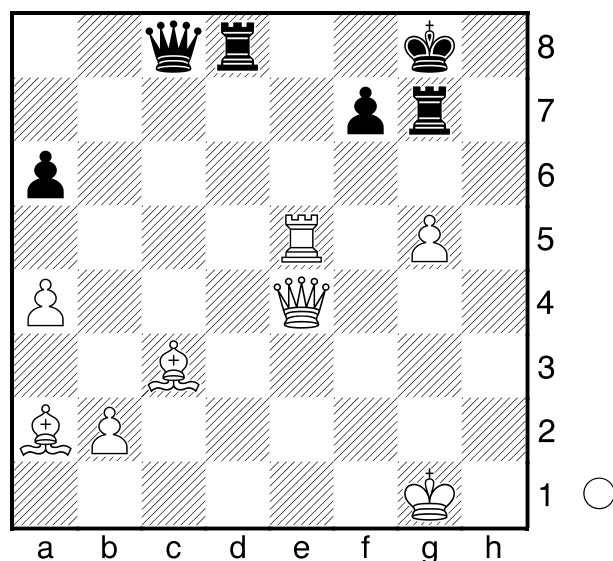
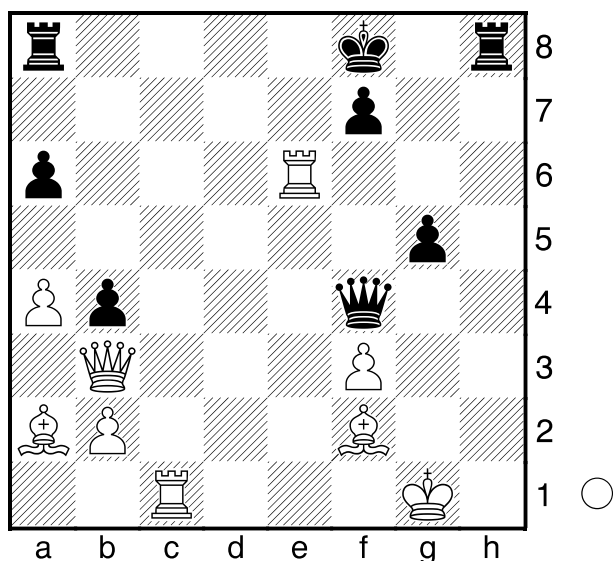
White saw this, and that it was no good, but got a bit confused... **31.Bxg3?! 1:30** [31.Qxb4+ (White is allowed to defend d4!) Kg7 32.Bxg3! fxe6 33.Be5+ and Black's king is not long for the chessboard.]

31...Qxd4+ 2 **32.Bf2** 45 **Qf4** 18

(Diagram)

33.Re4? 37 I had intended a rook retreat quite a bit earlier, but moved too fast (and not far enough!).

[33.Re3 is snug as a bug. That there is that threat on f7 keeps Black from



getting anywhere.]
33...Qxc1+ 35 Woops. Not surprisingly though, it's still completely won! **34.Be1** 59 necessary **34...Qc7** 50 **35.Qxb4+** 4:15 **Kg8** 36 **36.f4** 2:00 Staying on the knife-edge.

[36.Qe7! "generously" offers to enter a completely won bishops vs. rook ending.]
36...Rf8 2:16 **37.Bc3** 1:24 **Rh7** 4:44 **38.Re5** 7:12 **Rg7** 34 **39.fxg5** 2:04 **Rd8** 1:21

[39...Qxe5!? 40.Bxe5 Rxc5+ 41.Kf2 Rxe5 42.Qg4+ (42.Qf4) 42...Kh8 43.Qf4 Rh5 44.Qf6+ Kh7 and anything wins.]

40.Qe4! 1:51 **Qc8** 7:48

(Diagram)

41.g6! 2:30
 [41.Bxf7+!! is even stronger, if that's possible.]

41...Qd7 3:06 **42.Kf2!** 2:31 **Rf8** 56 **43.Re7?!** 3:13

[43.Ke2! would complete the maneuver, with mate following in seven or so.]

[or 43.Ke1!]
43...Qh3 3:16 **44.Rxf7** 14 **Qh2+** 1:41

45.Ke1 Qg3+ 2:01 **46.Rf2+** 44
 Crosscheck! Quite a setback for Ed, when a win would have put him up to equal first-third. And Winslow now has a dream to tie still...

[46.Rf2+ Kh8 47.Qh1+ (47.Bxg7+ Kxg7 48.Qe7+)]

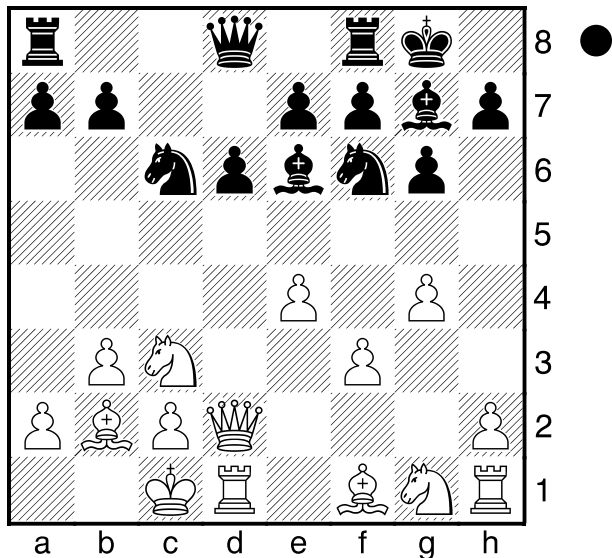
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 □ **Bowen,James** **1813**
 ■ **Weng,Nicholas** **1974**
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 [Winslow, Elliott C.]

1.e4 c5 6 **2.Nc3** 4 **d6** 5 **3.d4** 6 **cx d4**
14 4.Qxd4 7 **Nc6** 8 **5.Qd2** 6 **Nf6** 36
 [Relevant: 5...g6 6.b3 Bh6 7.f4 Nf6 8.Bb2 0-0 9.0-0-0 e5 10.g3 Re8 11.Kb1 Nd4 12.Bg2 Bg4 13.Rf1 d5 14.h3 Be6 15.g4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Rc8 18.Qd3 Qa5 19.f5 Bd5 20.Rh2 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Nb5 22.Qxb7 Nd6 23.Qf3 e4 24.Qd1 Nb5 25.c4 Nc3+ 26.Bxc3 Qxc3 27.Rc2 Qe5 28.Qd5 Qf6 29.a3 Bg7 30.Ka2 Rcd8 31.Qa5 Rd3 32.Ne2 Rb8 33.b4 Rbd8 34.b5 e3 35.Rfc1 Shirov,A (2704)-

Dominguez Perez,L (2752) Berlin
2022 0-1]

6.b3 11 g6 1:28 7.Bb2 5 Bg7 7 8.0-0-0
12 0-0 1:11 9.f3 2:31 Be6 3:32 10.g4
2:17



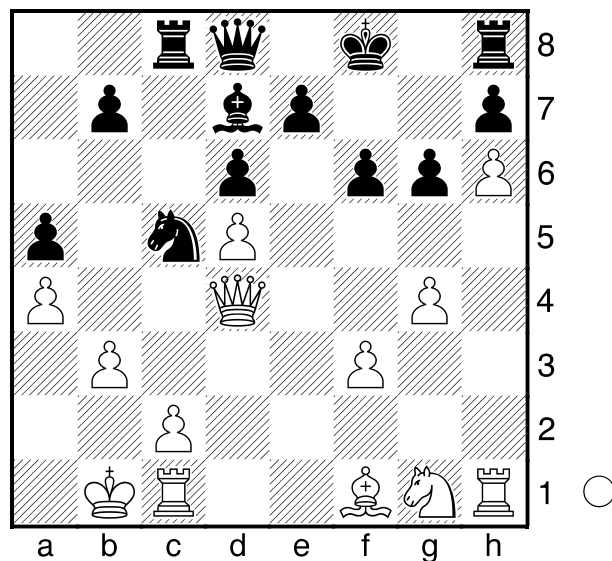
Nd7N 2:54

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Bd7 15.h4 h5 16.g5 Ne8 17.Nd5
Nxd5 18.exd5 Rc5 19.Bb5 Bxb5
20.Nxb5 Nc7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7
22.Qd4+ Kg8 23.Nc3 Qb4 24.Kb2
Na6 25.Ne4 Rc7 26.c3 Qxd4
27.Rxd4 Rfc8 28.Re1 Kf8 29.Re3
Nc5 30.f4 Nxe4 31.Rdxe4 Re8
32.b4 b6 33.Kb3 Rec8 34.f5 gxf5
35.Rf4 e6 36.c4 Re7 37.dxe6 fxe6
38.Rd4 Rd8 39.bxa5 bxa5 40.Kc3
Marcinczyk,M (2020)-Budkiewicz,M
(1929) Pokrzywna 2021 0-1 (63)]

11.h4 7:45 a5 4:24 12.a4 1:39 Rc8
2:40 13.Kb1 15:34 Nb4 1:54 14.Rc1
3:50 Nc5 8:34 15.Nd5 6:06 Nxd5 16:36
16.exd5 52 Bd7 17.Bxg7 4:47 Kxg7 4
18.h5 5:29 Rh8 52 19.h6+ 4:59 Kf8
1:30 20.Qd4 2:44 f6± 1:24

(Diagram)

21.g5 6:22 Kf7 5:58 22.Bh3 1:49 Re8



2:54 23.f4 4:27 Qc7 8:27 24.Ne2 1:59
Bxh3 1:39 25.Rxh3 14 Qd7 6 26.Re3
4:38 b5 1:14 27.Nc3 2:41 bxa4 47
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8:11 Kxf6 50 32.Re6+ 2:58 Kf7 2:09
33.Rf1 43 Rxa4 57 34.Rf3 1:58 Rd4
1:02 35.Rd3 11:15 Rxd3 39 36.cxd3 7
Rb8+ 4 37.Ka2 24 Rb5 11 38.Re3 18
Rxd5 6 39.Kb3 9 Rd4 1:40 40.Rf3 12
Kf6 7 41.Kc3 14 Rb4 12 42.d4 29 Ra4
29 43.Rf1 8 Ra3+ 56 44.Kc4 8 Ra4+
1:25 45.Kc3 12 d5 1:13 46.Rb1 1:18
Rc4+ 19 47.Kd3 9 Rb4 42 48.Rc1 6
Rb3+ 1:57 49.Ke2 8 Rh3 23 50.Rc5 54
e6 56 51.Rxa5 10 Rxh6 2 52.Ra8 33
Kf5 2:10 53.Kf3 16 Rh3+ 17 54.Kg2 7
Rd3 47 55.Rh8 1:06 Rxd4 17 56.Kg3
55 Rd3+ 31 57.Kg2 9 Kxf4 58
58.Rxh7 7 g5 22 59.Rf7+ 22 Kg4 10
60.Re7 7 Kf5 27 61.Rf7+ 11 Kg6 4
62.Re7 12 Kf6 5 63.Re8 7 Ra3 13
64.Kf2 14 Ra7 6 65.Ke3 13 Rg7 32
66.Rf8+ 20 Ke7 4 67.Rf1 10 g4 4
68.Kd4 25 Kd6 6
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□ Sankar,Arjun

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■ Xia,Yusheng

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[Winslow, Elliott C.]

1.e4 2 e6 4:59 2.d4 7 d5 2 3.exd5 14
 exd5 2 4.c4 27 Nf6 26 5.Nc3 46 Be7
 1:30 6.cxd5 2:01 Nxd5 1:12 7.Bc4 10
 Nb6 47 8.Bb3 56 0-0 48 9.h3 1:08 Bf5
 4:25 10.Nf3 6:12 Bf6 2:46 11.Be3 2:35
 Nc6 39 12.a3 1:15 Na5 2:25 13.Bc2
 1:07 Bxc2 26 14.Qxc2 4 Nac4 17
 15.0-0 3:07 Nxe3 49 16.fxe3 5 Re8
 2:09 17.Rae1 2:25 c6 7:49 18.Ne4 1:12
 Bh4 11:32 19.g3 6:40 Qe7 4:25 20.Ne5
 10:03 f6 6:46 21.gxh4 5:38 fxe5 1:15
 22.Ng5 8 e4 25 23.Qg2 5:02

[23.Rf7! Qd6 24.Qg2±

is even stronger, when Black is in
some trouble.]

23...Rf8 6:53 24.Qg4? 9:12

[24.Qxe4 Qxe4 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8
26.Nxe4 Nc4 27.b3 Nxa3 28.Nd6
is still some advantage.]

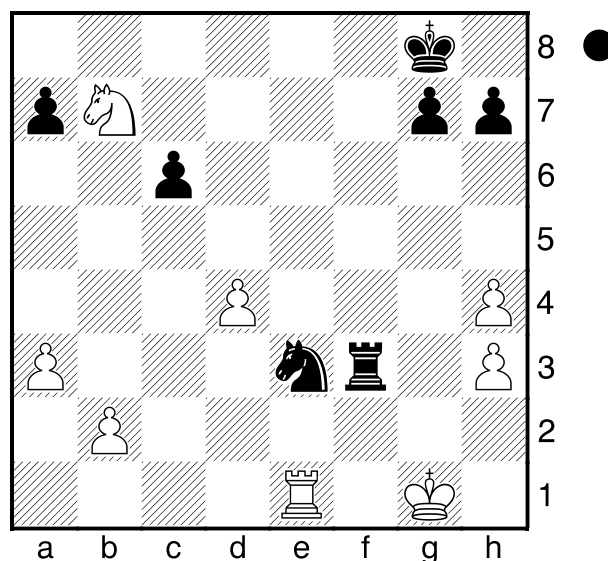
24...Nd5 5:28

[24...Nc4!? gets a bit more out of
White's weak pawns, but not too
much. 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8]

25.Rxf8+ 22:53 Rxf8 13 26.Qxe4 56
 Qxe4 1:56 27.Nxe4 2 Rf3 49 28.Nd6
 6:05 Nxe3 10:42 29.Nxb7 30

(Diagram)

Nc2 3:50 30.Re4 2:23 h6 6:27 31.Nd8
 1:32 Rf6 15 32.Ne6 1:17 Kf7 1:43
 33.Nf4 37 Rd6 1:57 34.Ne2 59 Re6
 1:12 35.Rf4+ 2:01 Ke7 50 36.Kf2 10
 Ne3 54 37.Nc3 1:51 g6 3:15 38.a4 3:25
 h5 1:38 39.b3 25 Nf5 1:25 40.Ne2 58
 Kd6 39 41.Ng3 1:34 Nxg3 2:10
 42.Kxg3 3 Re3+ 11 43.Rf3 1:18 Re6
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 Rxh4 1:20 48.Rxa7 1:11 Rxh3 21



49.Rd7+ 57 Ke6 13 50.Rg7 16 Kf5 49
 51.Rf7+ 17 Kg5 31 52.Rb7 32 h4 20
 53.a5 25 Rh2+ 42 54.Kf3 22 Ra2 2
 55.b4 4 Ra3+ 20 56.Kg2 4 Kg4 8
 57.Rg7 29 Ra2+ 5 58.Kg1 9 g5 4
 59.Re7 24 Kg3 20 60.Re3+ 4 Kf4 5
 61.Rc3 10 g4 1:06 62.Rxc6 51 Ra1+
 41 63.Kg2 7 h3+ 8 64.Kh2 4 Ra2+ 13
 65.Kh1 5 g3 28 66.Rc1 24 Rf2 50
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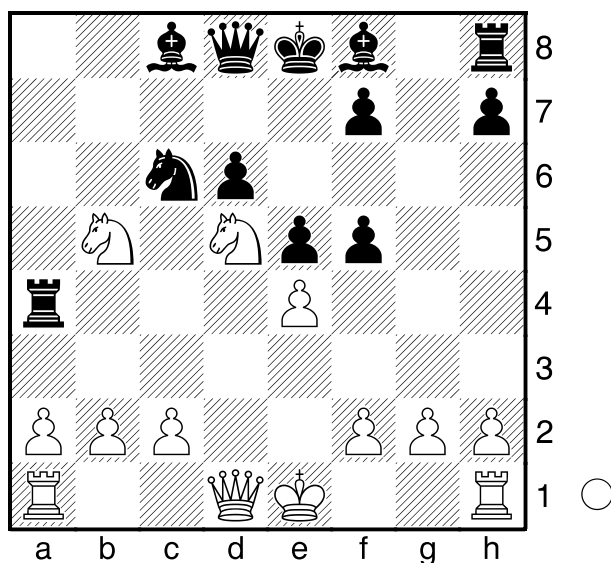
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[Winslow, Elliott C.]

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 28 cxd4 36 4.Nxd4 11 Nc6 24 5.Nc3
 18 Nf6 35 6.Ndb5 1:36 d6 35 7.Bf4 37
 e5 23 8.Bg5 24 a6 21 9.Na3 9 b5 42
 10.Bxf6 49 gxf6 36 11.Nd5 11 f5 51
 12.Bxb5 3:23 The "elder statesman" of
 anti-Sveshnikov piece sacrifices: I
 thought it was neutralized if not outright
 refuted though. 12...axb5 1:27 13.Nxb5

5 **Ra4!** 1:41 This hyper-aggressive rook is the main line now and for a while.



14.b4!? 45 **Nxb4?! 7:19**

[14...Rxb4!?

[14...Qh4!]

[Relevant: 14...Qh4 15.0-0 Rg8

16.c3 f4 17.g3 Kd8 18.Qxa4 fxg3

19.fxg3 Rxg3+ 20.hxg3 Qxg3+

21.Kh1 Qh3+ 22.Kg1 Qg3+ 23.Kh1

Qh3+ 24.Kg1 1/2-1/2 (23) Mamedov,

R (2666) -Jobava,B (2669) Izmir

2016]

15.c4? 1:07

[15.Ndc7+ Kd7 16.c3 Nc2+!

17.Qxc2 Rxe4+ 18.Kf1 has done well

for White in the few games there are,

but the computers aren't so convinced

-- Qh4]

[15.Nbc7+! Kd7 16.c3

A) 16...Ra7 17.cxb4 Rxc7

18.Qa4+!

A1) 18...Rc6!? leads to even

crazier unbalanced material:

19.exf5 Bb7 20.Rc1 Qc8

21.Nb6+ Kd8 22.Nxc8 Rxc1+

23.Ke2

A1a) 23...Rxb1? 24.Nb6 Kc7

25.Nd5+- (25.Nc4+-);

A1b) 23...Rxc8! =

and Stockfish somehow comes

up with 0.00 down the line.;

A2) 18...Ke6;

B) Here 16...Nc2+ 17.Qxc2 Rxe4+

18.Kf1 Qh4 19.Qb3 White has the

b5 square available, which spells

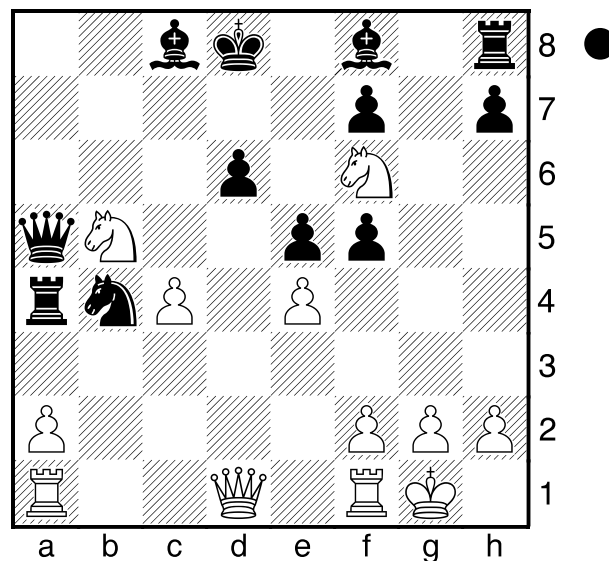
doom.;

C) 16...Nxd5]

15...Qa5= 1:58 16.Nf6+ 1:43 Kd8 2:54

["worse" is 16...Ke7?? 17.Qxd6#]

17.0-0! 13



Qa6!N 51

[Not so good last time: 17...Bd7?

18.Nxd6 Bxd6 19.Qxd6 Qc7 20.Qd2

Kc8 21.a3 Nc6 22.Nd5 Black's king

suffers from no pawn cover. Qa7

23.Rab1 Ra6 24.Rb5 Nd4 25.Ne7+

Kd8 26.Rxe5 Rxa3 27.exf5 Ra1

28.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 29.Re1 Qa7 30.f6

Qb6 31.Rd1 Qxf6 32.Nd5 Nf3+

33.gxf3 Rg8+ 34.Kf1 1-0 (33) Potrata,

J-Zatsch,A ICCF corr 1983]

18.a3 11:22 Be7 4:48 19.Nh5 1:00

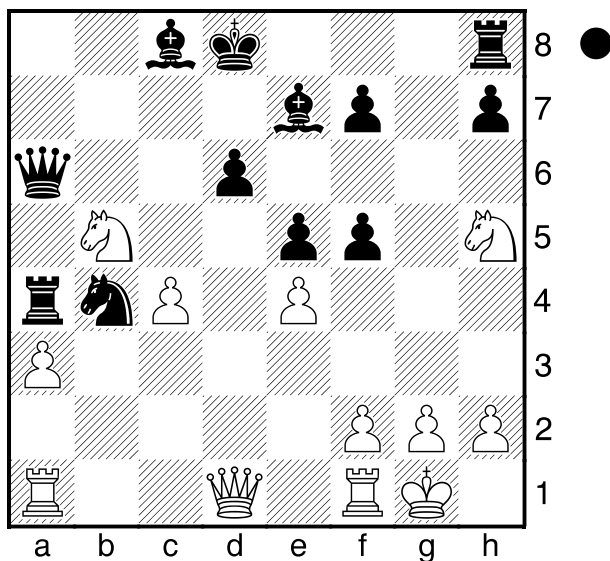
(Diagram)

Bb7? 8:07

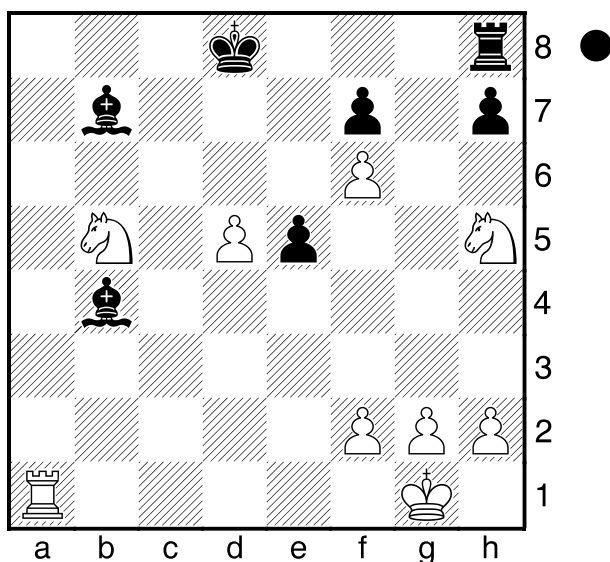
[19...Nc6 20.Nxd6 Kc7 21.Nb5+

favours White but just slightly.]

20.exf5? 36:13 Doesn't anybody take pieces these days?



[20.axb4±]
20...d5?? 3:58
 [20...Nc6±]
21.f6!+- 3:34 Black's queen can't be in two directions at once **21...Bf8** 3:53
22.axb4 1:19
 [22.Re1! Nc2 23.Qxc2 Rxc4 24.Qb2 Bc6 25.Rab1+-]
22...Rxa1 1:06 **23.Qxa1** 4 **Qxa1** 31
24.Rxa1 2 **Bxb4?!** 50
 [24...dxc4 25.Rc1 Kd7±]
25.cxd5 23
 [25.Rb1!]



25...Kc8? 2:38

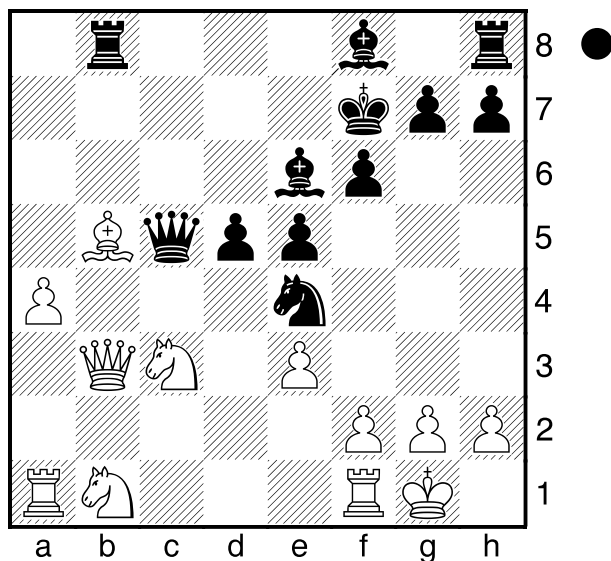
[25...Kd7 26.Rb1 Rc8! Still bad, but kicking.]

26.Rb1 1:08 **Bf8** 47 **27.Na7+** 8:16 **Kb8** 2:26 **28.Nc6+** 8 **Kc7** 40 **29.Nxe5** 21 **Bxd5** 29 **30.Nf4** 20 It's just too many pawns, and their all being on the same side isn't any help for the two bishops.
30...Be6 1:08 **31.Nxe6+** 18 **fxe6** 18 **32.Rc1+** 9 **Kb7** 2:38 **33.Nf7** 4:25 **Rg8** 1:06 **34.Nd8+** 8 **Kb6** 52 **35.Nxe6** 15 **Bh6** 25 **36.f7** 1:50 **Ra8** 48 **37.Rd1** 22 **Kc6** 1:07 **38.g4** 1:55 Playing into these super-sharp theoretical lines is perilous in so many ways, not the least being that they're sharp! So unless you're really on top of them, you (and your opponent!) are going to risk losing the way! But at least it's fun...
1-0

D03
 □ **Werby,Timothy** 1805
 ■ **Widjaja,Luke** 1901
 MI Falconer TNM: 1800+ (6.6) 05.04.2022
 [Winslow, Elliott C.]

1.d4 12:35 **d5** 2 **2.Nf3** 6 **Nf6** 3 **3.Bg5** 10 **Ne4** 7 **4.Bf4** 18 **c5** 23 **5.dxc5?!** 17 **f6** 11:28
 [5...Nc6! 6.e3 f6]
6.Bxb8 4:35 **Rxb8** 10 **7.b4** 20 **a5?!** 11:46
 [7...b6! 8.c6!? (8.cxb6?? Qxb6 9.Qd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4 e5-+) 8...Qd6±]
8.c3± 4:48 ±/= **8...b6** 10:37 **9.cxb6?!** 8:51
 [9.c6! axb4 10.e3! still causes trouble.]
9...axb4± 1:13 **10.e3** 2:55 **bx c3** 17:58 **11.Bb5+** 1:17 **Kf7±** 29 **12.Nd4?** 7:41
 [12.a4! Rxb6 13.Qb3 e5 14.Nxc3 Be6±]
12...e6? 22:24

[12...Rxb6 13.a4 e5 14.Nc2 f5!±
Rook lift across the board!]
13.0-0 30:45 **Qxb6** 4:05 **14.a4** 1:15
Qc5?! 5:33
 [14...Bb7]
15.Qb3? 5:16
 [15.Qd3!± c2 16.Nd2]
15...Bd7? 2:14
 [15...e5! 16.Ne2 Be6 Black looks to
 hold the c-pawn, or... 17.Nexc3

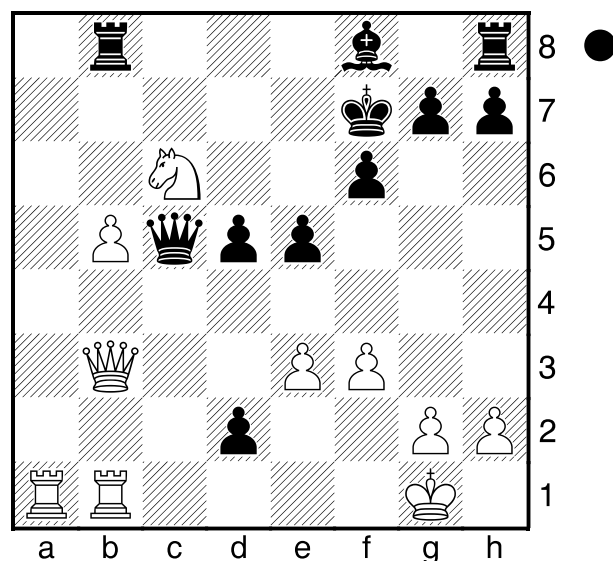


Nxf2!! 18.Kxf2 (18.Rxf2 Qxe3
 and ...Bc5) 18...d4 19.Qb2 dxe3+!-+
 (19...dxc3±) 20.Kg3 (20.Ke2 Qc4+!
 21.Ke1 Qd4-+ Black hardly even
 seems to miss the piece; his position
 is overwhelming.)]

16.f3? 1:28
 [16.Rc1 when it's White with some
 advantage.]
16...Bxb5 6:06 **17.axb5** 6 **Nd2** 23
18.Nxd2 5 **cx d2** 4 **19.Rfb1** 1:29 **e5**
 1:04 **20.Nc6** 25

(Diagram)

Now Black delivers a textbook tactic:
20...Rxb5! 36 **21.Qxb5** 1:13 **d1Q+ 6**
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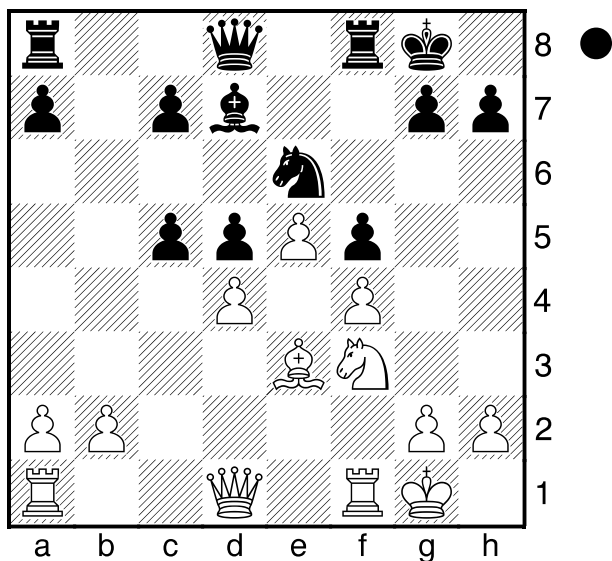
C56
1800
1851
 MI Falconer TNM: 1800+ (6.11) 05.04.22
 [Winslow, Elliott C.]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4
Nf6 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bc5
8.Be3 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 Bd7
11.f3 Ng5 12.f4 Ne6

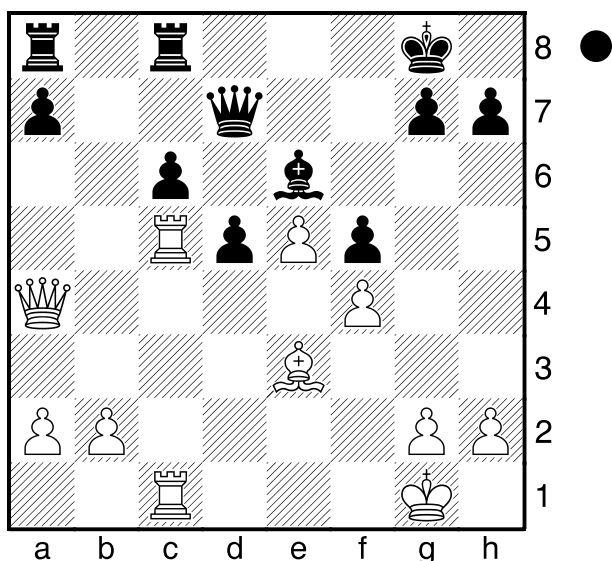
[12...Ne4 is "standard"]
 [But what do you think about 12...f6!?]
13.c3 f5 14.Nd2 Bxd4 15.cxd4 c5
16.Nf3 White has some plus but in
 practice Black has managed to keep
 above water.

(Diagram)

16...cxd4?!
 [16...Bb5 17.Rf2 c4 1/2-1/2 (58)
 Cvek,R (2506)-Balogh, C (2631)
 Slovakia 2018]
 [16...c4 17.Ng5 Rb8 18.Nxe6 Bxe6
 19.Rb1 Qd7 20.Rf3 Rb6 21.Bd2
 Rfb8 22.Bc3 Ra6 23.Ra1 Rbb6
 24.Rg3 ½-½ (24) Jovanovic,Z (2456)-
 Saric,I (2413) Bosnjaci 2004. (That's

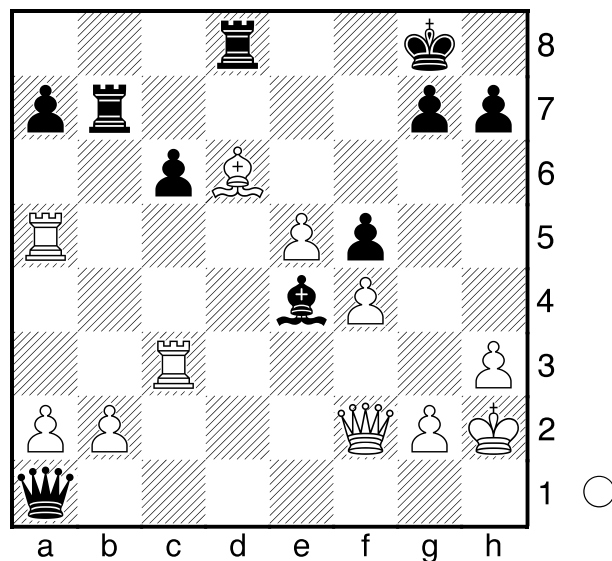


Ibro not Ivan, who just tied for 3rd-8th in the big European Championship.)]
17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Qxd4
 [18.Bxd4!]
18...Be6 19.Rfc1+- White has one of the dream positions for this line. **19...Qd7 20.Rc5 c6 21.Rac1 Rfc8 22.Qa4?!**
 White has all sorts of ways to improve before taking down the c-pawn:
 [22.Ra5]
 [22.b3]
 [22.h3]



22...d4 The best practical chance, letting

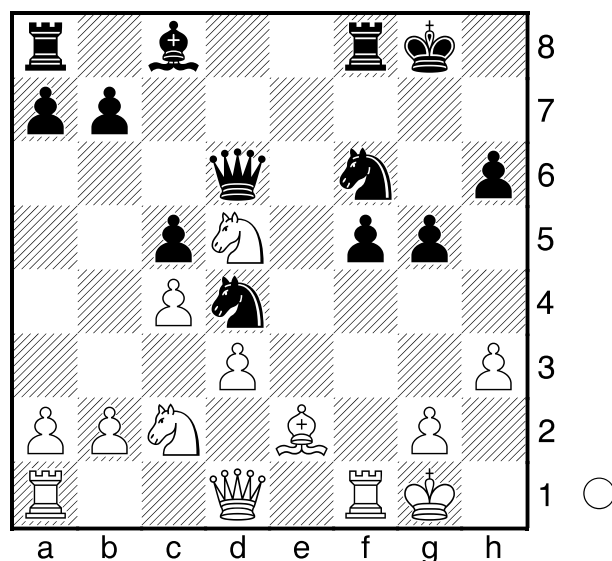
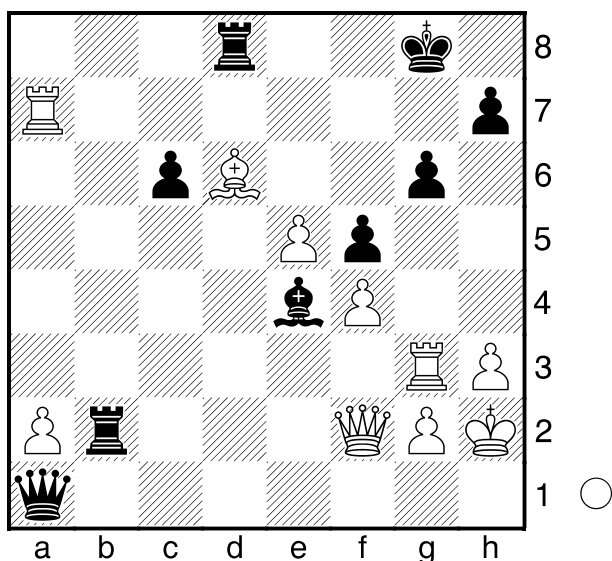
the pawn on e6 be a bishop again.
23.Bxd4 Bd5 24.Ra5 Rc7 25.Bc5 Qf7 26.Bd6 Rb7 27.Qc2 Rd8 28.Qf2 Be4 29.Rc3 Qh5 30.h3 Still winning...
30...Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Qa1



32.Rxa7?
 [32.Rg3! Qxb2 (32...Rxb2? 33.Qxa7 Rxc2+ 34.Rxc2 Bxc2 35.Kxc2) 33.Qxb2 Rxb2 34.Rxa7 g6 35.h4 c5 is too slow: 36.h5 c4 37.hxc6+-]
32...Rxb2?
 [32...Bxc2!! 33.Qxc2! (33.Kxc2 Rxa7) 33...Rxa7 34.Rxc6 Qxa2 (34...Rxa2 35.Qd5+ Kh8 36.Ba3=) 35.e6!]
33.Rg3 g6

(Diagram)

34.Qe3?
 [34.Rg7+!! Kxc7 35.Qa7+ Kg8 (35...Kh6 36.Be7 gets mated) 36.e6! Rxc2+ the only defense 37.Rxc2 Qg7 38.e7! Re8 39.Qd7 Qf7 40.Rb2± might not be "a win in sight," but White's passed pawns will be a menace.]
34...Qf1! 35.Rxc6+ Giving up.
 [Not that 35.Qg1 Qxf4 36.Ra4 Rf2+- is any fun. (or straight away 36...h5)]



35...hxg6 36.Kg3 Rxc2+ 37.Kh4 Qf2+?! Almost anything else is mate in a few!

[37...Qh1 threatening ...Rg4 mate is one way.]

38.Qxf2 Rxf2 39.Kg5 Rd2 40.Kxg6 Rg2+ 41.Kh6 Re8 42.Be7 Rg7 43.Bc5 Re6+ 44.Kh5 Bf3+

What a difficult struggle! Adam just couldn't find one of those blows to put it away, while Mikhail kept up his chances and his prayers until they came through. **0-1**

B30
 □ **Parsons, Stephen** **1660**
 ■ **Talamantez, Abel** **1800**
 MI Falconer TNM: 1800+ (6.12) 05.04.22
 [Winslow, Elliott C.]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d6 4.e4 c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 "Quit copying me!" the kids would say. 8.Ne1 Nd4 9.h3 h6 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 Nh7 12.Nd5 f5 13.e5 g5 14.exd6 Bxd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nc2 Nf6

(Diagram)

17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.Bf3 Rb8?! 20.Rc1

[20.Qa4!]

20...b6 21.Re1 Bb7 White has a working advantage, what with the e-file and the loose Black king. **22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Re8+ Rf8?!**

[23...Kg7 24.Qe2]

24.Qh5

[24.Qe2!]

24...Rbf7 25.Rce1 Rxe8 26.Rxe8+ Kg7

[26...Rf8!]

27.Qe2 How to contest the e-file?

27...f4? That's not it.

[27...Kf6!? 28.Rh8 Kg7 29.Qe8 Rf8! 30.Rxf8 Qxf8 31.Qxf8+! Kxf8 32.b4 isn't good enough for White to win, it seems.]

28.Re6 f3?! 29.Qe4! f2+ 30.Kf1 Qd7 31.Qg6+ Kh8 32.Qxh6+ Kg8 33.Rg6+ 1-0

□ Giusti,Ambrogino

■ Rex,Tobiah

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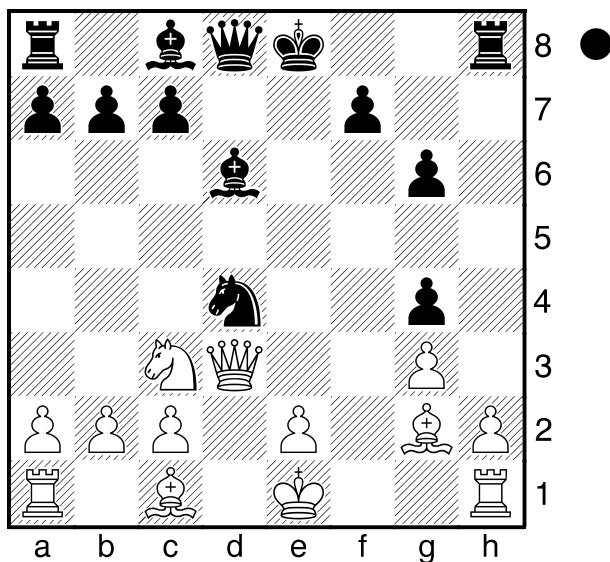
MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.23) 05.04.22

[Winslow, Elliott C.]

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3
g5 5.g3

[5.d4 g4 6.Ng5 (6.Ne5) 6...f5 7.e4
h6 8.e5 Be7 9.Nh3 gxh3 10.Qh5+]

5...g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6
hxg6 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.Bg2 Nxd4
11.Nc3



Nxc2+ 12.Qxc2 Rxh2 13.Qd3 Rxh1+
[13...Rxg2?? 14.Qe4+]
14.Bxh1 Bf5 15.Qe3+ Kd7 16.Bxb7
Rb8 17.Ba6 Rb6 18.Bc4 Qh8 19.Bxf7
Qh1+ 20.Kd2 Be7 21.a3 Rd6+
22.Bd5 Rxd5+ 23.Nxd5 Qxd5+
24.Ke1 Bc5 25.Qd2 Bd4 26.e3 Qh1+
27.Kf2 Qh2+ 28.Ke1 Qg1+ 29.Ke2
Qg2+ 30.Ke1 Qxg3+ 31.Qf2 Qxf2+
32.Kxf2 Be5 33.e4 Bxe4 34.Ke3 Bd5
35.Rb1 g3 36.Bd2 g2 37.Bc3 Bh2
38.Kf2 g5 39.Bd4 a5 40.Ke2 Kd6
41.Kd3 c5 42.Be3 c4+ 43.Kc3 Bf4
44.Bf2 Kc6 45.Bg1 Bd6 46.Bf2 Bc5
47.Bd4 Be4 48.Re1 Bxd4+ 49.Kxd4
Bd5 From this even position it would

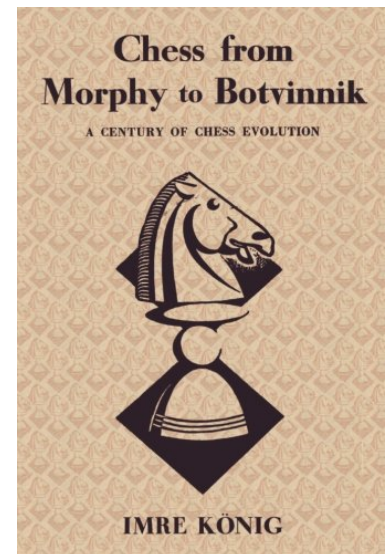
appear that White lost on time.
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20th Imre Konig Memorial

The 20th Imre Konig Memorial G/45 held on Saturday 4/2 was a great success, with more than 70 participants competing in two sections. NM Michael Aigner showed up, as did FM Ruiyang Yan, but both were eclipsed in the top (over section 1800) by NM Jiangwei Yu and Expert Sricharan Pullela who tied for 1st place with 3.5 – 0.5 scores. Both won \$319.50 apiece for their efforts. The under 1800 section also saw a tie, with Christopher Powers and Jayden Lee both scoring a perfect 4 -0, with each netting \$190.50.

The tournament was expertly directed by Local TD Arthur Liou, who happens to be an old student of Aigner's.

For the full cross-tables and list of prize winners: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/20th-konig-memorial-championship-g45-person>



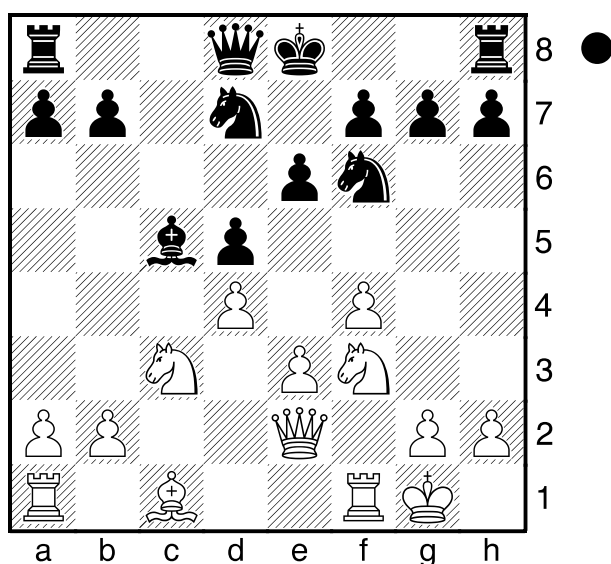
IM Imre Konig at the Mechanics' Institute in the 1950's.

(Editor's Note: FM Paul Whitehead just happened by chance to stumble on the following two games that were left lying about the Chess Office. Both were played in the Konig.)

Mei, Ethan
 Nathan, Nitish
 20th Konig Mem. (1)
[Whitehead, Paul]

A03
1805
2050
 02.04.2022

White is content to bat the ball back and forth, while black couldn't find a way in. This game is a good illustration of the "fortress defense". 1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Nf3 c6 4.d4 Bf5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 e6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qe2 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc5= 11.d4?!

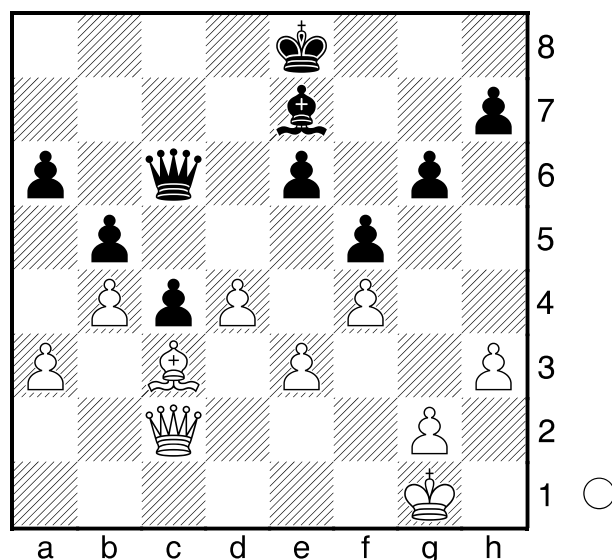
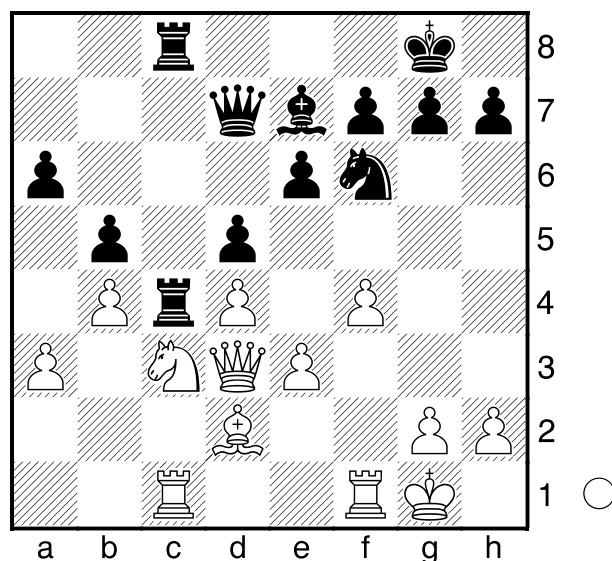


White would do better playing for e4 rather than fixing his pawns on the color of his own bishop. 11...Be7 12.Bd2 0-0 13.Rac1 a6 14.a3 b5 15.b4 Nb6 16.Ne5 Rc8 17.Rc2 Nc4 18.Nxc4 Rxc4 19.Rcc1 Qd7 20.Qd3 Rfc8

(Diagram)

Black has a nice advantage: control of the c-file and the c4 square. 21.Ne2 Ne4 22.Nc3 Nxc3 23.Rxc3 Rxc3 24.Bxc3 Rc4 25.Bd2 f5 26.Rc1 Qc6 27.Rxc4 dxc4 28.Qc2 Kf7 29.h3 g6 30.Bc3 Ke8

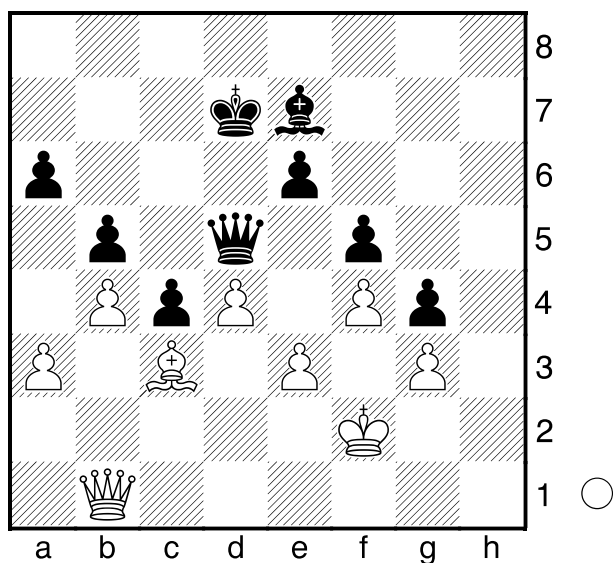
(Diagram)



To make progress black should try to create another weakness in white's camp, either through ...a5 and ...axb4 and/or advancing pawns on the kingside. 31.Kh2 Kd7 32.Kg3 h5 33.Qb1 Qc7 34.Kf2 Qc6 35.Kg3 g5 36.Kf2 Qd5 37.g3 g4 38.hxg4 hxg4

(Diagram)

A critical moment, and white responds with the only move. 39.e4! fxe4 40.Ke3 Bd6 41.Qxe4 Kc6 42.Qxd5+ Kxd5 Despite having an advantage all the way



through, black could not find a way through.
1/2-1/2

Gu,Thomas **C56**
 Yan,Rayna **1354**
 20th Konig Mem. (4) **971**
 [Whitehead, Paul] 02.04.2022

A game where black makes one mistake too many. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 c5 10.Ne2 Be7?**

(Diagram)

Simply dropping a pawn in the center.
11.f3

[11.Qxd5!]

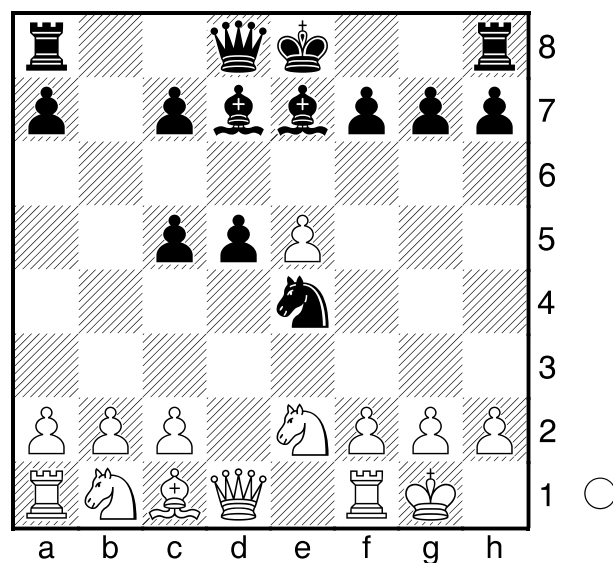
11...Ng5 12.f4 Ne4 13.Nd2?

[Simply 13.Qxd5!]

13...Nxd2 14.Bxd2 0-0 Black is out of the woods and white has only a slight advantage in space. **15.f5 Bg5?**

Exchanging this bishop weakens the dark squares. Better was

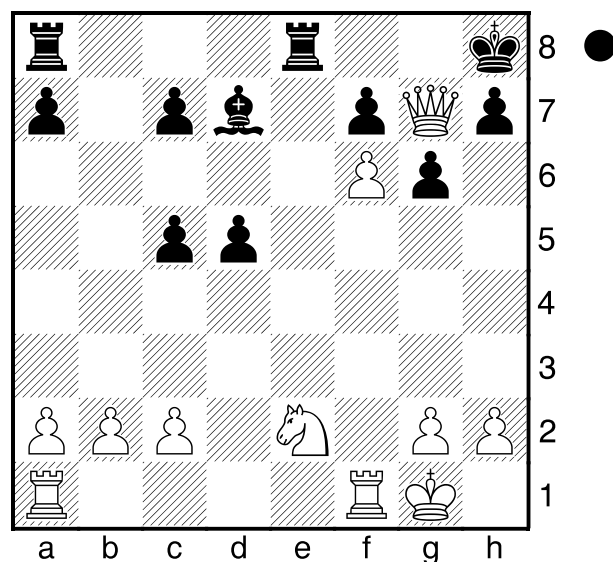
[15...Re8]



16.f6! Bxd2 17.Qxd2 Re8?

[17...gxf6 18.exf6 Kh8 was the last chance. Now it's a forced mate.]

18.Qg5 g6 19.Qh6 Qxf6 20.exf6 Kh8 21.Qg7#



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FM Paul Whitehead

Chess is everywhere.

Is **Poker** more complex than chess? Some people seem to think so:

<https://www.splicetoday.com/writing/poker-is-more-complex-than-chess>

A run down on some **apps to teach you** how to play:

<https://www.online-tech-tips.com/smartphones/9-best-apps-to-learn-chess/>

Cincinnati Reds **All-Star Joey Votto** meets **Garry Kasparov** for a quick chess lesson:

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/mlb/2022/04/04/joey-votto-chess-meeting-garry-kasparov-world-champion-before-reds-spring-training-game/7266265001/>

San Francisco's own **Wired Magazine** keeps their readers in the chess loop:

<https://www.wired.com/story/how-to-learn-chess-online-sharpen-game/>

Dot Esports continues to put out **entertaining and informative** chess basics:

<https://dotesports.com/chess/news/how-to-castle-in-chess>

Some of these chess **streams and streamers** are mildly hilarious (and informative):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxLyeoobXdY>

Sideways Chess? You can find a discussion on the **Neural Chess** YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJgiF-H5GRk>

Chess thrives in **Antigua**:

<https://antiguaobserver.com/antiguan-chess-players-compete-in-first-official-hybrid-tournament%E2%82%AC%80/>

The **Good Knight Chess Pub** in Oslo attracts the World Champion and the **Hollywood glitterati**:

<https://chess24.com/en/read/news/frequented-by-chess-fans-celebrities-worldchampion-inside-story-good-knight>

GM Elshan Moridiabadi is teaching **Afghan refugee children** in North Carolina:

<https://www.wfsb.com/2022/04/05/bright-spot-chess-gives-afghan-refugee-children-taste-home/>

A public library in **Canada** is looking for **chess teachers**:

<https://chathamvoice.com/2022/04/05/chess-club-returns-to-library/>

A chess tournament is coming up in **Novato** to raise money for permanent **outdoor chess tables**:

<https://patch.com/california/novato/calendar/event/20220416/1822113/san-marin-chess-tournament>

English soccer team pulls '**smart chess moves**' by snagging superstar **Cristiano Ronaldo**:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-10688825/Man-City-tricked-Man-United-signing-Cristiano-Ronaldo-chess-claims-Shaun-Goater.html>

FIDE recognizes **World Autism Day** with a panel discussion:

<https://fide.com/news/1678>

Russian **GM Danil Dubov** talks about a **revolution**:

<https://www.spiegel.de/international/world/interview-with-chess-grandmaster-daniil-dubov-the-only-way-to-change-everything-in-russia-is-a-revolution-a-a4fb9574-a4f0-4f98-a457-fc6287faee81>

The **USCF** is having a **Free Book Giveaway** prior to moving to St. Louis:

<https://new.uschess.org/civicrm/mailling/view?reset=1&id=1914>

Finally, **140 tarantulas** are discovered hiding in a **chess set** on their way to **Mexico**:

<https://www.the-sun.com/news/5033806/tarantulas-hidden-chess-set-airport-video/>

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Dr. Judit Sztaray

Byes, forfeits and extra games

It may be a boring topic for some of you, but since it carries significance throughout the tournament and affects multiple players, I thought to do a refresher on byes, forfeits, and extra games.

Byes: There are three types of byes.

Half-point bye: Also known as pre-requested byes. These are worth 0.5 point, and are assigned to players for rounds they request pre-tournament or pre-round, before pairing. While this is worth 0.5 point, the player's rating is not affected, since there was no game played. We also can use half-point bye for any player who joins the tournament late.

SwissSys Standings. Falconer: 1800+

#	Name	ID	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total	Prize
1	Nathan Fong	13001390	2082	W21	W8	W7					3.0	
2	Edward Lewis	12601629	1982	W28	W10	W11					3.0	
3	Elliott Winslow	10363365	2258	W27	D6	X14					2.5	
4	Eugenio Garcia	14637025	2103	W16	H---	W17					2.5	
5	Michael Walder	10345120	2073	W22	D15	W12					2.5	
6	Nicholas Weng	15499404	1974	W29	D3	W15					2.5	
7	Sean Kelly	16962568	2008	W23	W24	L1					2.0	
8	Kristian Clemens	13901075	1935	W30	L1	W22			H---	H---	2.0	
9	Mikhail Molodyk	13573825	1851	L11	W23	W24					2.0	
10	Stephen Parsons	16566932	1660	W25	L2	W21					2.0	
11	Yusheng Xia	13471910	2294	W9	H---	L2	H---				1.5	
12	Frederic Dutter	12343420	1900	H---	W18	L5					1.5	
13	Kayven Riese	12572270	1900	D18	L17	W30					1.5	
14	Jesse A Turner	20052503	1893	H---	W19	F3					1.5	
15	Guy Argo	12517167	1874	W20	D5	L6					1.5	
16	James Bowen	12786949	1813	L4	W28	D20					1.5	
17	Arjun Sankar	14542170	1677	H---	W13	L4					1.5	
18	Jashith Karthi	30016333	1618	D13	L12	W29					1.5	
19	Christopher Dessert	15048166	1602	D26	L14	W27					1.5	
20	Sebastian Suarez	16875347	1601	L15	B---	D16			H---		1.5	

IMPORTANT: I always try to print out a standing where it lists all the rounds of the tournament, so that players can clearly see all their pre-requested byes. This is where **YOUR HELP** comes in: **please always double check your requested byes in future rounds** when you see these types of standings to see if the director did his/her job correctly. This does save us

from the error of unintentionally pairing you when you wanted a half-point bye, and saving someone from a round with no game just a forfeit win.

Full-point bye: also known as assigned byes. These are assigned by the tournament director in case there are an odd number of players in a section: there will be one player who will not get an opponent and the full point goes to this player. There are strict rules on who can get a full point bye. Generally it's always the lowest rated player in the lowest section. Of course there are a few other rules that we need to consider: once a

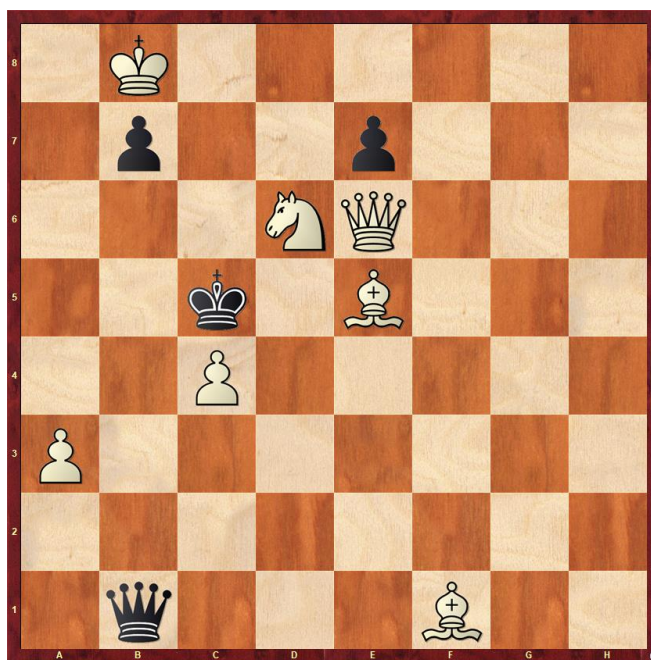
player receives a full point bye, that player cannot get another full point bye again. Also, you don't give a full point bye for someone who has requested a half point bye in either rounds that already happened or will happen in the future. Finally, tournament directors have the discretion to decide whether or not to give a full point bye to unrated players. I personally do not give full point byes to those who are unrated because I want those players to play as many games as possible, so that they get a realistic rating as soon as possible.

Zero point bye: When a player uses up all the available half-point byes, they may request byes, and those will be zero point byes. If these are at the end of the tournament they are essentially withdrawals, except if a player withdraws, then they become ineligible for any prizes. However, if they request a zero-point bye, they stay eligible.

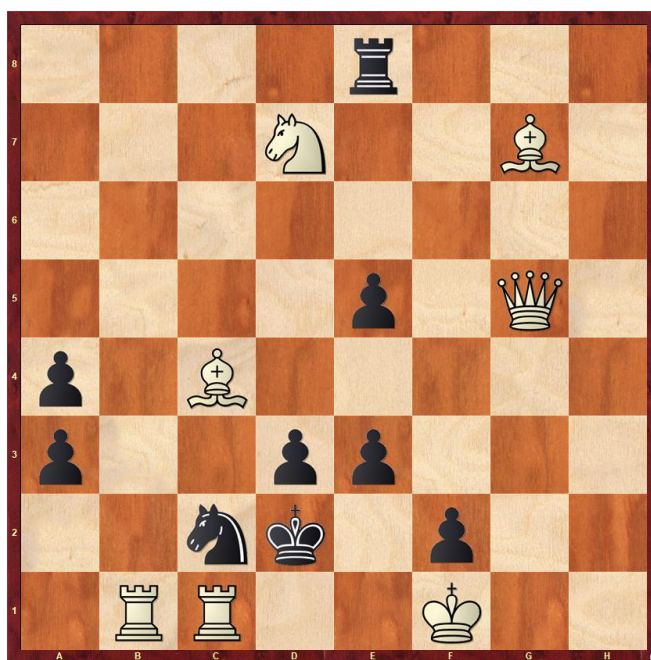
Forfeit wins/losses: When pairings are made and a player does not show up to play their game, the game is forfeited. The player who didn't show received a forfeit loss, and the opponent received a full point forfeit win. If a player calls in before the round starts but after the pairing has been posted, if the tournament is only USCF-rated, the tournament director has the discretion to repair and post new pairings. Under FIDE rules, however, once the pairings have been posted, the tournament director cannot change the pairings, and cannot repair the section. Therefore, during our Tuesday Night Marathon, once we pair Monday by noon, any person calling in sick/can't make it will receive a forfeit loss, and their opponent is awarded the forfeit win. Again, since there is no game played, these do not affect the players' ratings.

Extra Game: Often times when players are faced with receiving a forfeit win, the full point is little consolation for the missed action. These are the scenarios when a good tournament director may try to find an opponent for the player, and find them an opportunity for an extra game. These extra games are reported in a separate "section" of any tournament, and the result of these games do not affect the standing of the tournament. I often say to beginner players: if you win your extra game, you will only receive one point for the tournament standing, not two points.

Tony's Teasers



1. Barry Andrade 1952. White to play and mate in 2.



2. William Whyatt 1966. White to play and mate in 3.

Richard Hack

Stories from the Chess Cafe

"To play a complicated Rook ending with that much control is amazing."

"That's what these players face in Carlsen."

Sometimes I want to give Café comments without attribution and not always in chronological sequence. I often take notes at such interesting events just for myself and keep lots of them. Perhaps I can bring out the spirit of the discussion in a way similar to what Boris Gelfand describes on page 83 of *Positional Decision Making in Chess* (2017) in regard to his first tournament game with Garry Kasparov (a draw at Linares):

"We analysed it in the postmortem after the game in the old-fashioned way: with lots of people watching and strong players offering suggestions. These days some players tend to rush to their hotel room to get the computer's opinion rather than develop one of their own. I still analyse my games afterward with people such as Kramnik, Aronian, Topalov, Ivanchuk – the guys who grew up learning chess in this way!"

"Lawrence Trent said Hans Niemann is going places. There was the World Championship Rapid and Blitz: with 100 in the Open section, he tied for 6th with Gelfand and others. In 18 months he's gained 120 rating points."

There were questions and other considerations concerning this. And there was praise for an article Hans wrote for Chess Life. A lot of us remember when his rating went from 1000 to 2000 in 12 months.

"Carlsen beats Firouzja. Nice attack by Black turns out to be nothing."

Aronian vs. Anand: "As impressive in a way as Rostlewski-Rubinstein. Anand said he was thinking of that game during this one."

"I always play for a win with White, and Aronian always plays for a win with both colours. Especially against me! Aronian is one of those people who wants to beat you more, the more he likes you." (Gelfand, *Dynamic Decision Making in Chess*, 2016).

Queen endings. "Here I like to get the King in the shadow of his Queen."

"This is known in history as the Paul Whitehead check."

"I played it once and got away with it."

Pia Cramling vs. Alexey Rudolph, 1981. "Pia was the 5th woman grandmaster. Probably the world's strongest woman for about five years, before the Polgar sisters appeared. . .

A draw in a Rook and Pawn ending; pretty tricky as a rule."

"Gaprindashvilli, Balashov, and Panno tied for first at Lone Pine. Nona Gaprindashvilli has a lawsuit against Netflix for misrepresenting history in their film version of The Queen's Gambit by Walter Tevis."

". . . Qd4 wins, so I played Qd5 to stop it. His nose turned red."

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<https://www.milibrary.org/chess/online#Chesscafe>

Upcoming Events

Ongoing Tuesday Night Marathon:

Falconer Memorial Tuesday Night Marathon,

March 1 - April 12, 2022, 6:30PM. USCF + FIDE Rated. 7SS G/120;d5

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/falconer-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

Register: [https://mechanics-](https://mechanics-institute.jumbula.com/2022Tournaments/FalconerMemorialTuesdayNightMarathon)

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Mechanics' Institute April Championship Quads

Saturday April 9, 2022, 3PM. USCF Rated. 3RR G/30;d5

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-championship-quads>

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Mechanics' Institute Monthly Scholastic Swiss – In Person

Saturday April 9, 2022, 10AM. USCF Rated. 4 Games of G30;d5

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-institute-monthly-scholastic-swiss-person>

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April USCF Online-Rated Scholastic Tournaments via ChessKid.com

Sunday April 17, 2022, 3PM. 6 games of G/15+2

Saturday April 23, 2022, 3PM. 6 games of G/10+2

For information and links to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/uscf-online-rated-scholastic-tournaments-2022-chesskidcom>

14th Annual Steve Brandwein / RaySchutt / Jay Whitehead Memorial Blitz

Sunday May 1, 2022, 1PM. 6 Double Round Swiss. G/4min +2

(Registration coming soon)

Solutions to Tony's Teasers

Problem #1: 1.Ka8! Qxf1 (1...exd6 2.Qxd6#) 2.Nxb7#.

Problem #2: 1.Ba6!! Nd4 (1...Kc3 2.Qxe3 and 3.Qxd3#) 2.Nf6! e4 3.Qa5#.

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