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Peter Grey Memorial TNM Round Seven: Final Report.

IM **Kyron Griffith** defeated NM **Conrado Diaz** and took clear 1st in the top section with an undefeated 5.5-1.5 score. Finishing in the money with a tie for 2nd – 4th were NM **Yusheng Xia**, who took down IM **Elliott Winslow**, and Experts **Abhishek Handigol** and **Theodore James Coyne** who defeated **Max Hao** and **Nathan Fong** respectively. The best under 2000 prize was split between **Om Chinchwadker** and **Max Hao**, while the best under 1800 prize went to **Christopher Powers**.

Steve Sobel won the under 1800 section with an impressive 6.5-1/2 score, defeating **Yonathan Admassu** in the final round. 2nd place went to **Dominic Zirbel** with 6 points, and 3rd to **Paul Henry Reed** with 5.5. The best under 1600 saw a three-way split between **Romeo Barreyro**, **Richard Hack**, and **Timothy Bayaraa**, while **Christian Brickhouse** was best under 1400.

The TNM is co-directed by International Arbiter **Judit Sztaray** and FIDE Arbiter **Abel Talamantez**. For complete TNM info, standings and results: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/2nd-peter-grey-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

The **Vladimir Naroditsky Memorial TNM** starts up September 6th. Information and registration here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/vladimir-naroditsky-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

Griffith, Kyron **B01**
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Diaz, Conrado **2308**
 MI Peter Grey TNM: 1800+ (7.1) 23.08.22
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5
4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 The classic "Knights Before Bishops" approach. Nowadays the repertoire books go with more specific lines:

[5.Bd2 (Negy)]
 [and 5.Bc4 (Shaw) have both been seen in various TNM games, with Black mostly holding his own.]

5...c6 6.Bc4 Bf5 7.Bd2 Qb6

Rare here.

[7...e6 "allows"

A) 8.Qe2 Bb4!? (8...Qc7!?
 8...Nbd7!);

B) 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Nxf6+

B1) 9...Qxf6!? 10.Qe2!? Bxc2?!

As some notes by Karsten Mueller went, this move "spielt mit dem Feurer." 11.0-0!
 (11.d5; 11.Bc3!);

B2) 9...gxf6!?]

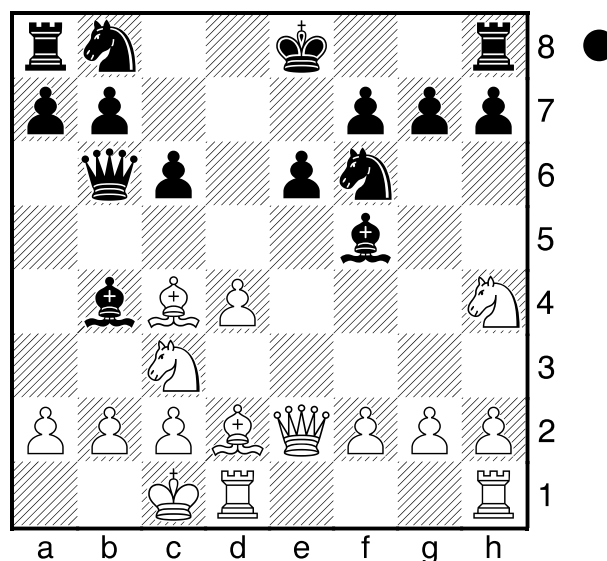
[7...Nbd7 8.Qe2 Qc7 has been seen in Carlsen and Grischuk rapid games, not to mention a few Esipenko "Titled Tuesday" blitz games]

8.Qe2 e6 9.0-0-0 Bb4?! 10.Nh4

Kyron stays true to the classic formula.

[10.Ne5!? Already seen a few times when Kramnik also toted it out to beat Malakhov in 2004.]

(Diagram)



10...0-0 Diaz hopes the pawns on light will provide some central control and maybe even a nice square for a knight or two, but Griffith earns his first place with a textbook display of putting the steeds in their place.

[10...Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Be4 was played in the only game to make it here, but it didn't turn out much better: 12.Qd2 Qc7 13.Rhe1 0-0 14.f3 Bg6 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.g4 Nd5 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.h4 Nc6 19.Rh1 Qe7 20.Qh2 Rfd8 21.Bd2 Rac8 22.h5 g5 23.h6 f6 24.hxg7 Qxg7 25.f4 Nxd4 26.fxg5 fxg5 27.Bc3 Rxc3 28.bxc3 Nb5 29.Rd3 Nxc3 30.Rxc3 Qxc3 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Rf1+

1-0 Buechmann, O-Lomer, E Bad Segeberg 2000]

[10...Bg6 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Nbd7 13.d5!? cxd5 14.Bxd5 0-0-0? 15.Bf3 The computers have learned from Steinitz: Black is lost, the knights without outposts will be no match for the bishops.]

11.Nxf5 exf5 12.Qd3

[12.a3! when the queen might prefer f3 if the N/f6 has moved other than e4.]

12...g6?!

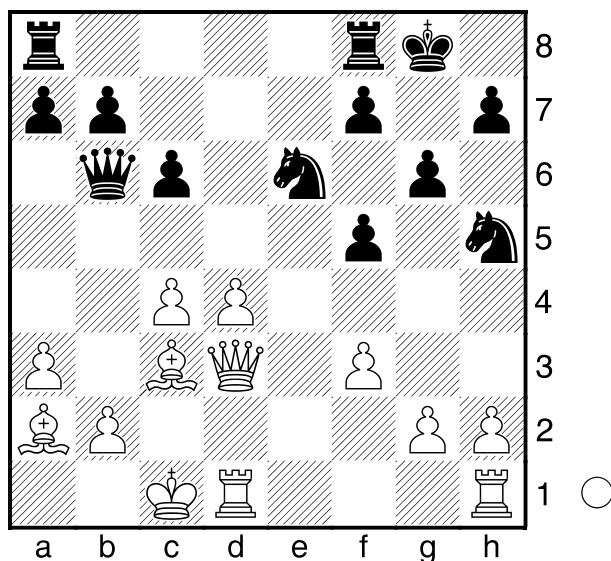
[12...Nbd7! Black wouldn't mind trading f- for d-pawn, although certainly White has other trumps.]

13.a3 Stockfish won't let go of [13.h4!? But Kyron takes the "give him some rope" approach, and sure enough, Conrado gently unravels on the kingside anyway.]

13...Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Nd5 15.Bd2 Nd7 16.Ba2

[16.h4! again!]

16...N7f6 17.c4 Nc7 18.f3 Reaching play on the long diagonal **18...Ne6 19.Bc3 Nh5**



20.g3 By now everything wins! Griffith remains strategically consistent.

20...c5?! Doing White's work for him.

21.dxc5 Nxc5 22.Qd4 f6 23.b4 Ne6

24.c5 Qc6 25.Bc4 Again, there were many more incisive wins, but Kyron chose to accentuate just how bad Black's game is. Diaz resigned from frustration.

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Winslow,Elliott **2244**
 MI Peter Grey TNM: 1800+ (7.2) 23.08.22
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 a5 10.a3 Nd7 11.Rb1 f5 12.b4 Kh8

[12...Bh6!?]

13.Qc2

[13.f3]

[13.Nb3?! axb4 14.axb4 Nf6

(14...Ng8)]

[13.bxa5!?]

13...b6

[13...Ng8]

[13...Nf6]

[13...axb4]

14.Nb3

[14.f3!?]

[14.Kh1!?]

14...axb4 15.axb4 Nf6?!N

[15...fxe4!? 16.Nxe4 Nf6 17.Bd3

Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Nf5 (18...Ng8 19.Bd2

Qh4 20.f3 Nf6 21.Ra1 Bd7 22.b5

Bh6 23.Bxh6 Qxh6 24.Qd2 Qh4

25.Qe3 Bf5 26.Nd2 Rad8 27.g3

Qh3 28.Ra7 Rf7 29.Rfa1 Kg7

30.Bxf5 Qxf5 31.Ne4 Nxe4 32.Qxe4

Qg5 33.Ra8 Rxa8 34.Rxa8 Qc1+

35.Kg2 Qd2+ 36.Kg1 1/2-1/2 (36)

Ruzele,D-Kuzmin,A (2470)

Blagoveshchensk 1988) 19.Qd3 Qh4

20.g3 Qf6 21.f3 Bd7 22.Bd2 Nd4

23.Nxd4 exd4 24.Ra1 Bh3 25.Rxa8

Rxa8 26.Rd1 Bf5 27.Re1 h5 28.Kf2

Bxe4 29.Qxe4 Ra3 30.Qf4 Qxf4

31.gxf4 Bf6 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Rc8

Ra7 34.Ke2 Bh4 35.Kd3 Bf2 36.Bc1

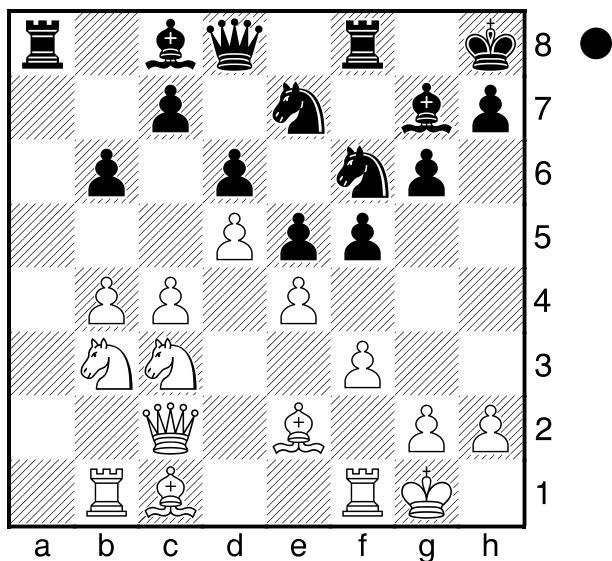
Ra1 37.Rxc7+ Kf6 38.Bd2 Ra3+

39.Ke4 Ra2 40.Kd3 Ra3+ 26.88

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(2760) URS-ch55 Moscow]

16.f3



c5?!

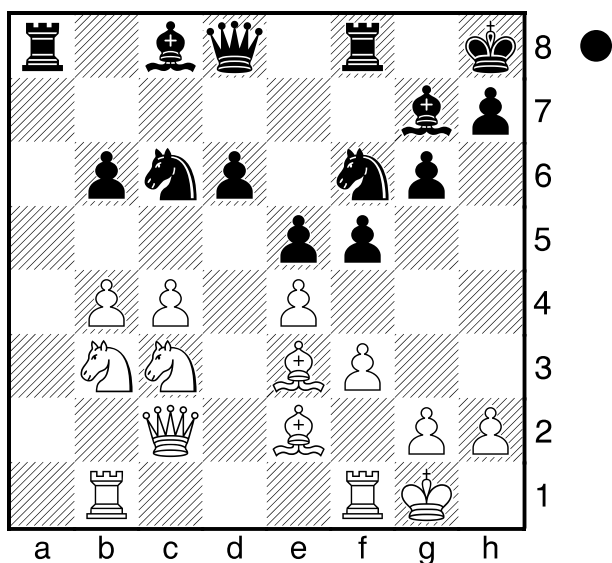
[16...Nh5!]

17.dxc6?!

[17.bxc5!? bxc5 18.Be3 White has growing pressure against Black's pawn structure, between Ra1, Nb5 and possible sacrifices on c5]

17...Nxc6 18.Be3

[18.Bg5]



18...Be6?

[18...fxe4 19.fxe4 Nxb4 20.Qd2 Be6 21.Nb5?? (21.h3 Nc6 22.Qd3 Nb4=) 21...Ra2! 22.Qxb4?!]

(22.Qd1!? Nxe4 23.Nc1 Nc2!)
22...Rxe2 23.N3d4 (23.N5d4;
23.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Ng4)
23...exd4 24.Nxd4 Rxc2+! 25.Kxc2
Qa8!-+]

[18...Nxb4 19.Qd2 fxe4 20.fxe4
Be6]

19.Qd2?

[19.b5! Ne7 20.Rfd1±]

19...Qb8?±

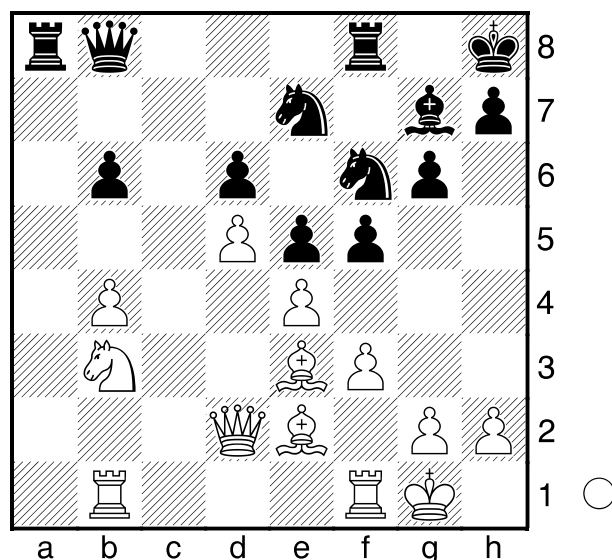
[19...Nxb4!]

[19...fxe4 20.Nxe4 (20.fxe4) 20...d5!
21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Bg5 Qb8 23.Bc4±]

20.Nd5

[20.b5 Ne7 21.Ra1]

20...Bxd5 21.cxd5 Ne7



22.Qd3! Qb7?

[22...Neg8]

23.Nd2!+- b5? Bad moves haven't worked; maybe simple oversights?

**24.Qxb5 Qxb5 25.Bxb5 Rfb8 26.Bc6
Ra3 27.Bg5 Rc3 28.b5 Nc8 29.Rfc1
Rd3 30.Rc2 Nb6 31.Ra1**

[31.Nc4]

31...Nfd7 32.Bxd7 Nxd7 33.Rc7 Nf6

34.b6 Ne8 35.Rc2 Bf6 36.h4 Kg7

37.Rb1 h6 38.Bxf6+ Nxf6 39.b7 Nd7

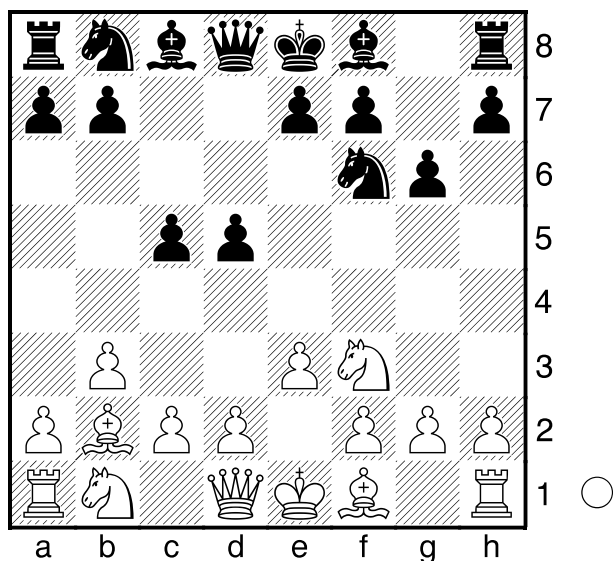
40.Rc7

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Handigol, Abhishek
 Hao, Max
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[Winslow, Elliott]

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1.Nf3 c5 2.e3 d5 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 g6

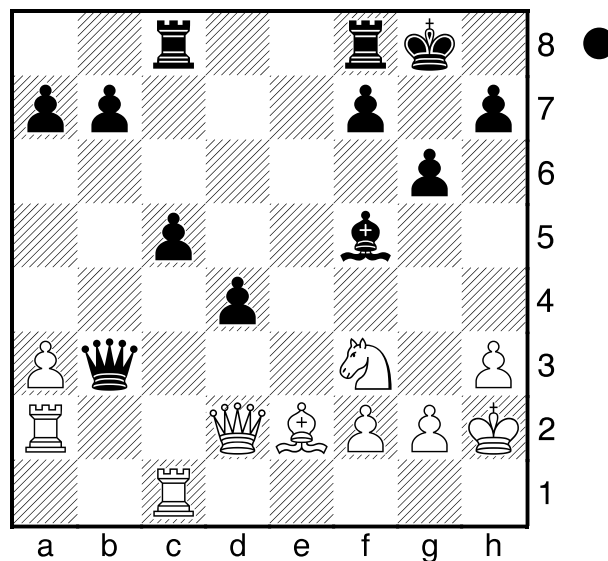


5.c4 Bg7 6.cxd5 0-0

[6...Qxd5]

7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Qc2 Bf5
 10.Bd3 Na6 11.e4 Nb4 12.Qb1 Bg4
 13.Be2 e6 14.a3 Bxc3 15.dxc3 Nxd5
 16.exd5 Qxc3+ 17.Kf1 exd5 18.Qc1
 Qf6 19.Ra2 Rac8 20.Qg5 Qe6 21.h3
 Bf5 22.Kg1 Qb6 23.Kh2 Qxb3
 24.Qd2 d4 25.Rc1

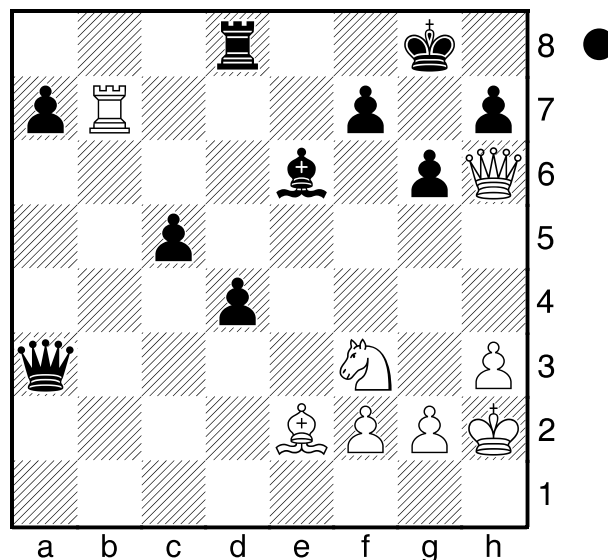
(Diagram)



Be6

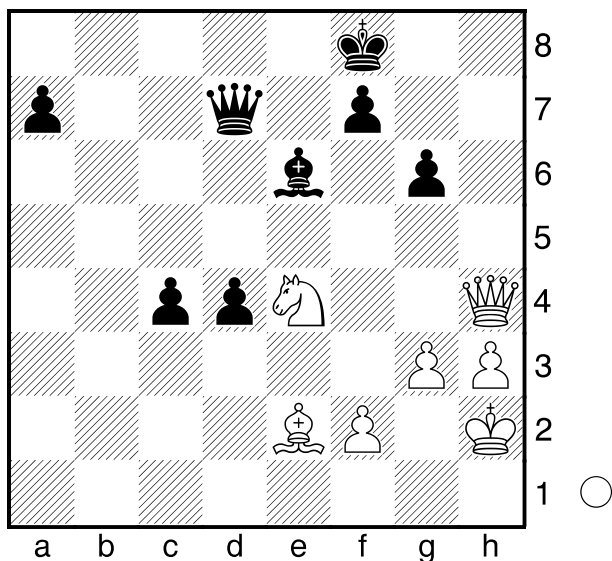
[Black has a fantastic saving line:
 25...d3!! 26.Rc3 (allowing ... Qd5 and
 ...c4 isn't recommended) Qb6!
 27.Bxd3 Rfd8 28.Qe3 Qd6+ 29.Ne5
 Be6 30.Re2 c4 31.Bb1 f6 32.Qg3
 fxe5 33.Bxg6! Rc7!± Black's king isn't
 exposed enough to matter with careful
 defence.]

26.Rb2 Qxa3 27.Rxb7 Rfd8 28.Qh6
 Rb8 29.Rcb1 Rxb7 30.Rxb7



c4 31.Ng5 Qd6+ 32.g3 Rd7
 33.Qxh7+ Kf8 34.Qh8+
 [34.Nxe6+ Qxe6 (34...Ke7

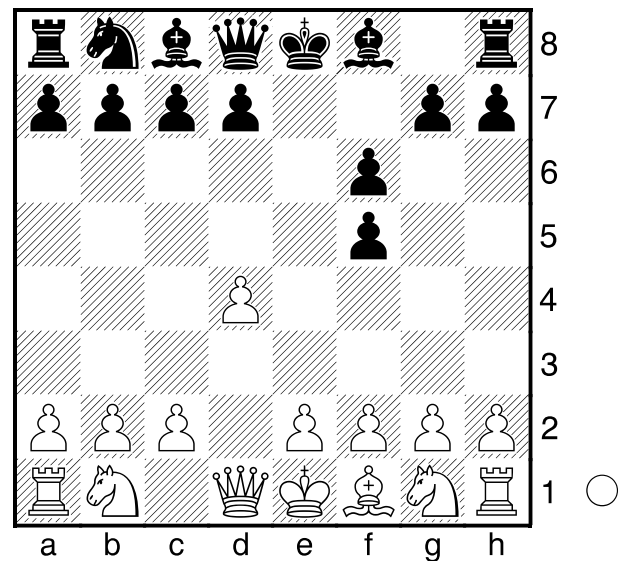
35.Qh4+) 35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.Rb8]
34...Ke7 35.Ne4 Qd5
 [35...Rxb7 36.Qf6+ Kd7 37.Nxd6
 Kxd6 38.Bxc4]
36.Rxd7+
 [36.Qf6+! Ke8 37.Rb8+ Rd8
 38.Bxc4]
36...Qxd7 37.Qh4+ Kf8



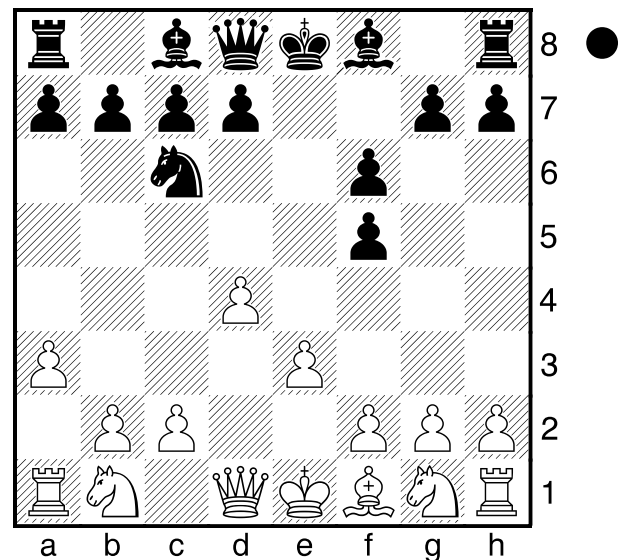
38.Nf6?!
 [38.Nc5 Qd6 39.Nxe6+ Qxe6
 (39...fxe6 40.Qf6+ Ke8 41.Bxc4)
 40.Qd8+ Qe8 41.Qxe8+ Kxe8
 42.Bxc4+-]
38...Qd6 39.Qh8+ Ke7 40.Ne4 Qd7
41.Qh4+ Kf8 42.Qh6+ Ke7 43.Qg5+
Kf8 44.Qc5+
 [44.Nc5]
44...Kg7 45.Qe5+ Kf8 46.Qc5+ Kg7
47.Bxc4 Bxc4 48.Qxc4 Qd8 49.Nc5
Qd6 50.Nb3 d3 51.Qc3+ Kg8 52.Nd4
Qa6 53.Nb3 Qd6 54.Qd2 Kg7 55.Nc1
a5 56.Nxd3 a4 57.Qc3+ Kf8 58.Nb2
a3 59.Nc4 Qc5 60.Qxa3
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 f5 2.Bg5! Nf6 3.Bxf6 exf6

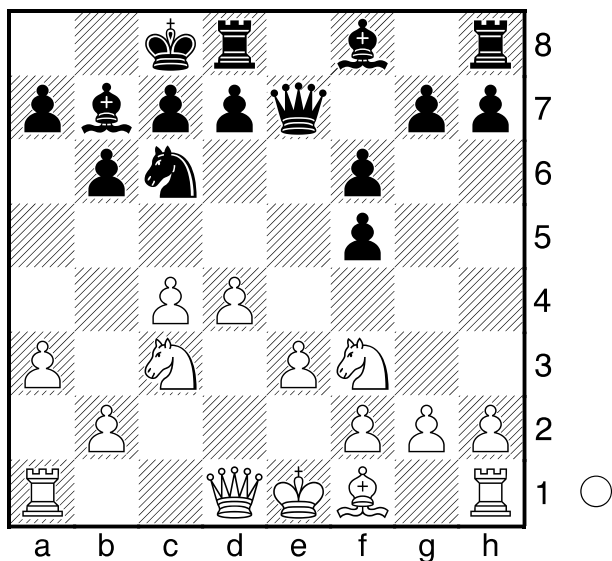


(+1.10) for White. **4.e3 Nc6 5.a3**

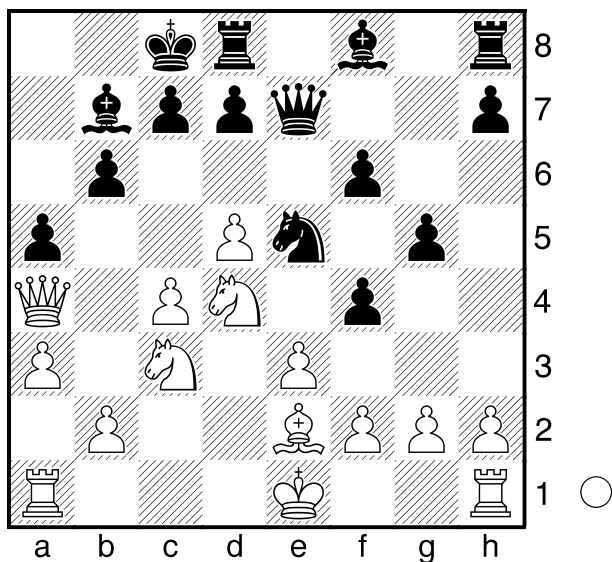


The data cruncher likes Ne2 or Nh3
 better (+1.20) either choice. **5...b6 6.c4**
Bb7 7.Nc3 Qe7 8.Nf3 0-0-0

(Diagram)

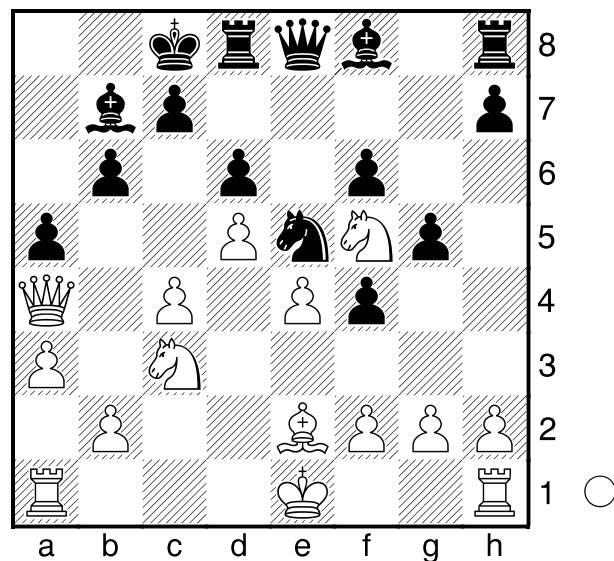


Although Black is already castled and has more pieces developed, the B on f8 hinders the rest of his development in the game. The toaster gives (+2.10) for White. **9.Be2 g5 10.Qa4 a5 11.d5 Ne5 12.Nd4 f4**

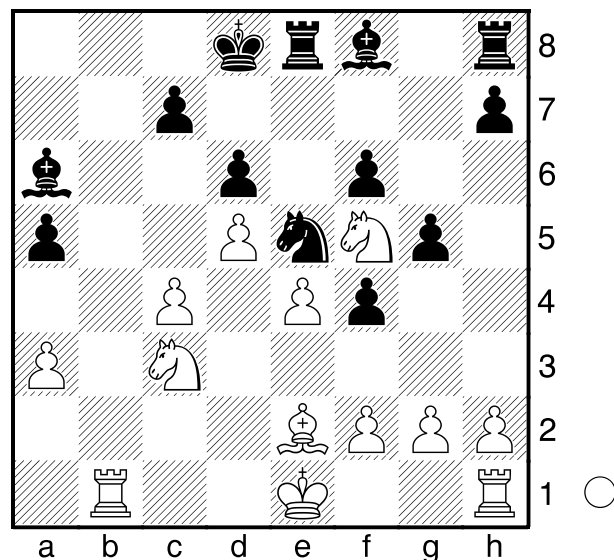


Black begins his assault with the f4 push. **13.Nf5 Qe8 14.e4 d6**

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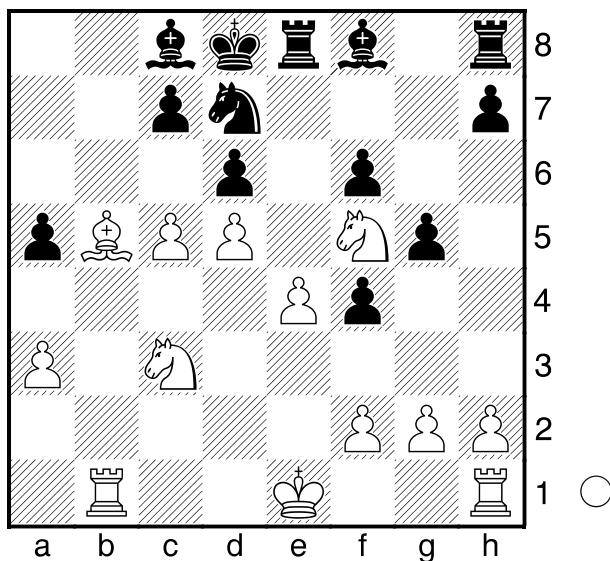


This move invites an exchange of queens which White accepts. **15.Qxe8 Rxe8 16.b4 Kd8 17.bxa5 bxa5 18.Rb1 Ba6**

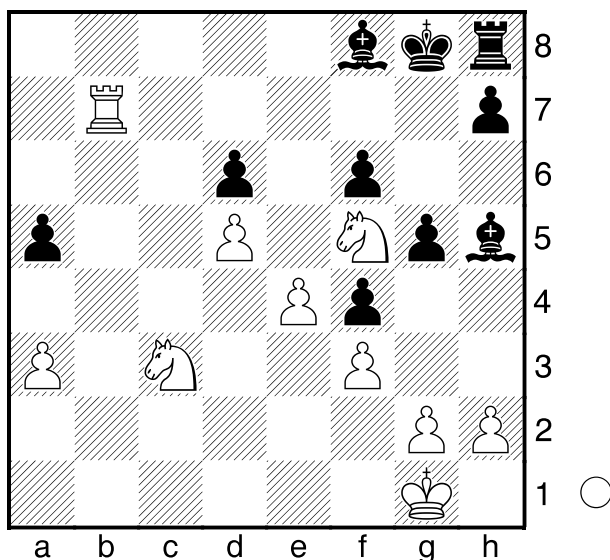


A mistake that loses time. **19.c5! Bc8 20.Bb5 Nd7**

(Diagram)



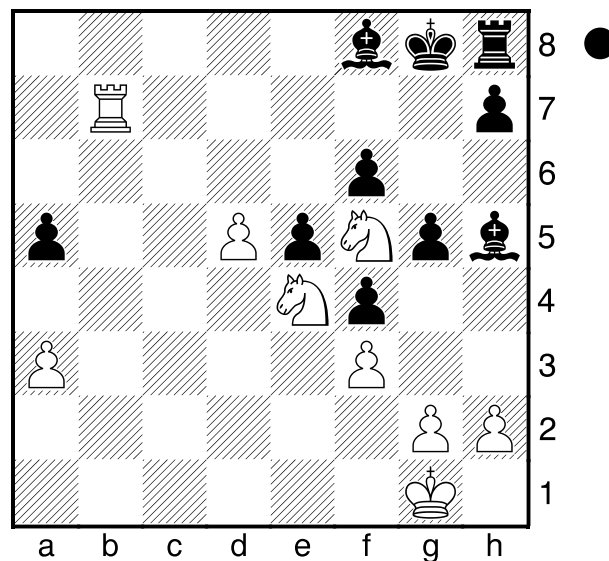
What should White play? How to continue? **21.Nd4! Ke7 22.cxd6+** Fixing Black's pawn structure to impede the B on f8 from developing later. **22...cxd6 23.0-0 Kf7 24.Bxd7 Bxd7 25.Rb7 Re7 26.Rfb1 Bg4** Trying to find a square for the B, but this helps White to consolidate his structure. **27.f3 Bh5 28.Nf5 Rxb7 29.Rxb7+ Kg8**



What would you play here for White?

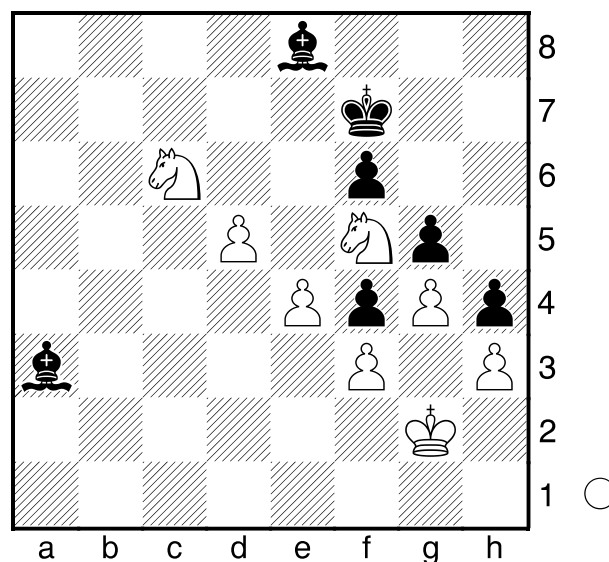
30.Nb5

[The silver box states that 30.e5!! (clearance!) is +10.50, and it's more of a fire sale: dxe5 31.Ne4



White wins the piece right back, and Black is still locked down.]

30...h6 31.Nbxd6 Rh7 32.Rxh7 Kxh7 33.Nb7 Should Black take on a3 or push his a pawn? **33...Bxa3 34.Nxa5 Be8 35.g4 h5 36.h3 h4 37.Kg2 Kg6 38.Nc6 Kf7**



White is winning in all variations, and yet chooses the least favorable continuation.

Also, 2N vs 2B ending in which the

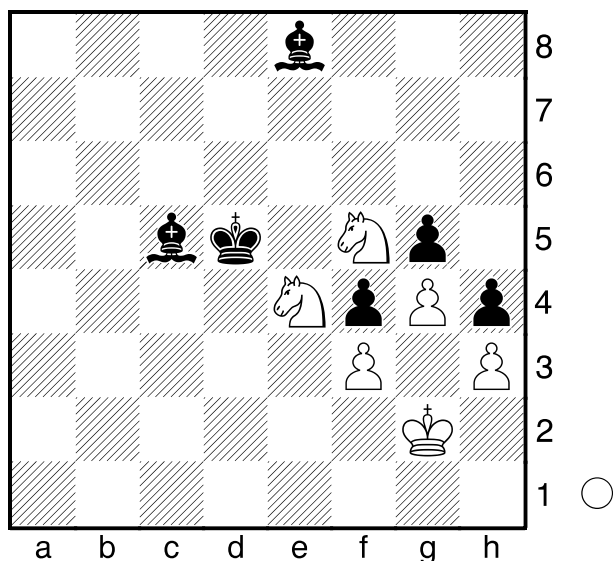
knight is better is unusual. **39.e5?±**

[39.Nfd4 Kf8 40.e5!+- fxe5 41.Ne6+ when g5 falls, the rest follow.]

39...fxe5 40.Nxe5+ Kf6 41.Nc4 Bc5?!

42.Nd2 Ke5 43.Ne4 Kxd5??

[43...Ba3 44.Nxg5 Kxd5 45.Ne4 Bg6±]



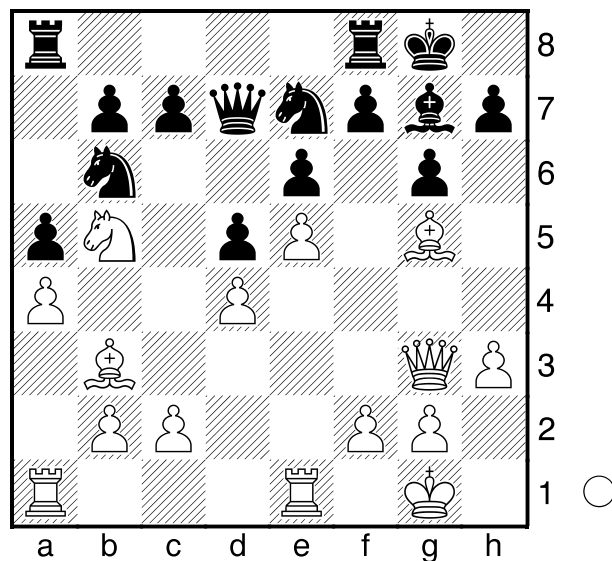
43...Kxd5 loses a piece to the 44.Nf6 check, so Black resigned.

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Sun, Kevin **B04**
 Dutter, Frederic **1837**
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6
5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 Bg7 7.a4 a5 8.0-0
0-0 9.Re1 d5 10.Nc3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3
12.Qxf3 e6 13.Qg3 Nc6 14.Nb5
 [14.Ne2!]
14...Qd7 15.Bg5 Ne7±

(Diagram)



16.Bxe7?= Qxe7 17.c3 Nc8

[17...c6 18.Nd6 Nc8]

18.Qd3 c6 19.Na3 Nb6 20.Bc2

[20.Re2!]

20...f5

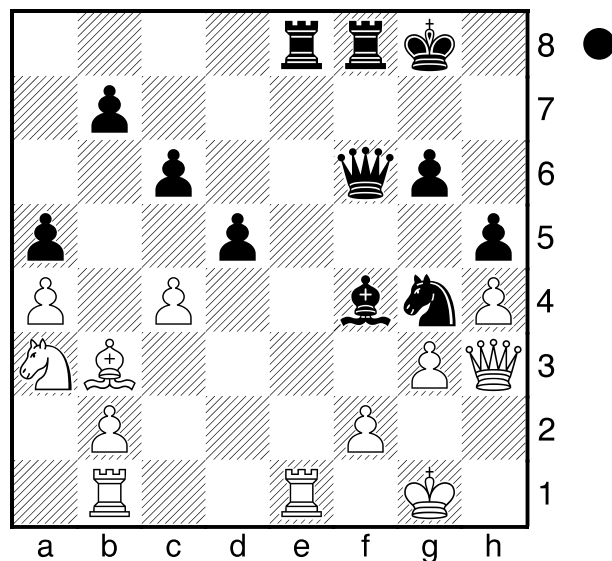
[20...f6!]

21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Qe3 Rae8 23.Rab1

Nd7 24.Qg3 e5 25.dxe5 Nxe5 26.Bb3

Bh6 27.h4 Bf4 28.Qh3 h5 29.c4 Ng4

30.g3



Nxf2! Winning.

[30...Be3! is actually stronger, if that's possible: 31.fxe3 Qf2+ 32.Kh1 Rxe3 33.Rxe3 (33.Rf1 Rxg3 34.Rxf2

Rxh3+]

[BUT the hands-down squelcher would have been simply 30...Rxe1+ 31.Rxe1 Be3! 32.Qf1 (The only move to avoid mate in a few) (32.Rf1 Nxf2; 32.Qg2 Bxf2+ 33.Kh1 Bxe1) 32...Bxf2+ 33.Kh1 Qf3+ 34.Qg2 Bxe1]

31.Qg2 Be3

[31...Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 Nd3]

32.cxd5 Nd3+ 33.Rxe3 Rxe3

34.dxc6+ Kg7 35.Rf1 Qxf1+

[35...Re1! 36.Rxe1 Nxe1 37.Qe2 Nf3+ and ... Nd4, something xc6 will be mundane -+]

36.Qxf1 Rxf1+

[36...Rxg3+ 37.Kh2 Rxf1 38.Kxg3 since heading for a queen meets with (38.cxb7 Rfg1 39.Bd5 Ne5 and knight mate; 38.c7 Rgf3 39.Bd5 R3f2+ 40.Kg3 Rg1+ and ...Nf4 mate) 38...bxc6 is fairly routine.]

37.Kxf1 bxc6 38.Nc4 Re1+ 39.Kg2 Nc5 40.Kf2

[40.Nxa5 Nxb3 41.Nxb3 Re2+ 42.Kh3 Rxb2 43.Nd4 Rb6]

40...Rc1 41.Nxa5 Nxb3 42.Nxb3 Rc2+ 43.Ke3 Rxb2 44.Nd4 Ra2

[44...c5! 45.Ne6+ Kf6 46.Nxc5 Kf5 -- queen the h-pawn!]

45.Nxc6 Rxa4 46.Ne5 Kf6 47.Nf3

Here the scoresheet notes White went under five minutes. It was drawn (Black wins from this position).

1/2-1/2

□ **Perlov, Daniel Robert**

■ **Porlares, Teodoro B**

MI Peter Grey TNM: 1800+ (7.10) 23.8.22
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Be7 5.Bg2 c5?! This will be a suspect Benoni with Black's bishop passively

place on e7. **6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 d6**

8.Nc3 White has some other options with the knights, but this is simple enough.

8...0-0 9.Nf3 h6 10.e4?!

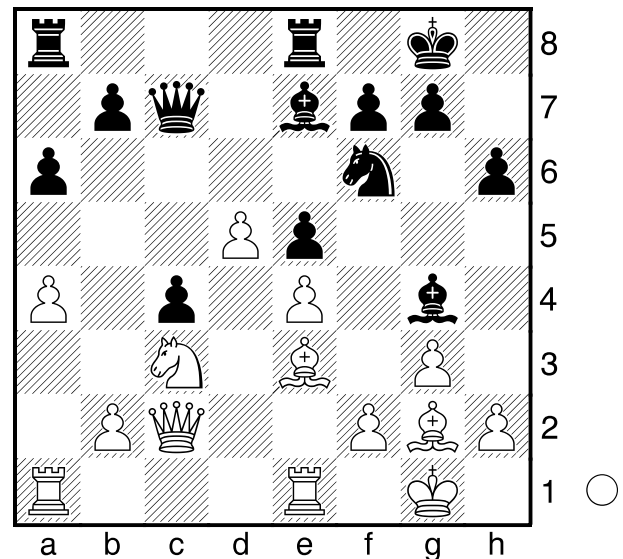
[10.0-0 Typically White puts everything else in order, so that when the pawns advance in the center they're well backed up.]

10...a6 11.a4 Bg4 12.Qb3 Qc7 13.0-0

Nbd7 14.Rfe1 c4 15.Qc2 Rfe8

16.Be3 Ne5?! 17.Nxe5 dxe5±

Curiously not all that bad compared to the usual bishop at g7 Benoni's -- there the pawn on e5 blocks the bishop in, here it lets the bishop (on e7) out!



18.f4?! Once again a bit too impetuous -- but Black accommodates and gives White just what he wants!

[18.a5!]

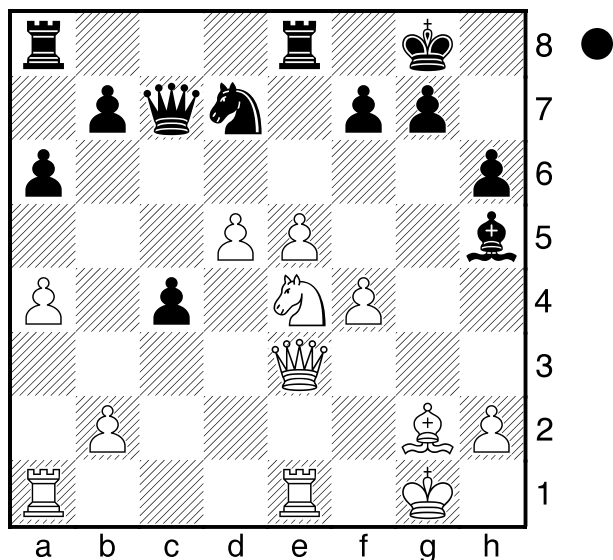
18...exf4??

[18...Bd7± keeps White's center from becoming a dangerous mobile three pawns -- and might (computer here) even favor Black a bit. 19.fxe5 Qxe5]

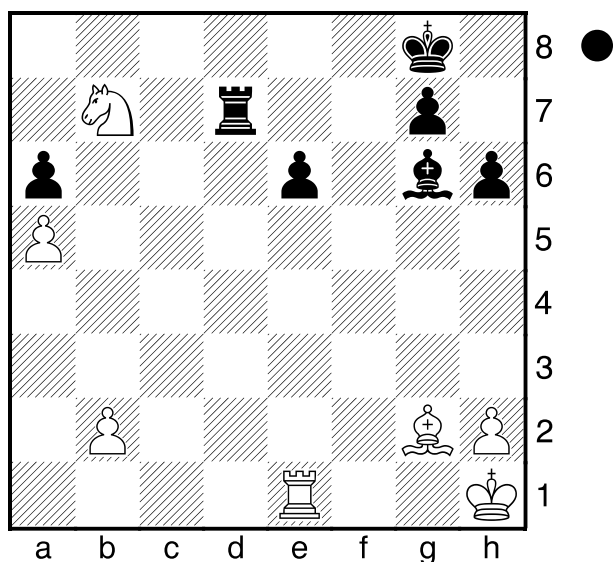
19.gxf4+- Black has caved in, and gets desperate. **19...Bc5 20.Qf2 Bxe3**

21.Qxe3 Bh5?! (That's no place for the bishop!) 22.e5 Nd7 23.Ne4

[23.d6! (d5 is an even better square for the knight)]



23...Nxe5?! Ted was positionally lost in any case; this just adds material to the (im)balance. But it does impart some confusion, which eventually works on Daniel. **24.fxe5 Qxe5 25.Qc3 Qc7 26.d6 Qb6+ 27.Kh1 Rad8 28.Qxc4 Bg6 29.d7 Re5 30.a5!** So often in Benonis and Catalans it's about a late-game pawn at b7 (and a6) in trouble, with more passed pawns for Black to worry about. **30...Qe6 31.Qxe6 fxe6 32.Nd6! Rxe1+ 33.Rxe1 Rxd7 34.Nxb7**



Completely winning. But Perlov allows a tactic by Porlares, which shouldn't even be enough, and loses his way.

34...Rc7

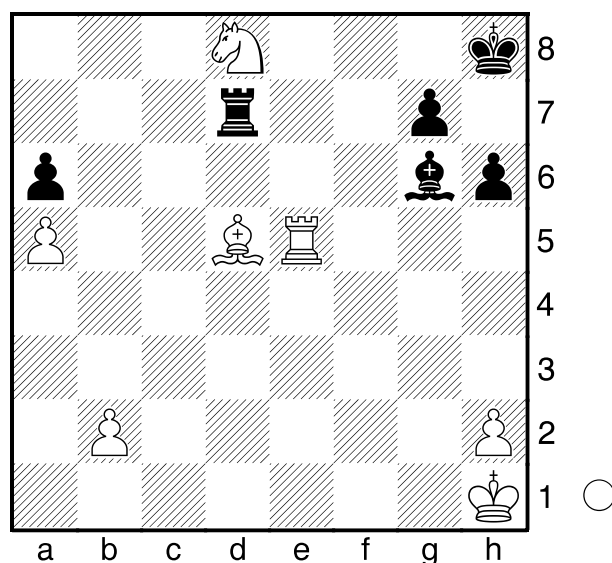
[34...Rd2 35.Nc5 Rxb2 36.Ra1!

One a-pawn goes, the other queens.]

35.Nd8

[35.Ra1! and b4-b5. Quality (a5-pawn!) over quantity (Black's pawns don't get far enough).]

35...e5 36.Bd5+ Kh8 37.Rxe5?! Rd7



Last chance! **38.Nc6??**

White conspires with Black to produce...

[38.Bc4!]

[38.Bb7!]

38...Rxd5! ... a total train wreck! And it's suddenly a dead draw. "0.00" everywhere in the computer "Kibbitzer" window. **39.Kg1**

[39.Rxd5 Be4+ 40.Kg1 Bxd5

looks like some sort of chance, but no. The bishop deftly works both side of the board, defending a6 and supporting a pawn advance. When all is said and done White won't have any pawns left.]

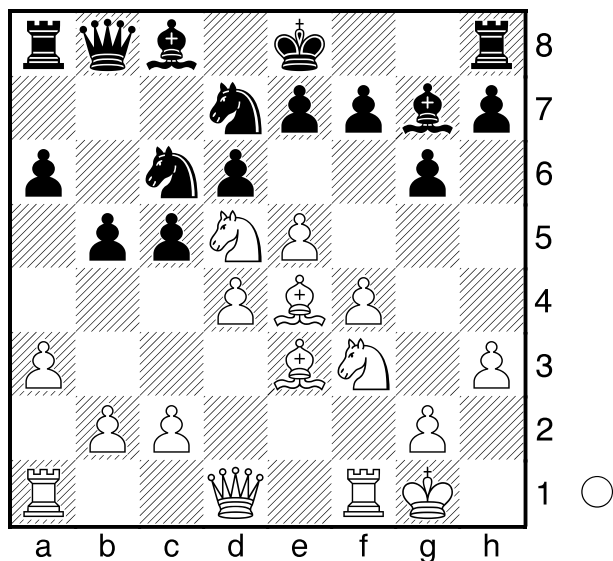
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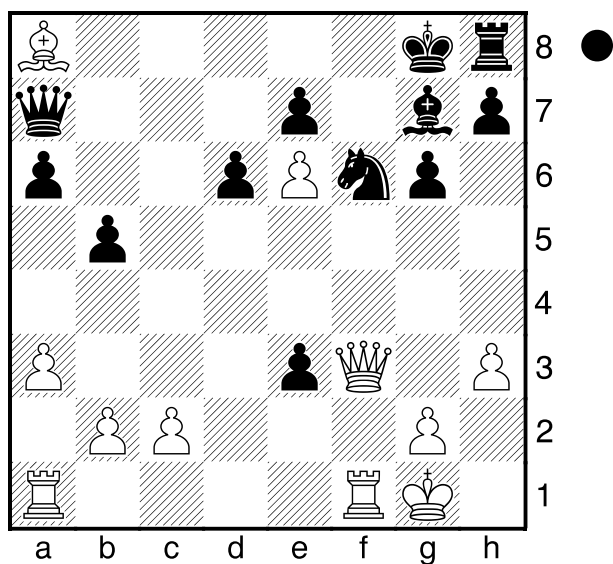
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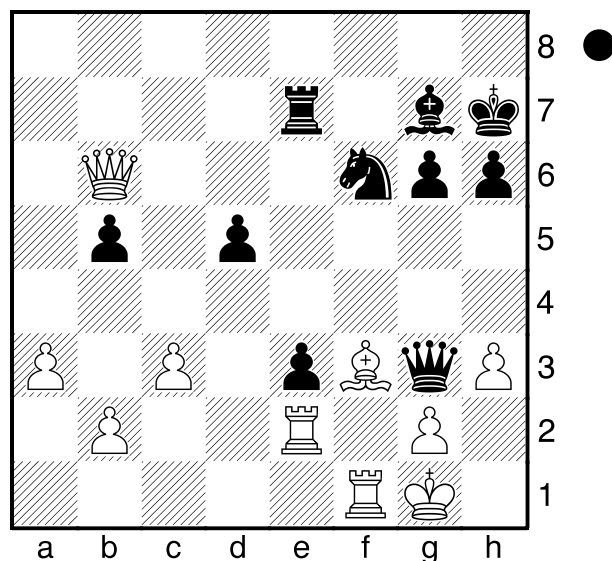
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 5.h3 b5 6.a3 a6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bd3 Qc7
 9.Nf3 c5 10.e5 Nfd7 11.Nd5 Qa7
 12.Be4 Nc6 13.0-0 Qb8



14.Ng5 cxd4 15.e6 dxe3 16.exf7+ Kf8
 17.Ne6+ Kxf7 18.Ndc7 Nf6 19.f5 Bxe6
 20.fxe6+ Kg8 21.Bxc6 Qxc7 22.Bxa8
 Qa7 23.Qf3



h6 24.Qb7 Qd4 25.c3 Qe5 26.Qxe7
 Kh7 27.Bf3 Re8 28.Qa7 Rxe6
 29.Rae1 d5 30.Re2 Re7 31.Qxa6 Qg3
 32.Qb6



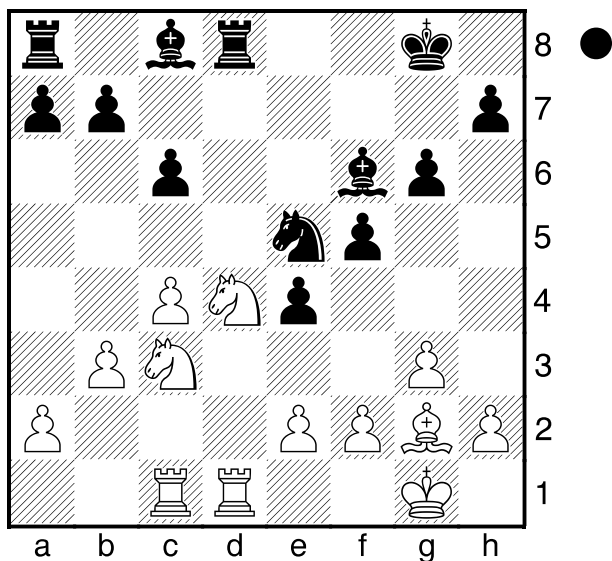
Ng4 33.Bxg4 Be5 34.Rxe3 Qh2+
 35.Kf2 Rf7+ 36.Bf3 Bc7 37.Qe6 Qf4
 38.Rd1 Qh4+ 39.Ke2 Qc4+ 40.Rdd3
 d4 41.Qxc4 bxc4 42.Rxd4 Bb6
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Brickhouse, Christian
 Zirbel, Dominic
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[Winslow, Elliott]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Nc3
 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Bf4 Nbd7 7.Nf3 Nh5
 8.Qd2 Nxf4 9.Qxf4 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5
 11.Qe3 Qe8 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.0-0 c6
 14.Nc3 f5 15.Rfd1 Qf6 16.Qg5 e4
 17.Qxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd4 Ne5 19.b3 Rd8
 20.Rac1

(Diagram)



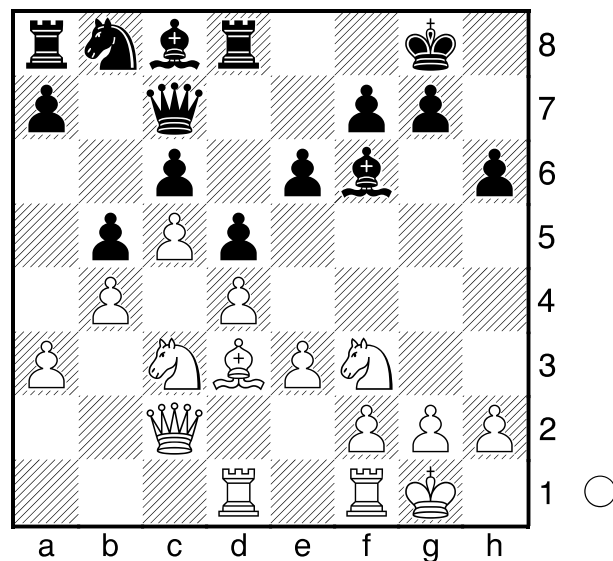
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 24.Ne3 Bg5-+ 25.Rc7 Bxe3 26.fxe3
 a5 27.Nc2 Nxc2 28.Rxc2 a4)
 23...b6 24.Nc4 Nxc4 25.Rxc4 Ba6
 26.Rc2 Rd8 27.Ne3 Bg5 28.Nc4
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23.Nxe5 Bxe5 24.f3 exf3 25.Bxf3
Rb8 26.Kg2 b6 27.Ne3 Ba6 28.Nd5
Kf7 29.Nb4 Bb7 30.Nc6 Bxc6
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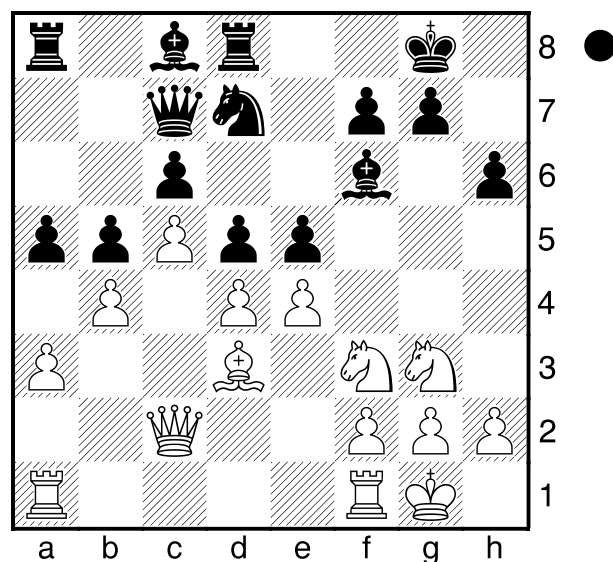
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.e3 c6
8.Bd3 Qb6 9.Qc2 h6 10.0-0 Na6
11.a3 Rd8 12.c5 Qc7 13.Rad1 b5
14.b4 Nb8

(Diagram)

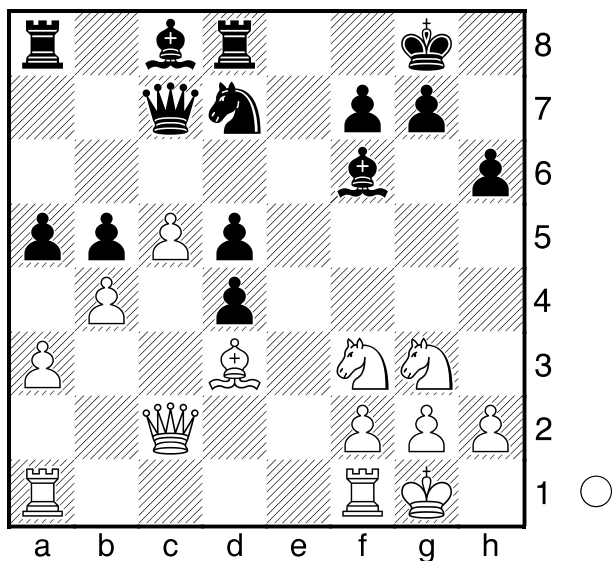


15.Ne2
 [15.e4!+-]
15...a5 16.Ra1 Nd7 17.Ng3=
 [17.a4!±]
17...e5! 18.e4!?



exd4?
 [18...axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1
 dxe4 21.Nxe4 exd4=]
19.exd5 cxd5

(Diagram)



20.Bxb5?? Why is this so bad?

[20.Nh5!+-]

[20.Rae1!+- And these so good?]

20...d3!-+ That's why! 21.Qxd3 Bxa1

22.Rxa1 axb4 23.Qxd5 Rxa3?!

Still winning, but gives White a dream...

[23...Ra5! 24.Bxd7 Rxc5!-+

Best but hardly necessary.]

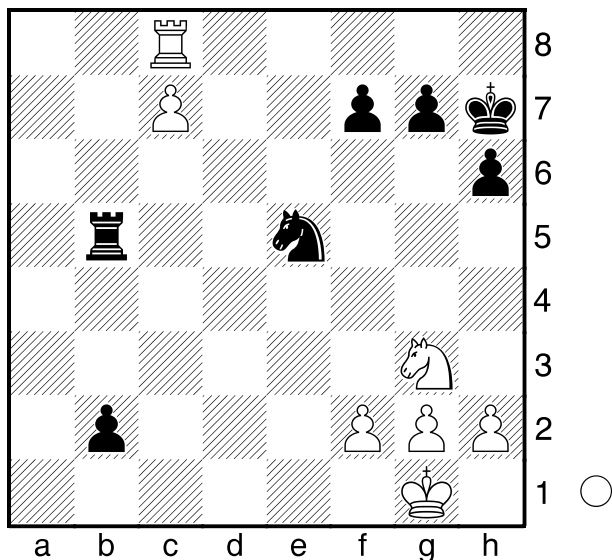
24.Rxa3?

[24.Rd1!? Ra5! (or 24...b3) 25.Ne5

Nxe5! 26.Qxd8+ Qxd8 27.Rxd8+

Kh7 28.Bf1 (28.Rxc8 Rxb5 29.c6

b3 30.c7 b2



31.Rh8+ Kxh8 32.c8Q+ Kh7

33.Qc2+ g6 34.Qb1 Nc4

White's pawn queened but at the cost of a rook. Black's pawn will queen and it will cost ... White's queen!]

24...bxa3 Can't White play 25.Rd1 -- where'd all the rooks go?? (I really had that thought as I was entering and writing up the game!) **25.c6 Nf6**

[25...Ne5! is snazzier, but they're both quite good.]

26.Qc5 a2 27.Qc1 Qa5 28.c7 Rd6

29.Qa1 Qxb5 30.Qxa2 Rd1+

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□ **Starr,Albert Martin**

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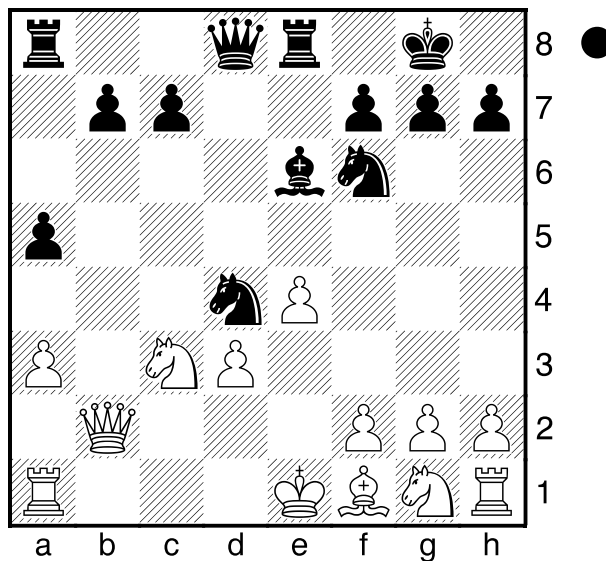
1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6

This is one of the main Book Lines against the Orangutan. It is somewhat curious, why would Black give up a major center pawn for the b-pawn. But there are other issues... **4.c4 Nc6**

5.Bc3 0-0 6.d3 d5 7.Qb3 a5 8.a3

Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 dxc4 10.Qxc4 Be6

11.Qb5 Nd4 12.Qb2 Re8 13.e4



Ng4!? Looking to send the f-pawn into battle!

[The computer suggests more serious reinforcements: 13...Ra6!]

14.Nge2 f5?!

[14...Ne5! turns out to be plenty (weak pawn at d3! And b3 beckons as well...) and best. 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Rd1 b5!-+ Oh yes, and the outside majority...]

15.g3?? Nf3+ 16.Kd1 Nxf2+ 17.Kc1 Nxd3+ 0-1

 **Tam,Hoa Long**

 **Blum,Paul**

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[Tam,Hoa-Long]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 h6

[3...Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 a6 8.Re1]

4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4

7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Qd3 0-0 9.f3

[9.0-0 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 Nxe4 11.Qf3]

9...d5 10.e5

[10.exd5 cxd5 11.Bb3 d4]

10...Re8

[10...Nd7 11.Bb3 Nxe5]

11.Bf4

[11.f4 Ng4 12.Bb3 Qh4+ 13.g3 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Rxe5+ 15.Kf2 Bc5+]

11...Nh5 12.Qd4 Qh4+ 13.g3 Nxg3

14.0-0-0 Nxh1 15.Bb3 Nf2 16.Rf1

Nh3 17.Ne2

[17.Be3 Qxd4 18.Bxd4 Bxc3 19.Bxc3]

17...Nxf4 18.Nxf4 Qxh2

[18...g5 19.Qxb4 Qxf4+]

19.Qxb4 Rxe5 20.Nd3 Re2 21.f4 Bf5

22.Qc3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Rae8 24.Qc3

R8e4 25.a3 Rxf4 26.Rd1 Rfe4

27.Qxc6 Qf4+

[27...Re1 28.Qxd5 Rxd1+ 29.Qxd1]

28.Kb1 Re1 29.Qxd5 Rxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Rd4 31.Qe2 Rd2

[31...g5 32.Qa6 Kg7 33.Qxa7 g4 34.c3 Rd2 35.Qa4 Qxa4 36.Bxa4 g3 37.Bc6 g2 38.Bxg2]

32.Qe8+ Kh7 33.Bxf7 h5??

[33...Rd1+ 34.Ka2 h5 35.Qg8+ Kh6 36.Qh8+ Kg5 37.Qxh5+ Kf6 38.Qg6+ Ke5 39.Qe6+ Kd4 40.c3+ Kd3]

34.Qg8+ Kh6 35.Qh8+ Kg5 36.Qxh5+ Kf6 37.Qg6+ Ke7

[37...Ke5 38.Qe6+ Kd4 39.c3+ Kc5 (39...Kd3 40.Bg6+ Qe4 41.Qxe4#) 40.b4+ Kb5 41.a4+ Kxa4 42.Qa6#]

38.Qe6+ Kd8 39.Qe8#

1-0

FM Paul Whitehead

Chess is Everywhere.

MI Chess Café habitué **Suki K.** writes in:

"Just saw this on NextDoor. If anyone at Mechanics' would like it let me know and I'll nab it and bring it into the club :-). I've never pondered a collision of the fraternity and chess worlds but I suppose this would be it."

Here is the attached posting:



And we had this recent missive from **Katherine C.:**

"Hi Paul: I think the Chess Café really needs its own coffee mug. I propose this:
'The unexamined chess game is not worth playing.' – Socrates (sort of)."

We could not agree more.

Around the globe:

Chess brightens the world of a nursing home in Perrysburg, OH:

<https://www.wtol.com/article/life/heartwarming/game-of-chess-turns-into-much-more-for-nursing-home-residents-community-perrysburg/512-4cf1b4f4-a121-4ed4-a1a5-6636deeadcfd>

Indian food company Amul celebrates GM Praggnanandhaa's recent successes with a
'rapid breakfast':

<https://food.ndtv.com/news/amul-honours-indian-chess-whiz-r-praggnanandhaa-in-latest-topical-3281540>

Chess is never far from politics, as a Lebanese player withdraws from an event in the UAE when paired with an Israeli:

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20220824-lebanon-chess-player-refuses-to-face-israeli-opponent/>

There is a Hip-Hop Chess Club in Milwaukee, WI:

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2022/08/17/milwaukee-program-combines-creativity-hip-hop-discipline-chess/10016152002/>

Scholastic chess coaches are wanted in Virginia:

<https://shoredailynews.com/headlines/scholastic-chess-group-to-resume-play/>

Finally, a California inmate recalls playing chess with both Sirhan Sirhan and Charles Manson:

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-08-19/inmate-chess-teacher-prison-manson-sirhan>

Kevin Sun is in the news again!

A heartfelt thanks to Kevin's dad, Sun Conkai, who sent in this picture in with a note:



"Beautiful memory! This picture was taken when Kevin just started learning chess, about 3 years ago :)"

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

The Institute is very excited about the article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the main daily paper of our fair town. We appeared in the Sunday 8/21/2022 on-line edition:
<https://www.sfchronicle.com/sf/article/downtown-san-francisco-chess-17384813.php>

Here are some other *S.F. Chronicle* articles about chess from recent years:

On George Koltanowski:

https://www.sfchronicle.com/chronicle_vault/article/Chess-legend-George-Koltanowski-An-archive-deep-15819607.php

On the scarcity of chess sets:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/shopping/article/The-Queens-Gambit-chess-sets-15750755.php>

On the winning US Olympiad Team of 2016:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/How-US-chess-team-survived-drug-tests-conquered-10107017.php>

The Tuesday Night Marathon was profiled seven years ago:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/thetake/article/The-quirks-of-chess-Tuesday-nights-at-the-6634618.php>

The MI was consulted on the state of women's chess around the Netflix series "The Queen's Gambit":

<https://datebook.sfchronicle.com/movies-tv/will-netflixs-queens-gambit-bring-more-women-to-chess-s-f-team-weighs-in>

From the *Chronicle's* YouTube channel, a profile of chess players on Berkeley's Telegraph Avenue:

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

Chessdryad has a whole archive of newspaper articles on chess, including *S.F. Chronicle* articles dating back to 1949. Check it out here:

<http://www.chessdryad.com/articles/articles/index.htm>

Here is just one sample, featuring local master Dennis Fritzinger as he plans to "Reap The Chess Craze". From July, 1972:

<http://www.chessdryad.com/articles/articles/SFC19jul72.pdf>

Some Recent Games

A small collection of games played around the world in the last week that caught our attention:

Magnus Carlsen (2864) - Hans Moke Niemann (2687) [B31]

FTX Crypto Cup Miami, FL USA (2.1), 16.08.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nc3 Nc7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Ne4 b6 10.Nf6+ Kf8 11.Ne4 Bg4 12.d3 Ne6 13.Neg5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Qd5 15.Re4 Bf5 16.c4 Qe6 17.Re3 h6 18.Bf4 g5 19.Bg3 Rd8 20.h3 Kg8 21.a3 Kh7 22.b4 Rd7 23.bxc5 bxc5 24.Qb3 Rhd8 25.Rd1 Qg6 26.Ne1 h5 27.Nf3 h4 28.Bh2 e6 29.Qc3 Bf8 30.Ne1 g4 31.hxg4 Bxg4 32.f3 Bf5 33.f4 Bh6 34.Qa5 Qg4 35.Rf3.

[Diagram]

35...Be4! 36.Qxc5 Bxf3 37.Nxf3 h3 38.Qf2 Rxd3 39.Rxd3 Rxd3 40.Ne1 Rxa3 41.Qb2 Re3 42.Kf2 Bxf4 0-1.



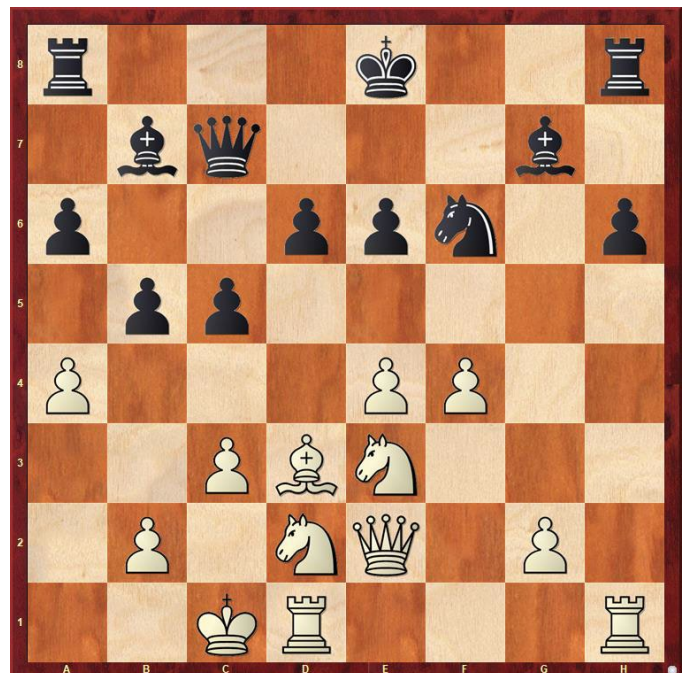
Magnus Carlsen - Anish Giri [A48]

FTX Crypto Cup Miami, FL USA (1.4), 15.08.2022

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 h6 5.Bh4 d6 6.e4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.c3 e6 9.Nc4 Nd7 10.Nfd2 Nxg3 11.hxg3 b6 12.a4 a6 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Qe2 Qe7 15.Ne3 c5 16.d5 Nf6 17.f4 Qc7 18.0-0-0 gxf4 19.gxf4 b5 20.dxe6 fxe6.

[Diagram]

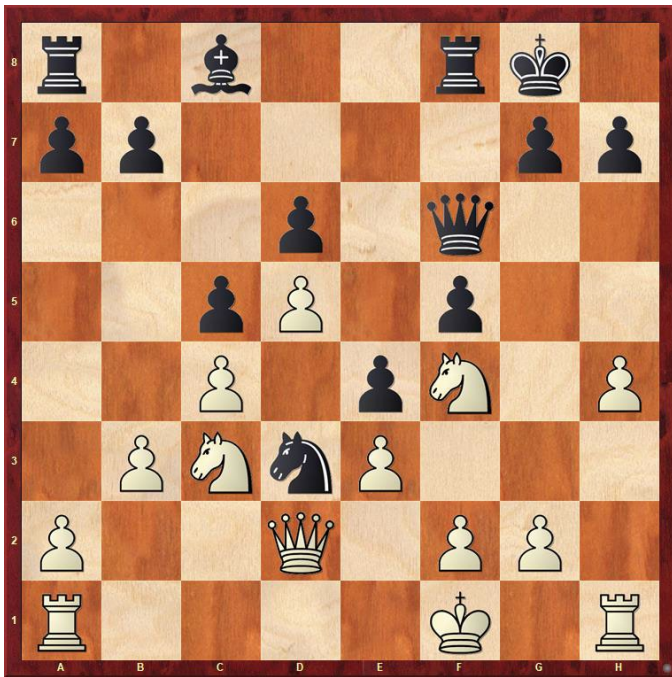
21.e5! dxe5 22.Bg6+ Kf8 23.f5 b4 24.fxe6 bxc3 25.Ndc4 cxb2+ 26.Qxb2 Bc8 27.Qb6 Qxb6 28.Nxb6 Rb8 29.Nxc8 Rxc8 30.Nf5 1-0.



R Praggnanandhaa (2661) - Magnus Carlsen (2864) [A40]

FTX Crypto Cup Miami, FL USA (7.4), 21.08.2022

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Bb4+ 3.Bd2 Bxd2+ 4.Qxd2 f5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.e3 d6 7.Bd3 e5 8.Nge2 c5 9.d5 e4 10.Bc2 Nbd7 11.Ba4 0-0 12.Bxd7 Nxd7 13.h4 Ne5 14.b3 Nd3+ 15.Kf1 Qf6 16.Nf4.



[Diagram]

16...b5 17.Nxd3 exd3 18.cxb5 a6 19.Rd1 axb5 20.Nxb5 f4 21.exf4 Bg4 22.f3 Bf5 23.Kf2 Rfe8 24.Nc3 h5 25.Rde1 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 Qxh4+ 27.Kg1 Qf6 28.Nb5 h4 29.a4 c4 30.bxc4 Rxa4 31.Rc1 Kh7 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Rc3 Ra2 34.Qxa2 Qxf4+ 35.Kh1 d2 36.Qa1 Qe5 37.Rc1 dxc1R+ 38.Qxc1 Bd3 39.Qd2 Bf5 40.Qg5 h3 41.Nxd6 hxg2+ 42.Kg1 Qe1+ 43.Kxg2 Qe2+ 44.Kg3 Qe5+ 45.Kf2 Qb2+ 46.Kg1 Qd4+ 47.Kg2 Qb2+ 48.Kh1 Bd3 49.Qe3 Bf1 50.Qg1 Qc1 51.Nf5 1-0

Gunina,Valentina (2469) - Hou,Yifan (2650) [D38]

Women's Speed Chess Championship Main Ev Chess.com (40), 22.08.2022

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 Ba5 13.Qxd4 Nc6 14.Qc5 Bd8 15.Qh5 Bb6 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.g4 Be8 18.Qh3 Na5 19.Bd3 Ba4 20.g5 Bxd1 21.Rxd1 Rad8.

[Diagram]

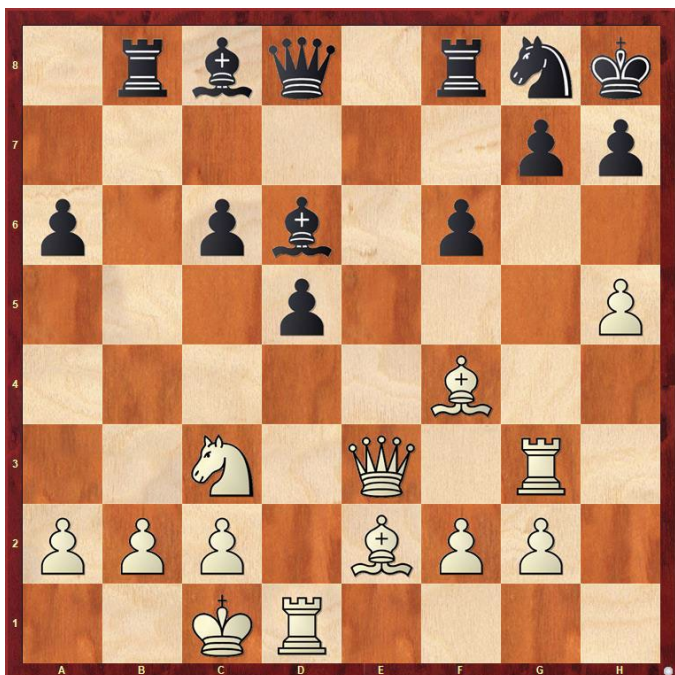
22.Nf6+gxf6 23.Bh7+ Kxh7 24.Qxh6+ Kg8 25.gxf6 Rxd1+ 26.Kg2 Qxf6 27.Qxf6 Rd5 28.Qf4 Rfd8 29.e4 R5d7 30.Ne5 Nc6 31.Ng4 Rd2 32.Qf6 Kf8 33.h4 Rxf2+? 34.Nxf2 Rd2 35.Qh6+ 1-0.



Harry Grieve (2390) - **Daniel W Gormally** (2466) [B63]

Chessable British Championship Torquay ENG (6.3), 18.08.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.O-O-O O-O 9.h4 a6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Rh3 d5 12.Rg3 Kh8 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Qe3 Ng8 15.exd5 exd5 16.h5 f6 17.Bf4 Bd6.



[Diagram]

18.Rxg7!! Re8 19.Qg3 Bxf4+ 20.Qxf4 Qb6 21.h6 Qxb2+ 22.Kd2 Rb4 23.Bd3 1-0.

Anton Guijarro,David (2668) - **Arjun,Kalyan** (2513) [C78]

Abu Dhabi International Chess Festival Chess.com (8), 24.08.2022

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4.

[Diagram]

14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 1-0.



2022 Bernardo Smith Memorial Report

by **Abel Talamantez**

The Bernardo Smith Memorial drew 40 players for this 1-day 4 round G/40;d5 tournament. We had a great mix of Mechanics' regulars and some new players playing in their first event at Mechanics' Institute.

The top section had 10 players, but it was a competitive group. Expert **Theo Coyne** (2113) continues to inch closer to the NM title with a solid 3/4 performance, tying for 1st place with **Adam Rosenthal** (1966).

In the under 1800 section, **Adam Stevens** (1582) was the only perfect score in the 30-player section, a half point better than **Matthew Ma** (1407), who took sole 2nd place with 3.5/4. Special shout-out to Adam, as this tournament puts him over the 1600 rating mark.

This event was held in honor of Bernardo Smith, here is a brief bio from IM John Donaldson from Mechanics' Chess Newsletter #759:

Bernardo Smith (1875–1952) was an important organizer and tournament director for the Mechanics' Institute from the 1900s to the 1920s. By profession a musician and music teacher, he served as the captain for San Francisco in several of its telegraph matches with Los Angeles.

You can find a picture of Smith just before you enter the M.I. Chess Room. He is in the group photograph of the participants of the Western Chess Association championship that was held at the Mechanics' in 1923 (he served as the tournament director).

Thank you to all the participants!



Bernardo Smith (1875-1952) stands front and center c.1909. Smith was the Mechanics' key organizer and tournament director in the early 20th century.

Abel has been on a roll lately: undefeated in his last nine games, he's won six in a row largely due to fearless and aggressive play like this:

Abel Talamantez (1800) – **Joe Urquhart** (1972) [E10]

16th B. Smith Memorial, 20.08.2022

[Notes by FM Paul Whitehead]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.d5 exd5 8.cxd5 d6 9.h3 a6 10.a4 b6 11.0-0 Bb7?! The bishop has little future here. Better were 11...Nbd7 or 11...Re8. 12.e4 Nbd7 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Qd2 Rfe8 15.Rae1. White makes no bones about his aggressive intentions. **15...Rab8.** 15...c4! 16.Bc2 Nc5 seems the right way to play. **16.Bh6 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.f4.** Black is getting over-run here. **19...Ree8 20.f5!?** 20.Bc4! Nd7 21.e5! might even be stronger. **20...h6?** This weakening move leads to total disaster. Black should rush to the defense with 20...Qe7, 20...Rf8, 20...Re5, or even 20...Ng8. **21.fxg6 fxg6.**

[Diagram]

22.Rxf6!! A crushing move that lays bare the black king. **22...Kxf6 23.Qxh6 Ke7 24.e5!** Abel was proud of this move, and rightly so: every white piece joins in the attack. **24...Kd8 25.Bxg6 Qe7 26.Bxe8 Qxe8 27.Qxd6+ Kc8 28.Rf1! 1-0.**



[Diagram]

Final position after 28.Rf1.

A great game by the former MI Chess Room Director.

Richard Hack

Tales from the Chess Cafe

Paul said to Mike Walder, "You're the only person who sent in any games."

I reminded him of one of two I sent last week that we didn't get to. He went and got it pretty fast. I like the fact that in the last issue of this periodical, he included the scores of all the games we watched and talked about at the previous meeting on August 15. Now he made another pitch for games:

"If you play at an online platform, save your game as a PGN file. You can send us the link to the game, and we'll play it on the screen here and discuss it. Or if you copy it as a .txt file, you can send that to us."

When asked for a cross-table for the 2022 Texas Women's Championship, Alexey provided a link to the one newly put up at U.S. Chess. I went there afterward and saw there were 9 players who competed for 4 rounds on Aug. 13-14, and there was 1 extra game in each of the first 3 rounds, including one with a man competing against one of the women.

"Post-tournament revisionism took away my sole champion title; now they're calling all three of us co-champions. They went back and did the same with my first-place tie in 2019 when I didn't win the tiebreak." She did take the championship outright in the first such tournament in 1998.

Paul: "Stephen, did you play chess during your visit?"

"No, my friends don't play chess."

12 people had arrived by 4:05 p.m. There were 14 later.

Alexey's interview at MI on Nov. 17 will occur on Zoom.

I did a reading early in the session from an analyst of the so-called Neo-Freudian school, Donald Winnicott, many of whose patients were children. I used five short excerpts from a 10-page section of the short book Playing and Reality.

For example: "The thing about playing is always the precariousness of the interplay of personal psychic reality and the experience of control of actual objects. This is the precariousness of magic itself, magic that arises... in a relationship that is being found to be reliable..."

"The precariousness of play belongs to the fact that it is always on the theoretical line between the subjective and that which is objectively perceived..."

"Playing is essentially satisfying. This is true even when it leads to a high degree of anxiety. There is a degree of anxiety that is unbearable and this destroys playing."

Just a bit before this section, he wrote, "Psychotherapy has to do with two people playing together. The corollary of this is that where playing is not possible then the work done by the therapist is directed towards bringing the patient from a state of not being able to play into a state of being able to play." Although I am able to play, this still might mean I could use a chess analyst, like many other folks.

"This is why the chess club will always live on," Paul noted, "by keeping us related to childhood."

Austina said she and her kids play. "It's fun but debilitating in a way. For example, how do you control the panic?" She explained a little more.

Mike: "Know that nobody plays perfectly."

Paul: "We're all winning and losing at the same time."

Mike: "I compared Tuesday night's blunder to Kramnik and Tarjan. I had tried this intriguing line. Elliott thought it was more like two C-players. Thanks a lot, I said."

Trish: "I'm glad Paul mentioned impulsiveness. It's easy to get your momentum going too fast and then you blunder."

The first game we looked at was Cardoso-Petrosian, 1975. Paul said Petrosian was famous for his king walks (and exchange sacs, Elliott added). "This is, I think, the most outrageous example of that."

The game opened 1. e4 c5, an unusual choice for him. "He played the Caro-Kann and the French, which conformed more to his motto of don't lose at any cost."

At about move 6, g4 for white.

"The Keres spike attack."

"My favorite weapon."

There were white pawns at h5 and g5. It was dangerous for black to castle on either side.

"Here is the clear black strategy in the Sicilian of rook to c4, halfway down that file. Sometimes moving pawns in front of the king as an explosive defensive technique, blowing the position open to your advantage. After g6, fxg6 instead of dooming his bishop and knight. Knight gets the f6 square. The eccentric move . . . Qa8.

"Now we're going to see ...Kd7, ...Ke6."

Elliott: "The computer says Petrosian is lost. If white plays Rh5 to cut off the escape square f5 while Qf7 check is threatened."

After that check we see... Kf5 because the rook went to g3 instead of h5. Then he really gets out in no-man's-land.

"White has tried to surround the black king, but you see him now beat a retreat, and as the rook and queen check him, he gets back to g8."

Paul: "A fun game and a flawed game, as all games are."

Second was a short game by Alexey. A French Defense, Ft. Knox variation.

"6... Nf6 is wrong here. I needed... Nd7."

A nice tactic on the long diagonal a8-h1: white queen at b7, black queen at d5, then white bishop to e4. White to play and win.

"I sat around waiting—will she play Qd2?" After which black cannot play Qxd4, for Bb5+ wins the black queen.

"An important part of my regular experience is combining chess and swimming. My opponent and her mom invited me to their room, then to use the pool outside."

Game 3 was Michael Walder vs. Paetz, which opened 1. c4.

Paul: "If white plays d4 here, then... exd4; Qxd4, Na6 intending ...Bc5."

Michael: "By move 5 a large advantage for white. My job is to tie down black's bishops. 7... e4 is a mistake."

Paul: "Sometimes when there's no clear path to victory, you still have to play well and improve your position, maximize and optimize your pieces."

Mike answered a question about the chess rivalry with Elliott. "We've played 42 games, 41 since 1991. I've won 6 with 20 draws." Later Paul said he believed his own score with Elliott was 4-4.

Game 4 was my contest as white against Jeffrey Dallatezza in Round 2 of the August 13 Quads. I had a good situation staring at me: a clear advantage with an extra pawn and doubled rooks on the queen file after trading queens, but I didn't go into it by taking the pawn on d6 with my queen backed up by one rook, but I felt I had to see just how I was going to win and didn't follow the promising line I was offered. Instead I attacked the pawn again with my bishop, which wasn't bad; but I rushed a little and passively let a knight be sacrificed for two pawns and only a bit of an attack. Perhaps you can guess the final result.

Later I remembered a note by Gelfand to one of his games, where he achieved a forward pawn structure and good piece position. Feeling sure he would have a good attack based on this, and not feeling it necessary at that point to formulate a detailed plan, he took the time to make two or three of those "useful moves" of prophylaxis and

piece improvement before launching a campaign against the enemy king. He said one of his teachers told him to make such moves whenever he could.

There were good comments on the opening. Against black's Najdorf Sicilian white employed 6. Bc4, which Mike said is "not popular at all now." When I asked about that, he said, "I think Gelfand came up with good lines against it in the '80s." Elliott said white can play Be3, Bg5, h3, and others. Paul said instead of 8. f3, white can play Be3, Qe2, and O-O-O, as Velimirovich often did. When black took the white bishop at b3, he suggested taking back the queen knight with the c-pawn, not the a-pawn, because the black rook was not at c8. "Then move Kb1, Rc1, and Rd1 with a nice position."

Elliott also mentioned the game Fischer-Byrne, perhaps at Sousse 1967, where "in a sense Fischer refuted his own opening."

There was more as we wound down to adjournment.

Someone said about a past encounter, "I lost the game but won the post-mortem." A common but curious term, someone said. I asked if maybe the post-mortem was the afterlife. Paul thought that was an interesting transposition.

Kit: "We need a chess café mug."

Someone suggested we might put on it a slightly altered version of a statement attributed to Socrates or Plato. It was hard to gauge the general response to that.

But there will be more, much more food for thought.

A couple of games discussed in the Chess Café:

Rodolfo Tan Cardoso - Tigran Vartanovich Petrosian [B81]

Las Palmas Las Palmas ESP (5), 11.04.1975

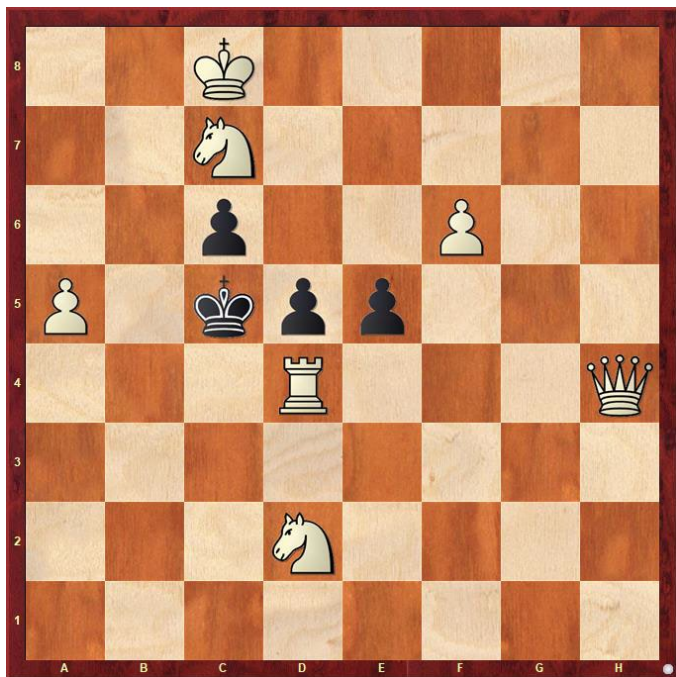
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Kalia Wang – Alexey Root [C10]

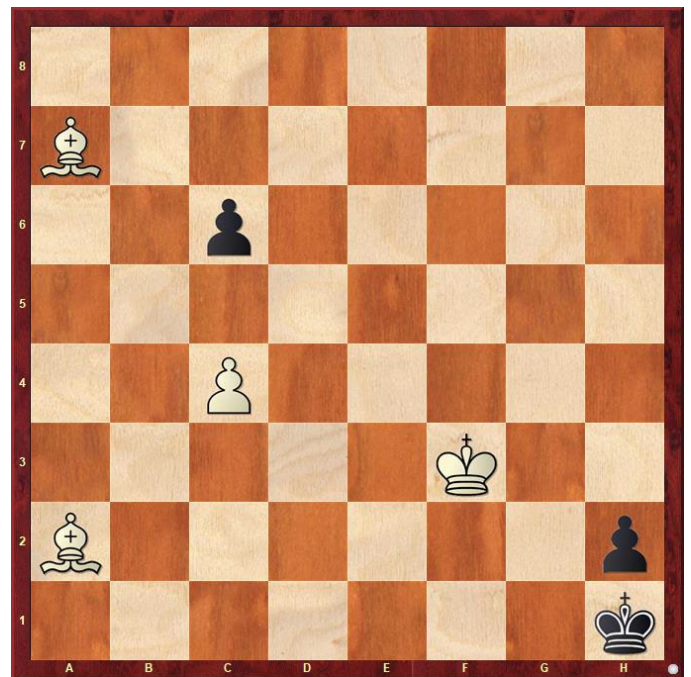
Texas Women's Championship, 08.13.2022

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Qe2 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Be7 9.c3 0-0 10.Bf4 Bxe4 11.Qxe4 c6 12.0-0 Qd5 ½-½.

Tony's Teasers



1. F.C. Collins 1868-1880.
White mates in two moves.



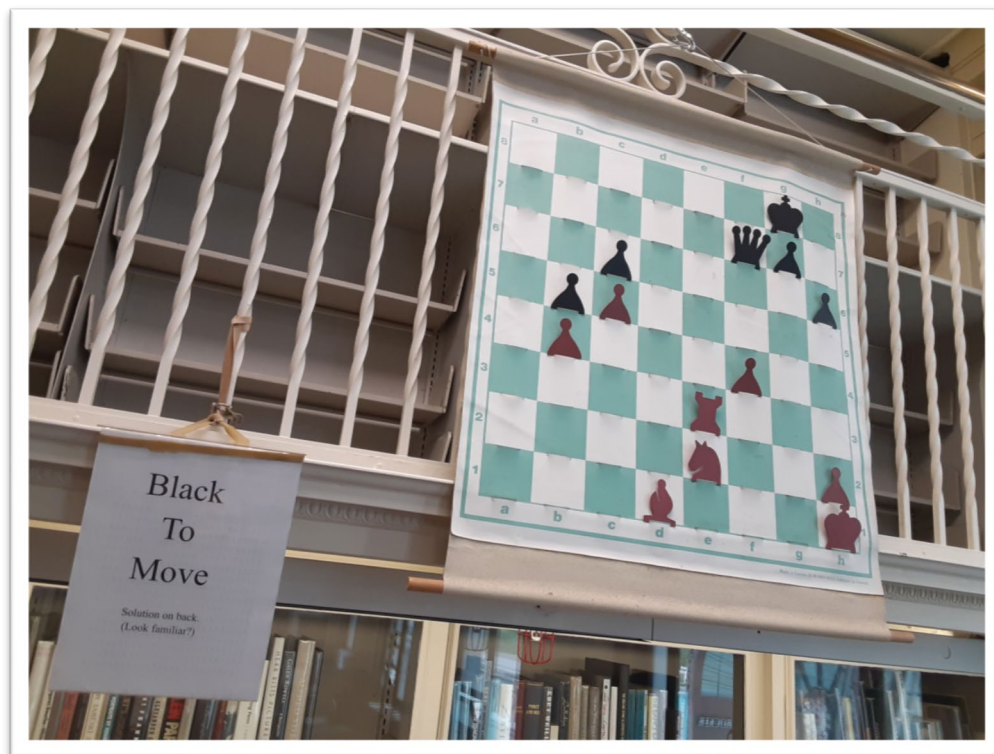
2. F. C. Collins 1868-1880.
White mates in four moves.

Seeking Scholastic Chess Coaches

Are you interested in joining the team at MI? The MI Chess Club is currently seeking Scholastic Chess Instructors 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)

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.



The same position as last week, but with Black to move! From *606 Puzzles for Chess Nuts* (2008), p.15; puzzle 3. By Fred Wilson and Bruce Albertston. Black to play and win (eventually). An example of the "forking" theme.

- Upcoming Events -

Tournaments:

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 and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/vladimir-naroditsky-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

September Monthly Championship Quads

Saturday, September 10 2022, 3PM. 3 games of G/40;d5.

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

Mechanics' Institute Monthly Scholastic Swiss – In Person

Saturday September 10, 2022, 10AM. USCF Rated. 4 games of G/30;d5

Information and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-institute-monthly-scholastic-swiss-person>

USCF Online-Rated Scholastic Tournaments via ChessKid.com

Saturday August 27, 3PM. 6 games of G/10+2

Monday September 5, 3PM. 6 games of G/15+2

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

2022 San Francisco Scholastic Championship - Online

Sunday September 11 2022

Annual heritage event for our scholastic community! Free event on chesskid.com and chess.com

Information and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/2022-san-francisco-scholastic-championship-online>

21st Howard Donnelly Memorial (FIDE Rated)

Saturday & Sunday, September 17 & 18, 9AM. 5 games of G/90+30.

Information and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/21st-donnelly-memorial-championship-fide-rated>

Free Women's Online Class with FIDE Trainer Sophie Adams

Every Sunday from 10AM – 12PM.

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

Solutions to Tony's Teasers

Problem #1: 1.Qg3! e4 2.Nb3#. Or 1...exd4 2.Qa3#. Or 1...Kxd4 2.Ne6#. Finally, 1...Kd6 2.Ne4#!

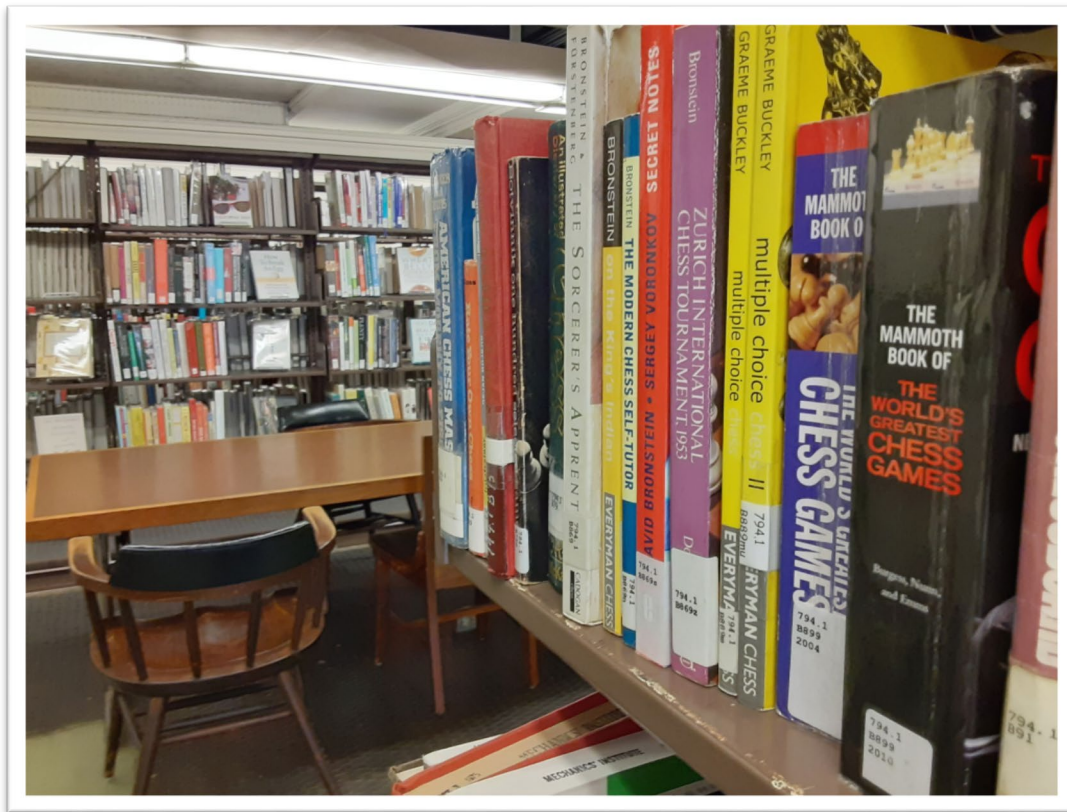
Problem #2: 1.Bd4! c5 2.Kf2! cxd4 3.c5 d3 4.Bd5#. Simple and elegant.

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