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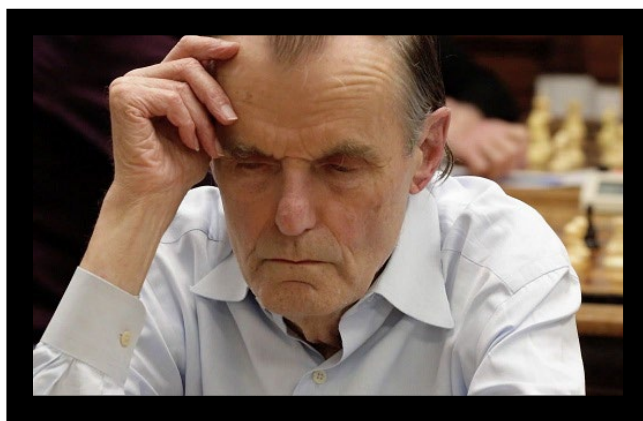
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Peter Grey TNM Round One Report

The 2nd Peter Grey Memorial TNM kicked off on Tuesday July 12th, with 70 participants in two sections. The top section is very strong, with IM **Elliott Winslow**, IM **Kyron Griffith**, and IM **Keaton Kiewra** all playing, making this the toughest TNM in recent memory. The biggest upset in the top section was **Kristian Clemens** (1927) masterly takedown of NM **Yusheng Xia** (2275).

The under 1800 section saw a mix of the young and the old winning their first games, among them Addison u1800 winner **Steve Sobel**.



Peter Grey (1935-2016) was an Expert player and a mainstay of the Mechanics' Chess Club from the 1960's onward. He played in almost every TNM from 1971 until his passing.

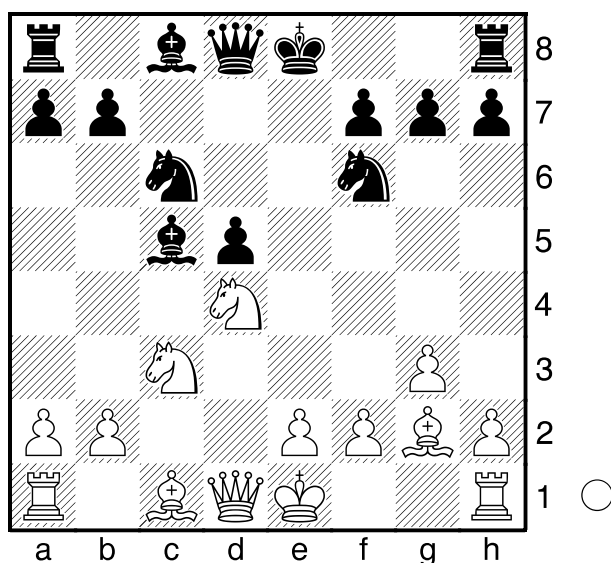
For complete TNM info, standings and results:

<https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/2nd-peter-grey-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

Winslow, Elliott C **D33**

Hao, Max **2244**
 MI Peter Grey TNM: 1800+ (1.4) 12.07.22 **1900**
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 Uh-oh...
4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6
7.Bg2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 Given as
 "The Keres System" in Bezgodov's 2017
 Tarrasch Defense book...



But these days it's called the Dubov System, as he has led the charge playing it. Mind you, for a draw, not really so much to win, but it does a pretty good job in that department. And Max was playing instantly! I had this slightly uncomfortable feeling. I knew that this was a Big Thing lately but like so many opening ideas, I hadn't yet taken a serious look at it. What was I going to fall into? I couldn't even remember where I'd seen it. Probably some annotated game of Dubov's. Certainly nothing more extensive. **9.Nb3**
 A lucky guess.

[The other main move (including in a fairly recent New In Chess Yearbook article (#133, November 2019) by Moskalenko, entitled "Finally! A

dynamic plan in the main Tarrasch."
 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 0-0
 Ideally White would like to get in e2-e4 and leave Black with some pawn weakness, but in practice... An early game with this was Marshall,F-Duras, O Budapest 1912: ½-½ (46).]

9...Bb6

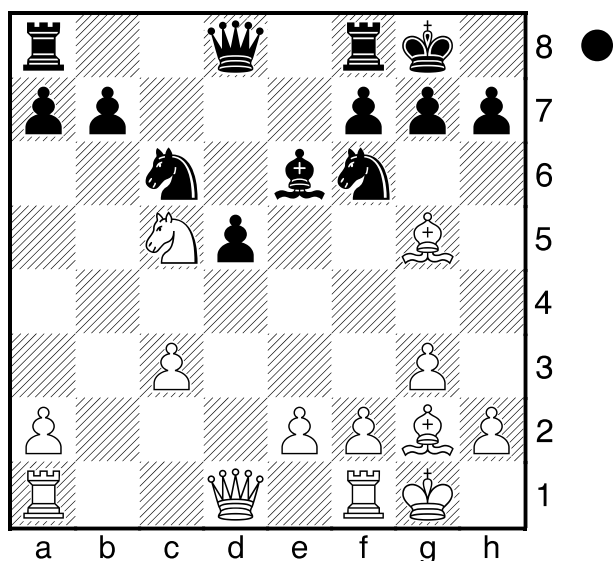
[9...Bb4 is an older (and who knows, maybe even better) move, which has often happened through the English Opening, Symmetrical Variation (but not so symmetrical now!).

A) 10.Bd2 0-0 (10...d4 11.Nb5!)
 11.0-0 Re8 (11...d4!? as in the modern games!) 12.a3 (12.Rc1 d4 13.Na4 d3 14.exd3 Bg4 15.Qc2 Re2) 12...Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Ne4 (13...Bg4!?) 14.Bd4 Bf5 15.Rc1 Qd7 16.Nc5 Nxc5 17.Rxc5 Be4 ½-½ Lobron, E (2530)-Sosonko, G (2540) Rotterdam 1988;

B) 10.0-0 Bxc3 (10...Be6 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Rc1 h6 13.Be3 Re8 14.Na4 Ne4 15.Bc5 Qf6 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.a3 Nc6 18.e3 Rad8 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Nc5 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 Qxd4 22.exd4 Bb5 23.Rfd1 b6 24.Nxe4 dxe4 ½-½ Hansen, C (2560)-Sosonko, G (2535) Wijk aan Zee 1988) 11.bxc3 0-0 12.Bg5 (12.Nd4!?) 12...Be6 (12...Re8; 12...h6!?) 13.Nc5 (13.Nd4 Rc8=)

(Diagram)

and now 13...Qe7? (13...h6?; 13...Rc8!?) 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.c4! dxc4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qd4 Qd8 18.Bxf6! Rxf6 19.Qxc4 Qd5 20.Rac1 and the great Akiva ground out a win, making Marshall look silly: 1-0 (56) Rubinstein, A-Marshall, F Breslau 1912]

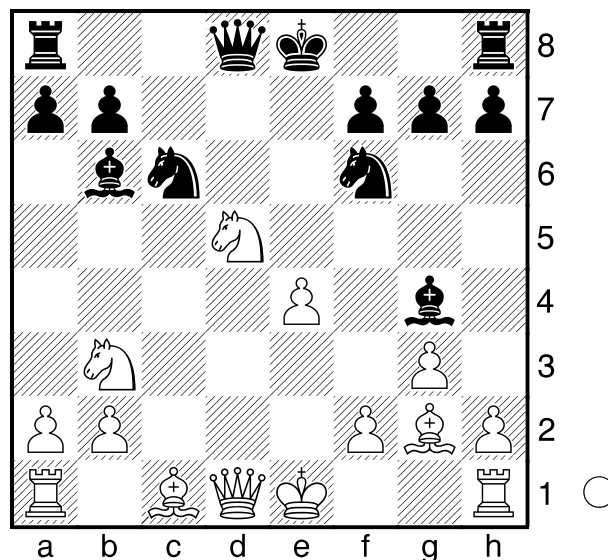


10.0-0

[10.Na4!? right away 0-0 11.Nxb6 axb6 (11...Qxb6 12.0-0 Re8 13.Bg5 Ne4 14.Be3 Qd8 15.Rc1 Bf5 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qa5 18.a3 Qb5 19.Rfe1 a6 20.Bf1 Rac8 21.f3 Nd6 22.Bf4 Rc4 23.Rxc4 Qxc4 24.Rd1 Qxd4+ 25.Rxd4 Nc4 26.e4 Bc8 27.exd5 Nxb2 28.Bc1 Re1 29.Re4 Rxe4 30.fxe4 Na4 31.Kf2 Nc5 32.Ke3 f6 33.Bd2 Kf7 34.Bb4 b6 35.Kd4 1-0 (35) Keymer,V (2591)-Ding,L (2799) chess24.com INT 2021) 12.Be3 (12.Nd4!? Re8 13.0-0 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Rxe2) 12...h5!? Moskalkenko calls this Dubov's "patent (sic) counter-attacking move." (Did he mean "patented" or "patient"?) 13.0-0 h4 14.gxh4!?]

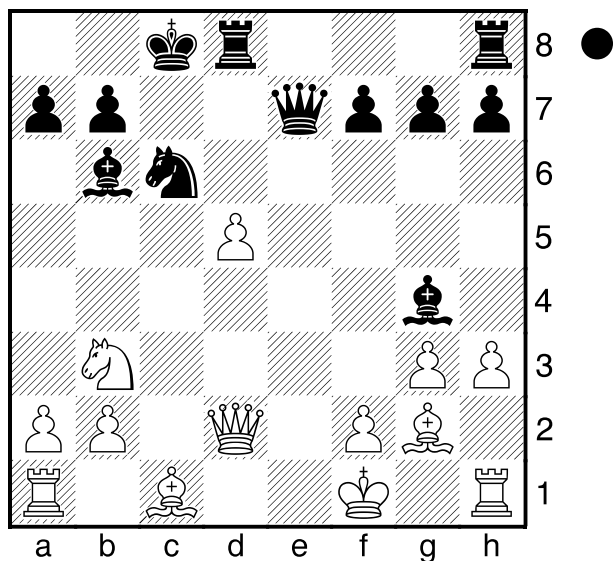
[After I got home at the usual ridiculously late dinner, Mike Walder asked what if I just take the damned pawn with 10.Nxd5 , and I had no answer, nor had I even noticed it! Good thing maybe! The article and games have Black doing quite well: Be6! (10...Nxd5 11.Qxd5) 11.e4 (11.Bg5? Bxd5 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Bxd5 Qxf2+ (This is embarrassing!) 14.Kd2 Rd8 15.Kc1 Be3+ 16.Kb1

Qf5+ 24.08 won without a fight: 0-1 (31) Holt,C (2549)-Srihari,L (2414) Chess.com Titled Tuesday intern op) 11...Bg4! The real point, when White can't do anything right. Dreev was the strongest player to essay this for a while (against Kobalia), and he won. (11...0-0 12.0-0 Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne5 14.h3 Nc4 15.Nd2 Nd6 16.Re1 Rc8 17.Nf1 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Be3 Qe5 20.Bxb6 axb6 21.Qb3 b5 22.Rd1 h5 23.Qb4 Rc4 24.Qd2 h4 25.b3 Rc5 26.Re1 Qf5 27.Qb4 hxg3 28.Qxc5 Nfe4 29.Bxe4 Nxe4 30.Nxg3 1-0 (30) Holt,C (2549)-Pantzar,M (2421) Chess.com Titled Tuesday 12.1. 2021. The obvious explanation for why the usually impeccably prepared Conrad Holt varied from a winning line to that other disaster is "they're blitz games!"...)

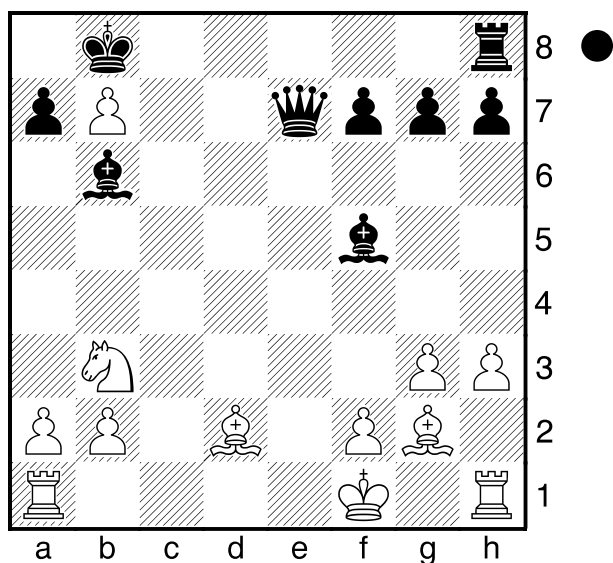


BUT WAIT!! Wesley So just played a novelty not mentioned by Moskalkenko. Stockfish doesn't believe it, but it's highly unlikely So was caught as unprepared as -- well, as me. But to look at the game, it's quite possible: 12.Qd2!? (12.Qd3 Nxd5 ("!?" Moskalkenko, but Stockfish 15

gives White a little something))
 12...Nxd5 13.exd5?! (13.Qxd5 Be6
 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 Black has a bit more
 than adequate compensation)
 13...Qe7+ 14.Kf1 0-0-0 15.h3



All the computer line. And now they
 really go crazy: Bf5? (15...Be6!
 =/+) 16.dxc6?? (16.Qf4!+-)
 16...Rxd2?! (16...bxc6!!-+) 17.cxb7+
 Kb8 18.Bxd2



a6?? (18...Be4!7) 19.Re1!+-
 and I don't dare look for any more
 surprises: 1-0 (43) So,W (2776)-Tari,A
 (2654) Stavanger 6.6.2022. A month

ago!]

10...d4! The key move. And Hao was still
 moving without thinking.

[10...Be6 was the good old days (for
 White that is).]

11.Na4 Carlsen, Ding, Giri, Nakamura

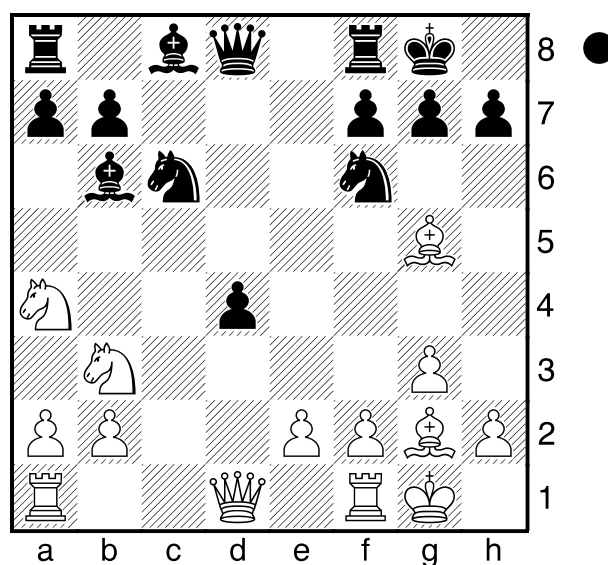
11...0-0

[11...Bc7!?]

12.Bg5

[12.Nxb6 has happened...]

[12.Bf4!? was an earlier Holt loss, but
 not a bad move. 0-1 (36) Holt,C
 (2549)-Abdusattorov,N (2627) Chess.
 com INT 2020]



12...h6 I don't remember if this move
 also came in an instant, but Max avoids
 the most modern, probably silicon
 thread.

[12...Re8!? is the main move in 2022,
 and where you see the super-GMs.]

13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Rc1 Rd8

I was surprised but didn't see a concrete
 point.

[14...Re8 15.Re1 d3!? Stockfish 15,
 "-0.0x" or so (it's always up and
 down). And while I typed this it found 0.
 00. (15...Bg4 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.exf3
 Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1 Rd8 19.Qe4 d3
 20.Rd1 16.06 1-0 (50) Jobava,B

(2603)-Srihari,L (2414) Titled Tuesday, Chess.com) 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.exd3 (17.Qxd3 Rxa2 18.Nd2 Bf5 0-1 (76) Ding,L (2791)-Dubov,D (2699) Lindores Abbey Final 8 (rapid), chess24.com 28.5.2020.) 17...Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1 and lots of 0.00 lines now.]

15.Nbc5N It turns out this was all still previously played, and I'm the one who innovates.

[15.Qd2 h5 (Black really throws all he has at White!) 16.Nbc5 h4 17.b4 Rb8 18.a3 Ne5 19.Nd3 Be6 20.Qf4 Qxf4 21.Nxf4 d3 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.exd3 Rxd3 24.Nxb6 axb6 25.Rfe1 Nf3+ 26.Bxf3 Rxf3 27.Rxe6 Rbf8? (27...h3! 28.Re3!±) 28.Rc2?! (28.Rc7+-; 28.Re7!+-) 28...h3 and somehow White still won: 1-0 (55) Mamedyarov,S (2767)-Asadli,V (2579) Gashimov Memorial Rapid 7th, Baku 19.12. 2021]

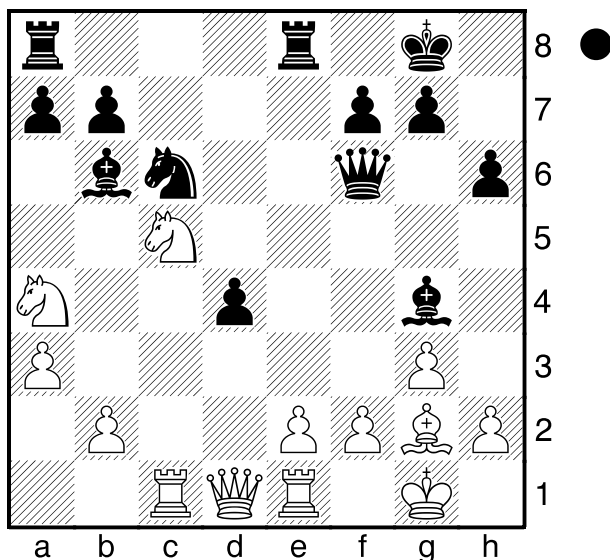
15...Re8!

[15...h5 also here.]

16.a3

[16.h3]

16...Bg4 17.Re1



Ne5?!

[FINALLY Black starts to falter: 17...d3!= 18.Qxd3 (18.Nxd3 Nd4)

18...Rad8 19.Qc4 Nd4]

18.h3

[18.Qd2±]

18...Bh5?

[18...Bf5 19.Qd2 Rab8 White still has a slight slight advantage...]

19.Ne4

[19.Qd2 is even better]

19...Qe6?!

[19...Qd8±]

20.Nec5 I actually didn't realize I was repeating! **20...Bxc5?**

[20...Qf6 21.Qd2± again (I might have noticed this time around!)]

21.Nxc5+- Qf6 22.Qd2 Rad8?!

[22...d3 23.Nxd3 Nxd3 24.exd3 Bf3 25.Qc3 and into the four rooks ending a pawn up.]

23.Nxb7

[I was loathe to play 23.g4!

A) 23...Nxg4 24.hxg4 Bxg4 25.Nxb7;

B) 23...Bxg4 24.hxg4 Nxg4 25.Nd3! is even more solid than the game, what with the d-pawn blocking the rook g5 (25...Qh4 26.Qf4) 26.Qa5 (26.Qb4; 26.Bf3!);

C) 23...Bg6 24.f4! for fear of getting checkmated in a few moves, but the computer says "No Problem"]

23...d3?!

[23...Rb8 24.Nc5]

24.Nxd8 Rxd8 25.g4 For some reason *now* I was sure I wasn't getting mated.

(An extra rook can do that.) **25...Bxg4**

26.hxg4 Nxg4 27.exd3 Qd6 28.Rc4

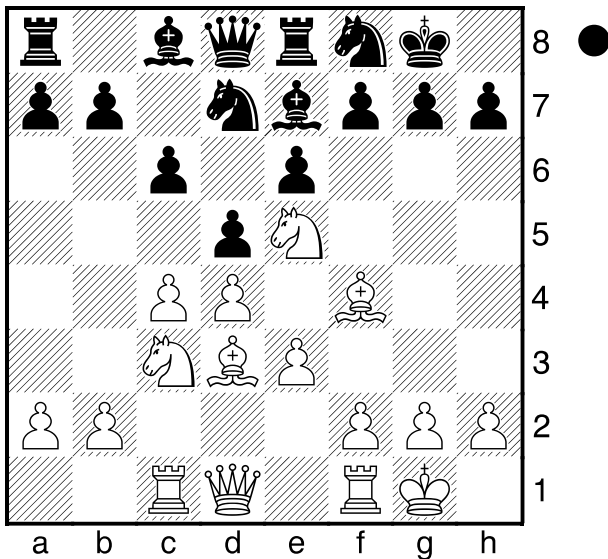
Qh2+ 29.Kf1 Ne5 30.Qa5 It turns out there is a LOT more to this whole line! I feel lucky to have gotten through this alive. And I'm taking Max a lot more seriously next time!!

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Walder, Michael
 Parsons, Stephen
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[Tactical Analysis 5.2 (5s), Winslow, Elliott]

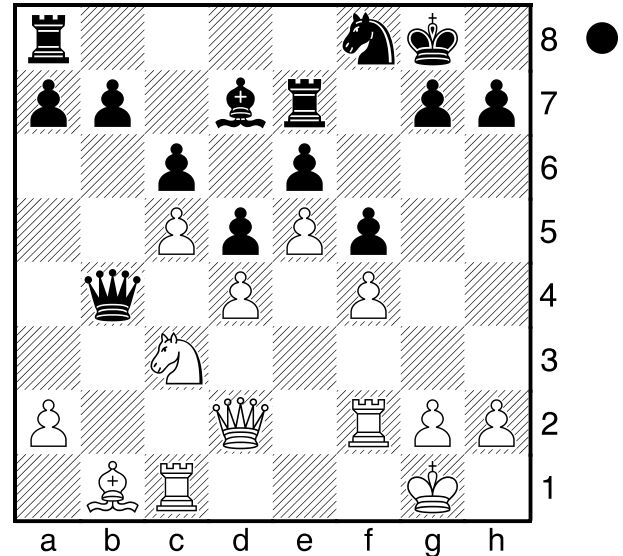
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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nf3
Nbd7 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 0-0
8.0-0 Re8 This looks dreadfully passive.
 White secured some advantage, but
 didn't follow through. **9.Rc1 Nf8 10.Ne5**
N6d7 11.Bf4
 [11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.f4]



11...Bf6N
 [11...Nxe5! deserves consideration.
 12.Bxe5 Ng6 (12...Bd6 13.Bxd6
 Qxd6 14.f4 Kh8 15.Qh5 Qe7 16.e4
 g6 17.Qh6 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Qb4
 1/2-1/2 (41) Haberhausen,A (2002) -
 Jungbluth,R (1954)
 Nordrheinwestfalen 2018)]
12.Ng4 Bg5 13.Bxg5 White is slightly
 better. **13...Qxg5 14.f4 Qd8 15.Ne5 f6**
16.Nxd7
 [Better is 16.Nf3±]
16...Bxd7± 17.e4 Qb6 18.c5
 [18.Rf2 doesn't lose a pawn and
 maintains some advantage.]
18...Qxb2 19.Rf2 Qb4 20.e5 f5

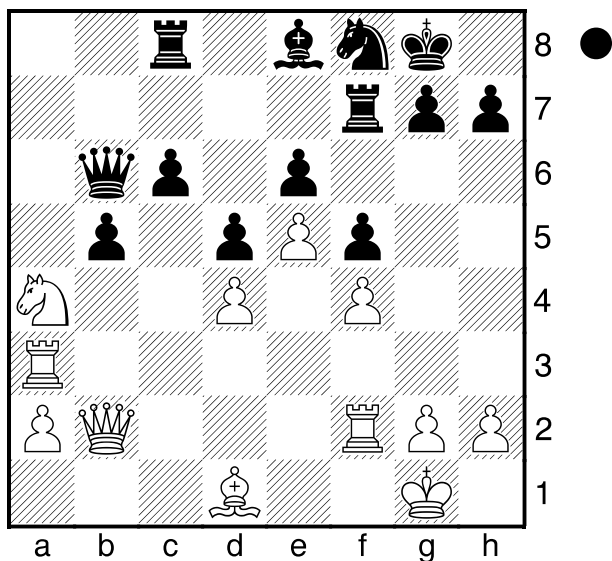
21.Bb1
 [♠21.Qa4 Qxa4 22.Nxa4
 when White has compensation in the
 ending, or rather queenless
 middlegame.]
21...Re7 22.Qd2



Maybe Nxd5!? **22...Rf7** Nope **23.Bc2**
Qa5 24.Rb1 Be8 25.Bd1 Rc8 26.Rb3
b6 27.cxb6?! Now Black has prospects
 for his extra pawn.
 [27.Nb1!±]
27...axb6± 28.Qb2 aiming for Ra3.
28...b5 29.Ra3 Qb6?
 [29...Qd8±]
30.Na4!=

(Diagram)

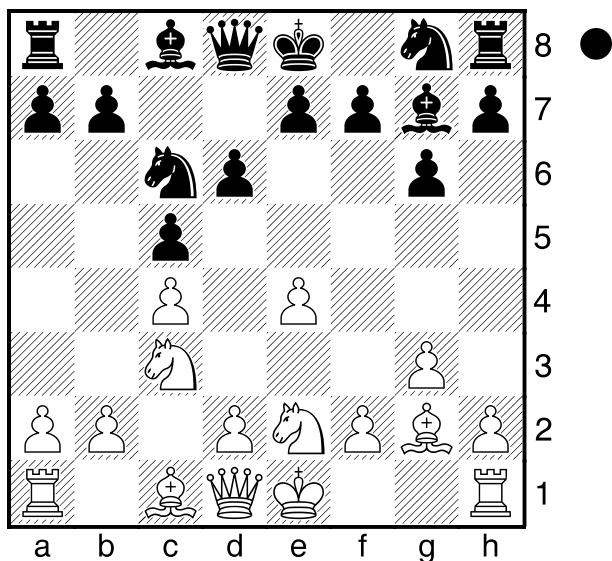
Qc7 31.Nc5 Those prospects have
 evaporated. It's balanced. **31...Re7**
32.Rc2 Nd7 33.Nxd7 Rxd7 34.Qb4
Qb6 35.Rc5 Ra7 36.Rxa7 Qxa7
37.Bb3 Ra8 38.Kf2 Qa5 39.Qxa5
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Goode, Scott
 Lewis, Edward
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[Lewis, Ed; Winslow, Elliott]

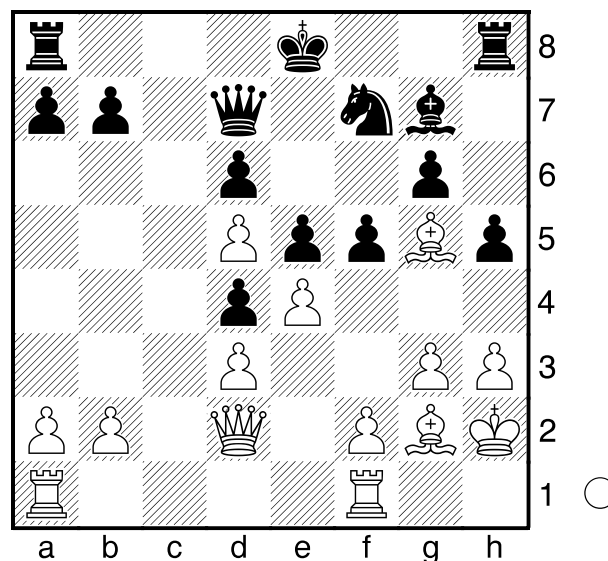
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1.e4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.g3 c5
5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nge2



h5!? 7.h3 e5 8.0-0 Be6 9.d3 Qd7
10.Kh2 Here, h4 is the move allowing g4
 to be played in order to undermine the
 g4 square in the near future. **10...f5**

11.Bg5 Seems like a strong move, but
 the pestering h4 becomes apparent
 again with the idea of an f4 push to stir
 the pot. **11...Nh6 12.Nd5 Bxd5**
13.cxd5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Qd2
Nf7



16.Bh4?
 [16.h4! 0-0 (16...Nxg5?!
 17.Qxg5+-) 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Bh3±]
16...Bh6? White has a 2 point advantage
 after ...Bh6.
 [16...f4-+]
17.f4 exf4 18.gxf4 0-0 Black is trying
 to escape after playing the opening
 incorrectly. **19.exf5 Ne5**

(Diagram)

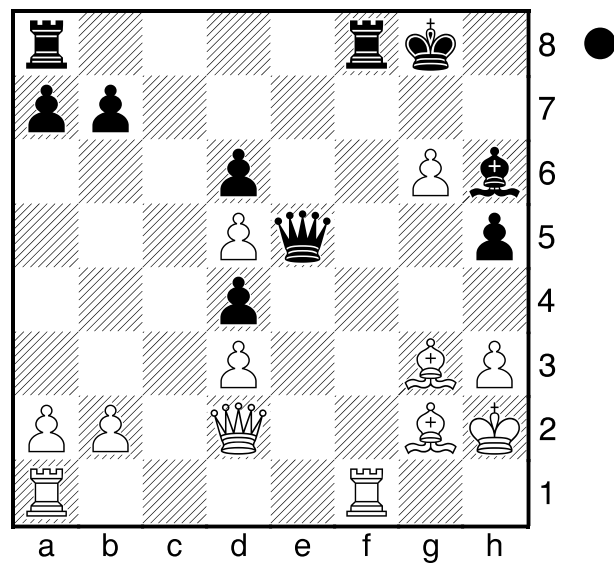
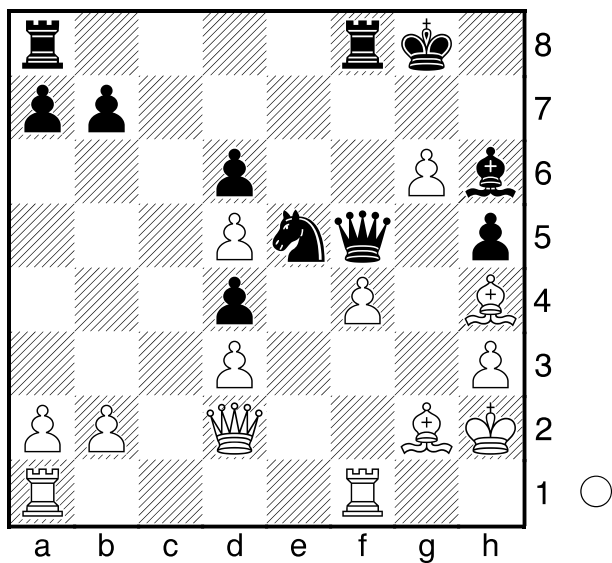
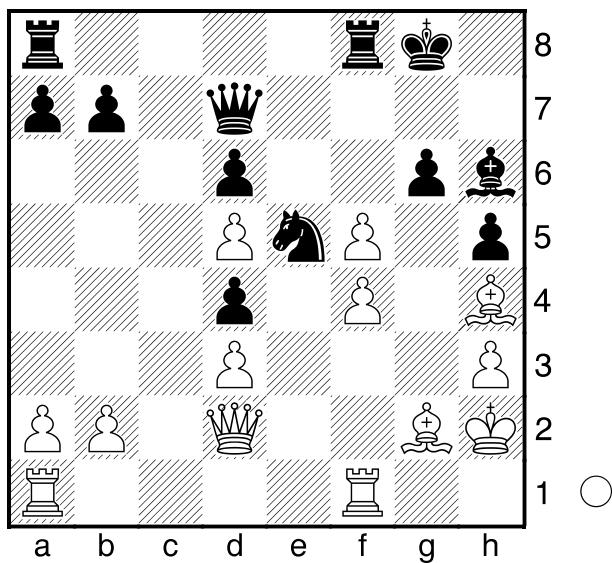
Black is trying to generate counter play.
20.fxg6 Qf5

(Diagram)

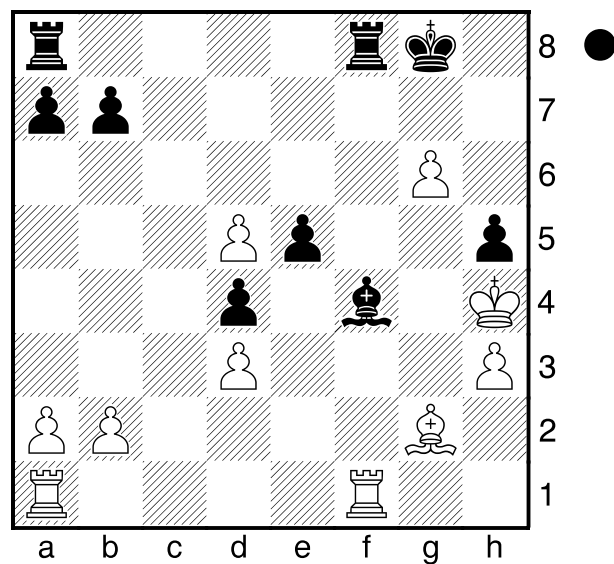
A centralizing move right in the middle of
 a chaotic sequence. **21.fxe5 Qxe5+**
22.Bg3

(Diagram)

What does Black play now? **22...Bxd2**



23.Bxe5 dxe5 24.Kg3 Bf4+ 25.Kh4



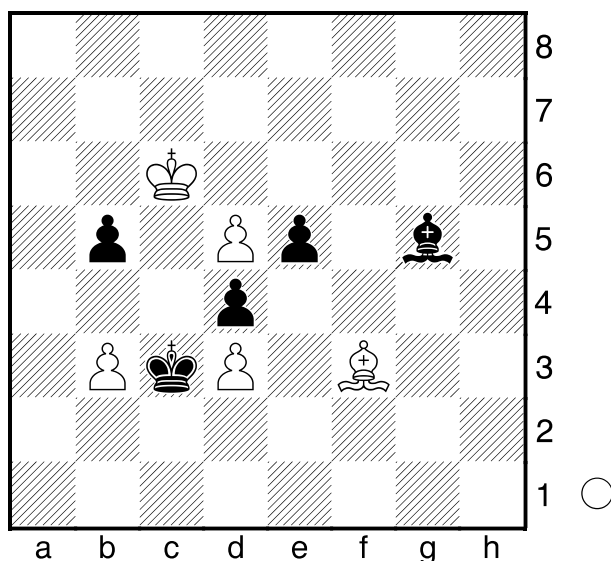
White is pawn hunting. **25...Rac8**
26.Be4 Rc2 27.Rab1 Kg7 28.Kxh5

(Diagram)

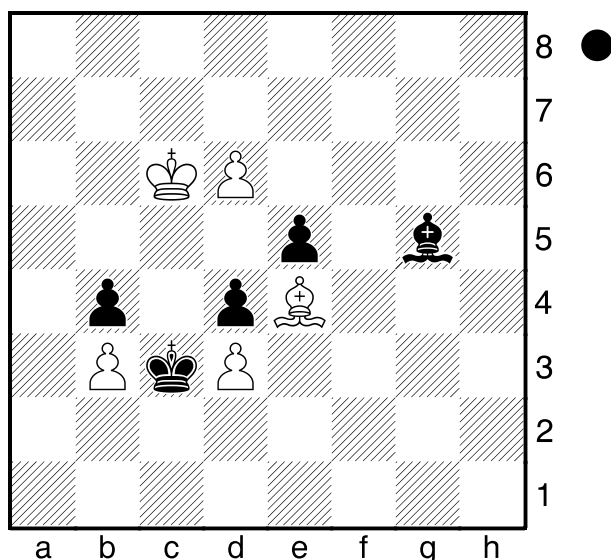
Rh2 29.Rh1 Re2 30.Kg4 Re3
31.Rhg1 Kh6 32.Rbf1 Re2 33.Rg2
 A liquidation mistake. **33...Rxg2+**
34.Bxg2 Kxg6

(Diagram)

35.Be4+ Kf6 36.h4 Rg8+ 37.Kf3



54...b4! And that is the only move to win. **55.d6**

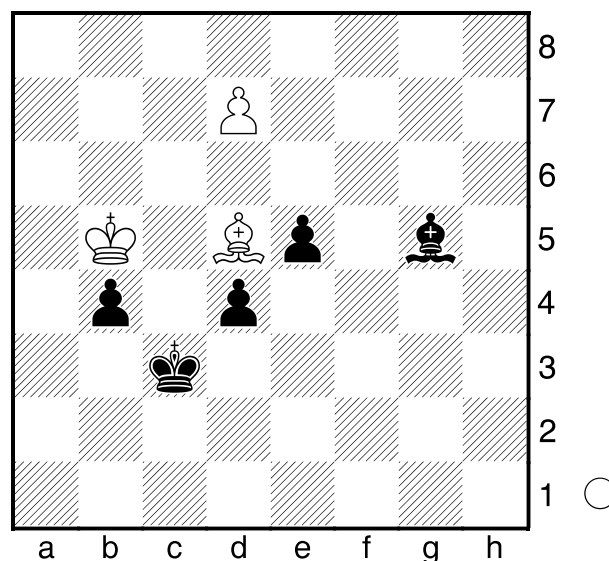


Kxb3! And again: that's the way to do it.
56.d7 Kc3 57.Bd5 Kxd3 58.Kb5 Kc3

(Diagram)

Winslow: I'm not going to try to figure out the early part of this game, but the later phase definitely has me scratching my head. :-)

0-1



Sobel, Steve



Thibault, William C

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MI Peter Grey TNM: u1800 (1.17) 12.7.22
[Sobel, Steve]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7

Here white has zillions of options, but black seems to have adequate responses to each one. **4.c3**

[4.a4 The only other move I've studied. I learned of this alternative from Wesley So's Chessable course, but I don't know how to play the ensuing middlegames yet so I passed up the chance to play it OTB.]

[4.d4]

[4.0-0]

[4.Ba4]

[4.c4]

[4.Nc3]

4...Ngf6 5.Qe2 a6 6.Ba4 Qc7

[6...e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d4 b5 9.Bc2 Bb7 Is the computer's preferred treatment - 0.00.]

[6...b5 7.Bc2 Bb7 8.d4 e5 9.0-0

I had a position like this one in a previous Mechanics' game. Play will

resemble a Ruy Lopez Breyer.]
7.0-0 g6 8.d4 Bg7? Black should not have allowed e5-e6.

[8...b5 9.Bc2 cxd4 10.cxd4

The computer wants black to open the c file and remove a defender of d5 before castling. Bg7 11.a4

White should play this thematic move rather than insisting on e5-e6.

(11.e5?! dxe5 12.dxe5 Nd5 13.e6 fxe6 14.Ng5 Ne5 The Nd5 is more stable than in the game and e6 is a proper sacrifice now. Computer gives -0.6. Honestly, the only reason that I gave this line ?! instead of ? is that I would expect an even worse evaluation from SF.)]

9.e5 dxe5 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.e6!

This could barely even be called a pawn sacrifice, but if it is one then the material hardly matters in view of our newfound initiative. **11...fxe6 12.h3**

[12.Qxe6 Seemed inaccurate due to b5 13.Qxg4 (13.Bc2?? Nde5 Flips the script on white.) 13...Ne5 14.Qg3 bxa4]

12...Ngf6??

[12...b5 13.Bc2 Ngf6 14.Ng5]
[12...Nge5 13.Ng5 b5 14.Nxe6]

13.Ng5 Qa5?! Computer hates it, but objectively speaking black is lost no matter what they play, so it's kind of harsh :(

[13...b5 14.Nxe6 Qd6 15.Nxg7+ Kf7 Seemed like a more resilient defense to me.]

[13...0-0 Is probably the trickiest line for black to select. 14.Qxe6+ Kh8

A) 15.Nf7+? This natural-seeming move is in fact a major blunder. Rxf7! 16.Bxd7 (16.Qxf7?? Ne5!) 16...Kg8 17.Bxc8 Qxc8

Sure, white has a better pawn structure, but where did our crushing attack go?;

B) 15.Qxe7 Re8 16.Qd6 Qxd6

17.Nf7+ Kg8 18.Nxd6 A pawn and an octopus knight ought to win.]

14.Qxe6 Rf8

[14...Qxa4 15.Qf7+ Kd8 16.Ne6#]

15.Re1 Ng8 16.Bc2 Ndf6 17.Qc4 Bd7

18.Nxh7 b5

[18...Nxh7 19.Bxg6+ Kd8 20.Bxh7]

19.Qxc5

[19.Bxg6+ Kd8 20.Qxc5

Was perhaps more forcing.]

19...Rc8 20.Bxg6+ Kd8 21.Qe5 Ne8

22.Qg3 Rf6 23.Bxe8 Bxe8 24.Qxg7

Rg6 Up a whole knight and several passed pawns, white should consolidate their gains and finish development. After that the game will practically win itself.

25.Rd1+ Kc7 26.Bf4+ Kb7 27.Qe5

Bc6 28.Ng5 Rd8 29.Nd2 Rd7

30.Qb8#

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 **Zirbel, Dominic**

 **Perkins, Joel K**

MI Peter Grey TNM: u1800 (1.27) 12.7.22

[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5

Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ng3

[7.Ndf3 is the standard move (!), guarding d4 with the queen also, freeing the B/c1, keeping the other knight for e2 (maybe) -- or even h3.]

7...Qb6 8.Qb3?!

[8.Nb3± cxd4 and all three recaptures (not Qxd4!) are something good for White. 9.cxd4! looks the best; a5 10.a4]

8...cxd4 9.Qxb6 Nxb6 10.cxd4

[10.Nxd4! Nxd4 11.cxd4= opens up f3 for the other knight again.]

10...Nb4

[10...Be7 11.Kf2 Bd7± could just favor Black.]

11.Kf2 Bd7

[11...a5]

12.a3 Nc6 13.Bd3 Be7 14.g4

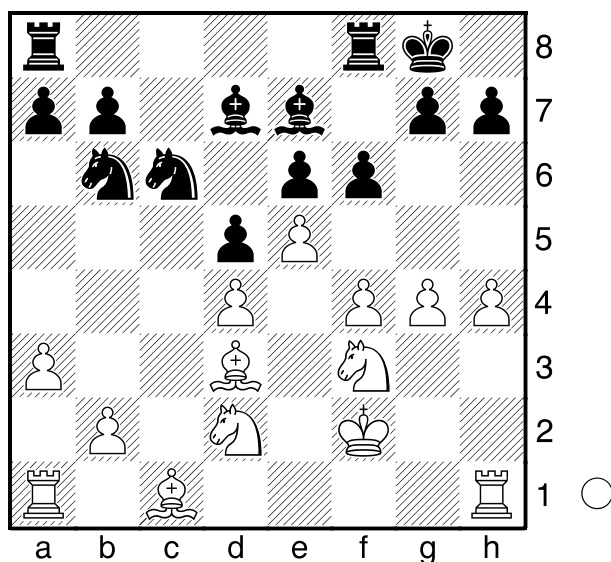
[14.b4!?]

14...0-0

[14...h5! 15.g5 0-0=]

15.h4 f6

[15...a5!?]



16.exf6?

[16.Kg3 keeps a space advantage]

16...Rxf6?!

[16...gxf6!? 17.g5 Bd6 keeps pressure on the White pawns;]
[He could even play 16...Bd6! first, same position after 17.g5 (17.fxg7? Rxf4+) 17...gxf6]

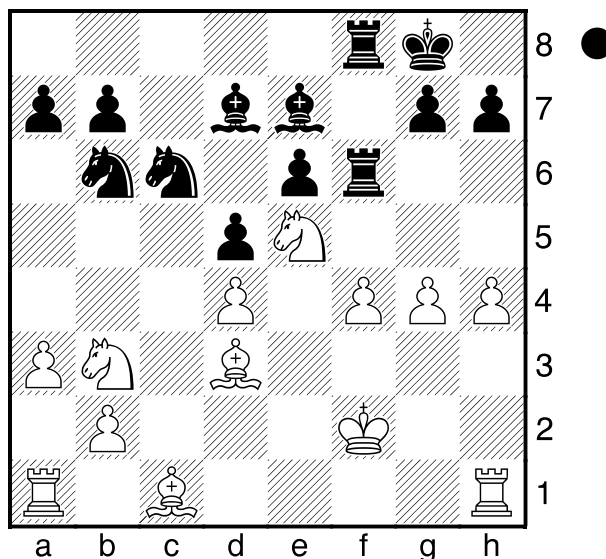
17.Nb3 Raf8

[17...Bd6 leaves f8 for the f6 rook, but White is then keeping space and some marginal plus. 18.g5 Rff8 19.Kg3 Nc4 20.h5]

18.Ne5

[18.g5 first encourages Rxf4 19.Bxf4 Rxf4 20.Ke3 but here White is doing a bit better (but not better enough to call it a meaningful advantage).]

(Diagram)



18...Bc8?? Undeveloping!

[18...Nxe5 19.dxe5 R6f7 20.Kg3±]

[18...Bd6!]

A) Note that 19.g5? lets Black blast it up with Rxf4+ 20.Bxf4 Rxf4+ 21.Ke3 Nxe5! 22.dxe5 (22.Kxf4 Nxd3+ 23.Ke3 Nxb2 is an unusual material imbalance, but Black's tally is higher.; 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Kxf4 Nd3+ 24.Ke3 Nxb2 is only a slight improvement.) 22...Bxe5+ is just a material advantage (not to mention those ready-to-go center pawns).;

B) 19.Kg2 is also fine, "0.00".;

C) 19.Ke2!= keeps the balance;]

19.g5! Nxe5

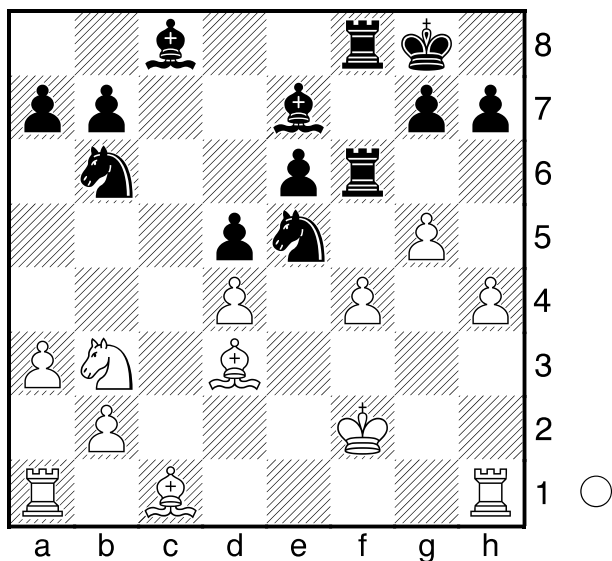
(Diagram)

20.Bxh7+??

[20.dxe5 R6f7 (20...Rxf4+ 21.Bxf4 Rxf4+ 22.Kg3 Ra4 23.Bb5 Re4 24.Rae1+-) 21.g6! hxg6 22.Bxg6+-]

20...Kxh7 21.gxf6 Ng4+ 22.Kg3 Nxf6 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Ne4+ 25.Kf3 Nxc5 26.Be3 Nb3 27.Rag1 d4 28.Bf2 Nd5 29.Rg3 Nxf4 30.Ke4 Nc5+

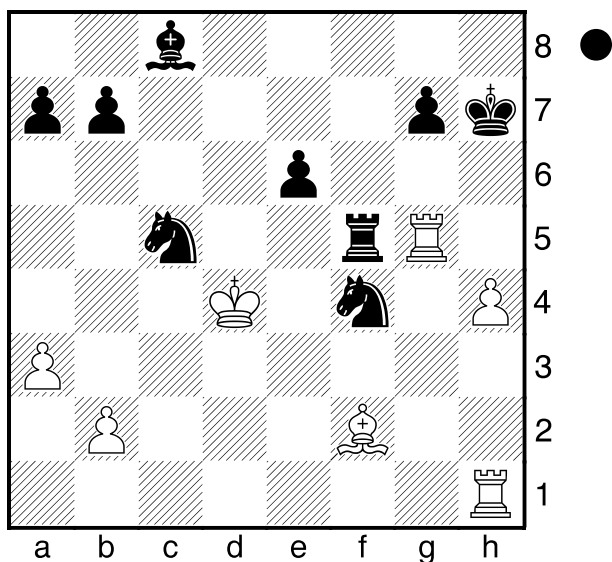
[30...Nd2+ 31.Kxd4 Rd8+ 32.Kc3 Ne4+]



31.Kxd4 Rf5

[31...b6!]

32.Rg5



Ne2+??

[32...b6-+]

[32...Nb3+ 33.Kc3 Nd5+ 34.Kxb3 Rxf2]

33.Ke3 Rxf2

[33...Bd7]

34.Kxf2 Ne4+ 35.Kxe2 Nxc5

36.hxc5+ Kg6 37.Rd1

[37.Rc1! Bd7 38.Rc5]

37...e5 38.Rd5

[38.Rd8]

38...Kxg5 39.Rxe5+ Kf6 40.Rc5

[40.Rb5!]

40...Bg4+ 41.Ke3 b6

[41...Bd7]

42.Rc7 a5 43.Rc6+ A lot of sudden turns to this game -- Black had some fine chances! But White came through in the end.

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C02

Aslan,Muhammed

Schley,Andrew

MI Peter Grey TNM: Extra Games (1.36)

[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e6 2.f4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.d4 Nc6

5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nge7

8.a3 Ba5 9.b4 Bb6 10.Nf3 Nf5

11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qd3 a5

14.bxa5 Bxa5 15.Bd2 0-0 16.Ng5 h6

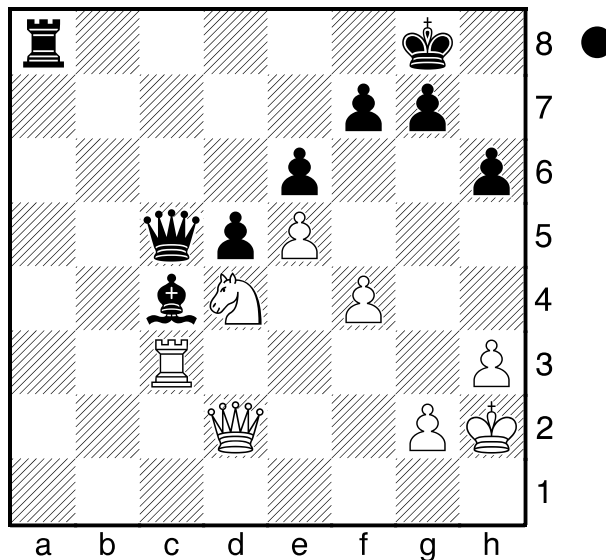
17.Nf3 Qe7 18.0-0 c5 19.Rfb1 cxd4

20.Ne2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Rxa3 22.Nexd4

Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Qc5 24.Kh1 Nxd4

25.Nxd4 Rc8 26.h3 Bb5 27.Kh2 Bc4

28.Rc1 Ra8 29.Rc3



Ra2?

[29...Ra1+]

30.Qe3?

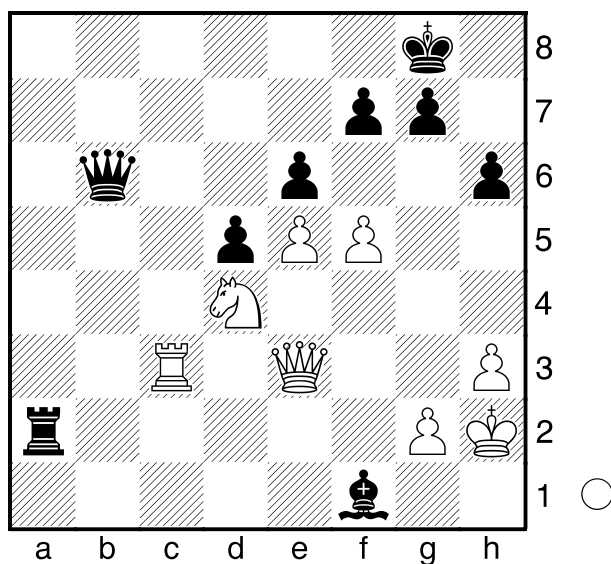
[30.Qxa2 Qxd4 31.Qa8+ Kh7
32.Rg3! (32.Rf3 Be2+) 32...Qxf4
33.Qf8 Qxe5 34.Qxf7+ Black has the
winning chances, but White should
hold.]

30...Qb6

[30...Qa7!-+ where it's protected!
31.f5 Bf1! 32.Rc2 Rxc2 33.Nxc2
Qa2+]

31.f5 Bf1?

[31...exf5 32.Nxf5 Qe6+ with still a
pawn and fair chances.]



32.f6??

[32.Nxe6!! sets up a nasty mate!
Rxc2+ (32...Qxe3 33.Rc8+ Kh7
34.Nf8+ Kg8 35.Ng6+ Kh7
36.Rh8#) 33.Kh1 Rh2+!
(33...Qxe3?? 34.Rc8+ Kh7 35.Nf8+
Kg8 36.Ng6+ Kh7 37.Rh8#!;
33...Qb8 34.Qb6! Qa8 35.Ra3!
Qxa3! 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Nf8+ Qxf8!
38.Qxf8 Rg5! (only move) escapes
with only a slight disadvantage!)
34.Kxh2 Qb2+ 35.Kg3 fxe6!
and White is best to take the perpetual
with 36.Qf3 (36.fxe6?? Qg2+ 37.Kf4
Be2+; 36.Rc8+ Kh7 37.Qf3 Qxe5+
38.Kf2 Ba6= (or others)) 36...Be2
37.Qe3 Bf1 Incredible!]

32...Rxc2+ 33.Kh1 Qb2 Forget the
pawns, Black is just taking down the
king. **34.Nf3?**

[34.Qf3 Rh2+ 35.Kg1 Bxh3
Maybe the pawns *do* matter...]

34...Rh2+

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21st William Addison Memorial

by **Abel Talamantez**

The William Addison Memorial concluded at the Mechanics' Institute the weekend of July 25th-26th. This two-day FIDE rated tournament drew a packed house of seventy-eight players, with a stacked top section that included two IM's, six masters, and 15 experts helping make up the field of 39. The vibrance of the weekend was enhanced by the sounds of the annual Pride Parade on Sunday morning on Market Street in downtown San Francisco. Nothing was getting in the way of this year's first two-day FIDE-rated event at Mechanics', and some of the best players in the Bay Area came out to play.

IM's **Kyron Griffith** and **Josiah Stearman** led the field, with other top local talents FM **Andy Lee**, NM **Conrado Diaz**, NM **Henry Wang**. While the top section was stacked with youth, the bottom section had an even mix of older and younger players, with many adult learners looking to improve their game.

IM Josiah Stearman was only playing the first three rounds on the first day, so he would have to make the most of his opportunities. He won his first two games to set up a tough round three game against the very tough NM Conrado Diaz. Josiah came through and got the win, and with two half point byes for rounds four & five, would finish with four points. IM Kyron Griffith also won his first two games but would take a bye for round three. After winning his round four game against **Theodore Coyne**, he would face a final round challenge against FM Andy Lee for a chance to finish ahead of the field. However, both players held their ground, and they drew their game. With NM Henry Wang drawing his final game against Coyne, there would be a 4-way tie for first between, Griffin, Stearman, Lee, and Wang with 4/5. A very impressive showing in a strong weekend field.

In the under 1800 section, **Steve Sobel** had a weekend to remember as he maintained a perfect score to take clear first place with 5/5, a full point ahead of second. In second with 4/5 including **Axel Joseph**, **Kian Jamali**, and **Katherine Sunny Lu**. The win was impressive for Sobel, who has only recently started playing at the Mechanics' Institute.

It was an exceptionally smooth tournament despite a packed house, and the players, parents, and spectators all conducted themselves with class. The big turnout and strength and balance of the field is a message to us about the value and importance of FIDE rated weekend events.

Full results and standings: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/tournament-game-archive?y=2022&t=76&e=313124>

Thanks to everyone who participated! FM Paul Whitehead annotates five games from the event, one from each winner:

Griffith, Kyron
Coyne, Theo

21st Addison Mem. (3)
[Whitehead, Paul]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6

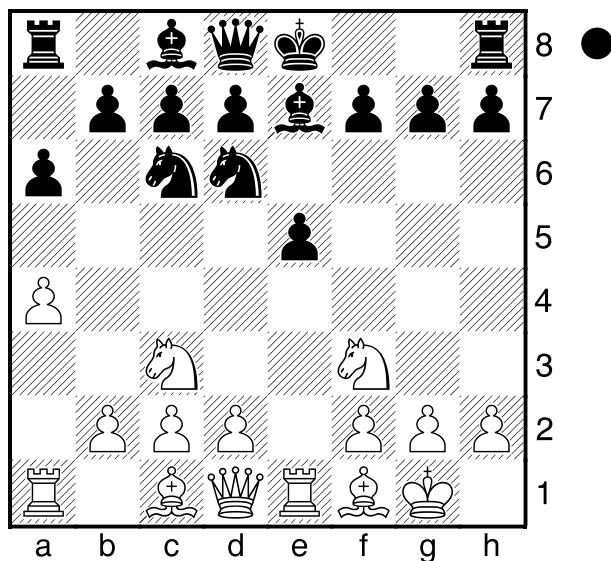
The popular/boring/drawish/safe Berlin Defense. **4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1** A little side-step.

[5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5
8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 equal, etc.]

5...Nd6 6.a4 Another move white plays to keep it interesting.

[6.Nxe5 Be7 equal, etc.]

6...Be7 7.Nc3 a6 8.Bf1



e4 Returning the pawn.

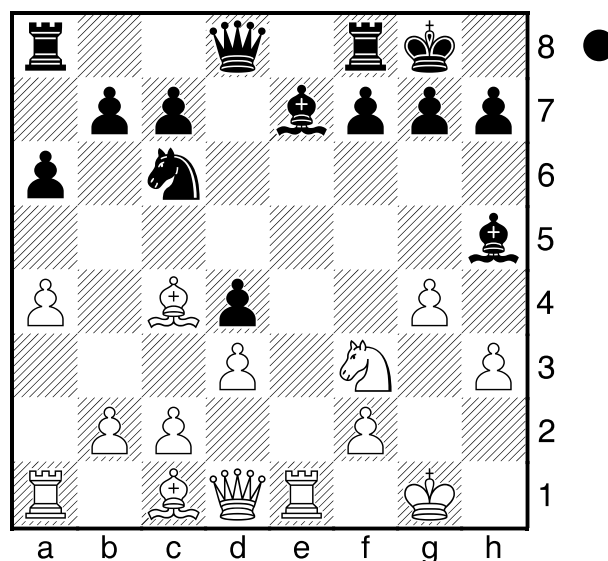
[8...f6!? 9.d4 Nf7∞ Trying to hold on to everything would be the Steinitz approach.]

9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4 d5 This should be dead equal, but one must still play chess... **11.Re1 d4!** I like this move, gaining extra traction in the center.

12.Bc4 Bg4

[12...0-0 Makes a bit more sense, as the bishop might want to go to f5 instead.]

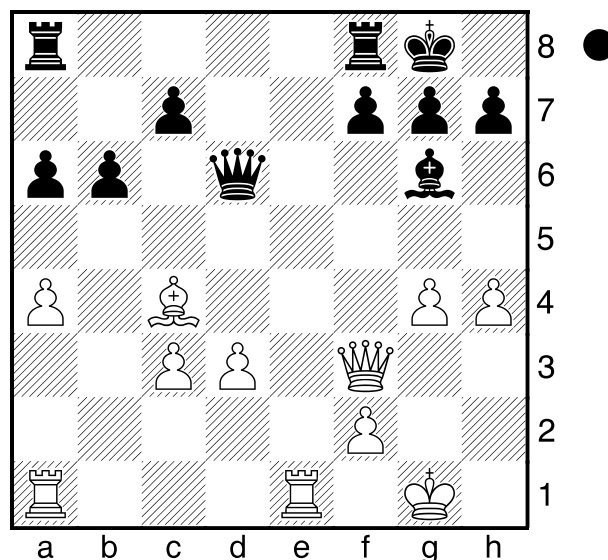
13.h3 Bh5 14.d3 0-0 15.g4
(Diagram)



White's only try for an edge. **15...Bg6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bb4?!** Not bad per se, but why not bring your last piece into the game?

[Developing with 18...Rae8! seems like the right move here.]

19.c3 dxc3 20.bxc3 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Qf3 b6 23.h4!



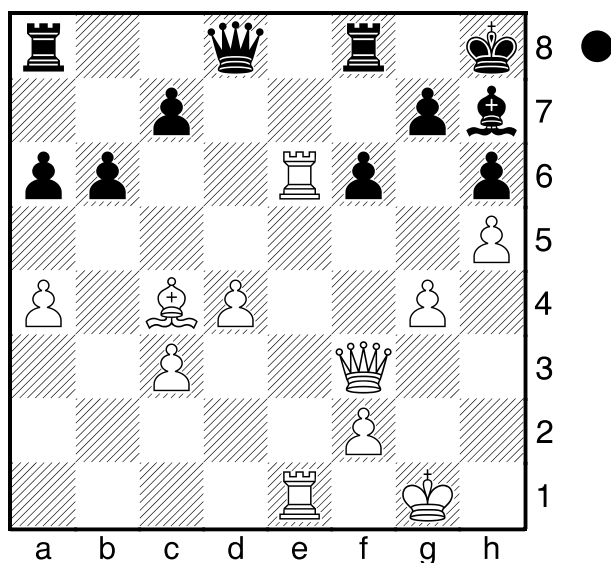
Moving forward. Black has to be careful.

23...h6 24.h5 Bh7 25.d4 Kh8 26.Re5 f6?! Black is starting to feel the pressure. This weakens e6 and is not necessary.

Alternatives are:

[26...Bg8! Creative defense.]

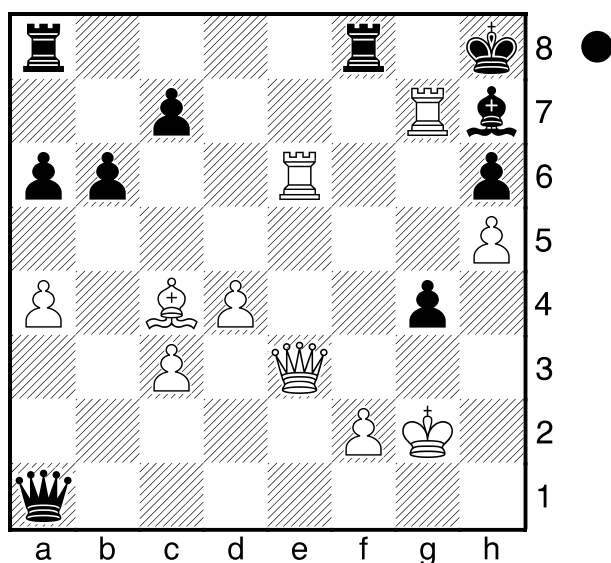
[26...c5! Seeking counterplay.]
27.Re6 Qd8 28.Rae1



This involves a pseudo Exchange sacrifice. **28...f5??** Black panics, and his position falls apart.

[28...Bg8 29.Qf5 Bh7! Challenging the white squares was the way to defend here.]

29.Re7! Targeting g7. **29...Qd6**
 There is no longer any defense. **30.R1e6 Qa3 31.Qe3! Qa1+ 32.Kg2 fxe4 33.Rxe7!**



A nice final blow. Black is mated by force, as the reader can work out for

themselves.
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□ **Diaz,Conrado**
 ■ **Stearman,Josiah**
 21st Addison Mem. (3)
 [Whitehead, Paul]

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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Qb3 dxc4 5.Qxc4 e6

[5...Bf5]

[5...Bg4]

6.Bg5 Qa5+ This seems random. **7.Bd2 Qb6?! 8.Qc2?!** Not a bad move, but symptomatic of white's passive play in this game.

[8.Nc3! Calls black's bluff. If Qxb2

9.Rb1 Won't trap the queen, but

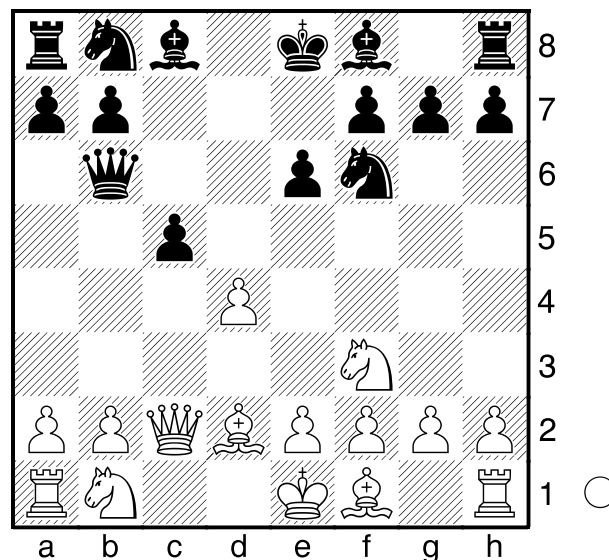
white's lead in development should be worth something.]

8...c5?

[8...Nbd7]

[8...Na6]

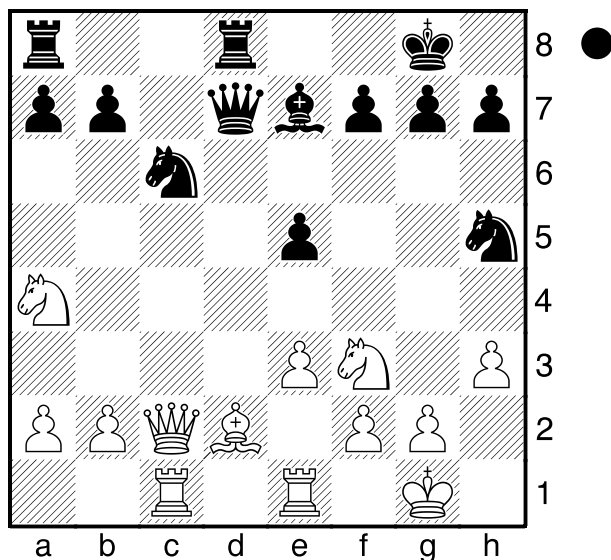
[8...Be7]



Emboldened, black plays a real lemon.
9.e3?!

[9.b4! Wins a clean pawn, as the

bishop hangs on c8 if black takes.]
9...Nc6 Now black has a smooth development and no problems. **10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Rc1 0-0 14.Be2 e5 15.0-0 Bg4 16.h3 Bh5 17.Rfe1**
 [17.b4! is still the right idea.]
17...Rfd8 18.Nh4 Qd7 19.Bxh5 Nxh5 20.Nf3



The position is still balanced, but white has no plan. **20...Rac8 21.Qb1 f5 22.Red1 Qe6 23.Nc3?!]**

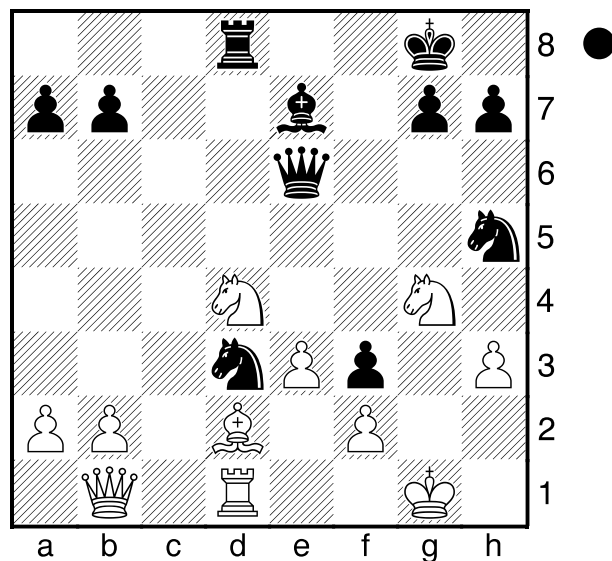
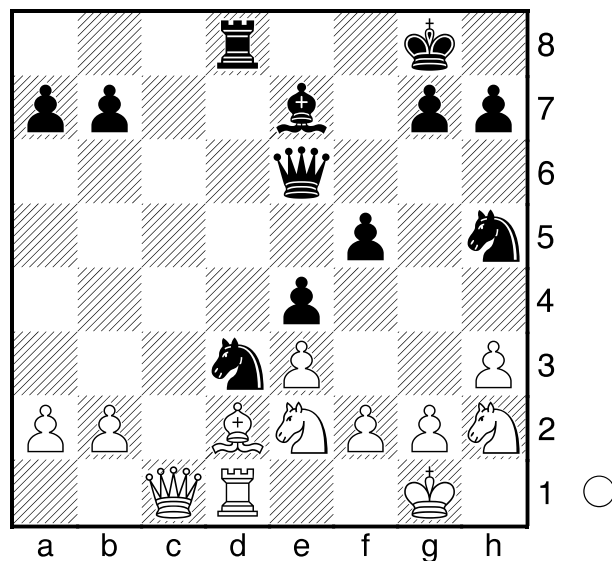
[White's last chance for 23.b4!]
23...e4 24.Nh2 Ne5 25.Ne2 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Nd3

(Diagram)

The game is essentially over, and black wraps it up with some flashy sacrificial play. **27.Qb1 f4 28.Ng4 f3 29.gxf3 exf3 30.Nd4**

(Diagram)

Rxd4! A pretty Exchange sacrifice, with a couple of nicely calculated quiet moves to follow up. **31.exd4 Nhf4 32.Bxf4 Nxf4 33.Kh2 Bd6!** Simply devastating. **34.Kg3**

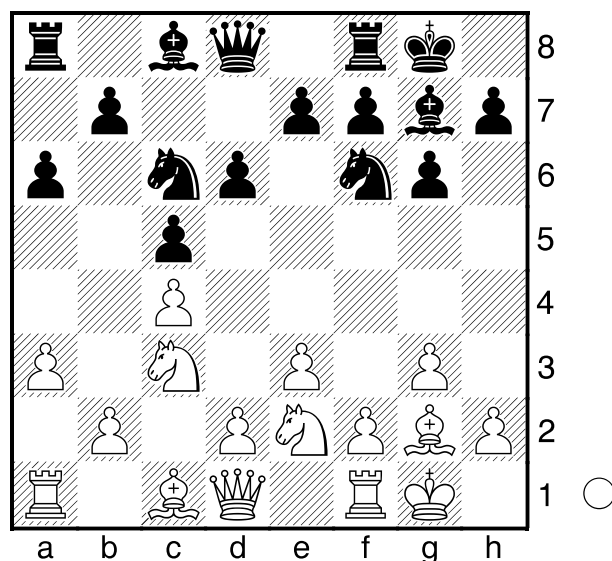
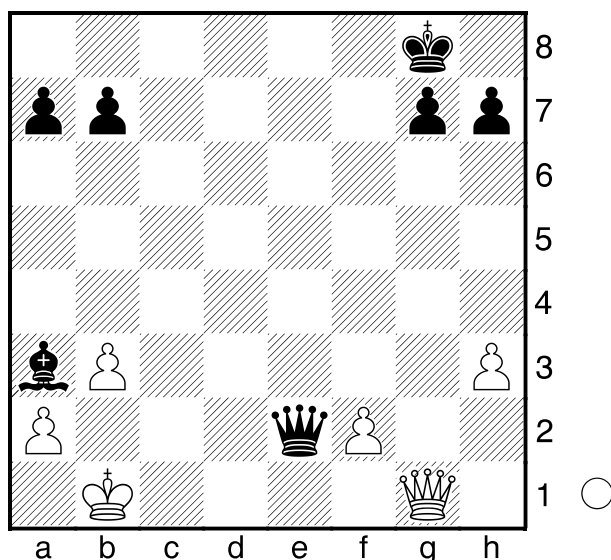
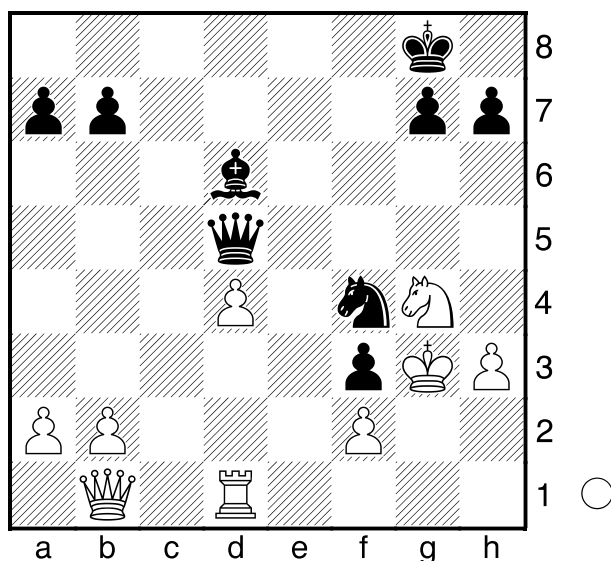


[34.Ne5 Qxh3+ 35.Kg1 Ne2#]
34...Qd5!

(Diagram)

Another beautiful move, defending f3. **35.Ne5 Ne2+! 36.Kg4 Nxd4**
 And now it's just a massacre. **37.Rxd4 Qxd4+ 38.Kxf3 Bxe5 39.b3 Qf4+ 40.Ke2 Bd4 41.Qg1 Qe4+ 42.Kd2 Bc5 43.Kc3 Bb4+ 44.Kb2 Qe2+ 45.Kb1 Ba3**

(Diagram)



9.h3

[Maybe this was played to avoid something simple like 9.Rb1 Bf5 10.d3 Qd7 11.b4 cxb4 12.axb4 Bh3=]

9...Rb8 10.Rb1 Ne5 This knight is just a target for white pawns.

[10...Bd7 11.b4 cxb4 12.axb4 b5 13.cxb5 axb5=]

11.d3 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.d4 Ned7 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.b4 White is slightly better, with more space. He tries to create a target on b5. **15...Qc7 16.bxc5 Qxc5 17.Qd4 Ba6 18.Rd1 Rfc8 19.Qb4**

(Diagram)

Black has defended well, and simply trading queens gives an equal game. Instead we get a terrible blunder...

19...Ne5??

[19...Qxb4=]

20.Nd5? White misses his chance.

[20.Rd8+! Wins instantly. Rxd8

(20...Ne8 21.Rxe8+!; 20...Bf8

21.Qxc5 Rxc5 22.Rxb8-+) 21.Qxc5

With queen for rook, it's all over.]

20...Nxd5 21.Rxd5 Qc4 22.Nf4 Qxb4 23.axb4 e6 24.Rd1 Bb7 25.Bxb7

White has had enough.

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□ Lee,Andy
■ Weng,Nicholas

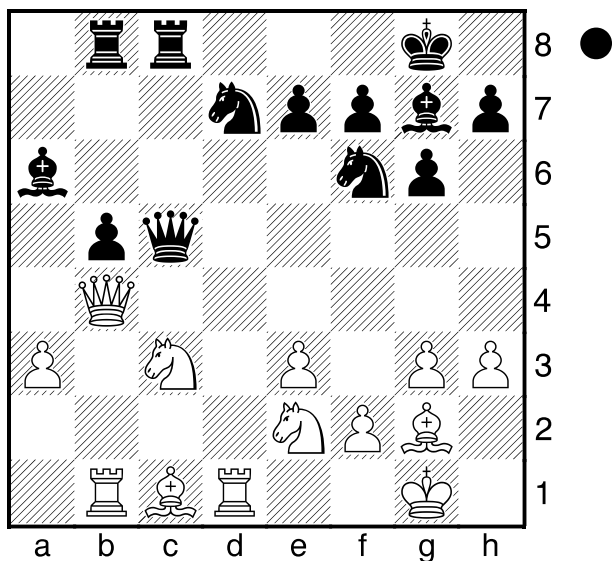
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[Whitehead, Paul]

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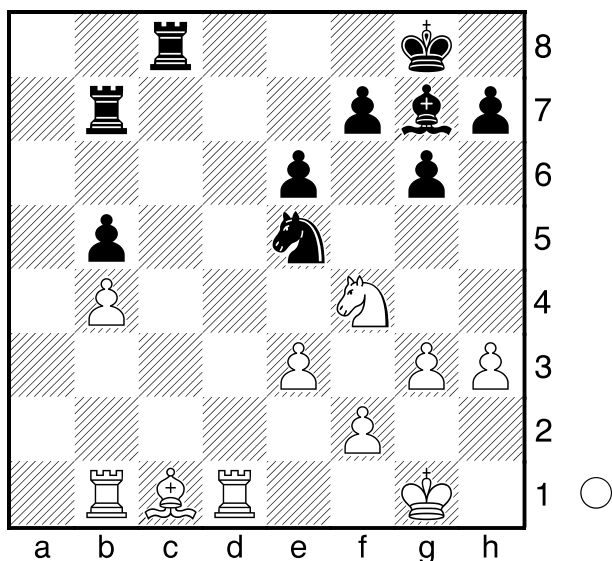
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1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 c5 5.a3 Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 a6

(Diagram)



Rxb7

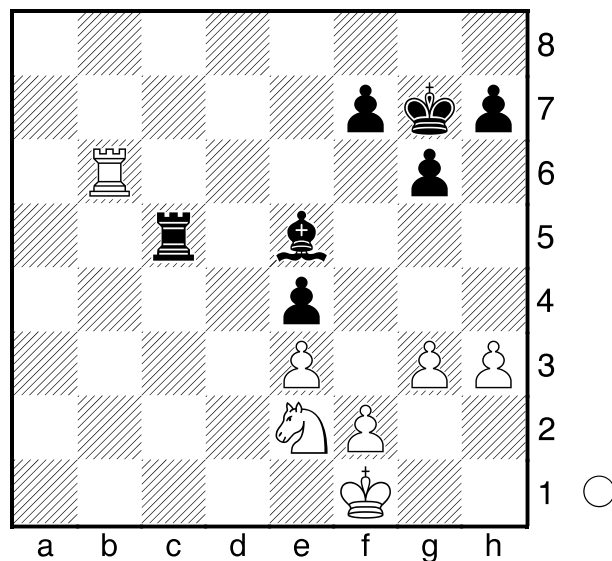


This position is dead equal, perhaps a bit better for black. But yet again we will see the stronger player making something out of nothing- with the opponent's cooperation, of course.

26.Bb2 Rbc7 27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Nd3 Bd6 29.Ra1 Rc4 30.Ra6 R4c6
 [Why not 30...Bxb4=]

31.Rda1 Be7 32.Rxc6 Rxc6 33.Ra8+ Kg7 34.Ra7 Bd6 35.Kf1 e5 36.Rb7 e4 37.Nf4 Bxb4 38.Rxb5 Bd6 39.Ne2 Rc5 40.Rb6 Be5

(Diagram)



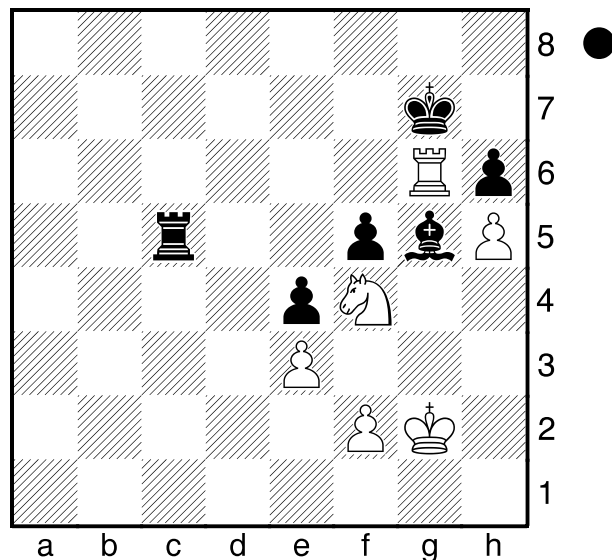
Black should not lose this. **41.g4 h6**
42.Kg2 f5 Black wants to "do something", so he weakens his pawn structure. It's not fatal... yet.

[42...Rc4=]

43.gxf5 gxf5 44.Re6 Rd5 45.h4 Rc5 46.h5 Bf6 47.Nf4 Bg5 The concept of "passing" does not exist for black, whose bishop was already ideally placed. The move played puts black in immediate danger.

[47...Kf7=]

48.Rg6+



Kh7? This probably loses, and it just

looks wrong as well.

[48...Kf7=]

49.Ne6! Rd5 50.Rg7+! White correctly targets the f-pawn.

[50.Nxg5+? hxg5 51.Rxg5 Kh6=]

50...Kh8 51.Rf7! Re5 52.Nd4 f4

53.exf4 Rd5? The final mistake.

[Black can still make it messy with 53...Kg8! 54.fxe5 Kxf7 But I expect white is still winning after 55.Kg3]

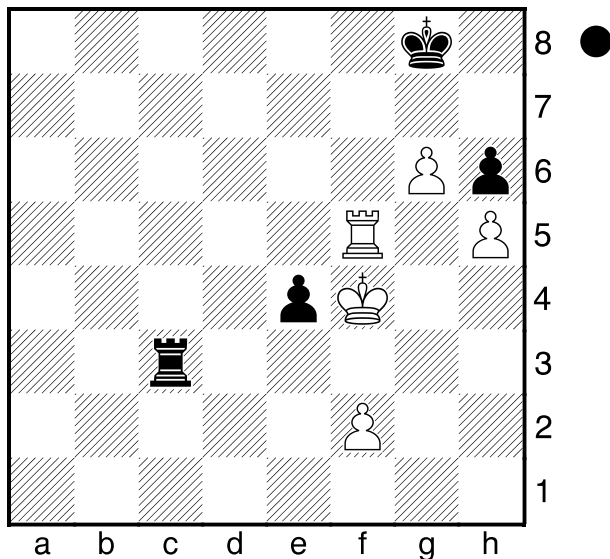
54.Rf8+ Kh7

[54...Kg7 55.Ne6+-]

55.fxg5 Rxd4 56.g6+! Not too hard to spot. It's all over. **56...Kg7 57.Rf7+ Kg8**

58.Rf5 Rd2 59.Re5 Rd4 60.Kg3 Rd3+

61.Kg4 Rf3 62.Rf5 Rc3 63.Kf4



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□ **Garcia,Eugenio**

■ **Wang,Henry**

21st Addison Mem. (3)

[Whitehead, Paul]

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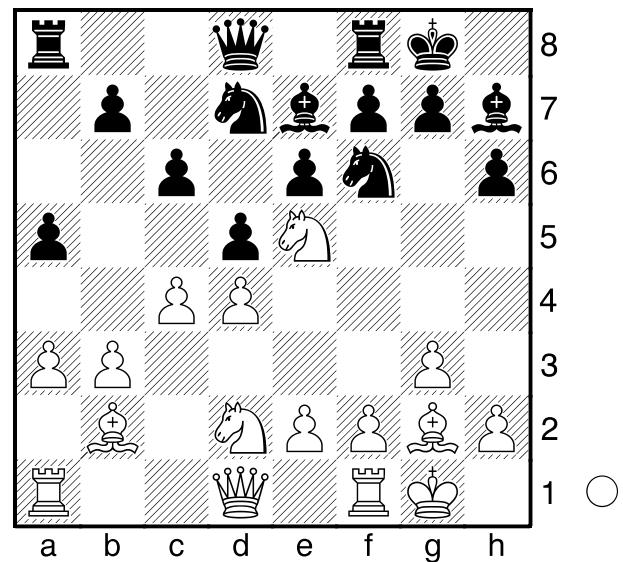
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5

5.0-0 h6 6.Nbd2 A popular setup is soon reached by transposition, but it promises white very little.

[Much more ambitious is 6.c4]

6...e6 7.c4 Nbd7 8.b3 Be7 9.Bb2 0-0

10.Ne5 a5 11.a3 Bh7



12.Re1?! I don't like this.

[Simple is 12.Ndf3=]

12...Nxe5 Simple and good. Black is completely equal here, and in fact white must be careful... **13.dxe5 Nd7**

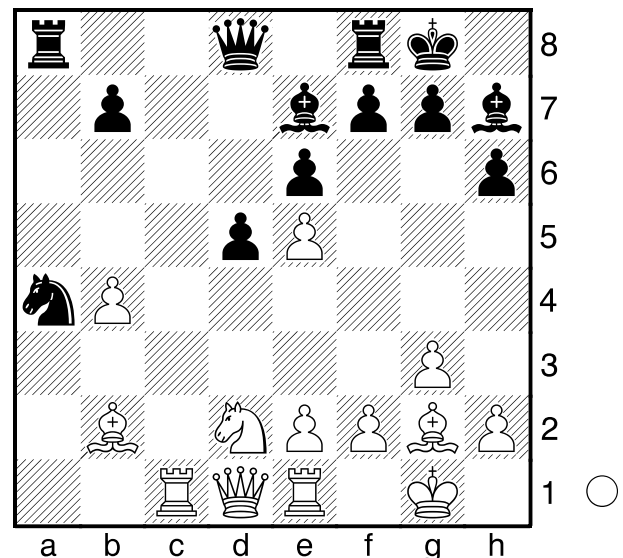
14.Rc1?!

[14.e4 White's original idea, and it should have been played. dxe4

15.Nxe4 Nc5=]

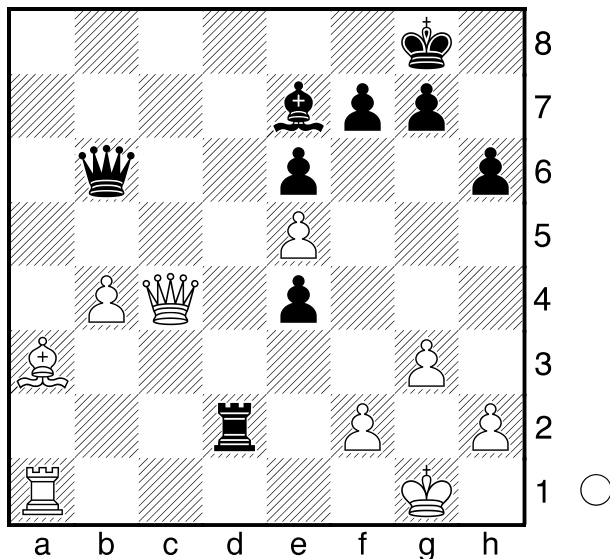
14...Nc5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.b4 axb4

17.axb4 Na4-+



Black has done nothing special - and

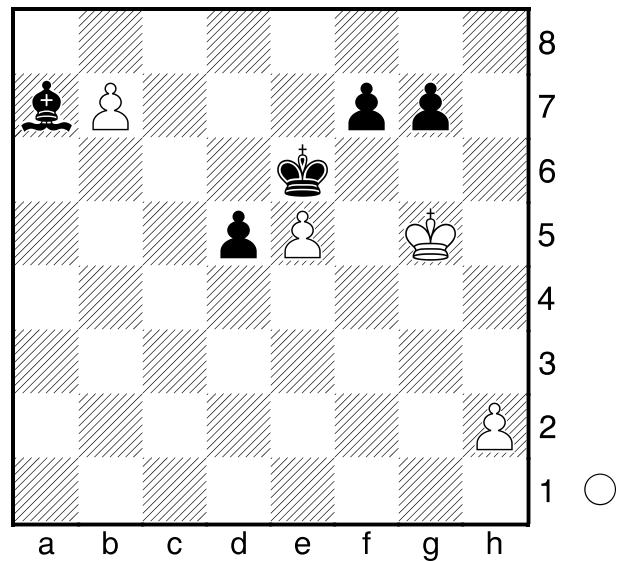
white is losing! Chess can be a strange game. **18.Ba3** A miserable square, a miserable bishop. **18...b5 19.Qb3 Nb6 20.Ra1 Nc4 21.Nxc4 bxc4 22.Qc3 Qb6** Black piles up on the b-pawn. **23.e4** Too late. **23...Rfd8! 24.Red1 Bxe4 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Qxc4 Rd2**



A decisive infiltration. **28.Rf1 e3 29.Qf4 Bg5 30.Qf3** White is helpless, and turns in the wind. **30...Qa6! 31.Bc1 Rxf2 32.Rxf2 exf2+ 33.Kxf2 Bxc1 34.Qd1 Qa2+ 35.Kf3 Qd5+! 36.Qxd5 exd5 37.b5 Ba3 38.b6 Bc5 39.b7 Ba7 40.Kf4 Kf8 41.g4 Ke7 42.g5 hxg5+ 43.Kxg5 Ke6**

(Diagram)

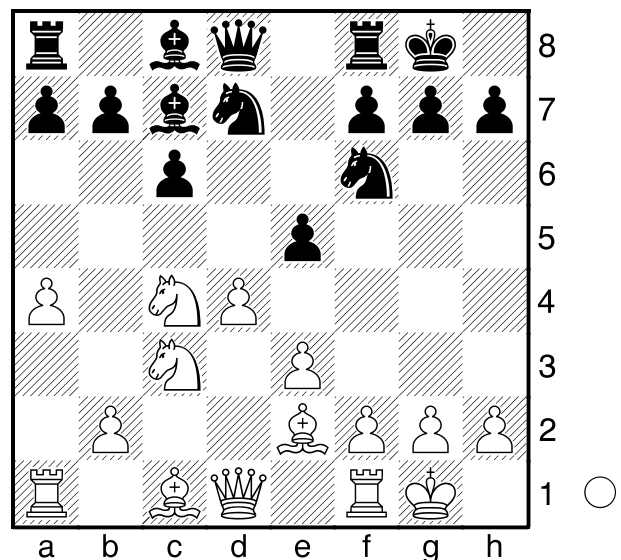
A smooth win by black over the winner of the recent Falconer Memorial TNM. **0-1**



Dallatezza, Jeffrey
 Sobel, Steve
 21st Addison Mem. (2)
[Whitehead, Paul]

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 25.06.2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Be2 dxc4 7.a4 Bd6 8.Nd2 0-0 9.Nxc4 Bc7 10.0-0 e5



Quite a sophisticated opening for two class c-players, although it looks like white has lost the opening advantage

after the slow knight recapturing manoeuvre on c4. **11.dxe5 Nxe5**
12.Qc2 Nfg4 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bxg4

[Another possibility is 14.f4 Bxc3
 15.Qxc3 Re8 16.Bf3=]

14...Bxg4 15.Qe4 Bxc3 16.Qxg4?!

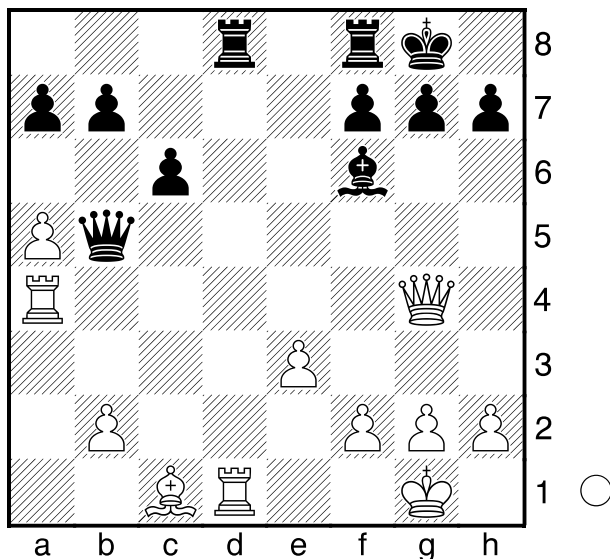
[Better was 16.bxc3 Be6=
 Bishops of opposite colors.]

16...Bf6 17.Rd1 Qb6 18.a5 Qb5

19.Ra4?

[White should pitch a pawn for activity:
 19.Bd2 Qxb2 20.Rab1 Qc2 21.Bb4
 although black is clearly better.]

19...Rad8



Now black owns the d-file. **20.Rf1 Rd6**
21.Qc4 Rfd8 22.Qxb5 cxb5 23.Ra1
Rc6 24.Rb1 Rc2! 25.b4 h5!

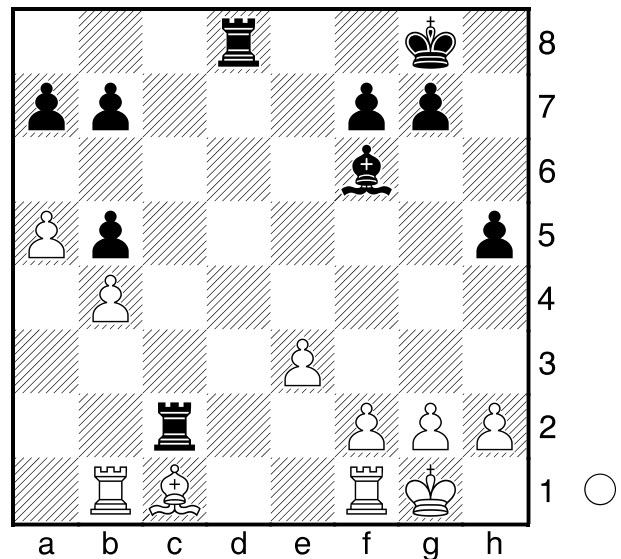
(Diagram)

Black has a won game, and impressively increases the pressure until the very end. **26.g3 Re2 27.h4 Rc8**
28.Rb3 Rc3 29.Rb1 Rcc2 30.Rb3
Bc3 31.e4 Desperation.

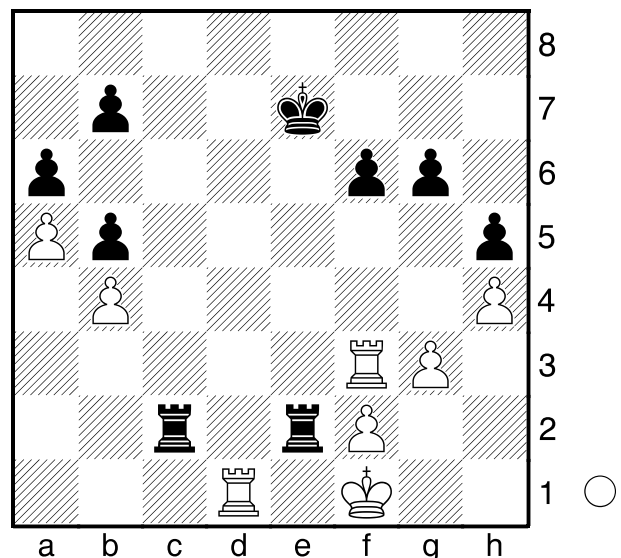
[If 31.Kg2 Be1!-+]

31...Rxe4 32.Be3 a6 33.Bc5 Bd4!

Black switches over to a winning double rook ending. **34.Bxd4 Rxd4 35.Rfb1**
Rdd2 36.Rf3 f6 37.Kf1 Kf7 38.Re1



Rc4 39.Rb1 g6 40.Ke1 Rcc2 41.Rd1
Re2+ 42.Kf1 Ke7



43.Re1? Trading a pair of rooks makes things much easier for black.

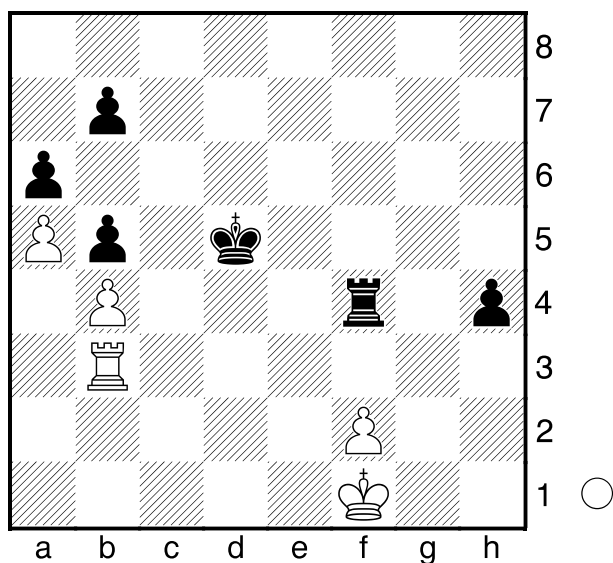
[43.Kg2 continues to resist.]

43...Rxe1+ 44.Kxe1 Rc4 45.Rb3 Ke6

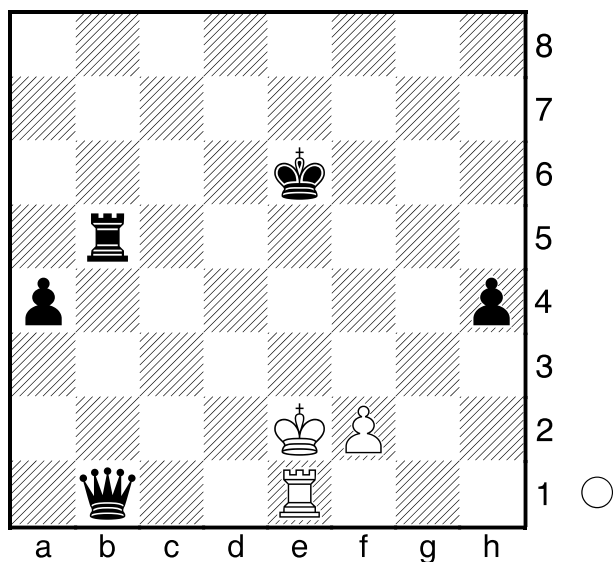
Now the black king moves in, and the end is near. **46.Kd2 Kf5 47.Ke3 Kg4**
48.Ke2 g5 49.hxg5 fxg5 50.Kf1 h4!
 Creating an outside passed pawn.

51.gxh4 gxh4 52.Kg2 Rc2 53.Rd3
Rc4 54.Rb3 Kf4 55.Rh3 Ke5 56.Rb3
Rf4 57.Kf1 Kd5

(Diagram)



With the black king switching over to the queen's side, white collapses. But there was no defense in any case. **58.Rh3 Rxb4 59.Rd3+ Rd4 60.Re3 Re4 61.Rd3+ Kc4 62.Rf3 b4 63.Rf7 Re5 64.Rxb7 Rb5 65.Rc7+ Kd5 66.Rd7+ Ke6 67.Ra7 Rxa5 68.Rc7 b3 69.Rc3 Rb5 70.Rc1 b2 71.Rb1 a5 72.Ke2 a4 73.Re1 b1Q**



An impressive game by Black, who showed a masterly patience and technique in the endgame.

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FM Paul Whitehead

Chess is Everywhere

MI Chess Café habitué WIM Alexey Root has a new book out on the U.S. Women's Chess Champions:

<https://mcfarlandbooks.com/product/united-states-womens-chess-champions-1937-2020/>



The chessboard used in the 1972 Fischer – Spassky match has been found:
https://icelandmonitor.mbl.is/news/culture_and_living/2022/07/11/a_50_year_old_mystery_of_a_historical_chess_table_h/

Cincinnati Bengals Chidobe Awuzie is the best chess player in the NFL:
<https://bengalswire.usatoday.com/2022/07/11/bengals-chidobe-awuzie-claims-title-best-chess-player-nfl/>

Play chess at this beautiful park in Louisville, Kentucky:
<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/kentucky/outdoor-board-game-park-ky/>

A question-mark hangs over the World Championship:
<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2022/jul/08/magnus-carlsen-given-world-chess-title-deadline-ian-nepomniachtchi-ding-liren-await>

Are you in London? The annual ChessFest is happening in Trafalgar Square:

<https://www.ft.com/content/de7b923f-3d20-478b-9a34-47ccfef99852>

A nine-year old chess champion from Ames, Iowa is coming to compete in California:

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Ames-girl-9-is-international-chess-champ-17288170.php>

July 20th is World Chess Day, and the United Nations issues some stamps:

<https://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/united-nations-celebrates-world-chess-day-with-a-pane-of-10-july-20>

The 2022 U.S. Senior and Junior Chess Championships have kicked off in St. Louis:

<https://new.uschess.org/2022-us-senior-and-junior-championships>

“Chess-playing economics genius arrested over EasyJet bomb hoax...” is such a great headline:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11002673/Chess-playing-economics-genius-arrested-EasyJet-bomb-hoax-says-sorry-moment-madness.html>

GM Judit Polgar takes down World Champion Magnus Carlsen at a public park in Madrid:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvbZCRid5CY>

The Sautron Chess Club in France has built the largest chess piece in the world:

<https://borneobulletin.com.bn/french-chess-club-assembles-worlds-largest-chess-piece/>

Chess comes alive on the streets of Manhattan:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/15/crosswords/chess/want-to-play-some-chess.html>

Chess as part of Jewish culture:

<https://www.jewishnews.co.uk/pawn-again-the-world-of-jewish-chess/>

In New Zealand? Don't miss the Live Chess Challenge between the Women's and Girls' Champions:

<https://www.times.co.nz/news/chess-champions-face-off-in-howick/>

Garry Kasparov's "Advanced Chess" idea gets dusted off:

<https://warontherocks.com/2022/07/weak-human-strong-force-applying-advanced-chess-to-military-ai/>

Chess is apparently a lot harder than boxing:

<https://www.insidehook.com/article/sports/chess-cruel-and-vicious-game>

Finally, chess wiped out the ancient Viking game of Hnefatafl – I kid you not:

<https://www.inverse.com/culture/viking-board-games-hnefatafl>

Bernal Chess

Juliana Gallin is a Chess Café and MI Women's Chess Class regular. She is a grass-roots chess organizer in San Francisco, and is profiled in the latest Mechanics' Quarterly: <https://www.milibrary.org/sites/default/files/publications/1657641728/MI-Quarterly-July-Sept%202022.pdf>

Juliana sends in this report from sunny Bernal Heights, San Francisco:

"In addition to their Saturday game days at Progressive Grounds cafe, the [Bernal Chess Club](#) has also started a monthly lecture series at the [Bernal Branch Library](#). The talks take place on the 4th Wednesday evening of every month and cover a variety of chess topics such as historical games, opening theory, and puzzle composition. Next up: on July 27 at 6pm, Dan Sevall will give a presentation on a beautiful game from chess history, followed by time for casual combat for those who want to play. All levels and ages are welcome. Calendar and mailing list at www.bernalchess.com."

July Scholastic Swiss and Quads

On July 9th, the Mechanics' Institute hosted its monthly double-header of Scholastic Swiss in the morning, Quads in the afternoon.

16 players showed up for the Scholastic in two sections: **Ethan Wang** took the top place in the 700+ section with 3.5 out of 4, just edging out **David Kuperman** on tie-breaks.

The u700 section was won by **Hayes Marvin** with a perfect 4-0.

Join us August 13th for the next edition!

For full results and standings, plus the link to register for the next Scholastic Swiss on August 13th go here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-institute-monthly-scholastic-swiss-person>

There was a big turnout for the Quads, with 66 players competing in 16 sections. Expert **Christophe Bambou** won the top Quad with 2.5 from 3.

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Tony's Teasers



1. Dr. E. Pakolska, 1928. White mates in 3 moves.



2. V. Pachman, 1970. White mates in 4 moves.

Richard Hack

Tales from the Chess Café

When the heat and dust of the moment of truth settled on quieter ground, I wondered how I came to blunder in that way. Some irrational force had pushed me into surrendering to pressure with a defensive move that wasn't careful at all, and led right to a misstep that ended my long-built moment of riding free and in control.

It was the middle round of seven, and I was pushing for first place in the undersection of a TNM. I momentarily separated my shepherding king from one of my separated passed pawns on the sixth, and after it dropped I couldn't come back. (I would have to defer that move to seven days later.) I had miscalculated in the final stage, afraid of some knight fork that would have only brought the win closer. They say stress emotions temporarily cause I.Q. to plummet, which may drop you into a pit of bad decisions.

In one book Boris Gelfand writes, "I feel that in general if we see a highly promising option and we have checked it and it works, we should go for it, and not spend a lot of time checking other options. Mistakes are born that way. Different approaches are good in different situations... We all have to find the way of playing chess that is most practical for us, and make our own considerations about how to balance between the practical and deep approach to decision-making." Later he cautions against letting a great opportunity be obscured by a good one—selling yourself short and getting a big advantage instead of a winning one.

"What interests me are methods of finding the best move, not to understand it when you know it is the right choice... Even if we cannot see that one option is better than the other, we may see that one option makes life easier for our opponent than the other; and this is often enough in a practical game." (Dynamic Decision Making in Chess, pp. 52, 90, and 176.)

We also find interesting people at every tournament. Some of their lives are immersed in playing, making their game broader and deeper, and knowing the scene in their own ways. Some follow developments in their favorite openings over decades; I see their annotations in this Newsletter and every chess place I visit. Many could be addressed as "Dr." if they aren't already, and given endowed chairs in chess, but even they have to hustle and scrape, take time off to work and parent and try to get lucky.

Many live more outside the global microcosmos of chess, but they understand its depth and the draw of its power and beauty. All are part of its life. I'm trying to pay more attention to the unique and ultimately familiar ways players convert their

advantages. At least I have the advantage of being able to play when I want. Does my response to this position make it a litmus test or a Rorschach blot? There's always another game to inspire you.

Rumi, one of the prominent Sufi poets of centuries ago, wrote a prose poem ("The Sheikh Who Played with Children") which ends: "Chew quietly your sweet sugarcane God-Love, and stay playfully childish. / Your countenance / will turn rosy with illumination / like the redbud flowers."

(For more information about the Chess Café go here:

<https://www.milibrary.org/chess/chess-cafe>)

IM John Donaldson has noted the passing of

Robert Sidney Moore 1939-2022



Robert Moore, a long-time Mechanics' member, who first joined the Institute back in the late 1950s, recently died. He was, until his passing, one of a handful of players still living who had played in the 1961 U.S. Open held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel (Tom Maser of Berkeley, James McCormick of Seattle, Martin Harrow of Chicago and Tibor Weinberger of Santa Monica are some of the others).

Bob Moore was born in San Francisco in 1939 and learned to play chess there but it was in Alaska he enjoyed his first success winning the state championship in 1960 and 1961. He returned to San Francisco the latter year to play in the U.S. Open and one of his games from that event, a win against Master Sven Almgren, can be found at

<https://www.milibrary.org/chess-newsletters/748> .

Mr. Moore attended the University of Oklahoma at Norman where he received a degree in library science. He worked for many years as a librarian at Cornell University and was an expert on its collection of Willard Fiske, the great chess figure of the 19th century who will be inducted into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame this fall.

A puzzle in the library

Every week or so the Mechanics' Institute's Head of Technical Services, Steven Dunlap, puts up a chess puzzle in the library for our members to solve.



This position occurred in a recent offhand game between GM Judit Polgar (white, to play) vs World Champion Magnus Carlsen, where the Hungarian stunned the Norwegian with a sharp tactic. The whole charming episode was caught on video in a park in Madrid:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvbZCRid5CY>

Upcoming Events

2nd Peter Grey Memorial Tuesday Night Marathon - Ongoing

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 - Tuesday, August 23 2022. 6:30PM. USCF + FIDE Rated. 7
Round SS G/120;d5

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/2nd-peter-grey-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

Registration: <https://mechanics-institute.jumbula.com/2022Tournaments/2ndPeterGreyMemorialTuesdayNightMarathon>

July & August USCF Online-Rated Scholastic Tournaments via ChessKid.com

Sunday July 17, 3PM. 6 games of G/15+2

Saturday July 30, 3PM. 8 games of G/5+2

Sunday August 7, 3PM. 4 games of G/20+10

Saturday August 20, 3PM. 6 games of G/15+2

For Information and links to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/uscf-online-rated-scholastic-tournaments-2022-chesskidcom>

21st Charles Bagby Memorial G/40;d5

Saturday July 16th. 4 games of G/40;d5

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/21st-bagby-memorial-championship>

Registration: <https://mechanics-institute.jumbula.com/2022Tournaments/21stBagbyMemorialChampionship>

21st Walter Pafnutieff Memorial G/40;d5

Saturday July 30th. 4 games of G/40;d5.

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/21th-pafnutieff-memorial-championship>

Registration: <https://mechanics-institute.jumbula.com/2022Tournaments/21thPafnutieffMemorialChampionship>

Here is our **chess calendar** in full: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/calendar>

Solutions to Tony's Teasers

Problem #1: 1.h3! Intending 2.Bg5 and 3.Re3#. 1...Be2 2.Re3+! Kxe3 3.Bg5#. 1...Rc6 2.Re6! and 3.Qf8#.

Problem #2: 1.Rf1! Intending 2.Bxe5, 3.g4 and 4.Rh2#. 1...Nd7/c6 2.Ree1! Kxg2 3.Rxg1+ Kxf3 4.Be2#!

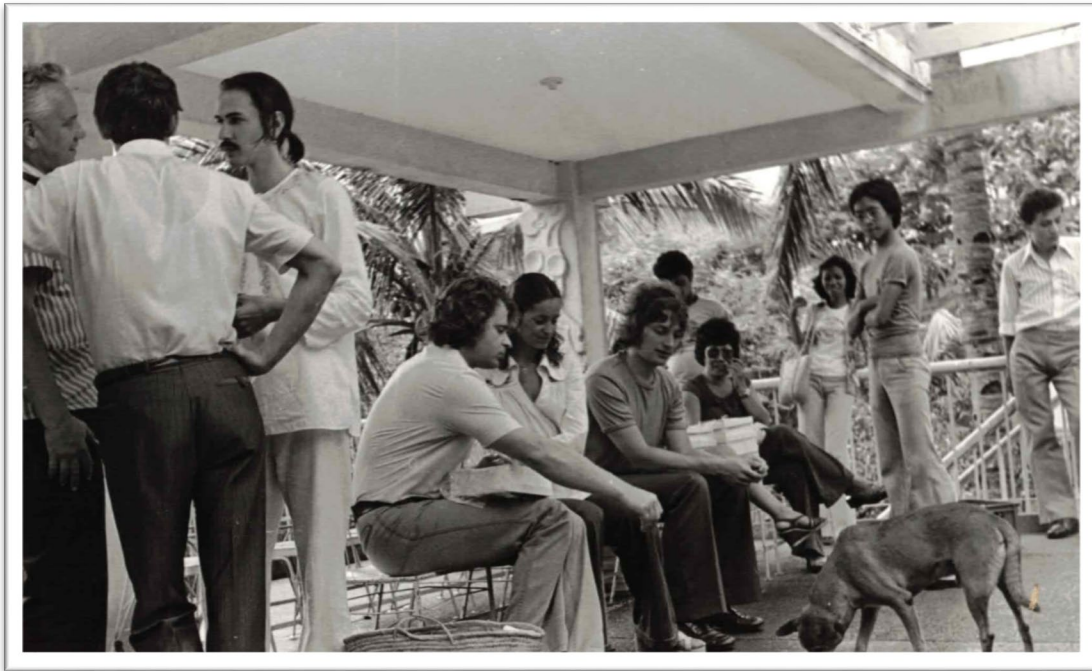
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We welcome any feedback, articles or "Letter to the Editor" piece. Submit yours today at chessroom@milibrary.org

A moment in time...

IM **John Donaldson** sends in this historic photograph taken at the 1976 Interzonal Tournament in Manila, won by GM **Henrique Mecking** of Brazil. IM **John Grefe** is 3rd from the left with the mustache and pony-tail – he was GM **Walter Browne's** 2nd for the event. Directly behind Grefe is Ex- World Champion **Boris Spassky**, and Dutch GM **Jan Timman** with the curly hair sits a bit further down. The **dog** remains unidentified.



One thing leads to another, and we were reminded of this brilliant game from the event:
L. Polugaevsky – F. Gheorghiu, Manila Interzonal 1976.



1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 b6 4. e4 Bb7 5. Bd3 d6 6. Bc2 c5 7. d4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Be7 9. O-O O-O 10. b3 a6 11. Bb2 Nc6 12. Kh1 Qb8 13. f4 b5 14. e5 dxe5 15. Nxc6 Bxc6 16. fxe5 Nd7 17. Nd5!!

17... exd5 18. cxd5 Bb7 19. d6 Bg5 20. Qh5 h6 21. h4 Qc8 22. Bf5 g6 23. Qe2 gxf5 24. hxg5 Be4 25. e6 fxe6 26. Qh5 e5 27. Qg6+ Kh8 28. Qxh6+ Kg8 29. Qg6+ Kh8 30. Rf4 Bxg2+ 31. Kh2.

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