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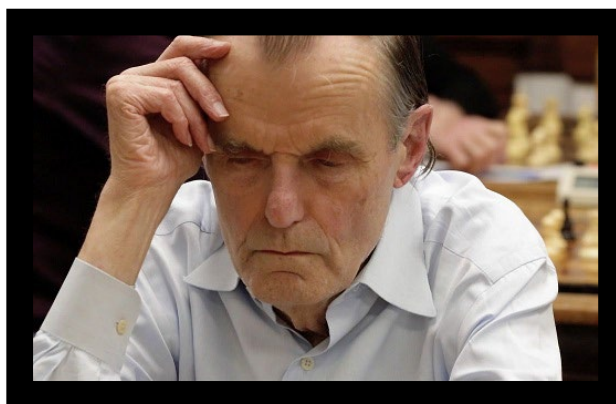
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Peter Grey TNM Round Four Report

IM **Elliott Winslow** leads the top section with 3.5 from 4 despite missing the round (see photograph below). Seven players are a ½ point behind, led by IM **Kyron Griffith**, NM **Conrado Diaz** and NM **Yusheng Xia**. IM **Keaton Kiewra**, also with 3 points, is playing a norm event in Minnesota and will sit out the rest of the event.

Paul Henry Reed is a perfect 4-0 in the under 1800 section, defeating **Timothy Bayaraa** in a wild game where Paul had 2 passed pawns on the 7th rank. Right behind with 3.5 points are **Steve Sobel** and **Dominic Zirbel**.



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.

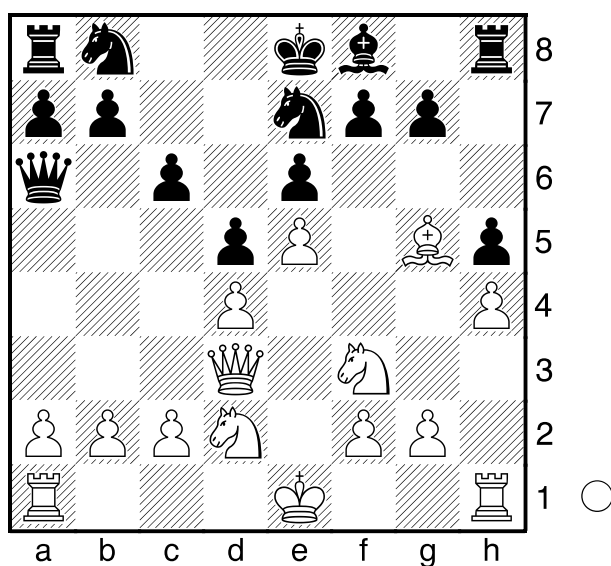
The TNM is co-directed by International Arbiter **Judit Sztaray** and FIDE Arbiter **Abel Talamantez**.

For complete TNM info, standings and results:

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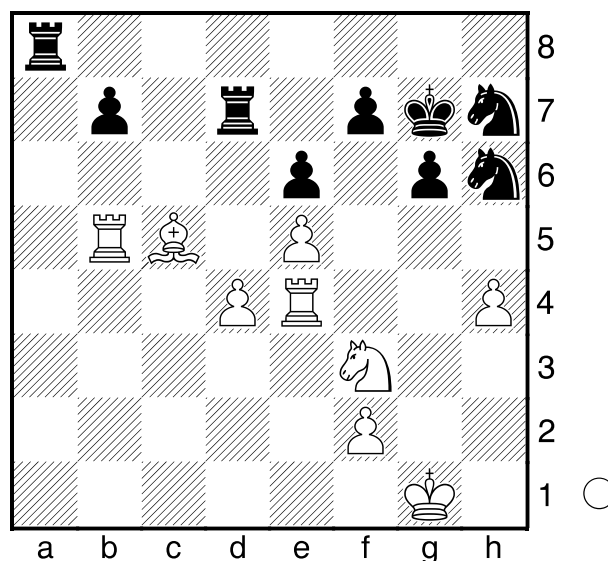
Fong, Nathan **B12**
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 Diaz, Conrado **2308**
 MI Peter Gray TNM: 1800+ (4.1) 02.08.22
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 This line was
 recommended by Shaw in his 1.e4
 repertoire book. It has somewhat caught
 on, but with careful play Black is fine.
 6...e6 7.Bg5 Qb6 8.Nd2 Ne7 9.Ngf3
 Qa6

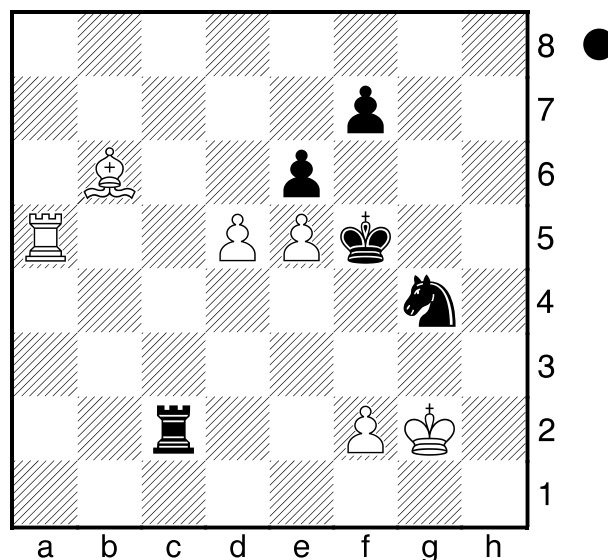


10.c4 Nf5 11.0-0 Bb4 12.Rfc1 Nd7
 13.Qb3 Bxd2 14.Bxd2 dxc4 15.Rxc4
 Nb6 16.Rc5 0-0 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Be3
 Rd7 19.a3 Nd5 20.Re1 Qb6 21.Qc2
 Nde7 22.Bg5 Ng6 23.Re4 Kh8 24.g4
 hxg4 25.Rxg4 Nf8 26.b4 Nh7 27.b5
 Rc8 28.Bd2 a6 29.a4 axb5 30.axb5
 Rdc7 31.Qa4 cxb5 32.Qxb5 Qxb5
 33.Rxb5 Rd7 34.Ba5 g6 35.Bb6 Nh6
 36.Re4 Kg7 37.Bc5 Ra8

(Diagram)



This is the sort of position that has
 served Conrado well over the years.
 Many players of strength even have
 trouble hanging on -- but Nathan
 manages! 38.Re1 Ra2 39.Reb1 Ng4
 40.R1b2 Rxb2 41.Rxb2 g5 42.Nxg5
 Nxg5 43.hxg5 Kg6 44.Kg2 Kxg5
 45.Kf3 Kf5 46.Rb5 Rc7 47.Ra5 b6
 48.Bxb6 Rc3+ 49.Kg2 Rc2 50.d5

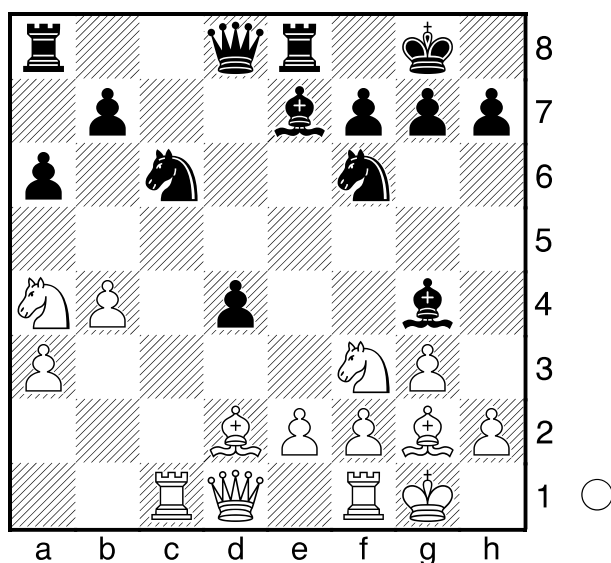


Fong tries to reduce the pawns. It's
 worth remembering just how drawn R+N
 v R is. 50...exd5 51.Rxd5 Rb2 52.Ba7
 Ra2 53.Rd7 Nxe5 54.Rb7 Ra6 55.Be3
 Rg6+ 56.Kf1 f6 Just looking at the

scoresheets it's hard to see why they play on. Maybe one (or both!) of the players is very short on time. 57.Ke2 Rg4 58.Rb5 Ke6 59.Rb6+ Kf7 60.Rb7+ Kg6 61.Rb6 Re4 62.Ra6 Rc4 63.Kd2 Kf5 64.Ra5 Ke4 65.Rc5 Nf3+ 66.Kd1 Ra4 67.Kc2 f5 68.Kb3 Ra8 69.Rc4+ Ke5 70.Rf4 Ng5 71.Ra4 Rxa4 72.Kxa4 Nh3 73.Kb4 Ke4 74.Kc4 Ng1 75.Bb6 Ne2 76.Bc5 Kf3 77.Kd5 Kg2 78.Be3 Kf3 79.Ke5 f4 80.Bxf4 Nxf4 81.Kf6
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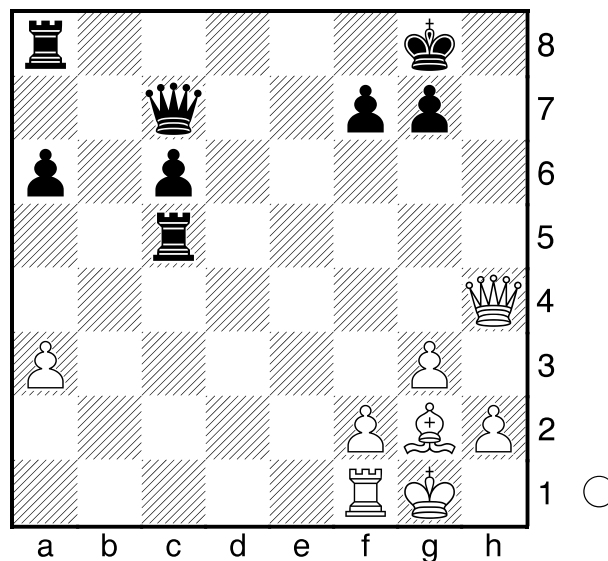
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 Bambou, Christophe **2120**
 Griffith, Kyron **2436**
 MI Peter Gray TNM: 1800+ (4.2) 02.08.22
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.g3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 So it's a Tarrasch Defense Queen's Gambit, but with White's bishop misplaced on d2. 9.Bg2 d4 10.Na4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.b4 a6 13.a3 Re8 14.Rc1 Bg4

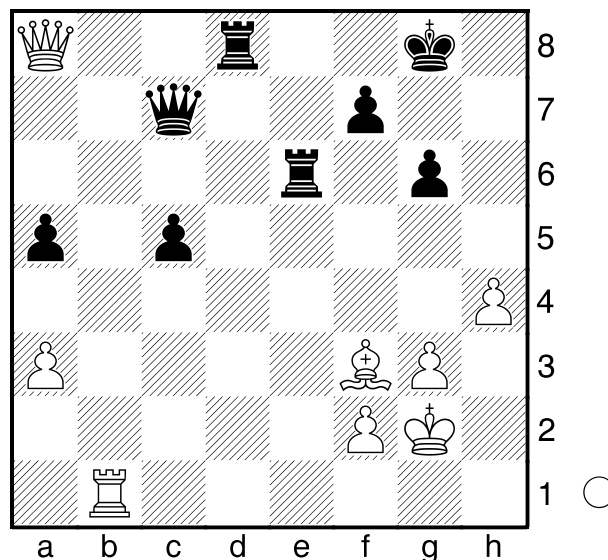


In a typical Tarrasch Queens Gambit position Bambou goes a bit crazy!

15.Rxc6?! bxc6 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Bf4 Bd6 18.Nxg4 Nxg4 19.e3 Bxf4 20.Qxg4 Be5 21.exd4 h5 22.Qxh5 Bxd4 23.Nc5 Re5 24.Qh4 Bxc5 25.bxc5 Rxc5



Kyron has won back the pawn, just a clear exchange up, "a matter of technique"... 26.Be4 g6 27.Rd1 Re8 28.Bf3 Rce5 29.Kg2 c5 30.Qc4 a5 31.h4 Rd8 32.Rb1 Rd4 33.Qa6 Re6 34.Qa8+ Rd8



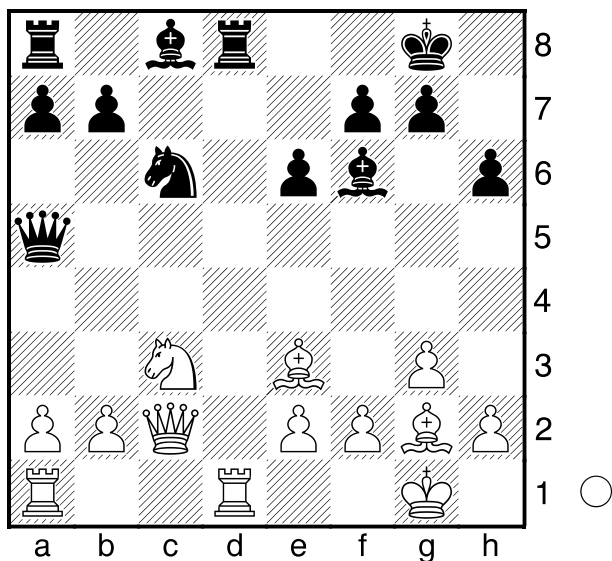
35.Rb7 Qd6 36.Qxa5 Qd3 37.Rb3 Qxb3 38.Qxd8+ Kg7 39.h5 Qc3

40.Bd5 Qd2 41.hxg6 Re5
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Xia, Yusheng **E11**
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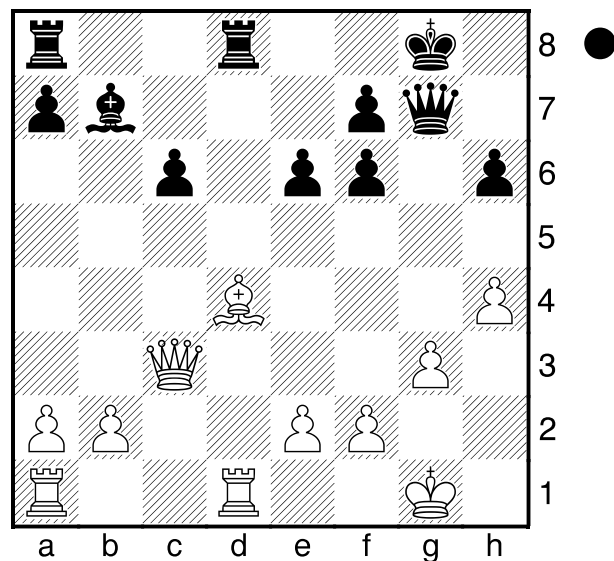
Porlares, Teodoro B **1783**
 MI Peter Gray TNM: 1800+ (4.3) 02.08.22
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2
 Be7 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5
 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.dxc5 Bxc5
 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Rfd1 Qb6
 14.Be3 Qa5 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nge4 Rd8
 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6

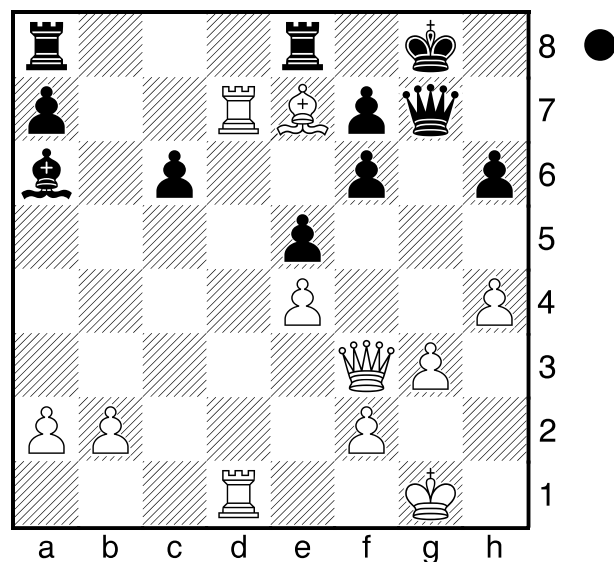


White breaks the symmetry by giving up
 his proud Catalan bishop! A nice
 decision, the sort of thing Fischer did in
 a flash (not that he ever played the
 Catalan!). 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Ne4 Bb7
 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Bd4 Qg5 22.h4 Qg7
 23.Qc3

(Diagram)

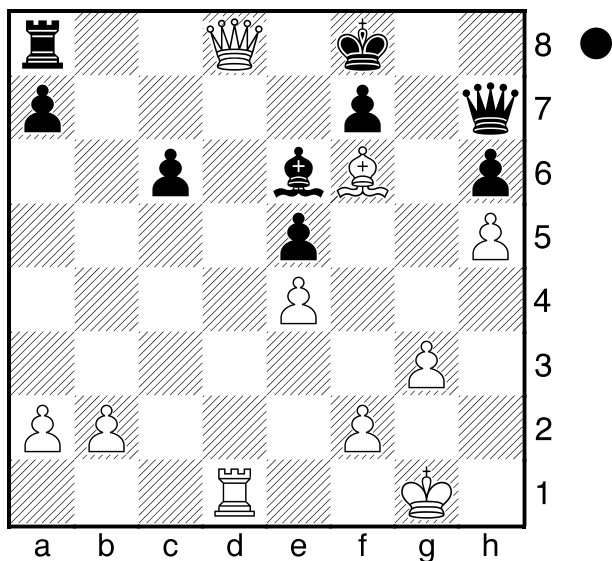


That 18.Bxc6 led to trouble on a whole
 new long diagonal is justification enough.
 23...e5 Black seals that line off, but the
 other long diagonal (and his bishop on
 the short end of it) is still a problem.
 24.Bc5 Rd5 25.e4 Rdd8 26.Qf3 Re8
 27.Rd6 Re6 28.Rd7 Ba6 29.Rad1
 Ree8 30.Be7



And f6 crumbles after all. A *very* nice
 game by Xia! 30...Bc8 31.Bxf6 Qg6
 32.h5 Qh7 33.Rd8 Be6 34.Qd3 Kf8
 35.Rxa8 Rxa8 36.Qd8+

(Diagram)



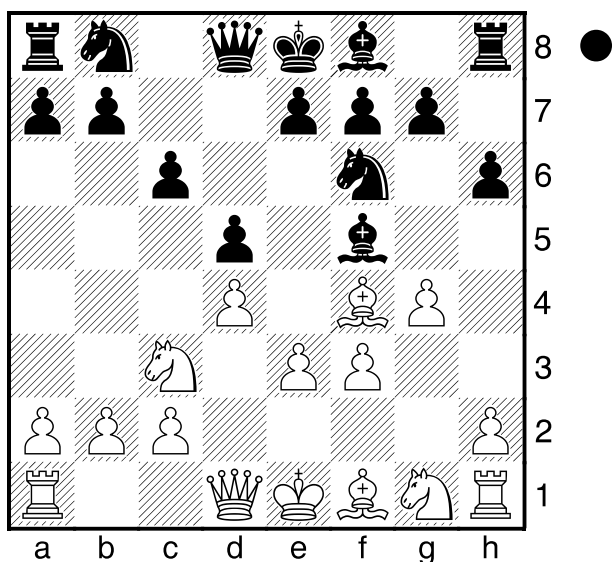
Complete with a little tactical finish.
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Handigol, Abhishek
Lamstein, Josh

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1753

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[Winslow, Elliott]

Handigol joins the Jobava Club with a convincing example of its dangers (for Black). 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 h6 6.g4



Bh7 7.Bd3 Bxd3

[7...e6]

[7...Nbd7]

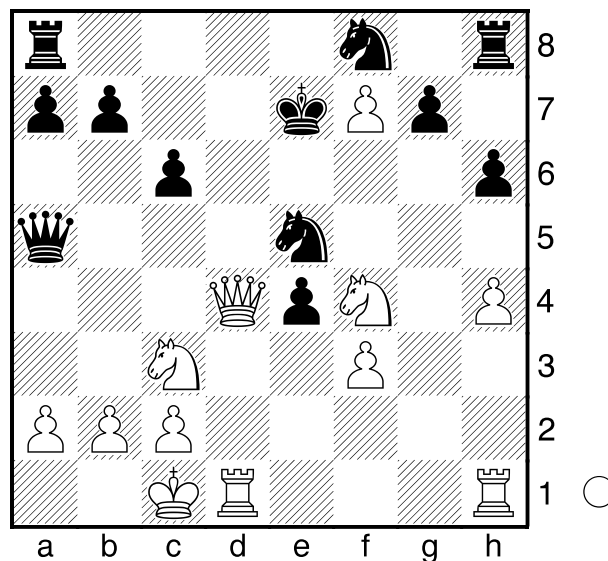
8.Qxd3 e6 9.Nge2 Bd6 10.h4 Bxf4

11.Nxf4 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 Qa5 13.g5

Nh7 14.g6 Nh8 15.gxf7+ Ke7

[15...Kxf7 16.Rhg1 Re8 and ...Re7, but surely better than the game.]

16.e4 e5? 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Qd4 dxe4

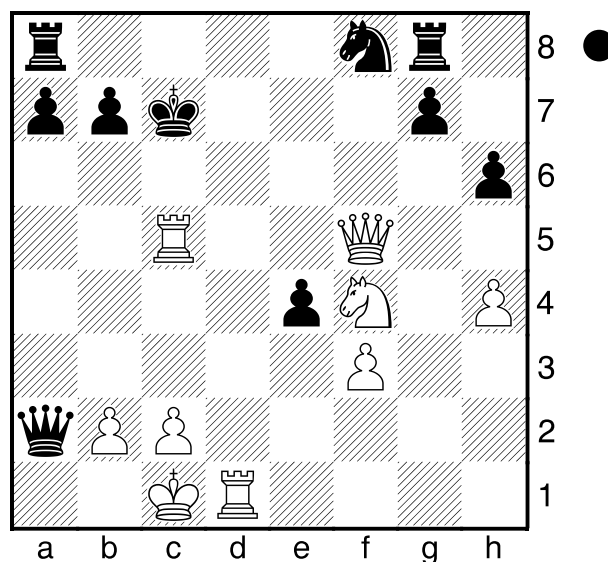


19.Ncd5+ cxd5 20.Qxe5+ Kxf7

21.Rhg1 Rg8 22.Qf5+ Ke8 23.Rxd5

Qxa2 24.Re5+ Kd8 25.Rd1+ Kc7

26.Rc5+



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□ Dutter,Frederic

■ Maliev,Anton

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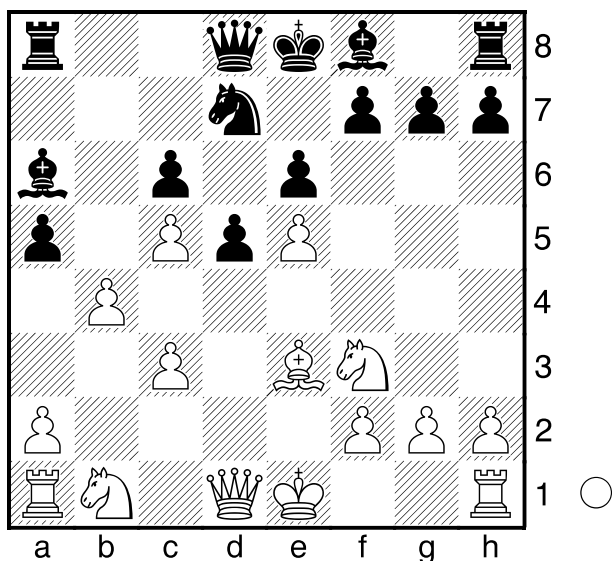
[Winslow,Elliott]

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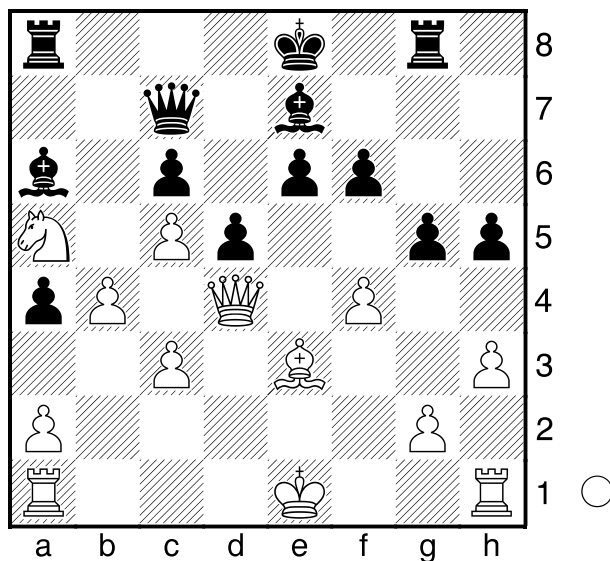
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6
5.Be3 Nd7 6.Bb5 Ne7 7.b4 Nc6
8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Nf3 a5 10.c3 Ba6

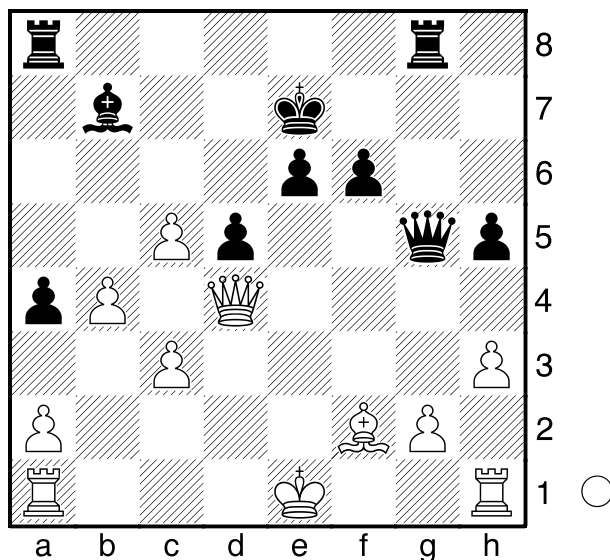


11.Qd4 Be7 12.Qg4 Rg8 13.Nbd2
Qb8 14.Qd4 g5 15.h3 h5 16.Nb3 a4
17.Na5 Qc7 18.Qd1 Nxe5 19.Nxe5
Qxe5 20.Qd4 Qc7 21.f4 f6

(Diagram)



22.fxg5 Qg3+ 23.Bf2 Qxg5 24.Nxc6
Bb7 25.Nxe7 Kxe7+-



26.c6

[26.b5]

[26.Bh4!]

26...Bxc6 27.Qc5+?

[27.b5! Bd7 28.Bh4 Qf5 29.Rf1

Qe4+ 30.Qxe4 dxe4 31.Rxf6+-]

27...Kd7 28.b5? Bb7 29.Qb6 Rab8

30.Bc5 Qe5+ 31.Kf1 d4

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E05



Coyne, Theodore James

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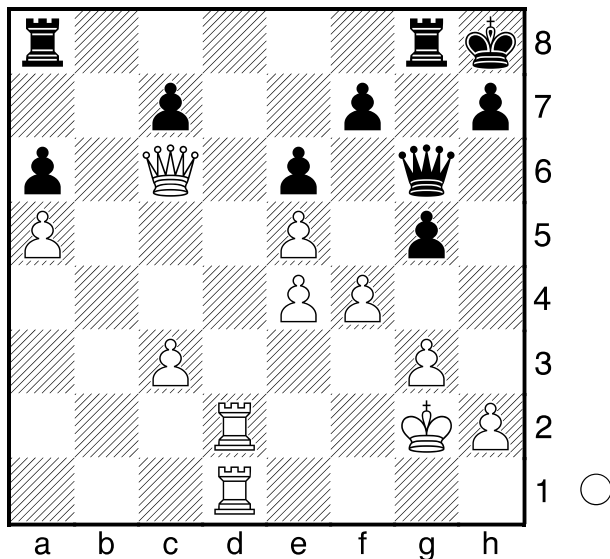
Stafford, Adam Forrest

1888

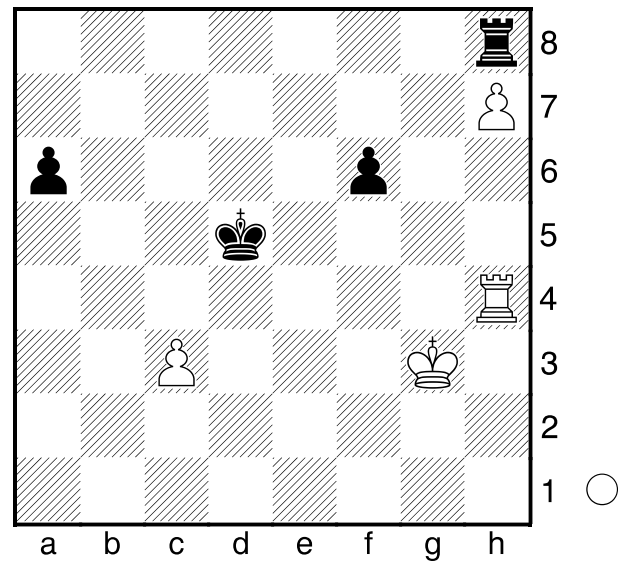
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[Winslow, Elliott]

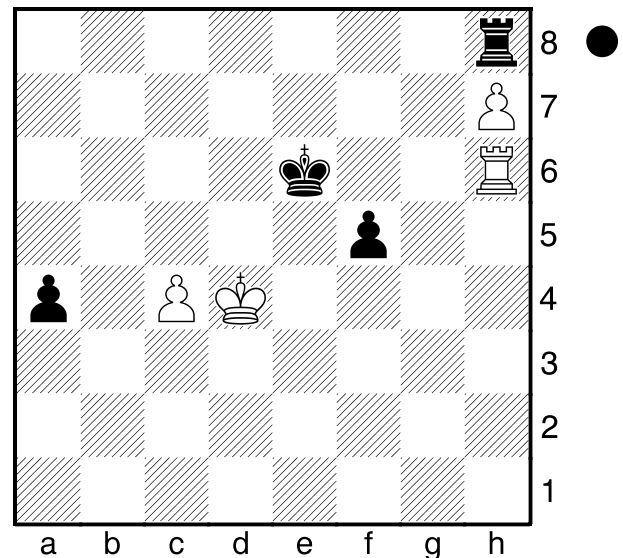
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7
 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4
 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Qc1
 Nbd7 12.Rd1 Bxf4 13.Qxf4 Nb6
 14.a5 Nbd5 15.Qd2 Ne4 16.Qc2 Nb4
 17.Qb3 Qe7 18.Nc3 Rfd8 19.Ne5
 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nc6
 22.Qxb7 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Re8 24.Qc6
 Qg5 25.f4 Qf5 26.Rd2 g5 27.e3 Kh8
 28.Rad1 Rg8 29.e4 Qg6



30.f5 exf5 31.Qxg6 hxg6 32.exf5
 gxf5 33.Rd7 Rge8 34.R1d5 c6
 35.Rc5 Kg7 36.Rd6 Rac8 37.Rf6
 Rxe5 38.Rxf5 Rxf5 39.Rxf5 f6
 40.Rc5 Kf7= 41.h4 gxh4 42.gxh4
 Ke6 43.Kf3 Kd6 44.Rf5 Ke6 45.Rc5
 Kd6 46.Rc4 Rh8 47.Kg4 Kd5 48.Rb4
 Rh6 49.h5 c5 50.Rf4 c4 51.Kh4 Kc5
 52.Rf5+ Kc6 53.Kg4 Kd6 54.Kf4 Ke6
 55.Ke4 Rh8 56.Rc5 Kd6 57.Kd4 Rg8
 58.Rd5+ Kc6 59.Kxc4 Rg4+ 60.Rd4
 Rg5 61.Rh4 Rxa5 62.Kd4 Rd5+
 63.Ke4 Re5+ 64.Kf4 Kd5 65.h6 Re4+
 66.Kg3 Re8 67.h7 Rh8=



68.Kf4 Ke6 69.c4 a5 70.Ke4 a4
 71.Kd4 f5 72.Rh6+



Kd7?

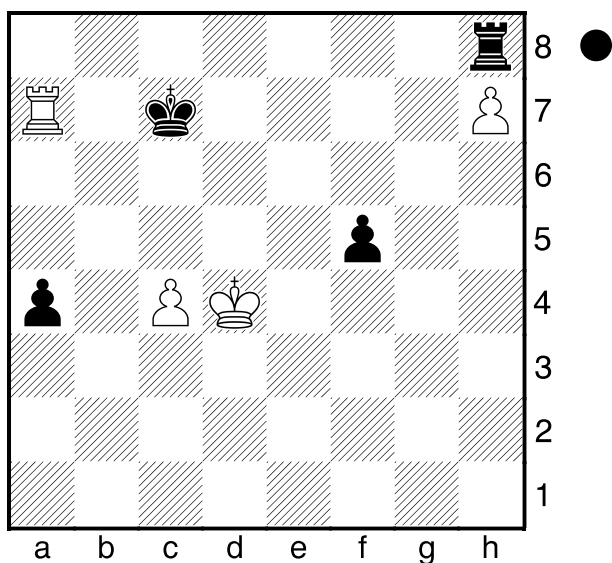
[72...Kf7□=]

73.Ra6?

[73.Ke5□+/-]

73...Kc7= 74.Ra7+

(Diagram)

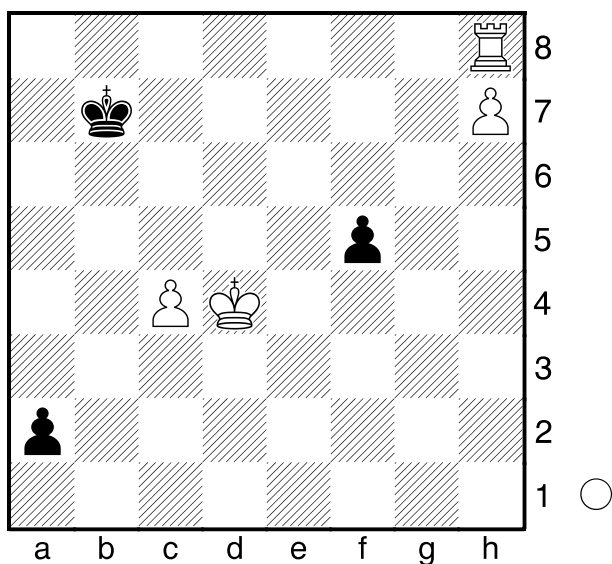


Kb8?

[74...Kb6=]

[74...Kc6=]

75.Rg7 a3 76.Rg8+ Kb7 77.Rxh8 a2



78.Ra8

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Walder,Michael

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Argo,Guy

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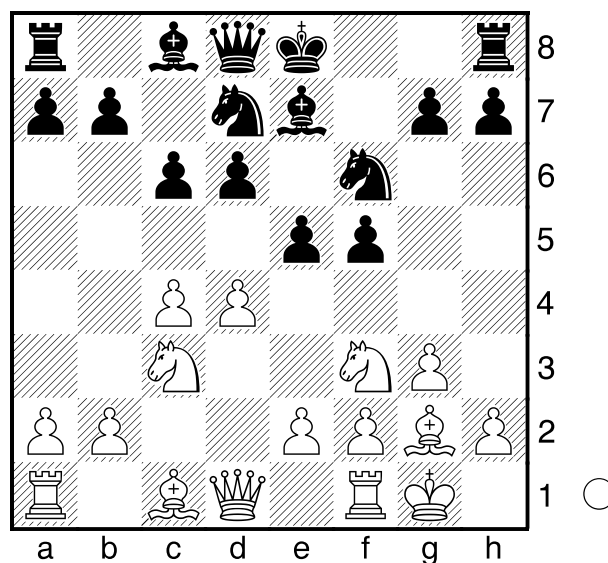
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[Winslow,Elliott]

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 e5 4.Nf3 d6

5.Bg2 c6 6.d4 Nbd7 7.0-0 Be7



8.e4?

[8.Qc2 e4 9.Nh4 Nb6 10.f3±]

[8.Nh4!? g6 9.e4 Nxe4! 10.Bxe4

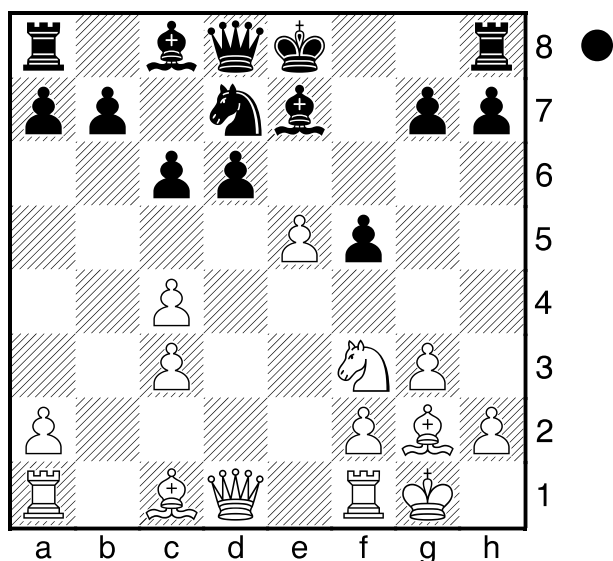
(10.Nxe4 fxe4 11.Re1 d5) 10...fxe4

11.Nxe4 d5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Nc3

Bxh4 14.gxh4 Qxh4 15.Nxd5 0-0=]

8...Nxe4 9.dxe5 Nxc3 10.bxc3

(Diagram)



Nxe5?

[10...dxe5-+]
11.Re1 Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 0-0 13.Bf4 Rf6
14.c5 d5 15.Be5 Re6 16.Bd4 Qf8
17.Rxe6 Bxe6 18.Qe2 Kf7 19.Re1
Qc8 20.Qe5 Bf6 21.Bh5+
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1837

□ **Knowles,Chase**

■ **Sun,Kevin**

MI Peter Gray TNM: 1800+ (4.8) 02.08.22

[Knowles, Chase / Winslow,Elliott]

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.g3
Nf6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.e4?!

[7.d4 is rather the main line. Here's a hint: if you're not going to play this, maybe playing Nf3 so fast gives up options (Nge2, Nh3 even, not to mention f2-f4). cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 has totally eclipsed other moves, not that they aren't seen. (8...Qa5 9.e3! d6 10.Bd2! Nxd4 11.exd4 Qb6!? 12.Re1!) 9.Qxd4 d6 By "totally eclipsed" I mean thousands of games vs. hardly teens.]

7...d6 8.h3 e5?! Inaccuracy. Nd7 was best.

[8...Nd7 9.d3 Nde5 10.Ne1 Nd4 11.Nc2 Nxc2 12.Qxc2 a6 13.Be3 Rb8 14.Rab1 Nc6 15.a3]

9.d3 h6 10.Ne1 Ne8 11.f4?!

Inaccuracy. Rb1 was best.

[11.Rb1 Nc7 12.Nc2 a5 13.a3 h5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 h4 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.Rb2 Ra5]

11...exf4 12.Bxf4 f5? Mistake. Nc7 was best.

[12...Nc7 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.Rf2 Ne6 15.Be3 Ned4 16.Nf3 Be6 17.Raf1 Nxf3+ 18.Rxf3 a6 19.R3f2]

13.exf5?! Inaccuracy. Be3 was best.

[13.Be3 Nc7 14.Qd2 g5 15.Nf3 Nd4 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.Ne2 Qd7 19.g4 Bg6]

13...Bxf5 14.Bd5+?! Inaccuracy. g4 was best.

[14.g4 Be6 15.Nc2 Kh7 16.Qd2 Nf6 17.Nb5 Ne8 18.Rae1 Qd7 19.b3 a6 20.Nc3 Nf6]

14...Kh7 15.g4 Bd7 16.Nc2 Qh4?!

Inaccuracy. Nc7 was best.

[16...Nc7 17.Be4 Ne5 18.Bg3 Rxf1+ 19.Qxf1 Qg5 20.Qe2 Rf8 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Qg2 Ne6 23.Rf1]

17.Kg2 Ne5 18.Bg3 Qe7?! Inaccuracy. Rxf1 was best.

[18...Rxf1 19.Bxh4 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Nc7 21.Be4 Re8 22.Bg3 Bc6 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.b3 Ne6 25.Ne2]

19.Qe2?! Inaccuracy. Rxf8 was best.

[19.Rxf8]

19...Nf6 20.Ne3 Bc6 21.Bh4??

Blunder. Rae1 was best.

[21.Rae1 Rae8]

21...Nxd5 22.cxd5

[22.Bxe7 Nxc3+ 23.Kh2 Nxe2]

22...Qxh4 23.dxc6 Nxc6?! Inaccuracy. bxc6 was best.

[23...bxc6 24.Nc4 Nxc4 25.dxc4 Be5 26.Qe1 Qe7 27.Qe2 Rae8 28.Rae1 Qh4 29.Qd3 Kg7 30.Ne4]

24.Ne4 Nd4 25.Qd2 Be5 26.Rae1?? Blunder. Nc4 was best.

[26.Nc4 Ne6 27.Nxe5 dxe5 28.Kh2 Nf4 29.Rf3 Qe7 30.Qa5 b6 31.Qa6 Rad8 32.a4 Rd4]

26...Rae8?? Blunder. d5 was best.

[26...d5 27.Nxd5 Rf3 28.Rxf3 Nxf3 29.Kxf3 (29.Qe2) 29...Qxh3+ 30.Kf2 (30.Ke2 Qxg4+) 30...Rf8+ 31.Kg1 Bd4+ 32.Ne3 Bxe3+ 33.Qxe3]
[26...Nf3 27.Rxf3 Rxf3 28.Kxf3 Qxh3+]

27.b3? Mistake. Rc1 was best.

[27.Rc1 Ne6 28.Nd5 b6 29.Qe3 Bxb2 30.Rxf8 Rxf8 31.Rf1 Be5 32.Rxf8 Nxf8 33.Qf3 Kg7]

27...Ne6? Mistake. h5 was best.

[27...h5 28.Rxf8 Rxf8 29.Rh1 Kg7 30.Qe1 Nf3 31.Qf2 Qe7 32.g5 Nxg5 33.Qh4 Bf6 34.Nd5]

28.Nd5 g5?? Blunder. h5 was best.

[28...h5]

29.Ndf6+?? Blunder. Nef6+ was best.

[29.Nef6+ Rxf6 30.Nxf6+ Bxf6 31.Rxf6 Nf4+ 32.Rxf4 Qxe1 33.Qxe1 Rxe1 34.Rf7+ Kg6 35.Rd7 Re6]
[29.a4 Nf4+ 30.Nxf4 Bxf4

A) 31.Qf2 Qxf2+ 32.Rxf2
(32.Kxf2 Bd2+) 32...Kg7 (32...d5 33.Nf6+ Rxf6 34.Rxe8);

B) 31.Qc2 Rxe4]

29...Bxf6?? Blunder. Kh8 was best.

[29...Kh8 30.Nxe8]

[29...Kg6 30.Nxe8 Nf4+ 31.Rxf4

A) 31...gxf4 32.Nc7 (32.Rh1 f3+ 33.Kf1 Rxe8);

B) 31...Bxf4 32.Qc3]

30.Nxf6+ Rxf6 31.Rxf6 Nf4+ 32.Rxf4 Qxe1 33.Qxe1 Rxe1 34.Rf7+ Kg6 35.Rd7 Re2+ 36.Kf3 Rxa2 37.Rxd6+ Kg7 38.Rd7+ Kf6 39.Rxb7 Rb2 40.Rxa7 Rxb3 41.Ke4 c4 42.Ra6+ Kf7 43.dxc4 Rxh3 44.Kd5 Ke7 45.Kc6 Ke6 46.Kc7+ Ke7 47.c5 Rh4 48.Rb6 Rxc4 49.Rxc4 Rb4 50.c6 g4 51.Kc8 Rb3 52.Rh7+ Kf6 53.Rb7 Rc3 54.c7 Kf5 55.Kd7 g3 56.c8Q Rxc8 57.Kxc8 Kf4 58.Rg7 Kf3 59.Kd7 g2

60.Kd6 Kf2 61.Rf7+ Ke2 62.Re7+ Kf2

63.Rf7+

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E61

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□ **Lewis,Edward**

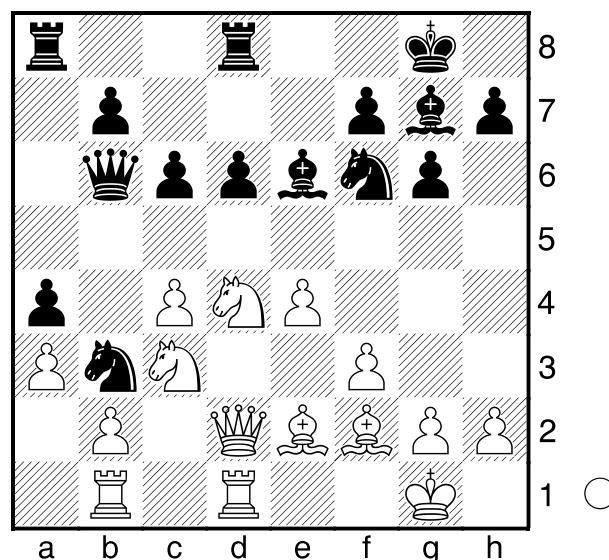
■ **Perlov,Daniel Robert**

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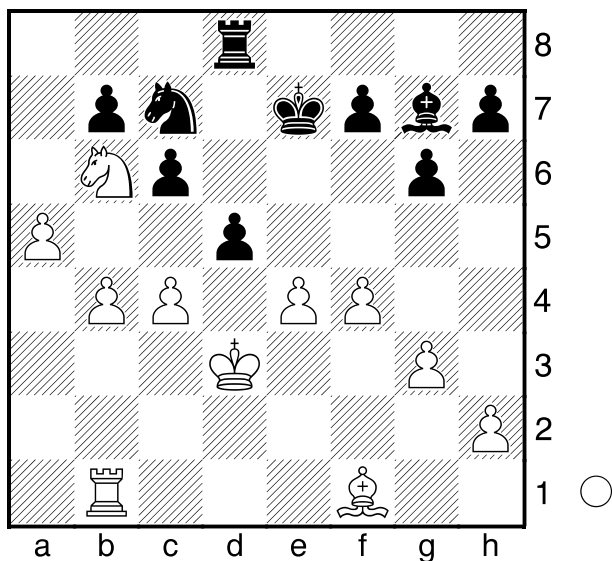
[Winslow,Elliott]

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18.Nxe6 Qxf2+ 19.Kxf2 Nxd2 20.Nxd8 Nxb1 21.Rxb1 Rxd8 22.Nxa4 Ne8 23.Ke3 Nc7 24.Nb6 Ne6 25.Kd2 Bh6+ 26.Kc2 Nd4+ 27.Kd3 Ne6 28.Bf1 Kg7 29.g3 Kf6 30.b4 Ke7 31.a4 Bg7 32.a5 Nc7 33.f4 d5

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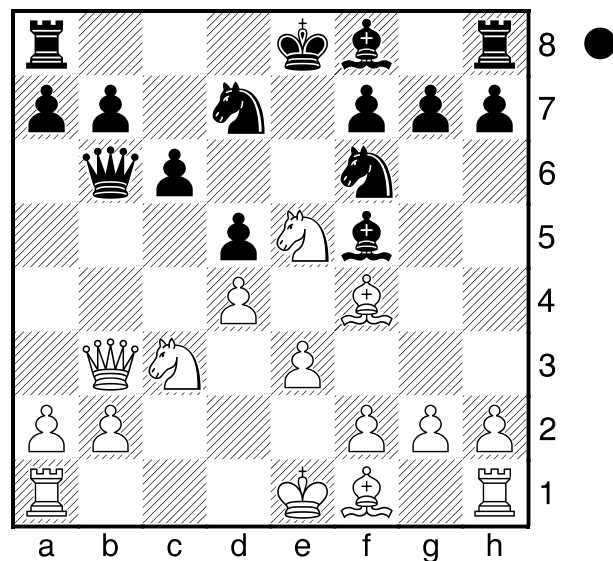


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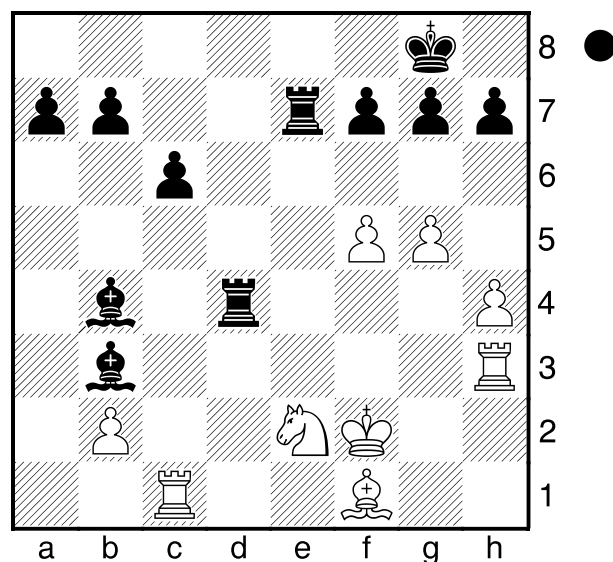
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[Winslow,Elliott]

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8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.Ne5

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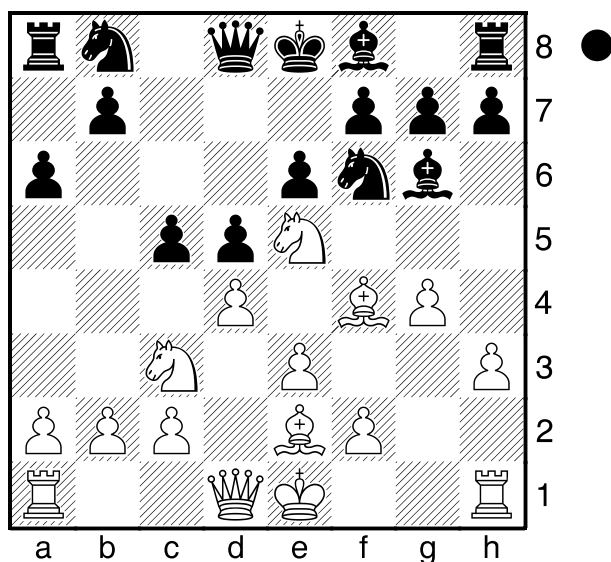
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22.exd4 Rxd4 23.Ne2



Rxe2+ 24.Bxe2 Bd5 25.Re3 Kf8
26.Ra1 Bc5 27.Rc1 Rf4+ 28.Kg3 Bxe3
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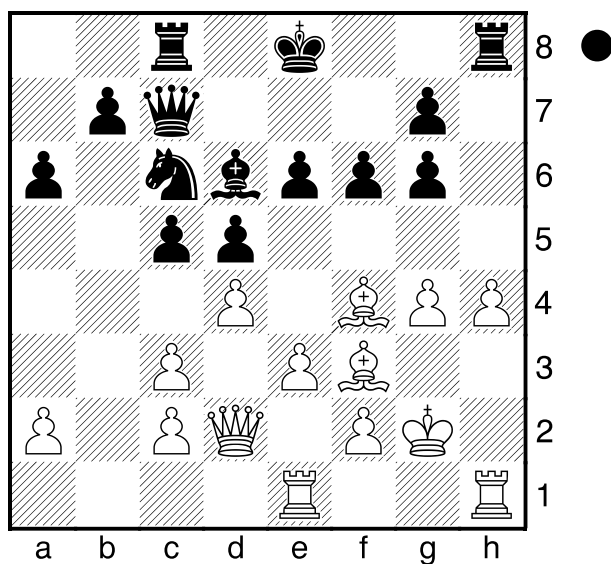
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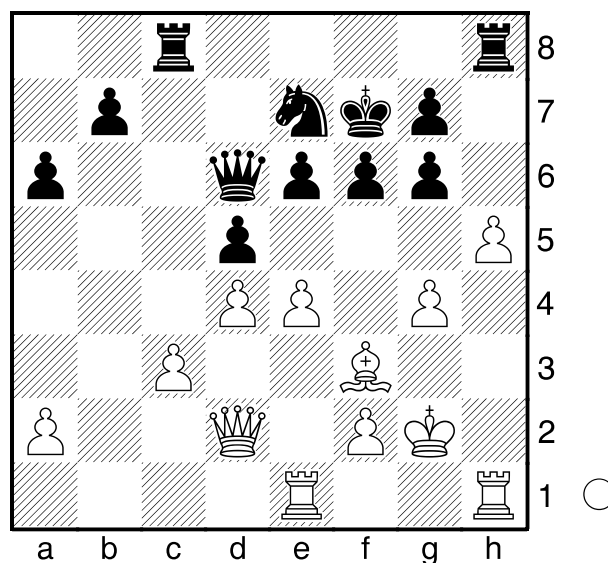


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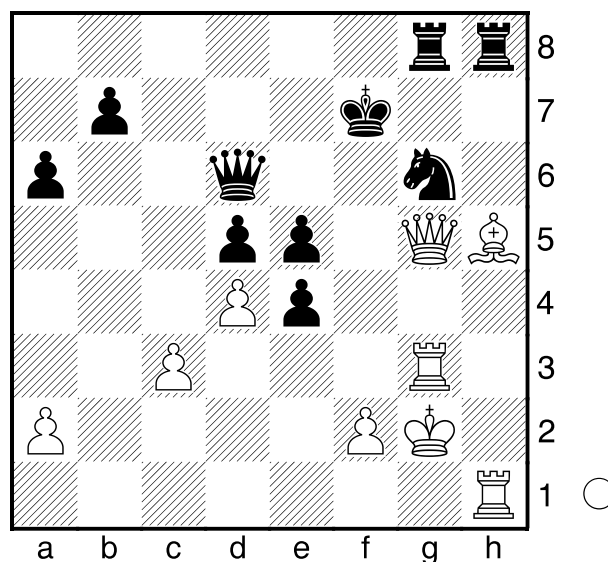
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16.Kg2 Qc7 17.Rae1



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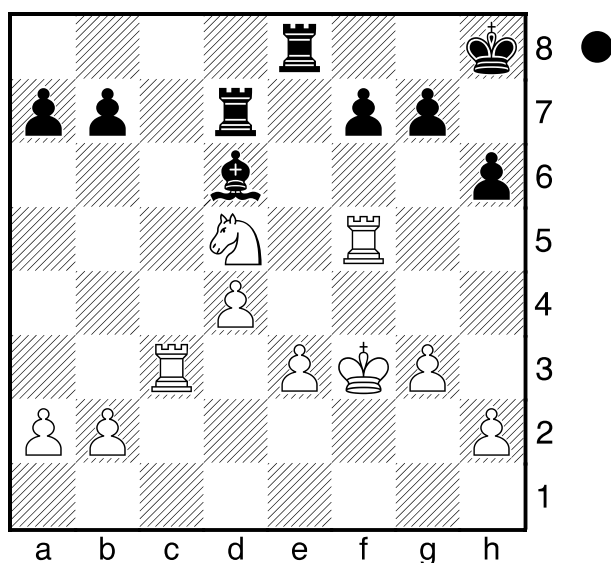
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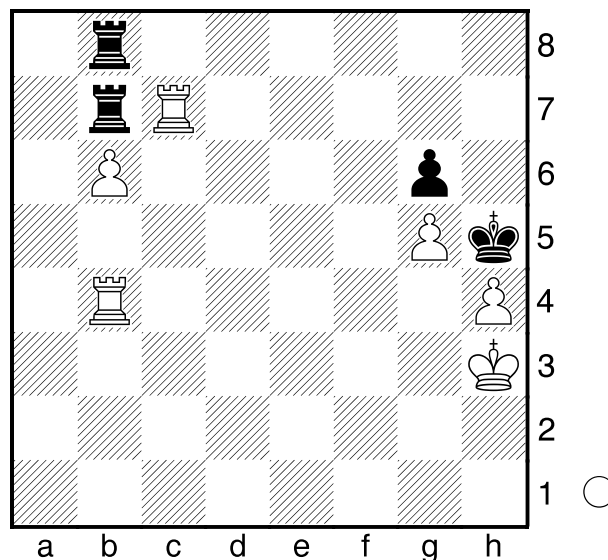
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[Winslow, Elliott]

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Be5 32.dxe5 Rxd5 33.Rxf7 Rxe5 34.Rxb7 Rd2 35.h4 Rd1 36.Rxa7 Rf1+ 37.Kg2 Ref5 38.Rc2 Re1 39.Re7 h5 40.b4 Rff1 41.Rf2 Rg1+ 42.Kf3 Rb1 43.a3 Rb3 44.Ra7 Re1 45.Re2 Rf1+ 46.Kg2 Rbb1 47.e4 Rg1+ 48.Kf3 Rgf1+ 49.Rf2 Rb3+ 50.Kg2 Re1 51.Ra5 Rxe4 52.Rxh5+ Kg8 53.Ra5 Ree3 54.Rg5 Rxa3 55.Rb2 Re7 56.b5 Rb7 57.Rc5 Kh7 58.Kh3 Kh6 59.b6 Ra6 60.Rc6+ g6 61.Rb3 Ra8 62.g4 Rab8 63.g5+ [63.h5]

63...Kh5 64.Rb4 Rd8 65.Rc7 Rdb8



66.Rd4?? White had four winning moves here:

[66.Rxb7 Rxb7 67.Kg2 Rf7 68.Rb2 is simplest. (68.b7??)]
 [66.Kg2]
 [66.Kh2]
 [66.Rbc4]

66...Rxc7 67.bxc7 Rb3+

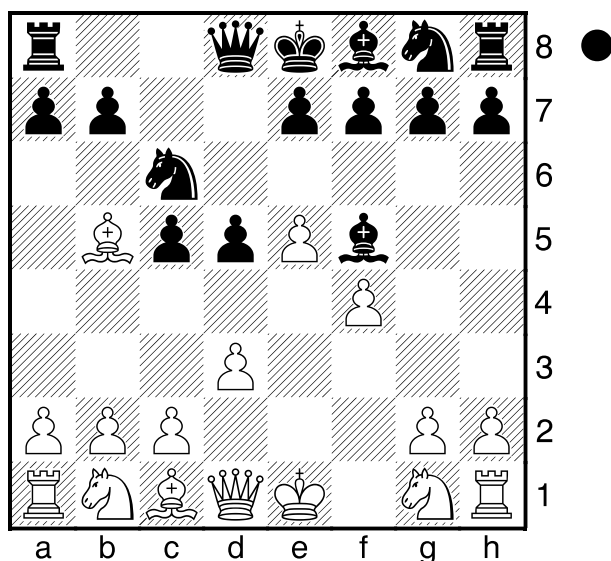
[67...Rc8 68.Rd8 (or else ...Rxc7) Rxd8! and stalemate (68...Rxc7?? 69.Rh8+ Rh7 70.Rxh7# would be a horrible mixup)]

68.Kg2 Rc3 69.Rf4 Rxc7 70.Kf3 Rc3+ 71.Kg2 Rc2+ 72.Kg3 Rc3+ 1/2-1/2

Barreyro, Romeo Belmes B21 1587
 Sobel, Steve 1576
 MI Peter Gray TNM: u1800 (4.18) 2.8.22
[Sobel, Steve]

1.e4 c5 2.f4 d5 3.e5 Gives black a French on steroids. 3...Nc6 4.Bb5 Bf5 5.d3??

(Diagram)



h5?? Chess imitates life, and in both one would do well to take their time and check their work. I spent ~10-15 minutes on the entire game and seconds on this move...

[5...Qa5+ 6.Nc3 d4]

6.Nf3?? Qa5+ My neurons finally started firing and I dutifully took the piece. **7.Nc3 d4 8.Bc4 dxc3 9.bxc3 Nh6**

[9...e6 Both sides often share the same good pawn move.]

[9...Qxc3+ 10.Bd2 Qa3 11.Rb1 Offers white way too much play.]

10.Bd2

[10.e6 Bxe6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 Black is still winning but at least white managed to damage the black structure.]

10...e6 With an active light-square bishop, vice grip on the kingside, and a bonus piece tossed in, this giga-French won itself easily. The rest of the game is quite unremarkable. **11.Rb1 Qc7 12.0-0 Be7 13.h3 Bg6 14.Nh2 h4 15.Qe1 Nf5 16.Nf3 a6 17.a4 Na5 18.Ba2 c4 19.d4 Qc6 20.Ra1 Ng3 21.Rf2 Bxc2 22.Ng5 Bxg5 23.fxg5 Qe4 24.Be3 Nb3 25.Bb1 Nxa1 26.Rf4 Qd3 27.Rf2 Bxb1 28.Rd2 Qxc3**

29.Bf2 Nb3 30.Rd1 Qxe1+ 31.Rxe1 c3 32.d5 exd5 33.e6 c2 34.Be3 c1Q 35.Bxc1 Nxc1 36.exf7+ Kxf7 37.Rxc1 Ne2+ 0-1

D37

□ **Brickhouse,Christian** **1058**
 ■ **Westerhold,Thomas** **0**
 MI Peter Gray TNM: u1800 (4.26) 2.8.22
[Brickhouse]

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3
 We've transposed into the 3-knights QGD **4...Be7 5.Bf4 a6 6.Qc2 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e4?**

[8.e3 Dreev, A. - Miladinovic, I., 1/2-1/2, TCh-SRB Premier 2015, <https://lichess.org/rNWEQyM0> Dreev, A. - Miladinovic, I., 1/2-1/2, TCh-SRB Premier 2015, <https://lichess.org/rNWEQyM0>]

8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2?! Re8

[10...Bxd2+ 11.Nexd2 Re8+ 12.Be2 Nc6 13.Nc4 Queen now defends bishop Bg4 14.0-0 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nxd4 16.Qd3 Qd7 Allows Rad8 17.Na5 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qb5 19.Nb3 Rad8? Black is up a pawn and leads in development.]

11.Bd3?! White should instead prioritize king safety and castle long. He is already preparing a king side attack, and black lacks development on the queen side. Castling long frees the king side pawns for the eventual attack while also breaking the pin.

[11.0-0-0 Bxd2+ 12.Nexd2]

11...Bxd2+ Black misses the opportunity to punish with Nxe4.

[11...Nxe4 Computer claims black is much better. 12.Bxb4 Nc6 13.Bd2 Nxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4? White's king is unsafe, his bishop is pinned, black is up a pawn,

and has slightly better development.]

12.Nfxd2

[12.Kxd2!? Computer prefers to give up castling rights to keep the d4 pawn Computer prefers to give up castling rights to keep the d4 pawn]

12...Qxd4? Black gives white time to castle and break the pin. Better would be to exploit the pin to make up for black's lack of development. Black gives white time to castle and break the pin, equalizing. After trading one set of knights, exploiting the pin with f5 wins a piece.

[12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 f5! 14.0-0 fxe4-+]

13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Rfe1 h6 Prevents trouble on h7 by disallowing Ng5

15.Nf3!? Qb6 16.Rad1 Rf8?

Black sees the mounting pressure in the center and backs down. Black sees the mounting pressure in the center and backs down. The fear appears to be unfounded as black comes out ahead two pawns after trading off some pieces.

[16...Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Nf6 18.Rxe8+ Nxe8 19.Bh7+ Kf8 20.Ne5 Be6± 21.Bf5 The position is still dangerous. Kg8! (21...Bxa2?? Black wins the queen. 22.Nd7+ Kg8 23.Nxb6+-; 21...Bxf5? 22.Qxf5 White threatens 23.Qxf7# Qe6 23.Qxe6 fxe6 24.Rd7± Black's pawn is blockaded, and white's rook will cause problems.) 22.Bh7+ Kh8 23.Bf5 Bxa2±]

17.Nxf6+?! Nxf6 18.Re7 c6?!

White traded knights in order to increase pressure on c7. Seeing this, black protects with c6 but blocks his queen from defense of the king side. Black should have instead developed the bishop and allow the pawn trade which transforms the 3-on-2 into a 1-on-0!

[18...Be6 19.Qxc7 Qxb2 20.Qxb7

A) 20...Qxb7!? 21.Rxb7 Bxa2 22.Ra1 Bd5 23.Rb4± White has

serious pressure on a6, threatening to equalize. Bxf3 Loses the a-pawn but damages white's pawn structure. (23...Rfc8 Poisons the a6 pawn after 24.Bxa6 Rxa6 25.Rxa6 Rc1+ 26.Ne1 Rxe1#) 24.gxf3 a5 25.Rba4 g6 26.Rxa5; **B) 20...Qxa2±]**

19.Bc4 Nd5 20.Bxd5 cxd5 21.Rxd5?

The pawn is too dangerous to take at this moment. White should have instead blockaded the pawn and built up pressure around it. The pawn is too dangerous to take at this moment. White should have instead blockaded the pawn and built up pressure around it.

[21.Nd4]

21...Be6 22.Rc5 Bxa2

[22...Rac8 23.Rec7 Rxc7 24.Rxc7 Computer claims black is better here. Bxa2± Black is now up 2 pawns with pressure on the third, white's king can be back-rank mated, and the knight-for-bishop imbalance favors black.]

23.h3 Bb1 24.Qc3 Rad8 25.Rcc7 Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Qd6+?!

[26...Qxf2 Wins a second pawn converting a 3-on-3 to a 2-on-3]

27.Ne5! Despite the pin, white's piece coordination makes it hard to break through. Only move that punishes Qd6 is for white to pin his own knight! White needs to see that maintaining the pin is dangerous for black: his queen and rook can be skewered down the d file.

27...Bg6?? Black tries to maintain the pin while defending f7, but misses the skewer, losing a piece.

[27...Bf5 Defends against the skewer by controlling d7. 28.Rxf7 Rxf7 29.Rxf7± White has won back the pawn and has slightly better piece coordination.]

[27...f6 28.Rxg7+]

28.Red7! I spent a while trying to figure out which rook to play to d7, and came to

the decision that Red7 is better since it's the weakest of the pieces. After the game, we discussed whether it mattered and couldn't find a refutation of Rcd7, but the computer gives Rcd7 as much worse for white. The choice of rook is very important here; one wins and one equalizes. White needs to see that after Rcd7, the e7 rook will hang if it captures the rook on d1. The c7 rook is defended by the queen, so nothing hangs if the d7 rook moves to capture.

[28.Rcd7? ΔQf6! 29.Rxd1?! Qxe7=]
28...Qf6 29.Rxd1 Be4 30.f4!? Qxf4+
31.Qg3 Qf6 32.Nd7 Qxb2 33.Nxf8
Resignation
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44th Chess Olympiad

FM Paul Whitehead

The 44th Chess Olympiad is running 28th July to August 10. A record 188 teams are competing in the Open, and a record 162 teams are competing in the women's tournament. The U.S. team is the top seed, and they are captained by former MI Chess Room Director IM **John Donaldson**. The U.S. women are captained by GM **Melik Khachiyan**.

China are the defending champions in both the Open and the Women's tournaments, but they are not competing out of COVID concerns. **Russia** is barred from the competition by FIDE due to waging war in the **Ukraine**.

Below are some hand-picked links for our readers to orient themselves to this historic event, as well as some games that popped up on our radar for one reason or another.

Here is the **official site**:

<https://chessolympiad.fide.com/>

And here is the **comprehensive breakdown** of every team and every individual playing:

<http://chess-results.com/>

These websites offer **daily updates** as well as providing **expert commentary**:

<https://www.chess.com/today>

<https://chess24.com/en/dashboard>

<https://en.chessbase.com/>

<https://lichess.org/>

The **U.S. teams are welcomed** to India:

<https://new.uschess.org/news/us-consul-general-judith-ravin-welcomes-us-olympiad-teams-chennai>

World Champion **Magnus Carlsen** is playing, and of course he is a major draw:

https://www.espn.in/chess/story/_/id/34317612/chess-olympiad-2022-magic-magnus-carlsen-king-chennai

Players from **Afghanistan** are playing under the **Taliban Flag**:

<https://www.onmanorama.com/news/india/2022/08/01/taliban-flag-chennai-chess-olympiad.html>

Hairstyles are ruling the competition:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/spectacular-hairdos-turn-many-heads-at-44th-chess-olympiad/photostory/93320943.cms>

As we go to press, 16-year old Indian GM **Dommaraju Gukesh** is a remarkable **6-0 on Board One**:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/gushing-over-gukesh-sixteen-year-old-turns-heads-with-6-straight-wins-at-chess-olympiad-101659550450864-amp.html>

The Olympiad is where **chess and politics** move to the fore:

<https://www.dtnext.in/chess-olympiad-2022/2022/08/03/will-it-be-smooth-sailing-for-dvorkovich-anand-at-fide-polls>

An **Indian temple** is where **Lord Shiva** played chess:

<https://organiser.org/2022/08/03/90542/bharat/a-closer-look-at-chaturanga-vallabanathar-chess-temple-mentioned-by-pm/>

A '**chess board cake**' is baked to celebrate the event, and to offer best wishes to the players:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/and-now-for-a-taste-of-chess/article65715097.ece>

A **police force of 4,000** provides security in Chennai:

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/4000-policemen-to-be-drafted-to-provide-security-for-chess-olympiad/article65678473.ece>

The **oldest player** is a **78 year-old woman** from Monaco who has played in **18 Chess Olympiads**:

<https://www.facebook.com/100044661480987/posts/pfbid02Au7CUfBiW3zYnDaxJgFn4gyNEX6qNEejM2n6t21Xw99HTTA1LUoLLijEyNQ1KDWCI/?d=n&mibextid=iloqvq>

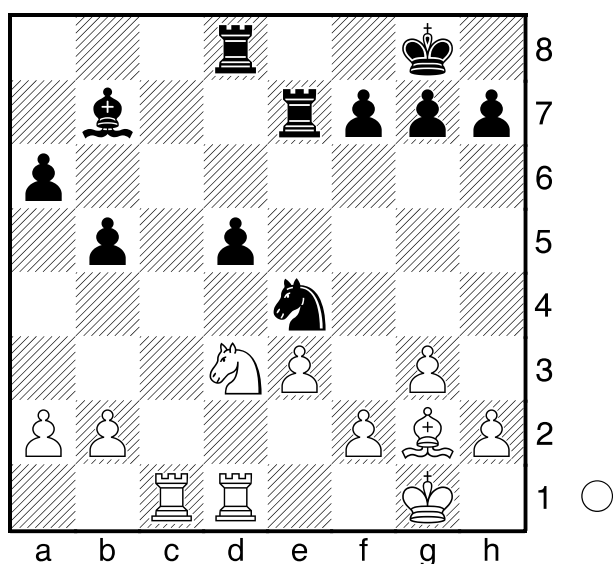
And the **youngest player** is an **8-year old girl** from **Palestine**:

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/chess/8-year-old-girl-from-palestine-the-darling-of-olympiad/articleshow/93241001.cms>

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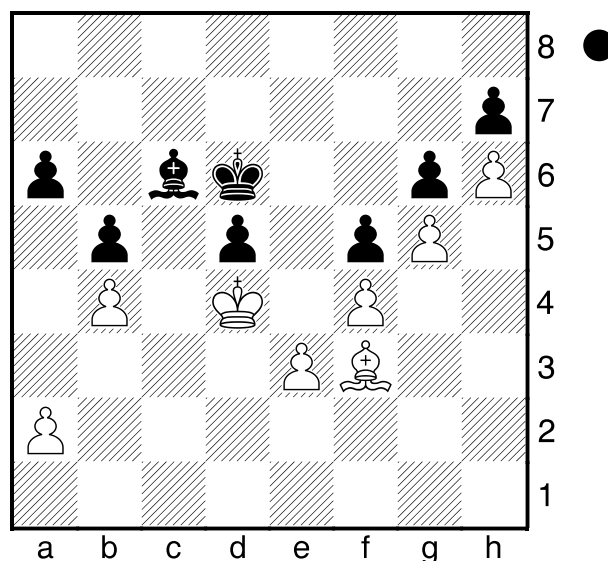
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 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 d5 8.cxd5
 exd5 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Ne4 11.Rc1
 c5 12.dxc5 Ndx5 13.Be5 Nxc3
 14.Bxc3 Ne4 15.Bd4 Bb4 16.Rf1 Qe7
 17.Qa4 Bc5 18.e3 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 a6
 20.Ne1 Rac8 21.Nd3 b5 22.Bxc5
 Rxc5 23.Qa3 Rc7 24.Qxe7 Rxe7



25.Nb4 g6 26.Rd4 Red7 27.Nd3 f5
 28.b4 Kg7 29.h4 Kf6 30.Nc5 Nxc5
 31.Rxc5 Ke5 32.Kf1 Rd6 33.Ke2 Bc6
 34.Rd2 R8d7 35.Rdc2 Bb7 36.Kd3
 Rb6 37.Rc7 Rbd6 38.R2c5 Ba8
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 42.g4 Rc7 43.Re8 Kd6 44.Rd8+ Red7
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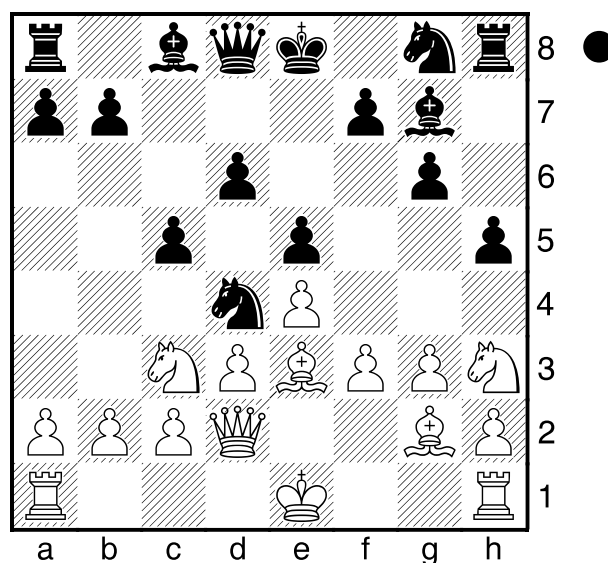
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Zugzwang. If 53...Bb7 54. Bh5! +-.
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 Cramling, Pia **2459**
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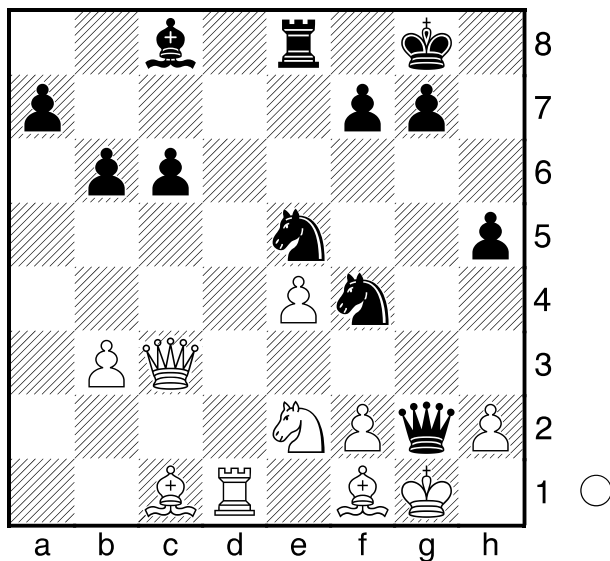
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2
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 8.Qd2 Nd4 9.f3??



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Duda,Jan-Krzysztof
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 Rad8 12.Rfe1 Rfe8 13.Bf1 e5 14.dxe5
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 17.Nxd6 Rxd6 18.Rxd6 Qxd6 19.Rd1
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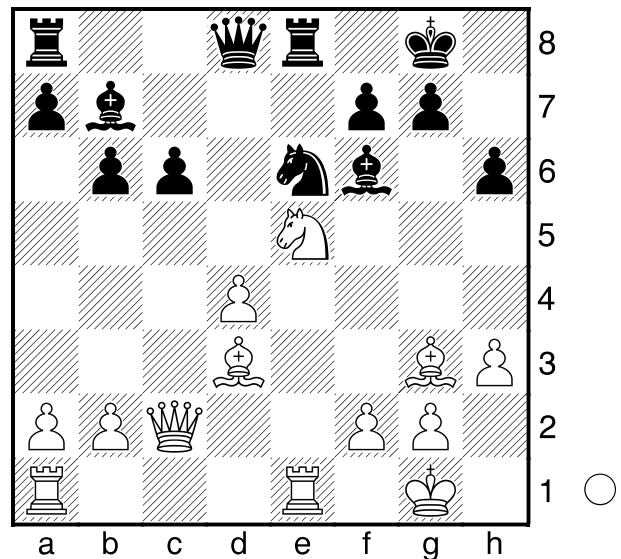


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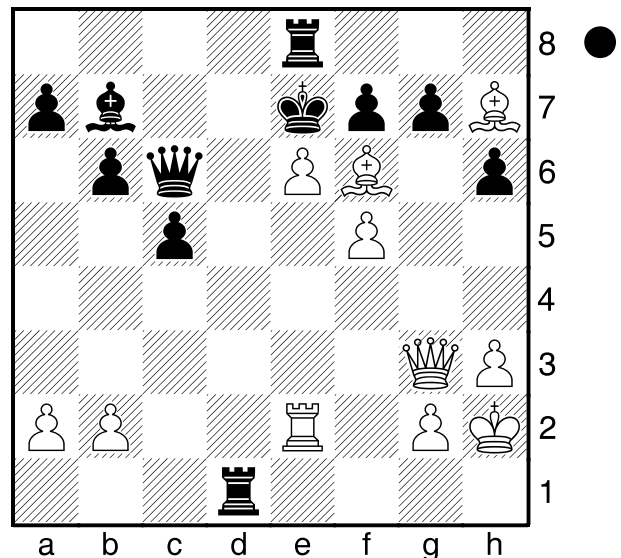
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 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 8.cxd5
 exd5 9.Bd3 c6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Qc2
 Re8 12.Rfe1 Be7 13.Bg3 Nf8 14.h3
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 Ne6 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6

(Diagram)



19.Bh7+ Kf8 20.Rad1 Bxe5 21.dxe5
 Qe7 22.f4 c5 23.f5 Nd4 24.Qf2 Qd7
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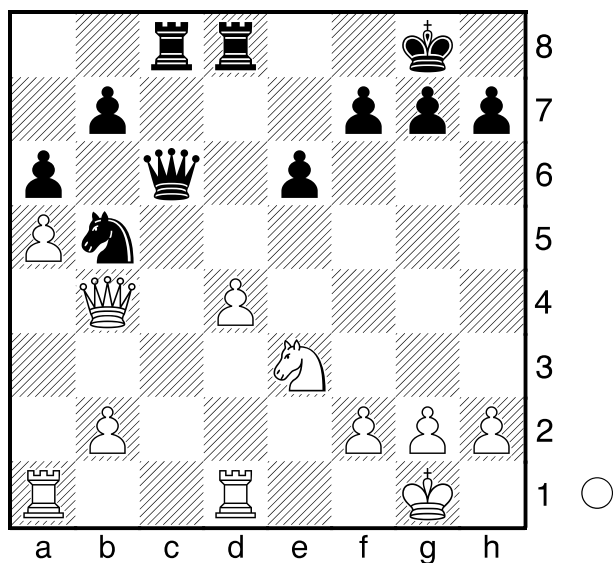


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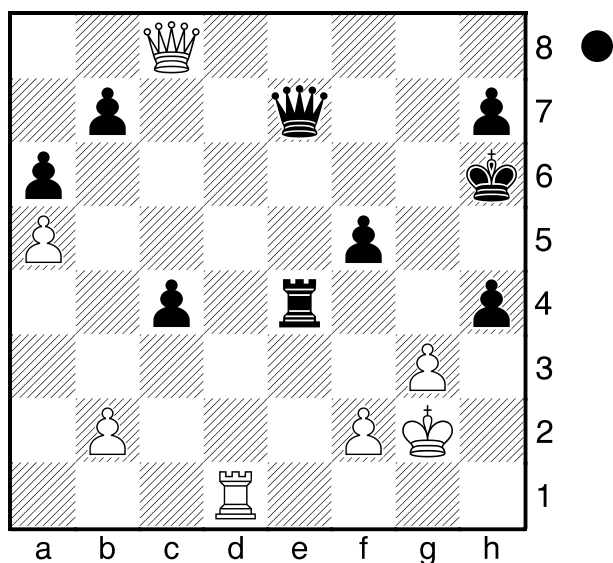
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 5.Nbd2 cxd4 6.exd4 Bf5 7.Bb5 Qb6

8.c4 dxc4 9.a4 Bd3 10.Ne5 e6 11.Qf3
Rc8 12.Nxd3 cxd3 13.Qxd3 a6 14.Nc4
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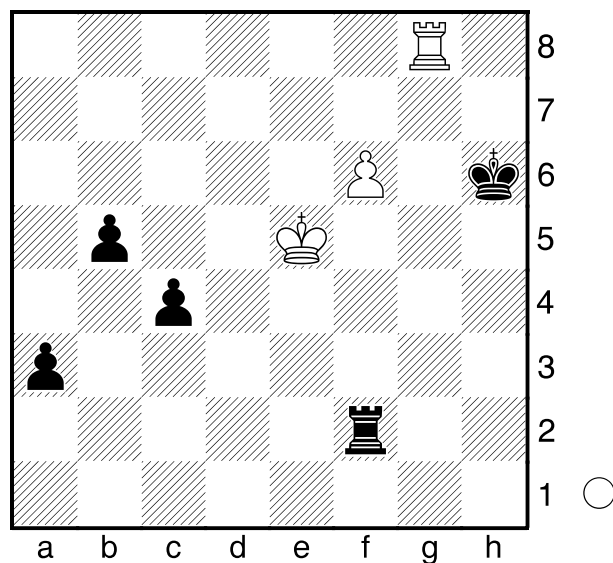


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32.Rxc4 dxc4 33.h5 gxh5 34.Qf4 Kg6
35.Qc7 Re4 36.Qc8 Re8 37.Qc7 Re4
38.Qc8 Qb4 39.Kh2 Qe7 40.g3 h4
41.Qg8+ Kh6 42.Kg2 f5 43.Qc8



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Rg5+ 49.Kf4 Rxa5 50.Rd6+ Kh5
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Rxb2 54.Ke5 b5 55.Rc6+ Kh5 56.f4
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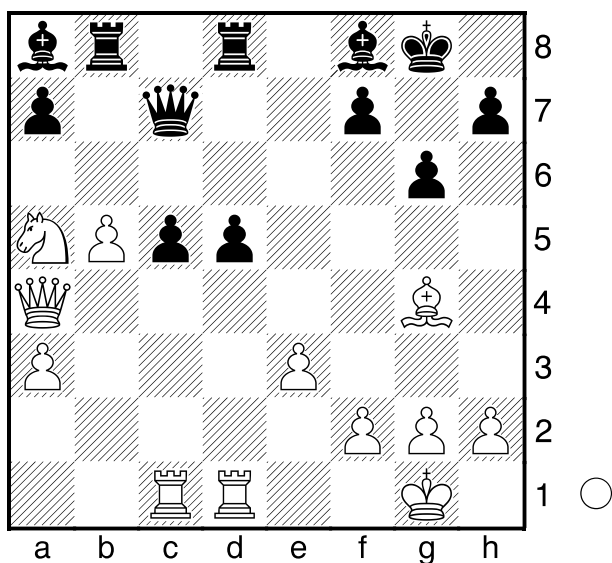


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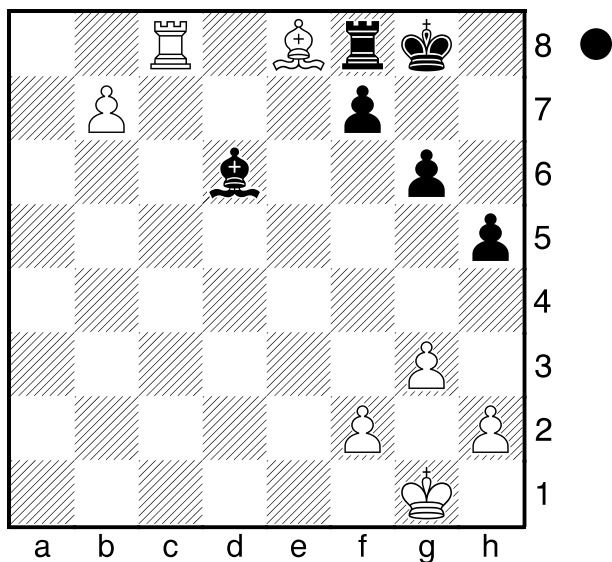
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8.Qc1 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7
11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Rd8 13.a3 Bf8
14.b4 b6 15.Qc2 Bb7 16.Rfd1 c5
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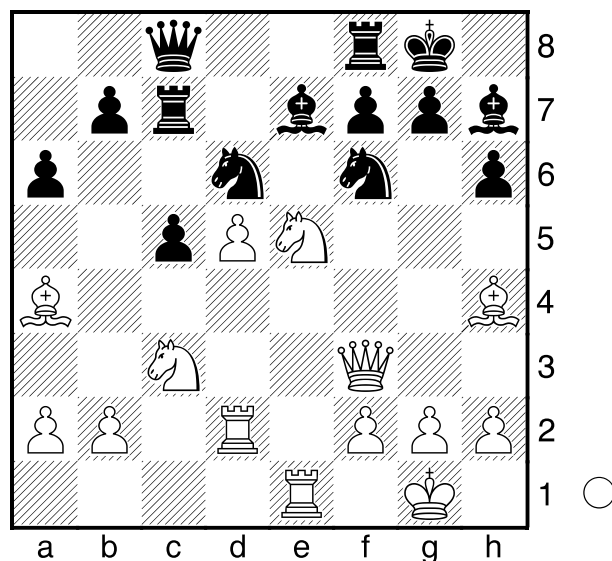
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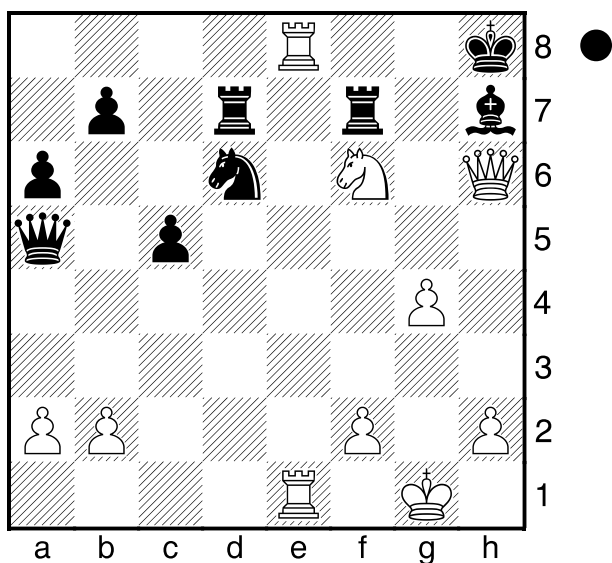
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11.Ne5 Nd7 12.Nc3 Nf6 13.Qf3 c6
14.d5 c5 15.Re1 Rc8 16.Bg5 h6
17.Bh4 Bh7 18.Ba4 Rc7 19.Rad1 a6
20.Rd2 Qc8



21.g4 Qd8 22.Bg3 Nfe8 23.Rde2 Bf6
24.Bxe8 Nxe8 25.d6 Nxd6 26.Nd5
Bxe5 27.Bxe5 Rd7 28.Bf6 Qa5
29.Bxg7! Kxg7 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qxh6
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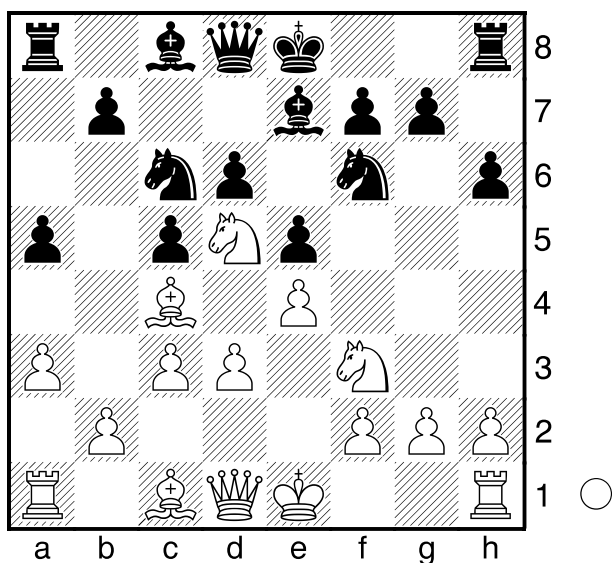
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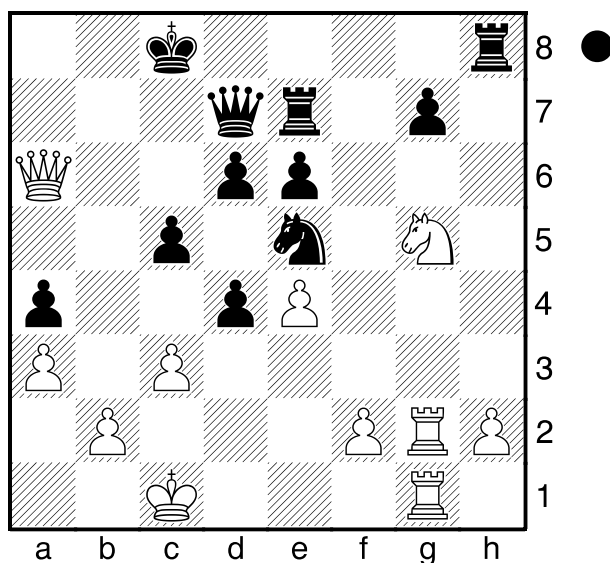
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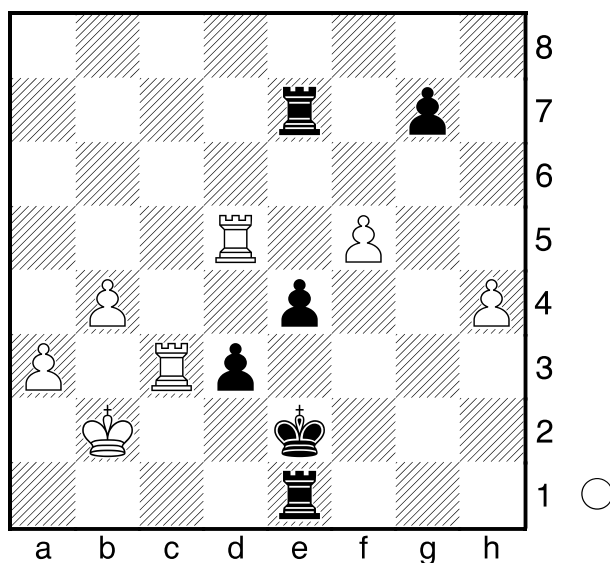


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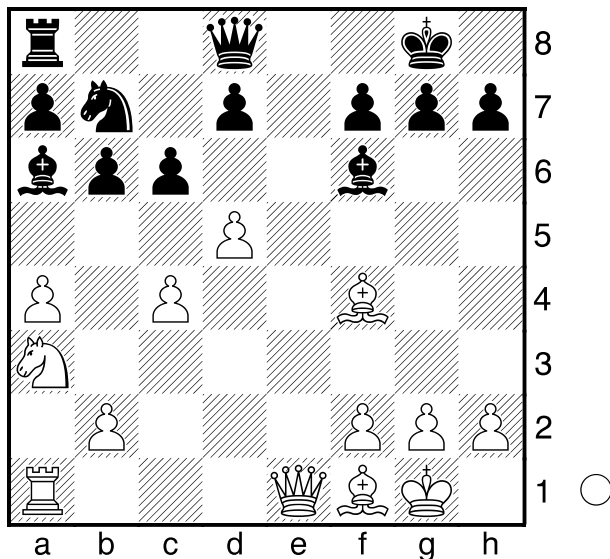
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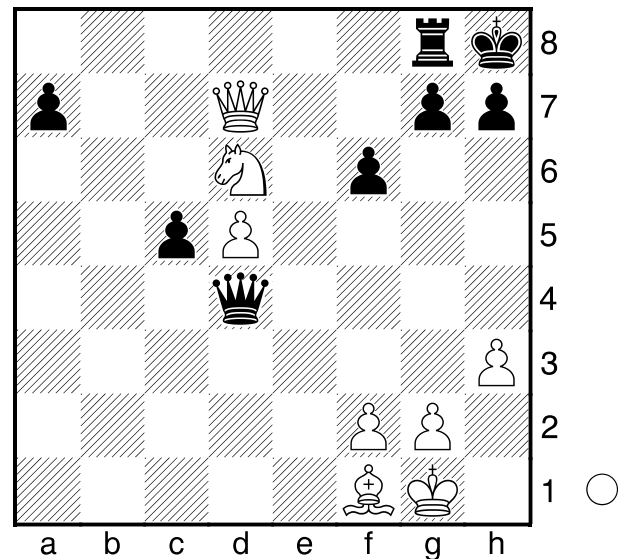
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 Bb7 14.c4 Ba6 15.Na3 c6 16.Bf4 Nb7



17.b4! Bxa1 18.Qxa1 Qe7 19.b5 Nc5
 20.bxa6 Nxa6 21.Be3 Nc5 22.Nc2
 cxd5 23.cxd5 Qe4 24.Bxc5 bxc5
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 28.Qe5 Rf8 29.h3 f6 30.Ne7+ Kf7
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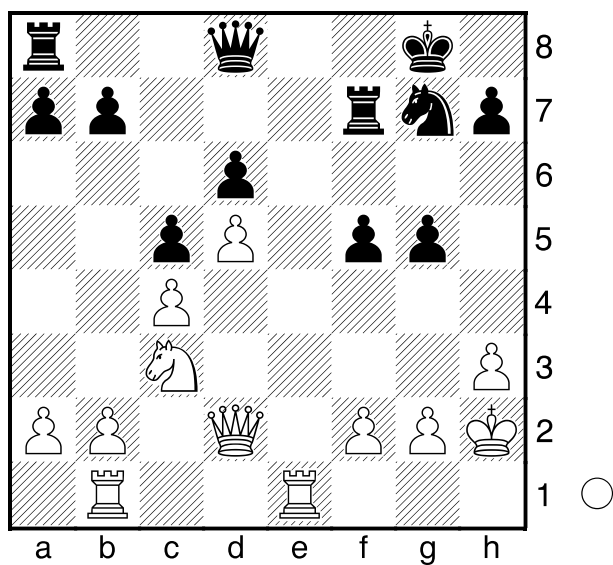


Black resigned before 37.Nf7#.
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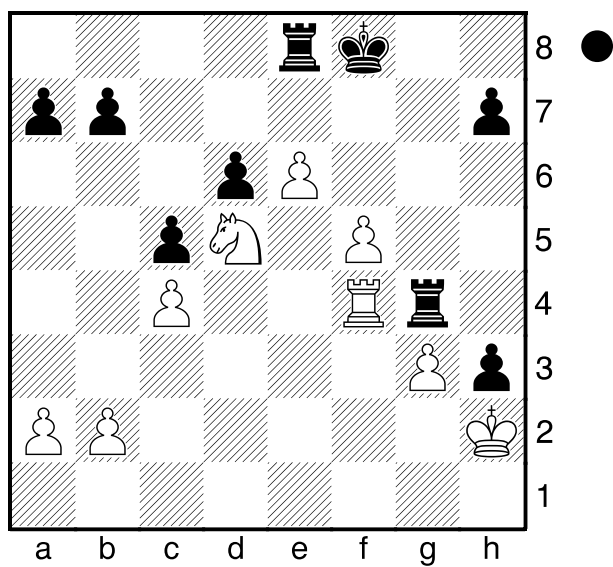
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7
 5.e4 d6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0
 exd5 9.exd5 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3
 Nbd7 12.Bf4 Ne8 13.Qd2 Ne5 14.Be2
 f5 15.Rfe1 Nf7 16.Rab1 g5 17.Bh2
 Be5 18.Bh5 Bxh2+ 19.Kxh2 Ng7
 20.Bxf7+ Rxf7

(Diagram)



21.Re6! Nxe6 22.dxe6 Rg7 23.Nd5 g4
 24.Re1 Rg6 25.Qf4 gxh3 26.g3 Rc8
 27.Qxf5 Qf8 28.Qxf8+ Kxf8 29.f4 Re8
 30.f5 Rg5 31.Rf1 Rg4 32.Rf4



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21st Pafnutieff Memorial

Allyson Wong

On Sunday, July 31st, Experts **Henry Deng** and **Theodore James Coyne** both scored an impressive 3.5/4 in the Open section, sharing 1st place. Deng was held to a draw by expert Xuli Dai, while Coyne was nicked for a ½-point by Expert Patrick Peijun Liu. Five players tied for 2nd place with 3 points each. In the u1800 section, **Katherine Sunny Lu** was the only player to earn a perfect 4/4! **Yali Dancig Perlman** placed clear 2nd, only a half-point behind Katherine, and an astonishing 8 players tied for u1800 3rd place! 63 players participated in the Pafnutieff Memorial, co-directed by International Arbiter **Judit Sztaray** and Local TD **Allyson Wong**.

Full results: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/tournament-game-archive?y=2022&t=76&e=313937>

Stephen Parsons sent us a note: 'Hi, I wanted to share one of my games from from the tournament Sunday. It was my only win but a good one!'

Kevin Sun (1837) – **Stephen Parsons** (1747), Pafnutieff Memorial 2022.

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. f4 d5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bb5+ Bd7 6. Bxd7+ Qxd7 7. e5 Ng8 8. O-O Nh6 9. d3 Nc6 10. Bd2 Nf5 11. g4 Nfd4 12. Nxd4 Nxd4 13. Ne2 Nxe2+ 14. Qxe2 O-O-O 15. a4 f6 16. Rfe1 Re8 17. c3 h5 18. b4 hxg4 19. bxc5 fxe5 20. fxe5 d4 21. c4 Rh3 22. Bf4 Bxc5 23. Reb1 Rf3 24. Bg3 Re3 25. Qd2 Qc6 26. Rf1 Rh8 27. Bf4

[Diagram]

27...g3! 28. Qg2 gxh2+ 29. Kh1 Qxg2+ 30. Kxg2 Rxd3 31. Rf2 Rc3 32. Bxh2 d3 33. Rfa2 Rxc4 34. Rd1 Rd8 35. Rad2 Rc2 36. Bf4 g5 37. Bg3 Be3 38. Be1 Rf8 39. Kg3 Bxd2 40. Bxd2 Rf5 0-1.



Vladimir Pafnutieff (1912-1999) was the author of *How to Create Combinations*, and one of Northern California's strongest players for many years.

Richard Hack

Tales from the Chess Cafe

On Monday, August 1, Michael Walder came to the café clean-shaven. It was the first time in years that he wore no beard, and five smiles greeted him.

He said he'd been up since early morning watching live games at the Olympiad, whose broadcast starts here at 2:30 a.m. Among other things he watched Gadir Guseinov use a Ruy Lopez to beat a 2500 GM.

"Frank Thornally was in awe of Gadir's play and said his longterm planning to get his pieces where they were reminded him of Rubinstein. It's worth studying his round 2 game.

"Another Azeri won a last-board game to enable their team to tie for 6th."

In the 44th Olympiad there are 188 teams with 937 players from Fiji, Kosovo, and Lesotho, from Venezuela, Wales, and Zimbabwe, and points east, west, north, and south. 584 of them titled masters, 15 of these rated over 2700 all the way up to Magnus Carlsen at 2864.

The U.S. crew is the only one composed of 5 players over 2700. Our team was seeded first and at this point (August 3rd) is running second to the Armenians, who were seeded 12th, but have won all 6 of their first matches, while the U.S. stands at 5.5. As the world knows now, USA drew a match, 2-2, with Uzbekistan, whose first board Nordirbek Abdusattrov (rated 2688) beat Fabiano Caruana, who won no games in rounds 2-5 until he broke through in round 6 against Parham Maghsoodloo of Iran. We beat Israel 2½-1½ in Round 5 with three draws to go with a win on Board 4 by Leinier Dominguez Perez.

The 14th-seeded Uzbek team also tied the no. 2 seed India in round 6 and stands in a tie for 3rd place with 10 other teams. (China is absent from the doings.)

In the Women's Olympiad played on the same dates, Azerbaijan is in first place on tiebreak. Their players include Gunay, Khamim, Govhar, Gulnar, and a fifth.

At 4:14 p.m., Kit Crocker is the 12th person to drop in.

"Hi, it's been a long time."

"It has. I want to see if you guys are more intelligible this time." She's been playing and learning more.

We start with a game by Irina Krush from the list of 8 on the display screen sidebar.

Mike: "A Steinitz Deferred, . . . d6 on the 5th move."

Paul: "10. . . exd4. You have to know it. Black didn't get what she wanted here."

"Usually it's . . . Nb4 chasing the Bc2."

"Passive play."

16. d5. White's ready for a quick 17. e5.

23. Rad1 brings the last piece into play.

With Bf4, Qg3, and Bf5, there's a threat of Bc7.

The second game to be shown and discussed was Carlsen vs. Batsuren, a GM from Mongolia. "Carlsen likes to play very simple set-ups. He can play any position."

"Two bishops, more space for white. He could win the endgame, too."

"24. . . Qd7. 25. e6!"

"30. Bf6+, a brilliant shot!" One variation leads to a rook and bishop mate on e8.

Why Carlsen is abdicating the championship. "He had nothing to gain from the rematch."

Alexey Root: "I'm a second for Doug [her husband, currently 56th in the United States with a 2557 rating], and basically I'm a second for Elliott, giving him rides everywhere."

There's a photo of Elliott at the U.S. Open in Rancho Mirage, smiling with a nearly empty shopping cart in front of the Wetzel's Pretzels counter.

He had sent in three games, two of which he won. "They were both kind of overpowering." James A. Fuller vs. Elliott Winslow, 0-1. "You learn how your pieces relate to pawns." . . . f5. Then a zigzag maneuver: Bg7 to f6, h4, and f2.

Paul: "In this game white is depriving himself of play."

"A little later he was banging his moves down."

"Then I played John Fedorowicz [famous, they say, for sneering at you over the board]. He's become complacent. Offered me a draw after 9 moves [in a Panov-Botvinnik Attack against the Caro-Kann Defense]." When we saw the position, it made sense.

"Fed is a great teacher."

"He knows a lot and is very good with people"

We saw Mike Walder vs. Jangwei Yu, formerly of L.A.

"It started 1. e4 e6. There's no game in the database where he plays . . . e6. I looked at him and he smiled. 3. Nc3 dxe4 is the Rubinstein and 4. . . Bd7 is the Fort Knox Variation, a great speed opening. Gadir told me that if you know your opponent plays the Rubinstein, avoid it with the French Advance Variation. I didn't know it, so I played natural moves. The computer said, 'Balanced but interesting.' "

We saw the formation of pawn at d4, Ne4, Nf3, Bd3, and Qe2: "One reason these openings are not popular."

Soon 10. Bxf6 gxf6N. "A theoretical lemon," said Elliott. Paul laughed.

Doug Root sticks his head in the frame and mugs for Alexey's camera.

Mike: "Hi, Doug. It's been decades."

After the game ended in a draw, Mike told Yu, "You played the Rubinstein." Yu replied, "And you played Bg5 against Eric Li." Mike: "In our post-mortem he didn't want to analyze our game, but rather my game against Eric Li."

Elliott: "After you trade off your light-square bishop, put pawns on light squares and you don't miss it at all."

"To get A-players to play like masters right away."

We watched Guseinov vs. Rogelio Barcenilla of Argentina, 1-0 in 38 moves. 14. b4, "an interesting move." White's Nf3 aims for the route d2, b3, a5, and c6.

Paul: "One of the characteristics of strong players is they're never happy with the position of their pieces. They always want them to do more."

"Here both white and black knights go to the a-file willingly."

Then Leonid Sokolin vs. Elliott, 1-0 in a Scheveningen at the Irwin tournament. Someone mentions that Elliott can play any opening.

11. . . d5. Mike: "Fischer showed us that in his game with Sherwin." Paul: "Here . . . g5 is also a nice move, cementing white's backward f3 pawn. . . . Suddenly white's got play here. Can black castle? I guess, but it looks risky."

Alexey in chat: "There was a clock problem that threw Elliott off. Sokolin said that he pushed his clock, but his time kept running, so he accused Elliott of having a bad clock. The TD was called in for a decision. This all upset Elliott and then he played badly."

People spoke of Andrew Hong and Ruiyang Yan in the high school tournament.

Paul: "Alexey, I finally got time to flip through your book [from McFarland Books on U.S women's chess champions], and it's excellent. I'd like to review it in the newsletter in a few weeks."

Again in chat she said, "I tried to include lots of men's losses in the book, he-he."

There was discussion of former women's champ Diane Savereide of the Bay Area. "She deserves a lot of kudos. For a long time she was the strongest woman player in the U.S. and won five U.S. Women's Championships."

The talk turned to Boris Gulko. He and his wife, WGM Anna Aksharumova opposed the USSR regime, were punished, and later emigrated, briefly to Israel, then to the USA. They share a record with both having won Soviet and American championships.

An attendee was asked to bring one of her games next time. She demurred slightly: "I know people are too kind to laugh, but I don't want to bore them." She's taking the MI women's class and private lessons from Sophie Adams, and works with our trainer Colin as well.

Paul: "It helps your chess to put it out there in the court of public opinion."

Urban was asked if he plays currently (he sticks to study and playing GM games from books). He was for years managing editor of the Asian Wall Street Journal in Hong Kong and the discussion got to our current bent politics. He mentioned how for years a Congressperson was trying to establish the Soil Conservation Service, now part of the National Resources Conservation Service. "One day a huge wave of dust swept through Washington, D.C. At the Capitol they all went to the window to watch it, and then passed the damn bill. That was then. We only elect fruitcakes now."

And that's all she wrote. Yes, there's always more. Send in your thoughts and experiences, and we will talk about them.

Krush Irina (2430) - Vega Jimenez Keyshla M (1653) [C79]
44th Olympiad (Women) Chennai IND (1.26), 29.07.2022

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O d6 6.c3 b5 7.Bc2 Be7 8.Re1 O-O 9.h3 Re8
10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 Bd7 12.Nc3 h6 13.Bf4 Nb4 14.Bb3 c5 15.a3 Nc6 16.d5 Na5 17.Bc2
Bf8 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 Rc8 20.Qd3 c4 21.Qg3 Nh5 22.Qf3 Nf6 23.Rad1 Qb6 24.Nxd7
Nxd7 25.Bf5 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Rd8 27.Qg3 1-0

(For more information about the Chess Café go here:
<https://www.milibrary.org/chess/chess-cafe>)

Tournament of Senior State Champions

Mechanics' Institute's own IM **Elliott Winslow** took a break from the TNM to compete in the John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions held in Rancho Mirage, California. To see how he fared, along with a comprehensive break-down of all the State School Champions, read WIM **Alexey Root's** article in ChessBase here:

<https://en.chessbase.com/post/new-york-bests-other-states-at-chess>



IM Elliott Winslow. Photo by WIM Alexey Root.

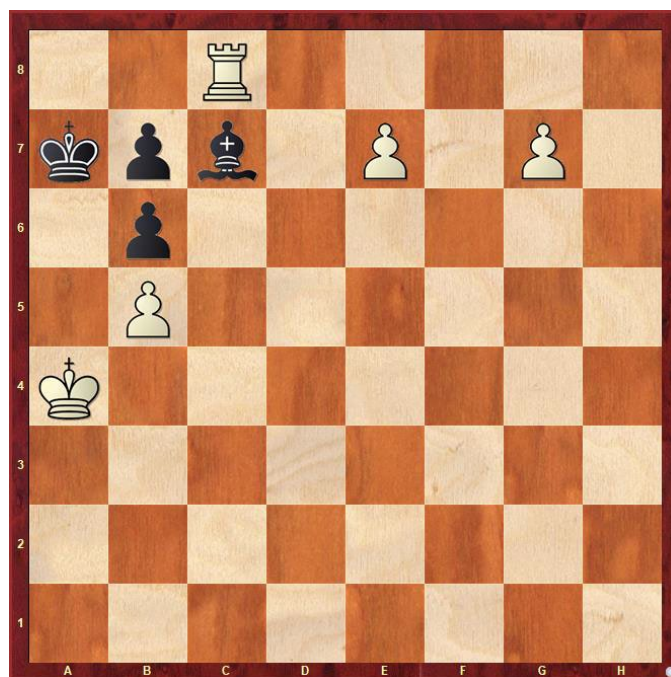
Seeking Scholastic Chess Coaches

Are you interested in joining the team at MI? The MI Chess Club is currently seeking Scholastic Chess Coaches for the upcoming school year. Qualified candidates should have a foundational knowledge of chess and should be familiar with or willing to learn chess instructional techniques. Candidates should also have a basic foundation in classroom management and conflict resolution strategies, particularly working with children. This is an in-person position and candidates must be able to commute to schools in San Francisco. If you're interested follow the link below or reach out to our Chess Program Manager, Alex Robins, at arobins@milibrary.org.
[Employment Opportunities | Mechanics' Institute \(milibrary.org\)](https://milibrary.org/employment-opportunities)

Tony's Teasers



1. N. Macleod 1976.
White mates in two moves.



2. G. Leon-Martin 1930.
White mates in three moves.

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 illustrates the destructive power of the 'wind-mill' as the white rook moves to and fro, uncovering deadly checks and winning material. From *Winning Chess Piece by Piece* (2000) by Ted Nottingham.

- Upcoming Events -

Tournaments:

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>

16th B. Smith Memorial G/40;d5

Saturday August 20, 2022. 4 games of G/40;d5.

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/16th-smith-memorial-championship>

Registration: <https://mechanics-institute.jumbula.com/2022Tournaments/16thSmithMemorialChampionship>

August Monthly Championship Quads

Saturday, August 13, 2022, 3PM. 3 games of G/40;d5.

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-championship-quads>

Registration: <https://mechanics-institute.jumbula.com/2022Tournaments/MechanicsChampionshipQuadsAug2022>

August USCF Online-Rated Scholastic Tournaments via ChessKid.com

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>

Vladimir Naroditsky Memorial TNM

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 to Tuesday, October 18, 2022. 6:30PM. USCF + FIDE

Rated. 7 Round SS G/120;d5

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/vladimir-naroditsky-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

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

Free Women's Online Class with FIDE Trainer Sophie Adams

Every Sunday from 10AM – 12PM.

Information: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/free-womens-online-chess-class>

Registration: <https://mechanics-institute.jumbula.com/2022Classes/FREEWomensOnlineChessClassSundays1012>

Solutions to Tony's Teasers

Problem #1: 1.Rb6! Intending 2.Qd1#. 1...a2 2.Qxa2#. 1...Qg4+ and 1...Qc4+ are met by 2.Qd7#! and 2.Qc6#! respectively.

Problem #2: 1.Rh8! Intending to queen a pawn and mate in the black king in the corner. If 1...Be5 2.e8=Q Bb8 (else 3.Qa8#) 3.Qxb8#. And if 1...Bd6 2.g8=Q! (not 2.e8=Q Bf8! staving off mate) 2...Bb8 3.Qxb8#. Finally, 1...Bd8 is met by the beautiful 2.exd8=B! Kmoves 3.Bxb6#.

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