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□ Cawthon, Jeremy David

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■ Winslow, Elliott

2200

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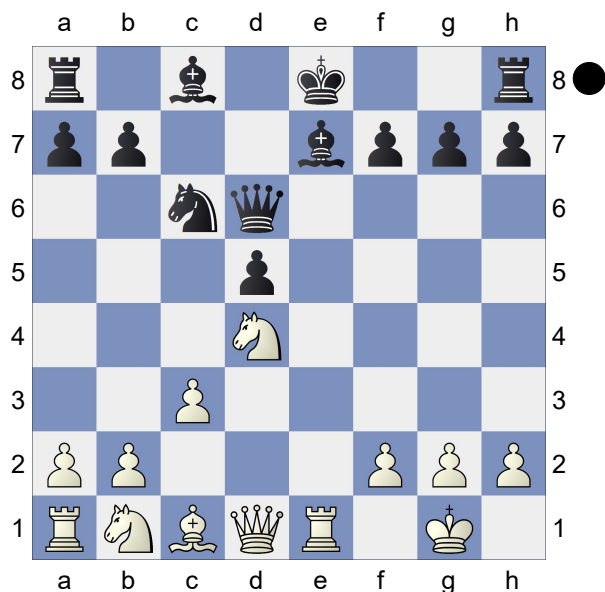
[Winslow, Elliott]

Staying ahead of the pack, but by less...

1.e4 2 c5 8 2.c3 2 Nf6 8 3.e5 2 Nd5 7
 4.Nf3 4 e6 30 5.Bc4 7 d6 1:12 6.0-0 8
 Nc6 1:02 7.d4 6 Be7 1:16

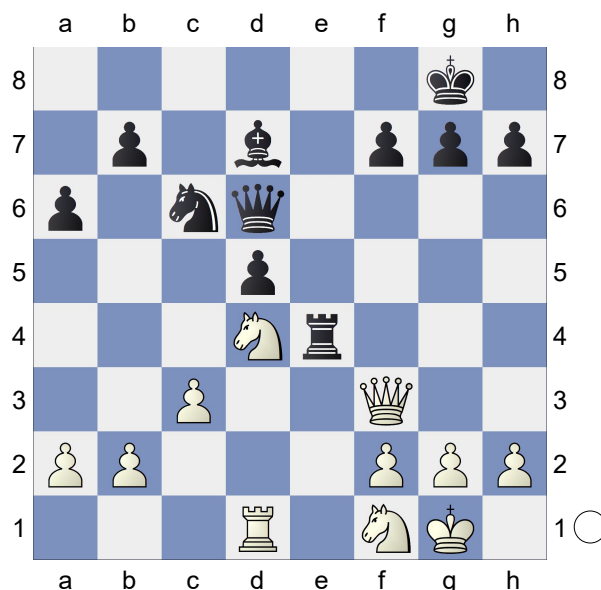
[I don't want to give White's knight c3,
 but perhaps I should: 7...cxd4 8.cxd4
 Be7 is the main position in the 2...Nf6
 Alapin (which I also get a lot when I
 decline the Morra Gambit, 2.d4 cxd4 3.
 c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5).]

8.Re1 2:00 cxd4 2:31 9.Bxd5! 9:19
 exd5 8 10.exd6 7 Qxd6 9 11.Nxd4
 10:43



Black's main concern is a blocked
 queen pawn with a light-square bishop.
 It's not lost, but if any other weakness
 shows up it probably is. 11...a6 8:00
 12.Bg5 8:51 0-0 3:35 13.Bxe7 1:30
 Nxe7 55 14.Nd2 1:13 Bd7 4:41 15.Qf3
 1:05 Rfe8 3:01 16.Nf1 57 Nc6 2:22
 17.Rxe8+ 2:40 Rxe8 18 18.Rd1 26
 Re4 9:53

(Diagram)



19.Nxc6! 1:25 (Dang, he saw it.)

19...Qxc6 22 20.Ne3 40 h6 1:13

Ah, fresh air. (There were some back-
 rank mates I had to be avoiding.)

[20...Be6?? 21.Qxe4]

[Then again, so did he! 20...Qe6!=
 was the smoothest defense.]

21.h3 2:01 Be6 2:16 22.Nf5 39 Bxf5
 5:51 23.Qxf5 5 Qe6 13 24.Qf3 4:52 g6
 10:27 25.b3 1:55 Kg7 2:40 26.Qd3 31
 Qe5 2:54 27.g3 57 Re1+ 2:20 28.Rxe1
 49 Qxe1+ 2 29.Kg2 2 Qe5 3:01 30.Kf3
 46 b5 3:34 31.h4 1:38 h5 3:46 32.Qe3
 4:01 Qf5+ 1:46 33.Kg2 12 Qc2 5:12
 34.Qe5+ 43 Kg8 5 35.Qxd5 34 Qxa2
 17 36.Qd8+ 1:11 Kg7 8 37.Qd4+ 46
 Kg8 2 38.b4 19 Qe6 1:06 39.Kf3 37
 Kf8 47 40.Kf4 26 f6 1:26 41.Qe4 2:00
 Qd6+ 1:23 42.Ke3 34 Kf7 11 43.Qd4
 2:10 Qe6+ 35 44.Kd3 9 g5 1:29
 45.Qe4 1:05 Qd6+ 3:50 46.Ke3 46 Kg7
 38 47.Qf5 35 Qc6 3:03 48.Kd2 1:55
 Qd6+ 1:09 49.Ke3 56 Qc6 15 50.hxg5
 2:52 Qxc3+ 6 51.Ke2 1 Qc4+ 49
 52.Kf3 39 Qc6+ 47 53.Qe4 15:01 Qc3+
 19 54.Kg2 1:36 fxc3 3:08 55.Qe7+ 25
 Kg6 19 56.Qe8+ 2 Kh6 1:06 57.Qe6+ 2
 Kg7 11 58.Qe7+ 4 Kg6 17 59.Qe8+ 1
 Kh6 8 60.Qe6+ 4 Kg7 14 61.Qe7+
 (Threefold repetition) Looking good

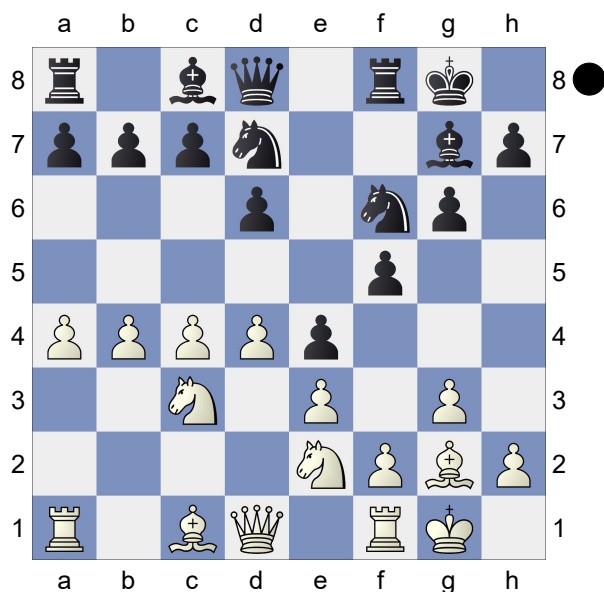
going into the last two rounds -- I'm
running out of opponents!
1/2-1/2

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 □ Heiserman, Jimmy **2280**
 ■ Viadiu-Illaraza, Hector **1879**
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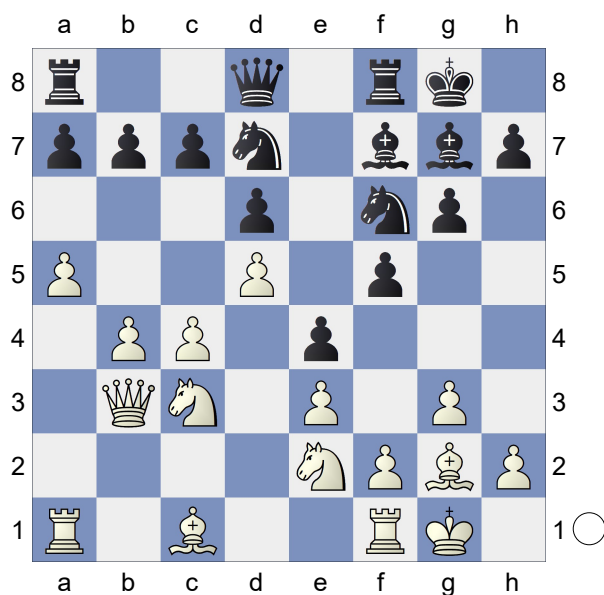
1.d4 2:01 Nf6 57 2.Nf3 23 e6 1:21
 3.Bf4 10 b6 1:20 4.e3 1:52 Bb4+ 4:10
 5.c3 28 Bd6 1:10 6.Bg5 5:36 h6 5:38
 7.Bh4 3:49 Ba6 10:08 8.Bxa6 3:55
 Nxa6 2 9.Nbd2 41 c5 4:26 10.Bxf6 8:37
 gxf6 1:07 11.Qa4 3:46 Nc7 17 12.Ne4
 2:43 Be7 1:09 13.dxc5 35 Bxc5 6:14
 14.0-0-0 7:04 b5 8:05 15.Qa5 4:46 Be7
 2:04 16.Nd4 2:56 Qb8 5:00 17.Nb3
 8:16 f5 2:19 18.Nec5 9:10 d6 21
 19.Na6 6 Nxa6 4:11 20.Qxa6 4 Qb6
 7:12 21.Qxb6 7 axb6 1 22.a3 7 Rg8
 7:35 23.g3 21 e5 1:44 24.Rd5 46 Kd7
 16 25.Rxb5 6:56 Kc6 20 26.c4 7 Ra4
 1:02 27.Rb4 6 Rxb4 2:59 28.axb4 5 b5
 15 29.Na5+ 1:28 Kb6 39 30.Kc2 1:05
 d5 3:05 31.cxd5 3:46 Bxb4 21 32.Nc6
 2:16 Bd6 2 33.b4 3:28 Ra8 3:32
 34.Kb3 1:48 f6 1:37 35.Rc1 1:29 Ra4
 1:22 36.Rc4 2:19 f4 6:59 37.exf4 1:44
 bxc4+ 3:16 38.Kxa4 6 exf4 9 39.Na5
 1:42 c3 3:30 40.Nc4+ 32 Kc7 3 41.Kb3
 9 Bxb4 40 42.gxf4 1:23 Bd6 3:36
 43.Kxc3 20 Bxf4 3 44.h3 6 Kd7 50
 45.Kd4 14 Bh2 17 46.Ke4 21 Bg1 41
 47.f3 12 Bc5 33 48.Kf5 21 Ke7 19
 49.Kg6 23 Kf8 59 50.Kxf6 13
1-0

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 □ Diller, Bradley R **2123**
 ■ Smith, Olivia **2145**
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.c4 e5 8 2.g3 10 d6 11 3.Bg2 3 f5 25
 4.d4 58 Nd7 8:02 5.Nc3 1:32 Ngf6 52
 6.e3 16 g6 25 7.Nge2 32 Bg7 25 8.b4
 1:58 0-0 2:55 9.0-0 54 e4 3:11 10.a4
 5:50

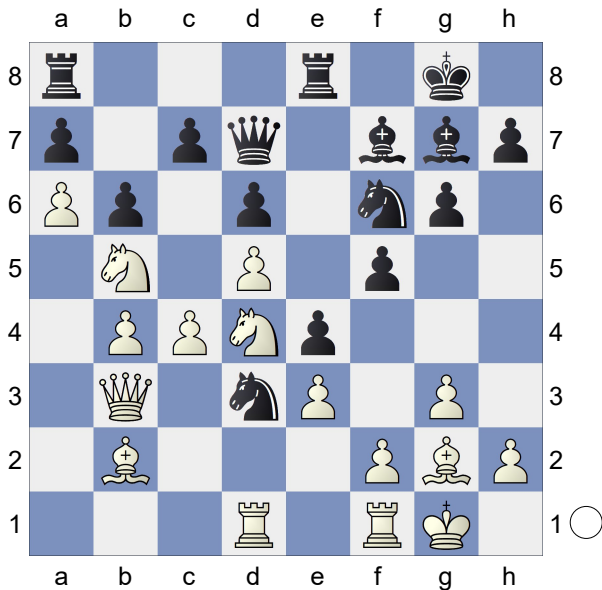


Nb6 11:37 11.Qb3 6:21 Be6 26 12.d5
7 Bf7 33 13.a5 7:02 Nbd7 33

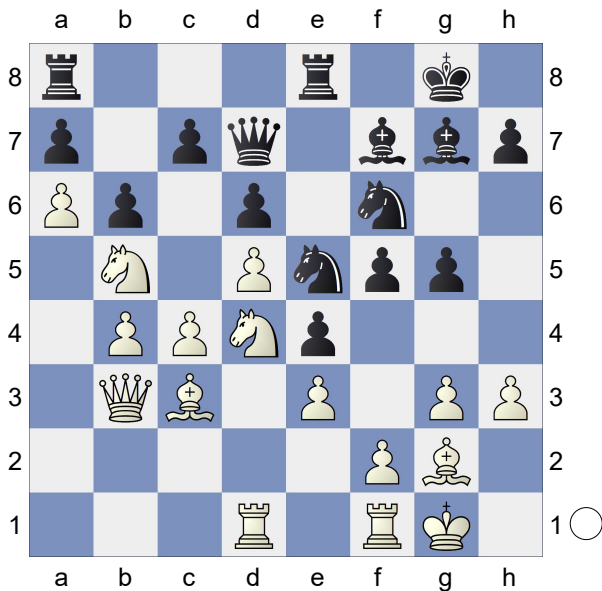


14.a6?! 8
 [14.Nd4±]

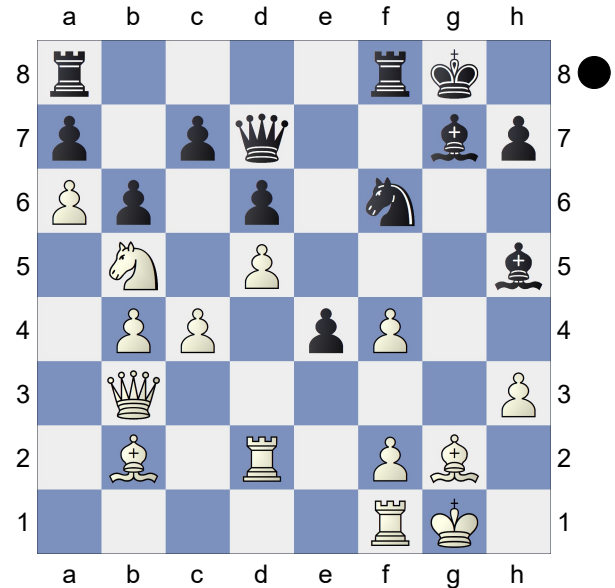
14...b6 3:03
 [14...b5!]
 15.Nd4 25 Ne5 35 16.Ncb5 12:04
 Re8?! 10:36
 [16...Qd7]
 17.Bb2± 3:56 Qd7 4:34 18.Rad1 5:25
 Nd3 8:48



19.Bc3± 3:05
 [19.Rxd3! exd3 20.Ne6!+-
 (sf18: +3.71/21)]
 19...Ne5 12:55 20.h3?! 12:11
 [20.Ba1]
 20...g5?! 3:13
 [20...Rec8 21.Na3 h5±]



21.Ne6! 24 Bxe6 1:05 22.Bxe5! 7 Bf7
 29 23.Bd4 15
 [Δ23.Ba1]
 23...Bh5 13:19 24.Rd2 3:56 Rf8 20
 25.Bb2 5:23 f4 2:06 26.exf4 23 gxf4
 36 27.gxf4!± 9

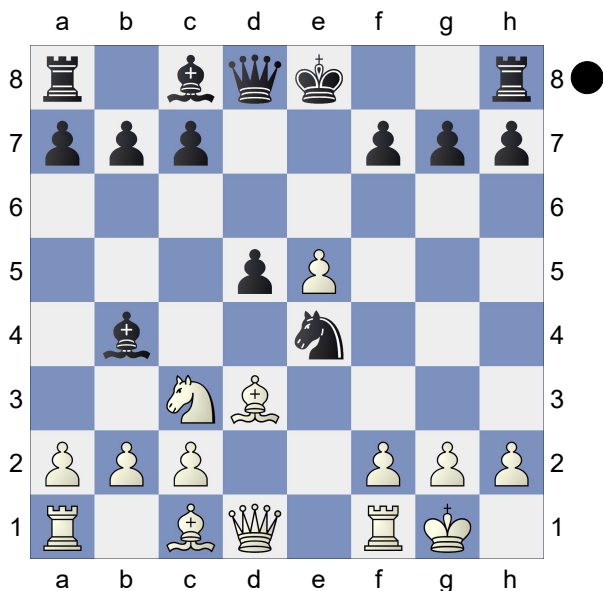


Qf5? 6:25
 [27...Bg6]
 [27...Bh6]
 28.Qg3+- 48
 [28.Nxc7!]
 28...Rf7 1:41 29.Nd4 1:13 Qd7 1:35
 30.Ne6 32 Ne8?! 39 31.Bxe4 2:06 Kh8
 21 32.Nxg7 1:51 Nxg7 12 33.Kh2 6:08
 Re8 2:14 34.f3 1:28 Rfe7 2:33 35.Qh4
 1:19 Rxe4 58 36.fxe4 3 Qf7 37
 37.Rg2 29 Bg6 30 38.f5 19
 1-0

C43
 □ Walder, Michael 1980
 ■ Clemens, Kristian 1987
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 [TA]

1.e4 30 e5 143 2.Nf3 0 Nf6 16 3.d4 17
 Nxe4 17 4.Bd3 9 d5 31 5.Nxe5 46
 Nd7 69 6.Nc3 23 Bb4 251
 [Relevant: 6...Nxe5 7.dxe5 Nxc3

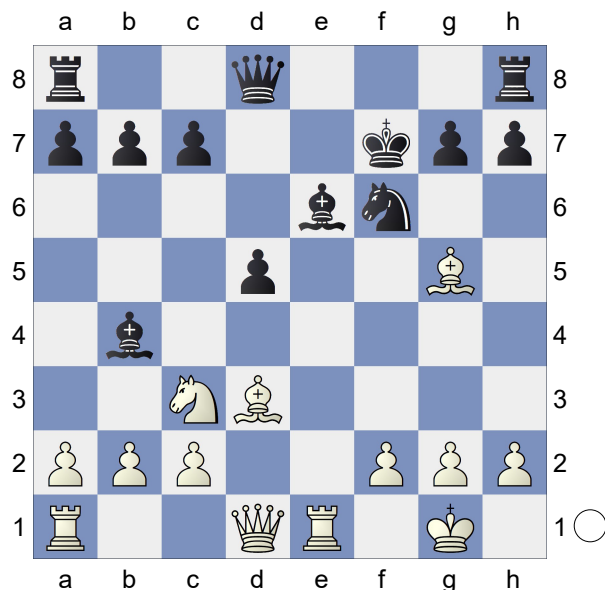
8.bxc3 Bc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 f5
 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Rxe3 Be6 13.f4 d4
 14.Rh3 Rf7 15.c4 Qe7 16.Qe2 Qc5
 17.a4 a5 18.Kh1 Ra6 19.Rg1 g6
 20.Qf2 Rc6 21.Rd1 Bxc4 22.Bxc4
 Qxc4 23.Rxd4 Qxc2 24.Qf1 Rb6
 25.Re3 Rb4 26.Red3 Qxa4 27.Qg1
 Rxd4 28.Rxd4 Qc6 29.Qd1 b5
 30.h3 a4 31.Kh2 Kg7 32.Qd3 h5
 33.Rb4 Rd7 34.Qxb5 Qxb5 35.Rxb5
 c5 36.Ra5 ½-½ Fedoseev,V (2731)-
 Bluebaum,M (2671) Bundesliga 2526
 Germany 2025 (12.1)]
7.0-0! 27 **Nxe5** 131 **8.dxe5** 84
 [8.Bxe4 dxe4 9.dxe5 Qxd1 10.Rxd1
 Bxc3 11.bxc3 b6=]



8...f5N 1.06/21 355
 [Better is 8...Nxc3± 0.43/26 9.bxc3
 Bxc3]
 [Predecessor: 8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3
 10.Rb1 0-0 11.Bxh7+ Kxh7 12.Qd3+
 Kg8 13.Qxc3 a5 14.Rd1 Ra6
 15.Rb5 Rc6 16.Qd3 Be6 17.Rxb7
 Qh4 18.Rb3 Qe4 19.Rc3 Rxc3
 20.Qxc3 c5 21.Re1 Qb4 22.Qxb4
 axb4 23.a3 Rb8 24.axb4 Rxb4
 25.c3 Re4 26.Rxe4 dxe4 27.h3 Kh7
 28.Be3 c4 29.Kh2 Kg6 30.Kg3 Kf5
 31.Kh4 Bd7 32.g4+ Kxe5 33.Kg5

Ke6 34.Bd4 f5 35.gxf5+ Kf7 36.h4
 Ba4 37.Kf4 Bc2 38.Ke5
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 Survival Loser Toronto rapid 2023 (2.
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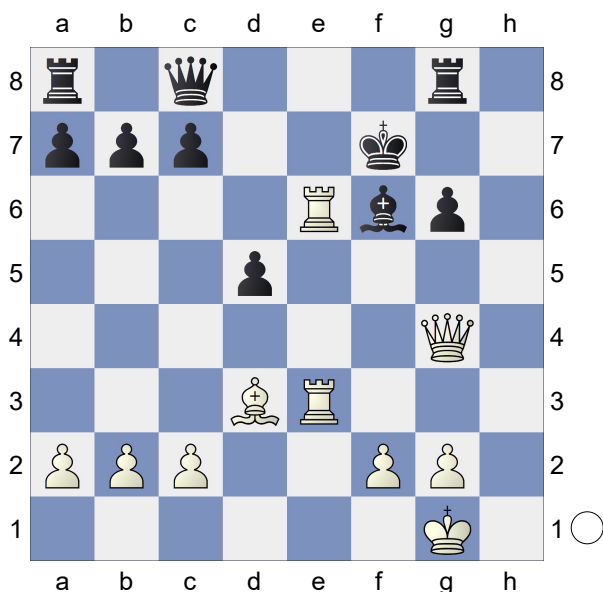
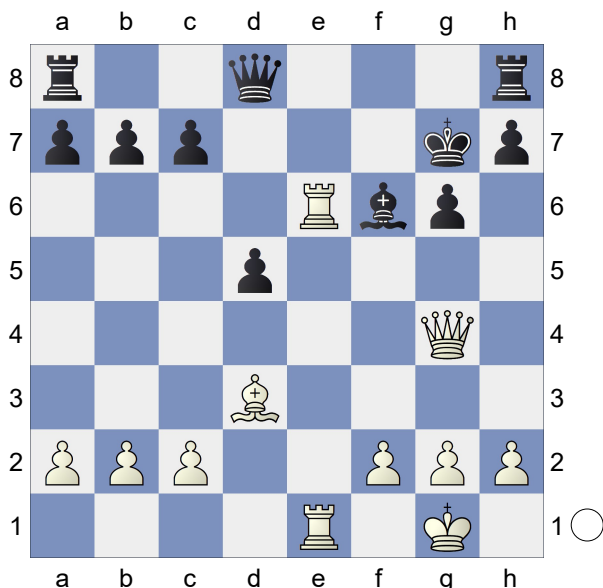
9.exf6 2.26/23 337
 [9.Bxe4± 1.06/21 dxe4 10.Qxd8+
 Kxd8 11.Rd1+ Ke8 12.Nd5]
9...Nxf6 92 **10.Re1+** 190 **10...Kf7** 326
11.Bg5 91 And now Bxf6 would win.
11...Be6? 5.75/22 843
 [11...g6 2.87/26 12.Qd2 (12.Qf3
 c6±) 12...c6]



12.Rxe6!+- 236 **12...Bxc3** 385
 [12...Kxe6 13.Bxf6]
13.Bxf6 458
 [Not 13.Qf3 Kxe6 14.bxc3 Kf7=]
13...Bxf6 258 Black is weak on the light
 squares **14.Qg4** 65 **14...g6** 333
15.Rae1 52 **Kg7** 118

(Diagram)

16.h4! 582 **16...Rg8** 249
 [16...c5 17.h5]
17.h5 441 **17...Kf7** 647 **18.hxg6+** 1260
18...hxg6 64 **19.R1e3** 105 **19...Qc8**
 299



20.Rxf6+! 133 White mates. **20...Kxf6**
27 21.Qf4+ 63 21...Qf5 98 22.Qd4+ 98
22...Kg5 76 23.Rg3+ 57 Deflection
23...Kh6 15 24.Bxf5 12 Black got
 outplayed after the opening. Artfully
 played by Walder. Weighted Error
 Value: White=0.11 (very precise)
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□ **Admassu,Yonathan** 1838
 ■ **Chen,Quincy** 2099
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□ **Rigel,Marlon** E68 1820
 ■ **Parsons,Stephen** 1989
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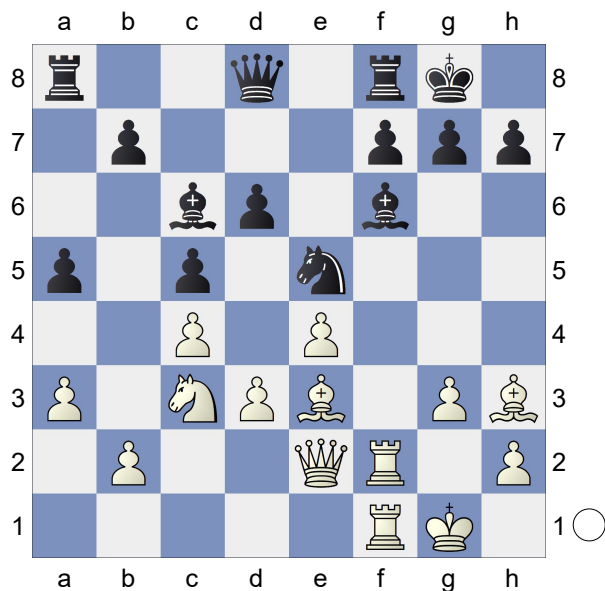
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 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 Re8 8.e4
 e5 9.h3 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Re1 a5
 12.Bg5 Bd7 13.Nd5 c6 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6
 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.b3 Re7 17.Nc2 Rae8
 18.f3 Qe5 19.Kh2 h5 20.h4 b6
 21.Qd2 Kg7 22.Red1 Nb7 23.Ne1 f5
 24.Nd3 Qf6 25.Nf4 fxe4 26.fxe4 Bg4
 27.Rf1 Qe5 28.Qf2 Nc5 29.Rae1 b5
 30.cxb5 cxb5 31.Re3 Nd7 32.Nd5 Rf8
 33.Qe1 Rxf1 34.Qxf1 Rf7 35.Qxb5
 Qb2 36.Qxa5 Rf2 37.Qc3+ Ne5
 38.Qxb2 Rxb2 39.Kg1 Rxa2 40.Re1
 Bf3 41.Bh3 Bxe4 42.Rxe4 Nf3+ 43.Kf1
 Nd2+ 44.Ke1 Nxe4 45.g4 hxg4
 46.Bxg4 Nf6 47.Bf3 Nxd5 48.Bxd5
 Kh6 49.Bf3 Rb2 50.Bd1 Rh2 51.b4
 Rxh4 52.b5 Rb4 53.Be2 Kg5 54.Kd2
 Rb2+ 55.Ke3 Kf5 56.Bd3+ Ke5

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□ **Lewis,Edward** B20 1946
 ■ **Mercado,Adam** 1969
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 [Lewis,Edward]

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.g3 Nf6
 5.Bg2 Be7 6.d3 d6 7.Nge2 0-0 8.a3
 Nd4 9.0-0 Nxe2+ 10.Qxe2 Bg4 11.f3
 Bd7 12.Be3 a5 13.f4 exf4 14.Rxf4
 Bc6 15.Raf1 Nd7 16.Bh3 Ne5

17.R4f2 Bf6?



18.Bf5

[18.Rxf6 gxf6 19.Qh5 Bd7
(19...Ng6 20.Bd2!! Re8 21.Bf5 Kh8
22.Ne2 Re5 23.Bc3 Bd7 24.g4 Qe7
25.Qh6 Bxf5 26.gxf5 Rg8 27.Kf2
Nf8 28.Ng3 Nd7 29.Nh5 Qf8
30.Qxf8 Rxf8 31.Bxa5 Rg8 32.Bc7)
20.Bxd7 Qxd7 (20...Nxd7 21.Rf4
Re8 22.Nd5) 21.Nd5]

18...g6 19.Bh3 Bg7 20.Qd2 h5

21.Bg5 f6 22.Bf4 Qe7 23.Qe2 Kh7

24.Bd2 b6 25.a4 Rab8 26.b3 Rbe8

27.g4 hxg4 28.Bxg4 f5 29.Bf3

[29.Bxf5 gxf5 30.Qh5+ Kg8 31.Rg2
fxe4 32.Bh6 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Qf6+
34.Kg1 Re7]

29...Nxf3+ 30.Rxf3 Bd4+ 31.Kh1

Bxc3??

(Diagram)

32.Rh3+ Kg8 33.Bxc3 Qg5 34.Rg1

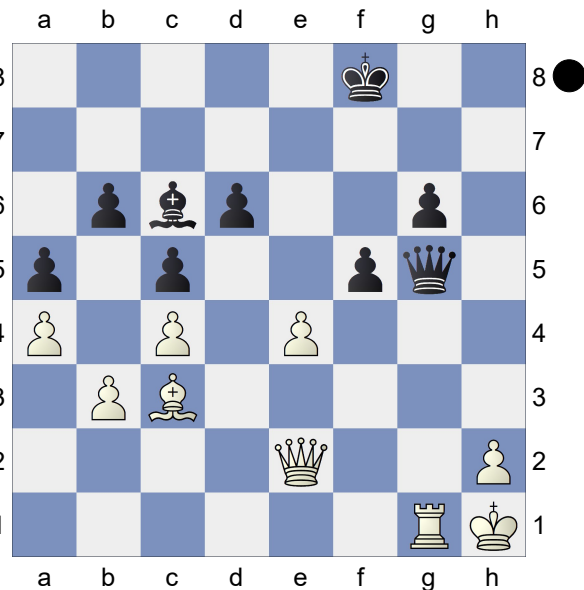
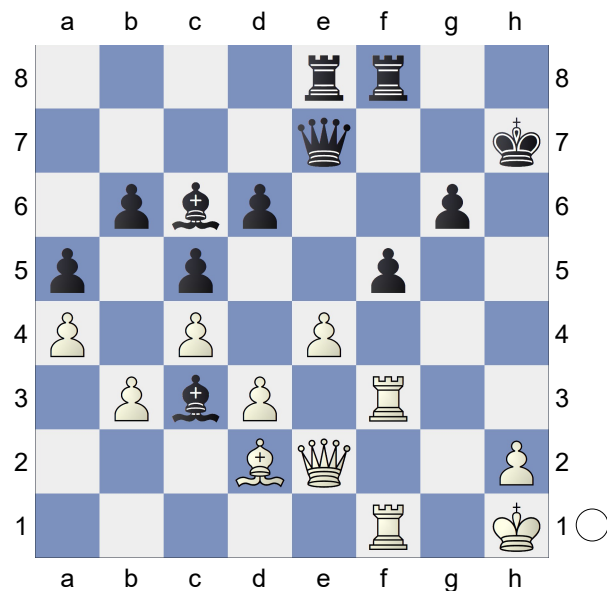
Rxe4 35.Rh8+ Kf7 36.Rxf8+ Kxf8

37.dxe4

(Diagram)

Qh6 38.Bd2 Qg7 39.Rf1 Ke8 40.Kg1

Bxe4 41.Qe3 Qe5 42.Qg5 Kd7



43.Qg3 Qb2 44.Qc3

(Diagram)

Qxc3 45.Bxc3 Bc2 46.h4 Kc6 47.Rc1

Bxb3 48.Bf6 Bxa4 49.Kf2 d5 50.Ke3

dxn4 51.Rxc4 Bb3 52.Rc1 a4

(Diagram)

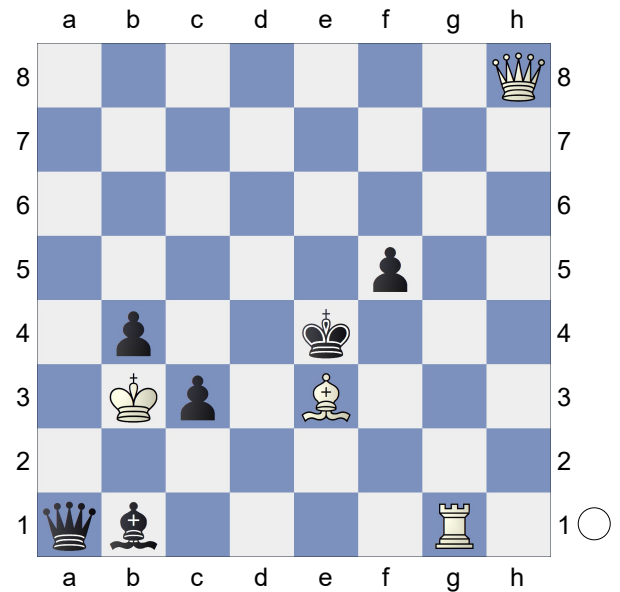
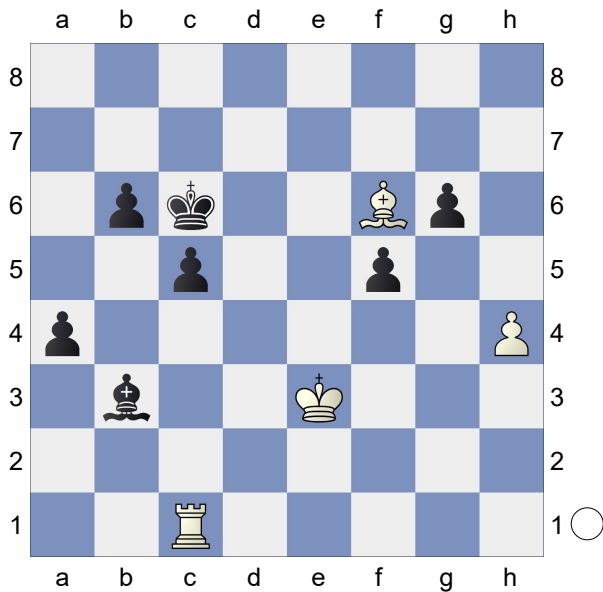
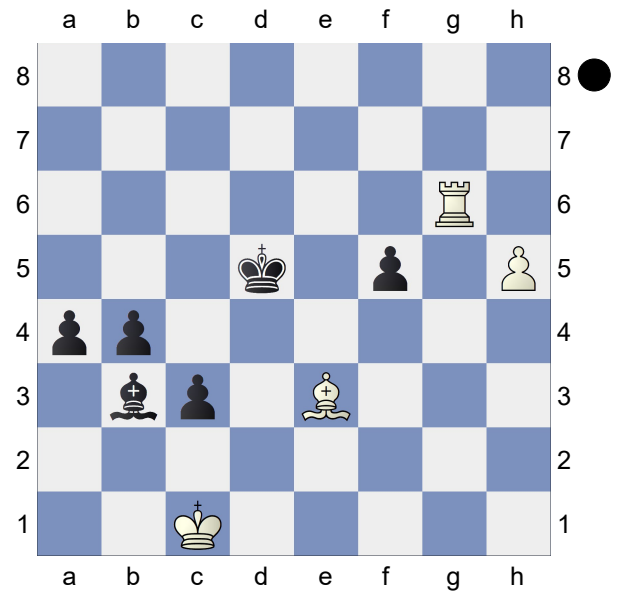
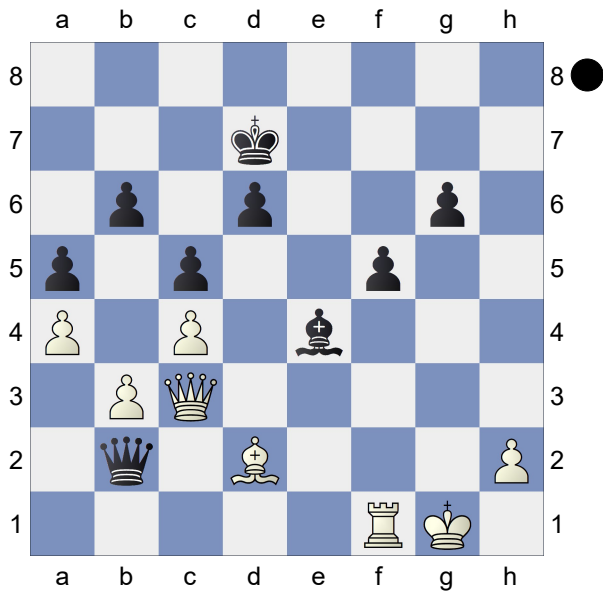
53.Kd2 Bf7 54.Bg5 Bd5 55.Bf4 b5

56.Be3 Bc4 57.Kc3 Kd5 58.Rg1

[58.Rd1+ Ke4 59.Bxc5]

[58.Rd1+ Kc6 59.Rd8 Kc7 60.Rd2

Kc6 61.Rd8 Bd5 62.Rc8+ Kd7



63.Rxc5 Bc4 64.Kb4 Kd6 65.Bf4+
Ke6 66.Re5+ Kf6 67.Re3]
58...b4+ 59.Kd2 Bb3 60.Rxg6 c4
61.h5 c3+ 62.Kc1

(Diagram)

Bc4 63.h6 a3 64.Kc2 a2 65.Rg1 Ke4
66.h7 Bd3+ 67.Kb3 Bb1 68.h8Q a1Q

(Diagram)

White to play. Mate in 5. 69.Qd4+ Kf3
70.Qf4+ Ke2 71.Qf2+ Kd3 72.Rd1+

Ke4 73.Qf4#
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Sevall, Daniel 1898
Rajaram, Raghu 1821
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□ **Perlov, Daniel Robert** 1893
■ **Horowitz, Phineas F** 1951
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□ **Steger, Eric** B53 1909
■ **Hasteer, Divija** 1839
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4
a6 5.Be3 Nc6 6.Qb6 Qxb6 7.Bxb6
Nf6 8.Nc3 Be6 9.0-0-0 g6 10.Kb1
Bg7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb8
13.Bc4 Nbd7 14.Bd4 b5 15.Bb3 0-0
16.Rhe1 Rfe8 17.Re2 a5 18.a4 Nc5
19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.c4 b4 21.Rde1 Bf8
22.Ne5 e6 23.Nc6 Ra6 24.Bc2 exd5
25.Rxe8 Nxe8 26.cxd5 Nf6 27.Bd3
Ra8 28.Bc4 Bd6 29.h3 Nd7 30.b3 Kf8
31.Kc2 Nb8 32.Bb5 Nxc6 33.Bxc6
Rb8 34.Kd3 h6 35.Re4 Be7 36.Kc4
Bd6 37.g4 g5 38.Re1 Be7 39.Re5
Bd6 40.Rf5 Ke7 41.Rf3 Kf8 42.Rf6
Be5 43.Rxh6 Kg7 44.Rh5 f6 45.Kxc5
Bc7 46.h4 Bb6+ 47.Kd6 Bxf2 48.hxg5
Bg3+ 49.Ke7 fxg5 50.Rxg5+ Kh6
51.Rf5 Bh4+ 52.Ke6 Kg6 53.d6 Bd8
54.Rb5 Rxb5 55.Bxb5 Kg5 56.Kd7
Bb6 57.Kc8 Kxg4 58.d7 Kf4 59.d8Q
Bxd8 60.Kxd8 Ke5 61.Kc7

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□ **Powers, Christopher** B13 1774
■ **Dees, Calvin** 1730
2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.5)

1.e4 2 c6 5 2.d4 5 d5 4 3.exd5 8 cxd5
6 4.c4 3 Nf6 7 5.Nc3 6 Nc6 7 6.Bg5
1:44 Be6 4:15 7.Nf3 3:20 Qa5 3:31
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37.Rxd6 2:28 Kxd6 7 38.Be2 27 Bc3 59
39.b5 42 axb5 1:18 40.a6 12 Bd4 2:36
41.Bxb5 16 Ke5 2:04
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□ **Ni, Tao** B13 1527
■ **Morello, Nicholas** 1727
2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.13)
[Ni, Tao]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3
Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.h3 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7
8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 Bf5 10.Re1

[EW: White could take, 10.Bxf5
when Black's structure will be solid
(after ...e6) but inflexible.]

10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Re8 12.Nbd2 e6
13.Qb5

[Another common idea in this
position is to advance queen side
pawn with a4, b4, a5, since the center
is closed and there isn't much either
side can play on the king side. But I
think Qb5 is an annoying move for
Black and can provoke Black to play
a6 (which Nicholas indeed played
later), so that when I manage to push

a5, it'd make Black harder to push b-pawn. 13.a4]

13...Qd7 14.a4 as I expected, Qb5 successfully provoked Black to play a6 to kick my queen. 14...a6 15.Qd3 Qd8 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.a5 Kg8 20.b4 b5?

I believe b5 is a positional mistake, since after axb5, Black's a6 pawn becomes a weakness, while White can continue with the plan of Nb3, Nc5 so that the c3 pawn don't become a weakness. 21.axb6 Qxb6 22.Nb3

[22.Ra5 is equally strong move, not allowing Black to play Qb5 to try to trade the queen.]

22...Qb5 23.Qd2 Reb8?!

Another inaccurate move by Black. I was expecting Nicholas to play something like Nb6 followed by Nc4, so that both our knights find a strong outpost. Rb8 allows me to immediately play Ra5 to gain a tempo. 24.h4 h5 25.Ra5 Qc6 26.Nc5 Rb5

[26...Nb6 is too slow for Black's knight to go to c4 outpost now, because 27.Qg5 Nc4 28.Ra2 Qe8 29.Rea1 a5 30.bxa5+-]

27.Rea1 Nxc5 28.dxc5 Rxa5 29.Rxa5 Qc7 30.Qd4?! At this point, I feel like I am slightly better, but I couldn't figure out a plan to improve. Turns out that computer has this plan to maneuver queen to a3 square and play b5. But I didn't find this plan.

[30.Qa2 Qc6 31.Qa3 e5 32.b5 Qc8 33.c6 e4 34.Rxa6 Rxa6 35.bxa6+-]

30...Qc6 31.g4? hxg4 32.Qxg4 Kh7 33.Qf3 Kg7 34.Qg3 Rd8 35.Qd3 Ra8 1/2-1/2

□ Mehta,Soham

■ Chernobilskiy,Mikhail

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[Winslow,Elliott]

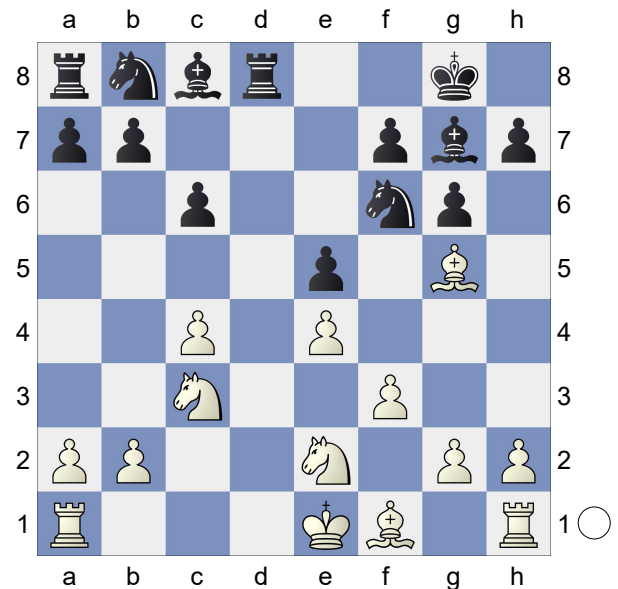
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[7.d5]

7...dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5

[9.Nd5 Ne8 10.Ne7+ Kh8 11.Nxc8 Nc6!= (11...Rxc8=)]

9...c6=



10.h4?! Be6 11.Ng3 h6 12.Be3 Na6 [12...h5!]

13.a3?

[13.h5 Nb4 14.Rc1 g5]

13...Nc7?

[13...h5]

14.Be2

[14.h5!=]

14...b6 15.b4 Nd7 16.h5 (too late!)

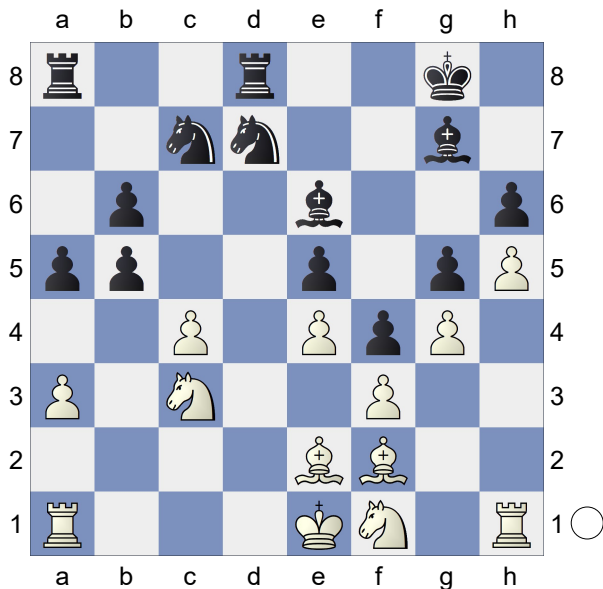
16...f5! 17.Nf1 f4 18.Bf2 g5 19.g4 a5

[19...Bf8]

20.b5! cxb5

(Diagram)

21.cxb5?!



[21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Rac8 23.Nd2
Nxd5! 24.Bxb5! Nc3 25.Ba6 Rc7
26.Rc1 b5 27.Nb1 b4 28.axb4 axb4
29.Nxc3 bxc3 $\bar{f}$]

21...Bf8 $\bar{f}$

[21...Rac8! $\bar{f}$]

22.Na4 Rab8 23.Rc1?

[23.Nd2! $\bar{f}$]

23...Na8?

[23...Rdc8 24.Rc6 Bxa3 25.Nd2
Bb4+-]

24.Rc6= Bb3

[24...Kf7=]

25.Nb2?!

[25.Nc3 Rbc8 26.Nd2 Nb8!]

25...Bxa3 26.Bc4+?!

[26.Nd2! Bxb2 27.Nxb3 a4 28.Nc1
Bxc1 29.Rxc1=]

26...Bxc4 27.Nxc4 Bb4+ $\bar{f}$ 28.Nfd2

Rdc8?!=

[28...Rb7 $\bar{f}$]

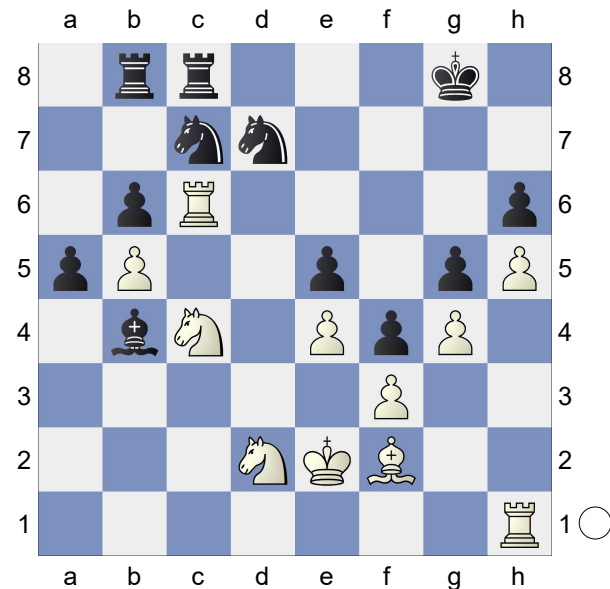
29.Ke2 Nc7

(Diagram)

30.Rxh6?

[30.Nd6 Bxd6 31.Rxd6 Nxb5
32.Rxd7 Nc3+ 33.Kf1 b5=
(33...a4=)]

30...Be7??+-



[30...Nxb5+- 31.Rg6+ Kh7 32.Rxg5
Bxd2 33.Nxd2 Rc2+-]

31.Nd6+-

[31.Rg6+-]

[31.Rb1+-]

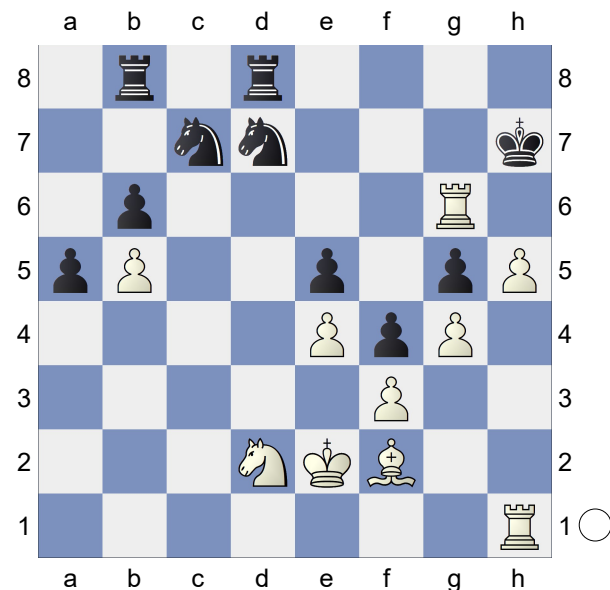
31...Bxd6 32.Rxd6 Rd8

[32...Nf8]

33.Rg6+

[33.Rb1!]

33...Kh7

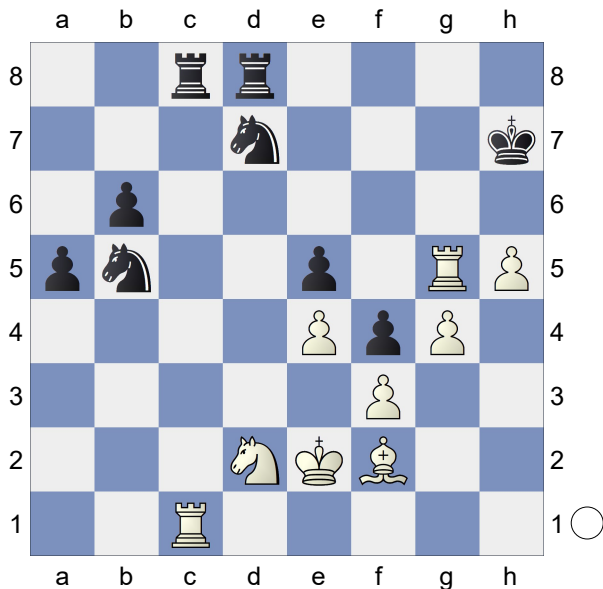


34.Rxg5??

[34.Rb1+-]

34...Nxb5= 35.Rc1 Rbc8 $\bar{f}$

(Diagram)



36.Rc4??

[36.Rxc8 Rxc8 37.Rg6 a4
38.Re6!=]

36...a4!-+ 37.Rg6 a3 38.Bxb6 Rxc4

[38...Nxb6 39.Rxb6 a2 40.Rxc8
Rxc8 41.Ra6 Rc1]

39.Nxc4?!

[39.Bxd8 Nd4+ 40.Kf1 a2 41.Ra6
Rc1+]

39...a2 40.Bxd8 Nd4+ 41.Kd3 Nc5+

42.Kc3 a1Q+ 43.Kb4 Nd3#!

0-1

□ **Sloan,Sacha Marino**

C02

1437

■ **Pickering,Carl Anthony**

1783

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.15)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bd7 4.Nf3 a6
5.Bd3 Bb5 6.0-0 Nd7 7.a4 Bxd3
8.Qxd3 Ne7 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5
11.Bg3 Nf5 12.c4 dxc4 13.Qxc4 h5
14.h3 g4 15.Nfd2 gxh3 16.gxh3 Rg8
17.Kh2 Nb6 18.Qb3 Nxd4 19.Qd3 Nf5
20.Qf3 h4 21.Bf4 Nd5 22.Nc3 Nxf4
23.Qxf4 Bh6 24.Qf3 Qxd2 25.Qxb7
Bf4+ 26.Kh1 Qd8 27.Rad1 Qc8
28.Qc6+ Kf8 29.Qc5+ Ne7 30.Ne4
Qb7 31.f3 Qxb2 32.Rf2 Qxe5 33.Qa3

Re8 34.Rd7 f5 35.Re2 fxe4 36.Rxe4
Qg5 37.Rxf4+ Qxf4
0-1

□ **Boyer,John**

B40

1740

■ **Quinn,Dahlia**

1464

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.16)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.Bb5+ Bd7
5.Bxd7+ Nxd7 6.exd5 exd5 7.0-0 Ngf6
8.Re1+ Be7 9.Qe2 a6 10.d3 Nf8
11.Nh4 Ne6 12.f4 g6 13.Nf3 Ng7
14.Qe5 Kf8 15.Qe2 Nf5 16.Ne5 Qc7
17.Nd2 h5 18.Ndf3 Re8 19.Ng5 Nd6
20.Nxg6+ Kg7 21.Nxe7 Qd7 22.Qe5
Rxe7 23.Qxe7 Re8 24.Qxd7 Rxe1+
25.Kf2 Rxc1 26.Qxd6 Ng4+ 27.Kg3
1-0

□ **Mays-Smith,Isaac S**

E20

1618

■ **Babayan,Gagik**

1650

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.17)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 b6
5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 Bxc3
8.bxc3 Bb7 9.Qb3 dxc4 10.Qa4 Qd7
11.Qxc4 c6 12.Ne5 Qc8 13.a4 Nfd7
14.Nd3 Na6 15.Ba3 Re8 16.Rfb1 Qc7
17.e4 h5 18.f4 Rac8 19.f5 Nab8
20.fxe6 Rxe6 21.Nf4 Rh6 22.e5 Nf8
23.Bh3 Re8 24.Bc1 Rh7 25.Bf5 Rh6
26.Nd5 Qd8 27.Nf6+ Rxf6 28.exf6
Qxf6 29.Bh3 Re1+ 30.Bf1 Ba6 31.Bg5
Qxg5 32.Rxe1 Bxc4 33.Bxc4 h4
34.Re5 Qd2 35.Rf1 Ne6 36.Rf3 Nd7
37.Rxe6 fxe6 38.Bxe6+ Kh7 39.Bxd7
Qd1+ 40.Kg2 Qxa4 41.d5 Qc2+
42.Kh3 Qe2 43.Rf5 cxd5 44.Rxd5
hxd5 45.hxd5 Qf1+ 46.Kh2 Qc4
47.Bf5+ Kh6 48.Rd3 Kg5 49.Bh7 a5
50.Rd7 Qxc3 51.Rd5+ Kh6 52.Bg8

Qc2+ 53.Kh3 Qc8+ 54.g4 Qxg8
 55.Rd6+ g6 56.Rxb6 a4 57.Kh4 Qd8+
 58.g5+ Qxg5+ 59.Kh3 a3 60.Kh2 a2
 61.Rb4 Qd2+
0-1

□ **Braithwaite,Andrew**

■ **Finacom,Richard V**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.18)

B14

1423

1868

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Qb3 Nb6
 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+
 N8xd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg5 Nf6 13.Rfe1
 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Re8 16.Rad1
 Nfd5 17.h3 Rc8 18.a4 Nxc3 19.bxc3
 Qd5 20.Rb1 Qa5 21.Qb4 Qxb4
 22.Rxb4 Rxc3 23.a5 Rc4 24.Rb5 Nc8
 25.Be5 b6 26.axb6 axb6 27.Ra1 Bxe5
 28.dxe5 e6 29.Ra8 Kf8 30.Kf1 Ke7
 31.Nh2 Rd8 32.Ng4 Rd5 33.Rxd5
 exd5 34.Ne3 Rc1+ 35.Ke2 Ke6
 36.Kd2 Rc6 37.Ng4 h5 38.Nh6 Rc7
 39.g4 hxc4 40.Nxc4 Ne7 41.Ra6 Rb7
 42.Kc3 Nc6 43.f4 gxf4 44.Ra4 d4+
 45.Kd3 Kd5 46.h4 b5 47.Ra1 Nxe5+
 48.Nxe5 Kxe5 49.h5 f5 50.Re1+ Kf6
 51.Kxd4 b4 52.h6 Kg6 53.Rh1 b3
 54.Kc3 b2 55.Rb1 Kxh6 56.Kd3 Kg5
 57.Ke2 Rb3 58.Kf2 Kf6 59.Kf1 Ke5
 60.Kf2 Kd4 61.Ke2 Kc4 62.Kd2 Kb4
 63.Kd1 Ka3 64.Kc2 Ka2 65.Rf1
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□ **Sarmasi,Aron**

■ **Dash,Satyakam**

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[Winslow,Elliott]

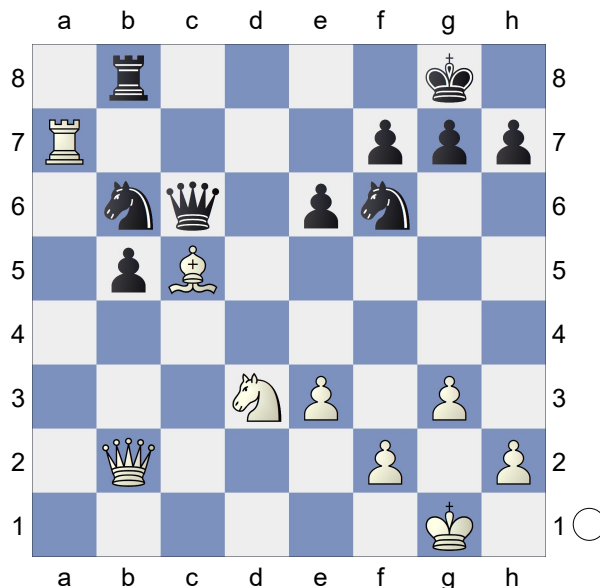
E06

1773

1504

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Nf6
 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qd3 Nb4

8.Qb3 c5 9.e3 dxc4 10.Qxc4 b5
 11.Qe2 Qb6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.dxc5
 Bxc5 14.Nc3 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 a6 16.a3
 Nc6 17.Nd3 Be7 18.b4 a5 19.Bb2
 Rfb8 20.Kg1 axb4 21.axb4 Rxa1
 22.Rxa1 Nxb4 23.Ba3 Nbd5 24.Bxe7
 Nxc3 25.Qb2 Ncd5 26.Bc5 Qc6
 27.Ra7 Nb6



28.Rxf7 Nc4 29.Qd4 Kxf7 30.Qxc4
 bxc4 31.Ne5+ Ke8 32.Nxc6 Rb1+
 33.Kg2 c3 34.Nd4 e5 35.Ne2 Ne4
 36.Ba3 c2 37.f3 Nd2 38.Nc1 Nb3
0-1

□ **Rachuri,Sujan K**

■ **Fitzgerald,William**

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.20)

A00

1754

1414

1.b4 e5 2.a3 Nf6 3.Bb2 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4
 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Be2 h6 7.d3 g6 8.Nbd2
 Bg7 9.h3 Be6 10.c4 b6 11.Qc2 c5
 12.b5 a6 13.a4 axb5 14.axb5 Rxa1+
 15.Bxa1 Qa8 16.0-0 g5 17.Bb2 Rg8
 18.Ra1 Qb7 19.Nh2 h5 20.Bf3 d5
 21.cxd5 Bxd5 22.Nc4 Bxf3 23.Nd6+
1-0

□ Chan, John
■ Siegel, David

2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.21)
[Siegel, David]

D40
1505
1587

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3
e6 5.Be2 d5 6.d4 cxd4 7.exd4 dxc4
8.Bxc4 Be7 9.0-0 (My plan is to get my
bishop to b7 with some sort of a6-b5
push. I'm also keeping my eye out for
Na5 to trade off White's light-squared
bishop and clear the diagonal for my own
if possible.) 9...a6 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3
b5 12.Ba2 Bb7 13.h3 (Now the dream
is to find a way to get my c6 knight off
the diagonal, maybe by playing b4 and
recapturing with my knight if my
opponent captures. But my opponent
doesn't have to recapture. I decided to
get my rooks to the d- and c-files first
and maybe find a better opportunity for
b4 later. The computer prefers playing
b4 first.) 13...Qc7

[13...b4 (EW: not a big difference)
14.Na4 Qa5 EW: but it's noteworthy
that SF18 does make it a Black edge --
-0.12/d28 for instance.]

14.Be3

[EW: Black a plus (under -0.1), which
goes to 0.00 after 14.Bg5=]

14...Rfd8

[14...b4 15.axb4 (15.Na4 bxa3
16.bxa3 Bxa3 17.Bxe6?? Bb4)
15...Nxb4 16.Bb3 Nbd5]

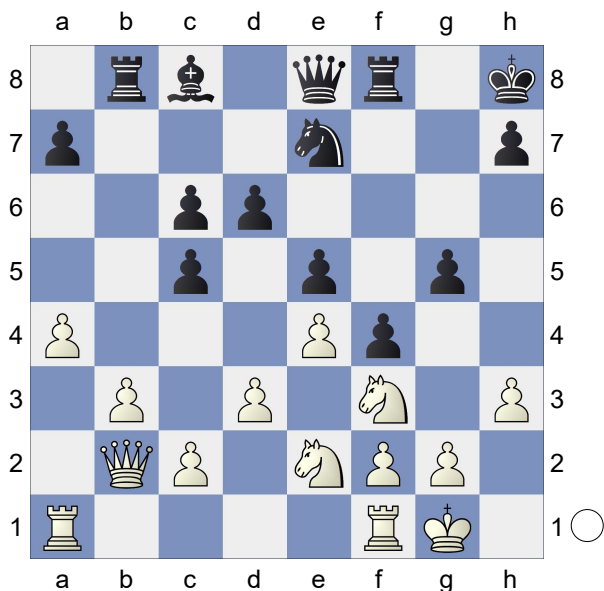
15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Rac1 Qb8 17.Red1
b4 (I've finally played b4 but what a
mess!) 18.Na4 bxa3 19.Nb6 axb2
20.Qxb2 Rc7 (I've got an extra outside
passed pawn and the computer thinks
I'm winning (EW: Not my computer! -0.49/
d27) but I'm barely holding things
together. I've got back rank issues, I've
got rook pin issues, I've got fork issues,
I'm not even holding onto the extra pawn

in some lines... I didn't think Black was
better here but I also didn't see the
knockout blow for White. I still have
dreams of Nb4, but can my bishop
simultaneously protect the knight and
defend against White's Bf4 pin threat?)
21.Rb1 (The computer laughs at me and
says to just allow the pin! For example,
after 21... Nb4 22. Bf4 Bxf3 23. Bxc7
Qxc7 the White knight is hanging and
the Black bishop is attacking the rook on
d1. In some lines there's also a 22...
Rc2 threat to win the light-squared
bishop. Instead, I moved to further
protect the b4 square... and never ended
up getting my knight there.) 21...a5
22.Bf4 (The computer still wants me to
play Nb4 (for the next few moves),
sacrificing the exchange to open up
White's kingside.) 22...Bd6 23.Bg5 Be7
24.Bf4 Bd6 25.Bxd6 Rxd6 26.Qa3
Rd8 27.Na4 Qa7 28.Nc5 Ba8
29.Bxe6 (Very nice find by my opponent,
I totally missed it. Should I recapture, or
just move a rook away? Instead, I
started calculating Nxd4 — and it looked
like everything was working for me. For
example, a well-timed fxe6 could solve
my back-rank issues and I had Bd5 to
defend against queen checks along the
diagonal. After a long calculation and
increasingly dire time pressure, I decided
to go for it, but it turns out that I missed
a critical line.) 29...Nxd4 30.Nxd4 Qxc5
(The computer says White is winning if
he can find the following line: 31. Qxc5
Rxc5 32. Nb3!, and now both Black
rooks are under attack. If you try say 32...
Rxd1 33. Rxd1 fxe6 (to avoid the back
rank checkmate threat), then White is up
an exchange after 34. Nxc5. But I got
lucky and my opponent didn't find it.)
31.Qe3 Re8 32.Rdc1 Qa7 33.Rxc7
Qxc7 34.Rc1 Qb7 (The checkmate
threat forces White to respond, and now

I'm up a piece.) 35.Qg3 fxe6 36.Rc7 Qb1+ 37.Kh2 Qg6 38.Ra7 Qxg3+ 39.fxg3 e5 40.Nf5 Be4 41.Nd6 Ra8 42.Re7 a4 43.Rxe5 a3 44.Nc4 a2 0-1

McCutcheon,Bennett **1561**
 Tam,Hoa Long **1713**
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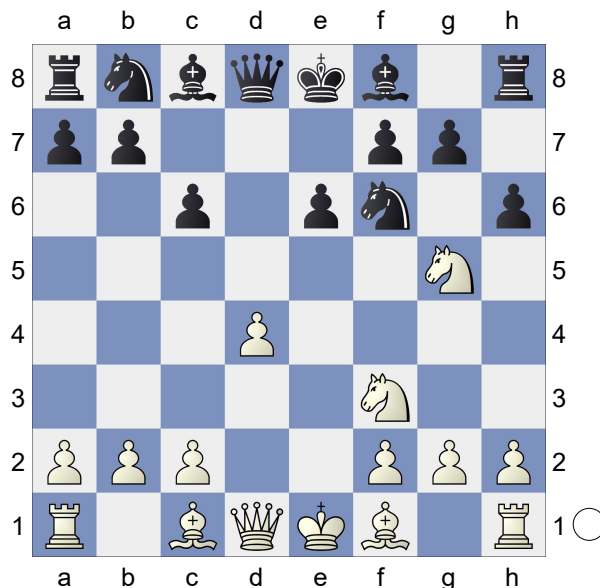
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17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Qxe5+ Kg8 19.Qxb8 Qh5 20.Qd6 Ng6 21.Qxc6 Bxh3 22.gxh3 Qxh3 23.Qd5+ Kg7 24.Qxg5 f3 25.Qg3 Qh5 26.Qh2 Qg5+ 27.Ng3 Nf4 28.Kh1 Rf6 29.Rg1 Kh8 30.Nf5 Ng2 31.Qb8+ Qg8 32.Qxg8+ Kxg8 33.Rxg2+ fxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Kf7 35.Rh1 Kg6 36.Rh6+ 1-0

Milliken,William **B15**
 Patel,Milan **1620**
 2026 New Year TNM: 1600-1999 (5.24)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Ng5 e6 6.N1f3 h6



7.Nxf7 Kxf7 8.Ne5+ Ke8 9.Bd3 Rg8 10.Bg6+ Ke7 11.Bf4 Ne8 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Qf3 Ndf6 14.Qa3+ Nd6 15.Nf7 Qb6 16.Qxd6+ 1-0

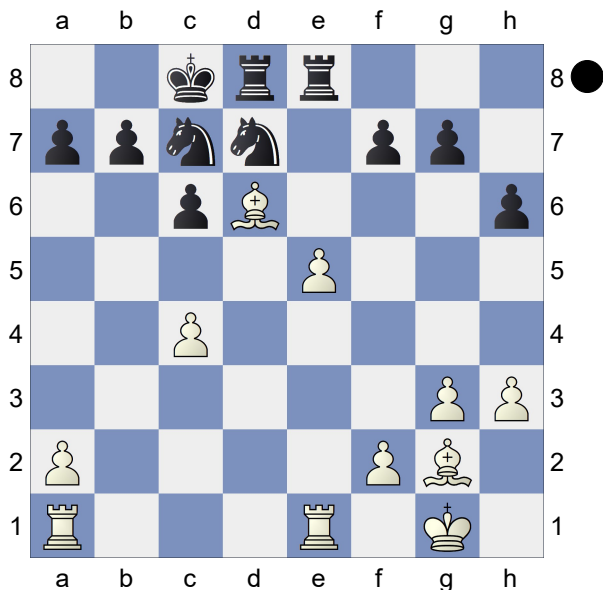
Schuster,Zack **1676**
 Le,Thu Anh **1236**
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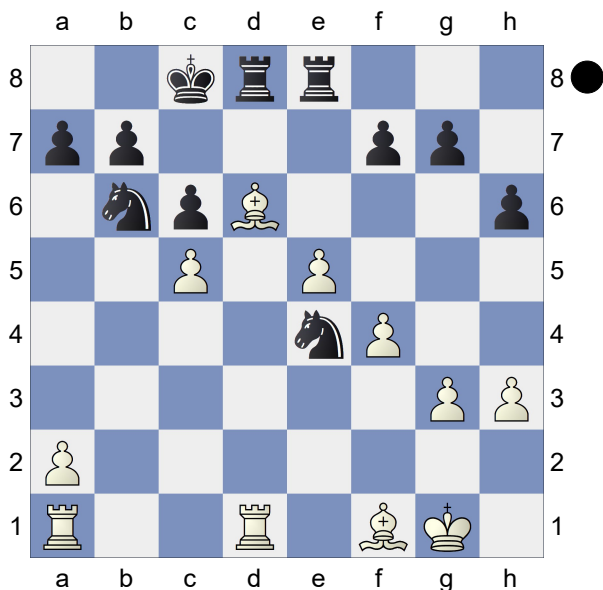
Sisti,Daniel J **A11**
 Agdamag,Samuel **1539**
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.0-0 e6 5.c4 c6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.d3 Nbd7

8.cxd5 exd5 9.Qc2 Bc5 10.Nc3 Ng4
11.e4 dxe4 12.dxe4 Be6 13.Na4 Qb5
14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Qxc5 Nxc5 16.h3
Nf6 17.e5 Nd5 18.b3 0-0-0 19.Ba3
Nd7 20.Rfe1 h6 21.Nd2 Nc7 22.Nc4
Bxc4 23.bxc4 Rhe8 24.Bd6±



Nb6 25.Bf1 Ne6 26.Red1?! Ng5 27.f4
[27.c5!+-]
27...Ne4 28.c5



Nd5?

[28...Nd7]

29.Kg2??

[29.h4+- b6 30.Bh3+ Kb7 31.Bg2
Nxg3? 32.Rxd5+-]

29...Ne3+= 30.Kf3 Nxd1??

[30...Nxf1! 31.Kxe4 (31.Rxf1?
Nd2+?) 31...Nxg3+ 32.Kf3 Nf5
33.a4=]

31.Kxe4+- Nc3+ 32.Kf3?!±

[32.Kd4! Nb5+ 33.Bxb5 cxb5
34.f5+-]

32...Nd5 33.h4= h5±

[33...b6]

34.Bh3+

[34.Rc1]

34...Rd7?

[34...Re6!± 35.f5 Rxd6! 36.cxd6
f6=]

35.Rb1±

[35.a4!+-]

35...Re6

[35...b6!]

36.Bxe6? =

[36.Rg1! b6 37.g4 hxg4+ 38.Rxg4!
g6 39.h5 gxh5 40.Rg8+-]

36...fxe6 37.g4 hxg4+ 38.Kxg4 Rf7

39.Rb3?!

[39.Kg5 Nxf4 40.Kg4]

39...Rxf4+

[39...b5!]

40.Kg5?!

[40.Kg3]

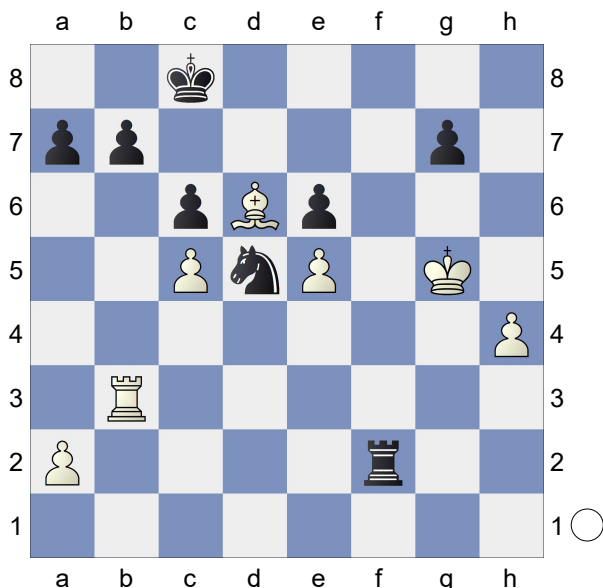
[40.Kh5]

40...Rf2

[40...b5]

(Diagram)

**41.a3?? Rg2+ 42.Kh5 Nf4#
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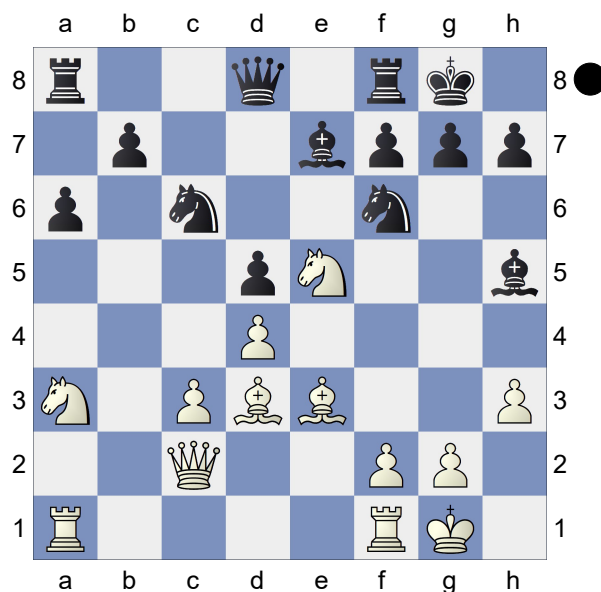


□ **Fisher, Brett** **D94**
 ■ **Vazquez, Dominic A** **1401**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.6) 3.2.26

1.d4 2 Nf6 9 2.c4 6 g6 6 3.Nc3 7 d5
 14 4.Nf3 1:46 Bg7 8 5.e3 38 0-0 16
 6.Bd3 16 c5 2:41 7.0-0 1:00 Nc6 3:14
 8.cxd5 4:50 Nxd5 1:36 9.Nxd5 21 Qxd5
 9 10.e4 22 Qd6 1:45 11.d5 1:25 Nd4
 5:49 12.Nxd4 3:43 Bxd4 5:46 13.Bh6
 3:10 Rd8 3:47 14.Qc2 6:43 Qf6 12:54
 15.Bc1 4:47 a6 6:12 16.Rb1 1:39 e6
 3:49 17.dxe6 10:19 Bxe6 7 18.Bc4 2:21
 Bxc4 4:35 19.Qxc4 11 b5 12 20.Qc2
 2:27 Rac8 3:26 21.Re1 6:41 Re8 2:37
 22.Be3 31 Be5 6:26 23.Rec1 5:33 c4
 37 24.f3 1:12 Bd4 2:06 25.Qf2 2:51
 Red8 3:25 26.Rd1 2:57 Bxe3 10
 27.Rxd8+ 9 Rxd8 10 28.Qxe3 11 Rd3
 45 29.Qf2 3:47 a5 6:12 30.a3 2:16 c3
 1:36 31.bxc3 4:55 Qxc3 14 32.Qb2 38
 Rd1+
0-1

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 □ **Booth, Kyle Ewart Coventry** **1320**
 ■ **Little, John** **1358**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.28) 3.2.26
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.a3 Nc6 3.b4 cxb4 4.axb4
 Nxb4 5.c3 Nc6 6.d4 d6 7.Bc4 e6
 8.Be3 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Nf6
 11.Na3 a6 12.Nf3 Be7 13.0-0 0-0
 14.Qc2 Bg4 15.Ne5 Bh5 16.h3

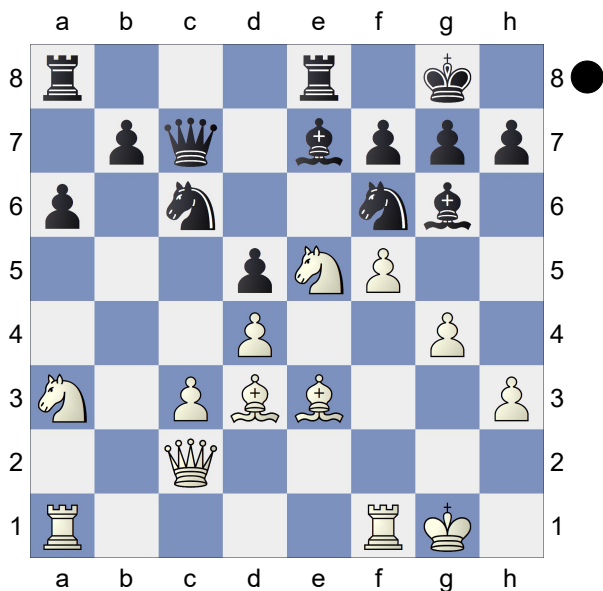


Qc7
 [16...Bg6! Trade off a liability before it
 goes really bad]
17.f4 Rfe8
 [17...h6!?]
18.g4 Bg6 19.f5

(Diagram)

Trapping the bishop, but it's going to be
 a lot of pawns! **19...Bxa3?** Downtrade --
 that bishop had a better future than that
 knight

[19...Rac8 20.fxc6 hxc6 21.Kg2
 Bd6]
20.Rxa3 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Rxe5 22.Bf4
Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Rxf5 24.gxf5 Qxa3
25.fxc6 hxc6 26.Be5 Qe7 27.Bd4
Ne4 28.Qg2 b5 29.Bc2 Rc8 30.Re1



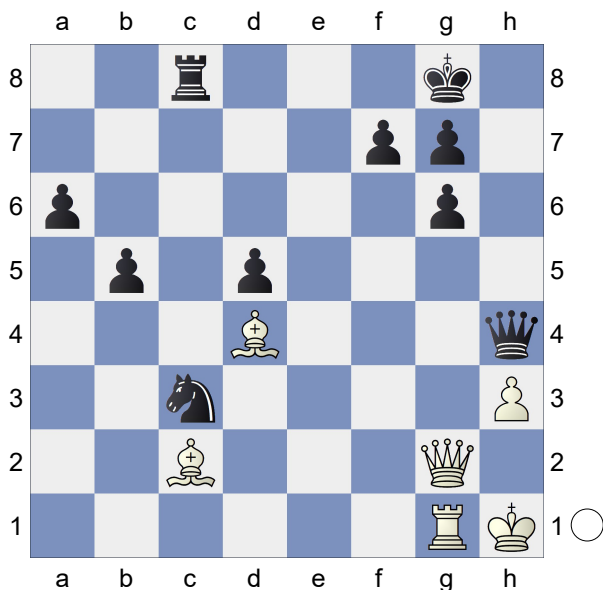
Qh4

[30...b4! 31.cxb4 (31.Bxe4 bxc3!
32.Re3! dxe4 33.Bxc3 $\bar{f}$) 31...Rxc2!
32.Qxc2 Ng3+ 33.Kg2 Qxe1
34.Qc8+ Kh7 35.Bf2 Qxb4
36.Kxg3 $\bar{f}$]

31.Rg1?!

[31.Re3= to take e4 with the bishop
then the queen]

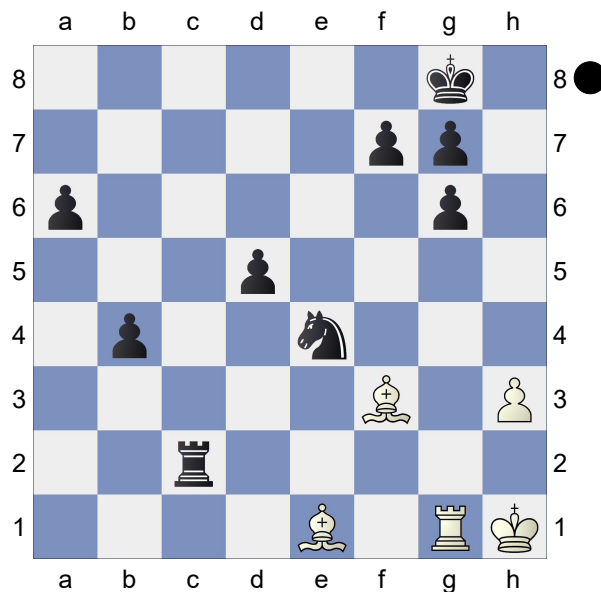
31...Nxc3!-+



32.Bf5?!

[32.Bxg7!? Ne4! (32...Kxg7?
33.Bxg6!=) 33.Bd4 Rc4! 34.Bxe4
Qxe4 35.Bf2 Rc2 36.Qxe4 dxe4
37.Bd4 b4-+]

**32...Rc4 33.Bf2 Qf6 34.Bg4 Ne4
35.Be1 b4 36.Be2 Rc2 37.Qf3 Qxf3+
38.Bxf3**



Nf2+?

[38...b3-+]

**39.Bxf2 Rxf2 40.Bxd5 Rd2 41.Bc4
Rd6 42.Rf1 Rb6 43.Rxf7 Kh7 44.Ra7
b3 45.Rxa6 Rb4 46.Bd3 b2 47.Bxg6+
Kh6 48.Bb1+ Kg5 49.Rg6+ Kh5
50.Rxg7 Rc4 51.Kh2 Rc1 52.Rh7+
Kg5 53.Rg7+ Kf6 54.Rg1 Rxg1
55.Kxg1 Kg5 56.Kg2 Kh4 57.Ba2
Kg5 58.Kg3 Kh5 59.h4 Kh6 60.Kg4
Kg6 61.h5+ Kh6 62.Bb1 Kg7 63.Kg5
Kh8 64.h6 Kg8 65.Kh5 Kh8 66.h7
Kg7
1/2-1/2**

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☐ **Menchchikov,Alexander** **1383**
☒ **Martin,Bryan D** **1233**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.29) 3.2.26

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nc3
Bg7 5.Nf3 e6 6.Be3 Ne7 7.h4 a6
8.Qe2 b5 9.0-0-0 d6 10.e5 d5 11.h5
c6 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.Ng5 Kd7 14.Nf7
Qa5 15.Nxh8 b4 16.Nb1 Bxh8
17.Rxh7 Qd8 18.Bg5 c5 19.Bxe7

Qxe7 20.Rxe7+ Kxe7
1-0

□ **Kwong,Dylan**

■ **Golas,Jacob**

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.31) 3.2.26

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 Be7
5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.d3 c5 8.e3 Nc6
9.exd4 Nxd4 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Na3 Bf8
12.Re1 Rb8 13.Ne5 Nd7 14.f4 Nxe5
15.fxe5 b6 16.Nc2 Nf5 17.Kh1 Re7
18.Qe2 Rd7 19.Rad1 Bb7 20.Bxb7
Rbxb7 21.Rf1 Qg5 22.Bc1 Qg6 23.Rf4
h5 24.Rg1 Rb8 25.Qf3 Rbd8 26.Rd1
Nh6 27.Ne1 Ng4 28.Bb2 Be7 29.h4
Nh6 30.b4 Nf5 31.Kh2 cxb4 32.d4 f6
33.d5 fxe5 34.Bxe5 b5 35.Ng2 bxc4
36.g4 hxg4 37.Qf1 Nxe4 38.Nxe4
Bxe4

0-1

□ **Tobias,Mason**

■ **Starr,Albert Martin**

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.32) 3.2.26
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nxf7
Kxf7 5.d4 c6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 Re8
8.0-0 Kg8 9.f4 Bg4 10.Qe1 Nbd7
11.Qg3 Be6 12.f5 Bf7 13.Qh3 Nf8
14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Qd4+ 16.Be3
Qxe5 17.Kh1 Bc5 18.Bf4 Qd4 19.Ne2
Qd7 20.Ng3 Rad8 21.Bh6 Be3
22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nh5+ Nxe5 24.Rf3
Kh8 25.Qg4 Nf4 26.Raf1 Nxd3 27.Rg3
Bd5 28.cxd3 Re7 29.f6 Ng6 30.fxe7
Qxe7 31.Re1 Qd7 32.Qxd7 Rxd7
33.Rgxe3 Bxa2 34.Ra1 Bd5 35.Rxa7
Nf4 36.Rg3 Bxg2+ 37.Rxg2 Nxe2
38.Kxg2 Kg7 39.Kf2 Kf6 40.Ke2 Ke5

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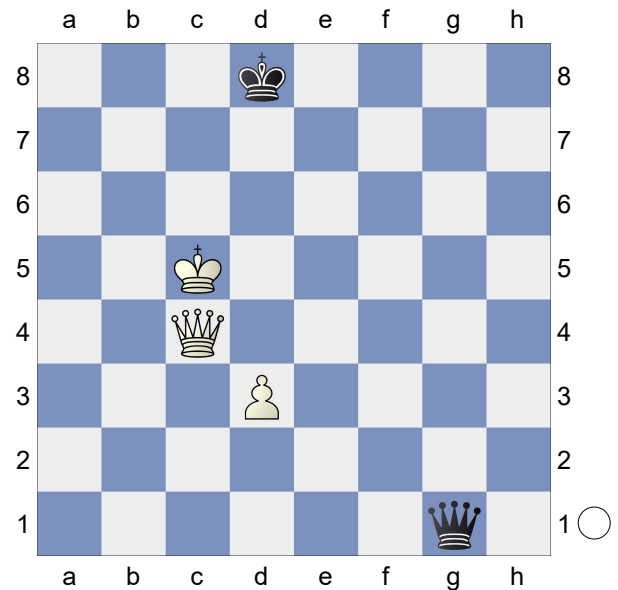
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41.Ra4 Rg7 42.Kf2 Kd5 43.Rh4 Kc5
44.Rc4+ Kb5 45.b3 Rd7 46.Ke3 Rd5
47.Rg4 b6 48.Rh4 h5 49.Rf4 Rg5
50.Ke4 c5 51.Rf5 Rg4+ 52.Kf3 Rb4
53.Rxh5 Rxb3 54.Ke3 Kc6 55.h4 Ra3
56.Kd2 Ra8 57.Rh6+ Kb7 58.h5 b5
59.Rg6 Rh8 60.h6 b4 61.Kc2 Kc7
62.Kb3 Kd7 63.Kc4 Kc7 64.Kxc5 b3
65.Rg7+ Kb8 66.h7 b2 67.Rg8+ Ka7
68.Rxh8 b1Q 69.Ra8+ Kxa8 70.h8Q+
Kb7 71.Qg7+ Kc8 72.Qf8+ Kd7
73.Qf7+ Kd8 74.Qc4 Qg1+



75.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 76.Kxd4 Kd7 77.Kd5
Kc7 78.Ke6 Kc6 79.d4 Kc7 80.d5 Kd8
81.Kd6 Kc8 82.Ke7
1-0

□ **Robins,Alexander**

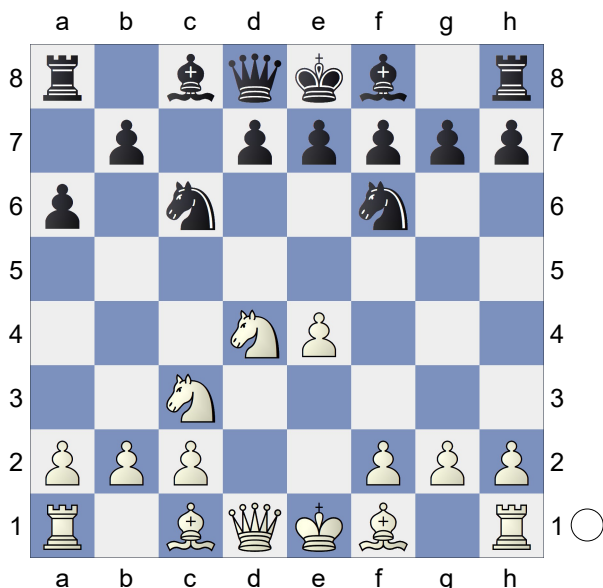
■ **Hack,Richard**

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.33) 3.2.26
[Winslow,Elliott]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6**

(Diagram)

A bad time for this -- White can get in e5



without losing it to a queen check on a5.

6.Nxc6! I'm impressed! Alex grabs the moment. Simple development would have left a lot on the table. **6...bxc6?!**

[6...dxc6 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.Bc4 (8.f4!?)]

A) 8...b5 9.Bxf7 e6 (9...b4 10.Na4 Nxe4 11.Bf4+-

Just because queens have been traded, doesn't mean Black's king isn't in danger!);

B) 8...e6 9.a4!? the dark squares are a source of anxiety for Black.]

7.e5! With g7-g6 replacing a7-a6 this has been tried over the decades, but obviously here it's worse for Black. b6 and development. **7...Ng8**

[7...Nd5?! 8.Nxd5 cxd5 9.Qxd5+-]

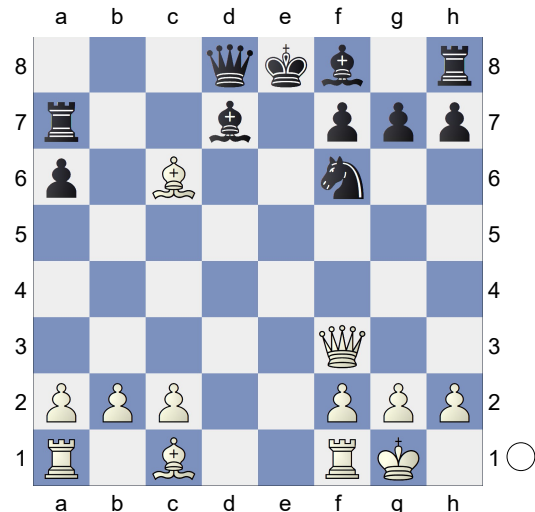
8.Bc4 d5 9.exd6 exd6 10.0-0?!

How can this be wrong? Stockfish 18 (yes!) shows that there is room for improvement:

[10.Qf3!? d5 11.Nxd5! cxd5 12.Bxd5 Ra7 13.0-0 Nf6!? 14.Bc6+ Bd7

(Diagram)

15.Bh6!!+- Shades of Browne-Bisguier, US Championship 1974! (Look it up!)]



10...Nf6 11.Qf3?!

[11.Re1+ Be7 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Qe2 Ra7 14.Be3 Rb7 15.b3 a5 16.Ba6 Rb4 17.Bxc8 Qxc8 18.Rad1± is a healthy enough positional advantage]

[11.Bg5!? d5 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Bxd5 cxd5 14.Qxd5 Ra7 15.Rfe1+ Be6 16.Rad1 Be7! 17.Qc6+ Kf8 Black hangs on (SF18 makes it +0.40/24)]

11...Qc7?

[Black might as well accept the provocation and the hanging pawns' advantage and push: 11...d5 (at least there is no sacrifice to bust it open)]

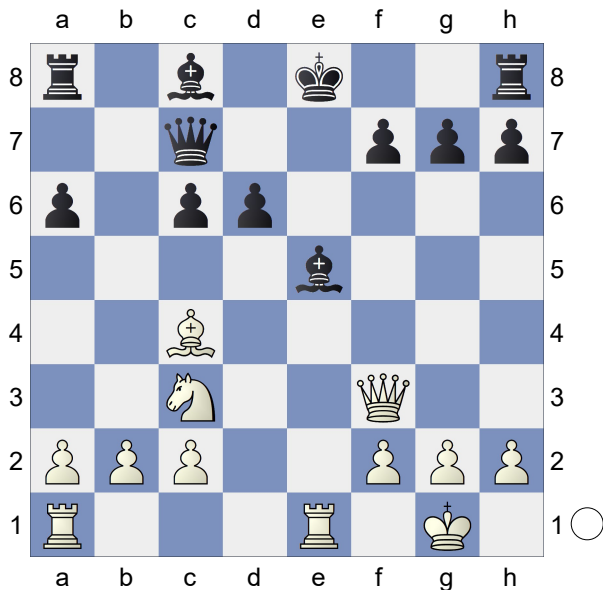
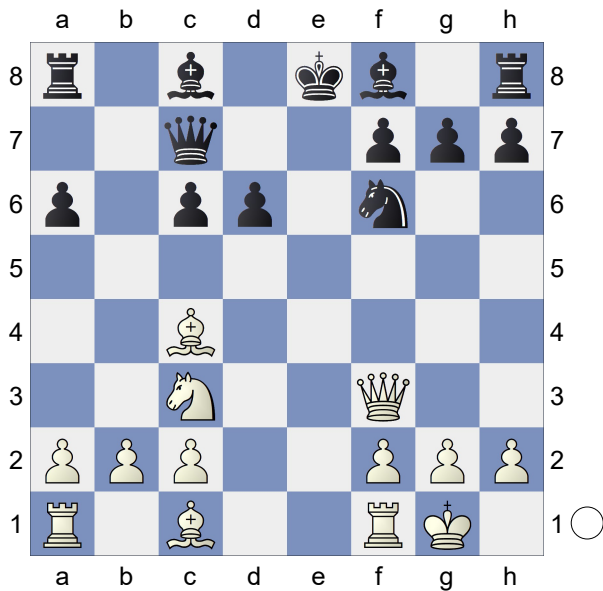
(Diagram)

12.Bg5!+- Be7 13.Bxf6! Bxf6 14.Rfe1+ Be5

(Diagram)

15.Bxf7+! and it all comes together -- White wins a pawn, but more importantly the king stays in the center. **15...Kd8**

[15...Qxf7 16.Qxc6+ Qd7 17.Qxa8 0-0 and here Stockfish 18 shows possibly too much faith in the two

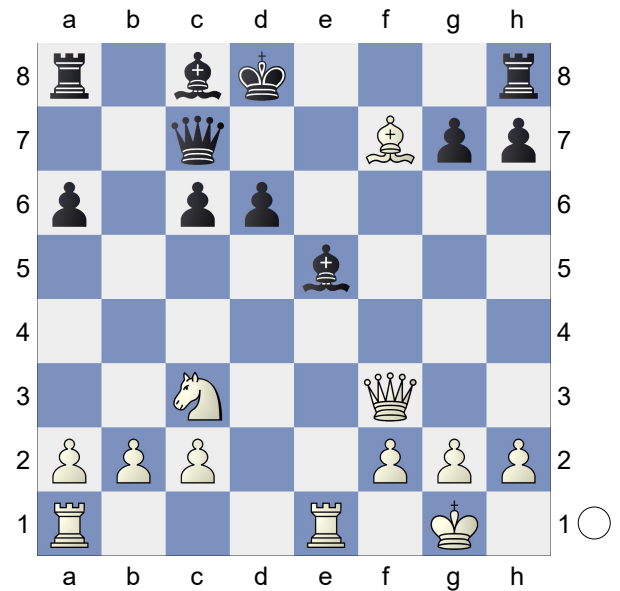


bishop by ridding the opponent of them at a cost: 18.Qd5+!? (best!?) Kh8 19.Rxe5 dxe5 20.Qxd7 Bxd7 21.Nd5+- Then again, this is pretty good technique -- no counterplay!]

(Diagram)

16.Bh5

[16.Rxe5!? Another exchange sacrifice for entirely different reasons: getting at the king again. dxe5 17.Rd1+ Ke7 18.Bc4 Rf8 19.Qe3 Quite won, but understandably Alex

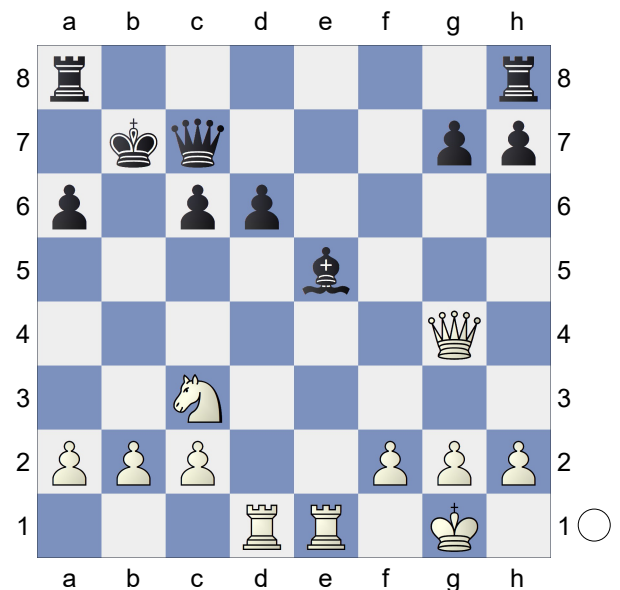


goes for stability. (Has he been reading Shankland's latest book, "Converting an Extra Pawn in Chess"?)]

16...Be6

[16...Qb7!? might yet provoke 17.Rxe5!]

17.Rad1 Kc8 18.Bg4 Bxg4 19.Qxg4+ Kb7 Safe? No...



20.Rxe5! The added tactic makes this a "petit combination" instead of a sacrifice, and clearly best. 20...h5

[20...dxe5 21.Rd7 SF18 gives 21...Rac8 as the best try but then White can even stop to take the g-

pawn(!). 22.Rxg7!]
21.Qb4+ This must have been an
 exhiiarating win for Alex!
1-0

□ **Rosston,Andrew Burkett** **1136**
 ■ **Mackley,Merlin Ethan** **1144**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.34) 3.2.26

1/2-1/2

□ **Blum,Paul** **D07 983**
 ■ **Rothman,Ivan** **1491**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.35) 3.2.26
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bf5 4.c4 e6
 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.b3 Bb4 7.Bb2 0-0 8.c5
 Bxc3+ 9.Bxc3 Ne4 10.Bb2 a6 11.Bd3
 Rb8 12.Ba3 Re8 13.0-0 Qf6 14.Re1
 Bg4 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3
 Nf6 18.Kh2 e5 19.Bb2 exd4 20.exd4
 Nb4 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Bf1 Nc6
 23.Bc3 Ne7 24.Re1 Kf8 25.Bg2 Nh5
 26.Bd2 Nf5 27.Re5 Rxe5 28.dxe5 Ke7
 29.f4 c6 30.a3 Nd4 31.b4 Nc2 32.a4
 ... 1/2-1/2, 69
 1/2-1/2

□ **Ben Cherif,Rachid**
 ■ **Ramos,Joel Thomas**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.36) 3.2.26
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□ **Canessa,Kate** **B30 573**
 ■ **Kojevnikov,Alexander** **1090**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.37) 3.2.26

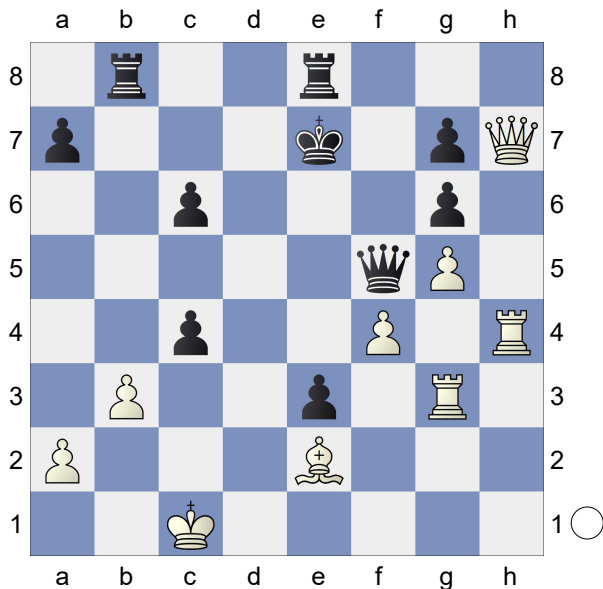
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4
 Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Ne5 Qc7
 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Ba4 0-0 10.0-0 Rb8
 11.b3 Ba6 12.Re1 Rfd8 13.e5 Nd7
 14.Bf4 f6 15.Qg4 f5 16.Qg3 Nf8
 17.Nb1 Ng6 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.Qxg5
 Bb5 20.Bxb5 cxb5 21.Qe3 d4 22.Qe2
 Rd5 23.Nd2 Rxe5 24.Qf3 Rxe1+
 25.Rxe1 Re8 26.Qg3 Qa5 27.Nf3
 Qxa2 28.Re2 Qa6 29.h3 Qc8 30.Ne5
 Nxe5 31.Rxe5 Re7 32.f4 a5 33.Qh4
 Re8 34.Qe1 a4 35.bxa4 bxa4 36.Qa5
 Qa8 37.Rxc5 a3 38.c3 a2 39.Qxa8
 Rxa8 40.cxd4 a1Q+ 41.Kh2 Qxd4
 42.Re5 Qxf4+ 43.g3 Qf2+
0-1

□ **Swan,Mason James** **B12**
 ■ **Pirone,John**
 2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.38) 3.2.26
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6
 5.Bb5 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.Qd3 Bg6
 8.Qc3 e6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.h4 h6
 11.Bxe7 Ngxe7 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.0-0-0
 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxe5 15.Qg3 N5c6
 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Be2 Rb8 18.Nc4 Nf5
 19.Qf4 Qe7 20.Ne5 Qb7 21.b3 Bh7
 22.g4 Ne7 23.g5 hxg5 24.hxg5 Ng6
 25.Qh2 Rfe8 26.Qxh7+ Kf8 27.Nxg6+
 fxg6 28.Rd4 e5 29.Rd3 e4 30.Rg3
 Qf7 31.f3 e3 32.Rh4 Ke7 33.c4 Qf5
 34.f4 dxc4

(Diagram)

35.Rxe3+ Kd6 36.Bg4 Qa5 37.Qxg6+



Kc7 38.Qxg7+ Kb6 39.Rxe8 Qa3+
40.Qb2 Qd6 41.bxc4+
1-0

□ **Parcells,Nathan**

■ **Hau,Imelda Meili**

2026 New Year TNM: u1600 (5.39) 3.2.26

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.cxd5 Bf5 4.Nc3
e6 5.dxe6 fxe6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Bb4
8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.a3 Be7 10.e3 Ne4
11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Bb5 a6 13.Ba4 c5
14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Qxd7+
Kf8 17.Nd4 b5 18.Nxe6+ Kg8
19.Qxg7#
1-0

□ **Stults,Sawyer**

■ **Sevall,Daniel**

2026 New Year TNM: Extra Game (5.40)

[Stults,Sawyer]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3
d6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nf6
8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 e5 10.Bg5
[10.Be3 0-0 11.Rac1 Be6 (11...Bg4

12.h3) 12.b4 Nxb4 13.Bxe6 fxe6
14.Qc4]

10...0-0 11.h3 a6 12.Rac1 h6 13.Be3
Qe8 14.Nh4 Be6 15.Ng6 fxg6
16.Bxe6+ Kh7 17.Bb3 Rc8 18.Nd5
Nxd5

[18...Nxe4 19.Bxh6 Nxf2 (19...gxh6
20.Qxe4)]

19.exd5 Nb8 20.Bc2

[20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Bc2 (21.Rc1
Qe8 22.Rc7)]

20...Nd7 21.Ba4 b5 22.Rxc8 Qxc8
23.Bc2

[23.Rc1 Qe8]

23...Qe8 24.a4 Nf6 25.axb5 axb5

26.Bd3 b4 27.Qd2

[27.Bb5]

27...Nxd5 28.Bxg6+ Qxg6 29.Qxd5
Qc2 30.Qd3+

[30.Rd2 b3 (30...Qb1+ 31.Kh2 Rc8
32.Qd3+ Qxd3 33.Rxd3 Rc2 34.Rd2
Rxd2 35.Bxd2 d5) 31.Rxc2 bxc2]

30...Qxd3 31.Rxd3 Kg6 32.Bd2 Rb8
33.f4

[33.Rb3 d5 34.Re3 Bf6 (34...Bc5
35.Rxe5; 34...e4 35.f3 Bc5)]

33...Kf5 34.g4+ Ke4

[34...Ke6 35.f5+]

35.Re3+

[35.f5 Kxd3]

35...Kd4 36.fxe5

[36.f5 Bg5]

36...dxe5 37.Rf3 Bf6 38.Bxh6 e4

39.Rf5 Kd3 40.Rd5+

[40.Kf1]

B21 40...Bd4+ 41.Rxd4+

1535 [41.Kf1 gxh6]

1898 41...Kxd4 42.Bxg7+ Kd3 43.Kf1 e3

44.Be5 e2+ 45.Kf2 Rf8+

0-1

Ploquin, Phil **B12**
1660
 Pagan Griso, Simone **1263**
 2026 New Year TNM: Extra Game (5.41)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.c3 Nc6
 5.Bb5 e6 6.Ngf3 Nge7 7.Ne5 cxd4
 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.Bxc6+ Nxc6 10.exd5
 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bc5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nb3
 Rd8 14.d6 Bd7 15.Bg5 Rdc8 16.Qg4
 Kh8 17.Qf3 Kg8 18.Qg3 Kh8 19.Nxc5
 Rxc5 20.Be3 Rac8 21.Bxc5 Rxc5
 22.Qe3 Qb5 23.Rfe1 a6 24.Rac1
 Rxc1 25.Qxc1 g6 26.h3 Qd5 27.b3
 Kg7 28.Qc4 Qd2 29.Qe2 Qa5 30.Rc1
 Qd5 31.Rc7 Bc6 32.Qf3 Qxe5
 33.Rxf7+ Kh6 34.Qf4+

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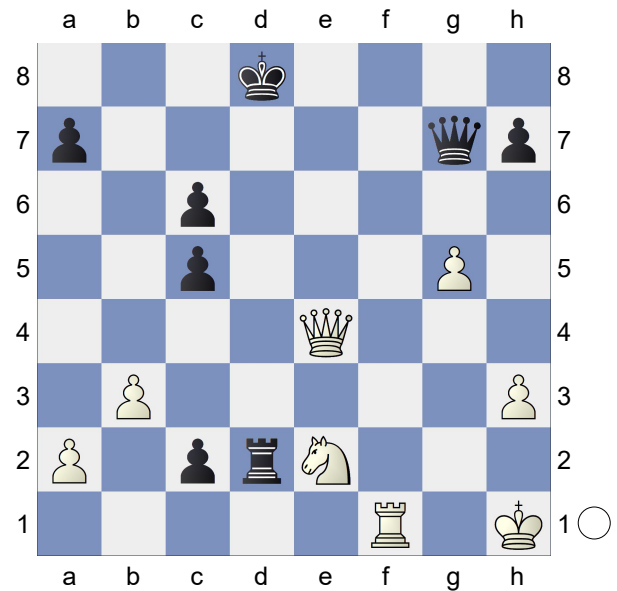
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 Mason, Scott **2000**
 2026 New Year TNM: Extra Game (5.42)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6
 4.Bxc6+ bxc6 5.c4 e5 6.Nc3 Nf6
 7.d3 Be7 8.h3 Qc7 9.Bg5 Rb8 10.b3
 0-0 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.g4 Qa5 13.Rc1
 g6 14.0-0 Be6 15.Kh2 Rbd8 16.g5
 Bg7 17.Nh4 Qc7 18.f4 d5 19.f5 gxf5
 20.exf5 e4+ 21.Kg2 dxc4 22.fxe6
 Rxd3 23.Qg4 Rd2+ 24.Ne2 Qe5
 25.exf7+ Rxf7 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.Rf1+
 Ke7 28.Nf5+ Kd8 29.Nxg7 Qxg7
 30.Kh1 c3 31.Qxe4 c2

(Diagram)

32.Nf4? =

[32.Qf4!+- Rd1 33.Qb8+ Ke7
 (33...Kd7 34.Qb7+ Kd6 35.Qxg7
 Rxf1+ 36.Kg2) 34.Qxa7+ Rd7
 35.Qxc5+]



[32.Qxc6+-]
 [32.h4+- Rd1 33.Kg2]
32...Qd7??
 [32...Qf7=]
 [32...Rd1=]
33.Ne6+ Kc8
 [33...Qxe6 34.Qxe6]
34.Rf8+ Kb7 35.Nxc5+ Kc7 36.Qf4+
Qd6 37.Rf7+ Kb8 38.Qb4+ Kc8
39.Qb7+ Kd8 40.Qa8+
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