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■ Diller,Bradley R

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[Diller,Brad]

1.d4 4 Nf6 2.c4 16 e6 3 3.Nc3 5 Bb4

3 4.Qc2 6 d5 5 5.cxd5 7 exd5 51

6.Bg5 7 h6 1:03 7.Bh4 1:33 g5 10

8.Bg3 5 Nc6 18 9.e3 11 h5 7:45

10.f3?! 16:04 I have not seen 10 f3

before but it has been played before in

GM play. It seems to me suspect

because White weakens his e3 pawn in order to secure his bishop on f2 after h4.

[Δ10.Bb5 10 Bb5 is typically played

here and Black is able to achieve

equality. Here is a sample line that

has been played in GM play h4

11.Be5 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.h3

Rb8 14.Nge2]

10...Qe7 14:04 Qe7 was the logical continuation to exploit the weakness of the e3 pawn after f3, ostensibly preventing 0-0-0 because of a tactic.

11.0-0-0?! 45 Qxe3+ 6:43 12.Rd2? 2:06

[I did not consider 12 Rd2 in my analysis, but it turns out to be an error where I win a couple of pawns with a clear advantage. I thought 12 Kb1 was not possible because of these key lines that I analyzed after 12 ... Nxd4. 12 Qa4+ loses because of 14 ... Bf5+ and 12 Bb5+ is refuted by 13 ... c6. However, White has an astonishing resource 13. Rxd4 that I did not consider which seems to almost equalize. Although, White is down an exchange and a couple of pawns, Black's queen can be harassed by White's dark-squared bishop and Black's king is weak.

12.Kb1 Nxd4

A) 13.Bb5+ c6-+;

B) 13.Rxd4 Qxd4 14.Bf2 Qf4

15.Bd3 c6 (Δ15...Bxc3 16.Qxc3

Bf5 17.Nh3 Bxd3+ 18.Qxd3 Qd6

19.Nxg5 b6 20.Bd4 Kf8 21.Qf5

Rh6 22.Bxf6 Rxf6 23.Nh7+ Kg7

24.Nxf6 Qxf6 25.Qxd5=) 16.Nh3

Bxh3 17.Bg3 Qd4 18.Re1+ Be6

19.Bf2 Qf4 20.Bg3 Qd4 21.Bf2

Qf4 22.Bg3 Qd4 23.Bf2

1½-1½ Predke,A (2657)-Sarana,A

(2651) FIDE World Cup Khanty-

Mansiysk 2019 (1.2) With a

perpetual.;

C) 13.Qa4+ Bd7 14.Qxb4

(14.Bb5 Nxb5 15.Nxb5 Qc5-+)

14...Bf5+ 15.Ne4 dxe4 16.Qxd4

Qxd4 17.Rxd4 exf3+ 18.Kc1-+]

12...Nxd4 17:42 13.Qa4+ 30 Nc6 8

14.Bf2 1:29 Qf4 39 15.Bg3 38 Qe3 44

16.Bf2 45 Qf4? 2 Here, I should have

gone for the win with 16... Qe7 but I did

not feel comfortable because of the

potential tactical complications with the

advanced h and g pawns and took the

draw which guaranteed me at least 3rd

place. In the words of Craig Mar, I

chickened out in a better position where I was up material.

[Δ16...Qe7 17.Bb5 0-0 18.Nge2

Ne5+]

17.Bg3 26:10 Qe3 17

1½-1½

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□ Tsodikova,Natalya

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■ Shrauger,Alex Hayden

2200

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[TA]

1.e4 2 c5 12 2.Nf3 7 e6 2 3.b3 11 a6

2 4.Bb2 22 Nc6 2 5.g3 2:56 d5 58

6.exd5 2:03 exd5 8 7.Qe2+ 2:57 Be6

20 8.d4 -0.37/31 7:59

[White should play 8.Bg2= 0.29/31]

8...Qf6 0.08/32 3:02

[8...cxd4 ♖ -0.37/31

is more appropriate. 9.Bxd4 Bb4+

10.c3 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qf6]

9.c4!= 4:29 **cxd4?** 3.52/24 3:04

[9...0-0-0= 0.00/31 and Black has nothing to worry.]

10.cxd5+- 11:58 Pin **10...Bb4+** 11:51

11.Nbd2 3:27 **d3** 2:33 **12.Bxf6** 0.31/27 3:21

[12.Qxd3? Qxb2 13.Rb1 Bxd2+ (13...Qxa2 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Rd1 ♜) 14.Nxd2 Qe5+ (14...Qxa2 15.dxc6 Qa5 16.cxb7 ±) 15.Be2 Qxd5 (15...Bxd5? 16.0-0-+) 16.Qxd5 Bxd5-+]

[12.Qxe6+!+- 4.70/25 fxe6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.dxc6]

12...dxe2± 2 **13.Bxe2** -0.18/30 7:59

[13.Bxg7± 0.32/31 exf1R+ (13...exf1Q+ 14.Rxf1 Bxd5 15.a3=) 14.Rxf1 Bxd5 15.a3 Bxd2+ 16.Nxd2]

13...Nxf6= 10 **14.dxe6** -1.77/23 1:56

[14.dxc6= -0.24/30 and White has nothing to worry. 0-0-0 (14...bxc6 15.0-0=) 15.cxb7+ Kxb7 16.a3]

14...0-0-0? -0.12/31 35 Black sacrificed a pawn

[14...Ne4!+- -1.77/23 15.exf7+ Ke7]

15.0-0-0 -1.47/25 2:10

[15.exf7 Ne4 16.Rd1 Rhf8-+]

[15.a3!= -0.12/31 Bc3 16.Ra2]

(Diagram)

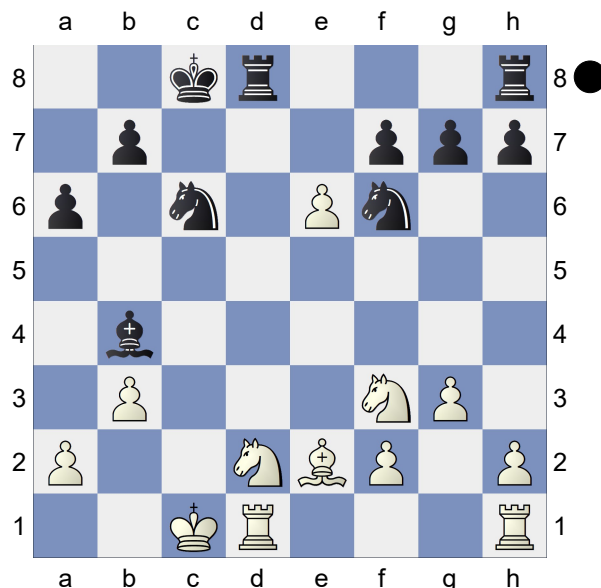
15...Ba3+! ♜ 4:57 **16.Kb1** -1.88/24 34

[16.Kc2 ♜ -1.50/27 Rhe8 17.Bc4 fxe6 18.Kb1]

16...Nd5+ 32 **17.Rc1** -2.54/24 9:07

Against Nc3+

[♠17.Rde1 -1.72/27 Nc3+ (17...fxe6 18.Ne4=) 18.Ka1 (18.Kc2 Nxa2 19.b4 Bxb4 ♜)]



17...Bxc1 28

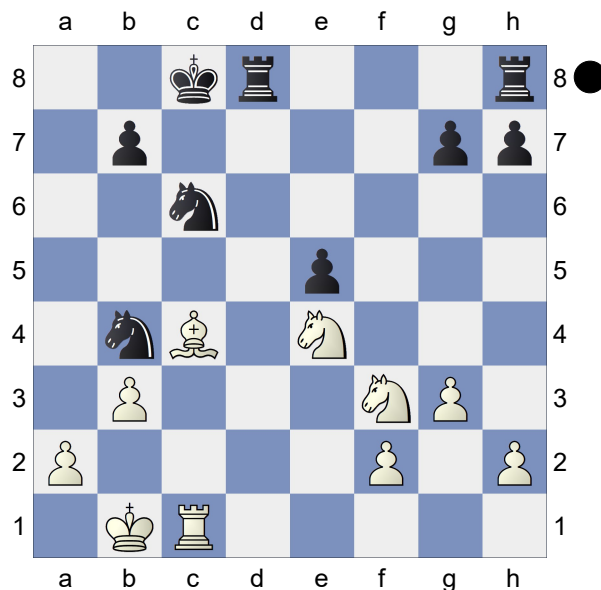
[17...fxe6 18.Rc4=]

18.Rxc1 2 **fxe6** 1:31 **19.Bxa6** 4:18

Ndb4 2:47 **20.Bc4** 1:22 **e5** -1.25/30 32

[20...Nd3-+ -2.75/26 has better winning chances. 21.Rf1 Rhf8 22.Bxe6+ Kb8]

21.Ne4 ♜ 2:05



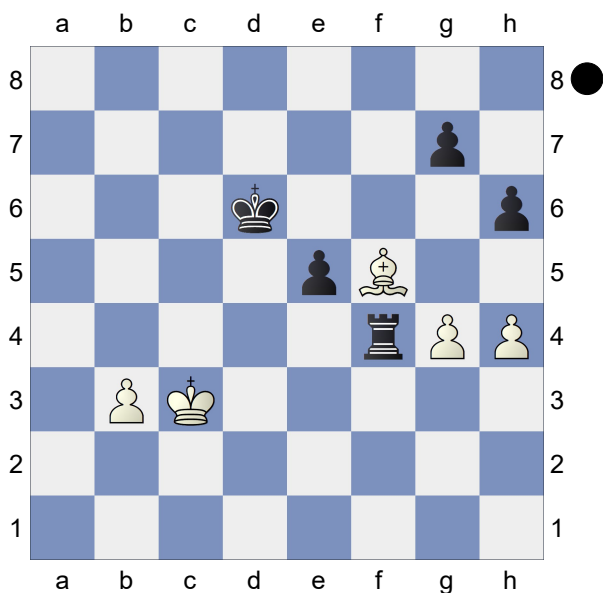
h6 -0.36/30 5:24 Dodges Nfg5

[21...Kb8! ♜ -1.22/32 and ...h6 would now be decisive 22.Nfg5 Na5]

22.a3 ♜ 1:50 **Nd3** 1:14 **23.Rc3** -3.28/23 1:47 Black converts the advantage convincingly.

[23.Bxd3! ♜ -0.45/28 Rxd3 24.Nxe5

Rxb3+ 25.Ka2]
23...Rh8!-+ 54 24.Rxd3 -4.49/25 3:38
 [24.Bxd3 -3.19/26 keeps fighting.
 Rxf3 25.Bc2 Rxc3 26.Nxc3]
24...Rxd3 28 Remove Defender
25.Bxd3 2 Rxf3 12 Endgame KRN-
KBN 26.Bc4 36 Kc7 6:00 27.Kb2 36
Nd4 1:10 28.a4 2:52 Kc6 3:35 29.h4
3:32 b5 2:56 30.axb5+ 18 Nxb5 4
31.Be2 41 Rf8 5 32.Bc4 2:35 Nd6 1:25
33.Bd3 49 Kd5 35 34.Nxd6 2:54 Rxf2+
3 35.Kc3 27 Kxd6 3 36.Be4 34
Inhibits Rf3+. 36...Rf1 42 37.g4 58 Rf4
5 38.Bf5 1:11



h5! 5

Weighted Error Value: White=1.01/
 Black=0.48

Loses game: White=1
 Black=1

Missed win: White=1
 Black=1

Mistake: White=7
 Black=3

Inaccurate: White=3
 Black=1

OK: White=4
 Black=9

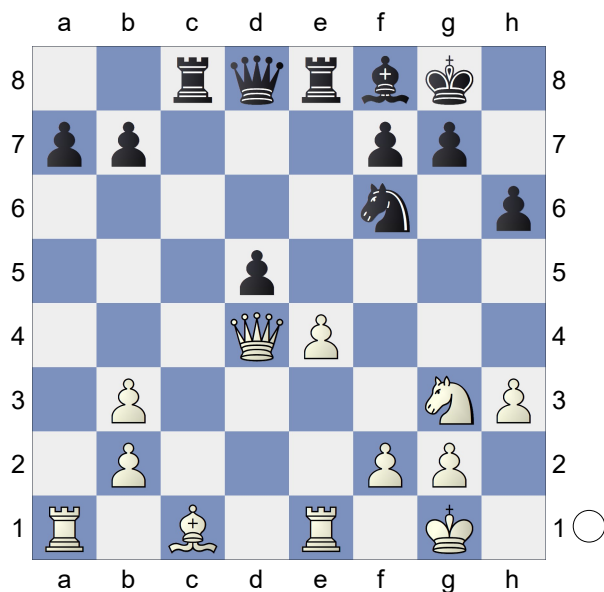
Best: White=4
 Black=3

Strong: White=1

Black=1
 0-1

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 [TA]

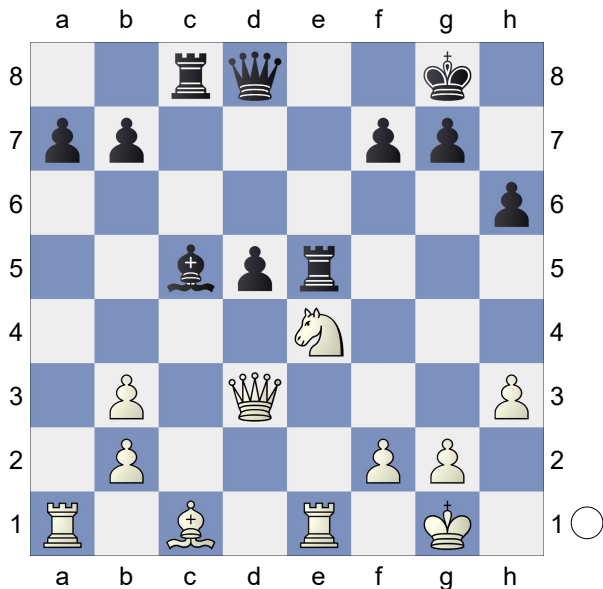
1.e4 1:57:34 e5 5:03 2.Nf3 6 Nc6 4
 3.Bc4 8 Nf6 7 4.d3 5 Be7 6 5.c3 45
 0-0 8 6.Bb3 8 d6 2:16 7.0-0 29 Na5 56
 8.Bc2 23 c5 8 9.Re1 1:07 Nc6 32
 10.Nbd2 2:38 Re8= 4:12 11.Nf1 31 h6
 33 12.Ng3 18 Bf8 1:10 13.h3 3:22 Be6
 15:23 14.d4 3:31 cxd4 4:24 15.cxd4 14
 exd4 15:58 16.Nxd4 1:17 Nxd4 11
 17.Qxd4 9 Rc8 50 18.Bb3 4:34 Bxb3
 2:05 19.axb3 8 d5 3:52



20.e5 19:19 Bc5 1:11 21.Qd3 2:49 Ne4
 11:13 22.Nxe4 52 Rxe5 20

(Diagram)

23.Bf4 17:22 Rxe4 12 24.Rxe4 23 dxe4
 5 25.Qxe4 11 Qb6 5:57 26.Qf3 3:52
 Bd4 48 27.Rd1 1:34 Bxb2 13:17
 28.Rd7 4:34 Qc6 2:41 29.Qxc6 2:22
 Rxc6 22 30.Rxb7 23 a6 5 31.Be3 1:42



An even fight not without its subtleties.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
 1/2-1/2

□ Horowitz, Phineas F **A70**
 1912
 ■ Winslow, Elliott **2200**
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[Tactical Analysis/Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 2 Nf6 14 2.c4 7 e6 1:06 3.Nf3 56
 c5 37 4.d5 2:09 exd5 8 5.cxd5 18 d6
 27 6.Nc3 1:01 g6 22 7.e4 2:07 Bg7 30
 8.Bd3 1:48
 [8.h3!/?]

8...a6 2:44 9.a4 31 Bg4 30 I used to
 like to keep pieces on the board, and
 was always surprised to see that Nick
 De Firmian, former U.S. Champion,
 former MI Grandmaster in Residence,
 former housemate, went out of his way
 to trade off this bishop. Oddly it was one
 of those "Play the..." series books on
 the Alekhine Defense that reminded me
 of the principle: "When short on space
 trade a minor, even bishop for knight."
 No more logjams on d7, no more rooks
 still languishing on a8. Easy! 10.h3 2:24

[I was surprised to see this game in
 the Mega database. Watson! And as
 late as 2019. And in Denver! 10.Bf4
 0-0 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qe7 13.0-0
 Nbd7 14.Qe2 (This game even
 surprised me *more*: 14.Rfe1 Ne5
 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.Qe3 Rfe8 17.a5
 Rac8 18.f4 Qe7 19.Kh1 Nd7 20.Qf3
 c4 21.Bc2 Rc5 22.Ra4 f5 23.Rb4
 Rxa5 24.Rxb7 Qh4 25.Rd1 Nc5
 26.Rc7 fxe4 27.Nxe4 Nxe4 28.Bxe4
 Rb5 29.Rxc4 Rxb2 30.Rf1 a5
 31.Rc7 Rb4 32.Bb1 Re1 33.Rc8+
 Bf8 34.Rc1 Rxc1 35.Rxc1 Qxf4
 36.Qxf4 Rxf4 37.Ba2 Bh6 38.Rc2
 Rf1+ 39.Kh2 Bf4+ 40.g3 Be5
 41.Rg2 g5 42.Bc4 Rc1 43.Be2 a4
 44.Bd3 a3 45.Ra2 Rc3 46.Bf5 Rxc3
 47.Bg4 Rxc3+ 0-1 (47) Hakobyan, S
 (1980)-Winslow, E (2321) Alan Benson
 Memorial TNM, San Francisco 2016)
 14...Rfe8 15.Rae1 Nh5 16.Bh2 Be5
 17.f4 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Qh4 19.Qf3 f5
 20.Re2 Bxc3 21.bxc3 fxe4 22.Bxe4
 Nhf6 1/2-1/2 (22) Gimbutas, Z-Watson, J
 (2208) Denver 2019]

10...Bxf3 6 11.Qxf3 14 0-0 22
 [11...Nbd7 12.Bf4 Qe7
 was my Hakobyan game move order]

12.0-0 4:35 Nbd7 2:54 13.Bf4 2:40
 It's a bit complicated. White's primary
 plan, dictated by the pawns, is e4-e5 and
 a dangerous d-pawn. Getting in f4 could
 be a useful addition. But the f-file is
 collecting obstacles. Still, Stockfish
 goes for piece play with this move.
 13...Qc7 4:45 14.Rae1?! -0.38/28 15:35
 Everyone knows "knights before bishops,
 " but do they also know "queen before
 rooks"?

[14.a5= 0.25/29]
 [14.Qe2!/?±]

14...Rfe8?! 1:10
 [14...c4! 15.Bc2 Rab8 16.a5!?
 (16.Qg3 Nh5! see game!) 16...Ne5!?

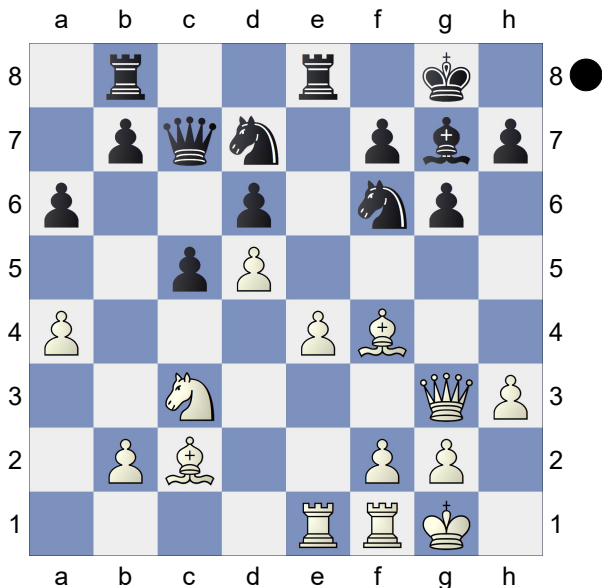
17.Bxe5 dxe5 I still have ...Ne8-d6,
very harmonious.]

15.Bc2 6:00

[15.Bb1!?]

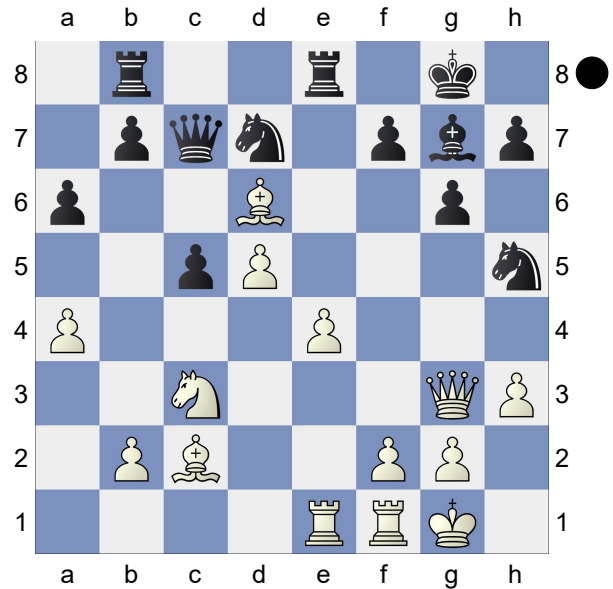
15...Rab8 1:18 **16.Qg3?** -2.23/23 3:41

[16.Qe2!= -0.16/30 and White has
nothing to worry. (TA) (EW: But SF17.
1 has a small plus for Black after
16...c4 $\bar{f}$ (or maybe first 16...Nh5
17.Bh2 c4 18.a5 b6 19.axb6 Rxb6
20.Ba4 Reb8) 17.a5 b6 18.axb6
Nxb6 19.Be3 Nbd7 (I misread and
had 19...Nfd7 for a while. I know it's
all going to turn into "0.00" but at
least it's taking a while. Oh wait, it's
White with +0.15 or so. Anyway,
wrong knight.) 20.Rb1 a5 21.Rfc1
White abandons (postpones!?) f4/e5
etc. to first neutralize Black's
queenside play. Rb4 22.b3 cxb3
23.Rxb3 Nc5 24.Rxb4 axb4 25.Nb5
It's still fairly even, but at least it's
Black striving.]



Phineas didn't fully appreciate the
tactical morass we were now entering!
(And honestly, neither did I fully!)

16...Nh5!-+ 4:24 **17.Bxd6** -3.16/26 7:25
[17.Qg4 -2.20/28]



17...Qb6! 1:36 **18.Qh2** 4:17 **Qxb2!** 1:20

19.Bxb8 53 How can you not grab a
rook! But

[19.e5 is "less lost" Qxc2! don't ask
me why this now! 20.Rc1 Qb2 21.f4
Ra8! Never entered my calculations!
22.g4 Qxh2+ 23.Kxh2 Nxf4 24.Rxf4
Bh6 Ooh! But hardly necessary]
[As is 19.g4 Qxc3 20.Bxb8 Nxb8
21.gxh5 Qxc2]

19...Bxc3!? 6:01 Not what I was
originally looking at.

[Less convincing is 19...Qxc3?!
20.Bd6 (20.Qc7 $\pm$) 20...Qxc2 21.e5
g5 $\bar{f}$ radical, but comes out on top]
[19...Rxb8 20.Nd1 Qxc2 21.Qc7
Qxa4 22.e5 $\bar{f}$]
[19...Nxb8! is best after all: 20.e5
Qxc3 21.e6 fxe6 (21...Qxc2?
22.exf7+ Kxf7 23.Qc7+ Deflection
Kf6 24.Rxe8+-) 22.Bd1 $\bar{f}$ (TA) e5!-+
(SF17.1)]

20.Re2 17:20 I confess, this was a
surprise. (You see, I get surprised a lot.)

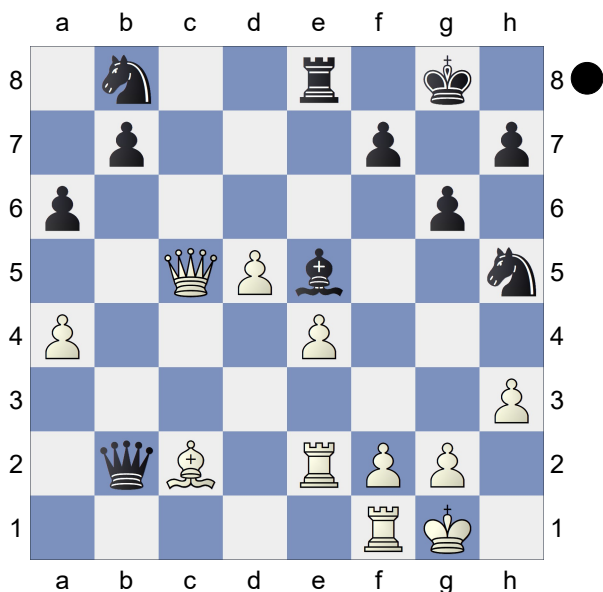
20...Nxb8 4:45

[20...Rxb8? 21.Qc7 Nhf6 22.f4=]

21.Qc7? -4.61/19 1:57

[21.Rb1 -2.86/24 keeps fighting. (TA)
And might well have caught me! I was
intending Qa3 (21...Qa2! 22.Qc7)

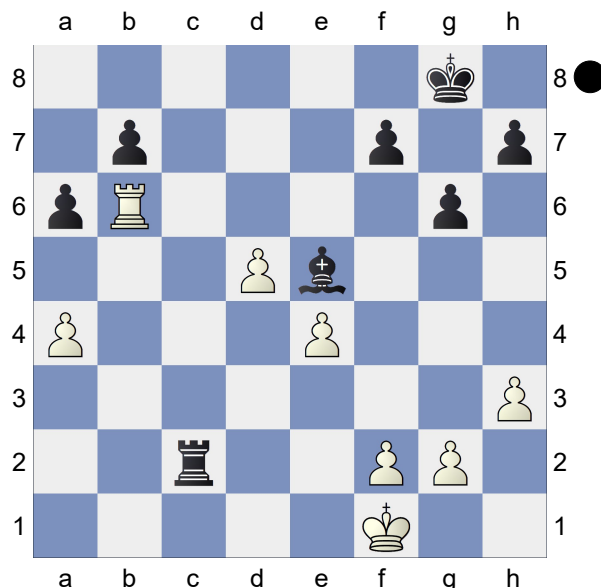
22.Re3! (22.Rb3 Qc1+)]
 [21.Rb1 Qa2! 22.Rxb7 Nd7!
 (22...Qa3!?)]
21...Be5 2:03 22.Qxc5 1:41
 Ah! And now I get to play...
 [22.Qa5 Nf4 23.Rd2 b6]



22...Ng3! 1:03 Double Attack This got a bit of a double take from Phineas!
23.Ree1 4:45
 [23.Qc4 Qd4]
23...Nxf1 42 24.Kxf1 13 Nd7 19
25.Qc4 29 Nb6 37 26.Qd3 53 Rc8 19
27.Rb1 3:06 Qxc2 7 28.Qxc2 6 Rxc2 6
29.Rxb6 5 He kept walking into my little cheapos!

(Diagram)

29...Rxf2+! 6 Decoy. KRB-KR. The "Tactical Analysis" was actually giving this "!!" which seems rather ridiculous. But it is a nice little shot, **30.Kg1 1:03**
 [30.Kxf2 Bd4+]
30...Rb2 7 31.Rxb2 57 Bxb2 7 32.Kf2 4 Kf8 9 33.Ke3 4 Ke7 16 TA: White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
 A cool game by Winslow.
 EW: I thought so too!



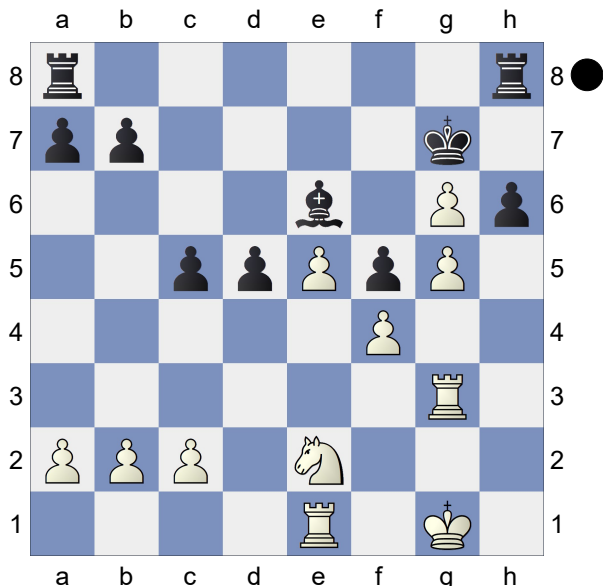
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 Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3
 Nxe4 5.d3 Nf6 6.d4 d5 7.h3 Bd6
 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Bg5 h6
 11.Bh4 Be6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Qd2 Nbd7
 14.Rae1 Qc7 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Ne5
 Nd7 17.f4 Qb6 18.Kh1 Bxe5 19.dxe5
 f5 20.g4 g6 21.Rg1 Kh7 22.h4 Nc5
 23.h5 Nxd3 24.hxg6+ Kg7 25.Qxd3
 Rf8 26.Ne2 Qf2 27.Qg3 Qxg3
 28.Rxg3 c5 29.g5
 [29.gxf5!]
29...Rh8 30.Kg1
 [30.b4!? hxg5+ 31.Kg1 Rh4
 32.Rf1!]

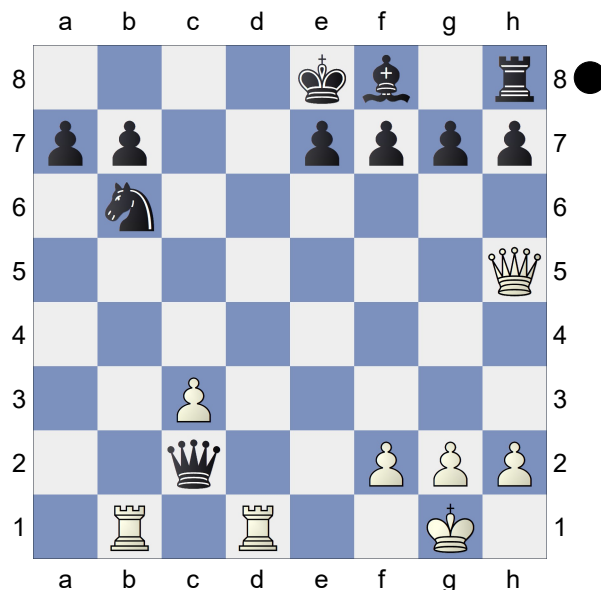
(Diagram)

30...Raf8?



[16...Qxc3 17.Bxd2 Qxd2 18.Rfd1 Qa5 19.Qe4 f6 20.Qxb7 Kf7 21.Re1 g5 22.Re2 h5 23.Rd1 h4 24.h3 g4 25.Qe4 gxh3 26.Qe6+ Kg7 27.Rd4 Rh5 28.Rg4+ Rg5 29.f4 Rxc4 30.Qxc4+ Kh6 31.f5 Qc5+ 32.Kh2 Qc7+ 33.Kxh3 Qg3+ 34.Qxc3 hxc3 35.Kg4 Nc4 36.Kf4 Kh5 37.Re1 Bh6+ 38.Kxc3 Be3 39.Kf3 Kg5 40.Ke4 Bb6 41.Kd5 Ne3+ 42.Ke6 Nxf5 43.Rc1 Ne3 44.Rc8 Kf4 45.Kxe7 Ke5 46.Rg8 Sebag,M (2438)-Kosintseva,N (2490) Gothenburg 2005 0-1 (62)]

17.Bxd2 Qxd2 18.Rfd1 Qc2 19.Qh5



Qe4N

[19...g5 20.Qf3 Bg7 21.Qxb7 0-0 22.Rbc1 Qf5 23.Qxe7 a5 24.c4 Bb2 25.Rd8 Rxd8 26.Qxd8+ Kg7 27.Rd1 Nxc4 28.h4 Bf6 29.Qd5 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 a4 31.Rc5 Nb2 32.hxc3 Be7 33.Ra5 a3 34.f4 Bb4 35.Ra8 Nd3 36.f5 Nc1 37.g4 h6 38.g6 a2 39.gxf7 Kxf7 40.Ra7+ Kf6 41.Ra6+ Kg5 42.Kf2 Bc3 43.Kf3 Bf6 0-1 (43) Brynell,S (2445)-Degerman,L (2480) Haninge 1997]

20.Qa5 Qa4 21.Qe5 f6 22.Qb8+ Kf7 23.Ra1 Qb3 24.Qxa7 Nc8 25.Qb8 Nd6 26.Re1 Qxc3 27.Rac1 Qd2

[30...d4]
31.Kf2?
 [31.b4!+- b6 32.Rb1]
31...hxc3 32.Rxc3 Rh2+ 33.Rg2 Rfh8
34.c3
 [34.Rxh2 Rxh2+ 35.Kg3 Rh8 36.b4!?]
34...R8h6 35.Reg1 b6 36.b4 d4
37.bxc5 bxc5 38.cxd4 Bd5 39.Rxh2 Rxh2+ 40.Ke3 Bc4 41.Ng3 cxd4+
42.Kxd4 Be6 43.a4 Rh4 44.Kc5 Rg4
45.Kd6 Bc8 46.e6 Kxc6 47.Ke5 Kh7
48.Rh1+ Kg8 49.Nxf5 Rg2 50.Ne7+ Kg7 51.Nxc8 Re2+ 52.Kf5 a5
53.Rg1+ Kf8 54.Kf6 Re4 55.e7+ Ke8 56.Nd6+
1-0

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1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 d5 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 Be6 10.Bxe6 Qxe6 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Rd8 13.Qh4 Qe2 14.Be3 Qxb2 15.Nd2 Rxd2 16.Rab1 Qxa2

28.Rcd1 Qc3 29.Rc1 Qd2 30.Rcd1

Qc3

1/2-1/2

□ Lewis,Edward

■ Chen,Quincy

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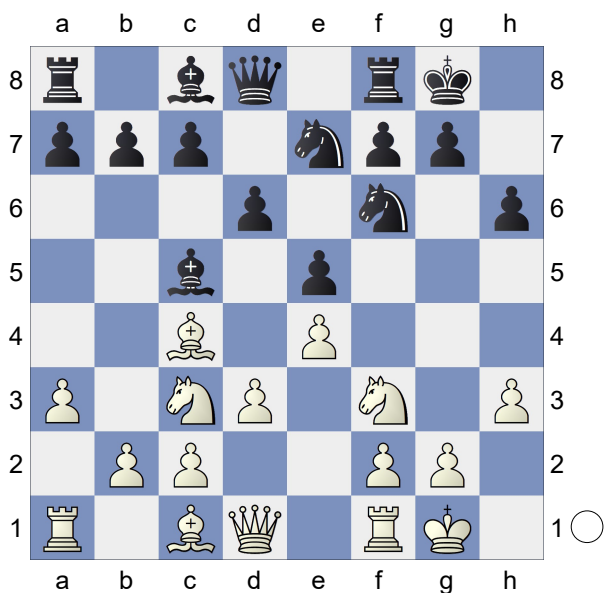
[Lewis,Edward]

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1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Bc5 4.Nf3
Nc6 5.Nc3 h6 6.a3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.h3
Ne7



9.Na4 Bb6 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.c3 Be6

12.Bb5!? Ng6 13.Ba4 Nh5 14.Bc2

Nhf4 15.Kh2 Qd7 16.Ng1 d5

Breaking in the center. 17.d4!?

(Diagram)

White breaks the center open too.

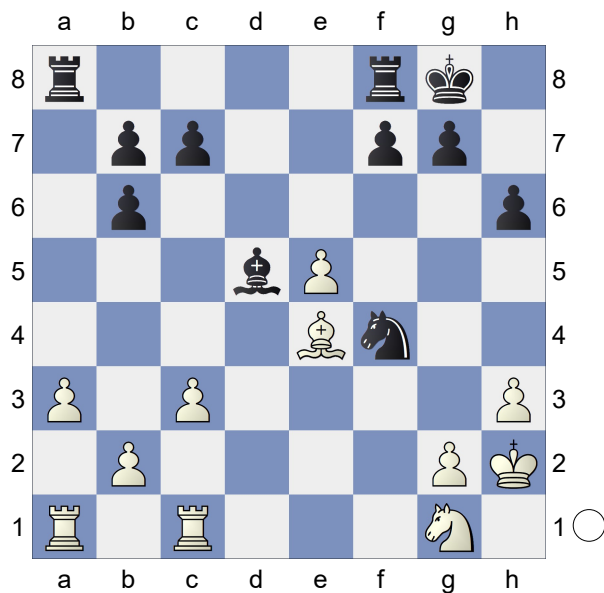
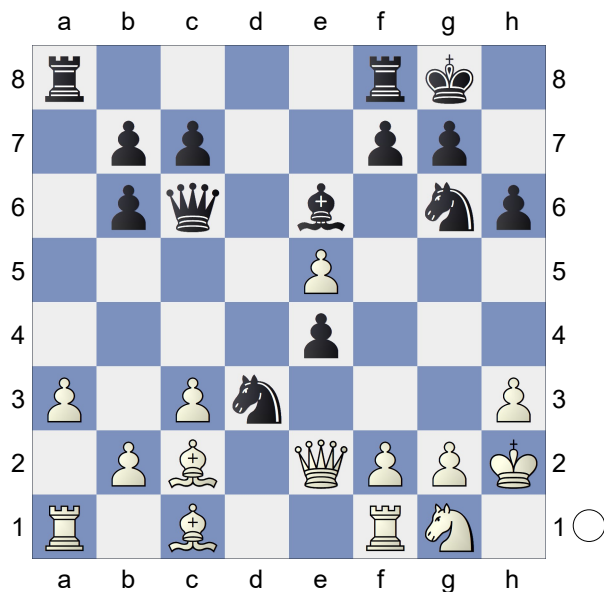
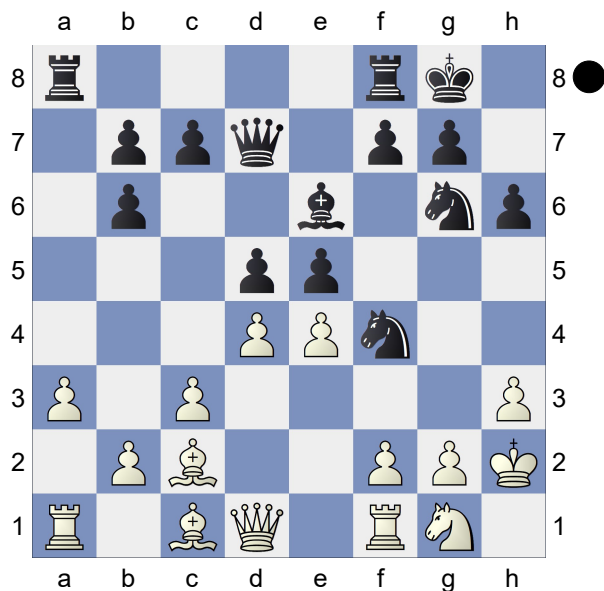
17...dxe4 18.dxe5 Nd3 19.Qe2 Qc6

(Diagram)

Now what? 20.f4!? Nxc1 21.Rfxc1

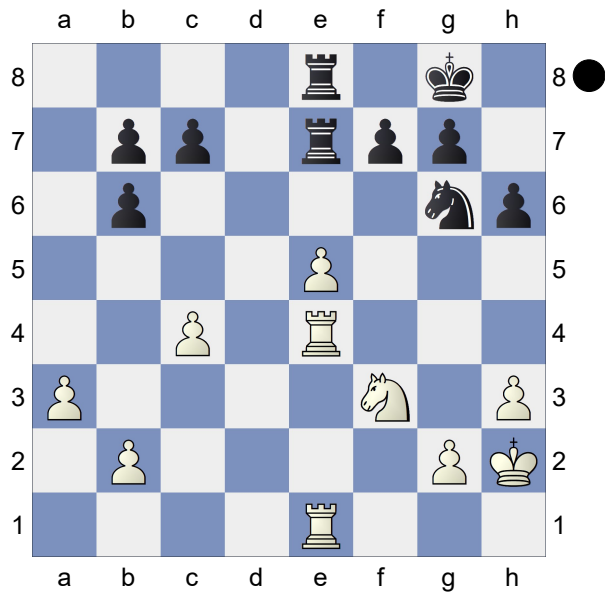
Nxf4 22.Qxe4 Qxe4 23.Bxe4 Bd5

(Diagram)

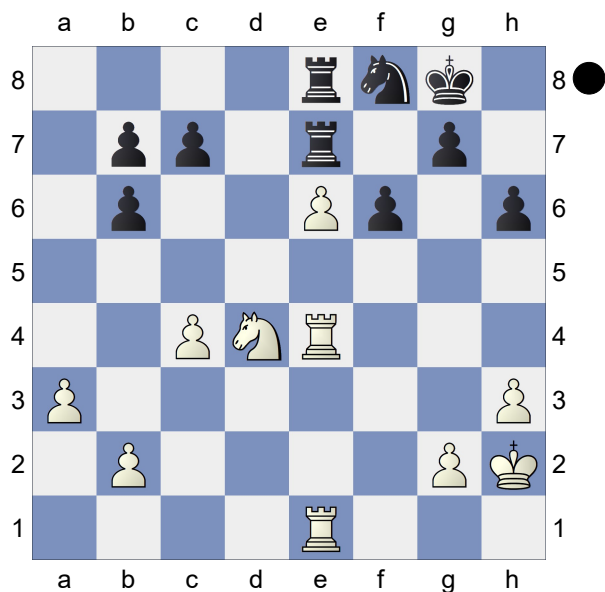


24.Bxd5 Nxd5 25.Nf3 Rfe8 26.c4 Nf4

27.Rd1 Re7 28.Rd4 Ng6 29.Re1
Rae8 30.Rde4

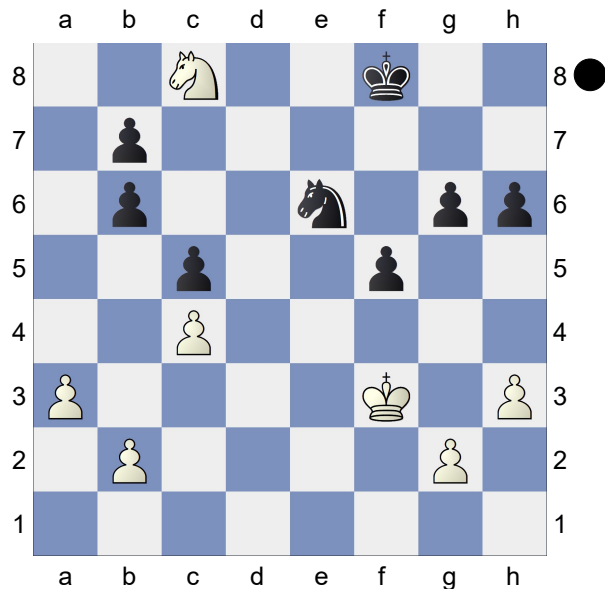


f6 Black is going to win the passed pawn. However, it comes with a price.
31.e6 Nf8 32.Nd4!

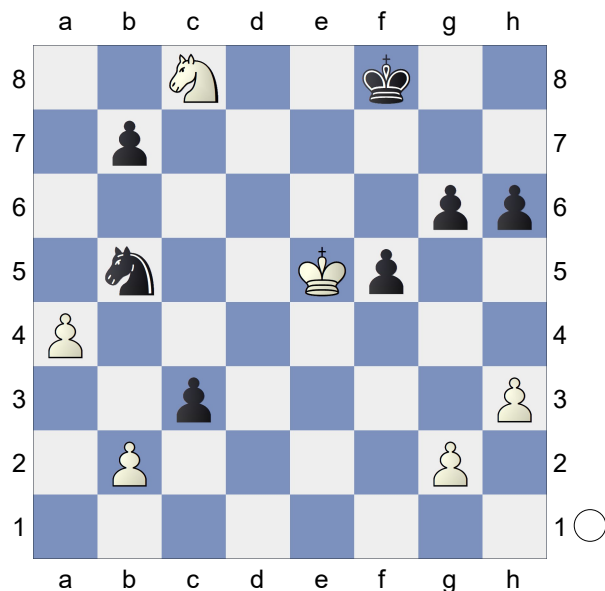


c5 33.Nf5 Rxe6 34.Rxe6 Rxe6
35.Rxe6 Nxe6 36.Nd6 White would like
the pawn back. The knight on d6
controls blacks king from entering the
game through the f8,e7 squares. A
check on c8 picks up the b6 pawn with
an pending outpost on d5. **36...Kf8**
37.Kg3 g6 38.Kf3 f5 39.Nc8

(Diagram)



b5! 40.cxb5 Nd4+ 41.Kf4 Nxb5
42.Ke5 c4 43.a4 c3!



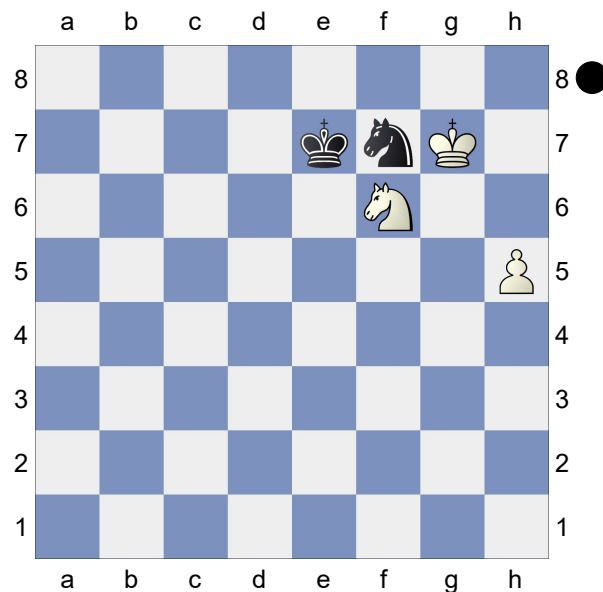
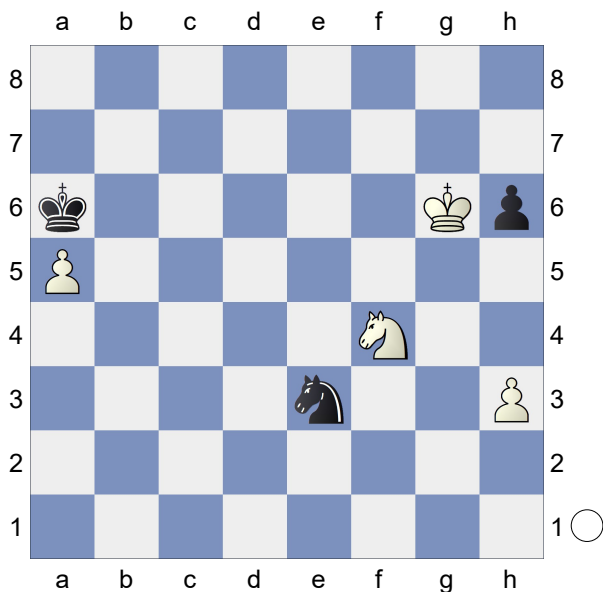
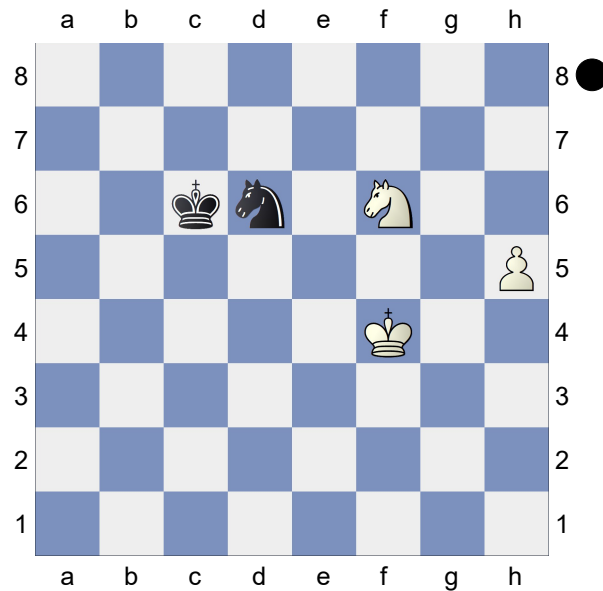
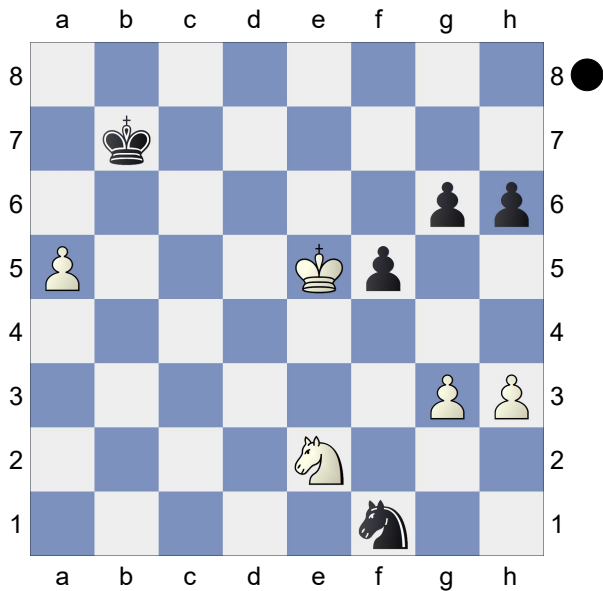
44.bxc3 Nxc3 45.a5 Nd1 46.Nd6 Ke7
47.Nxb7 Kd7 48.Nc5+ Kc6 49.Ne6
Ne3 50.g3 Nf1 What now? 51.Nd4+!
Kb7 52.Ne2

(Diagram)

Ne3 53.Kf6 g5 54.Kg6 f4 55.gxf4
gxf4 56.Nxf4 Ka6

(Diagram)

57.Kxh6 Kxa5 58.Kg5 Nf1 59.h4 Ng3



**60.Kg4 Ne4 61.Nd5 Kb5 62.Kf4 Nd6
63.h5 Kc6 64.Nf6**

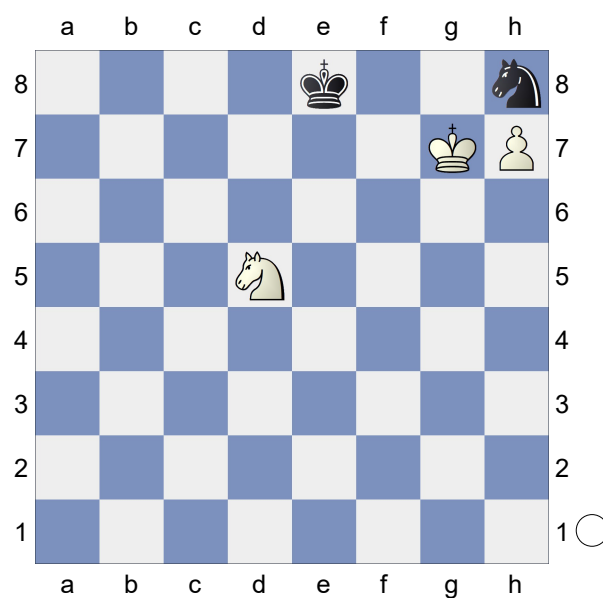
(Diagram)

Nf7 65.Kf5 Kd6 66.Kg6 Ke7 67.Kg7

(Diagram)

**Ng5 68.h6 Ne6+ 69.Kg8 Ng5
70.Nd5+ Ke8 71.Kg7 Nf7 72.h7 Nh8**

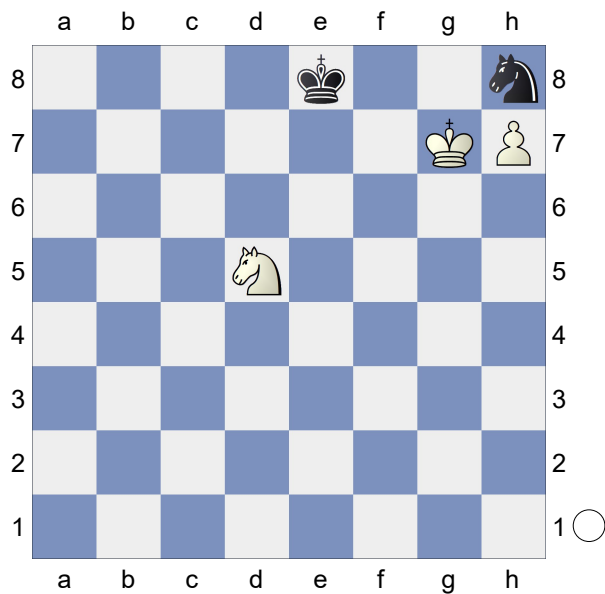
(Diagram)



I know not to take the knight as it is a

forced draw. In the following position, it

is actually mate in #14, can you find the mate? **73.Nf6+ Ke7 74.Nd5+ Ke8**

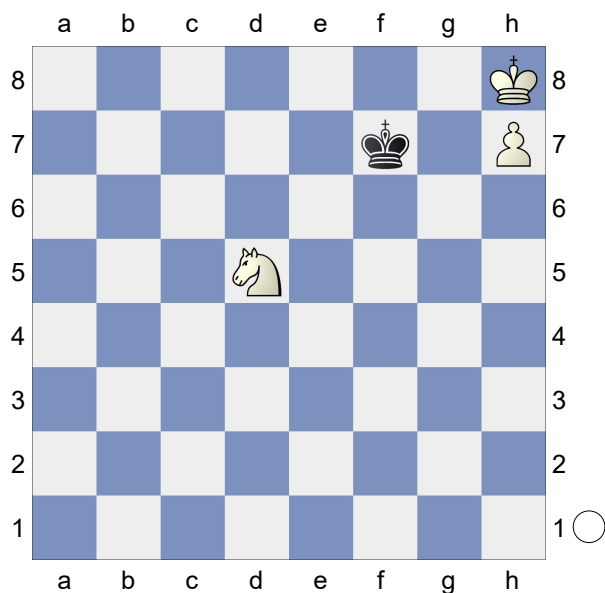


Here I lose my wits, I began to get low on time, I thought I could use my knight to check the king off of the key squares and escape with the king. This was not to be. **75.Kxh8??**

[EW: 75.Nf4! Nf7 76.Ng6⊙]

75...Kf7

[75...Kf8?? 76.Nf4 Kf7 77.Ng6]

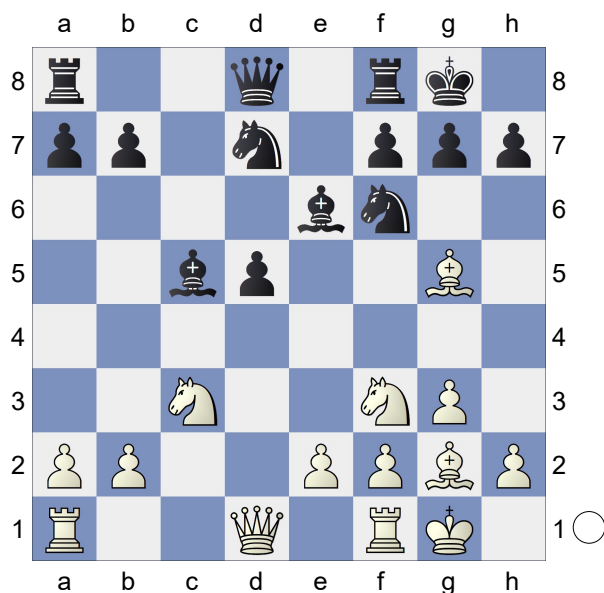


The White knight went on to play about 10 (EW: 10? More like 14) more moves around the board coming back to the f7 and f8 squares, but it's too late, it is a

draw by force. **76.Nc3 Kf8 77.Ne2 Kf7 78.Nf4 Kf8 79.Ng6+ Kf7 80.Nh4 Kf8 81.Nf5 Kf7 82.Nh6+ Kf8 83.Ng8 Kf7 84.Ne7 Kf8 85.Nf5 Kf7 86.Ng3 Kf8 87.Nh1 Kf7 88.Nf2 Kf8 89.Nd3 Kf7 1/2-1/2**

□ **Hao,Max** **D30**
 ■ **Smith,Roger Christopher** **2110**
 2025 Summer TNM: 2000+ (7.10) 19.8.25
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Nc3 Nbd7



11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Be7 13.Nd4 Bd5?!

[13...Bg4=]

14.Nf5±

[14.Nxf6+! Nxf6 15.Nf5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 h6 17.Bh4±]

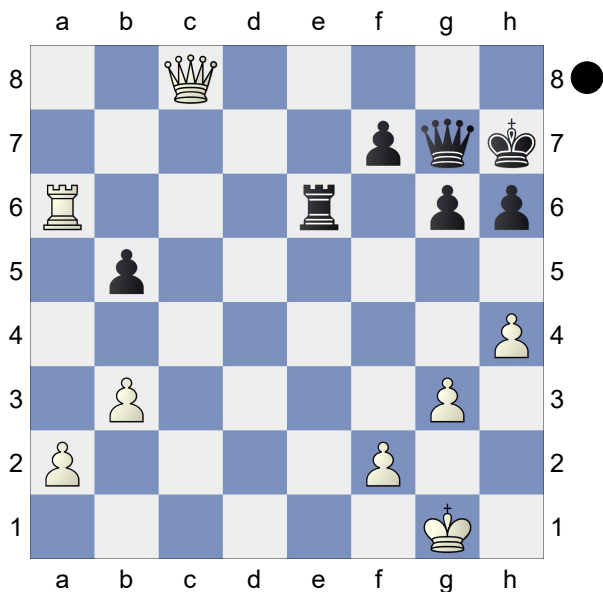
14...Bxe4 15.Bxe4 h6 16.Re1?

[16.Bxf6 Nxf6 (16...Bxf6 17.Qg4) 17.Bxb7 Rb8 18.Bf3±]

16...Re8?

[16...hxcg5?? 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 (17...Kh8 18.Bxb7 Rb8 19.Nc6)

18.Bh7+]
 [16...Bb4=]
17.Nxe7+ Rxe7 18.Bxf6 Nxf6! 19.Bf3
 [19.Qxd8+ Rxd8 20.Bh7+ Kf8=]
19...Rd7 20.Qa4 Qb6= 21.Re2 Rad8
22.Rae1 Rd2 23.b3 R2d3 24.Re8+
Nxe8 25.Rxe8+ Kh7 26.Be4+ g6
27.Bxd3 Rxd3= 28.Qc4 Rf3 29.Qe2
Qf6
 [29...Qc6]
 [29...Rf6]
30.Ra8 a6 31.Rb8 b5 32.h4 Rf5
33.Qe8 Qg7 34.Ra8 Re5 35.Qc8 Re6
 [35...Rf5!]
36.Rxa6±



Qa1+??
 [36...Re1+ 37.Kg2 Qe5±]
37.Kg2+- Re1 38.Qb7! Kg7 39.h5?!
 [39.Ra7!+-]
39...gxh5!± 40.Qc6! Re6?
 [40...Kg8!±]
41.Qxb5+- Re5 42.Qc6 Re6 43.Qb7
Re2 44.a4 h4 45.Qf3 h3+ 46.Kh2!
Qb2 47.Rf6 Re7 48.Rf4
1-0

□ **Walder, Michael** **B42**
 2020
 ■ **Gnana Hari Sekar, Easwar** **1887**
 2025 Summer TNM: 2000+ (7.11) 19.8.25
[Walder, Michael]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.c4

[Negi gives 7.Qe2 d6 8.f4 g6

A) 9.Nc3 Bg7 10.e5 dxe5
 11.Ndb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Qe7
 13.fxe5 Nd5 (13...0-0 14.exf6
 Bxf6 15.c3 Bd7 16.a4 Rd8
 17.Bf4 Bxb5 18.Bxb5 Nd7
 19.Qe3) 14.Nd6+ Kd8 15.Rf3
 (15.Rxf7 Qxf7) 15...f6 16.exf6
 Nxf6 17.Rxf6;

B) 9.f5 Bg7 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Nd2
 exf5 12.exf5 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6
 14.Qf2]

7...d6 8.b3 White is more active. 8...g6
9.Bb2 0.36/36

[White should try 9.Be3± 0.83/37]

9...Bg7 10.Nc3 0-0 White is slightly
better. 11.Rc1 b6 12.f4 0.00/32

[12.Qd2± 0.45/32 might be stronger.]

12...Nbd7= 13.b4 Bb7 14.f5 -0.90/31

[14.Rc2= -0.23/31 remains equal.]

14...exf5 -0.18/31

[14...Rae8!± -0.90/31 And now ...Bh6
 would win. 15.Kh1 Ne5]

15.exf5 Bh6 0.67/28

[15...Ne5= -0.22/33]

16.Rc2 0.17/30

[16.fxg6!± 0.67/28 hxg6 17.Rc2]

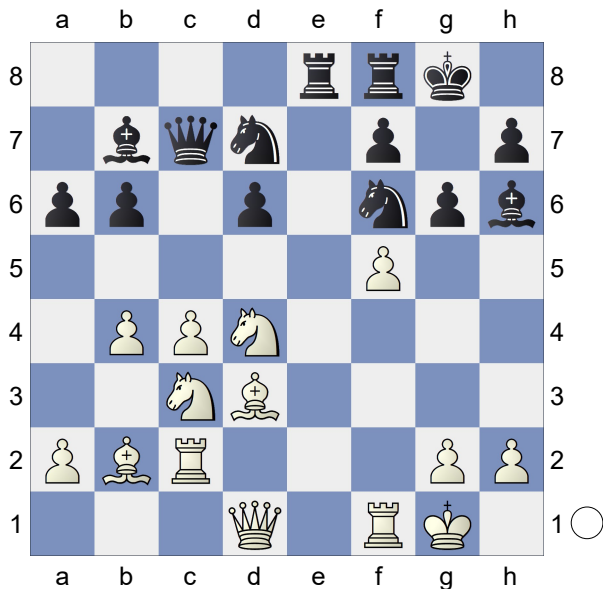
16...Rae8!

(Diagram)

17.Nd5! Qd8 18.Re2 Nxd5 19.cxd5
Bxd5 ...Rxe2 is in the air 20.Bxa6

And now fxg6 would win.

[20.fxg6 is interesting. hxg6 21.Nf5
 gxf5 22.Rxf5 Re5 23.Rxe5 dxe5
 24.Qh5]



20...Qa8 0.00/44

[20...Rxe2! -0.39/34 21.Bxe2 Qa8
(21...Bxa2? 22.Nc6+-; 21...Qg5
22.Rf2=)]

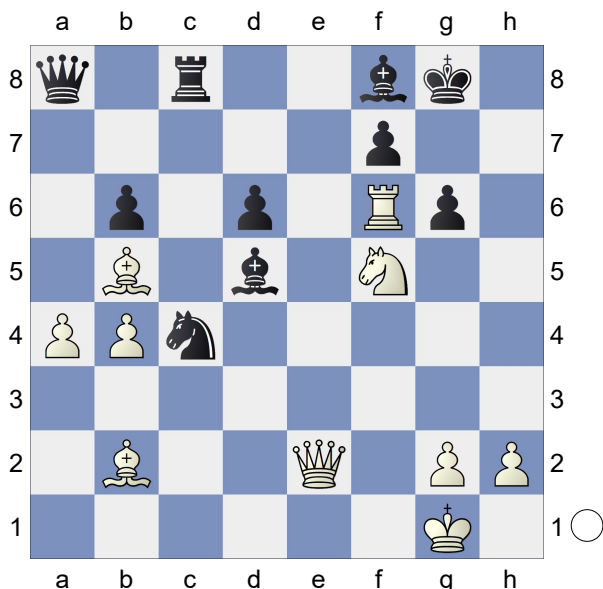
21.Bb5 Rxe2 22.Qxe2 Ne5 23.a4 Rc8
Prevents Bc1. 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Rf6?
-1.97/33

[25.h3= -0.07/32 and White stays
safe.]

25...Nc4?? 4.61/32

[25...Bg7!+- -1.97/33 26.Rf1
(26.Rxd6? perishes. Bc4+-) 26...Bc4
27.Bxc4 Rxc4 (27...Nxc4 28.Qf2)]

26.Nf5+- Pin, Double Attack 26...Bf8



27.Qg4? 0.00/62 Weighted Error Value:

White=0.38/Black=0.37

[27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.Ne7+ Bxe7
29.Qxe7 Qf8 30.Qxd6 Qxd6
31.Rxd6+-]

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□ Krishnan,Sreyshtaa

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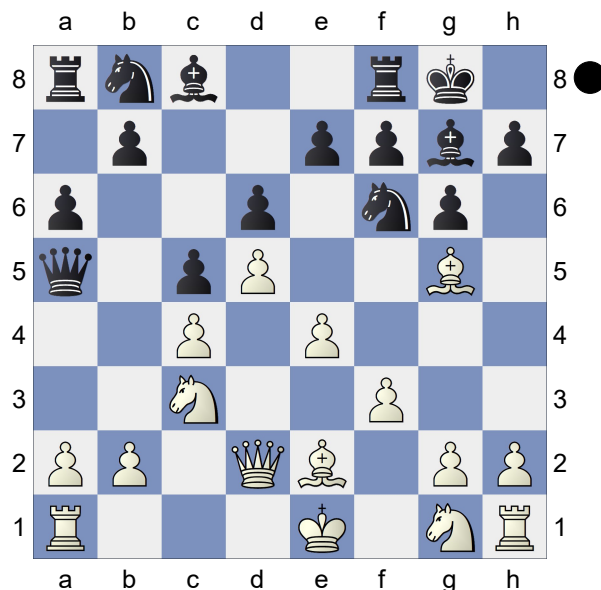
■ Byambaa,Uyanga

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2025 Summer TNM: 2000+ (7.12) 19.8.25

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Qd2
a6 9.f3

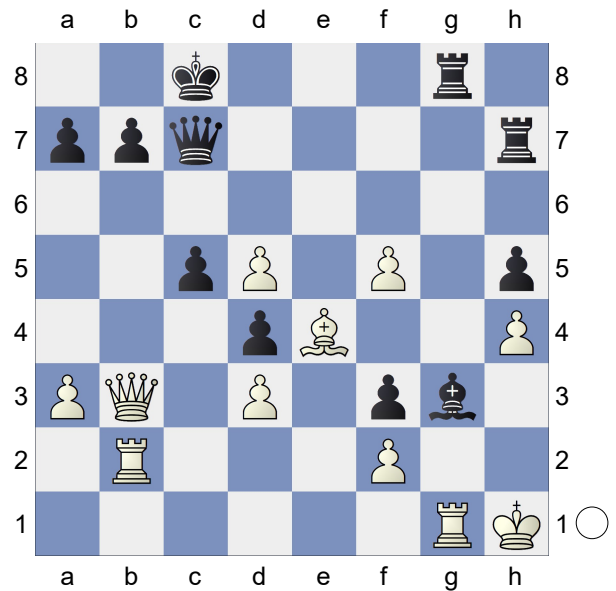


Bd7 10.Bd3 b5 11.Nge2 bxc4 12.Bxc4
Bb5 13.Nxb5 axb5 14.Qxa5 Rxa5
15.Bd2 b4 16.a3 Nbd7 17.0-0 Ne5
18.Rac1 Nfd7 19.axb4 cxb4 20.f4
Nxc4 21.Rxc4 Rb8 22.Nd4 Rc5
23.Rxc5 Bxd4+

0-1

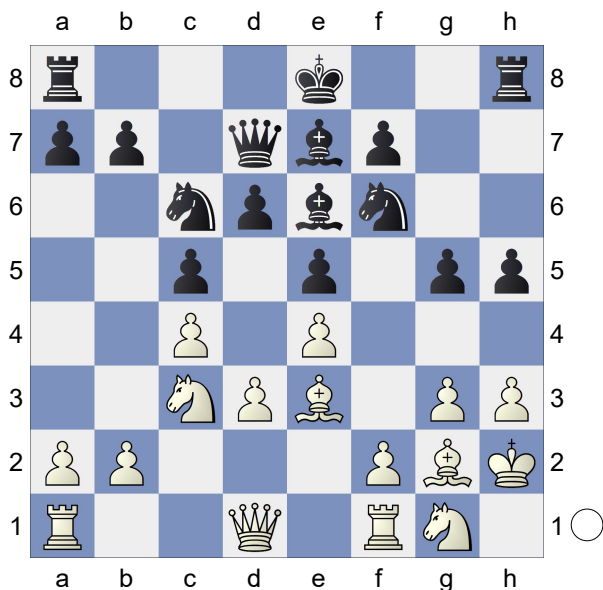
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 2000
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 2025 Summer TNM: 2000+ (7.13) 19.8.25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.c4 Bd6
 8.Kh1 Nc6 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.Nc3 b6
 11.f4 e5 12.f5 Bb7 13.Be3 0-0-0
 14.c5 Bxc5 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.Qe2 Qa5
 17.b3 Qxc3
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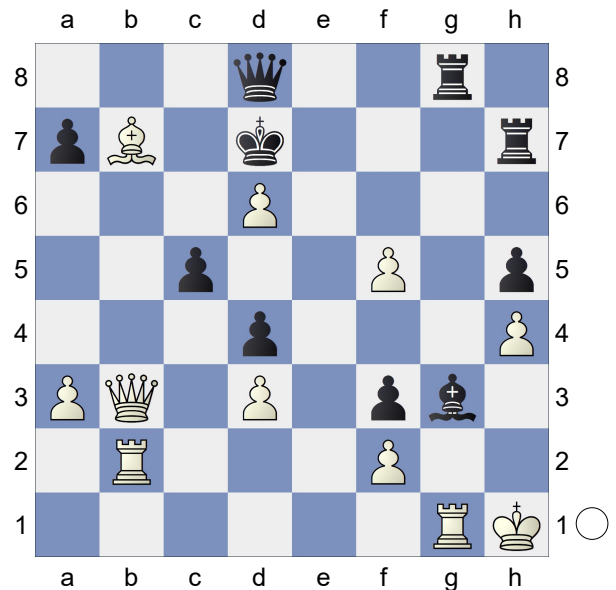
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 1923
 1917
 2025 Summer TNM: 2000+ (7.14) 19.8.25
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e4 e5
 5.d3 h6 6.g3 d6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 Bg4
 9.h3 Be6 10.Be3 Qd7 11.Kh2 g5
 12.Ng1 h5



13.Nd5 0-0-0 14.a3 Rdg8 15.b4 Bxd5
 16.cxd5 Nd4 17.bxc5 dxc5 18.Rb1
 Ng4+ 19.Kh1 f5 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.exf5
 Bd6 22.Qb3 Rh7 23.Rb2 Qc7 24.Bf3
 Ne5 25.Be4 g4 26.h4 Nf3 27.Nxf3
 gxf3 28.Rg1 Bxg3

29.d6 Qd8 30.Bxb7+ Kd7



31.Qe6#
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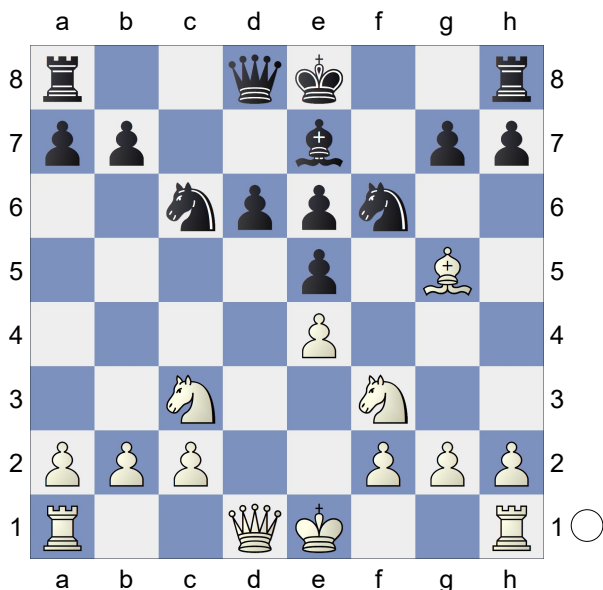
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 2025 Summer TNM: 2000+ (7.15) 19.8.25
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 e5
 [6...e6]
 [6...Qb6]

7.Nf3 Be6 8.Bxe6

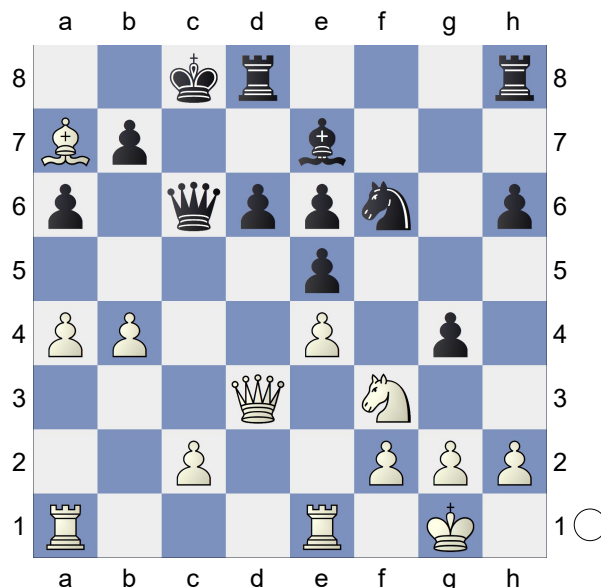
[**Relevant**: 8.Qe2 Rc8 9.Bb3 Be7
10.0-0 0-0 11.Be3 Na5 12.Rfd1 Nc4
13.Bc1 Qc7 14.Nd2 Rfd8 15.Nxc4
Bxc4 16.Bxc4 Qxc4 17.Qxc4 Rxc4
18.Bg5 Kf8 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Rd3 a6
21.a4 Be7 22.f3 Rdc8 23.Rd5 Rb4
24.Ra2 Rc6 25.Kf1 Bg5 26.Rd3
Rbc4 27.Ra1 Bd8 28.Rad1 Ba5
29.Nd5 Rxc2 30.b4 Bb6 31.R3d2
Bd4 32.Ke2 g6 33.Rxc2 Rxc2+
34.Rd2 Rc1 35.Rd1 Rc6 36.Kd3
Kg7 37.Rd2 Kh6 **Atabayev,Y (2415)-
Mosadeghpour,M (2510) Mersin 2021**
½-½]

8...fxe6 9.Bg5 Be7



10.Qd3N

[**Predecessor**: 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 d5
12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7
14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Nxc3
16.bxc3 Rad8 17.Qe2 Qc7 18.Rxe6
Qxc3 19.Re1 Rd2 20.Qb5 Rdx2
21.Re8 Qxc2 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.Qd6
Rxc2+ 24.Kh1 Rxh2+ 25.Qxh2
1-0 (25) **Neuhausen,R (995)-Molina,V**
(492) **LSS email 2019**]
10...Qa5 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.a3 h6 13.b4
Qc7 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.Be3 a6 16.Na7+
Nxa7 17.Bxa7 Qc6 18.Rfe1 g5 19.a4
g4



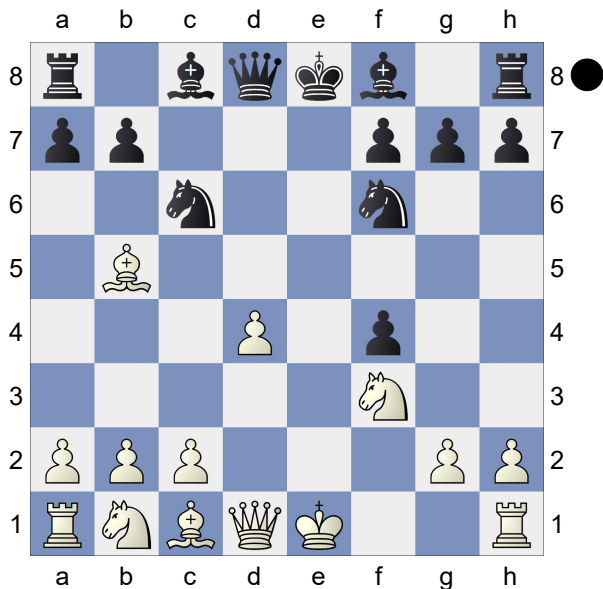
20.Ra3 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 d5 22.Rc3
dxe4 23.Rxc6+ bxc6 24.Qxa6+ Kd7
25.Nxe5+ Ke8 26.Qxc6+ Kf8 27.g3
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□ **Chernobilskiy,Mikhail** **C36**
■ **Jones,Clarence** **1889**
2025 Summer TNM: 1600-1999 (7.5) **1758**

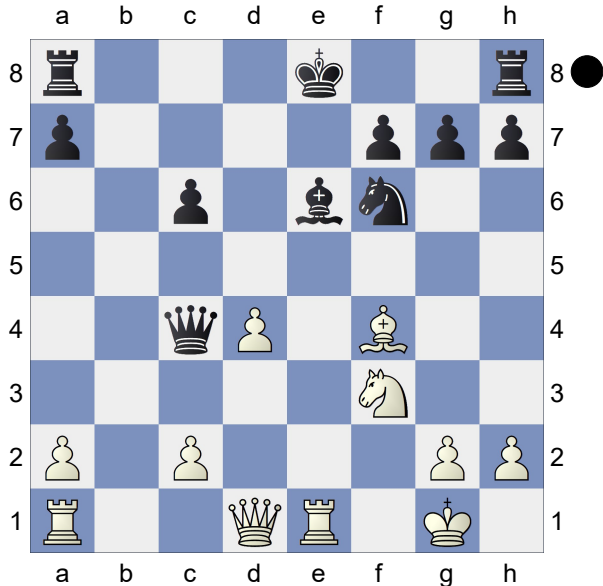
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d5 1:09 4.exd5 2:08 Nf6 22 5.Bb5+
6:27 c6 5:52 6.dxc6 3:43 Nxc6 6:43
7.d4 -0.84/30 11:10
[7.Nc3= -0.30/29]

(Diagram)

7...Qa5+ 0.17/32 10:02
[7...Bd6!± -0.84/30]
8.Nc3= 14 Bb4! 16 9.Bxc6+ 9:32 bxc6
29 10.0-0! 1:43 Bxc3 0.21/33 3:16
[10...0-0 -0.17/33]
11.bxc3 7 Qxc3 2:43 12.Bd2! 10:24
White sacrificed a pawn
[But not 12.Bxf4 0-0=]
12...Qc4 2:00 13.Re1+ -0.10/32 3:19
[13.Qe1+± 0.55/29 Be6 14.Bb4]



13...Be6 1:38 14.Bxf4 2:45



0-0 2:24 15.Ne5 2:04 Qa4 2:33 16.Qd2 -0.20/32 10:08

[16.c4 0.20/31 Qxd1 17.Rexd1 (17.Raxd1 Rac8±)]

16...Ng4 11:53 17.Nxg4 7:25 Bxg4 19 18.Bd6 24 Rfe8 1:29 19.c3 3:35

aiming for Qg5. 19...Qc4 2:22 20.Bc5 5:08 Opposite bishops and equal position 20...Be6 2:36 21.a4 1:38 a6 0.00/39 15

[21...a5± -0.42/28 is superior.]

22.a5 15 Bd5 43 23.Be7 2:21 Be6 2:31 24.Bd6 4:06 Bd5 2:16 25.Be5 55 Re6 56 26.Re3 1:16 Rae8 2:26 And now ...

f6 would win. 27.Rae1 3:10 Qa2 3:36 28.Qxa2 2:03 Bxa2 31 29.Kf2 58 Bc4 1:08 30.g4 29 f6 20 31.Bg3 17 Kf7 12 32.h4 22 Rxe3 40 33.Rxe3 7 Rxe3 10 The position is equal. 34.Kxe3 7 Endgame KB-KB 34...Ke6 12 35.Bf4 24 g6 30 36.Bh6 28 Bb5 1:20 37.Ke4 17 f5+ 49 38.gxf5+ 25 gxf5+ 16 39.Kf4 2 Bd3 53 40.Bg7 25 h5 47 41.Ke3 1:23 Bc4 22

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

Mistake: White=2

Black=2

Inaccurate: White=2

Black=3

OK: White=11

Black=6

Best: White=1

Black=1

Strong: White=2

Black=1

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Perlov, Daniel Robert

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Horgan, Michael

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2025 Summer TNM: 1600-1999 (7.17)

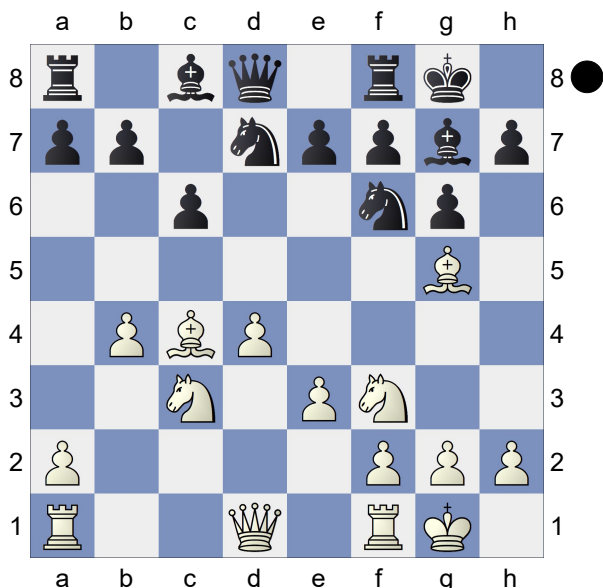
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e3 0-0 7.Bxc4 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.b4

(Diagram)

Qc7 10.Rc1 Nb6 11.Bb3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qd7 14.Rfd1 Qf5 15.Qxf5 gxf5 16.a4 e6 17.a5 Nbd7 18.Na4 Ne4 19.Bh4 Rfe8 20.f3 Nef6 21.a6 bxa6 22.Rxc6 Rab8

(Diagram)



☐ **Schaezlein,Charlie**

■ **Sevall,Daniel**

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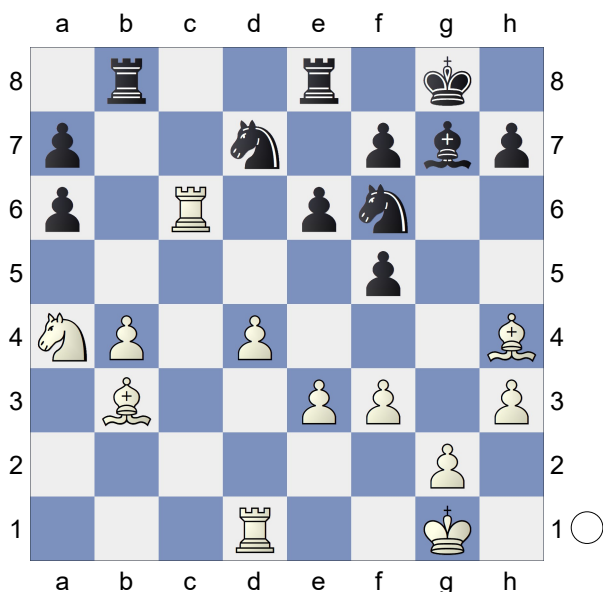
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Nd7 4.Nc3 e6
5.Bf4 Qb6 6.Na4 Qa5+ 7.c3 b5 8.Nc5
Nxc5 9.dxc5 b4 10.a3 bxa3 11.Rxa3
Qxc5 12.b4 Qb6 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.Ne2
Be7 15.Qc1 0-0 16.Be3 Qc7 17.0-0
c5 18.Qb2 dxe4 19.fxe4 Ng4 20.Bf4
Bd6 21.h3 Bxf4 22.Rxf4 Ne5 23.Qb1
Rb8 24.Ba6 cxb4 25.cxb4 Qb6+
26.Kh1 Bxa6 27.Qa1 Bxe2 28.Qxe5
a6 29.Rg3 g6 30.Rh4 Rbd8 31.Qf4
Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Qg1#

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☐ **Ploquin,Phil**

■ **Admassu,Yonathan**

2025 Summer TNM: 1600-1999 (7.20)

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1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5
5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Nc3 c6 7.Bg5+ Be7
8.0-0-0+ Ke8 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Bxe7 Bxf3
11.gxf3 Kxe7 12.Bh3 Nf6 13.Ne2
Nbd7 14.Bxd7 Nxd7 15.f4 exf4
16.Nxf4 Ne5 17.b3 Rhd8 18.h4 h5
19.Kc2 Rxd1 20.Kxd1 a5 21.Ke2 a4
22.Nd3 Nxd3 23.Kxd3 axb3 24.axb3
Ra2 25.Rf1 c5 26.Kc3 Ke6 27.Kd3 b6
28.f4 Rh2 29.f5+ gxf5 30.Rf4 Rh3+
31.Kc2 fxe4 32.Rxe4+ Kf5 33.Re7 f6
34.Rb7 Rxh4 35.Rxb6 Re4 36.Rb5
Re5 37.b4 cxb4 38.Rxb4 h4 39.Kd3
h3 40.Rb8 Kg4 41.Kd4 h2 42.Rb1
Rh5 43.Rh1 Kg3 44.c5 Kg2 45.c6
Kxh1

0-1

23.Be1 Bf8 24.Nc5 a5 25.Ba4 Nb6
26.bxa5 Nxa4 27.Nxa4 Rb3 28.Kf2
Nd5 29.e4 fxe4 30.fxe4 Nf6 31.e5
Ne4+ 32.Ke2 Ng3+ 33.Bxg3 Rxg3
34.Kf2 Ra3 35.Rc4 Rd8 36.Ke2 Rd5
37.a6 Rb5 38.Nc5 Bh6 39.Rd3 Rb2+
40.Kf3 Rxd3+ 41.Nxd3 Rb3 42.Ke4
Ra3 43.Rc8+ Kg7 44.Rc6 Bd2 45.g4
Ba5 46.Rd6 Bb6 47.Nc5 Rxh3 48.Na4
Ba5 49.d5 exd5+ 50.Rxd5 Be1
51.Rd7 Bf2 52.Rd2 Bg1 53.Rg2 Ra3
54.Rxg1 Rxa4+ 55.Kf5 Rxa6 56.Rd1
Ra2 57.Rd7 Rf2+ 58.Ke4 Kg6
59.Rxa7 Re2+ 60.Kf4 Rf2+ 61.Ke3
1/2-1/2

□ Babayan, Gagik

■ Mays-Smith, Isaac S

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[Winslow, Elliott]

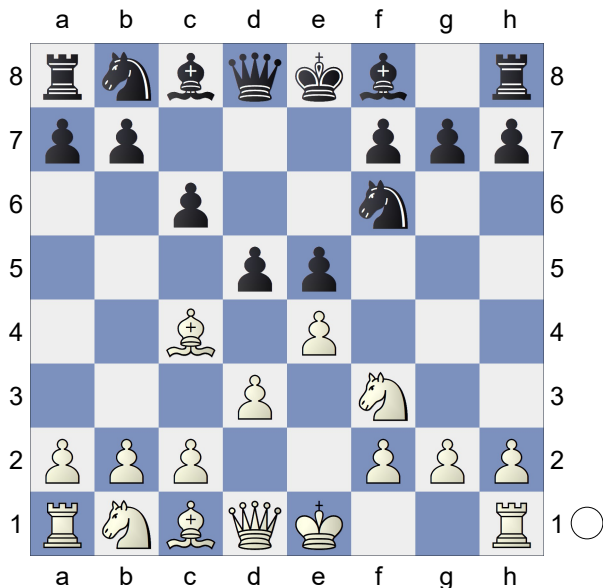
C24

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1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6!?

The most ambitious attempt to "punish"
White for not tossing in 2.Nf3 Nc6 before
3.Bc4! 4.Nf3 d5



5.exd5?!

[5.Bb3! is standard -- White keeps
some semblance of central parity, a
nominal first move plus, and a full-
scale battle ahead.]

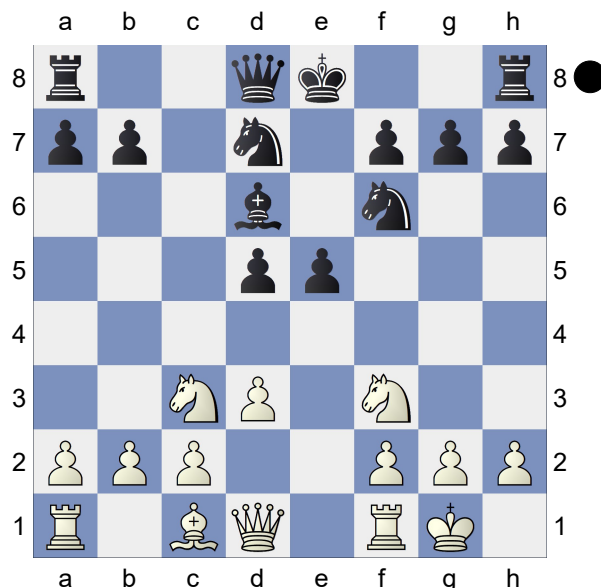
5...cxd5 6.Bb5+

[6.Bb3 Already Black has various
promising moves: Nc6 of course, but
also (6...Bb4+ 7.c3 Bd6; 6...Bd6;
and here the modern engines float
6...a5! to the top! Amazing.)]

6...Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbx7 8.0-0 Bd6
9.Nc3

(Diagram)

Black has the sort of center White
strives for in so many classical
openings! He just has to maintain it...
9...a6?! Unnecessary; Nb5 Black can



just move the bishop and kick the knight
back.

[9...0-0]

[or even 9...Rc8 so that after 10.Nb5?
Bb8 the bishop doesn't even feel any
misplacement.]

10.Re1

[10.Bg5]

[10.Nh4!?]

10...0-0 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.h3?!

[12.Nh4 g6 13.Qf3 Be7 14.Bh6?!
Rfe8]

12...b5?!

[It was time for the rooks: 12...Rfe8]

13.a3?!

[Again: 13.Nh4!? g6 14.Qf3 Be7
15.Bh6 Rfe8 16.Nf5!? Bf8! 17.Bxf8
Kxf8 18.Ng3 Qc5 keeps an opening
edge -- for Black.]

13...Rac8

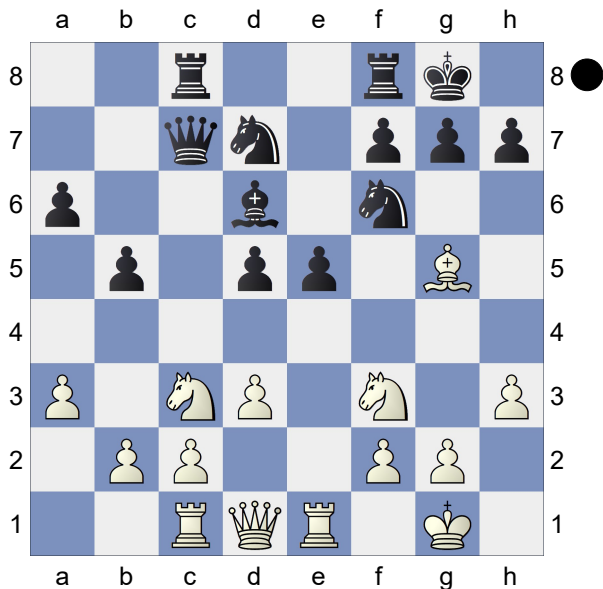
[13...Rfe8]

14.Rc1

[14.Nh4]

(Diagram)

14...Bxa3? Throws away the advantage.
15.Nxb5 axb5 16.bxa3= d4?!
And hands a plus to White.



[16...Rfe8 already!]

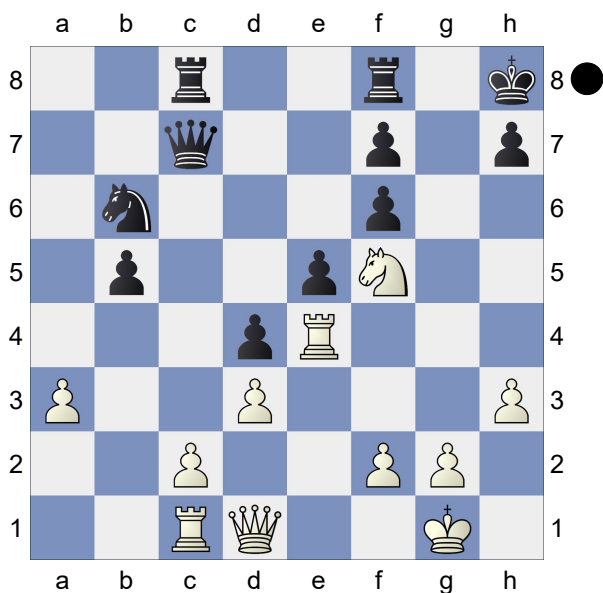
17.Bxf6!± gxf6 18.Nh4 Sending forces to the kingside; Black must be careful.

[18.Nd2]

18...Kh8! 19.Nf5 Too soon?

[19.Qh5 Rg8! Anyway! 20.Qxf7 Qc6 21.Kh2 Rcf8 22.Qh5 f5 Black has pretty good play for the pawn, with ... e4 coming -- but White has the engine plus (0.16/31 and dropping)]

19...Nb6 defending e7 **20.Re4**



Nd5??

[20...Rg8! 21.Qf3 Nd5 22.Rce1! Nf4 23.Rxf4! exf4 24.Re4 (24.Re7 Qc6) 24...Qxc2 25.Kh2!? it's still anybody's

game]

21.Qh5 Guess what: Stockfish 17.1 is already seeing mate! (in ... 24) **21...Rg8**

22.Rh4 Rxc2+!? This would be nice if (1) White took it (2) it didn't make getting checkmated three times faster.

[22...Rg7 23.Nxc7 Kg8 is how the engine squirms (23...Kxc7 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Rg4+ Kh8 26.Qg7#)]

23.Kh1!

[Not that there's anything wrong with 23.Kxc2 Nf4+ 24.Rxf4 exf4 25.Rg1 Rg8+ 26.Kf1 Rg6 27.Qf3]

23...Rg7 24.Nxc7?!

[24.Rg1 is faster,]

[and 24.Qh6! is faster still: Rcg8 25.Nxc7 Rxc7 26.Rg1]

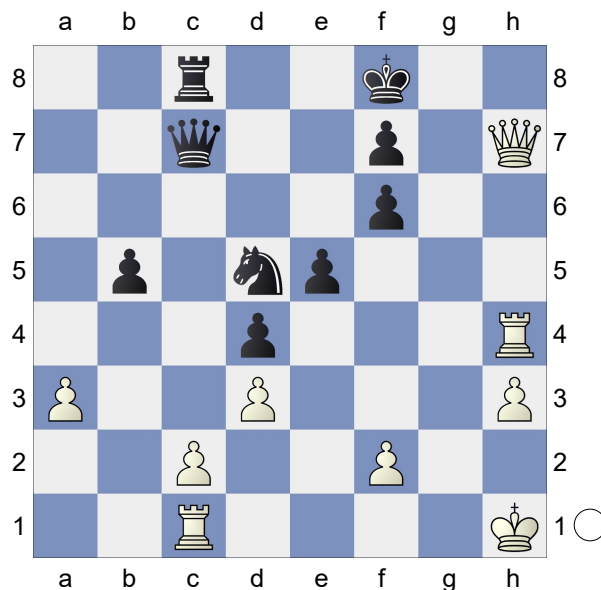
24...Kxc7?!

[24...Kg8 is a rook up! But mate is <cough> 31 moves away!]

25.Qxh7+?!

[25.Qh6+ etc.]

25...Kf8



This isn't even all that won! But it *is* won, +3.27/24 on SF17.1. What happened to mate in three!?!?? **26.Qe4 Nf4 27.Kh2**

[27.Rxf4! exf4 28.Qxd4]

27...Ke7?? 28.Rxf4 f5 29.Rxf5 1-0

□ Stults, Sawyer

■ Siegel, David

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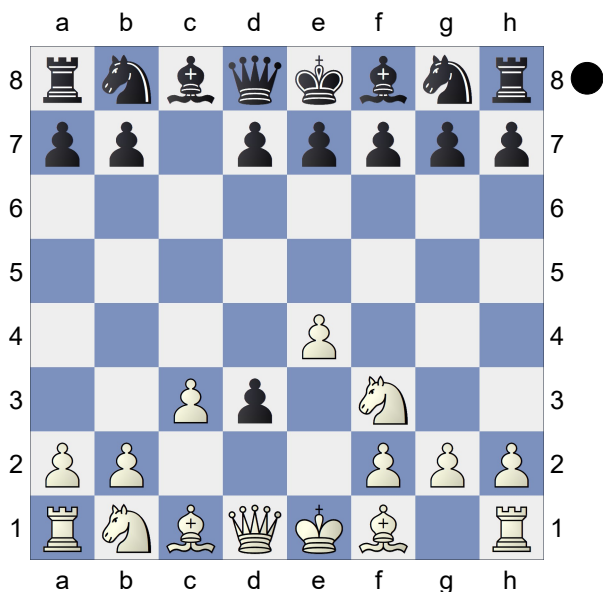
[Siegel, David]

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1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 4.Nf3



(I spent some time here trying to decide how to develop. In retrospect I think d6-g6 (kingside fianchetto) might have been best, but I decided to go for e6-d5. This created a cramped position that I regretted for most of the game.) 4...Nc6

[4...d6]

5.Bf4 e6 6.Bxd3 d5 7.0-0 dxe4

8.Bxe4

(Diagram)

Bd7

[Best is 8...Qxd1 and if 9.Bxc6+ Qd7! is a nice response that I didn't see.

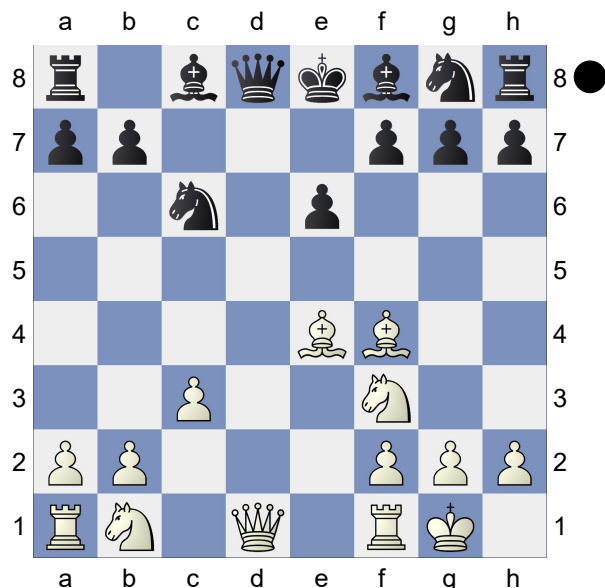
10.Bxd7+ Bxd7 11.Ne5 Bb5 12.c4 Ba6= (-0.18/24)

9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.Rfd1± 0-0

12.Nc4?!

[12.Bc2]

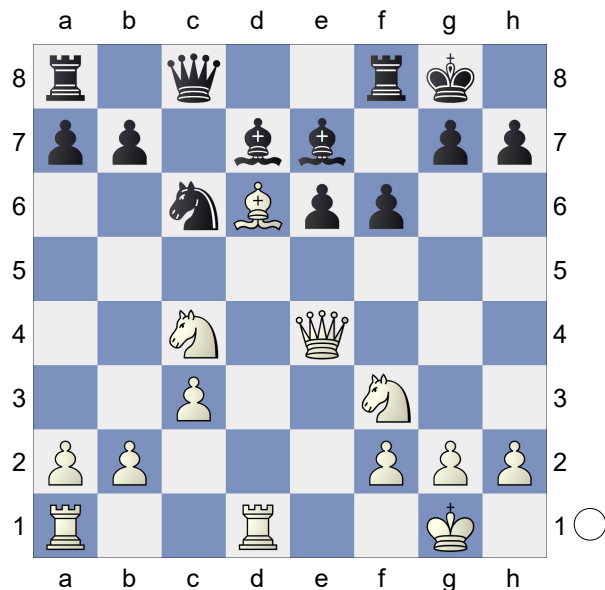
12...Nxe4 (Black is still under pressure but I think I can see a light at the end of the tunnel.) 13.Qxe4 f6 14.Bd6



[14.Rd2]

14...Qc8

[⚡14...Bxd6]



15.Rd3?

[15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Nd6 Qc6

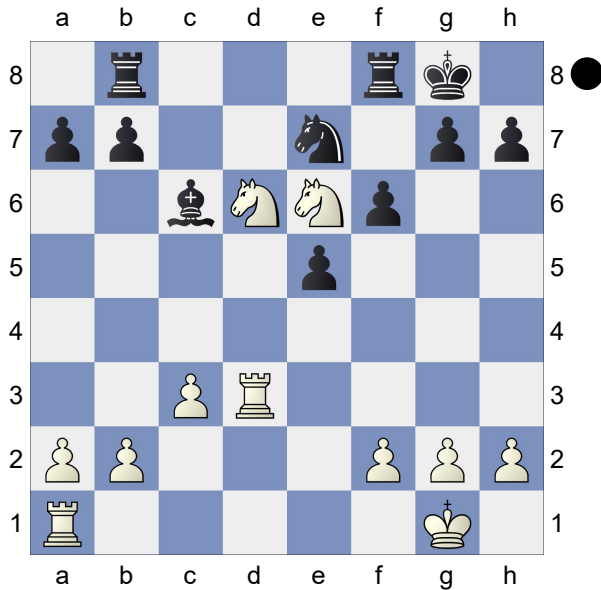
17.Qxc6 Bxc6 18.Nd4± SF17.1 via EW]

15...e5 White should have captured immediately; after ...e5 the computer evaluation is even and I felt pretty good about the position. 16.Bxe7 Nxe7

17.Nd6 Qc6 18.Nd2

[18.Qb4 Be6 19.Nxb7 Nd5 20.Qd6 Qxd6 21.Nxd6 Rfd8 22.Nb7 Rdc8=]

18...Qxe4 19.N2xe4 Bc6 20.Nc5
Rab8?? 21.Ne6+-

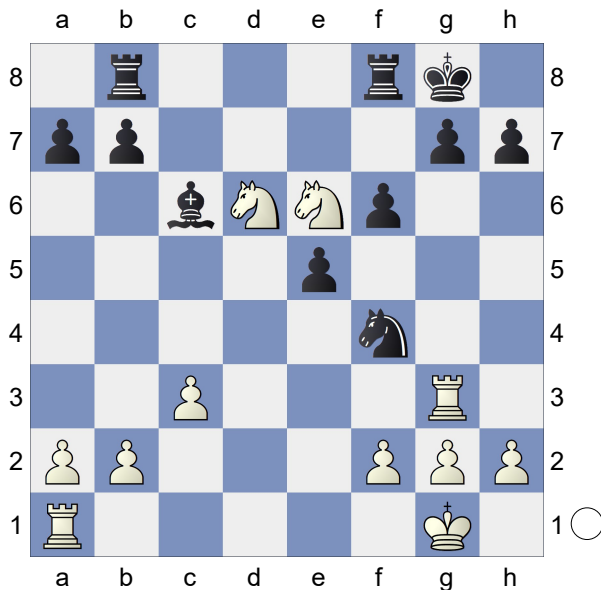


(Welp. I had calculated 21. Ne6 a couple of moves earlier and hallucinated 21... Re8 to be a safe square. At this point my opponent has 6 minutes on the clock and I have 30, and I think we were both tired. His next couple of moves are blunders and the game ends quickly.)

21...Nd5 22.Rg3?!

[22.Nxf8 Kxf8 23.Rd2 Nf4 24.f3]

22...Nf4±



23.Nxg7??

[23.Rxg7+ Kh8 24.Re7 Nxe6
25.Rxe6±]

23...Ne2+! 24.Kf1 Nxg3+ 25.hxg3
Kxg7 26.Ke2 f5 27.Nc4 Bb5
0-1

□ Wang, Chase 1720 C65
■ Latourette, Nicholas James 1685
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0
Bc5 5.d3 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.Bg5 a6
8.Ba4 b5 9.Bc2 Bb7 10.Nbd2±
d5??+-

[10...Qe7 11.b4 Bb6 12.Nb3 h6
13.d4 hxg5 14.Nxg5 g6 15.Qd2
Nh7 16.Nh3 Kg7 17.f4 f6 18.Kh1
Rh8 19.Bd1 Nd8 20.d5 c6 21.dxc6
Bxc6 22.Bf3 Nf7 23.Qe2 Rag8
24.Nf2 exf4 25.Nd4 Bd7 26.Rg1
Ne5 27.Nd3 Nxd3 28.Qxd3 Ng5
29.Rae1 Nf7 30.g4 Ne5 31.Qe2
Rh6 32.Ref1 Rgh8 33.Rg2 Bxd4
34.cxd4 Nc4 35.Rff2 Ne3 36.Rg1
Kf8 37.Bg2 Rxh2# 0-1 Capdeville, B
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11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne4
Kh8

[13...Be7 14.Nh4 Bc8 15.Ng3]

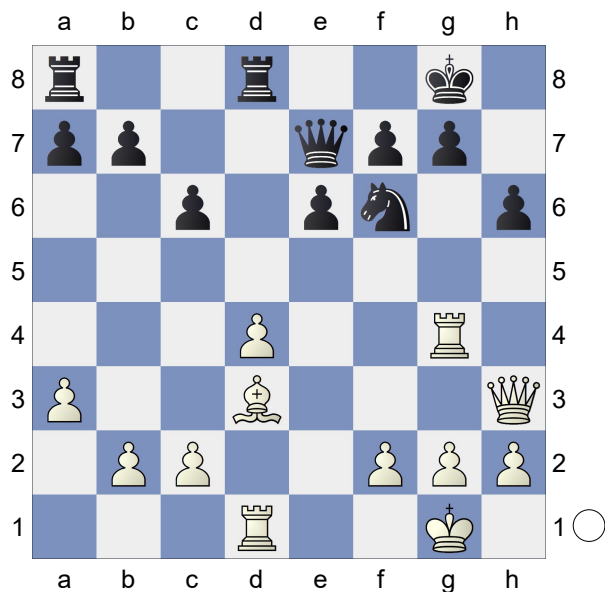
14.Bb3!

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□ Agdamag, Samuel 1538 C10
■ Pickering, Carl Anthony 1655
2025 Summer TNM: 1600-1999 (7.25)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4
Bd7 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.Nf3
Bc6 8.Nc3 Nd7 9.Bd3 Ngf6 10.0-0
Bxf3 11.Qxf3 c6 12.a3 0-0 13.Rfe1

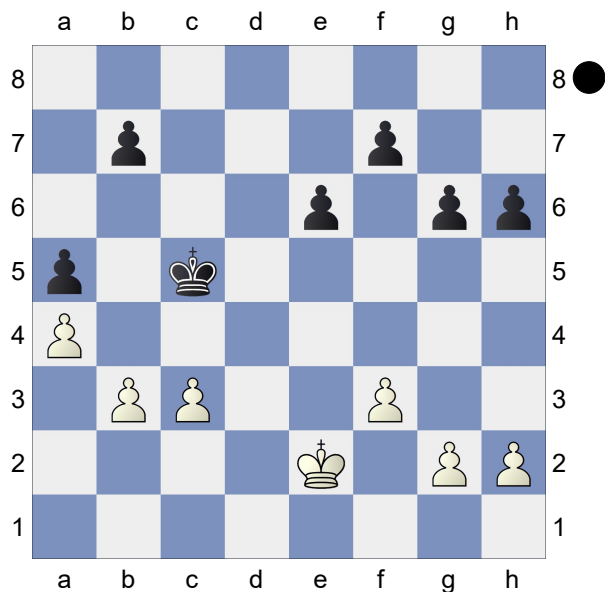
Nb6 14.Rad1 Nbd5 15.Ne4 Nxe4
16.Rxe4 Rfd8 17.Qh3 h6 18.Rg4
Nf6??



19.Rg3??

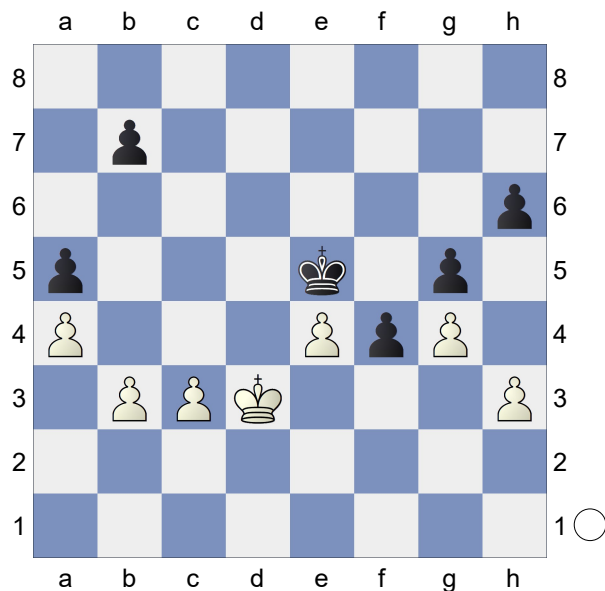
[19.Qxh6 g6 (19...Qf8 20.Qxf6)
20.Rh4 Nh5 21.Rxh5]

19...Kf8 20.c3 Rd5 21.Qh4 Rad8
22.Be4 Rh5 23.Qf4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4
Qh4 25.Qxh4 Rxh4 26.Re1 Rh5
27.Rf3 Ke7 28.Rg3 g6 29.Rge3 c5
30.dxc5 Rxc5 31.Kf1 Rd2 32.R3e2
Rcd5 33.f3 Kd6 34.Kf2 Kc5 35.b3 a5
36.a4 R5d3 37.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 38.Re2
Rxe2+ 39.Kxe2=



e5 40.Ke3 f5 41.g3 g5 42.h3 Kd5

43.Kd3 f4 44.g4 e4+ 45.fxe4+ Ke5

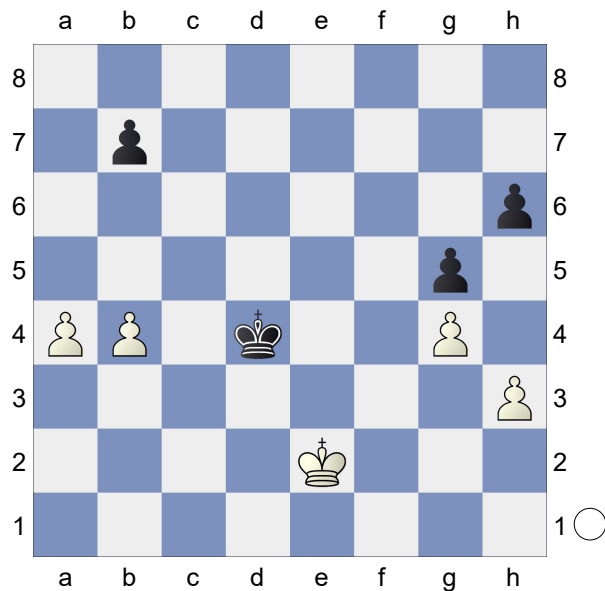


46.b4 f3 47.Ke3 f2 48.Kxf2 Kxe4
49.Ke2

[49.h4]

[49.bxa5]

49...axb4 50.cxb4 Kd4



51.Kd2??

[51.b5]

[51.Kf3]

[51.h4]

51...Kc4 f4 52.b5 Kb4 53.Kd3 Kxa4
54.Kc4 b6 55.Kc3 Kxb5 56.Kb3
Kc5 57.Kc3 Kd5 58.Kd3 Ke5 59.Ke3
b5 60.Kd3 Kf4 61.Kc3 Kg3
0-1

□ Casares,Nick

■ Yan,Rayna

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1600

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6
5.Be3 Ne7 6.Bd3 Nbc6 7.c3 Nxe5
8.Bc2 N7c6 9.Nf3 Nc4 10.b4 Nxe3
11.fxe3 a6 12.Nbd2 g6 13.Nb3 Bg7
14.Nbd4 0-0 15.0-0 Ne5 16.Nd2 Bd7
17.a4 Qc7 18.Bb3 b6 19.c4 dxc4
20.Bxc4 bxc5 21.bxc5 Nxc4 22.Nxc4
Qxc5 23.Rc1 Bxd4 24.exd4 Qe7
25.Nb6 Rab8 26.Nxd7 Qxd7 27.a5
Rbd8 28.Rf4 e5 29.Rh4 exd4 30.Qd3
Qe6 31.Re4 Qf5 32.Rce1 Qxa5
33.Rd1 Qb5 34.Qd2 d3 35.Kf1 Qc6
36.Re3 Qc2 37.Qe1 d2 38.Qe2 Qf5+
39.Kg1 Qc5 40.Kf1 Qb5 41.Rxd2
Rxd2 42.Qxb5 axb5

0-1

□ Chan,John

■ Horde,Nicolas T

D15

1600

1565

2025 Summer TNM: 1600-1999 (7.27)

[Horde,Nicolas T]

1.c4 0.12 c6 0.23 2.Nc3 0.21 d5 0.22
3.cxd5 0.01 cxd5 0.16 4.d4 0.07 Nf6
0.02 5.Nf3 0.12 a6 0.24 6.e3 0.00 Bg4
0.28

[6...Nc6 More precise]

7.Be2 0.15

[7.Qb3 Nc6 8.Ne5 Bc8]

7...e6 0.12 8.0-0 0.17 Bd6 0.08 9.h3
0.12 Bh5 0.11 10.Nd2 0.28 Passive

10...Bg6 0.31 11.Bf3 0.78 0-0 0.11

[11...Nc6 I wanted to play Nc6 before
O-O to prevent e4 but after second
thought I don't mind White playing with
an IQP as it's easy to blockade]

12.Re1 0.96 Nc6 -0.98 13.a3 -0.87 Rc8
-0.92 14.Nb3 -0.68 b5 0.39

[14...Bb8 15.g3 With either e5 or h5
but this is too complicated when I
already have an easier game]

15.Bd2 0.41 Nb8 0.06 16.e4 0.26 dxe4
0.21 17.Bxe4 -0.54 Nxe4 0.27

[17...Rxc3! Not a motif I have seen
before 18.Bxg6 Rxb3 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7
20.Qxb3 Nc6! 21.Bc3 Nd5 22.Rxe6
Nf4 This is unnecessarily too
complicated for me considering the
position I had]

18.Nxe4 0.25 Bxe4 0.24 19.Rxe4 0.23
Nd7 0.25 White has created an IQP,
exchanged a couple of pieces and
helped Black put a blockade on d5 so I
was playing virtually risk free at this point
20.Re1 0.03 Nb6 0.00 21.Ba5 0.00
Bc7 0.06 22.Bb4 0.01 Re8 0.03 23.Qf3
0.02 Nd5 0.19 24.Bd2 0.45 Qd6 0.46
25.g3 0.44 Red8 0.15

[25...Bb6! More precise in that order]

26.Nc5 0.14 Qf8! 0.01 The a pawn is
tactically defended

[26...Qb6 27.Bg5 Re8 28.Qg4
I felt that White was reorganizing too
fast]

27.Nxa6? 0.03 I give it an exclamation
mark because it helped me reorganize
all my pieces. In those types of positions
sacrificing either the a or b pawn is not a
problem if Black get activity in return
27...Bb6! 0.03 28.Bc3 0.13 Rc4 0.17
Black will regain the pawn with activity
29.Rad1 0.00 Rdc8 0.19 30.Qd3? 0.08
Nxc3 0.89 31.bxc3 0.99 Qxa3! -0.77

[31...Rxc3 32.Qxb5 I am pretty sure
this is what he calculated, it's equal
and White gets active but this wasn't
my plan at all]

32.Ra1 -2.99 Qxc3 -1.09 33.Qxc3 -1.25
Rxc3 -1.48 34.Rab1 -2.93 Bxd4 -2.25
35.Rxb5 -3.25 Rxg3+ -3.45 36.Kf1
-3.63 Rxh3 -3.49 37.Kg2 -3.92 Ra3
-3.94 I still have no idea why they did not
resign and played for another hour and

30 moves... 38.Nb8 -4.97 g6 -4.91
 39.Rd1 -4.66 Ba7 -4.98 40.Nd7 -3.02
 Kg7 -3.05 41.Rb7 -4.51 Rc2 -4.62
 42.Rf1 -4.51 Bd4! -4.55 The knight is
 dominated on the dark square 43.Rb4
 -4.58 e5 -4.69 44.Rb5 -4.62 Re2 -4.58
 Removing any counterplay 45.Rd5 -4.95
 Raa2 -4.37 46.Nb8 -4.11 Rxf2+ -4.62

[46...Bxf2 In retrospect this would had
 saved me a lot of time because White
 can't survive against 2 rooks and a
 minor piece considering the knight is
 pretty much dead]

47.Rxf2 -4.63 Rxf2+ -4.64 48.Kg3 -4.67
 Rc2 -4.97 49.Nd7 -4.26 f5 -4.34
 50.Nb8 -5.88 Rc3+ -5.89 51.Kg2 -6.00
 Kf6 -5.89 52.Rd6+ -5.55 Kg5 -5.72
 53.Nd7 -5.25 Kf4 -5.89 54.Nf6 -#12
 Threatens Nd5+ 54...Rc2+ -#11 55.Kf1
 -#5 Kf3 -#4 56.Ke1 -#4 h5 -6.71

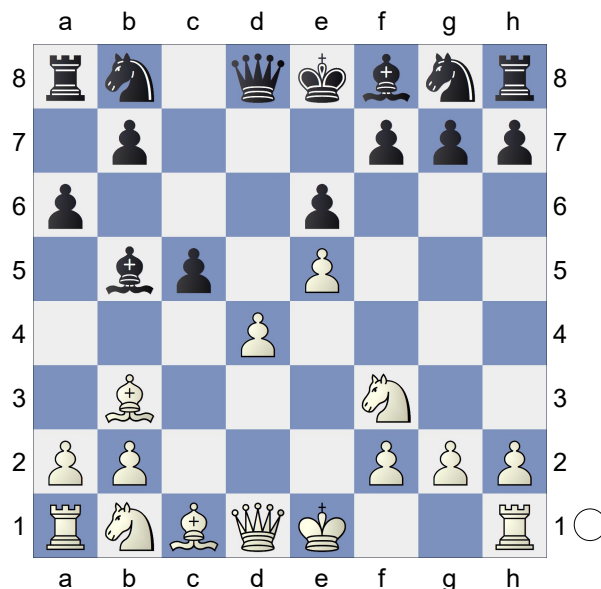
[56...Rc1+ 57.Kd2 Be3+ 58.Kd3
 e4+ 59.Nxe4 fxe4#]

57.Kd1 -6.89 Rb2 -6.89 58.Nh7 -5.02
 Rb6 -5.17 59.Rd8 -5.01 Kf4 -5.13
 60.Rf8 -6.76 e4 -6.84 61.Rd8 -5.37
 Bc5 -5.03 62.Rc8 -6.84 Rd6+ -5.58
 63.Kc2 -7.54 e3! -6.03 64.Rxc5 -9.52
 e2 -8.37 65.Rc4+ -10.31 Kf3 -7.74
 66.Rc3+ -9.57 Kf2 -10.98 67.Ng5 -#9
 e1Q -#8 68.Nh3+ -#8 Kf1 -#8

Knight + Rook is not enough to mate
 without the king or White's cooperation
 0-1

Wickliffe,Zachary C02 1408
 Tobias,Mason 1057
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1.e4 5 e6 10 2.d4 4 d5 5 3.e5 5 Bd7 8
 4.Nf3 13 a6 8 5.c4 20 dxc4 15 6.Bxc4
 9 Bb5 6 7.Bb3 33 c5 1.60/26 2:11
 [Better is 7...Bb4+± 0.60/27 8.Nc3
 Ne7]



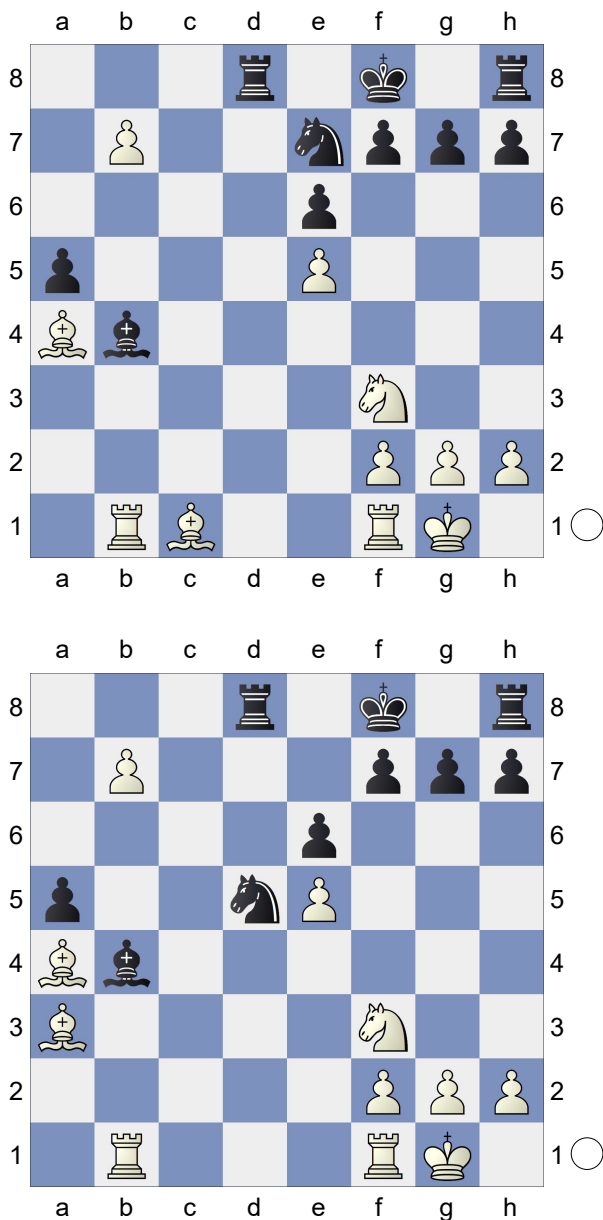
8.Nc3 1.04/28 9:31
 [♖8.d5! 1.60/26]
 8...Nc6? 4.17/28 6:48
 [8...cxd4± 1.04/28 is more resistant.
 9.Nxd4 Bd7]
 9.a4+- 7:58 cxd4 7:03 10.axb5 1:19
 dxc3 1:17 11.bxc6 1:10 Bb4 11
 aiming for ...c2+. 12.Qxd8+ 4:15
 [And not 12.cxb7 c2+ 13.Ke2
 (13.Qd2 Bxd2+ 14.Bxd2 Rb8±)
 13...cxd1Q+= (13...cxd1R 14.Rxd1
 Qb8 15.bxa8B=)]
 12...Rxd8 14 13.0-0 11
 [13.cxb7? too greedy. cxb2+ 14.Ke2
 bxa1Q+- (14...bxa1R 15.Bg5±)]
 13...Ne7 4:06 14.cxb7 1:22 a5 19
 15.Ba4+ 2:01 Kf8 19 16.bxc3 17 Bxc3
 15 17.Rb1 38 Bb4 24

(Diagram)

18.Ba3! 2:21 Nd5 58

(Diagram)

19.Bc6! 3:48 Ke7 56 20.Bxd5 2:03
 Bxa3 14 21.Be4 2:49 Kd7 2:23 22.Nd4
 3:28 f6 35 23.Rfd1 2:21 Intending Nc6+
 and mate. 23...Bb4 2:29 24.Nc6+ 1:24



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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4
 Nc6 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2
 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Qd6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Qa4+
 Qd7 11.Qxd7+ Nxd7 12.0-0 Ngf6
 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Bf4 Nc5 15.Rd1 g6
 16.Nc3 Bg7 17.Rac1 0-0 18.Nb5 Na4
 19.b3 Nb2 20.Rd2 a6 21.Nc3 e5
 22.Bg5 e4 23.Bxf6 Nd3 24.Rxd3 exd3
 25.Bxd8 Rxd8 26.Nb1 Re8 27.g3 Bh6
 28.Rd1 f5 29.Kg2 g5 30.Rxd3 g4
 31.Bd1 Re1 32.d6 Bg5 33.d7 Bd8
 34.Nc3 f4 35.Bxg4 Rc1 36.gxf4
1-0

D36
 1375
 1597
 2025 Summer TNM: u1600 (7.30) 19.8.25
 [Quinn,Dahlia]

1.d4 (Annotations made w/o a computer,
 so the long tactical lines are certainly
 "wrong") **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6**
4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Bd6
7.e3 Bg4

[7...0-0 8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 Nbd7
 The normal moves (9...Re8 10.Nf3
 Be6 11.Ne5 c5 12.0-0 cxd4
 13.exd4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.h3
 1-0 Gareyev,T (2570)-Urazayev,A
 (2478) KAZ Cup Final Almaty 2023 (1.
 4)) 10.Nge2 Re8 11.0-0-0 Qa5
 12.Kb1 b5 13.Rc1 Ba6 14.Rhd1 b4
 15.Na4 Bxd3 16.Rxd3 Qb5 17.Rdd1
 Rac8 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Nc5 Bxc5
 20.dxc5 Nd7 21.Nd4 Qb8 22.g3 a5
 1-0 Akobian,V (2600)-Huertas
 Carballo,D (2338) Morelia op 2nd
 2007 (5)]

Black got outplayed after the opening.
 An entertaining game by Wickliffe.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very
 precise) /Black=0.77

Loses game: ---
 Black=1
 Mistake: White=1
 Black=1
 Inaccurate: ---
 Black=1
 OK: White=4
 Black=2
 Best: White=2

1-0

in my head all game. Preemptively, I was debating whether I could play f4 and still organize the e4 break, or whether more drastic measures were necessary with 10. Bxf6 12.f4!?∞ to be fair, it's also hard to come up with a plan for Black in this position. Would have been an interesting game!]

Chessboard diagram showing a game position. The board is oriented with a1 at the bottom-left. White pieces are on a1, b2, c3, d4, e5, f6, g7, h8. Black pieces are on a8, b7, c6, d7, e6, f7, g7, h7. The squares a1, b2, c3, d4, e5, f6, g7, h8 are highlighted in blue.

[11.Nf4 winning the bishop pair]
[11.0-0!? considering this move
forces me to break out of my 'system'
way of thinking about these positions.
The advantage is clear though: the
same kingside pawn expansion,
without having to worry about attacks
on my king!]

[12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 g4 I was really keen on not giving my opponent this kind of counterplay]
[12.Bf4 a better not-quite-retreat g5 13.Be5 q4?! (13...Nxe5? 14.dxe5

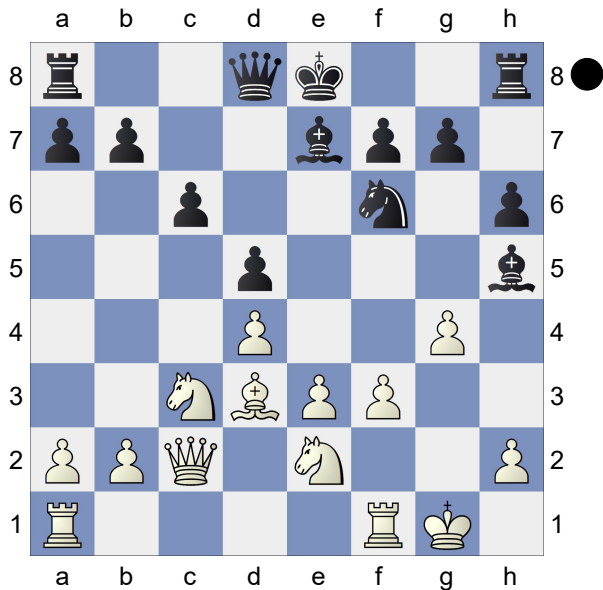
8...Bh5 9.Bd3 Be7

[9...h6 10.Bh4 (10.Bxf6 Qxf6
11.Nge2) 10...g5 11.Bf2 g4!
the most annoying position that I saw

Nd7 15.Ng3+-; 13...0-0? 14.Ng3!)
 14.Nf4! always a good sign when your
 opponents' two most obvious moves
 are both failing tactically]

12...Nxf6 13.g4!

[13.Nf4 winning the bishop pair]



13...Bxg4

[13...Nxg4?! 14.fxc4 Bxg4
 with even less counterplay for black
 15.Bf5 a variation that gave me the
 confidence that g4 was winning]

14.fxc4 Nxg4 15.Rf3 Bd6 16.Ng3 h5

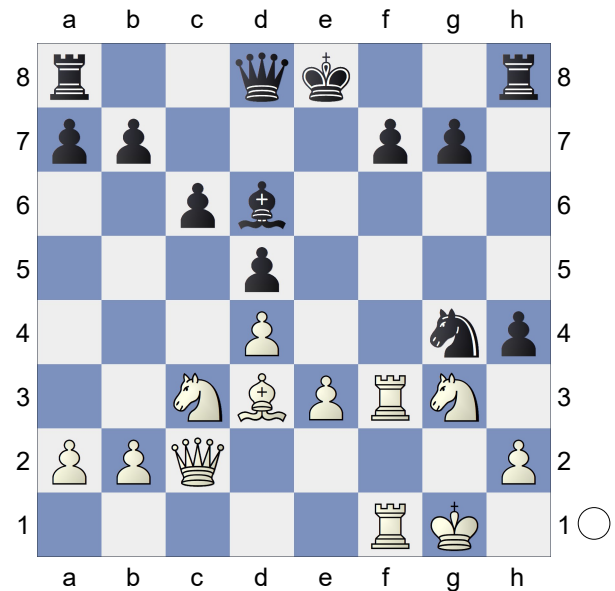
[16...Qg5! 17.Re1 distracting my
 rooks from their natural spot on the f-
 file]

17.Raf1 here, it was a matter of figuring
 out how many moves I had in my pocket
 to give mate.

[17.Bg6?! Qh4 one problem: Black
 doesn't have to take! (17...fxg6
 18.Qxg6+ Kd7 19.Rf7+ Kc8
 20.Qe6+ Kb8 and another: Black
 escapes!) 18.Bxf7+ (18.Rxf7)
 18...Kd8 the checks are running out
 and Black finally has his attack]
 [17.Rxf7 Kxf7 18.Bg6+ Kg8
 it's just not quite time to sacrifice yet,
 one more piece needs to come into
 the attack 19.Qf5 insisting Qe7!

a key defensive resource. black will
 consolidate quickly]
 [17.Bf5 prophylaxis against h4, but
 blunting my own ideas along the f-file]

17...h4



18.Rxf7!! (Here, I was already (maybe
 prematurely) assured of my mating net)

18...Qg5 19.Bg6! Qxe3+

[19...0-0-0!? 20.Qf5+ time to trade in
 the attack for material Qxf5 21.Bxf5+
 Kb8 22.Bxg4 hxc3 23.hxc3 Bxg3+-]

20.Kh1! hxc3?!

[20...0-0-0

A) 21.Nxd5 Qg5 (21...Qe6??
 22.Bf5 gg) 22.Bf5+ Kb8 23.Rxb7+
 Kxb7 24.Qb3+ Ka8 25.Be4!!;

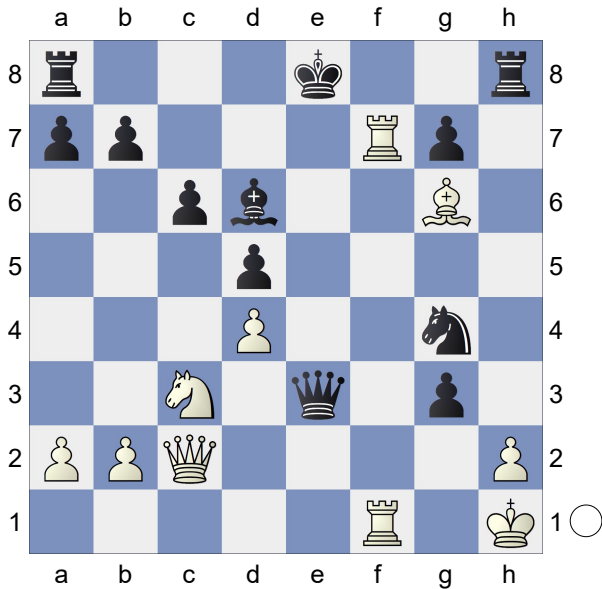
B) 21.Bf5+ Kb8 22.Bxg4
 my opponent said this line is why
 he didn't castle long. hxc3 23.R7f3
 Rxh2+ 24.Qxh2 gxh2 25.Rxe3;

C) 21.Nf5!! beautiful. Just killing all
 the counterplay]

(Diagram)

**21.Rf8+ Kd7 22.R1f7+ Be7 23.Bf5+
 Kd6 24.Nb5+! cxb5 25.Qc5#**

The plan started on move 12 has been
 carried out cleanly. I was able to see my



plan of attack and understand that I would win the mating race against my opponent.

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□ Merk, Felix Elias

■ Liu, Eric

2025 Summer TNM: u1600 (7.31) 19.8.25

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 c6
5.Qc2 Bd6 6.Nh3 Nf6 7.Bf4 0-0 8.0-0
h6 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.Nd2 Bd7 11.Nf3
Ng4 12.Nf4 Be8 13.Rac1 Nd7 14.Rfd1
Ngf6 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Nd3 Bh5
17.Nfe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rf6 19.Rd2
Qc7 20.Qc5 a6 21.b4 Qb6 22.Nd7
Qxc5 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.bxc5 f4
25.Bxd5 cxd5 26.gxf4 Bg6 27.Rb2
Kh8 28.Rxb7 Rg8 29.c6

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☐ Tsebrii,Max

■ Hollon, Nick

2025 Summer TNM: u1600 (7.32) 19.8.25
[Hollon, Nick]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nf3 e5

[6...Nbd7]

7.Bc4 Be7 8.h3 Be6 9.Bb3 0-0

10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Bg5 Nc5 12.Re1

Nxb3 13.axb3 Qc7 14.Re2 Rfd8

15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.Qxd5

h6 18.b4 Rac8 19.c3 Qc6 20.Rd2

Rd7 21.Rad1 Rcd8 22.g4 g6 23.Kg2

Bg7 24.h4 Qc8 25.Kg3 Rc7 26.Nxe5

Bxe5+ 27.Qxe5 dxe5 28.Rxd8+ Qxd8

29.Rxd8+ Kq7 30.f4 f6 31.f5 gxf5

32.gxf5 h5 33.Kf3 Kh7 34.Rb8 Rd7

35.Ke3 Kh6 36.Rh8+ Kg7 37.Rb8

Kh6 38.b3 Rc7 39.c4 Kh7 40.Rd8

Rg7 41.Rb8 Rc7 42.c5 Rd7 43.Rc8

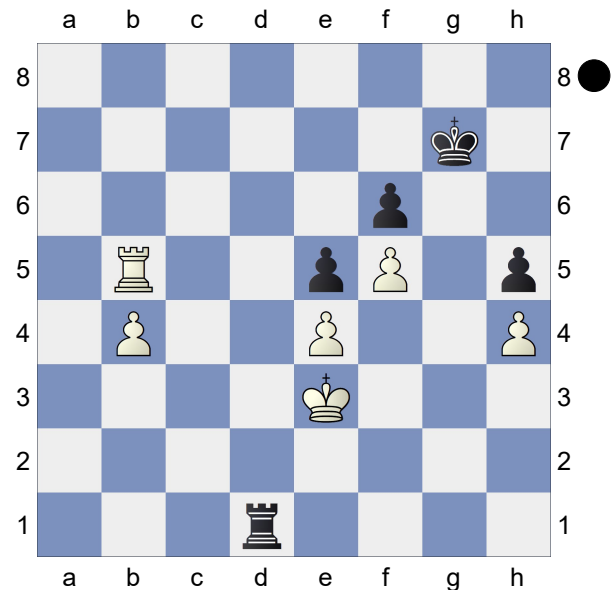
Kg7 44.c6 bxc6 45.Rxc6 Rd4 46.Rc4

Rd6 47.Rc7+ Kg8 48.Rb7 Rd1 49.b5

axb5 50.Rxb5 Kg7

[50...Rh1]

51.b4



Kh6??

[Last chance for Black's own passed pawn after 51...Rh1!=]

52.Rb8 Rd4 53.b5 Kg7 54.b6 Kf7
 55.b7 Rb4 56.Kd3 Kg7 57.Kc3 Rb6
 58.Kc4 Kf7?! (EW: changed from "??")
 Allows Rh8, with a skewer if Black
 captures on b7

[58...Rb1= EW: Not quite -- White is
 still winning the king and pawn ending
 after 59.Kd5 Rd1+ 60.Ke6 Rb1
 61.Rd8! Rxb7 62.Rd7+ Rxd7
 63.Kxd7+-]

59.Kc5

[59.Rh8!]

59...Rb1 60.Rh8 Rc1+

[60...Rxb7 61.Rh7+]

61.Kb4 Kg7 62.b8Q Rb1+ 63.Kc3

Rxb8 64.Rxb8 Kh6 65.Kc4 Kg7

66.Kd5 Kh6 67.Rg8 Kh7 68.Rg1 Kh6

69.Ke6 Kh7 70.Kxf6 Kh8 71.Kf7 Kh7

72.Rg8 Kh6 73.Rh8#

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□ Patel,Milan

■ Le,Thu Anh

2025 Summer TNM: u1600 (7.33) 19.8.25

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.c3 Qb6 4.Qb3
 Qxb3 5.axb3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.e3
 Nh5 8.Bg3 Nxg3 9.hxg3 Nc6 10.Bb5
 a6?? 11.d5 Rb8 12.dxc6 axb5 13.c7
 Ra8 14.Rxa8 Kd7
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□ Danganan,Sean

■ Carion,Anthony Patrick

2025 Summer TNM: u1600 (7.34) 19.8.25

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.d3 Qxd5
 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Qe2 Qc6 7.Qxe4+
 Qxe4+ 8.dxe4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Ne7
 10.Ba3 Nbc6 11.Nf3 Ng6 12.g3 Bg4
 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Bf3 15.Rg1

Bxe4 16.Bg2 Bxg2 17.Rxg2 0-0-0
 18.0-0-0 Rd7 19.Re2 Rhd8 20.c3 b6
 21.Rde1 f6 22.f5 Nh8 23.Kc2 Nf7
 24.Re8 Nd6 25.Bxd6 Rxd6 26.Kb3
 Kd7 27.R8e7+ Kc6 28.Rxg7 Rh8
 29.Ree7 Rc8 30.Rxh7 a5 31.Re6 Kd5
 32.Rxd6+ Kxd6 33.Rh6 Rf8 34.g4 Kd5
 35.h4 Ke4 36.Rg6 Kf4 37.h5 Rf7
 38.h6 Rh7 39.Kc4 c6 40.a4 Rh8
 41.d5 cxd5+ 42.Kxd5 Rd8+ 43.Ke6 b5
 44.h7 Rh8 45.Rh6 Kxg4 46.Kxf6 bxa4
 47.Kg7

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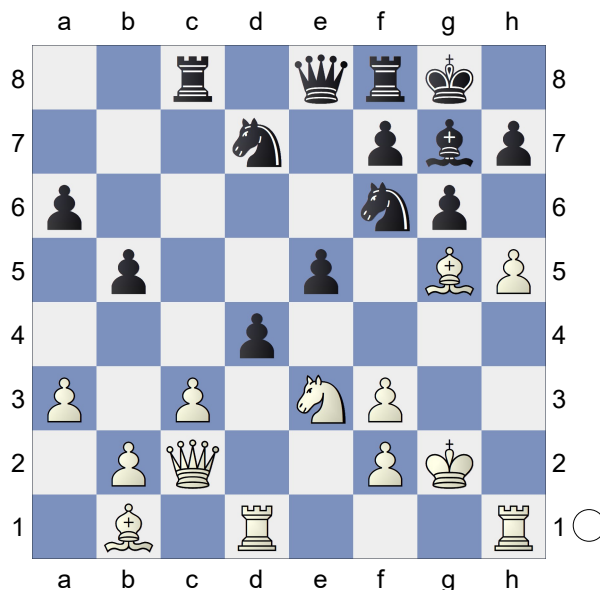
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□ Singh,Gurkirat

■ Vazquez,Dominic A

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 [Winslow,Elliott]

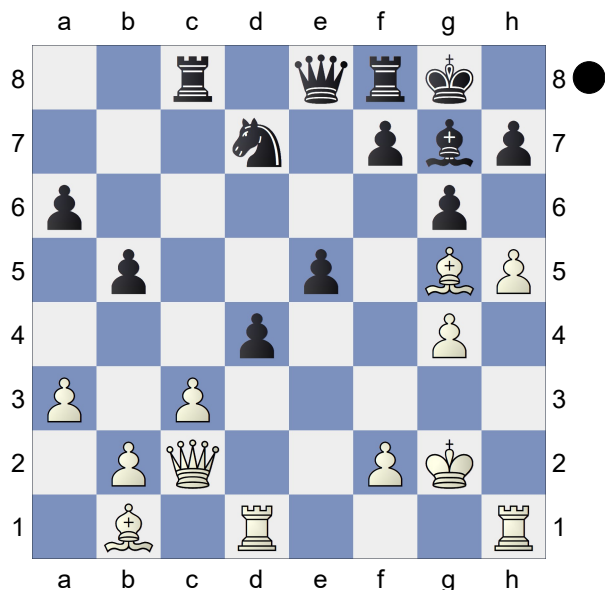
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 d6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0
 8.0-0 a6 9.Ne2 Bf5 10.Ng3 Bd7
 11.h4 Bg4 12.Qd3 Nc6 13.a3 Bxf3
 14.gxf3 Qd7 15.Kg2 Rac8 16.Rh1
 Nxd4 17.c3 Ne6 18.Be3 Nc5 19.Qc2
 d5 20.Rad1 b5 21.Ba2 Qc6 22.h5 e6
 23.Bb1 Qe8 24.Bg5 Ncd7 25.Nf1 e5
 26.Ne3 d4



27.Ng4?

[27.Nf5! gxf5! 28.h6! e4! 29.hxg7
Kxg7 30.Rxd4 Kh8= (30...Rg8=)]

27...Nxxg4 28.fxxg4



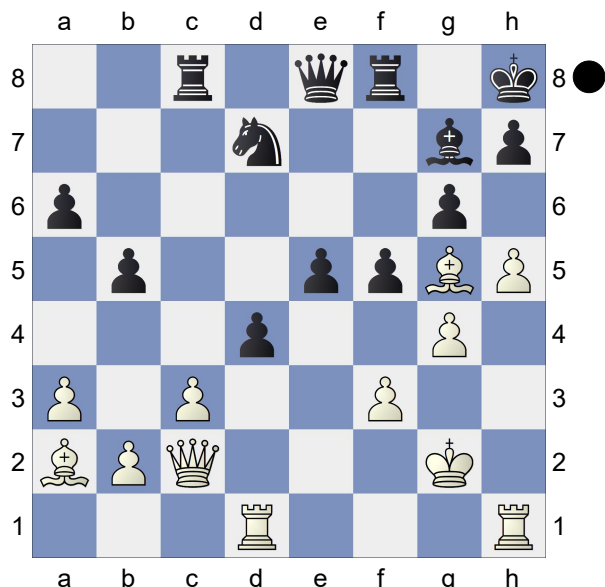
f5?

[28...Nc5+-]

29.Ba2+ Kh8?!

[29...Rc4!? 30.h6 Bh8 31.cxd4 Qf7
32.Qe2 exd4±]

30.f3



e4! 31.f4?!

[31.fxe4 fxxg4+]

31...dxc3??

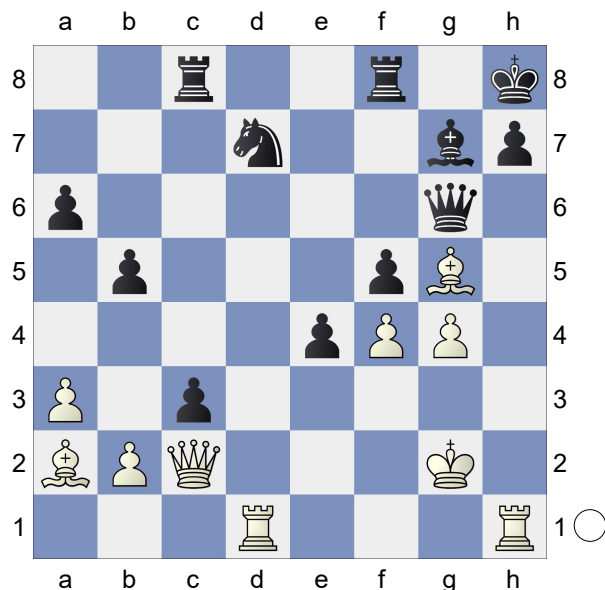
[31...gxh5 32.Rxh5 Nf6 33.Bxf6
Rxf6+-]

[31...d3+-]

32.hxxg6+-

[32.Rxd7!]

32...Qxxg6



33.bxc3??

[33.Rxd7 cxb2 34.Rc7+-]

33...Rxc3+- 34.Qd2 Rd3 35.Qc2 Rxd1

36.Rxd1 Nf6 37.Qc6 fxxg4 38.Rd6 e3

39.Re6 h6 40.Bh4 Qf5 41.Qd6 Qc2+

42.Kh1 Qc1+ 43.Kg2 Qd2+ 44.Qxd2

exd2 45.Bb3 Nh5 46.Bg3 Rxf4

47.Re8+ Rf8 48.Re4 Nf6 49.Rd4 h5

50.Rxd2 Ne4 51.Rd5 Nxxg3 52.Kxxg3

Rf3+

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□ **Starr,Albert Martin**

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■ **Cao,Danny Du Uy**

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1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nf3

e6 5.b5 Be7 White 1h 32m... Black 1h

30m 6.Be2 h6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 a6

[8...Nbd7]

9.a4 axb5 10.axb5 Rxa1 White 1h

34m... Black 1h 27m 11.Bxa1 c6 12.c4

cx b5 13.cxb5 Qa5

[13...Nbd7]

14.Nc3 Nbd7 15.Qa4 Ra8 White 1h 35m... Black 1h 19m
 [15...Qxa4 16.Nxa4 Rc8]
16.Qxa5 Rxa5 17.Bb2 Nc5 18.d4 Nd3 19.Ra1 Bb4
 [19...Rxa1+ 20.Bxa1 Bb4]
20.Rxa5 Bxa5 White 1h 35m... Black 1h 13m 21.Ba1 Nc1 22.Bf1 Bd3 23.Bxd3 Nxd3 24.Nd2 Nc1
 [24...Bxc3 25.Bxc3]
25.Kf1 Na2 White 1h 31m... Black 54m 26.Nxa2 Bxd2 27.Bc3 Ne4
 [27...Bxc3 28.Nxc3]
28.Bxd2 Nxd2+ 29.Ke2 Nc4 30.Kd3 Kf8 White 1h 31m... Black 48m 31.Kc3 Ke7 32.Nb4
 [32.Kb4]
32...Na3 33.Nd3 Nxb5+ 34.Kb4 Nd6 35.f3 Nc4 White 1h 26m ... Black 42m 36.e4 dxe4 37.fxe4
 [37.Kxc4 exd3 38.Kxd3 Kd6]
37...Nd6 38.e5 Nf5 39.Kc5 Kd7 40.g3 Kc7 White 1h 25m... Black 35m
 [40...f6 41.exf6 gxf6]
 [40...Ke7 41.Kb6 (41.g4 Ne3 42.h3 Nd5) 41...Nxd4 42.Kxb7]
41.Nf4 b6+ 42.Kc4 Ne3+ 43.Kb5 Nd5 44.Ne2
 [44.Nxd5+ exd5]
44...Kb7
 [44...Kd7]
45.h3 Ne3 White 1h 22m... Black 24m 46.Nc3 Nf5 47.Ne4 Nxd4+ 48.Kc4 Nf5 49.g4 Ne3+ 50.Kd3 Nd5 White 1h 22m... Black 19m 51.Nd6+ Kc6
 [51...Kc7]
52.Nxf7 Nf4+ 53.Ke4 Nxb3 54.Nd6 Nf2+ 55.Kf3 Nd3 White 1h 19m... Black 14m 56.Ke4 Nc5+ 57.Kd4 Nb7 58.Ne8
 [58.Nxb7 Kxb7]
58...g6 59.Nf6 b5
 [59...Nc5]
60.Ng8 h5 White 1h 11m.. Black 10m

61.Ne7+ Kd7 62.Nxg6 hxg4 63.Nf4 Na5 64.Nd3 Nc6+ 65.Ke3 b4 White 1h 11m... Black 6m 66.Kf4 b3
 [66...Ke7]
 [66...g3 67.Kxg3]
 [66...Kc7]
67.Nc5+ Ke7 68.Nxb3 Kf7 69.Nd2 Kg6 70.Nc4 g3 White 1h 12m ... Black 3m
 [70...Kh5]
71.Kxg3 Kf5 72.Ne3+ Kxe5 73.Kf3 Nd4+ 74.Kf2 Ke4 75.Nc4 Kd5 76.Ne3+ Ke4 77.Nc4 Kd3 78.Ne5+ Ke4 79.Nc4 Nf5 80.Ke2 Kd4 White 1h 7m... Black 3m 81.Nd2 Kc3 82.Ne4+ Kd4 83.Nd2 Ke5 84.Kd3 Kf4 85.Nc4 Kf3 White 1h 8m ... Black 3m 86.Ne5+ Kf4 87.Ng6+ Kf3 88.Ne5+ Kf4 89.Ng6+ Kg5 90.Ne5 Kf6 White 1h 8m... Black 3m 91.Ng4+ Ke7 92.Ke4 Kd6 93.Nf2 Ng7 94.Nd3 Nh5 95.Nf2 Nf6+ White 1h 5m... Black 3m 96.Kd3 Kd5 97.Nd1 e5 98.Ne3+ Kc5 99.Nd1 e4+ 100.Ke3 Kc4 White 1h 5m... Black 3m 101.Nf2 Kd5 102.Nxe4 draw agreed
 1/2-1/2

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☐ **Chen,Bowie** **1250**
☒ **Morris,Daniel** **1078**
 2025 Summer TNM: u1600 (7.37) 19.8.25
[Morris,Daniel/Winslow,Elliott]

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6
 (EW: there were better moves) **4.e3 Bg4** (EW: same here) **5.Be2 Bxf3**
 (EW: and here) **6.Bxf3 Qd7?**
 I knew this couldn't be a great move, but I wanted to avoid doubled pawns, and it didn't seem like a big mistake. (EW: and definitely here! Black has slipped into a lost game)
 [6...g6]

7.d4!+- cxd4 8.exd4 g6 9.Bf4?

[9.d5 Ne5 10.Be2+- (EW: The current chess engines on fast computers are unforgiving!)]

9...Bg7 10.Ne2?!

[10.d5±]

[10.Be3±]

10...Nh6 Engine approves, as I develop without blocking my bishop's view. Now White's d5 will be met with ...Ne5. (EW: Not my engine!)

[10...Nf6 is healthier (EW)]

11.0-0 0-0 12.d5 Ne5= 13.Nd4?

[EW: Best is 13.Be4 Nhg4

(13...Nxc4? 14.Qc1 f5!? 15.Bf3 g5 16.Bxg5 Nf7± stays somewhat afloat)]

[13.Bxe5]

13...Nxf3+?

[13...Nxc4± White's c-pawn is just hanging. But I was already fixated on the game-losing "idea" that I played instead. (EW: Shankland's pet peeve (in his lectures at least): the word "just.") EW: Here's what Stockfish 17.1 comes up with (not "just" at all!): 14.b3 Nf5!? (14...Ne5 15.Be2 Rfc8

16.Bxh6 Bxh6 17.f4 Rc5! 18.fxe5 Rxd5 19.Bc4 Be3+ 20.Kh1 Rxd4 21.Qe2 Rxc4!? 22.Qxc4 d5 23.Rad1 Rd8±) 15.Bg4! Bxd4 16.Bxf5 Qxf5 17.Qxd4 Ne5±]

14.Nxf3= Bxb2??? I Simply lost track of the important job my bishop was doing. Cue Ben Finegold's "The Reason People Don't Get Better at Chess."

[14...Nf5= I'd obviously had this move in mind since playing 10...Nh6, and here was the moment to play it with a good game to follow. (EW: White has some little advantage after 15.Qb3 or 15.Qe2)]

[EW: Best is 14...b5! a sort of Minority Attack, leaving White with some weak pawn(s) to target.]

15.Bxh6 Bxa1 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qxa1

Rc8?! 18.Qh8#

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□ Myers,Steven Lee

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■ Blum,Paul

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2025 Summer TNM: u1600 (7.38) 19.8.25

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.b3 Nf6 6.d3 Bc5 7.d4 Bb4+ 8.c3 Ba5 9.Bg5 d6 10.0-0 0-0 11.e5 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Bb7 13.Qf3 Qd5 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.Nd7 Rfe8 16.b4 Bb6 17.Re1 f6 18.Bh4 a5 19.Nxb6 cxb6 20.a3 axb4 21.cxb4 Nxb4 22.Re2 Ba6 23.Rb2 Nd5 24.Nd2 Rad8 25.Rc1 Bb5 26.Bg3 f5 27.Nf3 h6 28.Ne5 f4 29.Bh4 g5 30.Bxg5 hxg5 31.Nxc6 Bxc6 32.Rxc6 Rc8 33.Rbc2 Rxc6 34.Rxc6 Ra8 35.Rc4 Rxa3 36.Rc2 Rc3 37.Re2 obviously missing is White's luft. 0-1 45 or so.

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□ Dees,Calvin Django

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■ Olson,David R

1400

2025 Summer TNM: Extra Rated (7.39)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 Nbd7 4.e3 a6 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Qb3 Ba5 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qxd5 Nxc3 11.Qxa5 Ne4 12.Bd3 b6 13.Qd5 Nxf2 14.Kxf2 Ra7 15.Ng5 0-0 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Bb1 Qf6 18.Qf3 g6 19.Qh3+ 1-0