

C84

□ Chen,Quincy

2099

■ Heiserman,Jimmy

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2026 New Year TNM: 2000+ (2.1) 12.1.26

[TA]

1.e4 4 e5 3:53 2.Nf3 13 Nc6 13 3.Bb5
19 a6 6 4.Ba4 4 Nf6 7 5.0-0 20 Nxe4
15 6.d4 37 Be7 17 7.Re1 2:04 b5!
1:12 8.Rxe4 7:22 Bb3 is the strong
threat. C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual
White 6th moves.

[8.dxe5 Nxf2 9.Qe2 Nh3+ 10.gxh3
Bc5+ (10...bxa4 11.Qg2) 11.Kf1
bxa4]

8...d5! 9 9.Nxe5 1:24 Nxe5 8 10.Rxe5
7 White is slightly better. 10...bxa4 7
11.Nc3 7:06

[11.Qe2!]

11...0-0!= 30 12.Rxd5 1:33 Bd6! 13
Black sacrificed a pawn 13.Bf4 1:42
seems to push 13.Bg5 aside.

[13.Nxa4 Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2 Qxd5]

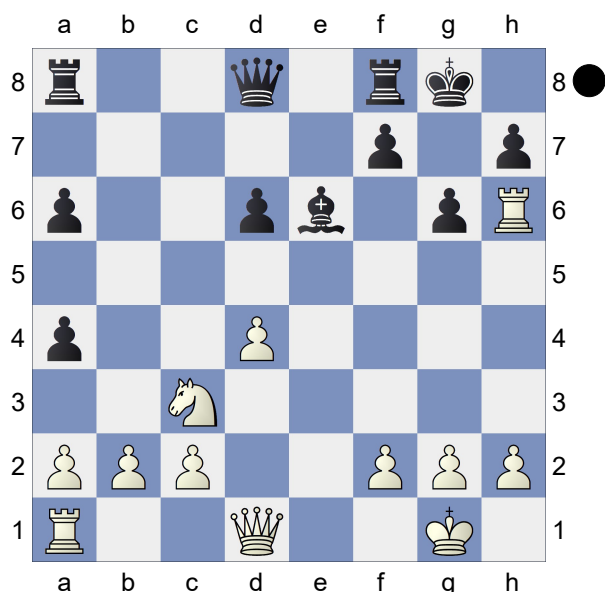
13...Be6 11:48 14.Bxd6 1:55

[14.Rxd6!= cxd6 15.Nxa4]

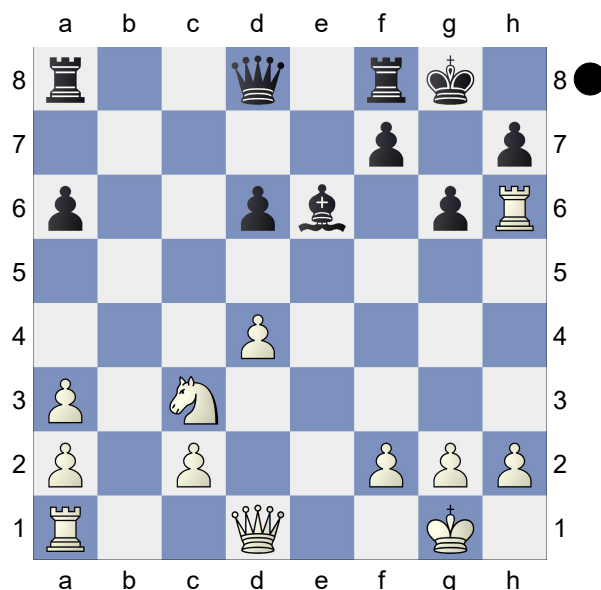
14...cxd6 55 15.Rh5 1:33

[White should play 15.Qd2 Bxd5
16.Nxd5]

15...g6 2:15 16.Rh6 23



a3 3:31 17.bxa3 2:40



Rc8! 8:09 18.Qd2 3:19 Wards off Qg5
18...Qa5↑ 2:18 Black is really pushing.

19.Ne4 1:05 This costs White the game.
[19.d5 was the only defense.]

19...Qxd2+ 18

[19...Qxa3? 20.Qg5 f6 21.Rxg6+
(21.Nxf6+ Rxf6 22.Qxf6 Re8+-)
21...hxg6 22.Qxg6+ Kh8 23.Nxf6
Rxf6 24.Qxf6+ Kh7 25.Qxe6+-]

20.Nxd2 4 d5 42 21.Nf3N 2:33

[21.Rc1 Kg7 22.Rh4 g5]

[21.Rh4 Rxc2 22.Nf3]

[21.c4 dxc4 22.Ne4 Kg7 23.Rh4 c3
24.Nc5 c2 25.Rc1 Rb8 26.Re4 Rb1
27.Ree1 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Rb8 29.Nd3
Rb1 0-1 (29) Sidorenko,I (2395)-
Mikhalevski,V (2581) Israel 2019]

21...f6 3:21

[21...Rxc2 22.Rh4]

22.Re1 5:33 Rfe8 1:44 White must now
prevent ...Kg7!. 23.c4 10:12 dxc4 2:13

[23...Rxc4 24.Rh3]

24.Rh4 3:07 Bf5 6:38 Prevents Rhe4

[Weaker is 24...c3 25.Rhe4]

25.Rxe8+ 9:58

[25.d5 Rxe1+ 26.Nxe1]

25...Rxe8 6 26.d5 6 c3 6

[Worse is 26...Be4 27.d6 Bd5
28.Rd4=]

27.Rc4 1:37 c2 6 28.d6 2:42 Rc8 10

29.d7 2:04 c1Q+ 15

Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/
Black=0.07 (flawless)

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□ Winslow,Elliott

■ Rajaram,Raghu

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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 16 d5 25 2.c4 7 c6 7 3.Nf3 1:04

Nf6 1:02 4.e3 21 Bg4 1:55

[4...Bf5]

5.Qb3 4:22

[5.h3]

[5.Nc3 e6 6.h3 (6.Qb3)]

5...Qb6 9:24 6.Ne5 1:54

[6.Nc3 e6]

6...e6 4:16

[6...Bf5]

[6...Be6!?]

7.c5 6:36 Qc7 6:12 8.Nxg4 1:41

[8.f3!? Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.e4!?±

Nbd7 11.Bf4 Nxe5 12.Bxe5]

8...Nxg4 13 9.Be2 12 The position is

equal. 9...Nf6 36 10.f4?!± 1:09

The Slav seems to bring out my worst,
overplaying, behavior.

[White should try 10.Qc3=]

[10.Qc2 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.0-0 e5

13.b4 a6 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Bb2 Qc7

16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 1-0 (56) Nguyen

Thi Mai,H (2259)-Nguyen,T (1943)

Can Tho 2012]

10...b6!± 4:09 11.cxb6 53 axb6 43

12.Nd2?! 2:31

[12.0-0±]

12...Nbd7 2:21

[12...c5± 13.a4 Nc6]

13.0-0 3:31 Bd6 20:10 14.Nf3 2:42 Ne4

1:38 15.Qc2 3:48 c5?! 4:04 16.Bd3

1:06 Nef6?! 5:00

[16...f5±]

17.Bd2 1:50

[17.b3=]

17...c4!± 2:14 18.Rfc1 2:22 Ke7 4:32

[18...b5± 19.a3 Ra7 when Black has
just what White was looking for with 7.
c5 (!).]

19.Qd1 4:44

[19.a4!= deserves consideration.]

19...b5± 1:53 20.Qe1 6:46

Space Advantage Black 20...Qb7 2:33

21.Bb4 1:04 Qb6 1:43

[21...cxd3 22.Bxd6+ Kd8 23.Rc7+-]

[21...Ne8!?]

22.Ne5 54 Ra4 2:30

[22...Ra6± 23.Bb1 Bxb4 24.Qxb4+

Qd6 (24...Ke8 25.Bc2±)]

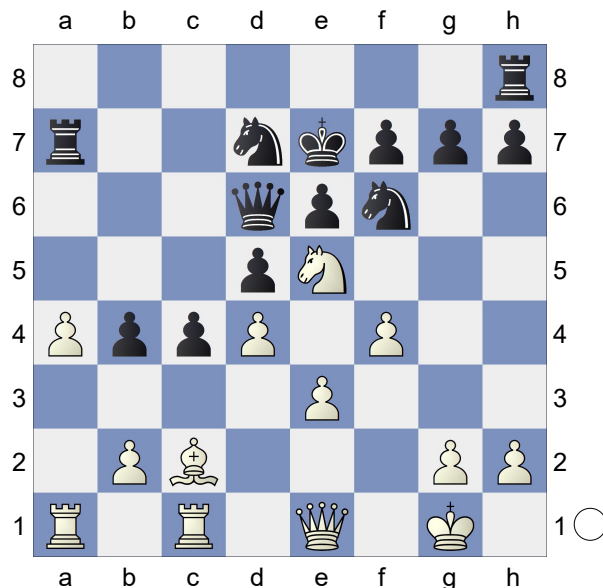
23.Bxd6+= 9:49 Qxd6 23 24.Bc2 1:18

Ra7 21 25.a4 1:48

[25.Qh4!?±]

[25.g4±]

25...b4 8:18



26.Qxb4? 35 Qxb4± 6 27.Nc6+ 7 Kd6

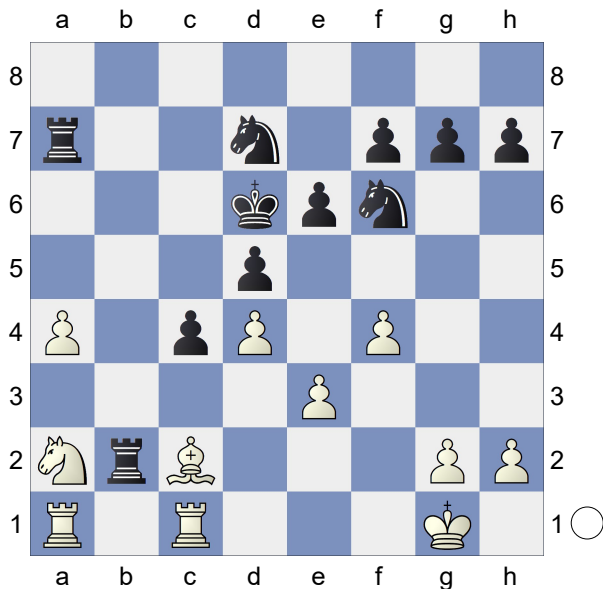
6 28.Nxb4 4 Rb8 17

[28...Ng4!± ...Rb8! is the strong
threat. 29.Na2 Nxe3]

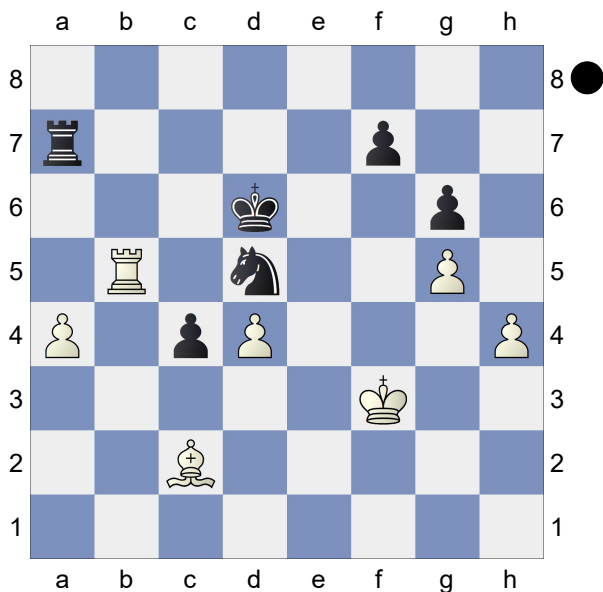
29.Na2= 13 Rxb2 45

(Diagram)

30.Nc3 11 Ra5 2:05 31.h3 56 h6= 44



[31...g6 32.g4 h5]
32.Kf1 48 Ne8 1:59 33.Rab1 40 Rxb1 24 34.Rxb1 6 Kc6 19 35.Ke2 3:52
 [35.e4!?]
35...Nd6 31 36.g4 24 g6 1:59 37.Kf3 2:54 Ra7 1:02 38.g5 4:38 hxcg5 4:31 39.fxcg5 6 e5 10 40.dxe5 3:48 Nxe5+ 15 41.Kf4 5 Nd7 8 42.Rd1 1:17 Nb6 58 43.h4 14 Kc5 56 44.Rb1 56 d4 2:29 45.Nb5 3:48 Nd5+ 4:59 46.Kf3 24 Nxb5 1:04 47.Rxb5+ 24 Kd6 9 48.exd4 47



Re7? 20 Loses the game.
 [Better is 48...Nc3!± 49.Rc5 Nxa4 50.Rxc4 Nb6]

49.Be4+- 1:04 White is clearly winning.

49...Nc3 48

[49...Nc7]

50.Rb6+ 54 Kc7 7 51.Rb7+ 4 Kd6 4

52.Rxe7 40 Kxe7 6 53.a5 52 Kd6 23

54.a6 17 Nb5 6 55.Ke3 20 Kc7 22

56.Bd5 3:10 c3 2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.45

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□ **Perlov,Daniel Robert**

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■ **Diller,Bradley R**

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[Diller,Bradley R]

1.d4 Nf6 2 2.c4 6 e6 2 3.Nf3 6 Bb4+ 16 4.Bd2 9 c5 6 5.g3 4:38 0-0?! 2:24

[Much better was 4...Qb6 6.Bg2 Nc6 applying immediate pressure to d4 and b2. This guarantees equality and the dynamic 7 d5 pawn sacrifice even gives Black a small edge. The irony is that I researched this line before my game with Daniel and yet still played the robotic 5 ... 0-0 that I was conditioned by too many blitz games.

A) 4.dxc5 Bxc5 8.e3 Be7

(8...Qxb2? 9.Nc3+-) 9.Nc3 0-0=;

B) 7.d5!? exd5 8.cxd5 Nxd5

9.0-0 Nde7 10.e4 d6 11.Be3±]

6.Bg2 19 d6 52

[Now 6...Qb6 is less effective: 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Bxb4 Qxb4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.a3 Qe7 11.Qd3 with a miniscule advantage for white.]

7.0-0 21 Nc6 1:09 8.Bxb4 6:18 Nxb4 1:23

[8...cxb4 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.Rc1±]

9.Nc3 2:17 Qe7? 40

[Again, playing too quickly. The knight retreat to Nc6 was correct allowing

only a slight advantage. $\Delta 9...Nc6$
 $10.d5 Ne7\pm$]

10.a3 5:56

[Daniel missed a clear opportunity to gain a significant space advantage and displace my knight on a6. $\Delta 10.d5 Na6\pm$]

10...Nc6 26 11.e4? 1:42

[Daniel misses his final opportunity to gain an advantage with $\Delta 11.d5 exd5$
 $12.cxd5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.e4\pm$]

11...e5 32 After this natural response, I am at least equal if not slightly better after I establish my knight on d4.

12.Nd5?? 3:56 Qd8?? 20 I was playing quickly, frustrated by my poor opening play, and missed the simple capture of the pawn which would have given me a decisive advantage! The moral that I learned from this game is not to punish yourself for playing an inaccuracy or mistake and try to treat each position fresh and not compound your mistake by letting your past mistakes intrude in your play.

[$12...Nxd5 13.cxd5 Nxd4+-$]

13.dxe5 1:26 dxe5 4 14.Re1? 1:35

[$14 Ne1$ was far better preventing $Bg4$. $\Delta 14.Ne1=$]

Now I secure d4 for my knight.

14...Bg4! 17 15.b4 10:21 Nd4! 19:20

16.h3 4:45

[$\leq 16.bxc5$ My knight recaptures on c5. My pawn structure is better and my knights are powerfully positioned. $Nd7$
 $17.a4 Nxc5\mp$]

[Best is $Qd3$, developing the Queen to a solid square, connecting the rooks, and forcing $Bxf3$ to preserve the knight on d4. My edge, if any, is small.
 $\Delta 16.Qd3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 b6$]

16...Bxf3 1:22

[$\leq 16...Nxf3+$ $17.Bxf3 Bxh3 18.Rb1$
 $b6 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Rb7=$

White has strong compensation for

the pawn with the knight on d5 and rook on b7.]

17.Bxf3 9 Rc8 4:40 18.Rc1 Qd6 1:22

19.b5? 17:12 White has cemented the queenside pawn structure allowing black free reign on the kingside after $Nxd5$ followed by f5.

[$\Delta 19.Bg4 Rcd8 20.bxc5 Qxc5\mp$]

19...Nxd5 3:31 20.exd5 1:38 f5\pm 22

This is fatally weakening the kingside.

21.g4? 4:44 g6-+ 3:26

[I considered this capture without evaluating the line, but intuitively rejected this line in favor of the conservative $g6$ because I did not like liberating his bishop and opening lines. In retrospect, $21 \dots fxc4$ was better because of the very strong followup $22 \dots Qg6$ winning material. With that being said, $g6$ was perfectly fine and was also winning even though Stockfish still gave me a question mark for the move! $\Delta 21...fxg4$
 $22.Bxg4 Qg6! 23.Kh1 (23.Rc3 h5-+) 23...Rxf2-+$]

Opening the g-file is the final fatal

mistake. **22.gxf5? 7:26 gxf5 14 23.Kh1**

1:21 Kh8 1:25 24.Rc3 2:19 Rg8 3:05

25.Bg2 31 e4 7:43 26.Qh5 5:09 Rg6

8:36 27.Ree3 11:33 f4! 1:36 28.Rxe4

2:15

[$28.Bxe4 Rh6 29.Qg4 Rg8-+$]

28...Rcg8 52 29.Bf3 40 Rh6 33

[Again Stockfish gave me a poor report card, because $29...Nxf3$ wins more quickly. The move I played, forcing the loss of the queen to prevent mate, also wins easily and my opponent promptly resigned.
 $30.Qxf3 Rg1+ 31.Kh2 Qg6 32.h4 Rf1-+$]

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□ Viadiu-Illaraza,Hector

■ Smith,Olivia

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[Winslow,Elliott]

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1.e4 49:00:44 c6 10 2.Nc3 9 d5 42

3.Nf3 5 dxe4 1:02 The 40,000 or so games in the Chessbase database are evenly split, frequency-wise, between this

[and 3...Bg4 (but the bishop move scores quite a bit better)]

[as does the distant third (in popularity) 3...Nf6]

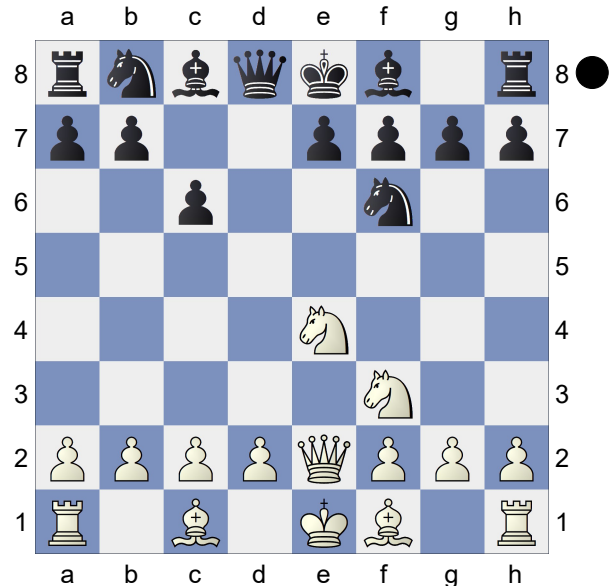
[4th-most-common 3...g6 does even better]

[And the rare 6th-on-the-list 3...a6 (600+ games) does *quite* well.]

[*And* the *ultra-rare* 3...Qa5 scores even better than any of them! 31 games, 31% (that's for White). Oh, and it might come as no surprise that Magnus Carlsen (my favorite source for silly opening comments) played 3...Qa5 in 2022. Against Firouzja, in a rapid game. And ... he *lost!* So if we remove this "outlier," Black scores even better! But I'll leave the game, which is pretty cool: 4.Be2 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bf5 6.Ng3 Bg6 7.0-0 Nd7 8.d4 e6 9.Nh4 Bd6 10.c4 Qd8 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.d5 Qh4 13.h3 exd5 14.cxd5 c5 15.a4 a5 16.Bb5 Ngf6 17.Re1+ Kd8 18.Ra3 Re8 19.Rxe8+ Kxe8 20.Rc3 Kd8 21.Rc4 (quite the maneuver!) Qh8 22.Bg5 Nb6 23.Rh4 Qf8 24.Ne4 Kc8 (Black just can't handle it) 25.Nxf6 gxf6 26.Bxf6 Kc7 27.Qd2 (27.Rh8?? Bh2+) 27...Qc8 28.Rh7 Qg8 29.Rh8 Qxh8 30.Bxh8 Rxh8 31.Qxa5 Rh4 32.Qe1 Nd7 (32...Nxa4 33.Qe8) 33.g3 Rh8 34.Qa5+ Nb6 35.Qc3 Rxh3 36.Qg7

1-0, Firouzja,A (2778)-Carlsen,M (2864) Miami (rapid) 2022]

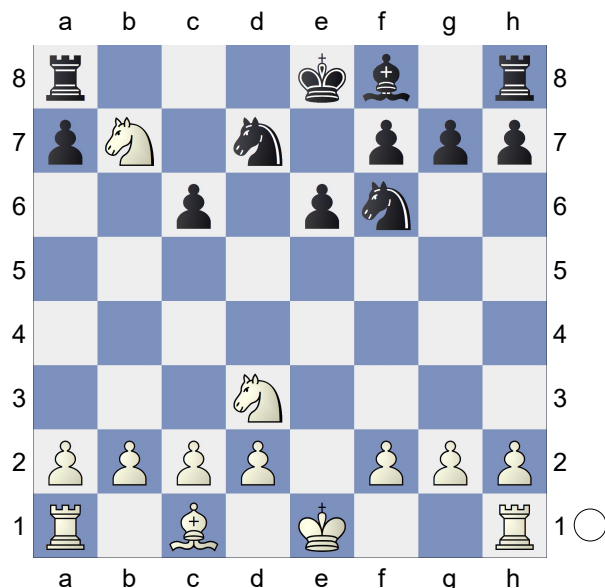
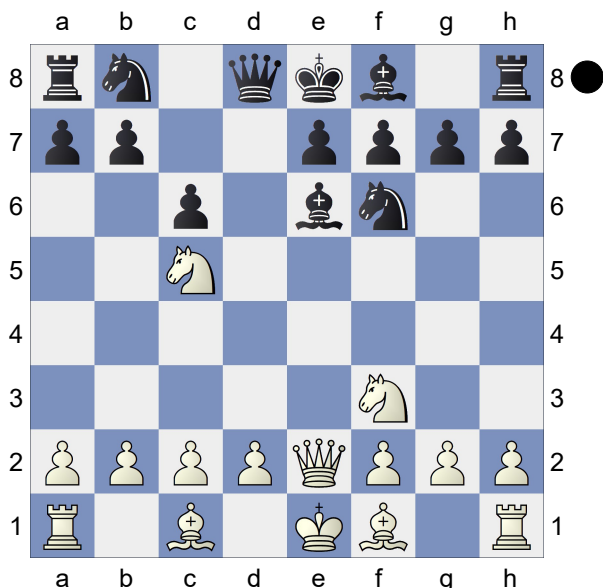
4.Nxe4 16 Nf6 33 (Now the star move, both in # games played and %)(and Stockfish 17.1 puts it at the top) 5.Qe2 2:51



(Same for this!) 5...Be6!? 1:23

A specialty of Mortazavi (26 games in the db!), but the Fish does *not* approve. 6.Nc5! 5:28

[6.Neg5? is 7-1 in the db (all but 1 vs. Mortazavi), but the mighty engine has *all* of White's advantage (such as it was) erased. Bd5 7.c4 (7.d3= h6 8.Ne4) 7...h6! 8.cxd5 (8.Nh3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 g5 was the scene of Martazavi's single win, against former Bay Area (now British Columbian) Ray Kaufman: 10.Qb3 Qc7 11.d4 Nbd7 12.Be3 e6 13.0-0-0 a5 14.f4 a4 15.Qc2 a3 16.b3 g4 17.Nf2 Bg7 18.Bd3 Rc8 19.h3 g3 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 b5 22.f5 exf5 23.Bxf5 bxc4 24.Qxc4 0-0 25.Rhe1 Rce8 26.Bd2 Nb6 27.Qc5 Nd5 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.Re1 Rxe1+ 30.Bxe1 Qf4+ 0-1 (30) Kaufman,R (2255)-Mortazavi, A (2333) Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Oct 2020) 8...hxg5]



Discovered Attack. B11: Caro-Kann:
Two Knights Variation. **6...Bf5?N 27:36**

[6...Bd5±]

[6...Bc8 was the five games played to
here, even score (2-0 vs. Mortazavi).

7.d4± Nbd7 8.Nd3 g6 9.g3! Bg7

10.Bg2 c5 11.dxc5 (11.Be3!)

11...Nxc5 12.Nde5?! (12.Nxc5 Qa5+
13.c3 Qxc5 14.Be3 Qh5 15.h3±)

12...0-0 13.0-0± 0-1 (60) Tsaruk,M
(2373)-Vorobiov,E (2472) Cheliabinsk
2023]

7.Nxb7± 1:59 Qc7 40 (best) 8.Qe5!±

5:20 White is better. 8...Qxe5+ 1:10

9.Nxe5 1 e6 2:52

[9...Bxc2± 10.d3]

10.Bd3 2:04

[10.d3+-]

10...Bxd3 3:38 11.Nxd3+- 2 Nbd7 1:08

(Diagram)

White must now prevent ...a5. **12.Na5 33**
c5 1:55 13.b3 2:54 Be7 2:25

[Δ13...h5 14.Bb2 Nd5]

[Δ13...Nd5]

14.Bb2+- 7:01 0-0 29 15.Ne5 3:02 Nb6

4:55 16.d3 1:02 Nfd5 1:44 17.0-0-0

3:02 f6 3:56 18.Nec4 1:35

[18.Nec6! Bd6 19.Rhe1]

18...e5 1:27 19.g3 5:00 Rfe8 1:22

20.Rde1 6:56 Bf8 7:13 21.Re2 1:08

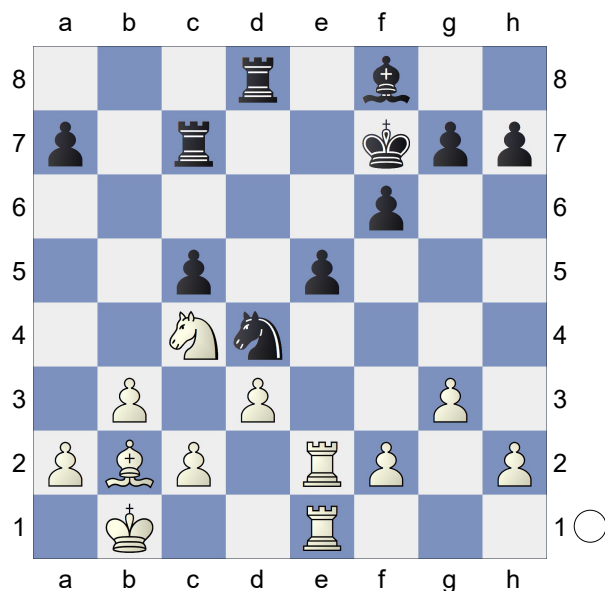
Re7 1:13 22.Rhe1 2:01 Rc7 23.Ne3

3:33 Rd8 4:32 24.Nxd5 1:43 Nxd5 1:09

25.Nc4 2:34 Kf7 1:11 26.Ne3 1:13 Nb4

28 27.Kb1 53 Nc6 44 28.Nc4 32 Nd4

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29.Bxd4 16 cxd4 28 30.Re4 1:36

[30.a3]

30...Bb4 5:03 31.R1e2 2

[31.Rg1!?]

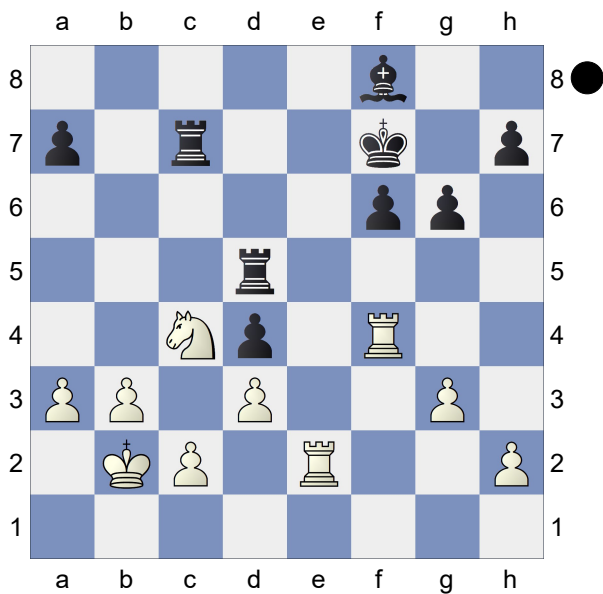
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[32...Bc3 33.f3 g6]

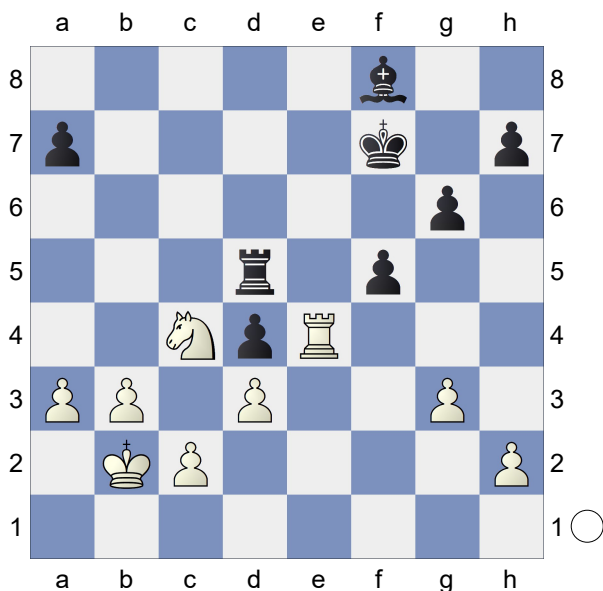
33.Kb2 1:19 g6 3:13

[33...h5 takes a more fighting stance.

34.Rh4 g6]
34.f4 2:56 exf4 24 35.Rxf4 12

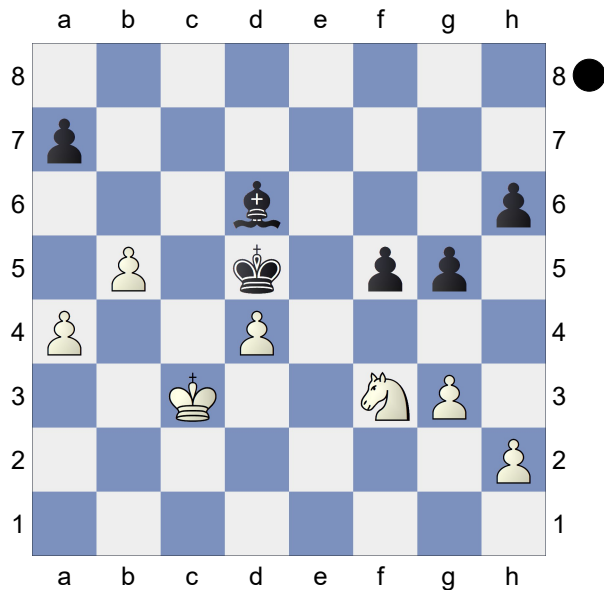


Re7 56 36.Rfe4+- 1:05
 [Δ36.Rff2 h5 37.b4]
36...Rxe4 44 37.Rxe4 42 Endgame
 KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up and
 should win. **37...f5 1:30**



38.Re5? 2:23 It so happens that the
 rooks on the board favor White.
 [38.Re1 g5+]
 [Interesting that 38.Re2!+-
 does the best job of attack and
 defense.]
38...Rxe5!± 2:06 39.Nxe5+ 1 KB-KN
39...Ke6 30 40.Nf3 5:35 Kd5 35 41.b4

47 Be7 1:20 42.b5?!= 2:58 (Here come
 the 0.00s) **42...g5 43 43.a4 2:19 h6**
2:44 44.c4+ 1:19 or anything else (TA
 had this as a "Tactical Blunder")
44...dxc3+! 9
 [44...Kd6+- 45.Kb3+- (45.Nxd4??
 Bf6 46.Kc3 Kc5-+)]
45.Kxc3 1 Bd6 40
 [45...g4!]
46.d4 1:18



f4?? 2:44 This is the end of Black's
 resistance.

[She had to find 46...Bc7=]
47.g4+- 1:31 Ke4 11 48.Nd2+ 3 Kd5
44 49.Kd3 3:07 Bb8 1:32 50.Nf3 43
Bc7 13 51.h4 56 Bd8 30 52.h5 11 Bf6
23 53.a5 29 Bd8 18 54.a6 13 Bb6 17
55.Kc3 5:59
 [Δ55.Ne5 Bxd4 56.Nd7 and 57.b6
 breaks through.]
55...Ba5+ 13 56.Kd3 2:39 Bb6 12
57.Ne5 1:48 Bxd4 28 58.Nf7 f3 1:29
59.Nxh6 2 f2 28 60.Ke2 1 Kc4 1:08
61.Nf5 2:34 Be5 1:14 62.b6 58 Bb8 22
63.bxa7 28 Bxa7 5 64.h6 10
 Well done Hector! Weighted Error
 Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /
 Black=0.73
1-0

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□ Mallela,Abhishek

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■ Hasteer,Divija

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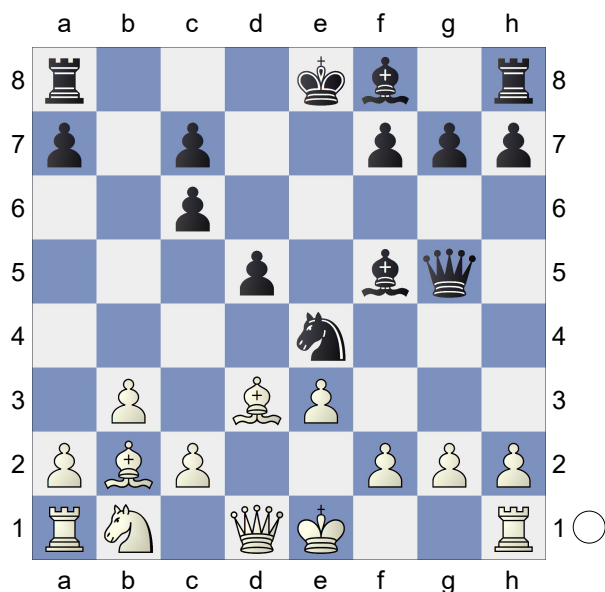
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.Nf3 e4 4.Nd4
d5 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e3 Nf6 7.d3 Bf5
8.dxe4 Nxe4 9.Bd3?!

[9.Qd4!±]

9...Qg5



10.g3?

[10.0-0

A) 10...Bg4? 11.f3 Bh5 (11...Bh3
12.Qe2+-) 12.Qe1±;

B) 10...Bc5±]

10...Bb4+-+ 11.c3 Bc5 12.Bxe4

[△12.Qe2]

12...Bxe4 13.0-0 Qf5?!

[13...h5!-+]

14.Nd2 Bc2

(Diagram)

15.e4!?

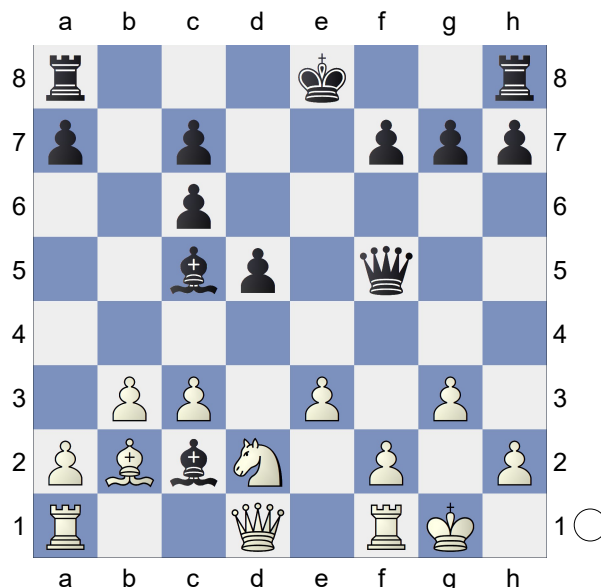
[15.Qf3 Qg6 16.Qf4 0-0-0]

15...Bxd1 16.exf5 Bg4 17.b4

[17.f6!? gxf6±]

17...Be7 18.Rfe1 Kd7 19.Nb3 Bxf5

20.Nd4 Be6 21.Rad1 Rab8



[21...Rhb8!? intending ...a5]

22.a3 c5?

[22...a5! still -+]

23.Nf5??

[23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.c4±]

23...Bf6-+ 24.Ne3 c6 25.f4 Kc7?!

[25...g6-+]

[25...Bh3-+]

26.f5 Bd7 27.Ng4 Bd8±

[27...Bg5 28.c4 d4±]

28.c4 d4 29.Bc1 Kb6?!

[29...Bxf5 30.Ne5 Bc2±]

30.Ne5

[30.Bf4]

[30.bxc5+ Kxc5 31.Bf4]

30...Bxf5 31.bxc5+?!

[31.Nxf7±]

31...Kxc5 32.Nxf7?

[32.Bd2!±]

[32.a4 Bf6!± /-+]

32...Bf6!-+ 33.Bf4 Bc2! "½?" 34.Nxh8

Rxh8 35.Rc1 d3! 36.Re6 Rd8 37.Bd2

Bb2 38.Rf1

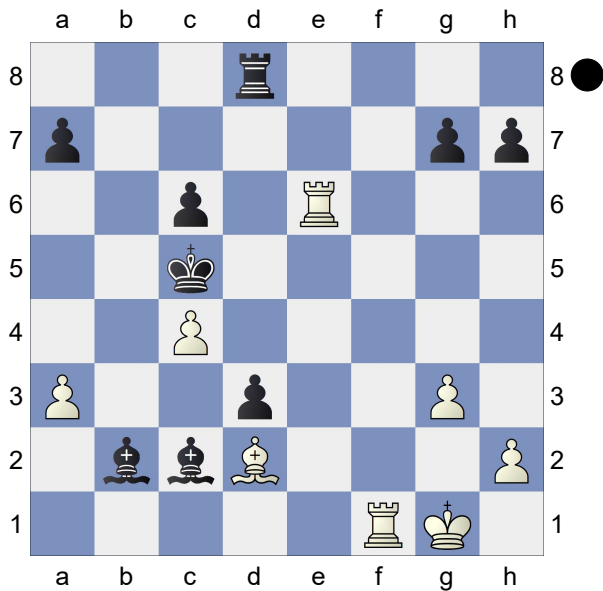
(Diagram)

Bxa3??

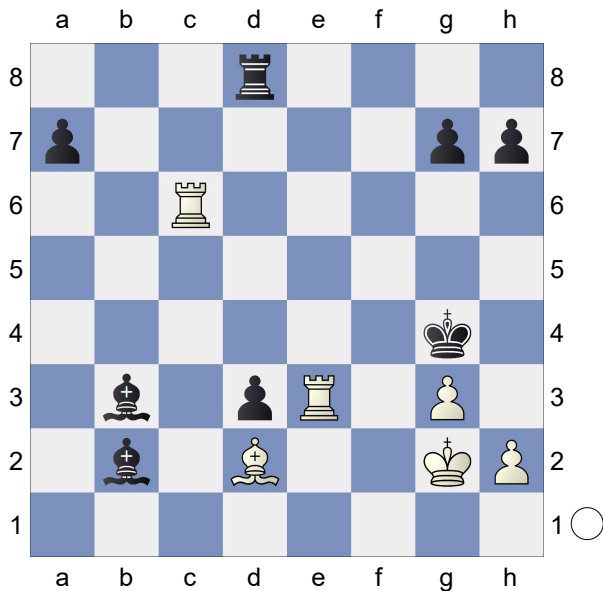
[38...Bd4+ 39.Kg2 Ba4-+]

[38...Ba4-+]

39.Rf5+- Kxc4 40.Rxc6+ Kd4



**41.Bc3+ Ke4 42.Re5+ Kf3 43.Bd2
Bb2 44.Re3+ Kg4 45.Kg2! Bb3**

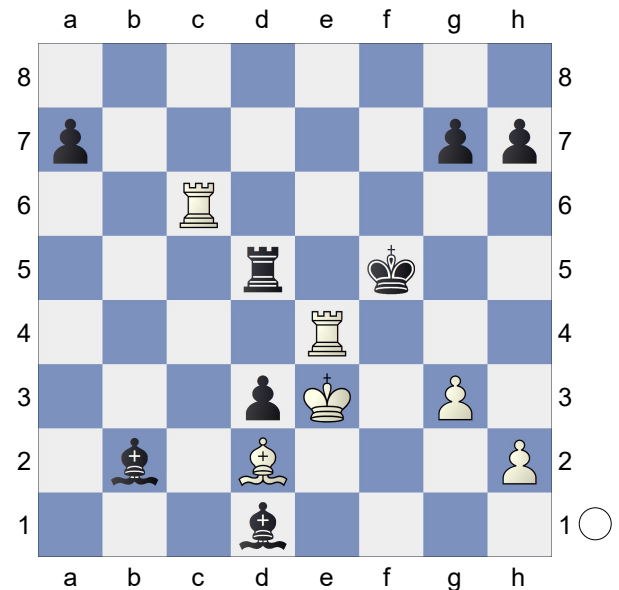
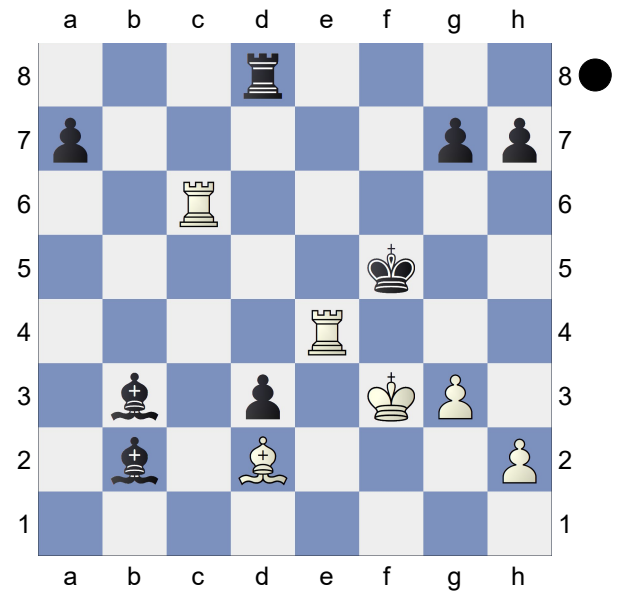


46.Re4+?
[46.h3+ Kh5 47.g4+ Kh4
48.Re4!+-]
46...Kf5 47.Kf3

(Diagram)

Bd1+?
[47...Bf6=]
48.Ke3 Rd5?
[48...Bf6±]

(Diagram)



49.h3??
[49.g4+ Bxg4 50.Rf4+ Kg5
51.Rb4+-]
49...h5??
[49...Bf6±]
**50.Rf4+- Ke5 51.Rg6 Rd7 52.g4
hxg4 53.hxg4 Kd5 54.Rf5+ Kc4
55.Rc6+ Kb3 56.Rb5+ Ka2 57.Ra6+
Kb1 58.Bc3 Re7+ 59.Kf4 Re2
60.Bxg7 Kc1 61.Bxb2+ Rxb2
62.Ra1+ Kc2 63.Rxb2+ Kxb2
64.Rxd1 Kc2 65.Rxd3 Kxd3 66.g5
1-0**

□ **Parsons,Stephen**

■ **Kulkarni,Neil**

2026 New Year TNM: 2000+ (2.8) 12.1.26

D02

1989

1944

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0
Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 e5 7.Nxc6 bxc6
8.c4 Be7 9.Nc3 Be6 10.Qa4 0-0
11.Rd1 Qd6 12.Bg5 d4 13.Bxf6 gxf6
14.Bxc6 Rac8 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.Bb5
Bxd5 17.cxd5 Qxd5 18.b3 Bb6 19.Bc4
Qe4 20.Bd3 Qg4 21.f3 Qg5 22.Kg2
Rc5 23.Qd7 Rfc8 24.Qf5 Qxf5 25.Bxf5
R8c7 26.Bd3 Ba5 27.Kh3 Bc3
28.Rab1 Bb4 29.Kg4 a5 30.h4 Ba3
31.Kf5 h5 32.Rg1 Re7 33.Be4 Re6
34.g4 hxg4 35.Rxg4+ Kf8 36.h5 Bc1
37.b4 axb4 38.Rxb4 Bg5 39.a4 Kg7
40.Rg1 Ra6 41.Bd3 e4+ 42.Kxe4
Re5+ 43.Kxd4 Rd6+ 44.Kc4 Kh6
45.Kb3 Rc5 46.Rb5 Rc7 47.Rg4 Kxh5
48.a5 Rdd7 49.Ra4 Kh6 50.a6 Be3
51.Be4 Ba7 52.Bd3 Re7
1-0

□ **Lewis,Edward**

■ **Clemens,Kristian**

2026 New Year TNM: 2000+ (2.9) 12.1.26

D35

1946

1987

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5
8.Bd3 c6 9.h3 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.Qc2
Ne6 12.Be5 g6 13.a3 Ng7 14.b4 a6
15.Rfe1 Bf5 16.Bxf5 Nxf5 17.Nd2 Bd6
18.Bxd6 Nxd6 19.Na4 Nfe4 20.Nxe4
Nxe4 21.Nc5 Nd6 22.Nb3 f5 23.Nd2
Qd7 24.Nf3 Nc4 25.Nd2 Nd6 26.Nf3
Nc4 27.Nd2 Nd6
1/2-1/2

□ **Rigel,Marlon**

■ **Walder,Michael**

2026 New Year TNM: 2000+ (2.10)

E66

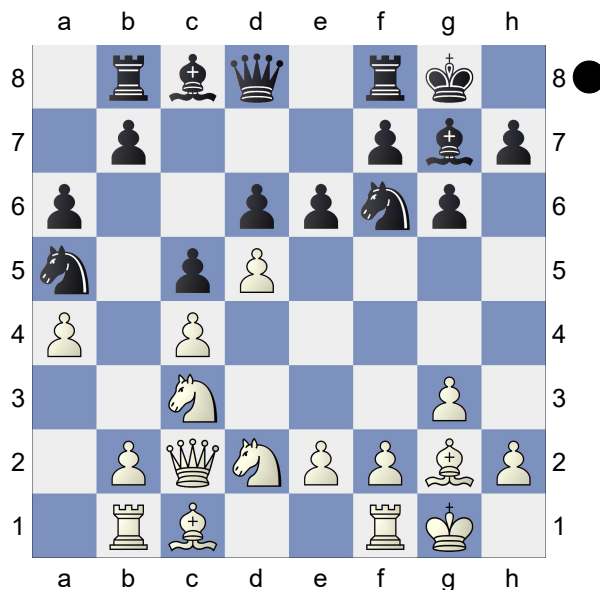
1820

1980

[TA]

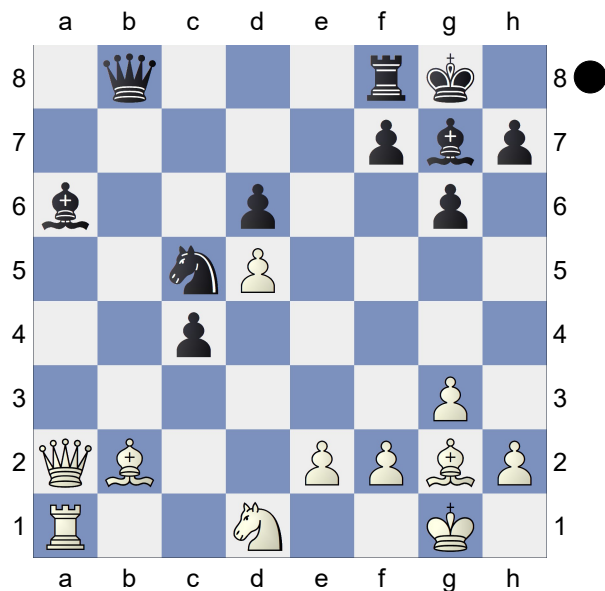
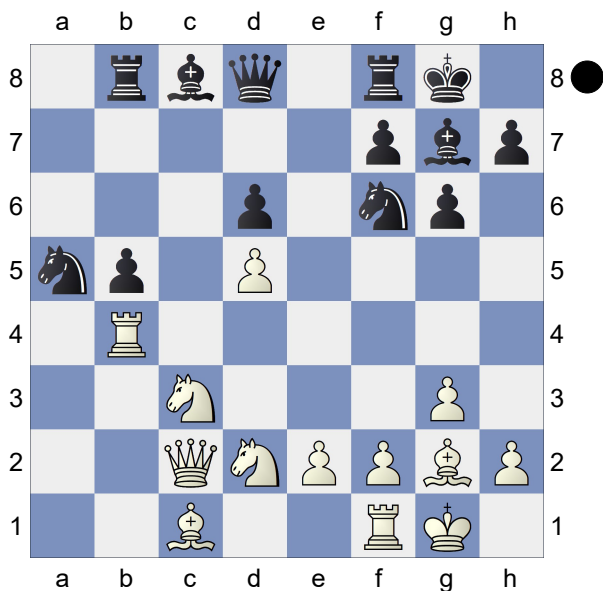
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2
0-0 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6
8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 a6 10.Qc2 Rb8
11.a4 e6 12.Rb1**

[12.b3 exd5 13.cxd5 Ng4 14.h3
Nh6 15.Bb2 f5 16.e3 Nf7 17.Ne2
Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Ne5 19.Qc3 Qb6
20.Rfc1 Bd7 21.f4 Nf7 22.Rab1
Rfc8 23.g4 Qb4 24.gxf5 Qxc3
25.Nxc3 gxf5 26.Nc4 b6 27.Nxa5
bxa5 28.Bf1 Re8 29.Kf2 Bc8
30.Bc4 Nh6 31.Rg1+ Kh8 32.Rbe1
Rf8 33.e4 fxe4 34.Nxe4 Rb6 35.Kf3
Nf5 36.Ng5 Nd4+ 37.Kg3 Rb7
38.Ne6 Bxe6 39.dxe6 Rg7+ 40.Kf2
Rxf4+ 41.Ke3 Rf3+ **1-0 Korobov,A
(2713)-Ding,L (2711) WchT 9th
Antalya 2013 (2.2)]**



**12...exd5 13.cxd5 b5 14.axb5 axb5
15.b4 cxb4 16.Rxb4**

(Diagram)



Ba6N 0.64/33

[16...Qc7= 0.00/35]

[16...Qc7 17.Qd3 Ba6 18.Ba3 Rfc8

19.Nxb5 Qd7 20.Rfb1 Ne8 21.Ne4

f5 22.Bh3 Qd8 23.Qd1 Nc4 24.Qa4

Bxb5 25.Rxb5 Ra8 0-1 Salvador,R

(2385)-Fier,A (2599) ITA-chT GpB

54th Bacoli 2023 (1)]

17.Qa2± White is more active. **17...Nd7**

18.Bb2 0.16/36

[18.Nce4± 0.97/29]

18...Nc5 0.72/34

[18...Nc4= 0.16/36]

19.Ra1? -1.12/35

[19.Rb1± 0.72/34]

19...Nc4± **20.Nxc4** -2.10/30

[20.Nde4± -1.10/33]

20...bxc4+ **21.Rxb8** **Qxb8** **22.Nd1?**

-3.87/37

[22.Bf1 -2.02/34]

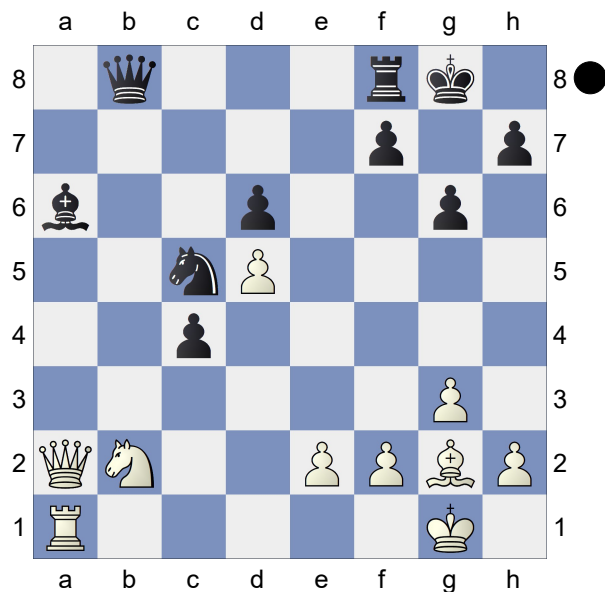
(Diagram)

22...Bxb2! **23.Nxb2**

[Much weaker is 23.Qxb2 Qxb2

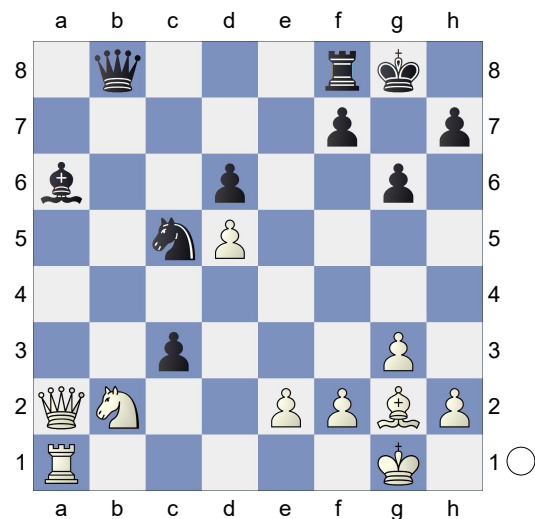
24.Nxb2 c3-+]

(Diagram)



23...Qb3 -0.18/34

[Black should try 23...c3!-+ -3.64/34



24.Nd1 Qb3 (24...Qb4 25.Bf1=)]
24.Na4= The position is equal. **24...Qxa4**
25.Qxa4 Nxa4 26.Rxa4 Endgame KRB-
 KRB **26...Bb5 27.Ra3 Rc8** aiming for ...
c3. 28.Rc3! f5 29.e4 fxe4 30.Bxe4
Kf7 31.f4 Re8 32.Bf3 Re1+ 33.Kf2
Rb1 34.Ke3 Weighted Error Value:
 White=0.42/Black=0.42
 1/2-1/2

□ Admassu,Yonathan

■ Mercado,Adam

2026 New Year TNM: 2000+ (2.11)

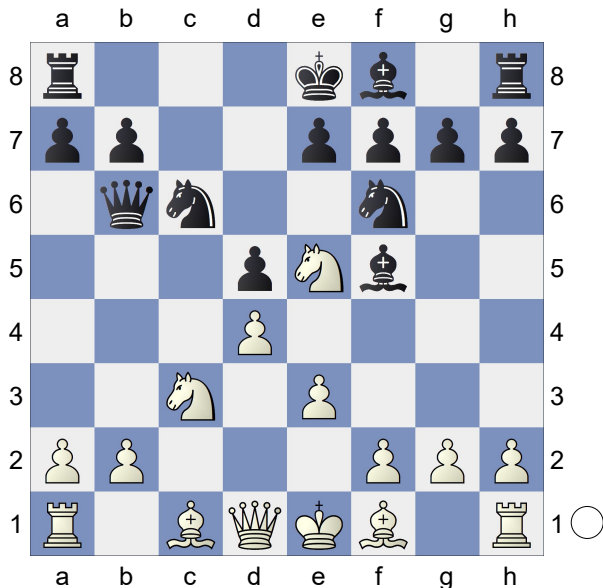
[Winslow,Elliott]

D13

1838

1969

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3
 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Ne5 Qb6 7.e3 Bf5



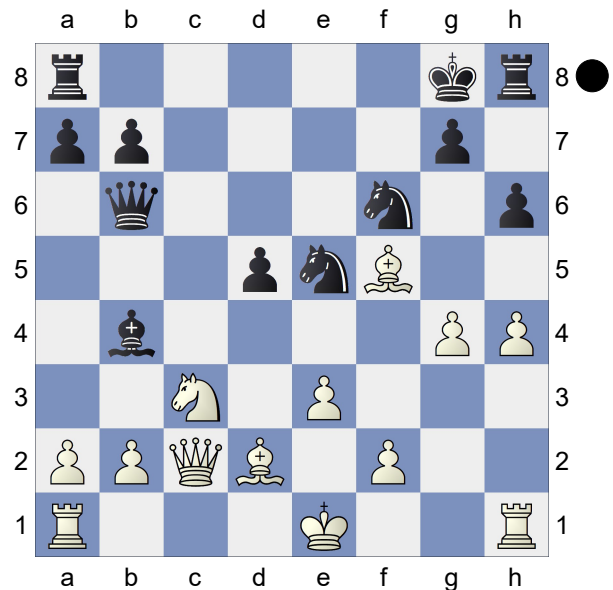
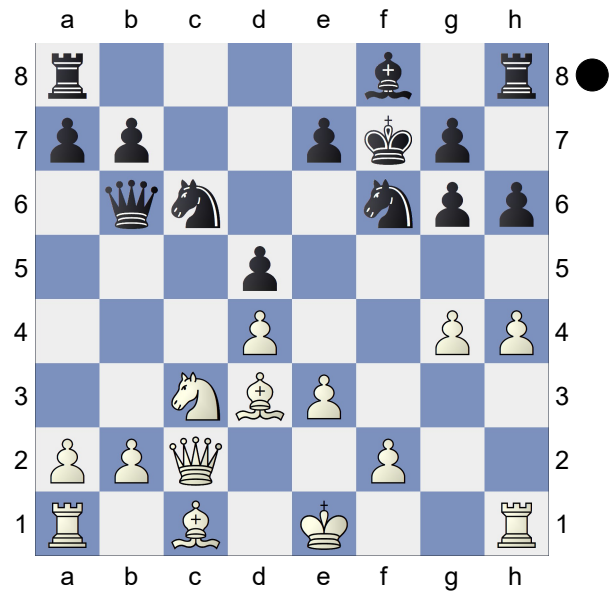
8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 h6 10.Nxg6 fxg6
 11.Bd3 Kf7 12.Qc2

(Diagram)

e5 13.Bxg6+ Kg8 14.dxe5 Nxe5
 15.Bf5 Bb4 16.Bd2

(Diagram)

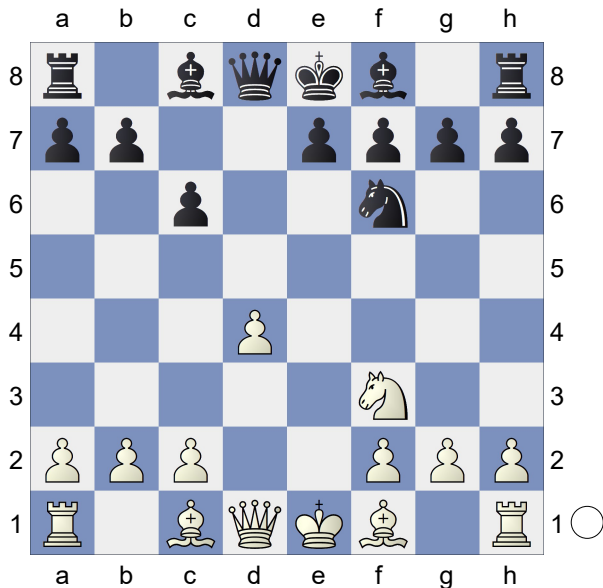
d4 17.exd4 Nf3+ 18.Kf1 Nxd4 19.Qd3



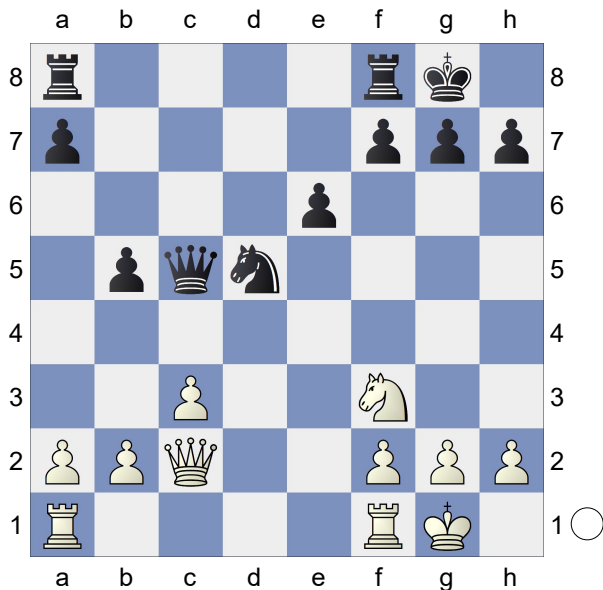
Nxf5 20.gxf5 Rd8 21.Qc4+ Kh7
 22.Be3 Qa5 23.Bd4 Bxc3 24.bxc3
 Qxf5 25.Rg1 Rhf8 26.Bxa7 Ne4
 27.Bd4 Rf7 28.Qxf7 Qxf7 29.Rxg7+
 Qxg7 30.Bxg7 Kxg7
0-1

Steger, Eric
 Cawthon, Jeremy David
 2026 New Year TNM: 2000+ (2.12)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 dxe4 4.Nxe4
 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6

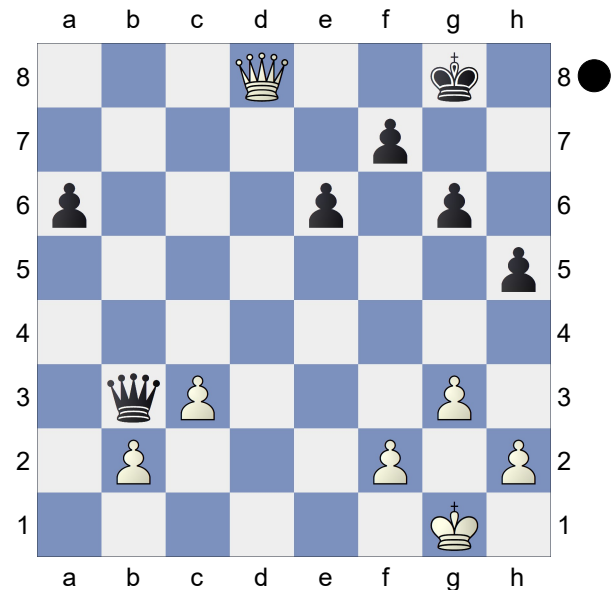


7.Bd3 Bg4 8.c3 e6 9.Bf4 Bd6 10.Bg3
 0-0 11.Bc2 b5 12.Qd3 Bf5 13.Qe2
 Bxc2 14.Qxc2 Nd5 15.Bxd6 Qxd6
 16.0-0 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5

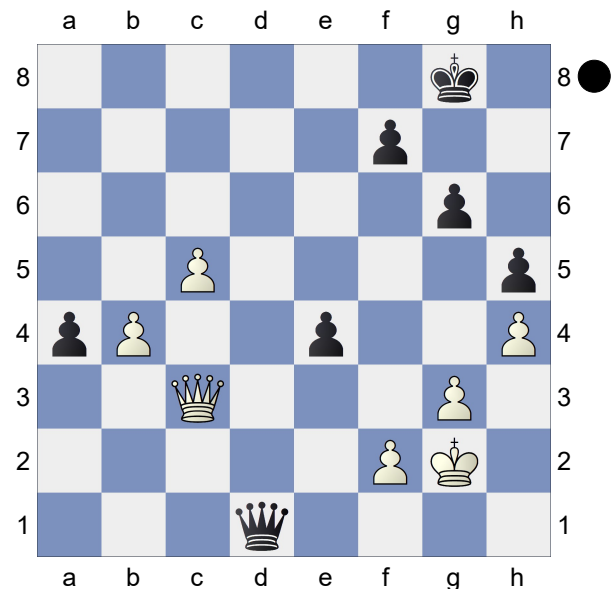


18.Ng5 Nf6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4
 Rad8 21.Rfd1 Rd6 22.Rxd6 Qxd6
 23.Qe2 Qd5 24.Rd1 Qxa2 25.Qxb5 a6

B17 26.Qb7 Qa4 27.Qd7 Qb3 28.Rd2 g6
1909 29.g3 Rb8 30.Qc7 h5 31.Rd8+ Rxd8
2098 32.Qxd8+



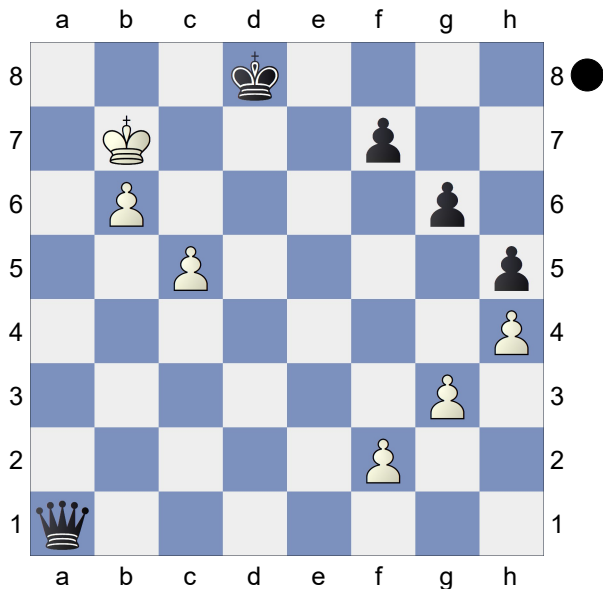
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 36.Qc1 Qc4 37.Qe3 Qb5 38.Qc1 e4
 39.c4 Qc5 40.Qc3 Kg8 41.b4 Qd6
 42.c5 Qd1+ 43.Kg2



Qf3+ 44.Qxf3 exf3+ 45.Kxf3 Kf8 46.b5
 Ke7 47.Ke4 a3 48.b6 Kd8 49.Kd5 a2
 50.Kc6 a1Q 51.Kb7

(Diagram)

Qh1+ 52.c6 Qf3 53.Ka7 Qxc6 54.b7

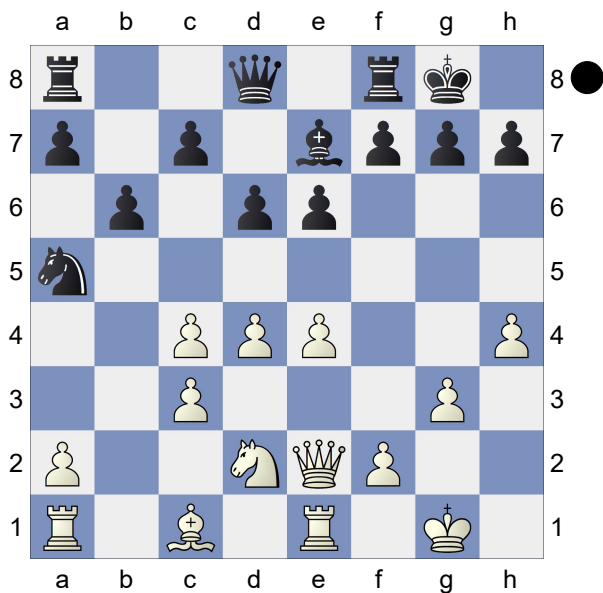


Qc5+ 55.Ka8 Qa5+ 56.Kb8 Kd7
0-1

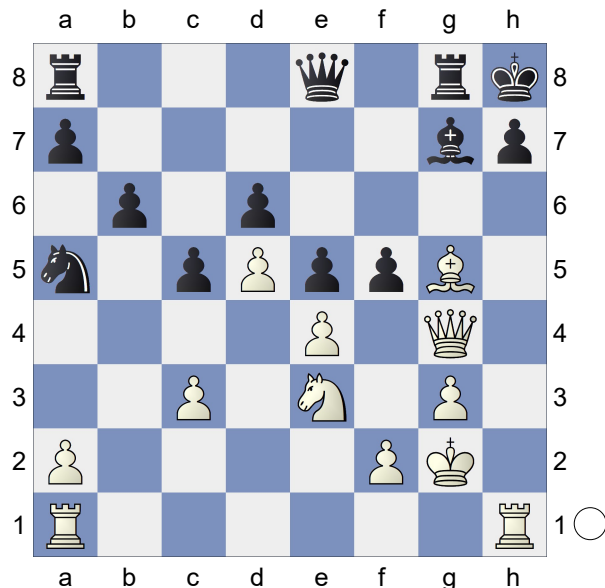
☐ **Horowitz, Phineas F**
 ■ **Melville, Cailen Jeremiah**

2026 New Year TNM: 2000+ (2.13)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb7
 5.Bg2 Be7 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.0-0 Nxc3
 8.bxc3 Nc6 9.Nd2 Na5 10.Bxb7 Nxb7
 11.e4 Na5 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Re1 d6
 14.h4



Qe8 15.h5 e5 16.Nf1 Bf6 17.Be3 c5
 18.d5 Qa4 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.h6 Qxc4
 21.Bg5 Rg8 22.Ne3 Qb5 23.Kg2 Qe8
 24.hxg7+ Bxg7 25.Rh1 f5



E17 26.Rxh7+ Kxh7 27.Qxf5+ Kh8
1951 28.Qh3+ Bh6 29.Qxh6#
1950 1-0

☐ **Babayan, Gagik** **D85**
 ■ **Dutter, Frederic** **1650**
 2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.5) **1900**

1.c4 12 Nf6 8 2.d4 10 g6 9 3.Nc3 9 d5
 6 4.cxd5 27 Nxd5 2 5.e4 9 Nxc3 2
 6.bxc3 9 Bg7 2 7.Be3 11 c5 6 8.Nf3 56
 Nc6 55 9.Bb5 43 cxd4 8 10.Bxc6+ 23
 bxc6 3 11.Bxd4 21 Bxd4 5:46 12.cxd4
 18 Ba6 16:38 13.Qc2 9:17 Qa5+
 14.Kd1 3:22 0-0 3:30 15.Re1 1:58 Rfd8
 2:17 16.Kc1 5:19 Rxd4 6:17 17.Nxd4
 3:07 Qxe1+ 1:09 18.Kb2 22 Qb4+ 3:38
 19.Nb3 12 Bc4 10:00 20.Rd1 57 a5
 4:47 21.Rd4 3:32 Bxb3 35 22.Qd3 55
 Bc4+ 58 23.Qb3 2:07
 0-1

Mays-Smith, Isaac S **D80**
1618

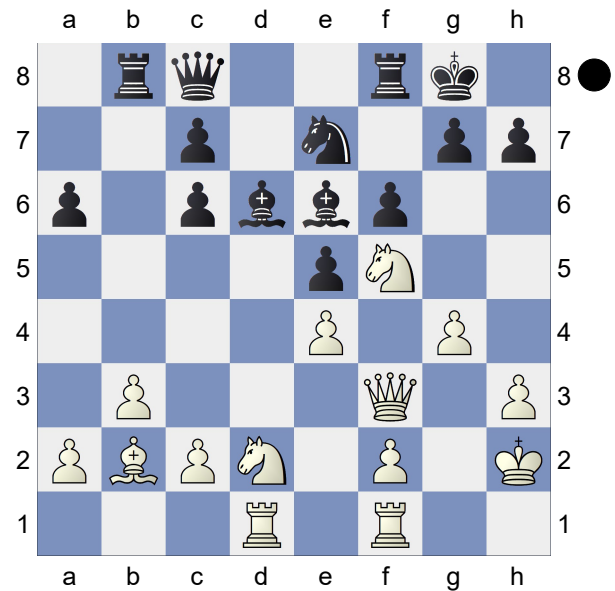
Chernobilskiy, Mikhail **1801**
 2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.14)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5
 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5
 8.Be3 0-0 9.Bc4 Nc6 10.Ne2 Na5
 11.Bb5 a6 12.Ba4 Nc4 13.Bf2 Nb2
 14.Qc2 Nxa4 15.Qxa4 b5 16.Qd1
 cxd4 17.Bxd4 e5 18.Be3 Qc7 19.a4
 Rd8 20.Qc1 bxa4 21.Rxa4 Bd7
 22.Ra2 Bb5 23.Kf2 Rdc8 24.Qc2 Bf8
 25.Rha1 Bb4 26.Rb1 Be7 27.Rba1 a5
 28.Rb1 Rcb8 29.c4 Bxc4 30.Rc1 Rc8
 31.Ra4 Bb4 32.Qb2 Qb7 33.Qxe5
 Re8 34.Qf4 Qb5 35.Bd4 Ra6 36.Qh6
 Bf8 37.Qxf8+ Rxf8 38.Raxc4 a4
 39.Rc5 Qb8 40.Rc7 a3 41.Nf4 Rd6
 42.Nd5 Rxd5 43.exd5 Qb3 44.R7c5
 Qd3 45.Bf6 Qf5 46.Ba1 Re8 47.d6
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 50.Kf2 Qe3+ 51.Kg3 Qg5+ 52.Kf2
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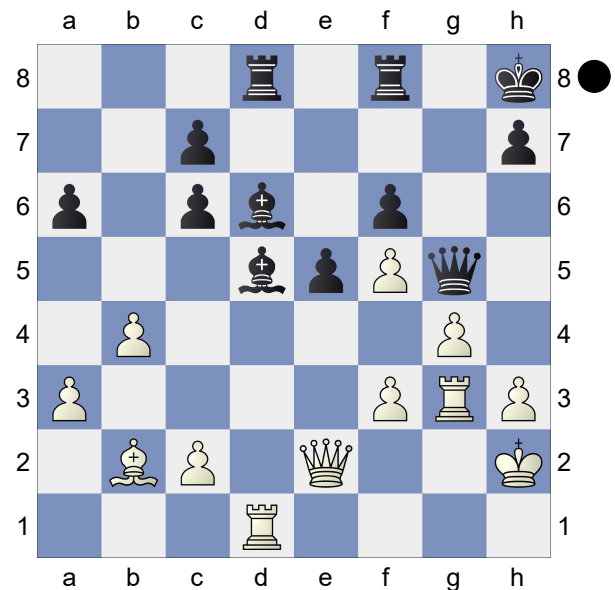
Elster, Benjamin **C73**
1604

Powers, Christopher **1774**
 2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.15)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
 d6 5.Bxc6+
 [5.0-0]
 [5.c3]
 5...bxc6 6.d4 Bg4 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.0-0
 [8.Qxd8+ Rxd8 9.Nxe5?? Rd1#]
 8...Bd6 9.b3 Ne7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.h3
 Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Bb2 f6 14.Nh4
 Bf7 15.Qf3 Rb8 16.Rad1 Qc8 17.Kh2
 Be6 18.Nf5



Ng6 19.Rg1 Nf4 20.Qe3 Qe8 21.Nf1
Rd8 22.N1g3 Kh8 23.a3 g6 24.Nh4
Qe7 25.b4 Qg7 26.Ne2 Qh6 27.Nf5
gxf5 28.exf5 Bd5 29.Rg3 Qg5 30.f3
Nxe2 31.Qxe2



e4 32.fxe4 Bxg3+ 33.Kxg3 Rde8
34.h4 Qg7 35.Qd2 Rxe4 36.g5 Qe7
37.gxf6 Rg8+ 38.Kf2 Re2+ 39.Qxe2
Rg2+
0-1

(Diagram)

□ Schuster,Zack
■ Wickliffe,Zachary

A58
1676
1560

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.16)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.Nf3
Qa5 9.Bd2 Bxa6 10.Bxa6 Qxa6
11.Qe2 d6 12.a3 Nbd7 13.Qxa6 Rxa6
14.Ke2 Rb8 15.Rhb1 Nb6 16.Kd3
Nfd7 17.b4 Na4 18.b5 Ra5 19.Nxa4
Rxa4 20.Ra2 Nb6 21.Bc1 e6 22.dxe6
fxe6 23.Bf4 Rd8 24.Ng5 Rd4+ 25.Kc2
Re8 26.Rd1 Rc4+ 27.Kd3 d5 28.Bc7
Na4 29.b6 Rc3+ 30.Ke2 Rb3 31.Rd3
Nc3+ 32.Kd2 c4 33.Rxc3 Bxc3+
34.Kd1 Ba5 35.exd5 exd5 36.Nf3
Bxb6 37.Bxb6 Rxb6 38.Rd2 Rd8
39.Ne5 c3 40.Rd3 d4 41.Nc4 Rc6
42.Ne5 Rc5 43.Nf3 c2+ 44.Kc1 Rb8
45.Nd2 Re8 46.Nf3 Re2 47.Rd2 Rxd2
48.Nxd2 d3 49.Ne4 Rb5 50.Nd2 Re5
51.Nf3 Re2 52.a4 Rxf2 53.Nd2 Rxd2
0-1

□ Dash,Satyakam
■ Ploquin,Phil

C48
1504
1660

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.17)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5
[4.d4 exd4 5.Nd5 The Belgrade
Gambit! Naroditsky did very well with
this, beating Carlsen *and* Nakamura.
Except it was bullet games...
A) 5...Be7 (This was played over
the decades -- but Karpov "sealed
the deal" when he played it against
Sax in 1979. Tal of course took in
e4... 6.Bd3 (6.Nxd4 Nxd5 7.exd5
Nxd4 8.Qxd4 0-0 9.Be2 Bf6
10.Qd1 d6 11.0-0 Bf5 12.Bd3
Qd7 13.c3 Rfe8 14.a4 Be4

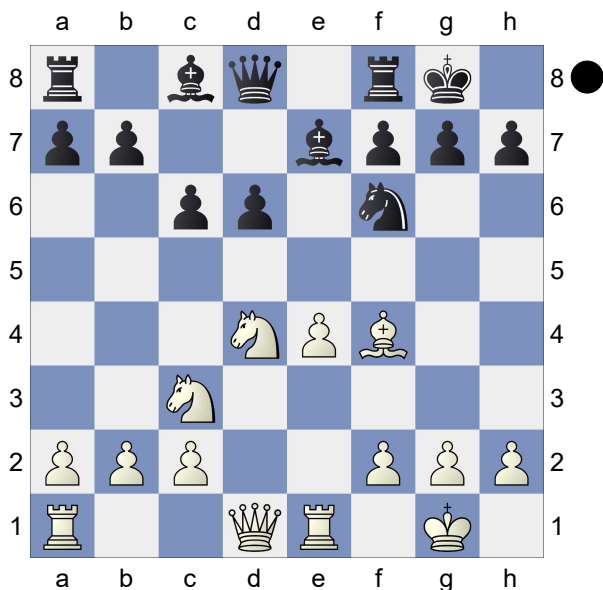
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g6 23.b3 Bb8 24.Qf3 Rh4 25.g3
Qh3 26.Qg2 Qf5 27.Rfd1 Rhe4
28.b4 h4 29.b5 hxg3 30.hxg3
Bxg3 31.bxc6 Be5 32.Kf1 Qf6
33.c4 Bc7 34.Bxa7 dxc4 35.Bd4
Qxc6 36.Rh3 Be5 37.Re3 Bg7
38.Bxg7 Kxg7 39.Rd4 f5 40.Qf3
R8e5 41.Rexe4 Rxe4 42.Rxe4
fxe4 43.Qc3+ Kf7 44.a5 Ke6
45.Ke2 Kd5 46.Qb4 c3 47.Kd1
g5 48.Qb3+ Kd6 49.Kc2 g4
50.Qf7 Qa4+ 51.Kxc3 Qa3+
52.Kd2 Qxa5+ 53.Ke3 ½-½ (53)
Sax,G (2590)-Karpov,A (2705)
Tilburg 1979) 6...0-0 7.0-0 h6
8.h3 d6 9.Nxe7+ Qxe7 10.Re1
Re8 11.b3 Ne5 12.Nxd4 Nxd3
13.cxd3 c5 14.Nf3 b6 15.Bb2
Bb7 16.Qd2 Nd7 17.Qf4 Qe6
18.Qg3 Qg6 19.Qxg6 fxg6
20.Rad1 d5 21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Nd2
Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Kf7 24.d4 Re8
25.Rxe8 Kxe8 26.dxc5 Nxc5
27.Bxg7 h5 28.Bd4 Ne4 29.Nf3
Kd7 30.Ne5+ Ke6 31.Nxg6 Bb7
32.Nf4+ Kf5 33.Nxh5 Nd2
34.Ng3+ 1-0 (34) Naroditsky,D
(2619)-Carlsen,M (2835) Chess.
com INT 2023;
B) 5...Nxe4 6.Qe2 f5 7.Ng5
(7.g4?! Kf7 8.Bf4 d6 9.0-0-0 Be6
10.Qc4 Ne7 11.Nxc7 Bxc4
12.Bxc4+ d5 13.Ne5+ Kg8
14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Rxd4 Qxc4
16.Rxc4 Nf6 17.h4 fxg4 18.h5
Ned5 19.Bg5 Nb6 20.Rf4 Nbd5
21.Rf5 Be7 22.h6 g6 0-1 (22)
Gutnikov-Tal,M Leningrad 1951
EXT 2011 [ChessBase II]) 7...d3!
8.cxd3 Nd4 9.Qh5+ g6 10.Qh4
(That's as much as I remembered --
so here it is 2026, and Stockfish 17.

1 gives c6! 11.dxe4 cxd5 12.exd5
(12.exf5 Nxf5) 12...Bg7!
13.Kd1! h6 14.Nf3]

4...Nd4 (I knew this in the 1960s as
Rubinstein's Equalizing Line. Curious
how I also learned the Belgrade Gambit
around then, see above, but never
thought of the two as similar...) (and
they aren't) **5.0-0 Nxb5 6.Nxb5 c6**
7.Nc3 d6 8.d4 exd4

[8...Qc7 9.a4 Be7 10.Bg5 Bg4
11.d5 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.a5 a6
14.Qd3 0-0 15.Nd2 Be7 16.Nc4 c5
17.f3 Bh5 18.Nd1 Bg6 19.Nde3 Bg5
20.Nf5 Rad8 21.g3 Rfe8 22.h4 Bf6
23.Nfe3 Be7 24.Kg2 Bf8 25.Rh1 h5
26.g4 Qd7 27.Rag1 f6 28.Kf2 Kf7
29.b3 hxg4 30.h5 g3+ 31.Rxg3 Bh7
32.Rhg1 Qb5 33.Nf5 Bxf5 34.exf5
Re7 35.Rg6 Qe8 36.Qe4 Rc7
37.Qh4 Qe7 38.h6 Rapport,R (2718)-
Esipenko,A (2695) Rostov on Don
2025 1-0]

9.Nxd4 Be7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Re1



Bg4?!N

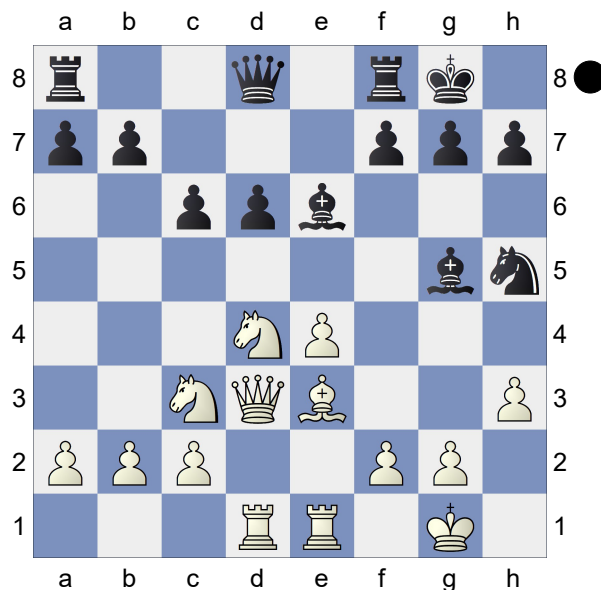
[11...Re8= 12.h3 Bf8 (12...d5!)
13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Rad1 Be6 15.e5
dxe5 16.Bxe5 Qd8 17.Nxe6 Qxd2
18.Rxd2 Rxe6 19.Rde2 Nd7 20.Bg3
Rxe2 21.Rxe2 Bb4 22.Ne4 Re8

23.Kf1 f5 24.Nd6 Rxe2 25.Kxe2
Bxd6 26.Bxd6 Kf7 27.b3 Ke6
28.Ba3 Nf6 29.Bb2 Ne8 30.c4 g6
31.Ke3 Nd6 32.f3 Nf7 33.h4 c5
34.Kf4 h6 35.g4 g5+ 36.hxg5 hxg5+
37.Ke3 fxg4 38.fxg4 Ne5 39.Bxe5
Kxe5 40.a3 a5 0-1 (40) Rey Martinez,
J (2313)-Cherniaiev,T (2306) Chess.
com INT 2024]

12.Qd3± Nh5

[12...Re8± !=]

13.Be3 Bg5 14.h3 Be6 15.Rad1



d5? 16.g4?!

[16.exd5! Bxd5

A) 17.Nxd5

A1) 17...Qxd5 18.c4 Qd8

(18...Qa5 19.Nb3) 19.Nxc6!
Qxd3 20.Rxd3+-;

A2) 17...cxd5 18.Nf5 g6

19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Ne7+ Kg7
21.Nxd5+-;

B) 17.Nf5!?]

16...Nf4± 17.Bxf4 Bxf4 18.Qf3?!

[18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Qf5±]

18...Be5?!

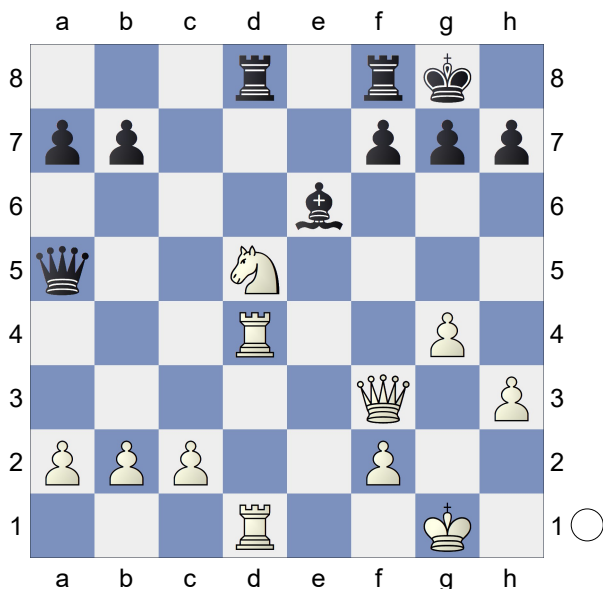
[18...Bg5 19.exd5 cxd5]

19.exd5 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 cxd5

[20...Qb6]

21.Nxd5 Qa5 22.Red1 Rad8??

[22...Qxa2]



23.b4!+- Bxd5 24.Rxd5! Qc7 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Qxb7 h6 28.c4 Qd4 29.Qd5 Qa1+ 30.Kg2 Qxa2 31.b5 g6 32.Qd3 Qa5 33.c5 h5 34.gxh5 gxh5 35.c6 Qc7 36.Qg3+ 1-0

□ **Siegel,David**

■ **Boyer,John**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.18)

[Siegel,David]

D85

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1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg5 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.e3 c5 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 Bg4 [the final departure from the lichess masters database](#) 11.Rb1 cxd4 12.cxd4 b6 13.Qa4 Na5 14.h3 Bd7 15.Qa3 f6 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Rbc1 Qd5 18.Nh4 [The computer move here is 18... Be6. The computer line sacrifices the White queen for a rook!](#) 18...Rac8 19.Nxf5 Qxf5 20.Bg4 Rxc1 21.Bxf5 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 gxf5 23.Qxe7 Rf7 [The Black pieces are out of play.](#) 24.Qe8+ Rf8 25.Qe6+ Kh8 26.d5 Nb7 27.Qe7 Nc5

28.d6 Rg8 29.d7 Nb7 30.Bb8

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□ **McCutcheon,Bennett**

■ **Morello,Nicholas**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.19)

B12

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.Nf3 h6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Nbd2 Nf5 9.c4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Nd7 11.Ne3 Ne7 12.Bd2 Nb6 13.Ba5 Qd7 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.a4 Nd5 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Qc3 Qa5 18.Rfd1 Qb4 19.Nd2 Be7 20.Qxb4 Bxb4 21.Nc4 Ra6 22.Rd3 b5 23.Rb3 Be7 24.Na3 Rxa4 25.Nc2 Rxa1+ 26.Nxa1 0-0 27.Nc2 Ra8 28.f4 Ra4 29.g4 f6 30.Kf2 Rc4 31.Rc3 fxe5 32.Rxc4 bxc4 33.fxe5 Bg5 34.Na3 b5 35.Nc2 Bc1 36.Nb4 Bxb2 37.Ke3 c5 38.dxc5 Bxe5 39.h3 Kf7 40.Ke4 Bg3 41.c6 Ke7 42.Nc2 Kd6 43.Nd4 Bf2 44.Nxb5+ Kxc6 45.Nc3 Kc5 46.Nd1 Bd4 47.h4 g6 48.h5 g5 49.Kf3 Kd5 50.Ke2 Ke4 **0-1**

D02

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□ **Sisti,Daniel J**

■ **Tam,Hoa Long**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.20)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5 4.0-0 Nc6 5.d4 Bg4 6.Ne5 Bh5 7.c4 Nxd4 8.Qa4+ b5 9.cxb5 Nxe2+ 10.Kh1 Qb6 11.Nc3 e6 12.Nc4 Qb7 13.b6+ Kd8 14.Bg5 axb6 15.Qb5 Nd4 16.Qxb6+ Qxb6 17.Nxb6 Rb8 18.Nba4 Bd6 19.Rac1 Kd7 20.b3 Rhc8 21.Bh3 Bf3+ 22.Kg1 Ne4 23.Be3 Nxc3 24.Nxc3 Ne2+ 25.Nxe2 Bxe2 26.Rfe1 Bf3 27.Rc2 h6 28.Bg2 Bxg2 29.Kxg2 e5 30.Bc1 Ke6 31.f4 e4 32.Bb2 g6

33.Rec1 f5 34.Bd4 Rb5 35.a4 Rxb3
36.Bxc5 Rxc5 37.Rxc5 Bxc5 38.Rxc5
Kd6 39.Ra5 d4 40.Ra6+ Kc5 41.Rxg6
d3 42.Kf2 Rb2+ 43.Ke1 e3 44.Rf6
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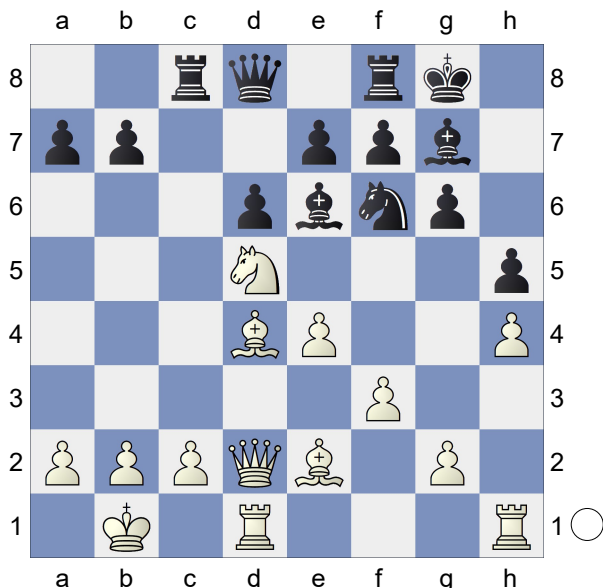
□ **Quinn,Dahlia**

■ **Schaezlein,Charlie**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.21)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0
8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6
11.Kb1 Qa5 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 h5
14.Be2 Rc8



15.g4 hxg4 16.h5 Nxh5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7
18.fxg4 Bxd5 19.exd5 Ng3 20.Qh6+
Kf6 21.g5+
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□ **Reed,Paul Henry**

■ **Rachuri,Sujan K**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.22)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
e6 5.g3 Nbd7 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0
8.Bf4 c5 9.Be5 a6 10.a4 Nxe5
11.dxe5 Nd5 12.Nd2 Nxc3 13.bxc3
Rb8 14.Nxc4 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Na5
Qc7 17.f4 Bd7 18.Nb3 Rfd8 19.Qc2
Bc6 20.e4 c4 21.Nc1 Bc5+ 22.Kh1
Be3 23.Qe2 Qb6 24.Re1 Rd2
25.Qxe3 Qxe3 26.Rxe3 Rd1+ 27.Bf1
Rxf1+ 28.Kg2 Rd1 29.Kf3 Rbd8
30.Ra6 Bxe4+ 31.Rxe4 Rxc1 32.Rd6
Rxc3+ 33.Ke2 Rd3 34.Rb6 R3d5
35.g4 g6 36.h4 Kf8 37.Re3 Rd2+
38.Kf3 Rb2 39.f5 exf5 40.gxf5 gxf5
41.Kf4 b4 42.Rf6 Ke7 43.Kg5 Rg8+
44.Kf4 c3 45.Rc6 Rg6 46.Rc7+ Kd8
47.Rxf7 c2 48.Rf8+ Ke7 49.Rc8 Rg1
50.Rc7+ Kd8 51.e6 Kxc7
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□ **Finacom,Richard V**

■ **Chan,John**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.23)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Qc2
Bg4 5.e4 Bxf3 6.gxf3 Nbd7 7.Be3
e5 8.d5 c5 9.Nc3 a6 10.Bh3 Be7
11.Rg1 g6 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Nh5
14.Be3 Bf6 15.f4 Bh4+ 16.Kf1 Bf6
17.Re1 Kf8 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.e5
Qh3+ 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Be7
22.Ne4 dxe5 23.fxe5 Kg7 24.Rgf1
Bh4 25.Rd1 b6 26.b4 Rhc8 27.bxc5
bxc5 28.Nxc5 Rab8 29.Rb1 a5
30.Kf3 h6 31.Rfc1 Kh7 32.Rxb8
Rxb8 33.Nb3 Re8 34.Bd4 Ng7
35.Nxa5 Nf5 36.Bc3 Bg5 37.Re1 Ra8

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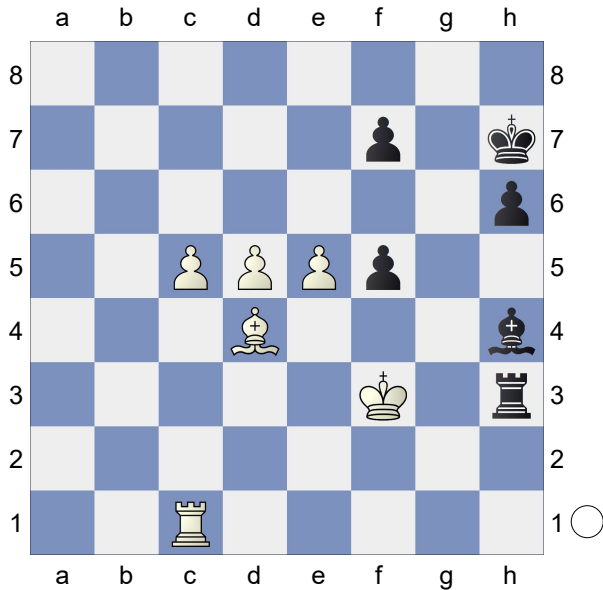
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38.c5 Bd8 39.Nc6 Bh4 40.Rc1 Rxa2
41.Nd4 Rxh2 42.Nxf5 gxf5 43.Bd4
Rh3+ Finacom has done wonderfully so
far! But now...



44.Kf4?? Bg5+ 45.Kxf5 Bxc1
46.c6?? Amazingly, White is still
drawing...
[but only with 46.Ke4!=]
46...Rh4 47.e6 fxe6+ 48.Kxe6 Rxd4
49.c7 Rc4 50.d6 Bg5 51.Kd7 h5
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□ Casares,Nick

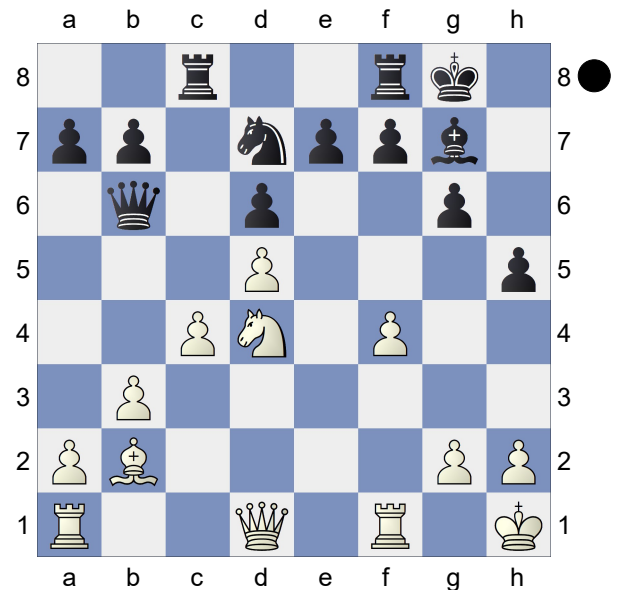
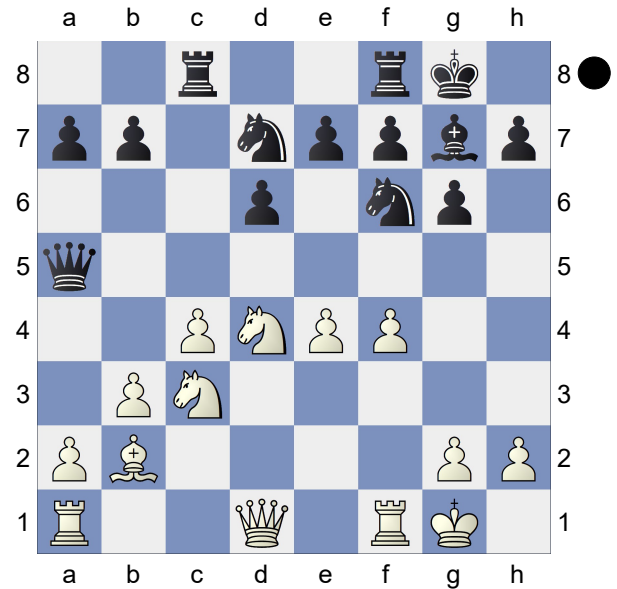
■ Agdamag,Samuel

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.24)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7
4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7
7.0-0 Ngf6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 0-0
10.f4 Rc8 11.b3 Qa5 12.Bb2

(Diagram)

h5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Qb6
15.Kh1?
[15.Rb1!±]



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15...Nf6?

[15...Rxc4!= 16.Ne6! fxe6 17.Bxg7]

16.Qe2?

[16.f5+-]

[16.Qd3+-]

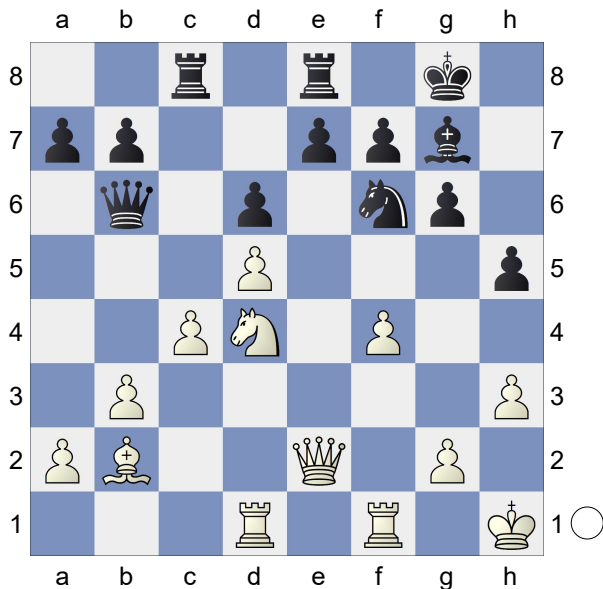
16...Ng4?

[16...Nxd5! 17.Nf5!? Bxb2 18.Qxb2
gxf5 19.cxd5=]

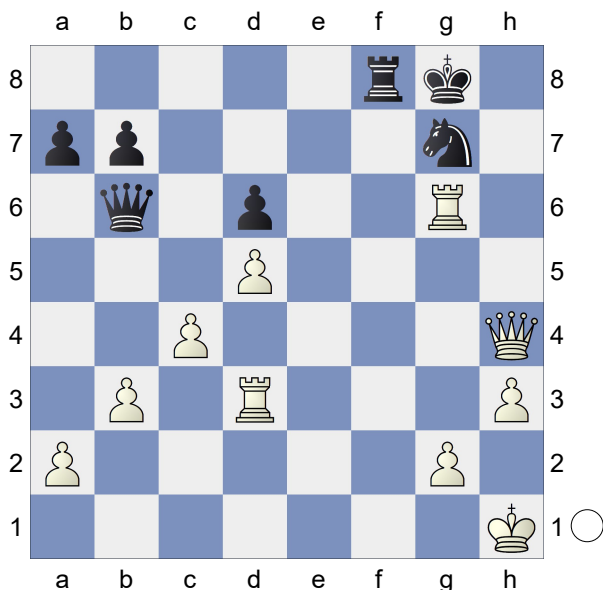
17.Rad1+- Rfe8 18.h3 Nf6

(Diagram)

19.f5! h4 20.fxg6 fxg6 21.Ne6 Nh5
22.Rd3 Bf6 23.Bxf6 exf6 24.Qg4 Kh7
25.Qxh4 Kg8 26.Rxf6 Rxe6 27.Rxe6



Ng7 28.Rxg6 Rf8



29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.Qe7+ 1-0

□ **Stults,Sawyer**

■ **Sloan,Sacha Marino**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.25)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 d6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.e5 Qc7 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.exf6 exf6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Nd5 Qc6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Qb3 Kf8 14.Nd4 Qc8 15.Be3 Nc6 16.Rac1 Qd7

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17.Nb5 Be6 18.Nbc7 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 Bd8 20.Qd3 Kg8 21.Qb3 Qf7 22.f4 Ne7 23.Nxe7+ Rxe7 24.Qd3 Bc7 25.Qb5 Rae8 26.Kf2 Rxe3 27.Rxc7 Qxc7 28.Rxe3 Qc2+ 29.Qe2 Qxe2+ 30.Kxe2 Rxe3+ 31.Kxe3 Kf7 32.f5 Ke7 33.Ke4 b5 34.g4 Kd7 35.Kd5 a5 36.a3 a4 37.h4 h6 38.h5 Kc7 39.Ke6 Kc6 40.g5 hxg5 41.h6 gxh6 42.Kxf6 g4 43.Ke7 g3 44.f6 g2 45.f7 g1Q 46.f8Q Qa7+ 47.Ke6 Qe3+

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□ **Braithwaite,Andrew**

■ **Ni,Tao**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.26)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bd3 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Be7 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Re1 Re8 12.c3 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qc2 g6 15.Rad1 Nf4 16.Bb5 Qg5 17.f3 Re7 18.Bf1 e5 19.Nb5 Bf5 20.Qd2 Rd7 21.Qxd7 Bxd7 22.Rxd7 a6 23.Nd6 Rf8 24.Rxb7 Nh3+ 25.Kh1 Qd2 26.Re2 Qd1 27.Rf2 Nxf2+ 28.Kg1 Qxd6 29.Kxf2 Rb8 30.Ra7 Rxb2+ 31.Kg3 Qc5 32.Ra8+ Kg7 33.Bd3 Qf2+ 34.Kg4 h5+ 35.Kg5 f6#

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□ **Mehta,Soham**

■ **Patel,Milan**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (2.27)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 0-0 6.cxd5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 exd5 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 c6 11.Rb1 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 b5 13.e4 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Qc7 15.Bf3 a6 16.Qc2 Rac8 17.c4 h6 18.Bd2 Rfe8 19.Rfc1 Qd8

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20.cxb5 cxb5 21.Qb2 Rxc1+ 22.Rxc1
Ne4 23.Bf4 g5 24.Be3 Nb6 25.Qc2
Nf6 26.Rd1 Qe7 27.g3 Rc8 28.Qf5
Qe6 29.Qxe6 fxe6 30.d5 Nbx d5
31.Bd4 a5 32.Rb1 b4 33.Bd1 Ne4
34.Kg2 Rc4 35.Be5 Rc5 36.Bb3 Nec3
37.Re1 a4 38.Bxc3 axb3 39.Bxb4
Nxb4 40.axb3 Kf7 41.Re4 Nc6 42.h4
gxh4 43.Rxh4 Kg6 44.Re4 e5 45.f4
exf4 46.gxf4 Kf5 47.Kf3 Ne5+ 48.fxe5
Rxe5 49.Rf4+ Ke6 50.Rh4 h5
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□ Hack, Richard

C02

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■ Vazquez, Dominic A

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2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.6) 13.1.26

1.e4 2 e6 7 2.d4 6 d5 5 3.e5 6 c5 10
4.c3 13 Nc6 9 5.Nf3 8 Qb6 17 6.a3 33
cxd4 2:49 7.cxd4 31 Nh6 56 8.Bxh6
5:43 Qxb2 59 9.Bc1 10:27 Qxa1 2:34
10.Bd3 11:11 Bd7 59 11.Qc2 3:43
Nxd4 54 12.Nxd4 5:32 Qxd4 15 13.Bb2
12 Qb6 1:01 14.0-0 43 Rc8 59 15.Qe2
35 Bc5 1:05 16.Bc1 3:17 a6 1:17
17.Qg4 36 Bf8 8:10 18.Be3 2:21 Qb3
3:38 19.Rd1 5:14 Bb5 53 20.Bxb5+
1:56 Qxb5 22 21.Nd2 1:34 g6 10:16
22.Rb1 5:01 Qc6 3:09 23.a4 3:56 Bg7
53 24.Nf3 48 b5 1:28 25.axb5 2:33
axb5 7 26.h3 43 Rb8 55 27.Rc1 1:07
Qb7 2:19 28.Qb4 5:25 Bf8 3:18 29.Qf4
6 Be7 54 30.Ng5 28 Bxg5 1:02
31.Qxg5 7 b4 10 32.Qf6 23 Rg8 27
33.Qh4 1:29 Kd7 3:24 34.Bc5 50 g5
2:33 35.Qd4 55 Rgc8 1:04 36.Ra1 1:26
Ra8 1:21 37.Rb1 43 b3 20 38.Bb4 3:47
Rc4 24
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□ Fisher, Brett

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■ Cao, Danny Du Uy

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2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.28)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Bb4+ 3.Bd2 Bxd2+

[3...Qe7]

4.Qxd2 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 white 1 hour 32
min... black 1 hour 31 min 6.e4 e5 7.d5
0-0 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.h3
Bxf3 w 1 h 31 m... b 1 h 29 m 11.Bxf3
a5 12.0-0 a4 13.Bd1 Nc5 14.Bc2
Nh5 15.Qd1 Qh4 w 1 h 21 m... b 1 h 10
m 16.Re1 a3 17.b4 Nd7 18.Nb5 Nb6
19.Bb3 Rfc8 20.Qc1 Nf4 w 1 h 3 m...
b 57 m 21.Qe3 Qg5 22.Qf3 Nd7
23.Re3 Nb6 24.Kh2 Qh5 25.Qxh5
Nhx5 w 53 m... b 28 m 26.Rc1 Nf4
27.g3 Ng6 28.Bd1 Ne7 29.Bg4 Rf8
30.Nxc7 Ra4 w 49 m... b 26 m 31.Rb3
f5 32.exf5 Nxf5 33.Bxf5 Rxf5 34.Kg2
Nd7 35.Nb5 Rf6 21 w 48 m.. b 36.Nxa3
Kf7 37.Rc2 Nb6 38.Nb5 Ra8 39.Rf3
Rd8 40.Rxf6+ Kxf6 w 44 m... b 14 m
41.Kf3 Ke7 42.Nxd6 Rxd6 43.c5
Rf6+ 44.Ke4 Nd7 45.c6 bxc6
w 43 m... b 11 m 46.dxc6 Nb6 47.c7
Kd7 48.b5 Rd6 49.a4 Rd4+ 50.Kxe5
Rxa4 w 40 m... b 6 m 51.h4 Rc4
52.Rd2+ Kxc7 53.Ke6 Rb4 54.Kf7
Rxb5 55.Kxg7 Rh5 56.f4 Kc6 57.Rf2
Kd6 58.f5 Nd7 59.f6 Ke6 60.f7 Rf5
w 38 m... b under 1 m

[60...Ke7 61.f8Q+ Nxf8 62.Rxf8]

61.Rxf5 Kxf5 62.f8Q+ Nxf8 63.Kxf8
Kg4

[63...h5 64.Kg7 Kg4 65.Kh6

(65.Kg6) 65...Kxg3 66.Kxh5]

64.Kg7 h5

[64...Kxg3 65.h5 Kg4 66.h6 Kg5

67.Kxh7 Kf6 68.Kg8]

65.Kg6 Kxg3 66.Kxh5 Kf4 67.Kg6

Ke5 68.h5 Ke6 69.h6 Ke7 70.h7

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☐ Little, John
■ Massop, Daniel

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.29)
[Winslow, Elliott]

D37
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4

[4.cxd5]

[4.Nf3]

4...Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 c6

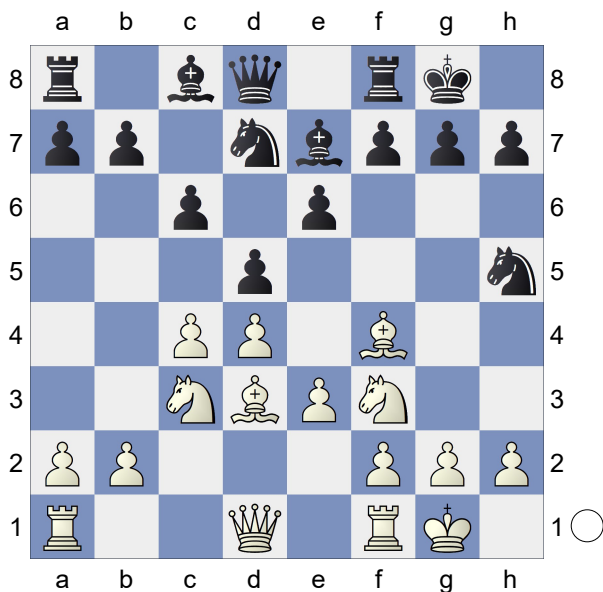
[6...c5]

[6...Nbd7]

[6...b6]

[6...a6]

7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Nh5±



9.Bxh7+? Kxh7 10.Ng5+ Bxg5

11.Qxh5+ Bh6 12.g4 g5

[12...Nf6! 13.Qh4 Nxg4! 14.Qxg4
e5-+]

13.Be5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 f6

[14...f5!]

15.f4

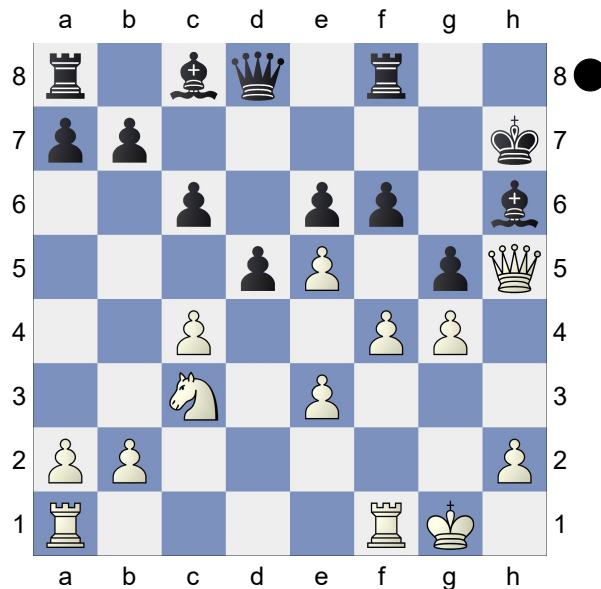
(Diagram)

Kg7?

[15...fxe5! 16.h4 (16.fxe5 Qe8!
17.Qh3 Bd7) 16...exf4!-+]

16.exf6+?!

[16.fxg5! Bxg5! (16...fxg5?? 17.Rxf8



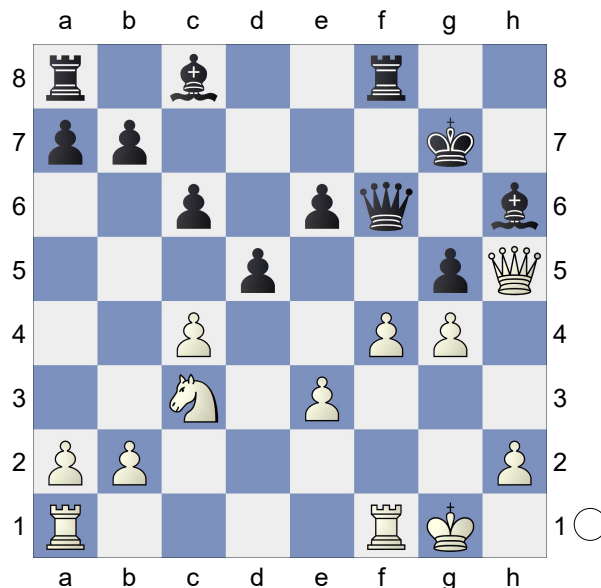
Qxf8 18.Rf1+-) 17.exf6+! Bxf6!

18.g5! Bxg5! 19.Kh1!? Bd7 20.Rxf8

Qxf8 21.Rg1 Qf6! 22.Rxg5+ Kf8

23.Kg2 Be8 24.Qg4 Bf7=]

16...Qxf6±



17.Rf2? Bd7?!

[17...Qg6-+ (and others)]

18.Raf1?

[18.h4! gxf4 19.g5 Qg6 20.Qxh6+
Qxh6 21.gxh6+ Kxh6 22.Rxf4 Rxf4
23.exf4±]

18...Qg6-+ 19.Qh3 Rae8 20.f5 Qf6

21.Qg3 exf5 22.Qc7 Re7 23.Qxb7

Bc8 24.Qb4 Qe5 25.gxf5 Ref7

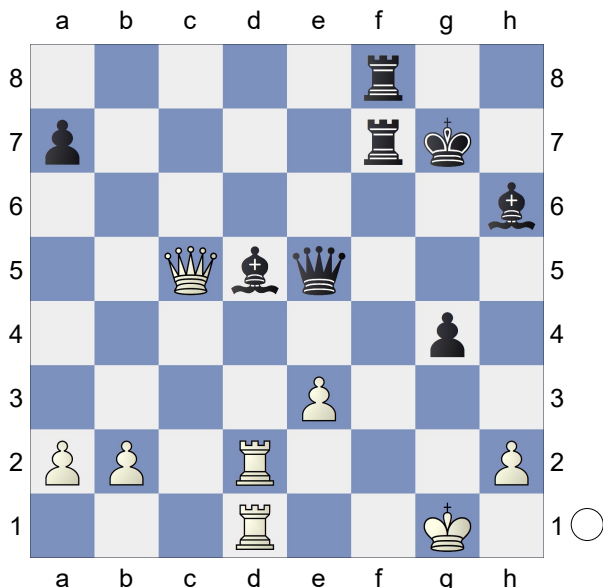
26.cxd5 cxd5 27.Qc5 Bxf5 28.Rd1

[28.Nxd5 Bg6 (and others) (but NOT 28...Be6?? 29.Nf4!!= Qxc5 30.Nxe6+ Kg6 31.Nxc5=)]

28...Be6

[28...Bh3!]

29.Rfd2 g4 30.Nxd5 Bxd5



31.Rd3 Qe4 32.Qxd5 Bxe3+ 33.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 34.Kh1 Rf1+ 35.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 36.Kg2 Rf2+

[36...Rg1#]

[36...Qg1#]

[36...Qh3#]

[36...Qf2#]

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□ **Solomon,Ethan**

■ **Rothman,Ivan**

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.30)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.c4 Nb6 6.Be2 Bf5 7.a3 a5 8.d5 Nb8 9.0-0 e6 10.dxe6 Qxd1 11.exf7+ Kxf7 12.Rxd1 Bc5 13.Bf4 Re8 14.Nc3 c6 15.Ne5+ Kg8 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Rxd3 Rf8 18.Bg3 Na6 19.Ne4 Rae8 20.Re1 a4 21.Kf1 Be7 22.Nd7 Nxd7 23.Rxd7 b5 24.cxb5 cxb5 25.Nd6 Bxd6 26.Bxd6 Rxe1+

27.Kxe1 Re8+ 28.Kf1 Re6 29.f4 Rf6 30.Be5 Rf7 31.Rd8+ Rf8 32.Rd5 g5 33.Rxb5 gxf4 34.Ra5 Rf5 35.Rxa6 Rxe5 36.Rxa4 Rb5 37.Rb4 Rxb4 38.axb4

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□ **Tobias,Mason**

■ **Menchtkhikov,Alexander**

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.31)

[Winslow,Elliott]

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1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3

[5.Qxd4 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Qe4 f5

8.Qe2 b5!? 9.g3 a5 10.Bg2 Be7!]

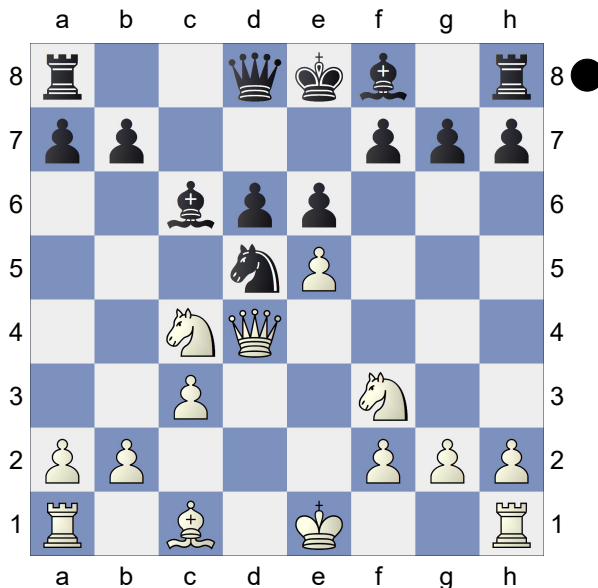
5...d6

[5...Nc6]

6.Qxd4 e6 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.Bb5

[8.Qe4]

8...Bd7 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Nc4



f6!?

[10...b5!? 11.Nxd6+ Bxd6 12.exd6 0-0 13.Qc5 Rc8 14.0-0 a6 15.Qa3 Bb7]

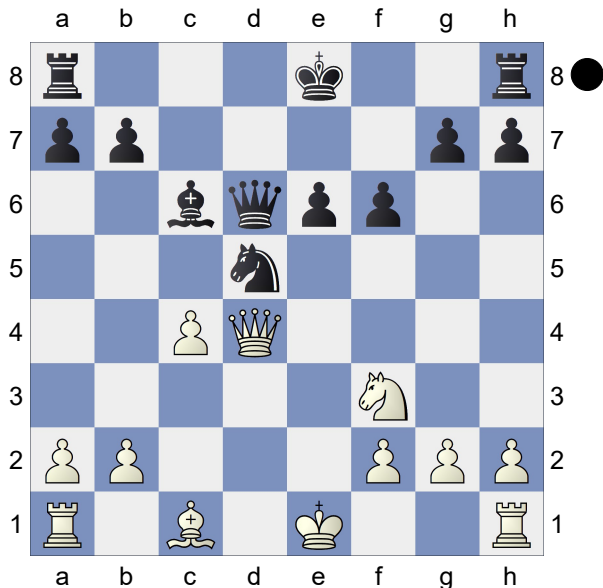
11.exd6

[11.Nxd6+?! Bxd6 12.exd6 e5

13.Qc5 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.0-0

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b5̄]
11...Bxd6??
 [11...b5 12.Qe4! Qc8! 13.Na5! Bd7!
 14.a4!? (14.c4!? bxc4 15.Nxc4
 Qc6=) 14...Bxd6 15.axb5 Nxc3!=]
12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 13.c4+-



0-0

[13...e5 14.Qd2 0-0-0 15.cxd5
 Bb5+- 16.a4 Ba6 17.b3 Kb8 18.Ba3
 Qd7 19.Rd1 (19.0-0-0) 19...Qg4
 20.Rg1 (20.Qe3!) 20...e4 21.h3
 Qh5 22.Qf4+ Ka8 23.g4 Qxh3
 24.Rg3?? (24.d6+-) 24...Qf1+
 25.Kd2 Qd3+ 26.Kc1 Rc8+ 27.Kb2
 Rc2+ 28.Ka1 Qc3+ 0-1 (28) Arman,D
 (2305)-Nihal,S (2692) Titled Tuesday
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14.cxd5

[14.0-0!]

14...e5 15.Qc3 Bb5 16.Qb3 Ba6

17.Bd2 Qd7 18.d6+

[Δ18.Bc3]

18...Kh8 19.Bb4

[19.Bc3!?]

19...Qg4

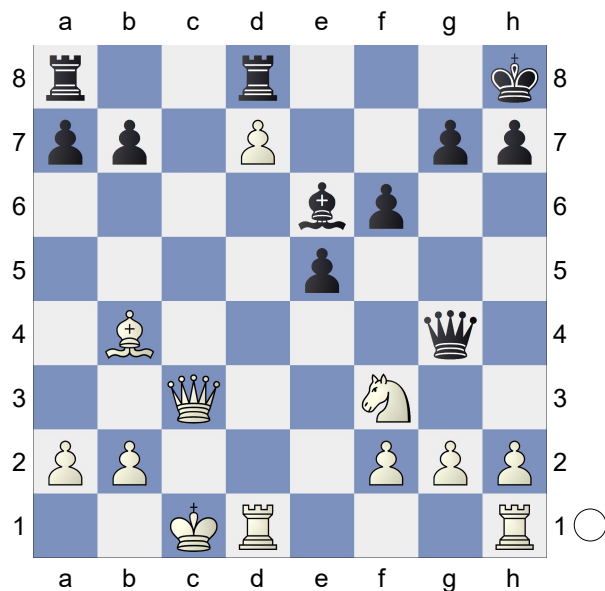
[19...Rac8]

20.0-0-0! Bc4 21.Qc3

[21.h3!]

21...Be6 22.d7 Rfd8

(Diagram)



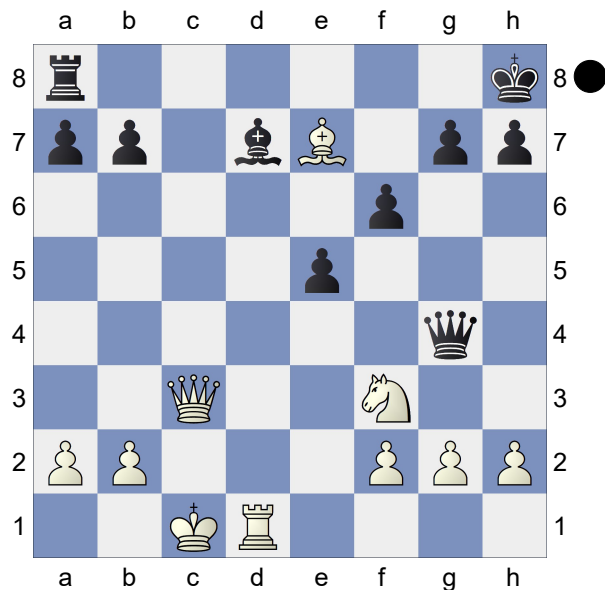
23.Be7?

[23.h3! Qf4+ 24.Kb1+-]

[23.b3!? Rxd7 24.Rxd7 Bxd7

25.Qd2!+-]

23...Rxd7= 24.Rxd7 Bxd7 25.Rd1



Rc8??

[25...Be8! 26.Rd8 Rxd8 27.Bxd8

Qxg2=]

26.Qxc8+! Bxc8 27.Rd8#

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□ Karpe, Ummon

■ Ramos, Joel Thomas

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.32)

[Winslow, Elliott]

D32

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.a3?!

[5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 (6.Bg5; 6.Bf4;
6.e3; 6.dxc5!) 6...Nf6 (6...c4!)]

7.Bg2

A) 7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5

(9.dxc5; 9.Be3; 9.b3);

B) 7...cxd4!? 8.Nxd4 Bc5!?]

5...Nc6

[5...cxd4! 6.Qxd4 Nf6=
or even more]

6.dxc5

[6.Nf3]

6...Nf6 7.Bg5?! Be6

[7...Bxc5!]

[7...d4!]

8.b4 Be7

[8...h6! 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Rc1 a5!=
11.b5?? Bxc5-+]

9.e3± 0-0

[9...a5!? 10.Bb5 (10.b5)]

10.Nf3 Ne4?!

[10...h6!? 11.Bh4 d4!?]

11.Nxe4

[11.Bxe7]

11...dxe4 12.Bxe7?

[12.Qxd8 Bxd8 (12...Rfxd8 13.Bxe7
Nxe7 14.Nd4+-) 13.Bxd8 Rfxd8
14.Nd2 f5 15.Bc4 Kf7 16.f3±]

12...Qxe7=

(Diagram)

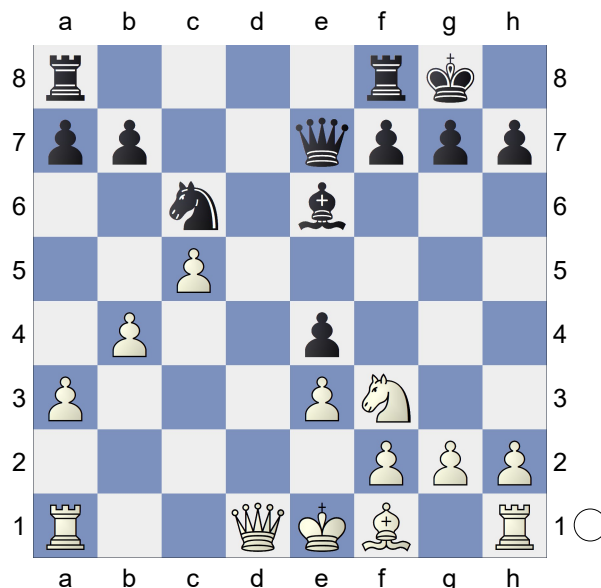
13.Nd2

[13.Nd4 Rad8 14.Qd2 Qf6 15.Rd1
Bb3 16.Rc1=]

13...Rad8

[13...Rfd8!]

14.Qc2 Bf5 15.Qc3 Qe5?

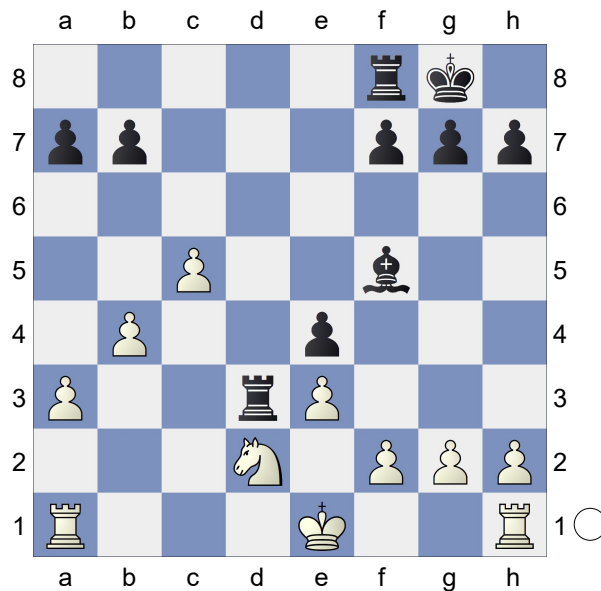


[15...Ne5 16.Nc4 Nxc4 17.Qxc4
Qg5= (17...Qf6=)]

16.Qxe5 Nxe5+- 17.Be2

[17.Nc4! Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Rfe8
19.Rd1]

17...Nd3+ 18.Bxd3 Rxd3



19.g4?

[19.Nc4+-]

[19.h3 b6 20.Ke2 Rfd8 21.Rhd1
bxc5 22.bxc5+-]

19...Bg6?

[19...Bxg4 20.Rg1 h5= (20...f5
21.Nxe4 g6=)]

[19...Rfd8!? 20.gxf5 Rxd2 21.Rg1
Rb2=]

20.Nc4

[♟20.h4]

20...f6?

[20...f5 21.Nd6 f4 22.0-0! fxe3
23.fxe3 Rxe3 24.Nxb7±]

21.0-0+- Bf7 22.Nd6 Bd5 23.b5

[23.Rfd1]

23...Rd8 24.Nf5 Bc4 25.Rfb1 R8d7

26.Nd6 Bd5 27.Nf5 Rc7 28.Rc1 Rb3

29.Nd4 Rd3 30.a4 Kf7 31.Rc2 g6

32.a5 h5 33.h3 hxg4 34.hxg4 Be6

35.Nxe6 Kxe6 36.Rc4 Kd5 37.Rac1

b6 38.axb6 axb6 39.Rd4+ Rxd4

40.exd4 bxc5 41.b6 Rb7 42.Rxc5+

Kxd4 43.Rc6 Ke5 44.Kg2 g5 45.Kf1

Kf4 46.Rxf6+ Kxg4 47.Ke2 Kh5

48.Ke3 g4 49.Kxe4 Kg5 50.Rc6 Re7+

51.Kd5 Kf5 52.Rc7 Re5+ 53.Kc6

Re6+ 54.Kb7 Kf4 55.Rf7+ Kg5

56.Kc7 Kg6 57.Rd7

[57.b7 Kxf7 58.b8Q is also a win
(mate in 27), but Karpe didn't trust his
Q+P v R+P play.]

57...Re2 58.b7 Still winning of course.

[Going this way was justified also with
less moves to mate (those pesky
tablebases!). This is mate in 19:

58.Rd6+! Kg5 59.b7 Re8 60.Rb6
Kf4 61.b8Q Rxb8 62.Rxb8]

58...Rc2+ 59.Kd6 Rb2 60.Ke5?! Kg5

61.Kd6 Kf5 62.Rf7+ Kg6 63.Rd7 Kf6

64.Kc7 Rc2+ 65.Kd8 Rb2 66.Rc7

Rd2+ 67.Kc8 Rxf2 68.b8Q g3

69.Rc6+ Kg5 70.Qxg3+

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□ Hau,Imelda Meili

■ Kwong,Dylan

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.33)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Be3 cxd4
5.Bxd4 Bf5 6.g4 Bg6 7.f4 Be4 8.Nf3
Nc6 9.Bg2 Nb4 10.Na3 Rc8 11.c3

Nd3+ 12.Kf1 Qa5 13.Ne1 Bxg2+

14.Kxg2 Nxf4+ 15.Kg3 g5 16.Nd3 Qa6

17.Nxf4 gxf4+ 18.Kxf4 e6 19.Rf1 Ne7

20.Kg3 Bg7 21.Qf3 0-0 22.Rf2 Nc6

23.Nc2 Bxe5+ 24.Bxe5 Nxe5 25.Qf6

Qd3+ 26.Kh4 Ng6+ 27.Kg5 Qh3

28.Qxg6+ fxg6 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Re1

Kg7 31.Re3 h6#

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□ Rosston,Andrew Burkett

■ Parcells,Nathan

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.34)

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Bg4 4.h3
Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.d4 Bb4 7.e5 c5
8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.a3 Qa5 10.axb4 Qxa1
11.0-0 cxd4 12.Na4 Qa2 13.Nc5 Nge7
14.Qg3 0-0 15.c3 dxc3 16.bxc3 Ng6
17.f4 a6 18.Bd3 d4 19.cxd4 Nxd4
20.Be3 Qd5 21.Qf2 Nc6 22.Be4 Qc4
23.f5 exf5 24.Qxf5 Ncxe5 25.Nxb7
Qxb4 26.Bc5 Qb5 27.Be7 Qd7
28.Bxf8 Qxf5 29.Rxf5 Kxf8 30.h4 Nc4
31.Bd5 Nge5 32.Na5 Rc8 33.Nxc4
Nxc4 34.Rxf7+ Ke8 35.Rxg7 Ne3
36.Rg8+ Kd7 37.Be6+ Kxe6 38.Rxc8
a5 39.Re8+ Kd5 40.Rxe3 Kc4 41.g4
a4 42.g5
1-0

□ Starr,Albert Martin

■ Golas,Jacob

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.35)

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 e5 4.b5 Bd6
5.d3 0-0 6.Nd2 Re8 7.c4 c6 8.Qc2
Bf5 9.Ngf3 Nbd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.a4
e4 12.Nh4 exd3 13.Bxd3 Bxd3
14.Qxd3 Ne4 15.Nf5 Bb4 16.0-0 Nxd2
17.Rfd1 Nxc4 18.Bxg7 f6 19.Qb3 Bf8

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B11

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20.Bh6 Bxh6 21.Nxh6+ Kh8 22.Nf7+ Kg7 23.Nxd8 Rcx d8 24.Rd4 Nde5 25.Rad1 f5 26.Qb1 Rf8 27.bxc6 bxc6 28.Qb7+ Rd7 29.Qa6 Rb8 30.Rxc4 Nxc4 31.Qxc6 Ne5 32.Qe6 Rdb7 33.Qxe5+ Kg6 34.g3 h5 35.Rxd5 h4 36.Qxf5+ Kh6 37.Qh5+ Kg7 38.Qxh4 a5 39.Rxa5 Kg8 40.Qg5+ Kh7 41.Rb5 Rc7 42.Rxb8 Rc1+ 43.Kg2 Rg1+ 44.Kf3 Rg2 45.Rb7+
1-0

☐ **Mackley,Merlin Ethan** **C47**
☒ **Robins,Alexander** **1144**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.36)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Qe7 8.Qe2 Nd5 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Nxd5 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 cxd5 12.Qxd5 Qb4+ 13.Kd1 Qxb2 14.Rc1 Bb7 15.Qb5 Qxb5 16.Bxb5 Bxg2 17.Re1 Rab8 18.Bc4 Rb4 19.Bb3 Rd4+ 20.Ke2 Re8 21.Ke3 Re4+ 22.Kd3 R4xe5 23.Re3 Rxe3+ 24.fxe3 d5 25.Re1 c5 26.c4 dxc4+ 27.Kxc4 Rc8 28.Rd1 Bh3 29.Kb5 Be6 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Rc1 h5 32.h4 c4 33.Rc3 Kf7 34.e4 Kf6 35.a4 Ke5 36.a5 Kd4 37.Rg3 c3 38.Rxg7 c2 39.Rd7+ Kxe4 40.Ka6 c1Q 41.Rb7 Qc6+ 42.Kxa7 Rc7 43.a6 Rxb7+ 44.axb7 Qxb7+
0-1

☐ **Kojevnikov,Alexander** **B00**
☒ **Martin,Bryan D** **1090**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.37)

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.0-0 Nbc6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.Bh6 c6

11.dxe6 dxe6 12.Qd2 Qd6 13.f4 Bd4+ 14.Kh1 0-0-0 15.Rad1 a6 16.Ne2 c5 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Qc2 Rd7 19.Rd2 Rhd8 20.Rfd1 Nc6 21.a3 Qd6 22.Bg5 Nd4 23.Qc3 Rf8 24.Bf6 Qxf4 25.Bxd4 Rxd4 26.b4 Qd6 27.Bc2 Rd8 28.Rxd4 cxd4 29.Qb3 Qf4 30.c5 b5 31.Qb1 Bc6 32.Rf1 Qe3 33.Rxf7 d3 34.Bb3 Qxe4 35.Qf1 Qe2 36.Rf2 Qxf1+ 37.Rxf1 e5 38.Kg1 Bd5 39.Bd1 e4 40.Re1 Rf8 41.Rf1 Rxf1+ 42.Kxf1 e3 43.Bg4+ Kc7 44.Ke1 Bxg2 45.h4 Bc6 46.Be6 Bf3 47.Bg8 d2+
0-1

☐ **Canessa,Kate** **B40**
☒ **Weaver,Kyle** **573**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (2.38)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Be2 Nc6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3 d5 6.e5 Nd7 7.Bb5 Be7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.Be3 c5 12.Qg4 Kh8 13.Ne2 d4 14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Nxe5 16.Qf4 f6 17.Nf3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Ba6 19.Ng3 Bxf1 20.Nxf1 e5 21.Nd2 f5 22.Nc4 e4 23.Qf4 Qb8 24.Qxb8 Raxb8 25.b3 d3 26.cxd3 exd3 27.Rd1 Rbd8 28.Rd2 Rfe8 29.Ne3 f4 30.Ng4 Re1#
0-1