

□ Diller,Bradley R

A23

■ Heiserman,Jimmy

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2254

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[Winslow,Elliott]

Heiserman cuts through the English subtlety and queenside pressure on weaknesses and just mops up Diller's king. Death to the Fianchetto! And he did it without even pushing his h-pawn. **1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bc5** (Almost too easy! And shades of Bc4 (withouth d2-d4) against the Sicilian Defense. A psychological factor is at play: "How can he get away with this?") **4.Nc3 c6** (In the early Grandmaster Preparation book on the Sicilian by Ftacnik, a whole chapture is given to cover Bc4 without it already having gone 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4, and Ljubomir warns the reader not to take this innocent play too lightly. This must have been in play with Brad.) **5.e3 0-0 6.Nge2 d5** Stockfish approves, even hinting at a Black edge (before it goes 0.00 on us).

[ 6...d6 7.d4 Bb6 8.0-0 Re8 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Nf8 11.Qc2 Ng6 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.e4 h5 14.Ba3 h4 15.Na4 Bc7 16.c5 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nac3 Nxc3 19.Nxc3 exd4 20.Rxd4 Qf6 21.Qd1 Bf5 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Bxe4 Rd8 25.Qc2 Nf4 26.Bc1 Nh3+ 27.Kg2 Ng5 28.Bxg5 Qxg5 29.Rd1 h3+ 30.Kf1 Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1 Qxc5 32.Qd7 Bd6 33.Qxh3 g6 34.Kg2 Bf8 35.Qh4 Qe5 36.Bf3 Aravindh,C (2698)-Esipenko,A (2677) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0 (78) ]

**7.cxd5 cxd5**

[ 7...Nxd5 is the engine's preference ]

**8.d4 exd4?!**

[ 8...Bd6 9.dxe5 Bxe5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Qxd5 12.Bxd5 Nc6

Black has good play for the pawn (note the long diagonal -- Black's that is.), but some preference for White. ]

**9.Nxd4?!**

[ 9.exd4± with 0-0 and Bg5 coming. ]

**9...Bg4=** (It's 0.00 time, maybe even time to remember Tal's "'equal' means Black is better" line.)

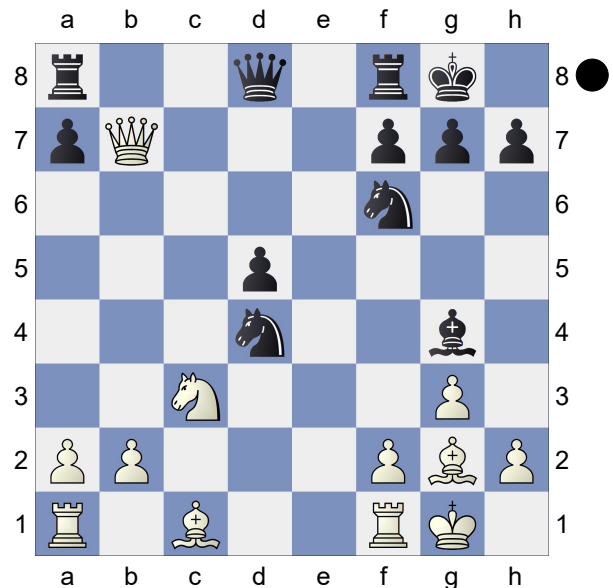
[ 9...Re8 ]

[ 9...Nc6 ]

**10.Qb3?!** (With pressure on d5 and b7 -- but White's intentions smack of entitlement. These English players!)

[ 10.Nde2 Nc6 11.h3 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Bb4+ 13.Bd2 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Ne4 15.Qc2 Qa5+ 16.Nc3 Nb4 17.Qe2 Rac8 18.0-0 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Rxc3 20.Rfd1= Here White's pressure will get the d-pawn, recovery not procurement, it will just be equality. Sure enough, while typing everything went all 0.00 on me. ]

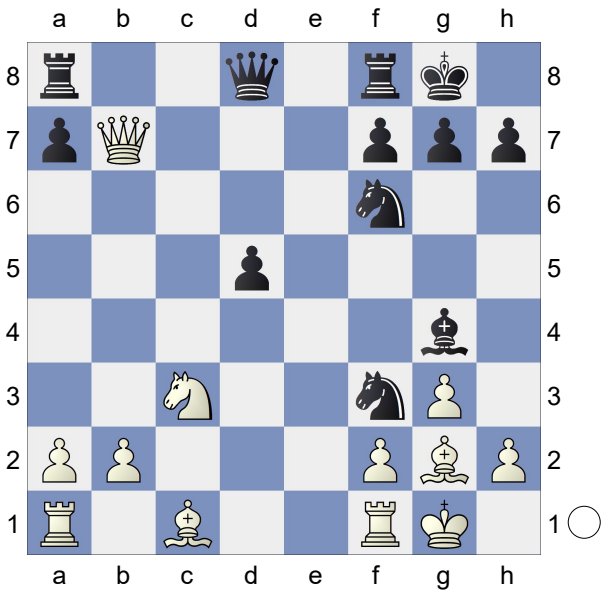
**10...Nc6** 11.0-0 Bxd4 12.exd4 Nxd4 13.Qxb7



**Nf3+N**

[ 13...Qd6 14.Bf4 Qe6 15.Rfe1 Qf5 16.Re5 Qd3 17.Re3 Qg6 18.Re5 Nf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bxf3 20.Ne2 Bxe2 21.Rxe2 Rfe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Qxa7 Qc2 24.Qd4 Re4 25.Qd2

Qc4 26.Rc1 Qa6 27.Re1 h6 28.a3  
 Qc4 29.h3 g5 30.Be5 Nd7 31.Bc3  
 Nc5 32.h4 gxh4 33.Qxh6 Rxe1+  
 34.Bxe1 hxg3 35.Qg5+ Kf8 36.Qxg3  
 Ne4 37.Qb8+ Kg7 38.Bc3+ d4  
 39.Qe5+ Nf6 40.Qxd4 1-0 (40)  
 Ramirez Buitrago,D (1898)-Brizuela  
 Abreu,R (2089) Bogota 2024 ]



**14.Kh1??** Brad slams hard into the pavement here, probably not even dreaming of the danger. If I read the times right he took a grand 35 seconds on this. Jimmy played 'va banque' as well, suggesting that perhaps he also just assumed it would happen (and he had already spent quite a bit of time earlier).

[ 14.Bxf3!! ♖ Bxf3 15.Bf4= !! I would think this has to be checkmate on g2 -- but White keeps Black out of h3, and Stockfish 18 makes it barely -0.10 for Black, i.e. even! ]

**14...Rb8!** (There is a road...) **15.Qxa7 d4!** **16.Nd1**  
 [ 16.h3!? Bxh3 17.Bxh3 dxc3  
 18.bxc3 Rb5 19.Kg2 Qd5 20.a4  
 Rb3 21.c4 Qc6-+ ]

**16...Rb5!** "SAY MY NAME..." (I had to

get this in some day) **17.Qa6**  
 [ 17.Qa3 Qd5! 18.Bg5 Qxg5  
 ( 18...Ra5 ) 19.Bxf3 Ra5 20.Qd3  
 ( 20.Qb3 Qb5 ) 20...Qb5 ]  
**17...Rh5 18.h4 Nd5** Stockfish gives all these other moves as "better" but I don't see it.

[ 18...Qc7 ]  
 [ 18...Qb8 ]  
 [ 18...Ne4 ]

**19.Qd3?!** It took a good minute, but now everything is mate.

[ 19.Bh3 Rxh4! ]

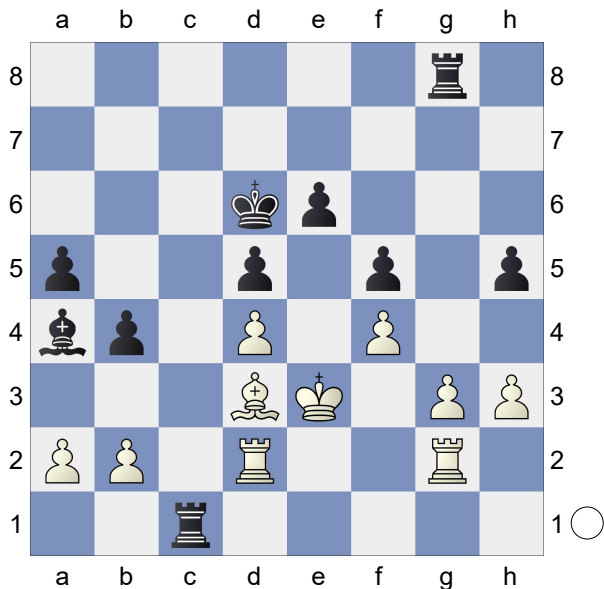
**19...Rxh4+** A miniature to be sure!  
**0-1**

**B40**

♖ Tsodikova,Natalya **2245**  
 ♜ Zavgorodniy,Andrew **2042**  
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.e5 Nd7 7.Qe2 Qc7 8.Bf4 g5 9.Bxg5 Bg7 10.Bf4 Ndx5 11.0-0 Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 Be5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Qxe5 Nxe5 15.Bg2 Ke7 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.Rae1**  
 [ 17.f4 Nc6 18.c4= ]  
**17...Kd6 18.f4 Nc6 19.Nf3 f6 20.c3 b5 21.Rf2 Rab8**  
 [ 21...Rae8̄ ]  
**22.d4 cxd4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.cxd4 f5**  
 Until this Black had some slight pull, now it's 0.00. **25.Bf1 Rbc8 26.Bd3 Rhg8 27.Rg2 Rg7 28.Kf2 b4 29.h3 h5 30.Kf3 a5 31.Ree2 Rgg8 32.Ke3 Ba4**  
 [ 32...Rc1!? 33.b3 h4 34.gxh4 Rh8 ]  
**33.Rd2 Rc1**  
 [ 33...b3! ]

(Diagram)



Now the blunders come, every move changing the result! White had 31 minutes left, Black 16 **34.Be2??**

[ 34.b3= ]  
**34...Rh1??**  
 [ 34...Bc2!-+ 35.Bxh5 Be4 36.Bf3 b3! 37.a3 ( 37.axb3 Rb8 ) 37...Rgc8-+ ]  
**35.h4= Rxh4?? 36.Bb5??**  
 [ 36.Bd1+- ]  
**36...Bxb5??**  
 [ 36...Rxc3+! 37.Rxc3 Bxb5= ]  
**37.gxh4+- Rg4 38.Rxc4 fxc4 39.Rc2 a4 40.Rc8 Kd7 41.Rh8 a3 42.bxa3 bxa3 43.Ra8 1-0**

**E81**  
 □ **Melville,Cailen Jeremiah** **1868**  
 ■ **Winslow,Elliott** **2237**  
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

I'll be analyzing this in full when I catch my breath. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nge2 a6 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.Qd2 c6 9.g4 b5 10.h4 e6 11.Ng3 Qe7 12.h5 c5 13.Nce2 Rd8 14.Bh6 bxc4 15.Bxc4 Kxc4 16.hxc4 fxc4 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Nf4 Nf8 19.g5

Ne8 20.Bxc4 cxd4 21.Bd3 Qf7 22.Nge2 e5 23.Nd5 Be6 24.Bc4 Rdc8 25.b3 Rc5 26.f4 Bxd5 27.Bxd5 Rxd5 28.exd5 Qxd5 29.0-0 Ng7 30.Qh1 Qxh1+ 31.Kxh1 Nf5 32.Rfd1 Ne6 33.fxe5 dxe5 34.Rg1 e4 35.Ng3 Nxc3+ 36.Rxc3 Rc8 37.Rg4 e3 38.Re4 d3 39.Rxe6 d2 40.Rf1 Rf8 41.Rd1 Rf3 42.Rxe3 Rxe3 43.Rxd2 Re5 44.Rd8+ Kf7 45.Rd7+ Ke6 46.Rxh7 Kf5 47.Ra7 Re1+ 48.Kg2 Re2+ 49.Kf3 Rxa2 50.b4 Ra3+ 51.Kf2 Ra4 52.Ke3 Kxc3 53.Kd3 Rxb4 54.Rxa6 Rf4 55.Ke3 Rf7 56.Ra4 Kh5 57.Re4 g5 58.Ke2 g4 59.Re8 g3 60.Rh8+ Kg4 61.Rg8+ Kh3 62.Rh8+ Kg2 63.Rg8 Re7+ 64.Kd2 Kf2 65.Rf8+ Kg1 66.Rg8 g2 67.Rg6 Re5 68.Rg7 Kf2 69.Rf7+ Kg3 70.Rg7+ Kf3

White lost on time

**0-1**

**A08**  
 □ **Seitzer,Phillip** **2025**  
 ■ **Cawthon,Jeremy David** **2105**  
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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 e5 5.d3 d5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Bg4 8.c3 Be7 9.Qc2 0-0 10.Nbd2 b5 11.Re1 c4 12.a4 a6 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Qxa8 15.b3 Qa6 16.bxc4 bxc4 17.Bf1 Bxf3 18.Bxc4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Qb6 20.Re2 Ra8 21.Ba2 Bc5 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Bxf2+ 24.Kg2 Bc5 25.Rb2 Qc7 26.Bd5 Ra1 27.Bxc6 Rxc1 28.Rb7 Qd6 29.Bd5 Rc2+ 30.Kh3 Rf2 31.c4 Qh6+ 32.Kg4 Qxh2 33.Rb8+ Bf8 34.Qxe5 h5+ 35.Qxh5 Qg1 36.Qh1 Qxh1 37.Bxh1 g6 38.Bd5 Kg7 39.Rb3 f5+ 40.Kh3 g5 41.g4 Bd6 42.gxf5 Bf4 43.Bg2 Kf6 44.Rb5 Be5 45.Be4 g4+ 46.Kh4 g3 47.Rb6+ Kg7 48.Rg6+ Kf8 49.c5 Rh2+ 50.Kg4 Rf2

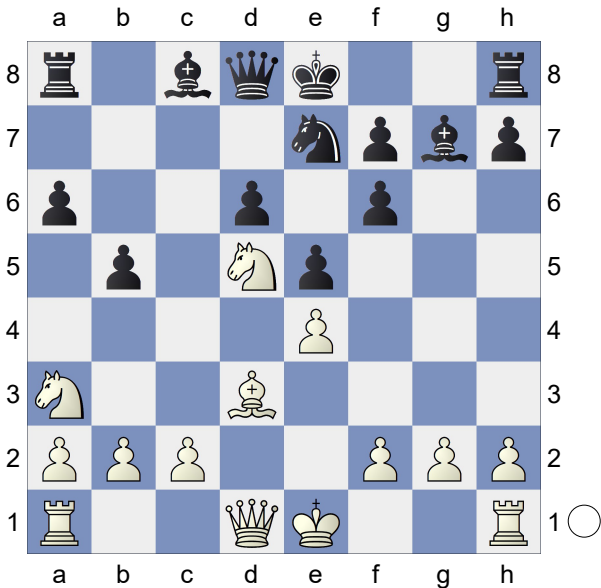
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 Bc7+ 60.Kxc7 g2 61.Rxg2 Re7+  
 62.Kb6 Rh7 63.c7 Rh6+ 64.Rg6  
**1-0**

□ **Chen,Quincy**  
 ■ **Kulkarni,Neil**

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 [Winslow,Elliott]

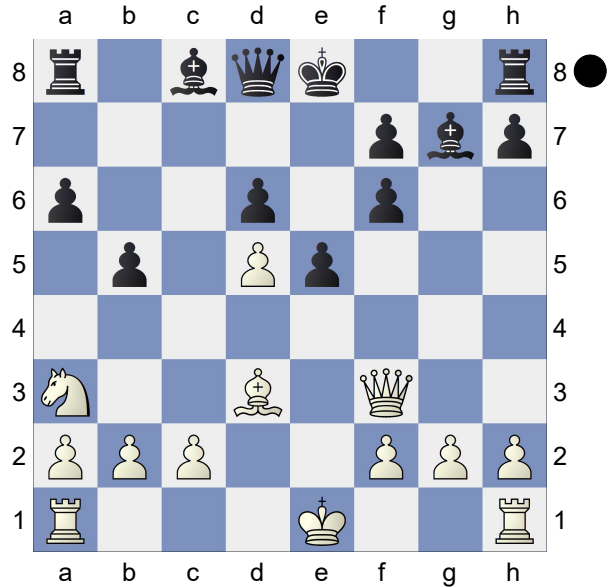
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**1952**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**  
**Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6**  
**8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6**  
 [ 9.Nd5 ]  
**9...gxf6 10.Nd5 Bg7**  
 [ 10...f5 ]  
**11.Bd3**  
 [ 11.c3 ]  
**11...Ne7**



**12.Qf3**  
 [ 12.Nxe7! Qxe7 13.0-0 0-0 14.c4  
 f5∞ ]  
**12...Nxd5 13.exd5**

(Diagram)



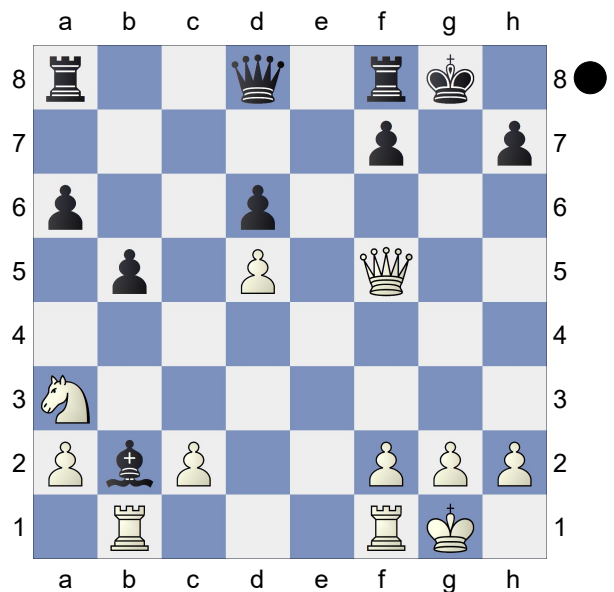
**0-0**  
 [ 13...Qd7! ]

**14.0-0 f5**  
 [ 14...Re8 ]  
 [ 14...Qd7! ]

**15.Bxf5 e4!**  
 [ 15...Qf6 16.Bxc8 Qxf3 17.gxf3  
 Rfxc8= ]

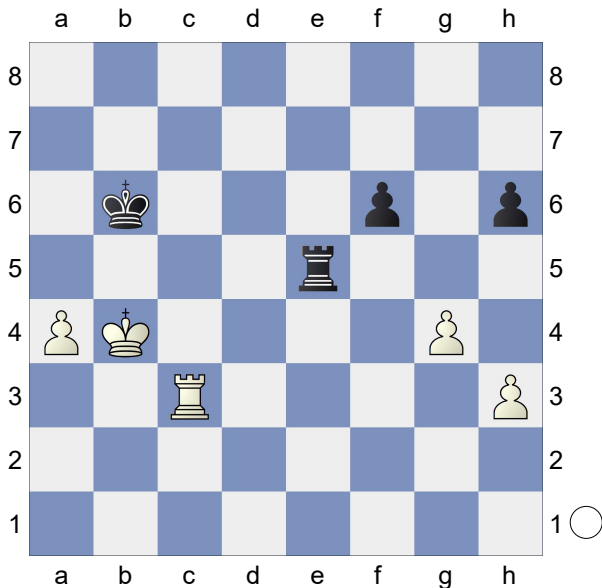
**16.Qxe4 Bxf5?!**  
 [ 16...Bxb2 17.Rad1 Bxf5 18.Qxf5  
 Qf6 19.Qg4+ Qg7 20.Qb4 Qc3  
 21.Qg4+ Qg7= ]

**17.Qxf5 Bxb2 18.Rab1**



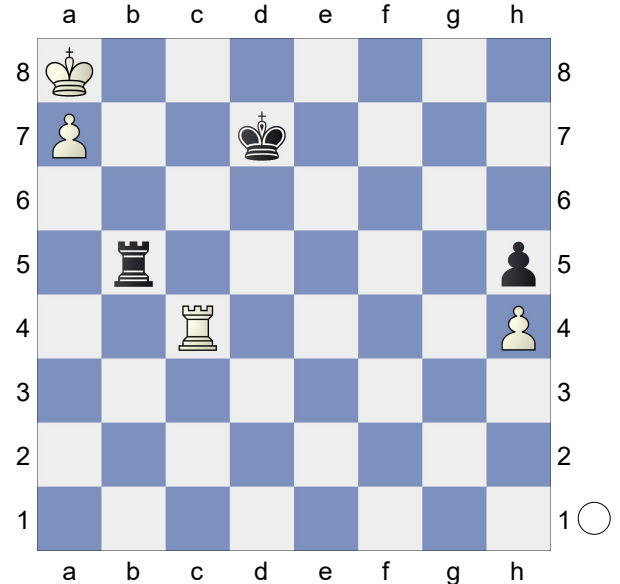
**Bc3?**  
 [ 18...Bxa3?? 19.Rb3+- ]

[ 18...Qf6! 19.Qxf6!? Bxf6 20.c4 Bd4! 21.cxb5 Bc5 22.Nc4 axb5 23.Rxb5 Rxa2± != ]  
**19.Rb3 b4?**  
 [ 19...Qf6 20.Qxf6 Bxf6 21.c4!± ]  
**20.Nc4+-**  
 [ 20.Nb1!+- ]  
**20...Kh8 21.Ne3 Ra7 22.Nd1 Rc7 23.Nxc3 bxc3 24.Qd3 Qf6 25.Qxa6 Rg8 26.Qd3 Rg4 27.Rd1 Rc5 28.Rb8+ Kg7 29.h3 Rg5 30.Qd4 Qxd4 31.Rxd4 Rgxd5 32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.Rb3 Rd1+ 34.Kh2 Rd2 35.Rxc3 Rxf2 36.a4 Rf5 37.Kg3 Ra5 38.Ra3 Kf6 39.Kf4 d5 40.g4 h6 41.Ke3 Ke5 42.Kd3 Kd6 43.Kd4 f6 44.c4 dxc4 45.Kxc4± Kc6 46.Kb4 Re5 47.Rc3+!+-**  
 [ 47.Rf3!+- ]  
**47...Kb6**



**48.Rc4?**  
 [ 48.a5+? Rxa5 49.Rf3 Rc5 50.Rxf6+ Rc6= ]  
 [ 48.Kc4± ]  
 [ 48.Rf3 Re4+ 49.Kb3+- ]  
**48...f5!= 49.h4**  
 [ 49.gxf5 Rxf5 50.Rh4 h5 ]  
**49...fxg4 50.Rxg4= h5 51.Rf4 Rd5 52.Kc4 Ra5 53.Kd3 Kc6 54.Rd4 Re5 55.Re4 Ra5 56.Ke3 Kd6 57.Kf4 Rd5**

**58.Rc4 Ra5 59.Rb4 Kc6 60.Rd4 Rc5 61.Rd8 Ra5 62.Rc8+ Kd6 63.Rc4 Rd5 64.Rc1 Ra5 65.Ra1 Ke6 66.Ke4 Kd6 67.Kd4 Kc6 68.Rc1+ Kd6 69.Rc4 Rf5 70.Kc3 Ra5 71.Kb4 Ra7 72.Kb5 Rb7+ 73.Ka6 Rb3 74.a5 Rb8 75.Ka7 Rb5 76.a6 Kd7 77.Ka8 Kd8 78.a7 Kd7**



**79.Rf4 Kc7 80.Rf7+ Kc6 81.Rf8 Kc7 82.Rb8 Re5 83.Rb7+ Kc6 84.Rb1 Re8+ 85.Rb8 Re7 86.Rc8+ Kb6 87.Rh8 Rxa7+ 88.Kb8 Rb7+ 89.Kc8 Rc7+ 90.Kd8 Rc5 91.Kd7 Kb7 92.Kd6 Ra5 93.Rh7+ Kb6 94.Rh6 Kb7 95.Kd7 Rb5**  
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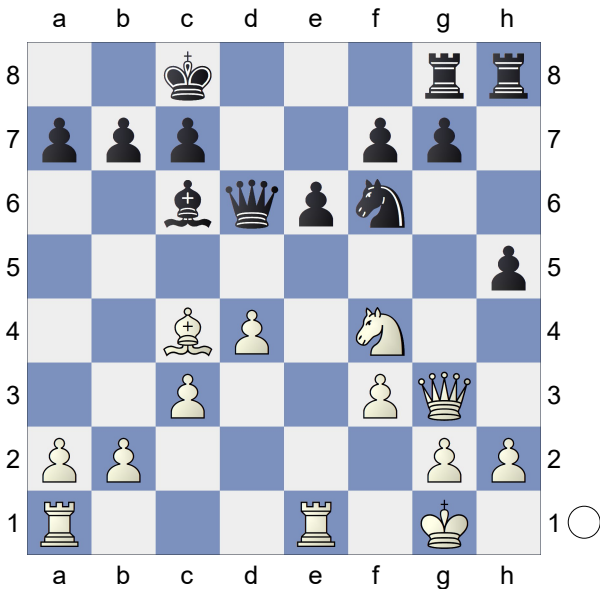
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 □ Lewis,Edward 1927  
 ■ Seshadri,Sudarshan 2000  
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23.dxc6 Bxc6 24.Bxb5 Bxb5 25.Nxb5  
 Qb6 26.a4 Rbd8 27.Qf2 Qg6 28.Rg1  
 Rd3 29.Kf1 Rfd8 30.Re1 Qg4 31.Re3  
 Rd1+ 32.Kg2 R1d2 33.Rf1 Rxf2+  
 34.Rxf2 f5 35.Nc7 f4 36.Ref3 Rd7  
 37.Ne8 Qe6 38.Nxg7 Rxg7 39.Kf1  
 Qh3+ 40.Ke1 Rxg3  
**0-1**

☐ **Hasteer, Divija** **C10** **1847**  
 ■ **Viadiu-Illaraza, Hector** **1959**  
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*[Winslow, Elliott]*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4  
 Bd7 5.Bd3 Bc6 6.Ne2 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6  
 8.f3 Be7 9.Qe1 Nf8 10.Qg3 Ng6  
 11.c3 Bd6 12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 13.Bf4  
 Nxf4 14.Nxf4 0-0-0 15.Rfe1 Rdg8  
 16.Bc4 h5



17.Nxe6 Nd5 18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.Ng5  
 Rf8 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Re7 Kd8  
 22.Rae1 Re8 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8  
 24.Rxe8+ Kxe8 25.Ne4 Kd7 26.a3 a5  
 27.Kf2 a4 28.Ke3 b5 29.Nd2 Be6  
 30.Kf4 f6 31.h4 Ke7 32.Nf1 g6  
 33.Ne3 Bb3 34.d5 Ba2 35.g4 Bb1  
 36.gxh5 gxh5 37.Nf5+ Kd7 38.Nd4

Bd3 39.Ke3 Bc4 40.Ke4 Ke7 41.Nf5+  
 Kd7 42.Ng7 Bb3 43.Nxh5 f5+ 44.Kxf5  
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☐ **McCollum, Patrick M** **B32** **2000**  
 ■ **Sevall, Daniel** **1827**  
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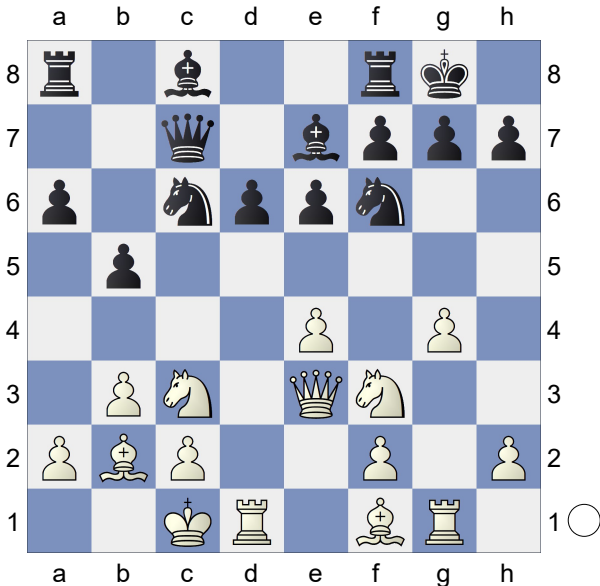
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 11.Nc2 0-0 12.b3 Rc8 13.Bb2 Nh5  
 14.Re1 Nf4 15.Bf1 Qg5 16.Qf3 f5  
 17.Rad1 Rcd8 18.Bc1 Qe7 19.Nd5  
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 Qc8 31.Be5 Rde7 32.Bc3 h5 33.d6  
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 39.Bxe5 Rff8 40.c7 Kf7 41.d8Q Rfxd8  
 42.Rxd8 Ra7 43.c8Q g5 44.Rd7+  
 Rxd7 45.Qxd7+ Kf8  
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☐ **Wang, Chase** **B40** **1898**  
 ■ **Perlov, Daniel Robert** **1805**  
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*[Winslow, Elliott]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4  
 (This has been catching on, even  
 against ...e6.) 4...Nc6 5.Qe3 Nf6  
 6.Nc3 d6 7.b3 Be7 8.Bb2 0-0  
 [Relevant: 8...a6 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.Rg1  
 b5 11.g4 Nd7 12.g5 Bb7 13.h4  
 Qb6 14.Qe1 Rac8 15.Kb1 Nde5  
 16.Nd2 Nd4 17.Rg3 Nxc2 18.Kxc2  
 b4 19.f4 bxc3 20.Rxc3 Ng4 21.Kb1  
 Rxc3 22.Bxc3 Qe3 23.Qxe3 Nxe3

24.Re1 Nxf1 25.Rxf1 f6 26.gxf6  
 Bxf6 27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.Kc2 e5 29.f5  
 g6 30.fxg6 Rxg6 31.Kd3 Rg3+  
 32.Ke2 Rg2+ 33.Ke3 Rg3+ 34.Ke2  
 Rg2+ 35.Ke3 Rg3+ 36.Ke2 Rg2+  
 ½-½ (36) Maurizzi,M (2611)-Yuffa,D  
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**9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.Rg1 a6 11.g4 b5**



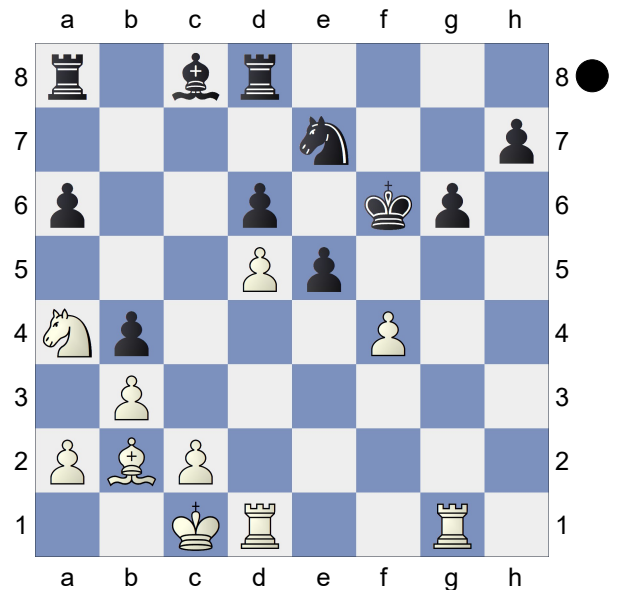
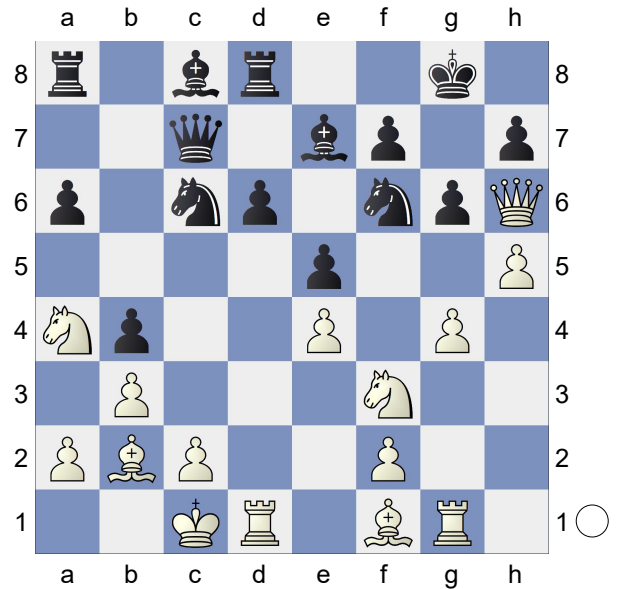
**12.h4N**

[Predecessor: 12.g5 Nd7 13.h4 Bb7  
 14.Kb1 Rac8 15.h5 Nc5 16.a3 b4  
 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Ne1 Qa5 19.Rg4  
 Rc7 20.Rd4 Nc6 21.Rd2 Rfc8  
 22.Rg3 Nb4 23.Bc4 Nd7 24.g6  
 Rxc4 25.gxf7+ Kf8 26.bxc4 Ne5  
 27.Qa7 Rc7 28.Qb8+ Bc8 29.c5  
 Rxc5 30.Rxd6 Kxf7 31.Rd1 Bf6  
 32.h6 gxh6 33.Qa7+ Rc7 34.Qe3  
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**12...g6 13.Qh6 Rd8 14.h5 b4 15.Na4  
 e5**

(Diagram)

**16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.Ng5  
 Bf8 19.Nf7+ Qxf7 20.Bxf7 Bxh6+  
 21.g5 Bxg5+ 22.Rxg5 Kg7 23.Bd5  
 Nxd5 24.exd5 Ne7 25.f4 Kf6 26.Rgg1**



**Nf5?**

[ 26...Kf7! 27.fxe5 dxe5 28.Rh1 h5  
 29.Nb6! Rb8 30.Nc4 Rxd5 31.Rxd5  
 Nxd5 32.Nxe5+ Kg8! 33.Nxg6  
 Bg4= ]

**27.Nb6+- Rb8 28.Nc4 Nd4?!**

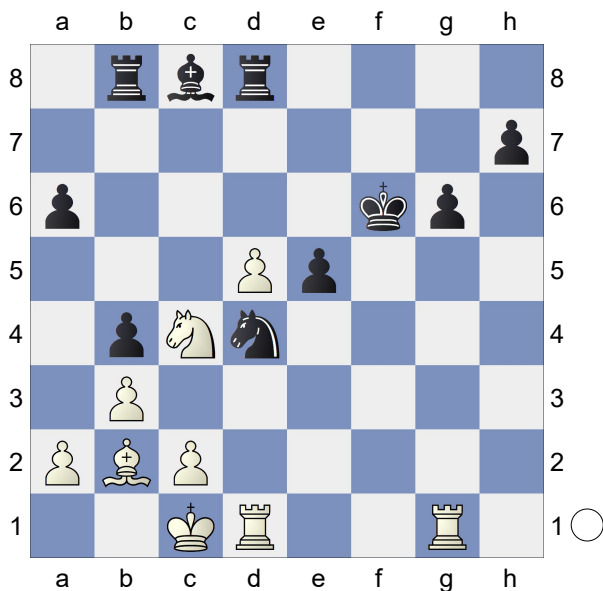
[ 28...Rb5 29.Rge1 Bb7 30.fxe5+  
 dxe5 31.d6!+- ( 31.Rxe5+-;  
 31.Bxe5+- ) ]

**29.fxe5+ dxe5**

(Diagram)

**30.Bxd4??**

[ 30.Rde1 Rxd5 31.Nxe5+- ]



**30...exd4= 31.Rxd4 h5 32.d6 Bf5  
33.Rgd1 Rb7**

[ 33...Re8 34.d7 Re2= ]

**34.Na5 Rb6 35.d7 h4**

1/2-1/2

□ **Powers,Christopher**

**B13**

**1819**

■ **Rigel,Marlon**

**1862**

2026 Spring TNM: 2000+ (4.12) 24.03.26

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 dxc4 7.Nf3 h6  
8.Bxf6 exf6 9.Bxc4 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0  
11.h3 a6 12.Rc1 Bf5 13.Qd2 Rc8  
14.Bd3 Qd7 15.a3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3  
Rfd8 17.Rfd1 Ne7 18.Ne4 Rxc1  
19.Rxc1 Nd5 20.Rd1 Nf4 21.Qd2 Bb8  
22.Nc3 Qf5 23.Qe3 Qg6 24.Ne1 Bd6  
25.Qf3 Re8 26.Kf1 Re7 27.Nd3 Nxd3  
28.Rxd3 Qg5 29.Re3 Rxe3 30.fxe3  
Bf8 31.Ke2 b5 32.Ne4 Qg6 33.g4 f5  
34.gxf5 Qc6 35.Nc5 Qc7 36.Qa8  
Qh2+ 37.Kd3 Qxb2 38.Qxa6 Bxc5  
1/2-1/2

□ **Tam,Hoa Long**

**C53**

**1656**

■ **Chernobilskiy,Mikhail**

**1775**

2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3  
Qe7 5.d4 Bb6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.b4 a6 8.d5  
Nd8 9.Bd3 d6 10.h3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Ba7  
12.a4 h6 13.Re1 Nh7 14.Qc2 g5  
15.Nf1 h5 16.Be3 g4 17.hxg4 hxg4  
18.N3h2 Kh8 19.Ng3 Qh4 20.Nhf1 f6  
21.Qd2 Nf7 22.c4 Nhg5 23.Bxa7 Rxa7  
24.Ne3 Kg8 25.Qd1 Ra8 26.Kf1 Qh7  
27.Ke2 Qg6 28.Kd2 Nh6 29.Kc3 Bd7  
30.Rh1 c6 31.Qe2 Rfc8 32.Kb3 Ngf7  
33.Rh2 b5 34.cxb5 axb5 35.a5 Rcb8  
36.dxc6 Bxc6 37.Rah1 Kf8 38.Ngf5  
Ng8 39.Qxg4 Qxg4 40.Nxg4 d5 41.f3  
Rd8 42.Ka3 dxe4 43.Bxe4 Bxe4  
44.fxe4 Rd3+ 45.Kb2 Rad8 46.Nge3  
Ng5 47.Rh4 Rd2+ 48.Kc3 R8d3#  
**0-1**

**B12**

□ **De La Fuente Álvarez,Cibran Anton**

■ **Finacom,Richard V**

**1822**

2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.14)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c4 cxd4  
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd5 Qa5+ 7.Qd2 Qxd5  
8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Ne4 Qd5 10.Bd3 Bf5  
11.Qf4 g6 12.0-0 Bh6 13.Qh4 Bg7  
14.b3 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Re1  
0-0-0 17.Ba3 Kb8 18.Bc4 Qa5  
19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Qxe7 Rhe8 21.Qc5  
Bc7 22.b4 Qb6 23.Qxb6 Bxb6 24.Nf6  
Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 d3 26.g4 d2 27.Rd1  
Bc2 28.Bb3 Bxd1 29.Bxd1 Rd4 30.a3  
Kc8 31.Nxh7 Rf4 32.Ng5 Rxf2 33.Nh3  
Re2+  
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**C10**  
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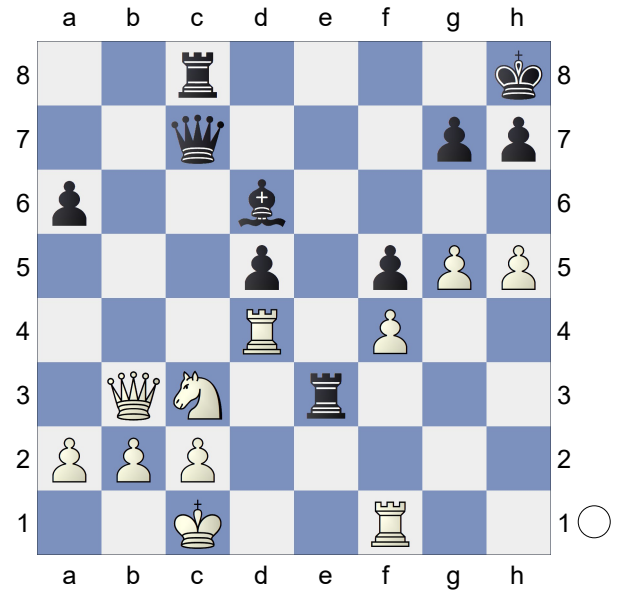
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**B05**  
 1761  
 1528  
 2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.17)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3 g6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qc7 10.Na3 a6 11.Bd3 Bg7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rfc1 N8d7 14.Rc2 Rac8 15.Be4 Rb8 16.Rac1 Na4 17.b3 Nab6 18.c5 dxc5 19.dxc5 Ne5 20.Qe2 Nbd7 21.Bf4 Qa5 22.Nc4 Nxc4 23.Bxb8 Na3 24.Qd2 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 Bh6 26.Rxd7 Bxc1 27.Rxb7 Nb5 28.a4 Nc3 29.Bf3 Rc8 30.Ba7 Bf4 31.Rxe7 Kf8 32.Rd7 Re8 33.g3 Re1+ 34.Kg2 Bg5 35.c6 Re8 36.Bc5+ Kg8 37.c7 h5 38.h4 Bf6 39.Bd4 Bxd4 40.Rd8 1-0

**B90**  
 1608  
 1716  
 2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.18)  
 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nb3 e6 8.Be2 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.f4 b5 11.Bf3 Qc7 12.g4 Bb7 13.g5 Nd7 14.h4 Nb6 15.h5 Nc4 16.Qc1 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 b4 18.Na4 f5 19.exf5 exf5 20.0-0-0 Rae8 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Rc8 24.Qb3+ Kh8 25.Rxb4 d5 26.Rd4 Bd6 27.Rf1 Rfe8 28.Nc3 Re3



29.Nxd5 Bxf4 30.Rdxf4 Rxb3 31.Nxc7 1-0

**B13**  
 1587  
 1750  
 2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.20)  
 [Ni,Tao]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.h3 e5 In the last TNM, Nicholas played g6 setup and I figured that this time he would play something different. 6..e5 is a very strong setup

against the exchange Caro, taking out White's good light-squared bishop via a forced exchange and Black gaining the bishop pair as a potential long-term advantage, but meanwhile leaving an IQP and d4 square for White's knight.

**7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Nf3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Bg5 0-0 11.0-0 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Bxg3 14.fxg3 g4** This is a surprising move and I spent about 10 minutes to think about it here. After the game, Nicholas told me that this is his preparation in this line and he rightfully guessed that this is a position I never played before and if I make some mistakes here, he can get a very good position. **15.hxg4** After thinking for 10 minutes I figured I have to take and accept a somewhat broken pawn structure in front of my king. However, I decided that it's okay since Black's king is also exposed and Black's pieces are still not well developed and therefore, far from invading into the dangerous zones on my camp. **15...Nxc4**

[ 15...Bxg4 16.Qd4 Ne4 17.Nbd2 Qc7? ( 17...Qb6 18.Qxb6 axb6 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Nd4= ) 18.Ne5 Be6 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Qxe4+- ]

**16.Nd4 Re8 17.Qf3 Qc7 18.Na3 Re3 19.Qf4 Qxf4 20.gxf4** After we traded queen, I feel like my position is solid again and my pieces are slightly faster in development. Black's rook on e3 doesn't post any thread anymore.

**20...Bd7 21.Nac2 Re4 22.Nb4 Nf6 23.Nd3 Re7 24.Rae1 Rxe1**

[ 24...Rae8 ]

**25.Rxe1 Re8?!** I was looking forward to exchange the rook. This seems to be a normal choice, but I don't think this is a good positional choice for Black, because once we entered the light pieces endgame, Black's weak d5 IQP quickly became a liability and either the

knight or bishop needs to keep it defended. **26.Rxe8+ Nxe8 27.Ne5?** I made this move too quickly without careful calculation that Nc5 is a much faster way to win a pawn... This is a missed winning chance for White.

[ The right plan to win a pawn should be: 27.Nc5 Bc8 28.Nb5 a6 29.Na7 Be6 30.Nxb7 ]

**27...Bc8 28.Kf2 f6?!** This is another mistake in my opinion. The knight on e5 is not doing anything and I need to reroute it to d3 and b4 to add pressure to the IQP anyways. f6 basically helps me do that but Black wastes some time to advance the passive knight on e8 to a more active square.

[ 28...Nd6 ]

**29.Nd3 Kf7 30.Nb4 Nc7 31.f5 a5 32.Nd3 b6 33.g4 Bd7 34.Kg3 Nb5?** This is the moment I have been waiting for: to trade Black's knight to enter a good knight vs bad bishop endgame. I know that once Black's knight is off the board, I can win this endgame because my king is in a better position and Black's bishop will have to passively keep the IQP defended. **35.Nxb5 Bxb5 36.Nf4 Bc6 37.Kh4 Kg7 38.Ne6+ Kh7 39.Kg3 Be8 40.Nc7 Bc6 41.Kf4 Kg7 42.Ne6+ Kh7 43.a3**

[ 43.Ke3 h5 44.gxh5 Kh6 45.Nf4 Kg5 46.Kd4!! Kxf4 47.h6+- ]

**43...Be8 44.b4 h5 45.Nc7 axb4**

[ 45...Bc6 46.b5 Bb7 47.gxh5 Kh6 48.Ne8 Kxh5 49.Nxf6+ Kh4 50.Ke5 ]

**46.axb4 Bf7 47.gxh5 Kh6 48.Na8 b5 49.Nc7 Bxh5 50.Nxd5 Kg7 51.Nc7 Be2 52.Ke4 Kh6 53.Ne8 Kg5 54.Nd6 Bg4 55.Nf7+ Kh4 56.Kf4 Be2 57.Nd6 Kh5 58.Ne8 Kh6 59.Nxf6 Kg7 60.Ne8+ Kf7 61.Nd6+ Kf6 62.Ne4+ Kf7 63.Ke5 Bd3 64.Nd6+ Kf8 65.f6 Be2 66.f7 Ke7 67.Kd5 Bh5 68.Nxb5 Bxf7+ 69.Kc5 Kd7 70.Nd4 Kc7 71.b5**

Kb7 72.c4 Bg6 73.Kb4 Be4 74.c5  
 Bd5 75.Ka5 Ka8 76.Kb6 Kb8 77.c6  
 Kc8 78.Nf5 Be6 79.Nd6+ Kb8 80.c7+  
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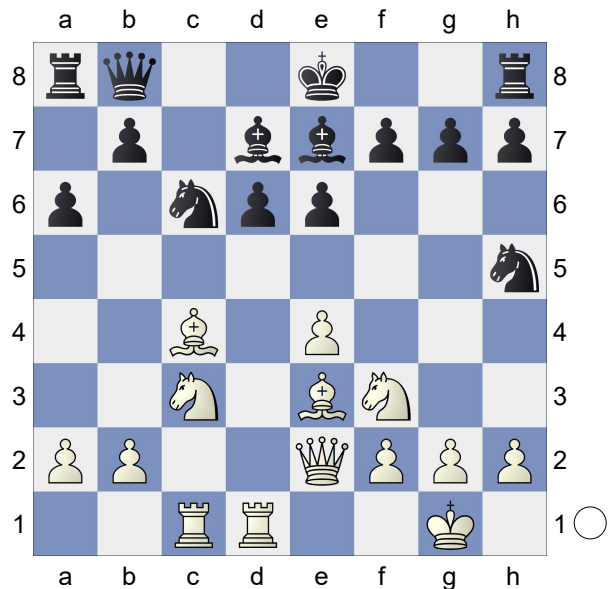
□ **Stults,Sawyer** **B21**  
**1521**  
 ■ **Wickliffe,Zachary** **1711**  
 2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.21)

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 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7  
 8.Bf4 0-0 9.Bd6 Bxd6 10.Qxd6 a6  
 11.Rac1 b5 12.Be2 Ra7 13.Rfd1 Rc7  
 14.Nd5 exd5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Rxd5  
 Re8 17.Bf1 Bb7 18.Rdc5 Re6 19.Qf4  
 d6 20.R5c3 Qe8 21.Ng5 Rf6 22.Qh4  
 Rh6 23.Qf4 Re7 24.Rg3 Rg6 25.Nf3  
 Ne5 26.Rxg6 Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 hxg6  
 28.Qxd6 Rd7 29.Qf4 Qd8 30.Kg2 Rd5  
 31.Rc3 Rg5+ 32.Kh1 Rf5 33.Qg4 Qd5  
 34.Be2 Qxa2 35.Qd4 Rd5 36.Qb6  
 Qb1+ 37.Kg2 Rg5+ 38.Kh3 Qf5+  
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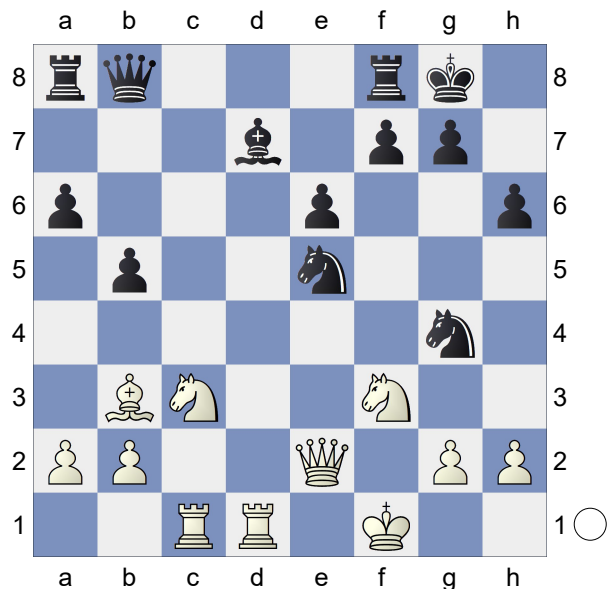
□ **Milliken,William** **B21**  
**1638**  
 ■ **Booth,Kyle Ewart Coventry** **1434**  
 2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.22)  
*[Booth,Kyle Ewart Coventry]*

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 I am always happy  
 to play against the Smith-Morra. 3.c3  
 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6  
 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Bf4 Nh5  
 10.Be3 Be7 11.Rac1 Bd7 12.Rfd1  
 Qb8

[ 12...0-0 is probably better here ]



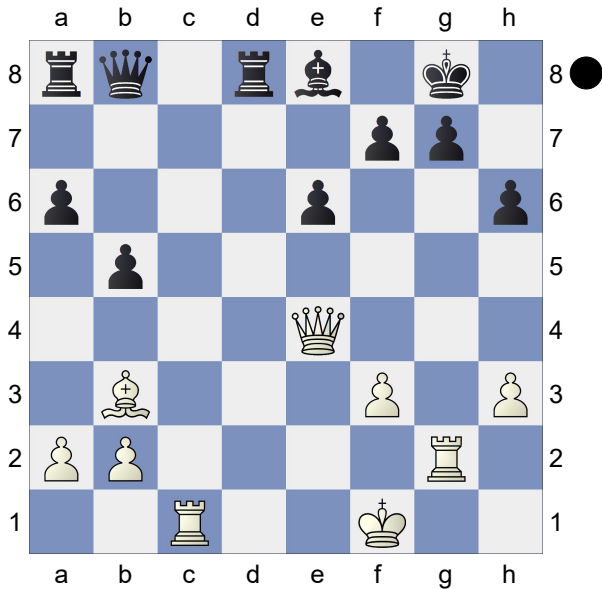
13.Ng5 Nf6 14.f4 h6 15.Nf3 0-0  
 16.Bb6 Bd8 17.Bf2 b5 18.Bb3 Bb6  
 19.e5 I figured I would be better after  
 this having calculated everything on the  
 previous move. 19...dxe5 20.fxe5  
 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Ng4+ 22.Kf1 Ncxe5



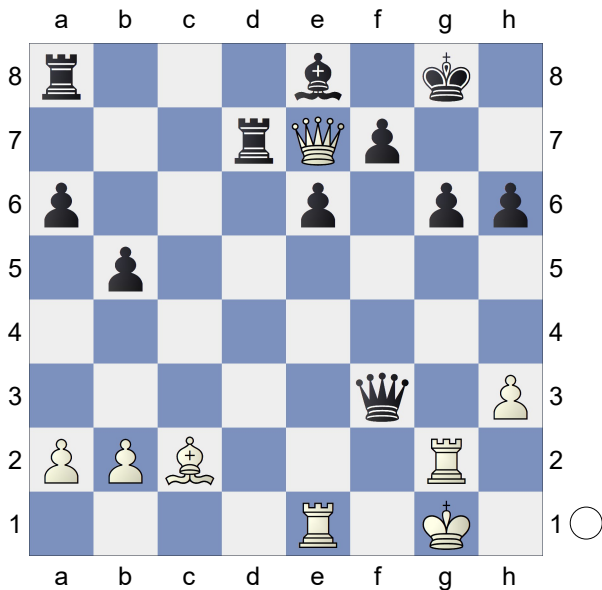
23.h3 Nxf3 24.gxf3 Nf6 25.Ne4 Nxe4  
 26.Qxe4 I was feeling great here, just  
 need a plan to trade off some pieces.  
 26...Rd8 27.Rd2 Be8 28.Rg2

(Diagram)

At this point I was worried about any

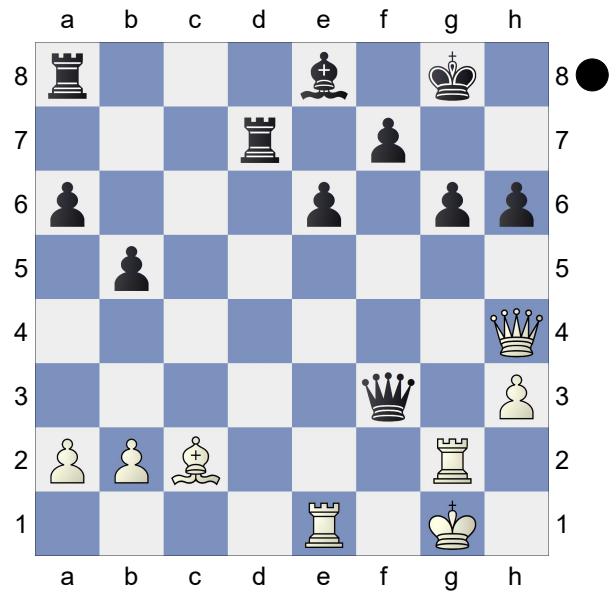


sacs my opponent had. I had to burn a decent amount of clock on each move to make sure there weren't any. **28...Qd6 29.Rd1 Qc5 30.Re1 Qf5** Trying to trade queens. **31.Qb7 g6** Worried about Bxe6 and mate threats on g7. I realize now I didn't really need to be. **32.Bc2 Qd5 33.Qe7 Qxf3+ 34.Kg1 Rd7**

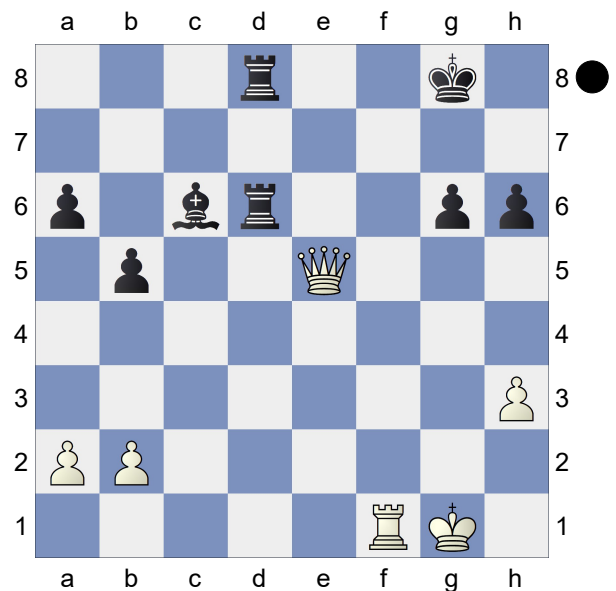


At this point my clock was already much lower than my opponents and I was feeling the crunch to find a plan. I think this move was the start of things going the wrong way for me - shouldn't have disconnected rooks especially when

lower on time. **35.Qh4**



**Kh7??** Protected pawn - blunder. (EW: Yes, pretty much everything else wins for Black) **36.Be4 Qxg2+ 37.Bxg2 Rad8 38.Bc6** Trying to let me back in it?? **38...Rd4 39.Qf6 Bxc6** I am basically playing on increment from here on out. **40.Qxf7+ Kh8 41.Qxe6 R4d6 42.Qe5+ [ 42.Qf7!+- ] 42...Kg8!± 43.Rf1**



**Be8? Mistake [ 43...Bb7!± ] 44.Rf2? [ 44.Qe7!+- ]**

44...Rd1+

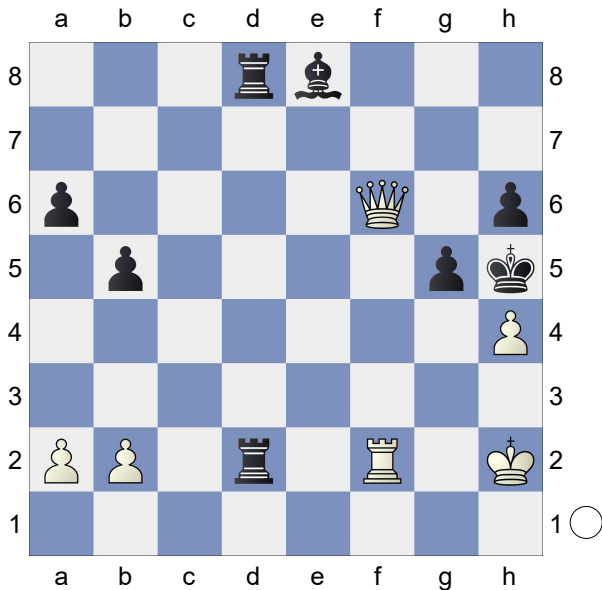
[ 44...Bf7!= ]

45.Kh2 R1d6?

[ 45...Bf7± ]

46.Qf4± g5?! 47.Qf8+!+- Kh7

48.Qe7+ Kg6 49.h4! Rd2 50.Qf6+ Kh5



Flagged on this move. I wasn't sure if this was won for White at this point, felt like I maybe could have held if I had a few more minutes.

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□ Vazquez, Dominic A

■ Mays-Smith, Isaac S

2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.23)

[Hays-Smith, Isaac]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 c6 6.0-0 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Ne5 e6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ng4 13.Bc5 Nxe5 14.Bxf8 Qxf8 15.Rc1 Bd7 16.Kh1 Nc4 17.b3 Na3 18.Qd3 Qb4 19.Rfd1 Bc6 20.e4 d4 21.Ne2 Rd8 22.f4

[ 22.e5!± ]

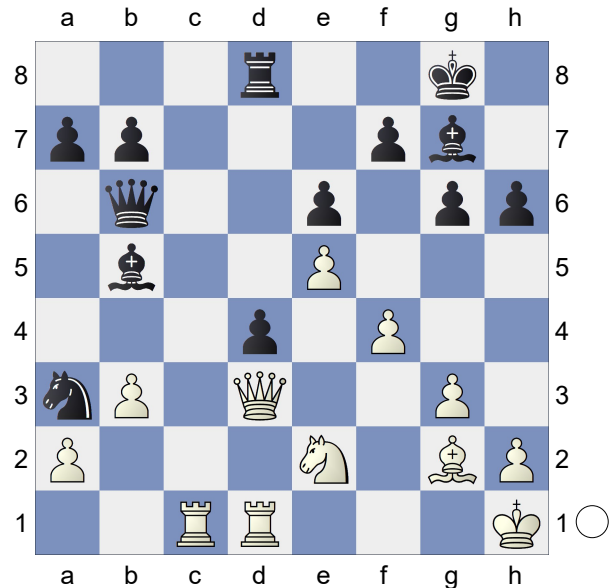
22...Qb6

[ 22...Bb5!± ]

23.e5

[ 23.f5!? ]

23...Bb5!



24.Qe4??

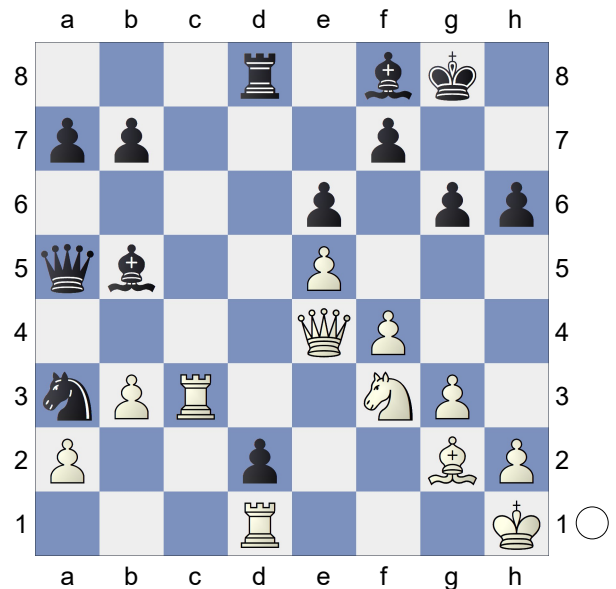
[ 24.Qd2! d3 25.Nc3 Bc6 26.Na4 Bxa4□ 27.bxa4 Bf8 28.a5□ Qb5!= ]

24...d3 25.Ng1 d2 26.Rc3 Bf8+

27.Nf3

[ 27.Qxb7 ]

27...Qa5



28.Rc2

[ 28.Qe3 Bb4 29.f5 Bxc3 30.Qxh6 exf5 31.Ng5 Be8 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qf6+ Kd7 35.Nxf7

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Kc8!-+ □ ]  
28...Nxc2 29.Qxc2 Be2 30.Rxd2 Bxf3  
31.Rf2 Qe1+  
0-1

□ Siegel,David

■ Uzakbaev,Nursultan

2026 Spring TNM: 1600-1999 (4.24)

[Siegel,David]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 b6 Rarely played but not unheard of. 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Bb7 5.d4 exd4 6.exd4 Bb4 My opponent has played logical moves but somehow the computer evaluation is already at +1.4. The master's database has one game at this position and White played 7. Bd3. Stockfish thinks my choice (7. d5) is just as good, but it is more committal. The dream is to put pressure on the e7 square and tear apart the kingside. Maybe some combination of d5, Bg5, kick away the dark squared bishop, d6, put my queen or a rook on the e-file, etc. That isn't quite what happened in the game but things got out of hand pretty quickly. 7.d5 Nce7 8.Qb3 The material is equal but Stockfish thinks White is at +1.9. If Black defends the bishop I kick it away with 9. a3; if it retreats along the e7 diagonal I play 9. Ne4; if it retreats to a5 I play 9. Bg5. 8...Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 Nf6 10.Bg5 Ng6 I'd love to capture twice on f6 if I could guarantee that Black would castle kingside, but he could just castle queenside, and I didn't especially want to exchange queens yet either. I also had the 11... Ne4 fork to worry about. I thought about playing 10. Bd3 to cover the e4 square but 10. O-O-O looked even stronger; 10. O-O-O Ne4 11. Re1 would be completely winning for White and I liked the idea of getting the rook

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onto the e-file regardless. Bd3 could wait. 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Bd3 d6 12... d6 was the best move according to the computer, but now my plan is straightforward, I'm going to try to tear apart the kingside with the h-pawn. I was expecting 12... h6 and didn't think White would be so much better afterwards. The computer finds the spectacular fishing pole 12... h6 13. h4! Second best is to capture twice on f6 and try to hunt down Black's pawns... it wasn't so obvious to me that White would be winning in that position but it did seem promising. 13.h4 b5 14.h5 b4 15.Qxb4 I'm winning at least a piece here. 15...Bxd5 16.hxg6 Be6 17.gxf7+ Kxf7 18.Bxh7 c5 19.Qc3 Qb6 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Be4 Rab8 22.Bd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Ke8 24.Rh7 Kd8 25.Qd2 Kc8 26.Rxd6 Qb4 27.Rc6#  
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□ Chan,John

■ Toczyski,David Paul

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[Toczyski,David Paul]

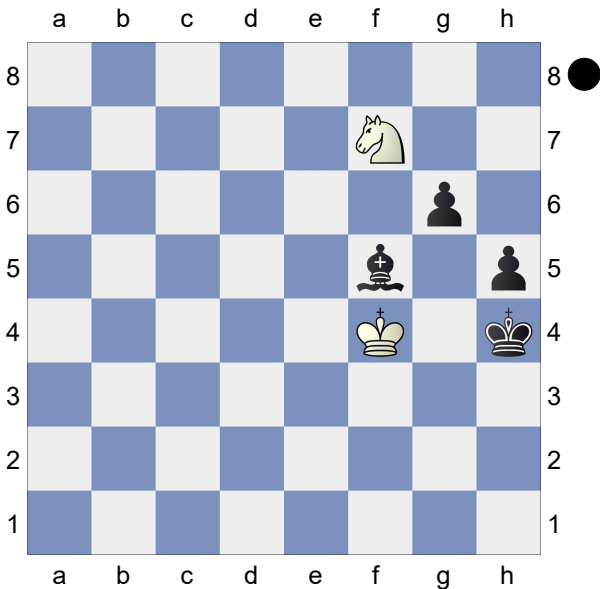
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a5?! 41.Nf1 f4 42.g3 fxf3+ 43.Nxg3 Bc6 44.Rd6+ Re6! 45.Rxe6+?! Kxe6 46.f4 b5? 47.Ke3 Kd5?! 48.Ne2? b4 49.axb4 cxb4 50.Nc1 a4 51.Nd3 Kc4 52.Ne5+ Kb5 53.Kd4 a3 54.bxa3 bxa3 55.Kc3 Be4 56.Kb3 Kc5 57.Kxa3 Kd4 58.Nf7 Ke3 59.Kb4 Kxf4 60.Kc5 Kg4 61.Kd4 Bf5 62.Ke5 Kxh4 63.Kf4



EW: All the punctuation up to here is David's, but here, if we're to believe the annoying Tablebase that Chessbase shows in the Stockfish engine window, the move that misses the win occurs now: **63...Kh3?** (EW: It's annoying because there are no "MTM" (move to mate) numbers to guide the play, just a "-1", "0", or "1" evaluation after any move. And this makes it 0.

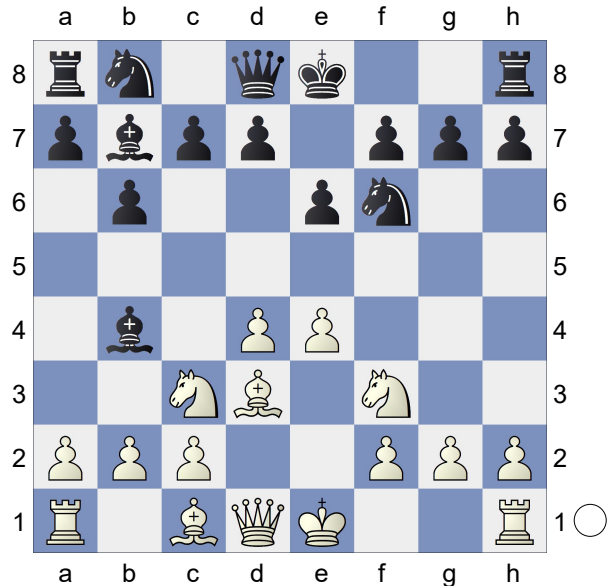
[ 63...Be6 64.Ng5 Bd5 65.Nh7 and I \*think\* the point is Kh3 66.Ng5+ Kg2 67.Ke5 Kg3 68.Kxd5 Kg4 winning. ]

64.Ng5+ Kh2 65.Nf3+ Kg2 66.Nh4+ Kh3 67.Nf3! Bc2 68.Ng5+ Kg2 69.Nf3! Bd1 70.Nh4+! Kf2 71.Nxg6 Bg4 72.Ne5 Bd1 73.Kg5 Kg3 74.Ng6 Bf3 75.Nh4 Bd1 76.Nf5+

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□ Braithwaite, Andrew 1453  
 ■ Le, Thu Anh 1419  
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 [Le, Thu Anh]

1.e4 b6 OG Thu circa 2023 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bd3 Nf6



**6.Bg5**

[ 6.e5!? ]  
 [ 6.Qe2!? ]

**6...h6 7.Bxf6! Qxf6**

[ 7...Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qxf6 Induce a long-term structural weakness on White ]

**8.Qd2 Nc6 9.e5 Qd8** The queen undeveloped.

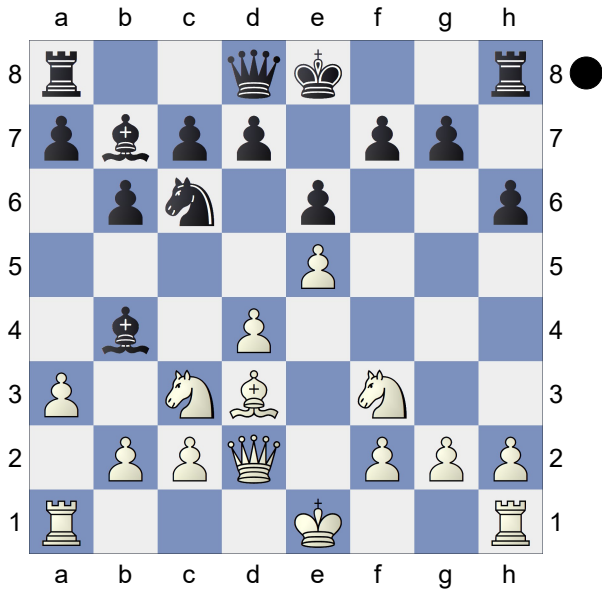
[ 9...Qe7 10.a3 Bxc3 ]  
 [ 9...Bxc3 10.Qxc3 Qf4 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Be2 ( 12.Qxc7 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qxf3 ) 12...0-0 Now Black has a good game ]

**10.a3**

(Diagram)

**Be7?! The bishop undeveloped. Should have committed to chop off Nc3.**

[ 10...Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Ne7 12.Be2 ( 12.0-0 Doesn't work Bxf3 13.gxf3 )



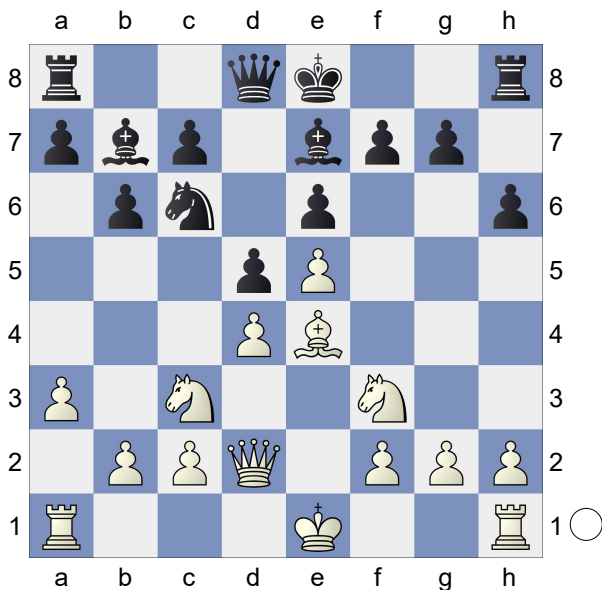
12...0-0 13.0-0 ]

11.Be4

[ 11.0-0-0 ]

[ 11.Qf4 ]

11...d5



This move looks like Black's LSB is blocked, but is only temporarily as Black still has c5 **12.Bd3**

[ 12.exd6 Bxd6 13.0-0-0 0-0 ]

**12...Nb8** The knight undeveloped. Black reset their entire development.

[ 12...g5 13.h3 Qd7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 ]

**13.0-0 c5 14.Bb5+ Nd7**

[ 14...Nc6 15.Qe3 a6 16.Bxc6+ Bxc6 ]

**15.Rfe1 0-0 16.Bf1 cxd4**

[ 16...f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 ]

**17.Nxd4 a6 18.Nce2?? Nxe5 19.b3**

**Qc7 20.Ng3 Bd6 21.Nh5 Qd8**

[ 21...Nd7 22.Rxe6 I was wondering at various points whether my opponent has Rxe6 sac, which optically seems annoying fxe6

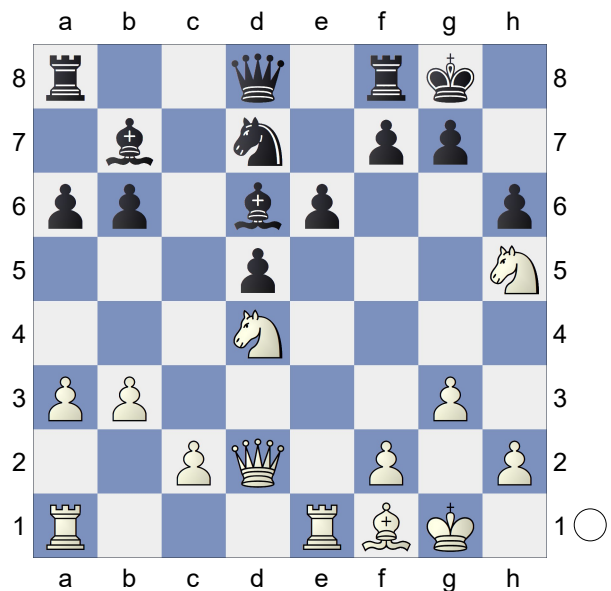
23.Nxe6 Bxh2+ 24.Kh1 Qe5

Not here yet ]

**22.g3 Nd7**

[ 22...Re8 ]

[ 22...Qg5 ]



**23.Bg2**

[ 23.Nxg7 Now White could generate some counterplay with a knight sac

Qg5 ( 23...Kxg7?? 24.Rxe6!! fxe6

25.Nxe6+ Family forky fork; 23...Bc5

24.Qxh6 Qf6 ) 24.Qxg5 hxg5

25.Ndx6 fxe6 26.Nxe6 Ne5 27.Nxf8

Nf3+ 28.Kg2 Nxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Rxf8 ]

[ 23.Rxe6? fxe6 24.Nxe6 Qe7

25.Re1 ( 25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.Re1 Qf7 )

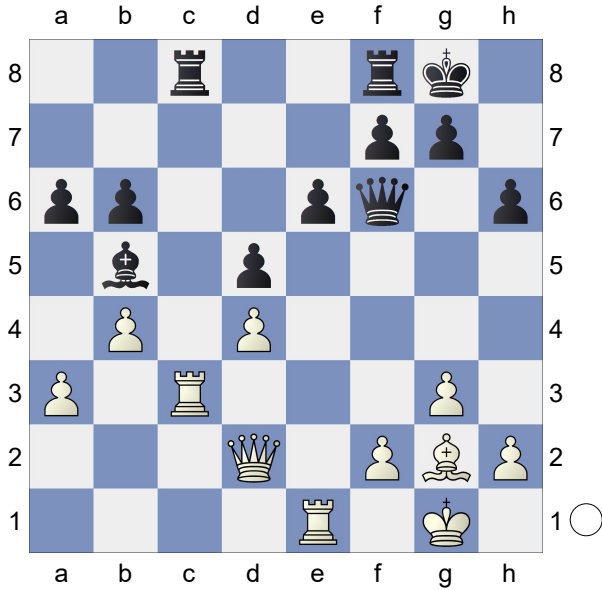
25...Ne5!! 26.Rxe5 ( 26.f4 Nf3+ )

26...Bxe5 27.Nexg7 Bxg7

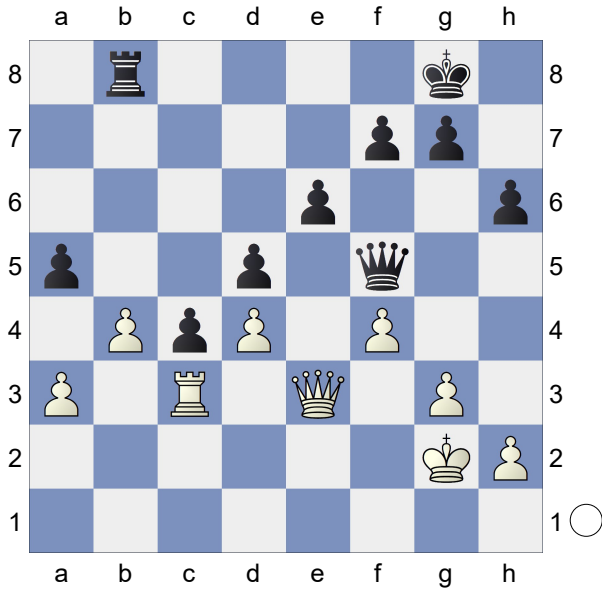
Now Black is safe. In all honesty, I wasn't sure if it would be completely defensible after Rxe6. ]

**23...Nf6 24.Nxf6+ Qxf6 25.b4 Be5**

[ 25...e5 26.Nb3 e4 ]  
**26.c3 Bxd4 27.cxd4 Rac8 28.Rac1 Bc6 29.Rc3 Bb5**



**30.Rec1 Rxc3 31.Rxc3 Bc4 32.Bf1 b5 33.Bxc4 bxc4 34.f4 Rb8 35.Qe3 Qf5 36.Kg2 a5**



**37.Qe5**

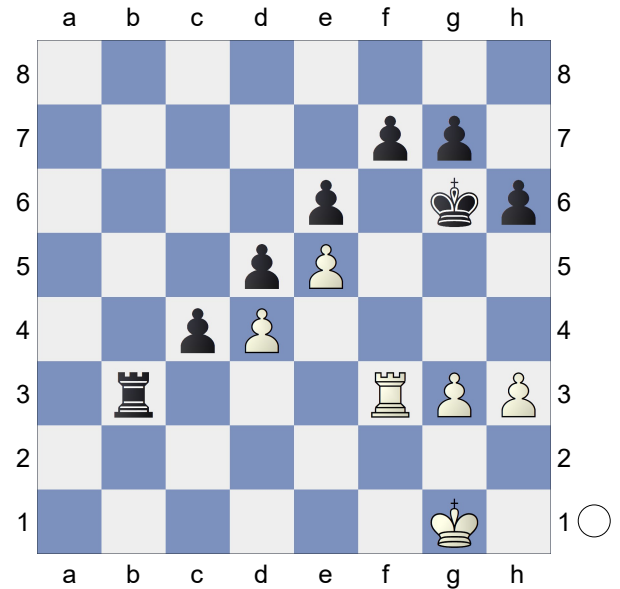
[ 37.bxa5 Rb2+

**A) 38.Kh1** Qb1+ ( 38...Rb1+ 39.Rc1 Qe4+ 40.Qxe4 Rxc1+ 41.Kg2 dxe4 ) 39.Rc1 Qa2 40.Qg1 Qxa3;

**B) 38.Kf3** Qh5+ 39.g4 Qh3# ]

**37...Qxe5 38.fxe5 axb4 39.axb4 Rxb4 40.Kf2 Rb2+ 41.Kg1 Kh7 42.h3 Kg6**

**43.Rf3 Rb3**



**44.Kf2 Rxf3+ 45.Kxf3 c3 46.Ke3 c2 47.Kd2 Kf5 48.Kxc2 Ke4 49.Kc3 Kf3 50.g4 Kf4 51.Kd3 Kg3 52.Ke3 Kxh3 53.Kf3 Kh4 54.Kf4 g5+ 55.Kf3 Kh3 56.Kf2 Kxg4 0-1**

**C34**

□ Casares,Nick

**1637**

■ McCutcheon,Bennett

**1565**

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[Winslow,Elliott]

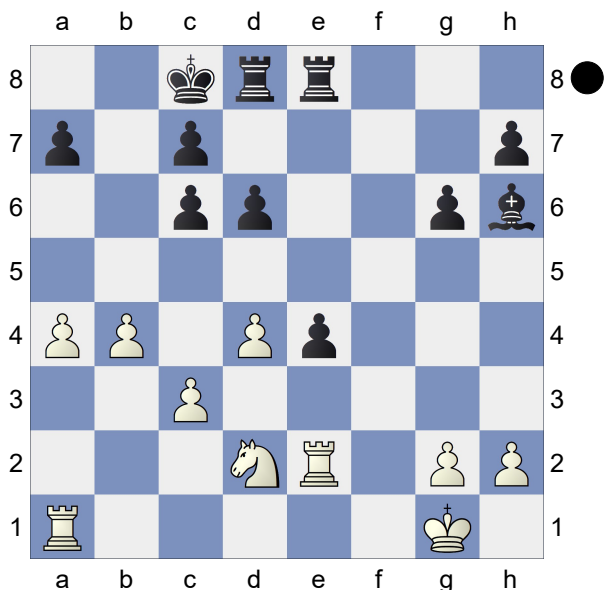
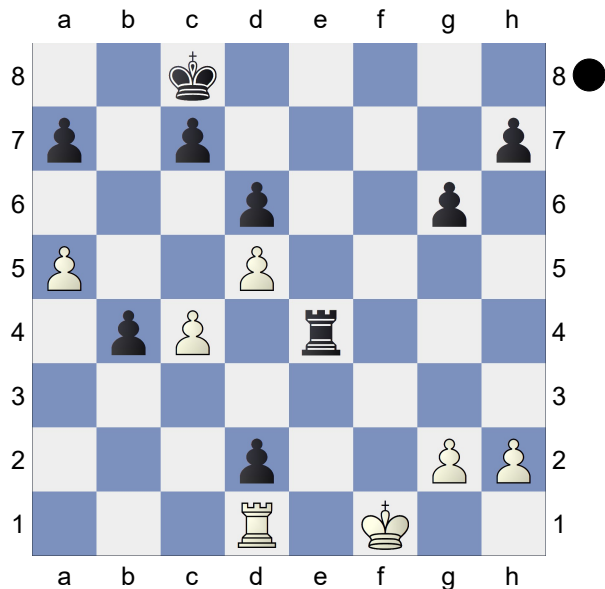
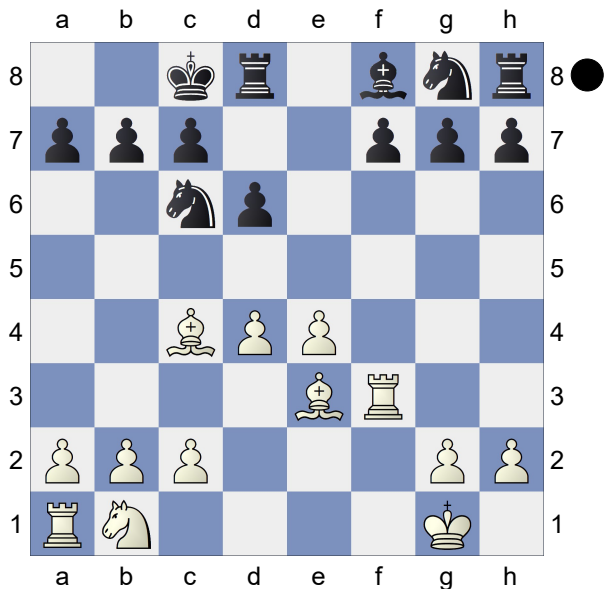
1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 Bg4 6.Bxf4 Qf6 7.Be3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 0-0-0 9.0-0 Qxf3 10.Rxf3

(Diagram)

Nf6 11.Nd2 Ng4 12.c3 Nxe3 13.Rxe3 f6 14.b4 g6 15.a4 Bh6 16.Re2 Rhe8 17.Nf3 f5 18.Bd5 fxe4 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Nd2

(Diagram)

c5 21.d5 cxb4 22.c4 Bxd2 23.Rxd2 e3 24.Re2 Re4 25.Rc1 Rde8 26.a5



Rd4 27.Kf1 Ree4 28.Rec2 Rd2  
29.Rxd2 exd2 30.Rd1

(Diagram)

Re1+ 31.Rxe1 dxe1Q+ 32.Kxe1 Kb7  
33.Kd2 Ka6 34.Kc2 Kxa5 35.Kb3 Kb6  
36.Kxb4 a5+ 37.Kb3 Kc5 38.Kc3 a4  
39.g4 a3  
**0-1**

**B22**  
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1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Bc4 e6  
5.Bxd5 exd5 6.Qf3 d4 7.cxd4 cxd4  
8.Ne2 Nc6 9.0-0 d5 10.Re1 Be7  
11.Qg3 0-0 12.Nf4 Bh4 13.Qf3 Re8  
14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Nxd5 Rxe5 16.Rxe5  
Nxe5 17.Na3 Nd3 18.g3 Bf6 19.Nxf6+  
gxf6 20.Nb5 Bh3 21.Nxd4 Re8 22.Nc2  
Rc8 23.b3 Rxc2 24.Ba3 Rxd2 25.f4  
Rg2+  
**0-1**

**B13**  
 1301  
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 [Karpe,Ummon]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5  
Nxd5 8.Bc4 e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Re1  
Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nxd4 12.Qe4 Nxc3  
13.bxc3 Nc6 14.Bf4 0-0 15.Bd3 g6

16.Bh6 Re8 17.Bb5 Rc8 18.Rad1  
 Qa5 19.Bxc6 Rxc6 20.Qd4 Bf8  
 21.Be3 Bc5 22.Qd7 Re7 23.Qd8+  
 Qxd8 24.Rxd8+ Kg7 25.Bf4 f6  
 26.Red1 g5 27.Bd6 Bxd6 28.R8xd6  
 Rxd6 29.Rxd6 f5 30.Kf1 Kf6 31.c4  
 Rc7 32.c5 Ke7 33.Rd3 g4 34.Rb3 e5  
 35.g3 Ke6 36.Rb5 Kd5 37.c6+ Kxc6  
 38.Rxe5 Rf7 39.a4 Kd6 40.Re2 Kc5  
 41.a5 b5 42.axb6 axb6 43.Rc2+ Kd4  
 44.Rb2 Kc5 45.Rc2+ Kb5 46.Kg2  
 Ka6 47.Ra2+ Kb7 48.Rb2 Re7  
 49.Rb5 Ka6 50.Rxf5 Re4  
 [ 50...b5 51.Rg5 b4 52.Rxg4 b3 ]  
 51.Rf4  
 [ 51.Rf8 b5 52.f4 Re2+ ( 52...gxf3+  
 53.Kxf3; 52...b4 53.f5 ) 53.Kf1 Rxh2  
 54.f5 ]  
 51...Rxf4 52.gxf4 Kb7 53.Kf1 Kc6  
 54.Ke2 Kd5 55.Kd3 b5  
 0-1

□ Cao,Danny Du Uy **A80**  
 1272  
 ■ Hack,Richard **1500**  
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*[Analyze This]*

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Be2  
 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 white 1 hour 28 minutes....  
 black 1 hour 30 minutes 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2  
 Qe8 8.c4 Nbd7 9.Nc3 c6 10.Qc2 e5  
 w 1 h 26 m... b 1 h 25 m 11.dxe5 dxe5  
 12.e4  
 [ 12.Rfd1 e4 ]  
 12...Nc5 13.Bd3  
 [ 13.Ba3 ]  
 13...f4  
 [ 13...Nxd3 14.Qxd3 ]  
 14.h3  
 [ 14.Ba3 b6 ]  
 14...Nh5 15.Ba3 b6 w 1 h 10 m... b 1 h  
 10 m 16.Be2 Rf7 17.Ng5 Rd7 18.b4  
 Ne6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Bg4 Qxc4

w 1 h 2 m... b 1 h 4 m 21.Bxd7 Bxd7  
 22.Rfd1  
 [ 22.Qb3 Qxb3 ( 22...Qf7 23.Qxf7+  
 Kxf7 ) 23.axb3 ]  
 22...Qe6 23.Rd2  
 [ 23.Qb3 Qxb3 24.axb3 ]  
 23...f3 24.Qb3  
 [ 24.gxf3 Qxh3 ]  
 24...fxg2  
 [ 24...Qxb3 25.axb3 ]  
 25.Rxd7 Qxb3 w 54 m... b 58 m  
 26.axb3  
 [ 26.Rxg7+ Kxg7 27.axb3 ]  
 26...Nf4 27.Rad1 Nxb3+ 28.Kxg2  
 Nf4+ 29.Kf3 Ne6 30.Ne2 Rf8+  
 w 49 m ... b 54 m 31.Kg2 h5 32.b5  
 [ 32.Bc1 ]  
 32...c5 33.Bc1 g5 34.Rxa7 g4 35.Rd6  
 Nf4+ w 40 m... b 44 m 36.Nxf4  
 [ 36.Bxf4 exf4 ]  
 36...exf4 37.Rg6 Rf7 38.Rxf7  
 [ 38.Ra8+ Kh7 39.Rxb6 ]  
 38...Kxf7 39.Rxb6 is this the blunder  
 [ 39.Rxg7+ Kxg7 40.Bxf4 Kf6 41.f3  
 gxf3+ 42.Kxf3 h4 ]  
 39...f3+ 40.Kg3 is this the blunder  
 [ 40.Kg1 ]  
 40...Be5+ w 35m... b 41 m 41.Kh4  
 [ 41.Bf4 h4+ 42.Kxh4 Bxf4 43.Kxg4  
 Bd2 44.Kxf3 ]  
 41...g3 42.Rb7+  
 [ 42.fxf3 f2 ]  
 [ 42.Kxh5 gxf2 ]  
 [ 42.Kh3 g2 ]  
 42...Ke6 43.Rb6+ Kf7 44.Rb7+  
 w 16m ... b 39 m... black offers draw...  
 white accepts  
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C45

☐ Turner,Robert

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■ Rosston,Andrew Burkett

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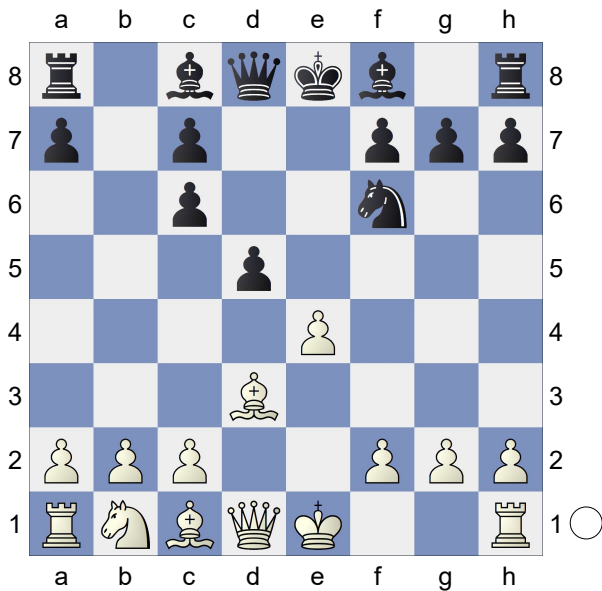
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Bd3

[The main line has been the downright bizarre 6.e5!? Qe7!? 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 ( 8...Nb6 ) 9.b3 with all sorts of contortions to come. ]

6...d5!



7.e5?!

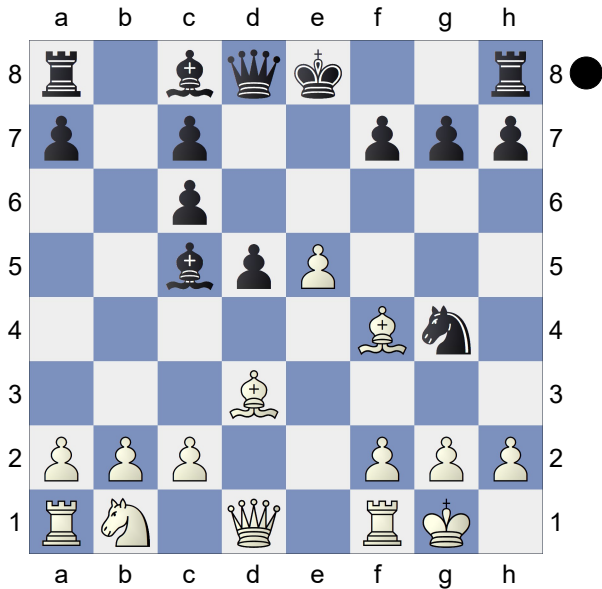
[Stockfish is no fan of 7.Qe2 but it has quite a following: dxe4 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.Bxe4 0-0 10.Bxc6 Rb8 11.0-0 Qd6 12.Bb5 Ng4 13.g3 Qc5 14.a4 a6 15.Bd3 Qh5 16.h4 Rb6 17.Be3 Re6 18.Qf3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Qa5 20.Qxg4 Rxe3 21.Qd4 Re6 22.Qb4 Qd5 23.Rad1 Qf3 24.Bxh7+ Kxh7 25.Rd3 Qe4 26.Qxf8 Bb7 27.f3 Qe5 28.Rd2 Rf6 29.Kh2 Bxf3 30.Rdf2 Rf4 31.Qd8 Rf6 32.Qd4 Qe7 33.Rxf3 Qe5 1-0 (33) Wei,Y (2754)-So,W (2753) Mumbai (rapid) 2025 ]

[The main line \*here\* is the stable 7.exd5 cxd5 8.0-0 Be7 9.c4

with a lot of familiar names with big ratings. 0-0 10.cxd5 ( 10.Nc3 d4 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Rb8 13.Qd3 h6 14.b3 Bd6 15.Bd2 c5 16.Rfe1 Qf6 17.Re2 Bg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.Rae1 Rbe8 20.a3 Rb8 21.Rb1 Rfe8 22.b4 Bf5 23.Rbe1 Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 a6 26.b5 axb5 27.cxb5 Ra8 28.b6 Rb8 29.Ba5 Qg5 30.Qc4 Qh5 31.h4 Kh7 32.a4 f5 33.Re6 Bf4 34.Be1 Re8 35.Kf1 d3 36.Rxe8 Qxe8 37.Qxd3 Qxa4 38.Qxf5+ Kg8 39.b7 Qc4+ 40.Kg1 Qd4+ 41.Kh1 Qc4 42.Bf2 Qb4 43.g3 Qxb7 44.Qxf4 Qb1+ 45.Kg2 Qa2 46.Qf5 c4 47.Qd5+ Kh7 48.h5 Kh8 49.g4 Qa4 50.Bd4 Qc2+ 51.Kg3 Qc1 52.Qa8+ 1-0 (52) Shankland,S (2720)-Aronian,L (2775) "Road to Miami", chess.com 2022 ) 10...Nxd5 11.Be4 Be6 12.Qf3 c6 13.Rd1 Qb6 14.Nc3 Rad8 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5 Rxd5 17.Rxd5 cxd5 18.b3 Bf6 19.Be3 Qa5 20.Rd1 d4 21.Bf4 Qxa2 22.g4 Qa5 23.Kg2 Qb5 24.Rc1 d3 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.b4 Qxb4 27.g5 Be7 28.h4 Qb5 29.Re1 Bf8 30.Re5 Qd7 31.Bd2 g6 32.h5 gxh5 33.Qxh5 Qc6+ 34.Kg1 Bg7 35.Rf5 Qg6 36.Qf3 Qe6 37.Kg2 Qe2 38.Qf4 Qe6 39.Qf3 a6 40.Rc5 Bf8 41.Rc6 Qd5 42.Qxd5 Rxd5 43.Rxa6 Rd8 44.f4 Bg7 45.Kf3 Bc3 46.Bxc3 d2 47.Bxd2 Rxd2 48.Ra8+ Kg7 49.f5 h6 50.gxh6+ Kxh6 51.Kf4 Kg7 52.Ra6 Rf2+ 53.Kg5 Rg2+ 54.Kf4 Rg1 55.Rb6 Rf1+ 56.Kg5 Rg1+ 57.Kf4 Ra1 58.Kg5 Rg1+ 59.Kf4 ½-½ (59) Vachier Lagrave,M (2736)-Carlsen,M (2859) online blitz 16 Dec 2022 ]

7...Ng4 8.0-0 Bc5 9.Bf4

(Diagram)



### g5!? 10.Bg3

[This line has spanned time in chess:

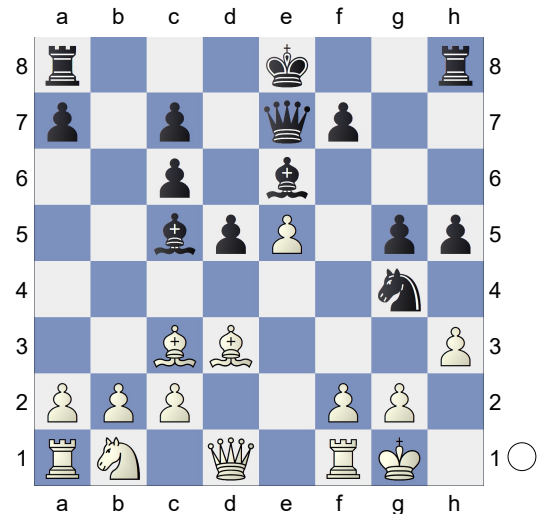
10.Bd2

**A)** Back \*two\* centuries ago (well, the 1800s) is the first game here: 10...Nxe5 11.Re1 Qe7 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.Qh5 0-0-0 14.Bxg5 f6 15.Bh4 Qg7 16.Ba6+ Kb8 17.Bg3 Rhg8 18.Qd1 Ng4 19.Bf1 Ne5 20.b4 Bg4 21.Qb1 Bd4 22.Qb3 h5 23.Rab1 h4 24.Bxh4 Nf3+ 25.gxf3 Bxf3+ 26.Bg3 Qxg3+ 27.hxg3 Rxg3+ 28.Kh2 Bxf2 29.Bh3 Rxh3+ 0-1 (29) Showalter, J-Gossip, G New York 1889;

**B)** Just over one hundred years ago: 10...Qe7!? 11.Bc3 (11.Nc3!?) 11...Be6 (11...Nxe5??) was a horrible blunder by a future world champion: 12.Bxe5 1-0 (12) Mieses, J-Euwe, M The Hague 1921. Ugh!; 11...0-0! Stockfish 18 ) 12.h3 h5

(Diagram)

13.hxg4?? (13.Qe1!?!; 13.b4!?!)  
13...hxg4+- 14.g3 Qf8 15.Kg2 Rh2+ 16.Kxh2 Qh6+ 17.Kg1 Qh3 18.Bd4 0-0-0 19.Bh7 Rh8 20.Qd3



Bxd4 21.Nd2 Rxh7 22.Qxh7 Qxh7 23.c3 Bb6 24.Nb3 Bf5 0-1 (24) Mieses, J-Fuchs, A Vienna (simul!) 1923;

**C)** 10...0-0 Black has a huge score with this move (W0 D3 B7!)

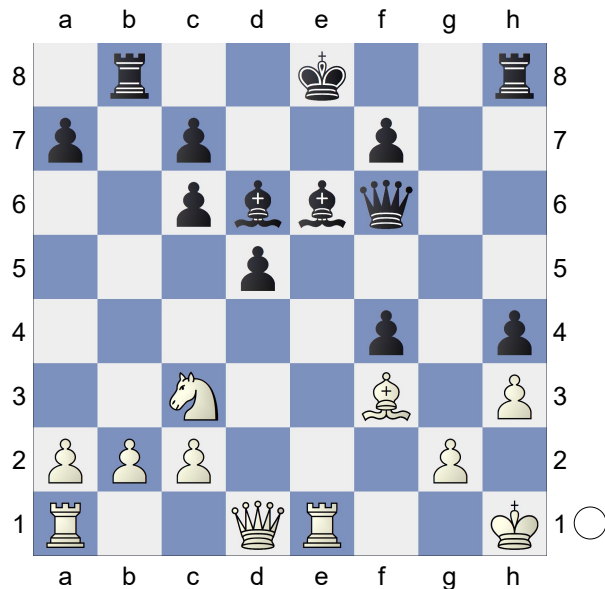
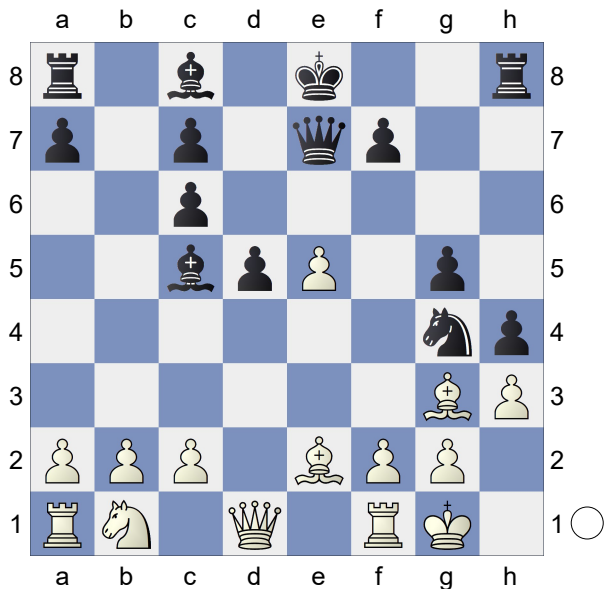
Here's as far as super-GMs have gone this century: 11.Nc3 Nxe5 12.Qh5 Nxd3 13.cxd3 f6 14.Rac1 Bf5 15.Rfe1 Bxd3 16.Qh3 Bg6 17.Qe6+ Bf7 18.Qxc6 Bb6 19.Na4 d4 20.Nxb6 cxb6 21.h4 Bd5 22.Qa4 gxh4 23.Qxd4 Bxg2 24.Qf4 Bd5 25.Rc7 Rf7 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.Kh2 Qb8 28.a3 Qxf4+ 29.Bxf4 Rg8 30.Be3 Be6 31.Rg1 Rd8 32.Rc1 Rd7 33.Rc8 Rd1 34.Rc1 Rd7 35.Rc8 Kg6 36.Rc6 Bd5 37.Rc2 Be6 38.Rc6 Bf5 39.Rc4 h3 Vachier Lagrave, M (2789)-Anand, V (2759) Paris 2018 1/2-1/2 ]

**10...h5!+- 11.Be2 Qe7 12.h3 h4**

(Diagram)

### 13.Bh2N

[Predecessor: 13.Bxg4 hxg3 14.Bxc8 Rxc8 15.Qe2 Qe6 16.Nd2 Rxh3 17.gxh3 Qxh3 18.Nf3 g4 19.Qa6 gxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Qxf3+ 22.Ke1 Kd7 23.Qf1 Qxf1+ 24.Kxf1



Ke6 25.Re1 Rb8 26.b3 Rb4 27.c4  
 dxc4 28.bxc4 Rxc4 29.Kg2 Rc5  
 30.Kg3 Rxe5 31.Rc1 f5 32.Rxc6+  
 Kd7 33.Ra6 Re3+ 34.Kf2 f4 35.Rf6  
 g3+ 0-1 (35) McGregor,J (1856)-  
 Jameson,D (2081) Cardiff 2019 ]  
 [ 13.Bxh4 Rxh4 14.Bxg4 Bxg4  
 15.hxg4 0-0-0 16.Qf3 Qxe5 17.g3  
 Rh3 18.Kg2 Rdh8 19.Qf5+ Qxf5  
 20.gxf5 g4 0-1 (20) Jackson,N (1955)-  
 Magana,B (2091) Nairobi 2015 ]  
**13...Nxh2 14.Kxh2 Qxe5+ 15.Kh1**  
**Bd6 16.f4 gxf4**  
 [ 16...Qg7!?  
 [ 16...Qxb2! ]  
**17.Bf3**  
 [ 17.Nd2!? 0-0-+ ( 17...Kf8!-+ ) ]  
**17...Be6**  
 [ 17...Qxb2! ]  
**18.Nc3 Rb8 19.Re1 Qf6**

(Diagram)

**20.Bg4?! f3!** Of course! White has to trade queens, down two pawns and other Black plusses.

[Of course 20...Rxb2 isn't bad either ]  
**21.Qxf3 Qxf3 22.Bxf3 Rxb2 23.Bg4**  
**Kd7 24.Bxe6+ fxe6 25.Re2 Rf8**  
**26.Rae1 e5 27.Rb1 Rxb1+ 28.Nxb1**

**Rf1+**  
**0-1**

**B40**  
 □ **Raman,Keshav V** **1167**  
 ■ **Tobias,Mason** **1276**  
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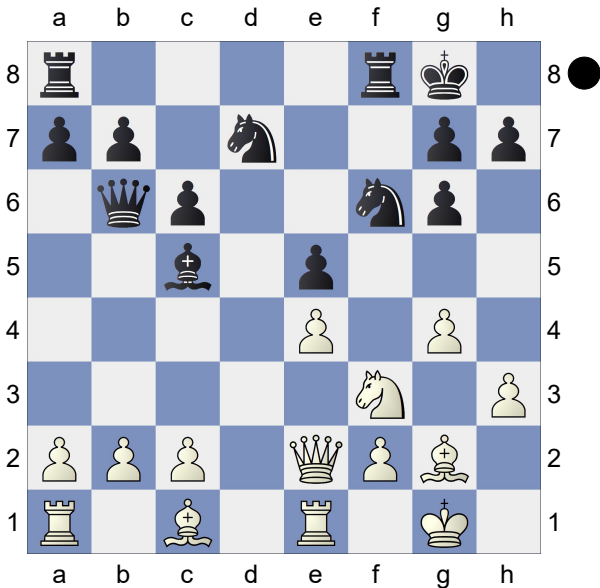
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 exd5 5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.Ne5 Bd7 7.Bxc6  
 Bxc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.d4 Bd6 10.0-0  
 Ne7 11.Bg5 0-0 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Qg4  
 Qc7 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6  
 16.Rad1 Rab8 17.b3 Rfe8 18.Ne4  
 Qg6 19.Qxg6 Nxc6 20.Nd6 Re2  
 21.Rc1 Rd8 22.Nf5 Rde8 23.Nd4 Rd2  
 24.Nxc6 Rc8 25.Nxa7 Ra8 26.Nc6  
 Rxa2 27.Rfe1 f6 28.Nb4 Ra8 29.Red1  
 Rxd1+ 30.Rxd1 Ne7 31.h3 Kf7  
 32.Nxd5 Rd8 33.Ne3 Rxd1+ 34.Nxd1  
 Ke6 35.Kf1 Nd5  
**1-0**

☐ Harris, Clarence  
■ Harriman, Connor

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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.Ngf3 Bd6  
5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bg4 7.0-0 Nbd7  
8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6  
11.Nh4 dxe4 12.Nxg6 fxe4 13.dxe4  
Bc5 14.Nf3 Qb6 15.Qe2



Nxe4 16.Be3 Nef6 17.Qc4+ Kh8  
18.Bxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxe5 Rad8 20.Nf7+  
Rxf7 21.Qxf7 Qxb2 22.g5 Ng8  
23.Rad1 Rc8 24.Re8 Rxe8 25.Qxe8  
Qxa2 26.Bf1 Qxc2 27.Rd8 Qa2  
28.Qf8 Ne4 29.Rb8 Qb3 30.Rd8 Qe6  
31.Re8 Qd5 32.Kh2 Nxg5 33.Bg2 Qb3  
34.Re7 Ne6 35.Qe8 Nf4 36.Qf8 Nh5  
37.Qa8 a6 38.Re3 Qb2 39.Bf3 Qxf2+  
40.Bg2 Nf4 41.Rg3 Ne2 42.Ra3 Qg1#  
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☐ Wardle, Braxton  
■ Starr, Albert Martin

C43  
390  
1500

2026 Spring TNM: U1600 (4.33) 24.03.26

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.dxe5  
d5 5.exd6 Nxd6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.Nc3 c6  
8.Bd2 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qe2 Nd7  
11.0-0-0 Nc5 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Bxd6  
Bxd6 14.Bf5 Qe7 15.Rhe1 0-0-0  
16.Bxe6+ fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Qxe6  
18.Rxe6 Bf4+ 19.Kb1 Bxf3 20.gxf3  
Rxd1+ 21.Nxd1 Rf8 22.Ne3 Bh6  
23.Ng4 Rxf3 24.Re8+ Kc7 25.Re7+  
Kb6 26.Nxh6 Rxh3 27.Kc1 Rxh6  
28.Rxg7 Rf6  
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C07

☐ Ching, Harvey  
■ Barreyro, Romeo Belmes

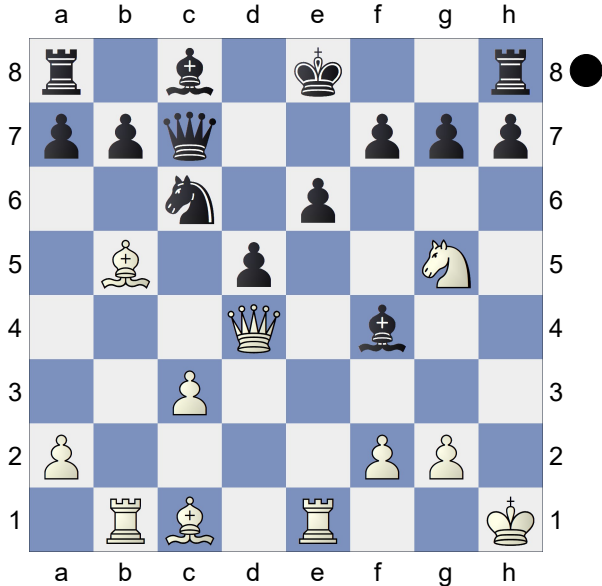
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[Winslow, Elliott]

This is a fantastic melee of a game! 1.e4  
e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.c3 Nc6  
5.Ngf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.0-0 dxc3  
8.bxc3 Nf6 9.e5 Nd7 10.Rb1  
[ 10.c4!= ]  
10...Qc7 11.Re1  
[ 11.c4 ]  
[ 11.Bb2 Be7 12.c4 0-0 ]  
11...Ndx5  
[ 11...Ncxe5 ]  
[ 11...Be7 12.c4 0-0 ]  
12.Bb5?!  
[ 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.c4 Be7 14.cxd5  
0-0 ]  
12...Nxf3+  
[ 12...a6!-+ ]  
13.Nxf3 Bd6  
[ 13...Be7! ]  
[ 13...a6!? 14.Ba4 Be7 ]  
14.Ng5?

[ 14.Qxd5 0-0 15.Qh5 Rd8  
( 15...f6 ) ]

**14...Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Bf4 16.Qd4?!**

[ 16.Bxf4 Qxf4 17.Qh5 Qf5  
( 17...Qf6 ) 18.Bd3! Qf6! ]



**16...0-0??**

[ 16...Bxc1-+ ]

**17.Qxf4 e5 18.Qh4**

[ 18.Qf3!+- ]

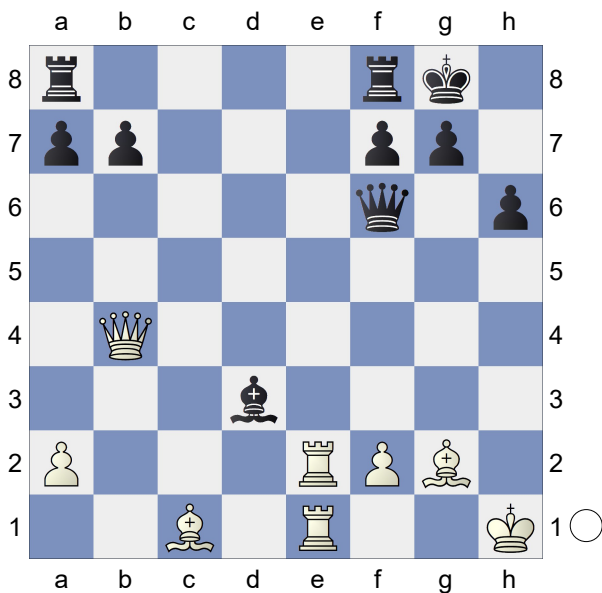
**18...h6?!**

[ 18...Bf5± ]

**19.Nf3 Bf5 20.Rb2 e4 21.Bxc6 exf3**

**22.Bxd5 Qxc3 23.Qb4! ffg2+**

**24.Bxg2 Qf6 25.Rbe2 Bd3**



**26.Re7?**

[ 26.Rd2+- ]

[ 26.Bb2+- ]

[ 26.Re3+- ]

**26...Qxf2 (White is running out of pawns...)**

**27.Qg4 Bg6**

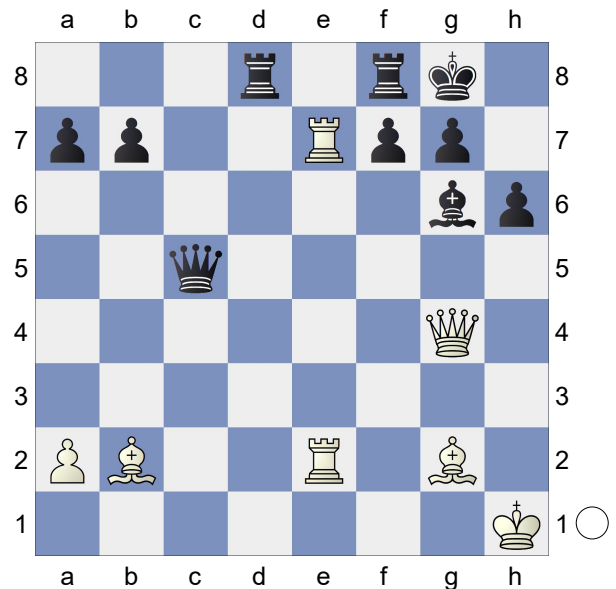
[ 27...Bf5!? 28.Qf4 Qxf4 29.Bxf4± ]

**28.R1e2! Qc5 29.Bb2!± Rad8?**

[ 29...Qh5+ 30.Qxh5 Bxh5

31.R2e3± ]

[ 29...Qf5 30.Qxf5 Bxf5 31.Bxb7±  
( 31.a4 ) ]



**30.R2e6? (It was already on...)**

**30...h5??**

[ 30...Qc2!= ]

**31.Qxg6!!+- Rd1+**

[ 31...Qc1+ 32.Bxc1 ffg6+-

(two bishops better than four pawns!) ]

**32.Kh2 Qg1+**

[ 32...Rh1+ 33.Kxh1! (A much faster mate than 33.Bxh1 ) ]

**33.Kg3**

[ 33.Kh3! will be easier ]

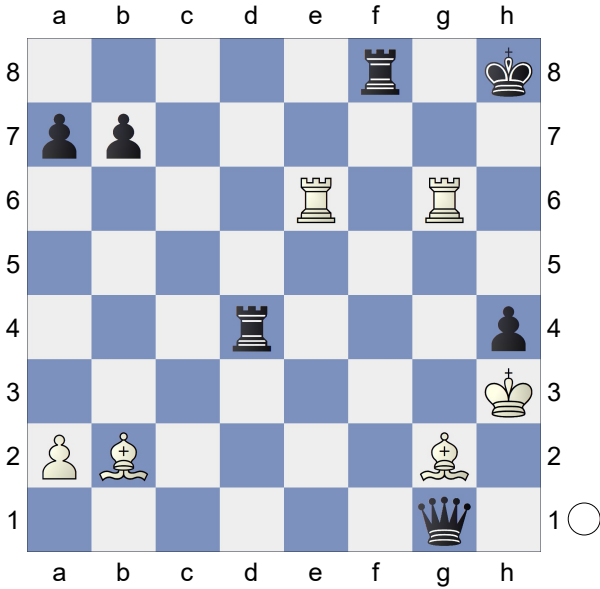
**33...h4+**

[ 33...Qf2+ 34.Kxf2 ffg6+ 35.Ke2+- ]

**34.Kh3! ffg6 35.Rxg7+ Kh8**

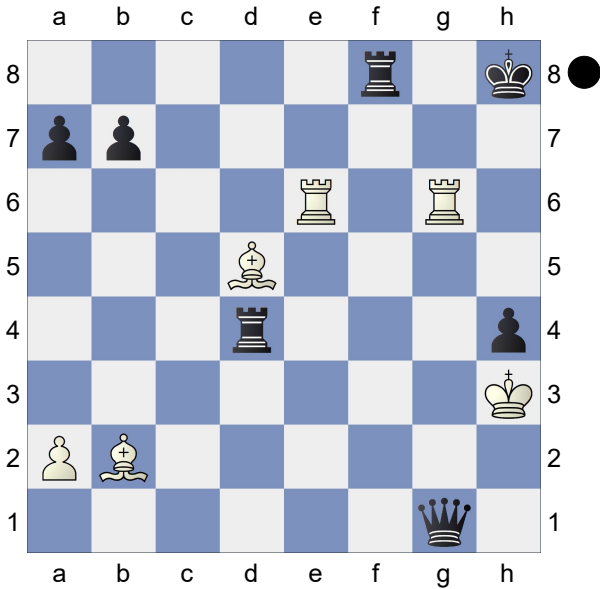
**36.Rg7xg6+ Rd4**

(Diagram)



**37.Bd5??**

[ 37.Rg4!+- Rf6 38.Re8+ #10  
 ( 38.Bxd4!+- Qxd4 39.Re8+ #8;  
 38.Rxf6+- is also winning, but will take  
 a while ) ]



**37...Qf1+! 38.Rg2 Qh1+ (Black mates in 2)**

[ 38...Qh1+ 39.Rh2 Rf3+ 40.Bxf3  
 Qxf3# ]

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□ Jessup, Steven

■ Robins, Alexander

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 [Winslow, Elliott]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4  
 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3  
 Nxe4 8.Qe2?**

[ 8.0-0! Bxc3! 9.d5! Bf6! 10.Re1  
 Ne7 11.Rxe4 d6= is the famous line  
 from eternity. ]

**8...Qe7 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Qxe7+?!**

[ 10.Kxd2!± ]

**10...Bxe7**

[ 10...Nxe7!-+ ]

**11.Kxd2 0-0 12.Nd5**

[ 12.Rhe1 a6± ]

**12...Bb4+?**

[ 12...Bd8-+ ]

[ 12...Bd6-+ ]

**13.Kc2?**

[ 13.Nxb4 Nxb4 14.a3 Nc6  
 15.Rhe1= Δd5 ]

**13...Ba5**

[ 13...Bd6!± ]

**14.Rac1**

[ 14.a3!± ]

**14...Nb4+ 15.Kb1**

[ 15.Nxb4 Bxb4 16.a3 Be7-+ ]

**15...Nxd5 16.Bxd5 c6 17.Bb3 d5**

**18.g4 Bxg4 19.Ne5 Bf5+ 20.Ka1 Bc7**

**21.h4 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Rfe8 23.Rce1**

**Re6 24.h5 Be4 25.Rhf1 Rae8**

**26.Rxe4 dxe4 27.Bxe6 Rxe6 28.Rd1**

**Kf8 29.Rd7 Re7 30.Rd8+ Re8 31.Rd7**

**Rb8 32.Rd4 Ke7 33.Rxe4 Rd8**

**34.Kb1 Rd2 35.Rf4 Ke6 36.Kc1 Rd5**

**37.Rg4 g6 38.hxg6 hxg6 39.f4 Kf5**

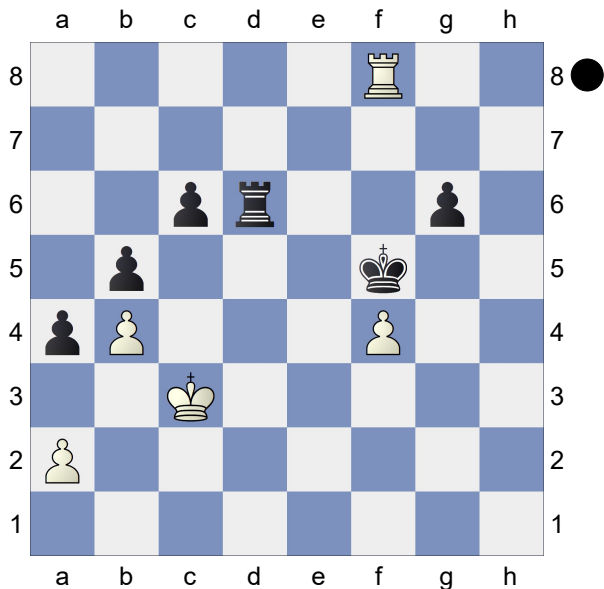
**40.Rh4 Rd4 41.Rh7 Rd7 42.Rh4 b5**

**43.Kc2 a5 44.Kc3 f6 45.exf6 Kxf6**

**46.b4 a4 47.Rh8 Kf5 48.Rc8 Rd6**

**49.Rf8+**

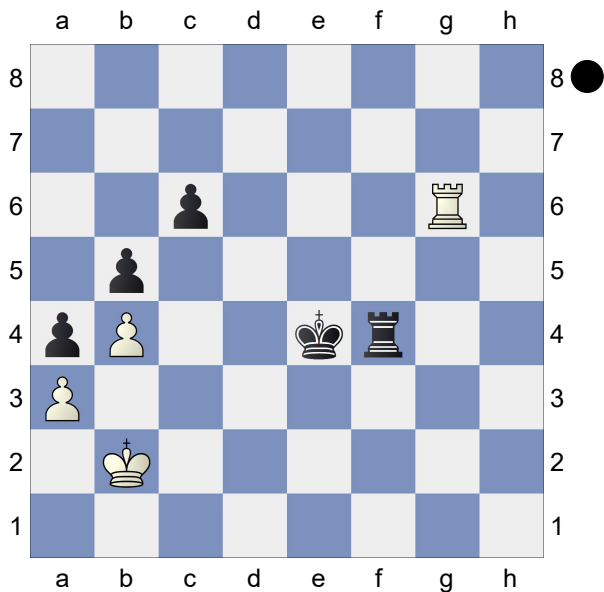
(Diagram)



**Ke4?**

[ 49...Rf6!-+ ]

**50.a3!= Rd3+ 51.Kb2 Rf3 52.Rf6!  
Rxf4 53.Rxg6=**



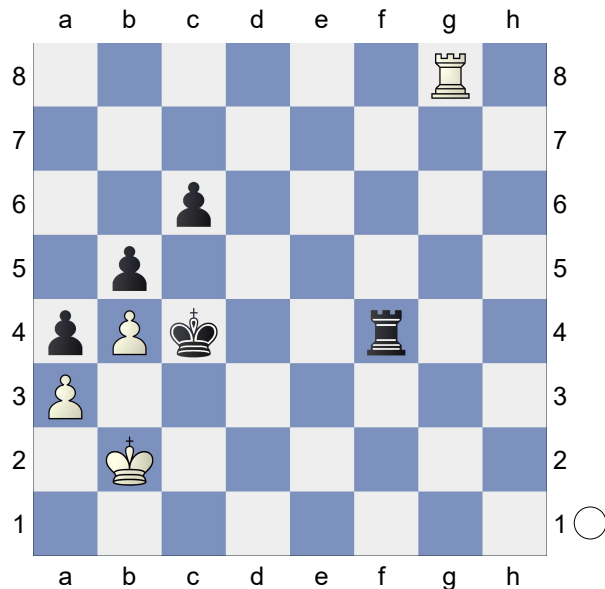
**Kd5 54.Rg8 Kc4**

(Diagram)

**55.Rc8?**

[ 55.Rg2!= ]

**55...Rf2+ 56.Kc1 Kb3 57.Rxc6 Kxa3  
0-1**



**C62**  
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☐ **Kojevnikov,Alexander**  
 ● **Gulevich,Aaron**

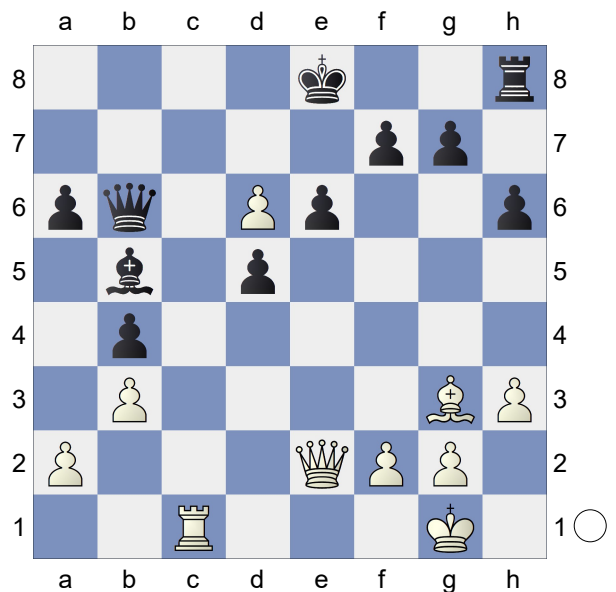
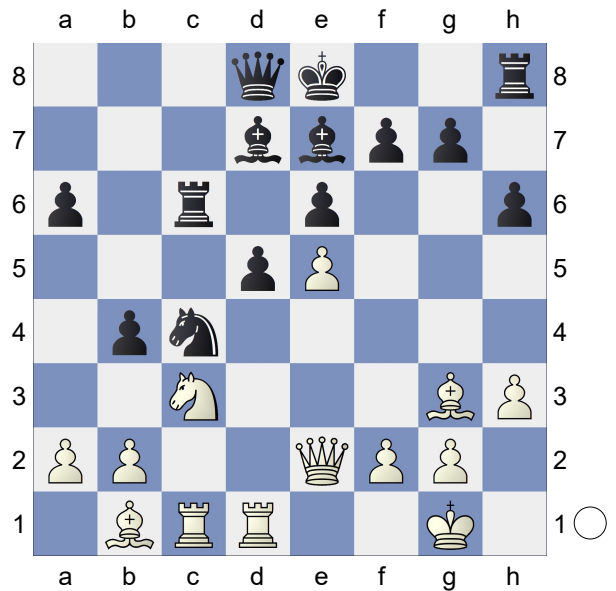
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 Bd7 5.Bxc6 Bxc6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Qe2  
 Be7 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Bb4 10.Nxc6  
 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 bxc6 12.Ba3 Nd7  
 13.0-0 c5 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Qg4 0-0-0  
 16.Qe2 Qf6 17.Qc4 Qe7 18.Qa6+ Kb8  
 19.Rxd7 Qxe4 20.Rb1+ Ka8 21.Rxc7  
 Rhe8 22.Qxa7#  
**1-0**

**C41**  
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 1002  
 2026 Spring TNM: U1600 (4.37) 24.03.26  
 [Winslow,Elliott]

☐ **Wilson,Stephen L**  
 ● **Blum,Paul**

**1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bc4**  
 [ 3.d4 ]  
**3...Bg4**  
 [ 3...Be6 ]  
**4.h3 Bh5 5.d3 h6 6.Nbd2 Nf6 7.g3  
 c5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Rg1 Nc6 10.c3 Na5**

11.Bb3 Nxb3 12.axb3 a6 13.h4 Qb6  
 14.c4 Be7 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 Nh5  
 17.Nf1 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.N1d2  
 0-0-0 20.Qc2 f6 21.Qc3 Be8 22.Qa5  
 Qxa5 23.Rxa5 Bd7 24.Ra1 Rh3  
 25.Ke2 f5 26.Rh1 Rdh8 27.Rxh3  
 Rxh3 28.Rg1 fxe4 29.Nxe4 g6 30.Nf6  
 Bc6 31.Nd5 Kd7 32.Rg4 Rh5  
 33.Nxe7 Bxf3+ 34.Kxf3 Kxe7 35.Kxf4  
 Rh3 36.Rg3 Rh1 37.d4 Rb1 38.Re3+  
 Kf7 39.d5 Rxb2 40.f3 b5 41.cxb5  
 axb5 42.Kg4 Rd2 43.f4 Rxd5 44.Rh3  
 Kg7 45.Re3 Rd4 46.Re7+ Kf8 47.Rd7  
 b4 48.Rd8+ Ke7 49.Rg8 Kf7 50.Rd8  
 Rd3 51.f5 Rd4+ 52.Kf3 gxf5 53.Rd7+  
 Kg6 54.Rd8 Kxg5 55.Rg8+ Kf6  
 56.Ke3 f4+ 57.Kf3 Rd3+ 58.Kxf4  
 Rxb3 59.Rf8+ Ke6 60.Re8+ Kd5  
 61.Re1 c4 62.Rd1+ Rd3 63.Rh1 c3  
 64.Rh5+ Kc4 65.Ke4 d5+ 66.Kf4 c2  
 67.Rh1 Rd1  
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□ Parsons, Stephen

■ De Firmian, Christopher

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2026 Spring TNM: Extra Rated (4.38)  
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5  
 5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 dxc3 7.Nxc3 e6  
 8.Nf3 d6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qe2 Nc6  
 11.Rd1 d5 12.Bf4 Bd7 13.Rac1 a6  
 14.Bc2 h6 15.Bb1 Rc8 16.h3 Nc4  
 17.Bg3 b5 18.Nd4 b4 19.Nxc6 Rxc6

(Diagram)

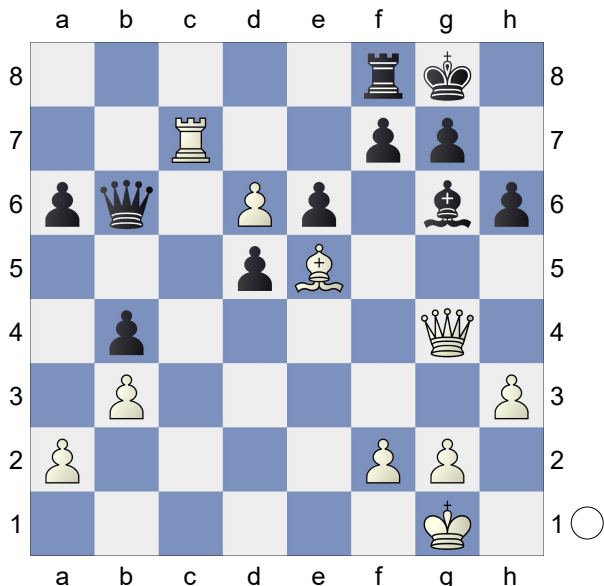
20.Ne4 Qc7 21.b3 Na3 22.Nd6+ Bxd6  
 23.exd6 Qc8 24.Rxc6 Qxc6 25.Bd3  
 Qb6 26.Rc1 Nb5 27.Bxb5 Bxb5

(Diagram)

28.Qg4 0-0 29.Rc7 Bd3 30.Be5 Bg6

(Diagram)

31.Qxg6  
**1-0**



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**1993**  
**2216**

□ **Clemens, Kristian**

■ **Foerster-Yialamas, Lucas**

2026 Spring TNM: Extra Rated (4.39)

[Winslow, Elliott]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 c5!?**

[ 5...Bg7 6.e4 Nxc3 7.Bxc3 ]

[ 5...Nb6 6.Nf3 ( 6.Bg5; 6.Bf4 )

6...Bg7 7.Bg5 ( 7.Bf4 )]

**6.e4**

[ 6.dxc5!? ]

**6...Nxc3 7.Bxc3 cxd4 8.Qxd4**

("not very interesting," R.Edouard 2021 note)

[ 8.Bxd4 e5! 9.Bxe5 ( 9.Bc3!? Bd6!?

10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0

Qe7 13.h3 f6 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qa4

Be6 16.Rfd1 a5 17.Qxc6 Bc5

18.Qa4 Rfc8 19.Rac1 Qf7 20.b3

Qb7 21.Be1 Kf7 22.Rc2 Ke7

23.Kh2 g5 24.Bxa5 Rxa5 25.Qxa5

Bb4 26.Qa4 Rxc2 27.a3 Bd6

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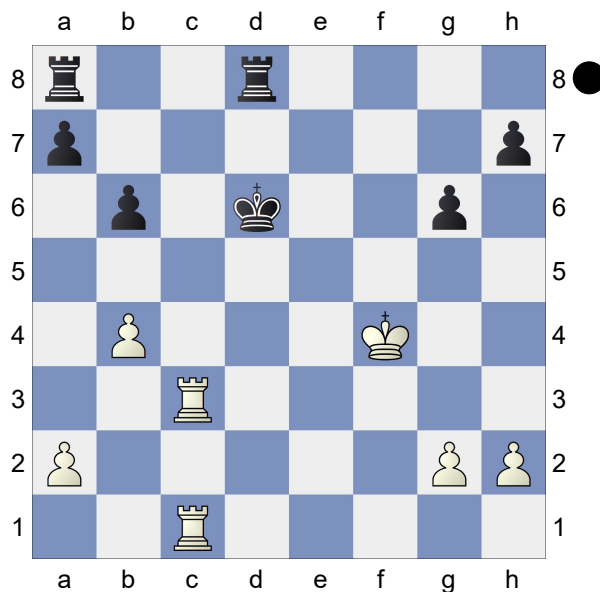
(2714) Terme Catez 2021 ) 9...Bb4+

10.Bc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qa5 ]

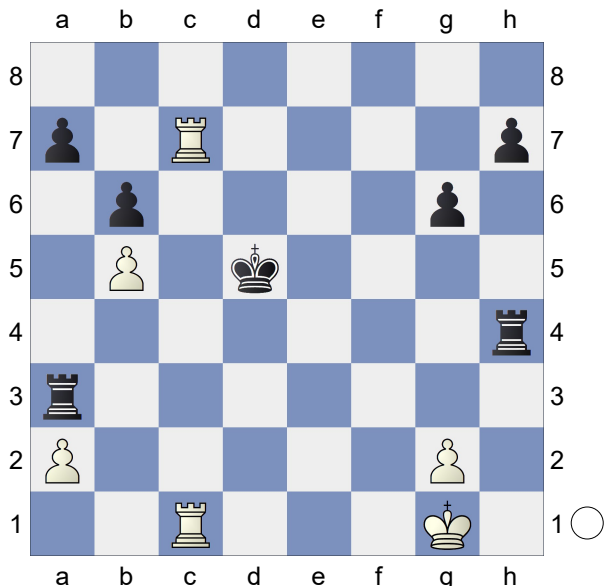
**8...Qxd4 9.Bxd4 f6 10.Bb5+**

[ 10.Bc3 e5 11.f4 exf4 12.Bc4 Nd7  
13.Ne2 Bd6 14.Rd1 Ke7 15.Rf1 g5  
16.g3 Ne5 17.Bd5 Bg4 18.gxf4  
Nf3+ 19.Rxf3 Bxf3 20.Bxb7 Bxe2  
21.Kxe2 Bxf4 22.Bxa8 Rxa8 23.h3  
Rc8 24.Kf3 h5 25.Rd5 Rc6 26.a4  
Rb6 27.Rf5 Be5 28.Bxe5 fxe5  
29.Rxg5 Rb3+ 30.Kg2 Rxb2+  
31.Kg3 Rb3+ 32.Kh4 Kd6 33.Rg7  
a5 34.Ra7 Rb4 35.Rxa5 Rxe4+  
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39.a6 e3 40.Ra7+ Ke6 41.Ra8 Kf7  
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Ra4 45.Re1 Rxa6 46.Rxe2 Kg7  
47.Re7+ Kg8 48.Re4 Kg7 49.h4  
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Kg6 55.h5+ Kh7 56.Kg5 Kh8  
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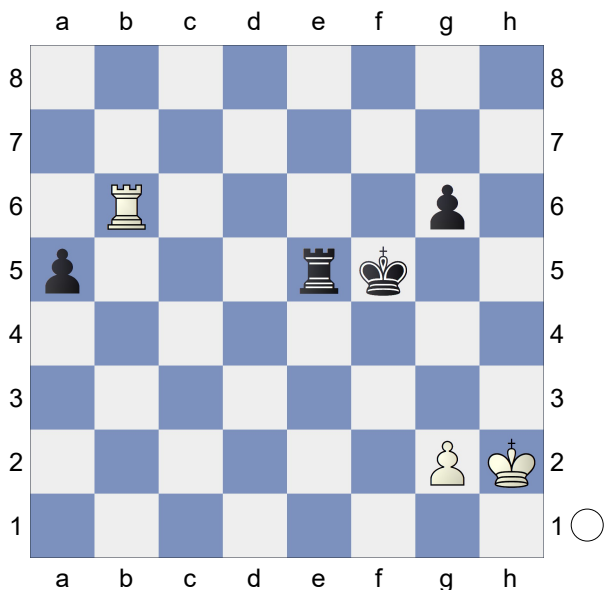
**10...Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Rc1 e5**  
**13.Be3 Bb4+ 14.Bd2 Bxd2+ 15.Kxd2**  
**Ke7 16.Rc7 b6 17.Ne2 Kd6 18.Rc3**  
**Nc5 19.Ke3 Rhd8 20.b4 Ne6**  
**21.Rhc1 f5 22.f4 fxe4 23.Kxe4 exf4**  
**24.Nxf4 Nxf4 25.Kxf4**



**Rf8+ 26.Kg3 Rf5 27.Rc6+ Kd5 28.h4**  
**Re8 29.b5 Re3+ 30.Kh2 Rf4 31.Rc7**  
**Rxh4+ 32.Kg1 Ra3**



33.Rd1+ Ke5 34.Re1+ Kf6 35.Re2 Rb4 36.Rf2+ Kg5 37.Rxh7 Rb1+ 38.Kh2 Rxb5 39.Rb7 Rba5 40.Rg7 Rxa2 41.Rf3 R2a3 42.Rf8 Rd5 43.Rc8 Rd6 44.Re7 a5 45.Re5+ Kf6 46.Rb5 Re3 47.Rf8+ Ke7 48.Rb8 Ree6 49.Rb7+ Kf6 50.Rb8 Rc6 51.Rb7 Re5 52.R5xb6 Rxb6 53.Rxb6+ Kf5

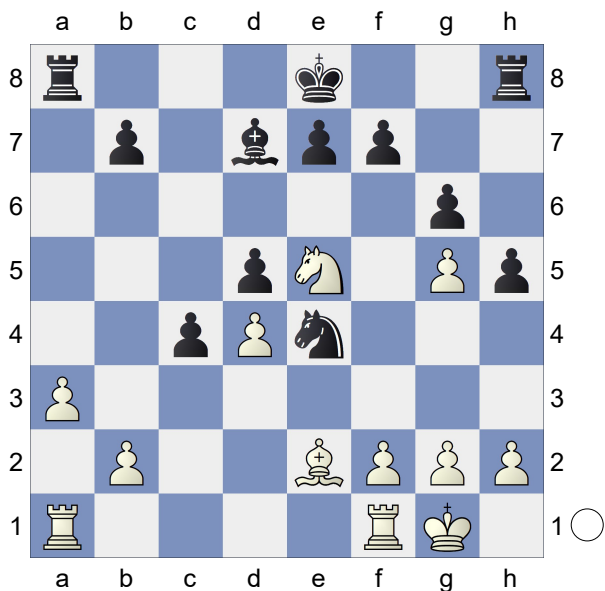


54.Ra6? [ 54.Kg3= (tablebase) ]  
 54...g5 55.Kg3 Ke4 56.Kg4 Kd4 57.Kh5 Kc4 58.g4 Kb3 59.Rb6+ Kc4 60.Ra6 Rb5 61.Re6 a4 62.Re4+ Kb3 63.Re3+ Kb4 64.Re4+ Ka5 65.Re3

Rc5 66.Rd3 Kb4 67.Rd4+ Kb3 68.Rd3+ Kc4 69.Re3 Ra5 70.Re4+ Kd3 71.Re1 a3 72.Ra1 a2 73.Kg6 Kc4 74.Rxa2 Rxa2 75.Kxg5 Kd5 76.Kf6 Rf2+ 77.Kg6 Ke6 78.g5 Rg2 79.Kh6 Kf5  
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□ Sisti, Daniel J D02 1565  
 ■ Ramirez, Nazaret 1800  
 2026 Spring TNM: Extra Rated (4.40)  
 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nf3 c5 5.Nbd2 Nc6 6.c3 Qb6 7.Qb3 [ 7.dxc5!? Qxb2 8.Nd4 e5!? 9.Bxe5! Bg4 10.Rb1 ( 10.f3!? Nxe5 11.Nb5= ) 10...Qa3 11.f3 Nxe5 12.fxg4 Bxc5 13.Nb5= ( 13.Bb5+= ) ]  
 7...c4 8.Qxb6 axb6 9.Be2 b5 10.0-0 b4 11.cxb4 Nxb4 12.a3 Nd3 13.Nh4 Nxf4 14.exf4 Bd7 15.Nhf3 h5 16.Ne5 g6 17.Ndf3 Bh6 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.fxg5 Ne4



20.h4? [ 20.Bf3!= ]  
 20...Nd2 21.Rfe1 Nb3!-+ 22.Ra2?! [ 22.Rad1 Bf5! ]

22...Nxd4 23.Nxd7 Nxe2+ 24.Rxe2  
Kxd7 25.Ra1 b5 26.Re5 Kd6 27.f4 f6  
28.gxf6 exf6 29.Re2 Rhe8 30.Rd2  
Kc5 31.Rad1 Rad8 32.b4+ Kc6  
33.Kf2 Re4 34.g3 d4 35.Kf3 f5  
36.Kf2 d3 37.Rc1 Kd5 38.Rc3 Rde8  
39.Rcc2 Kd4 40.a4 c3 41.Rd1 d2  
42.a5 Re2+ 43.Kg1 Re1+ 44.Kf2  
Rxd1 45.a6 Ra1  
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