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■ Yoo, Christopher Woojin

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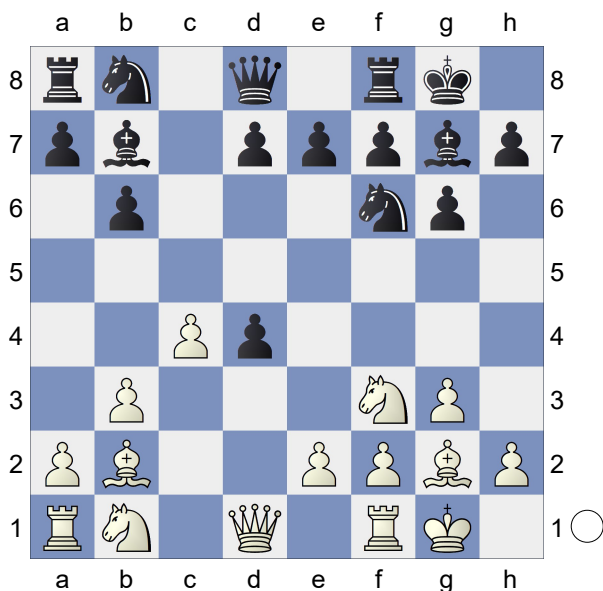
[Seitzer, Phillip]

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2
b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 c5 8.d4
cxd4



9.Nxd4?

[9.Qxd4! This is the only way to play here. Everything else is already worse for White.

A) 9...d6 10.Nc3 Ne4

(10...Nbd7) 11.Qe3;

B) 9...a6!?

C) 9...Na6!?

D) 9...Nc6 10.Qh4 h6 (10...d5!=)

11.Bxf6 Bxf6 (11...exf6 12.Nc3±

White plays against the IQP)

12.Qxh6 (Note that the Ra1 is

taboo because of Ng5) Nb4

13.Na3!? (13.Nbd2!?) 13...Bg7

14.Qd2 Bxa1 15.Rxa1 Bxf3

16.Bxf3 Nc6 17.Rd1 Qc7 18.Nb5

(18.Qxd7 Qxd7 19.Rxd7 Ne5

equality) 18...Qe5 White has

sacrificed an exchange, and has

some compensation, but this

seems like a good line to enter as

Black, as if White fails to prove anything, Black may reach a more favorable endgame. (SF18: +0.18/d29)]

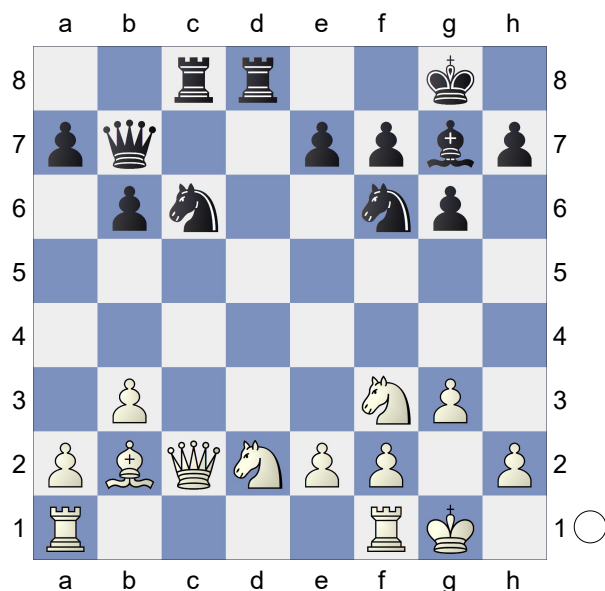
9...Bxg2 10.Kxg2 d5 I was really worried about situations where Black can go e5 quickly, so I thought I had better take off the d-pawn. The computer prefers Na3, which makes some sense - some kind of improved version of Nd2.

11.cxd5

[11.Nd2 e5 12.N4f3 e4 13.Ne5]

11...Qxd5+ 12.Nf3 Qb7 13.Nbd2 Nc6

14.Qc2 Rfd8 15.Kg1 Rac8



16.Rac1? Things were bad before, but now they can't be saved. I just missed my opponent's idea of Nc2 after the line that plays out in the game. 16...Nd4

17.Qd3 Nc2!

[17...Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.Nxf3

This was my intention - I thought

white could hold on here. Black has

a microscope edge owing to his better placed rooks, but white should be able to hold on.]

18.Qxd8+

[18.Qb5 Rd5 19.Qa4 b5 (19...Ra5

20.Qh4 Rh5 21.Qf4 This was

another possibility I was worried

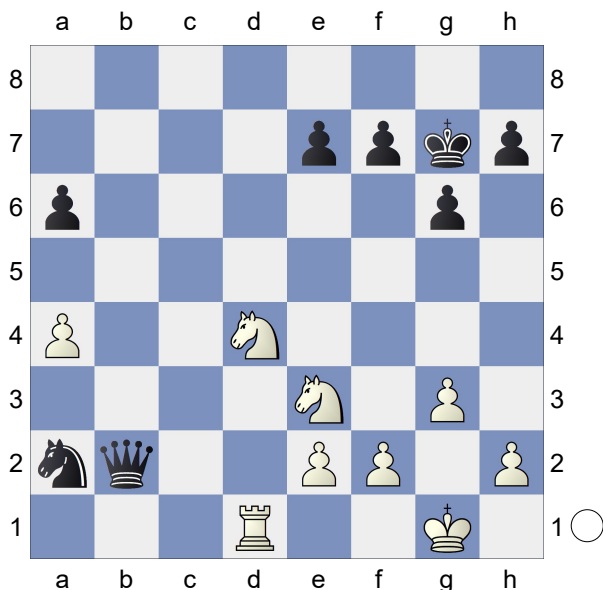
about.) 20.Qa5 b4 21.Qa4 Nd7

This looked pretty scary OTB - like I was getting my queen trapped. Based on all of these lines, I thought I had better ditch the queen for the R+N, but I knew my position was very bad - I was really hoping for a miracle.]

18...Rxd8 19.Rxc2 Nd5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rfc1 Qa6 22.Nc4 Nb4 23.Rb2 b5 24.Ne3 Qa3 25.Rcb1 Rc8

[25...Nxa2 26.Nc2 Qa6 27.Ra1 I was hoping for some kind of nonsense like this. Of course, my opponent finds a much better way to continue.]

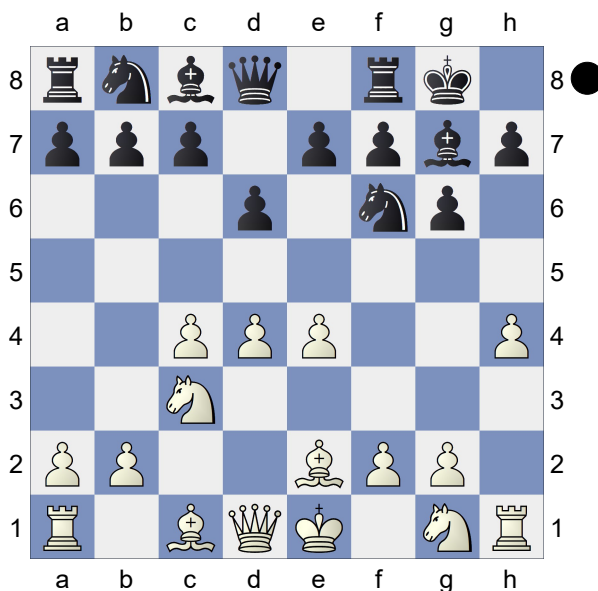
26.Nd4 Rc1+ 27.Rxc1 Qxb2 28.Rd1 a6 29.a4 bxa4 30.bxa4 Na2



My position looked pretty hopeless here. At this point I was thinking about ways I could set up swindle chances. Alas, it all looks pretty bleak... 31.a5 Nc3 32.Re1 Qb4 33.Nec2 Qxa5 34.Ra1 Qb6 35.e3 Qb2 36.Ra5 Qc1+ 37.Kg2 Qd2 38.Re5 Nd1 39.Rxe7 Qxf2+ 40.Kh3 Qf1+ 0-1 Black wins. Rough game. Not my best effort... 0-1

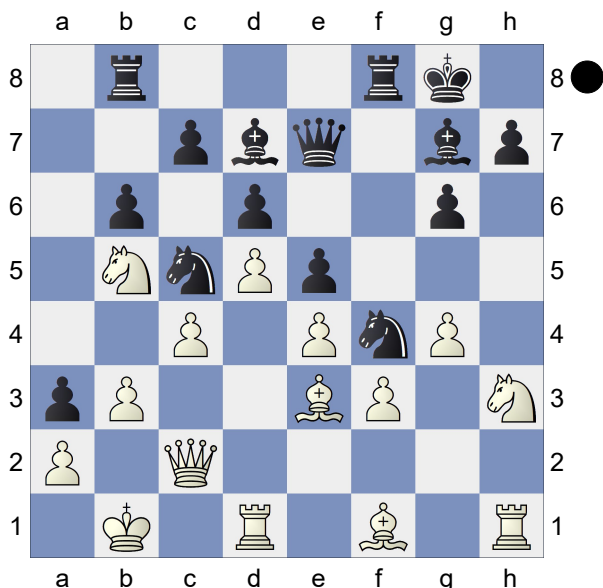
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 2 Nf6 43 2.c4 6 g6 21 3.Nc3 5 Bg7 8 4.e4 7 d6 15 5.Be2 5 0-0 45 6.h4!? 11



e5 2:03
[6...c5!? 7.d5 e6 8.h5 exd5 9.exd5 Re8 10.h6 Bh8 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.b3 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Rxe4 14.Kf1! a5!±]
7.d5 21 Na6 2:11 8.Be3 3:02 b6 8:50
9.h5 4:25 Nc5 17 10.Qc2 1:12 a5 1:54
11.0-0-0 4:40 a4 7:01
[11...Bd7]
12.hxg6 18:21 fxc6 45 13.f3 1:20 Nh5 3:09 14.g4 1:47
[14.Kb1]
14...Nf4± 53 15.Bf1 16 Bd7 1:59
16.Nh3?! 9:51
[16.Qd2]
16...a3?! 2:54
[16...Rf7±]
17.b3 3:03 Qe7 5:14 18.Kb1 38 Rab8 1:59 19.Nb5?! 3:43
[19.Nf2]

(Diagram)



19...Bxb5? 12:22

[19...Nxb3 20.Rxb3 h5 21.Be2 h5g4 22.fxg4 Bxb5 23.cxb5 Rf4!±]

20.cxb5 6 Ra8 1:42 21.Bc4 2:40 Rf7 1:42 22.Bc1 6:54 Raf8 3:45 23.Rdf1 2:46 Ra8 7:50 24.Rh2 2:19 Nxb3 1:33 25.Rxb3 5 Bf6 31 26.Qd2 50 Raf8 45 27.Rfh1 2:23 Nd7 6:17 28.Qh6 3:06 g5 9:15 29.Bxa3 2:48 Rg7 13 30.Bc1 2:33 Rff7 14 31.R3h2 41 Nf8 1:07 32.Qh3 34 Ng6 18 33.Qf1 1:07 Nh4 30 34.Be3 2:51 Qf8 43 35.Be2 1:45 Be7 1:53 36.Rh3 1:30 Rf4 48 37.Bxf4 5:25 exf4 8 38.e5 8 dxe5 2:58 39.Bc4 1:21 Kh8 1:04 40.Qd3 43 Bc5 37 41.Rxb4 1:40 gxb4 16 42.Rxb4 3 Bd4 2:23

[42...e4!? 43.Qxe4 Re7 44.Qd3] 43.Rh2 3:00 Qb4 2:02 44.Qd2?! 1:33 Qc5?! 1:08

[44...Qxd2± considerably limits White's plus.]

45.Qe1 2:08 Be3 1:58 46.Qc3 2:58 Bd4 2:10 47.Qd3 36 Qb4 21 48.Re2 24 Be3 2:21 49.Kb2 3:47 Bd4+ 43 50.Kb1 5 Be3 12 51.d6 1:53 Qxd6 2:26 52.Qxd6 12 cxd6 1 53.Bd5 8 Rc7 1:02 54.Rc2 55 Rxc2 29 55.Kxc2 3 Kg7 5 56.b4 7 Kf6 57 57.a4 9 Kg5 28 58.a5 13 bxa5 22 59.bxa5 3 h5 13 60.gxh5 4 Kxh5 7 61.Kd3 31 Kg5 1:01 62.b6

15 Kf6 18 63.Kc4 14 Ke7 29 64.Kb5 10 Kd7 1:00 65.a6 12 e4 1:32 1-0

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□ Kane, Kevin

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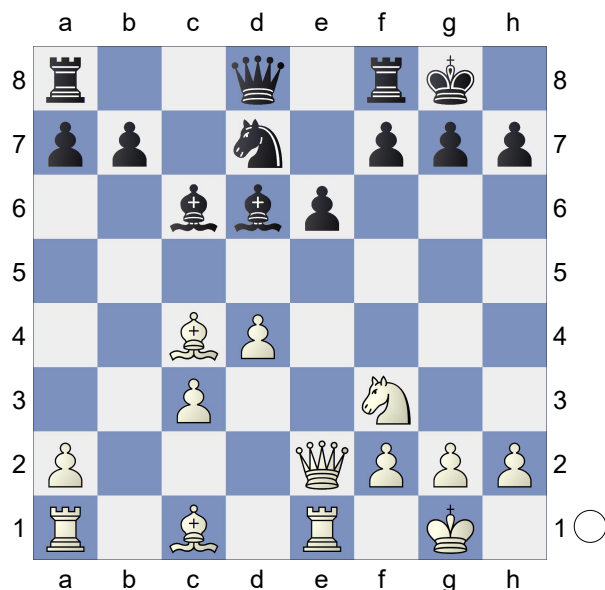
■ Shrauger, Alex Hayden

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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 14 c5 6 2.Nf3 9 e6 3 3.d4 10 cxd4 4 4.c3 12 Nf6 21 5.e5 2:52 Nd5 8 6.Bc4 16 d6 4:53 7.cxd4 1:08 Be7 8 8.0-0 1:42 B22: Sicilian: 2 c3. 8...0-0 4 9.Qe2 2:55 Bd7! 17 outshines the older 9...b6. 10.Nc3 11:16 The position is equal. 10...Nxc3 5:07 11.bxc3 4 Bc6 3 12.Re1 5:26 Nd7 3:00 13.exd6 4:17 Bxd6 33



Black sacrificed a pawn 14.Bxe6?N 1:02 This doesn't work as it turns out: White does not recover.

[14.a4 Qc7 15.Ng5 Nf6 16.g3 h6 17.Nh3 Rac8 18.Nf4 Bd7 19.Bd3 Qxc3 20.Bb2 0-1 (40) Mihalko, J (2298)-Szabo, Z (2479) Balaton 2005] [14.Ne5= Nxe5 15.dxe5 Be7 16.Qg4 Kh8] 14...Bxf3-+ 4:35 15.gxf3 42 Qh4 1:24

Prevents Bh3. 16.f4 2:19

[And not 16.Bxd7 Qxh2+ 17.Kf1 Qh1#]

[16.h3 Nf6 (16...fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Kh8 18.Qxd7+) 17.Bf5]

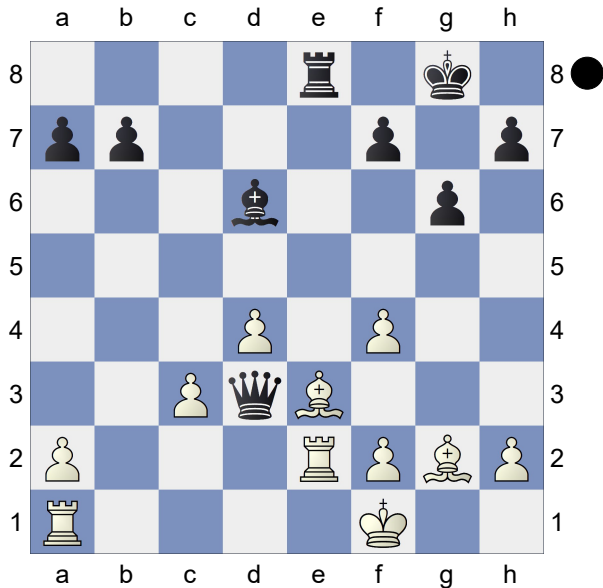
16...Rfe8 5:07 17.Bxd7 1:59 Rxe2 21

18.Rxe2 7 Rd8 14 19.Bf5 3:44 g6 6

20.Be4 2:26 Qg4+ 24 21.Kf1 21 Re8

5:12 22.Bf3 3:24 Qh3+-+ 1:52 23.Bg2

4:34 Qd3 7 (-> ...Qd1+) 24.Be3 1:51



Bxf4! 1:24 25.Rae1 2:37

[25.Bf3 Bxe3]

25...Bxe3 1:26 26.fxe3 15 Rxe3 3

27.Kf2 2:18 Rxe2+ 8 28.Rxe2 13 Qxc3

3 29.d5 7 b5 28 30.Re3 1:52 Qd2+ 28

31.Re2 2 Qd4+ 5 32.Ke1 45 a5 14

33.Rd2 48 Qe5+ 1:57 34.Kd1 40 Kf8

1:05 35.d6 24 Qa1+ 5 36.Ke2 2:56

Ke8 13 37.Bd5 1:18 f5 3:18 38.Kf2 32

Qc3 50 A cool game by Shrauger." (CB

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Winslow, Elliott

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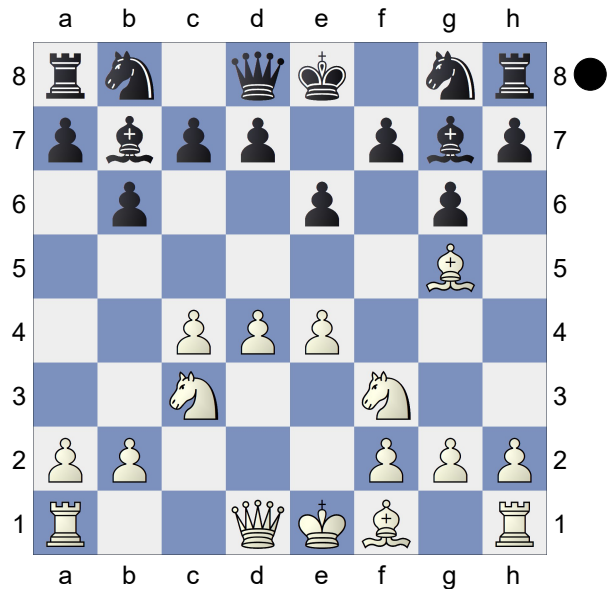
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 36 b6 1:07 2.c4 5:22 g6 1:11

3.Nc3 2:07 Bg7 6 4.e4 1:22 Bb7 7

5.Nf3 1:59 e6 2:23 6.Bg5 4:59



Qc8N 59

[6...Ne7 7.Qd2 h6 8.Be3 d6 9.Bd3

A) 9...Nd7

A1) 10.d5± e5 11.0-0-0

(11.g4!?);

A2) 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Kb1 c5

12.Bc2 Qc7 13.dxc5 dxc5

14.Bf4 e5 15.Be3 0-0-0 16.Nd5

Nxd5 17.cxd5 Kb8 18.Qe2 Bf8

19.Nd2 b5 20.a4 c4 21.axb5

axb5 22.b3 c3 23.Qxb5 cxd2

24.Rxd2 Bc5 25.Bd3 Qb6

26.Bxc5 Qxc5 27.Rc1 Qxb5

28.Bxb5 Nf6 29.Rc4 Ne8

30.Bc6 Bxc6 31.Rxc6 Rd6

32.Rdc2 Rxc6 33.Rxc6 Nc7

34.Kc2 Rc8 35.Kd3 Ne8

36.Rxc8+ Kxc8 37.Kc4 Nd6+

38.Kd3 Kb7 39.f4 f6 40.fxe5

fxe5 0-1 (40) Navara, D (2710)-

Laznicka, V (2674) Prague 2012;

A3) 10.0-0 a6 11.b4 g5 12.d5 e5 13.Rab1 Ng6 14.c5 Bc8 15.Rfc1 Nf4 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Bf1 0-0 18.Qd1 Nf6 19.Nd2 Ng4 20.Nc4 b5 21.Bb6 Qe7 22.Ne3 Nxe3 23.Bxe3 f5 24.a4 bxa4 25.Nxa4 Bb7 26.Nb6 Rad8 27.Qc2 fxe4 28.Qxe4 Rf7 29.Ra1 Ne6 30.Re1 Qc7 31.Rac1 Qb8 32.Bd3 Nf8 33.h4 gxh4 34.Qxh4 Re8 35.Bxh6 Bxh6 36.Qxh6 Qd8 37.Re3 Rg7 38.Rh3 1-0, Kuljasevic,D (2555)-Curic,D (2276) Split op 1st, 9 Aug 2011;

B) 9...c5 10.d5 exd5 (10...e5 11.0-0-0 Bc8 12.h4!? Bg4 13.Rdf1!+-) 11.exd5 Nd7 12.Nb5 Nf6 13.Bf4 Nc8 14.0-0 a6 15.Rfe1+ Kf8 16.Nc3 Kg8 17.h4 Kh7 18.a4 Qd7 19.a5 bxa5 20.Rxa5 Ne7 21.Na4 Rab8 22.b4 cxb4 23.Qxb4 Rhd8 24.Qd2 Nf5 25.Nc3 Re8 26.Rb1 Qc7 27.Ra2 Bc8 28.Rc1 Rb3 29.Bxf5 Bxf5 30.Nd4 Rxc3 31.Qxc3 Ng4 32.Qd2 Qe7 33.Nxf5 gxf5 34.Qd3 Kg8 35.g3 Ne5 36.Qxf5 Nf3+ 37.Kg2 Nd4 38.Qd3 1-0, Georgiev, Ki (2546) - Starostits,I (2400) Kuressaare Saaremaa Rapid 4th, 6 Jun 2023]

7.Rc1!? 2:41 /?! These "Crouching Tiger" defences pose a question to White: which way is Black going to finally hit the center, not to mention locate their king? This handles ...d5 but in a few moves White will wonder where his own king is going. **7...h6 6 8.Be3 1:24** White is clearly better. **8...f5 3:59** [8...d6±]

9.exf5+- 6:50 exf5 11 10.d5 8:03 Qd8 19:10 11.Bd3 2:49 Ne7 3:37 12.h4 1:24 0-0 3:09 13.Qd2 5:52 Kh7 17:09 14.Kd1 5:54 Na6 7:49 15.a3 1:42 Nc5

1:04 16.Bc2 51 Ng8 20:43

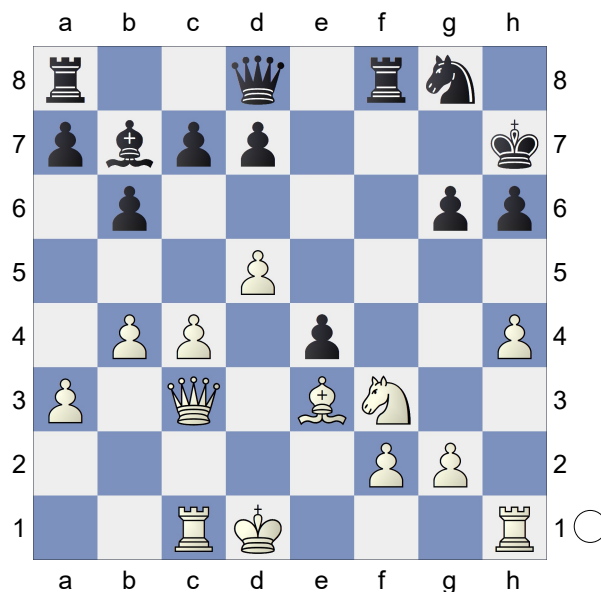
[16...a5 17.h5 g5]

17.b4 2:30 Bxc3? 26

[17...Ne6 keeps fighting. 18.dxe6 dxe6 19.Ng5+ Kh8]

18.Qxc3 8 Ne4 58 Prevents Ng5+.

19.Bxe4 9 fxe4 5



20.Ng5+ 8 hxg5 59

[20...Qxg5 21.hxg5]

21.hxg5+ 17 White mates. 21...Nh6 3

22.Rxh6+ 12 Black is weak on the dark squares 22...Kg8 4 23.Rh8+ 54 Kf7 6

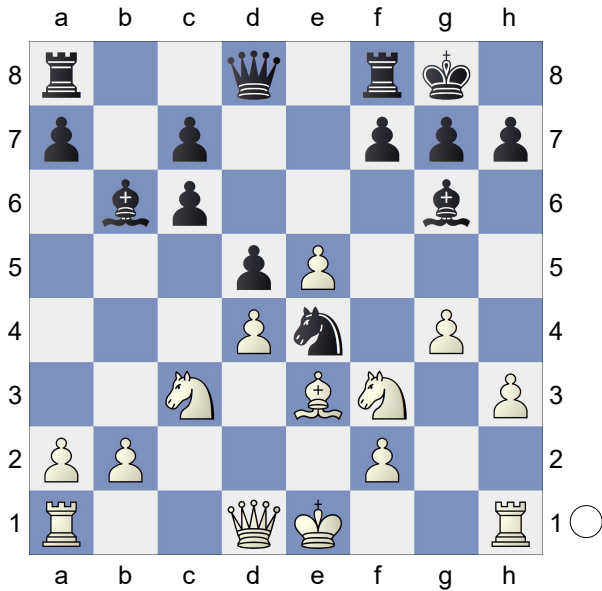
24.Rh7+ 8 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) / Black=0.98

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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 3 e5 8 2.Nf3 6 Nc6 4 3.d4 7
exd4 30 4.Bc4 8 Bc5 13 5.c3 38 Nf6
2:43 6.e5 1:02 d5 5:22 7.Bb5 6:15
Ne4 19 8.cxd4 38 Bb6 5 9.Nc3 56 0-0
52 10.Be3 2:37 C54: Giuoco Piano: 4

c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3.
10...Bg4 5 11.Bxc6 1:15 bxc6 46
12.h3 1:11 Black is already more than
 equal **12...Bh5 1:28 13.g4 22:25 Bg6**
16



14.Nxe4?N 2:19 After all that chasing,
 the bishop is brought back anyway!

[14.0-0! f6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Ne5
 Qh4 17.Nxe4 (17.Kg2) 17...Bxe4
 18.Kh2]

[14.h4 f5 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Ng5
 Qe7 17.h5 Be8 18.h6 g6 19.Qb3
 Bxd4 20.Nxh7 Kxh7 21.Bxd4
 1-0 (39) Salazar Delgado,A (1545)-
 Alvarado Wiciak,A (1585) San Jose
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14...Bxe4+- 4:53 15.0-0 35 f5f 8:31
Good...

[...but Δ15...f6! was even better.
 16.exf6 Qxf6]

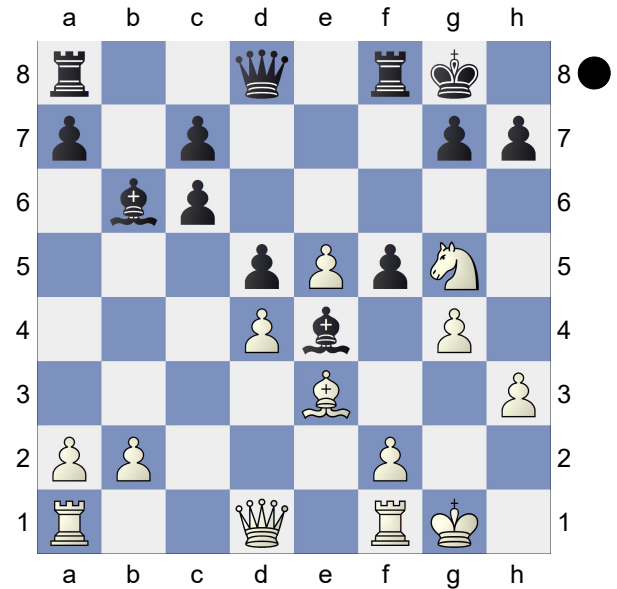
16.Ng5? 2:44

[16.Rc1f was worth a try.]

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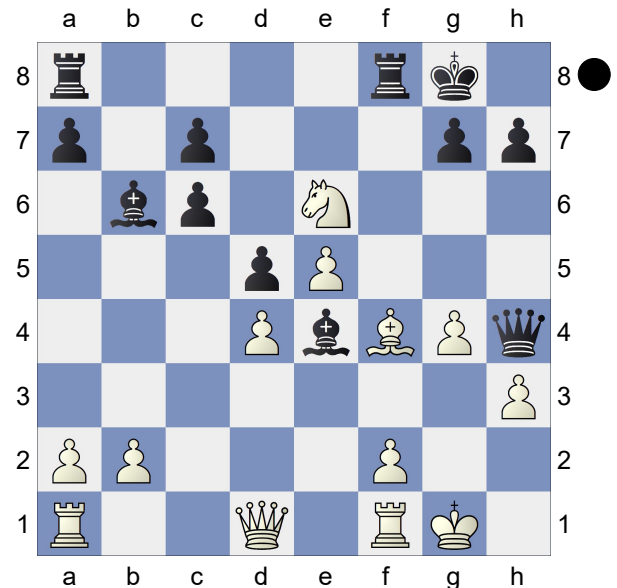
16...f4! 11:28 17.Ne6 37

[Δ17.Nxe4 dxe4 (17...fxe3?
 18.Ng3f) 18.Kg2 fxe3 19.Qb3+ Qd5
 20.fxe3]



17...Qh4! 22 18.Bxf4 11:26

[18.Nxf4 g5 19.Kh2 (19.Nh5? Qxh3
 20.f3 Bxf3+-) 19...gxf4]



18...Rxf4! 1:00 19.Nxf4 33

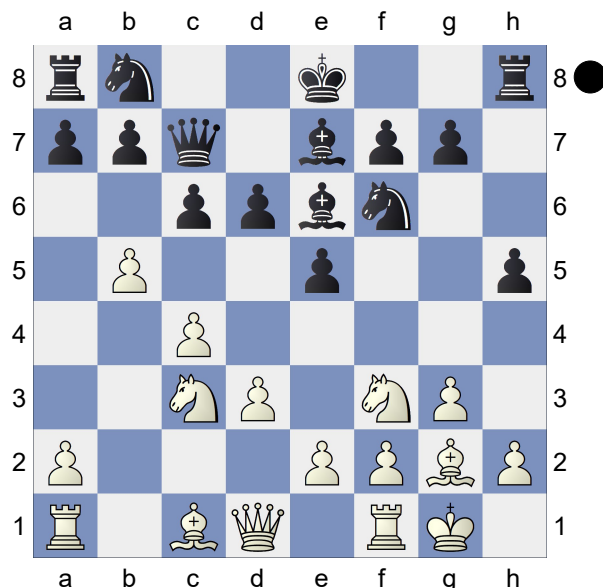
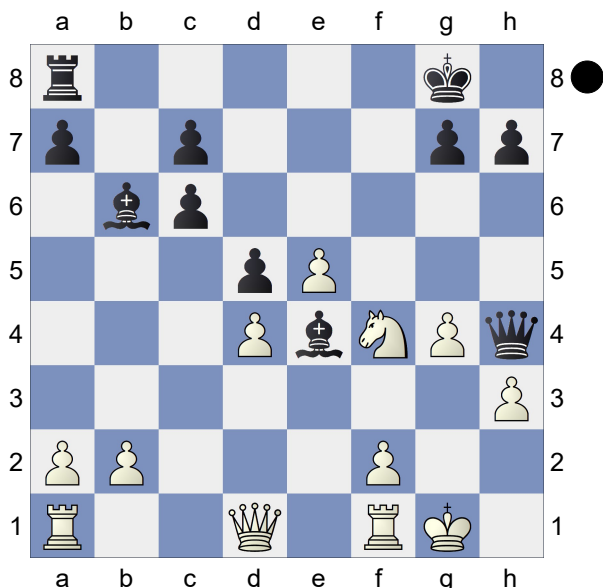
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Qb3 is the strong threat. 19...Rf8!-+ 4
20.f3 3:46

[20.Qd2? Bxd4 21.Rfd1 Bxe5]
 [Δ20.Kh2 Rxf4 21.f3]

20...Rxf4 24

[It's all winning, but a bigger number
 (!) is had with Δ20...Qg3+ 21.Ng2



Rxf3 (or 21...Bxf3)
21.fxe4 14
 [21.Kg2+ Bg6 22.Qe2]
21...Qg3+ 4 Black mates. 22.Kh1 32
Qxh3+ 4 23.Kg1 12 Rxf1+ 4 Deflection
24.Qxf1 57 Bxd4+ 4
 Weighted Error Value: White=1.50/
 Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

[9...Nbd7 10.Ng5 h4±]
10.Ng5 1:23 h4 3:45 11.Nxe6 8:11
fxe6 9 12.Ne4 3:53 Nxe4 9:40 13.Bxe4
20 Bf6 3:32 14.e3 2:18 Nd7 1:50
15.Qg4 1:23
 [15.a4!]
15...Ke7 5:09
 [15...Nf8]
16.Bb2 36 Rae8 5:45 17.a4?! 18
 [17.Bc3+-]
 [17.Qe2+-]
 [17.Rfb1+-]
 [17.Rac1+-]
17...Kd8 1:48
 [17...a5!?±]
18.a5 1:50 Qc8 2:45 19.Rab1 1:55 Re7
40 20.Qf3 5:01 Nf8 2:41 21.a6 5:53 b6
41 22.Rfd1 1:14 Nh7 7:48 23.Bxh7 34
Rxh7 7 24.d4 9 exd4 1:28 25.exd4 2
hxc3 43 26.hxc3 27 Ke8 4:34 27.dxc5
1:24 Qxc5 1:51
 [27...dxc5]
28.Bxf6 22
 [28.Ba3+-]
28...gxf6 28

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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.c4 e5 43 2.g3 5 Nf6 31 3.Bg2 6 c6
3:34 4.Nf3 13 Qc7 4:28
 [4...e4 5.Nd4 Qb6=]
5.0-0 2:34 d6 1:46
 [5...d5!?]
6.Nc3 46 Be6 51 7.d3 1:22 Be7 5:18
8.b4 5:31 h5 9:54
 [8...0-0±]
9.b5 3:59

(Diagram)

c5?! 3:22

(Diagram)

29.Qxf6?? 2:38
 [29.Kg2±]

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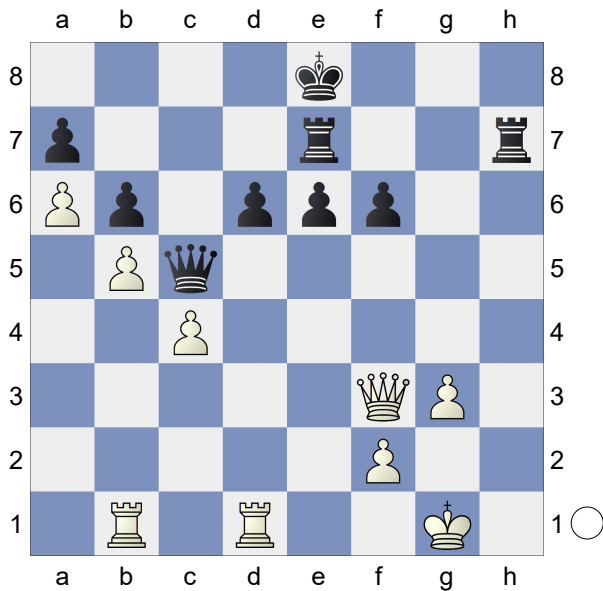
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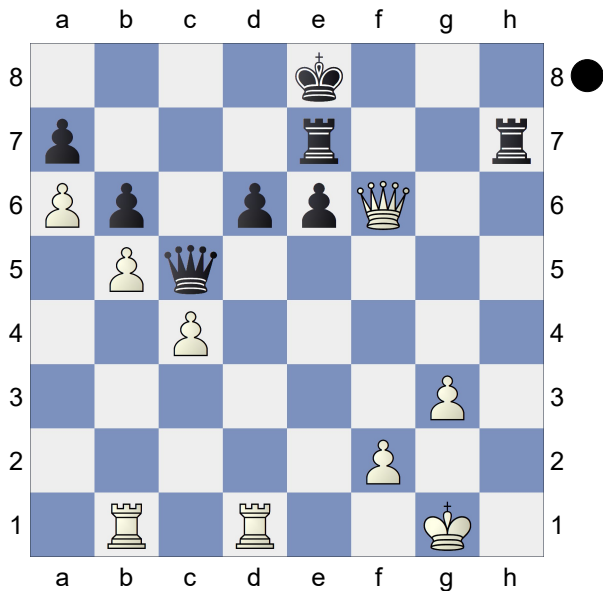
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[Winslow,Elliott]



[29.Rbc1!+-]



29...Qh5! 2:55 30.Kf1 3:40 Qg4 4:44
 31.Ke1 4:02 Ref7 46 32.Qc3 48 Rh1+
 21 33.Kd2 Rxf2+ 18
 0-1

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2
 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.Nd2 Nb6 10.b3 Qe6

[Relevant: 10...g6 11.Ne4 Bg7

12.Nf6+ Bxf6 13.exf6 Qxe2+

14.Bxe2 c5 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.Bg4 h5

17.Bh3 Kb8 18.Re1 Bc8 19.Re7

Rh7 20.a4 d6 21.a5 Nd7 22.Bb2

Nf8 23.Bxc8 Kxc8 24.h4 Nd7

25.Kh2 Nb8 26.Kg3 Nc6 27.Kf4

Rd7 28.Re8+ Rd8 29.Re7 Rd7

30.Re8+ Rd8 ½-½ (30) Fier,A (2572)-

Rodshtein,M (2664) Germany 2014]

11.Bb2 Be7

[11...Bb4 12.a3 Be7 13.g3 Rb8

14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Qh5 c5 16.Bd3 g6

17.Qe2 d5 18.exd6 Qxe2 19.Bxe2

cxd6 20.Rhe1 Bb7 21.Bf3 Bxf3

22.Nxf3 Rfe8 23.Kc2 Bf8 24.Ng5

Rxe1 25.Rxe1 d5 26.cxd5 Nxd5

27.Rd1 Rd8 28.Bf6 Rd7 29.Ne4

Nb6 30.Rxd7 Nxd7 31.Kc3 Nb6

32.a4 h6 33.a5 Nd7 34.Kc4 g5

35.Kb5 Nb8 36.Bc3 f5 37.Nxc5 Kf7

38.Be5 a6+ 39.Nxa6 Nxa6 40.Kxa6

Bc5 41.f3 g4 42.fxg4 fxg4 43.Kb7

1-0 (43) Ivanchuk,V (2611)-Joel Paul,

G (1969) Sant Ferran de ses Roques

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12.g3 0-0

(Diagram)

13.Bg2N

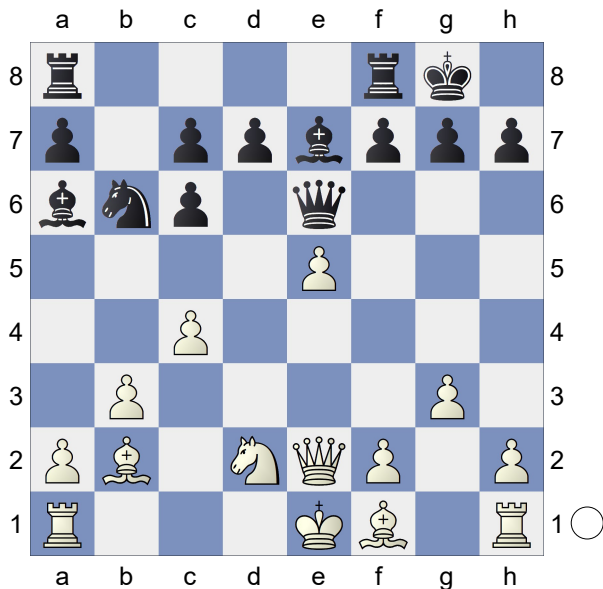
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Qxe2 15.Bxe2 Bxf6 16.Bxf6 Rxf6

17.Ne4 Rff8 18.f4 Rae8 19.Bf3 Bc8

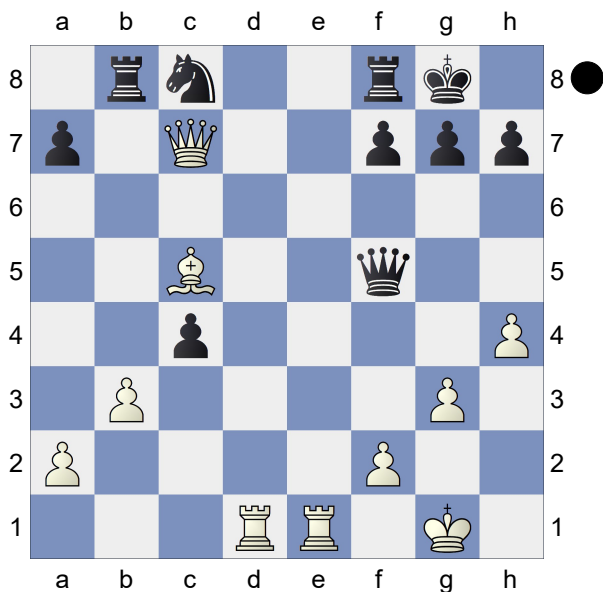
20.c5 Nd5 21.Rd4 Rd8 22.Kd2 d6

23.cxd6 cxd6 24.Rc1 Bb7 25.Ng5



Rfe8 26.Bxd5+ cxd5 27.Rc7 Ba6
 28.Ra4 Re2+ 29.Kd1 Bd3 30.Rd4
 Bb5 31.a4 Rde8 32.axb5 Re1+
 33.Kc2 R8e2+ 34.Rd2 h6 35.Rxe2
 Rxe2+ 36.Kd3 Re8 37.Nf3
 1-0 (37) Plenkovic,Z (2365)-Asic,I
 (2001) Pula 2009]

13...Rab8 14.h4 Bb4 15.Bh3 Qe7
 16.Rc1 d5 17.0-0 Bxd2 18.Qxd2
 dxc4 19.Qa5 Bc8 20.Ba3 c5 21.Bxc5
 Qxe5 22.Bxc8 Nxc8 23.Rfe1 Qd5
 24.Rcd1 Qf5 25.Qxc7



Rb7 26.Rd8 Qxc5 27.Qxc5 Rxd8
 28.Qd5 Nd6 29.Qxd6 Rbb8 30.Qc7
 Rbc8 31.Qxa7 c3 32.Qe3 c2 33.Rc1

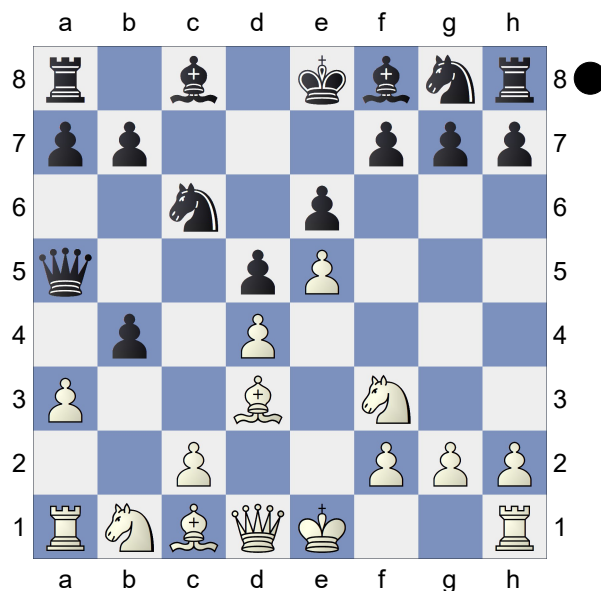
Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Kf8 35.a4 Rxc1
 36.Qxc1 Ke7 37.a5 Kd6 38.a6
 1-0

□ Fink,Justin C00 2077
 ■ Heap,Jarod D 1847
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1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4
 5.d4 Nc6 6.a3 Qa5

[6...a5 7.axb4 axb4 8.Rxa8 Nge7
 9.Bd3 h6 10.0-0 g6 11.Nbd2 Bg7
 12.Nb3 0-0 13.h4 Qc7 14.Be3 Nf5
 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.h5
 Rg8 18.Rfa1 b6 19.g3 Bf8 20.Kg2
 Ne7 21.R1a7 Bb7 22.Re8 Qd7
 23.Rb8 f4 24.Bxf4 Qb5 25.Rbxb7
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 (2538) Lichess.org INT 2020]

7.Bd3

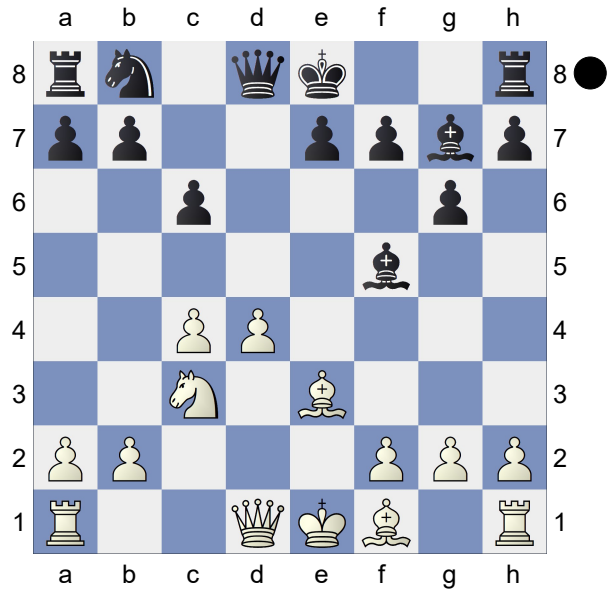


f6N

[7...Nh6 8.0-0 Nf5 9.Bb2 Qb6
 10.axb4 Nxb4 11.Bxf5 exf5 12.Ba3
 Be6 13.c3 Nc6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8
 15.Na3 a6 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.c4 Ne7
 18.c5 g6 19.Rb6 Kg7 20.Qd2 Nc8
 21.Rb4 b5 22.Ra1 Ne7 23.h4 Nc6
 24.Rbb1 Rhb8 25.h5 b4 26.Nc2 a5

27.Ng5 b3 28.Ne3 a4 29.g4 Qe7
 30.Kh2 fxg4 31.h6+ Kg8 32.Nxe6
 Qxe6 33.Kg3 a3 34.Nxg4 Ne7
 35.Nf6+ Kh8 36.Qc3 b2 37.Rxa3
 Lana Rodriguez,D (2351)-Squella
 Lavin,C (2206) Chess.com INT 2025
 1-0]

8.0-0 fxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7
 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Bxg6+
 Ke7 14.Bxh7 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Bxe5
 16.Qxe5 Rxh7 17.Nd2 Bd7 18.Ne4
 Rf8 19.Qg5+
 1-0



□ Liu,Serena

■ Mallela,Abhishek

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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3
 dxe5 5.Nxe5 c6 6.c4
 [6.Be2]

6...Nb4 7.Nd3

[Relevant: 7.Be3 Bf5 8.Nd3 e5
 9.Nxb4 Bxb4+ 10.Nc3 Qa5 11.Qb3
 0-0 12.a3 exd4 13.Qxb4 Qe5
 14.Be2 Na6 15.Qxb7 Nc5 16.Qxc6
 dxc3 17.Qxc5 Qxc5 18.Bxc5 cxb2
 19.Kd2 Rfe8 20.Rae1 Rab8 21.Bf3
 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 a5 23.Bb6 a4 24.c5
 b1Q 25.Rxb1 Bxb1 26.Kc3 Ba2
 27.Kb4 Bb3 28.Kb5 Re8 29.c6 Re1
 30.Bg4 Rb1 31.Kc5 Rc1+ 32.Kd6
 h5 33.Bd7 Rd1+ 34.Ke7 Bd5 35.c7
 Bb7 36.Bxa4 Rd3
 1-0, Nepomniachtchi,I (2773)-Bortnyk,
 O (2604) Chess.com Rapid Wk8
 Swiss, 2 Apr 2022]

7...Nxd3+ 8.Qxd3 g6 9.Nc3 Bf5
 10.Qd1 Bg7 11.Be3

(Diagram)

B04 Na6N

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[Predecessor: 11...0-0 12.Be2 Qc7
 13.Rc1 Rd8 14.0-0 Na6 15.d5 e6
 16.g4 exd5 17.cxd5 Be6 18.Bf3
 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5
 21.Qxd5 cxd5 22.Rxc7 Nxc7 23.Rc1
 Ne6 24.h4 d4 25.Bd2 Kf8 26.f4 f5
 27.gxf5 gxf5 28.Kf2 Kf7 29.Kf3 Rg8
 30.Be1 Rg1 31.a4 Rf1+ 32.Ke2
 Rxf4 33.a5 Re4+ 34.Kd3 a6 35.Bf2
 Kf6 36.Rc2 Ke5 37.Kd2 Kf4 38.Rc8
 Kf3 39.Be1 Re2+ 40.Kd1 Rxb2
 41.Rh8 Nebe,H (1766)-Laqua,C
 (2082) Bodenmais 2023 0-1]

12.a3 Qd7 13.Qd2 Rd8

[13...0-0 14.Be2 Rfd8]

14.Rd1 0-0 15.Be2 Qc7?!

[15...Nc7]

16.d5

[16.Qc1!]

16...Rfe8

[16...b6]

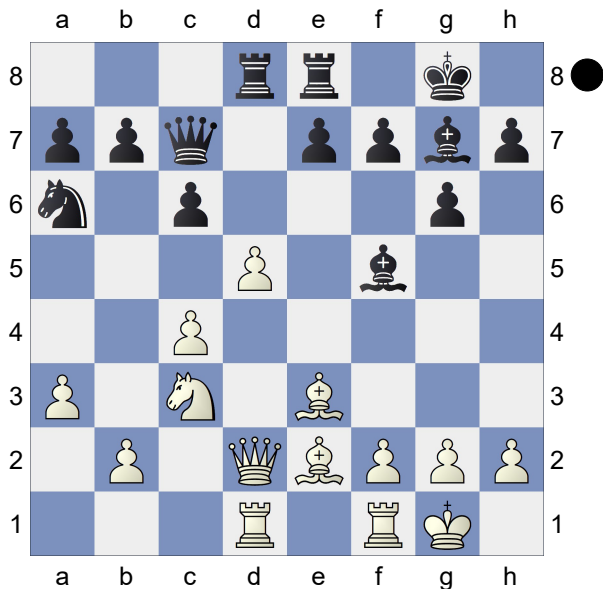
17.0-0±

(Diagram)

(53m left) 17...Be6? (62m left) 18.Bd4+-
 (39m left) 18...Be5?! 19.f4?!

[19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Rfe1!]

19...Bxd4+ 20.Qxd4 cxd5 21.cxd5



Bd7 22.Qxa7 White adds a pawn to a hearty space advantage **22...Nc5?!**

[22...Qc5+ 23.Qxc5 Nxc5
now Stockfish manages to call all these moves +/-: 24.Rd4 (24.Kf2; 24.h4; 24.h3; 24.Rfe1; 24.Bf3; even 24.Rf3)]

23.b4+-

[Δ23.d6! makes it even more extreme:

A) 23...Qc8 24.b4! (24.Nd5);

B) 23...exd6 24.Nd5 Qc8 25.Nf6+]

23...Nb3?

[23...Na4 24.Nxa4 Qc2 25.Nc5 Qxe2 26.Rfe1 followed by the b-pawn falling.]

24.Nb5 (SF18: +4.54/20) 24...Bxb5

[24...Qc2 25.Bd3 Qb2 26.Rb1]

25.Bxb5 Ra8 26.Qe3 Rec8 27.a4 (21m left)

[27.f5! Let's not forget Black's king!]

27...Qc2 (47m left)

[27...Qc3 28.Rd3 Qxb4 29.Rxb3]

28.Qxe7 (16m left)

[28.f5!]

28...Rc7

[28...Nd2 29.Rfe1 Nc4 30.d6]

29.Qe3 (14) 29...Rc3 30.Qf2 (11)

[30.Qe1]

30...Qf5 31.Qb2

[31.d6!]

31...Qf6 32.d6

[32.Rf3!? Qb6+ 33.Qf2 Qxf2+ 34.Rxf2 Rd8 35.d6]

[32.Kh1! Rc6 33.Qxf6 Rxf6 34.d6]

32...Nd4!? (Still objectively quite lost, but it's tricky, and it cost White 5 of her remaining 10 minutes) **33.d7**

Too many good moves!

[33.f5]

[33.Rfe1]

33...Rd8

[33...Nxb5 34.axb5 (34.Rfe1!?!; 34.f5!?!)]

34.Rfe1 Kg7 35.Re8! but White is down to 1 minute! (Black has 27)(I assume it's Abhishek writing down the times!)

[35.Qxc3! Ne2+ 36.Rxe2 Qxc3

37.Re8 It's going to be way too much for the queen.]

35...Ne6?!

[35...Rd3!? 36.Rxd3 Rxd7

Again: too much for the queen.]

36.Re1

[36.a5!? Stockfish can be totally mystifying sometimes...]

36...Qd4+ 37.Qf2 Rxd7 38.Bxd7

Qxd7 39.Ra8

[39.f5! Qxe8 40.Qb2]

39...Nd4 40.Rd1 Rc4 41.Qb2

[Δ41.f5]

[Δ41.Qe3]

[Δ41.Qe1]

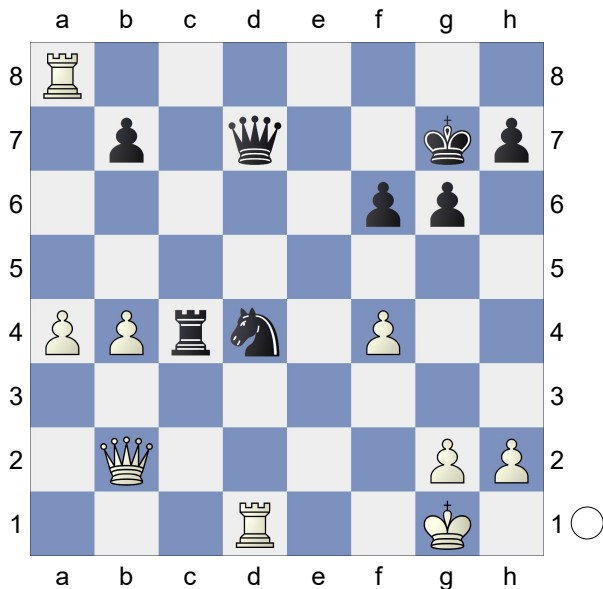
41...f6

[41...Qe7 42.Kh1 Qxb4 43.Qxb4 Rxb4 44.g3]

(Diagram)

42.Rd2? = White had six moves still winning, in order of how won:

[42.Qb3]



[42.Qd2]
 [42.Qf2]
 [42.Kh1]
 [42.Qb1]
 [42.Qa1]

42...Qe7!

[42...Qe6]

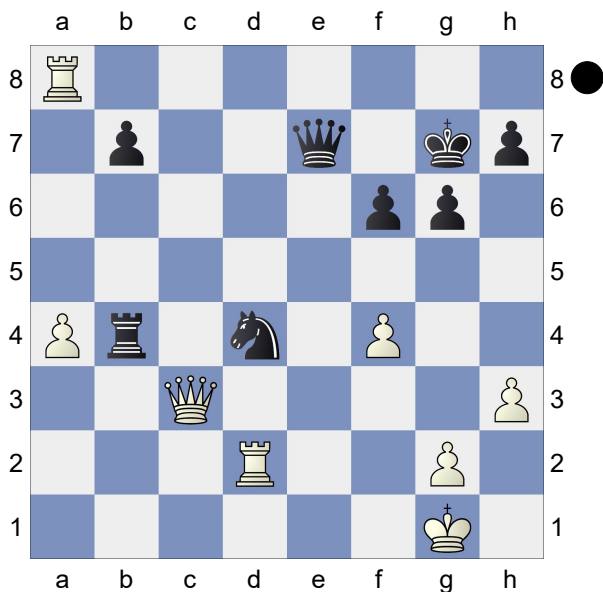
43.h3 Rxb4

[43...Qe3+]

[43...Qe1+]

44.Qc3

[44.Qa2 Kh6= (44...Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Kh6!=)]



44...Nf5?

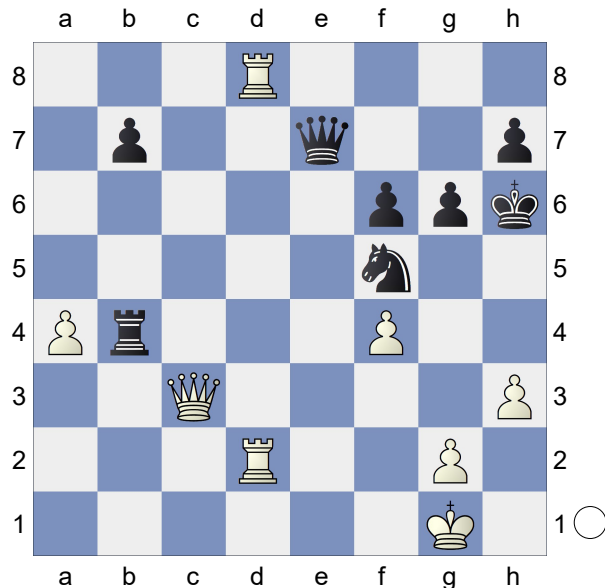
[44...Rb3=]

[44...Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Rb3 46.Re8!? Qxe8 47.Qxd4 Qe7=]

45.Rad8+-

[45.Kh2! Rb1 46.Rb2]

45...Kh6



46.R8d7?? Not just not winning --
 losing.

[46.Kh2+-]

[46.R2d7+-]

[46.Rd1+-]

46...Qe1+-+ 47.Kh2 Rb1 48.Rxh7+ Kxh7 49.Rd7+ Kh6 50.Qxe1 Rxe1 51.Rxb7 Re4

[51...Re2!]

52.a5 Ra4

[52...Rxf4! 53.a6 Ra4 54.a7

-- everything wins (for Black).]

53.Rf7

(Diagram)

Rxa5?

[53...Ra2 54.Rxf6 Nh4 55.Kg3 Kh5

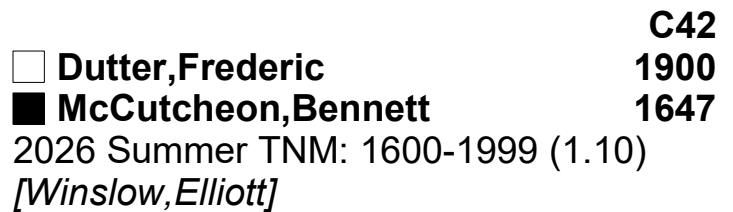
56.Kh2 (56.f5 g5) 56...Rxg2+

57.Kh1 Kh6 58.Rf8 Kg7 59.Ra8

Ra2 60.Kg1 Ng2]

54.Rxf6? Kg7 55.Rb6 Ra4 56.g4 Ra2+ 57.Kg1 Nh4 58.Rb5 Rg2+

(Diagram)



1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3
Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Be7 7.Be3
0-0 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6
11.Qd2 Nd7 12.0-0-0 Nf6

[12...Ne5]

[12...c6]

13.Bxg6

[Last master game: 13.Nd4 Ne4
14.Qe2 Nc5 15.Bxg6 fxe6 16.b4
Ne4 17.Ne6 Qd7 18.Nxf8 Qc6
19.Qd3 Rxf8 20.b5 Qxc3 21.Qxe4
Bf6 22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.Qb3 Qa1+
24.Kd2 Qe5 25.Rhe1 d5 26.f4 Qd6
27.g5 d4 28.gxf6 dxe3+ 29.Kc1
Qxf6 30.Kb1 1-0 Gibala,A (2248)-
Kanyamarala,T (2371) TT 26 Nov
2024]

13...fxg6

[13...hxg6 14.Rdg1 c6 15.h4 Ne4
16.Qe2 Qa5 17.Kb1 Bf6 18.Bd4
Rfe8 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qe3 Kg7
21.Nd4 Ng5 22.Qg3 Nh7 23.Nf5+
Kh8 24.Nxd6 Re7 25.g5 Qe5
26.Qxe5 fxe5 27.Ne4 Kg7 28.h5
Nf8 29.Rh2 gxh5 30.Rxh5 Ng6
31.Rgh1 Nf4 32.Rh7+ Kg6 33.f3
Rd8 34.R1h6+ 1-0 (34)
Skorobogatykh,A (2155)-Fomichev,S
(2051) Zelenograd 2016]

14.g5

[14.Ng5 Qd7 15.f4 Kh8 16.Qd3 h6
17.Nf3 Qa4 18.Nh4 Kg8 19.Nxg6
Rfe8 20.a3 Qe4 21.Bd4 Qxd3
22.cxd3 Kh7 23.Nxe7 Rxe7 24.Bxf6
gxf6 25.Rde1 Rae8 26.Kd2 Kg6
27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Re1 Rf7 29.h4 h5
30.g5 fxg5 31.fxg5 a6 32.Ke3 Rf5
33.Re2 b6 34.Rf2 Re5+ 35.Kd2 Rf5
36.Rxf5 Kxf5 37.Ke3 c6 38.b3 Ke5

39.d4+ Kf5 40.Kf3 b5 41.a4 a5
 42.Ke3 d5 43.Kf3 bxa4 44.bxa4
 Kg6 45.Kf4 Kf7 46.Kf5 Kg7 47.g6
 Kg8 48.Kg5 c5 49.dxc5 d4 50.cxd4
 Kg7 1-0 (50) Lacau Rodean,I (2091)-
 Bellissimo,J (1977) Toronto 2011]
14...Nd7 15.Nd4 Nc5 16.f4 Qd7
17.Qg2 Kh8 18.h4 Ne6 19.Qg4 Nc5
20.Qxd7 Nxd7 21.Ne6 Rfc8 22.Bd4
Bf8 23.h5 gxh5 24.Rxh5 c5 25.Bf2
Kg8 26.Rdh1 Kf7 27.f5 Be7 28.Rxh7
Rg8 29.Bh4 Nf8 30.Nxf8 Raxf8
31.g6+ Ke8 32.Re1
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□ **Patel,Milan** **D02**
 ■ **Sevall,Daniel** **1615**
1824
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[Winslow,Elliott]

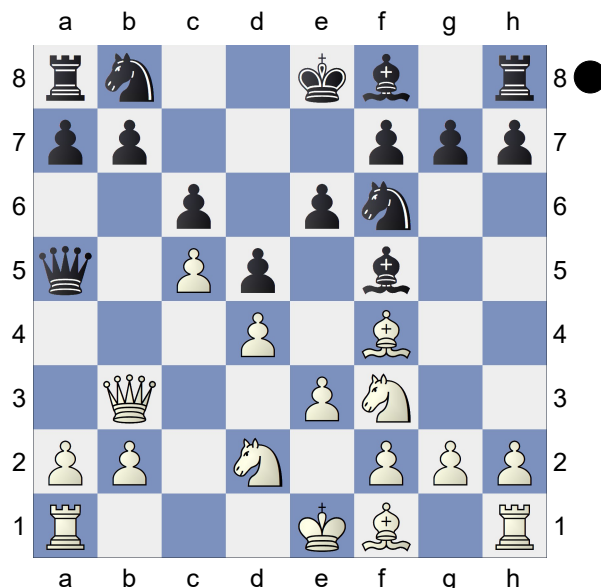
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5.c4 c6 6.Qb3 Qb6

[Relevant: 6...Qc8 7.Nc3 Be7 8.h3
0-0 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Bd8 11.Rfc1
dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bc7 13.Bxc7 Qxc7
14.Nh4 Bg6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Be2
Qb6 17.Qa3 a5 18.b3 Qb4 19.Qb2
a4 20.Rab1 a3 21.Qc2 Rfd8 22.Rd1
Nd5 23.Ne4 N7f6 24.Nc5 Qc3
25.Qc1 Ra7 26.b4 b6 27.Nd3 Ne4
28.Bf3 Qxc1 29.Rbxc1 Ndc3
30.Bxe4 Nxe4 31.Rxc6 b5 32.f3
Nd6 33.Kf2 Nc4 34.Rc5 Rb7
35.Ne5 Nb2 36.Rd2 Kamsky,G
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7.c5 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2

(Diagram)

b5N

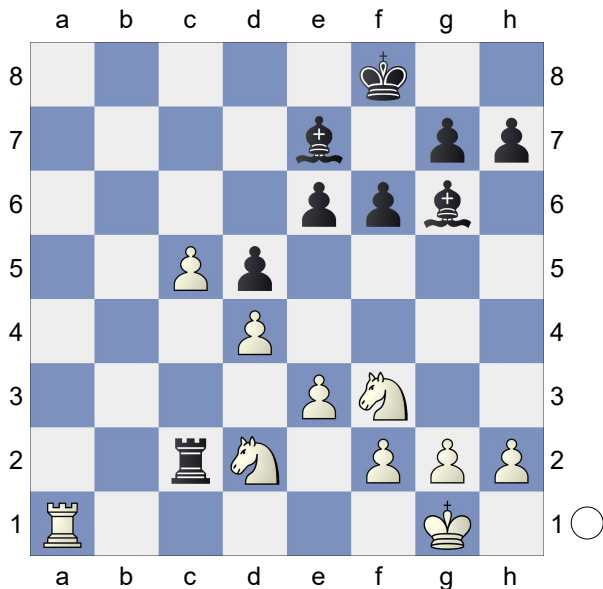
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10.0-0 Be7 11.Rac1 Rc8 12.cxb6



Qxb6 13.h3 0-0 14.Ne5 c5 15.Qxb6
Nxb6 16.dxc5 Rxc5 17.Nc6 Rxc1
18.Rxc1 Nc8 19.Nxe7+ Nxe7
20.Rc7 Ng6 21.Bd6 Rd8 22.Bc5 a5
23.Ra7 Nd7 24.Rxa5 Rc8 25.Bb4
h6 26.Bc3 Nc5 27.g4 Bd3 28.Bxd3
Nxd3 29.Rb5 Ra8 30.a3 Ra7 31.f4
Kf8 32.Nf3 f6 33.Kf1 Rc7 34.Ke2
Nc1+ 35.Kd2 Na2 36.Nd4 Ke7
37.Bb4+ Nxb4 38.Rxb4 Atienza Roy,
J (2066)-Bernat Pascual,M (1869)
Barcelona 2014 1-0]
9.Bd3 Ne4 10.Bxe4 Bxe4 11.0-0 Bg6
12.a3 Nd7 13.Qb4 Qa6 14.a4 bxa4
15.Rxa4 Qc8 16.Rfa1 a6 17.Qa3 Nb8
18.Bxb8 Rxb8 19.Rxa6 Be7 20.Qa4
0-0 21.Qxc6 Qxc6 22.Rxc6 Rxb2
23.Rca6 Rc2 24.Ra8 f6 25.Rxf8+
Kxf8

(Diagram)

26.h3 Bd3 27.Ra3 Bb5 28.Rb3 Be8
29.Rb8 Kf7 30.Kf1 h5 31.Ke2 g5
32.Kd3 Rc1 33.Rb1 Rxb1 34.Nxb1
Bb5+ 35.Kc3 Bf1 36.Ne1 Bd8 37.Kb4
Ke7 38.Nd2 Be2 39.Nc2 Kd7 40.Na1
Bc7 41.Nc2 Kc6
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□ Simberg,Benjamin

■ Casares,Nick

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E01

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1600

b6 9.b4 Bb7 10.0-0 h6 11.h3 Re8
12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bh2 Bf6
15.Rc1 e5 16.Bb1 exd4 17.exd4 g6
18.Bf4 Bg7 19.Qd2 Qf6 20.Be3 h5
21.Rfd1 Qd8 22.Bh6 Bf6 23.Re1 Nf8
24.Rxe8 Qxe8 25.Bg5 Qd8 26.Be3
Ne6 27.Ne2 Qd7 28.Nf4 Ng7 29.Qd3
Qe8 30.Re1 Bc8 31.Bd2 Qd8 32.Be3
Bf5 33.Qb3 Qd7 34.Bc2 Bxc2
35.Qxc2 Nf5 36.Qd2 Re8 37.Rd1 Re4
38.Qc3 Qe8 39.Rd3 Kh7 40.Ne2 Nxe3
41.Rxe3 bxc5 42.bxc5 Qb8 43.Rxe4
Qb1+ 44.Kh2 dxe4 45.a3 Qd3 46.Qb2
Kg7 47.g3 Qc4 48.Kg2 Qxc5 49.h4
Qd6 50.Qc3 Qd5 51.Kf1 Qb5 52.Qc1
Bxd4 53.Qd1 c5 54.Kg2 Qd3 55.Qe1
Qf3+ 56.Kg1 e3 57.Nxd4 Qxf2+
58.Qxf2 exf2+ 59.Kxf2 cxd4 60.Ke2
Kf6 61.Kd3 Ke5 62.a4 a5
0-1

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6
5.g3 Be7 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 h6 8.e4
dxe4 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Ndxe4 Nxe4
11.Nxe4 Nf6 12.Nc3 Qc7 13.Be3 b6
14.Rc1 Bb7 15.Qe2 Rad8 16.Rfd1
Bb4 17.Ne4 Be7 18.Bf4 Qc8 19.h4
Nxe4 20.Bxe4 f5 21.Bg2 Bd6 22.Bxd6
Rxd6 23.c5 Rdd8 24.Qe5 Rf6 25.a3
Rdf8 26.Rd2 f4 27.g4 Qe8 28.cxb6
axb6 29.f3 R8f7 30.Bf1 c5 31.Be2
Bd5 32.dxc5 Qc6 33.Qb8+ Rf8
34.Qxb6 Qa8 35.c6 Rb8 36.Qa6 Qxa6
37.Bxa6 Bxf3 38.c7

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□ Liu,Jinfeng

■ Kosuri,Dev Isak

2026 Summer TNM: 1600-1999 (1.13)

D37

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1770

B24
□ Pickering,Carl Anthony **1758**
■ Sloan,Sacha Marino **1554**

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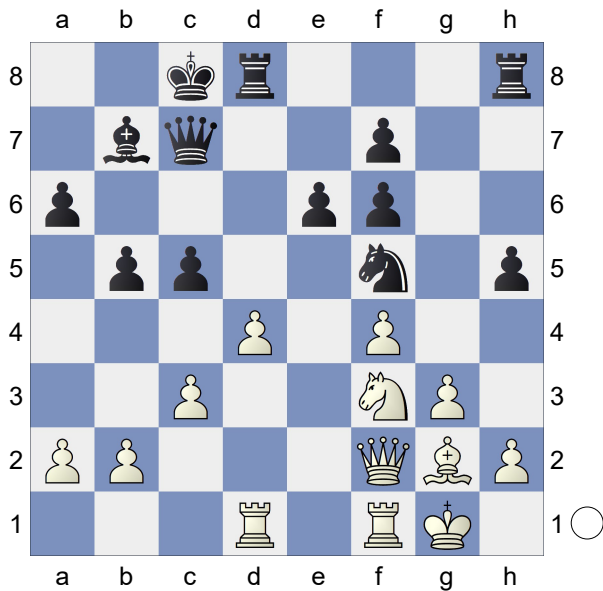
[Winslow,Elliott]

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5.g3 e6 6.Bg2 Qc7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d3
Be7 9.Be3 d5 10.e5 d4 11.exf6 Bxf6
12.Ne4 dxe3 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.c3 b5
15.Qe2 Bb7 16.Qxe3 Ne7 17.Rad1
0-0-0 18.d4 Nf5 19.Qf2 h5

(Diagram)

20.dxc5 Rdg8 21.Nd4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2
Qxc5 23.Nxf5 Qxf5 24.Qf3 h4
25.Qc6+ Kb8 26.Rd7 Rxd3+ 27.Kh1
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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7
5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.c5 c6 8.Bd3



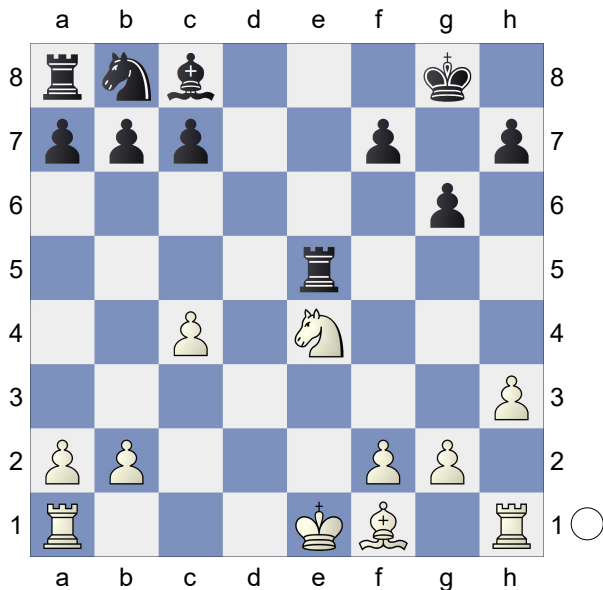
□ Baumholtz, Matthew

■ Boyer, John

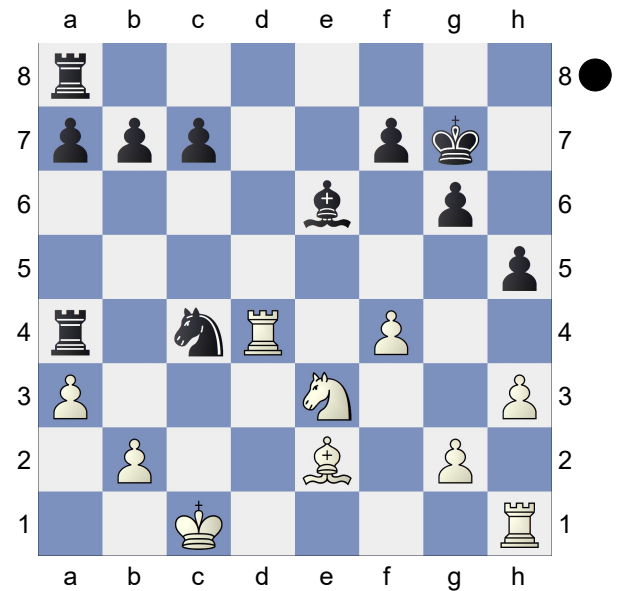
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[Winslow, Elliott]

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Rxd8 9.Nxe5 Re8 10.Bf4 Nxe4
11.Nxe4 Bxe5 12.Bxe5 Rxe5



13.0-0-0 Nc6 14.Nf6+ Kg7 15.Ng4
Ra5 16.a3 Be6 17.Bd3 h5 18.Ne3
Ne5 19.Be2 Ra4 20.f4 Nxc4 21.Rd4



Nxb2 22.Rxa4 Nxa4 23.f5 Ba2 24.fxg6
fxg6 25.g4 hxg4 26.Bxg4 Rf8 27.Rf1
Rxf1+ 28.Nxf1 Nc5 29.Kb2 Be6
30.Ne3 Bxg4 31.hxg4 Kf6 32.Nd5+
Kg5 33.Nxc7 Kxg4 34.Nd5 g5 35.Kc3
Kf3 36.Nf6 g4 37.Nxg4 Kxg4 38.Kc4
b6 39.Kb5 Kf4 40.a4 Nxa4 41.Kxa4
a6
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□ Babayan, Gagik
■ Chan, John

2026 Summer TNM: 1600-1999 (1.17)

1.g4 c6 2.Bg2 d5 3.h3 e5 4.e4 d4
5.d3 h6 6.c3 Bc5 7.Na3 Be6 8.Nc2
Ne7 9.Nf3 Ng6 10.cxd4 exd4 11.Bd2
a6 12.b4 Ba7 13.Qc1 Nh4 14.Nxh4
Qxh4 15.Bf4 Nd7 16.Bg3 Qe7 17.f4
f6 18.0-0 0-0 19.f5 Bf7 20.a3 c5
21.Rb1 c4 22.Ne1 Rac8 23.Qd2 c3
24.Qf2 b5 25.Nc2 Ne5 26.Bxe5 fxe5
27.f6 Qe6 28.fxg7 Kxg7 29.Qf5 Bb8
30.Qxe6 Bxe6 31.Bf3 Ba2 32.Rbc1
Bd6 33.Bd1 Be7 34.Rxf8 Kxf8 35.Ra1
Be6 36.Kg2 Kg7 37.Ne1 Bd6 38.Bc2
Rf8 39.Nf3 Rf4 40.Nh4 h5 41.Nf5+
Bxf5 42.gxf5 Kh6 43.Rf1 h4 44.Rxf4

exf4 45.Kf3 Kg5
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□ Fitzgerald, William

■ Ploquin, Phil

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1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 c5 7.d5 g6 8.Nf3
Bg7 9.h3 Bf5 10.Nc3 h5 11.Bd3 Qd7
12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 e6 14.Bg5 Nc6
15.Qe4 Ne7 16.d6 Nf5 17.Nh4 Ng3
18.Qf4 Nxf1 19.Rxf1 0-0 20.Be7 Rae8
21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Ne4 Qa4 23.Nf6+
Kh8 24.Qg5 Qc2 25.g4 Nxc4 26.gxh5
Qd2 27.Qxg6 Bxf6 28.Qxf6+ Kh7
29.Ng6 Qe3+ 30.Qf2 Qg5+ 31.Qg2
Qxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Rg8 33.Rxf7+ Kh6
34.Kf3 Kxh5 35.Nf4+ Kh4 36.Ke4
Nd2+ 37.Kd3 Nf3 38.Ng6+ Rxg6
39.Rxf3 Rg1 40.Kc2 Rg5 41.d7 Rg8
42.Rd3 Rd8 43.Kc3 Kg5 44.Kc4 b6
45.Kb5 Kf5 46.Kc6
1-0

□ Siegel, David

■ Agdamag, Samuel

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[Siegel, David/Winslow, Elliott]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 g6 4.Bg5
Bg7 5.Nf3 c6 6.e4 0-0 7.e5?!

(probably not a good move but I didn't
mind simplifying a bit.)

[ew: 7.Be2± e5 8.d5 when the ...c6
response here (by transposition) isn't
so reputable.]

7...dxe5 8.dxe5 Qxd1+

[ew: 8...Ng4!±]

9.Rxd1 Ng4 10.Bxe7

[Δ10.Be2]

10...Re8± 11.Bd6

[Δ11.Rd8]

11...Nxe5?!

[11...Nd7!±]

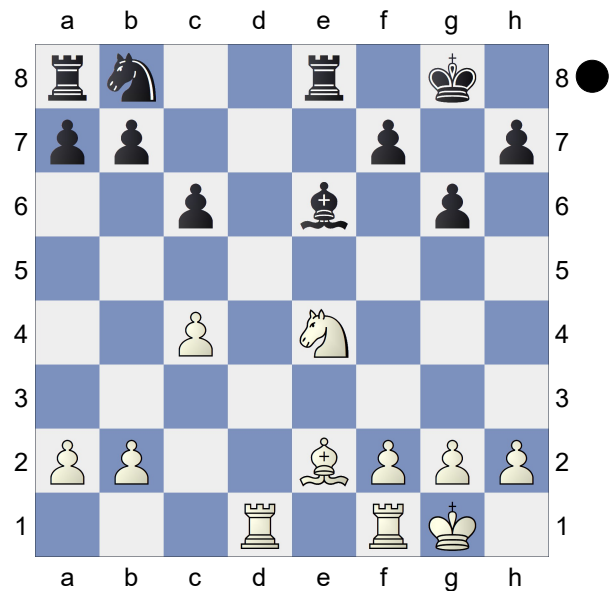
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12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Bxe5 Rxe5+

Again, I could have been more ambitious
in the opening but this seems fairly
pleasant to me. 14.Be2 Re8 15.0-0
Be6 16.Ne4



Bxc4?? I think my opponent missed that
Nf6 comes with check (ew: or perhaps
that it's also check after 17...Kg7 18.
Nxe8+); Black will lose at least a bishop.
My opponent fought on but the result
was never in doubt after this point.

[ew: There's quite a bit to Black's best
16...Nd7!]

A) 17.Rxd7?! Bxd7 18.Nf6+ Kg7
19.Nxe8+ (19.Nxd7??? Rxe2)
19...Rxe8 20.Re1 (20.Bf3? Be6
21.b3 Rd8±; 20.Bd3?! Rd8 21.b3
Kf6±) 20...c5 21.Kf1 Bc6 22.g3=
(ew: it's all 0.00s on any Black
move, *if* White doesn't play 23.
Bd3??);

B) 17.Nd6 Re7!? (17...Red8=;
17...Reb8 18.f4= but White has
something, +0.26/d25) 18.Nxb7
Rb8 19.Na5 Rxb2 20.Nxc6 Re8=
ew: Even here there are things

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happening, but ultimately zeroes and liquidation.]

17.Nf6+ Kf8 18.Bxc4 Re7 19.Rd8+ Kg7 20.Ne8+ Kh6 21.Rc8 b5 22.Bb3 a5 23.Nf6 Rea7 24.Re1 a4 25.Bd1 Kg7 26.Ne8+ Kh6 27.Nc7 Rxc7 28.Rxc7 Ra6 29.Re8 Rb6 30.Bf3 Na6 31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.Bxc6 Nb4 33.Bxb5 Nxa2 34.Bxa4 1-0

□ Rosston,Andrew Burkett 1471
 ■ Schaezlein,Charlie 1665
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.f3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.c3 e5 14.Bc5 Re8 15.Qb3 Be6 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Qa3 Rec8 18.Bf2 Rcb8 19.b4 a5 20.b5 Bf8 21.Qb2 Bc5 22.a4 Rb6 23.Bd3 Rc8 24.Rfe1 f5 25.Bf1 e4 26.fxe4 dxe4 27.Bd4

[27.c4 Bxf2+ 28.Qxf2]
 27...Qf7 28.Qf2 Qe7 29.Bxc5 Rxc5 30.Qd4 Qc7 31.Qd8+ Kg7 32.Qd4+ Re5 33.c4 Kf6 34.Rc1 Qc5 35.Red1 e3 36.Qxc5 Rxc5 37.Rc3 f4 38.Be2 g5 39.g3 Ke5 40.Kg2 Bf5 41.gxf4+ gxf4 42.Bf3 Rg6+ 43.Kf1 Bh3+ 44.Ke2 Bg4 45.Bxg4 Rxc4 46.Kf3 h5 47.Rcc1 Rg6 48.Rd8 Rd6 49.Re8+ Kf5 50.Rf8+ Ke5 51.Rxf4 e2 52.Re4+ Kf6 53.Kxe2 Kf5 54.Re8 Rd4 55.b6 Rd7 56.Rb1 Rb7 57.Rb5 Rxb5 58.cxb5 Rxb6 59.Ra8 Ke4 60.Rxa5 Kd5 61.Ra6 Rxa6 62.bxa6 Kc6 63.Kf3 Kb6 64.Kf4 Kxa6 65.Kg5 h4 66.Kxh4 Ka5 67.Kg5 Kxa4 1-0

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□ Gutta,Anirudh

■ Le,Thu Anh

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[Le,Thu Anh]

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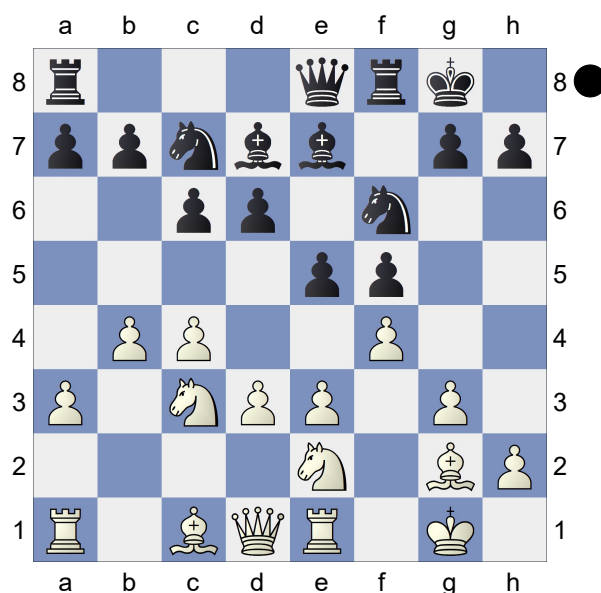
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 f5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Nge2 c6 8.0-0 Na6

[8...a5]

[8...Be6]

9.a3 Qe8 10.b4 Nc7 11.f4 Bd7

12.Re1



Qh5

[12...h5 The more straightforward K-side attack.

A) 13.c5 exf4 14.cxd6 Bxd6 15.exf4 h4 (15...Qg6);

B) 13.Rf1 h4 14.gxh4 Qh5]

[12...Qg6]

[12...Rd8]

13.h3 e4

[13...Qg6 14.b5 (14.c5 exf4 15.exf4 Looks like White gets to open up the e-file, but there isn't anything) 14...h5]

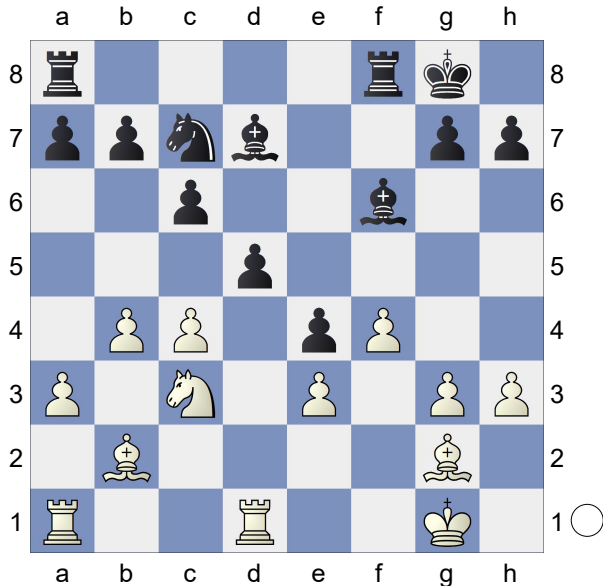
14.dxe4 Nxe4 I can't remember why I decided on knight take vs. pawn take. In retrospect, taking with the pawn and keeping the better knight would have

made it easier for Black.

[14...fxe4 15.Nd4 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 d5]

15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Nc3 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Bf6 18.Bb2 d5

[18...Be6 19.Rxd6 Bxc4 20.Bxe4 Bxc3 21.Bxc3 Nb5]



19.Bxe4 Bxh3 Less good than getting the pawn on e3

[19...Rae8 Black gets initiative here 20.Bd3 Rxe3 21.Kf2 Rfe8]

20.cxd5 cxd5

[20...Rae8 I looked at this move here, but thought White would get a pawn on d7, but there's a tactic to regain the piece. 21.d6 Nb5 22.d7 Bxd7 23.Rxd7 Nxc3 24.Bd3]

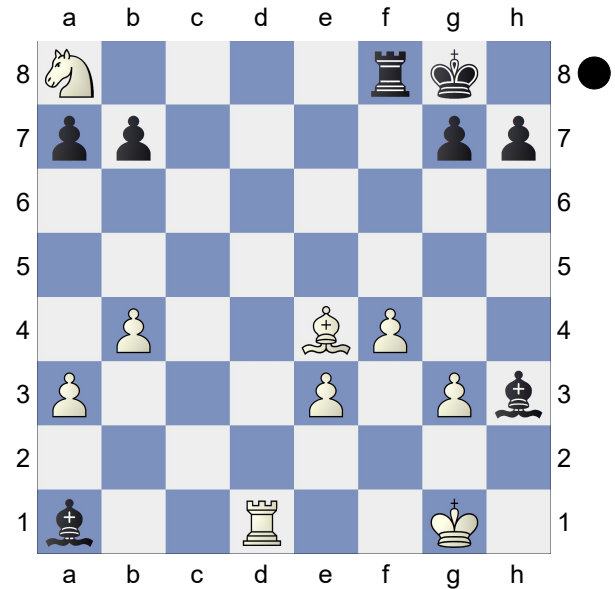
21.Nxd5 Bxb2 22.Nxc7 Bxa1

[22...Rac8 I considered this during the game, but thought Black doesn't gain anything 23.Ra2 Rxc7 24.Bd5+ (24.Rxb2) 24...Kh8 25.Rxb2]

23.Nxa8

(Diagram)

Rxa8 I took awhile and decided to play "simple chess," and thought with the rook tempo getting on the open d-file,



Black would be able to get counterplay.

[23...Bb2 Black's critical last chance. White's pieces might seem active, but Black regains the pawn, has the bishop pair on open board and *should* hold. 24.Bd5+ Kh8 25.Nc7 Bxa3]

24.Rxa1 Rd8 25.Bxb7 Rd3 26.Kh2 Bg4 27.Re1 Rxa3 28.Bd5+ Kf8 29.e4

White has 2 rolling passed pawns and the rest was tough for Black. **29...Rd3**

[29...Ra4 Maybe, probably 30.b5 Ke7]

30.Ra1 Rd2+ 31.Kg1 Rb2 32.Rxa7

Rxb4 33.Rf7+ Ke8 34.Rxg7 Rb1+

35.Kf2 Rb2+ 36.Ke1 h5 37.f5 Rg2

[37...Rb1+ 38.Kd2 Rd1+ 39.Kc2

Rxd5 Might work in some cases but unfortunately not here 40.exd5 Bxf5+

41.Kd2 Bh3 (41...Bg4 42.Rxg4

hxc4) 42.Ke3]

38.f6 Rxg3 39.f7+ Ke7 40.Rg8 Rg1+

41.Kf2

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□ Braithwaite, Andrew

■ Stults, Sawyer

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[Stults, Sawyer]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 Nf6

[4...dxc3]

[4...d5]

5.e5 Nd5 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+

8.Qxd2 d6

[8...0-0 9.Bc4 Nb6 10.Bb5

(10.Bd3)]

[8...f6 9.exf6 Qxf6]

9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qc2 c5

[11...dxe5 12.Qxc6 exd4 13.Qxa8

Re8+ 14.Kf1 (14.Kd2 Qd6)]

12.0-0 Nb4

[12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 dxe5 14.Nc6

Qg5]

13.Qd2

[13.Qc3 Bf5 14.Nbd2 (14.Na3)

14...Rb8 (14...Nd5 15.Qa5) 15.a3

Nd3]

13...Bg4 14.a3

[14.dxc5

A) 14...Bxf3 15.gxf3

A1) 15...dxc5 16.Qxd8 Raxd8

17.Nc3 (17.a3 Nc2 18.Ra2)

17...Rd2 (17...Nd3);

A2) 15...Qh4

A2a) 16.f4 dxc5 17.a3 Nc6

(17...Rfd8 18.Qc1);

A2b) 16.exd6 cxd6 17.cxd6

(17.Qxd6) 17...Rfd8 18.f4

Qg4+ 19.Kh1 Qf3+ 20.Kg1

Nd5;

B) 14...dxc5

B1) 15.Qf4;

B2) 15.a3 Nc6 (15...Bxf3

16.axb4 Bb7) 16.Qf4 Bxf3

17.Qxf3 Nxe5;

B3) 15.Qxd8 Raxd8 16.Nc3

Rd2 (16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 Rd2)]

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14...Nc6 15.dxc5 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nxe5

17.Qc3 Qh4

[17...Re8]

[17...Qf6]

18.Nd2 Rfe8

[18...Qf4 19.Rad1]

19.cxd6 cxd6

[19...Re6 20.dxc7 Rh6 21.Qxe5

(21.c8Q+)]

20.Kh1 Rac8

[20...Re6 21.Rg1 Rh6 (21...Qxf2

22.Rg2 Qh4 23.Rag1) 22.Rg2 Ng6

23.Rc1]

21.Qb3 Rb8 22.Qd5

[22.Qc3 Rec8]

22...Rxb2 23.Qxd6 Rb6

[23...Rxd2 24.Qxd2 Nxf3 25.Qd6]

24.Qd5 Rh6

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□ Everett, Willard

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■ Wang, Yulan

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6

5.e3 Be7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.a3

Bd7 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Nf3 Rc8

12.0-0 Qb6 13.Rfc1 Na5 14.Nd2 Nh5

15.Be5 f6 16.Bh7+ Kh8 17.Bg6 fxe5

18.Bxh5 exd4 19.exd4 Qxd4 20.Nf3

Qb6 21.Ne5 Be8 22.Bxe8 Rfxe8

23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.Qg6 Bg5 25.Nxg5

hxc5 26.Qxc5 Nb3 27.Na4 Qa5

28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Qe5 Re8 30.Qh5

Re7

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☐ **Starr,Albert Martin** **A00**
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 ☐ **Kojevnikov,Alexander** **1175**
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1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.e3
 0-0 5.Nf3 d5 6.Be2 c5 7.Bb2 Nc6
 8.0-0 Ba5 9.d3 d4 10.e4 Bg4
 11.Nbd2 Bc7 12.Rc1 Re8 13.g3 b5
 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxg4 Nxd4 16.Qxg4
 Be5 17.f4 Ne2+ 18.Qxe2 Bxb2 19.Rb1
 Qd4+ 20.Qf2 Qxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Bd4+
 22.Kg2 b4 23.Nb3 a5 24.Nxd4 cxd4
 25.e5 Rac8 26.Rbc1 Rc3 27.Rf2 Rec8
 28.Kf3 Rxd3+ 29.Ke4 Rdc3 30.Rd2
 Kf8 31.g4 Ke7 32.h4 d3 33.Rxd3
 Rxc2 34.Rcd1 R2c4+ 35.Kf5 h6 36.g5
 g6+ 37.Kg4 h5+ 38.Kf3 Rc3 39.Ke4
 Rxd3 40.Kxd3 Rd8+ 41.Kc2 Rxd1
 42.Kxd1 Ke6 43.Kc2 Kf5 44.Kb3 Kg4
 45.Ka4 Kxh4 46.Kxa5 Kg4 47.Kxb4 h4
 48.a4 h3 49.a5 h2 50.a6 h1Q 51.Kb5
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☐ **Pang,William** **B02**
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 ☐ **Harriman,Connor** **1443**
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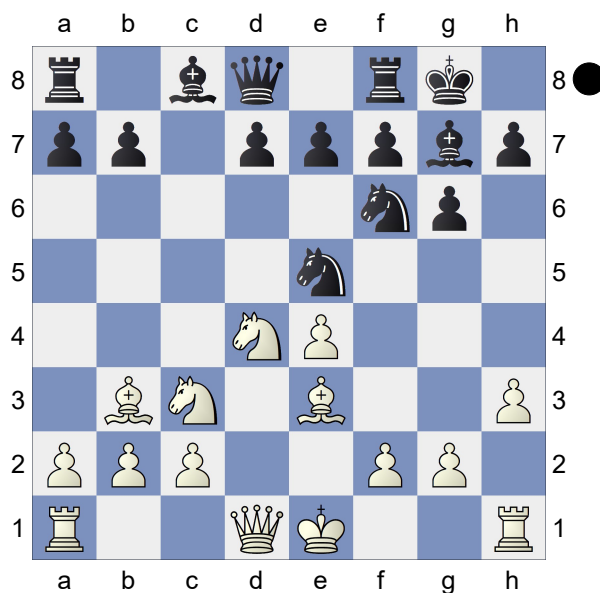
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 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+
 13.Qxd2 Nd4 14.f4 Nxe2 15.Kxe2 Rd4
 16.Rad1 Rhd8 17.Qe3 Qg4+ 18.Ke1
 b6 19.Rg1 Qxg1+ 20.Ke2 Qxd1+
 21.Kxd1 Rxd3+ 22.Ke2 Rxe3+ 23.fxe3
 Kb7 24.a3 Kc6 25.b4 a5 26.h4 axb4
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 30.b5+ Kc5 31.Kc2 Kxc4 32.e5 Rh3
 33.Kb2 Rxh4 34.Kc2 Rh2+ 35.Kd1
 Kd3 36.Ke1 Rb2 37.Kf1 Ke3 38.Kg1
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42.Kg1 Rb1#
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☐ **Turner,Robert** **B35**
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 ☐ **Garrett,Tyler** **920**
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g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Ne5
 [7...Qa5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb3 d6 10.h3
 Bd7 11.f4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc6
 13.Qd3 Nd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rae1
 Qc5+ 16.Kh2 Rac8 17.Qg3 b5
 18.e5 dxe5 19.f5 a5 20.a4 bxa4
 21.Nxa4 Qb4 22.Ra1 Nf6 23.Qxe5
 Qe4 24.Qg3 Nh5 25.Qf2 Qe5+
 26.g3 gxf5 27.Nb6 Rcd8 28.Nc4
 Qc7 29.Rxa5 Be4 30.Rc5 Qd7
 31.g4 Nf6 32.gxf5 Kh8 33.Qf4 Rg8
 34.Ne3 Qd2+ 35.Rf2 Qc1 36.Ng4
 Qh1+ 37.Kg3 **Abdusattorov,N (2777)-**
Carlsen,M (2841) Hong Kong 2026
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8.Bb3 0-0 9.h3



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[9...d6 10.f4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Nxd4
 12.Bxd4 Be6 13.0-0-0 Bxb3 14.axb3
 Rc8 15.Kb1 b5 16.Qd3 b4 17.Na4

Qc7 18.Rhf1 Nh5 19.Bxg7 Nxg7
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 Qg5 39.Qh7 **Alonso Garcia,A (2454)-
 Bayramov,S (2085) Chess.com INT
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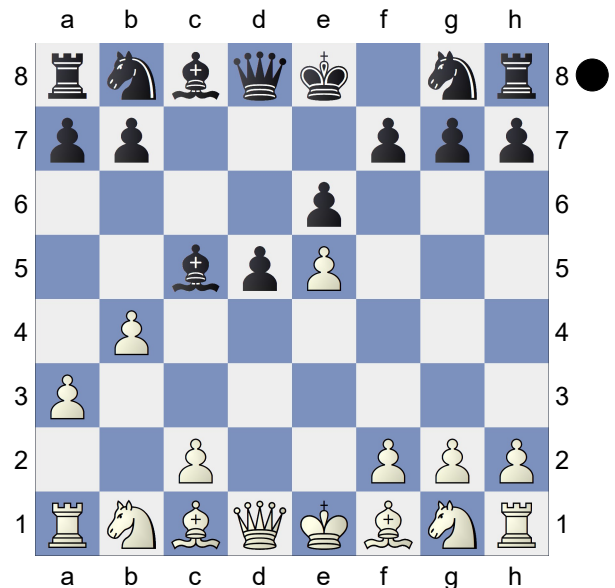
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 ■ **Stein-Smith,Walter**
 ■ **Wardle,Braxton** 792
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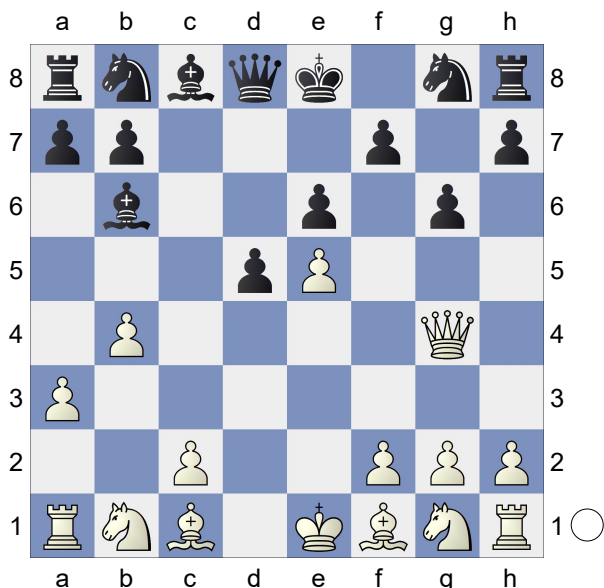
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 Bg6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qe2 a4
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 24.Rd3 Bc5 25.Bd4 Bd6 26.Qa2
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 Re5 35.Nf3 **So,W (2753)-Caruana,F
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6.b4
 [6.Qg4 Ne7 7.Qxg7 Rg8 8.Qxh7
 Qb6 9.Nh3 Nbc6= (9...Bd7=)]



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 [6...Be7! 7.Qg4 (7.Nf3±) 7...g6]
7.Qg4 g6

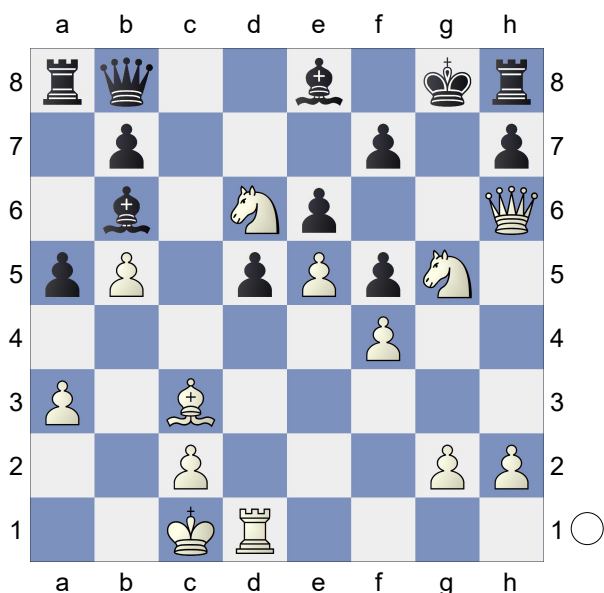
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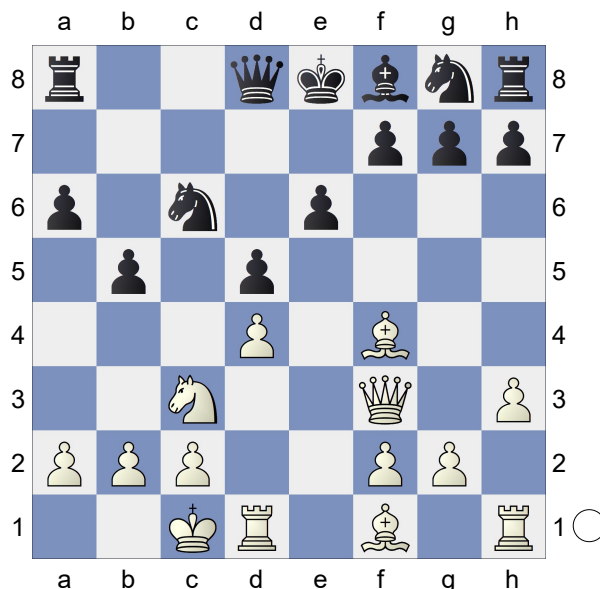
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Nc3

[Relevant: 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Nc6 7.c3 e6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Bg5 Nd7 12.Qxd5 0-0 13.Qe4 g6 14.Qh4 Rfe8 15.Nd2 Be7 16.Ne4 Qa5 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Nd6 Nd5 19.Nxe8 Rxe8 20.Be4 N5b6 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Bc6 Nf8 23.Qg3 Rc8 24.Be4 Nc4 25.Re2 Qb5 26.Bd3 Qd5 27.Bxc4 Qxc4 28.Qf3 Nd7 29.b3 Qa6 30.c4 Qb6 31.Rd1 Nb8 32.d5 Rd8 33.Red2 e5 34.d6 Rd7 Naroditsky,D (2619)-Sevian,S (2687) Chess.com INT 2024 1-0]

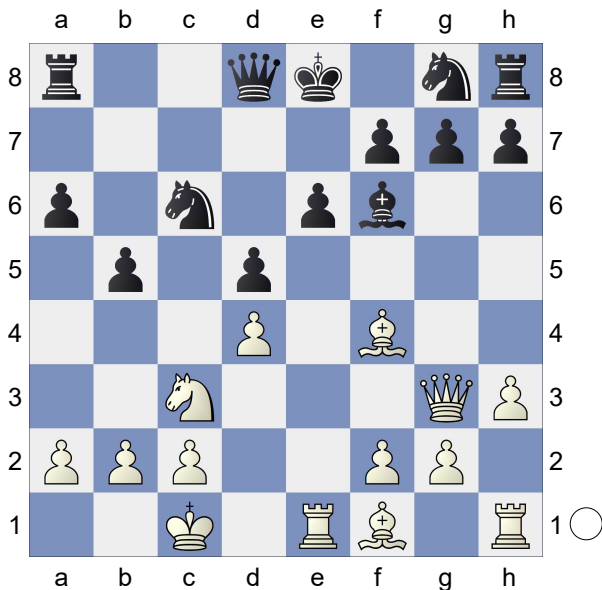
5...e6 6.Bf4 a6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.0-0-0 b5



10.Re1N

[Predecessor: 10.Qg3 Nge7 11.Bc7 Qd7 12.Bb6 Nf5 13.Qf3 Be7 14.g4 Nd6 15.Bc5 0-0 16.Bd3 Rfb8 17.Rhe1 b4 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Qxd5 Rd8 20.Bb6 Ne8 21.Qxd7 Rxd7 22.Be4 Rc8 23.Bf5 Bg5+ 24.Kb1 Nb8 25.Ba5 Nf6 26.Bxd7 Nbx7 27.Bxb4 h5 28.gxh5 Nxh5 29.Be7 f6 30.c3 Nf4 31.Rh1 Kf7 32.Bd6 Nd5 33.h4 Bh6 34.Rde1 Rc6 35.Bg3 Bd2 36.Ref1 N7b6 37.Kc2 Bh6 38.a3 Nc4 39.Re1 a5 Christie,R (1866)-Johnson,Q (1981) Invercargill 2022 0-1]

10...Be7 11.Qg3 Bf6



12.Nxb5 axb5 13.Bxb5 Nge7 14.Bd6 Qb6 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.a4 Nxd4 17.f4 Qc5 18.Bd3 Rxa4 19.Kd2 Ra2 20.Rb1 Rb8 21.b3 Rxc2+ 22.Bxc2 Qxc2+ 23.Ke3 Qe2# 0-1

□ Brown,Nicholas M

■ Canessa,Kate

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e4 Bg4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Be2 Qa5

8.Bd2 Qb6 9.Be3 Qd8 10.Qb3 e6 11.0-0 Be7 12.a3 Nbd7 13.Rac1 0-0 14.e5 Ne8 15.Ne4 Qc7 16.Rfd1 Nb6 17.Bxb5 c5 18.dxc5 Nd5 19.Be2 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Qxe5 22.Qc3 Qxc3 23.Rxc3 Nc7 24.Nd6 Nd5 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Rxd5 Rab8 27.b4 g6 28.g3 Bxd6 29.Rxd6 Rb5 30.c6 Rb6 31.Rcd3 Kg7 32.c7 Rc8 33.Rxb6 axb6 34.Rc3 f5 35.a4 Kf7 36.a5 bxa5 37.bxa5 Ke7 38.a6 Kd7 39.a7 g5 40.Rd3+ Kc6 41.Rd8 Rxc7 42.a8Q+ Rb7 43.Rb8 f4 44.Qxb7+ Kc5 45.Rd8 fxg3 46.Qc7+ Kb4 47.Rb8+ Ka4 48.Qa7# 1-0

D02

□ Arevalo Rivas,Rodrigo Vicente

■ Weaver,Kyle

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This game "provoked" me, via Kyle (who sent in the game with an aside that he should have just taken the pawn back). I happened to fire up my favorite engine, and what a show! So often the initiative comes out more important than a pawn (but not always of course!). 1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.dxc5 a5 6.e3 e6 7.Bb5

(Diagram)

Bd7?!

[7...Bxc5! of course!]

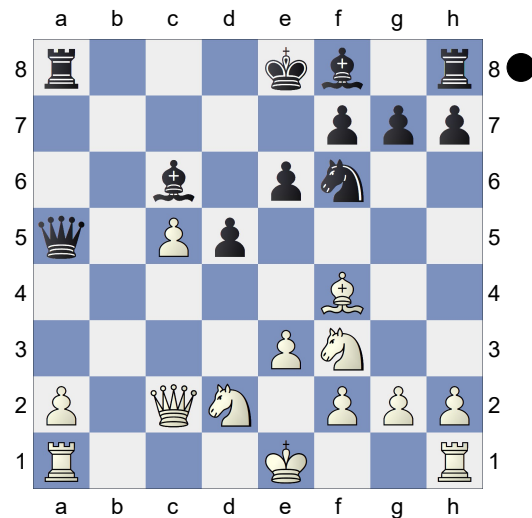
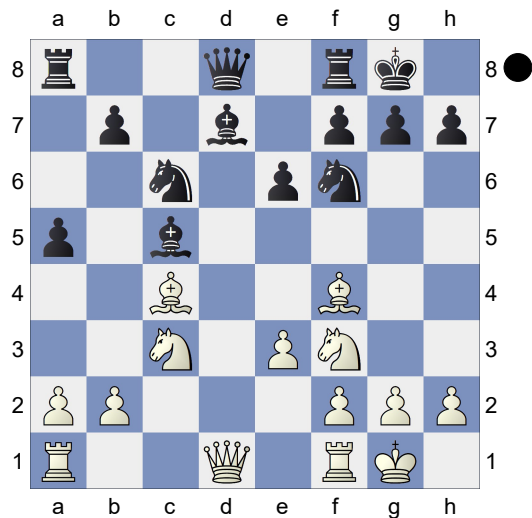
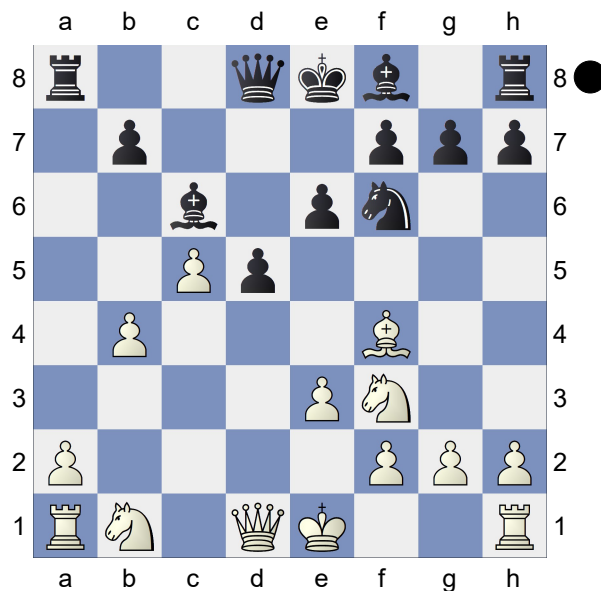
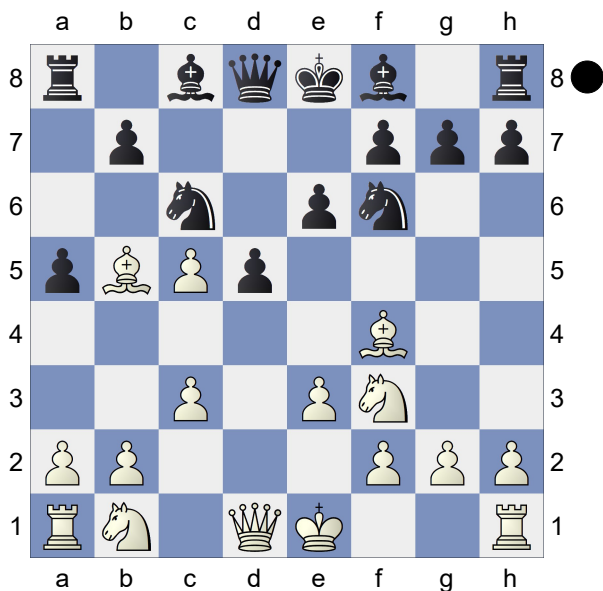
8.b4?!

[8.c4! Bxc5 (8...dxc4 9.Qe2!?)

9.Nc3 (9.cxd5 Nxd5) 9...dxc4

10.Bxc4 0-0 11.0-0

(Diagram)



Ne7!? Now that Black has mobilized all his minor pieces, the natural progression might be rooks -- but improving the knight (and perhaps the light square bishop as well) is even more sensible. White has an insignificant (+0.12/34) edge, per Stockfish.]

Bb5! 14.Nd4 Ba6 15.f3 Qxc5 16.Kf2 Nd7! 17.Rhc1 Qxc2 18.Nxc2 (18.Rxc2? e5) 18...h5! (18...e5 19.Bg3 f6 20.a3 Bd6 21.Nb4 Bb7 22.f4 19.h3 e5 20.Bh2 f6 21.a3 Bd6 22.f4 g5!

8...axb4 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.cxb4

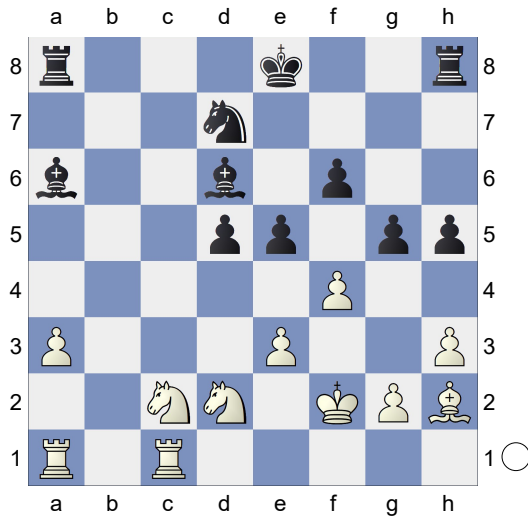
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Be7? This just lets White "get away with it."

White's London bishop is a laughingstock! Stockfish has this bordering on winning (there, it just slipped into "-+"). Impressive and instructive!]

[Black has to strike *now*! 10...b6! 11.Qc2?! bxc5 12.bxc5 Qa5+ 13.Nbd2



11.Nbd2?!

[11.Nc3!±]

11...0-0?

[11...b6=]

[11...Ba4!? 12.Nb3 Ne4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qc2 b6= 15.cxb6? Qxb6 16.a3?! Bf6-+ White is up a pawn, but Black will overrun the queenside via the c-file and c3.]

12.Qb3?

[12.a4! Qe8 13.a5! Bb5 14.Nd4± Somehow this is a different story. Here the extra pawn is stable and dangerous, the files are securely blocked, and sooner or later f3 and Kf2 will be good enough to mobilize the last rook/h1.]

12...Ba4 Black has an edge. 13.Qc3

(Diagram)

Bc6?

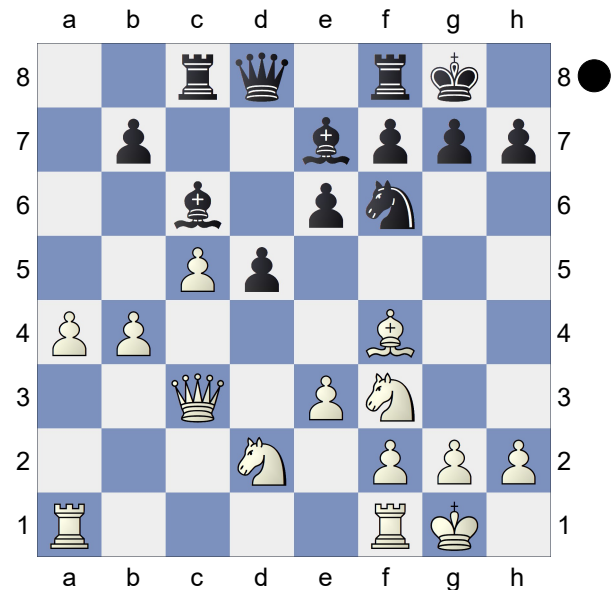
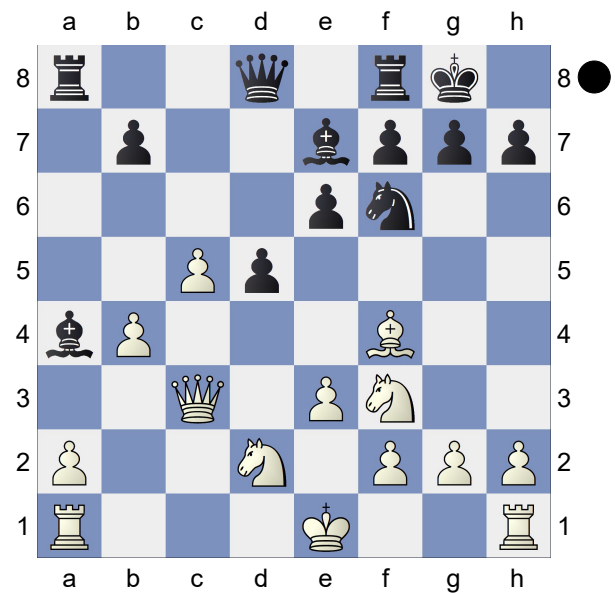
[13...b6! 14.0-0!= Black has some edge, but it's close to even. (14.c6?! d4!± wow; 14.cxb6?! Qxb6 15.a3 Rfc8 16.Qb2 Nd7-+ wow!)]

14.0-0 Rc8?!

[14...Ba4 15.Nd4±]

15.a4+-

(Diagram)



White makes the most of the extra pawn. **15...b5?! 16.Nd4!** White is hard-pressed to make a move that *isn't* winning, but this is top of the heap. **16...bxa4 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.Rxa4 Qd7 19.Qa3 Rcc8 20.h3** Making sure that *this* London bishop sticks around! It controls the queening square... **20...Qd8 21.Rc1 Ra8** This permits White to clear the air for the connected passed pawns to show their stuff. **22.b5**

[22.Rxa8! Qxa8 23.Qxa8 Rxa8 24.b5 Nd7 25.c6 Nb6 26.Bc7 & b6]

22...Rxa4 23.Qxa4 Qa8 "There were better moves" is Stockfish differentiating

between +5 and +7. 24.Qxa8 Rxa8
25.b6 Nd7 26.b7 Rb8 27.c6 e5
28.cxd7 Rxb7 29.Rc8+ Bf8 30.d8Q
[30.Rxf8+! Kxf8 31.d8Q#]
30...Rb1+ 31.Kh2
1-0

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1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d3 d5
5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Bxd5 Qxd5 7.Qf3 Qd6
8.Bf4 Ne5 9.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 10.Qe4 Qf6
11.g4 Rb8 12.Nd2 g6 13.f3 Bg7
14.0-0-0 b5 15.Ne2 b4 16.Kc2 bxc3
17.Nxc3 Rxb2+
0-1

□ Nordstrom,Lars
■ Tobias,Mason
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Bd3 c5 4.c3 Nf6
5.e5 Nfd7 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Qb6 8.Bc2
cxd4 9.cxd4 Qc7 10.a3 Ndxe5
11.dxe5 Bc5 12.Qd3 a6 13.Re1 Qb6
14.Re2 Bd4 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 d4
17.Qb3 Qc5 18.Re1 b5 19.Nbd2 Bb7
20.Ne4 Qb6 21.Nd6+ Ke7 22.Rac1
Nxe5 23.Nxb7 d3 24.Qb4+ Ke8
25.Nd6+ Kd8 26.Nxe5
1-0

□ Wind,Eric
■ Xu,William
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1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nf3
Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.Re1 d6 7.h3 Na5
8.Be2 a6 9.a3 Nc6 10.Bc4 Be6
11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.d4 exd4
14.Nxd4 h6 15.Nf3 Ng6 16.Bb3 Re8
17.c4 Qd7 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.fxe3 Qf5
20.Ba4 Re7 21.Bc2 Qh5 22.Qd4 Ne5
23.Bd1 Nxf3+ 24.Bxf3 Qg5 25.Re2
Rae8 26.Rae1 Ne4 27.Bxe4 Rxe4
28.Qd3 Rh4 29.e4 Qe5 30.Qf3 Rf4
31.Qb3 Qd4+ 32.Qe3 Qxe3+ 33.Rxe3
f5 34.g3 Rfxe4 35.Rxe4 fxe4 36.Kf2
Rf8+ 37.Ke3 Rf3+ 38.Kxe4 Rxg3
39.Rh1 g6 40.Kf4 Rg2 41.b4 Ra2
42.Rg1 g5+ 43.Kf5 Rxa3 44.Re1 Kf7
45.Re6 Rxh3 46.Rf6+ Ke7 47.Kg6 b6
48.Rf7+ Kd8 49.Rf8+ Kd7 50.Rf7+
Kc8 51.Kg7 g4 52.Rf8+ Kb7 53.Rd8
g3
0-1