

□ Heimann, Mark

■ Chen, Quincy

3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.1) 09.06.2026

1.e4 9:40 e5 4 2.Nf3 7 Nc6 4 3.Bb5 19
a6 5 4.Ba4 6 Nf6 5 5.0-0 8 Be7 8
6.Re1 5 b5 13 7.Bb3 4 0-0 16 8.a4 9
b4 19 9.a5 35 d6 1:49 10.d3 1:16 Be6
2:37 11.Nbd2 28 C88: Closed Ruy
Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems. 11...Bxb3
49 12.Nxb3 13 Rb8 9 13.d4 2:35
White has an edge. 13...Rb5 7:51
14.d5N 5:13

[14.Qd3 Qc8 15.d5 Nb8 16.Bg5
Nbd7 17.Nbd2 c6 18.dxc6 Qxc6
19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nc4 0-1 (34) Coro,L
(2352)-Esipenko,A (2720) Chess.com
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14...Nb8 18 15.c4 36 Prevents c6.

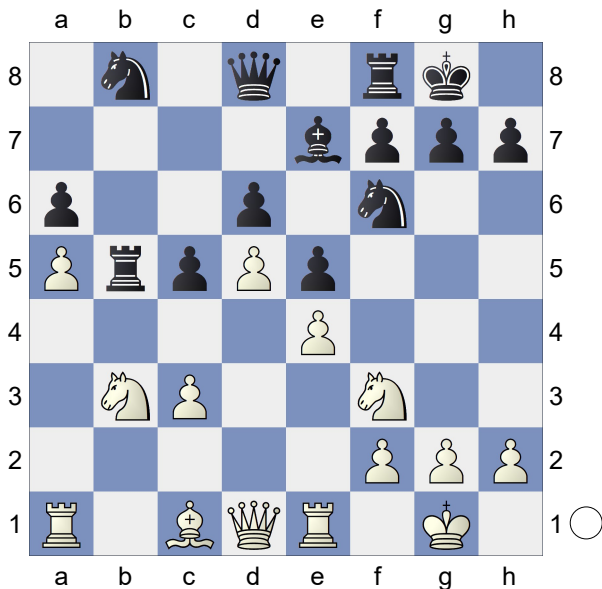
[15.c3±]

15...bxc3 2:03

[Black should try 15...Rb7±]

16.bxc3± 4 c5 4:06

[16...Rb7±]



17.Nfd2!± 1:16 Nbd7 1:21 18.Nc4 23
Qc7 2:16 19.Nbd2 1:05 Rfb8 1:10
20.Qc2 2:29 Ne8 8:09 21.Nf1 47 Bd8
3:00 22.Be3 4:21 Qc8 4:42 23.Nfd2 42

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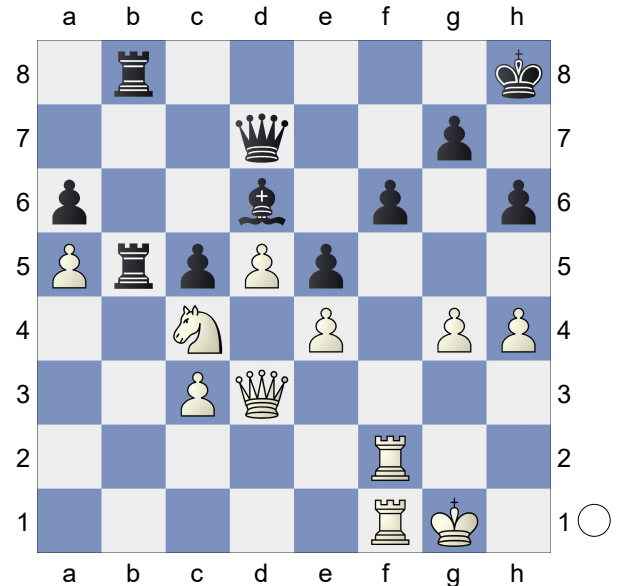
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Bc7 1:15 24.f4 6:46 exf4 5:43

[24...Qd8± is a better defense.]

25.Bxf4+- 5 Ne5 25 26.Bxe5 1:59 dxe5
6 27.Ra2 3:08 f6 3:52 28.h3 1:21 Nd6
2:45 29.Nxd6 18 Bxd6 5 30.Nc4 4
Qd8 9 31.Qd3 24 Kf8 8:10 32.Rf1 54
Kg8 2:50 33.Raf2 1:14 Kh8 1:41 34.g4
1:17 h6 5:01 35.h4 26 Qd7 55



36.g5 1:51 Bc7 13:21

[Δ36...Rg8 37.Kh2 (37.Rg2?
Rbb8+-) 37...Be7]

[36...Bf8 37.Rg2]

37.gxf6 45 gxf6 9 38.Rg2 7

Active counter play! 38...Rg8 1:03

39.Rff2 2:08 Rg4 4:29 40.Ne3 4:27 c4
4:51 41.Qf1 55 Rf4 42.Rxf4 exf4
43.Nxc4? 8:18

[43.Nf5+- and Rg6 would now be
decisive Qe8 44.d6 (44.Nxh6 Qxe4
45.d6 Bxa5±; 44.Qxc4 Bxa5 45.d6
Rb1+ 46.Kf2 Rb8±) 44...Bxa5
45.Qf3 (45.Qxf4? Rb1+ 46.Kh2
Qe5+-; 45.Nxh6 Qxe4 46.Qe2 Bb6+
47.Kh2 Qxe2+-) 45...Rxf5 46.exf5
Qe1+ 47.Kh2 Qxh4+ 48.Qh3 Qxh3+
49.Kxh3]

43...Be5? 3:54 This move loses the
game for Black.

[43...Qe7!±]

44.Qf3 1:12 Qc8 1:35

[d44...Qe8 45.Nxe5 fxe5]
45.Nxe5 1:23 fxe5 2:48 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **46.Qh5 7 Qf8 1:12 47.Qxe5+ 8 Kh7 4 48.Kh2 1:33 f3 43 49.Rf2 18 Qg8 1:13 50.Qf5+ 18 Kh8 17 51.Qxf3 10 Rb1 31 52.Qf6+ 10 Kh7 8 53.Rg2 1:10 Qb8+ 22**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.75

Loses game: ---
 Black=1
 Missed win: White=1

 Mistake: White=1
 Black=5
 OK: White=21
 Black=9
 Best: White=1

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□ Yoo,Christopher Woojin **C88 2663**
 ■ Bhatia,Aadit **2279**
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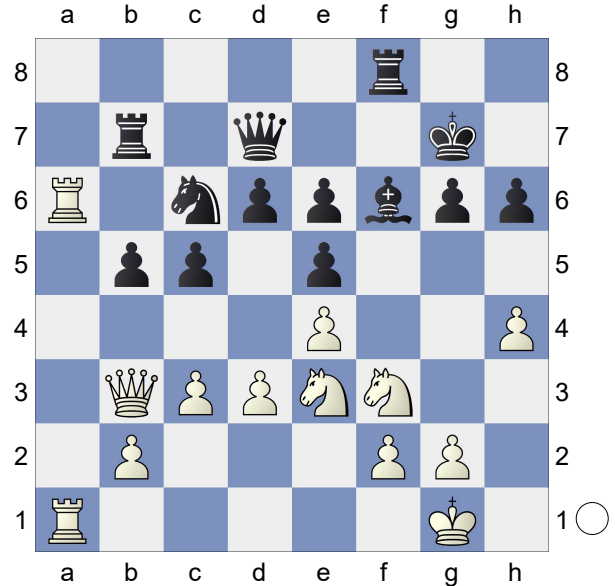
1.e4 2 e5 18 2.Nf3 11 Nc6 41 3.Bb5 7 a6 24 4.Ba4 7 Nf6 23 5.0-0 7 Be7 30 6.Re1 2:33 b5 41 7.Bb3 8 0-0 24 8.d3 20 d6 59 9.a3 2:06 Na5 2:01

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems. **10.Ba2 39 c5 11.Nc3 48 Be6 2:34** The position is equal. **12.Bg5 32 Nc6 2:08 13.Bxf6 2:06 Bxf6 35 14.Nd5 g6 57** is the legacy move (14...a5). **15.c3 37 Bg7 3:06 16.Ne3N 1:20**

[16.b4 Ne7 17.Ne3 Qd7 18.a4 Rfb8 19.Bxe6 Qxe6 20.Qc2 Bh6 21.Qa2 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Qxa2 23.Rxa2 cxb4 24.cxb4 ½-½ (35) Shankland,S (2705)-Ding,L (2811) Chess.com INT 2019]

16...Kh8 4:27 17.Bd5 3:20 Qd7 9:26 [17...Bxd5= 18.Nxd5 a5]

18.a4± 1:11 Rab8 7:17 19.axb5 2:16 axb5 28 20.Ra6 1:15 Ne7 1:12 21.Bxe6 56 fxe6 3:45 22.Qa1 3:16 h6 10:36 23.Qa2 1:36 Rb7 38 Inhibits Ra7. 24.Ra1 1:10 Nc6 7:43 25.h4 2:32 Bf6 1:05 26.Qb3 1:11 Kg7 1:21

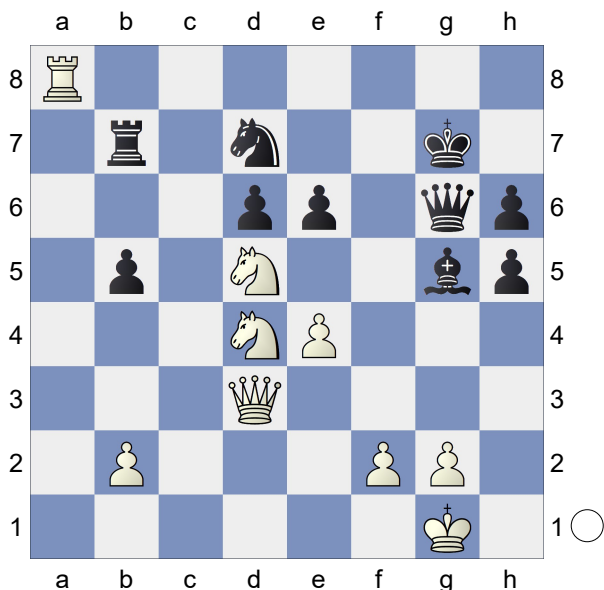
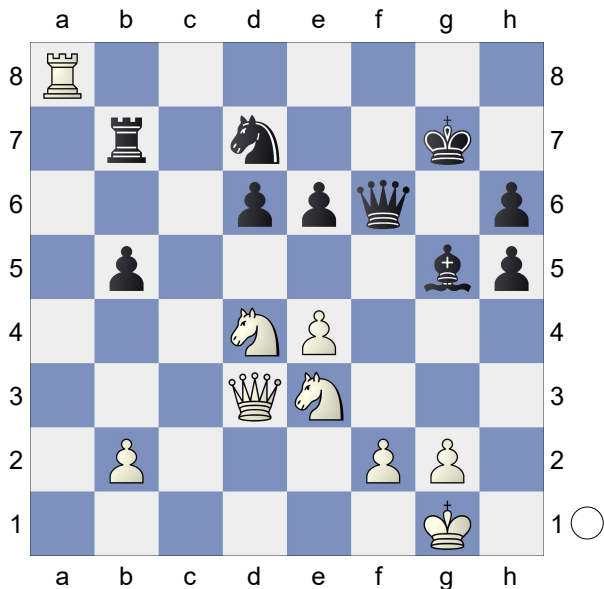


27.h5 2:21 White has more active pieces. **27...Nb8 4:43 28.Ra8 1:46** hxg6 is in the air **28...gxh5 47 29.Qd1 4:29 Qf7 1:37 30.Qe2 3:48 Bg5 5:24 31.d4 1:16 exd4 1:51 32.cxd4 5 cxd4 1:05 33.Nxd4 11 Qf6 34 34.R1a7 2:10**
 The board is on fire.

[34.Nxb5 Rxb5-+]
34...Rff7 1:51
 [Black should try 34...Rxa7± 35.Rxa7+ Kg8 36.Nxb5 Nc6]
35.Rxb7+- 5:34
 [Weaker is 35.Nxb5 Rxa7 36.Rxa7 Rxa7 37.Nxa7 Bxe3 38.Qxe3 Qxb2=]
35...Rxb7 3 36.Qd3 24 [36.Nxb5 Qe5 37.Nc3 h4=]
36...Nd7 2:39

(Diagram)

37.Nd5? 5:06 Qg6? 5:23
 [37...Nc5± 38.Nxf6 Nxd3 39.Ne8+ (39.Nxh5+ Kf7±) 39...Kg6]



38.Qc3! 1:47 White wants to mate with Nf5+. 38...exd5 5:36 39.Nf5+ 10 Discovered Attack (Double check) 39...Kf7 5 40.Qc6 27 dxe4 5:47 41.Nxd6+ 1:00 Kg7 3:46 42.Ne8+ 27 Kh7 45 43.Qxb7 7 Qe6 8 44.Ra7 44 Qxe8 1:01 45.Qxb5 33 Kg6 1:06 46.Qxd7 18 Qe5 10 47.Qf7# 8 Superbly played by Yoo!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.52
Loses game: ---
Black=2
Missed win: White=1

Mistake: White=1
Black=1
Inaccurate: White=1
Black=4
OK: White=15
Black=9
Best: White=1

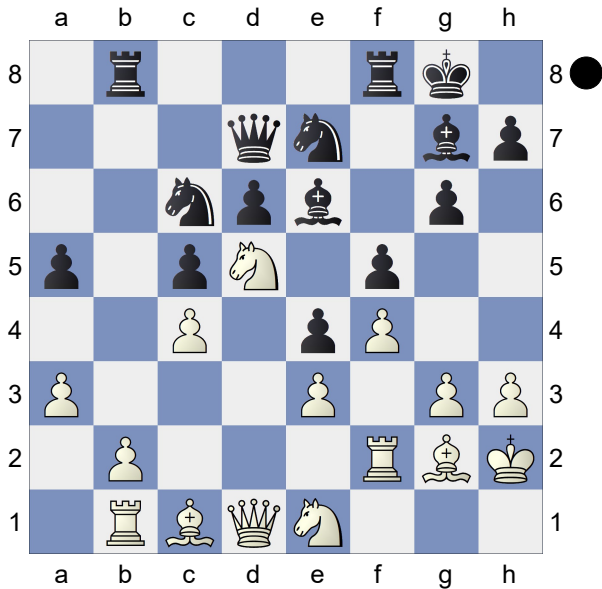
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1.c4 2:54:44 c5 4:25 2.g3 7 Nc6 6
3.Bg2 8 g6 6 4.Nc3 15 Bg7 5 5.Nf3 39
e5 16 6.0-0 4:03 d6 7 7.a3 1:26 a5 58
8.d3 1:18 Nge7 1:17 9.e3 2:00
A37: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2
Bg7 5 Nf3. 9...0-0 50 10.Ne1 10:39
[10.Rb1=]
10...Be6 57 11.Nd5 9 Black is slightly
better. 11...Rb8 57 12.h3N 1:50
[12.b3 57]
[12.Rb1 b5 13.Nc2 b4 14.axb4
Bxd5 15.cxd5 Nxb4 16.Nxb4 axb4
17.b3 Ra8 18.Bb2 1-0 (41) Tatvidze,
D (2222)-Pranav,P (2046) Krakow
2026]
12...b5 57 13.Rb1 23:33 Qd7 12:43
14.Kh2 36 f5 13 15.f4 2:52
[15.b3 57 keeps fighting.]
15...bxc4+ 7:41 Overworked Piece
16.dxc4 2 e4 14 17.Rf2 5:32

(Diagram)

a4! 11:40 18.b4 9:03
[18.Qxa4 Nxd5]
18...axb3 1:11 19.Rxb3 36 Na5 1:50
20.Rxb8 36 Rxb8 10 21.Bf1 38 Nxd5
5:34 22.cxd5 3 Bf7 10 23.a4 7:54 c4



5:05 24.Bd2 32 c3 1:57 25.Bc1 Qb7
6:14 26.Ba3 49 Qb1 11:36 Black is
clearly winning. 27.Qxb1 5:10 Rxb1
1:10 28.Nc2 3 Bxd5 21 29.Bxd6 2:08
Bb3 5:12 30.Bc7 7:35

[Δ30.Na3 Ra1 31.Bb5]
30...Bxc2 3:48 31.Bxa5 1:02 Bd3 1:12
White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/
Black=0.06 (flawless)

Mistake: White=4

Inaccurate: White=2

OK: White=3

Black=17

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□ Heiserman, Jimmy

■ Senthilkumar, Pranav

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1.d4 1:06 Nf6 11 2.c4 13 e6 40 3.Nc3
6 Bb4 29 4.e3 6 c5 1:37 5.a3 1:26
Bxc3+ 1:05 6.bxc3 5 d5 2:50 7.cxd5
3:50 exd5 1:50 8.Bd3 3:00 c4 1:24
9.Bc2 45 0-0 3:55 10.Ne2 1:17 Re8
8:50 11.0-0 8:25 Nc6 4:57 12.f3 13:58

b5 5:43

[Δ12...Na5]

13.Ng3± 16:29 E49: Nimzo-Indian:
Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3.

13...h5 5:15 14.e4 5:48 Bg5 is the
strong threat. 14...h4 4:53 Deflection

15.Nh1 5 White is clearly better.

15...dxe4 5:49 16.fxe4 6

White sacrificed a pawn 16...Nxe4 10:31

17.Qf3 24 Qd5 10:10 18.Bxe4 17

[18.Nf2? Nxc3 19.Qxc3 Nxd4-+]

18...Rxe4 2:37 19.Nf2 11 Dodges Bg4

19...Bf5 14 20.Nxe4N 34

[20.Bd2 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Rxd4

22.Qxd5 Rxd5 23.Ba5 Re8 24.Rae1

Rde5 25.Nd1 h3 26.g3 1-0 (76)

Geirnaert, S (2441)-Grochal, J (2184)

Wachtebeke 2016]

20...Bxe4 38 21.Qf2 24 White is weak
on the light squares

[White has to play 21.Qh3!±]

21...Re8 3:02

[21...h3 seems wilder. 22.Qg3 hxg2

23.Re1 Nd8]

22.Bd2 7:00 h3↑ 11:25 Black is
pushing. 23.gxh3 1:28

[23.g4=]

23...Re6 5:07 24.Bf4 16:55

[24.Qxf7+ ♣ Kh7 25.Rf4 Rg6+

26.Kf2]

24...a5 48

[24...Qh5-+ 25.Rae1 Ne7]

25.Bg3 1:17

[25.Rfe1 ♣]

25...f5-+ 11 ...b4 is the strong threat.

26.Qd2 2:47

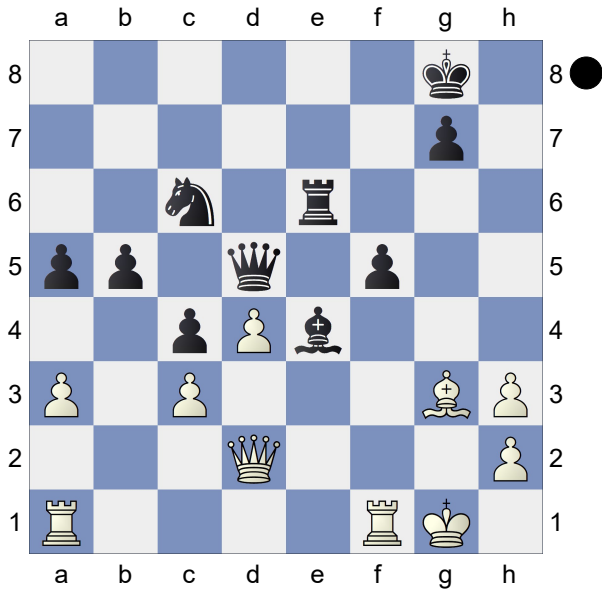
(Diagram)

Ne5? 5:28 27.Bxe5= 1:12 Rxe5 4

28.Qf4 56 Re6 34 29.Kf2! 12 b4 49

30.axb4 4 axb4 3 31.Rg1 2:59 bxc3?
2:41

[31...Qb7= and Black has nothing to
worry. 32.d5 Re8 (32...Bxd5



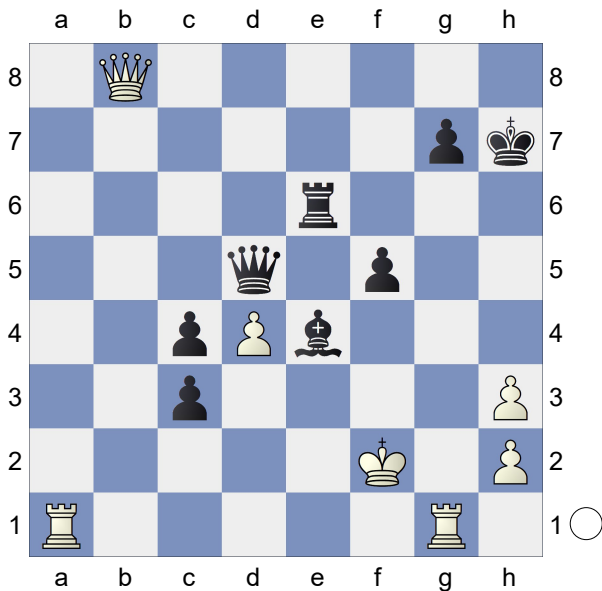
precise) /Black=0.72

Loses game: ---
 Black=1
 Missed win: ---
 Black=1
 Mistake: White=4
 Black=2
 OK: White=9
 Black=7
 Best: White=4
 Black=2
 Strong: White=1

 Brilliant: White=1

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33.Qd4=; 32...Qxd5 33.Ra7=)]
 32.Qb8+- 3:03 Kh7 1:00



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 3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.7) 09.06.2026

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 d6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.c3 Qf6 6.Be2 C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo.

6...Nge7 7.b4N

[7.d3 h5 8.Na3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 g5 10.Bxh5 Qh6 11.g4 Ng6 12.Qb3 0-0-0 13.Qxf7 0-1 (22) Remizov,Y (2396)-Zakhartsov,V (2537) Ekaterinburg 2023]

7...Ng6 8.b5

[8.d4± And now Bg5 would win. Bxf3 9.Bxf3]

8...Nd8!± 9.d4 Ne6 Repels Bg5 10.Be3 [10.g3±]

10...Ngf4 11.Nbd2 Be7 12.d5 Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 A sharp opening 14...Qxf4 15.Qc4 Bd8 16.Rae1

[16.a4=]

16...0-0f 17.Re3 Bd7 18.Qd3

[18.Rb1f]

18...f5

[Black should play 18...a6f 19.bxa6

33.Rxg7+!! 50 Decoy 33...Kxg7 4
 34.Ra7+ 7 Kf6? 1:12

[34...Kg6+- 35.Qh8 Qb7 (35...Kg5? 36.Rg7+ Rg6 37.h4+ Kg4 38.Rxg6+ Kh3 39.Rg3+ Kxh2 40.Rxc3+-) 36.Rxb7 Bxb7 37.Qg8+ Kf6 38.Qd8+ Kg6]

35.Qh8+ 23 White mates. 35...Kg5 9

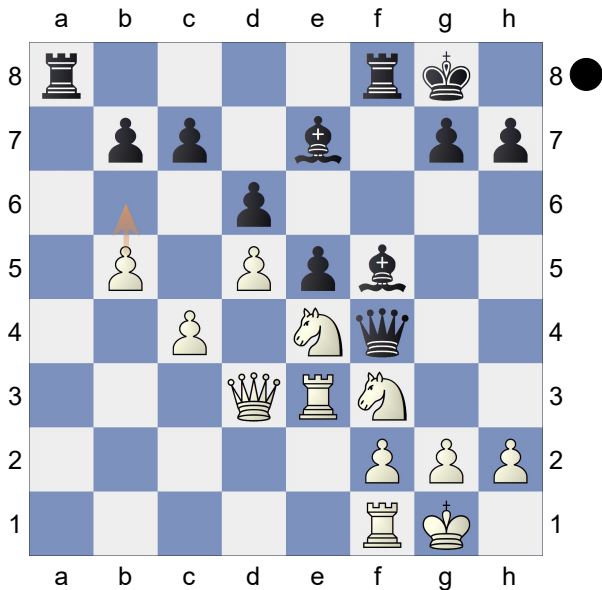
36.Rg7+ 44 Rg6 17 37.h4+ 16

Deflection 37...Kf4 6 38.Rxg6 14 Bh1 2:12 39.Qh6+ 7

Beautiful play by Heiserman!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very

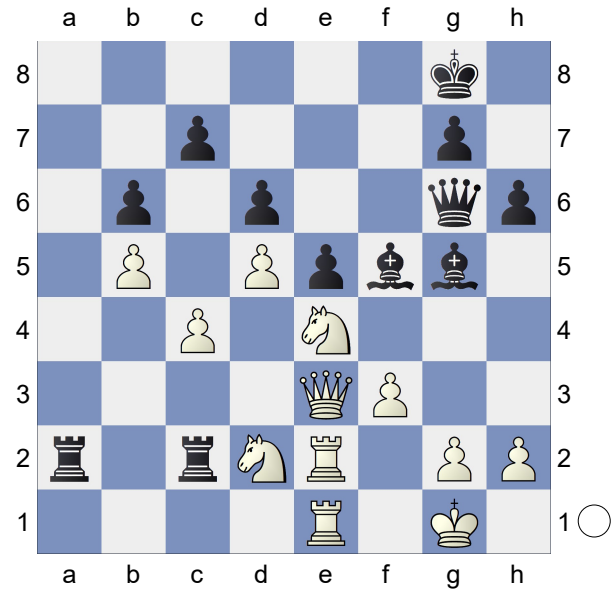
Rxa6]
19.c4 a6 20.a4
 [20.Qa3♣ is more appropriate.]
20...axb5♣ 21.axb5 Be7 Black is more active. 22.exf5
 [22.Qc3♣]
22...Bxf5 23.Ne4



b6! 24.Nfd2
 [24.Qe2♣]
24...Ra2+ 25.Rd1 Qg4
 [25...Qh6+ White must now prevent ...Bg5. 26.Re2 Rfa8]
26.f3
 [26.Qf1♣ was worth a try.]
26...Qg6 27.Qe2
 [♠27.Re2]
27...Rfa8 28.Qf2
 [♠28.Qe1]
28...Rc2 29.Re2 Raa2 30.Rde1 h6 31.Qe3?
 [31.h3 is more resistant.]
31...Bg5

(Diagram)

Skewer. Black is clearly winning.
32.Nxg5 Qxg5 33.f4 Qxf4 34.Rf1 Qxe3+ Deflection 35.Rxe3 Rxd2 36.Rxf5 Rxc2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/



Black=0.17 (very precise)
 Mistake: White=11
 Black=2
 Inaccurate: White=2
 Black=1
 OK: White=6
 Black=12
 Best: White=1
 Black=1
 Strong: ---
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D10
 ♠ Xia, Yusheng **2247**
 ♣ Seitzer, Phillip **2034**
 3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.8) 09.06.2026
 [Seitzer, Phillip]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.e3
 For some reason, I thought I couldn't go b5 here. I was worried about Qf3 and Qxa8. **4...e5**
 [4...b5 5.Nxb5 cxb5 6.Qf3 Qc7 7.Qxa8 Bb7 8.Qxa7 e5
 Without knowing that this is OK for Black, b5 is a scary move to commit to. It turns out to work out for Black, but that isn't obvious at all OTB. Note that

e5 was necessary to cover the a3 square. I suppose in theory I could have figured this all out over the board... 9.Be2 Nc6]

5.Bxc4 exd4 6.exd4 Bd6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qb3 h6 White has a comfortable edge. the IQP is not a big deal, White's pieces are much better.
10.Ne5 My opponent finds the right way to continue. I was a bit nervous here.
10...Qc7 11.f4? I thought this was a mistake at the time. Now White will have trouble with their Bc1, and has meanwhile wasted a valuable tempo in their development. **11...b5 12.Bd3 Be6 13.Qc2 Nbd7 14.Bd2**

[14.f5 Bd5 I was prepared to go into this line, if need be. 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 White's passed f-pawn could become scary, particularly if White can play a timely f6 type breakthrough tactic. I thought that given the weak d4 pawn, Black could survive this (though White is still a bit better).]

14...Rac8 15.Rac1 Qb6 All of a sudden, the issue with White's 11th move becomes apparent. Now Black is not only threatening Qxd4, but also Nx (or Bx) e5. Be3 doesn't help, Black can still take on e5. Ne2 also doesn't help, once again Black just takes on e5. **16.Nf3 Nd5?**

[16...a6 with the idea of c5 might have been another approach.]

17.Ne2?

[17.f5 this idea had occurred to me over the board. I thought it would be fun to try and play the position resulting from Nb4 18.fxe6 Nxc2 19.exd7 Rcd8 (19...Nxd4 20.dxc8Q Rxc8 21.Kh1 Ne6 is also possible) 20.Bxc2 Rxd7 I think I must admit here that Black should not have done this - which means that Nd5 must be wrong.]

17...N7f6 Now White is in a lot of trouble. Black's pieces are very harmonious, and White has spent too much time moving their knights forwards and backwards. White can bail out and trade pieces, but they will have to deal with the d4 pawn, which could become weak if too many minor pieces come off the board. **18.Kh1 Ng4**

[18...c5 This was my first instinct, but I ended up talking myself out of it, I thought there wasn't any rush to force matters.]

19.Qb1 Nde3 20.Bxe3 Nxe3 21.Rfe1 Rfe8 I was dreaming about Bd5, where I may even play Bxf3. I could consider Qb8, trying to soften up squares on the kingside. **22.Ne5 f6** No guts, no glory - right? I didn't believe in White's attack, and I was eager to play Bd5 and start going after White's king. I knew that f6 was weakening, but I thought the tempo was worth it. The engine vehemently disagrees.

[22...c5 is the engine's suggestion, which I also considered. This move looks much safer.]

23.Bh7+ Kh8 24.Ng3 Qxd4 25.Rxe3 Qxe3 26.Ng6+ Kxh7 27.Re1 Bf5

I guess my opponent just missed this move? White resigned here (0-1). However, even if I didn't play Bf5 and just moved the queen, White is still in trouble. Play might continue

[27...Qc5 28.Nf8+ Kg8 29.Nxe6 Qd5 this is still very good for Black. 30.f5 Bxg3 31.hxg3 c5]

28.Nf8+ Kg8 29.Rxe3 Bxb1 30.Ne6 Bxf4 with the queen trade, White's chances to create threats against Black's king evaporates.

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■ Wang,Chase

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[Winslow,Elliott]

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■ Kane,Kevin

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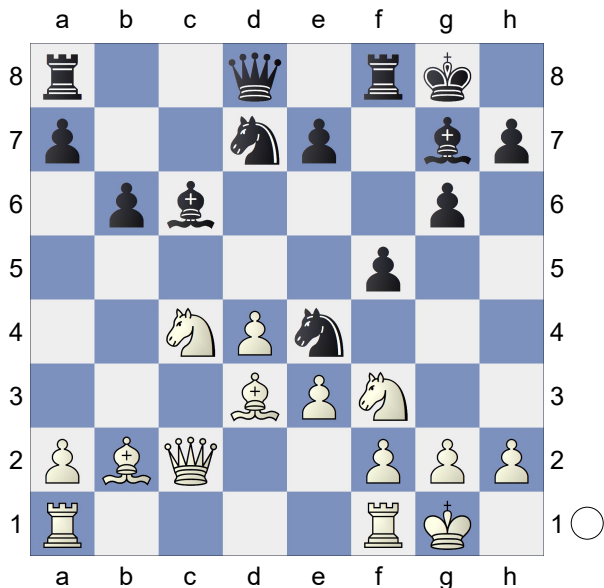
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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.b4 d5
5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nbd2 b6 7.Bb2 Nbd7
8.b5 Bb7 9.0-0 c5 10.bxc6 Bxc6
11.c4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne4 13.Qc2 f5

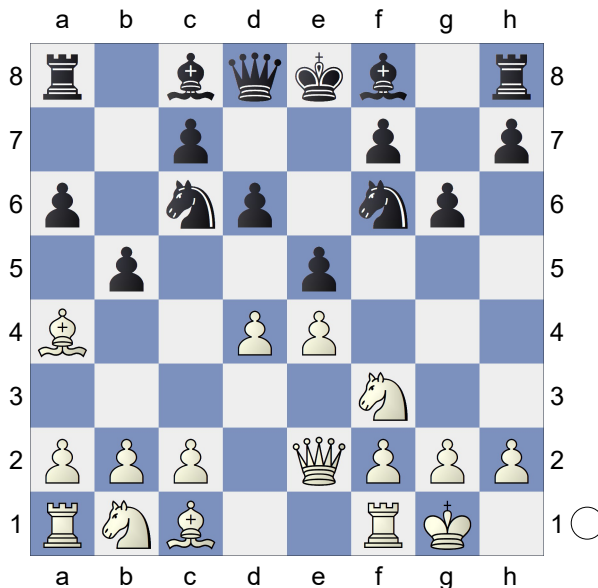


14.Nd6 Nxd6 15.Qxc6 Nf6 16.Ng5
Qd7 17.Qc2 Qb7 18.Qe2 Qd7 19.Bc2
h6 20.Bb3+ Kh8 21.Ne6 Rfc8 22.a4
Nb7 23.Nf4 Qe8 24.Be6 Rc7 25.f3 g5
26.Nd3 Nd6 27.Ne5 Nh5 28.Qd3 b5
29.g4 Nf6 30.gxf5 bxa4 31.e4 Qh5
32.Ng6+ Kh7 33.e5 Rac8 34.Bxc8
Rxc8 35.Nxe7 Re8 36.exd6 Bf8 37.d5
Bxe7 38.dxe7 Rxe7 39.Bxf6 Rf7
40.Be5 Qh3 41.f6+ Kg8 42.Rab1 Qc8
43.Rfc1 Qf8 44.Rb8 Qxb8 45.Bxb8
Rxf6 46.Rc8+ Kg7 47.Be5 a5 48.Qf5
a3 49.Qxf6+ Kh7 50.Qg7#
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.Qe2 d6 6.0-0 g6

[Relevant: 6...Bd7 7.c3 Be7 8.Bb3
0-0 9.h3 h6 10.d3 Re8 11.Re1 Bf8
12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Nf1 Bxb3 14.axb3
d5 15.Ng3 a5 16.Nh4 d4 17.Nhf5
Kh7 18.Bd2 g6 19.Nh4 Ra6 20.Nf3
Bc5 21.Rec1 Qd6 22.Be1 Rd8
23.Rd1 Rb6 24.Nd2 Qe6 25.Qf3
Kg7 26.Rdc1 Rb5 27.Ne2 Nd7
28.Ng3 Nf6 29.Ne2 Nd7 30.Ng3
Qf6 31.Qe2 Kh7 32.Ngf1 Nf8
33.Nh2 Ne6 34.g3 h5 35.Kg2 Qe7
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7.d4 b5

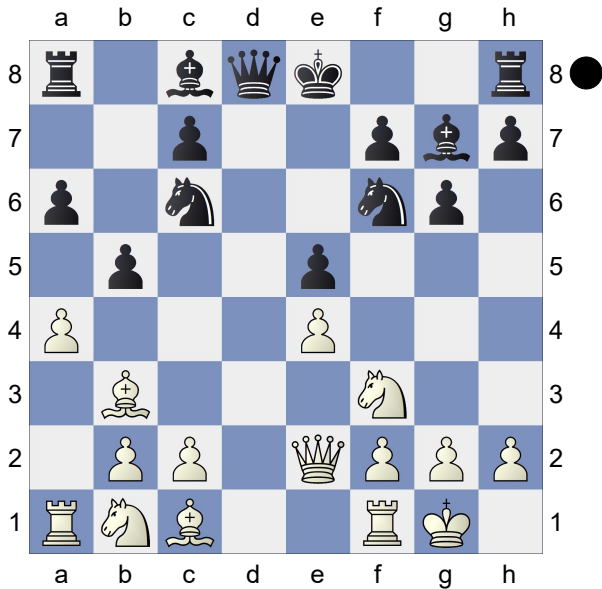


8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Bb3 Bg7 10.a4±

(Diagram)

Bg4N

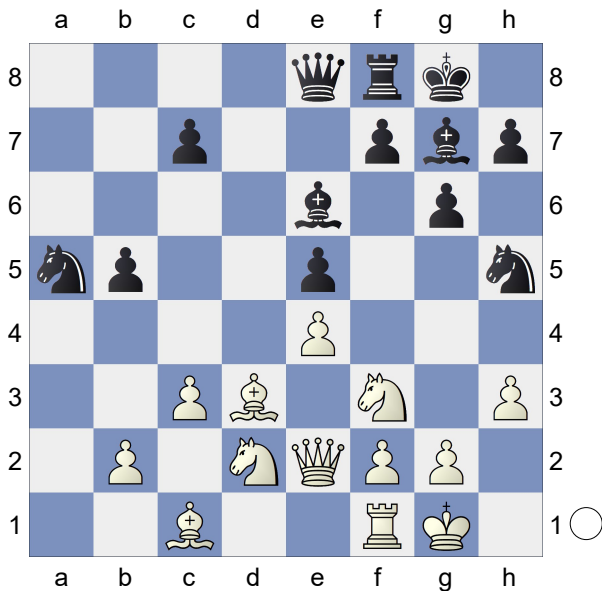
[10...b4? 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.Qc4+
Kf8 13.Qxc6 Bd7 14.Qc4 Qe7



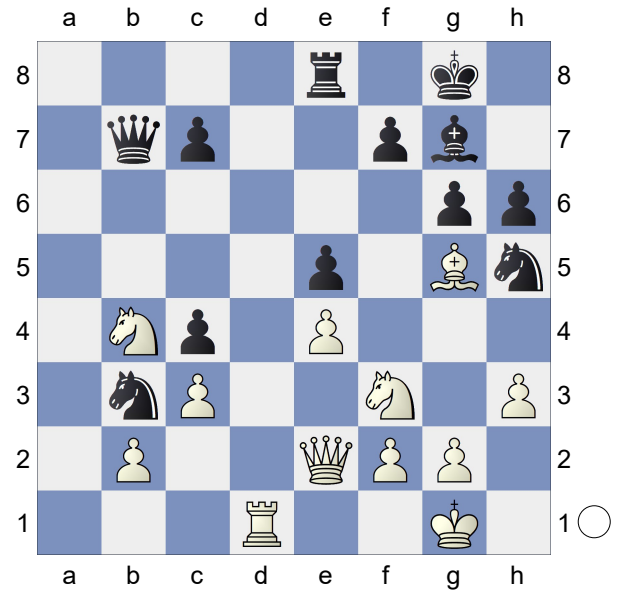
15.Be3 Be6 16.Qc6 1-0 (16) Tan,M (2319)-De Zwart,J (2118) Vlissingen 2008]

[Predecessor: 10...Rb8 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.Nc3 b4 14.Ba4 Bd7 15.Rxd7 Qxd7 16.Nxe5 Qd6 17.Nxc6 Ra8 18.e5 Qc5 19.exf6+ Kf8 20.fxg7+ Kxg7 21.Be3 Qf5 22.Bd4+ Kh6 23.Bxh8 1-0 (23) Osmak,I (2471)-Shvedova,A (2219) Chess.com INT 2024] [10...Bd7]

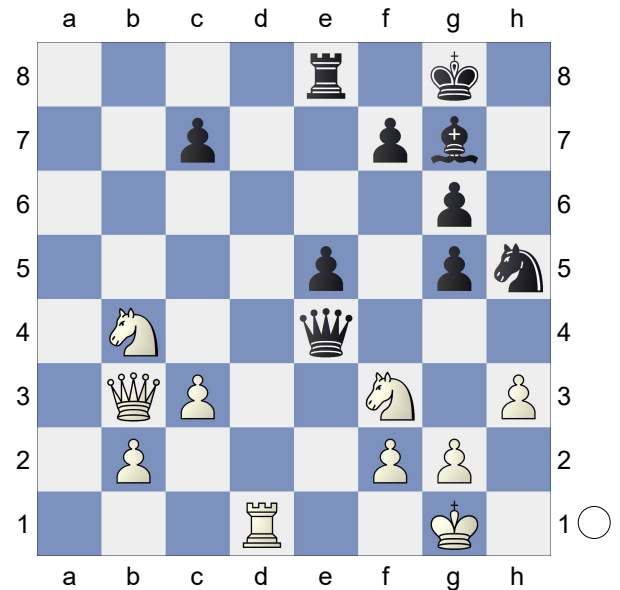
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18.Nb1 Bc4 19.Na3 Qc6 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Rd1 Re8 22.Nc2 Nb3 23.Bg5 h6 24.Nb4 Qb7



25.Qxc4 hxg5 26.Qxb3 Qxe4



27.Qxf7+ Kxf7 28.Nxg5+ Kg8 29.Nxe4 Nf6 30.Nxf6+ Bxf6 31.Rd7 Rd8 32.Nd5 Bg5 33.Ne7+ Bxe7 34.Rxe7 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Rd2 36.Rxe5 Rxf2 37.b4 Rf6 38.c4 Rb6 39.b5 Kf7 40.Rc5 Rb7 41.Rc6 1-0

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□ Agrawal, Varun

1997

■ Winslow, Elliott

2217

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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 d6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d4 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.e3 e5 8.Be2 Re8 9.0-0 e4 10.Nd2 c6 11.b4

I didn't think about it at the time, but it's now a King's Indian Attack a la Fischer-Miagmasuren and others, except that Black has played ...c6 (or c2-c3 in those games). It does give White a "loose thread" to pull on... 11...Nf8 12.Qb3 h5N White has an edge (says the "TA" AI).

[Predecessor: 12...Bf5 13.a4 h5 14.Rfe1 N8h7 15.b5 Qd7 16.Ba3 h4 17.Rab1 Rac8 18.a5 Ng5 19.Qa4 0-1 (31) Wojdak, J (2144)-Jedraszek, P (1933) Poland 2022]

13.d5 Bg4 14.Bxg4 hxg4 15.Rac1 N8h7 16.Ne2 Qd7

[16...cxd5= 17.cxd5 Ng5]

17.Rfd1

[17.dxc6± bxc6 18.Ng3]

17...c5 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.Qb5?!

An overreaction to Black getting an attack going.

[White should play 19.a4±]

19...b6 20.Qxd7

[20.a4]

[20.Qb3!?]

20...Nxd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7

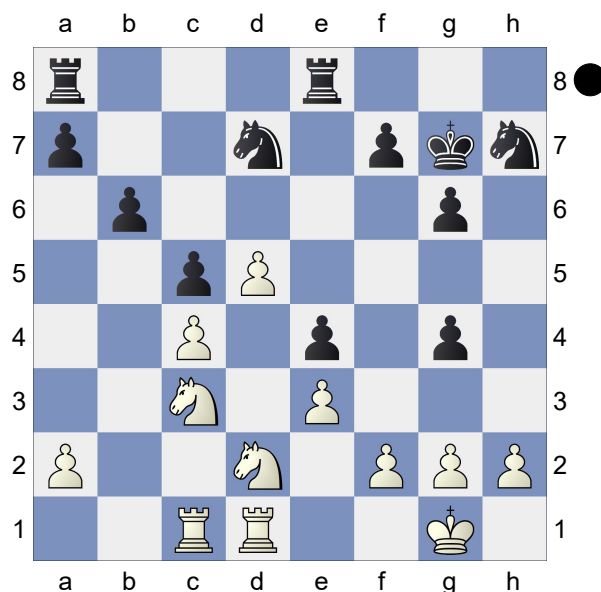
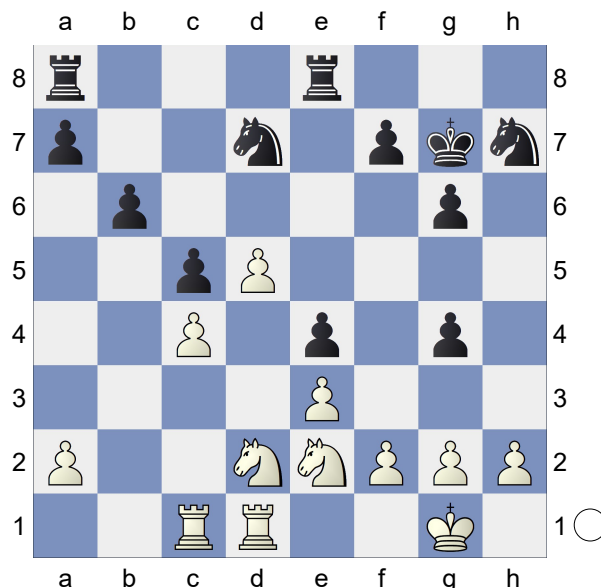
(Diagram)

22.Nc3

[22.a4= remains equal.]

(Diagram)

22...f5



[22...Ng5!±]

23.Nb5 Rec8 Inhibits Nc7. 24.Nb3

[24.a4±]

24...Nhf6 25.a4 a6 26.Na3 a5

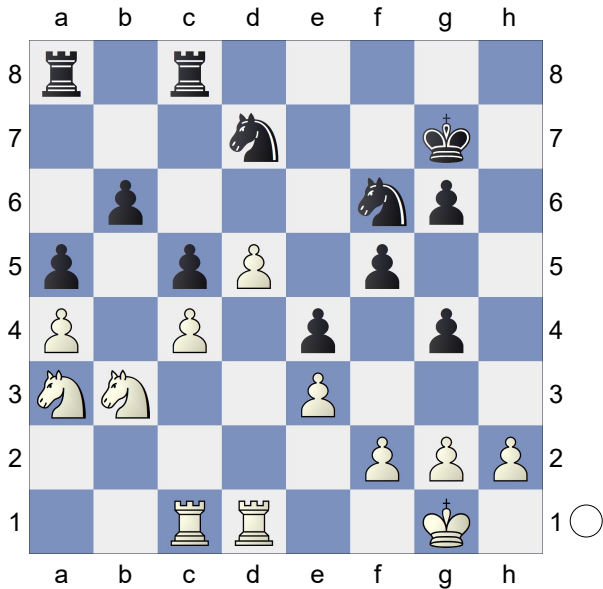
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27.Nb5 Ne8?!±

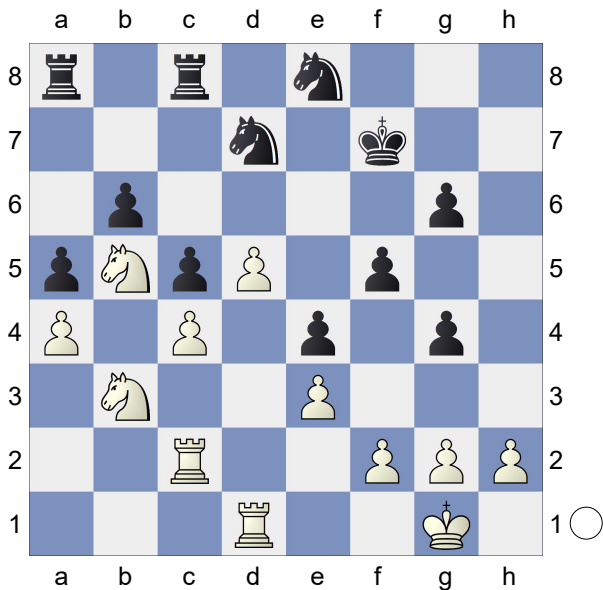
[27...Ne5!± Black wants to play ... Rh8. 28.Rc3 (28.d6 concerned me, but that's as far as it goes) 28...Nfd7 doubling on the h-file looms eventually]

28.Rc2?!

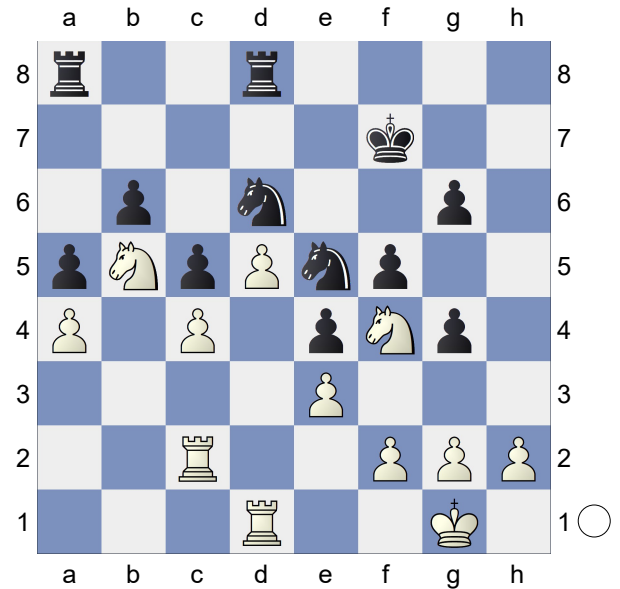
[28.Rf1= sees Black with a dwindling



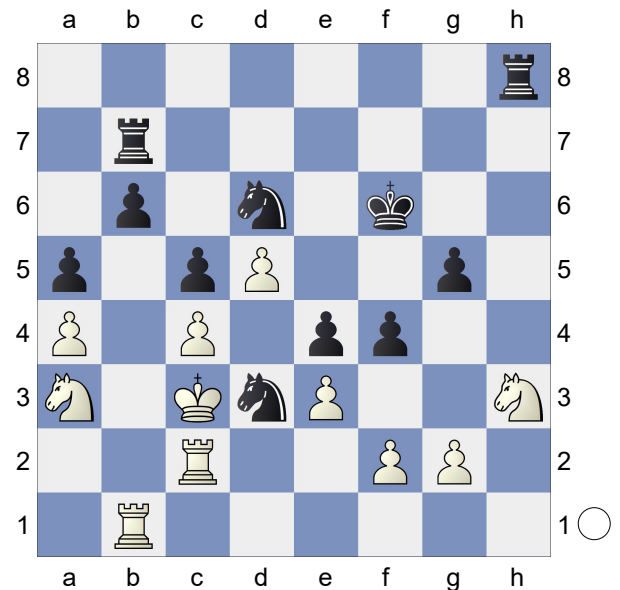
plus]
28...Kf7
 [28...Nef6 \bar{f} deserves consideration.]
 [28...Rab8!?! is SF18's top move, not bothered at all by 29.Na7 Rc7 30.Nc6 Ra8 \bar{f} That knight looks good, except then what?]



29.Nc1
 [29.f3= gxf3 (29...exf3 30.gxf3 gxf3 31.Nd2=) 30.gxf3 exf3 31.Nd2]
29...Rd8
 [Better is 29...Ne5 \bar{f}]
30.Ne2 \bar{f} Ne5 31.Nf4! Nd6
 (Diagram)

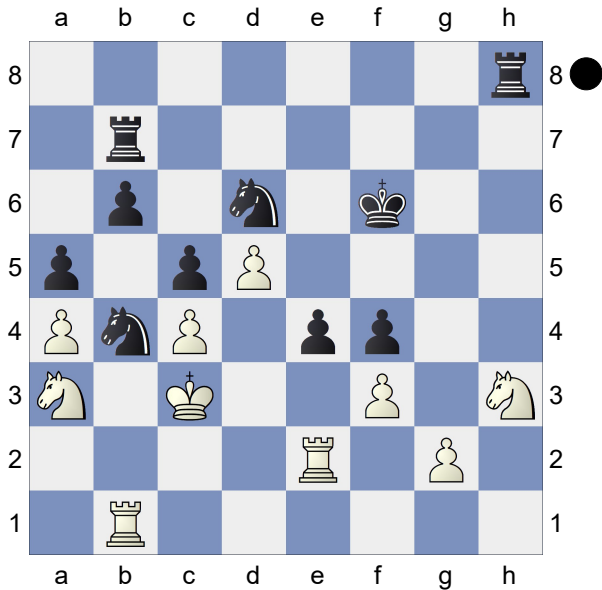


32.Na3? This costs White the game.
 [32.Nxd6+ \bar{f} /= Rxd6 33.Ne6 (33.Rf1)]
 [32.Ne6 Rd7 (32...Ndxc4!? 33.Nxd8+ Rxd8 34.d6 Ke6 35.d7 Rxd7 36.Rxd7 Kxd7=) 33.Nxd6+ Rxd6]
32...Rab8 33.Rb1 Rb7
 [33...Ke7-+ 34.Ne6 Rh8]
34.Kf1 Rh8 35.h3 Black has space advantage and is better
 [35.Kg1 keeps fighting.]
35...gxh3-+ 36.Nxh3 Kf6 37.Ke2 g5 38.Kd2 Nd3 39.Kc3 f4



40.exf4

[Δ40.Ng1 Rh2 41.f3]
40...gxf4 41.f3 Nb4 42.Re2

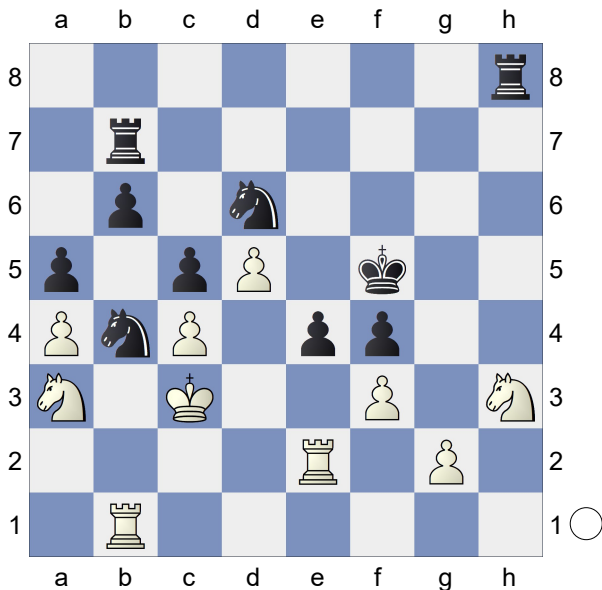


Kf5

[Δ42...exf3 43.Re6+ Kf5

A) 44.Rxd6 fxe3 (I didn't see how promising this was) 45.Ng1 f3!
 (45...Re7);

B) 44.Nxf4 Decoy 44...Kxf4
 45.g3+ Kf5 (45...Kxg3? 46.Rxd6 f2 47.Rg6+ Kh2 48.Nc2-+) 46.g4+
 (46.Rxd6? perishes. Re7-+)
 46...Kxg4 47.Rxd6 Re7 48.Rg6+ Kf5]



43.Rbe1?!

[43.fxe4+ Nxe4+ 44.Rxe4!? Kxe4
 45.Nb5 Rd7 46.Rf1 Rh4 (46...Ke5
 47.Nxf4 Rg7) 47.Ng1 Rh1]

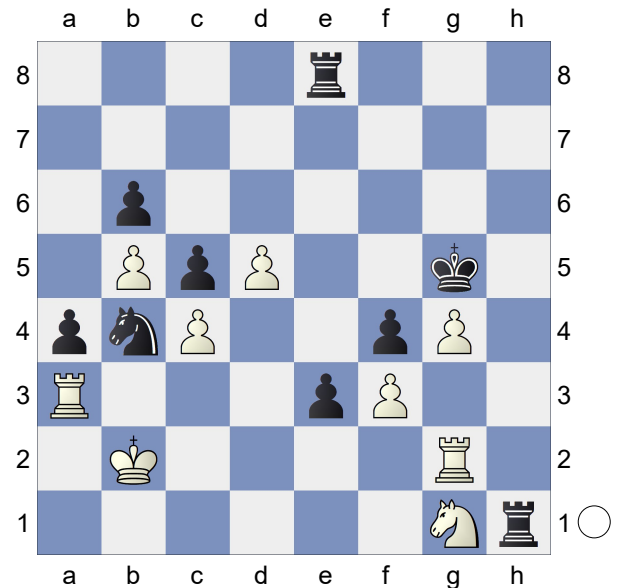
43...e3 44.Ng1 White is weak on the dark squares

[Δ44.Nc2 Re7 45.Nxe3+ Rxe3+
 (45...fxe3 46.Rxe3 Rxe3+
 47.Rxe3-+) 46.Rxe3 fxe3 47.Rxe3]

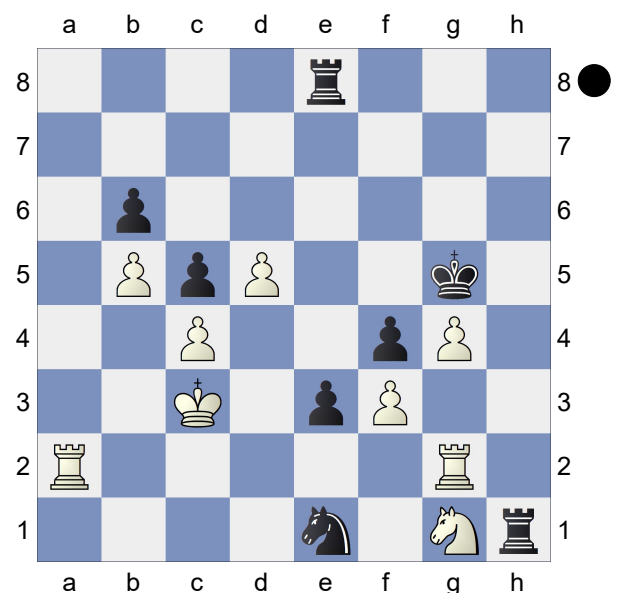
44...Rg7 45.g4+ Kg5-+ 46.Nb5?

[46.Nc2 Rf7 (46...Rh1? 47.Nxe3
 fxe3 48.Rxe3-+) 47.Na3]

46...Nxb5+ 47.axb5 a4 (-+ becomes ... well, -+)
48.Ra1 Ra7 49.Ra3 Rh1 50.Rg2 Ra8 51.Kb2 Re8



52.Rxa4 Nd3+ 53.Kc3 Ne1 54.Raa2



Rxg1!? I had to do something about the absence of Flash in this game.

[54...Nxg2 55.Rxg2 Ra8]

55.Rxg1 Nxf3 56.Rf1 Nd4 57.d6 e2

58.Rh1 f3 ...f2! is the strong threat.

59.d7 Rd8 60.Ra6 f2⊕ White lost on time.

"Superbly played by Winslow!" (made easier when your opponent is living on increment)

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□ **Cawthon,Jeremy David**

C47
2119

■ **Clemens,Kristian**

1943

3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.12) 09.06.26

[Clemens,Kristian/(Winslow,Elliott)]

On the Sunday morning before the game, I woke up before 4 AM to compete in the Escape From Alcatraz triathlon. Of course, it wasn't just the early hour that exhausted me - I was still feeling the effects of the lack of sleep and the physical effort two days later. For once in my life, I was hoping for a shorter game, and my opponent unknowingly obliged by playing quickly. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 Bg4 ew:** (to at least try to complicate an otherwise pretty staid opening!)

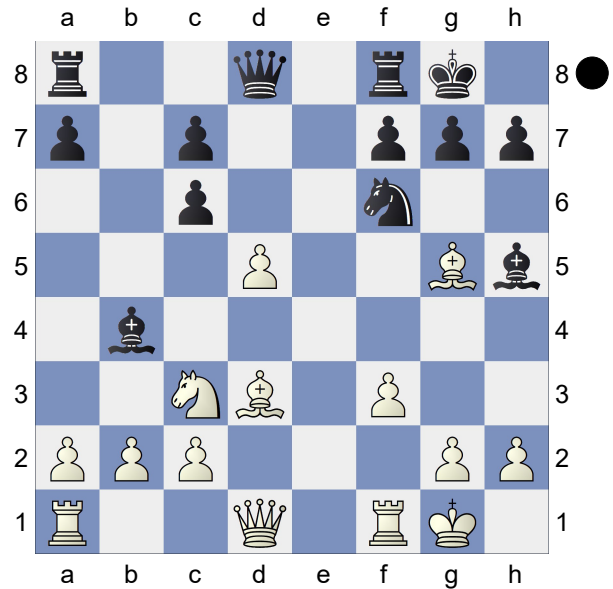
[9...cxd5 10.Bg5 (10.h3; 10.Qf3; 10.Na4)]

10.f3 Bh5 White: 1:33, Black: 1:30, and I spent 4 minutes on my next move.

11.Bg5

[ew: 11.dxc6 Qd4+ 12.Kh1 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc3= although superstars (Carlsen, Naka) have played both sides, with some success even]

(Diagram)



11...Bxc3 At this point I was out of prep and wanted to ensure that I survived the opening against such a strong player. (ew: a bit premature -- but what am I saying, it's all quite even.)

[ew: For example: 11...cxd5 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nxd5 Qxb2

A) (ks gives 14.Nxc7 Qc3??

(whereas 14...Rad8 is if anything advantage Black);

B) 14.Rb1 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 Qe5 16.Re1 Qd6 17.Ne7+ Kh8 18.Qe2 Rad8 19.Qe5 Bg6 20.Nxg6+ fxc6 21.Qxd6 cxd6 22.Rb7 Rb8 23.Rxb8 Rxb8 24.g3 Kg8 25.Re4 Rd8 26.Re7 Kf8 27.Rb7 Re8 28.Kg2 Bb6 29.Bb5 Re5 30.Rb8+ Kf7 31.Bc4+ d5 32.f4 Re8 33.Bxd5+ Kf8 34.Rxe8+ Kxe8 35.Kf3 h6 36.Ke4 Ke7 37.c4 Kd6 38.h4 Bf2 39.Kf3 Be1 40.Kg4 Kc5 41.Bg8 Liang,A (2719)-Aronian,L (2729) Saint Louis 2026 1/2-1/2]

[ew: 11...Qd6 is fine, too]

12.bxc3 cxd5 13.Re1

[ew 13.c4!?

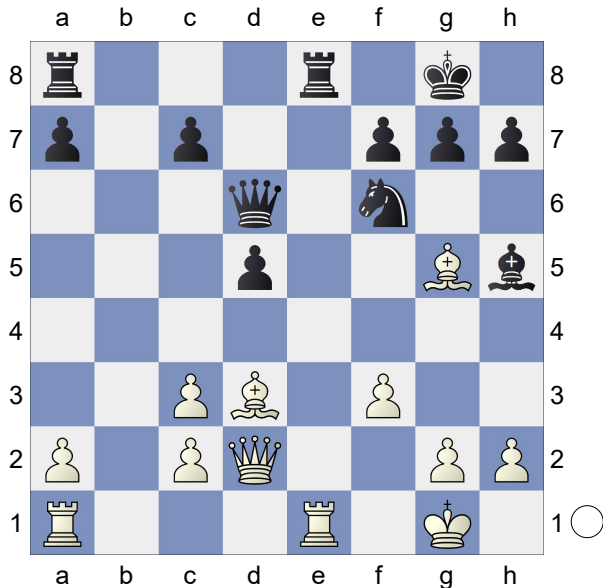
13...Qd6 Connecting rooks so that I don't have to take back with the queen after I play Re8

[13...Bg6]

[13...Re8]

[13...c6]

14.Qd2 Rfe8



15.Bf4N

[A game had gone 15.Rab1 Bg6
 16.Kh1 Nd7 17.Bb5 c6 18.Bd3 Nc5
 19.Re3 f6 20.Bf4 Qd7 21.Rbe1 Ne6
 22.Bg3 Nf8 23.Bf2 Rxe3 24.Bxe3
 Re8 25.h3 Qd6 26.Bxa7 Qa3
 27.Bxg6 Rxe1+ 28.Qxe1 hxg6
 29.Qe3 Qxa2 30.Bc5 Qxc2 31.Qe7
 Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.Kg1 Qc1+
 34.Kf2 Qd2+ 35.Kf1 Qd1+ 36.Kf2
 Qd2+ 37.Kg1 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Qf4+
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15...Qc5+ 1:19 White: 1:27

[15...Qc6 16.Be5 Bg6]

16.Be3 Qd6 ew: Is this the tacit draw offer? 17.Qf2

[17.Bb5 c6]

17...Bg6 The point of this line is that Black has a comfortable middlegame after he trades off the light-squared bishop. I spent about 6 minutes on this decision. Somewhere around here, I took a break to eat dinner.

[17...a6 18.Bc5 Qd7 19.Bd4 Qd6
 Maybe this was better, preserving the

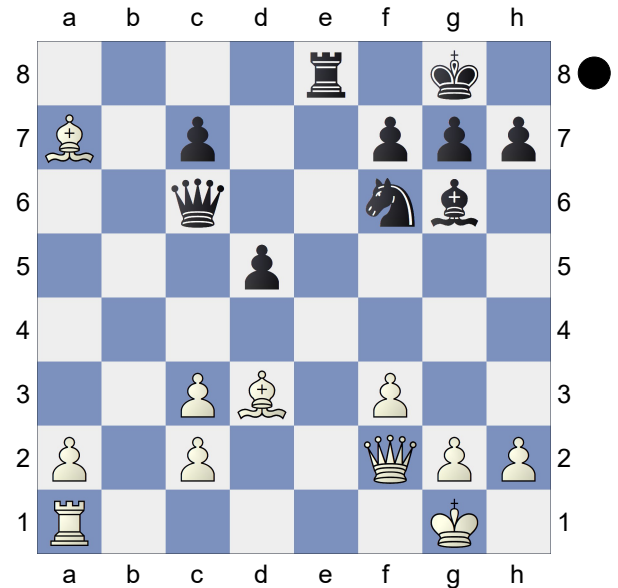
pawn structure as it is instead of the pawn trade that was played in the game. I wasn't sure if the pawn belonged on a6.]

18.Bc5 Qc6 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8

[19...Nxe8 20.Bxa7 Bxd3 21.cxd3
 Qxc3 22.Rd1 Nd6 23.Bd4 Qb4

If White had played d4 already, this would be a lot better, but here I don't really see the knight as doing a lot on d6.]

20.Bxa7

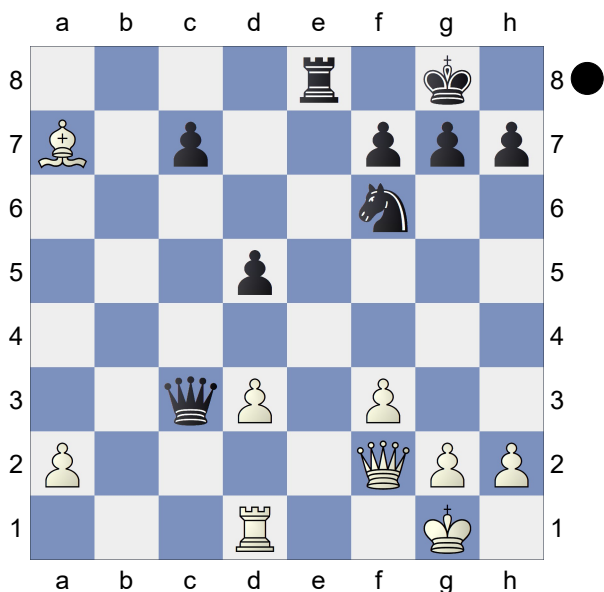


Bxd3 White: 1:24, Black: 1:03. White played significantly faster than I did at all stages of this game. I was prepared for the challenge of playing a stronger player, but I was not expecting this additional challenge.

[20...Qxc3 21.Bd4 Qc6 This seemed more comfortable for White than the text, because White's rook is safe on a1 behind the passed pawn, whereas in the game, he had to move it to a less useful square.]

21.cxd3 Qxc3 This is what I planned when I played Bg6. I evaluated this position as equal but potentially dangerous in the endgame, since knights don't defend well against rook pawns. **22.Rd1**

[22.Bd4 Qxd3 23.Bxf6 gxf6
 24.Qg3+ Kh8 25.Qxc7?? Qd4+]
 [22.Qf1= The engine suggests this
 more defensive line, but I assume
 White was playing for a win and
 wanted to keep some initiative.]



22...Nd7! This took about 8-10 minutes
 to find- the point is to control the c5
 square to get my pawns moving. I was
 hoping he would play d4, but didn't think
 that seemed likely. **23.Bd4?!** (ew)

[23.Qd2 Qxd2 24.Rxd2 c5
 25.Rb2=]

23...Qb4 The point of keeping the queen
 on b4 is that the Qf2 is tied to the
 defense of that bishop- it's hanging with
 check if the queen moves away. This
 also keeps an eye on the e1 square:
 White was still at 84 minutes, while I
 spent 9 minutes here and had 42.

[23...Qa5 24.Qg3]

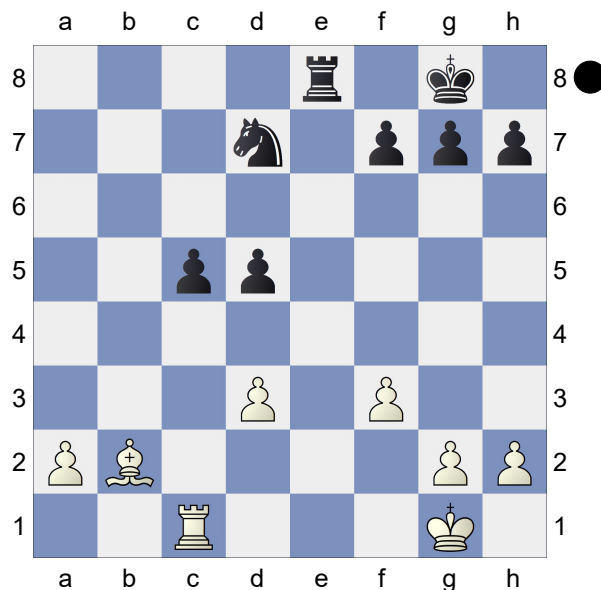
24.Rc1

[24.Qb2?? Re1+ 25.Rxe1 (25.Kf2
 Qxb2+ 26.Bxb2 Rxd1) 25...Qxe1#]

24...c5 I had to calculate carefully here,
 but when I made my move, White
 instantly put his bishop on c3, indicating
 that he had seen all the variations before
 I could work them out. **25.Bc3**

[25.Bxc5 Nxc5 26.Qxc5 Re1+
 27.Rxe1 (27.Kf2 Qd2+ 28.Kg3
 I calculated that I have at least
 perpetual check after Qg5+... and
 then I saw that Qxc1 covers c8 and
 wins the game.) 27...Qxc5+
 The point of this whole line is that this
 is check- if it weren't, Re8+ Qf8
 followed by trading on f8 would give
 White a winning pawn endgame.]

25...Qa3 26.Qb2 Qxb2 27.Bxb2



Re2?! A good positional idea, but the
 wrong concept here. I wanted to tie his
 pieces down, but I ended up having to
 retreat just two moves later. There is a
 famous game between Marshall and
 Capablanca where Capablanca used a
 rook on the 7th rank and a queenside
 majority to totally tie down White's forces.
 I wasn't blindly copying that game, but I
 should have grasped that the difference
 here is that White has a potentially
 dangerous passed pawn that my rook
 cannot stop from e2. I should have been
 thinking of Nimzovich instead: "The
 passed pawn is a criminal that should
 be kept under lock and key". (ew: The
 full quote continues "Mild measures,
 such as police surveillance, are not
 enough.")

[27...Ra8

**A) 28.a3?! Rb8+ 29.Rc2 d4
30.a4 Ra8 31.Bc1 (31.Ba3 Ra5)
31...Rxa4;**

B) 28.Ra1 Ra4 Black is totally fine here, with a blockade on a light square against the a-pawn and an easy plan with f6, Kf7-e6, Ne5 or even c4 or d4 (28...d4) (ew: 29.a3 f6~~7~~)]

28.Rb1 f6

[28...Rd2 29.a4 Rxd3 30.a5 Rb3
31.a6 c4 Actually, this doesn't look so bad 32.Bd4 Rxb1+ 33.Kf2 Nb6]

29.a4 I was calculating Ne5 and Rd2, but again, I decided to keep it simple.

[ew: 29.d4!? c4 (29...cxd4 30.Bxd4 Rxa2 31.Rb5 Rd2 32.Rxd5=) 30.a4 Kf7 31.a5 Re3 32.Bc1 Rb3 33.Rxb3 cxb3 34.Kf2 Ke6=]

29...Re6 30.a5 d4 I switched the move order here, preventing him from playing Bc3 in response to my planned Ra6.

This also generally cuts down on the activity of the bishop and king. Fixing the pawn on d3, where the bishop couldn't guard it, ended up being important in the later endgame. White: 81 min, Black: 29. White's fast play was taking a toll on my time management, but I thought I was doing fine on the board.

[30...Ra6 31.Bc3 Kf7 and I judged that I could get my king into the game to help with the blockade before his king could do anything. It was important to blockade the pawn with a piece on a light square, because the knight keeps him out of b6 and the rook can't be dislodged from a6.]

31.Ba3 Kf7 I spent 5 minutes here and was down to 20 minutes by move 35, when he had 79. **32.Rb5 Rc6 33.Kf2**

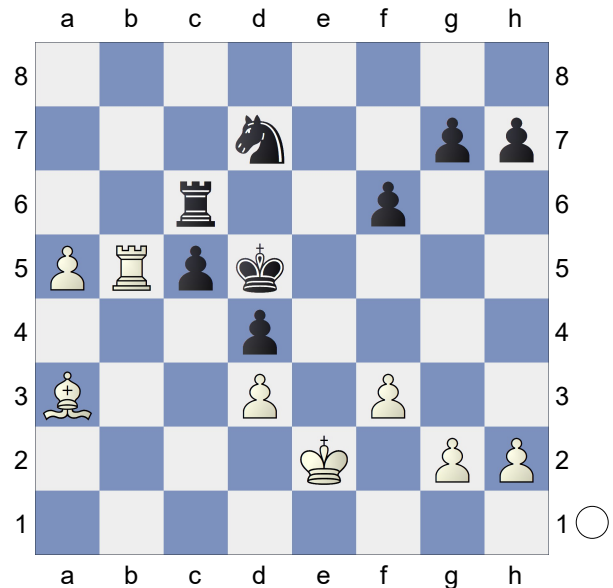
[ew: 33.a6 Rxa6 34.Bxc5 Ra4 35.f4 Nxc5 36.Rxc5 Ra3 37.f5 Rxd3

38.Rc7+=]

33...Ke6

[33...Ne5 I seriously considered this, ultimately discarding it in favor of simply activating my king. 34.Ke2 c4 35.dxc4 Nxc4 36.Bb4 Ke6 (36...Ne5 37.Rb7+) 37.Kd3]

34.Ke2 Kd5



Around here, I remember thinking that I couldn't be worse, since my rook is as good as his, my knight is no worse than his bishop, and my king is a lot more active than his. My only real worry is the a-pawn, which is a big worry if I can't maintain the blockade on a6. (ew: Black does have a little something now (more active king)) **35.Bc1**

[35.Rb7 Ke6=]

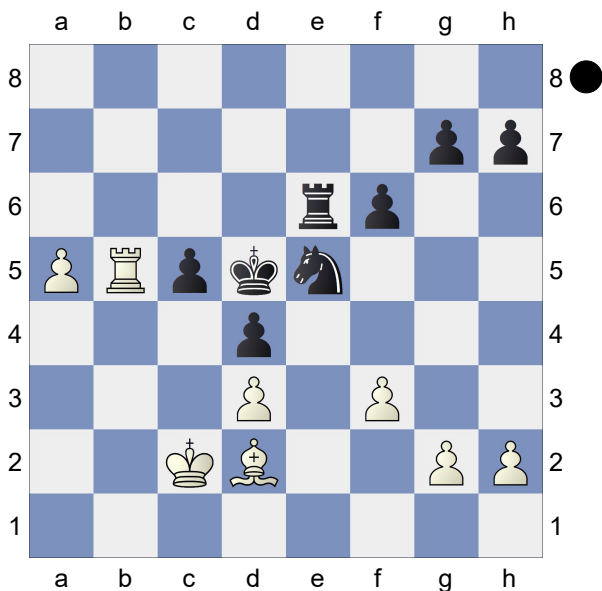
35...Ra6 White: 79 min, Black: 18. White essentially played on the increment from move 24 to the end of the game, and I was also consciously trying to speed up around here. **36.Bd2** I played Ra6 to force his bishop to d2, where it gets in the way and takes squares from his king, but I thought this was at best equal for me. **36...Re6+?!** (ew: that little something just went away)

[36...Kc6 37.Rb3 Ne5 and then c4 next- I should have given this more

thought]

[36...Ne5 37.Rb7 c4 (37...g6
38.Rxh7 c4 39.dxc4+ Nxc4 40.Rd7+
Kc5) 38.Rxg7]

37.Kd1= Ne5 This opens the seventh rank for his rook, and I'm not sure that is wise. I think Ra6 and Kc6 would have been better. I would have been totally fine with a draw in this position. **38.Kc2** White's clock pressure got to me here- I was trying to play faster, but didn't realize that I needed to slow down and carefully analyze his response to my planned move.



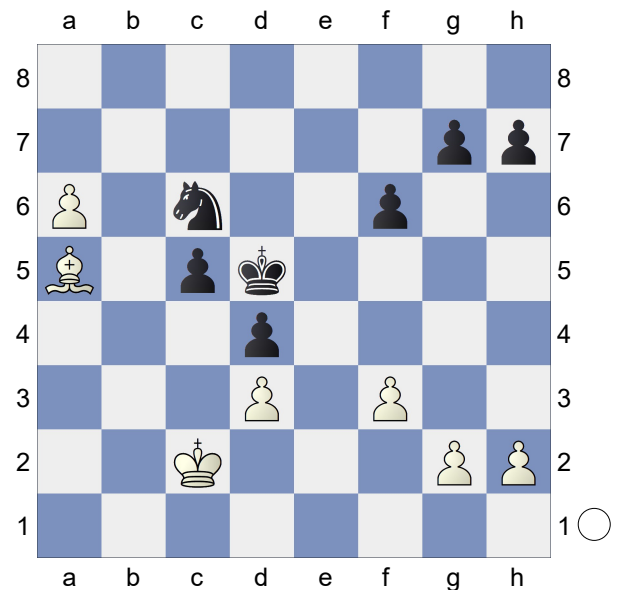
38...Kc6?? This illustrates why I had lost several games in a row at this tournament- when faced with several "plausible alternatives" (Rc6, Ra6, Nd7, c4), I overlooked a simple check that ruined my whole position. With 20 minutes on my clock, I was already feeling the beginnings of time pressure, but it was worth investing another minute or two to organize my thoughts and check my analysis again. **39.Rb6+** I remember White thinking for a minute or two here- one of his longest thinks of the game- and finding the winning move: **39...Kd5 40.Rxe6 Kxe6 41.a6+- Nc6 42.Ba5?!**

[42.Bf4 Nb4+]

[42.Kb3! Kd5 43.Bf4! Black has no defense against Bb8 (43.Ka4 c4 44.Kb5 cxd3 45.Kb6 The engine calls this equal- the point is that my king will get to c2 and win his bishop for my d3 pawn after I sacrifice my knight for his a3 pawn.) 43...Na7 44.Bb8 Nc8 (44...Nc6 45.a7) 45.a7 Nb6 46.Bc7 Na8 47.Ba5 (ew: and, as Yakov Yukhtman said 60 years ago, "king go bingo")]

42...Kd5!± Here I realized I wasn't quite losing yet- Kb3 is met by Nxa5+ and Nc6, Kb2 is met by c4, and Bb6 is met by Nb4+. So I think White should play Bc7 with the idea of Bb8.

[42...Nxa5 43.a7]
[42...Na7 43.Bb6]



43.Bb6?? I think I must have caught my opponent on a bad day- a player of White's caliber can usually see this in his sleep.

[43.Kb3 Nxa5+ 44.Ka4 Nc6 45.Kb5 Na7+ 46.Kb6 c4 47.dxc4+ Kxc4 48.Kxa7 d3 49.Kb7 d2 50.a7 d1Q 51.a8Q Qd5+ 52.Ka7 Qxa8+ 53.Kxa8 Kd3 0-1]
[43.Kb2 Na7 44.Kb3 Kc6 45.Kc4

Nb5 With a positional blockade- Black can play Nd6-b5 and hold.]

43...Nb4+ 44.Kd2 Nxa6+

With 19 minutes left on my clock, I got up to splash water on my face and mentally reset. I was very tired, but as usual, getting a reprieve from certain defeat gave me enough energy to finish the game. **45.g4** This seemed like a good start, trying to make something happen on the kingside and keeping his pawns on light squares. **45...g6** Removing another target from the light squares. I thought he could still try h4-h5 and maybe Bd8, but I thought I would be faster with c4. White: 80 min, Black: 15. We both mainly played on increment to the end of the game, when I had about 12 minutes and he had 82. **46.f4 f5 47.g5** I thought his last chance was to trade on f5 and swing his king around to attack my split pawns, although I would then just push my queenside majority. This position is one in which Black can maneuver forever- I thought White had no counterplay at all here.

[47.gxf5 gxf5 48.Ke2 Nb4 49.Ba5 Nc6 50.Bb6 c4]

47...Nb4 48.Ba5 Nc6 49.Bc7 Ne7 50.Kc2 Kc6 51.Be5 Nd5 52.Kb3 Kb5 53.Kc2 Ne3+ Going after White's h-pawn- I was actually trying to delay decisive action in the center and wanted to round up another pawn while I could. **54.Kb3 Ng4 55.h3 Nf2**

[55...Nxe5 I wasn't really in the mood to calculate, given that Black was already strategically winning. 56.fxe5 Kc6 57.Kc4 f4 58.e6 Kd6 59.e7 Kxe7 60.Kxc5 f3 61.Kxd4 f2]
[55...Ne3]

56.Kc2 Nxb3 57.Kd2 Nf2 58.Ke2 Ng4 59.Bg7 Ne3 Now I wanted my knight on e6 and king on d5 so that if his bishop landed on e5, I could play Nxb3. **60.Kd2**

Kc6 61.Ke1 Nd5 62.Be5 Nb4 63.Kd2 Kd5 64.Bg7 Nc6 65.Kc2 Nd8 66.Be5 Ne6 67.Bb8 c4 (ew: Were the last 20 or so moves necessary!?) **68.Be5 cxd3+**

[68...Nxb3 69.dxc4+]

69.Kxd3 Nc5+ 70.Ke2 Ke4 71.Kd2 Ne6 This was an interesting and pretty equal game for a while which should have been decided by my blunder with Kc6 but was instead decided by White's loss of the a-pawn in the endgame.

0-1

B33

□ **Walder,Michael**

1969

■ **Seshadri,Sudarshan**

2004

3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.13) 09.06.26
[Walder,Michael(TA)]

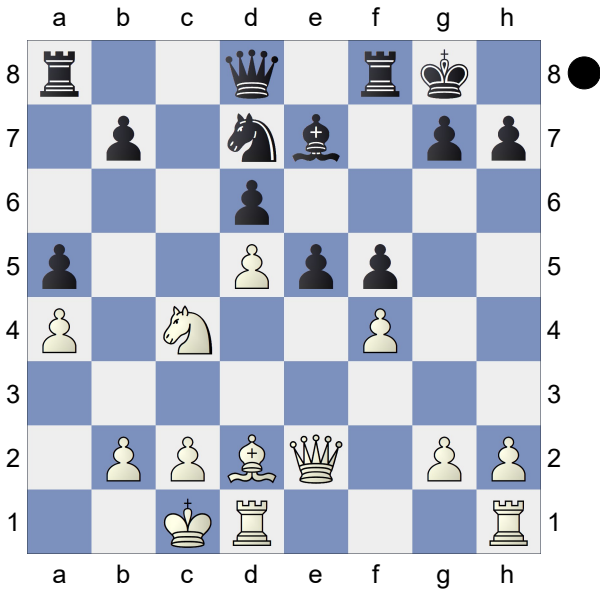
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.a4 Be7 10.Be2 0-0 11.Bd2

[**Relevant:** 11.0-0 Bf5 12.Be3 a6 13.Na3 Nd7 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.Nc4 b6 16.Rfc1 a5 17.b4 axb4 18.Qxb4 Rb8 19.Rab1 Nf6 20.Bxb6 Qc8 21.Ne3 Bg6 22.a5 Nd7 23.Nc4 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ne4 25.a6 Ra8 26.a7 Qd7 27.Be3 f5 28.f3 f4 29.Bb6 Nf6 30.Ra1 Nxd5 31.Bf2 Bf7 32.Rd1 Qc7 33.Bf1 Rfc8 34.Rxd5 Bxd5 35.Nb6 Bb7 36.Qb3+ d5 37.Nxa8 Bxa8 38.Ba6 Rf8 39.c4 Bc5 40.cxd5 Bxf2+ ½-½ Vachier Lagrave, M (2725)-Caruana,F (2750) Saint Louis Blitz 2025 (12)]

11...a6 12.Na3 a5 13.Bb5 White has an edge. **13...Nd7 14.Nc4 f5 15.Qe2 Nf6 16.0-0-0 Bd7! 17.Bxd7 Nxd7?!**

[**Better is** 17...Qxd7 18.Nb6 Qe8□ 19.Nxa8 Qxa4□ 20.Kb1 Rxa8 21.Rhe1±]

18.f4!



e4N

[Predecessor: 18...Qc7 19.Kb1 Bf6
20.Rhe1 b5 21.axb5 Rfc8 22.Na3
Nb6 23.Bc1 Na4 24.fxe5 Bxe5
25.Qf3 g6 26.Rxe5 dxe5 27.d6 Qf7
28.d7 Rd8 29.Bg5 e4 30.Qe3 Qe6
31.Bxd8 Rxd8 32.g4 Nb6 33.gxf5
1-0 Voicu Jagodzinsky,C (2217)-
Rieseler,C (2098) GER-chT Federal
Cup (Women) Braunfels 2025 (4.1)]

19.Be3 White has more active pieces.

19...Rc8 20.h3? -0.48/36

[20.Kb1!± 1.04/27]

20...Nc5!± 21.Bxc5 Rxc5 22.g4?

-3.55/20

[22.Na3± -0.75/31]

22...Qd7+ 23.b3 b5 24.Nxa5

[24.axb5 Qxb5 25.gxf5 a4 26.Qxe4
axb3+]

24...bxa4 25.b4 Rc7 -0.48/31

[Black should try 25...Rxa5+ -3.91/21
26.bxa5 Bf6]

26.Nc6± a3 -0.15/28

[26...Rxc6!± -0.91/24 27.dxc6 Qxc6]

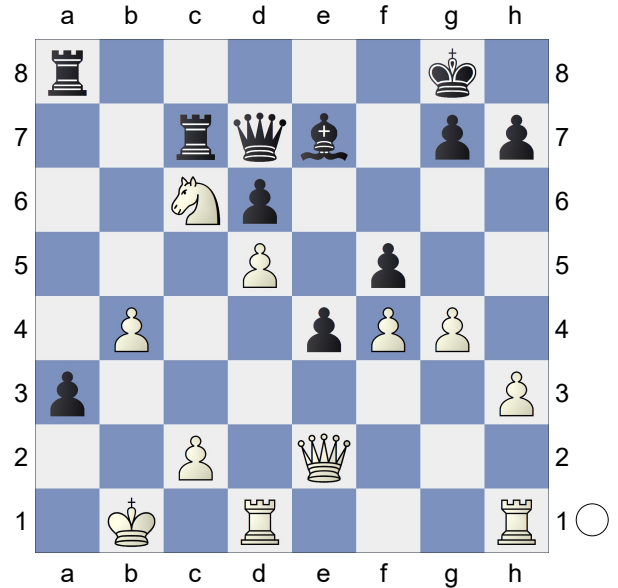
27.Kb1 -1.33/30

[27.g5! = -0.15/28 was the only way to
keep the balance.]

27...Ra8? 1.54/24

[27...a2+!± -1.33/30 and life is bright.

28.Kb2 h6]



28.Ka2!± Rxc6 2.68/23

[28...Bf6 1.63/30]

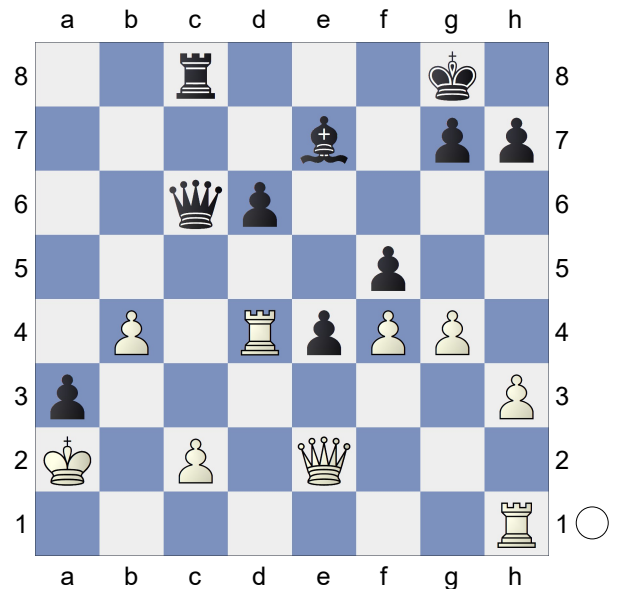
29.dxc6+- Qxc6 30.Rd4 0.98/24

[30.c4+- 2.11/22 and White stays
clearly on top.]

30...Rc8? 2.58/22

[30...d5± 0.98/24 was called for.

31.c4 Bxb4]



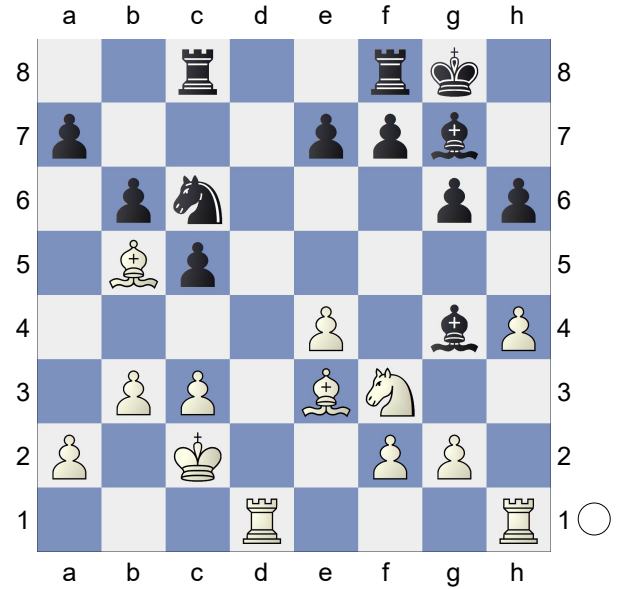
31.c4! d5 3.76/18

[Δ31...Qb6 2.47/23 32.Qd2 h6]

32.b5 Deflection

[32.gxf5 Qd6 33.b5 (33.Rxd5 Qxb4

34.Rb1 Qc3+-; 33.cxd5 Bf6+-)
 33...Qxf4 (33...Qb4? 34.Rb1+-)
 34.Rxd5 (34.cxd5 Qxf5 35.Rg1
 e3±) 34...e3+-]
 [32.Rxd5 fxc4 33.hxc4 Bxb4+-]
32...Qc7 33.Rxd5
 [33.gxf5 Qxf4 34.Rxd5 (34.cxd5
 Qxf5 35.Rg1 g6±) 34...e3+-]
33...fxg4 34.hxc4
 [34.Qxe4 Qxc4+ 35.Qxc4 Rxc4+-]
34...Qxc4+ 35.Qxc4 Rxc4
 Endgame KRR-KRB **36.Rh2 Prevents
 Rc2+ 36...Rb4 37.Rc2 Kf7? 5.96/24**
 [37...e3 3.40/25 38.g5 Kf7 39.Rf5+
 Ke6 40.Re5+ Kd7 41.Rxe3 Rxb5
 42.Rd2+ Ke8]
38.Rf5+ White is clearly winning.
38...Ke8 39.Re5 Kd7 40.Rd2+ Ke8
41.Re2 Kd7 42.R5xe4
1-0



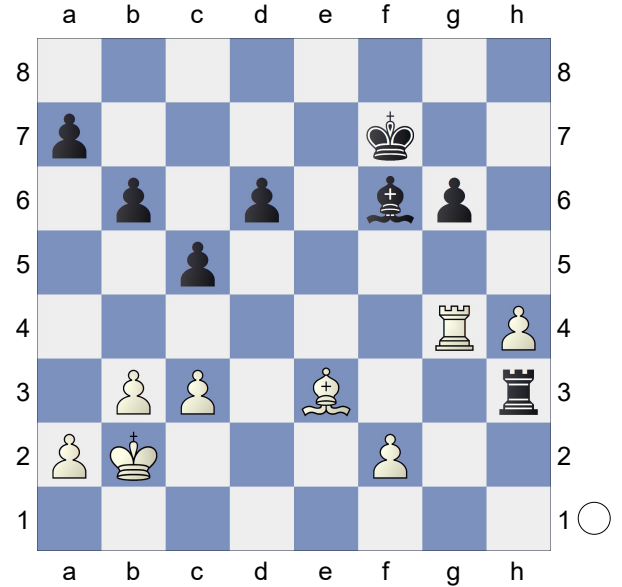
isn't safe!]
23.Rd5 Bxf3?
 [23...Be6! 24.Rd2 b5+-]
24.gxf3 Rd6 ♯ **25.Rxd6 exd6 26.Rd1**
Be5 27.Bxh6 Rxf3 28.Be3 Rh3
29.Rg1 Kf7 30.Rg4 Bf6

A16
 □ Dharmatti,Ritesh **1844**
 ■ Hasteer,Divija **1883**
 3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.14) 09.06.26
 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Qxd1+
7.Kxd1 Bg7 8.Bf4 c5 9.Kc2 0-0
10.Bc4 Nc6 11.h3 Na5 12.Be2 Be6
13.b3 h6 14.h4 Nc6 15.Be3 b6
16.Bb5 Rac8 17.Rad1 Bg4=

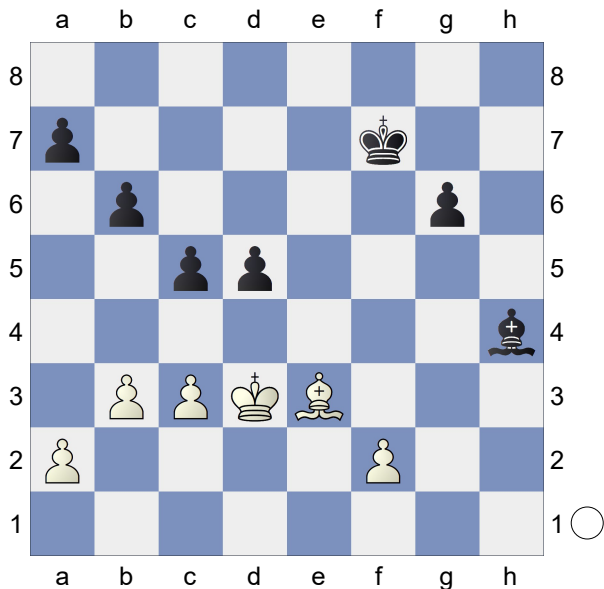
(Diagram)

18.Bxc6?! Rxc6 ♯ **19.Rd5?! Be6** ♯
20.Rdd1?!
 [20.Rd2 f5 21.Bf4 fxe4 22.Ne5 e3!
 23.Nxc6 exd2 24.Bg3 Bf6 ♯]
20...f5! 21.exf5?!
 [21.e5 f4 22.Bc1 Bf5+-+]
21...Bxf5+ 22.Kb2?! Bg4!?
 [22...b5! Even here the White king



The Two Bishops have been sold too
 cheaply. **31.Kc2! Rxh4 32.Rxh4 Bxh4**
33.Kd3 Good enough.
 [33.c4! Ke6 34.Kd3 d5 35.f3 Bf6
 36.cxd5+ Kxd5 37.a4 a6=]
33...d5

(Diagram)



34.b4??

[34.f3=]

34...Be7-+

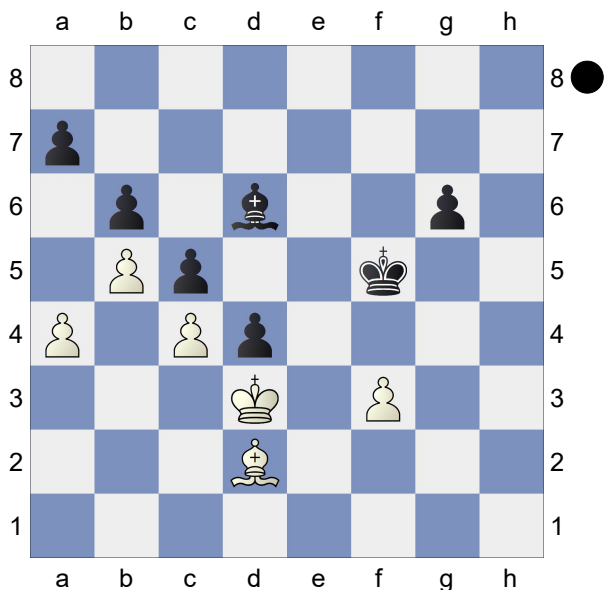
[34...c4+--]

35.b5 Bd6

[35...Ke6]

36.c4 Ke6 37.a4 d4 38.Bd2 Kf5

39.f3



Bf4 40.Be1 g5 It's not at all clear that Black can win, although the engines think this is a mistake. **41.a5= Bc7**

42.axb6??

[42.a6=]

42...Bxb6??=

[42...axb6-+ 43.Bd2 (43.Bf2 Kf4

44.Ke2 d3+ 45.Kxd3 Kxf3) 43...Bf4
44.Be1 g4 45.fxg4+ Kxg4
White's bishop runs out of squares!]
43.Bg3 g4 44.fxg4+ Kxg4 0.00
45.Bd6 Kf5 46.Bb8 Ke6 47.Ke4 Kd7
48.Bf4 Kc8 49.Kd3 Kb7 50.Bd6 a6
51.bxa6+ Kxa6 52.Bf8 Ka5 53.Bh6
Ka4 54.Bd2 Kb3 55.Bf4 Ba5 56.Bd6
Bb4 It's pretty obvious this is a dead
draw... **57.Be5 Bc3 58.Bd6 Kb4**
59.Be7 Be1 60.Bf6 Bf2 61.Be7 Be3
62.Bd6
1/2-1/2

B92

□ Powers, Christopher

1832

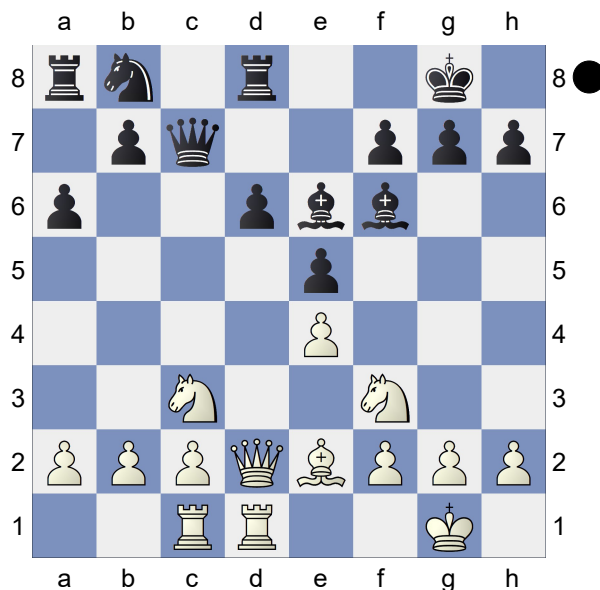
■ Kalonaris, Zeno

1883

3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.15) 09.06.26

[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nf3 Be7
8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6
11.Qd2 Qc7 12.Rfd1 Rd8 13.Rac1=



d5? 14.exd5+- e4 15.Nxe4 Bxb2
16.d6 Qc6 17.Rb1 Be5 18.Nfg5!
Bxa2?! 19.Qa5 b6 20.Qxe5 Bxb1
21.Qf5
1-0

E14 [15...Neg4]

☐ Pinge,Rajdeep

■ Melville,Cailen Jeremiah

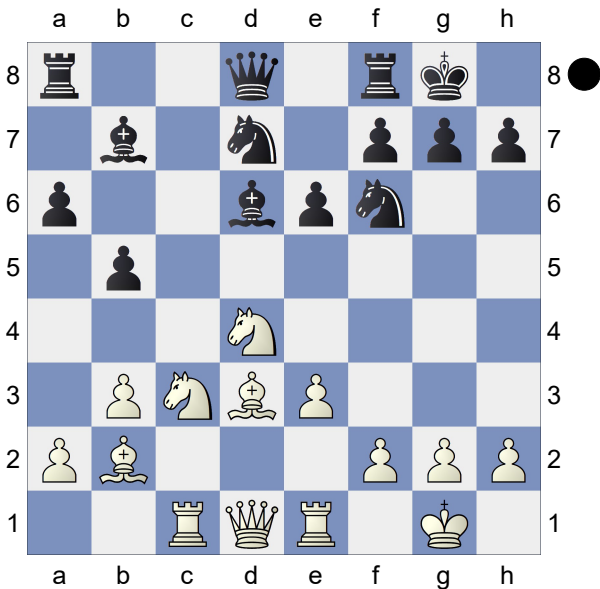
3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.16) 09.06.26

[Melville,Cailen Jeremiah]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 d5
5.Nc3 Bb7 6.Be2 Bd6 7.b3 0-0
8.Bb2 a6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Rc1 dxc4
11.Bxc4 b5

[Relevant: 11...c5 12.d5 exd5
13.Nxd5 b5 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Bxf6
Qxf6 16.Bd5 Bxd5 17.Qxd5 Rfd8
18.Qe4 g6 19.Rfd1 Bf8 20.h4 Qb2
21.Ne5 Qxa2 22.Rd7 Bg7 23.Qd5
Rf8 24.Nxf7 Qb2 25.Nh6+ Kh8
26.Qg8+ 1-0 (26) Esipenko,A (2677)-
Keymer,V (2721) Chess.com INT
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12.Bd3 c5 13.Re1 cxd4 14.Nxd4?!
[14.exd4 Nb6[⚭]]



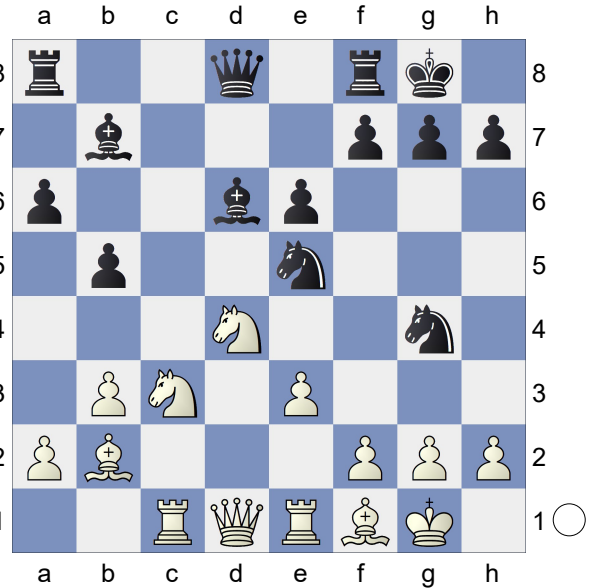
14...Ne5N

[Predecessor: 14...Rc8 15.Nf3 Bxf3
16.Qxf3 Ne5 0-1 (16) Casas Renteria,
E (1247)-Lonyuk,B (1196) IECC email
2017]

15.Bf1 Nfg4

[15...Rc8]

[15...Qe7]



16.f4??

[16.g3[⚭]]

16...Qh4 17.h3 Qf2+ 18.Kh1 Qg3!
19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.Qxg4 Qxg4 21.Rc2
Qh4+
0-1

D31

☐ Horowitz,Phineas F

1951

■ Ponnaluri,Naga Abhiram

1925

3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.17) 09.06.26

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3
dxc4 5.a4 Bb4 6.e3 b5 7.Be2

[7.Bd2! when the crazy and long fairly
forcing main line goes: a5 8.axb5

Bxc3 9.Bxc3 cxb5 10.b3 Bb7

11.bxc4 b4 12.Bb2 Nf6 13.Bd3 0-0

14.0-0 Nbd7 (14...Be4)]

7...a6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Qc2 Nf6 10.Rd1

0-0 11.e4 Qc7?!

[11...h6[⚭]]

12.e5± Nd5 13.Ng5 g6 14.Qe4

[14.Bf3 Re8!=]

14...Kg7?!

[14...h6! 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Qxg6+

Qg7 17.Qxe6+ Kh7 18.Nxd5 cxd5
 19.axb5 Bc8 20.Qb6 Bh3 21.g3
 (21.Bf1? Bg4 $\bar{7}$) 21...a5]

15.Qh4 h5?

[15...Rh8! \pm]

16.Nge4?!

[16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.Bxh5]

[16.Bxh5 Rh8 17.Nxd5 exd5

18.Ne6+ fxe6 19.Qf6+-]

16...Be7 \pm 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Nf6?! \pm

[18.Bg5! Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Qe7

20.axb5 \pm axb5 21.Rxa8 Bxa8

22.g4 \pm]

18...Rh8 19.axb5 axb5?!

[19...Nd7]

[19...Qd8]

20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Bg5 \pm Kf8?

[21...Bc6 22.Ra1 b4 23.Qg3 Nd7

24.Nxh5+ Kf8 25.Bxe7+ Kxe7 \pm]

22.Qf4! Bxf6 23.Qxf6 Rg8 24.Ra1

Bb7 25.Ra3?= \pm

[25.Bf3+-]

25...Nc6! 26.Qf4 b4 $\bar{7}$ 27.Rg3?! Ke8 $\bar{7}$

28.b3 Ba6

[28...c3 $\bar{7}$]

29.Bf6?

[29.h4! \pm]

29...Qa5!-+ 30.h4 Qa1+ 31.Kh2 c3

32.Bxa6 c2?!

[32...Qxa6+-]

33.Bg5 Qxa6 34.Rf3 Qa7 35.Rd3??

[35.Qd2= Nxd4 36.Rf4 Nf5

37.Qxc2=]

35...Qc7??

[35...Qa1 36.Qd2 (36.Qc1 Qxc1

37.Bxc1 Kd7) 36...Qb1-+]

36.Qd2?

[36.Qc1= f6 37.Bxf6 Rf8]

36...Nd8??

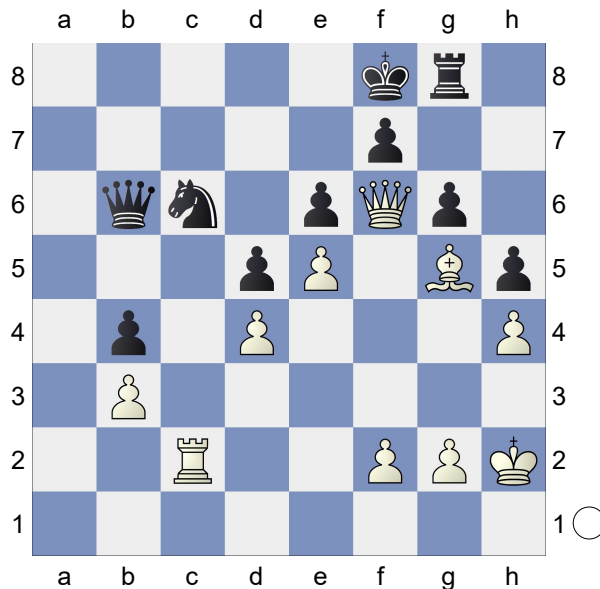
[36...f6! 37.Bxf6 Nxd4 38.Bg5 Nf5

39.Qxb4 d4-+]

37.Qc1!+- Kd7 38.Rd2! Nc6 39.Rxc2

Qb6 40.Qf4! Ke8 41.Qf6 Kf8

(Diagram)



42.Rxc6 Qxc6 43.Qe7+ Kg7 44.Bf6+ Kh6 45.Qxf7 Qc1 46.Bg5+ Qxg5 47.hxg5+ Kxg5 48.Qxg8 Kh4 49.Qf7 Kg5 50.Qf6+ Kg4 51.f3# 1-0

D35

□ Dees, Calvin

1806

■ Mercado, Adam

1939

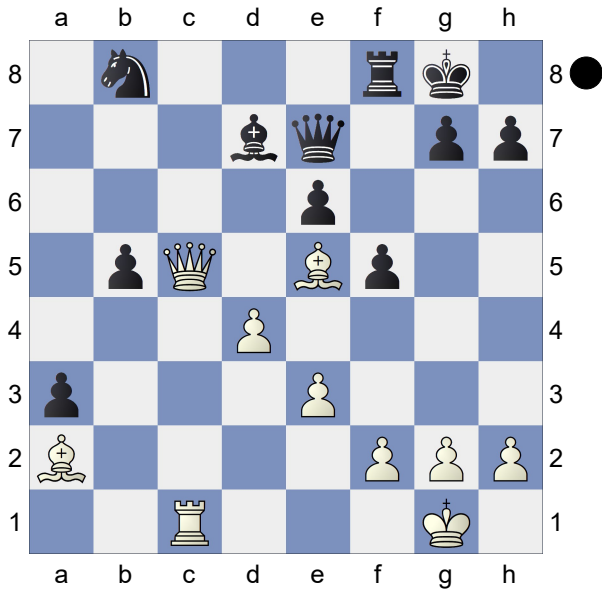
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.c4 e6
 5.Nc3 Bd7 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Rc1 0-0
 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 10.Bg3 b5
 11.Bd3 f5 12.a3 a5 13.Ne5 Nxc3
 14.Qxc3 b4 15.Qb3 a4 16.Qc4 bxa3
 17.bxa3 Bxa3 18.Ra1 Qe7 19.0-0 Bb4
 20.Rfc1 a3 21.Bb1 Bd6 22.Ba2 Bxe5
 23.Bxe5 Ra5 24.Rab1 Rb5 25.Rxb5
 cxb5 26.Qc5

(Diagram)

Rc8 27.Qxc8+ Bxc8 28.Rxc8+ Kf7
 29.Rxb8 Qb4 30.Rb7+ Ke8 31.g3 Qb2
 32.Rb8+ Kd7 33.Rb7+ Ke8 34.Rb8+ Kf7
 35.Rb7+ Kg6 36.Rxg7+ Kh6
 37.Rg8 Qxa2 38.Bf4+ Kh5 39.Rg5+



Kh6 40.Rg8+
1/2-1/2

E94
 □ **Perlov, Daniel Robert** 1847
 ■ **Gray, William** 1923
 3rd Silman TNM: 2000+ (6.19) 09.06.26
[Winslow, Elliott]

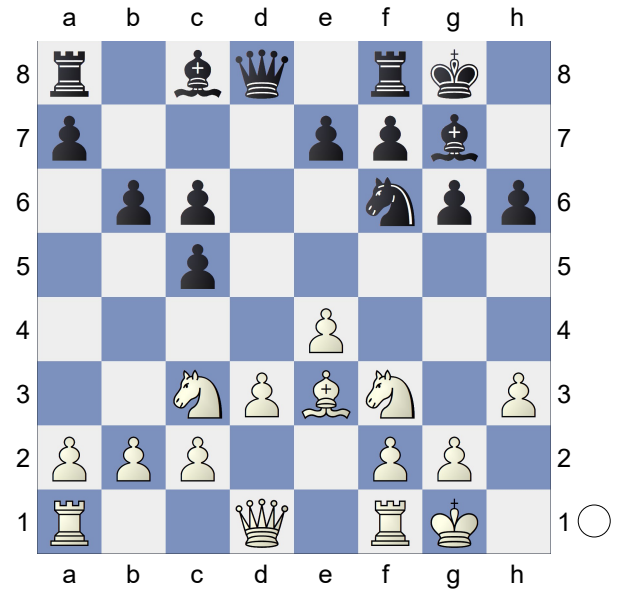
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 0-1

B31
 □ **Zhao, Isaac Dan** 1947
 ■ **Sevall, Daniel** 1798
 3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.5) 9.6.26

1.e4 c5 6 2.Nf3 1:03 Nc6 7 3.Bb5 14
 g6 19 4.0-0 16 Bg7 10 5.Bxc6 27
 dxc6 12 6.h3 17 Nf6 16 7.d3 1:00 0-0
 12 8.Nc3 3:04 b6 40 9.Be3 8:03 h6
 1:21

(Diagram)

10.Qe2N 3:26



[10.a4 a5 11.Re1 Kh7 12.d4 cxd4
 13.Qxd4 Nd5 14.e5 Nb4 15.Qxd8
 Rxd8 16.Bxb6 Rd7 17.Rac1 Rb7
 18.Bc5 Bf5 19.Nd4 Bxc2 20.Nxc2
 Nd3 21.Ba3 Nxc1 22.Rxc1 Bxe5
 23.Ne3 Bd6 24.Nc4 Bxa3 25.bxa3
 Rb3 26.Ne4 Rab8 27.Rc2 Rb1+
 28.Kh2 Ra1 29.Nc5 Rbb1 30.Nxa5
 h5 31.h4 Rh1+ 32.Kg3 Rxa3+ 33.f3
 g5 34.hxg5 h4+ 35.Kf4 Rh2 36.Nc4
 Ra1 37.Ne3 h3 38.Kg3 hxg2
 39.Nxg2 Rhh1 Stankovic, M (2453)-
 Kamer, K (2419) Tekirdag 2019 1-0
 (69)]

10...Qc7 59 11.Nd2 4:39 Nh5 2:39
 12.Qe1 11:31 e5 28 13.Ne2 24 Nf4
 1:07 14.Kh2 8:50 Be6 1:02 15.Ng1
 4:04 Qd7 1:48 16.f3 34 Rad8 1:03
 17.Rf2 32 Qc8 1:37 18.Qf1 2:21 Qc7
 1:58 19.g3 4:18 Nh5 20 20.Ne2 9:30
 Kh7 1:27 21.Re1 10:50 f5 4:00 22.exf5
 1:52 gxf5 15 23.f4 55 Rde8 1:08
 24.Nf3 9:30 e4 5:43 25.dxe4 1:58 fxe4
 10 26.Nh4 1:25 Bxb2 2:54 27.g4 3:02
 Ng7 2:03 28.Ng3 27 Bf6 5:40 29.Ng2
 2:12 Bc3 6:32 30.f5 34 Bxa2 3:25
 31.Bf4 1:08 Qf7 7:59 32.Rxe4 19 Bd5
 39 33.Rxe8 30 Rxe8 23 34.Qd3 57
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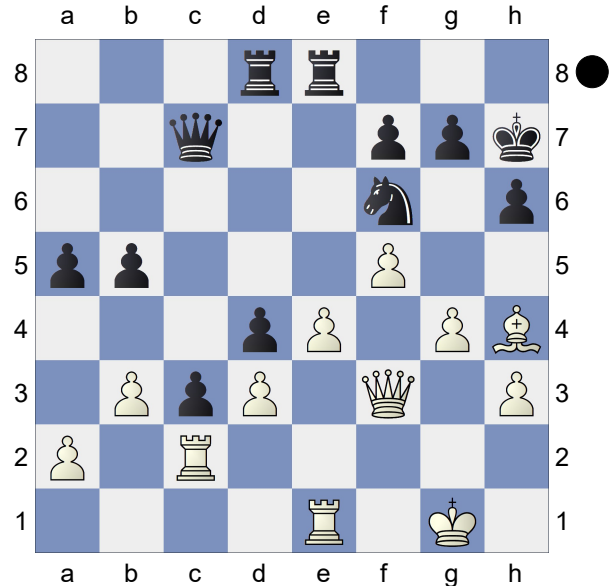
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 42.g6+ 33 Kg8 35 43.Qxd5+ 22 cxd5
 18 44.Bg5 5 Be5 3:06 45.f6 25 Bxg3
 2:22 46.Kxg3 4 Ne6 1:50 47.f7+ 43
 Kg7 33 48.Be7 1:34 Rg1+ 2:27 49.Kh2
 17 Rxg6 25 50.f8Q+ 16 Nxf8 8
 51.Bxf8+ 5 Kg8 11 52.Bb4 22 Ra6
 1:40 53.c3 17 Ra4 54 54.Rd2 1:44 a5
 20 55.Bc5 57 b4 14 56.cxb4 2 axb4 3
 57.Bxb4 56 Rxb4 26 58.Rxd5 2 Kf7 9
 59.Kg2 52 Ke6 10 60.Rd8 1:24 Ke5
 1:58 61.Kf2 2 Rb5 3:25 62.Ke2 43
 Rd5 31 63.Rxd5+ 29 Kxd5 9 64.Kd2 2
 Kd4 3 65.Kc2 1 c3 5 66.Kc1 5 Kc4 24
 67.Kc2 2 Kb4 3 68.Kc1 2 Kb3 3
 69.Kb1 2 Ka3 42 70.Kc2 2 Kb4 1
 71.Kc1 2 Kc5 5 72.Kc2 2 Kc4 2
 73.Kc1 2 Kd5 48 74.Kc2 2 Kd4 12
 75.Kc1 Kd3 7 76.Kd1 1 c2+ 10
 77.Kc1 Kc3 5
 1/2-1/2

□ Peterson, Jared E **D00**
 1801
 ■ Babayan, Gagik **1691**
 3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.20) 9.6.26
 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5
 5.f3 h5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6
 8.Nge2 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.e4 Nb6
 11.exd5 Nbx d5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Bd2
 Be7 14.Kb1 a5 15.Rhe1 0-0 16.Nf4
 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Bf6 18.Qe4 Qd5 19.Qe2
 Rfd8 20.Be5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Qc5 22.f4
 g6 23.Rd2 Rd5 24.Rxd5 cxd5 25.Qe3
 d4 26.Qd3 b4 27.Rd1 Rd8 28.Rd2 a4
 29.a3 bxa3 30.Qxa3 Qa5 31.Rd1 Qb5
 32.Qd3 Qb6 (...0-1, 56)
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□ Pickering, Carl Anthony **C50**
 1783
 ■ Ploquin, Phil **1647**
 3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.21) 9.6.26
 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 Nf6 2.Bc4 e5 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.d3
 h6 5.Qe2 Nc6 6.Nf3 d6 7.h3 0-0
 8.0-0 Be6 9.Bb3 Re8 10.Na4 Nd4
 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Nxc5
 dxc5 14.f4 Qd7 15.Bd2 b5 16.Qf3
 Rae8 17.Qg3 Kh7 18.b3 c4 19.f5 Ra6
 20.Rfb1 cxd3 21.cxd3 c5 22.Rc1 Rc6
 23.Rc2 c4 24.Rac1 c3 25.Be1 Qc7
 26.Qf3 a5 27.Bg3 Qd7 28.Bf2 Rcc8
 29.Re1 Rcd8 30.Bh4 Qc7 31.g4



Nd7! 32.Bxd8 Qxd8 33.Kg2 Ne5
 34.Qg3 Nc6 35.h4 Nb4 36.Rf2 Qb8
 37.Qf3 Qd8 38.a3 Nc6 39.g5 Ne5
 40.Qg3 h5 41.g6+ fxg6 42.fxg6+ Nxg6
 43.Rh1 Rf8 44.Rxf8 Qxf8 45.Rf1 Qxa3
 46.Qg5 Qd6 47.Qxh5+ Kg8 48.Qd5+
 Qxd5 49.exd5 Ne5 50.d6 b4 51.Re1
 Nc6 52.Re8+ Kf7 53.Rc8 Ne5 54.Kg3
 Ke6 55.Kf4 Nxd3+ 56.Ke4 Nc1
 57.Kxd4 Nxb3+ 58.Kc4 Nd2+ 59.Kb5
 b3 60.Rxc3 b2 61.Re3+ Kxd6
 62.Rd3+ Ke6 63.Rxd2 b1Q+ 64.Ka4
 Qb4#
0-1

Dutter, Frederic **C65**
1900
 Stults, Sawyer **1559**
3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.22) 9.6.26

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0
Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 Bg4 7.d4 exd4
8.cxd4 Bxf3 9.gxf3 Bb4 10.Qa4 Qd7
11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxb4 g5 13.Qc3
0-0-0 14.d5 Nh5 15.dxc6 Qh3 16.Qb3
Rde8 17.Qb7+ Kd8 18.Bxg5+ f6
19.Qb8+ Ke7 20.Qxc7+ Kf8 21.Bh6+
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Gutta, Anirudh **B32**
1631
 Ramirez, Nazaret **1782**
3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.23) 9.6.26

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 a6 7.N5c3 Nf6
8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Qb6 10.Be2 0-0
11.0-0 Be6 12.a3 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4
14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bf5 16.Bd3
Bxd3 17.Qxd3 a5 18.Rd1 Bf6 19.b3
Rfe8 20.Bb2 a4 21.b4 Re7 22.Bxd4
Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Re1+ 24.Rxe1 Qxd4
25.Rad1 Qxc4 26.h3 h6 27.Re3 f5
28.Rf3 g6 29.Re3 Kf7 30.Red3 Re8
31.Rd4 Qa2 32.R4d3 Re2 33.Rf1 Qc4
34.Rfd1 Ra2 35.Rf3 Qc2 36.Rdd3
Ra1+ 37.Kh2 h5 38.Rc3 Qe4 39.Rcd3
h4 40.Rfe3 Qf4+ 41.Rg3 Qxf2 42.Rd1
Rxd1 43.Rf3 Qg1#
0-1

Tam, Hoa Long **B70**
1700
 Schaezlein, Charlie **1571**
3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.24) 9.6.26
[Schaezlein, Charlie]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0
8.Re1 Nc6 9.Nb3 Be6 10.Bf1 Rc8
11.Bg5 a6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne5
14.c3 Nc4 15.Rb1 Re8 16.Nd2 Nb6
17.c4 Nfd7
[17...Nbd7 18.b3 Nf8 19.Qe2 Rc7
20.Ne4 h6 21.Bh4]
18.b3
[18.Ne4 h6 19.Bh4 f5]
18...Nf8 19.Qe2 Rc7 20.Ne4 h6
[20...f5]
21.Bh4 f5 22.Ng3 Qd7 23.f4 Bd4+
24.Kh1 Nh7 25.Qd3 Bf6 26.Bxf6
Nxf6 27.Re6 Kf7 28.Rbe1 Nc8
29.Be2
[29.Nxf5 gxf5]
29...Na7
[29...Nh7 30.Nxf5 b5 31.Nxh6+ Kg7
32.Qxg6+]
30.Nxf5 b5 31.Nxh6+ Kg7 32.Nf5+
Kf7 33.Nd4 bxc4 34.bxc4 Nc8
35.Bg4 Qa4 36.Qe2 Rxc4 37.Nc6
Nxd5 38.Rxd6
[38.Rxe7+ Ncxe7]
38...Nxd6 39.Be6+ Kf8
[39...Kg7]
40.Qe5 Nf6 41.Bxc4 Qxc6 42.Bd3
Nf7 43.Qe2 Nd5 44.Bxa6 Nxf4
45.Qf1 Rd8 46.Bb5 Qf6 47.Bc4 Rd2
48.g3 Nh5 49.Qxf6
[49.a3 Nxg3+ 50.hxg3 Qh8+
51.Kg1 Qh2#]
49...exf6 50.a4 Ne5 51.Bb5 Nf3
52.Re8+ Kg7 53.Be2 Ne5 54.Bxh5
gxh5 55.Kg1 Ra2 56.Ra8 Nc4 57.h3
[57.a5]
57...Nb6 58.Ra7+
[58.Rb8]

58...Kg6 59.a5 Nd5 60.a6 Nb4
61.Rb7 Nxa6 62.Ra7 Nb4 63.Rb7
Nc6

[63...Nd5]

64.g4 hxg4 65.hxg4 Ne5 66.Rb4 Kg5
67.Rb5 Kxg4 68.Rb4+ Kg5 69.Rb5
Rc2 70.Ra5 Kf4 71.Ra3 f5 72.Kf1
Ke4 73.Rb3 f4 74.Ra3 Nd3 75.Ra8
Kf3 76.Kg1 Ne5 77.Ra3+ Kg4 78.Kf1
Nc4 79.Ra8 Ne3+ 80.Ke1 Kg3
81.Rg8+ Ng4 82.Kf1 f3
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Rao, Neeraj

1577

Casares, Nick

1600

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.25) 9.6.26
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6
5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.0-0 Nb6 8.Bb3
Be7 9.Re1 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3
0-0 12.Bc2 Bg5 13.Nd2 f5 14.Nf1
Bxc1 15.Raxc1 Kh8 16.Ng3 g6 17.b4
Nd7 18.b5 Na5 19.d4 e4 20.Qe2 Nf6
21.Bb1 b6 22.Qd2 Kg7 23.c4 Nb7
24.Nf1 Rc8 25.Qb2 c5 26.d5 Nd6
27.Ne3 Kh7 28.Qa3 Rc7 29.g4 f4
30.Nc2 e3 (unreadable) ... 1-0, 44
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De La Fuente Alvarez, Cibran Anton

Raman, Keshav V

1489

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.26) 9.6.26

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c4 Nc6
5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd5 Qxd5 7.Nc3 Qa5
8.Nxd4 Qxe5+ 9.Be3 Bd7 10.Bc4
Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Bxd4 Nf6
13.Nd5 Rc8 14.Ne3 Ng4 15.Bb3 Nxe3
16.Bxe3 a5 17.a4 e5 18.0-0 Bb4
19.Rac1 0-0 20.Rfd1 Bc6 21.Bc5

Bxc5 22.Rxc5 Rfd8 23.Rxa5 Rxd1+
24.Bxd1 g6 25.Rc5 Rd8 26.Rc1 Rd2
27.b4 e4 28.g4 Kg7 29.Ra1 Kf6
30.Kf1 Ke5 31.Be2 Kd4 32.b5 Bd5
33.a5 e3 34.Ra4+ Kc5 35.a6 Rb2
36.fxe3 bxa6 37.bxa6 Ba8 38.Rf4
Rb1+ 39.Kf2 Rh1 40.Kg3 Rg1+
41.Kh4 Rg2 42.Bf3 Bxf3 43.Rxf3
Rxh2+ 44.Kg5 Kb6 45.a7 Kxa7
46.Rxf7+ Kb6 47.Rd7 Re2 48.Rxh7
Rxe3 49.Rh6 Kc7 50.Rxg6 Kd7 51.Rf6
Ke7 52.Rf5 Re6 53.Kh5 Ke8 54.g5
Re7 55.Kh6 Kd7 56.g6 Ke6 57.Rf8
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Chan, John

1512

Rosston, Andrew Burkett

1454

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.27) 9.6.26

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Bb4+ 4.Bd2
a5 5.Bxb4 axb4 6.b3 b6 7.Nbd2 Bb7
8.Qc2 c5 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 Qc7 11.0-0
d5 12.Rac1 Nbd7 13.Rfe1 h6 14.Bd3
Ne4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4
17.Qxe4 Rxa2 18.d5 Nf6 19.Qb1 Rfa8
20.dxe6 fxe6 21.h3 Qb7 22.Rcd1 Ne4
23.Rd8+ Rxd8 24.Qxa2 Nc3 25.Qc2
b5 26.cxb5 Qxb5 27.Qg6 Qe8 28.Qg4
Qe7 29.Qc4 Qd6 30.Ra1 Qd5
31.Qxd5 exd5 32.Kh2 Ne4 33.Ra2 c4
34.Nd4 Nc5 35.bxc4 dxc4 36.Nc6 b3
37.Ra5 Nb7 38.Rb5 Nd6 39.Rb4 Rc8
40.Ne7+ Kf7 41.Nxc8 Nxc8 42.Rxc4
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Patel, Milan

1488

Wickliffe, Zachary

1696

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.28) 9.6.26

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 c5 4.c3 Qb6
5.Qb3 d6 6.Qxb6 axb6 7.e3 Be6 8.a3

Bg7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Ng5
 Bd7 12.Ngf3 Rfe8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6
 Bxf6 15.Nc4 Ra6 16.Nxd6 exd6
 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.0-0-0
 Re6 20.Nd2 Na5 21.h4 Bc6 22.e4 h5
 23.f3 Ba4 24.Rde1 Be5 25.Rh3 Bf4
 26.Re2 Nb3+ 27.Kc2 Nxd2+ 28.Kd3
 Bb5+ 29.Kc2 Bxe2 30.g3 Bh6 31.f4
 Nxe4
0-1

□ **Vazquez, Dominic A**

■ **Toczyski, David Paul**

3rd Silman TNM: 1600-1999 (6.31) 9.6.26

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4
 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.h3 Bh5
 8.0-0 Nc6 9.c4 Qd8 10.Be3**

[10.d5 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 exd5 12.Bxd5
 Be7 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Qf3 0-0
 15.Qxc6 Qd3 16.Re1 Qxc4 17.Nc3
 Rfc8 18.Qf3 Bf8 19.Bg5 Qa6
 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Nd5
 Kh8 23.Rac1 c4 24.Ne3 Bh6
 25.Rc2 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Kg7 27.Kf1
 Rab8 28.Ke2 Rc5 29.Kd2 Rd5+
 30.Kc1 Rbd8 31.Re1 Rd4 32.Rce2
 a5 33.Re4 Rd2 34.R1e2 Rd1+
 35.Kc2 Rg1 36.f3 Rc8 37.Kc3 a4
 38.a3 Rd1 39.Rd2 Rb1

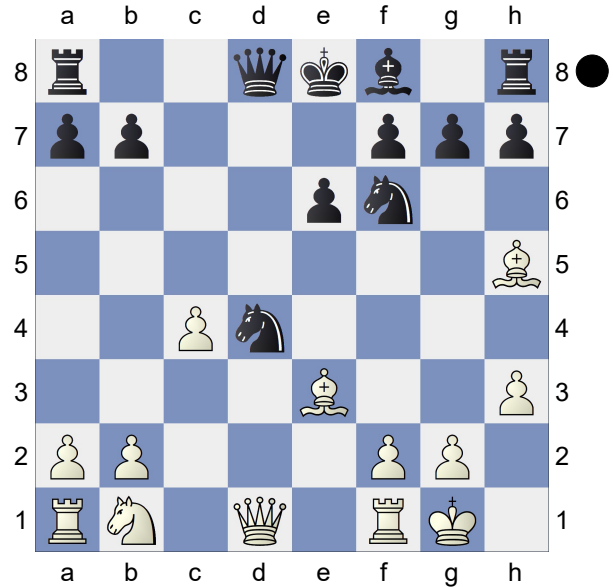
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10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxh5

(Diagram)

Nxh5N

[12...Bc5 13.Qa4+ b5 14.cxb5 Nxh5
 15.b6+ Ke7 16.b7 Rb8 17.Nc3 Qb6
 18.b4 Nf3+ 19.gxf3 Bxe3 20.Rae1
 Bxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Qxb7 22.Qa5 Nf6
 23.Qc5+ Ke8 24.Ne4 Nxe4 25.Rxe4
 Rc8 26.Qg5 g6 27.Rfe2 h6 28.Qf6



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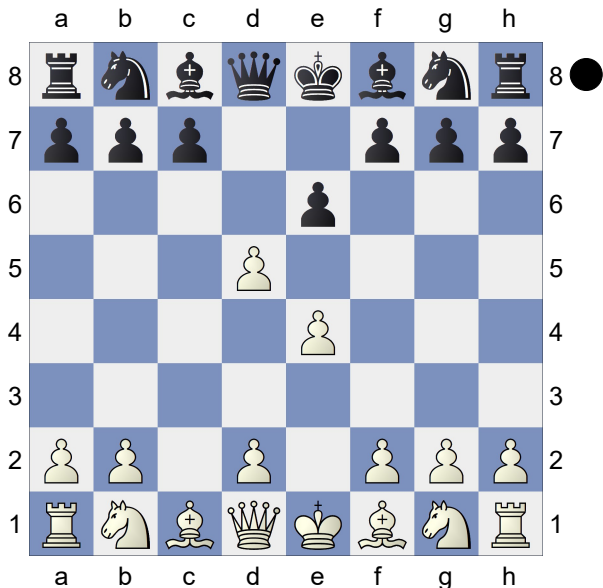
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Rh7 29.Rxe6+ fxe6 30.Qxe6+ Re7
 31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Qxh6+ Rg7+
 33.Kh2 Qc7+ 34.f4 Kg8 35.Qe6+
 Kh8 36.Qf6 Qf7 37.Qe5 Qg6
 38.Qg5 Qxg5 39.fxg5 Rxg5 40.a3
 Rc3 41.Re8+ Kh7 42.Re7+
 Robert, A (2230)-Ortolland, J Cap
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**13.Bxd4 Nf6 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Qa4+
 Qd7 16.Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.Rfd1 Kc6
 18.a3 Rhd8 19.b4 b6 20.g4 g6 21.f3
 Rd7 22.Kf2 Rad8 23.Ke3 h5 24.g5
 Ne8 25.f4 Nd6 26.Ke2 Nxc4 27.Bf2
 Rxd1 28.Nxd1 Nd6 29.Rc1+ Kb7
 30.Nb2 Rc8 31.Rxc8 Nxc8 32.Nc4 f6
 33.h4 b5 34.Na5+ Kc7 35.Nb3 ffg5
 36.fxg5 a6 37.Nc5 Bxc5 38.Bxc5
 Kc6 39.Ke3 Nd6 40.Kf4 Nc4 41.Ke4
 Kd7 42.Kf4 e5+ 43.Ke4 Ke6 44.Ba7
 Nxa3 45.Bb8 Nc4 46.Bc7 Nd6+
 47.Kd3 Kd5 48.Bb6 e4+ 49.Ke3
 Nc4+
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□ Barreyro,Romeo Belmes **C00** 1500
■ Wind,Eric **0**
 3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (6.6) 09.06.2026

1.e4 7 e6 7 2.c4 31 d5 39 3.cxd5 45



e5N 37

[3...exd5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Nbd7
 6.Nc3 Be7 7.d4 0-0 8.Nf3 Nb6 9.h3
 Nbx d5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Re1 c5
 12.Bg5 a6 13.Bf1 Rc8 14.Rc1 h6
 15.Bh4 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Re8 17.a4
 Bd5 18.dxc5 Rxc5 19.Nd4 Ne4
 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.c4 Rec7 22.Nb3
 Qf6 23.f3 Qb6 24.fxe4 Rxc4+
 25.Kh1 Rxc1 26.Nxc1 Be6 27.Qd8+
 Kh7 28.Nd3 Qa5 29.Rc1 Rc5
 30.Qxa5 Rxa5 31.Nc5 Ba2 32.Nxb7
 Rxa4 33.Nc5 Vachier Lagrave,M
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4.Nf3 53 Bd6 24 5.Nc3 32 a6 40 6.d3
 30 Ne7 33 7.Bg5 28 0-0 32 8.Qd2 36
 Bg4 2:14 9.Be2 1:46 Bxf3 26 10.gxf3
 42 f6 2:16 11.Be3 30 Ng6 39 12.h4 48
 Nf4 2:22 13.Bxf4 1:13 exf4 12 14.0-0-0
 45 Nd7 44 15.Rdg1 39 Rf7 33 16.h5
 1:50 h6 45 17.d4 23 Rb8 1:28 18.Bd3
 1:05 Nf8 51 19.Ne2 23 b5 1:53
 20.Nxf4 44 Kh8 3:51 21.Ng6+ 30 Nxc6

12 22.hxg6 7 Rd7 2:11 23.Rxh6+ 17
 gxh6 1:18 24.Qxh6+ 9 Kg8 22 25.Rh1
 50 Bf4+ 1:42 26.Qxf4 10 Qf8 49
 27.Qg4 3:55 Re7 3:09 28.f4 2:12 Rbe8
 1:53 29.Rh5 1:13 Rg7 5:45 30.Qh4
 1:07 Rxg6 30 31.Rh8+ 10 Kf7 24
 32.Rxf8+ 2 Rxf8 6 33.e5 57 Rg1+ 54
 34.Kc2 19 Ke8 1:02 35.exf6 26 Rgg8
 40 36.Qh7 19 Kd8 27 37.Qe7+ 29 Kc8
 19 38.f7 32 Rh8 43 39.a4 31 bxa4 11
 40.Bxa6+ 17 Kb8 10 41.Qb4+ 9
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□ Martin,Bryan D **B22** 1203
■ Harriman,Connor **1419**
 3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (6.32) 09.06.26

1.e4 d5 2.e5 c5 3.c3 Bf5 4.Qb3 Qd7
 5.Qb5 e6 6.Qxd7+ Nxd7 7.Bb5 Ne7
 8.Bxd7+ Kxd7 9.d4 Nc6 10.Be3 cxd4
 11.cxd4 Nb4 12.Na3 Nd3+ 13.Kd2
 Nxb2 14.Nc2 Rc8 15.Rc1 Nd3 16.Rb1
 Rxc2+ 17.Kxc2 Nxf2+ 18.Kb2 Bxb1
 19.Bxf2 Be4 20.Ne2 Bxg2 21.Rc1 Be7
 22.Rc3 Rc8 23.Rg3 Be4 24.Nc3 Bg6
 25.Be1 Bh4 26.Rxg6 Bxe1 27.Rxg7
 Bxc3+ 28.Kb3 Bxd4 29.Rxf7+ Ke8
 30.Rxh7 Bxe5 31.h4 Rc7 32.Rh5 Bf6
 33.Rh6 Kf7 34.h5 d4 35.Rh7+ Bg7
 36.h6 Kg6 37.Rxg7+ Rxg7 38.hxg7
 Kxg7
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□ Kojevnikov,Alexander **B22** 1146
■ Schlenker,Samuel **1311**
 3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (6.33) 09.06.26
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4
 d6 5.d5 Ne5?! 6.f4+- Nd7 7.Nf3 g6
 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Bd3 Nh6 10.0-0 0-0

11.Ng5 Nc5 12.Bc2 Qb6 13.Kh1 Ng4
14.Rb1 Bd7 15.h3 Nf6 16.Be3 Qc7
17.Qd2 b5 18.b4 Nb7 19.f5 Nh5
20.Rf3 Qxc3 21.Qf2 Rac8 22.Bc5 Qe5
23.Nxh7 Kxh7 24.fxg6+ fxg6 25.Be3
Rxf3 26.Qxf3 Rxc2

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Defranco,Anthony Lawson

Clark,Joseph

3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (6.34) 09.06.26

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7
5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Qc2 h6 8.Nc3
c6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4
Re8 12.Re1 Nb6 13.Bf4 Nbd5 14.Be5
Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Bb4 16.Bf1 Bxe1
17.Rxe1 Nf6 18.Bxf6 Rxe4 19.Bxd8
Rxe1 20.Nxe1 Be6 21.Bc7 Bxa2
22.Nd3 Re8 23.Ba5 b6 24.Bd2 Rd8
25.Be3 c5 26.dxc5 bxc5 27.Nxc5 Rd1
28.Kg2 Bd5+ 29.f3 Bxf3+ 30.Kxf3
Rxf1+ 31.Ke2 Rb1 32.Nd3 a5 33.Kd2
g5 34.h4 f6 35.hxg5 fxg5 36.Bb6 a4
37.Bd4 Kf7 38.g4 Ke6 39.Bg7 Rh1
40.Nc5+ Kd5 41.Nxa4 Ke4 42.b4 Kd5
43.Bf8 Rh3 44.Nc5 Rh4 45.Nd3 Kd4
46.Nf2 Rh2 47.Ke2 Ke5 48.Kf3 h5
49.gxh5 Rxh5 50.Kg4 Rh8 51.Bg7+
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Wardle,Braxton

Myers,Steven Lee

3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (6.35) 09.06.26

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4
Bg4 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.c3 Bd6 7.0-0 Nge7
8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3
11.fxg3 Qd7 12.Nbd2 0-0-0 13.a4 Nf5
14.Re1 Rhe8 15.Qc2 Rxe1+ 16.Rxe1
Nce7 17.b4 Bh5 18.a5 Re8 19.b5 g4

20.Bxf5 Nxf5 21.Rxe8+ Bxe8 22.Ne1
Qxb5 23.Qxf5+ Bd7 24.Qxf6 Qe2
25.Qf2 Bb5 26.Qxe2 Bxe2 27.Kf2 Bb5
28.Nc2 b6 29.axb6 cxb6 30.Na3 Bc6
31.c4 a6 32.c5 b5 33.Nb3 Kc7
34.Ke3 Bd7 35.Kf4 h5 36.Kg5 Be8
37.h3 gxh3 38.gxh3 Bd7 39.h4 Bg4
40.Nc2 Bd1 41.Nb4 Bxb3 42.Nxa6+
Kb7 43.Nb4 Bd1 44.Kf5 Bf3 45.Ke5
Kc7 46.Nxd5+ Bxd5 47.Kxd5 Kb7
48.Kd6 b4 49.Kd7

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Karpe,Ummom **A40**

Starr,Albert Martin **1316**

Starr,Albert Martin **1500**

3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (6.36) 09.06.26

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 b5 2.e4 Bb7 3.Bxb5 Bxe4 4.Nf3
e6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c4 Bb7 7.Nc3 Be7
8.Ba4 0-0 9.Re1 d6 10.Bc2 Nbd7
11.Qd3 Re8 12.Ng5 Nf8 13.Re3 h6
14.Nh3 Ng6 15.Rg3 Nh4 16.Bxh6 Nf5
17.Bg5 Nxg3 18.Bxf6 g6 19.Bxe7
Qxe7 20.Qxg3 Qf6 21.Rd1 Kf8
22.Ng5 Ke7 23.Be4 Bxe4 24.Ngxe4
Qg7 25.Qh4+ f6 26.Nb5 Rh8 27.Qg3
Kd8 28.b3 a6 29.Nbc3 Rh5 30.Rd3
Kd7 31.d5 e5 32.Qe3 f5 33.Nd2 f4
34.Qf3 Rah8 35.Qg4+ Kd8 36.Rh3
Rxh3 37.gxh3 Qh6 38.Kg2 g5
39.Nce4 Rg8 40.h4 Qxh4 41.Qxh4
gxh4+ 42.Kh3 Rh8 43.Nf3 Ke7 44.b4
Kf7 45.Nfg5+ Kg6 46.Ne6 Kf5 47.f3
Rc8 48.Kg2 Kg6 49.Kh3 Kh5 50.Nf6+
Kg6 51.Nd7 Rg8 52.Ndf8+ Kf5 53.c5
e4 54.fxe4+ Kxe4 55.Kxh4 f3
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Blum,Paul

Rao,Sriram

3rd Silman TNM: u1600 (6.37) 09.06.26

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Bg5 Bd7
8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.0-0 Qb6+
11.Kh1 Qxb2 12.Qd2 Qb6 13.Rfb1
Qc7 14.Rb3 Rd8 15.g3 d5 16.Bf4 e5
17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Re1 Nxf4 19.Qxf4
0-0 20.Qg4 Rd4 21.Ne4 Qa5 22.Qh4
Qxe1+ 23.Kg2 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Rd2+
25.Kh3 Qg1 26.f4 Rxh2+ 27.Kg4
Rxh4+ 28.Kxh4 Qh2+ 29.Kg4 Qh5#
0-1

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1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4
Nf6 5.Qe2 Nxe4 6.Qxe4 Nd7 7.Bc4
Nf6 8.Ne5 e6 9.Qe2 b5 10.Bb3 Qc7
11.d4 Bd6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.0-0 a5 14.c4
a4 15.c5 axb3 16.cxd6 Qb6 17.axb3
Ba6 18.Be3 Nd5 19.Nd7 Qb7 20.Nc5
Qb6 21.Bd2 Rfd8 22.Ba5 b4 23.Bxb6
Bxe2 24.Bxd8 Rxd8 25.Nb7 Bxf1
26.Kxf1 Kf8 27.Nxd8 Ke8 28.Nxc6
Kd7 29.Ne5+ Kxd6 30.Nxf7+ Ke7
31.Ne5 Kf6 32.g3 Kf5 33.Ra7 Kf6
34.h4 h6 35.Rf7#
1-0

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2
dxc4 5.a4 a5 6.Ne5 Bf5 7.Nc3 Nbd7

B70

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972

8.Nxc4 e5 9.d4 e4 10.Qb3 Bb4
11.Bf4 Qe7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.0-0 Nd5
14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Qxd5 Nf6 16.Qxf5
Rfd8 17.Nxe4
1-0

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qf6 4.Nc3
Nd4 5.Nxd4 exd4 6.Nd5 Qe5 7.d3 c6
8.Bf4 Qxf4 9.Nxf4 cxb5 10.Nd5 Bd6
11.0-0 Ne7 12.Nxe7 Bxe7 13.c3 Bc5
14.a4 dxc3 15.bxc3 b4 16.cxb4 Bxb4
17.Qg4 0-0 18.e5 a5 19.d4 d6
20.Qe4 Re8 21.f4 f5 22.Qd3 Ra6
23.Kh1 Rc6 24.Rac1 Rb6 25.Rc7 Be6
26.d5 Bc8 27.e6 g6 28.Qd4
1-0

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C60

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