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■ Lavi,Eilon

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[Winslow,Elliott]

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[♖41.c5]

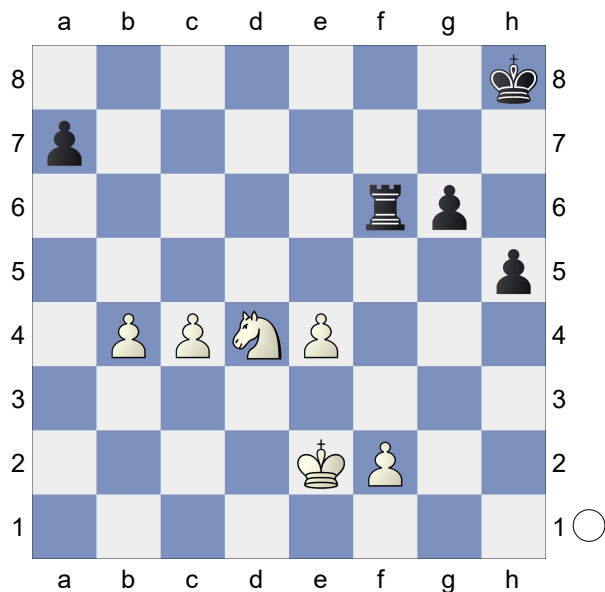
41...Rf4? 2:18

[41...Rf8!-+]

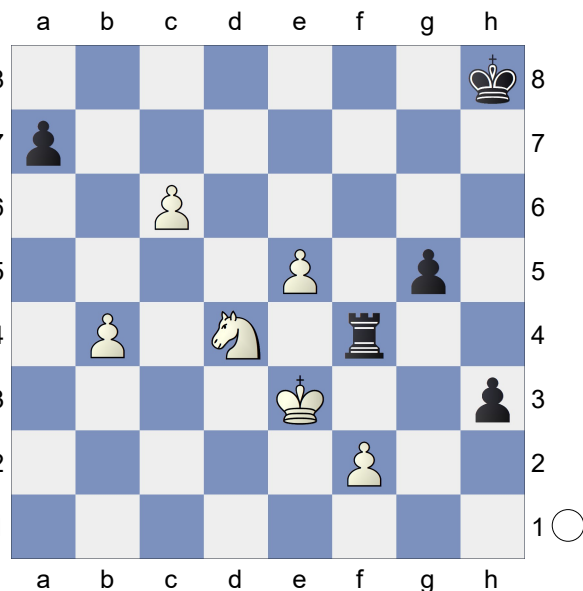
42.Ke3 34 g5 54 43.c5! 30 h4 2:31

44.c6 23 h3 2:11

1.e4 35:49 c5 51 2.Nf3 16 d6 6
3.Bb5+ 6 Bd7 6 4.Bxd7+ 13 Qxd7 5
5.c4 13 Nf6 1:13 6.Nc3 16 e5 40 7.d3
2:00 Be7 1:48 8.a3 1:42 Nc6 14 9.Rb1
1:18 0-0 1:10 10.b4 1:24 Bd8 2:25
11.Nd5 1:34 Ne8 6:26 12.0-0 6:38 b6
3:46 13.Bd2 2:00 f5 1:49 14.bxc5 4:45
bxc5 50 15.Rb3 3:29 Ba5 1:45
16.Bxa5 4:59 Nxa5 9 17.Rb5 3:02 Nc6
1:52 18.Qb3 3:12 fxe4 2:57 19.dxe4 37
Qg4 6:09 20.Qd3 46 Rd8 12:09 21.h3
2:01 Qh5 7:44 22.Rb7 44 Rf7 2:27
23.Rfb1 2:11 Nb4 3:40 24.R7xb4 50
cxb4 33 25.axb4 1:30 Nc7 32 26.Ra1
3:59 Ne6 1:20 27.Ra6 3:53 Rdf8 2:35
28.Rxd6 2:58 Rxf3 1:08 29.gxf3 1:00
Nd4 5:56 30.Ne7+ 52 Kh8 45 31.Nf5
4:00 Nxf3+ 5:46 32.Kf1 3 g6 5:54
33.Rd8 42 Qxh3+ 2:55 34.Ke2 2 Nd4+
2:38 35.Rxd4 3:47 Qh5+ 1:39 36.Kd2
1:04 Qg5+ 32 37.Ke2 57 exd4 2:20
38.Qxd4+ 17 Qf6 6 39.Qxf6+ 17 Rxf6
6 40.Nd4 2:37 h5



41.e5 32



45.c7? 17

[45.e6! Rf8 46.e7 Re8 47.Kf3!

Rxe7 48.Nb5 (48.Kg3 Re4 $\bar{f}$)

48...Re8 49.Nxa7 Re7 50.Nb5□

Re4! 51.Kg3! Rxb4 52.c7 Rc4

53.Kxh3=]

45...Rf8-+ 29 46.Ne6 26 Rc8 1:22

47.Kf3 1:02 g4+ 12 48.Kg3 23 Kg8 8

49.f3 1:01 gxf3 39 50.Kxh3 3 Kf7 31

51.Nd8+ 1:21 Ke8 10 52.Ne6 47 Ke7

1:56 53.Nc5 1:06 Rxc7 35 54.Kg3 3

a5 1:16 55.Na6 28 Ra7 1:39 56.b5 4

a4 19 57.Nc5 49 Ra5 46 58.Kxf3 1:38

a3 11

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□ Winslow,Elliott

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■ Chen,Quincy

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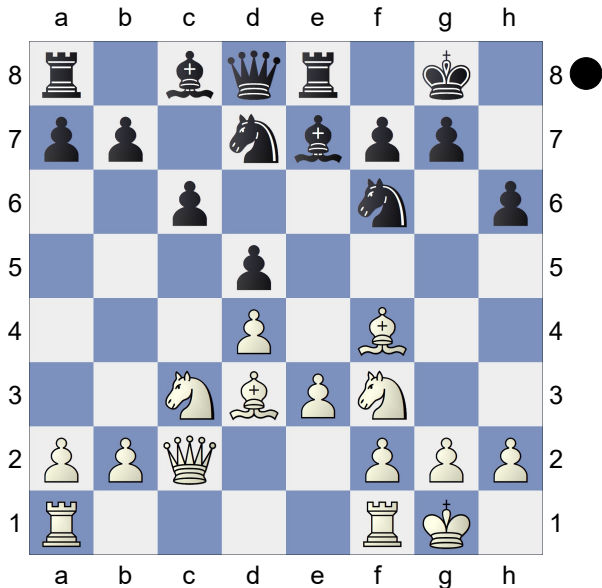
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 8 d5 10 2.c4 9 e6 4 3.Nc3 12

Nf6 12 4.cxd5 17 exd5 6 5.Bg5 8 Be7

1:20 6.e3 15 0-0 1:17 7.Bd3 1:12 c6
3:07 8.Qc2 1:03 h6 23 9.Bf4 1:02
Nbd7 2:14 10.Nf3 1:44 Re8 1:24
11.0-0 3:23



Nh5? 2:58 Incredibly this has been played 324(!!) times according to the Chessbase database - and one transposition (I wonder how *that* happened). I had Roger Smith fall into this trap earlier this year, only with my knight on e2, not f3. Roger got serious counterplay before it fell back into lost. The day before that game I had happened to read that Akiva Rubinstein fell into this trap *twice*! **12.Nxd5+- 19**

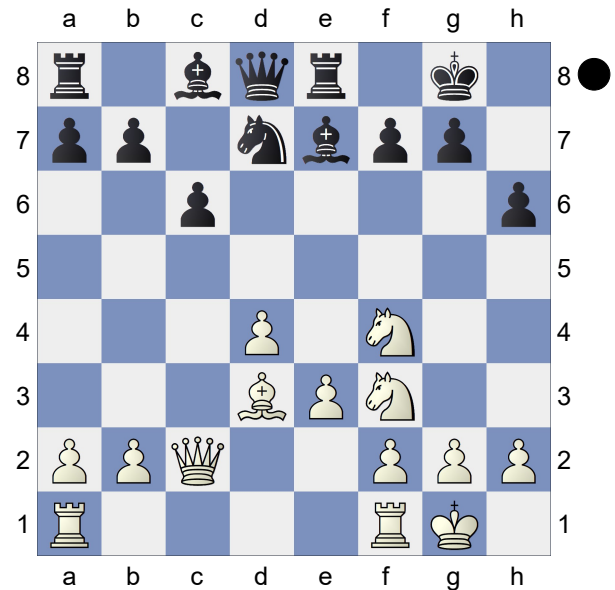
[Incredibly Esipenko -- yes, who just got one of the three spaces into the Candidates via the World Cup that is just ending right now -- missed the simple win of a pawn and played the 2nd most popular move here, 12.Be5?± against Boris Gelfand, admittedly in a blitz game, on Lichess in 2020; he won. Gelfand is a huge worshipper of Rubinstein, but this is taking it too far.]

12...Nxf4 6:21

[12...cxd5?? 13.Bc7 In the 1969 National High School Championship, against Kent Goulding, with neither

side having castled and my knight still on g1, I played 10.Nxd5?? cxd5 11. Bc7 and was down a piece after 11... Bb4+. I went on to win. I'd like to believe I'm a little sharper tactically after 56 years, but maybe not!]

13.Nxf4 9:28



According to Stockfish 17.1 it's a borderline won game (i.e. not even +2). Meanwhile, I've been plowing through Shankland's latest book, "Converting an Extra Pawn in Chess," which is all about the current situation! To drastically summarize, he has one (1) Stabilize (2) Trade the right pieces (3) determine what the extra pawn's job is. (Hint: it's often not "make a passed pawn and queen it.") It's a *very* good book! But this game is not exactly a convincing endorsement. But I haven't finished the book! **13...Nf6 14 14.Bc4?! 3:13** Most frequently played, but somewhat of a lemon.

[14.h3+-]

[14.Ne2+-]

[And best (but requiring some levitation) is 14.e4! Bg4 15.Ne5! Qxd4 16.Nxf7!+-]

14...Nd5?!+- 4:38

[14...Bd6± Already White is "only"

plus over minus now.]

15.Bxd5?! 3:53

[15.Ne5!+-]

[And even better, 15.Qb3!+-]

15...cxd5 37 16.Qb3?!± 1:09

[16.h3+- is best, with]

[16.Rfc1+-]

[and 16.Rfe1+- up there.]

16...Bd6!N 2:02

[at least I've got company: 16...Be6?

17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qxb7 Rb8 19.Qa6

Rb6 20.Qe2 Bd6 21.Ne1 e5

22.dxe5 Bxe5 23.Nd3 Bb8 24.Qh5

Re4 25.g3 d4 26.Qf5 Re8 27.e4

Rf6 28.Qg4 Qa5 29.Rfe1 Qb5

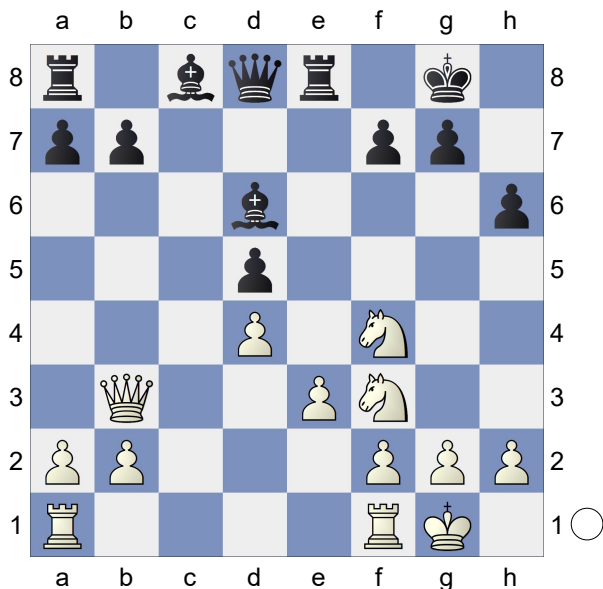
30.Rad1 h5 31.Qe2 h4 32.e5 hxg3

33.hxg3 Rh6 34.Kg2 Qd7 35.Rh1

Ree6 36.Qe4 Rc6 37.Rxh6 Rxh6

38.Nf4 Qe7 39.Rxd4 Bxe5 40.Qd5+

1-0 (40) Rocha,A-Holzmann,L Brasilia 1964]



17.Qxd5?! 5:42 I had it all worked out, except I forgot about a move; he played it and I panicked, thought I was lost, and played for "compensation".

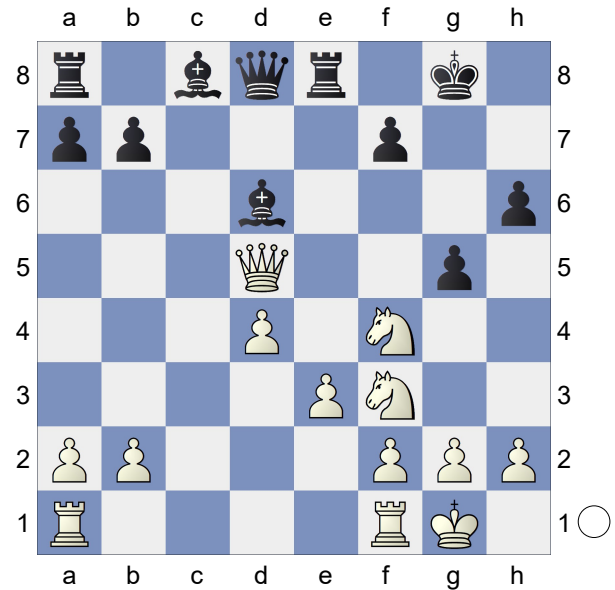
[17.Ne5± Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5

19.Rfd1 This is the sort of positional advantage I'd enjoy. Maybe.]

[17.Rfe1± Bxf4 18.exf4 Be6 19.Ne5

f6]

17...g5? 6:54



I saw this just after I played my previous - but in fact it's a mistake! **18.Ne5?? 14**

[I can't understand how I overlooked

18.Nh5! Bxh2+?? (18...Bg4!?

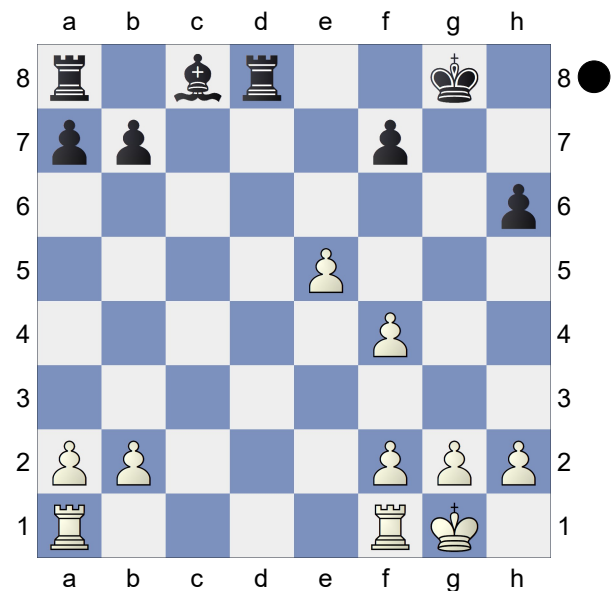
19.Ng3 Bxg3 20.Qxd8 Bxf2+

21.Kxf2 Raxd8 22.Rfc1 Re7

23.Rc3±) 19.Kxh2 Qxd5 20.Nf6+]

18...Bxe5+- 45 19.Qxd8 32 Rxd8 7

20.dxe5 24 gxf4 9 21.exf4 4

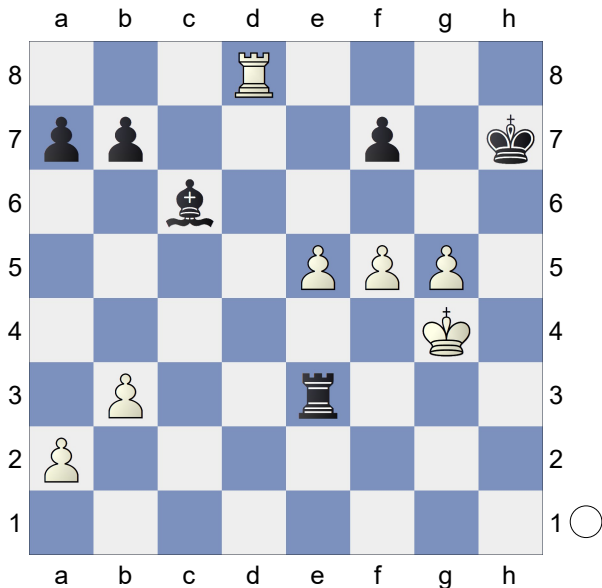


Three pawns for the piece, and a huge kingside majority. So what: -3.32/29 on Stockfish. **21...Bg4?! 1:50**

[21...Be6]

[21...h5]

22.f3 1:15 A very useful free move!
(Mind you, I'm still lost) **22...Be6 8 23.g4**
1:33 I'll figure out what he did wrong later.
He let me off the hook, and eve let me
set up what I call "the Holy Grail,"
connected passed pawns. **23...Rd2 1:07**
24.Rf2 27 Rad8 12 25.f5 22 Bc4 1:41
26.b3 36 Bb5 2:09 27.h4 1:29 Rxf2
2:41 28.Kxf2 3:23 Rd2+ 6 29.Kg3 17
Bc6 32 30.g5 3:21 Re2 6:29 31.Kf4
2:22 hxcg5+ 2:12 32.hxcg5 3:10 Rf2 26
33.Rd1 49 Rxf3+ 47 34.Kg4 9 Re3 34
35.Rd8+ 1:58 Kh7 23



36.g6+! 1:33 fxcg6?! 6:14
[36...Kg7!? 37.gxf7 Kxf7 38.e6+
Ke7 39.Rh8 Stockfish, in the time it
took me to open this note window,
has reduced this to "0.00" in every
direction. My thought at the time was
I would be lucky to get rook vs. rook
and bishop.]

37.f6 24 Re4+ 49
[During the game I wondered about
37...Rf3 38.Rf8! Re3 (38...Bd5
39.e6!) 39.Rd8!!= (the only move)]
38.Kg3 30 Re3+ 55 39.Kg4 43 Re4+
52 40.Kg3 7 Re3+ 1:31 41.Kg4 11
Wow! Quite a story. I'll ask John
Donaldson about the Rubinstein stuff

and expand this into a book or
something.

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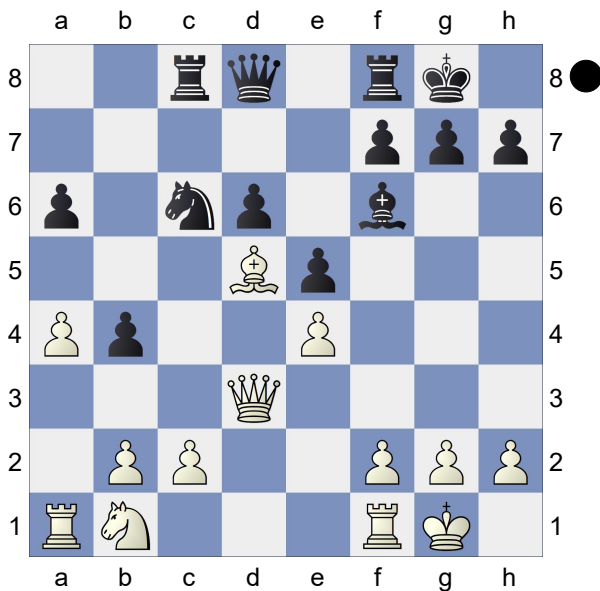
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□ **Rajaram,Raghu** **1839**
■ **Horowitz,Phineas F** **1931**
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1.e4 32:22 c5 15 2.Nc3 23 Nc6 23
3.g3 37 g6 33 4.Bg2 35 Bg7 22 5.Nge2
8 e6 2:04 6.f4 4:08 d6 2:22 7.0-0 1:37
Nge7 5:33 8.g4 3:02 Nd4 8:45 9.Ng3
1:51 Nec6 10:33 10.Nce2 10:31 0-0
15:48 11.c3 2:10 Nxe2+ 41 12.Qxe2 23
d5 2:16 13.d3 1:09 b5 4:31 14.Qf2 6:41
d4 5:49 15.e5 5:04 Bd7 6:19 16.Ne4 38
Qe7 6:40 17.g5 4:44 Rfd8 6:21 18.Qh4
5:14 h5 6:38 19.Nd6 2:35 Rab8 1:15
20.Bd2 52 Be8 3:01 21.Rac1 3:10
Rxd6 51 22.exd6 7 Qxd6 2 23.Be4 2:39
Ne7 1:31 24.Qf2 3:31 Nf5 1:43 25.Bxf5
15 exf5 2 26.b3 1:16 Bc6 44 27.c4
1:28 b4 1:37 28.Rfe1 44 Bb7 35 29.h4
42 Qc6 1:02 30.Kh2 15 Bf8 54 31.Re2
29 Bd6 1:20 32.Rce1 28 a5 45 33.a3
53 bxa3 1:15 34.Bxa5 15 Ra8 1:15
35.Bd2 1:14 a2 11 36.Ra1 23 Ra3 53
37.b4 2:31 Rxd3 1:47 38.bxc5 13 Bxc5
40 39.Re5 3:32 Rb3 56 40.Qe2 34
Rb1 43 41.Rxa2 1:25 Qh1+ 54
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□ **Walder,Michael** **1944**
■ **Parsons,Stephen** **1966**
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[TA]

1.e4 34 c5 6 2.Nf3 4 Nc6 31 3.d4 6
cxd4 3 4.Nxd4 6 Nf6 8 5.Nc3 4 e5 13
6.Ndb5 7 d6 6 7.Bg5 61 7...a6 9
8.Na3 5 b5 3 9.Nab1 0.02/32 23

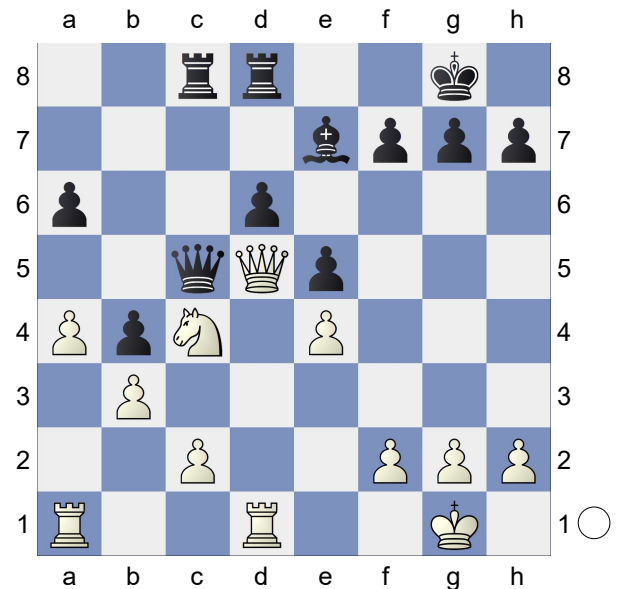
[9.Nd5± 0.42/32 was preferable.]
9...Be7= 167 B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations. **10.Bxf6** 9 **Bxf6** 12 **11.a4** 5 **b4** 430 The position is equal. **12.Nd5** 6 **Be6** 146 **13.Bc4** 58 **0-0** 63 **14.0-0** 74 **14...Bxd5** 0.60/28 53 [14...Bg5= 0.10/37]
15.Bxd5± 69 **15...Rc8** 6 Black is weak on the light squares **16.Qd3** 189



16...Qb6N 244
 [16...a5 17.Nd2 Ne7 18.Bb3 Rc5 19.Rfd1 Qc7 20.Nf1 Rd8 21.Ne3 Bg5 22.Qe2 Bxe3 23.fxe3 1-0 Mali,S (2147)-Masio,A (2012) Arco op 46th 2024 (6)]
17.Nd2 204 **17...Rfd8** 203 **18.Nc4** 309 **18...Qc5** 31 **19.Rfd1** 0.99/30 641 White is more active.
 [♞19.a5 1.40/30]
19...Ne7± 490 ...Nxd5 is the strong threat. **20.b3** 279 **20...Nxd5** 216 **21.Qxd5** 25 **Be7?** 3.61/31 76 [21...Rc7± 0.86/37]

(Diagram)

This costs Black the game. **22.Qb7!+-** 281 **22...Bf8** 15 **23.Qxa6** 46 **Ra8** 472 **24.Qb6** 318 **24...Qc8** 135 **25.Rd5** 104



[Inferior is 25.Nxd6 Qd7 (25...Qxc2 26.Rd5=) 26.Qxb4 Bxd6±]
25...Rb8 103 **26.Qe3** 122 **26...f5** 5 **27.Rad1** 159 **27...f4** 26 **28.Qd3** 42 **Qg4** 177 **29.f3** 113 **29...Qd7** 20 **30.Nxe5** 176 **30...Qa7+** 5 **31.Qd4** 272 **31...Qc7** 106 **32.Nc4** 55 **Be7** 5 **33.e5** 665 **33...dxe5** 167 **34.Qxe5** 75 **34...Qa7+** 461 **35.Kf1** 292 **35...Rxd5** 236 **36.Qxd5+** 279 **36...Kh8** 318 **37.Ne5** 47 **Qa6+** 159 **38.Rd3** 176 **38...Bf6** 307 **39.Nf7+** 17 Classic smothered mate. **39...Kg8** 3 **40.Nh6+** 1 **Kh8** 7 **41.Qg8+!!** 9 **Rxg8** 9 **42.Nf7#** 36 Beautiful play by Walder! Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.42 1-0

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 ♠ Perlov,Daniel Robert 1826
 ♣ Lewis,Edward 1979
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

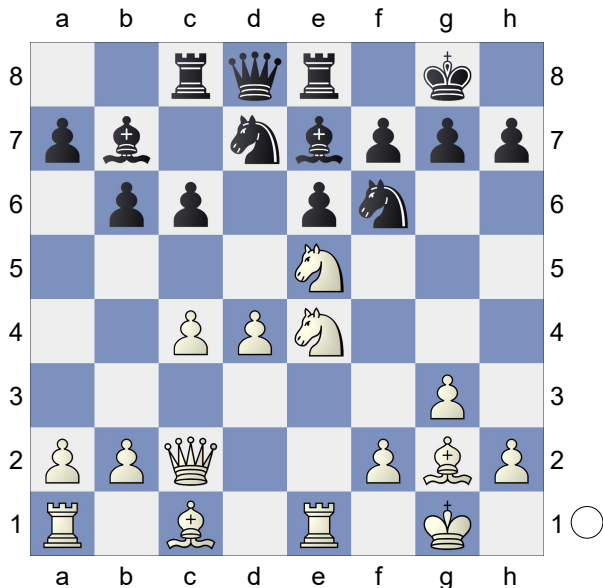
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 [11...c5!=]

12.Ne5!?

[12.Nxf6+!±]

12...Rc8??

[12...Nxe5 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.dxe5
Be7 15.Be3±]



13.Nxf7!+-

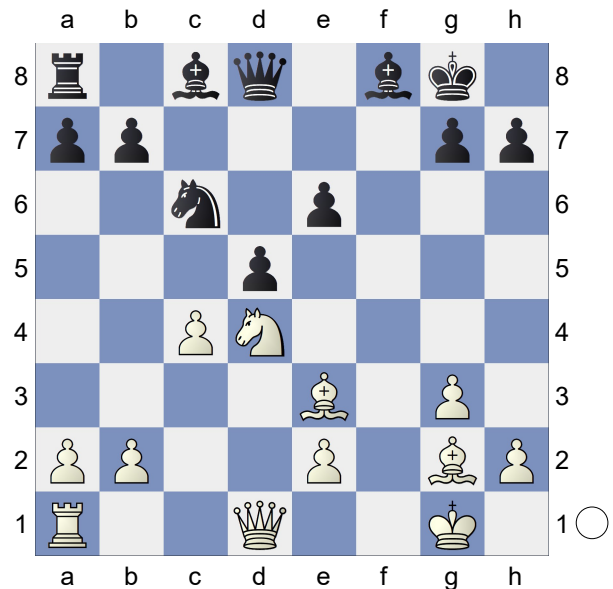
[♖13.Ng5!]

13...Qc7?! 14.Bf4 e5 15.Nxe5 Nh5
16.Bh3 Rcd8 17.Be6+ Kf8 18.Nxd7+
Qxd7 19.Bxd7 Nxf4 20.Bxe8 Nh3+
21.Kg2 Rxe8 22.Kxh3 Bc8+ 23.Kg2
Bf5 24.f3
1-0

□ **Clemens, Kristian** **A96**
 1941
 ■ **McCollum, Patrick M** **2000**
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.Nf3 e6 2.d4 f5 3.c4 Nf6 4.g3 Be7
 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 Ne4 8.Nxe4
 fxe4 9.Nd2 d5 10.f3 exf3 11.Nxf3 c5
 12.Be3 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc6 14.Rxf8+
 Bxf8

(Diagram)



15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.cxd5 Bd7 17.dxc6
 bxc6 18.Qb3+ Kh8 19.Rd1 Qe7
 20.Bf2 Be6 21.Qa4 Bd5 22.e4 Be6
 23.Qxc6 Rc8 24.Qa4 Qf7 25.Qxa7
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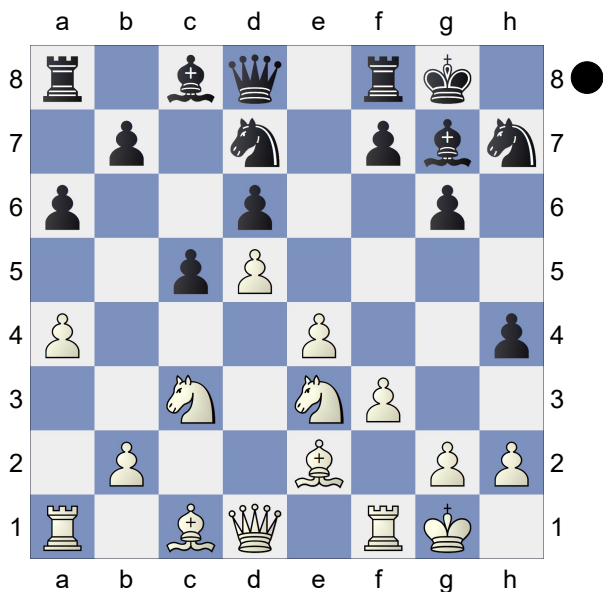
□ **Melville, Cailen Jeremiah** **E60**
 1925
 ■ **Kulkarni, Neil** **1926**
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 e6

[**Relevant**: 3...Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Nc3
 d6 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5
 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Nge2 Nbd7
 12.Ng3 Ne5 13.Be2 c4 14.0-0 Bd7
 15.a5 b5 16.Na2 h6 17.Be3 h5
 18.Nb4 h4 19.Nh1 Nh7 20.f4 Ng4
 21.Bxg4 Bxg4 22.Nf2 Nf6 23.Bb6
 Qd7 24.Rae1 h3 25.g3 Bf3 26.Bd4
 Bg2 27.Qc3 Nh5 28.Bxg7 Nxe7
 29.Qf6 Nh5 30.Qg5 Kg7 31.f5 Qe7
 32.Qd2 Bxf1 33.Nc6 **Nakamura, H**
(2816)-Caruana, F (2789) Saint Louis
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4.e4 c5 5.d5 d6 6.Nc3 Bg7!
6...Bg7 is better than 6...exd5. 7.Nge2

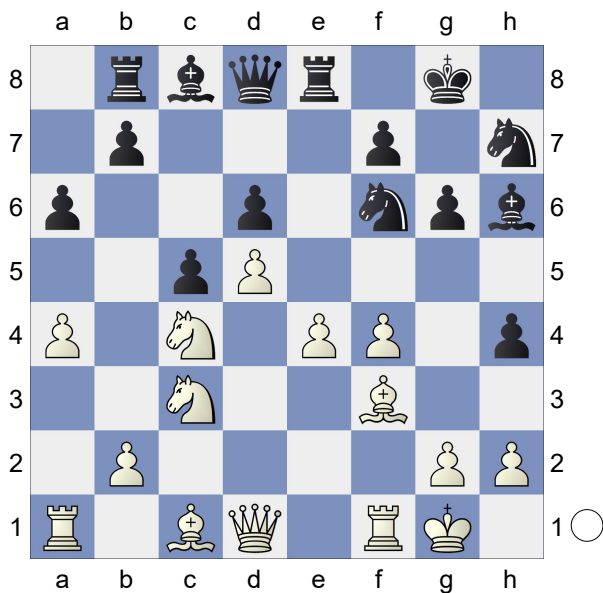
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h4 11.Nf1 Nh7 12.Ne3 0-0 13.0-0 a6
14.a4



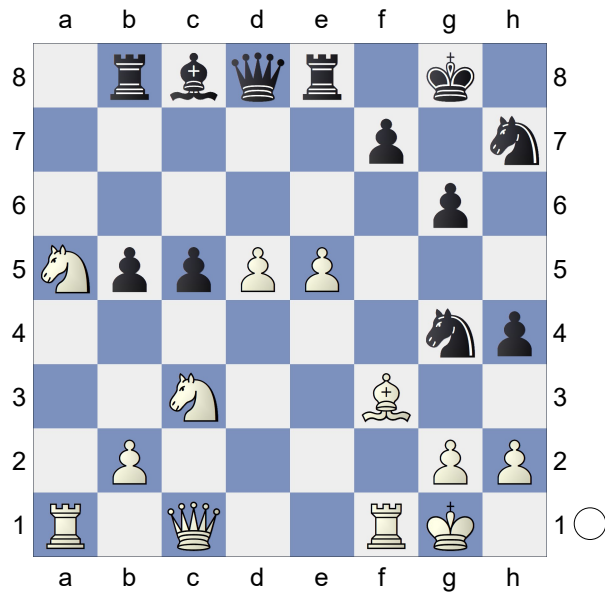
Ndf6N

[Predecessor: 14...Re8 15.Kh1 b6
16.Bd2 Rb8 17.Qc2 Bd4 18.Nc4
Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.f4 Bd4
21.Bd3 h3 22.g3 f5 23.exf5 Bb7
24.Rfe1 Nf6 25.Bf1 Kg7 26.Rxe8
Qxe8 27.Bxh3 Qh8 28.Bg2 Ng4
29.h4 Nf2+ 30.Kh2 Ng4+ 31.Kh1
Nf2+ 32.Kg1 Ng4+ 33.Kh1
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(2433) Dubai 2025]

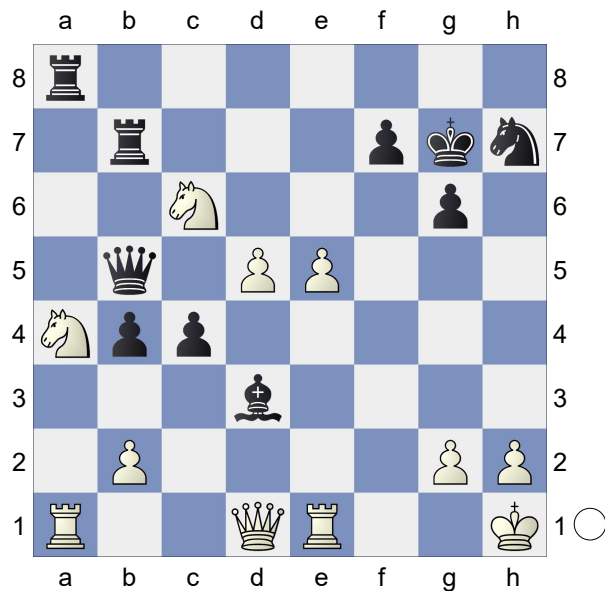
15.f4 Re8 16.Bf3 Bh6 17.Nc4 Rb8



**18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 Bxc1 20.Qxc1 b5
21.axb5 axb5 22.Na5 Ng4**



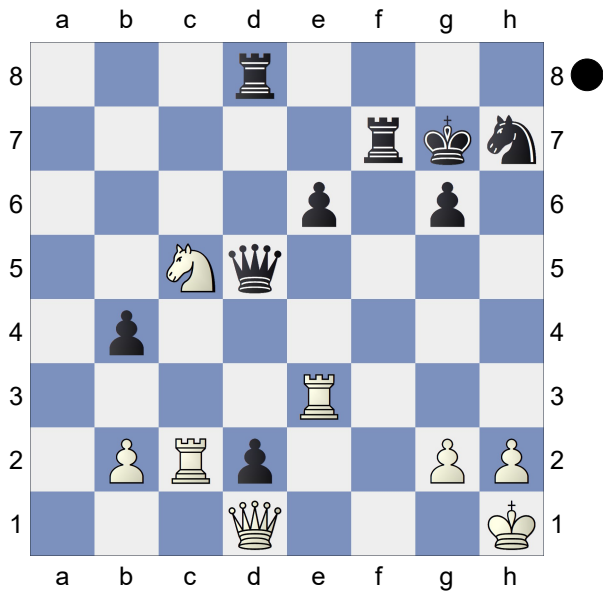
**23.Nc6 Qb6 24.Bxg4 c4+ 25.Kh1
Bxg4 26.Qf4 Bf5 27.Qxh4 Rb7
28.Qh6 b4 29.Na4 Qb5 30.Qd2 Ra8
31.Qd1 Bd3 32.Re1 Kg7**



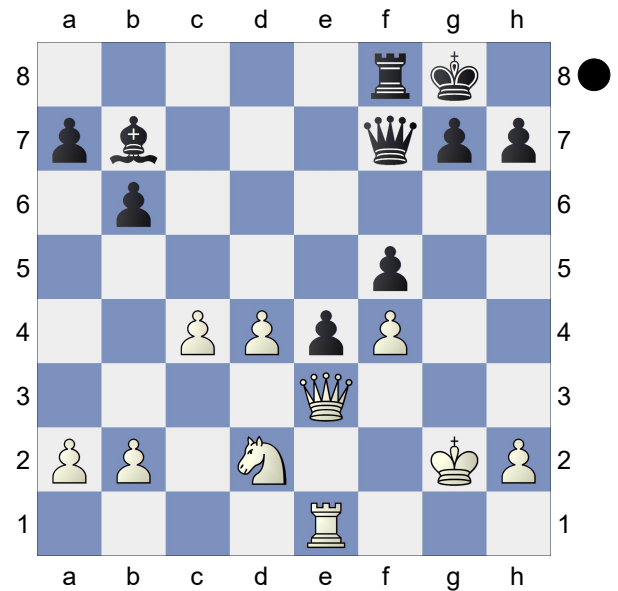
**33.e6 Qxd5 34.Ne5 fxe6 35.Nxd3
cxd3 36.Re3 Rd8 37.Rc1 d2 38.Rc2
Rf7 39.Nc5**

(Diagram)

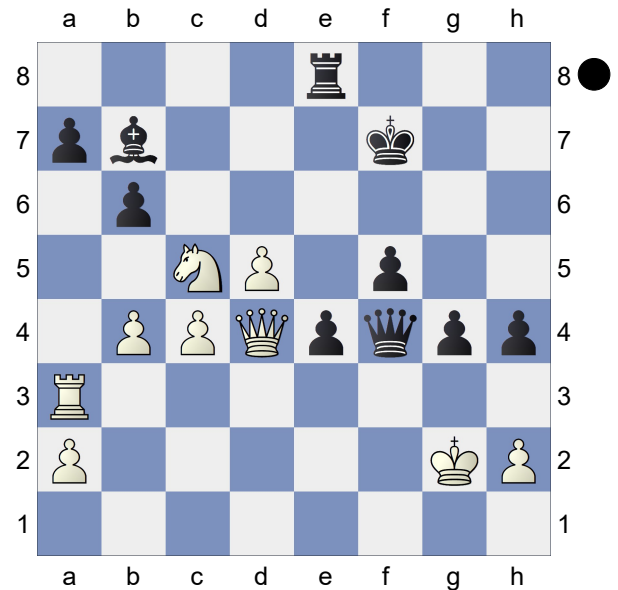
**Rf1+ 40.Qxf1 d1Q 41.Nxe6+ Qxe6
42.Rc7+ Kg8
0-1**



22.c4 Rg6 23.Qe3 Rxcg2+ 24.Kxcg2



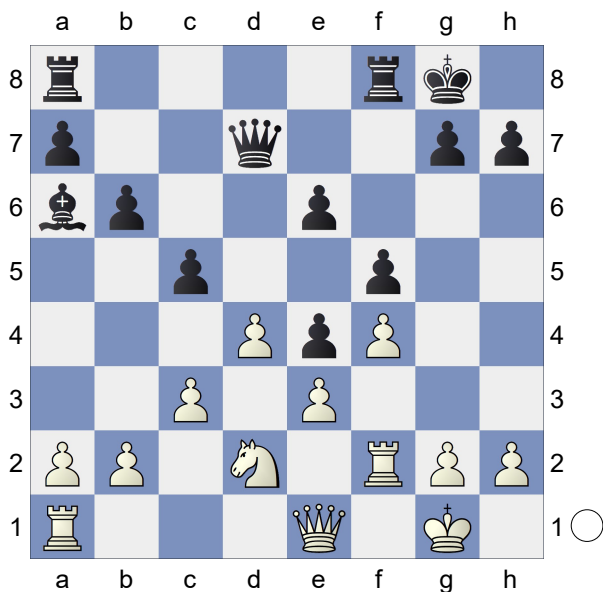
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28.Re3 h4 29.Ra3 Re8 30.b4 Qd6
31.Nd2 Kf7 32.Nb3 Qxf4 33.Nc5



g3 34.hxcg3 h3+ 35.Kg1 h2+ 36.Kg2
h1Q+ 37.Kxh1 Qh6+ 38.Kg2 Rh8
0-1

□ **Admassu, Yonathan** **D03**
 ■ **Smith, Roger Christopher** **1851**
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5
 5.c3 Nbd7 6.f4 Be7 7.Nd2 b6 8.Ngf3
 Bb7 9.0-0 Ne4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Bxe4
 dxe4 12.Ne5 0-0 13.Nxd7 Qxd7
 14.Qe1 Ba6 15.Rf2 f5



16.g4 Qf7 17.Rg2 Rac8 18.Qg3 cxd4
 19.exd4 Bb7 20.gxf5 exf5 21.Re1 Rc6

□ Sarmasi,Aron

■ Ponnaluri,Naga Abhiram

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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.g3 dxc4
5.Bg2 Bd6 6.Nbd2 b5 7.a4 Bb7
8.Ne4 Nf6 9.Bg5 Bb4+ 10.Nfd2
Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 f6
13.Bf4 Qe7 14.Bxb8 Rxb8 15.axb5
cxb5 16.Rxa7 Qc7 17.Qe3 e5?

[17...0-0±]

18.dxe5+- 0-0

[18...fxe5 19.Bd5]

△19.exf6! Rxf6 20.Rxb7?!

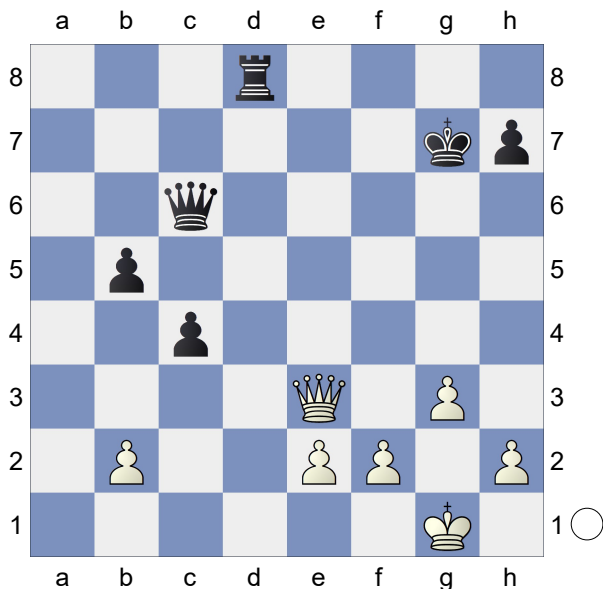
[20.Bd5+ Kf8 21.0-0+-]

20...Rxb7 21.Bxb7

[21.Bd5+ Kf8 22.Bxb7 Qxb7
23.0-0±]

21...Qxb7 22.0-0 Rf8 23.Ra1 Qc6

24.Ra7 Rd8? 25.Rxg7+! Kxg7



26.Qg5+??

[26.Qe7+- Kg6 27.Qxd8]

26...Qg6=

[26...Kf7=]

27.Qe7+ Kh6! 28.Qxd8 Qb1+ 29.Kg2

Qe4+ 30.Kh3 Qf5+ 31.g4 Qxf2=

32.Qd6+ Kg5 33.Qe5+ Kg6 34.Qh5+

Kg7 35.Qg5+ Kf7 36.Qxb5 Qe3+

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37.Kh4 Qf2+ 38.Kh5 Qxh2+ 39.Kg5

h6+=

[39...Qxe2=]

40.Kf5 Qf2+ 41.Ke5 Qxe2+ 42.Kd6

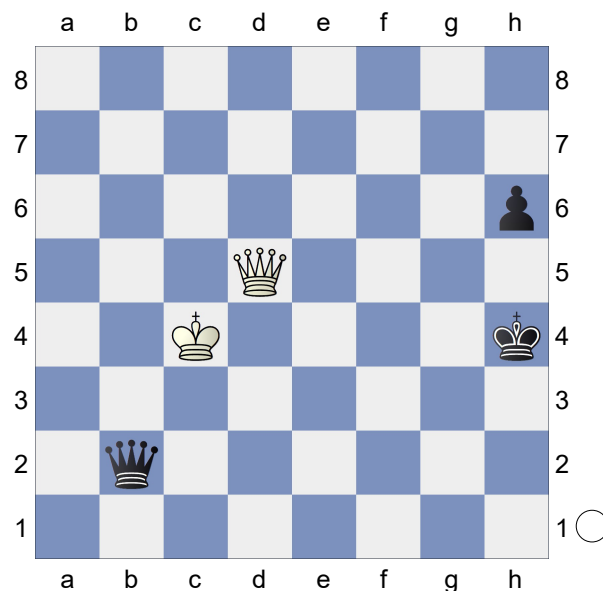
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45.Qd5+ Kh4 46.Kc5=

[46.Qh1+=]

46...Qc8+ 47.Kd4 Qh8+ 48.Kxc4

Qxb2=



49.Qe4+ Kg5 50.Qd5+ Kg6 51.Qe4+

Kh5 52.Qf5+

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□ Babayan,Gagik

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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.f4 Bf5

5.a3 e6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 dxe5

8.fxe5 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.Ne2 Be7

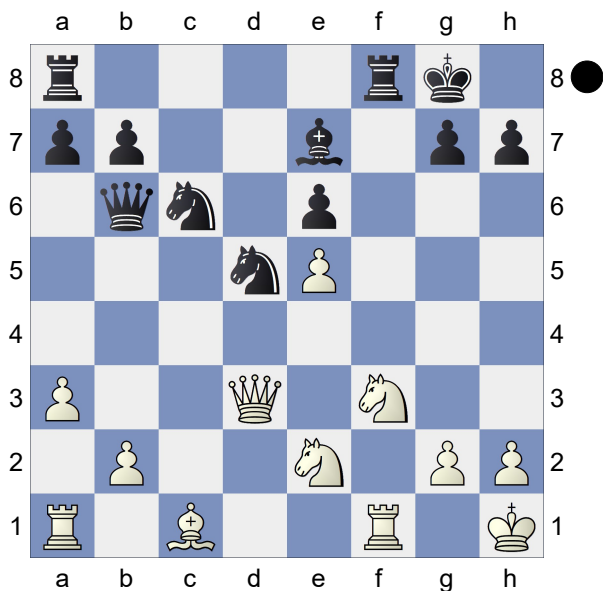
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14.Nf3 fxe5 15.dxe5 Qb6+ 16.Kh1

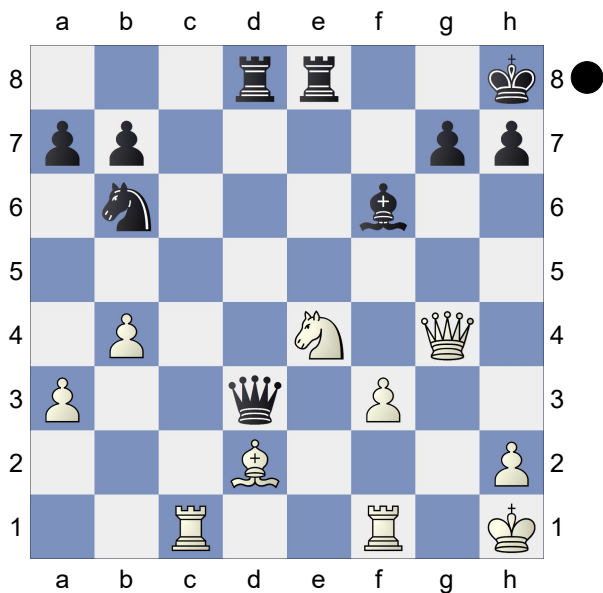
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Nxe5 17.Qe4 Nxf3 18.gxf3 Bf6 19.Rb1

Rae8 20.b4 Qb5 21.Bd2 Nb6 22.Nc3



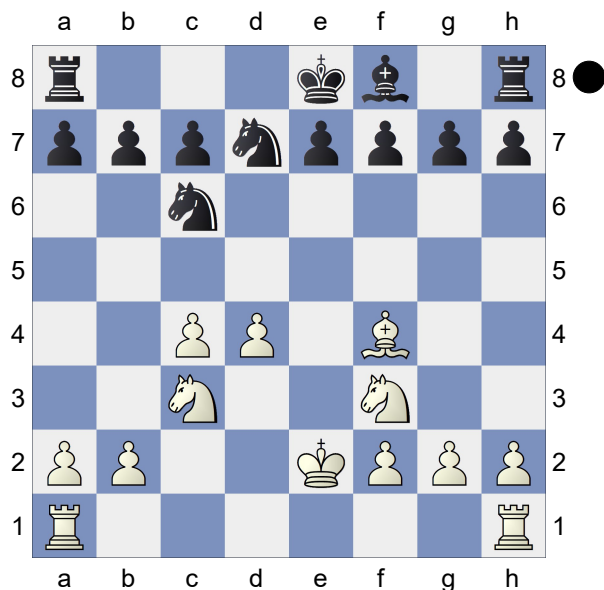
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25.Qxe6+ Kh8 26.Ne4 Rfe8 27.Qg4



Rxe4 28.fxe4 Qxd2 29.Rcd1 h5
30.Rxd2 hxg4 31.Rxd8+ Bxd8 32.Rf8+
Kh7 33.Rxd8 Nc4 34.Rd7 Nxa3
35.Rxb7 a6 36.Kg2 Nc2 37.Kg3 Ne3
38.Rb6 Nc2 39.Kxg4
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McCutcheon, Bennet
2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (4.13)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Be2
Bxe2 5.Qxe2 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.c4
Qe4 8.Nc3 Qxe2+ 9.Kxe2 Nd7
10.Bf4±



Nxd4+?? 11.Nxd4 e5 12.Ndb5+-
0-0-0 13.Be3
[13.Bg5 f6 14.Nxa7+ Kb8 15.Be3]
13...a6 14.Na3 f5 15.Rad1 Bd6
16.Rhe1 f4 17.Bc1 Nf6 18.Kf1 Rde8
19.Ne4 Bb4 20.Nxf6
[20.Bd2]

20...gxf6 21.Bd2 Bc5 22.Bc3 Rhg8
23.Rd5 Bb6 24.Red1 Rg6 25.b4
Reg8 26.c5 c6 27.Rd7 Bc7 28.g3 h5
29.Rh7 fxg3 30.hxg3 e4 31.Rdd7
Bxg3 32.fxg3 Rxg3 33.Nc4 Rg1+
34.Kf2 R8g2+ 35.Ke3 Rg3+ 36.Kf4
Rg4+ 37.Kf5 Rg5+ 38.Ke6
1-0

□ Tam, Hoa Long

■ Liu, Eric

2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (4.14)

[Tam, Hoa Long]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bd7 4.Nf3

a6!?± This system has been gaining popularity recently since GM Avetik Grigoryan promoted it on IM Eric Rosen's channel a few months ago. The main idea is that after trading off the French bishop on b5, Black will play ...c6 to "lock down" the queenside and then go for some sort of attack on the kingside. Grigoryan and Rosen have shown some great attacks with this system, but storming on the kingside when Black's pawn chain is pointing at the queenside and Black already has an open a-file seems rather anti-positional to me. **5.c3** I had looked at this system with an engine a few weeks ago and remembered up to 5.c3, but I don't recall any of the follow up moves so after trading on b5 I'm out of book. This move just waits around for Black to play ...Bb5 (the main point of this setup) so I want to take on b5 without wasting a tempo developing my bishop somewhere else first. After another developing move such as Nbd2, Black can play 5...c5 and if I respond with 6.c3 I wind up in a worse version of my normal Bd3 French. With 5. c3 c5, Black winds up a tempo down in a normal French advance, which Black was trying to avoid by playing 4....
a6 in the first place. 5...Bb5 6.Bxb5+

[6.h4 Bxf1 7.Kxf1 c5 8.g3±

I found two GM games that went like this (both wins for White against much lower-rated opponents), but this seems like some fancy engine line that I should avoid as a club player.]

6...axb5 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Nbd2 Nb6

C02 9.Re1 Ne7

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[9...c5 10.Nf1 Qc7 11.Be3 cxd4

12.Bxd4±]

[9...b4 10.Nf1 bxc3 11.bxc3 Nc4±
White should be fine here, but Black gets much more queenside activity.]

10.Nf1 c6 We discussed this after the game and concluded that Black can't allow White to prevent ...Nf5, so Black must play it now. By delaying it, Black allowed me to play a few constraining moves and prevent any of his pieces from finding good squares.

[10...Nf5 11.Ne3 Nxe3 12.Bxe3 Be7± White can consider Nd2 or Rf1 (preparing Ne1) and then pushing the f-pawn up the board, or just a3 to prevent Black from breaking with ...b4. Black can complete development and castle, but after trading two sets of minor pieces and with a knight exiled on b6, Black isn't likely to get a major attack going. On the other hand, White is still saddled with a bad bishop on e3 and Black can still try to achieve ...c5, ...b4, and ...b7-b5-b4 again to leave me with some weak queenside pawns.]

11.b3 This is slow, but Black doesn't have a lot of squares for his pieces and I thought it was worth the tempo to keep his pieces restricted. This gives Black another opportunity to get ...Nf5 in.

[11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 g5± This is the sort of kingside activity that GM Grigoryan says to go for in this system, and I had a general sense that Black could punish something like Bg5 with ...h6 and ...f6.]

[11.Ng3 I found a blitz game between an IM (as White) against a 2000. I was thinking that I'd be going for an eventual kingside pawn storm so I didn't want to block my g-pawn. However, in the game my knight on e3

wound up being more of an annoyance than a help because it blocked both my rook and my c1 bishop. h5 (11...g6?! 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf6 Rg8 14.Qd2 h5 15.Ng5±) 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Nh4± Lai – Altini, Late Titled Tuesday March 4 2025, 1-0. Black got steamrolled on both sides of the board.]

11...h6

[11...Nf5 Last chance for Black to play it. 12.Ne3 Nxe3 13.Bxe3

A) 13...b4 14.Qc2 bxc3 (14...Be7 15.c4 dxc4 16.bxc4 0-0

17.Reb1±) 15.Qxc3 Be7 16.Qd2±;

B) 13...Be7 14.Qd2±]

12.Ne3?!±

[12.Ng3 to avoid blocking the e-file, while still keeping Black's knight out of f5. I was generally concerned about ... b4 ideas, but I can handle those with Qc2 and Bd2. Ng6 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qd2± If Black castles kingside, I can play]

[12.h4 Nf5 13.g3 Be7 14.Ne3 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 0-0 16.Qd2±]

12...Ng6 13.g3 Keeping with the plan to keep Black's pieces from moving anywhere. **13...Be7 14.h4 Nf8?!±**

Black has nowhere to reroute the knight to. If it goes to d7, it blocks out the sad b6 knight. I was willing to spend an extra tempo playing h5 to force the knight back to f8, Black shouldn't give me the move for free.

[14...h5 15.Ng2 Qc7 16.Bg5 Bxg5 17.Nxg5 0-0-0± The h5 pawn is weak and I've solved the problem of my dark square bishop, but Black is no longer horribly cramped and Black's king is somewhat safer. The a-file is very juicy, so White should consider a4 next or else reroute the knights back into the game.]

15.Bd2?!± This is me again being

paranoid about ...b4 instead of increasing pressure on the kingside.

[15.Qc2 Nfd7 16.h5 0-0 (16...f6 17.Qg6+ Kf8 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Ng4+-) 17.Ng4±]

15...Nfd7 16.Qc2 Black's main pawn break is f6, so I'm trying to delay it by threatening Qg6+. I'm also trying to prepare to push c4. **16...f5?±**

Black said after the game that he saw the fork on f7 but miscalculated a way out of it. However, it seems really risky to open up the position like this when all of my pieces are pointing at his king in the center. If his knight wasn't on d7, maybe he should have played Kd7-c7 first before opening this up. **17.exf6**

[17.Nxf5!? I didn't spend too long on this in the game. exf6 seems better for White, so it didn't seem necessary to spend the time to work out a piece sac. exf5 18.Qxf5

A) 18...Nf8 19.e6 Qc7 20.Qf7+ Kd8

A1) 21.Ne5 Kc8 (21...Qd6 22.Qxg7 Rh7 23.Qxh7 Nxh7 24.Nf7+-) 22.Ng6 Nxg6 23.Qxg6

A1a) 23...Bf6 24.Qf7

A1a1) 24...Qd8 25.e7 Qe8 26.Qe6+ Nd7 27.Bf4 g5 (27...h5 or any other move 28.Qd6 Be5 29.Rxe5 Nxe5 30.Bxe5+-) 28.Be5 (28.Bd6 gxh4 29.g4 h5 30.f3 hxg4 31.fxg4 h3 32.Kh2 Rg8 33.c4+-) 28...Bxe7 (28...Bxe5 29.Rxe5 Kc7 30.Re3±) 29.Bxh8+-;

A1a2) 24...Qxf7 25.exf7 Rf8 26.Re8+-;

A1b) 23...Rg8 24.Bxh6+-;

A2) 21.Qxg7 Rh7;

B) 18...Qc7 19.Qg6+ Kd8

(19...Kf8 20.e6+-) 20.e6 Nf6

21.Qxg7±;

C) 18...Rf8 19.Qg6+ Rf7 20.e6+-]

17...Nxf6

[17...gxf6 18.Qg6+ Kf8 19.Ng4+-]

[17...Bxf6 18.Qg6+ Ke7 19.Ng4

Qe8 (19...Nf8 20.Qd3 Kd7

21.Bf4±) 20.Rxe6+ Kxe6 21.Re1+-]

18.Qg6+ Kd7?!+- Running away drops the exchange.

[18...Kf8 19.Ng4 (19.Ne5 Qe8

20.Qd3 Ne4±) 19...Nxb7 (19...Qe8

20.Qxe8+ Kxe8 21.Nxf6+ gxf6

22.Rxe6±) 20.Qxg4 Bf6 21.Qxe6±]

19.Ne5+ Kc7 20.Nf7 Qf8

[20...Qe8 21.Nxh8± Black said after the game that he missed that the knight defends the queen in this position when calculating 16...f5.]

21.Nxh8?!

[21.Ng2 In the game, I was frustrated by my knight on e3 blocking both my bishop and rook. It turns out that I shouldn't be in any hurry to take the rook and I can just improve my knight. Black's rook is not in the game so long as the queen is on f8 and if Black spends a tempo trying to rescue it, he's going to get crushed by the open h2-b8 diagonal and my previously-awful bishop.

A) 21...Kc8 If Black moves to a dark square, I can hit him with Bf4+.

22.Nxh8 Ne4 (22...Qxh8

23.Rxe6+-) 23.Qxe6+ Kd8

24.Nf7+ Ke8 25.Nd6+ Nxd6

26.Qxd6+-;

B) 21...Kd7 22.Nxh8 Ne4

23.Bf4+-;

C) 21...Rg8

C1) 22.Rxe6 Re8 23.Rae1 Ne4

24.Bf4+ Kd7 25.f3

C1a) 25...Nf6 26.Qf5 Nc8

(26...Qxf7 27.Rxe7+-)

27.Rxe7#;

C1b) 25...Nxc3 26.Rxe7+

Rxe7 27.Qd6+ Ke8 28.Qb8+

Kd7 29.Qxb7+ Ke8 30.Nd6+

Kd8 31.Qxb6+ Kd7 32.Qb7+

Kd8 33.Qc8#;

C2) 22.Bf4+ Kd7 23.Rxe6!

Kxe6 24.Re1+ Kd7 25.Qf5+

Ke8 26.Nd6+ Kd8 27.Nxb7+

Ke8 At a minimum, White has a perpetual with Nb7-Nd6.

28.Qg6+

C2a) 28...Kd7 29.Nc5+ Kc8

(29...Kd8 30.Ne6+-)

30.Qf5+ Kd8 31.Ne6+-;

C2b) 28...Qf7 29.Nd6+-]

21...Ne4 22.Re2?! This is me panicking because I didn't even consider ...Ne4 (or anything other than Qxh8). I'm up a full rook at the moment, so allowing Black to grab my bad d2 bishop while rescuing my h8 knight is a huge improvement for me, but I just wanted to hold onto everything.

[22.Qf7 Qxf7 23.Nxf7 Nxd2

24.Ne5±]

22...Qf3 23.Rae1 Rf8 24.Ng4?!

I thought to myself during the game "just simplify, don't be fancy" and then decided to play some fancy nonsense with Ng4.

[24.Qg4 Qxg4 (24...Qf6 25.Ng6±)

25.Nxg4±]

24...Bd6 This avoids Bf4 coming with check, but allows me to grab g7 with

check and defend the knight. 25.Qxg7+

Nd7 26.Bf4 Bxf4 27.gxf4 Kb6

[27...Qxf4 28.Rf1

A) 28...Kd6 29.Rxe4 dxe4 30.Ne3

Qxh4 (30...h5 31.Ng6+-)

31.Nf7+-;

B) 28...Ng3 29.Rxe6 Nxf1

30.Kxf1+-]

[27...Rxf4 28.Qxd7+ Kxd7

29.Ne5+-]

28.Nf7??± This just loses a knight for no

reason. I'm still up an exchange, but I wind up playing the next several moves as though I'd just blundered a clean piece.

[28.Ne5 I spent a while looking at this in the game, but didn't want to trade off a defender of my king for the passive on d7. Nxe5 29.dxe5 Rxf4±]
[28.Ne3 I didn't consider this move at all. It stops all checks on the g-file, and my knight will return from h8. Rxf4 29.Ng6 Rg4+ (29...Nxf2 30.Nxf4+-) 30.Nxg4 Qxg4+ 31.Kh2+-]

28...Rxf7 29.Qg6

[29.Qxf7 Qxg4+ 30.Kf1

A) 30...Qxh4

A1) 31.Qg6 Qh1+ (31...Ndf6 32.f3 Ng3+ 33.Kg2 Nxe2 34.Rxe2 Qxf4 35.Rxe6 Nd7 36.Qxh6±) 32.Qg1 Qh3+=;

A2) 31.Kg1 Qg4+ 32.Kf1 Qh3+ 33.Kg1 Ndf6 34.Qg6 (34.f3 Ng3-+; 34.Rxe4 Nxe4 35.Rxe4 dxe4=) 34...Ng4 35.f3 Ng3-+;

B) 30...Qh3+ 31.Kg1=]

29...Ng3?!+- Black spent 30 minutes on this move, two thirds of his remaining time. Unfortunately, he missed that Rg1 holds everything together.

[29...Rxf4 30.Nh2 Qxc3 31.Qxh6 Rf6 32.Qe3±]

[29...Qxf4 30.Rxe4 dxe4 31.Qxe4± either e6 or h6 will fall, leaving White up two pawns.]

[29...Nf8 30.Ne5 Qxe2 (30...Nxg6 31.Nxf3 Rg7 32.Kh2 Nxf4±) 31.Rxe2 Nxg6 32.Nxf7±]

30.fxg3

[30.Kh2 Nxe2 31.Rxe2 Qxe2 32.Qxf7 Qxg4 33.Qxd7]

30...Qxg3+ 31.Kh1 Rxf4

[31...Qh3+ 32.Nh2+-]

[31...Qf3+ 32.Rg2+-]

32.Rg1 Qh3+ 33.Nh2 Rxh4 34.Qxe6 Qf3+ 35.Reg2 Nf6 36.Qe1 Rxh2+?

[36...Rh3 37.Rf1 Qd3 38.Rxf6+-]
37.Kxh2 Qh5+ 38.Kg3 Ne4+ 39.Kf4 Qf7+ 40.Ke3 Qe6 41.Kd3 Qf5 42.Ke2 Qe6 43.Kd1 Qh3 44.Kc2 c5 45.dxc5+ Nxc5 46.Rg6+ Ka7 47.Qf2 Qd3+ 48.Kb2 b6 49.Rc6

[49.Rxb6 Kxb6 50.b4+-]
49...Qe4 50.Rxc5 bxc5 51.Qxc5+ 1-0

☐ **Karwat, Joseph**

☒ **Ploquin, Phil**

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Be7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 Be6 9.0-0-0 a6 10.Kb1 Qd7 11.h3 Bf6 12.g4 b5 13.g5 Be7 14.Bg2 Rb8 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 0-0 17.h4 c5 18.Be5 Rfd8 19.Bg3 b4 20.b3 bxc3 21.Qxc3 c4 22.Bd5 cxb3 23.axb3 Rdc8 24.Qd4 Bxd5 25.Qxd5 Rb5 26.Qd3 d5 27.Be5 Qc6 28.Bb2 a5 29.Rd2 Rc5 30.Re1 Bf8 31.h5 a4 32.h6 axb3 33.cxb3 Qg6 34.Qxg6 fxg6 35.hxg7 Bxg7 36.Bxg7 Kxg7 37.Re7+ Kg8 38.Rd7 R8c7 39.R7xd5 Rxd5 40.Rxd5 Kg7 41.Rd4 h5 42.gxh6+ Kxh6 43.b4 g5 44.b5 Rf7 45.Rd2 Kg6 46.b6 Rb7 47.Rb2 Kf5 48.Kc2 Ke4 49.Kd2 g4 50.Ke2 Kd4 51.Kf1 Kc5 52.Kg2 Rxb6 53.Rxb6 Kxb6 54.Kg3 Kc6 55.Kxg4 Kd6 56.Kf5 Ke7 57.Kg6 Kf8 58.f4 Kg8 59.f5 Kf8 60.Kf6 Kg8 61.Ke7 1-0

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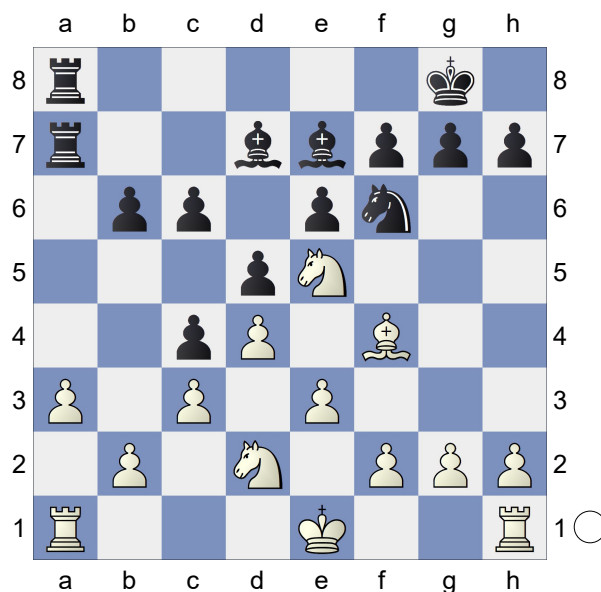
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 1:36 6.Be2 4:34 Nc6 54 7.dxc5 1:46
 Bxc5 7 8.Nb3 1:04 Bd6 54 9.0-0 2:50
 h6 47 10.Re1 5:14 0-0 29 11.c3 1:26
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 2:34 Bxc5 7:16 14.Nxc5 26 Qb6 4:08
 15.Nd3 7:42 Bf5 2:18 16.Qb3 5:17
 Qxb3 6:01 17.axb3 10 Rad8 9 18.b4
 5:48 a6 3:03 19.Rad1 1:50 d4 3:36
 20.h3 4:52 Nf6 33 21.Nc5 2:45 b6 6:48
 22.Nxa6 2:34 Bc2 4:21 23.Rxd4 16:27
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 11 27.Kh2 Rd1 46 28.Bc4 2:30 Rxd4
 22 29.b3 5 Ne4 1:11 30.Nc7 45 Nxf2
 40 31.Nd5 33 Nd3 1:34 32.b5 42 Ne5
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 31 43.c6 1:43 Kd6 43 44.Ne4+ 2:17
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 ■ Fitzgerald,William 1336
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

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 8.Ba4 d5 9.Qb5 Bd7 10.Qxb6 axb6
 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Ne5 Ra7 13.Nd2
 Rfa8 14.a3 c4



15.0-0 Be8 16.Ra2 b5 17.Rfa1 b4
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□ Robins,Alexander

■ Le,Thu Anh

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11.Be2 b5 12.a3 Bd7 13.0-0-0 Qc7
14.f4 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.g4 b4
17.axb4 Qxb4 18.e5 Rb8 19.Nb3 Nh7
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Be6 23.Rhe1 Bf8 24.Qe5 Rg8 25.Ne4
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gxf5 29.gxf5 Qg5+ 30.Kb1 Qg2
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hxg5 34.Qd6 Qb7 35.Qd7+ Qxd7
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Rg8 39.Rde1 Kc7 40.Re8 Rgxg8
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□ Pirone,John

■ Martin,Bryan D

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5.e5 Nd5 6.Nxd5 Bxd5 7.Be2 d6
8.Bf4 h6 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 d5
11.Qd3 c6 12.c4 Be7 13.cxd5 cxd5
14.Rac1 0-0 15.Rfe1 Bg5 16.Bxg5
Qxg5 17.Rc7 Qd8 18.Rec1 a5 19.Qb5
Qe8 20.Qxb6 Qa4 21.Rc8 Rxc8
22.Rxc8+ Kh7 23.Rxb8 Rxb8 24.Qxb8
Qxd4 25.g3 a4 26.a3 Qd3 27.Kg2
Qd4 28.Qb4 Qxe5 29.Qxa4 d4
30.Qc2+ g6 31.h4 h5 32.Qe4 Qd6
33.Qd3 e5 34.g4 Qf6 35.g5 Qf4
36.Qe4 Qxh4 37.Qxh4

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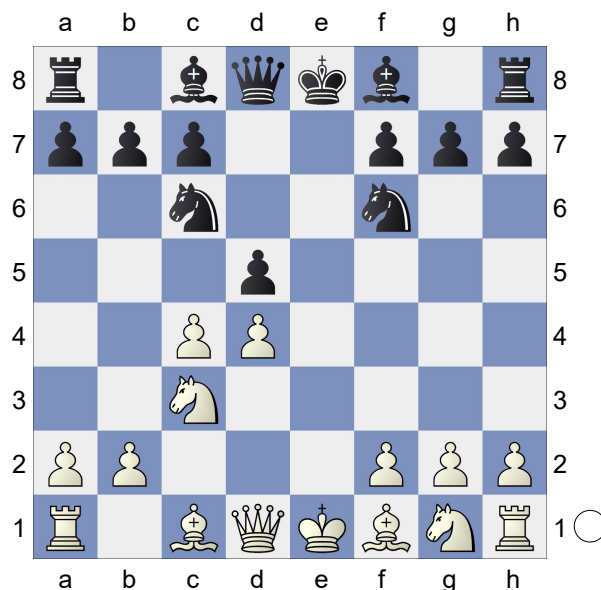
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□ Weaver,Kyle

■ Tobias,Mason

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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4
Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6



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6.Bd3?! dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nxd4

[7...Qxd4]

8.Nf3 Bc5?!

[8...Qe7+! 9.Kf1! (9.Ne2?? Nxf3+-+
10.gxf3 Qb4+; 9.Be2? Nxe2; 9.Be3
Nf5 10.0-0 Nxe3 11.fxe3 Be6)
9...Ne6 10.Be3 Bd7 and ...0-0-0]

9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 Be7
12.Rad1 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Rfe1
Qc5 15.Bb3?

[15.Qf4! Nf6 16.Re5±]

15...Ne5

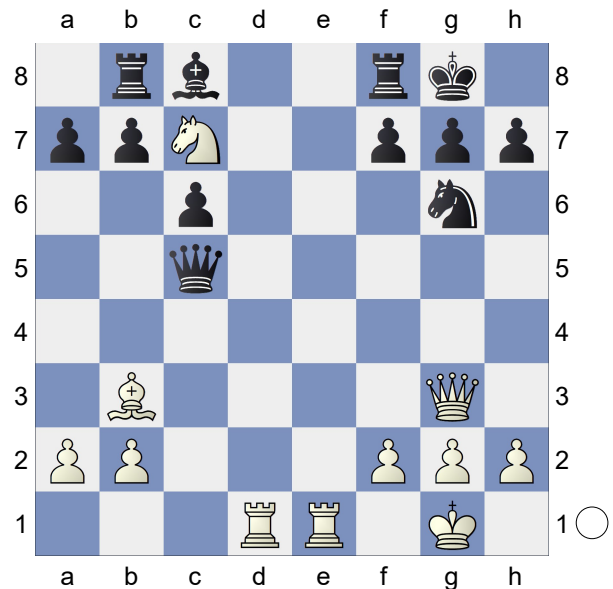
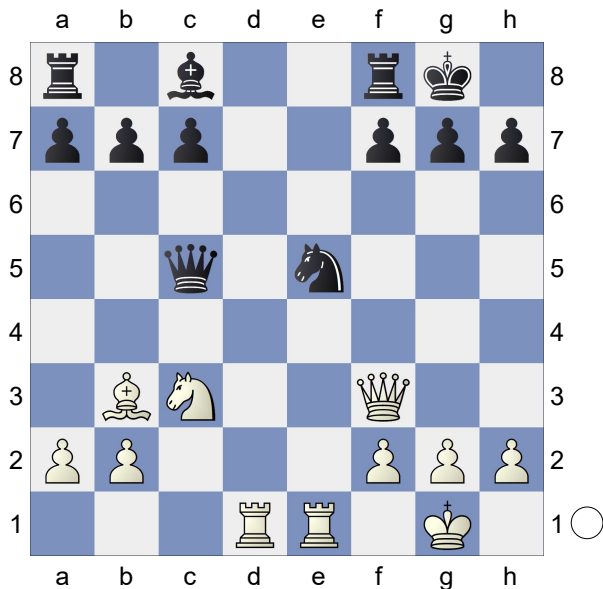
(Diagram)

16.Qg3+- Winning, yes.

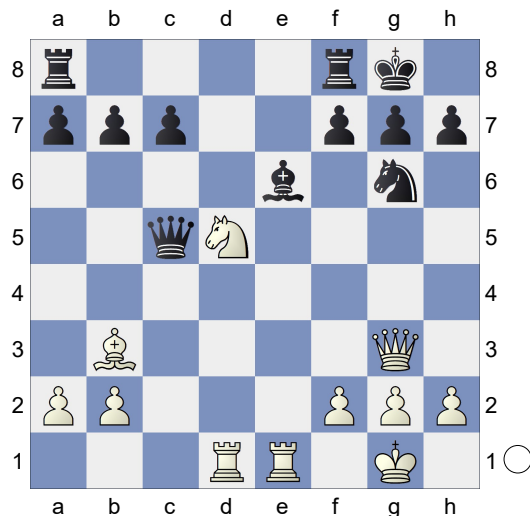
[But way better (and more fun and
decisive!) was 16.Rxe5! since if Qxe5
17.Qxf7+!! Rxf7 18.Rd8+ Qe8
19.Rxe8#]

16...Ng6 17.Nd5! c6?!

[17...Be6!? was worth a try, since the



only move for White is



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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.Nxe5 dxe4 5.Be2 exd3 6.Qxd3 Qxd3 7.Nxd3 Bf5 8.Bf4 Nd5 9.Bd2 Nc6 10.O-O Bd6 11.Bf3 Nde7 12.g4 Bd7 13.Nc3 Nd4 14.Bd1 Bc6 15.Re1 O-O 16.f4 Nf3+ 17.Bxf3 Bxf3 18.h3 Nd5 19.Nb5 Nf6 20.Nxd6 cxd6 21.Be3 a6 22.Kf2 Bc6 23.Rad1 d5 24.Bc5 Ne4+ 25.Kg1 Nxc5 26.Nxc5 Rfe8 27.Nd3 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Rd8 29.b3 Kf8 30.a4 a5 31.Ne5 Be8 32.Kf2 f6 33.Nd3 Bc6 34.Nc5 Kf7 35.f5 Re8 36.Rxe8 Kxe8 37.Ne6 g6 38.Nd4 Bd7 39.Kf3 Ke7 40.Kf4 g5+ 41.Kg3 Kd6 42.h4 h6 43.h5 Ke5 44.c3 Ke4 45.Ne6 b6 46.Kf2 Kd3 47.Nxg5 fxe5 48.Kf3 Kxc3 49.f6 Be8 50.Ke3 d4+ 51.Ke4 d3 52.Kf5 Bf7 53.Ke5 d2 54.Kd6 d1Q+ 55.Ke7 Qd5 56.Kf8 Qe6 57.Kg7 Bg8 58.b4 Qf7+ 59.Kh8 Qh7#
0-1

18.Rc1!+- with 19.Nxc7 next (since ... Bxb3 doesn't hit a rook at d1).
 (18.Qxc7? Qxc7 19.Nxc7 Bxb3 20.axb3 Rac8=; 18.Nxc7? Bxb3 19.Rc1 Bc2 20.Nxa8 Rxa8 21.Re2 Rd8! 22.h4 Rd1+ 23.Rxd1 Bxd1 24.Re8+ Nf8=)]

18.Nc7 Rb8

(Diagram)

19.Na6! bxa6 20.Qxb8 Bg4 21.Rd8! Ne5 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8 23.Qxf8+ Kxf8 24.Rxe5 Bd7 1-0

C47
☐ **Kojevnikov,Alexander** 1110
☒ **Rosston,Andrew Burkett** 1118
 2025 Winter TNM: u1600 (4.27) 25.11.25

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4
 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bc5 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2
 Nxd4 8.Bxd4 d6 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.f4
 Bg4 11.Re1 Re8 12.h3 Bd7 13.g4
 Ba5 14.Bg2 c5 15.Bf2 Bc6 16.Bh4 b5
 17.Qd3 b4 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5
 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 b3 21.Re3 bxa2
 22.Qa3 c4 23.c3 Qb6 24.Bf2 Qb5
 25.Bf1 Nxd5 26.Re4 Nb4 27.cxb4
 Qxb4 28.Qxa2 Qd2+ 29.Kb1 Qd1#
0-1

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☐ **Casares,Nick** 1600
☒ **Sevall,Daniel** 1930
 2025 Winter TNM: 2000+ (4.28) 25.11.25

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5
 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nc6 6.c4 Qxd4
 7.Qxd4 Nxd4 8.Bd3 e5 9.Bd2 Be6
 10.b3 0-0-0 11.Rd1 Nxb3 12.axb3
 Rxd3 13.Ne2 Rxb3 14.0-0 Bxc4
 15.Rfe1 Bd6 16.Nc3 f5 17.Rc1 Be6
 18.Be3 f4 19.Bxa7 b6 20.Bxb6 Rxb6
 21.Ne4 Kd7 22.Red1 Rhb8 23.Nc5+
 Ke7 24.Ne4 Bf5 25.Nc3 Rb2 26.Nd5+
 Ke6 27.Nxc7+ Bxc7 28.Rxc7 Rb1
 29.Rcc1 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Rb1 31.Rxb1
 Bxb1 32.h4 Ke7 33.h5 h6 34.Kh2 Bf5
 35.f3 Kf6 36.g4 Bc2 37.Kg2 Kg5
 38.Kh3 Bd1 39.Kg2 Kh4 40.Kf2 Kh3
 41.Ke1 Bxf3
0-1

B51
☐ **Myers,Steven Lee** 1130
☒ **Sisti,Daniel J** 1579
 2025 Winter TNM: Extra Rated (4.29)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e5 4.Bb5
 d6 5.d3 Be7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.h3 0-0
 8.Bd2 Na5 9.Bd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Nc6
 11.0-0 f5 12.c3 Kh8 13.b4 b5 14.a4
 Ba6 15.a5 Bc8 16.Re1 Nb8 17.Nh2
 Bg5 18.Nf3 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 fxe4
 20.dxe4 Bxh3 21.Ng5 Bd7 22.f3 Nc6
 23.Kf2 h6 24.Rh1 Kg8 25.Nc7 Qxg5
 26.Qxg5 hxg5 27.Nxa8 Rxa8 28.bxc5
 dxc5 29.Rh5 g4 30.Rah1 Kf7 31.Rg5
 Kf6 32.Rgh5 Nxa5 33.Kg3 gxf3
 34.gxf3 Nc4 35.Kf2 a5 36.Rg1 a4
 37.Rhg5 Rg8 38.Ke2 a3 39.Kd3 a2
 40.R5g2 Ra8 41.Ra1 Bh3 42.Rgxa2
 Bf1+ 43.Kc2 Rxa2+ 44.Rxa2 Be2
 45.Kb3 Bd1+ 46.Rc2 Ne3
0-1

E62
☐ **Chan,John** 1538
☒ **Agdamag,Samuel** 1514
 2025 Winter TNM: Extra Rated (4.30)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0
 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nc3 Na6 7.a3 c5 8.d5
 Bf5 9.h3 Nc7 10.g4 Bc8 11.Qc2 a6
 12.b4 Nd7 13.0-0 b5 14.cxb5 Nxb5
 15.Bb2 cxb4 16.axb4 Qc7 17.Rfc1
 Nxc3 18.Bxc3 Nf6 19.Qd3 Qb7
 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Rab1 Bd7 22.Qd2
 Rfc8 23.Nd4 Qb6 24.Nc6 Bxc6
 25.dxc6 Bh4 26.e3 Rc7 27.Kh2 Rb8
 28.Bd5 Qb5 29.Bg2 Qe5+ 30.f4 Qb5
 31.Bf1 Qb6 32.b5 axb5 33.Rxb5 Qa7
 34.f5 Rxb5 35.Bxb5 Bg5 36.Rc3 Qa5
 37.Qd3 Bf6 38.Rc1 Be5+ 39.Kg2 Qb4
 40.fxg6 hxg6 41.Rf1 Ra7 42.Rf2 Qc5
 43.Bc4 e6 44.Bxe6 fxe6 45.Qxg6+
 Bg7 46.Qxe6+ Kh8 47.Qe8+ Kh7

48.Qe4+ Kh8 49.Qe8+ Kh7 50.Qe4+ Kh6 51.Qe6+ Kh7 52.Qe4+ 1/2-1/2

□ Cao,Danny Du Uy

■ Blum,Paul

2025 Winter TNM: Extra Rated (4.31)

1.e4 d6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c6 5.f4 Nf6 white 1 hr 15 min... black 1 hr 17 min 6.d3 0-0 7.Nge2 Qb6 8.d4 [8.Bd2 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Rb3 (10.Bc1) 10...Qa5 11.Na4 Qc7]

8...Bg4 9.0-0 Nh5

[9...e5

A) 10.Kh1 exd4 (10...exf4

11.Rxf4) 11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Nxd4;

B) 10.h3 Bxe2 11.Nxe2]

10.Bf3

[10.h3 Bxe2 (10...Nxg3 11.hxg4

Nxe2+ 12.Nxe2) 11.Nxe2 Nxg3

12.Nxg3 Bxd4+ 13.Kh2]

10...Bxf3 w 59 m... b 1 h 14 m

[10...Bh3 11.Bg2 Bg4 12.h3 Nxg3

13.hxg4 Nxe2+ 14.Nxe2]

11.Rxf3 Nd7 12.Kg2 e5 13.Be3

[13.d5 cxd5 14.Nxd5 (14.exd5)]

[13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Qxd7 Rad8

15.Qh3]

[13.fxe5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nxe5

15.Rf2]

13...exd4

[13...Qxb2 14.Rb1 Qa3 15.Rxb7]

14.Bxd4

[14.Nxd4 Qxb2 15.Bf2]

14...Bxd4 15.Qxd4

[15.Nxd4 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qa3

17.Rxb7]

15...Qxd4 w 44m black 1h 11m

16.Nxd4 Nhf6 17.Rd1

[17.Re1 Rfe8 18.Rfe3]

17...Rfe8 18.Re3 Nc5 19.e5 dxe5

20.Rxe5 Rxe5 w 38 m... b 1h 9 m

21.fxe5 Ng4 22.Nf3 blunder blind to knight fork

[22.Re1 Re8 23.Nf3 Nd7 24.h3

Ngxe5 25.Nxe5 Nxe5]

22...Ne3+ 23.Kf2 Nxd1+ 24.Nxd1 Re8

25.Ne3 b5

[25...Rd8]

[25...Nd7 26.Ng4]

26.Ng4 Kg7 27.Ke3 h5 28.Nf6 a5

the rook hangs

[28...Rd8 29.Ke2]

29.Nxe8+ Kf8 30.Nd6 Ke7 w 30 m.... b

1 h 3m 31.Nd4 Kd7 32.Nxf7

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