

□ Chen,Quincy

■ Tsodikova,Natalya

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[Winslow,Elliott]

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1.e4 2 e5 9 2.Nf3 4 Nc6 8 3.Bb5 12

a6 47 4.Ba4 6 Nf6 25 5.0-0 1:25 d6

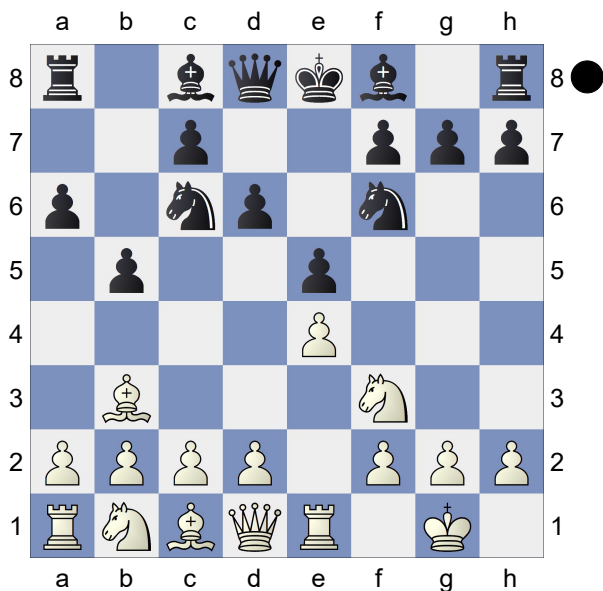
1:51 It seems that every old system makes a comeback sooner or later, and this has been one of the latest, being seen frequently at the top levels. Black could do without ...b5. But in this game something else happens. 6.Re1 1:04

[6.c3 Bd7 is the main Steinitz-like line, (but 6...Nxe4!? 7.d4 Bd7!? is also seen a lot, with Stockfish not giving White much (although White scores quite well with 8.Re1)) 7.Re1 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 was a rash of Giri-Niemann blitz games last June (and of course everybody else, Carlsen included).]

6...b5 7:45

[6...Bd7 is the old/new continuation.]

7.Bb3 12



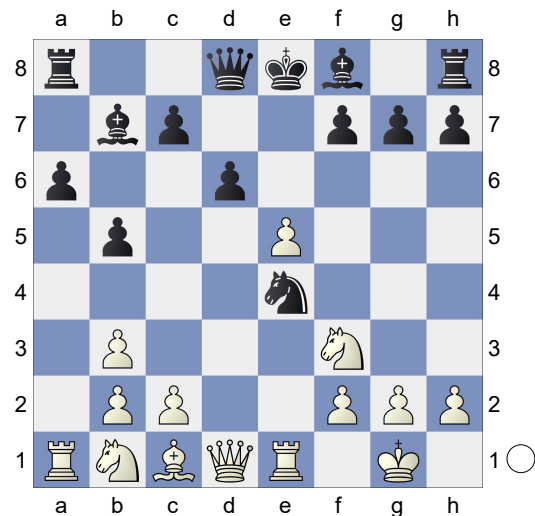
Na5!? 3:10 And here we are, with something different again. I don't see Natalya studying the recent games, and in fact this line hasn't really broken

through "at the top" except for one Prag game played just a month ago (!).

[7...Be7 8.c3 sees it heading directly into the orthodox Ruy Lopez lines, with the Marshall variation avoided. Hard to say by whom! A mere 100,000 games in the database.]

8.c3?! 1:36 Yes Black gets rid of the "Ruy" bishop, but there is a problem, which Chen sidesteps.

[That "problem" is 8.d4! Nxb3 9.axb3 Bb7 10.dxe5 Nxe4



A) 11.exd6 quickly dissipates through exchanges: Qxd6 12.Qxd6 Bxd6! 13.Nc3 (13.Ng5 0-0! 14.Nxe4 Rae8! when ...f5 gets the piece back. 15.Nbc3 f5 16.f3 Bb4 17.Bd2 fxe4 18.fxe4 Re6 19.Rad1 Bxc3 20.Bxc3 Rxe4 21.Rxe4 Bxe4 22.Rd7 Rf7 23.Rd8+ Rf8 24.Rd7 Rf7 25.Rd8+ Rf8 26.Rd7 1/2-1/2 (26) Lei,T (2505)-Nihal,S (2620) Baer Polgar Challenge, chess24.com 8 Apr 2021) 13...f5 14.Ng5 0-0 15.Ngxe4 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Rae8 17.f3 Bxe4 18.fxe4 Be5 19.c3 b4 20.Bd2 Rd8 21.Re2 Rxd2 22.Rxd2 bxc3 23.bxc3 Bxc3 24.Raa2 Bxd2 25.Rxd2 Rb8 26.Rd7 Rxb3 27.Rxc7 Re3 28.Ra7 Rxe4 29.Rxa6 Rf4 30.g3 Re4 31.Ra7

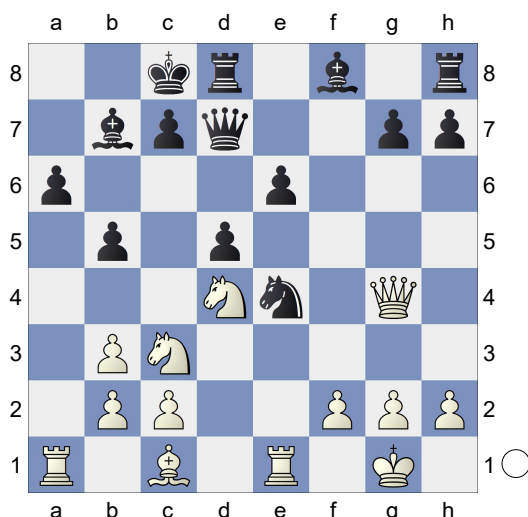
Rd4 32.h4 ½-½ (32) Kuybokarov,T (2535)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2768) FIDE World Cup, Goa 6 Nov 2025;
B) 11.Nc3! Not surprising this isn't all that well known, as it comes from over a hundred years ago (!).
 11...d5!

B1) 12.Qe2?! Bb4

B1a) 13.Nxe4! dxe4
 (13...Bxe1? 14.Nc5+-)
 14.Nd2=;

B1b) 13.Bd2?! Nxd2
 (13...0-0!?) 14.Qxd2 0-0=
 0-1 (42) Liang,A (2592)-Nihal,S (2620) Gelfand Challenge, chess24.com (rapid) 13 June 2021;

B2) 12.Nd4! Qd7 (12...Bc5
13.Be3 Bxd4 14.Bxd4 Qe7
15.f3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 c5 17.Bf2
 ½- (50) ½ (50) Yarmolyuk,Y (2335)-Babychuk,V (2216) ICCF email 2016) 13.e6? (13.f3!
 Nc5! 14.Nce2! and White still has a clear pull) 13...fxe6
 14.Qg4 0-0-0=



½-½ (46) Yates,F-Janowski,D
 New York 1924]

8...Nxb3 26 9.axb3 2:38 Bb7! 3:26

Black is already surpassing equality.

10.d3 11:28

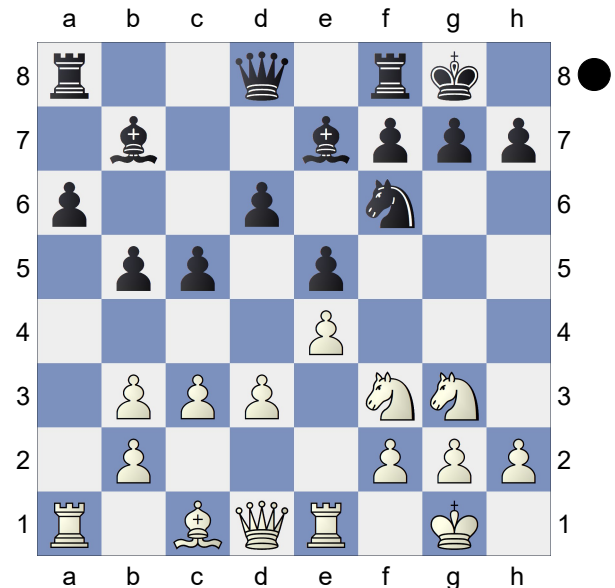
[10.d4 Nxe4 with a surprising

percentage of decisive games (7/10) in the database. (10...Bxe4 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qxd8+±)]

10...Be7 33 11.Nbd2 23 c5 5:12 12.Nf1

1:05 Back to more standard Ruy themes.

12...0-0 19 13.Ng3 1:11



g6 55

[13...Re8 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 g6 17.Ne3 Be7 Black is fine. (17...Bg7 is also good by Stockfish, although the only games were a couple White wins)]

14.Bg5N 13:11

[14.Bh6 Re8 15.h3 Bf8 16.Qd2 Qd7 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Qh6+ Kg8 19.Qg5 Qd8 20.Nh2 0-1 (58) Gabdrakhmanov,A (2316)-Elier,A (2160) Chess.com INT 2024]

14...Nd7 8:04

[14...Ne8 15.Bh6 Ng7=]

15.Qd2 14:18

[15.h4!?]

15...f6?! 3:17

[15...Bxg5= 16.Nxg5 Bc8]

[15...f5=]

16.Bh6± 45 Rf7 1:06 17.h4 3:47

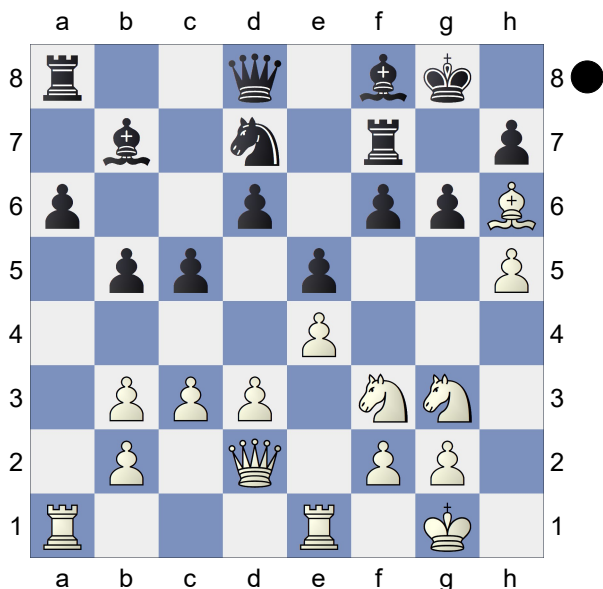
[17.d4±]

17...Bf8?! 4:53

[17...d5=]

[17...a5=]

18.h5± 1:47



Bxh6 1:52 19.Qxh6 6 Qf8 42 20.Qd2± 8:53 Definitely one of the three retreats here. **20...Nb6? 4:22**

[20...Qe7±]

21.Nh4± 4:26

[21.d4]

21...Rg7 4:46 22.Qe2? 5:08 Just pieces alone isn't going to cut it;

[White needs to open up the d-file:

22.d4!±]

22...Qe7± 6:08

[22...d5!?]

23.Qg4? 9:33

[23.b4± keeps the upper hand.]

(Diagram)

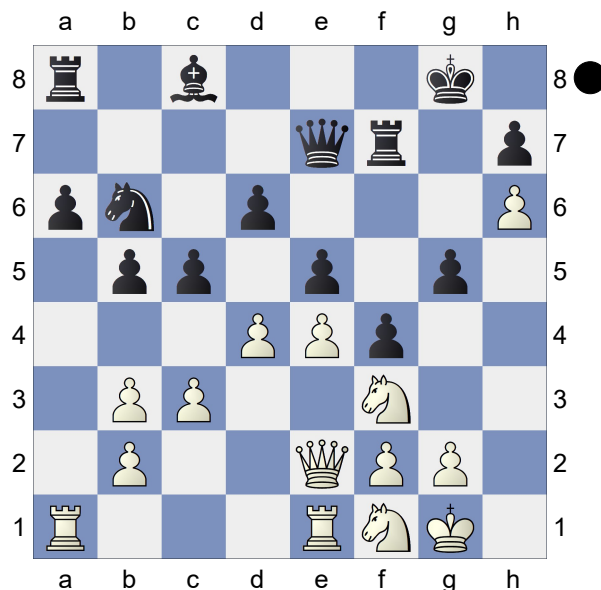
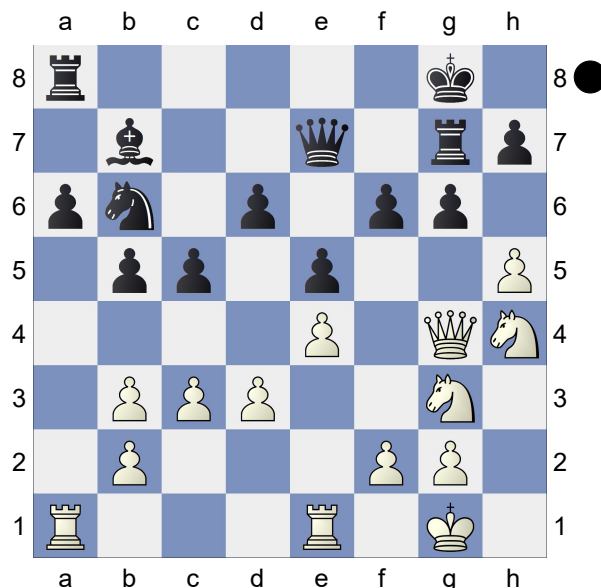
23...Bc8!-+ 1:32 24.Qe2 7:33 f5! 5:45 Black is rolling on the kingside, classic Tsodikova. **25.Nf3 12**

[25.h6 Rf7]

25...f4! 23 26.h6 5 Rf7 56 27.Nf1 10 g5↑ 1:43 It's funny to see the "Tactical Analysis" show the colored medal for "piece play" here -- what about those pawns! **28.d4?! 2:04**

[28.N3h2!? Rf6]

[28.b4!? cxb4 29.cxb4 Rf6]



28...g4? 2:43 Premature!

[Better is 28...Rf6!-+ 29.dxc5 dxc5]

29.N3d2? 58

[29.N3h2!± Qg5 30.dxc5 dxc5

31.Red1 Qxh6 32.Rd8+ Kg7

(32...Rf8? 33.Qd1+-) 33.Qd1 Qg5

34.Rd6 Rd7= 35.Rxd7+ Bxd7

36.Qd6 Qf6 37.Qxc5]

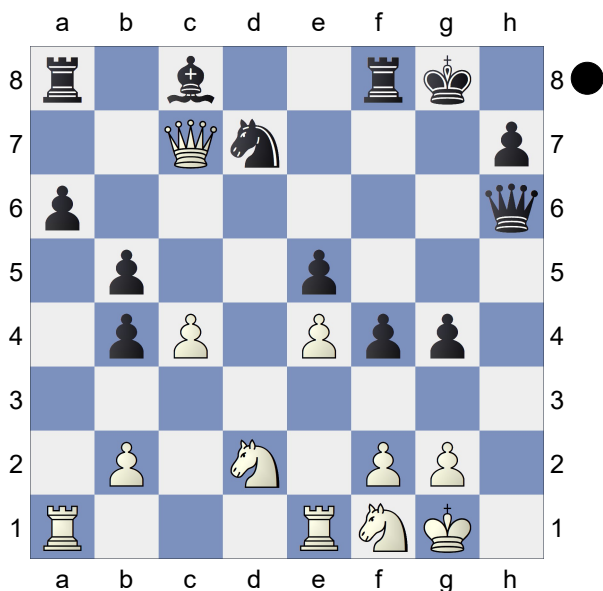
29...Qg5 3:11

[29...cxd4 30.cxd4 Rf6-+ (30...exd4 31.Nh2±) 31.Nh2±]

[29...Rf6!]

30.dxc5 1:15 dxc5-+ 54 31.Qd3 1:07 Qxh6 4:24

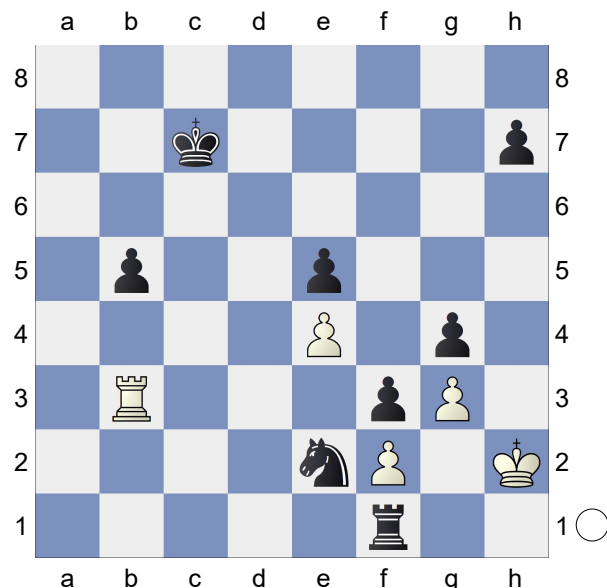
[31...Rd7! 32.Qe2 Rd6]
32.Qd8+ 2:45 Rf8 16
 [32...Kg7!]
33.Qc7 1:27 Nd7 1:15 34.b4 1:15 cxb4 1:29
 [34...c4!]
35.c4? 40
 [35.cxb4 f3!-+ (35...Qb6 36.Rec1)]



A sort of desperation, which Natalya puts down efficiently. **35...Qb6! 2:30**
36.Qxb6 35 Nxb6 2 37.cxb5 9 axb5 2:21 38.Rxa8 25 Nxa8 2 39.Rc1 10 Bd7 3:11 40.Rc5 11 Re8 53 41.Rd5 2:24

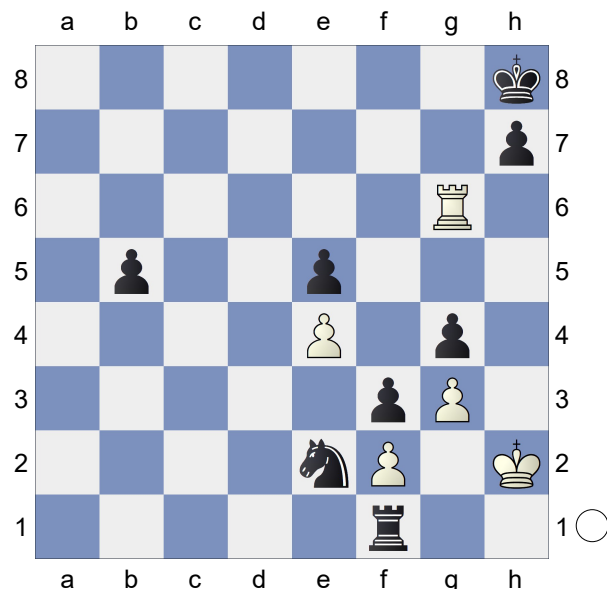
[♞41.g3 Nb6 42.Nh2]
41...Nb6 2:09 42.Rd6 5 Re6 17
 Chen just can't get anything going; the two extra pawns stand. **43.Rd3 5 Kf7 1:12 44.Nb3 1:11 Ke7 1:46 45.Rd1 2:08 Rd6 1:40 46.Ra1 48 Na4 44 47.Rb1 32 Be6 1:35 48.Nbd2 33 b3 3:34 49.Rc1 1:11 Kd7 14 50.Ra1 28 Rc6 33 51.Ra3 56 Nxb2 59 52.Nxb3 11 Na4 54 53.Na5 54 Rc1 51 54.Rd3+ 26 Kc7 1:00 55.Nb3 26 Bxb3 1:00 56.Rxb3 5 Nc3 21 57.g3!? 31 Ne2+ 33 58.Kg2 6 f3+ 9 59.Kh2 6 Rxf1 17**

(Diagram)



Chen sees a stalemate motif -- and Tsodikova underestimates it! **60.Rc3+ 4 Kd6?? 1:01**

[There is a way to break out of the perpetual suicide by the rook: 60...Kb6 61.Rc6+ Ka5 62.Ra6+ Kb4 63.Ra4+ Kc3 64.Ra3+ (64.Rc4+ Kd2) 64...Kd2 65.Rd3+ Ke1 66.Rd1+ Kxf2 Quite a path the king has traveled! 67.Rb1!? Rc1! and the fun is over.]
61.Rc6+!= 6 There is no "escape" now.
61...Kd7 24 62.Rd6+ 7 Ke7 24
63.Re6+ 5 Kf7 1:11 64.Rf6+ 7 Kg7 48
65.Rg6+ 8 Double Attack 65...Kh8 27



66.Rg8+! 6 Kxg8 3 Black had all

chances to win.

An interesting game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/

Black=0.23 (precise)

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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.Nf3 6:19 Nf6 8 2.d4 11 e6 32 3.Bg5
4 h6 40 4.Bxf6 14 Qxf6 9 5.e4 50 d5
6.Nbd2 17 Qd8 1:00 7.Bd3 1:15 Be7
40 8.Qe2 4:01 Nd7 49 9.0-0 2:38 dxe4
1:16 10.Nxe4 17 0-0 33 11.Rad1 4:35
It's become a classical center, usually
reached from a Rubinstein French
Defence, where Black has exchanged on
e4; Black plays for ...c5, which White
has discouraged for now. 11...Bd6?N
10:30

[Black has done well staying on point
with 11...b6±, for example 12.Rfe1
Bb7 13.Ba6 Qc8 14.Bxb7 Qxb7
15.Rd3 Nf6 16.Ne5 Nxe4 17.Qxe4
Qxe4 18.Rxe4 Bd6± 1/2-1/2 (86) Dubov,
D (2708)-Gauri,S (2307) Titled
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12.c4+- 1:07 (Stockfish's numerical
evaluation is +1.63/26, just across the
threshold into "won") 12...Re8 1:03

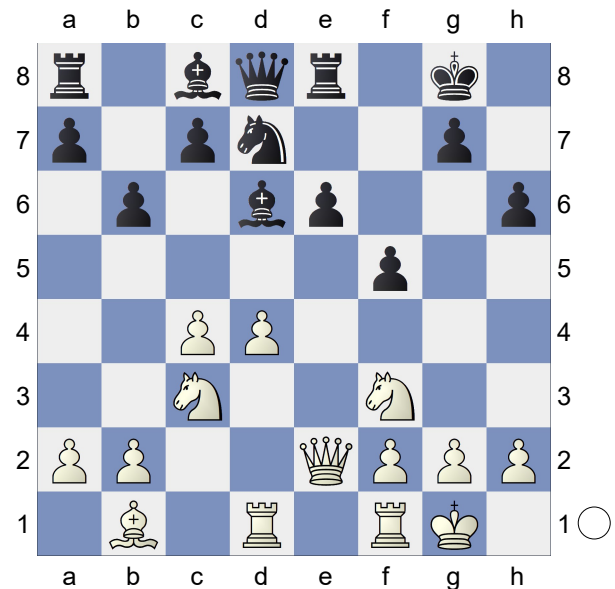
13.Bb1?! 1:39

[13.c5+- Bf8 (13...Bf4 14.g3 Bg5
15.Nfxg5 hxd5 16.Bc4) 14.Rfe1
when "White is better developed"
would be an understatement]

13...f5!± 1:50 14.Nc3 6:12 b6 2:50

(Diagram)

15.c5? 3:10 Here it's just a gratuitous
pawn loss.



[15.Rfe1±]
15...bxc5± 2:33 16.Rfe1 5:17 Bb7 2:22
17.a3 3:46
[17.Bc2!± feels stronger.]
17...cxd4?! 1:59
[17...Qf6±]
18.Rxd4? 5:26
[18.Nxd4± Qg5 (18...Ne5!? 19.f4
Ng4 20.h3 Bc5 21.Qc4 Qd6
22.hxd4 Ba6 23.Qa4 Rad8 24.Kh1
Bxd4 25.Rxd4 Qxd4 26.Qxa6 Qxf4±
/=) 19.g3 Nf8]
18...Qf6?! 1:31
[18...Rb8-+ is more deadly. 19.Ba2
Bxf3 20.Qxf3 (20.Bxe6+? Kh8-+)
20...Nf8 (20...Rxb2 21.Rxe6 Kh8
22.Rd1±)]
19.Nb5± 9:30 Bxf3 4:15
[19...Bd5± and ...Rab8 would now be
decisive 20.b4 Qf8]
20.Qxf3± 35 a6 59
[20...Ne5± 21.Qe2 Nf7]
21.Nxd6= 32 Qxd4 3:00 22.Nxe8 2:12
Rxe8 5 23.Bxf5 14:10 Qxb2 5:12
24.Qc6 4:51 Qb5! 3:35 25.Qxb5 4:51
[25.Qxc7 Qxf5 26.Qxd7 Rb8]
25...axb5 6 26.Rxe6 33 Endgame KRB-
KRN 26...Ra8 3:33 27.h4 1:07 Nf8 35
28.Re7 1:15 c5 1:19 29.Rb7 22 Rxa3

1:31 30.Rxb5 6 Ra1+ 58 31.Kh2 17
Rc1 17 32.Rb7 34 h5 1:15 33.Rc7 1:21
Rc3? 58

[33...Rc4= and Black stays safe.]

34.f3? 18

[34.Be4+- Threatens to win with
Bd5+. g6 35.Bd5+ Kh8 36.Rf7]

34...c4 1:12 35.Kg3 25 Rc1 56 36.Kf4

2:43 Rg1 1:13 37.Bh3 2:02 Rxc2 28

Deflection 38.Rc8 6 Rg6 1:22 39.Ke5

1:11 Rf6 1:25 40.Bf5 45 c3 14 41.f4

55 Rb6 1:59 42.Bd3 1:44 Rf6 1:56

43.Be4 32 Re6+ 1:00 44.Kd4 47 Rf6

13 45.f5 12 Kh7 1:18 46.Rxc3 12

Rd6+ 1:20 47.Ke5 9 Rf6 7 48.Rc7 1:43

Kh6 14 49.Bd5 34 Kh7 1:49

[49...Ra6=]

50.Be6!± 34 White has more active

pieces. 50...Kh6 2:03 51.Rc8 1:51 Nh7

41 52.Rc7 5:36

[52.Rh8± Bg8 would kill now. g6

53.Rxh7+ Remove Defender Kxh7

54.Kxf6 gxf5 55.Kf7 (55.Bxf5+

Kh6+-; 55.Kxf5 Kh8+-)]

52...Rf8= 42 Prevents Bg8 53.Bf7 40

Nf6 18 54.Bg6 7 Ng4+ 20 55.Kf4 24

Nf6 18 56.Ke5 15 Wards off Nd5

56...Ng4+ 7 57.Kf4 5 Rd8 36 58.Rc4

46 Nf6 58 59.Ra4 14 Nd5+ 42 60.Ke5

13 Nb6 2:09 61.Ra6 36 Nd7+ 4 62.Kf4

1:02 Nf6 1:04 63.Ra4 27 Rb8 4

64.Ke5 12 Rb5+ 25 65.Ke6 18 Rb6+ 4

66.Ke5 28 Nd7+ 14 67.Kf4 17 Nf8 19

68.Be8 29 Rf6 11 69.Ke5 22 Rb6 24

70.Ra8 22 Rf6 48 71.Rd8 34 Nh7 1:59

72.Bg6 18 Nf8 14 73.Be8 23 Nh7 44

74.Rd7 1:00 Ra6 1:02 75.Re7? 1:07

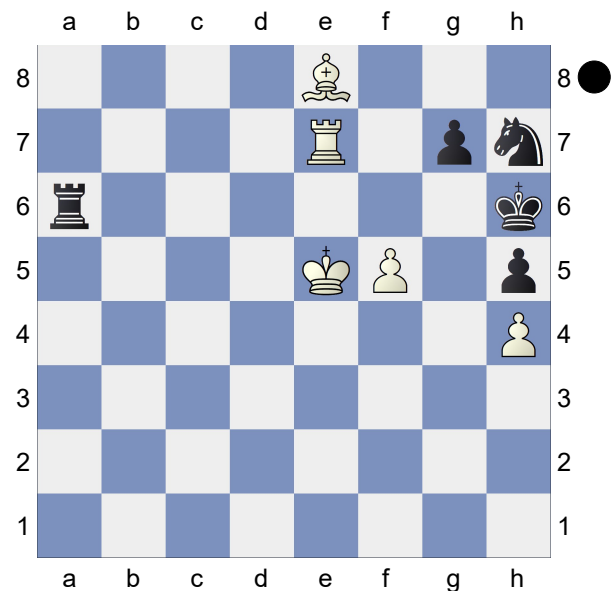
[75.Rd6+= Rxd6 76.Kxd6]

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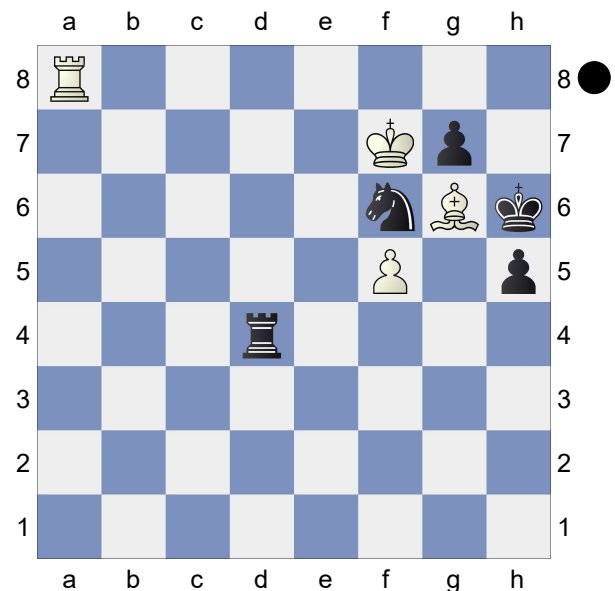
75...Nf6!-+ 25 76.Bg6? 1:16

[76.Bb5 keeps fighting. Ra3 77.Re6]

76...Ra5+ 7 77.Ke6 10 Ra4 28 78.Kf7



39 Rxh4 22 79.Ra7 13 Rd4 42 80.Ra8
46



Rd7+! 30 81.Ke6 3 h4 35 82.Ra1 31
Rd4 40 83.Rg1 46 h3 41 84.Bf7 55
Re4+ 12 85.Kd6 3 h2 36 86.Rh1 29
Re2 33 87.Bc4 11 Rg2 29 88.Ke6 1:45
Kg5 1:13 89.Bb5 59 Rb2 38 90.Bc4
1:49 Ne4 48 91.Bd5 13 Re2 1:35
92.Kf7 48 Ng3 1:27 93.Kxg7 38 Nxf5+
3:17 94.Kf8 36 Rd2 1:06 95.Bc6 27
Ng3 41

[Δ95...Kf6 (-> ...Ng3) 96.Rf1 Rd8+
97.Be8 Rb8]

96.Rc1 12 Kf6 31 97.Ke8 17 Ne2?
1:47 Dodges Rc3

[97...Ne4+ 98.Rf1+ Kg5]
 98.Rf1+= 13 The position is equal.
 98...Ke6 1:12 99.Rf2 1:00 Rb2 4
 100.Bd7+ 20 Kd6 22 (-> ...Rb8+)
 101.Rxh2 4
 [101.Bc6 looks sharper. Rb8+
 102.Kf7 Rh8 103.Bg2]
 101...Rb8+ 6 102.Kf7 4 Nc3 31
 103.Rd2+ 12 Nd5 3 104.Bh3 10 Rb7+
 13 105.Kf8 10 Rb8+ 20 106.Kf7 4 Kc5
 35 107.Rc2+ 6 Kd4 8 108.Rd2+ 3 Ke5
 16 109.Re2+ 3 Kf4 9 110.Bg2 33 Ne3
 7 111.Rf2+ 6 Kg5 9 112.Be4 8 Rb4 10
 113.Bd3 8 Rd4 13 114.Bb1 5 Ng4 29
 115.Rf5+ 9 Kh4 3 116.Rf1 5 Rd2 19
 117.Kg6 14 Rd6+ 7 118.Kf7 6 Rd5 16
 119.Ke6 14 Re5+ 7 120.Kd6 4 Re2 14
 121.Kc5 18 Kg3 34 122.Kd4 13 Rd2+
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 11 Rf5+ 5 149.Kc6 8 Rc5+ 24
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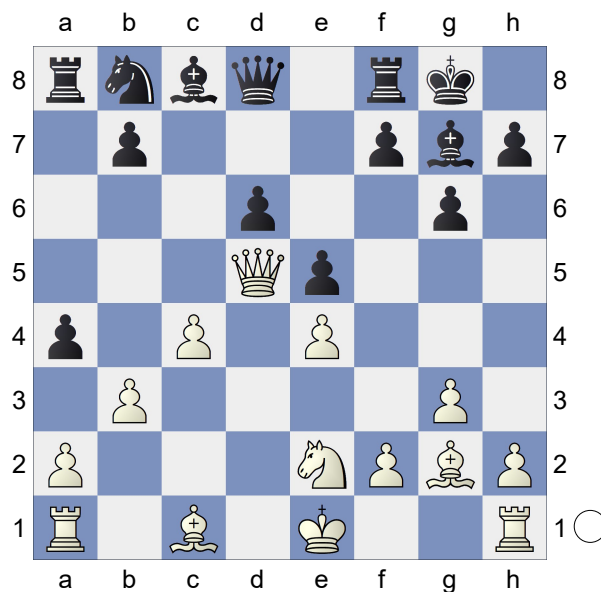
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.c4 3 Nf6 18 2.Nc3 27 g6 10 3.g3 41
 Bg7 6 4.Bg2 5 0-0 16 5.d4 4:00 d6 18
 6.e4 1:42 e5 1:47 7.d5 28 a5 2:36
 8.Nge2 26 E72: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5
 g3. 8...c6 4:38 9.b3N 4:18

[9.0-0±]
 [9.dxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.h3
 Nbd7 12.Be3 Rd8 13.Qd2 Nc5
 14.Rfd1 Be6 15.b3 Rab8
 1-0 (35) Li,B (2310)-Yang,S (1286)
 Qiziwan 2023]

9...cxd5!= 6:23 10.Nxd5 57
 The position is equal. 10...Nxd5 12
 11.Qxd5 10 a4 29



12.b4? 1:14

[12.Rb1= remains equal.]

12...Qb6?! 4:18

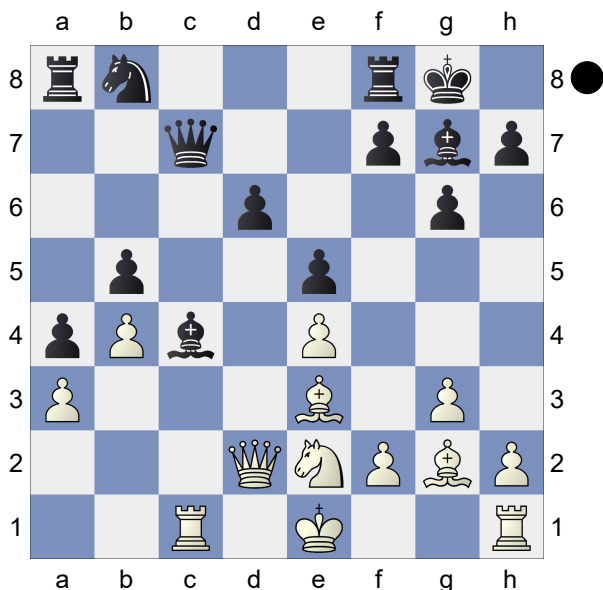
[Black should try 12...Qc7!± 13.c5
 dxc5 14.Qxc5 Qxc5 15.bxc5 Be6]
 [12...Nc6!±]

13.a3 52 Be6 54 14.Qd3 3:09

[14.Be3± is a better defense. Bxd5
 15.Bxb6 Bxc4 16.Rd1]

14...Qc7 2:56

[14...Rc8-+ 15.Be3 Qa6 (15...Bxc4?
16.Qxc4 Rxc4 17.Bxb6+-)]
15.Be3 1:33 **Bxc4** 1:03 **16.Rc1** 2:47
b5 8:01 **17.Qd2** 2:28



Ra6 3:38 Here I start to tie myself in knots ("Wince-low");

[I wouldn't call it "simple," but Black has a path: 17...Nc6 aiming for ...d5!? 18.0-0 Qd7 19.Rfd1 Rac8 20.Bf1 Rfd8 21.Bb6 Re8 22.Qxd6? (22.Be3 h5! 23.Qxd6 Qb7 24.Qd7 Qa8 and Black will push back with ...Red8 and ...Bb3) 22...Qb7! 23.Be3 Red8 24.Qc5 Nd4-+]

18.0-0 25 **Nd7** 3:03

[18...Ra8!]

19.Rfd1 30

[19.Nc3!? Qb7 20.Rfe1=]

19...Nf6 2:46 **20.Nc3** 7 **Qb7** 21

(Diagram)

21.h3? 7:29

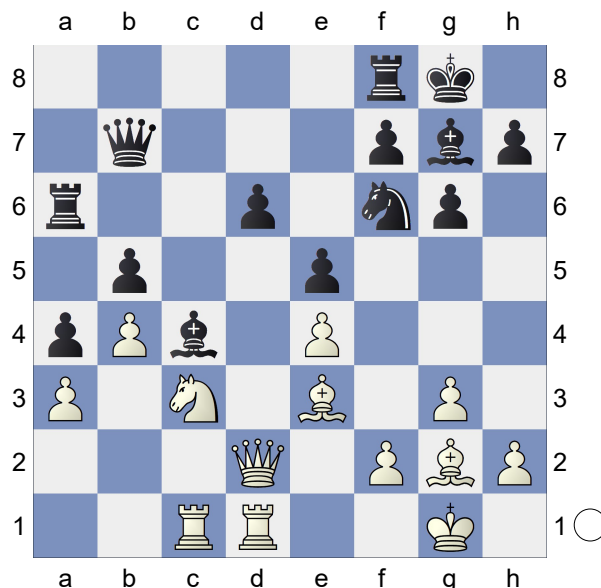
[21.Bf1=]

21...Rc8 4:43 **22.Bg5** 6:13 **Ne8** 4:19

[22...Rac6]

23.Nd5= 2:13 **f6** 4:25 **24.Be3** 2:12

Strongly threatening Bf1. White has compensation. **24...Rac6** 1:18 **25.h4** 2:20



[25.Rxc4! Rxc4 (25...bxc4
26.Rb1±) 26.Bf1]

25...Kf7? 1:38

[25...Bb3=]

26.Bh3± 21 Strong Square White (d5)

26...Rd8 25 **27.f4** 3:01

[Better is 27.h5±]

27...Nc7 1:50

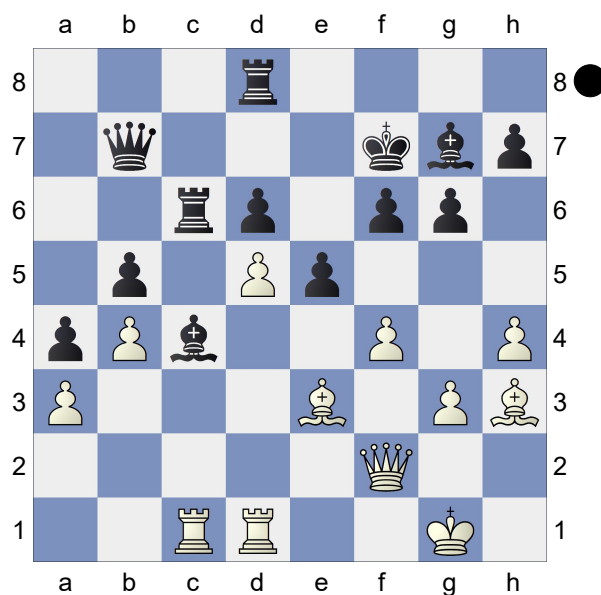
[27...exf4!± is more appropriate.

28.gxf4 Nc7]

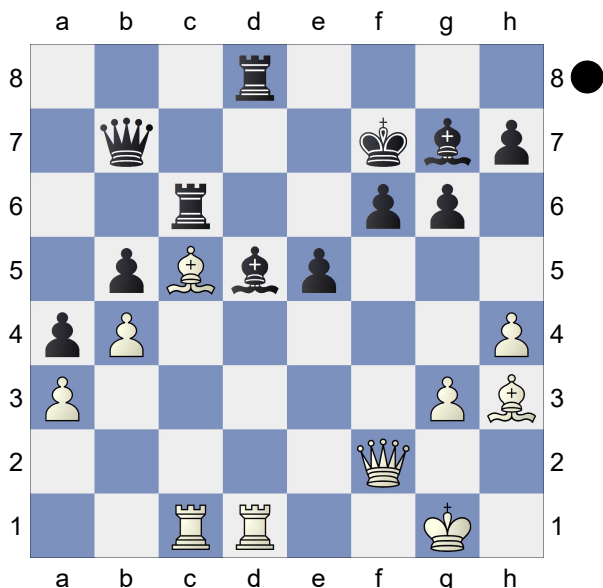
28.Qf2? 2:23

[28.f5!± keeps the pressure on.]

28...Nxd5!-+ 4:08 **29.exd5** 44



Bxd5! 16 **30.fxe5** 40 **dxe5** 2:42 **31.Bc5** 56



[32...f5 33.Bg2]

33.Qa2 4:33 Nope. Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.50
1-0

□ **Seshadri,Sudarshan** A40
 ■ **Melville,Cailen Jeremiah** 2010
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 3:15:23 **e6** 1:54 **2.c4** 11 **b6** 10
3.Nc3 15 **Bb7** 6 **4.e4** 57 The theoretical move,

[but 4.a3 is a more practical approach.]

4...Bb4 9 **5.Bd3** 52

[Believe it or not, 5.f3 is the only move to score over 50%!]

5...f5!? 21 While first seen in 1899(!), this only got a real going over in the 1970s and 1980s -- highlighted with Miles beating Bronstein. It's certainly sure to befuddle younger players who haven't heard of it. The better player has usually won -- and it's usually been Black. **6.d5!**? 4:32 **fxe4** 41 **7.Bxe4** 45 **Nf6** 12 Against Qh5+. **8.Bg5** 4:19 **Bxc3+** 1:58 **9.bxc3** 9 0-0 13 Black is slightly better. **10.Nf3?** 7:40

[10.Ne2?]

10...Qe8!-+ 55

[10...exd5?! 11.Bxd5+ Bxd5 12.cxd5 Qe8+? 13.Kf1 Na6 14.Bxf6 Rxf6? 1-0 (37) Goroshkov,M (2261)-Bruned, Y (2286) Chess.com INT 2022]

11.Bxf6? 41

[11.Bd3 exd5+ Discovered Attack (Check) 12.Be2 Ne4-+]

11...exd5 54 A completely won game by move 11!? Can't do much better than that! I'll let "TA" mop up the annotations from here... **12.Bd4** 12:49 **Qxe4+** 7:38 [12...dxe4 13.Nh4-+]

Qc7?? 3:47 It was one of those "the moment I played my move I saw what I had done -- and so did he" blunders.

[Best of many good moves, by quite a bit, was 31...Bh6!-+ (-2.56/30) and all is fine. 32.Rc3 e4 (always the followup)]

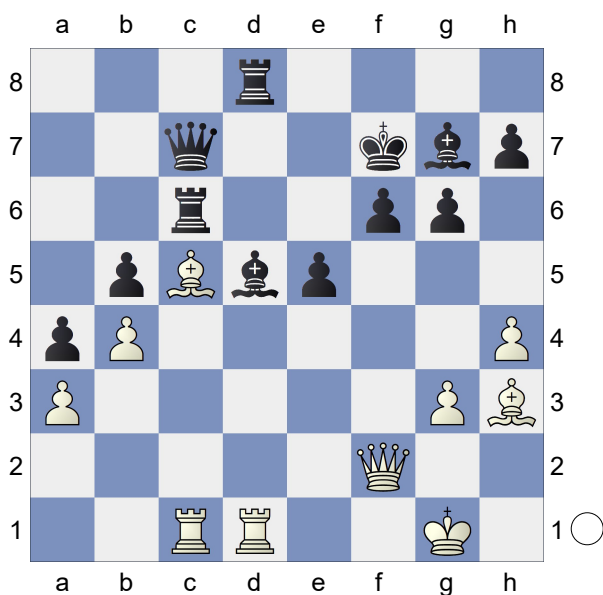
[31...Bf8-+]

[31...e4?]

[31...f5?]

[31...h5?]

[31...Ke8?]



32.Rxd5!-+ 3:34 **Rxd5** 2:23 Maybe he'll mix up the move order?

13.Qe2N 1:22

[13.Be3 Qxc4 14.Qc2 Re8 15.0-0-0 Qe4 16.Qd2 Qg6 17.Bd4 c5 18.Be3 d6 19.h4 0-1 (31) Sieswerda,S-Dudeman Netherlands 1999]

13...c5 21:51

[13...dxc4 14.Qxe4 Bxe4 15.Ng5]

14.Be3 2:00 Ba6 6:49

[14...Qxc4 15.Qxc4 dxc4 16.Ne5-+]
[14...dxc4 15.0-0-0-+]

15.Nd2 33 Qc2 2:37

[15...Qxg2? 16.0-0-0 Nc6 17.Qh5-+]

16.0-0 5:06 Bxc4 44

[16...Qxc3 17.Qh5 Qd3 (17...dxc4? 18.Qd5+ Kh8 19.Qxa8+-; 17...Bxc4? 18.Rfd1-+) 18.cxd5-+]

17.Qh5 9 g6 1:39

[17...Bxa2 18.Rfc1 Qb2 19.Rab1=]

18.Qg5 23 and Nxc4 should not be overlooked 18...h6? 4:54

[18...Bxa2 19.Rfc1 Qb2 20.c4=]
[18...Qxc3-+ 19.Rfd1 Qf6 20.Qxf6 Rxf6 21.Nxc4 dxc4]

19.Qe5? 3:54

[19.Qxh6? Bxf1 20.Nxf1 Rf7-+ (20...Qxc3? 21.Qxg6+ Qg7 22.Qh5-+)]
[19.Qe7!= Rf7 (19...Qxc3? 20.Nxc4 Qf6 21.Qd6±) 20.Qe8+ Rf8 21.Qe7]

19...Nc6 33

[19...Bxa2? 20.Bxh6 Rf7 21.Qe8+ Kh7 22.Qxf7+-]

20.Qd6 23 Bxf1 2:56

[20...Qxc3 21.Nxc4 dxc4 22.Bxh6=]
[20...Bxa2 21.Bxh6 (21.Qxd7 Ne5±; 21.Rxa2 Qxa2 22.Bxh6 Qc2+-) 21...Rfe8 (21...Rf7? 22.Rxa2 Qf5 23.Nf3+-) 22.Qxd7+- (22.Rxa2 Qf5+-)]

21.Qxd5+ 3:06 Kh8 2:08 22.Rxf1 44

Qf5 2:51

[22...Qxc3 23.Qxd7 Ne5 24.Qa4-+]

23.Qd6 2:09 Kg7 6:36 24.Nf3 1:38 Qe6 2:57 25.Qd2 1:09 g5 1:10 26.Re1 2:26

Qf6 8:45 27.Qxd7+ 1:48 Rf7 6 28.Qg4

53 Qxc3? 3:53

[28...Re8-+ 29.h4 Qxc3]

29.Bd2 5:29

[29.Bxg5!= hxg5 30.Qxg5+ Kh8 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.Qxc6]

29...Qb2? 3:27

[29...Qd3-+ Threatens to win with ... Rxf3!. 30.Qh5 Rf6]

30.Bxg5 12:03 hxg5 7:08 31.Qxg5+ 9

Kh8 1:51 32.Qh6+ 37 Kg8 20 33.Qxc6 28 Raf8→ 28 Black is up to no good.

34.Qd5 3:29 Qf6 40 35.h3 7:59 Rd8 8

36.Qc4 43 Kf8 13 37.Ne5! 3:59 Qxf2+

25 38.Kh2 6 Rd4 3:52 39.Qxf7+ 1:01

[39.Qe6 seems wilder. Qf6 40.Qxf7+ Qxf7 41.Nxf7 Kxf7 42.Rf1+]

39...Qxf7 8 Successful Defense Black

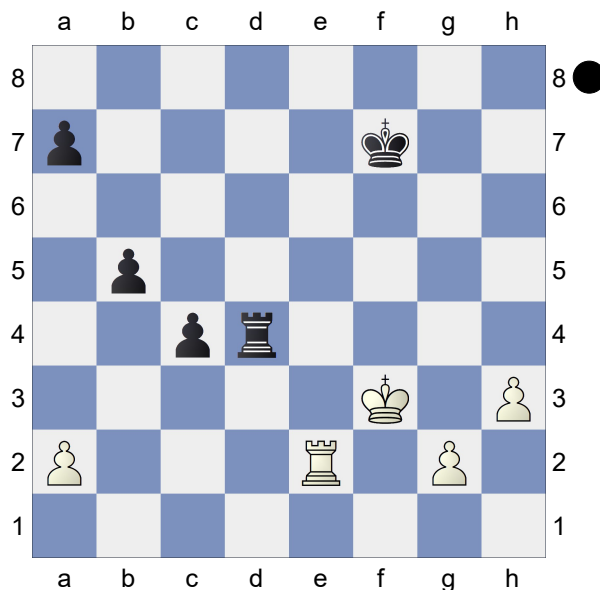
40.Nxf7 2 Kxf7= 14 Endgame KR-KR

41.Re2? 18

[41.Rf1+= Ke7 42.g4]

41...c4-+ 1:32 42.Kg3 2:34 b5! 27

43.Kf3 14



b4? 24

[43...c3!-+ 44.Ke3 Rd1 45.Rf2+ Kg6]

44.Ke3? 1:01

[44.Re4 Rxe4 45.Kxe4]

44...Rd3+ 12 45.Ke4 38 Rd6 45

46.Rf2+ 5:17 Ke7 5 47.Rf5 1:26 Rc6

2:51 48.Rf2 1:55 c3? 24

[Black should try 48...Rd6+ 49.Ke3 c3]

49.Kd3= 12 a5 20 50.Kc2 21 Rd6 55
51.a3 1:04 Ke6 39 52.axb4 6 axb4 6
53.Kb3 2:09 Rc6 31 54.g4 56 Kd5 16
55.Rf5+? 34

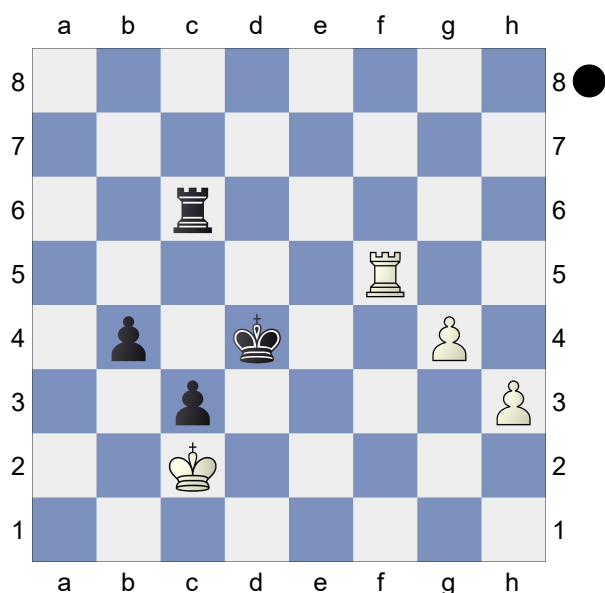
[55.g5= and White is okay.]

55...Kd4? 4

[55...Ke4+ (-> ...c2) 56.Rf2 Kd3]

56.Kc2? 54

[56.Rf1=]



56...b3+! 1:18 Promotion. Black mates.

57.Kxb3 24 c2 11 58.Rf4+ 4 Ke3 1:59

A cool game by Melville.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/
Black=0.54

0-1

□ Sevall,Daniel

■ Perlov,Daniel Robert

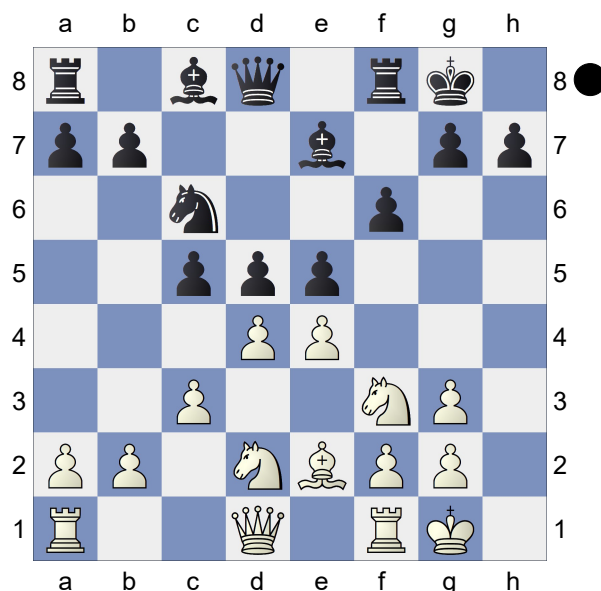
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 c5
5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Be2 0-0
8.0-0 Nh5 9.Be5 f6 10.Bg3 Nxg3

11.hxg3 e5 12.e4?

[12.dxe5 fxe5 13.e4 d4 14.Bb5
Qc7 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Bxc6 bxc6
17.Nc4 Ba6 (17...Be6)]



12...dxe4 13.Nxe4 cxd4 14.Qb3+
Kh8 15.Rad1?

[15.cxd4 f5 15...f5]

15...f5 16.cxd4 fxe4 17.dxe5 Qb6
18.Nd2 Qxb3 19.axb3 Be6 20.Nxe4
Rad8 21.f4 Bxb3 22.Rc1 Nd4 23.Bg4
Bd5 24.Rfe1 Bc6 25.Nc5 Bxc5
26.Rxc5 g6 27.Rf1 h5 28.Bd1 Nf5
29.Kh2 Ne3 30.Be2 Nxf1+ 31.Bxf1
Rd5 32.Rc1 Bb5 33.Bxb5 Rxb5
34.Rc2 Kg7 35.Kh3 Rf7 36.Re2 Rd5
37.Kh4 Kh6 38.Re3 b5 39.Re4 a5
40.g4 hxg4 41.Kxg4 Rd2 42.g3 Rxb2
43.e6 Re7 44.f5 Kg7 45.Kg5 gxf5
46.Kxf5 Rf2+ 47.Ke5 Rf6 48.Kd5
Rexe6 49.Rh4 Rb6 50.Rh2 b4
51.Kc4 b3 52.Rb2 Rfc6+ 53.Kd5 Rc2
54.Rb1 b2 55.Re1 b1Q 56.Re7+
0-1

D02

1930

1826

B42
 ☐ Ponnaluri,Naga Abhiram **1822**
 ■ Rajaram,Raghu **1839**
 2025 Winter TNM: 2000+ (6.8) 09.12.25
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 a6 5.Be3 (Rare but not horrible) 5...Nf6
 6.Bd3 Qc7
 [6...e5!?]
7.0-0

[7.c4 Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.f4 e5
 10.f5 Bb4+ 11.Nc3 c5 12.g4 h6
 13.h4 Bd7 14.Rg1 Bc6 15.Qc2
 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 0-0-0 17.0-0-0 Qa5
 18.Rd2 Rxd3 19.Qxd3 Bxe4
 0-1 (19) Esipenko,A (2687)-Carlsen,M
 (2839) Chess.com INT 2025]

7...Nc6
 [7...d5!?]
8.c4
 [8.Nxc6! bxc6 (8...Qxc6 9.Nd2)
 9.c4]
 [8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Nd2]

8...Bd6
 [♞8...Ne5]

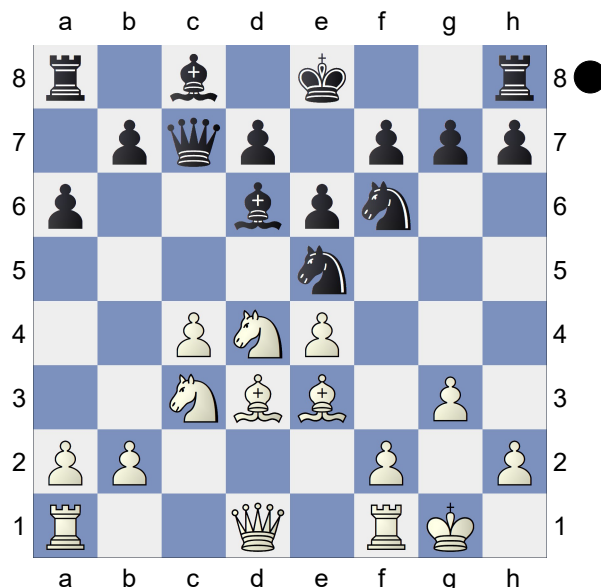
9.g3
 [9.h3!±]

9...Ne5
 [9...h5]

10.Nc3

(Diagram)

Nxc4?? (Stock suicide) 11.Bxc4 Qxc4
 12.Rc1 Qb4 13.a3 Qxb2 14.Na4
 Qxa3 15.Nb6 Rb8 16.Nc2
1-0



A81
 ☐ Lewis,Edward **1979**
 ■ McCollum,Patrick M **2000**
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1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7
 5.a3 0-0 6.c4 Ne4 7.0-0 d6 8.Qc2
 Bf6 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.Qxc3 c5 11.Qe3
 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Nc6
 14.Qc3 Qe7 15.b4 e5 16.e3 Be6
 17.Bb2 Qf7 18.Rac1 e4 19.f4 exf3
 20.Bxf3 Ne5 21.Be2 Rac8 22.c5 b6
 23.Qd4 bxc5 24.bxc5 Nc6 25.Qf4
 dxc5 26.Rxc5 Ne7 27.Rfc1 Nd5
 28.Qe5 Rfd8 29.Bd4 Nb6 30.Rxc8
 Bxc8 31.Bxb6 axb6 32.Bc4
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A17
 ☐ Cafiero,Michael **1806**
 ■ Marvin,Hayes Alexander **1922**
 2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (6.5)

1.c4 4 e6 4 2.Nc3 7 Bb4 5 3.g3 9 Nf6
 6 4.Bg2 32 0-0 11 5.Nf3 34 d6 29
 6.0-0 20 Bxc3 7 7.bxc3 31 Nbd7 14
 8.Rb1 2:11 Rb8 25 9.Nd4 10:34 Nb6

2:34 10.d3 1:29 e5 27 11.Nb3 1:02
 Qe7 5:04 12.f4 11:31 e4 1:12 13.f5
 4:06 h6 3:56 14.Qc2 4:05 Re8 58
 15.c5 2:30 exd3 2:01 16.exd3 17 dxc5
 8 17.Bf4 9:04 c4 4:30 18.dxc4 1:41
 Nxc4 28 19.Rbe1 5:26 Qd7 1:54
 20.Rxe8+ 24 Nxe8 23 21.Qe2 9:34
 Ned6 5:09 22.f6 2:01 g5 2:34 23.Bxd6
 9:34 Nxd6 40 24.h4 4:46 Qe6 1:44
 25.Qh5 1:26 Kh7 1:37 26.Qf3 3:22 Qg4
 1:18 27.Qd3+ 1:29 Bf5 1:26 28.Rxf5 52
 Qxf5 2:01 29.Qxf5+ 8 Nxf5 3 30.Be4 2
 Kg6 9 31.g4 1:19 Kxf6 1:10 32.hxg5+
 2:38 Kxg5 7 33.gxf5 23 b6 43 34.Nd4
 12 a5 37 35.Kf2 21 Re8 1:07 36.Ke3
 28 h5 41 37.Nf3+ 12 Kg4 20 38.Nh2+
 23 Kg3 50 39.Nf1+ 12 Kh3 10 40.Kf4
 2:03 Rg8 36 41.f6 1:50 Rg1 1:11
 42.Nd2 51 Rg4+ 50 43.Kf5 1:36 Kg3 37
 44.Bd5 1:19 Rf4+ 44 45.Kg5 33 h4
 1:31 46.Ne4+ 38 Kf3 3 47.Nd2+ 22
 Kg3 12 48.Ne4+ 4 Kf3 5 49.Nd6+ 58
 Kg3 1:16 50.Nf5+ 18
 1-0

□ Powers,Christopher
 ■ Boyer,John

B41
1769
1671

2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (6.11)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nc6
 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Be2 Nxd4
 8.Qxd4 Nf6 9.Bg5 Bc5 10.Qd2 Qe5
 11.Bf3 0-0 12.Rd1 Bb4 13.Bf4 Bxc3
 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.Bd6 Rd8 16.Qd4 Qg5
 17.h4 Qg6 18.h5 Qg5 19.Rh3 Kh8
 20.e5 Ne8 21.Rg3
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□ Morello,Nicholas
 ■ Tam,Hoa Long

D00
1712
1721

2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (6.12)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c5 3.c3 Nc6 4.e3 Nf6
 5.Nd2 Bf5 6.Ngf3 Qb6 7.Qb3 c4
 8.Qxb6 axb6 9.Be2 h6 10.h3 e6
 11.0-0 b5 12.a3 Nd7 13.Rac1 Nb6
 14.Bd1 Na4 15.Bxa4 bxa4 16.Ne1 f6
 17.Nc2 Be7 18.Nb4 0-0 19.f3 Nxb4
 20.cxb4 Bd3 21.Rfe1 f5 22.Bg3 Bf6
 23.Nb1 Bxb1 24.Rxb1 g5 25.f4 Rac8
 26.Rbc1 Rc6 27.Re2 Rfc8 28.Rec2 h5
 29.fxg5 Bxg5 30.Bf4 Bf6 31.Rc3 Kf7
 32.Rd1 Kg6 33.Kf2 h4 34.Kf3 Rg8
 35.Rg1 Kh5 36.Rc2 Bg5 37.Be5 Bd8
 38.Kf2 Bc7 39.Bxc7 Rxc7 40.Kf3
 Rg3+ 41.Kf4 Rcg7 42.Re2 Rxh3
 43.gxh3 Rxg1 44.Ke5 Rg6 45.Kd6
 Kh6 46.Kc7 b6 47.Kxb6 e5+ 48.Kc5
 exd4 49.Kxd4 Rg3 50.Rh2 Rg5 51.b5
 Rg8 52.Kxd5 Rc8 53.Rc2 Kg5 54.b6
 f4 55.exf4+ Kxf4 56.Rxc4+ Rxc4
 57.Kxc4 Kg3 58.b7 Kxh3 59.b8Q Kg2
 60.Qa8+
 1-0

□ Dees,Calvin

D53
1518

■ Latourette,Nicholas James

1634

2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (6.13)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6
 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 Ne4
 8.Bf4 Qa5 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bd3 Ndf6
 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.bxc3 dxc4 13.Bxc4
 0-0 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Bg3 Ba3 16.Rb1
 Nxc3 17.Rb3 Nd5 18.Bd3 Nf6 19.Nc4
 Qd5 20.Rxa3 b5 21.Ne5 Bb7 22.Rc1
 c5 23.Bf1 c4 24.Ra5 a6 25.f3 Qd8
 26.Qd2 Nd5 27.Nxc4 bxc4 28.Rc5 c3
 29.Qf2 Rc8 30.e4 Rxc5 31.dxc5 Nb4
 32.Rxc3 Qa5 33.Rb3 Ba8 34.Bd6 Rc8

35.Qd2 Nc6 36.Qxa5 Nxa5 37.Bxa6
Nxb3 38.Bxc8 Bc6 39.axb3
1-0

□ **Toczyski, David Paul**

■ **Chan, John**

2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (6.14)

A42

1455

1538

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7
5.Be3 a6 6.Qd2 Nd7 7.f4 b5 8.Nf3
Bb7 9.Be2 b4 10.Nd1 a5 11.0-0 Ngf6
12.Nf2 0-0 13.f5 Qc7 14.fxg6 hxg6
15.Bh6 e5 16.d5 Nc5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7
18.Ng5 Rh8 19.Qe3 Rad8 20.Ng4
Ncd7 21.Rf2 Rdf8 22.Raf1 Nh5
23.Rxf7+ Rxf7 24.Ne6+ Kg8 25.Nxc7
Nf4 26.Qd2 c5 27.Nb5 Rfh7 28.Nxd6
Ba8 29.Nb5 Kg7 30.Rf3 Re8 31.Nc7
Reh8 32.Ne6+
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□ **Babayan, Gagik**

■ **Reed, Paul Henry**

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[Winslow, Elliott]

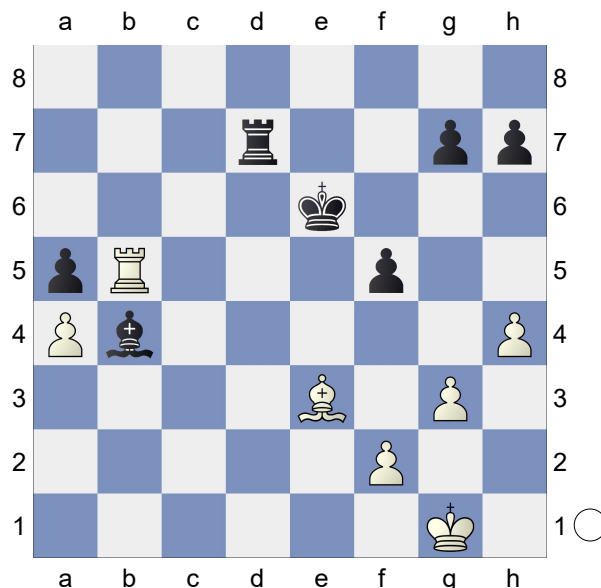
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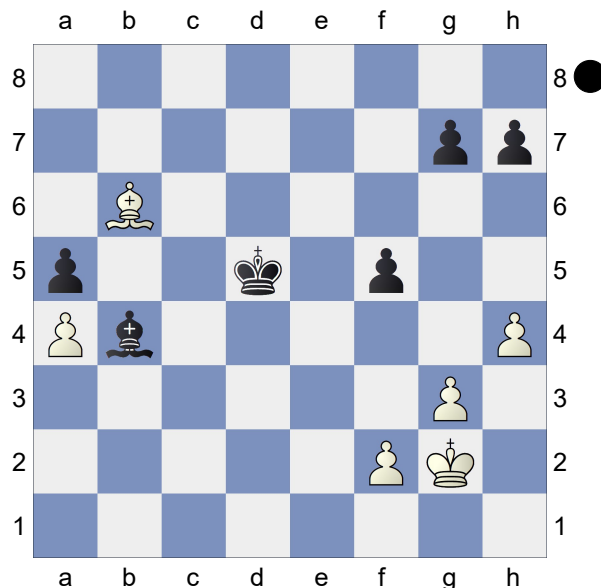
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3 Nc6 4.Bb2 Nf6
5.e5 Nd5 6.c4 Nde7 7.d4 cxd4
8.Nxd4 Qa5+ 9.Qd2 Qxe5+ 10.Ne2
Qc7 11.Nbc3 a6 12.g3 Nf5 13.Bh3
Nce7 14.Ne4 d5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rc1
Qd8 17.N4c3 Be6 18.Nf4 d4 19.Nce2
Nc6 20.0-0 Bb4 21.Qd1 0-0 22.Nxe6
fxe6 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Nxd4 Nxd4
25.Qxd4 Qxd4 26.Bxd4 Rac8 27.Rfd1
Rfd8 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Be3 Rc7 30.h4
Kf7 31.Rd3 b5 32.a4 bxa4 33.bxa4
a5 34.Rd5 Ke6 35.Rb5 Rd7

(Diagram)



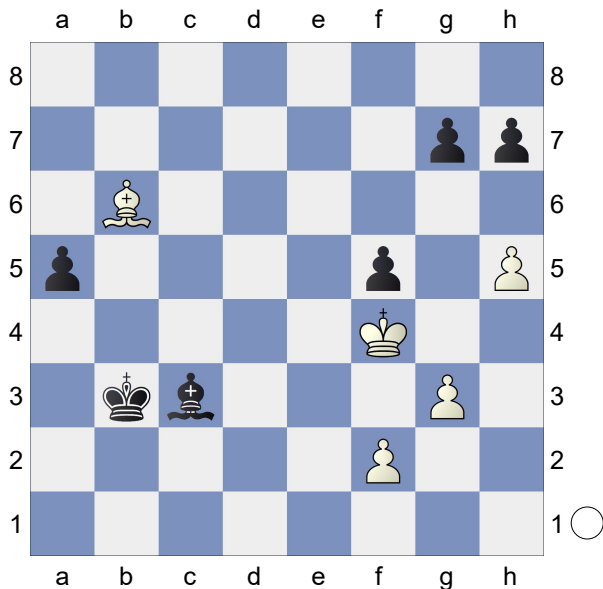
36.Bb6? (Trapping his own rook!
Anything else: =) 36...Rd5! It's a try (well,
how else to save the a-pawn), but Gagik
knows this from school days. 37.Rxd5
Kxd5 38.Kg2



Kc4 39.h5 Kb3 40.Kf3 Bd2 41.Ke2
Bc3 42.Kf3 Kxa4 43.Kf4 Kb3

(Diagram)

44.Bxa5 Bxa5 45.Kxf5 Be1 46.h6!
gxf6 The engines' blind spot:
mismatched bishop and rook pawn.
Stockfish 17.1: -1.03; Tablebase: 0.00
47.g4 Bxf2 48.Kf4 Be1 49.Kf3 Kc3



50.Ke2 Bh4 51.Kf3 Kd4 52.Kg2 Ke4
53.Kh3 Be7 54.Kg3 Bd6+ 55.Kg2 Kf4
56.Kh2 Kxg4+ 57.Kg2 h5 58.Kh1 h4
59.Kg2 h3+ 60.Kh1
1/2-1/2

□ Sisti,Daniel J
■ Karwat,Joseph
2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (6.16)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 c5
5.d4 Nbd7 6.c4 dxc4 7.Na3 Nb6
8.Ne5 Be7 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Qxd8+
Kxd8 11.Nxf7+
1-0

□ Wickliffe,Zachary
■ Stults,Sawyer
2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (6.17)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.d3
Na5 5.Qf3 Bb4 6.Nge2 Nxc4 7.dxc4
d6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.Qd3 c6 10.h3 Bh5
11.a3 Ba5 12.b4 Bc7 13.Bg5 h6
14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Bg6 16.f3 Nh5
17.Bf2 Nf4 18.Qd2 h5 19.Rfe1 f5

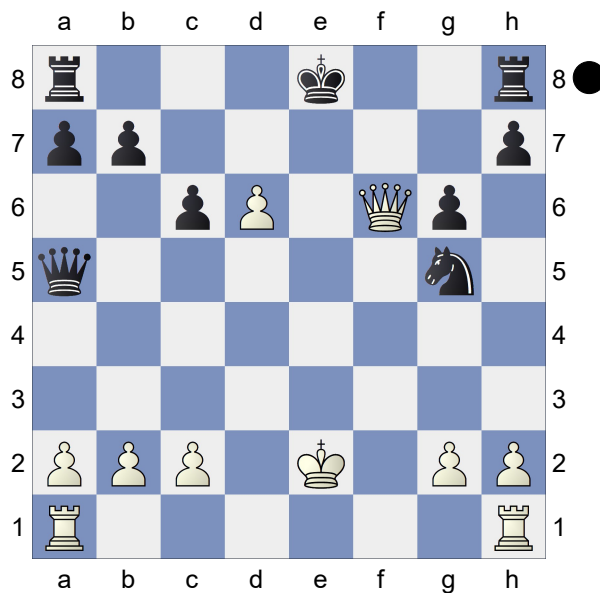
20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Nxf4 gxf4 22.Qxf4
Be6 23.Qh4 Qxh4 24.Bxh4 Bxc4
25.Ne4 Kf7 26.Rad1 Ke6 27.f4 d5
28.Nc5+ Kf5 29.fxe5 b6 30.Nd3 Rae8
31.Rf1+ Kg6 32.Rf6+ Kg7 33.Rxc6
Bxe5 34.Nxe5 Rxe5 35.Bf6+
1-0

□ Liu,Eric
■ Casares,Nick
2025 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (6.18)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4
Bc5 5.Nb3 Bb6 6.Nc3 Qf6 7.Qe2
Nd4 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.Qc4
Bb6 11.Qc3 f6 12.Qg3 g6 13.e5 c6
14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Bg5 Bxf2+ 16.Qxf2
Qa5+ 17.Kd1 Ne4 18.Qf4 d5 19.exd6
Nxx5 20.Qf6 Bg4+!

[20...Qd2+! is even better!]
21.Be2 Bxe2+?!
[21...Qd2+! is still there -- the knight
will guard g4!]

22.Kxe2?!
[22.Kc1!? Kd7! 23.Qe7+ Kc8
24.d7+ Kb8 25.Qxe2 Kc7+-]



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22...Qb5+??

[Last chance for 22...Qd2+! 23.Kxd2 Ne4+-+]

23.Kd1+- Qd5+ 24.Kc1 Qd2+ 25.Kb1 Qe3 26.Qxh8+ Kd7 27.Qxa8 Ne4 28.Qxb7+ Kxd6 29.a3 Nd2+ 30.Ka2 Qe6+ 31.b3 Qe5 32.Qb4+ 1-0

□ Schaezlein,Charlie

■ Siegel,David

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[Siegel,David]

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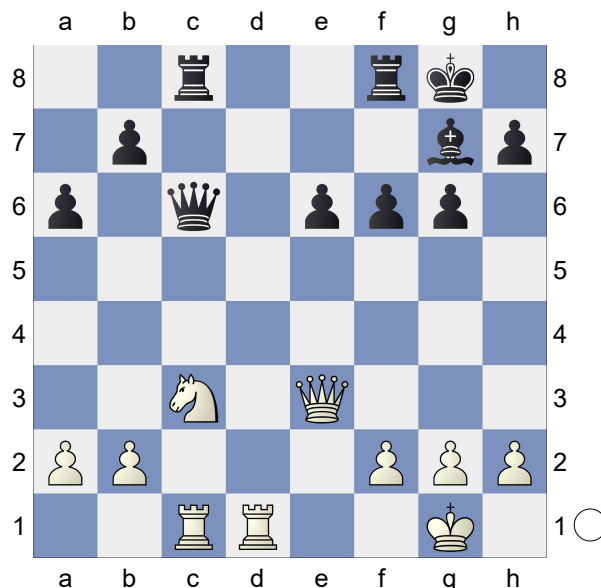
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1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3
(Post-mortem: Charlie: "Last time you played the push variation (3... d3) so I prepped for that, I wasn't expecting you to take!" David: "Hard to prep for me if even I don't know what I'm going to play!") 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 Ng4 8.Qe2 d6 9.Bf4 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Ngxe5 11.Bxe5 Nxe5 12.Qxe5 Qd6 Seems like I'm approaching equality and I'm up a pawn. 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.0-0 f6 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Qf3 Bg7 18.Rfd1 Qc6 19.Qe2 0-0 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Qe3 (21. Qe3 unpinned the knight by preventing back-rank issues. The White queen is targeting two pawns and it's hard to protect both of them. But I also had to look out for knight tactics. I spent a lot of time calculating stuff like Ne4 but for whatever reason I didn't spend much time looking at Nd5, which my opponent played almost instantly.) 21...a6

(Diagram)

22.Nd5!+- (I spent a lot of time (probably 30+ minutes) thinking about how to



minimize my losses here. 22...exd5

[I spent a lot of time looking at 22...Qa4 to see if I could consolidate down an exchange, but eventually found a quiet move for White that seemed like a real killer: 23.Ne7+ Kf7 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.Qb6 (EW: actually White is winning every which way.) So instead I went for the queen exchange with a protected passed pawn and the smallest glimmer of hope.)]

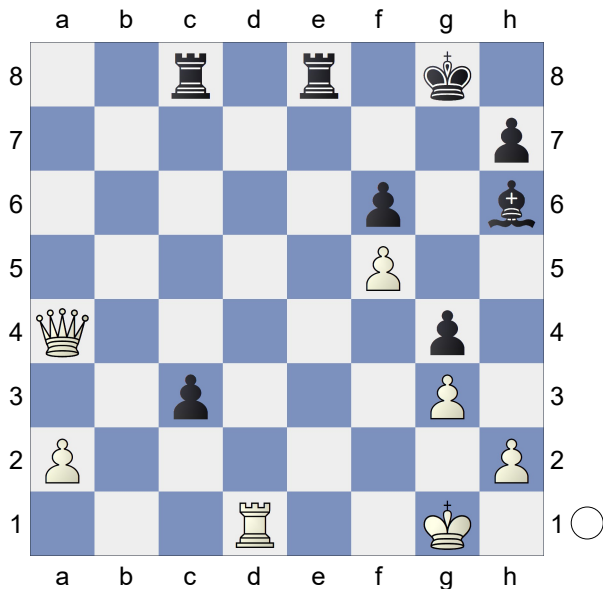
23.Rxc6 bxc6 24.b3 Rfe8 25.Qb6 c5 26.Qxa6?! c4± (Now my pawns are really rolling. My opponent started to really think here.) 27.bxc4 dxc4 28.g3 c3 29.Qa4 (This was an interesting endgame.) 29...Bh6 30.f4 g5 31.f5 g4

(Diagram)

32.Qxg4+?

[I thought my opponent would go for 32.Qc2=]

32...Kh8+- 33.Rd7 I had about 5 minutes on my clock at this point and I tried to calculate everything, but I miscalculated 33... Rg8 and thought it would lead to problems for me. In fact, it's the only way for Black to win. After



34. Qh5 or Qh6, Black can just push the pawn to victory. Unfortunately, I got down to about 2 minutes and hadn't figured out all the details, so for fear of running out of time completely like last week I decided to go for the draw.

33...c2?

[33...Rg8-+]

34.Rxh7+ Kxh7 35.Qg6+ Kh8

36.Qxh6+ Kg8 37.Qg6+ Kh8

38.Qxf6+ Kg8 39.Qg6+

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□ Elster,Benjamin

■ McCutcheon,Bennet

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[Winslow,Elliott]

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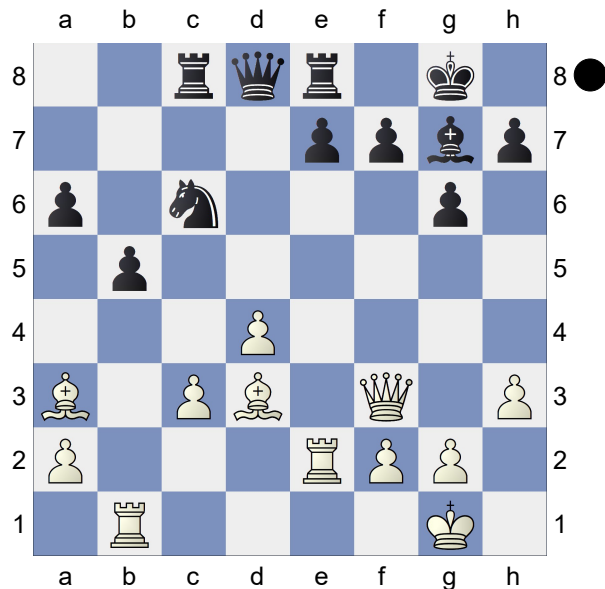
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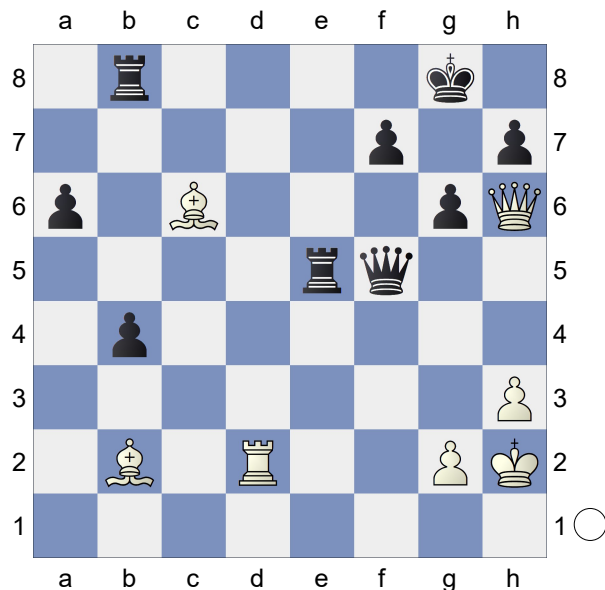
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 c5 9.Ba3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.c3 a6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Rb1 b5 14.Bd3 Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Rc8 17.Re2

(Diagram)

Bxd4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Qe3 Nxe2+



20.Bxe2 Qd5 21.Rb2 Rb8 22.Bf3 Qc4 23.Rd2 b4 24.Bb2 Qxa2 25.Qh6 Qb1+ 26.Kh2 e5 27.Bc6 Re7 28.f4 Qf5 29.fxe5 Rxe5



30.Rd5 f6 31.Rd7 Qxd7 32.Bxd7 Rh5 33.Qf4 Rd8 34.Be6+ 1-0

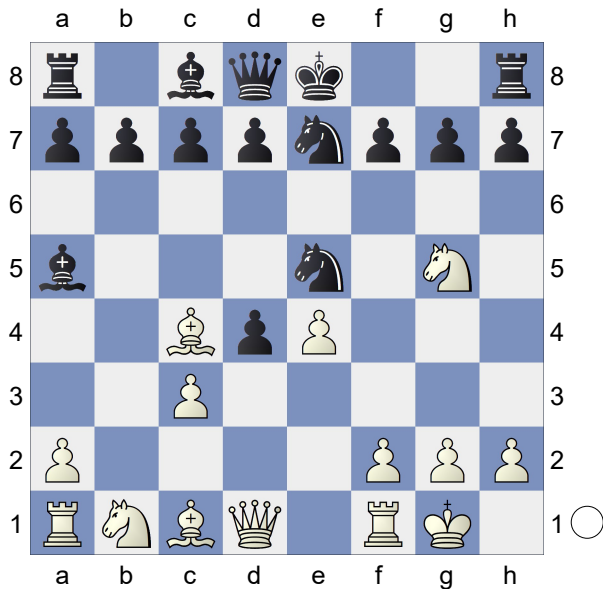
□ Sloan,Sacha Marino

■ Uzakbaev,Nursultan

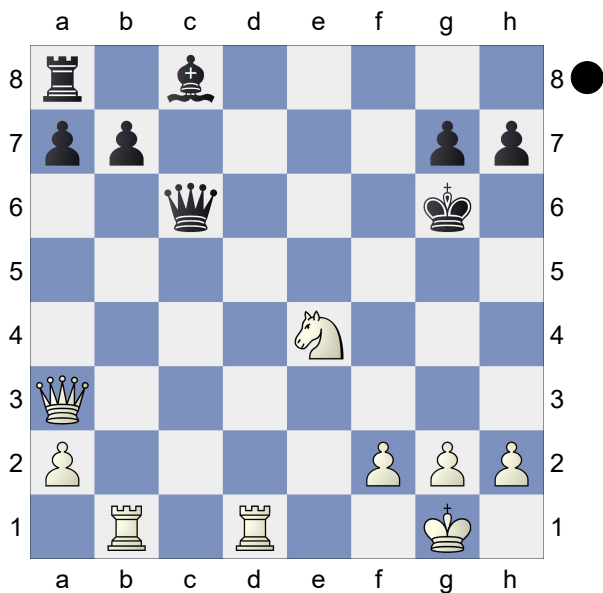
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 Nge7
8.Ng5 Ne5



9.Nxf7 Nxf7 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.Qh5+
Ng6 12.Qxa5 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Qf6
14.Qxc7 Re8 15.Rb1 Qc6 16.Qg3 d6
17.Ba3 Ne5 18.Rfd1 Nc4 19.Nb5
Nxa3 20.Qxa3 Rxe4 21.Nxd6+ Kg6
22.Nxe4

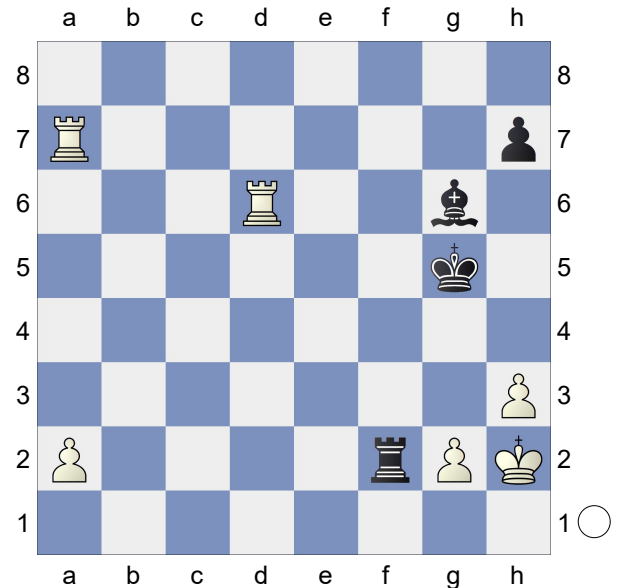


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Qxe4 23.Qd3 Qxd3 24.Rxd3 Bf5
25.Rd6+ Kg5 26.Rxb7 Re8 27.h3
Re1+ 28.Kh2 Re2 29.Rxg7+ Bg6
30.Rxa7 Rxf2



31.Rxg6+ hxg6 32.a4 Kf4 33.Rf7+
1-0

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□ Cao,Danny Du Uy

■ Mehta,Soham

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[Cao,Danny Du Uy]

1.e4 5 e6 4 2.d3 20 d5 10 3.Nd2 18
c5 29 4.Ngf3 28 Nc6 41 5.g3 18 Nf6
2:17 6.Bg2 1:52 b5 49 7.0-0 1:13 Be7
49 8.Re1 1:29 0-0 50 9.e5 39 Nd7 14
10.Nf1 1:22 Bb7 1:05 11.h4 1:30 Qc7
1:46 12.Bf4 41 Rac8 2:31 13.N1h2
1:23

[13.Ng5 Ncxe5]

[13.Ne3]

13...a5 3:06

[Ng5 13...Ndxe5 Qh5 h6 14.Bxe5
Nxe5]

14.h5 6:21

[14.c3]

14...h6 40 15.Ng4 1:56

[15.c3]

15...Kh7 1:53 16.d4 5:06
 [16.c3]
 16...cxd4 4:55 17.Nxd4 2:37
 [17.Qd3+ Kh8 18.Nxd4 Nxd4
 19.Qxd4 Qxc2]
 17...Nxd4 9 18.Qxd4 3:39
 [18.Qd3+ Nf5]
 18...Qxc2 1:47 19.Rac1
 [19.Ne3 Qc5 20.Qxc5 Rxc5]
 [19.Qa7]
 19...Qf5 52 20.Bh3 3:16
 [20.Bf3]
 [20.Qa7 Qxg4 21.Qxb7]
 20...Qxh5 1:45 21.Kg2 5:46 Rc4 7:47
 22.Rxc4 2:15
 [22.Qa7 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Nc5
 (23...Rb8 24.Qxa5) 24.Qxa5]
 22...bxc4 7
 [22...dxc4+ 23.f3]
 23.Qa7 3:47 Rb8 49
 [23...Nc5 24.Be3]
 24.Qxa5 3:22
 [24.Qd4]
 [24.Qe3]
 24...Bc6 22 25.Qc7 1:38
 [25.Qc3]
 25...Ba4 14 26.Rh1 5:17
 [26.Rb1]
 26...Rxb2 50 27.Ne3 5:17 Qe2 2:04
 28.Rf1 4:26 g5 47 29.Nxd5 5:30 Qe4+
 1:07
 [29...exd5 30.Bxd7]
 30.Kg1 1:39 Qxd5 27 31.Bg2 1:14 Qc5
 41 32.Be4+ 3:14 Kg7 27 33.Qxc5 1:17
 Bxc5 8 34.Bc1 55 Rxa2 15 35.Bb1
 2:42 Re2 10
 [35...Ra1 36.Bb2]
 36.Kg2 1:33 Bc6+ 28 37.Kg1 1:29
 Nxe5 15 38.Be3 2:51 Nf3+ 47 39.Kg2
 40 Bxe3 6 40.Kh3 1:08 g4+ 48 41.Kg2
 20
 [41.Kxg4 Nh2+]
 41...Nd2+ 14 42.Kh2 58 Nxf1+ 6
 43.Kg1 28 Rxf2 11 44.Be4 59 Rf4+ 30

45.Kg2 56 Bxe4# 6
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□ Menchtchikov,Alexander Borisovich
 ■ Robins,Alexander 1268
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6
 5.O-O d6 6.c3 g5 7.Re1 g4 8.Nh4
 Nxe4 9.Rxe4 Qxh4 10.Nd2 f5 11.Re1
 f4 12.Ne4 Ne7 13.g3 Qh3 14.d4 Bg7
 15.Bf1 Qh5 16.gxf4 Bf5 17.Ng3 Qg6
 18.fxe5 d5 19.Nxf5 Nxf5 20.Qb3 0-0-0
 21.Bf4 Nh4 22.Re3 Rhf8 23.Bg3 Nf3+
 24.Kh1 h5 25.e6 h4 26.Bxc7 Kxc7
 27.e7 Qd6 28.exd8Q+ Rxd8 29.Rxf3
 gxf3 30.Bh3 Re8 31.Bf1 Qe6 32.Qd1
 Qe4 33.Qd2 Re6 34.h3 Bh6 35.Qd3
 Qf4 36.c4 Bf8 37.cxd5 Bd6 38.dxe6
 Qh2#
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□ Hack,Richard 1504
 ■ Patel,Milan 1380
 2025 Winter TNM: u1600 (6.24) 09.12.25
 [Hack,Richard]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6
 5.g4 Bg6 Ne2 Bb4 6.h4 h6 7.Rh3 Ne7
 8.a3 Bxc3+ Nxc3 8...h5 9.g5 Bf5
 10.Rg3 Bg6 11.Rf3 Nf5 12.Rf4 Nd7
 13.Bh3 Nf8 Ne2 13...Qc7 Ng3 Nxg3
 fxg3 Be4 14.Bd2 c5 c3 b5 15.Qe2 c4
 16.Re4 fxe4 Qxe4 16...Rd8 17.Bg2
 Qd7 O-O-O g6 Qe2 Qe7 Rf1 Nd7 Bc6
 Now if White plays Bc6+, the knight will
 have to interpose, letting the b5 and c4
 pawns be won by the bishop. Yet I had
 something else in mind. 17...a6
 Re1 Rc8 d5 O-O d6 Qd8 18.Bf3 Nc5
 19.Rd1 Nd3+ Kb1 Qd7 g4 hxg4 Bxg4

Rc5 Qh2 Nxe5 Qf4 Nxg4 Qxg4 Qxd6 Bf4
 Qc6 Bd6 Rd8 Bxc5 Rxd1+ Qxd1 Qxc5
 Qd8+ Kh7 Qb8 e5 Qe8 Kg7 Qd8 Qc6
 Qe7 Qe6 Qxe6 fxe6 Kc2 Kf7 Kd2 Ke7
 Ke3 Kd6 Ke4 a5 Ke3 Ke7 Ke4 Kd6 Ke3
 e4 Kxe4 e5 Ke3 Ke6 Ke4 a4 Ke3 Kf5
 Kf3 e4+ Kg3 e3 Kf3 e2 Kxe2 Kg4 Ke3
 Kxh4 Kf4 Kh5 Kg3 Kxg5 Kh3 Kf4 Kh4
 g4+ Kh3 Kf3 Kh2 g4 Kg1 g3 I also liked
 getting rid of the outpost knight on d3
 right away with Be4. Also g4 first to
 threaten Black's h5 and g6 pawns. Now
 the black knight gets help from the rook
 and wins the e5 pawn. Be2 is better Too
 soon. 20.Kf1 Ke3

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□ Pirone, John

■ Braithwaite, Andrew

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nc6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 d6
 8.Be2 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.f3 a5 11.a4
 Be6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Qd2 Nxe3
 14.Qxe3 Rc8 15.b3 Rc6 16.Rac1 Qb6
 17.Qxb6 Rxb6 18.Nb5 Rc6 19.Rfd1
 Bd7 20.Rd3 Rcc8 21.Nc3 f5 22.exf5
 Bxf5 23.Rd5 Bh6 24.Rcd1 Be3+
 25.Kh1 Bc2 26.Re1 Bxb3 27.Rb1
 Bxc4 28.Bxc4 Rxc4 29.Rd3 Bd4
 30.Ne2 Bf6 31.Rxb7 Rxa4 32.g3 Ra8
 33.Rdb3 Ra1+ 34.Kg2 a4 35.Rb1
 Rxb1 36.Rxb1 a3

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□ Vazquez, Dominic A

■ Galvez, Carlos

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3
 Be7 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.Re1 Na5
 8.Bb5 a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Bc2 c5
 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Nf1 h6 13.a3 Qc7
 14.Ng3 Rfe8 15.Nf5 Bf8 16.Bd2 Qd7
 17.b4 cxb4 18.axb4 Nc6 19.h3 Ne7
 20.N3h4 Nxf5 21.Nxf5 d5 22.f3 Rad8
 23.Re2 dxe4 24.fxe4 Qc6 25.Kh2 Bc8
 26.Qg1 Bxf5 27.exf5 Bxb4 28.Qb1
 Bxc3 29.Bxc3 Qxc3 30.Rxa6 Rb8
 31.Rd6 e4 32.dxe4 Qe5+ 33.g3 Qxd6
 34.Qb2 Re5 35.Bb3 Rxe4 36.Rd2
 Qe7

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□ Myers, Steven Lee

■ Starr, Albert Martin

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 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3
 0-0 5.0-0 Re8 6.Ng5 Re7 7.Nd5 Nxd5
 8.Bxd5 c6 9.Bc4 d5 10.exd5 cxd5
 11.Bb3 h6 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.h3 Bf5
 14.c3 Bc5 15.Bc2 Qd7 16.b4 Bb6
 17.Ba3 Bxc2 18.Qxc2 Re6 19.d3 Rc8
 20.Bb2 Nxb4 21.Qe2 Nc6 22.Rad1
 Bc7 23.Bc1 Qd6 24.Nh4 e4 25.g3
 exd3 26.Qxd3 Ne7 27.Nf5 Nxf5
 28.Qxf5 Rd8 29.Bf4 Qc6 30.Bxc7
 Qxc7 31.Rxd5 Rxd5 32.Qxd5 Rd6
 33.Qb3 Qb6 34.Qc2 Qc5 35.Re1 Rd8
 36.c4 Qd4 37.Qb3 b6 38.Re7 a5
 39.c5 Qd1+ 40.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 41.Kg2
 bxc5 42.Ra7 c4 43.Rxa5 Ra1 44.Ra3
 Kf8 45.Kf3 Ke7 46.Ke4 Rd1 47.Rc3
 Rd2 48.Ke3 Rxa2 49.Rxc4

(Diagram)

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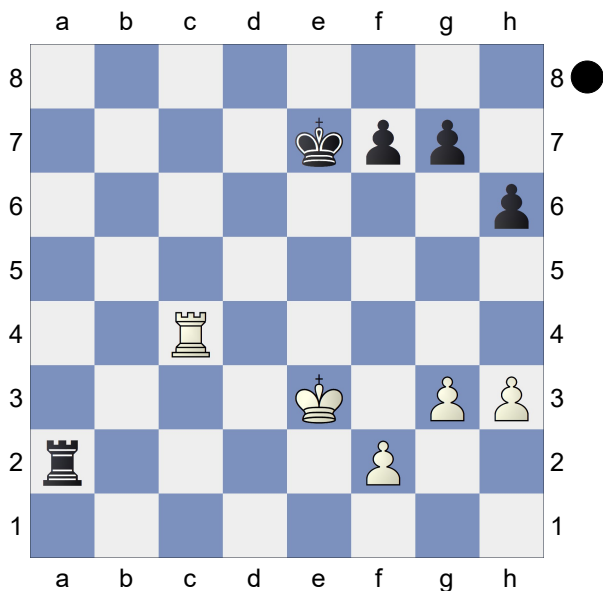
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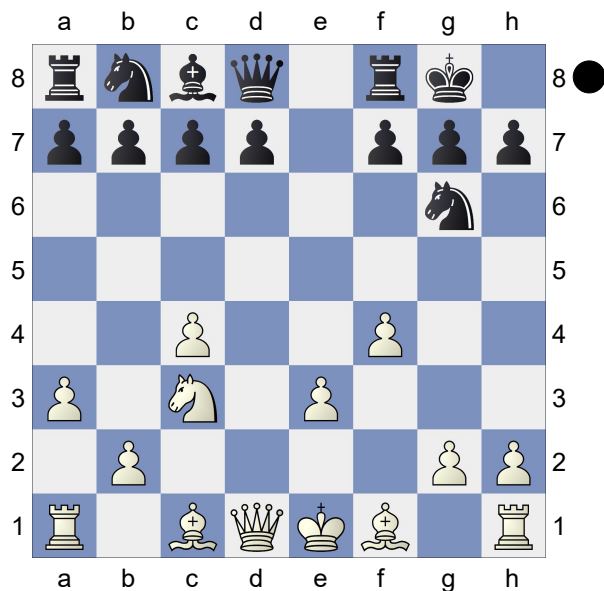


g5 50.Rc6 h5 51.Rh6 Ra3+ 52.Ke2
Ra2+ 53.Kf3 Ra3+ 54.Kg2 h4 55.gxh4
gxh4 56.Rxh4 Kf6 57.Rg4 Ra5 58.Kg3
Rh5 59.f4 Kf5 60.h4 f6 61.Rg8 Rh6
62.Rg4 Rh5 63.Rg8 Rh6 64.Rg4 Rh5
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 ☐ **Karpe,Ummon** **1331**
 ● **Tobias,Mason** **1135**
 2025 Winter TNM: u1600 (6.28) 09.12.25

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.e3
Nxe5 5.f4 Ng6
 [5...Nec6 6.Ne2 Bc5 7.a3 a5
 8.Nbc3 0-0 9.Ng3 Re8 10.Bd3 d6
 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nce4 Nf6 13.Nxc5
 dxc5 14.h3 Be6 15.b3 a4 16.bxa4
 Qd6 17.Qc2 Rad8 18.Rd1 Nd4
 19.exd4 Qxd4+ 20.Kh2 Qxa1
 21.Bb2 Qa2 22.f5 Rxd3 23.Rxd3
 Bxc4 24.Rc3 Bd5 25.Rxc5 c6 26.a5
 h5 27.Bxf6 Qxc2 28.Rxc2 gxf6
 29.Nxh5 Re5 30.Nxf6+ Kg7 31.Nxd5
 Rxd5 32.a6 bxa6 33.Rxc6 Ra5
 34.g4 Rxa3 35.h4 **Martirosyan,H**
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6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Nge2 0-0 8.a3 Bxc3+

9.Nxc3



d6N

[9...Re8 10.Be2 c6 11.0-0 d5
 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Be6 14.Nc3
 Bf5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.e4 Bd7
 17.Be3 Nc6 18.Rad1 Be8 19.g3 h6
 20.Kf2 Nf8 21.Nd5 Ne6 22.b4 Rac8
 23.b5 Rxd5 24.exd5 Ncd8 25.dxe6
 Nxe6 26.Rc1 Rd8 27.Rfd1 Ra8
 28.f5 Ng5 29.Bxg5 hxg5 30.Rc7 a6
 31.b6 Bc6 32.Bf3 Bxf3 33.Kxf3 Rb8
 34.Rdd7 g6 35.f6 g4+ 36.Kxg4 a5
 37.Kg5 a4 38.Kh6 g5 39.Rxf7
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10.Bd3 Re8 11.0-0 Nc6 12.b4 Qh4
13.f5 Nge5 14.Rf4 Qf6 15.Ne4 Qe7
16.f6 Qd8 17.Qh5 Ng6 18.Ng5 h6
19.Bxg6 fxe6 20.Qxg6
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 ☐ **Blum,Paul** **1034**
 ● **Martin,Bryan D** **1264**
 2025 Winter TNM: u1600 (6.29) 09.12.25

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bf4 Nf6
 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3 d6
 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5

11.Qb5+ Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.Be2 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 e5 15.0-0 a6 16.f4 f6 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Bg4+ Kd6 19.Rab1 Bc8 20.Bf3 Bd7 21.h3 Rhf8 22.g4 g6 23.Be2 a5 24.Rf2 Rf7 25.Rbf1 h6 26.Rxf6+ Rxf6 27.Rxf6+ Ke7 28.Rxg6 Kf7 29.Re6 Bxe6 30.dxe6+ Kxe6 31.Bc4+ Kf6 32.Kf2 Rd8 33.Bd3 Kg5 34.Kg3 c6 35.h4+ Kg6 36.c4 Kf6 37.Kf3 Ke6 38.Bf1 Rf8+ 39.Ke2 Rf4 40.Bg2 Kd6 41.Bf3 Kc5 42.g5 hxg5 43.hxg5 Rf7 44.Bg4 Rg7 45.Bf5 Rxg5 46.Kd3 Rg3+ 47.Kd2 Ra3 48.c3 Kxc4 49.Bd7 Kc5 50.Kd3 Rxa2 51.c4
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☐ **Otterbach,Renate** **1116**
☒ **Kojevnikov,Alexander** **1110**
 2025 Winter TNM: u1600 (6.31) 09.12.25

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7 9.Re1 f6 10.Bh3 Ndxe5 11.Nf1 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 e5 13.Bf5 Bxf5 14.Qxf5 Nd4 15.Qg4 Nxc2 16.Bh6 Rf7 17.Ne3 Nxa1 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Rxa1 Kh8 20.Bd2 Qd7 21.h3 g6 22.Nh6 Bxh6 23.Bxh6 Qxg4 24.hxg4 g5 25.f4 gxf4 26.gxf4 e4 27.dxe4 dxe4 28.Kf2 f5 29.g5 Rd7 30.Rg1 Rd2+ 31.Ke3 Rad8
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☐ **Rosston,Andrew Burkett** **1118**
☒ **Chodakowski,Sebastian** **0**
 2025 Winter TNM: u1600 (6.30) 09.12.25
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bf4 Nf6 8.a3 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Be7 10.h3 c5 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Bd6 Qd8?
 [13...Be6!= *Stockfish gives a curious line:* 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.0-0-0 d4 16.Qe4! Rae8! 17.Rhe1! Qa6 18.Qh4+ Kf8 19.Ne4 h6!=]
 14.Nxd5 Be6 15.Nxe7 Qb6 16.Rd1 Nf6 17.0-0 Rd8 18.Nf5 Nh5 19.Ng5 g6 20.Nxe6 Rxd6 21.Nxd6+ Ke7 22.Nxc5+ Kf8 23.Nd7+ Kg7 24.Qe5+ f6 25.Qe7+ Kh6 26.Nf7+ Kg7 27.Nxh8+ Kh6 28.Nf7+ Kg7 29.Nxb6 axb6 30.f4 f5 31.Ng5+ Kh6 32.Qxh7#
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☐ **Canessa,Kate** **560**
☒ **Spliethof,Branum** **0**
 2025 Winter TNM: u1600 (6.32) 09.12.25

1.e4 e5 2.Be2 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.0-0 d6 6.a3 Bxc3 7.dxc3 Nxe4 8.Be3 a6 9.Bd3 Bf5 10.Bxe4 Bxe4 11.Ng5 Bg6 12.Qe2 Qd7 13.f4 h6 14.Nh3 0-0-0 15.b4 Bf5 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Nf4 g5 18.Nh5 Bg4 19.Qf2 Bxh5 20.Qf5 Bg6 21.Qxd7+ Rxd7 22.Rac1 f5 23.Bd4 Re8 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.c4 Rd2 26.c3 f4 27.Rf2 Red8 28.Re1 e4 29.Rxd2 Rxd2 30.g3 f3 31.Rf1 g4 32.Rf2 e3 33.Rf1 Be4 34.c5 f2+ 35.Rxf2 Rxf2 36.a4 Rg2+ 37.Kf1 e2+ 38.Ke1 Bf3 39.c4 Rg1+ 40.Kd2 Rd1+ 41.Ke3 e1Q+ 42.Kf4 Qe4#
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