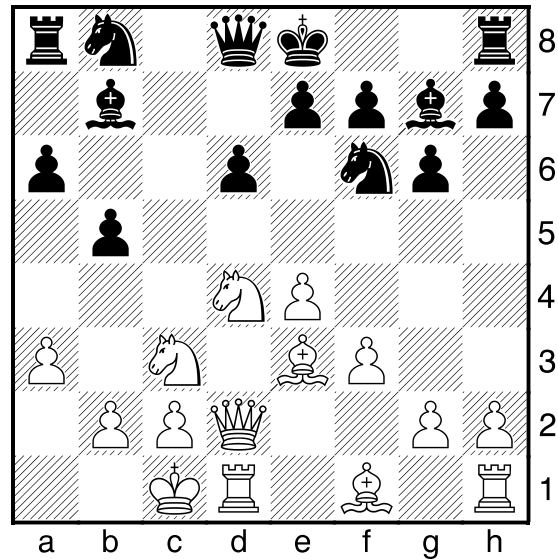
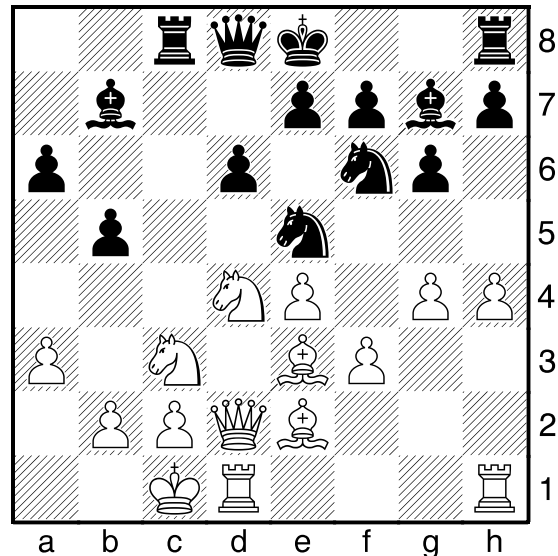


Bambou, Christophe **B22**
 Gray, William **2107**
1964
 Winter TNM: 2000+ (5.2) 05.12.2023

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e5
 5.dxe5 Qxd1+ 6.Kxd1 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4
 8.Bf4 Nge7 9.h3 0-0-0+ 10.Nbd2
 Bxf3+ 11.gxf3 Ng6 12.Be3 Ngxe5
 13.Kc2 Be7 14.a4 f5 15.f4 Ng6
 16.Nc4 Nf8 17.Bg2 Nd7 18.Bd5 Kc7
 19.Rhe1 Nde5 20.Nxe5 Rxd5 21.c4
 Nb4+ 22.Kb1 Nd3 23.Rd1 Rxe5
 24.fxe5 Nxe5 25.Bf4 Bd6 26.Bxe5
 Bxe5 27.Kc2 Bd4 28.f3 f4 29.Re1
 Be3 30.Rad1 Rf8 31.Rd5 Rf6 32.Rg5
 Rf7 33.h4 Kc6 34.h5 Rd7 35.Re2 Rf7
 36.Reg2 Bd4 37.b3 Re7 38.Rf5 Be3
 39.Rd5 a5 40.Re2 Rd7 41.Rxd7 Kxd7
 42.Kd3 Ke7 43.Ke4 Kf6 44.Rg2 g6
 45.hxg6 hxg6 46.Kd5 g5 47.Kd6 Kf5
 48.Kc7 Ke5 Black lost on time
1-0



Dragodorf. **10...Nbd7 11.g4 Ne5**
12.Be2 Rc8 13.h4



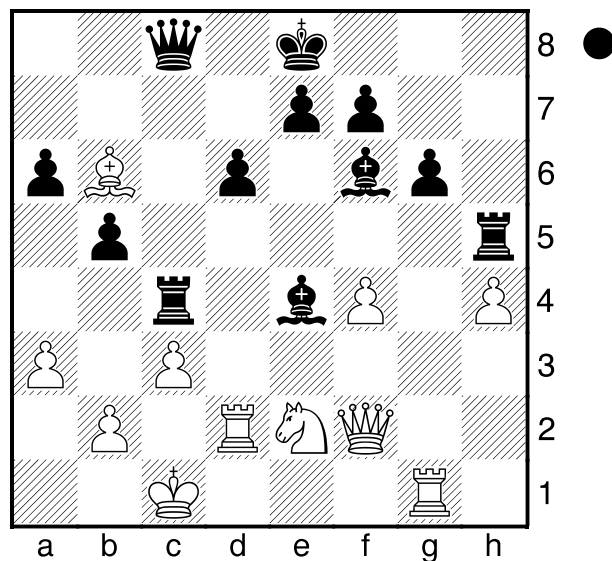
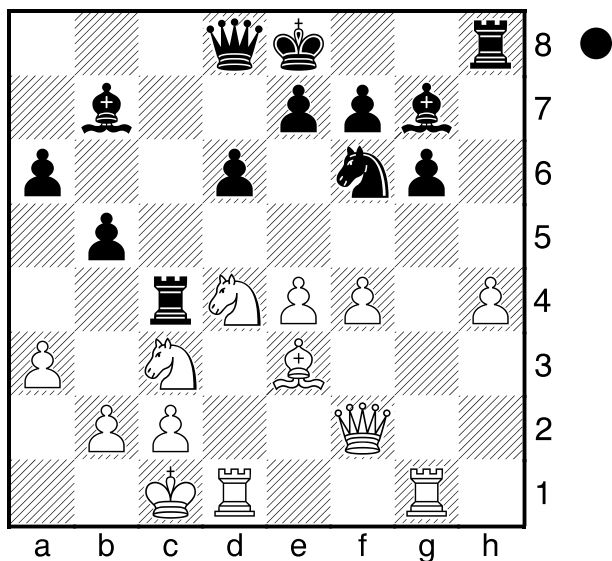
Srinivasan, Sivavishnu **B75**
 Lewis, Edward **1962**
1932
 Winter TNM: 2000+ (5.3) 05.12.2023
[Lewis, Edward/(Winslow, Elliott)]

Sometimes Ed's opponents are thrown
 off balance by the Ed Lewis Reality
 Distortion Field, but also sometimes it's
 Ed. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4**
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3
a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.a3 Bb7 10.0-0-0

(Diagram)

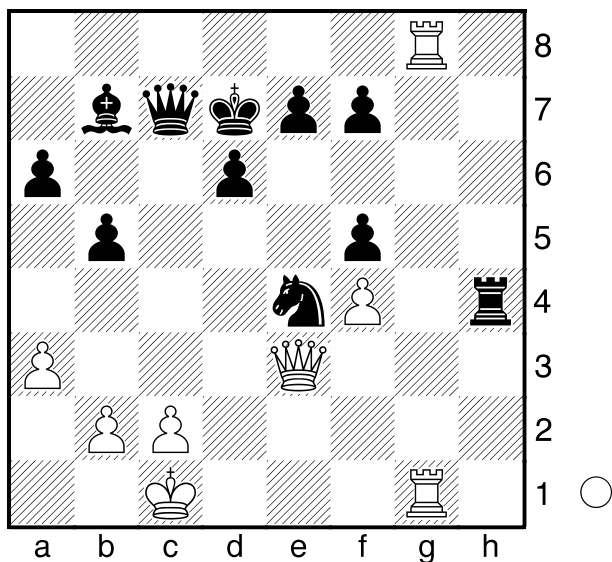
Looks scary, but Black now equalized:
13...h5! 14.gxh5 Nxh5
 [14...Rxxh5 15.f4? Nc4!-+]
15.f4? Nc4 Black has the initiative.
16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.Qf2 Nf6 -3.20
18.Rhg1

(Diagram)



Nxe4

[18...Rxc3 19.Nf5 gxf5 20.Rxg7
Nxe4 21.Qg1 Rxe3 22.Qxe3 Qc7
23.Rdg1 Rxh4 24.Rg8+ Kd7 -7.30



] 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Rd2 Rh5 21.Ne2
Bf6 22.Bb6 Qc8 23.c3

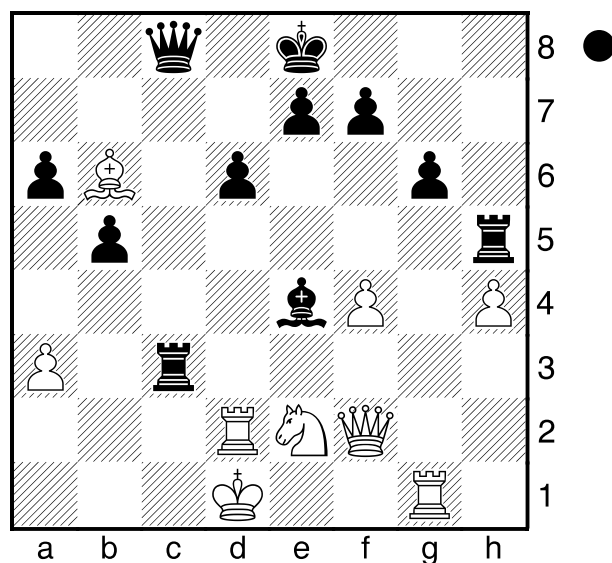
(Diagram)

Bxc3! (EW: Flashy, and still winning, but
lots of routine moves were significantly
better.

[23...b4 for instance.)]

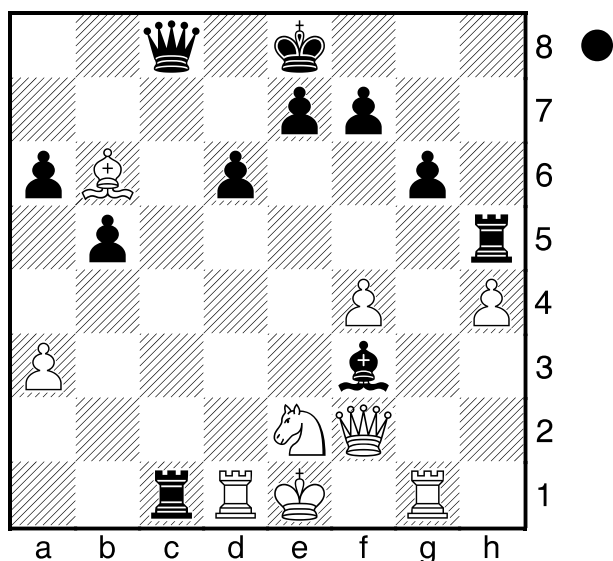
24.bxc3 Rxc3+ 25.Kd1

[25.Nxc3 Qxc3+ 26.Rc2! Qxa3+!
27.Kd2 Qd3+ 28.Kc1 Qxc2+
29.Qxc2 Bxc2 30.Kxc2 Rxh4
This isn't bad for Black either!]



(EW: ?) **25...Bf3!! 26.Ke1 Rc1+
27.Rd1**

(Diagram)



Qc3+?? Glitch in the Matrix.

[27...Rd5!! 28.Qxf3 Rxd1+ 29.Kf2 Rxg1 30.Nxg1 Rc3 31.Be3 Rxa3 32.Ne2 Ra2 33.Kg3 b4 34.Nd4 Ra3]

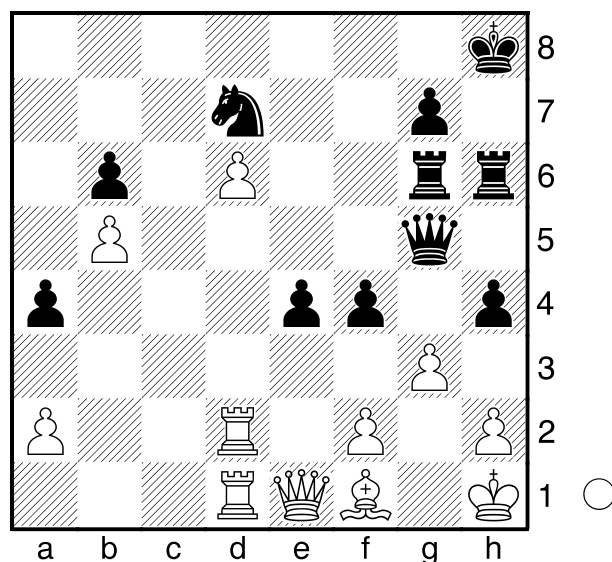
[EW: Even better says Stockfish (-6.65 vs. -4 something) is 27...Rxd1+!

28.Kxd1 Rd5+ 29.Bd4 (29.Ke1 Qc1+! 30.Nxc1 Rd1#) 29...Qc3]

28.Nxc3 Bxd1 29.Nxd1 Rd5 30.Qf3 e6 31.Kf2 Rc6 32.Ne3 Rd2+ 33.Ke1

Black resigns.

1-0



No more moves, 1-0 (perhaps time scramble).

1-0

□ Santos,Catalino

■ Jin,David

Winter TNM: 2000+ (5.4)

[Winslow,Elliott]

E11

1969

2066

05.12.2023

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Nbxd2 0-0 7.Bg2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Qb3 Nbd7 10.Rac1 c5 11.e3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 f5 14.Qc3 Nf6 15.b4 Qc7 16.Nb3 cxb4 17.Qxb4 a5 18.Qc3 Rac8 19.Qb2 Ba6 20.Nd2 Qd6 21.Rc2 Rc7 22.Rb1 Nd7 23.Bf1 Rfc8 24.Rbc1 Qe7 25.Qb3 Kh8 26.Nb1 h5

27.Nd2 h4 28.Bg2 e5 29.d5 Rb8 30.Bf1 Nc5 31.Qc3 a4 32.Rd1 Rd7 33.Nb1 Rd6 34.Qd2 Qg5 35.Kh1 Rh6 36.Qe1 Rd8 37.Na3 Rdd6 38.Nb5 Bxb5 39.cxb5 Rdg6 40.Rcd2 f4 41.exf4 exf4 42.d6 Nd7??+-

[42...Nd7 43.Qxe4 hxg3 44.fxg3 is, according to Stockfish 16, winning for White.]

[On 42...hxg3 *Black* is winning, e.g. 43.fxg3 e3 44.Rd5 Qg4 45.R1d4 e2+-]

□ Wu,Zhuoyuan

■ Clemens,Kristian

Winter TNM: 2000+ (5.5)

[Winslow,Elliott]

C45

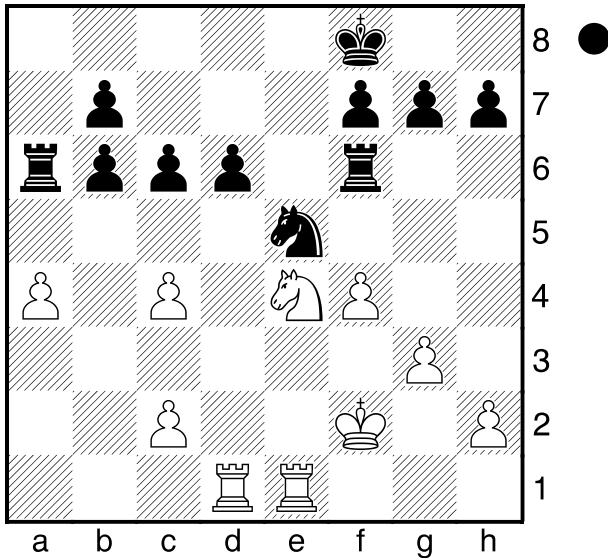
1802

1944

05.12.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 d6 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.f4 c6 10.a4 Qb6 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Be3 Bd8 13.Rfe1 Re8 14.Bd4 Be6 15.b3 Bxc4 16.bxc4 Nd7 17.Rab1 Ra6 18.Kf2 Re6 19.g3

Bf6 20.Rbd1 Kf8 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.e5
Nxe5 23.Ne4 Ng4+ 24.Kf3 Ne5+
25.Kf2



Nxc4 26.Nxf6 gxf6 27.Ra1 d5 28.Reb1
Ke7 29.g4 Nd2 30.Rb2 Ne4+ 31.Kg2
Kd6 32.Kh3 Nc3 33.Kh4 Nxa4
34.Rba2 b5 35.Kh5 Nc5 36.Kh6 Rxa2
37.Rxa2 Ne6 38.f5 In the ensuing time
scramble Black's pawns prevailed.
0-1

B20
1802
Riese, Kayven
1900
Winter TNM: 2000+ (5.6) 05.12.2023
[Riese, Kayven]

1.e4 e6 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Ne2 d5
Surprisingly to me, the previous 4 ply
are all top Droidfish picks.

[4...Nf6 is the most popular human
move. 5.Nbc3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3
(7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 d6
was how Sindarov beat Kramnik at the
Astana Satty Zhuldyz Rapid 2023. I
never like it when White plays d4 in
the fianchetto lines, so I felt a good
amount of anxiety before deciding 4..
d5 seemed good. Usually I guess if

you stake out a d-pawn first it seems
right. 9.h3 Qb6 += is how Ljubojevic-
Shirov continued in Amber Rapid
2002.; 7.f4 d5 8.e5 Nd7 9.d3 Rb8
gave Black a slight edge in
Nepomniachtchi-Potkin, Yaroslav the
Wise Rapid 2014, but White
eventually turned it around and won.)
7...d6 has been played in many
games.]

5.exd5 exd5 6.0-0

[6.Nbc3 is most popular here. Nf6
7.d4 (7.0-0 d4 8.Ne4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4
Bd6 += was Sanal-Oparin Sharjah
Masters 2023) 7...Bg4 (7...cxd4
8.Nxd4 Bg4 9.Nce2 Bc5 10.Nb3
Bb6 11.0-0 0-0 ♯ was Onishuk-
Postny Titled Tuesday 2020.) 8.h3
Bxe2 9.Nxe2 Be7 10.0-0
± was Reinderman-Yermolinsky
Hoogovens 1999. I shouldn't have
been afraid of maintaining tension on
c5/d4]
[6.d4 c4 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nbc3 Bg4
9.Bg5 Be7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Bxf6 Bxf6
12.Nxd5 Bxe2 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6
14.Qxe2 Nxd4 15.Qe4 Qb6 16.Qxb7
Qxb7 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Bd5 Rxb2
19.Bxc4 Rxc2 reached material
equality in Liptak-Bodrogi at Budapest
Spring 2016 and Black eventually
won.]

6...Nf6

[6...d4 7.Re1 (7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Re1
Be7=; 7.d3 Be7 8.Na3 Nf6 9.Bg5
0-0 10.Nc4 Be6 11.Nf4 Bxc4
12.dxc4 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Re1
Qd6 15.Nd3 and a draw was agreed
to in Knezevic-Matulovic at Skopje
Solidarnost 1967) 7...Be7 8.Nf4 Nf6
9.h3 0-0]

[An important idea that I missed was
the need to employ the idea of trading
my light squared bishop for attackers
of d5 instead of its passive defense on
e6. 6...Bg4 7.Re1 Be7 8.h3

and Marineau as Black tried to keep the bishop and expand with a weakening of d5 against Regnier in Montreal 1999. Bh5 (Droidfish prefers 8...Bxe2 here. 9.Rxe2 Nf6 10.d3 0-0 += Black's center is holding against White's two bishops.) 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nf4 d4 11.d3 Qd7+- and White eventually won.]

7.d4

[7.Nf4?! Be6? (7...Bg4 8.Qe1+ Be7 9.h3 Bf5 10.Nc3 d4 11.Ncd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 0-0 13.d3 +=; 7...Be7=) 8.Nxe6 fxe6 9.Qe2 Qd7 += / ± and Black was again beset with a weak e6 pawn in Galanakis-Kotsinis Heraklion 2017. 10.c3 (10.Re1 is met by Nd4 11.Qd1 Bd6 12.c3 Nf5 13.Qe2 e5 and Black expands out of the problem.) 10...0-0-0 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bh3 Nd8 13.d4 h5 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qe5 Qxe5 17.Rxe5 and Black eventually won in the ending.]

7...c4? This is frustrating. Actually, many players have played like this, though there are other options. Droidfish downgrades Black immediately for this move.

[7...Be6 8.Nbc3 Be7 (8...h6 9.Re1 Qd7 10.a3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Be7 13.Bf4 ± was how Grzeskow beat Wozniak POL 2023.) 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.Re1 += was Kubicka-Cramling Titled Tuesday 2023]
[7...Bd6 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbc3 cxd4 10.Nxd5 Bg4 11.Bxf6 gxf6 ± was Jasnikowski-Swierczewski Wroclaw 1981 12.h3 Be6 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Be5 15.Qd3± having wrecked Black's kingside home, Jasnikowski soon beat Swierczewski at Wroclaw 1981.]
[7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.h3

A) Dorfman as Black defended b5 in Sicilian Najdorf style with 10...a6 against Kuindzhy at URS Army Championship Finals 1975. 11.Be3 h6 12.Nde2 Bb4?! (12...Be6=) 13.Na4?! (White could have traded a central pawn for a castle pawn with 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxh3 += its interesting to note how engines can change their minds with developments like these.) 13...Ba5 14.c3 Bc7 15.Nf4 Bf5 16.Nc5?! (16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Qxd5 18.Bxd5 Bxh3 19.Rfe1 Rfd8 20.Bh1 Bd6 21.Bb6 += / ± The bind on b6 adds slightly to White's advantage along with the trade of d5 for h3.) 16...b6 17.Nb7? (17.Na4 Bxf4 18.Bxf4=) 17...Qc8 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Ne7 20.Qc4 Be6 21.Qe4 Nd5 22.Rfd1 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Bxh3 24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 b5 += and the dust settled. Black managed to fight back and eventually win.;

B) 10...h6 += was Larina-Kosteniuk Moscow Blondes-Brunettes 2020]

8.Nf4

[8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nf4 Be7 10.Re1 Qd7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qh5+ Kd8 14.c3 Kc7 15.Qf7 Nd8 and Black found a similar way to cower and lose after 16.Qh5 in Kiyagan-Barik at Manavgat Turkey Cup 2016.]

8...Be7?

[8...Bg4 9.f3 Bc8 10.c3 Bd6 11.Re1+ Ne7 12.Nh3 h6 13.Bf4 0-0 =+ and Black eventually won in Knorr-Kasper Hessenliga 1998.]

9.Nc3 Be6

[9...Bg4 10.Qd2 Be6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qe3 Qd7 13.Bh3 Nd8 ± looks familiar.]

10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Re1 Qd7 12.Bh3

Nd8 13.Qe2 Kf7

[13...Bb4 14.Bxe6 Nxe6 15.Qxe6+ Qxe6 16.Rxe6+ Kf7 17.Re5 Rad8 18.Bg5 Bxc3 19.bxc3 h6 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rh5±]

14.Bg5 Re8?

[I failed to understand the significance of my rook hanging on e8 when a queen stands on h5. Droidfish likes 14...Rf8 15.f4 g6 16.Qd2 b5 17.a3 h6 18.Bh4 (18.Bxh6? Rh8) 18...Qb7 19.f5 +- and White has popped the can open.]

15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qh5+ Kg8?

[Black is about to suffer serious problems. It would probably do little to alleviate this in the long run after Droidfish's improvement after 16...Kf8 17.Qxh7 Nf7 18.Bg4 Ng5 19.Qg6 Qf7 20.Qxf7+ Kxf7 21.h4 Nh7 22.Nb5+-]

17.Nxd5 Bxd4 18.Rad1 Nc6 19.Nf4+-

I hadn't foreseen this move. C'est la vie.

19...g6 I had foreseen kicking the queen to unpin my queen from the defense of the Re8, but not all the power and options White now has bearing down on e6. More tragically, I had hoped for time to play a ..QxNd5 move. It felt true that my Bd4 would also die in a pin, but with my Nc6 restored, White would have to close the d file, muting his rook. **20.Qe2**

[20.Qb5 Qg7 21.Nxe6 Qf6 22.Re2 Bb6 23.Rd7+-]

20...Qg7 21.c3 Bb6 22.Qxc4

this is getting really miserable for Black. I was just making moves so I could get going home soon now. **22...Kh8**

23.Nxe6

[23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Qxe6 Rf8 25.Rd7+-]

23...Qf6 24.Qf4 Qxf4 25.Nxf4 Ne5

[Trading rooks first had entered my mind, but here, after 25...Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 I don't see a route for the Black knight to supplement the Bb6's

attack on f2.]

26.Bg2

[I was hoping for 26.Kg2 g5

A) I didn't notice **27.Ne6** would have been possible. Nc6 (27...g4 28.Rxe5 gxh3+ 29.Kxh3 Bxf2 30.Rd7+-) 28.Nxg5+- would have been pretty irritating.; **B)** **27.Nh5** g4 28.Nf6 gxh3+ 29.Kxh3 = when I wasn't quite sure where to move my rook. I think I settled on Rf8 (Droidfish offers 29...Re6 30.Rxe5 Rxf6 31.f4 Bc7 32.Re4 += with three good pawns for the bishop.) 30.Rxe5 Rxf6 +=]

26...Ng4 I get my double attack on f2, but the dream of playing ..Bxf2+ and ..BxR is located somewhere in Fairyland.

27.Rf1 White rightly retains a Rd1 for implementing a potential attack.

[The idea with Black trading rooks first is to prevent White from alleviating problems from doing the same, e.g., 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Rf1 , but this diminishes the White advantage significantly here.]

27...Rad8

[27...g5 28.Nd5 Bxf2+ 29.Rxf2 Nxf2 30.Kxf2 Rad8 (30...Rac8 31.Ne3 b5+-) 31.a4 Re7 32.Bf3 Rf7 33.Kg2 Rf5 34.c4+-]

28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Nd5! I had hoped to invade on d2, but completely missed this move. **29...Bc5 30.b4!?** This move shocked me, but it is the Droidfish pick.

30...Bf8

[30...Bd6 31.Rd1 b6 32.Rd4 Ne5 33.f4 Nf7 34.a4+-]

31.c4!?

[Droidfish suggests 31.Re1 Bg7 32.Re6 Ne5 33.a4 b6 34.Be4 Nc4 35.Rc6 Nb2 36.a5 bxa5 37.bxa5 Na4+-]

31...Bg7

[31...b6 32.Re1 Nh6 33.Be4 Kg7 34.Bf3 Rc8 35.Rc1 Nf5 36.Kg2 Nd4

37.h4 Re8 38.Rc3 Re5+-]

32.h3

[More accurate would be 32.c5 Ne5
33.Nf4 Nc6 34.Ne6 Rd2 35.Rb1
Rxa2 36.Rd1 Bf6 37.b5 +- crashing
through on the queenside.]

32...Ne5 33.c5 Nd3 34.Be4 a5

35.Bxd3 Rxd5 36.Be4 Rd7

[I considered 36...Rd4 37.Bxb7 Rxb4
38.c6 , but the wooden shield c6/Bb7
seemed too much to bear.]

37.b5!

[Black would have preferred 37.bxa5
Rc7 38.Rd1 Bc3 39.Rd8+ Kg7
40.a6 bxa6 41.c6 Bf6 (41...Ba5
42.Ra8+-) 42.Ra8+- , but it would
have made no difference in the end.]

37...Bd4? I locked myself into a silly
check on f2 idea, winning the exchange.

38.Rd1! White agrees to the plan!

38...b6 39.c6 Black resigned here.

39...Bxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Rxd1 41.c7 Rc1

42.Bc6 and White's bishop ensures a
new White queen will appear on the
board.

1-0

□ **Tam,Hoa Long**

■ **Wong,Wilson**

Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (5.8) 05.12.2023
[Wong,Wilson/(Winslow,Elliott)]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 d6
5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 c4 7.Bc2 dxe5
8.Nxe5 Qd5 9.Nf3 Bf5 10.0-0

Last move in masters database. **10...Nc6**
Developing and staying flexible. There
isn't a great diagonal for my dark-
squared bishop, so I'm learning towards
fianchettoing the bishop for the long
haul. **11.a4** This is very weakening while
White still hasn't dealt with the backward
d-pawn.

[11.b3 I like chipping Black's center to

free the d-pawn. White needs to
finish developing or deal with their
backward d-pawn.]

11...g6

[11...Bxc2 I didn't want to force trades
to free d1-square for White's rook.

There is a plus though having a
stronger grip on b3-square but I can't
stop White's breaks so I want White to
have to spend a turn moving their
queen.]

12.Na3 White tries to develop. **12...a6**

Stopping Nb5. I want to fianchetto my
bishop then get castled. **13.Bxf5 Qxf5**

[13...gxf5 This looked interesting but I
didn't want to take the risk. My
queenside pawn structure isn't fit for
my king and White can open my
queenside with b3.]

14.Qe2 Qd5 15.Rd1 Rd8 16.Nc2

My c4-pawn is a little loose and I'm no
longer going to be able to keep White's
d2-pawn restricted. I'm not able to hold
back d3/d4 and stop a5 after ...Na5. My
knights would become loose after
White's queen attacks them or after
White frees their dark-squared bishop
then use it to attack my knights. **16...Bg7**

Continuing development. **17.Ne3 Qd3**

The only way for me to hold onto my
pawn. **18.Qxd3 cxd3** Forced to hold

onto pawn. **19.b3** White has good
queenside square control. **19...0-0**

Finishing developing then deciding what
to do in the position. **20.Ba3**

White finally activates their bishop. My
d3-pawn is buying me space for the
meantime but it can become a long-term
weakness. **20...Nd5** Freeing my b7-
pawn to move. I want ...b5 then ...b4 to
soften the long-diagonal. **21.Bc5 b6**

Gaining tempo on White's bishop to force
it to a worse square. I'm also willing to
trade my d5-knight for Black's bishop for
a potential long-term small plus. There
could be positions in the future where

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my dark-squared bishop could be sacrificed or apply pressure on dark-squares uncontested. **22.Nxd5 bxc5** I'm unsure where White should place their knight and how to progress. Black does have many weak squares on the queenside so White can have nice outposts like c4-square but what does progress for White look like? The b3-pawn could be a liability for White. **23.Nb6** I don't get what the point of this knight jump was since it risks getting stranded and being forced to trade and damage White's pawn structure. **23...Na5** I went for this to at least cause White to damage their pawn structure, though White's pawns won't be easy to attack. The way I saw my position, my d3-pawn is a long-term weakness that will be lost if I'm not proactive since White could get their king into the game. It'll be hard to make my dark-squared bishop effective but this goes in that direction as the position opens up. I won't be able to control the later opened b-file but my bishop will become a stronger piece as I try to open the position up and there is the possibility for a bishop sacrifice down the line for c3- and d2-pawns. **24.Rab1** White is prepared for the opening of b-file, which control I can't take. **24...Rd6** Forcing matters and going for a potential plan of a bishop sacrifice on c3-square later. **25.Nc4 Nxc4 26.bxc4 Rf6** Going after c4-pawn. **27.Rb7 Rf4 28.Ra7 Rxc4** I have to be conscious this rook lacks many squares but I think it's fine. **29.Rxa6 Rb8** Grabbing the open-file. I need to play actively to survive this endgame. I'm open to a potential bishop sacrifice on c3-square then have my central pawns be menacing, with threats of advancement. I'm also considering double-attacking d2-pawn if White's knight moves. I want to push ...e5, ...e4,

and then after ...Bxc3 to have connected passed pawns which might compensate for the piece. **30.g3** Giving room for their king is a good idea. **30...e5** White's knight isn't doing a great job and is lacking squares. **31.Ra1** White abandons the defense of d2-pawn, wanting to support their passed a-pawn. With ...e4 deflecting White's knight and my bishop targeting d2-pawn, I could win the pawn, or make White waste time moving their rook again to defend. **31...e4** White's knight is very ineffective. **32.Nh4** White might be trying to get Ng2, Ne3 but this is too slow. **32...Bh6** [32...Bxc3 33.Rc1 I didn't go for this because I didn't know what the follow-up was in this position. Rbb4 I didn't consider this move. 34.dxc3 (34.Rxc3 Rxc3 35.dxc3 Rb1+ 36.Kg2 d2 wins.) 34...Rxc3 35.Rxc3 d2 36.Rd6 Rd4 queens.] **33.f4 Bg7** I think my best shot at not losing is to sacrifice my bishop for c3- and d2-pawns. [33...exf3 34.Nxf3 Rb2 35.Rd1 Re4 36.Rd6 c4 This looked no good to me.] [33...e3 34.Rd6 I didn't know what to do from here. exd2 35.Rxd3 Bg7 36.Nf3 Bxc3 37.Nxd2 Black has a stronger minor piece for a slight edge.] [33...Rb2 34.Ra8+ I dismissed my move because of the check which makes my bishop very bad.] **34.Rd6** EW: "??" **34...Bxc3** [34...e3 EW: "!" 35.Rxd3 exd2 (EW: -+) This wasn't on my radar since I didn't see the bishop fork. (EW: 36.Rxd2 Bxc3 when there's no pin because of ...Bd4+: 37.Rc2 (37.Rc1 Bd4+) 37...Bd4+)] **35.dxc3 Rxc3 36.a5** White's a-pawn threatens to tie down my rook. I need to make my passed pawns work or I will

lose. **36...Rc2** I wanted to stop White's king from invading Kg2, Ke3. Next, I want to march my c-pawn down the board to hopefully force White to sacrifice a rook or to tie down White's rooks.

[EW: Here's the computer's best line for Black: 36...Rcb3 37.Ng2 c4 38.Rc6 c3 39.Ne3 Rb1+ 40.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 41.Kf2 Rb2+ 42.Ke1! Re2+ 43.Kd1 Rxe3 44.Rxc3 Re2 45.Ra3 Rxh2 46.a6 e3 47.Rxd3 Ra2 48.Rxe3 Rxa6 with 3 vs. 2 in a rook ending, White should hold.]

37.Nf3 (EW: "?? -+") This leads to a worse endgame for White.

[37.a6 (EW: "? -+") c4 38.a7 Ra8 I'm not sure if this is winning but I thought it was my best try.]

[37.Ng2 (EW: "! = Only move") Re2 This is how I planned to deal with White's knight.]

37...exf3 The game could end in a draw but I think only Black is playing for a win, thanks to tactics. (EW: No, Black is winning.) **38.Rxd3 Rg2+ 39.Kh1**

[39.Kf1 Rxh2 Threatening to skewer White's king and rook. 40.Kg1 White would've lost a pawn for nothing. EW: Looking further, Rbb2 41.Rxf3 Rbg2+ 42.Kf1 Ra2-+ and Black will be two pawns up.]

39...Ra2 Taking advantage of back-rank issues to win a pawn. **40.Rdd1 Rbb2**

41.Rxa2 Rxa2 I will be up a pawn.

42.Kg1 Rxa5 43.Kf2 Ra2+ EW: ? =

[EW: 43...Kf8 44.Kxf3 Ke7 is bordering on won.]

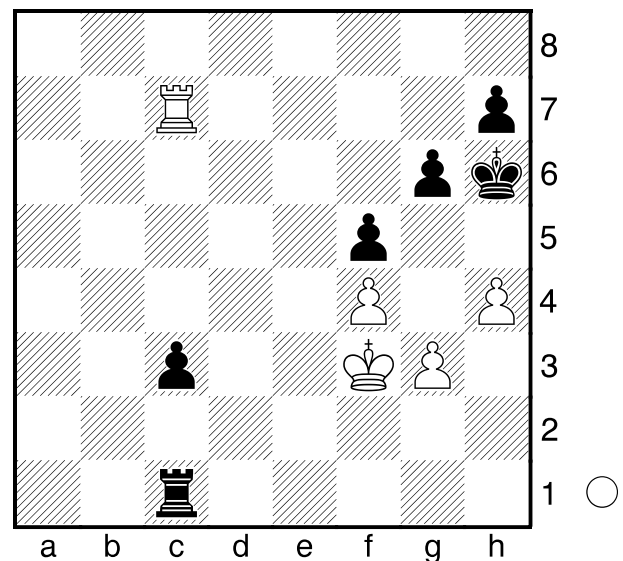
44.Kxf3 Rc2 Stockfish can draw this but I'm not sure White's best defense. My plan is to get c-pawn to c2 then sacrifice it for a kingside pawn, but would also like to, if possible, have my king support the c-pawn. **45.h4** I don't like this since it allows me to freeze White's pawns and improve my king position, and now g3-

pawn becomes a great pawn to win, exchanging my c-pawn to win White's g-pawn which would leave two useless split pawns. **45...f5** I don't know why this is so bad (EW: it's not :-)). I can see White holding by keeping their king on 2nd rank, not allowing Black from getting to make any progress with c-pawn.

46.Rd5 c4 47.Rc5

[EW: The move played is fine, but 47.h5! reduces pawns and has Stockfish 16 declaring "0.00" on all replies.]

47...Kg7 48.Ke3 Rc3+ 49.Kf2 Kh6 50.Rc7 Rc1 51.Kf3 c3

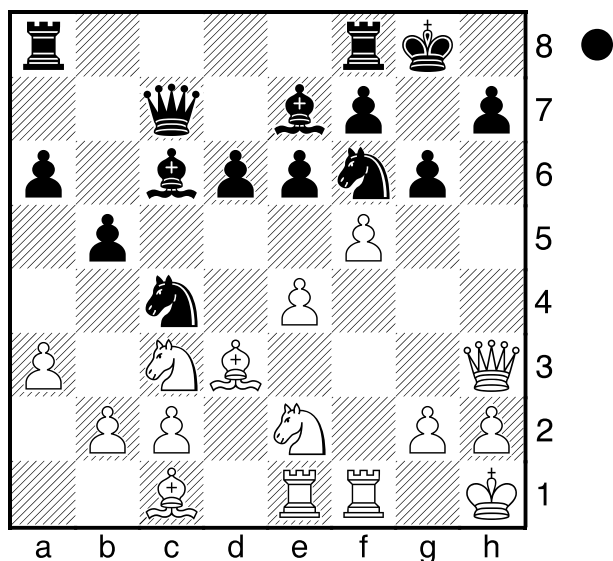


Now White holds by keeping their king on 2nd and first rank so Black can't gain a tempo. **52.Ke3?? c2 53.Kd2 Rg1 54.Rc3 c1Q+ 55.Rxc1 Rxg3** This is easily winning. **56.Rh1 Rf3 57.Ke2 Rxf4 58.Ke3 Re4+ 59.Kf3 Kh5 60.Kg3 Rg4+ 0-1**

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☒ Tirouvingadame, Arivoli

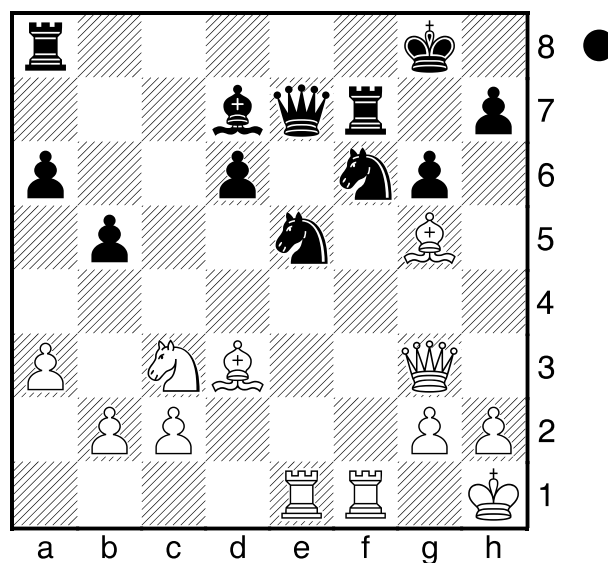
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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
a6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Nb4
8.Be2 d6 9.a3 Nc6 10.0-0 Be7 11.f4
0-0 12.Kh1 Bd7 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.Qf3
b5 15.Nde2 Na5 16.Rae1 Nc4 17.Bc1
Bc6 18.Qh3 g6 19.f5



**exf5 20.exf5 Ne5 21.fxg6 fxg6 22.Nf4
Bd7 23.Qg3 Rf7 24.Nfd5 Qd8
25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 26.Bg5**

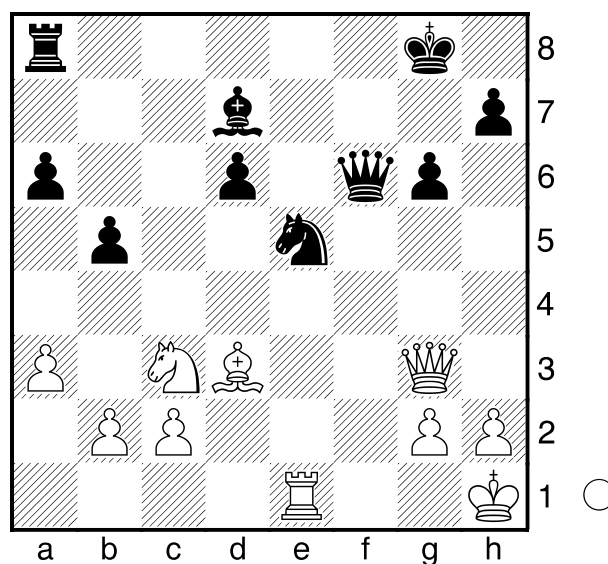
(Diagram)



Qf8

[26...Bc6±]

27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.Rxf6 Qxf6



29.Rf1

[29.Ne4! Qg7 (29...Qe7 30.Nxd6)
30.Nxd6 Nxd3 31.Qxd3 Rf8!
32.Qd5+ Kh8 33.h3±]

29...Qg7

[29...Qe6 30.Be4 Rf8 31.Rd1 Bc6=]

30.Be4 Rf8 31.Bd5+ Kh8 32.Rxf8+ Qxf8 33.Kg1 Bf5 34.Qf2 Qe7 35.h3 h5 36.Bb3 Kg7 37.Ne2 Be4

[37...Be6=]

38.Nd4 d5 39.Nf3 Nc4

[39...Bxf3 40.gxf3 Nc6]
40.c3=
 [40.Bxc4 dxc4 41.Qd4+ Kg8]
40...Qf6 41.Bxc4 dxc4
 [41...bxc4]
42.Nd4 Qe7 43.g3 Bb7 44.h4 Qe4
45.Kh2??
 [45.Kf1=]
45...Qh1#
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□ **Calvert, Sam**

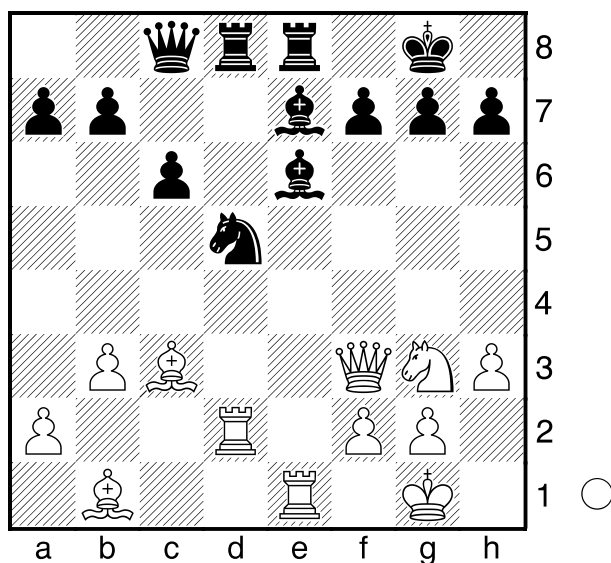
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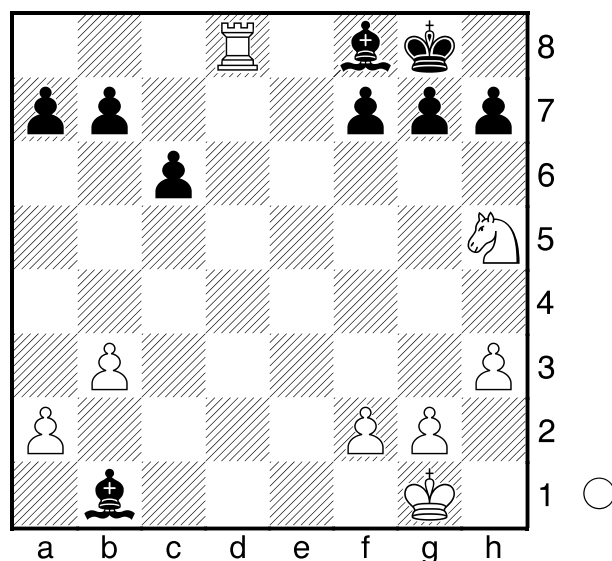
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 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.e4 Nbd7 4.Nf3
 e5 5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 exd4
 8.Nxd4 Nc5 9.Nf5 Ncxe4 10.Nxe4
 Bxf5 11.Ng3 Bd7 12.b3 c6 13.Bd3
 Qc8 14.Re1 Re8 15.Qf3 d5 16.Bb2
 Be6 17.Re2 Qd7 18.Rae1 d4 19.c3
 dxc3 20.Bxc3 Rad8 21.Rd2 Nd5
 22.Bb1 Qc8



23.Nh5 Nxc3 24.Qxc3 Bf8 25.Qc2 Bf5
 26.Rxe8 Bxc2 27.Rdxd8 Qxd8
 28.Rxd8 Bxb1

(Diagram)



29.Rd7 Bxa2 30.Rxb7 a5 31.Ng3 g6
 32.Ne4 Bb4 33.Rc7 Bxb3 34.Rxc6 a4
 35.Ra6 Bc2 36.Nf6+ Kg7 37.Nd5 Bd2
 38.Ne3 Bb3 (more moves?) ...
0-1

□ **Dutter, Frederic** **C10**
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■ **Toledo Guerrero, Fernando** **1693**
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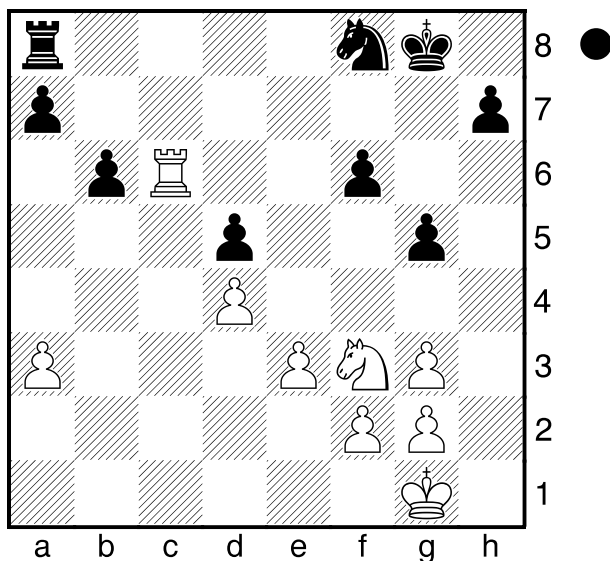
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4
 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bf4
 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 e5 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8
 10.0-0-0+ Ke7 11.Be3 b6 12.Be2 Bb7
 13.Nh4 Rg8 14.Rhg1 Ke6 15.Bc4+
 Ke7 16.Nf5+ Ke8 17.Bd5 Bxd5
 18.Rxd5 c6 19.Rd2 Rd8 20.Rxd8+
 Kxd8 21.Rd1+ Kc7 22.g3 h5 23.f4
 Bg7 24.Nxg7 Rxg7 25.fxe5 fxe5
 26.Rf1 Kd7 27.Rf5 h4 28.gxh4 Ke6
 29.Rg5 Rh7 30.Bf2 f5 31.Kd2 f4
 32.Kd3 Kd5 33.c4+ Kd6 34.Ke4 Re7
 35.Rg6+ Kd7 36.h5
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 ■ Persidsky, Andre

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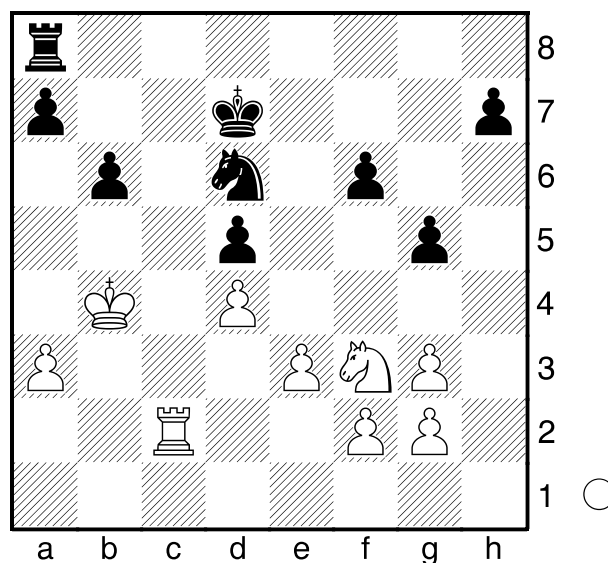
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 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3
 Bb4 5.Qb3 Qe7 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3
 0-0 8.Bf4 b6 9.e3 Bb7 10.c5 Ba6
 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.Qa4 Nb8 13.cxb6
 cxb6 14.0-0 Nbd7 15.Rfc1 Nh5
 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bh4 g5 18.Bg3 Nxg3
 19.hxg3 Rfc8 20.c4 Nf8 21.cxd5
 exd5 22.Rc6 Qd7 23.Rac1 Rc7
 24.Qc2 Rxc6 25.Qxc6 Qxc6 26.Rxc6



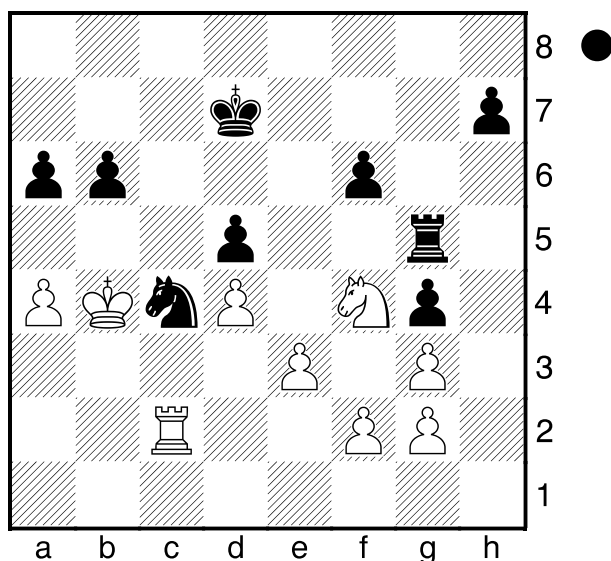
This is an advantage, but it still teeters
 on drawn. **26...Kf7! 27.Kf1**
 [27.Rc7+ Ke6 Black has ...Nd7 if the
 rook tries to stay on the 7th, otherwise
 a perpetual with ...Kd6-e6 to Rf7-c7.]
 [27.Rd6 Rc8 28.Rxd5 Ke6 29.Rb5
 Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Rc2]
27...Ke7 28.Ke2 Ne6 29.Kd2 Kd7=
30.Rc2 Nc7 31.Kc3?!
 [31.Kd3]
 [31.g4]
 [31.Ng1]
31...Nb5+
 [31...Rc8! 32.Kd3 Nb5 33.Rxc8
 Kxc8 34.a4 Nd6 Black's knight is

the first to make threats.]
32.Kb4 Nd6



33.Nd2?
 [33.g4=]
 [33.Ng1≠]
33...g4
 [33...h5!]
34.a4?!
 [34.Nb1 Ne4 35.f3 gxf3 36.gxf3
 Nxg3 37.Nc3 a5+ 38.Kb3 Ke6
 39.Rh2≠]
34...Rg8
 [34...a5+ 35.Kb3 Rc8!]
35.Nb1 Rg5 36.Nc3= a6 37.Ne2
Nc4?!
 [37...a5+]
38.Nf4±

(Diagram)



Kd6?? 39.Nxd5? Any other move was still a clear plus for White,

[but 39.e4!+- puts it to bed. White wins a big pawn.]

39...a5+?

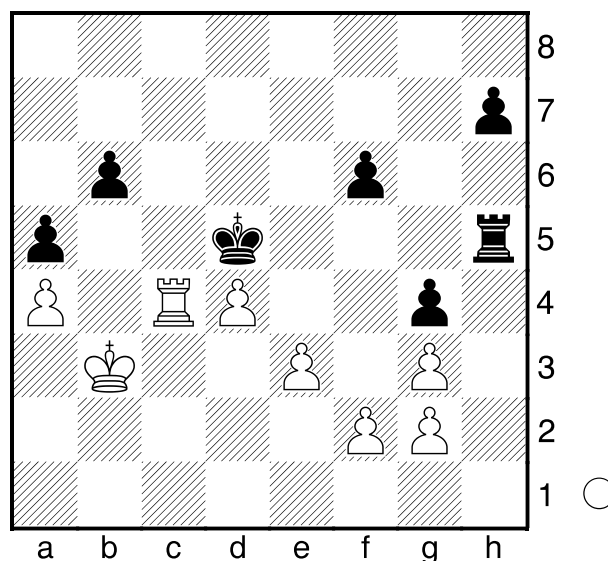
[39...Kxd5 40.Rxc4 Ke4! Between ...Rf5 and ...Kd3, Black has counterplay; White will have significant difficulty turning this into a win. As it went though...]

40.Kb3?!

[As Brian noted in his submission of the moves, 40.Kxc4! Rxd5 41.Rb2 picks off the b-pawn with a routinely won two-pawns-up ending, pointing out that ...Rh5; Rb1 Rh2 Rg1 is a sort of "stalemate" of the rooks, and the king ending part is won.]

40...Kxd5 41.Rxc4 Rh5

(Diagram)



42.Kc3?

[Even here that maneuver works:

42.Rc1! Rh2 43.Rg1 f5 44.Kc3 h5

(44...Ke4 45.Kc4 Rh6 46.Kb5 Kd3

47.Rc1 Ke2 48.Rc2+ Kf1 49.d5 Rd6

50.Kc4 and after all that, Ke5 will do

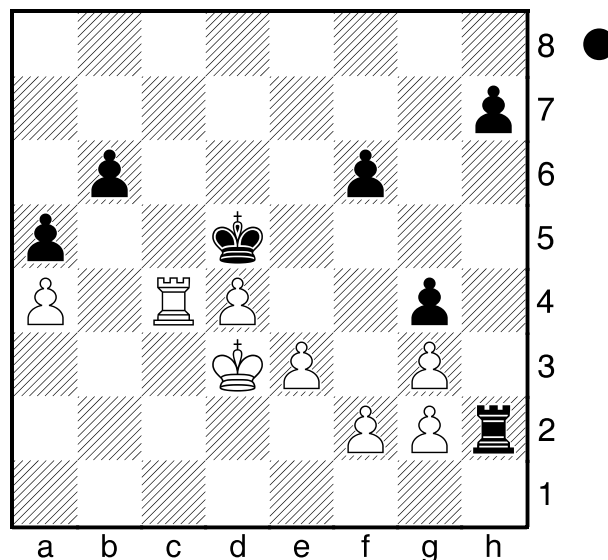
it.) 45.Kd3+-]

42...Rh2?!

[42...Rh1!]

[42...Rf5!]

43.Kd3!

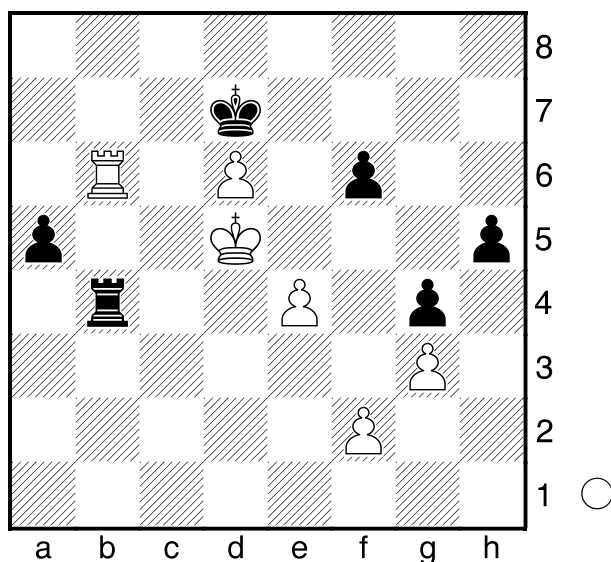


Rxg2

[43...f5!? 44.Rc1! Rxg2 45.Ke2 Rh2

46.Rb1 Kc6 47.Rb5 Rh1 48.Rxf5

Ra1 49.d5+ Kc5 50.Rf4±]
44.e4+- Kd6 45.Ke3 Rg1 46.d5 h5
 [46...Ke5!? 47.Rc8! Re1+ 48.Kd3
 Rd1+ 49.Ke2 Rd4 50.Re8+ Kd6
 51.Re6+ Kc7 52.Ke3]
47.Rc6+! Ke7 48.Rxb6?!
 [48.Rc7+
A) 48...Kd6 49.Rf7 Ke5 50.Re7+
 Kd6 51.Re6+ Kc5 52.Rxf6+-
 (52.Rc6+ Kb4 53.Rxf6+-);
B) 48...Ke8 49.Kf4+- as in the
 famous Capablanca-Tartakower
 game.]
48...Ra1 49.d6+?!
 [49.Kf4 Ra2! 50.Kf5! Rxf2+ 51.Kg6
 h4 52.gxh4 Rf4± 53.Rb3 Rxe4
 54.Rg3 Rd4□ 55.h5 Rxd5 56.Rxg4
 Kf8□]
49...Kd7!
 [is a bit more complicated, but also
 drawn: 49...Ke6 50.d7+ Kxd7
 51.Rxf6 Rxa4]
50.Kd4 Rxa4+ 51.Kd5 Rb4!=



Another "only" move, but it works.

52.Ra6□ Rb5+ 53.Kd4 Re5

Blockade: Black does "nothing" and
 there's no way in for White. **54.Rb6 Rg5**
55.Ra6 Rb5 56.Kc4 Re5 57.Kd4 Rb5
58.Kc4 Re5 59.Kd4 Rg5 60.Kc4 Re5
 ½-½

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Arivoli,Sadhana
 1621
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 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5?

[3...e4 is the classic Falkbeer
 Countergambit;]
 [3...exf4 transposes into the so-called
 "Modern Variation" which I've never
 liked but I see that it's the only move
 Stockfish 16 gives a (tiny) plus to!]
 [3...c6!? is an interesting gambit!]

4.Nc3 Qe6 5.Nf3

[5.fxe5! Qxe5+ 6.Be2 and another
 kick with Nf3 coming.]

5...exf4+ 6.Be2 c6

[6...Bd6]

7.d4 Bd6 8.0-0 Ne7?!

[8...Nf6!]

9.Ng5!+- Qd7?!

[9...Qh6 10.Nce4 0-0 11.Nxd6 Qxd6
 12.Bxf4 Qd5 13.c4 (13.b3!?)]

10.Nce4

[10.Bc4!]

10...Qc7 11.Nxd6+ Qxd6 12.Bxf4 Qd8
13.Nxf7 Qd5 14.Bc4 Qd7 15.Nxh8 g6
16.Qe2 g5 17.Rae1 Qd8 18.Qh5+
Kd7 19.Be6#
 1-0

D35
 1628
Yan,Rayna
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 [Horde,Nicolas T]

1.d4 0.00 d5 0.27 2.c4 0.29 e6 0.03
3.Nc3 0.39 Nf6 0.28 4.cxd5 0.39 exd5
0.38 5.Bg5 0.35 c6 0.25 6.e3 0.28 Be7
0.43 7.Bd3 0.49 0-0 0.27 8.Nge2 0.23
 To be honest I did not know how much
 theory a kid would know about the f3-e4
 Botvinnik plan in the QGD **8...h6 0.32**

9.Bh4 0.02 **b5** 0.39 Anticipating f3-e4, turns out Rayna was most likely not aware of this plan **10.0-0** 0.42 **a5** 0.47 **11.Rc1** 0.52 **Qb6?!** 0.96 I was preparing c5 but realized that this move prevents any b4 ideas as White has Na4 in response so I knew the queen was misplaced

[11...a4 12.Bb1 Nbd7 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Nd1?! Ba6! 15.Qxc6 b4 16.Re1 Qa5 17.Qc7 Qxc7 18.Rxc7 Bd8 SF gives Black as slightly better even a pawn down (and an important one as it was supporting d5). To be honest I am not sure I fully understand why apart from White's pieces disorganization 19.Rc6 Bb5 20.Rc1 Bc4]

12.Bb1 0.93 **Re8** 0.83 **13.Bxf6** 0.98 **Bxf6** 0.91 **14.Nf4** 0.07 **g6??** 2.18 Repositioning the DSB on g7 but we both missed a cute tactic... **15.Qf3** 2.23

[15.Ncxd5!! cxd5 16.Nxd5 Qd6 17.Nc7 Re7 18.Nxa8 Bb7 Black is down the exchange and the center has completely collapsed in White's favor so Black is in massive trouble]

15...Bg7 2.21 **16.Nd3??** 0.49 [16.Nfxd5! Again]

16...Nd7 0.04 **17.Qg3** 0.16 **Nf6** 0.21 **18.h3** 0.19 **Bf5** 0.43 **19.Qd6** 0.31 **Rad8** 0.31 **20.Qc5** 0.11 **Qb7** 0.11

[20...Qxc5 21.Nxc5 This would be terrible for Black as White has a clear target on c6]

21.Ne5 0.18 **Bd7** 0.31 **22.Ne2** 0.16 **Bf8??** 2.05

[22...Rc8]

23.Qc2?? 0.04 And he missed another shot again

[23.Nxd7! I saw this tactic after playing Bf8 and I thought I was busted if he found it Bxc5 24.Nxf6+ Kg7 25.Nxe8+ Rxe8 26.Rxc5 White has a rook and 2 minor pieces for the queen

+ a clear plan to target c6]

23...Rc8 0.14 Black has fully stabilized the queenside and is ready to push the thematic c5 break **24.Ng3** 0.33 Not sure what this accomplishes

[24.Nxg6 fxc6 25.Qxc6+ Bg7 And Black holds]

24...c5! 0.00 The freeing move in the position **25.Nxd7** 0.22 **Qxd7** 0.00

26.Qd2? -0.09 **cxd4** 0.02

[26...c4! I thought for a long time on pushing c4, I discarded it because I haven't seen a lot of positions where c4 is a good move in the QGD/slav structure. However the connected pawns on the queenside are very strong...]

27.Qxd4 0.09 **Bg7** 0.12 **28.Qd2** 0.00 **b4** 0.00 **29.Ne2** 0.00 **Qe7** 0.08

I thought I had way more experience in the IQP than my young opponent (only 7 years old!) so I was pretty confident in my chances at this point, especially after he was burning a lot of time. At this point he was down to like 30 minutes against an hour for me **30.Nd4** 0.03 **Ne4** 0.01 **31.Bxe4** 0.02 **Qxe4** 0.05

[31...dxe4 Also possible but I preferred keeping the d4 push in my bag]

32.Nb3 0.06 **a4!!** 0.21 It looks stupid because it loses the pawn after Nc5. However my plan was to bait the knight to a4 to allow the d4 push to explode White's center and playing for a mating attack against White's king. He was also down to 10 minutes on the clock so it was a well calculated sacrifice. **33.Nc5** 0.15 **Qh4!** 0.52 The idea behind the pawn sacrifice **34.Nxa4** 0.37 **Rcd8!** 0.34 White's knight is completely misplaced on a4 and I am threatening d4 to explode the position. The pawn sacrifice has reshuffled the dynamic as now Black has the initiative and won't let it go for the rest of the game **35.Rc5?!** 0.67 The rook is misplaced on c5 as d4

comes with even greater effect now
 [35.Nc5! d4 36.Qxb4 Qg5 37.exd4
 Rxd4 White is up 2 connected passed
 pawns but Black has the initiative and
 White has a difficult defense to setup.
 SF gives the game almost equal
 which illustrates how difficult the
 defense is]

35...d4! 0.81 Rayna is down to 5 minutes
 at this point in a very difficult position

36.Qe2?? -3.29 Getting out of the pin
 but tactics flow now

[36.Qxb4 Bf8 37.Qc4 Bxc5 38.Nxc5
 Qf6]

[36.exd4 Bxd4 37.Rc2 Bxb2]

36...dxe3 -3.07 **37.fxe3??** -4.93 **Bd4!**

-4.73 And White's defenses collapse,
 there's too many threats to defend

[37...Rxe3 Even trickier 38.Qc2 Bd4]

38.Qc4 -5.85 A smart idea because
 White plays for the counterplay on f7
 and skewers Black's queen **38...Rxe3!!**

-5.94 Refutes White's previous move

[38...Bxe3+?? This would be a big
 blunder as White is threatening f7
 39.Kh1 Qxc4 40.Rxc4 Rd4 41.Rxd4
 Bxd4 And it's unclear]

39.Kh2 -5.93

[39.Qxf7+ Kh8 There's no more
 checks 40.Kh2 Rxh3+ (40...Bxc5
 Also works and is less scary) 41.gxh3
 Be5+ 42.Rxe5 Rd2+ 43.Rf2]

39...Rxh3+!! -5.86 The final straw. At
 this point he had 2 minutes and I had 15
 minutes so I used the rest of my time to
 calculate that this leads to a winning
 attack **40.gxh3** -5.93 **Be5+!** -5.85

41.Kg1 -#2 Not the most resistant but he
 was under big time scramble

[41.Rxe5 Qxc4 This is the variation
 that I calculated when I sacked on h3.
 Black is up material but more
 importantly White's king is completely
 exposed and their pieces disorganized.
 I did not see a clear defense against
 Rd2 and concluded I was winning

42.Rf2 (42.Rfe1 Qf4+ 43.Kg2 Rd3)

42...Qc7 43.Rfe2 Re8]

41...Qg3+ -#1 42.Kh1 -#1 Qh2#

0-1

B23

□ **Arivoli,Aradhana**

1412

■ **Hack,Richard**

1600

Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (5.17) 05.12.23

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6
 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 Be7 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 a6
 9.a4 Rb8 10.0-0 b6 11.Qe2 Bb7
 12.Rfb1 Ng4 13.Bd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Qc7
 15.Ne2 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nf6 17.Nc3
 Rfd8 18.Qe2 d5 19.exd5 exd5 20.Re1
 Bd6 21.Qg2 Bf8 22.Re5 Bd6 23.Re2
 Bf8 24.Rae1 d4 25.Ne4 Nd5 26.Nf2
 c4 27.Rc1 c3 28.bxc3 dxc3 29.Be3
 Nxe3 30.Rxe3 Bxf3 31.Qxf3 Bc5
 32.Re4 b5 33.axb5 Rxb5 34.Qe2 Kf8
 35.Rc4 Re8 36.Qf1 Qd7 37.Rd1 Qd5
 38.Qg2 Qxg2+ 39.Kxg2 Re2 40.Rxc3
 Rxf2+ 41.Kh3 g6 42.Rc4 Bd4 43.Rc6
 Rh5+ 44.Kg4 f5#

0-1

C84

□ **Vandenhoven,Clarke Raymond** **1511**

■ **Henderson,SE Jr**

1700

Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (5.19) 05.12.23

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.d3

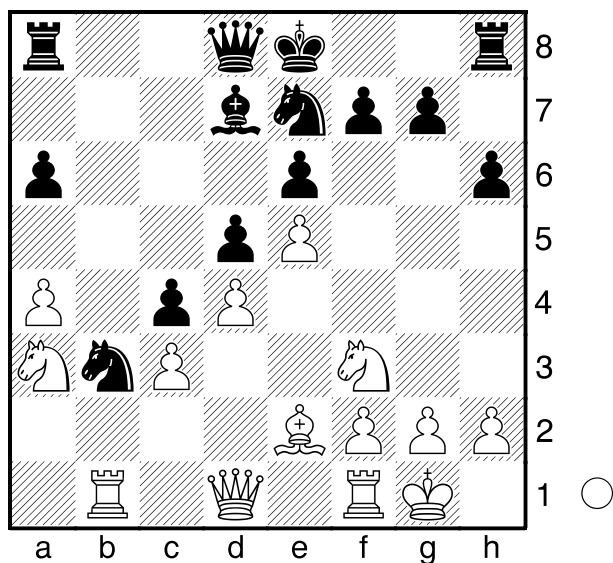
[5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4]

5...d6 6.c3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 h6
9.Nbd2 Nb8? 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nf1 c6
12.Ng3 Re8 13.Bc2 Qc7 14.Nh4 Kh7
15.Nhf5 Bf8 16.Qf3 Nb6 17.Nxh6!
Be6 18.Nhf5 g6 19.Bg5 Ng8 20.Ne3
Bg7 21.Ngf5 f6 22.Qh3+ Bh6
23.Bxh6 Bxf5 24.exf5 Nxh6 25.fxg6+
Kg7 26.Nf5+ Nxf5 27.Qh7+
1-0

Casares, Nick Jr **C02**

Chan, John **1610**
 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (5.20) **1513**
 05.12.23
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
 5.Nf3 h6 6.Be2 c4 7.0-0 b5 8.b3 Bd7
 9.bxc4 bxc4 10.Ba3 Be7 11.Bxe7
 Ngxe7 12.a4 Na5 13.Na3 a6 14.Rb1
 Nb3



15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxa4 17.Nd6+
 Kf8 18.Qd3 g6 19.c4 Kg7 20.Rxb3
 Bxb3 21.Qxb3 Rb8 22.Qc2 Qc7 23.d5
 Nxd5 24.Qd2 Ne7 25.Nd4 Nf5
 26.N4xf5+ gxf5 27.Qf4 Qe7 28.h4
 Rhg8 29.Ra1 Kh7 30.Rxa6 Rg4
 31.Qc1 Rxh4 32.g3 Rh5 33.f4 Rg8
 34.Kf2 Rh2+ 35.Ke3 Rxg3+ 36.Kd4
 Rh4 37.Qd2 Rgg4 38.Qb4 Rxf4+
 39.Ke3 Re4+ 40.Kd3 Rxe5 41.Qb8
 Qg5 42.Qh8+ Kxh8 43.Nxf7+ Kg7
 44.Nxg5 hxg5 45.Kc3 Kf6 46.Kb4
 Ree4 47.Rc6 g4 48.Kb5 g3 49.Rc8
 Rxc4 50.Rg8 Rcg4
0-1

Nystrom Burke, Oliver Peter **B01**

Marvin, Hayes Alexander **1276**
 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (5.21) **1593**
 05.12.23
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 d5 When Magnus played this in
 2014 (see below), some theorized it was
 a show of regional unity (remember, in
 most of the world it's the Scandinavian
 Defence). **2.exd5**

[Nakamura has played 2.Nc3
 a few times to out-dodge theory. He
 got a point against Carlsen with it. Out
 of three games.]

2...Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 At first it's hard to
 believe this could be as good a square
 as a5 or even d6, but if/when Black plays
 ...c6 and ...Qc7, it's all the same. (I still
 think the Center Counter is "rubbish" as
 Silman used to love to say about almost
 anything...) **4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3**
Bxf3 7.Qxf3 c6 8.Bf4

[Carlsen as Black: 8.Ne2 e6 9.g4
 Qd5 10.Bg2 Nbd7 11.Qg3 Qc4
 12.Qb3 Qxb3 13.axb3 Bd6 14.c4 a6
 15.Be3 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 Rhe8 17.Ng3
 Nf8 18.Bf3 Ng6 19.h4 Bf4 20.h5
 Bxe3+ 21.fxe3 Ne7 22.e4 h6 23.e5
 Nh7 24.Ne4 Rf8 25.Nd6+ Kc7
 26.Bg2 Ng5 27.Rhf1 f6 28.Kc2 fxe5
 29.dxe5 Nc8 30.c5 Ne7 31.b4 Nd5
 32.Bxd5 cxd5 33.b5 axb5 34.Nxb5+
 Kc6 35.Nd6 Nf3 36.b4 Ra8 37.Ra1
 Rxa1 38.Rxa1 Nxe5 39.Ra7 Rb8
 40.Ra3 b6 41.Ra7 bxc5 42.Ra6+
 Kc7 43.bxc5 Nd7 44.Ra7+ Kc6
 45.g5 Nxc5 46.Nf7 d4 47.Ne5+ Kd5
 48.Nd7 d3+ 49.Kc1 Nxd7 50.Rxd7+
 Ke4 0-1 Caruana, F (2801)-Carlsen, M
 (2877) Olympiad-41 Tromsø 2014 (6.
 1)]

[8.Be3 is far and away the most
 common. e6 9.0-0-0 Bb4 10.Ne4
 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Qd5 12.Qxd5 cxd5
 13.c4! dxc4 14.d5 exd5 15.Rxd5

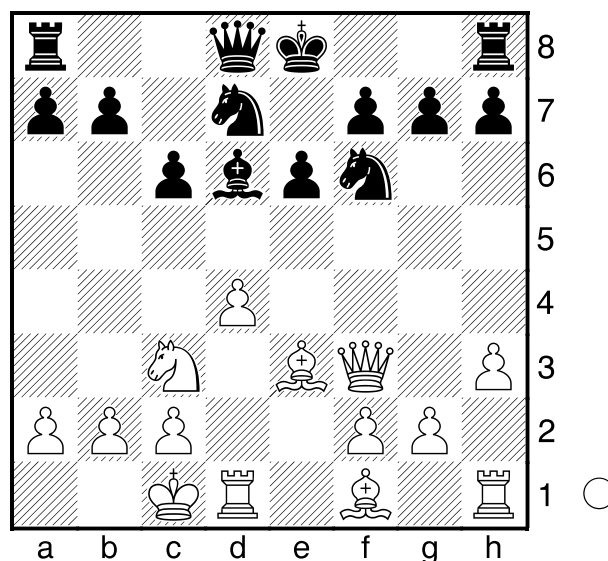
0-0 16.Bxc4 Rc8 17.Kb1 Nc6
 18.Bb3 Na5 19.Rb5 Nxb3 20.axb3
 a5 21.Rxb7 Rab8 22.Rxb8 Rxb8
 23.Rc1 f6 24.Rc4 h5 25.Kc2 Kf7
 26.Bd4 Ke6 27.Bc3 Rb6 28.Bxb4
 axb4 29.Kd3 Kd5 30.Rd4+ Ke5
 31.g4 hxg4 32.hxg4 g5 33.f4+ gxf4
 34.Re4+ Kd5 35.Rxf4 Ke5 36.Rf5+
 Ke6 37.Kc4 Rc6+ 38.Kxb4 Rc2
 39.Rc5 Rxb2 40.Ka4 Rg2 41.Rc4
 Kd5 42.Kb5 Rg3 43.b4 Rg1
 44.Rc5+ Kd6 45.Rc4 Kd5 46.Rf4
 Ke5 47.Rf5+ Ke6 48.Rc5 Rxg4
 49.Ka5 Rg1 50.b5 Ra1+ 51.Kb6 f5
 52.Kc6 f4 53.b6 Rb1 54.b7 f3
 55.Rc2 Rxb7 56.Kxb7 Ke5 57.Kc6
 Ke4 58.Kd6 Ke3 59.Ke5 f2 60.Rxf2
 Kxf2 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2835)-Le,T
 (2557) Bullet Chess Winners Chess.
 com INT blitz 2023 (2.7)]

8...e6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Be3

[Carlsen as White: 10.Be5 Qc7
 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qxf6 Rg8 13.Ne4
 Be7 14.Qe5 Qb6 15.Nf6+ Bxf6
 16.Qxf6 Nd7 17.Qh4 Qa5 18.a3 h5
 19.Be2 Rxc2 20.Rhg1 Qd5 21.Bxh5
 Kf8 22.Qf4 Rxc1 23.Qxf7#
 1-0 Carlsen,M (2835)-Le,T (2557)
 Bullet Chess Winners Chess.com INT
 blitz 2023 (2.3) Clearly Black had run
 out of steam in this bullet match...]

10...Nbd7

(Diagram)



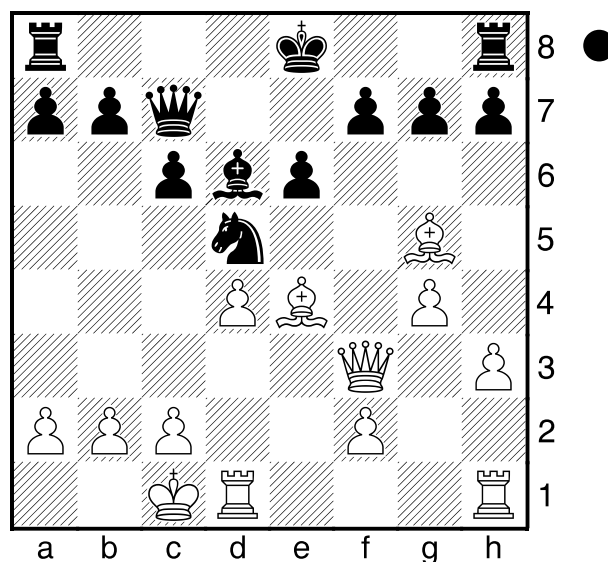
11.Bd3N

[Predecessor: 11.Bc4 0-0 12.Ne4
 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Nf6 14.Qh4
 ½-½ Swinkels,A-Etmans,M NED-ch30
 corr Netherland 1999]

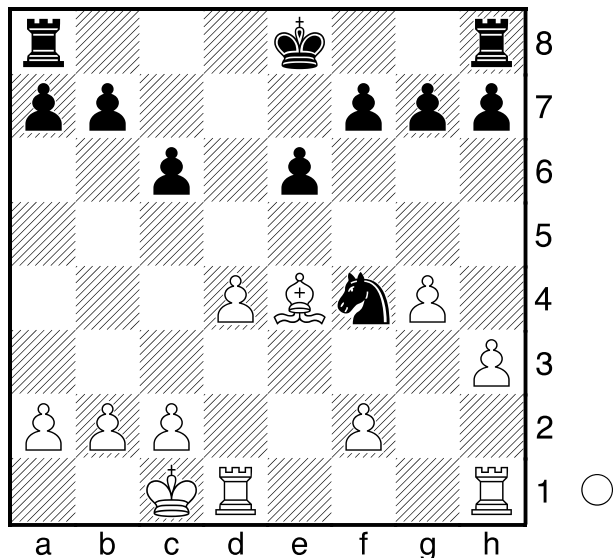
11...Qc7 12.g4 Nb6 13.Bg5

[13.g5 So help us, we've transposed
 into this: Nfd5 14.Ne4 Nxe3
 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.fxe3 Qd5
 17.Rhf1 Rf8 18.Qg3 Qxa2 19.g6
 hxg6 20.Bxg6 Nc4 0-1 Dobsa,E
 (1449)-Cinkova,V (1285) CZE-ch U16
 Girls Teplice 2023 (5)]

13...Nbd5 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4



Bf4+!= 16.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 17.Qxf4 Nxf4



18.b4?!

[18.Kd2!= "(0.00)"]

**18...0-0-0 19.Bf3 Nd5 20.a3 b5
21.Kb2 Rd6 22.Rc1 Nf4 23.Rcd1 Kc7
24.Rh2 Rhd8 25.Be4 Rxd4 26.Rxd4
Rxd4 27.f3 g6 28.g5 Nh5 29.Kb3
Ng3 30.c3 Rd1 31.Rf2 Rh1 32.c4
Rxh3 33.Bd3 bxc4+ 34.Bxc4 Ne4
35.Rc2 Rxf3+ 36.Ka4 Rc3 37.Rxc3
Nxc3+ 38.Kb3 Ne4 39.Kc2 Nxg5
40.Kd3 Kd6 41.Ke3 e5 42.a4 Ne6
43.Ba6 f5 44.Bc4 h5 45.b5
0-1**

B14
☐ **Hollon,Nick** **1226**
☒ **Hilliard,Michael R** **1403**
 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (5.23) 05.12.23

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 e6
5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bg5 Be7
8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 Qb6 10.cxd5 Qxb2
11.Qc1 Qxc1+ 12.Rxc1 Nxd5 13.Nxd5
exd5 14.Bb5 Bb4+ 15.Kd1 Bd7
16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Ne5 Ba4+ 18.Ke2
0-0 19.Rc7 b6 20.Be7 Bxe7 21.Rxe7
f6 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8+
24.Kd2 Rc8 25.Rc1 Rxc1 26.Kxc1 g5

27.Kb2 Kf7 28.g4 Ke6 29.h3 Bb5
30.Nd2 a5 31.Kb3 Be2 32.a3 f5 33.f3
fxg4 34.hxg4 Kd6 35.Ka4 Kc6 36.Kb3
b5 37.Kc3 Bd1 38.Kd3 b4 39.axb4
axb4 40.Ke3 Kb5 41.Nb1 Bc2 42.Nd2
b3 43.f4 gxf4+ 44.Kxf4 b2 45.Ke5
Be4 46.Kf4 Kb4 47.Ke3 Kc3 48.Ke2
Kxd4 49.Kd1 b1Q+ 50.Nxb1 Bxb1
51.Kd2 Be4 52.g5 hxg5 53.Ke2 g4
54.Kd2 g3 55.Ke2 g2 56.Kd2 Bd3
57.Kd1 g1Q+ 58.Kd2 Qf2+ 59.Kd1
Qe2+ 60.Kc1 Qc2#
0-1

B22
☐ **Maheshwari,Anubhav** **1274**
☒ **Clark,Drew H** **1437**
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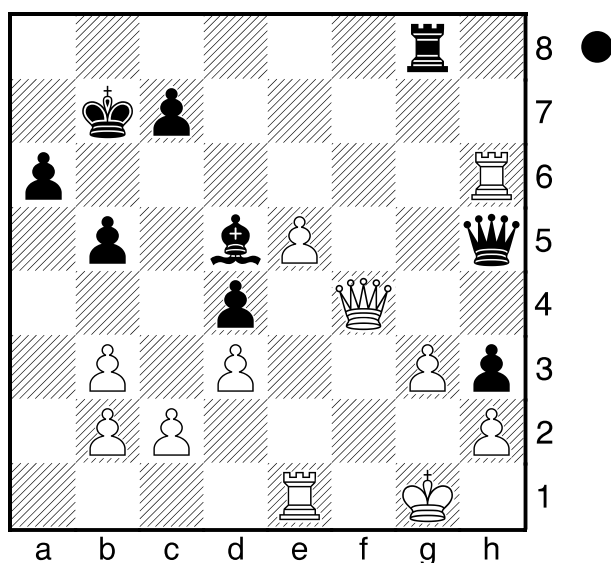
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e5 4.Bc4 a6
5.0-0 Be7 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 exd4
8.Nxd4 Ne5 9.Bb3 Nf6 10.f4 Nc6
11.e5 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Qc7 13.Kh1 Bc5
14.Qc4 Ng4 15.Qxf7+ Kd8 16.Qxg7
Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Bf8 18.Qf6+ Ke8
19.Bf7#
1-0

B50
☐ **Ahrens,Richard William** **1044**
☒ **Morello,Nicholas** **1481**
 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (5.25) 05.12.23

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 d6
5.Bg5 Bg4 6.Bxf6 exf6 7.Be2 g6 8.h3
Be6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Rb1 0-0 11.Nd5
Bxd5 12.exd5 Nb4 13.c4 Nxa2 14.Qb3
Nb4 15.Nd2 f5 16.Rfe1 Re8 17.Kh1
Bd4 18.Kg1 Qh4 19.Kh2 Bxf2 20.Nf3
Qg3+ 21.Kh1 Re3 22.Qd1 Rae8
23.Ng1 Nxd3 24.Bxd3 Rxe1
0-1

Karwat, Joseph **C60**
 Harris, Clarence **1351**
 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (5.26) 05.12.2023
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.Nc3
 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bd2 a6 8.Ba4
 b5 9.Bb3 Na5 10.0-0 Nxb3 11.axb3
 Bb7 12.Ne2 d5 13.Ng3 d4 14.Qc1 h5
 15.Nh4 Bc8 16.Bb4 Bh6 17.f4 Rg8
 18.Bd2 Be6 19.fxe5 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 f5
 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Nhxf5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5
 Qd5 24.Ng3 h4 25.Nh5 0-0-0 26.Nf6
 Qc6 27.Nxg8 Rxd8 28.Rf2 Kb7
 29.Re1 h3 30.g3 Bd5 31.Rf6 Qe8
 32.Qf4 Qh5 33.Rh6



Rxg3+ 34.Qxg3 Qxh6 35.Kf2 Bg2
 36.Ke2 Qh5+ 37.Kf2 Qh6 38.Qg4
 Qf8+ 39.Kg1 Qc5 40.e6 Qe7
 Here White played some queen move
 and Black resigned. Probably 41.Qe2
1-0

Starr, Albert Martin **A00**
 Le, Thu Anh **1500**
 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (5.28) 05.12.23
[Le, Thu Anh]

1.b4 d5 2.e3 e5 3.Bb2 Bd6 4.c4
 dxc4
 [4...c6 5.c5 Bc7]
5.Bxc4 Nf6 6.Ne2 a6 7.a4 Nbd7
8.0-0 Bxb4 'cuz a pawn 'tis a pawn.
 [8...Qe7]
 [8...0-0]
9.Qb3
 [9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Qb3+! Kg6
 (10...Ke8?! 11.Qxb4)]
9...Qe7! 10.Bxf7+ Qxf7 11.Qxb4 c5
12.Qh4 0-0 13.Nbc3 b6 14.Ne4?!
 [14.Ng3 I was more concerned about
 this.]
14...Nxe4
 [14...Qd5 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Ng3
 Bb7 17.e4]
15.Qxe4 Rb8 16.f4 Bb7 17.Qc2
exf4?!
 [17...Qd5 18.Rf2]
18.Rxf4 Equal, but I'd rather be White.
18...Qg6 19.Qxg6 hxg6 20.Raf1 Bc6
21.Rg4 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Rf8+ 23.Ke1
Kh7 24.Nf4 Nf6 25.Rxg6?! Bxa4
26.Ne6?? Kxg6 27.Nxf8+ Kf7!
28.Bxf6 Kxf8 Missed opportunity. Black
 could have trapped the knight and be up
 a piece. The rest is a drawn bishop
 endgame.
 [28...gxf6 29.Nh7 Kg7]
29.Be5 Kf7 30.g4 b5 31.d4 cxd4
32.exd4 Bb3 33.Kd2 g6 34.Kc3 Bd5
35.Kb4 g5 36.Bc7 Ke6 37.Kc5 Bf3
38.Bd8 Bxg4 39.d5+ Kd7 40.Bxg5
Bh3 41.Bf4 Bg2 42.h4 Bf3 43.d6
Be2 44.Kb4 Bf3 45.Ka5 Bg4 46.Kxa6
b4 47.Ka5 b3 48.Be5 b2 49.Bxb2
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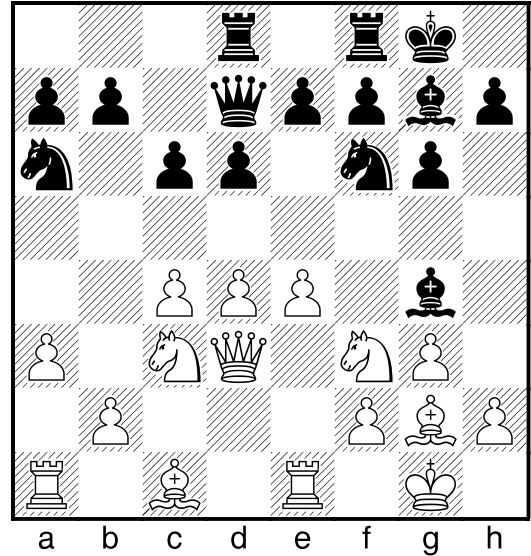
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0-0 9.Qd3 Na6 10.a3 Rad8 11.e4

□ **Fisher,Brett**
 ■ **McKemey,Hector**

Winter TNM: u1200 (5.29) 05.12.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 cxd4
 5.exd4 d5 6.c5 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0
 Nc6 9.Nc3 b6 10.cxb6 Qxb6 11.Na4
 Qc7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Ne4 14.Bxe7
 Qxe7 15.Ne5 Bd7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7
 17.Bb5 Rab8 18.Qd3 Nb4 19.Bxd7
 Nxd3 20.b3 Rfd8 21.Bc6 Rd6 22.f3
 Nf6
0-1

**B90**

□ **Walters,Mitchell**
 ■ **Cowger,Gabriella**

Winter TNM: u1200 (5.30) 05.12.2023
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6
 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.g4 0-0
 11.h4 b5 12.h5 b4 13.Nd5 Bxd5
 14.exd5 Nb6 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.0-0-0
 a5 17.g5 a4 18.Na1 Nd7 19.Bd3 Qd4
 20.Qg2 Qf4+ 21.Kb1 Bxg5 22.Rhg1
 h6 23.Rde1 Nc5 24.Qe2 Rab8 25.Rg4
 Qf6 26.Reg1 Nxd3 27.Qxd3 a3
 28.Qb3 Rfd8 29.Rxb4 Rxb4 30.Qxb4
 axb2 31.Nb3 Qxf3 32.Qc4 Qe3 33.Rf1
 f5 Here "34.f4" and it all falls apart. A
 time scramble, got to N+a+d vs. B, 1-0...
1-0

A53

□ **Schuster,Zack**
 ■ **Dolan,Kevin**

1062
1120

Winter TNM: u1200 (5.31) 05.12.2023
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d6 4.g3 Bg4
 5.Bg2 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.0-0 Qd7 8.Re1

Bxf3 12.Bxf3 e5 13.d5 Nc5 14.Qd1 a5
 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Na6 17.Ra4 Ra8
 18.Qb3 b5 19.Ra5 bxc4 20.Qxc4 cxd5
 21.exd5 Nc7 22.Be3 Rfc8 23.Qc6
 Rxa5 24.bxa5 Ra8 25.Bb6 Qxc6
 26.dxc6 Nfe8 27.Nd5 Nxd5 28.Bxd5
 Nf6 29.Bg2 Rc8 30.c7 Nd7 31.Bb7
 Rxc7 32.Bxc7 Nc5 33.a6
1-0

E40

□ **Ellement,Jason**
 ■ **Blum,Paul**

733**1009**

Winter TNM: u1200 (5.32) 05.12.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bb4
 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nge2 Ng4 7.Nf4 e5
 8.Nfxd5 exd4 9.Nxb4 Nxb4 10.Qa4+
 Nc6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Qc2 f5 13.b3 dxe3
 14.Bxe3 Re8 15.0-0-0 Be6 16.Be2
 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Rc8 18.g3 Qg5 19.Qd3
 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Rxe3 21.Qc4 Rc3+
0-1

☐ **Sangani,Nikhil** **E90**
☒ **Land,Sean** **1003**
810
 Winter TNM: u1200 (5.33) 05.12.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 e5 8.d5
 c6 9.Be3 0-0 10.h4 c5 11.g4 Nbd7
 12.h5 Qb6 13.0-0-0 a5 14.hxg6 fxg6
 15.Qh3 Kf7 16.g5 Ne8 17.Qxd7+ Kg8
 18.Nb5 Rd8 19.Qe6+ Rf7 20.Rxh7
 Nc7 21.Nxc7 Qxc7 22.Qxg6 a4
 23.Bh3 Kf8 24.Be6
1-0

☐ **Vazquez,Dominic A** **E06**
☒ **Pirone,John** **993**
725
 Winter TNM: u1200 (5.34) 05.12.2023

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7
 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.Bf4
 dxc4 9.Ne5 c6 10.Nxc6 Qe8 11.Nxe7+
 Qxe7 12.Bxa8 Qb4 13.Rb1 Nh5 14.a3
 Qe7 15.Be3 e5 16.Bf3 Ndf6 17.Bg5
 h6 18.Bxh5 hxg5 19.Bf3 Bh3 20.Re1
 e4 21.Bg2 Qe6 22.f3 e3 23.Qc2 Bxg2
 24.Kxg2 g4 25.Rf1 Re8 26.Rbd1
 gxf3+ 27.Rxf3 Qg4 28.Qf5
1-0

☐ **Myers,Steven Lee** **B13**
☒ **Singer,Andrew** **1000**
987
 Winter TNM: u1200 (5.35) 05.12.2023
[Singer,Andrew]

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4
Bf5 5.Bf4 Nc6
 [here I debated 5...a6 but erroneously
 decided it was too slow. I regretted the
 pawn structure later.]
6.Nf3 e6 7.Bb5 a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6
9.0-0 Bg4 breaking Morphy principles

but now figuring maybe I should trade
 my bad bishop for his good knight, and
 worried about something like Ne5 which
 would have been annoying, slowing
 castling and possibly weakening my
 pawn structure further **10.h3 Bxf3**
11.Qxf3 Bd6 12.a3 Bxf4 13.Qxf4 Nf6
14.Rae1 0-0 15.b4 Qb8
 [15...a5 is better, and pretty obvious]
16.Qxb8 Rfxb8 17.Na4 a5
 [17...Ne4 is a better idea but requires
 looking at least five moves ahead to
 really see a line to winning a pawn
 after something like 18.f3 Nd2 19.Rf2
 Nc4 20.Ra1 a5 21.bxa5 Rxa5]
18.Ra1 Nd7
 [18...axb4 wins a pawn, much better]
19.Rfb1 axb4 20.axb4 Kf8 21.c3 Ke7
22.f4 f5 23.g4 fxg4 24.hxg4 g6
25.g5 Kd6 26.Kg2 Kc7 27.Kg3 Rb7
28.Nc5 Nxc5?? Rxa8 is of course the
 right continuation **29.Rxa8 Ne4+**
30.Kg4 Nxc3 31.Rh1 Kb6 32.Ra3
Nb5 33.Rd3 Ra7 34.Re1 Re7 35.Kf3
Nd6 36.Ra1 Nc4 37.Kg4 Re8 38.Rh3
Re7 39.Rah1 Kb5 40.Rxh7 Rxh7
41.Rxh7 Ne3+ 42.Kf3 Nf5 43.Rb7+
Kc4 44.Rc7 Nxd4+ 45.Kg4 now drawn
45...Kxb4 46.Rg7 c5 47.Rxg6 c4
48.Rh6?? now winning for Black **48...c3**
49.Rh1 c2 50.Rc1 Kb3 51.g6 Nf5
52.Kg5 Kb2 53.Rxc2+ Kxc2 54.Kf6
d4??

[again, drawn. Correct was 54...Kd3
 55.Kxe6 Ke4 and it's not hard to see
 how this wins for Black]
55.Kxe6 Ng7+ 56.Kf6 d3?
 [one last chance to win is... 56...Nh5+
 gaining a crucial tempo and placing
 White king ultimately on h5 where
 Black can promote with check. game
 is now drawn with careful play]
57.Kxg7 d2 58.f5!
 [nicely done, 58.Kf6 or Kf7 is losing]
58...d1Q 59.f6 Qd4 60.Kf7 Qd7+
61.Kf8 Qd8+ 62.Kg7 Qd4 63.Kf7

Qd7+ 64.Kg8 Qd8+ 65.Kg7 Qd4
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□ **Adams,Aaron**

■ **Halle,Zachary**

Winter TNM: u1200 (5.36)

05.12.2023

[Adams,Aaron]

D96

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3
d5 5.Qb3

[5.e3 I should have played simple chess here. I really wanted to play e4 in one tempo to gain control of the center so I hesitated to play e3.]

5...dxc4! 6.Qxc4 From here forward, I was concerned my queen might be trappable if I was not careful. **6...0-0 7.Bf4** I wasn't sure of the best square for the bishop. Was it Bf4 or Bg5? Bd2 seemed too passive. **7...c6 8.g3**

[8.e4! This was the right move.

Unfortunately, I kept talking myself out of playing this. This would have been a strong move with the opportunity to play e5 shutting down his bishop.]

8...Bf5 9.a4 Preventing b5. **9...Nbd7**

10.e3 Nh5!? 11.Be5!? Nxe5

12.dxe5!? I think this was better than taking back with the knight. **12...Qc7**

13.Bg2

[13.g4 I looked at this fork multiple times and kept miscalculating it. For some reason, I kept visualizing the e5 pawn dropped off in the exchange. I think I visualized the exchange on e5 first and then the fork. Be6 14.Qe2 Nf6 (14...Nf4 15.exf4; 14...Ng3 15.hxg3) 15.exf6 Bxf6]

13...Bxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Qe2 Nf6
16.0-0

[16.Rd1 I thought about taking the d-file but was worried my queenside was fragile.]

16...Rfd8 17.f4 After moving the queen,

I intended to play Bf3 to protect my weak light squares and to dominate the knight. **17...Qe6!** This was a nice move as it created the threat of a double attack on my pawns. **18.Rfd1 Ne4!?** My opponent said after the game, he was looking to simplify here. My knight has nowhere productive to go. I looked at rerouting it, but I didn't see a good path. I considered advancing the b-pawn to land the knight on b5, but I couldn't bank the time to work on this. **19.Nxe4 Bxe4** I don't see a way at this point for me to get an advantage. He is simply up one pawn on the queenside. Right here I decided to trade off all of the pieces and try to end the exchanges with my king closer to the middle. **20.Bxe4 Qxe4 21.Kf2 Rd6 22.Qf3 Qxf3+ 23.Kxf3 Rad8 24.Ke2 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rxd1 26.Kxd1 Kg7 27.Kd2 Kf6 28.e4! Ke6 29.Kc3 Kd6 30.b4 c5** We decided this was a draw. I would have played b5 followed by Kc4 and progress would have been difficult. I thought I did a good job with the blockade and not letting him use his king.

1/2-1/2

□ **Hule,Pratyush**

■ **Babayan,Gagik**

Winter TNM: Extra Rated (5) 05.12.2023

[Winslow,Elliott]

C02

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nh6
8.Nbd2 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nf3
Qxd1+ 11.Bxd1 Bb4+ 12.Ke2 Nf5
13.a3 Ba5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Bb2 Bd7
16.Bc2 Ne7 17.Ng5 h6 18.Nf3 Bb5+
19.Ke1 0-0 20.g4 Rfd8 21.h4 d4
22.Be4 Bc6 23.Bxc6 Nxc6 24.Kd2 a6
25.g5 h5 26.Rag1 g6 27.Rg3 Rd5
28.Re1 a5 29.Re4 axb4 30.axb4 Ra4

31.Rg1 Rxb4 32.Ba3 Rb3 33.Ra1
Rxf3 34.Bd6 Ba5+ 35.Ke2 Rb3 36.Ba3
I'm sure the score went off the rails quite
a few moves ago. 0-1, 50.
0-1