

# Chess Room Newsletter

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At the October Chess Social – George Wilkerson

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## Recent Tournaments at Mechanics' Institute

The **Felix German Memorial TNM** kicked off on November 8, with 84 players competing in three sections. This Mechanics' Institute flagship event was started in 1972 by Chess Room Director **Ray Conway**, with attendance at the club booming during the **Fischer-Spassky** match in Reykjavik. This tournament will wrap up on December 20.



**Felix German** (pictured above), a Mechanic's Institute stalwart of tournaments and match play, passed away unexpectedly in 2020.

For TNM info, standings and results: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/felix-german-memorial-tuesday-night-marathon>

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

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The **Vladimir Naroditsky Memorial TNM** ended October 18, with **Steve Sobel** (1674) the winner of the top (1800+) section with a 6-1 score. Steve lost in the final round to IM **Kyron Griffith**, who finished in clear 2<sup>nd</sup> with 5.5 points. Experts **Abhishek Handigol** and **Luke Widjaja** tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 5 points each. Tied for best under 2000 were **Sebastian Suarez** and **Max Hao**, while **Anton Maliev** took away the prize for best under 1800.

In the under 1800 section **Yonathon Admassu** scored an impressive 6.5-.5 to take clear 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> was **Dominic James Croce** with 6 points. **Konrad Goc** and **Karl Stuart Kingma** tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> and best under 1600, while **Fernando Toledo Guerrero** and **Jahsun Barrack** tied for best under 1400.

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

The tournament was co-directed by International Arbiter **Judit Sztaray** and FIDE Arbiter **Abel Talamantez**.

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On October 8, the Mechanics' Institute hosted its monthly double-header of **Scholastic Swiss** in the morning and **Quads** in the afternoon.

Thirteen players turned out for the scholastic event held in two sections, with **Hayes Marvin** taking 1<sup>st</sup> place on tie-breaks over **Ethan Liu** and **Rakshita Dhanasekar** in the 700+ section, while the under 700 section was won outright by **Simon Lim**.

Final results here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-institute-monthly-scholastic-swiss-person#1008>

A whopping 68 players in 17 sections turned out for the Quads, with the top quad won by the brother duo of **Patrick Liu** and **Aiden Liu**.

Final results here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-championship-quads#1008>

Both events were directed by Local TD **Arthur Liou**.

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The **20<sup>th</sup> Saint-Amant Memorial**, held on October 22, saw 75 players competing in two sections. The top section (1800+) saw a three-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup>, with IM **Kyron Griffith** splitting the honors with experts **Chawit Asavasaetakui** and **Christophe Bambou** – all scoring an undefeated 3.5-.5 points.

The under 1800 section was won outright by **Victor Briancon-Marjollet** with a perfect 4-0, while **Henry Lien**, **Bowen Gui**, and **Stanley Zhong** tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> with 3.5 points each.

Final results here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/20th-st-amant-memorial-championship>

The tournament was directed by FIDE Arbiter **Abel Talamantez**.

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The **50<sup>th</sup> Carroll Capps Memorial**, held on November 5, again saw a full house with 75 players competing in three sections. IM **Kyron Griffith** and Expert **Sricharan Pullela** tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2000+ section with 3.5 from 4 games, and tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> were Experts **Advay Bansal**, **Chawit Asavasaetakul**, and **Niko Pompe** with 3 points each.

In the 1600-1999 section **Yuvraj Sawhney** took clear 1<sup>st</sup> with a perfect 4-0 score.

Second place was taken by **Max Hao** with 3.5, while **Kian Jamali** and **Alec Thompson**

tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> with 3 points.

The under 1600 section also saw a clear winner, with **Robert Huskins** earning a perfect 4-0, while **Nicholas Brown** and **Calvin Rummens** tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with 3.5 points each.

Final results here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/50th-carroll-capps-memorial-championship>

The tournament was directed by Local TD **Arthur Liou**.

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On November 12, the Mechanics' Institute hosted its monthly double-header of **Scholastic Swiss** in the morning and **Quads** in the afternoon.

Sixteen players showed up for the scholastic event divided into two sections, with **Ethan Lam** as clear 1<sup>st</sup> in the 500+ section and **Sawyer Cohen** taking clear 1<sup>st</sup> in the u500 section.

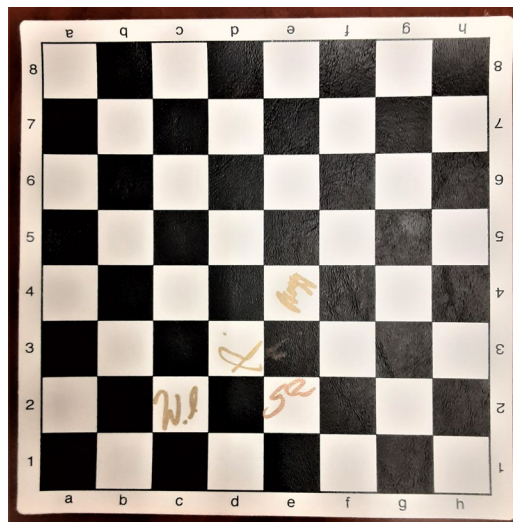
Final results here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-institute-monthly-scholastic-swiss-person#1112>

A full house of 79 players in 19 sections showed up for the Quads, with IM **Elliott Winslow** the winner of the top quad.

Final results here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/mechanics-championship-quads#1112>

Both tournaments were directed by Local TD **Michael Hsu**, assisted by FIDE Arbiter **Abel Talamantez** and International Arbiter **Judit Sztaray**.

The winners of each quad were presented with a chess board signed by the visiting players from the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour (more on that below):



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### **IM Elliott Winslow: Annotated Games from the TNM**

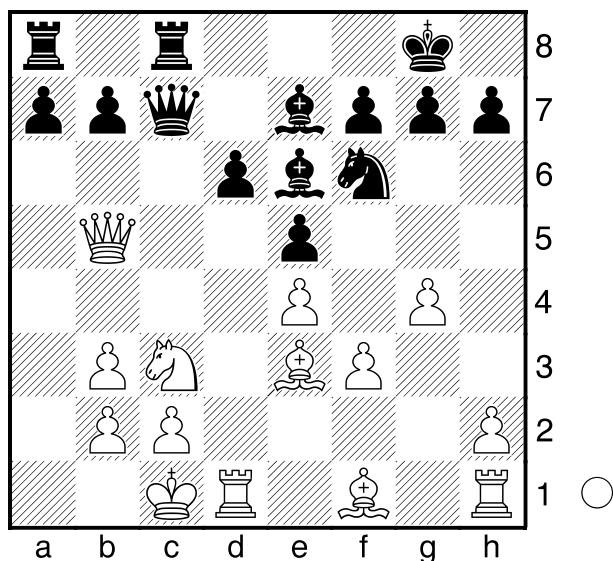
A selection of games from rounds one and two of the Felix German Memorial TNM:

**Griffith, Kyron Waykuan**  

**Walder, Michael**  
 MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (1.1)  
*[TA 5.3 (11s); Winslow, Elliott]*

**B56**  
**2444**  
**2042**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**  
**Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6**  
**8.Be3 Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Na5**  
**[ 10...Qc8 ]**  
**11.Qb5± Nxb3+ 12.axb3 Qc7 13.g4**  
**Rfc8**

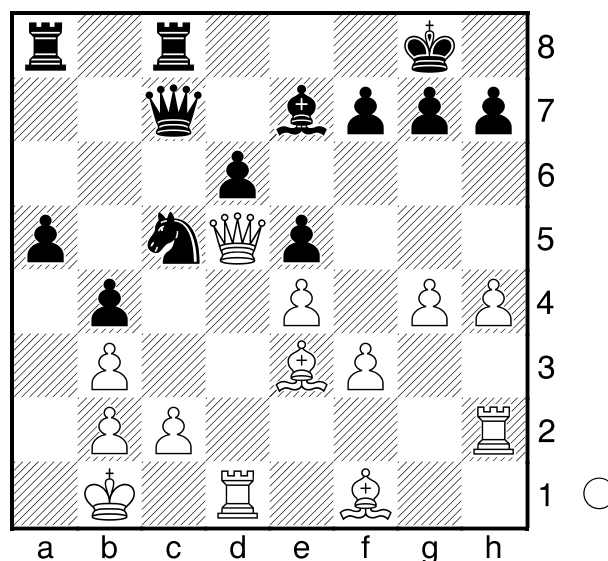


**14.h4N** Gesturing aggressively towards Black's king, but as the game goes it turns into a target (or should have!).

[But 14.Kb1 Qc6 15.h3 seems a lot less credible. a6 16.Qxc6 Rxc6 17.Rh2 Ne8 18.Rhd2 h6 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 ½-½ (68) Oleksienko, M (2588)-Shishkin, V (2506) Eforie Nord 2008 ]

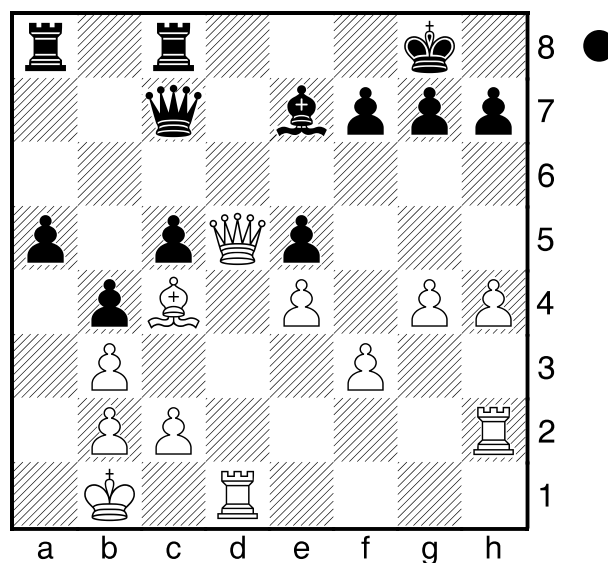
**14...Nd7 15.Kb1 a6 16.Qd3 b5**  
**17.Rh2 Nc5 18.Qd2 b4 19.Nd5 Bxd5**  
**20.Qxd5**  
 [ 20.exd5 Rcb8± ]  
**20...a5**

(Diagram)



It appears that Black's pawn storm is striking home first, but White's light-square grip is paramount. **21.Bxc5?!** Rather an inexplicable move, giving Black some tactics.

[ 21.Bc4± is superior. Ne6 22.Qb5 is the computers' suggestion, but does any human want their queen on a4? ]  
**21...dxc5 22.Bc4** Or else ...Rd8 equalizes.



**22...Bf6?** After this accommodation White steadily converts the win.

[ Here Black (and White?) overlooked 22...Bxh4!= reducing White's

advantage to minimal. 23.Qd7  
 ( 23.Rxh4 Rd8 regains the piece:  
 24.Rdh1 when it's a hard choice  
 between taking the queen and 24...h6,  
 in both cases offering likely chances to  
 hold. ) 23...Qxd7 24.Rxd7 Bg5!= ]

**23.Qd7!±** Strongly threatening g5. White  
 has more active pieces. **23...Qxd7?**

[ 23...Qa7± ]

**24.Rxd7+- Rf8 25.g5 Bd8**

[ 25...Rad8 is a better defense. ]

**26.Rhd2 Bb6 27.R2d6**

[ Δ27.Rb7 ]

**27...Rad8 28.Rxf7 Rxf7 29.Rxb6**

[ Not 29.Bxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rxb6 Rd1+  
 31.Ka2 Rd2± ]

**29...Kf8 30.Bxf7 Kxf7**

[ 30...Rd1+ 31.Ka2 Kxf7 ]

**31.Rb5?**

[ 31.Kc1 Kg8 32.Rc6 ]

**31...Rd1+ 32.Ka2 Rf1 33.Rxc5 Ke6**

[ 33...Rxf3 is a better chance. 34.Rxa5  
 ( 34.Rxe5 Rh3± ) 34...Rf2 ]

**34.Rc7 Rxf3?**

[ 34...h5 35.Rxg7 Rh1 ]

**35.Rxg7 Rf4 36.Rxh7 Rxe4 37.g6**

aiming for h5. **37...Rg4 38.g7**

[ 38.h5+- and the rest is easy. ]

**38...e4?**

[ 38...Kf6± ]

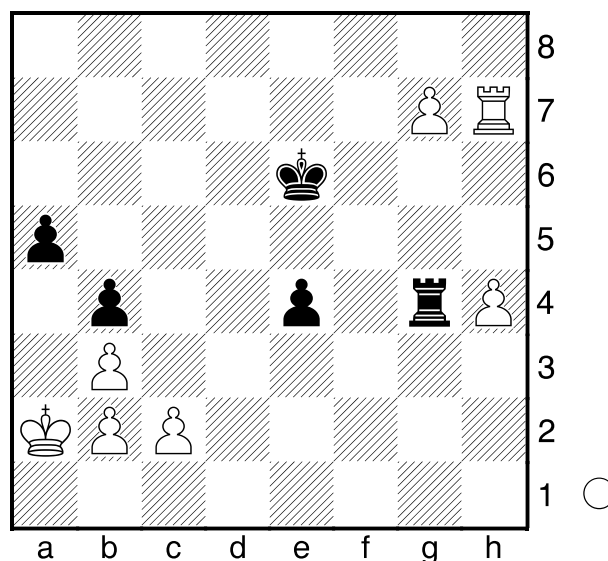
[ Lc0 v0.26.1: 38...Kf7 39.c4 bxc3

40.bxc3 e4 41.Kb2 Kg8 42.Rh5

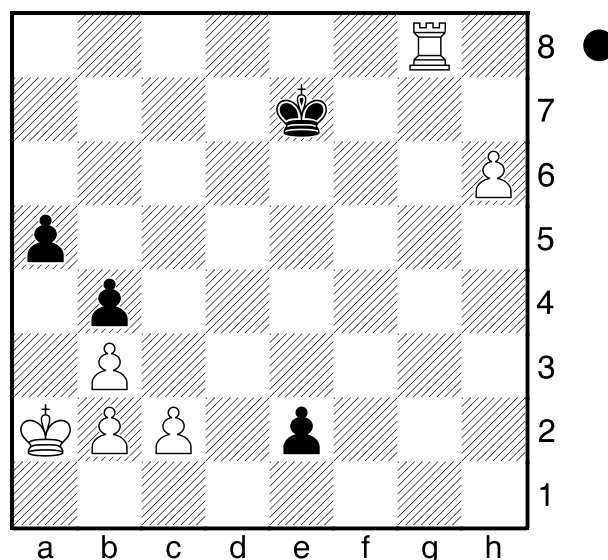
Kxg7 43.Rxa5 Rxh4 44.Rf5 Kg6

45.Rf1 Rh2+ 46.Ka3 Kg5 47.b4 e3 ]

(Diagram)



**39.h5! e3 40.h6 e2 41.Rh8 Ke7**  
**42.g8Q Rxg8 43.Rxg8**



A nice finish -- Black queens two moves  
 ahead of White, but can't stop White  
 queening too -- with an extra rook and  
 safety from any perpetuals.

**1-0**

□ Winslow,Elliott

■ Busch,Jonah

MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (1.3)

[Winslow,Elliott]

C88

2241

1940

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1**

[ 6.d3 ]

**6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 b4**

[ 8...Bb7 ]

**9.d4**

[ 9.a5 d6 10.d3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nbd2 is in the Doknjas book on the Ruy, and it feels more appropriate now... ]

**9...d6**

[ 9...exd4 10.e5 ]

[ 9...Nxd4 ]

**10.dxe5 Nxe5**

[ 10...dxe5 11.Nbd2 ]

**11.h3?!** Just another line I've been meaning to learn about for ages but never have; I vaguely remembered 10.dxe5 but here, on my own board, it all goes dark.

[ 11.Nbd2 ]

[ 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Qe2 ( 12.Qxd8; 12.Bg5; 12.Qf3 Caruana in his recent book on the Ruy for White. )]

**11...Bb7 12.Nbd2**

[ 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Nd2 Bc5 14.Qf3= ]

**12...Re8**

[ 12...Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 a5= ]

**13.Nh2?**

[ 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Qf3± ]

**13...Bf8 14.Nhf1 c5?!**

[ 14...Ned7 ]

**15.Ng3?!**

[ 15.a5 ]

**15...Qc7 16.c4 Nd3 17.Re3 Nxc1**

**18.Rxc1 g6 19.f4 Bh6 20.Qf1 d5**

[ 20...Bg7! ]

**21.e5 d4 22.Re2 Nd7 23.Bc2 f5?!**

[ 23...f6!-+ ]

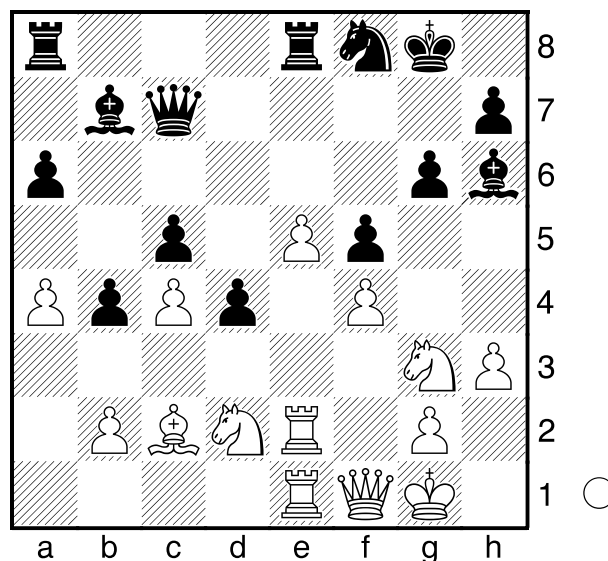
**24.Rce1**

[ 24.Bxf5 gxf5 25.Nxf5 Re6 ]

**24...Nf8?**

[ 24...Kh8 ]

[ 24...Re7 ]



**25.Bxf5! gxf5 26.Nxf5 Bg7 27.Ne4?**

[ 27.Nxg7 Qxg7 28.f5± ]

**27...Bxe4 28.Rxe4 Re6?**

[ 28...Rad8 29.e6± ]

**29.Nxg7! Qxg7**

[ 29...Kxg7 is just as bad: 30.f5 Rh6 31.Qf4 Ne6!? 32.Qd2! ]

**30.f5+- Rh6**

[ 30...Ree8 ]

**31.Rg4 Ng6 32.Qf3 Rd8?! 33.e6 Qf6**

**34.e7 Re8 35.Qd5+ Kh8 36.fxg6**

[ 36.Qd7 Rxe7 37.Qd8+ Qf8

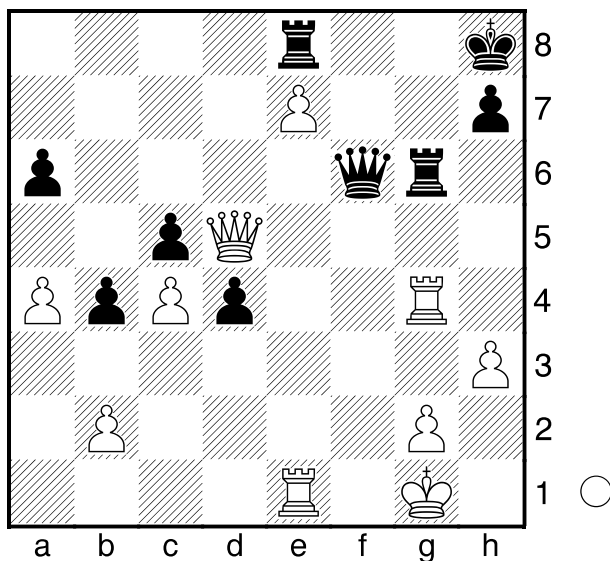
38.Qxf8+ Nxf8 39.Rxe7 ]

[ 36.Re6! Nxe7 37.Qxc5 ( 37.Qd7 ) ]

**36...Rxg6**

(Diagram)





**37.Re6??** An incomprehensible short circuit. **37...Qxe6 38.Rxg6 Qxg6 39.Qxc5 Qf6 0-1**

□ **Sobel, Steve**

■ **Arun, Siddharth**

MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (1.4)

[Winslow, Elliott]

**B11**  
**1933**  
**2193**

Previous TNM winner Steve Sobel continues his impressive forward motion, with another rating upset. **1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6**

[ 3...dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Qe2!? is one way to avoid usual lines. ]

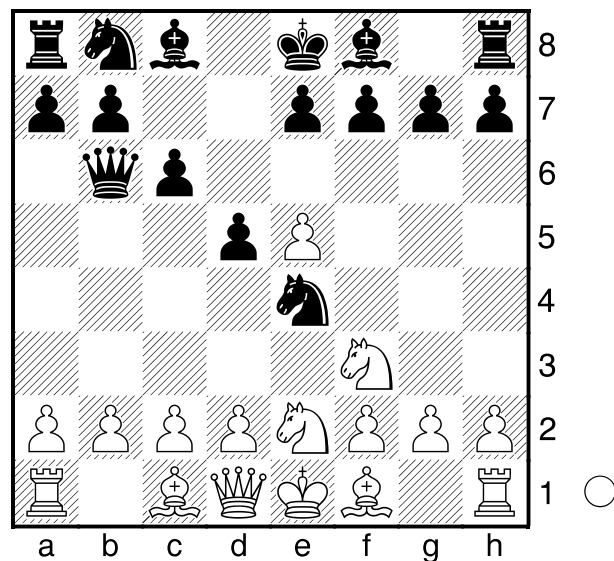
[ 3...Bg4 4.h3 ( 4.Be2 ) 4...Bxf3 ( 4...Bh5 ) 5.Qxf3 e6 is the solid way to play. ]

**4.e5 Ne4** And into the rabbit-hole.

[ 4...Nfd7 ]

**5.Ne2 Qb6!**

(Diagram)



**6.d4! f6!?**

[ 6...c5 tries to free the knight on e4, but it also lets White organize: 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Ned4 ( 8.Nfd4!? with f2-f3 still available ) ]

[ 6...e6! has been the preferred continuation, when 7.Ng3!? c5!? 8.Bd3 has done fairly well "at the top." ]

**7.Ng3**

[ The computer likes ♠7.a4

(Oh, it would these days, wouldn't it?) ]

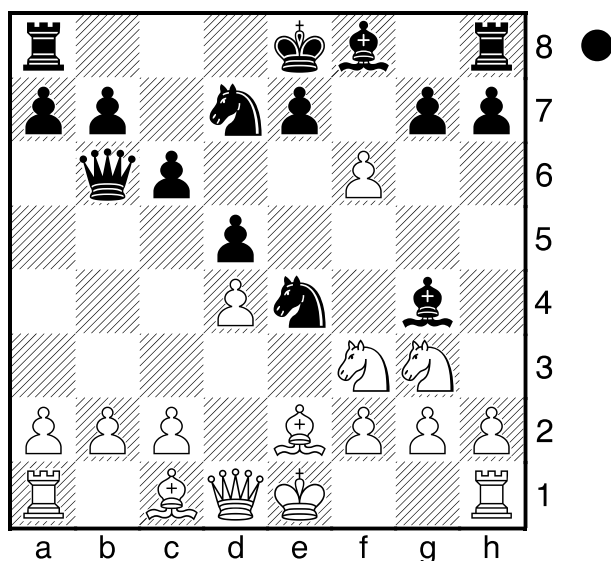
**7...Bg4 8.Be2** White is clearly better according to bots, although the only two games here were won by Black. **8...Nd7**

[ 8...Nxc3 9.hxc3 Nd7 10.c3 0-0-0 11.a4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 fxe5 13.a5 Qc7 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Be3 a6 16.f4 Qd6 17.f5 Qf6 18.Bg4 h5 19.Bh3 g5 20.Bd4 Qh6 21.Bxh8 Qxh8 22.Qe2 h4 23.gxh4 gxh4 24.Kf1 Qh6 25.Re1 Nf6 26.Rg1 Kb8 27.Qe3 Qh8 28.Qe5+ Ka8 29.Rg6 Qh5 30.Qe2 Qh7 31.Qe3 Ne4 32.Qb6 Rc8 33.f6 Rb8 34.Bf5 h3 35.fxe7 0-1 (35) Harika,D (2494)-Eryshkanova, A (2187) St Petersburg 2018 ]

**9.exf6**

[ 9.0-0± ]





**9...gxf6** Sensible on one level, but neither the g-file play nor ...e7-e5 are realistic.

[Predecessor: 9...exf6 10.0-0 ( 10.c3 Nxc3 11.hxc3 0-0-0± ) 10...0-0-0 11.c4 Nxc3 12.hxc3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Ne5 14.Bf4 Rxd4 15.Be6+ Bxe6 16.Nxd4 Bd5 17.Re1 h5 18.Rc1 Bc5 19.Rxe5 fxe5 20.Bxe5 Rd8 21.Qxh5 Bd6 22.Qg4+ Kb8 23.Bxd6+ Rxd6 24.Nf5 Rf6 25.Qf4+ Ka8 26.Qe5 a6 27.Qe8+ Ka7 28.Ne7 Qxf2+ 29.Kh2 Rh6+ 4.08 0-1, Khalafova,N (2279)-Jovic,S (2206) Titled Tuesday (blitz) Chess.com ]

**10.c3**

[ ♞10.a4 -- Quiet, computer! ]

**10...Nd6**

[ 10...0-0-0± was "necessary" (Now the computers are tossing in some words) ]

**11.h3**

[ 11.a4+- ]

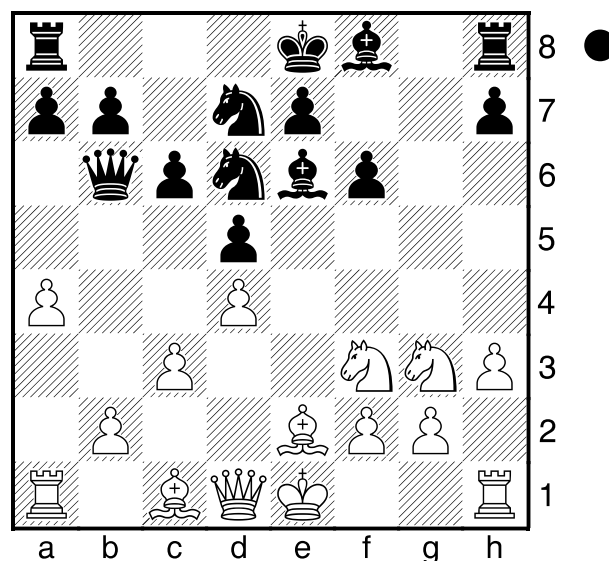
[ 11.Nh4!+- ]

**11...Be6**

[ 11...Bxf3± 12.Bxf3 e5 ]

**12.a4**

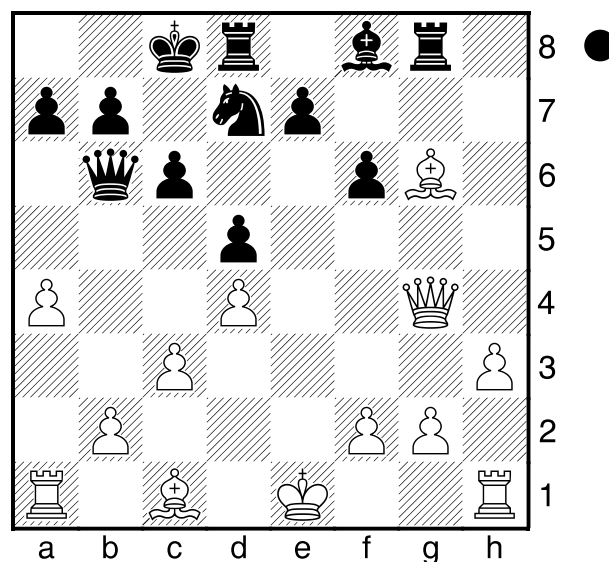
(Diagram)



**Nf5?** Black leaves his king in the center a little too long!

[ 12...0-0-0± keeps fighting. 13.a5 Qc7 ]

**13.Nxf5+- Bxf5 14.Nh4 Bg6 15.Bh5 Rg8 16.Qg4 0-0-0 17.Nxc6 hxc6 18.Bxc6**



**e6 19.h4**

[ 19.0-0+- ]

**19...f5± 20.Qg3 Nf6**

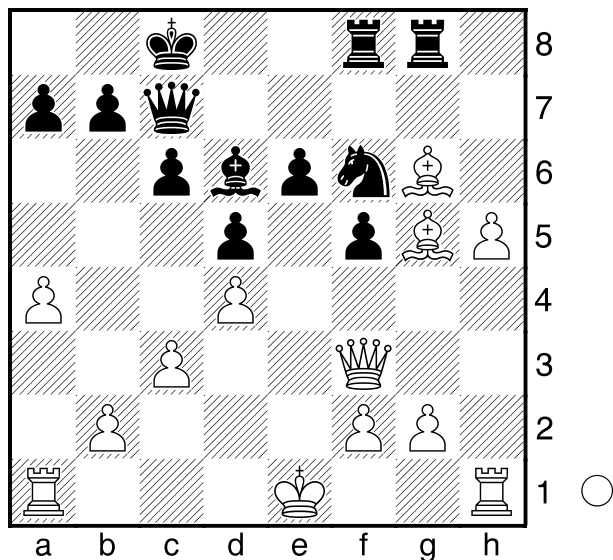
[ 20...c5± ]

**21.h5 Bd6** Inhibits Qe5. **22.Qf3**

Bf7 is the strong threat. **22...Qc7**

[ 22...a5± is a better defense. 23.Bf7

Rgf8 ]  
**23.Bg5+- Rdf8 24.Bh6 Rd8 25.Bg5 Rdf8**

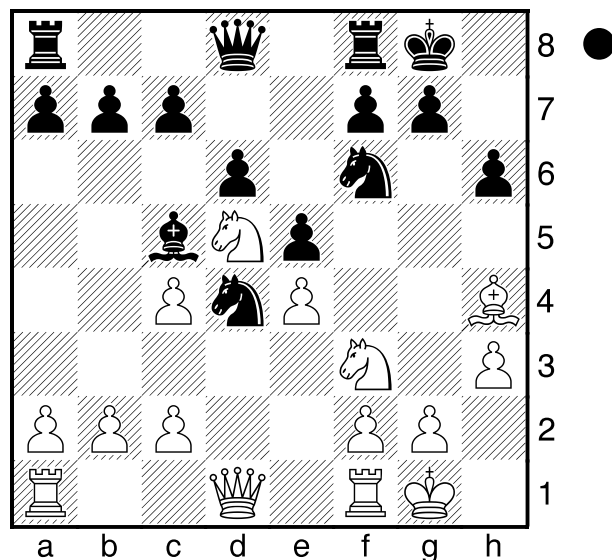


**26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.g4 Bf4 28.gxf5 exf5 29.Kd1** The proverbial "castling by hand"  
**29...Kb8 30.Kc2 Bh6 31.Rae1 Qd7**  
 [  $\Delta$ 31...a6 32.Qe2 Qd6 ]  
**32.Re5 c5?**  
 [ 32...a6 33.Rhe1 ( 33.Rxf5 Rxf5 34.Bxf5 Qf7 $\pm$ ; 33.Bxf5 Qf7 $\pm$  ) 33...Ka7 ]  
**33.Qxd5** Losing the f-pawn might provide drawing chances with the dark-square blockade; here White is clearly winning. **33...Qxa4+ 34.Kb1 Rc8 35.Re7 Rb6**  
 [  $\Delta$ 35...Qc6 36.Qe5+ Rd6 ]  
**36.Bxf5 1-0**

**Li,David Z** **C50** **1711**  
**Casares,Nick** **1600**  
 MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (1.12)  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 d6 8.h3 Be6 9.Nc3 Bxc4 10.dxc4 Nd4**

**11.Nd5**



**c6??**

[ 11...g5! 12.Nxg5?? Nxd5!-+ ]  
**12.Nxf6+ gxf6 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.c3 Bb6 15.Qf3 Kg7 16.Qg4+ Kh7 17.Qf5+ Kg7 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Rd3 Bd8 20.Rfd1 d5 21.Qg4+ 1-0**

**Rakonitz,David** **A80** **1662**  
**Hack,Richard** **1500**  
 MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (1.14)  
*[Hack,Richard, Winslow,Elliott]*

**1.d4 f5 2.Bg5 g6 3.Nd2 Bg7 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nh6 6.Bxh6 Bxh6 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nc6 9.Ngf3 e6**

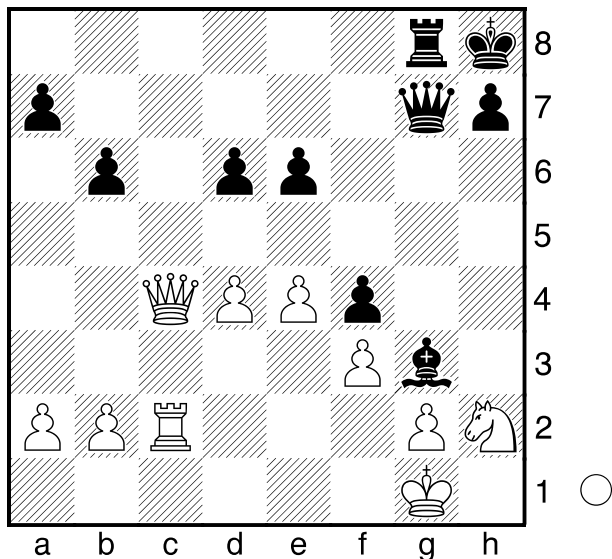
[The machine likes 9...d5 , which I did consider to hold down e4. ]

**10.0-0 0-0 11.Nc4 Qe7**

[The computer suggests 11...d5 12.Nce5 Bg7 13.Qd2 Qd6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Rac1 Bd7 16.b4 f4 17.Qc3 Qb8 18.e4 as a somewhat better line. ]

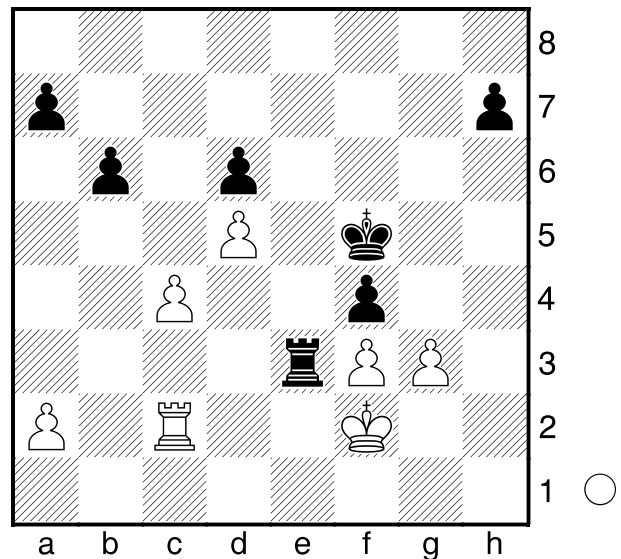
**12.Rc1 b6 13.Nce5 Bb7 14.Qe2 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rac8 16.Ba6** not considered good by the computer, and it's been

even for a couple of moves now. 16...d6  
 17.Nf3 f4 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.e4  
 [ 19.exf4 ]  
 19...g5 20.h3 Qg7 21.Rxc8 Rxc8  
 22.Qd3 g4 23.hxg4 Qxg4 24.Nh2  
 Qg6 25.f3 Bg5 26.Qb3 Kh8 27.Rd1  
 Rg8 28.Rc1 Bh4 29.Rc2 Qg7 30.Qc4  
 Bg3



31.d5 Bxh2+ 32.Kxh2 Qg3+ 33.Kg1  
 Qe1+ 34.Qf1 Qe3+ 35.Qf2 exd5  
 36.exd5 Qe5 37.Qd2 Re8 38.Qc3  
 Qxc3 39.bxc3 Leaving Black with some  
 plus.  
 [ 39.Rxc3 Re2 40.Ra3 Rxb2  
 41.Rxa7 heads to a draw. ]  
 39...Kg7 40.Kf2 Kf6 41.c4 Re3 42.g3  
 Kf5

(Diagram)



### 43.Rd2?

[ 43.gxf4 Kxf4 44.c5! holds; Black  
 has to save his rook before anything  
 else. Rxf3+ 45.Kg2! ( 45.Ke2??  
 Re3+ can block on e4 ) 45...Rg3+  
 46.Kf2 Rg8 47.cxd6! Rd8 48.Rc7  
 Rxd6 ( 48...h5 49.d7 ) 49.Rxh7

The computer breaks out the "0.00"s ]

43...Rc3+ 44.gxf4 Rxc4 45.Kg3 h5?  
 No, it can't wait.

[ 45...Rxf4 46.Rh2 Ra4

**A)** or 47.Rh6 Rxa2 48.Rxd6 Ke5  
 49.Rd7 Ra3 ( 49...h5 50.f4+ Ke4 );

**B)** 47.Rxh7 Rxa2 48.Rh5+ Kg6  
 49.Rh8 Ra5 might be a tough  
 question of technique, but it is  
 won. ]

46.Rh2= Kg6 47.Re2 David back-and-  
 forths to a simplified draw. 47...h4+  
 48.Kg4 h3 49.Re6+ Kg7 50.Kxh3  
 Rxf4 51.Kg3 Rf6 52.Re7+

[ 52.Rxf6?? does indeed lose, as so  
 often is seen when "all rook endings  
 are drawn" isn't believed. ]

52...Rf7 53.Re6 Rf6 54.Re7+ Rf7  
 1/2-1/2

**Otterbach, Renate**  

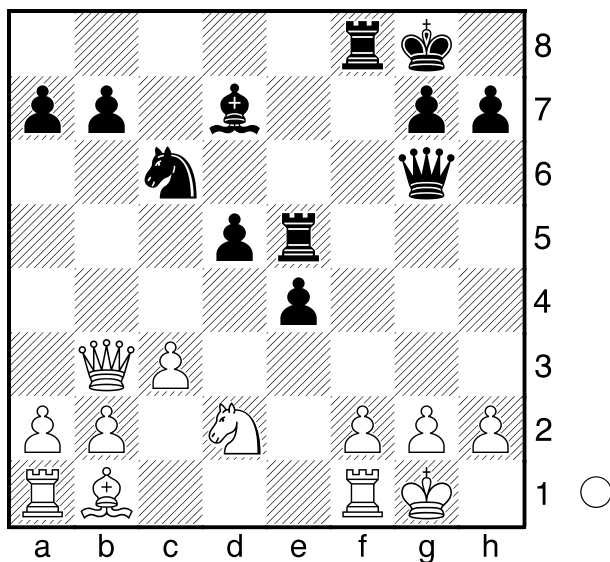
**Hilliard, Michael R**  
 MI Felix German TNM: Under 1600 (1.23)  
*[Winslow, Elliott]*

**B13**

**991**

**1400**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3  
 Nf6 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.Nf3 Bd6  
 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Nd2 Nd7  
 11.Ndf3 f6 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 13.Bxd6  
 Qxd6 14.0-0 e5 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Bb1  
 Rae8 17.Qc2 e4 18.Nd2 Qg6 19.Qb3  
 Re5



**20.f4?** Missing a shot!

[ 20.Nxe4! (It doesn't win, but it sure  
 doesn't lose! Probably some slight  
 advantage. And, it takes the punch out  
 of Black's position.) Na5  
 ( 20...Rxe4?? 21.Qxd5+- ) 21.Qd1  
 Bb5! (That's one less hanging piece)

**A) 22.Re1??** dxe4 ( 22...Qe6! );

**B) 22.Nc5!** and White gets away to  
 d3 with that nice extra pawn Note  
 22...Bxf1?? 23.Bxg6 ]

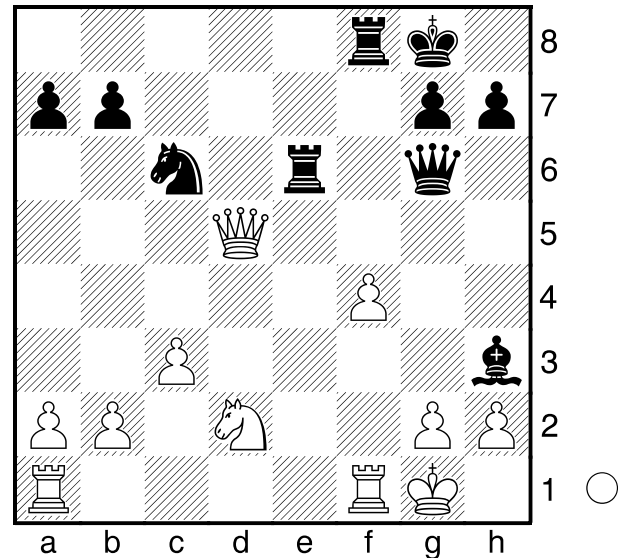
**20...Bh3!**

[The only other good (and also  
 winning!) move was 20...Na5  
 and again, Black manages to save  
 everything with those center pawns  
 surviving and thriving. ]

**21.Bxe4**

[ 21.g3 Na5! even better than  
 ( 21...Bxf1 ) 22.Qb5 Bxf1 23.Qxa5  
 Bh3 24.fxe5 would be great, except  
 for Qf7!-+ ]

**21...Rxe4 22.Qxd5+ Re6**



It might be "only" a bishop for two pawns,  
 but it's quite won for Black. **23.Rf2 Kh8**

**24.Qg5 Bf5**

[ 24...Qxg5 25.fxg5 Rxf2 26.Kxf2  
 Bxg2 ]

**25.Rd1 h6 26.Qxg6 Bxg6 27.Nb3 b6**

**28.g4 Be4**

[ 28...Re4! ]

**29.Nd4 Nxd4 30.cxd4**

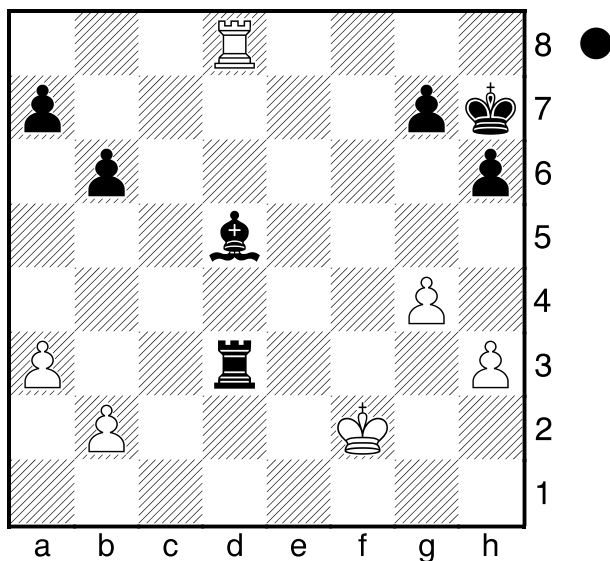
[ 30.Rxd4 Bc6 ]

**30...Bd5 31.a3 Re4 32.h3 Rxf4**

**33.Rxf4 Rxf4 34.Rf1 Rxd4 35.Rf8+**

**Kh7 36.Rd8 Rd3 37.Kf2**

(Diagram)

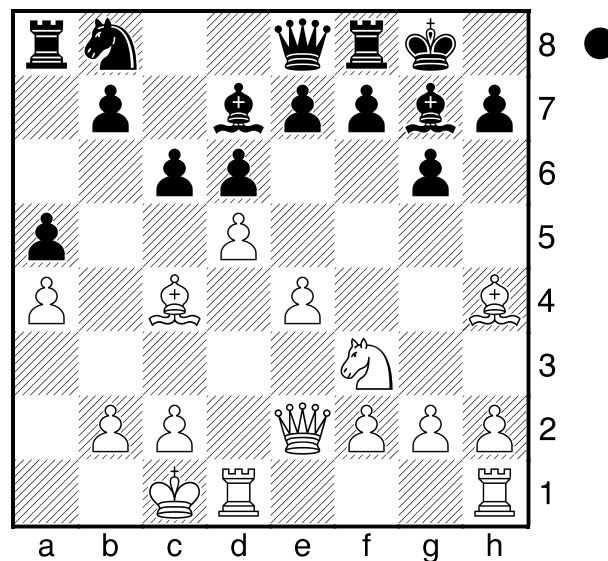


**Rxh3** "Simplifying" -- but keeping the bishop would be fine as well. **38.Rxd5 Rh2+ 39.Kf3 Rxb2 40.Rd7 Rb3+ 0-1**

**Cadimas, Freddie Llanes** **A46 898**  
 **Agdamag, Samuel** **1400**  
 MI Felix German TNM: Under 1600 (1.25)  
*[Winslow, Elliott]*

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bh4 g6 5.Nbd2 Nxd2 6.Qxd2 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.Bc4 c6 9.0-0-0?! a5**  
 [ 9...Nd7= ]  
**10.a4 Bd7**  
 [ 10...b5! ]  
**11.Qe2**  
 [ 11.Bg5± ]  
**11...Qe8**  
 [ 11...b5! 12.axb5 cxb5 13.Bxb5 a4-+ ]  
**12.d5**

(Diagram)



**b5!-+ 13.dxc6 Bxc6?**

[ 13...bxc4 14.cxd7 Nxd7 15.Qxc4 Nb6-+ The difference a couple extra moves makes! ]

**14.Bxb5?**

[ 14.axb5!± ]

**14...Bxb5 15.Qxb5?! Nd7-+**

[ 15...Nc6! ]

**16.b3 Qc8?**

[ 16...Rb8! 17.Qxa5 Qc8 ]

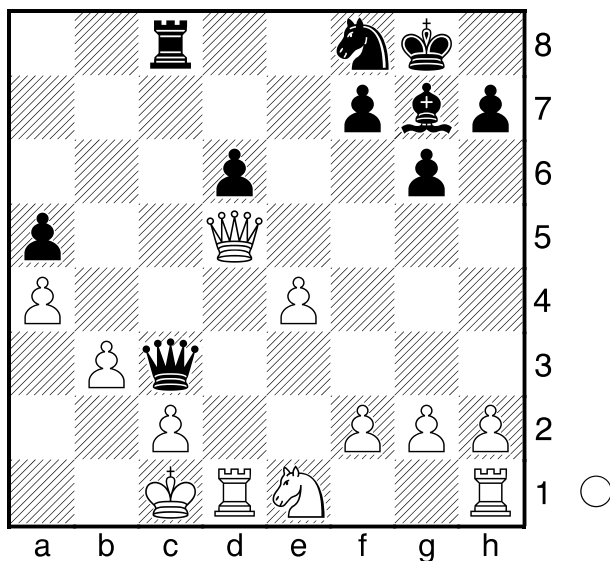
**17.Bxe7** (Now White can stay in balance) **17...Rb8**

[ 17...Re8 18.Bxd6 Qc3 19.e5= ]

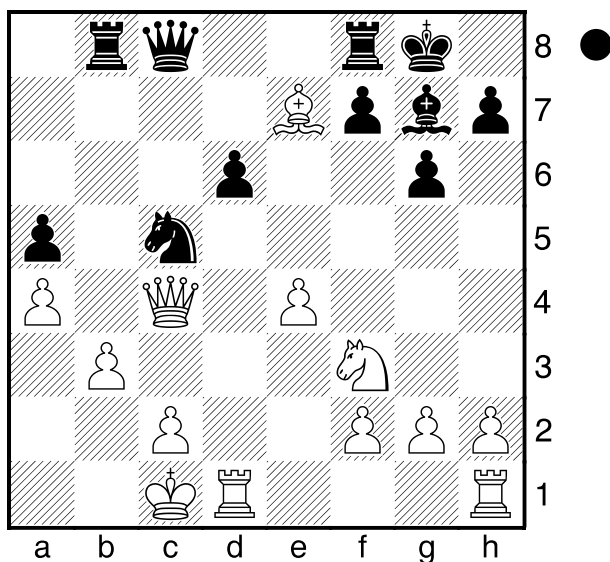
**18.Qd3??**

[ 18.Qd5! Qc3 19.Bxf8! Rc8! 20.Ne1! ( 20.Qd3?? Qb2+ 21.Kd2 Rxc2+!-+ ) 20...Nxf8

(Diagram)



There are myriad repetitions: even  
 21.Qb7 Rc7 22.Qb8 Rc8 ]  
**18...Nc5+ 19.Qc4**



**Nxb3+??**

[ 19...Rxb3+ ]

[ 19...Rb4!+ ]

**20.cxb3+- Qd7**

[ 20...Rxb3 21.Qxc8 Rxc8+ 22.Kd2 ]

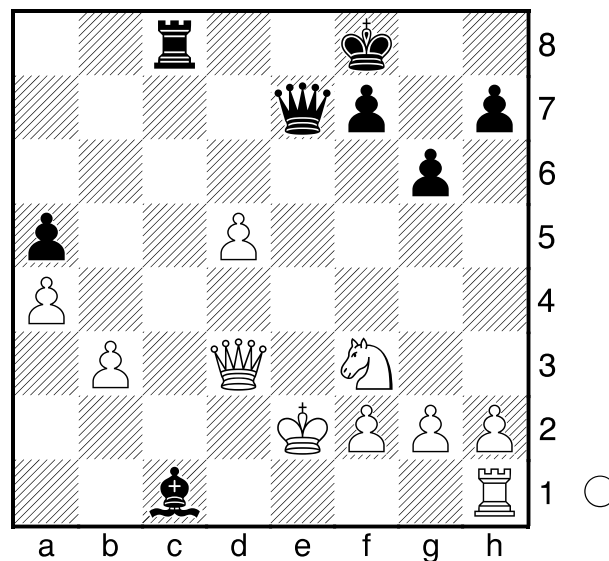
**21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Kd2**

[ 22.Qd5 ]

**22...Rc8 23.Qa6 Qc7 24.Rc1?**

[ 24.Ke2 ]

**24...Bh6+ 25.Ke2 Bxc1± 26.Qd3±  
 d5!? 27.exd5 Qe7+**



**28.Kd1?**

[ 28.Kf1 Bb2 29.g3 Rc3 30.Qe2  
 Rc1+ 31.Ne1= While White is  
 untangling, Black gets the pawns  
 back ]

**28...Bb2?**

[ 28...Bh6 It's going to be all about  
 White's exposed king: 29.Nd2 Bxd2  
 30.Qxd2 ( 30.Kxd2 Qf6 ) 30...Qa3  
 ( 30...Qb7 ) ]

**29.Re1**

[ 29.d6!? ]

**29...Rc1+ 30.Kd2 Qb4+ 31.Ke2 Rc3**

**32.Qb5?!**

[ 32.Qd2 Qxb3 33.Qh6+ Kg8  
 34.Kf1= ]

**32...Qe4+?**

[ 32...Qxb5+ 33.axb5 Rxb3±

And this one is all about the excellent  
 partnership of passed a-pawn and  
 dark-squared bishop. Maybe White  
 can disrupt things enough with 34.Nd2  
 Rxb5 35.Nc4 Bf6 36.d6 ]

**33.Kf1 Qc2?!**

[ 33...Qd3+ 34.Qxd3 Rxd3 35.Re4!  
 Rxd5 ( 35...Rxb3 36.Nd2 Rd3  
 37.Nc4 Bc3 38.Re3+- ) 36.Ke2+-  
 White can work this one. ]

**34.Qe8+**

[ 34.d6! ]

**34...Kg7 35.d6 Qd3+ 36.Qe2 Qxe2+ 37.Rxe2 Rxb3 38.Re8??** Wrong order!  
 [ 38.d7 Bf6 39.Re8 ( 39.Rd2 Bd8 40.Ne5 Rb6 41.Rc2 ) 39...Rd3 40.Ne5 Rd4 41.g3 is, basically, a Zugzwang. ]

**38...Rd3± 39.Rd8 Kf6?!**

[ 39...Bf6

**A) 40.Rd7 Ra3 ( 40...g5 );**

**B) 40.Ra8 Rxd6 41.Rxa5 Rd1+ 42.Ke2 Ra1 ]**

**40.Ne1?**

[ 40.Ke2± Rd5 41.Nd2 ]

**40...Rd1**

[ 40...Rd5= ]

**41.Ke2 Ra1??**

[ 41...Rd5 ]

**42.Rb8!+-**

[ 42.Re8! ]

**42...Bc3 43.Nd3??**

[ 43.Nc2 Rc1 44.d7 ]

**43...Rxa4??**

[ 43...Ke6= 44.Nc5+ ( 44.Rd8 Bd4 ) 44...Kxd6 45.Ne4+ Kc7 46.Rf8 Be5 47.Rxf7+ Kc6 48.Rxh7 Rxa4= as it turns out. ]

**44.d7** The rest is just a waste. **44...Rd4**

**45.d8Q+ Rxd8 46.Rxd8 h5 47.Ra8**

**Ke6 48.Nc5+ Kd5 49.Nb7 Kc6**

**50.Nxa5+ Kb5 51.Nb3 Kb4 52.Nd2 f6**

**53.Rf8 f5 54.Rg8 Be5 55.Rxg6 Bxh2**

**56.Rh6 f4 57.Rxh5 f3+ 58.Nxf3 Bc7**

**59.g4**

**1-0**

□ **Widjaja,Luke**

■ **Griffith,Kyron Waykuan**

MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (2.1)

[Winslow,Elliott]

**B40**

**2055**

**2444**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3**

This amorphous fianchetto can be rather annoying against ...e6. **3...Nc6 4.Bg2**

**Nf6 5.Qe2**

[ 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0

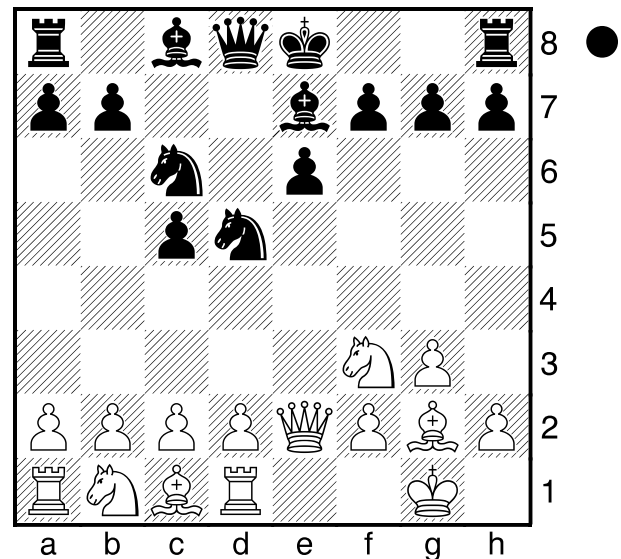
8.Re1 is a huge stage position, scene of thousands of epic battles. ]

[ 5.Nc3 d5 6.exd5 exd5 7.d4 is another sort of typical engagement. ]

**5...d5**

[ 5...e5!? is a hard change of pace to make, but could well be best. ]

**6.exd5 Nxd5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Rd1**



**Bf6?!**

[ 8...0-0 9.d4 sees White's jump in development causing troubles. ]

[ Black still needs something radical to show up White's maneuver as a bit artificial: 8...Qb6!? ]

[ or 8...Nd4!? ]

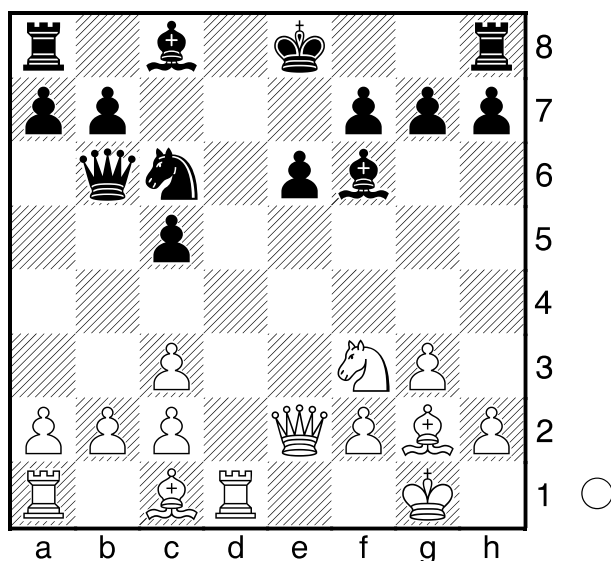
**9.Nc3 Nxc3?**

[ 9...0-0 10.Ne4 Be7 11.d4± ]

**10.dxc3 Qb6**

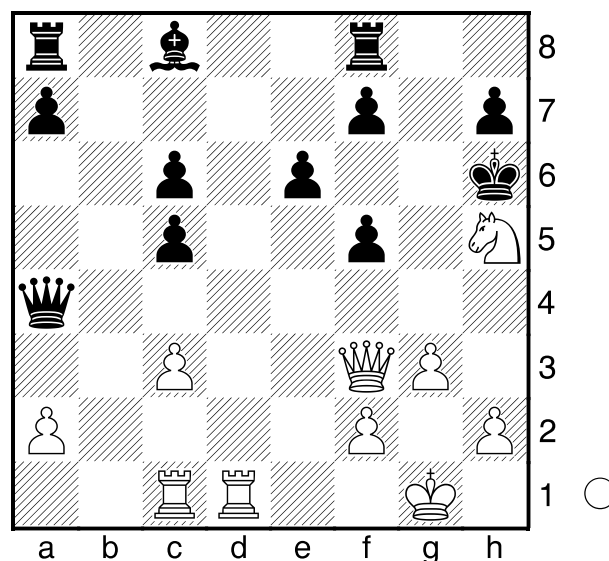
(Diagram)





**11.Bg5!** 'Inviting' Kyron to go pawn hunting **11...Qxb2** All but fatal, but completing development was going to be problematic for Black in any case.  
**12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nd2!** A star move! The knight aims for f6 and d6. **13...Qxc2**  
**14.Bxc6+!?** Certainly good,  
 [but even better was 14.Qb5! 0-0 ( 14...Bd7 15.Ne4! ) 15.Ne4! and Rd2 is going to trap Black's queen! ]  
**14...bxc6 15.Qf3 0-0 16.Ne4 f5 17.Nf6+ Kg7 18.Rac1 Qa4 19.Nh5+ Kh6**  
 [ 19...Kg8 20.Qe3! ]

(Diagram)

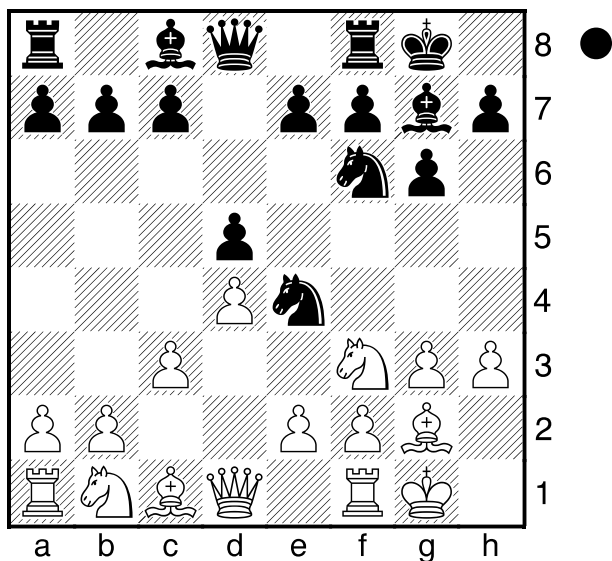


**20.Nf4**  
 [ 20.c4!+- ]  
**20...Kg7**  
 [ 20...f6 21.Qh5+ Kg7 22.Qh4 (threatening the queen) readies Qa5 23.Nh5+ Kg6 24.g4 ]  
**21.Nh5+ Kh6 22.Nf4?? Kg7**  
 I guess Luke just wasn't up to beating a 2400 in a handful of moves just yet, and settles for a draw.  
 1/2-1/2

□ **Urquhart, Joe S** **D02**  
 ■ **Seitzer, Phillip** **1893**  
**2129**  
 MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (2.2)  
*[Winslow, Elliott]*

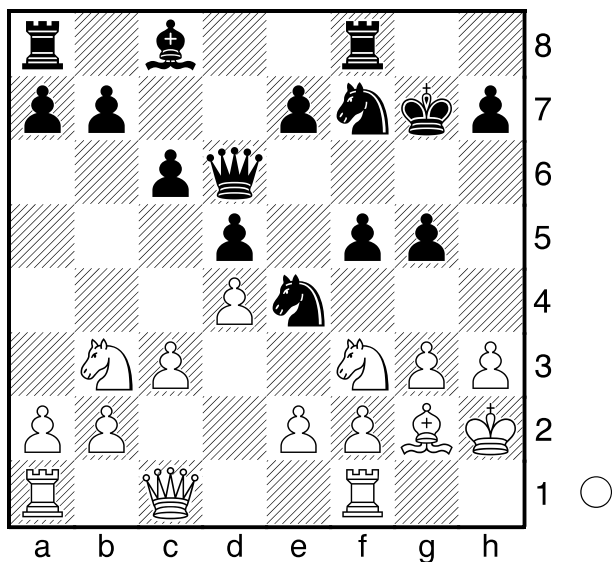
Seltzer wins a pawn after an unusual opening by both players (mostly Joe), and brings it to a win -- to be the only player with a perfect score. 1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c3 Nbd7 7.h3 Ne4 8.Ng5 Ndf6 9.Nf3

(Diagram)



Joe hasn't played a tournament game for quite a while, and seems to be trying to find his bearings. (He will, I'm sure.)

9...c6 10.Kh2 Ne8 11.Bf4 f5 12.Qc1 N8d6 13.Bh6 Nf7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nbd2 Qd6 16.Nb3 g5



17.Ne5? Nxe5 18.Bxe4 fxe4 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.Qe3 Qf5 21.g4 Qf4+ 22.Qg3 b6 23.f3 exf3 24.exf3 e5 25.Rae1 Qxg3+ 26.Kxg3 Ba6 27.Rf2 Rae8 28.Nd2 Bd3 29.Re3 Bg6 30.Rfe2 Kf6 31.h4 h6 32.hxg5+ hxg5 33.b4 Re7 34.a4 Rfe8 35.Re1 Rh8 36.Nf1 c5 37.R3e2 cxb4 38.Ne3 Rd7 39.cxb4

Re8 40.Rd2 d4 41.Kg2 Rc8 42.a5 bxa5 43.bxa5 Rc5 44.a6 Rd6 45.Nf1 Rxa6 46.Ng3 Rc2 47.Ree2 Raa2 48.Nh5+ Kf7 49.Rxc2 Rxc2 50.Rxc2 Bxc2 51.Kf2 a5 52.Ke1 a4 53.Kd2 Bg6 54.Ng3 a3 55.Kc1 Ke6 56.Nf1 Kd5 57.Nd2 Kc5

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□ Bambou, Christophe

■ Snyder, Larry

MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (2.4)

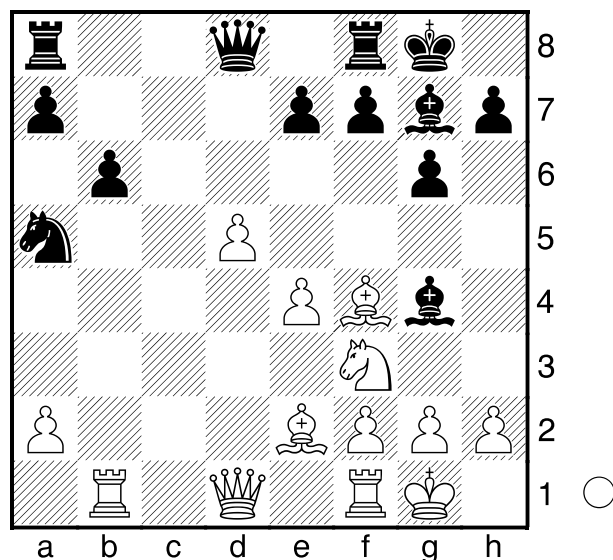
[Winslow, Elliott]

D85

2078

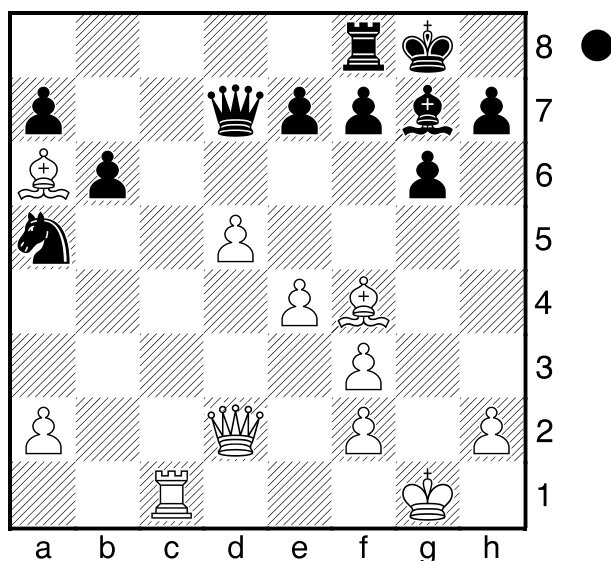
2073

After many perambulations in a typical Exchange Gruenfeld middlegame, longtime veteran Snyder grabs the chance to mobilize his queenside pawns and takes the point. 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0 12.Rb1 b6 13.d5 Na5 14.Bf4 Bg4



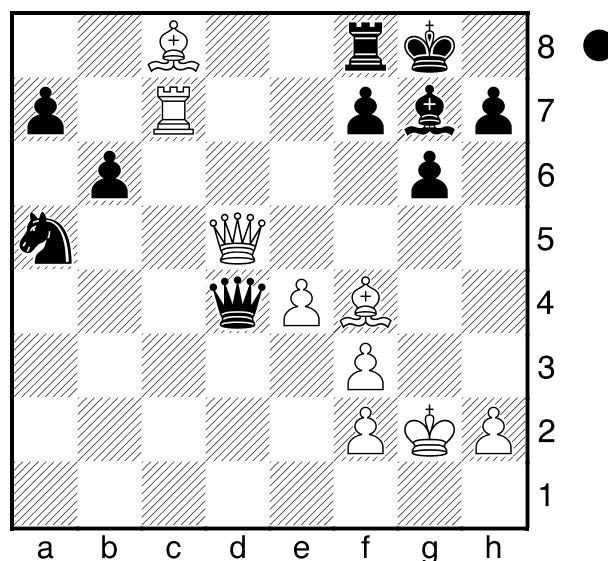
15.Rc1 Rc8 16.Qd2 Qd7 17.Ba6 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Bxf3 19.gxf3

(Diagram)



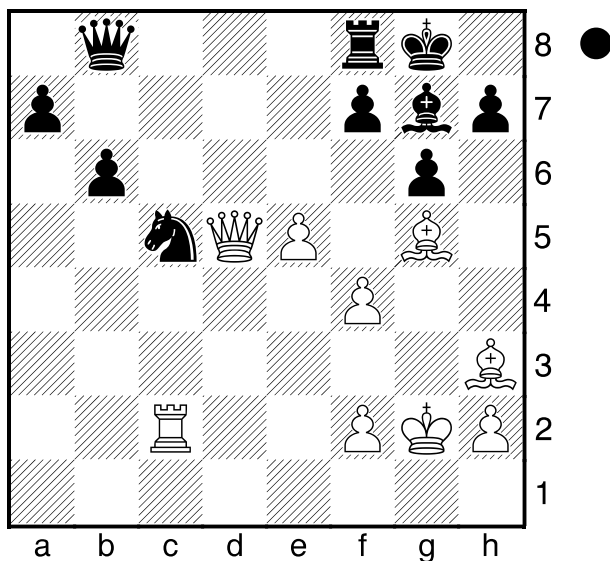
White has a probably winning advantage with the bishops and absolute control of the c-file, but it never crystallizes into anything further. **19...e5 20.dxe6** Better to keep the passed pawn, and leave Black's bishop out of the game for a while. **20...Qxe6 21.Qd5 Qf6 22.Qd6 Qb2 23.Rc7 Qxa2 24.Bc8?!**  
 [ 24.Rxa7?! Nb3 25.Be3 Qa1+ 26.Kg2 Nd4 White has nothing. ]  
 [ 24.Kg2! Qe6 25.Qxe6 fxe6 26.Bd6 Rf7 27.Rc8+ Bf8 28.f4± is a bind worth a lot more than the pawn. ]  
**24...Qa1+**  
 [ 24...b5!= 25.Kg2 ( 25.Rxa7 Rxc8 26.Qa6 Qc4 ) 25...Nc4 26.Be6!? fxe6 27.Qd7 Qb2 28.Bh6 Ne3+! 29.Bxe3 Qf6= ]  
**25.Kg2 Qd4** The harassment continues  
**26.Qd5**

(Diagram)



Exchanging on his own terms **26...Qf6??**  
**27.Bg5??**  
 [ 27.Bd6+- is crushing; note Qd8 28.Rd7! Qxc8 29.Bxf8 Qxf8 30.Rd8 ]  
**27...Qe5±** Now White's just out on a limb, and climbing off it is a difficult process.  
**28.Rc2 Nb3!** heading to a better square and clearing the path for the a-pawn.  
**29.f4?!**  
 [ 29.Qxe5 Bxe5 30.f4 Nc5 ( 30...Nd4 31.Rd2 Nb3 32.Rc2 Nc5 anyway ) 31.fxe5 Rxc8 32.Be3 a5± ]  
**29...Qb8?**  
 [ 29...Qxd5 30.exd5 Nc5 31.Bh3 f6! 32.Bh4 Kf7 33.d6?! f5 34.Be7 Rb8 That d-pawn is neutralized and eventually won, in classic Exchange Gruenfeld fashion. ]  
**30.Bh3 Nc5 31.e5?**  
 [ 31.Be7! Qxf4 ( 31...Re8 32.Bxc5 bxc5 33.e5 Bf8 34.Bd7 Rd8 35.f5! gxf5 36.e6!± makes sure both kings are exposed. ) 32.Bxf8 Bxf8 33.e5 Qg5+ 34.Kf1 a5 35.Rc3 a4 36.f4 Qh4 White is kicking up problems for Black's attempt to use the nominal material advantage. ]

(Diagram)



31...Qa8! 32.Rd2 a5

[ 32...Ne6! ]

33.Qxa8?! Rxa8-+ Now Black is arranged nicely to get those pawns going! 34.Bd8 b5 35.Bb6 Ne6 36.Kf3 a4 37.Bf1 b4 38.Bc4 Rb8 39.Ba5 b3 40.Rb2 Bf8 41.Ke4 Ba3 42.Rb1 Bb4 43.f5 gxf5+ 44.Kxf5 Bxa5 45.Kf6 Bd8+ 46.Kf5 Nc5 47.f4 a3 48.Rg1+ Kf8 0-1

□ Srinivasan,Sivavishnu B90 1366  
 ■ Li,David Z 1711

MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (2.11)  
 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.Nde2

There are other knight moves... 7...Be7  
 [ 7...Be6 8.g4 d5 ( 8...h6; 8...b5 ) ]  
 [ 7...h5!? ]

8.Bg5!?

[ 8.g4! has been the point since Weaver Adams came up with the "symmetric" response to 5...a6 in the 1940s; in fact it was seen in Lombardy-Fischer, US Championship

1958. If White is attacking, RJF didn't think so; he just castled here (½-½ 47). ]

8...Nbd7

[ 8...Be6 aims for an optimal development, but White could go for one of his own with 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 Still, it's nothing special; Black develops, the pawn at h3 is just a wasted move. ]

9.Ng3 h6 10.Bxf6 Now Black has no problems.

[ 10.Be3!? is interesting, say Nb6 11.Qf3!?! One thing about the Najdorf Sicilian: it leaves White to choose from a huge array of setups! ]

10...Nxf6 11.Bc4 0-0 12.a4 Be6

13.Nd5 Rc8 14.Nxe7+

[ 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.0-0 is certainly double-edged, with chances for both sides but leaning slightly Blackward. Bh4!? ( 16...d5!? ) ]

14...Qxe7 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.0-0 Rc4

[ 16...d5! ]

17.f3 This loosening of White's pawn cover comes back to haunt him later.

[ 17.Re1 ]

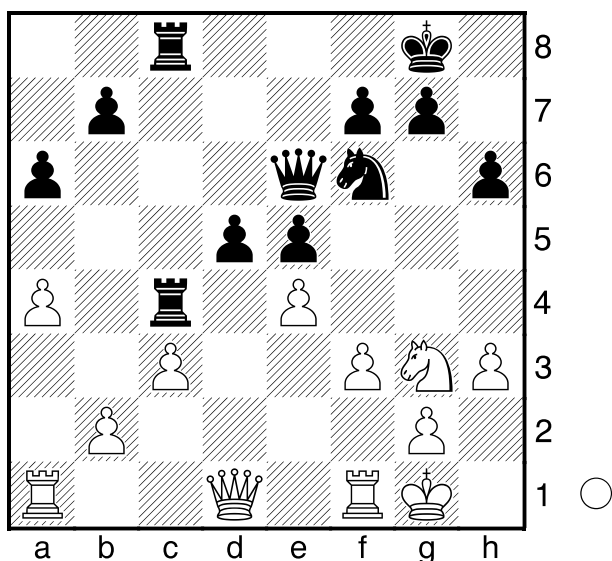
[ 17.Qd3 ]

17...Rfc8

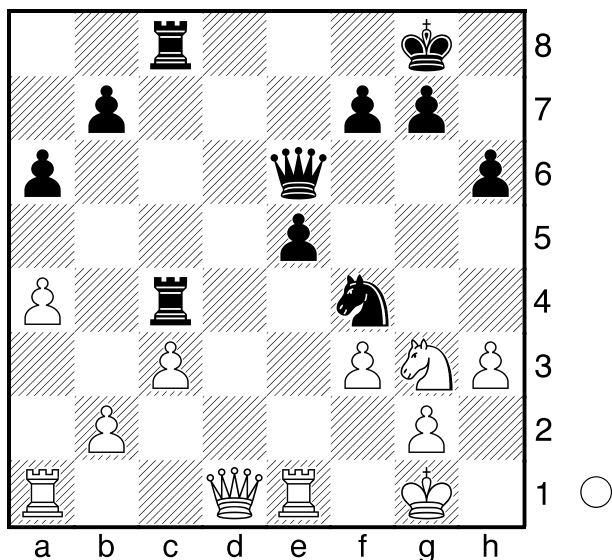
[ 17...d5! again ]

18.c3 d5

(Diagram)



The quintessential Successful Sicilian, emerging with better center (well, only center, with that e-pawn), minority attack chances (maybe), possible peering towards the dark squares around White's king. **19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Re1 Nf4**



## 21.Ne4??

[How the computer determines that 21.Qc2! is the only move to keep it in balance I'll never know. ]

## 21...Qb6+?

[ 21...Qg6! first! 22.g4 ( 22.Qc2 f5 woops; 22.Qd2 f5 23.Nd6 Rd8 no better ) 22...Qb6+-+ is worlds

better than the game! ]

## 22.Kh1 Qxb2 23.Rg1!

[ 23.Qd2 Qxd2 24.Nxd2 Rxc3 25.Rxe5 Rc2-+ ]

## 23...R8c7

[ 23...R4c6! 24.Rb1 Qa2 25.Rxb7 Rg6 26.Qd7 Rf8 27.Qd2 Qc4 28.a5 f5+ keeps up the pressure. ]

## 24.Qd8+

[ 24.Qd6! f5! 25.Qxe5 fxe4 26.Qxf4 exf3 27.Qxf3 Qxc3 28.Qd5+ is going to be hard or impossible to win. ]

**24...Kh7 25.Qe8! f6** Now both sides have the same Swiss cheese for pawn cover!

[ 25...Nd3! 26.Rad1 Rxe4! 27.Rxd3 Qc2!? (another cryptic computer move) has better winning chances. ]

## 26.Rad1 Qb6?

[ 26...Rxe4! 27.fxe4 Qxc3 favors Black, best being 28.Rd8 h5 29.Qh8+ Kg6 30.Qe8+ Kg5 Again, a dangerous bid to win. ]

## 27.Rd8?

[ 27.Rd6!= White sets up, at the least, 28.Nxf6+ and 29.Rd7+ with a perpetual. ]

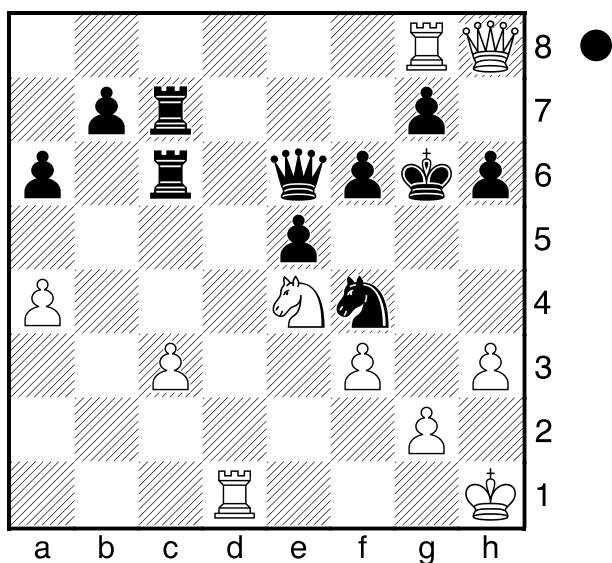
## 27...Qe6! 28.Qh8+ Kg6 29.Rgd1? R4c6?

[ 29...Rxe4!! 30.fxe4 Nxh3!!-+ The point of the preliminary exchange sac is 31.Re8 Qg4 ]

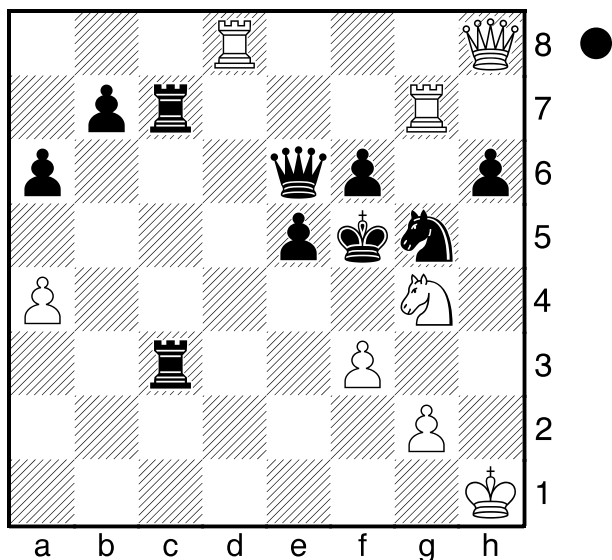
## 30.Rg8

[ 30.h4!= says Stockfish 15... Rc8 31.g4 Rxd8 32.Rxd8 h5 33.Ng3 hxg4 34.Re8 Qd7 35.Rd8 Qc7? 36.Rg8+- ]

(Diagram)

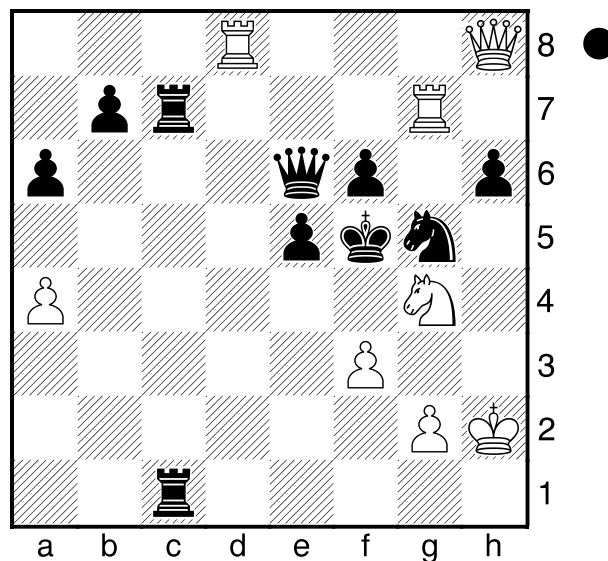


**30...Nxh3 31.Rdd8 Ng5 32.Nf2 Rxc3  
33.Ng4 Kf5 34.Rxg7**



**Rc1+** Perhaps Black thought his combination was winning, but White finds a precarious route to a perpetual.  
[ Black did have his own path to a win: 34...Rxg7 35.Qxg7 e4!! Crazy as it seems, there just isn't a win for White. Meanwhile Black reduces White's king protection, not to mention other avenues. For example 36.Re8 ( 36.Rd5+ Kf4! Cozy.; 36.Rd1 exf3 37.gxf3 Qc6 38.Nh2 Rxf3 So much for desperate defence. )

36...Rc1+ 37.Kh2 Qd6+ Ouch!  
38.Ne5 Nxf3+! 39.gxf3 Qd2+ 40.Qg2  
Qxg2+ 41.Kxg2 fxe5 and a winning  
rook ending! ]  
**35.Kh2**



**Nxf3+! 36.gxf3**

[ 36.Kg3!? Rxg7 37.Qxg7 Ng5  
38.Nxh6+ Ke4 is another wild ride,  
with a perpetual the best result:  
39.Qxb7+ ( 39.Qg6+?! (Any other  
tries just lose) f5 40.Qxg5 Rh1  
41.Qxf5+? (Or knight first -- again,  
other tries succeed -- in giving Black  
the point.) ) 39...Qc6 40.Qb4+ Qc4  
( 40...Rc4?? 41.Qe1# ) 41.Qb6  
Qc6= ]  
**36...Qa2+ 37.Kh3 Rh1+ 38.Kg3 Rg1+  
39.Kh4**  
[ 39.Kh3?? ]  
**39...Rh1+ 40.Kg3** Fantastic all-in play  
by both players!  
1/2-1/2

## The Chess Scuttlebutt

The news is coming in fast and furious – we can barely keep up. From the Carlsen/Niemann scandal to the World Fischer Random Championship, here are some links to the stories that make up our world.

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GM **Hans Niemann** sues just about everyone that stands in his way:

<https://www.courtlistener.com/docket/65592749/niemann-v-carlsen/>

The **Mechanics' Institute** makes page one of the lawsuit – but in a good way, as he mentions his connection to the Institute.

GM **Garry Kasparov** weighs in:

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

GM **Maxim Dlugy** defends his reputation:

<https://www.spiegel.de/international/world/hans-niemann-mentor-maxim-dlugy-what-magnus-carlsen-did-is-absolutely-ridiculous-a-cc8cc41f-84ca-4ec9-bd9c-223c89fb28e2>

GM **Rauf Mamedov** resigns after one move in protest against **Carlsen's** 1...g5:

<https://new.chess24.com/wall/news/mamedov-resigned-carlsen-1-g5-mockery>

Can cheaters ever be detected?

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2022/10/hans-niemann-chess-cheating-artificial-intelligence/671799/>

GM **Hans Niemann** is picked to lead the USA at the **World Team Championship**:

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2022/oct/28/chess-hans-niemann-chosen-to-lead-usa-at-world-team-championship>

Our own IM **John Donaldson** takes us through **Fischer** vs **Spassky**, 1972:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah\\_1gtCdIBM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah_1gtCdIBM)

GM **Hikaru Nakamura** wins the **World Fischer Random Championship**:

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

GM **Jan-Krzysztof Duda** wins the **Aimchess Rapid** ahead of **Carlsen**, et al:

<https://chess24.com/tour/duda-holds-off-spirited-comeback-to-reign-supreme-in-aimchess-rapid/>

FM **Jennifer Yu** is the new **US Women's Chess Champion**:

<https://www.uschesschamps.com/2022-us-championships/2022-us-womens-championship/pairings-results>



And GM **Fabiano Caruana** wins the **US Chess Championship**:

<https://www.uschesschamps.com/2022-us-championships/pairings-results>

The **Marshall Chess Club** has reprinted "**Hans Niemann: Chess at the Top**" by FM **Paul Whitehead** from our last [newsletter](#) in The Marshall Spectator (subscribe!):

<https://www.marshallchessclub.org/club/newsletter>

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## Recent Games

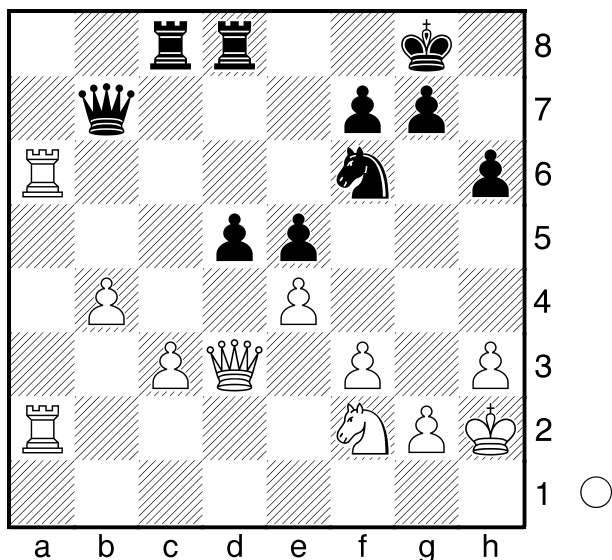
A small collection of games played around the world in the past month that have caught our attention:



**Wesley So** **B92**  
**2774**  

**Sam Shankland** **2712**  
 U.S. Championship (4.1) 08.10.2022

A nice exchange sacrifice decides, in this game between two former U.S. Champions. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Be6 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.a4 Qc7 12.a5 Rfc8 13.Bf3 h6 14.h3 b5 15.axb6 Nxb6 16.Na5 Rab8 17.Bc1 Nc4 18.Nxc4 Bxc4 19.Be2 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Qb7 21.Qd3 Rc6 22.b3 Bd8 23.Kh2 Bb6 24.Nd1 Bd4 25.c3 Rbc8 26.Bd2 Ba7 27.Ra3 Bc5 28.b4 Ba7 29.f3 Rd8 30.Be3 Bb8 31.Rea2 d5 32.Nf2 Rdc8 33.Bc5 Bd6 34.Bxd6 Rxd6 35.Rxa6 Rdd8

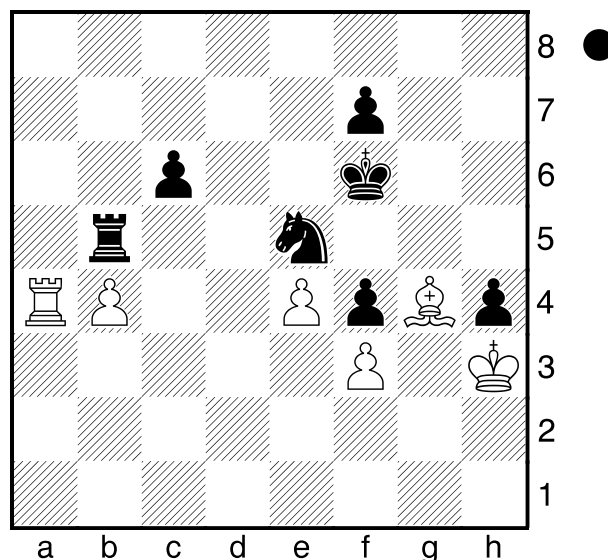


36.Rxf6! gxf6 37.Ng4 Kg7 38.Qd2 Rh8 39.exd5 Qc7 40.Ra3 e4+ 41.d6 Qd7 42.Qf4 Qe6 43.fxe4 Rc4 44.Ne3 Rxe4 45.Nf5+ Kg6 46.Qg3+  
**1-0**

**Niemann,Hans Moke** **E36**  
**2699**  

**Caruana,Fabiano** **2763**  
 USA Championship 2022 (4.5) 08.10.22

A tough fight between the winner of the U.S. Championship and the player on everyone's radar. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 d5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nf3 dxc4 10.Qxc4 Nc6 11.Qc3 Re8 12.Rd1 e5 13.d5 Nb8 14.e3 Bf5 15.Be2 Nd7 16.0-0 Rac8 17.a4 c6 18.d6 Rcd8 19.a5 Bg4 20.h3 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Nf8 22.Qb4 Rd7 23.Rd2 Ng6 24.Rfd1 Nh4 25.Qg4 Re6 26.Kf1 Nf5 27.a6 bxa6 28.Bxa6 Rdx6 29.Rxd6 Nxd6 30.Bd3 g6 31.h4 h5 32.Qg3 Kg7 33.e4 Qe7 34.Qg5 Qb7 35.Qc1 Qb4 36.Qd2 Qxd2 37.Rxd2 Kf6 38.b4 g5 39.Ra2 Nc8 40.Ba6 Nd6 41.Be2 Nc8 42.f4 gxh4 43.Bxh5 Nd6 44.Rxa7 exf4 45.f3 Re5 46.Bg4 Nc4 47.Kg2 Rb5 48.Ra4 Ne5 49.Kh3

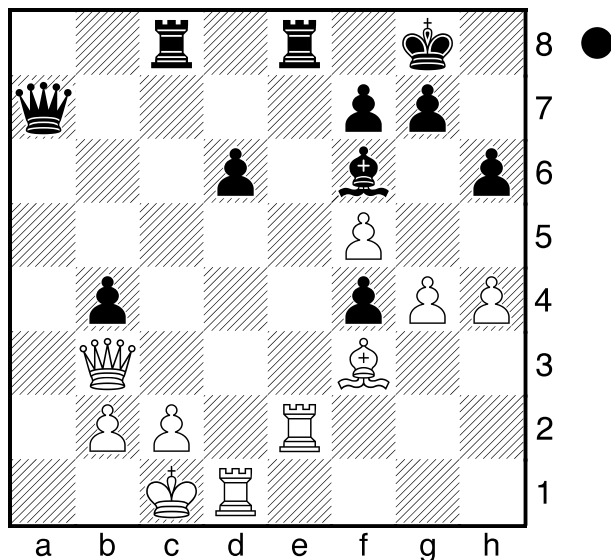


Kg5 50.Ra8 Rxb4 51.Rh8 Kf6 52.Rh5 Rb5 53.Rf5+ Ke7 54.Bh5 Ng6 55.Bxg6 fxc6 56.Rxf4 g5 57.Rg4 Kf6 58.f4 Rb3+ 59.Kh2 Rb2+ 60.Kh3 Rb3+ 61.Kh2 gxf4 62.Rxf4+ Ke5 63.Rxh4 Re3 64.Rh6 Rc3 65.Kg2

Kxe4 66.Rd6 Ke3 67.Re6+ Kd2  
 68.Rd6+ Kc2 69.Kf2 c5 70.Rc6 Kd2  
 71.Rc8 c4 72.Rc7 Rc2 73.Rd7+ Kc3+  
 74.Ke1 Rh2 75.Kd1 Rh1+ 76.Ke2 Kc2  
 77.Rd2+ Kb3 78.Rd8 c3 79.Rb8+ Kc2  
 80.Ra8 Rh7  
**0-1**

**B62**  
 2336  
 2432  
 U.S. Women's Championship (5) 9.10.22

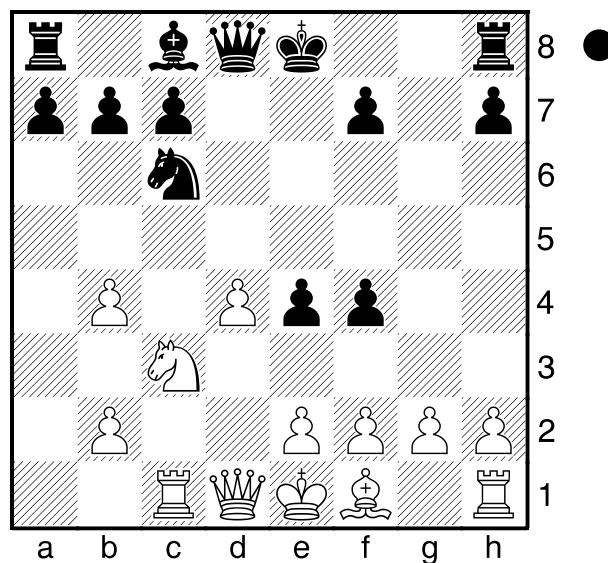
The eight-time U.S. Women's Champion crashes through on the dark squares.  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd3 Bd7  
 8.Be2 a6 9.f4 Be7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bf3  
 Rc8 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.a3 0-0 14.g4  
 Qc7 15.h4 a5 16.Ne2 b4 17.Nd4 Bd7  
 18.axb4 axb4 19.Rhe1 h6 20.Rh1 e5  
 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.exf5 exf4  
 24.Rh2 Qa7 25.Qb3 Rfe8 26.Re2



Re3 27.Rxe3 fxe3 28.Kb1 Bxh4  
 29.Rxd6 Qe7 30.Qd3 Bf6 31.Rd5 Re8  
 32.Be2 Ra8 33.Rb5 Qa7 34.c3 bxc3  
 35.Qd5 cxb2 36.Bc4 Qa1+ 37.Kc2  
 Qc1+  
**0-1**

**D38**  
 2713  
 2732  
 MCCT Aimchess Prelims 2022 (6.2)

A wild encounter between two of the top young talents in the chess world. 1.d4  
 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4  
 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Ne4 7.Rc1 Nc6  
 8.Nd2 g5 9.Ndxe4 gxf4 10.a3 dxe4  
 11.axb4

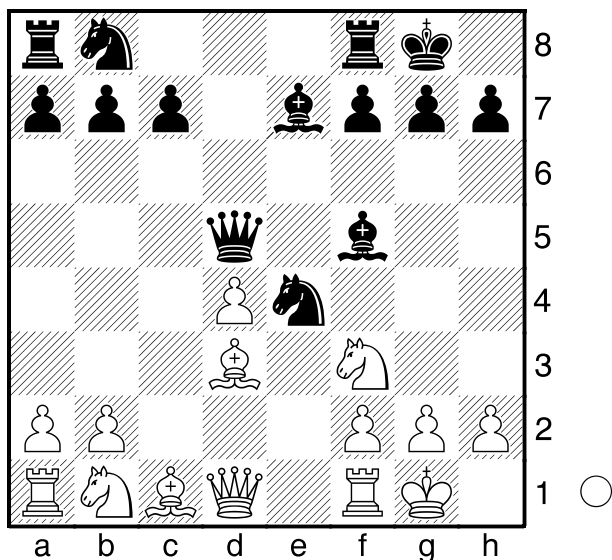


e3 12.fxe3 Qh4+ 13.g3 fxe3 14.Kd2  
 Bf5 15.Nb5 Rd8 16.Bg2 Qg5  
 17.Nxc7+ Kf8 18.d5 Qe7 19.Nb5  
 Qxb4+ 20.Nc3 Qxb2+ 21.Ke1 Nb4  
 22.e4 Nd3+ 23.Qxd3 Qxc1+ 24.Nd1  
 Bg6 25.Qd4 Kg8 26.hxg3 Qg5 27.Kf2  
 Re8 28.Ne3 Qe5 29.Qxa7 Kg7 30.Rh4  
 b5 31.Qc5 Rb8 32.Ng4 Qb2 33.e5 h5  
 34.Qe7 Rb6 35.d6 Qd4+ 36.Ne3 Qc5  
 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.Bd5 Rh6 39.Rxh5  
 Bxh5 40.Qxh6  
**1-0**

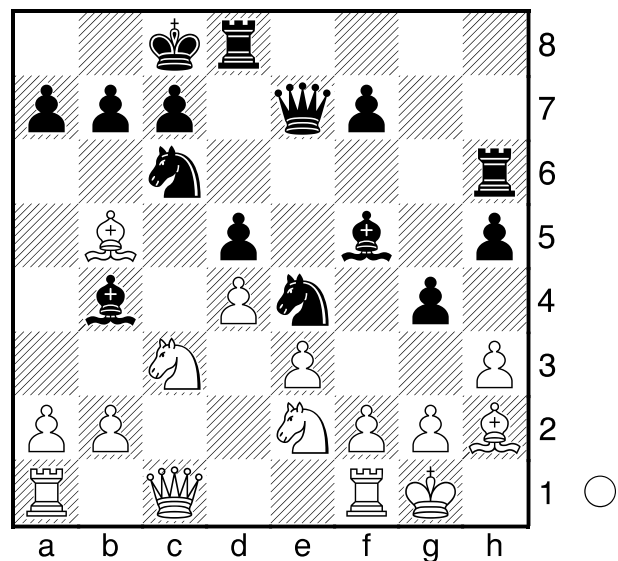
**Dominguez Perez,L...** **C42**  

**E Moradiabadi** **2747**  
**2534**  
 U.S. Championship (7) 12.10.2022

GM Moradiabadi falls into a well known opening trap. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 Bf5 8.c4 0-0 9.cxd5 Qxd5?



10.Bxe4  
**1-0**



16.h4 Qxh4 17.Bf4 Rg6 18.Ng3 Nxc3  
 19.fxc3 Qf6 20.a3 Be7 21.b4 h4  
 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Be5 Qg5 24.gxh4  
 Qh5 25.g3 Bd3 26.Rf2 Re6 27.Bf4  
 Bd6 28.Bxd6 Rxd6 29.Na4 Rf6  
 30.Qd2 Rxf2 31.Qxf2 Qg6 32.Qf4 Be4  
 33.Nc5 Bf3 34.Rc1 f6 35.a4 Kb8  
 36.Kf2 Ka8 37.Ke1 Qf7 38.Kd2 Rd8  
 39.Na6 Kb7 40.Nc5+ Ka8 41.b5 Rd6  
 42.Na6 Kb7 43.Qf5 Be4 44.Qf1 c5  
 45.Rxc5  
**1-0**

**Shakhriyar Mamedyarov** **E35**  

**Magnus Carlsen** **2747**  
**2856**  
 Aimchess Meltwater Champions (1.2)

A complicated struggle finds the inventive Azeri victorious over the World Champion. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Nc6 8.e3 g5 9.Bg3 h5 10.h3 Ne4 11.Bh2 Qe7 12.Bb5 Bf5 13.Qc1 Rh6 14.Nge2 0-0-0 15.0-0 g4

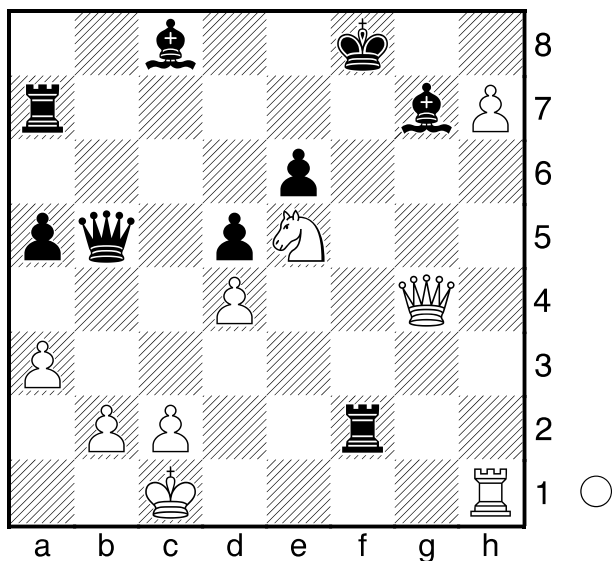
(Diagram)

**Shakhriyar Mamedyarov** **D00**  

**Anish Giri** **2747**  
**2764**  
 Aimchess Meltwater Champions (3.1)

A nice sacrificial finish. 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 Be7 6.h4 0-0 7.Nf3 c6 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.a3 c5 10.Bxa6 Qxa6 11.h5 h6 12.g4 Nxc4 13.Rg1 f5 14.Ne5 cxd4 15.exd4 Bf6 16.Rxc4 fxc4 17.Qxc4 b5 18.Bxc4 Qb7 19.0-0-0 a5 20.Nxb5 Qxb5 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.h6 Ra7 23.Rh1 Rxf2 24.h7+ Kf8

(Diagram)



25.Qxg7+ Rxc7 26.h8Q+ Rg8 27.Ng6+  
Ke8 28.Qxg8+ Kd7 29.Ne5+ Kd6  
30.Nd3  
**1-0**

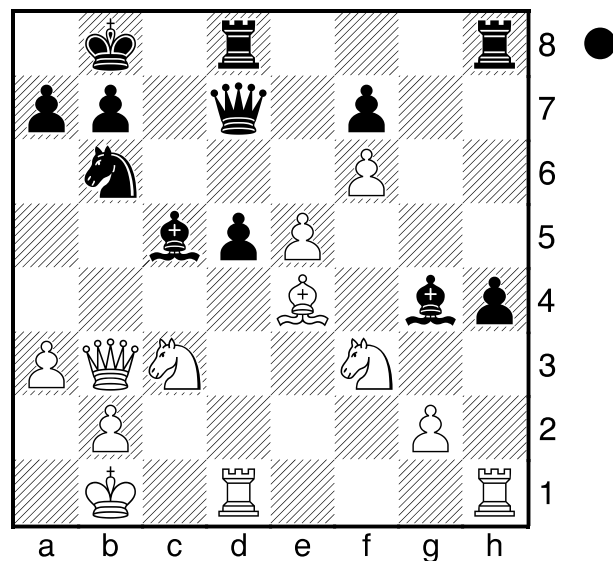
□ **Anish Giri**  
■ **D Gukesh**

**D35**  
**2764**  
**2732**

Aimchess Meltwater Champions (4.1)

White had to resign - despite being ahead by queen + piece vs a rook. 1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Bb4 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Qc2 h5 10.f3 Nxc3 11.hxc3 Be6 12.O-O-O Nd7 13.a3 Bd6 14.e4 Nb6 15.e5 Be7 16.f4 Qd7 17.Bd3 Bg4 18.Nf3 gxf4 19.gxf4 O-O-O 20.f5 Kb8 21.Kb1 c5 22.f6 Bf8 23.dxc5 Bxc5 24.Qb3 h4 25.Be4

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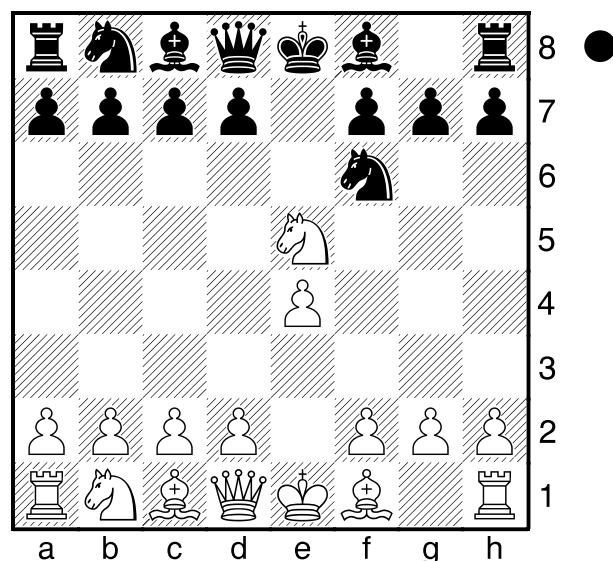
h3 26.Nxd5 hxc2 27.Rxh8 Rxh8  
28.Nxb6 Qxd1+ 29.Qxd1 Rh1  
**0-1**

□ **Fabiano Caruana**  
■ **Awonder Liang**  
U.S. Championship (9.3)

**C42**  
**2763**  
**2608**

14.10.2022

Black resurrects a dubious opening move... and holds the draw. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5



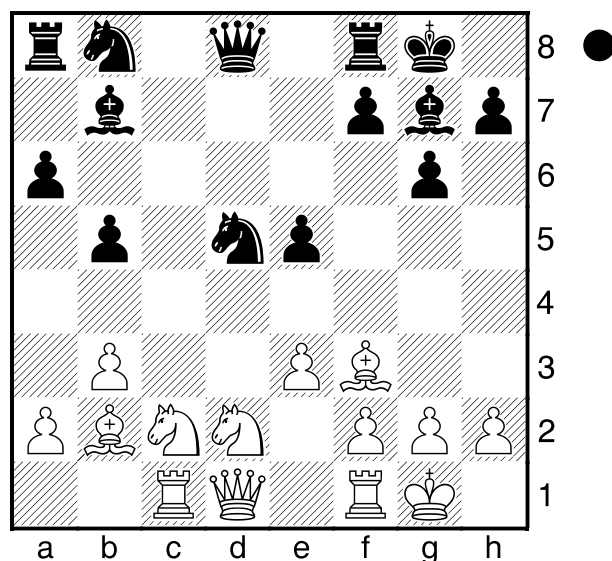
Nxe4!? 4.Qe2 Qe7 5.Qxe4 d6 6.d4

dxe5 7.dxe5 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Nc3  
 0-0-0 10.Bf4 Qb4 11.0-0-0 Qxe4  
 12.Nxe4 Nxe5 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.Ng5  
 Be7 15.h4 Bxg5 16.hxg5 f6 17.Rde1  
 fxg5 18.Bxg5 Rdf8 19.Re7 Nb6  
 20.Rxg7 Rxf2 21.Bh4 Rff8 22.Be7  
 Re8 23.Rh7 R7h7 24.Rxh7 Nd5  
 25.Bg5 Re2 26.Rh2 b5 27.Kd1 Re4  
 28.Bd2 Kd7 29.g3 Rg4 30.Rh3 a5  
 31.Ke2 Nb4 32.Bf4 Rg7 33.Rh5 Kc6  
 34.a4 bxa4 35.Rxa5 Nxc2 36.Rxa4  
 Kd5 37.Kd3 Ne1+ 38.Kc3 Ng2  
 39.Ra5+ Ke4 40.Ra4+ Kd5 41.Ra5+  
 Ke4 42.Rg5 Rd7 43.Bd2 Rd3+ 44.Kc2  
 Ne3+ 45.Kc1 Nf5 46.g4 Nd4 47.Bc3  
 c5 48.Kb1 c4 49.Bxd4 Kxd4 50.Rg8  
 Rd1+ 51.Ka2 Ke5 52.Re8+ Kf4  
 53.Re2 Rc1 54.Ka3 Kxg4 55.Kb4 Kf5  
 56.Kc5 Kf6 57.Kd4 Kf5 58.Kc5 Kf6  
 59.Kd5 Kf7 60.Kd6 Rd1+ 61.Kc5 Rc1  
 62.Kb4 Kf6 63.Re3 Rc2 64.Ka3 Kf5  
 65.Rc3 Rxc3+ 66.bxc3 Ke6 67.Kb4  
 Kd6 68.Kxc4 Kc6 69.Kd4 Kd6 70.c4  
 Kc6 71.c5 Kc7 72.Kd5 Kd7 73.c6+  
 Kc7 74.Kc5 Kc8 75.Kb6 Kb8 76.c7+  
 Kc8 77.Kc6  
 1/2-1/2

□ **M Carlsen** **E60**  
 ■ **N Grandelius** **2856**  
 Aimchess Meltwater Champions (12) **2651**

Black's little combination with 14...e4  
 lands him in trouble on the dark squares.  
 1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 g6  
 5.c4 dxc4 6.Bxc4 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4  
 cxd4 9.Nxd4 a6 10.Nd2 b5 11.Be2  
 Bb7 12.Bf3 Nd5 13.Rc1 e5 14.Nc2

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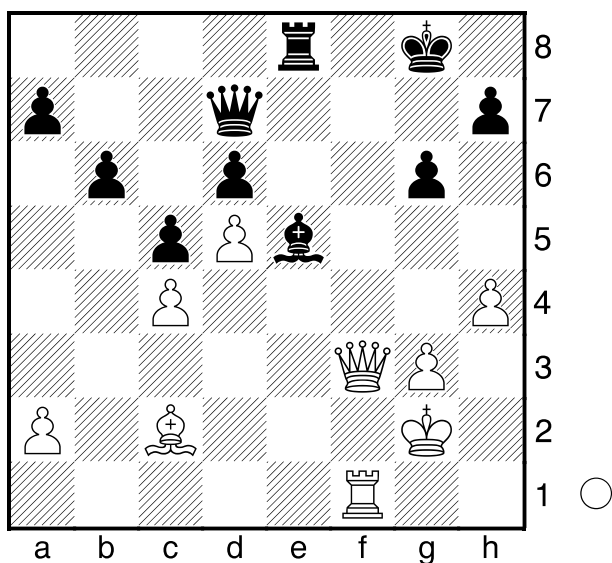


e4 15.Bxg7 exf3 16.Bb2 fxg2 17.Re1  
 Nd7 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.Qd4 f6 20.Ba3  
 b4 21.Nxb4 Nxb4 22.Rc7 Qe6  
 23.Rxb7 Ne5 24.Qxb4 Nf3+ 25.Kxg2  
 Nxe1+ 26.Kg3 Qf5 27.f4 Rae8  
 28.Qc4+ Kh8 29.Bxf8 Rxf8 30.Qc7  
**1-0**

□ **Yu, Jennifer** **E76**  
 ■ **Krush, Irina** **2297**  
 USA Championship Women 2022 (12.6) **2432**

The winner of the U.S. Women's  
 Championship hangs a bishop... and  
 loses. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6  
 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.f4 0-0 7.Nf3 e6  
 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 b6  
 11.Ne1 Bb7 12.Be3 Nd4 13.Bd3 Qe7  
 14.Nc2 Nd7 15.Rb1 Rf7 16.Qd2 Raf8  
 17.Rbe1 e5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5  
 Nxc2 20.Bxc2 exf4 21.Rxf4 Rxf4  
 22.Bxf4 Bd4+ 23.Kh1 Qf6 24.g3 Ne5  
 25.Qe2 Bxb2 26.h4 Bd4 27.Kg2 Qe7  
 28.Rf1 Qd7 29.Bxe5 Re8 30.Qf3 Bxe5

(Diagram)



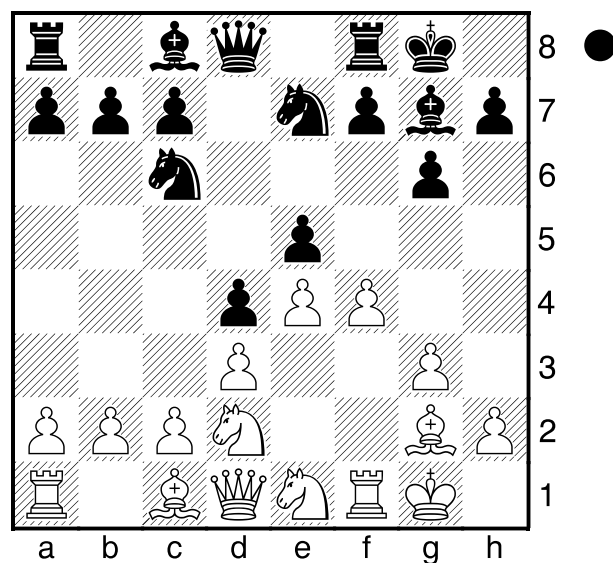
31.Ba4?? Qxa4 32.Qf7+ Kh8 33.h5  
gxf5 34.Rf5 Bd4 35.Rg5 Qc2+ 36.Kh3  
Qe4 37.Rxf5 Qh1+ 38.Kg4 Re4+  
**0-1**

**Krush,Irina**  
 **Yu,Jennifer**  
 USA Championship Women-TB 2022 (1.3)

**A07**  
**2432**  
**2297**

The winner of the U.S. Women's  
Championship hangs a bishop... and  
wins. 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7  
4.0-0 e5 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4  
d4 8.Ne1 Nbc6 9.f4

(Diagram)



Bg4?? 10.Qxg4 f5 11.Qe2 Qd7  
12.Nef3 Rae8 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5  
Bxe5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Ne4 b6 17.Bd2  
c5 18.Rf2 Re7 19.Raf1 Rfe8 20.Bh3  
Rf7 21.g4 Nd6 22.Nxd6 Bxf2+  
23.Kxf2 Qxd6+ 24.Kh1 Rxe2 25.Rxe2  
Qd5+ 26.Kg1 Rxf1+ 27.Bxf1 Qf3  
28.g5 Qg4+ 29.Rg2 Qd1 30.Bf4 Qf3  
31.Rf2 Qg4+ 32.Bg2 Qd1+ 33.Kh2  
Qe1 34.Bd5+ Kg7 35.Bg3 Qe8 36.Kg2  
h5 37.Rf7+ Kh8 38.Kf1 Qe3 39.Rf8+  
Kg7 40.Rf7+ Kh8 41.Bf2 Qc1+ 42.Be1  
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45.Kg2 Qg4+ 46.Kh2 Kg8 47.Rf3 h4  
**0-1**

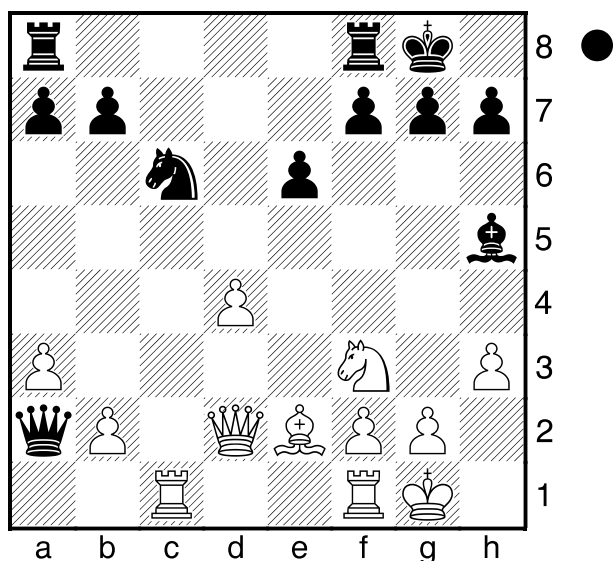
**Zhong,Stanley**  
 **Griso,Simone**  
 20th St-Amant

**B10**  
**1041**  
**1353**  
22.10.2022

One simple oversight, and the queen is  
lost. 1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5  
4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nxd5 6.d4 Bg4  
7.Nc3 e6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be2 Bb4 10.Bd2  
0-0 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nxd5 Qxd5  
13.Bxb4 Nxb4 14.a3 Nc6 15.Rc1 Qa2  
16.Qd2

(Diagram)





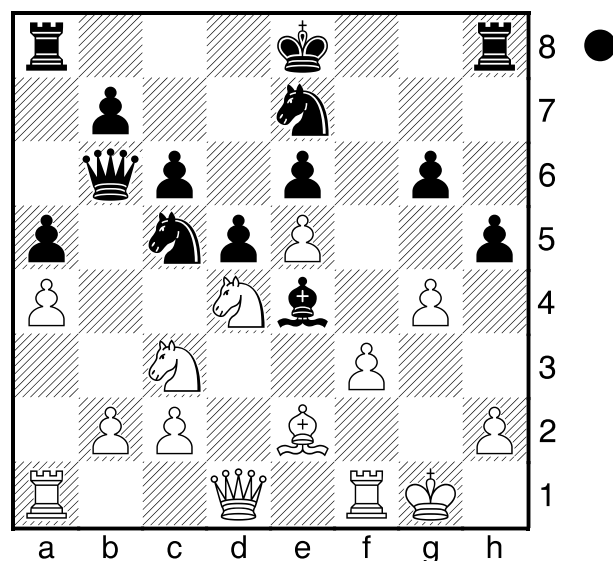
Rfd8?? 17.Bc4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxc4  
19.Rxc4 e5 20.Qg5  
**1-0**

**Yuri Kryvoruchko** **B12**  

**Pavel Eljanov** **2658**  
 Bundesliga Munich GER (1.5) **2697**  
 22.10.22

White traps a bishop, but black's attack burns long and slow. 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 a5 7.a4 f6 8.Be3 fxe5 9.dxe5 Bc5 10.Bxc5 Nxc5 11.Nd4 Ne7 12.Bh5+ g6 13.Be2 Qb6 14.g4 Be4 15.Nc3 h5 16.f3

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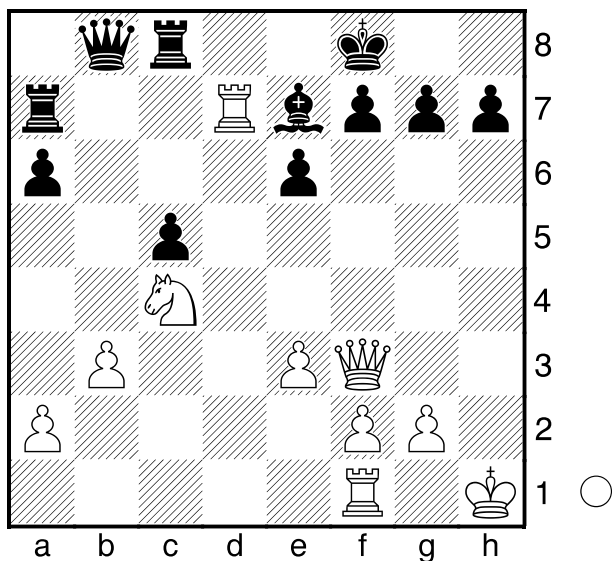
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19.Bxg4 Nf5 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.Nce2  
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Nc4 25.Kh1 e3 26.Nf3 e5 27.Nxe5  
Qd5+ 28.Nf3 Nd2 29.Qg7 c5 30.Rd3  
Nxf3 31.Qg2 Rxh2+ 32.Qxh2 Nd4+  
33.Kg1 Nxe2+ 34.Qxe2 Rg8+ 35.Kh2  
Qe5+ 36.Kh1 Qe4+  
**0-1**

**Koneru,Humpy** **D27**  

**Muzychuk,Anna** **2574**  
**2534**  
 FIDE Womens Candidates Pool-A 2022-23 (1.1)

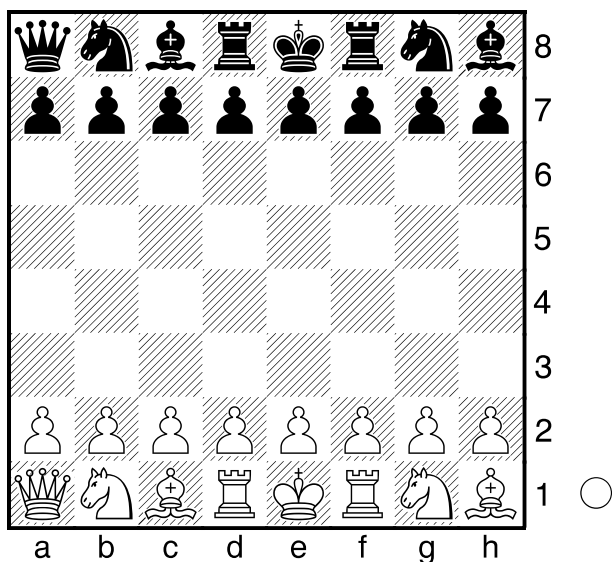
A cute finish by the winner of the FIDE Women's Candidates, Pool A. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.b3 Nbd7 8.Be2 b6 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Bf3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Bd6 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Ba3 Qb8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Qc6+ Ke7 16.Nd2 Rc8 17.Qf3 Bxh2+ 18.Kh1 Bd6 19.Nc4 Kf8 20.Rad1 Be7 21.Bxc5 bxc5 22.Rd7 Ra7

(Diagram)



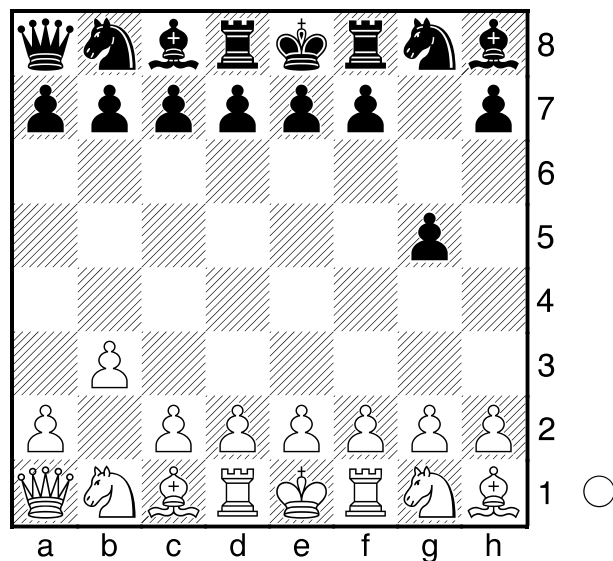
23.Nd6 Qxd6 24.Rxa7  
1-0

□ Nakamura, Hikaru 2768  
■ Carlsen, Magnus 2856  
FIDE World Fischer Random Championship (3.2)



Carlsen sacrifices a bishop... on move one. 1.b3 g5

(Diagram)

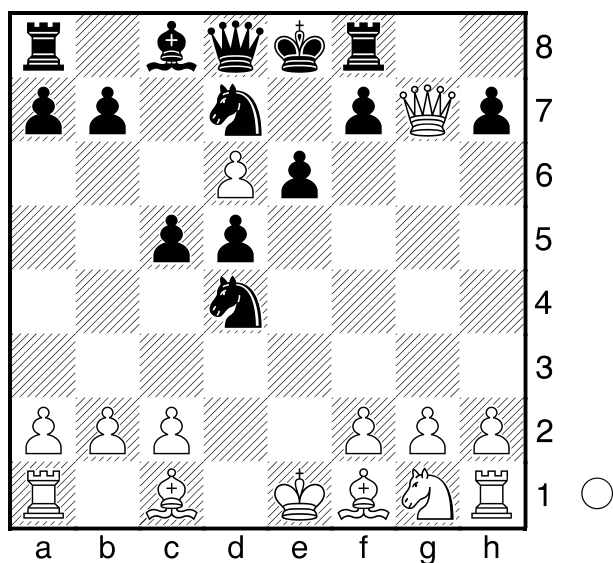


2.Bb2 Bxb2 3.Qxb2 b6 4.f4 g4 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.e4 Bxe4 7.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 8.Ne2 g3 9.hxg3 Nf6 10.g4 Nxg4 11.g3 Qe6 12.0-0-0 Qf6 13.Nc3 Nc6 14.Rde1 0-0-0 15.Qa3 a5 16.Bxc6 dxc6 17.Qxe7 Qd4 18.Re2 h5 19.Qg5 Nf6 20.Rf3 Rg8 21.Qf5+ Kb7 22.Kb2 Rd5 23.Re5 Rxe5 24.Qxe5 Qd6 25.Qf5 Qe6 26.Qxe6 fxe6 27.Ne2 Ng4 28.Nd4 Rg6 29.f5 exf5 30.Rxf5 Nf6 31.Ne2 Ne4 32.d3 Nxg3 33.Nxg3 Rxd3 34.Rxh5 Rg4 35.a4 c5 36.Rh3 Rf4 37.Rh5 Rg4 38.Rh3 Rf4 39.Rh5 Rg4  
1/2-1/2



□ Lu, Miaoyi 2273  
■ Mkrtchian, Lilit 2380  
1st Serbian Women's League 2022 (11.6)

A stunning miniature from the 1st Serbian Women's League. 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Qg4 c5 6.Nb5 Nc6 7.Nd6+ Bxd6 8.Qxg7 Rf8 9.exd6 Nxd4

(Diagram)



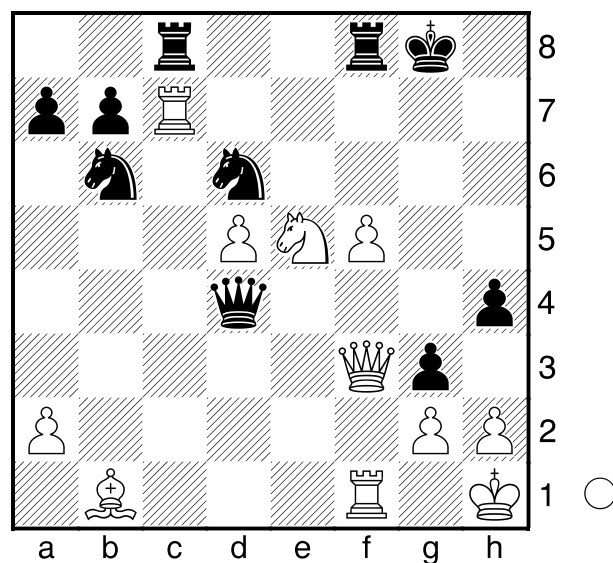
10.Nf3 Nxc2+ 11.Kd1 Nxa1 12.Bb5  
Qb6 13.Re1 Qxd6 14.Bg5 b6 15.Ne5  
f6 16.Bxf6 a6 17.Nf7 Rxf7 18.Qg8+  
**1-0**

 **Duda,Jan-Krzysztof**  
 **Giri,Anish**  
 Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (3.3)

**D38**  
**2731**  
**2764**

A brilliancy from the Meltwater Finals in San Francisco. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Rc1 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Qb3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Nb6 12.e3 h5 13.c4 h4 14.Be5 f6 15.cxd5 fxe5 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Nxe5 Kg7 18.Bd3 Nd6 19.0-0 g4 20.f4 Rf8 21.e4 g3 22.f5 Qg5 23.Rxc7+ Kg8 24.Bb1 Qd2 25.Qf3 Bxf5 26.exf5 Qxd4+ 27.Kh1 Rac8

(Diagram)



28.Rg7+!! Kxg7 29.f6+ Kh6 30.Ng4+  
Kg5 31.Qf5+ Nxf5 32.Rxf5+ Kg6  
33.Re5+  
**1-0**

## **IM John Donaldson**

### **Recent Books from New in Chess**

The publisher New in Chess ([www.newinchess.com](http://www.newinchess.com)), best known for its famous magazine of the same name, has been publishing chess books since the 1980s. Today it is more active than ever. Its recent merger with the Play Magnus Group has led to some Chessable courses becoming available in book form, a welcome innovation.

New in Chess has always been noted for publishing books on a variety of subjects, not just opening works. Its recent offerings reflect this.

#### **Openings**

*The Rossolimo for Club Players* by Victor Bologan

*Countering the Queen's Gambit* by Michael Prusikin

*Trompowsky Attack and London System* by Viktor Moskalenko

*King's Kalashnikov Sicilian* by Daniel King

#### **Middlegame**

*Master Your Chess with Judit Polgar* by Judit Polgar and Andras Toth

*Improve Your Chess Calculation* by RB Ramesh

#### **Endgame**

*Endgame Strategy* by Mikhail Shereshevsky

#### **Game Collections and Anthologies**

*The Youngest Chess Grandmaster in the World* by Abhimanyu Mishra

*From Ukraine with Love for Chess* by Ivanchuk, Ponomarev and others

*The Most Exciting Chess Games Ever* by Steve Giddins

#### **History**

*The Match of All Time* by Gudmundur G. Thorarinsson

There was a time the Open Sicilian was considered the main line after 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 and the Rossolimo (3.Bb5) a sideline. This is no longer the case as can be seen from Ravi Haria's 520-page work on the subject (Thinkers Publishing 2021). The length of this tome can be partly explained by the English Grandmaster offering two options for White

after Black's main choices 3...e6 and 3...g6. Victor Bologan, who has written well-received books on the King's Indian and Ruy Lopez, has taken a more focused approach in his recent work *The Rossolimo for Club Players* (240 pages, \$29.95) where he follows the advice given to him by his early trainer Viacheslav Chebanenko (best known for the variation 4...a6 in the Slav which bears his name) – to trade on c6 without provocation- 3...e6 4.Bxc6 and 3...g6 4.Bxc6. Bologan supplements his analysis with a great deal of explanatory prose which will make this book accessible to players from 1800 on up.

*Countering the Queen's Gambit* (222 pages, \$24.95) by the German Grandmaster Michael Prusikin is a well-executed book that will be helpful for club players. The author presents a repertoire for Black against everything but 1.e4 that is centered on playing the Queen's Gambit Declined and in particular the Tartakover variation (1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Nc3 b6). The book starts out with several chapters about typical pawn structures that arise in the Queen's Gambit Declined. They are centered around well-annotated model games illustrating typical ideas and stratagems. The author then moves on to covering the theoretical nitty gritty but in a way that doesn't overwhelm his target audience – players in the 1600 to 2200 range. As mentioned previously, this book covers more than its title indicates. Various attempts to avoid the Queen's Gambit are covered here (London, Colle, Veresov etc.) as well as the Catalan, English, Reti, Larsen and Bird. A knowledge of the Queen's Gambit (and Ruy Lopez) is the mark of every educated chess player and *Countering the Queen's Gambit* is a first-rate introduction to the subject.

*Trompowsky Attack and London System* (200 pages, \$29.95) by Viktor Moskalenko is a book for learning and inspiration, not a theoretical work. Almost evenly divided between the Trompowsky (1.d4 2.Bg5) and London (1.d4, 2/3. Bf4/Nf3), it is centered around 46 well-annotated model games rather than move by move analysis characteristic of most opening works. As such it is well-suited to players in the 1600-2200 range as well as stronger players new to these openings. One example of the latter for this reviewer is game 45 (Burmakin-Tomazini, Graz 2020) where after 1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 Moskalenko considers White's next two moves the most precise as they discourage counterplay based on ...Nh5 - 4.Be2 d6 5.h3. The Ukrainian Grandmaster, long based in Spain, advocates for holding back the White c-pawn to retain the option of advancing it two squares – for example 5...0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 b6 8.c4. Those looking to play 1.d4, but not 2.c4, will find this book most helpful.

*King's Kalashnikov Sicilian* by Daniel King (192 pages, \$30) is a book version of the English Grandmaster's Chessable ([www.chessable.com](http://www.chessable.com)) course and the transition to paper has been most successful. This attractively produced hardback book is generously laid out with the analysis easy to follow. A gifted teacher, King has produced an opening

book on 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 for non-professional players that is accessible, without being dumbed-down. One way he has done this is by giving catchy names to key maneuvers to reinforce the learning process. For example ...Be7-d8-b6 is the bad-bishop bounce. King's approach is a model for how opening theory should be presented to players in the 1800-2200 range. Stronger players that want an introduction to the subject may also benefit from this book.

*Master Your Chess with Judit Polgar* (508 pages \$39.95) by Judit Polgar and Andras Toth is another Chessable course that has been transferred to paper in the form of a beautiful hardback book. This massive tome covers all aspects of the game through 287 games and studies. Players from 1600 to 2200 in need of sharpening their overall skills will find this book one-stop shopping.

The recent success of the silver-medal winning India B team in the 2022 Chess Olympiad is in part due to the efforts of its captain, Grandmaster RB Ramesh. His new book *Improve Your Chess Calculation* (331 pages, \$29.95), which begins with testimonials from a number of Indian Grandmasters including 17-year-old Rameshbabu "Pragg" Praggnanandhaa (currently rated 2687) and Daniel Naroditsky, is an important work for developing the fundamental skill of calculation. This is not an easy book but for the ambitious student it will be rewarding. Portions of it dealing with coaching, particularly of junior players, are must reading for students, teachers and parents.

*Endgame Strategy* (367 pages, \$39.95) by Mikhail Shereshevsky, was a revolutionary work when it first appeared four decades ago. Previous to its appearance, all endgame books dealt almost exclusively with theoretical positions with few pieces remaining. Few clues were offering how to proceed in more complicated situations involving additional pieces. Shereshevsky was the first to address this gap in the chess literature. Now he is back again with a new, much larger revised edition (the 1984 Pergamon edition was 218 pages), incorporating more recent material. This includes many examples from Magnus Carlsen. This is a book every chess player who has reached Expert level (2000+) should read.

It's fitting that the first book on the youngest Grandmaster of all time should be by the youngest chess author of all time for players rated over 2000 – 11(!)-year-old Oliver Boydell wrote a chess book in 2020. 13-year-old Abhimanyu Mishra, who was less than 12½ when he became a GM, is the current record holder in both categories. He traces how he achieved this monumental feat, trimming two months from the record established by Sergey Karjakin almost twenty years ago, in *The Youngest Chess Grandmaster in the World* (203 pages, \$24.95). Twenty-seven carefully annotated games accompany the prose narrative in this portrait in time of the rising young star.

One of the strongest chess nations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century has been Ukraine with gold medal finishes in the 2004 and 2010 Olympiads and a near miss in 2016. Its women have been even more impressive, both individually (two World Champions) and collectively (team gold in 2006 and 2022). Some of this nation's best games can be found in *From Ukraine with Love for Chess* (207 pages, \$20) by Ivanchuk, Ponomarev, and others. This anthology is filled with beautiful chess, the proceeds go to support Ukrainian charities and it is attractively priced. You can't go wrong with that combination. Buy a copy!

*The Most Exciting Chess Games Ever* (201 pages, \$24.95) by Steve Giddins is a different kind of anthology. For the last twenty years, *New in Chess* magazine has interviewed a prominent chess personality in each issue. Among the questions asked is what was the most exciting chess game you ever saw. With beauty lying in the eyes of the beholder the candidates run the gamut from savage attacks to subtle positional play. Steve Giddins had the difficult job of whittling down the candidates to 45 games and he succeeded with flying colors. This is the rare book that can be given to chess players of any strength from newcomer to World Champion and they will love it.

Last and not least is *The Match of All Time* (223 pages, \$24.95) by Gudmundur G. Thorarinsson which appears on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the best-known World Championship match of all time – Fischer-Spassky. One might think nothing new could be said about the match on which over 100 books have been written, but Thorarinsson, who was the point man for the Icelanders in the negotiations leading up to the match and continued to solve the thorniest problems during the competition, offers many new details. Many of them concern the negotiations involving F.I.D.E president Max Euwe, the Soviets, and Bobby and his team concerning where the match would be held and the prize fund. Who knew Bobby did not want Lothar Schmid, arbiter for both the 1972 and 1992 Fischer-Spassky matches, to serve in that position. He felt the West German Grandmaster, who was still an active player, might be biased. Thorarinsson points out that Iceland was a much smaller country fifty years ago, one whose reputation as a cultural mecca punching well above its weight was many years in the future. The author writes that his homeland really had no business organizing the greatest chess match of all time, but it did and for that chess fans will be eternally grateful. Anyone with an interest in the Match of the Century will want to read this book.



## Mechanics' Institute Chess Socials

We hosted our first Chess Social on Friday, October 7 and it was quite the affair! Twenty people showed up to drink a glass of wine, eat Chessmen cookies (of course), and talk about chess and everything else. Afterwards, some folks walked across the hall to watch the documentary film *Hollywood Chinese* (2007), as part of our CinemaLit program. This once-a-month, new tradition was repeated on November 4 with King Vidor's *Show People* (1928) starring Marion Davies as the film. Please join us for our next event on Friday, December 2 from 5-6pm and every First Friday moving forward.





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## **FM Paul Whitehead**

### **Chess Engines vs. the Human Race**

"People say 'It's as plain as the nose on your face.' But how much of the nose on your face can you see, unless someone holds a mirror up to you?"

- Isaac Asimov, *I Robot* (1950).

Running parallel to the Carlsen/Niemann scandal – with its focus on over-the-board and on-line cheating with the use of computer assistance – is the rampant out-of-control use and reliance on engines by amateurs and professionals alike in preparing for upcoming games, studying chess, and in post-mortems.

Regularly, I have players of all strengths showing me their games – unable (or unwilling) to explain their thinking processes during the game or afterwards. Instead they rely on post-mortem engine evaluations they do not understand, in a deeply ironic stab at trying to make sense of what occurred over the board.

"The engine says I'm winning (or losing)," says the player, but, when asked how or why, is unable to explain. Or, in another sign of cluelessness, they will then pick up their phone (with Old Stockfish, cackling idiotically away) in order to rattle off some more variations – again without stopping to think for themselves.

This lack of comprehension, this reliance on engines, is not confined just to lower-rated players. It's the norm now to see Grandmasters analyzing games with the help of engines in the pages of magazines or in online streams and videos. With players of all stripes it can be an outright addiction.

Very often the engines come up with moves and evaluations that baffle the experts. "A human would never play that" or "No one can figure out why that's the right move" are now common annotative tropes, trotted out routinely. The questions that arise are then left dangling in the air, unanswered. The value of this, especially for the learning and aspiring player, is certainly questionable.

Chess is deep. We get that.

Watching the recently completed US Championship I was continually jarred by the dissonance created by their two lead commentators, GM Yasser Seirawan and GM Christian Chirila.

Seirawan, once a top-ten player and a candidate in the World Championship cycle, slogs along in a manner once familiar - yet now oddly quaint. He uses his vast experience to try to figure out what's happening on the board - without the chess engine - and his thinking is wordy and faltering, searching. Watching Yasser make his way, I feel I am watching human thought in action: imprecise yes, but understandable, brilliant, and something we all can relate to.

When the analysis switches over to Chirila, a player just within the top 600 worldwide, we see the modern GM in action: engine on, he confidently rattles off variations, sometimes refuting Yasser's thinking, sometimes verifying, but almost always playing second fiddle to the silicon God at his side. In essence, Chirila's commentary felt like an interpretation of the computer's commentary - with his own thinking thrown in as an afterthought.

It looks like a dazzling display of "what-ifs."

I suspect, however, that it's mostly just a useless list of "so-whats."

I find an analysis that leans so heavily on engine moves and evaluations boring and lifeless, and hardly valuable to most of us - in terms of learning and improving one's understanding of chess.

GM Vishnu Prassana is quoted at length in a terrific [column](#) by GM Avetik Grigoryan on LiChess. He says of computers, "Questions are more important than the answers. The engine gives you the answers, but it doesn't give you the questions."

And GM Andy Soltis sums up computer learning vs 'clickless' learning with this pithy observation in the September 2022 issue of *Chess Life*, "You can't spell-check your way through a middlegame."

Computers and engines pose a similar 'existential threat' to the developing player that they do to the Big Chess establishment: corruption. But in this case it's not about power and money – it's about the corruption of independent thought itself.

We have developed an infatuation with the power and speed of chess engines, but this infatuation has come at the cost of human-style thinking and understanding.

And if *you're not thinking*, why play chess at all? Perhaps it's time for every chess player who uses engines on a regular basis to question their interest in playing chess.

Full stop.

After all, isn't chess about thinking for oneself? Isn't that what attracted us to chess in the first place? Figuring things out, puzzling over continuations. Making choices. Do we want someone (or worse yet, *something*) making our choices for us?

Wouldn't you rather be using, dare I say it, *your* brain?

There are numerous analogies one might make, like walking instead of taking a car. Or meeting a friend in person instead of on Zoom. Participating in a sport, rather than passively watching.

And so on.

Chess can be a deeply *human* activity: we meet in person, we shake hands, we feel the presence of another being, whether friend or foe. We *are* human, and we learn and develop in ways that are unique to us – not in the *superhuman* ways that chess engines operate – and that we are being deceived (or deceiving ourselves) into somehow trying to emulate.

At another point Prassana says, "You probably shouldn't use engines 'till you're 2200." To that I would add: most definitely not. And, if it's hampering independent thought or ruining your love of chess, perhaps never.

With our increasing reliance on engines and computers we are forgetting how to ask questions, as Prassana noted, thus sacrificing our chance to understand and enjoy chess in the only way we really know how.

As human beings.

## **Richard Hack**

### **Tales from the Chess Café**

Today is November 11. It has been a lively five weeks since October 5, our last deadline. This newsletter will appear on Nov. 19, which is also the date of the FIDE World Team Championship 2022, which was originally set for March '22 (and also a big date in the life of Joe Hill). Alexey Root (who also writes for SparkChess) has been hired by David Llada and FIDE to be FIDE press officer for the event in Jerusalem. John Donaldson will coach the U.S. team, and Hans Niemann will play first board. Viswanathan Anand will be the commentator, and Gadir Guseinov will also be there. It promises to be quite an event, even though many top players turned down the invitation to play.

The school fall term is advancing to its end and a new beginning. Our teacher Colin was also praised as “excellent” by one adult student, while another said, “He dissects my games . . .”

On Oct. 31 at the Café, Paul said, “Chess has arrived in a big way that was unimaginable not so long ago. I don’t think chess will die as a result of this scandal.” He meant the cheating. We know that overcompetitiveness can overcome good sportsmanship and even the commitment to legal play.

Mike Walder showed us a game from a one-day tourney in San Jose, which paid Elliott to play and gave free entry to Mike. The players were experts who want to be 2200. Mike and Elliott were paired in the first round, then a rapid with a FIDE master, Shiva Kumar, who has not crossed 2200 yet. Elliott tied for 1st, though he didn’t win every single one of the games (G/45+inc).

Paul showed a Fischer Random game between Nakamura and Nepomniatchi: “It was like brick after brick they were throwing at each other.” Nepo finished second by losing to Naka in the finals. Paul added that there have been two Fischer Random World Champions and both are Americans.

“When I was a young player,” he added, “watching good technique was very important to me. Like watching GMs win won positions—e.g., like here, Q+B vs. 2 R’s + 2 P’s. The side with the queen cuts off communication between the two rooks. The player, Nakamura, inches forward, winning one pawn, then another.

"Naka is a great teacher when he explains what happened in his games. Like his 15 to 20 minutes on each of his Candidates games when they were still fresh in his mind."

He and Sal agree that Nakamura, like Korchnoi, is known for being a great fighter. Yet he himself was caught taking a move back against Aronian.

"You can't blame them really."

"When we were young, we were taught touch move."

Alexey: "There are a lot of clock moves in blitz."

Sal: "And you pull it back after it's been set in pre-move."

"The idea of cheating is alien to them, and cheating is never considered."

Mike: "Some players adjust their pieces when it isn't their turn."

Paul mentioned that Petrosian would show lines of thought 7 or 8 moves deep, more than most players.

Mike suggested people try out Naroditsky's endgame problems on YouTube.

Ako and Paul mentioned schematic thinking as shown in Shereshevsky's Endgame Strategy.

Another highly recommended book: Domination in 2535 Endgame Studies by Ghenrikh M. Kasparian (1910-95). "I was at 2100 when I started the book. A year later I was 2385," said Mike. "All of a sudden I was trapping master's pieces in the middle of the board."

Paul wrote ten columns based on the book. He also noted Carlsen solving 100 endgames on video. "He opens up his thinking while he's trying to figure it out. Each GM is different, and I try to see how."

Mike noted that players were quite civil to each other in the Azeri-Armenia match that took place during a war between their countries. Paul added that they played without any big names, yet "the Armenian team was incredible, even without Aronian."

Juliana solved a three-move problem at the Oct. 7 Café starting with a move by the king going back instead of forward, which is also one of the suggested motifs in the interesting book Invisible Chess Moves. Paul mentioned the ideas of first looking at the target king's limited range, then creating a void that sucks him in to set him up for the final one-two. Juliana's made quite a practice of solving problems at the Café before anyone else; her work as a graphic designer was singled out as a demonstration of her pattern recognition and skill at piece arrangement.



Paul asked what was the strongest chess house in SF? He himself suggested Silman and Dennis Waterman, two masters, sharing an apartment. Tarjan, too, adds Mike Walder. Paul himself lived with Steve Brandwein in a place that Bobby Fischer later shared as well, after he was World Champion.

Paul and others have often spoken of the active chess scene of the past in various cafes of SF and Berkeley. Mike Walder mentioned that many IMs and GMs once played at Café Picaro on 16th St. just west of Valencia. Paul mentioned a bakery that was near Post and Polk.

Juliana was singled out for keeping the tradition alive with her Saturday afternoon Bernal Chess event on the patio behind Progressive Grounds coffee house at 400 Cortland Ave. and the Wednesday lectures at the Bernal Hts. Library. She said 35-40 people attended on a recent Saturday, and that IM Gady Costeff, a renowned GM of Composition, always shows up to watch the play. He also gave an excellent lecture on a past Wednesday.

The MI's Chess Social on first Fridays will occur next on Dec. 2. On Nov. 7 there were 15 to 20 people. A new sound system and black-out curtains have just been installed in the Meeting Room. Paul said it has been enjoyable.

"It's working," added Trish.

There's also a photo op with some socializing coming up after the Nov. 12 Quads at MI with a couple players from the Meltwater round-robin finals that will run from Nov. 14-20, one round per day:

"The Meltwater Champions Chess Tour is the world's first year-long online chess series designed to determine the world's best chess player over a full season of competitive online chess.

"Play Magnus Group created the Tour from scratch as the world of sport closed down during the global covid pandemic in 2020...

"The Tour is supported by San Francisco-headquartered social and media intelligence provider Meltwater, which became the title partner of the Champions Chess Tour at the beginning of the inaugural 2021 season.

"The partnership thrives on mutual themes of strategy, analysis and utilizing information to improve your position whether over the chess board or in the boardroom." (<https://chess24.com/tour/finals-2022-eleven-months-of-action-reaches-its-climax-in-san-francisco/>)

There's been more than one scandal in chess. We soon got into a lot of discussion of the longstanding situation of women in the sport. We talked about this at various recent Cafes. Sal noted that chess culture has been largely "a bro fest," but that China "threw a billion people at the problem and guess what--the talent showed up."

Alexey Root had a lot to say about it at her Nov. 10 presentation of her 8th book, *United States Women's Chess Champions, 1937-2020* (McFarland Books).

Paul sat next to John Donaldson during the event, where almost two dozen Zoomers beamed in to share the knowledge and festivity. (There were 8 men and 13 women.)

In a nice introduction, Laura Sheppard, MI Director of Events, noted that among other things, the book has 171 annotated games.

The first women's tournament at MI took place in 1934.

Alexey presented an interesting slide show about her life, career, and family. Her son William wanted to be an acquisitions editor even as a child and was the one who suggested the theme for Alexey's new book.

She first qualified for the U.S. Women's Championship when she was 15. Gisela Gresser, who won 9 times, was there, but the two of them didn't really meet. Alexey is collecting autographs of all 20 living women's champs and got each player featured in the book to approve the chapter written about her.

When Alexey asked why there should be separate tournaments (open and women's), John mentioned the fact that there are far fewer women players. He noted that girls are at least close to 50% of the scholastic players.

I also remember Hou Yifan talking about the different tracking for boys and girls in China, and how girls tend to assimilate the non-competitive path in regard to chess and certain other sports.

Alexey noted that there are 40 women GMs, all still living. "Maybe in 20 years, we will approach parity. At this point in time the numerical difference is very important. Adult women are less than 5% of players. Bigger groups (like men and boys) have more outliers, such as really great players." She mentioned Marc Glickman's finding that girls had ratings equal to or better than boys, but only when they were at least 50% of the class.

"It still makes me comfortable when there are fairly equal numbers."

She said five-time champion Diane Savereide was her hero. She studied a lot and was very serious about the game.

Juliana asked how boys greeted her. Alexey said that if a boy arrived randomly to a chess club at the same time she did, people would ask if she was his girlfriend. Even in



St. Louis in 2014, she was asked, *Whose mom are you?* There is just an ongoing assumption that you're not a chess player if you're female.

"For most of my chess career, I had no bathroom to use." At 15 she had to tell an adult if she had to use it so he could clear it of boys so she could go in.

I remember when a radical guy at MI helped spearhead the move to build a women's room on the 4th floor where the MI chess club is. This was during the administration of John Donaldson.

We saw the cover of Sports Illustrated that featured Lisa Lane, a popular women's champion. At the time the prize fund for the Women's Championship was only 10% of the men's prize fund. Lisa helped organize demos with placards, speeches, burning of USCF membership cards, and so on. Today the women's prize fund is 61% of the men's prize fund.

Sal asked if she actually spoke to Lisa Lane. Alexey said yes; that she's the oldest living women's champ, but her health is not good. Her husband, Mr. Hickey, held the phone up to her while she was bed-ridden. She told Alexey that some things in her chapter were not accurate, but it was OK, and she approved it.

She mentioned how Caroline Marshall was a big proponent of women's chess, and that the Marshall Chess Club hosted ten U.S. Women's Championships.

She and Sal spoke also about multiple champ Mona May Karff.

In the last couple of years, there has been a Karen's Cup for really elite women players. For the last 10 years, there has been a Girls' Jr. Championship, also initiated, John noted, by the St. Louis Chess Club.

There was a bright blue and cloudy sky forming a background for Alexey's raised head.

She told a story about her one and only Interzonal, which took place near Kuala Lumpur in 1990, the last time she was out of the country. "I was playing Anna, and suddenly it sounded like a freight train was coming right at us. It was just the afternoon monsoon hitting the roof. Some players took to wearing headphones to shut out some of the noise."

(For more information about the Chess Café – and to join the conversation – look here: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/online#Chesscafe>)

## Meltwater, Magnus Group and the MI

The Meltwater Champions Chess Tour's final event is going on in San Francisco as we go to press, and Mechanics' Institute is involved in the festivities. We attended the opening reception at SHACK15 in the Ferry Building on November 10, and GM's **Anish Giri**, **Wesley So** and **Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa** paid the club a visit on Saturday the 12. Among the celebrities present were journalist IM **Tania Sachdev**, Mechanics' Institute Trustee **John Donaldson**, and former Trustee GM **Patrick Wolff**. The players were warmly welcomed by Mechanics' Institute CEO **Kimberly Scrafano** and the Institute Chess staff. They signed our historic Chess Visitors Register to a throng of excited chess fans, gave out autographed chess boards to the Quads winners, and played a few blitz games with lucky guests.

Full report and more photographs in our next newsletter!



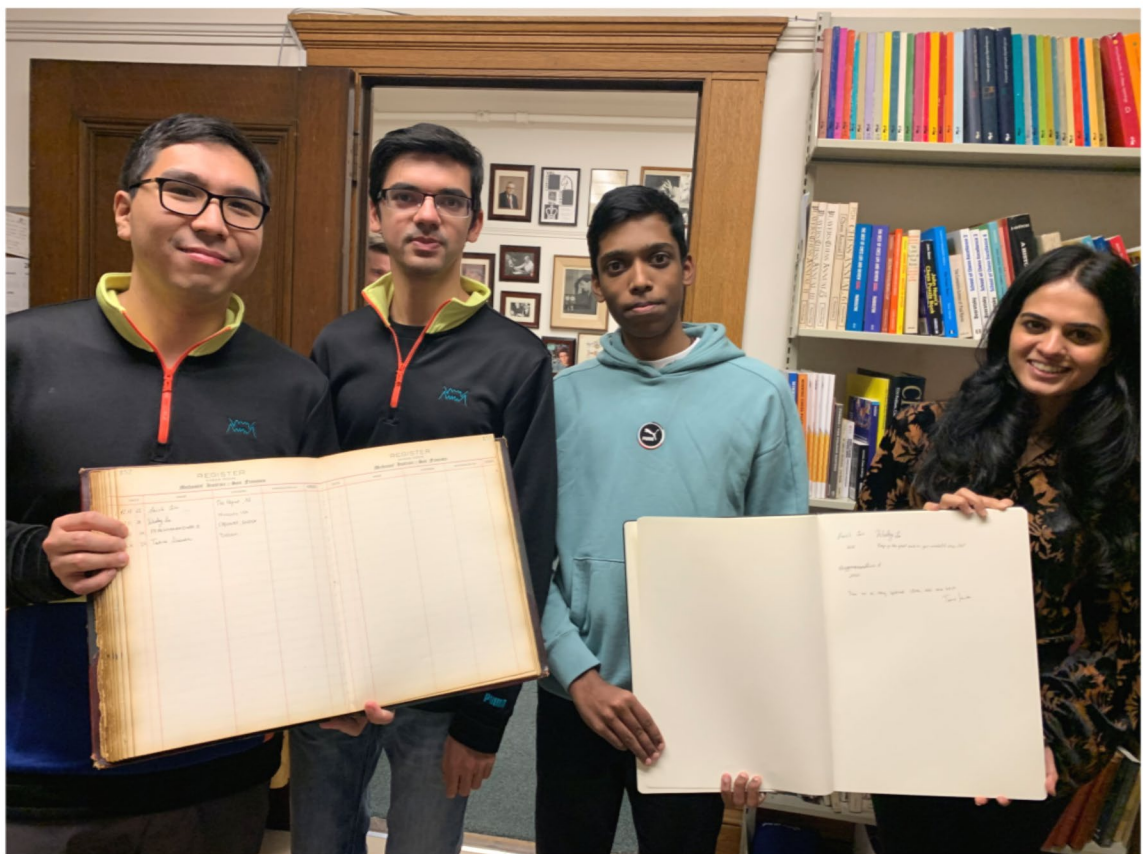
Mechanics' Institute Senior Director of Programs and Community Engagement **Alyssa Stone** with World Champion **Magnus Carlsen** at the opening reception.



Gathering in the Chess Annex, from left to right:  
 Mechanic's Institute Chess Program Manager **Alex Robins**, Mechanics' Institute Chess  
 Coordinator **Paul Whitehead**, GM **Patrick Wolff**, GM **Wesley So**, GM **Anish Giri**, IM  
**Tania Sachdev**, GM **Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa**, Mechanics' Institute CEO  
**Kimberly Scrafano**, Trustee IM **John Donaldson**.







## Seeking Scholastic Chess Coaches

Are you interested in joining the team at Mechanics' Institute? The Institute 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](mailto:arobins@milibrary.org).  
[Employment Opportunities | Mechanics' Institute \(milibrary.org\)](https://milibrary.org/employment-opportunities)

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## A Puzzle in the Library

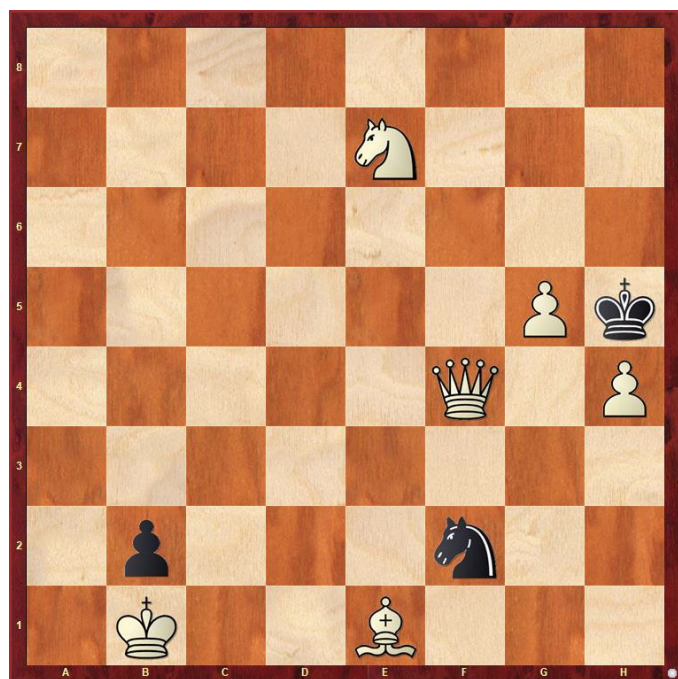
Every week or so the Mechanics' Institute's Head of Technical Services, Steven Dunlap, puts up a chess puzzle in the library for our members to solve.



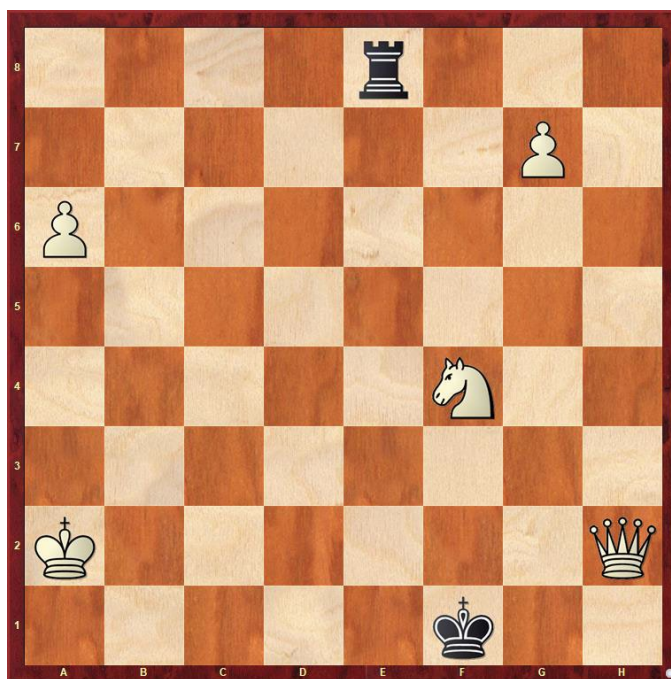
From *Chess for Children* (2004), by Helen Milligan and Murry Chandler.  
White to move and win. As Steven notes, one does not *have to* promote to a queen.  
Indeed, 1.c8=Q would be a drawn position. Therefore...?



## Tony's Teasers



1. H. Bernard 1919.  
White mates in 2 moves.



2. Dr. A. Kraemer 1949  
White mates in 4 moves.

## Upcoming Events

### Tournaments

#### **Felix German Memorial Tuesday Night Marathon – Ongoing**

Tuesday, November 11, 2022 to Tuesday, December 20, 2022. 6:30PM. USCF + FIDE  
Rated. 7 Round SS G/120;d5

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

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Guthrie McClain Memorial G/40;d5**

Saturday, December 3, 2022. 4 games of G/40;d5.

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

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Donaldson Championship G/90+30 (FIDE rated)**

Saturday & Sunday, December 17 & 18. 4 games of G/90+30

Information and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess-tournaments/4th-annual-donaldson-championship-fide-rated>

#### **Monthly Championship Quads**

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

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

#### **Monthly Scholastic Swiss – In Person**

Saturday, December 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>

\*All tournament participants must wear masks until further notice\*

### Classes

#### **Free Women's Online Class with FIDE Trainer Sophie Adams - Ongoing**

Every Sunday from 10AM – 12PM. Information and link to register:  
<https://www.milibrary.org/chess/free-womens-online-chess-class>

#### **Introduction to Chess: Free Class for MI Members with FM Paul Whitehead**

7 classes, in person. Wednesdays, 11/16 to 12/28. 5PM to 6PM.

Information and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/online#beginner>

### **Chess Improvements for Developing Players**

10 classes. Taught online by Colin Schober. Wednesdays, 9/28 to 11/30. 6PM to 7PM.  
Information and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/online#Colin>  
- Late enrollees are eligible for pro-rated tuition -

### **Game Analysis Series with FM Paul Whitehead**

8 classes, in person. Thursdays, 10/13 to 12/1. 5PM to 6PM.  
Information and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/online#Paul>

### **Other Offerings**

#### **Chess Café, Mondays 4PM – 5:30PM: Ongoing**

Information and link to register: <https://www.milibrary.org/chess/online#Chesscafe>

**Chess Social, First Fridays 5PM – 6PM:** See attached flyer.

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### **Solutions to Tony's Teasers**

Problem #1: 1.Qa4! Zugzwang. 1...Ng4 2.Qe8#. All other knight moves allow 2.Qd1#!  
Problem #2: 1.Kb2!! Threatens 2.Qg2+ Ke1 3.Nd3+ Kd1 4.Qc2#. If 1...Rb8+ 2.Ka3! Re8 3.Nd3! Re2 4.Qh1#!

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### **Author Event with WIM Alexey Root**



IM John Donaldson and FM Paul Whitehead interviewed author Alexey Root over Zoom on November 10. A lively discussion about her new book and the status of women in chess ensued. You can see that interview, and more from the MI here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/mechanicsinstitute/videos>



## Contact Us

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