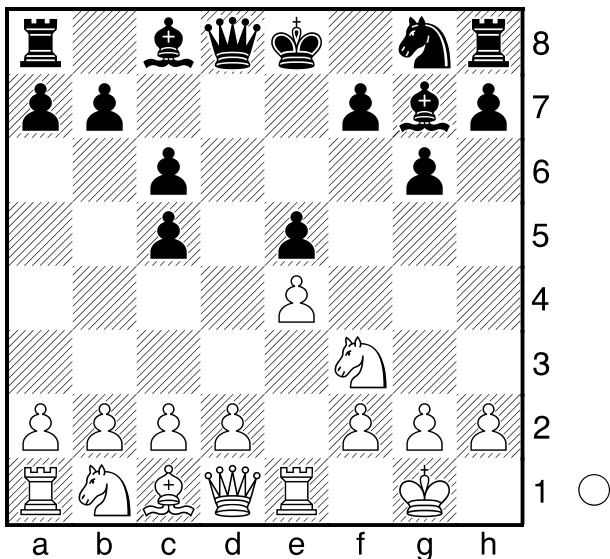


□ Sobel, Steve
■ Seitzer, Phillip

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MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (7.1)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0
Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6



This position has been reached by an illustrious panel of superstars -- Carlsen even multiple times on both sides! Black players who were hoping for an exciting Sveshnikov, Dragon, the Lowenthal even, are instead leaned on positionally. **7.d3 Ne7** Development for its own sake, maybe not good enough. Even if Kramnik played it (it was a speed game, his opponent was Anand, he did draw)...

[7...Qe7! prepares 8...Nf6 and 9...Nd7, hoping it's more solid -- and it is.]

8.Be3 As per Anand

[but mostly scoring *much* better is 8.Nbd2!? I have to mention that the one bright light has been h6!? -- 0-3! -- except that it's three decidedly non-world-class games...]

8...b6 9.a4 As per Anand-Kramnik but nobody else noteworthy.

[9.a3!? doesn't have any GM games but has scored well (obviously the

intention is b2-b4, busting it up! ("Letting" Black get rid of the doubled pawn is really besides the point.) If we ignore B-player 0-1 A-player, then it's 5½-½!]

[9.Qc1!?

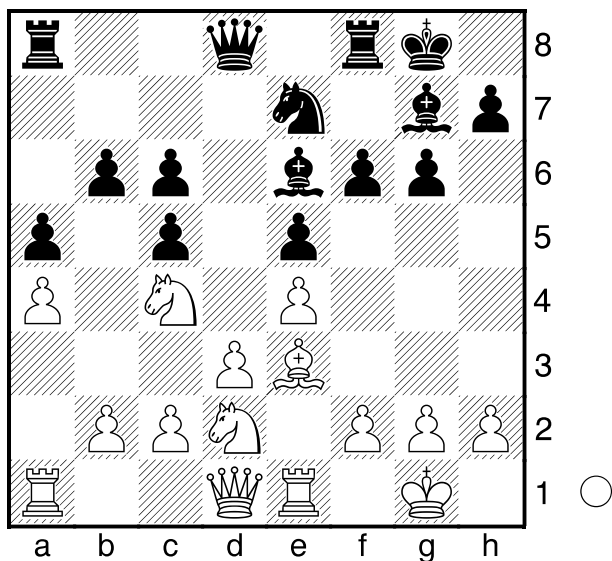
A) 9...0-0 10.Bh6 (10.a3!?!; 10.a4) 10...f6 makes sense but doesn't solve anything.;

B) 9...h6!? was Padevsky vs. the "Yugoslav Tal," Dragoljub Velimirovic. Look how the Bulgarian technician's careful play gives Velimirovic no angle for attack, as one pawn and another fall off. 10.a4 a5 11.Nbd2 Bg4 12.h3 Be6 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.b3 g5!? 15.c3 Rd8 16.Qc2 0-0 17.b4 f5 18.bxa5 b5 19.Ncd2 Qd6 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Ne4 Qg6 22.Bxc5 Rf7 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.axb5 cxb5 25.Qb3+ Kh7 26.Qxb5 Rf8 27.Re3 Bd7 28.Qb4 Ref7 29.Qd6 1-0 Padevsky,N (2475)-Velimirovic,D (2525) Majdanpek 1976 (11)]

9...0-0

[9...a5 was Kramnik (and others of course) keeping a lid on it. Anand and he drew in 67 moves. Oh, did I mention they were playing blindfolded? The famous Melody Amber tournaments in Monte Carlo. 10.Nbd2 f6 11.Nc4 Be6 12.Nfd2 0-0

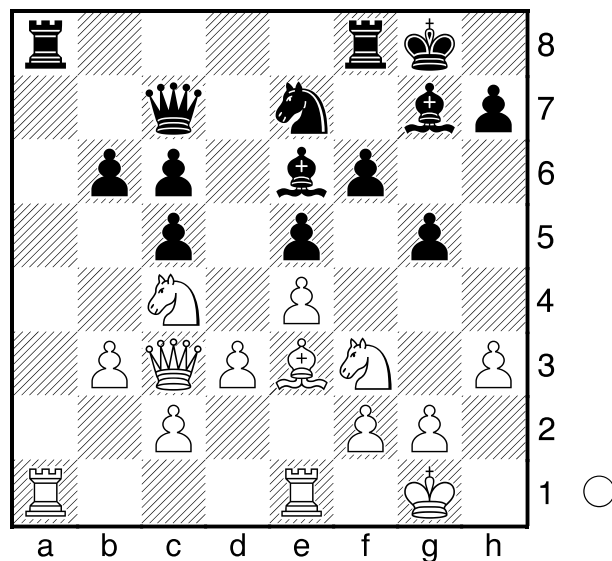
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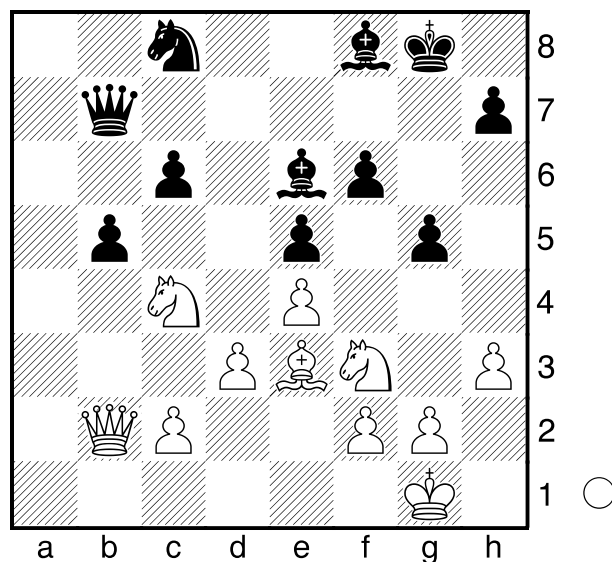
13.b4!? A nice move for a blindfold game. But Vlad's vision remained clear... axb4 14.a5 bxa5 15.Bxc5 Bh6 16.Qb1 Qc7 17.Ra4 Bxd2 18.Nxd2 Rfb8 19.Qa1 Qd8 ½-½ Anand,V (2770)-Kramnik,V (2790) Amber-blindfold 07th Monte Carlo rapid 1998 (11)]

Back to Sobel-Seitzer: 10.a5 Rb8 11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.Nc4 Bg4 13.h3 Be6 14.axb6 axb6 15.b3 Ra8 16.Qd2 f6 17.Qc3 White pushes here and there, Black keeps having to choose one minor negative or another (Trade on c4? Bad bishop remains. Guard e5? Bad bishop gets worse. See how wrong that knight on e7 is?) 17...g5

(Diagram)



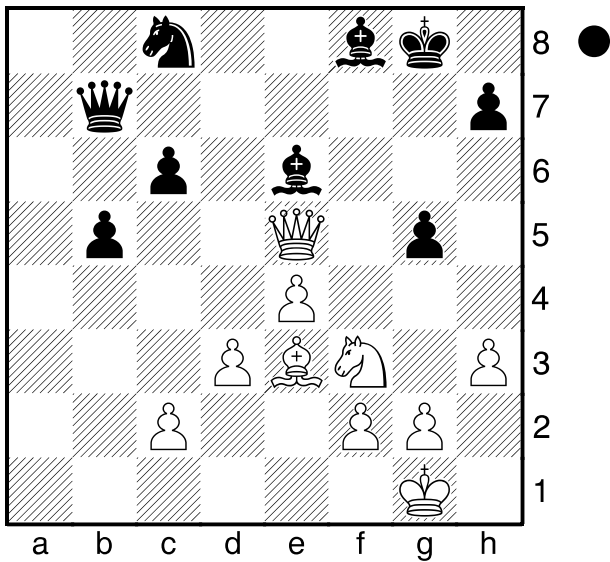
Black tries to get some play, and a square for that knight. This provides Sobel with a "Grand Plan". 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Ra1 Rxa1+ 20.Qxa1 Qb7 21.Qa3 Nc8 22.b4 cxb4 23.Qxb4 Having first handled some preliminaries (exchanging "irrelevant" pieces)... 23...Bf8 24.Qb2 b5



25.Ncxe5!? "Hard to resist" here has a double meaning: Sobel couldn't restrain himself and finally forces play, while Seitzer will find the ongoing defense hard to maintain.

[25.Ncd2± is the dry preferred

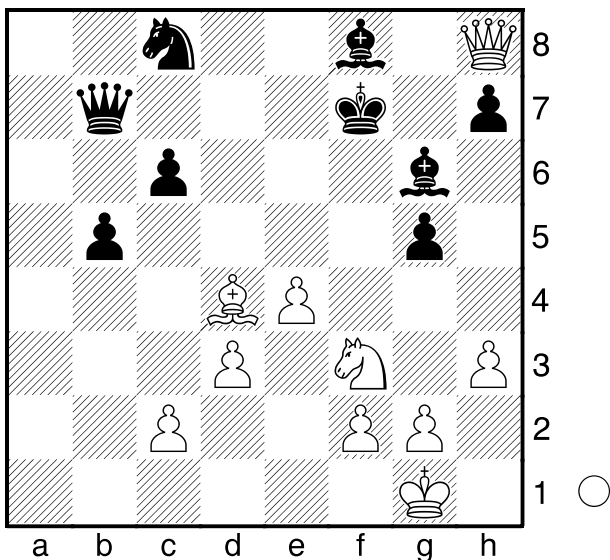
computer play.]
25...fxe5 26.Qxe5



Bf7?? Blocking defense of g7 by the queen is fatal.

[The only, or at least best defense is
 26...Qe7! 27.Nxg5 (27.Bd4 Bg7=)
 27...Bd7! 28.Qg3 (28.Qf4!)
 28...Qg7! (28...Bg7 29.f4±) 29.Bd4!
 Qg6! (29...Bd6!) 30.Qe5 Qg7!
 31.Qf4 Qg6 32.h4! h6 33.Nf3 Bd6
 34.Be5 Bf8 35.Bb2 White can press
 with that lava flow of pawns.]

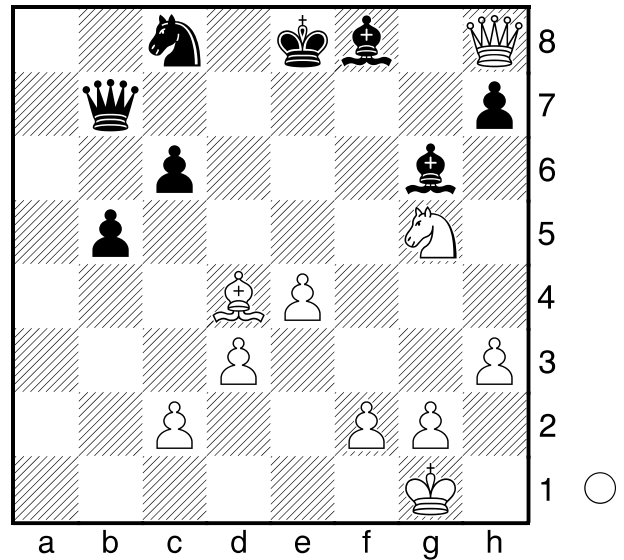
27.Bd4+- Bg6 28.Qh8+ Kf7



29.Nxg5+

[29.Bc5! wins immediately: Be7
 (29...Bxc5 30.Nxg5+ Ke7 31.Qg7+)
 30.Bxe7 Qxe7 (30...Kxe7 31.Qg7+
 Bf7 32.Nxg5 Ke8 33.Qh8+ Kd7
 34.Qxh7!) 31.Qxc8+-]

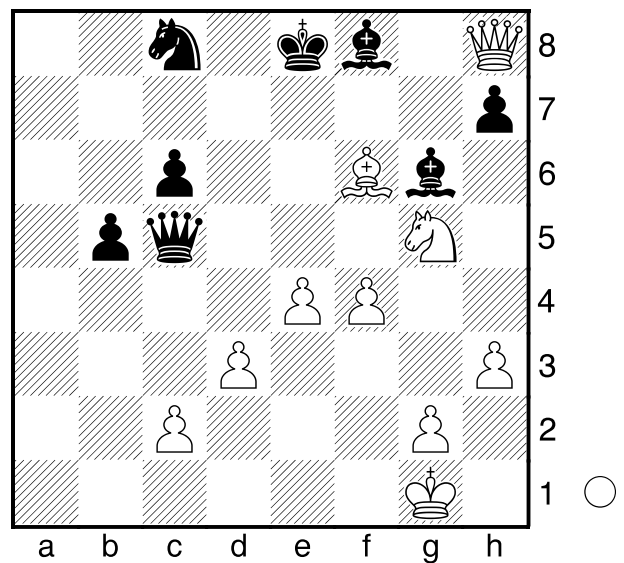
29...Ke8



White will win, but it requires some precision. Sobel fumbles a bit. **30.f4**

[30.h4]

30...Qe7 31.Bf6 Qc5+



32.d4? Now it gets a bit difficult.

[32.Kh1 Qa3 33.Ne6 Bf7 34.Bb2!
 Qd6 35.Nxf8 Qxf8 36.Qxh7]

32...Qa3!± (and barely that!) 33.Ne6?

[33.Kh2! Qd6! Now something to e5, White could win - but Black could draw; the days of "+-" have slipped away.]

33...Kf7?? They're back!

[33...Bxe4! and -- yes, let the computer look long enough and it's "0.00" down the line. 34.Qg8 Bd5! 35.Nc7+ Kd7 36.Nxd5 cxd5= Still, Seitzer couldn't be comfortable even here.]

34.f5! This is over though. **34...Qe3+**
35.Kh2 Bxf5 36.exf5 Bd6+ 37.Be5 Bxe5+ 38.dxe5
1-0

□ **Snyder,Larry**

■ **Lesniewski,Lucas**

MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (7.2)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3 e6 8.c5 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Rc1 f5 12.Ne5 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Qd7

[15...d4!? 16.Rd1 dxc3 17.Rxd8 Rfxd8 18.bxc3 Rac8 19.g4!?!]

16.a3

[16.b4±]

16...a6

[16...a5]

17.f4 Rac8 18.Bd4 Qa4 19.Qd3 Rc7 20.Rfc1 Rfc8 21.b4 Qb5 22.Qxb5 axb5 23.Kf2 Kf7 24.Ke2 Ke8 25.Kd3 Ra8 26.R1c2 Kd7 27.Rc1 Rc6

28.R1c2 Rca6 Even as the game has turned in Black's favor, it's over. Especially vexing as a win (for either player) would be worth a third of 2nd-3rd. But that might be "as it turned out," maybe this game finished first. Still...
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

□ **Busch,Jonah**

■ **Sun,Kevin**

MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (7.3)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Nb6 6.Nf3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d6 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nc3 Rd8 13.Qe2 Be6 14.Rfd1 Qb4 15.a3 Qc4 16.Qd2 Bg4 17.Rac1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Nxd4 19.Bxb7 Nf3+ 20.Bxf3 Rxd2 21.Rxd2 Rc8 22.Rcd1 h6 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd5 Qc7 25.Ba2 e6 26.Rd7 Qc6 27.Rxa7 Bxb2 28.Rdd7 Qf3 29.Rxf7 Qxf7 30.Rxf7 Kxf7 31.a4 Rc3 32.Bxh6 Ra3 33.Bc4 Rxa4 34.Be2 Bd4 35.Kg2 e5 36.Kf3 e4+ 37.Kg2 Kf6 38.h4 Ra2 39.Kf1 Ra1+ 40.Kg2 Re1 41.Bg4 Rb1 42.Be2 Be5 43.Bg5+ Ke6 44.Be3 Kd5 45.h5 gxh5 46.Bxh5 Bd4 47.Bf7+ Ke5 48.Bxd4+ Kxd4 49.g4 Rb7 50.Be6 Ke5 51.Bf5 Kf4 52.Be6 Rb2 53.Kf1 Kf3 54.Ke1 Rb1+ 55.Kd2 Kxf2 56.Bc4 e3+ 57.Kc2 Rb8 58.Kd1 Rd8+
0-1

□ **Urquhart,Joe S**

■ **Bambou,Christophe**

MI Felix German TNM: 2000+ (7.4)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5

[In comparison with the Cheap Trap line in the Anti-Meran (I've won a couple games this way :-), 9.exf6? gxh4 10.Ne5 Qxf6! keeps White's queen off f3 (well, it gets traded). (10...Bb7?? is the trap: 11.Nxf7! wins the Exchange, as taking loses Kxf7? 12.Qh5+ either mate or the queen. When I first saw this (again, in

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1940

1870

D24

1893

2078

the Anti-Meran or Botvinnik Variation, that is with Black's pawns on a7 and c6), I couldn't believe it. (I think I'd only been playing in tournaments a few months at the time -- 1966!))

9...hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 11.exf6 Bb7=

What a great bishop! This has got to be an improvement over the Botvinnik -- not only can't White fianchetto, but also Black can save a move with ...c7-c5.

12.d5?!

[12.Be2!? In some openings, speed is more important than pawns. And not just in the King's Gambit! b4!]

[12.h4 Bh6 (12...Nxf6)]

12...Nc5! 13.dxe6! Nxe6 14.Qe2?

[14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.Be3]

14...Bh6 15.Rd1 Bxg5 16.Rxd8+ Rxd8 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Bd2+ 19.Kd1 Rh4 20.g4 Bf4+ 21.Kc2 Rd2+ 22.Kc3 Rxf2 23.Bg2 Bd2+ 24.Kc2 Bg5+ 25.Kb1 Bxf6 26.h3 Rxb2+ 27.Kc1 c3 28.Re1 Bg5+ 29.Re3 Bxe3+ 30.Qxe3 Rxc3 31.Qxc3 Rh2 32.Qc6+ Ke7 33.Qxa6 R4xh3 34.Qxb5 Rc2+ 35.Kb1 Rh1+ 0-1

C48

□ **Kingma,Karl Stuart**

1619

■ **Li,David Z**

1711

MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (7.5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.Na4 Nd4 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.c3 Bg4 10.Qe1 Bb6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.f4 Ra5 13.Bc4 exf4 14.b4 Ra8 15.Bxf4 Nh5 16.Be3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8 19.Qh4 Nf6 20.a4 Qe8 21.b5 Qh5 22.Qxh5 Nxh5 23.c4 e5 24.g3 Nf6 25.Bd2 Nd7 26.Bb4 Nf8 27.a5 bxa5 28.Rxa5 Rxa5 29.Bxa5 b6 30.Bd2 Ne6 31.Be3 Kf7 32.Kg2 Kg6 33.h4 1/2-1/2

□ **Parsons,Stephen**

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■ **Casares,Nick**

1749

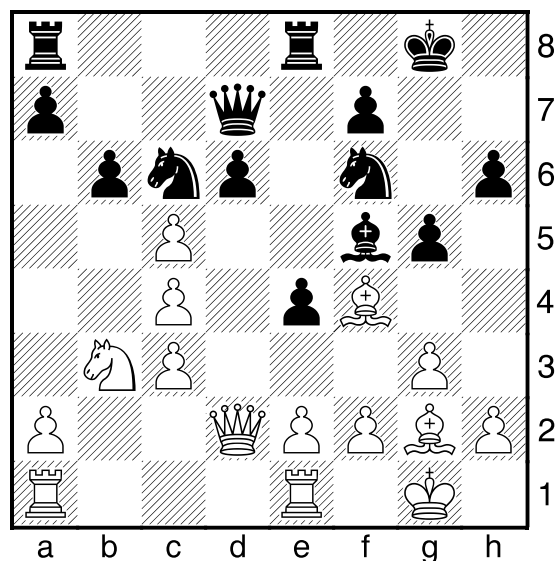
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MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (7.6)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Ba5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Nc3 Bxc3 6.bxc3 e4 7.Nd4 d6 8.Qc2 Nf6 9.g3 0-0 10.Bg2 c5 11.Nb3 Re8 12.0-0 Nc6 13.d3 h6 14.d4 b6 15.Re1 Qc7 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.dxc5 Qd7 18.Qd2 g5??

[18...dxc5]



19.Bxg5 e3 20.Bxe3 Ne4 21.Qc1 Ne5

22.Bxh6 Nxf2 23.Qg5+ Bg6 24.Qf6

1-0

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□ **Clemens,Kristian**

1927

■ **Srinivasan,Sivavishnu**

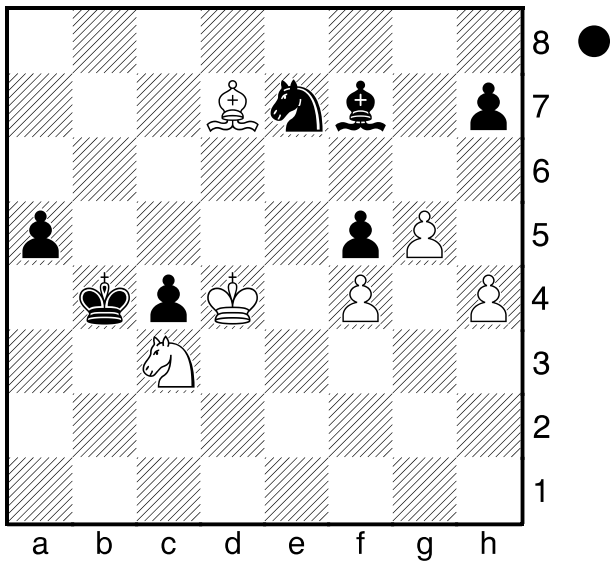
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MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (7.7)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nb6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 Be6 9.Be3 0-0 10.a3 f6 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 c6 14.Qxd8 Rfxd8 15.b4 Nc4 16.Bc5

Bf8 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.b5 Rac8 19.a4
 Rd2 20.Rfd1 Ke7 21.Rxd2 Nxd2
 22.Rd1 Nb3 23.f4 a6 24.bxa6 bxa6
 25.Be4 f5 26.Bc2 c5 27.e3 Rd8
 28.Rxd8 Kxd8 29.e4 g6 30.exf5 gxf5
 31.Kf2 Nd4 32.Bd3 c4 33.Ke3 Nc6
 34.Be2 Kc7 35.Bf3 Kb6 36.h3 Ne7
 37.g4 Kc5 38.g5 Kb4 39.Kd4 Ng6
 40.Ne2 Kxa4 41.Kc3 Bf7 42.Bc6+
 Ka5 43.Bd7 Ne7 44.Kd4 Kb4 45.h4
 a5 46.Nc3



Nd5!?

[46...Ng6!-+]

47.Nxd5+ Bxd5 48.Bxf5?

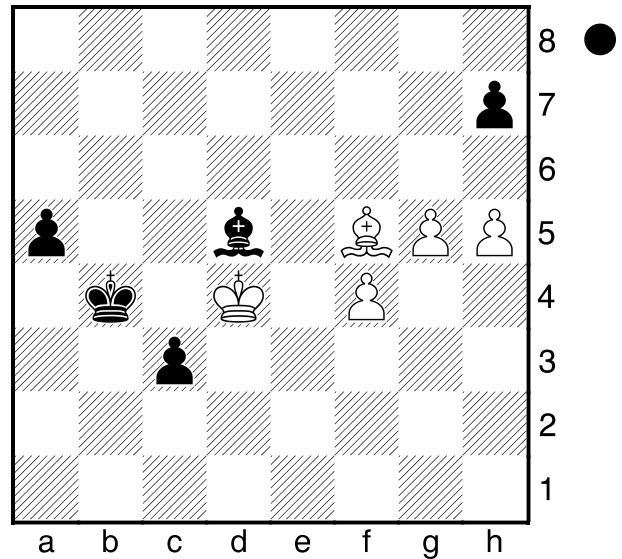
[48.Kxd5 c3 49.Bxf5 a4□ 50.Bb1!
 a3□ 51.f5 c2 52.Bxc2 a2 53.f6 a1Q
 54.Bxh7⚡]

48...c3

[48...Bg8! 49.Bb1 a4 50.f5 a3 51.f6
 c3-+]

49.h5

(Diagram)



Be6??

[49...Bb3!]

[49...a4!]

50.Bxh7??

[50.Bc2! Bb3 51.Bxb3 Kxb3 52.g6
 hxg6 53.hxg6□ =]

50...a4?

[50...Bb3!-+]

51.h6?

[51.Bc2! a3! 52.h6 Bf5! (52...a2
 53.h7 a1Q 54.h8Q Qg1+ 55.Ke5
 Qe3+ 56.Kd6 Bc4⚡) 53.Bxf5 a2
 54.h7 a1Q 55.Bc2 Qg1+ 56.Ke5
 Qh2 57.g6⚡]

51...a3?

[51...Bb3!]

52.Bb1?

[52.Bc2 a2 53.h7]

52...c2 53.Bxc2 a2 54.Ke5 Bg8 55.h7

a1Q+ 56.Kd6 Qd4+ 57.Ke7 Qg7+

58.Kd6 Bxh7 59.Bxh7 Qxh7 60.Ke5

Qg6 61.Kd4 Qf5 62.Ke3 Kc4 63.Kf3

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□ Powers, Christopher

1704

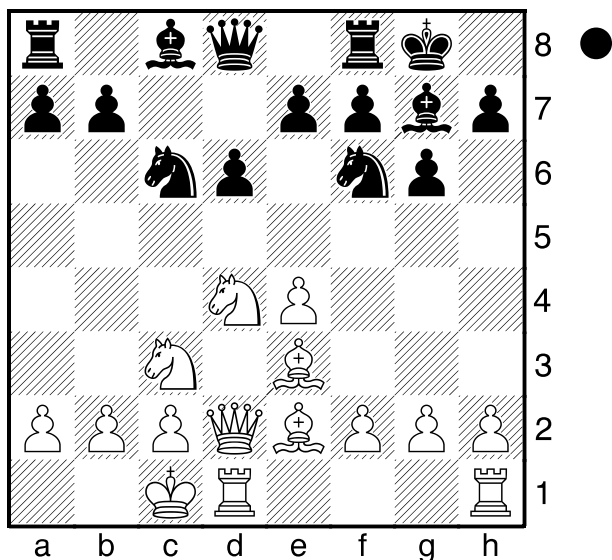
■ Lin, Aung Tun

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MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (7.8)

[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
d6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 Bg7
8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0



Re8?±

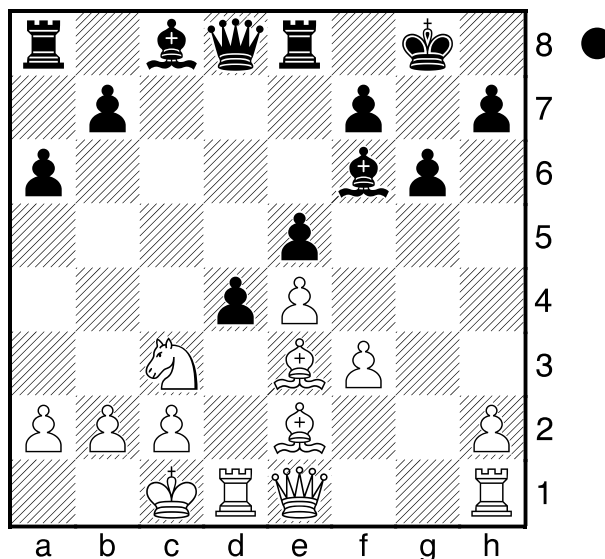
[9...d5!? 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6
bxc6 12.Nxd5 (12.Bd4 e5 13.Bc5
Be6) 12...cxd5 13.Qxd5 Qc7
14.Qxa8 Bf5 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.Rd2
h5=]

[9...Ng4!? 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.f3
Be6!? (11...Bd7)]

10.f3 a6 11.g4 d5? 12.g5!+- Nxd4
13.Bxd4 e5 14.Be3?! d4 15.gxf6
Bxf6 16.Qe1

[16.f4]

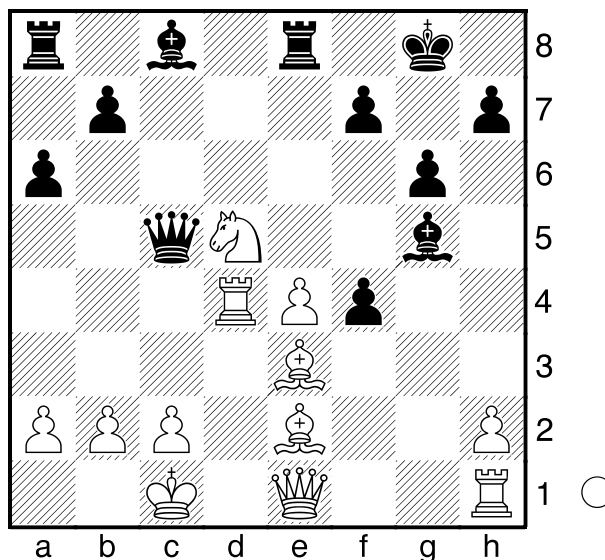
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16...Bg5?

[16...Bh4!]

17.f4!+- exf4 18.Rxd4 Qb6 19.Nd5
Qc5



20.Rd3?? fxe3 21.h4

[21.Qg3!±]

21...Bd8! 22.Rxe3 Be6 23.Rc3 Qd6

[23...Qd4!]

24.Rd3?!

[24.Bc4±]

24...Qe5 25.Qf2 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Qxe4

27.Bf3 Qf4+ 28.Kb1 Re3 29.Rd3

Rxd3 30.cxd3 Rc8 31.Qe2 Bxh4

32.Bxb7 Rc7 33.Bxa6 Bg5 34.Bc4

Qd4? 35.Rd1?

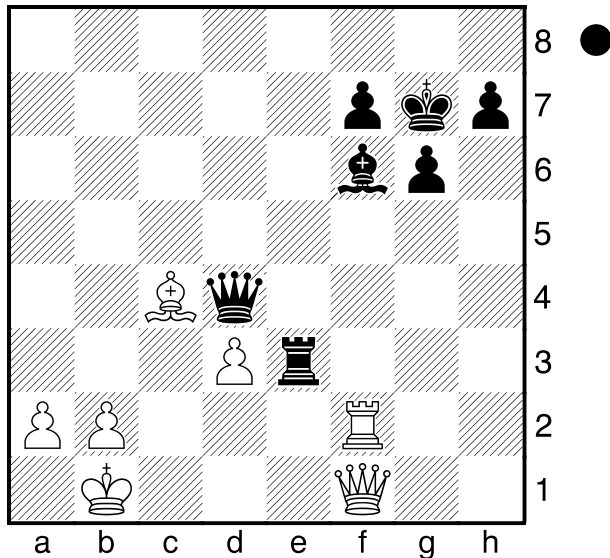
[35.Qh2!=]

35...Bf6 36.Rd2 Rb7 37.Bb3 Re7

38.Qf1 Re3 39.Rf2? Kg7

[39...Rf3!]

40.Bc4?



Rf3!

0-1

□ **Sanguinetti,George A**

B02

1900

■ **Dutter,Frederic**

1900

MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (7.9)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Nd5 5.Bc4 c6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Ne4 b6 8.Bxd5 cxd5 9.Nd6+ Bxd6 10.cxd6 Nc6 11.d4 Ba6 12.Be3 Nb4 13.Qd2 Nd3+ 14.Kd1 f6 15.f4 fxe5 16.fxe5 0-0 17.Nf3 Rc8 18.Rb1 Qe8 19.h4 Qg6 20.Ra1 Qe4 21.Rh3 Nxb2+ 22.Qxb2 Qxe3 23.Qd2 Qe4 24.Rc1 Bb5 25.Ne1 Ba4+ 26.Nc2 Rf1+ **0-1**

□ **Admassu,Yonathan**

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■ **Macnee,Felix**

1680

1651

MI Felix German TNM: 1600-1999 (7.10)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.e4 Nxe5 5.f4 Ng6 6.Nc3 Bc5 7.Nf3 a6 8.h4 h5 9.f5 Ne7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 b5 12.a3 b4 13.Na4 d6 14.Nxc5 dxc5 15.Qxd8+ Kxd8 16.Kf2 Bb7 17.Bd3 Nbc6 18.Be3 Nd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Bxd4 Nc6 21.Bc5 Ne5 22.Bc2 b3 23.Rad1+ Kc8 24.Bxb3 Bxe4 25.Ke3 Bxf5 26.Ba2 Re8 27.Kf4 g6 28.Bd4 Nd3+ 29.Kg3 Re4 30.Bxf6 Re3+ 31.Kh2 Nf2 32.Rd8+ Kb7 33.Rxa8 Kxa8

0-1

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□ **Pham,Nguyen Hoang Duy**

■ **Toledo Guerrero,Fernando**

MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.12)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.e3 Nc6 6.a3 a5 7.Nc3 Ngxe5 8.Be2 Nxf3+ 9.Bxf3 Ne5 10.Be2 0-0 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Qd4 b6 14.f4 Nc6 15.Qxc5 bxc5 16.Bd2 Rb8 17.Bc3 Re8 18.Kf2 a4 19.Rhd1 Ne7 20.g4 c6 21.Be5 Rb3 22.Rd3 Rxd3 23.Bxd3 d5 24.h3 Ba6 25.Rc1 Nc8 26.Ke2 f6 27.Bc7 Re7 28.Ba5 Rb7 29.Bc3 Nd6 30.cxd5 Bxd3+ 31.Kxd3 cxd5 32.Kc2 Ne4 33.Rd1 Rd7 34.b4 axb3+ 35.Kxb3 Rb7+ 36.Kc2 Nxc3 37.Kxc3 Rd7 38.a4 Kf7 39.Rb1 Ra7 40.Rb5 d4+ 41.exd4 cxd4+ 42.Kxd4 Rxa4+ 43.Ke3 Ra3+ 44.Ke4 Rxh3 45.Rb7+ Kg6 46.f5+ Kh6 47.Rf7 Ra3 48.Kf4 Ra6 49.Re7 g6 50.Rf7 Ra4+ 51.Kf3 Kg5 52.Rxh7 Ra3+ 53.Ke4 gxf5+ 54.gxf5 Ra4+ 55.Ke3 Kxf5 56.Rh5+ Kg4 57.Rh1 Ra3+ 58.Kf2 f5

59.Rg1+ Kf4 60.Re1 Ra2+ 61.Re2
Rxe2+ 62.Kxe2 Kg3 63.Kf1 Kf3
0-1

Hule,Pratyush **B22**
1268
 Ayala,Nicholas **1391**
MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.13)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5
Qxd5 5.d4 Bg4 6.Bb5? This has a
horrible track record.

[6.Be2 is far and away "the move
played" cxd4 7.cxd4 e6 8.Nc3]
[but 6.dxc5!? Qxd1+ (6...Qxc5!?)
7.Kxd1 0-0-0+ is an interesting
unbalanced challenge.]

6...Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Qxf3 8.gxf3 cxd4
9.cxd4 e6 Not much question that
White's pawns, even if Bxc6 bxc6, are
the worse collection. **10.Be3 Nge7**
Now that isn't even happening. **11.Nc3**
a6 12.Ba4 b5 13.Bb3 Rd8 14.Rd1
Na5 15.Bc2 Nd5 16.Bd2 Nc4
17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.Bc3 b4 19.b3? Na3
and into the fire. Black wins. **20.Be4**
bxc3 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rc1 Bb4
23.Ke2 0-0 24.Kd3 Rc8 25.Rhe1 f6
26.Re6 a5 27.Rb6 c2 28.Re6 Rc3+
29.Ke2 Nb5 30.Re3 Nxd4+ 31.Kf1
Rc8 32.Rd3 Ba3 33.Rxd4 Bxc1
34.Ke1 Bb2 35.Rd1 Bc3+ 36.Ke2
Re8+
0-1

Tam,Hoa Long **B22**
1465
 Gu,Chunhui **1483**
MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.14)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3
Nf6 5.Na3 e6 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.0-0 Be7
8.Nc2 0-0 9.d4 Qc7 10.Qe2 a6 11.a4

h6 12.Be3?!
[12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Be3]
12...Ng4
[12...Nc6 13.dxc5]
13.Bd3 Nxe3 14.fxe3
[14.Nxe3 cxd4 15.Nxd4 (15.cxd4!?)]
14...Nd7 15.Rf2
[15.e4 Nf6 16.e5]
15...Nf6 16.h3
[16.Raf1 Ng4]
[16.e4 cxd4 17.cxd4]
16...b6 17.Raf1 c4!
[17...Bb7 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.Rxf6]
18.Bxc4 Ne4 19.Ne5 Nxf2 20.Qxf2
Bd6 21.Bd3 Bb7 22.Nf3 Bg3 23.Qe2
Rfd8 24.Nce1 a5 25.Nd2 e5 26.Bc4
Bd5 27.Nef3 Rac8 28.b3 Rd7
29.Bxd5 Rxd5 30.c4 Rd7 31.d5 f5
[31...Rb8 32.Ne4]
32.e4 Qc5+ 33.Kh1 g6 34.Rb1 Qf2
35.Qxf2 Bxf2 36.Nxe5 Rg7 37.exf5
gxf5 38.Rf1 My notation stops here as I
was already under 5 minutes (my
opponent still had 30), the rest is from
my opponent's notation **38...Re8**
39.Rxf2 Rxe5 40.Kg1 Rge7 41.g3
Re1+ 42.Kg2 R1e2 43.Kf3 Rxf2+
[43...R7e3+ 44.Kg2]
44.Kxf2 Kf7 45.Nf3 Kf6 46.h4?
[46.Nd4 Re4 47.Ne6]
46...Re4 47.Nd2 Rd4 48.Ke3 Rg4
49.Kf3 h5 50.Nf1 f4 51.gxf4 Rxh4
52.Ng3 Rh2 53.Ne4+ Ke7 54.Ng5
Rb2 55.Ke4 Rxb3 56.Kd4 h4 57.c5
Rb4+ 58.Ke5 bxc5 59.d6+ Kd7 60.f5
Rd4 61.f6 Rxd6 62.f7 Ke7 63.f8Q+
Kxf8 64.Kxd6 c4 65.Kc5 c3 66.Kb5
c2 67.Kxa5 c1Q 68.Ka6 Qxg5 69.a5
Qxa5+
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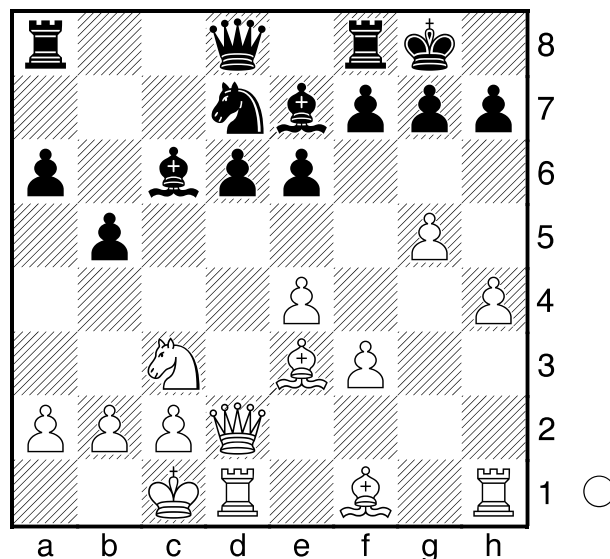
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Cooper, Lee
Clark, Drew H

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MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.15)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 c5
5.d5 d6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 exd5 8.cxd5
0-0 9.Bc4 Nbd7 10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0
Qe5 12.Bg3 Qe7 13.h3 Ne5 14.Bb3
Bd7 15.Nf4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Ne4 17.c4
Nxc3 18.fxc3 Qg5 19.Kh2 b5 20.Qe2
Rab8 21.Rfb1 Rfe8 22.Re1 bxc4
23.Bxc4 Rb4 24.Bb3 Bb5 25.Qd2 a5
26.Rab1 Nc4 27.Bxc4 Bxc4 28.a3
Rxb1 29.Rxb1 Qe5 30.Qxa5 Qxe3
31.Qc7 Qe7 32.Qc6 g5 33.Nh5 Rd8
34.Rb7 Qf8 35.Nf6+ Kg7 36.Nd7 Qe8
37.Qxd6 Rxd7 38.Rxd7 Qe4 39.Qxc5
Bf1 40.Qf2 Qe8 41.Rc7
1-0



14.h5 Most played, best stats.
[14.Ne2!? d5 15.Nd4 Bb7 16.Bh3
Ne5 17.Qe1 Nc4 18.f4 Nxe3
19.Qxe3 Qa5 20.Kb1 dxe4 21.Nxe6
1-0 Short, N (2615)-Ljubojevic, L
(2620) Reykjavik 1987 (1) is an early
success against a formidable
opponent.]

14...g6?? Suicide, which Thomas
sharply takes advantage of.
[Walter Browne found himself here
(via a transposition from the Najdorf
Sicilian of course!), and was doing
okay but eventually couldn't keep it
together: 14...Ne5 15.f4! Ng4
16.Bh3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 b4 18.h6! g6!
19.Ne2 e5 20.Kb1 Qa5 (20...Qc7)
21.f5! Qc5

(Diagram)

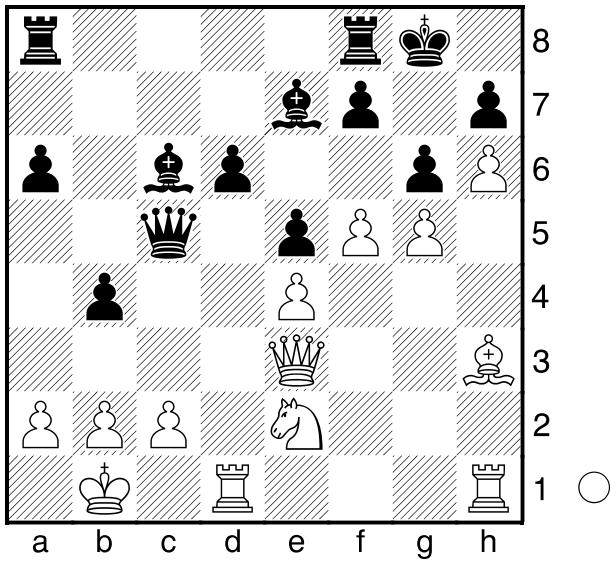
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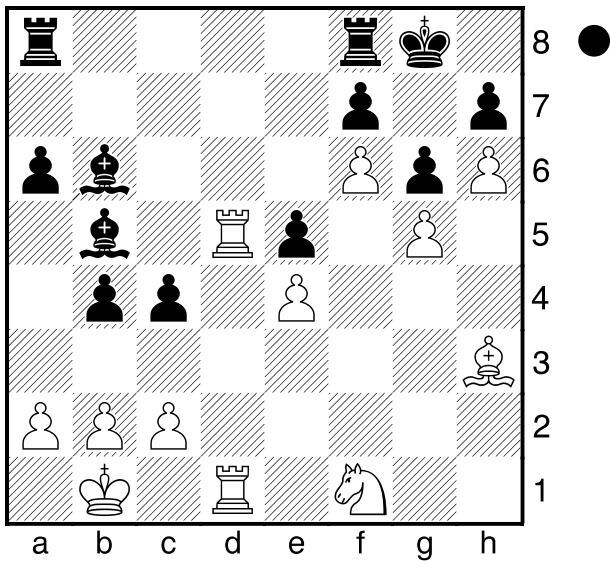
MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.17)
[Winslow, Elliott]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Be7 7.f3**
The English Attack, so-called for being
molded into a dangerous line in the
1980s by Nunn, Short and others, bears
a resemblance to the Yugoslave Attack
in the Dragon, and has really been taken
to heart by the youngsters, to the peril of
all. **7...a6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4**
[Twice as common is 9.0-0-0]
9...b5
[And here exactly twice as common in
Mega 2022 is 9...Nc6]
**10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.g5 Nfd7 12.h4 Nc6
13.Nxc6 Bxc6**

(Diagram)

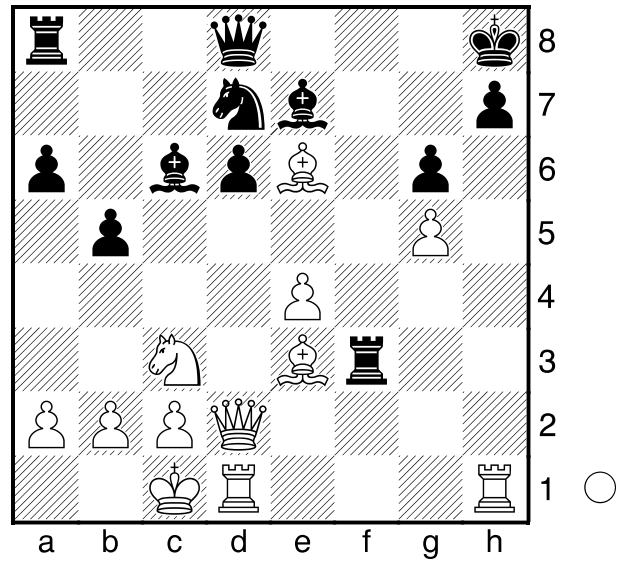


22.Qxc5! dxc5 23.f6! Bd8 24.Ng3
c4! 25.Rd6 Bb5 26.Rhd1 Bc7
27.R6d5 Bb6 28.Nf1



Bd4? (28...c3!= A sort of symmetry!)
29.Bd7!± 1-0 Barbuлесcu,D (2370)-
Browne,W (2585) Olympiad-26
Thessaloniki 1984 (7)]
15.hxg6 fxg6 16.Bh3+- Rxf3
[16...Kf7 17.f4 (17.Nd5!?)]
17.Bxe6+ Kh8

(Diagram)



**18.Rxh7+! Kxh7 19.Qh2+
1-0**

B12
 □ Horde,Nicolas T **1413**
 ■ Hilliard,Michael R **1400**
 MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.18)
[Horde,Nicolas (Winslow,Elliott)]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5
5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 a6?! Inaccuracy. Ne7
 was best. Never seen that move and I
 thought it was interesting but weird as
 c5 will completely blocks the queenside
 for Black (EW: Black still has ...b7-b6;
 b2-b4 a6-a5; Na4 Nd7 but the pawn
 does stay on c5.) **7.Nge2**

[7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 White has
 induced the h5 weakness so is not too
 unhappy to exchange the LSB]

7...Nd7 8.Ng3 The idea behind Ne2
8...Bg6 9.c5 Only because a6 was
 played **9...Nh6**

[9...b6 10.b4 Continuing the
 blockade]

10.Bxh6?! Inaccuracy. b4 was best.
 Depriving Black from castling kingside
 but with the queenside being locked it
 makes Black's plan straightforward (...)

0-0-0, open the kingside, etc...)

[10.b4 b6]

[10.Bd3]

10...Rxb6 11.Be2 Be7 12.Bxb5

Too forcing and leads to an almost complete liquidation on the kingside

12...Bxb4 13.Bxb6 Rxb6 14.Qd2

Bxb3 15.Rh8+ Nf8 16.fxb3 Rxb3

Basically Black's threat is Qg5 to force the exchange of queens so there's not a lot of good moves for White **17.Qf4??**

Blunder. Kf2 was best.

[17.Kf2 Qg5 18.Qxb3 Rxb3]

[17.0-0-0 Qg5 The queens will be exchanged and this is a super straightforward conversion for Black]

17...Qg5 18.Qxb3 White has lost a

tempo in a losing endgame **18...Rxb3**

19.Kf2 0-0-0 20.Na4 Setting up a last

trick trap because Black would love to play Ng6 to force the rook trade or push it out of the 8th rank **20...Ng6??**

Blunder. Kd7 was best.

[20...Kd7 21.Nb6+ Ke7 22.Rah1

Rg4 23.R1h4 Rxb4 24.Rxb4 f6

25.Rh8 fxe5 26.dxe5 Re8 27.b3]

21.Nb6+ A miraculous save missed by

Black **21...Kc7 22.Na8+ Kd7 23.Nb6+**

Ke7 24.Nc8+ Kd7 25.Nb6+

[25.Rxd8+ Kxd8 26.Nd6 Rg4!

(26...Ke7) 27.Rd1 f6 28.exf6 gxf6

29.Nxb7+ Kd7 I thought about this endgame and it's more dangerous for White than it is for Black with the blockade of the queenside so I decided to take the draw. I would had tried if I needed a win at all costs but in my situation (3.5/6.0 points) it wasn't worth the risk. (EW: Here Black is just better; taking the (nice!) perpetual is appropriate.)]

1/2-1/2

C42

□ **Ahrens, Richard William**

1056

■ **Starr, Albert Martin**

1500

MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.19)

[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.d3 d5

5.a3 Ba5 6.b4 Bb6 7.exd5 Nxd5

8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.Bb2 c5 10.Bxe5 0-0

11.c4 Qc6 12.b5 Qe6 13.Qe2 Nd7

14.Bc3 Re8 15.Qxe6 Rxe6+ 16.Be2

Nf8 17.Ra2 Bd7 18.0-0 Rae8 19.Re1

Ng6 20.g3 Bc7 21.Ng5 R6e7 22.Ne4

b6 23.Kg2 h6 24.Bh5 Bf5 25.f3 Be5

26.Bxe5 Nxe5 27.Nd6 Nxd3 28.Rxe7

Rxe7 29.Nxf5 Re5 30.Bg4 h5 31.Bh3

Ne1+ 32.Kf2 Nd3+ 33.Kg1 Re1+

34.Bf1 Ne5 35.Kg2 Rd1 36.Ne7+ Kf8

37.Nc8 Rc1 38.Nxa7 Nxc4 39.Bxc4

Rxc4 40.Nc8 Rc3 41.Nxb6 c4 42.a4

Rc1 43.a5 c3 44.a6 Rb1 45.a7 Rb2+

46.Rxb2 cxb2 47.a8Q+ Ke7 48.Qe4+

1-0

C02

□ **Myers, Steven Lee**

809

■ **Tam, Brent**

1480

MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.20)

1.e4 d5 2.e5 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4

Nc6 5.Bb5 e6 6.Nf3 Nge7 7.0-0 Ng6

8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Qxb6

axb6 11.a3 c5 12.Nc3 Ba6 13.Rfe1

h6 14.Bh4 Nxh4 15.Nxh4 Be7 16.Nf3

0-0 17.a4 Bb7 18.Nb5 Bc6 19.b3 Ra5

20.Na3 Rfa8 21.c4 d4 22.Nd2 Rd8

23.f4 Re8 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.axb5 Rea8

26.Rxa5 Rxa5 27.Kf1 Ra2 28.Ke2 f5

29.g3 Kf7 30.Kd3 g5 31.Rf1 Kg6

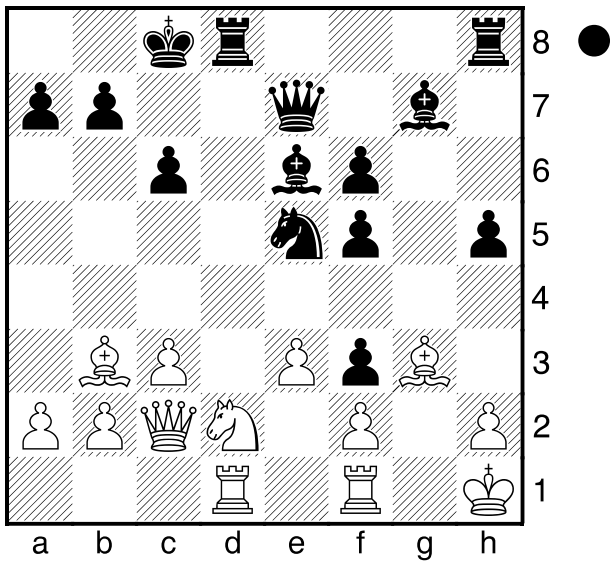
32.Rg1 h5 33.h3 Kh6 34.Rh1 g4

35.h4 Kg6 36.Rb1

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Agdamag,Samuel **A41**
 Oliver,Alexander **1400**
 MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.21)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.c3 d6 4.Bf4 Nd7
 5.e3 e5 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4
 Nh6 9.Bc4 Qe7 10.0-0 Nf5 11.Qa4 e4
 12.g4 exf3 13.gxf5 gxf5 14.Nd2 c6
 15.Qc2 Ne5 16.Bb3 Be6 17.Kh1 0-0-0
 18.Rad1 h5 19.Bg3



f4 20.Bxf4 Bh3 21.Rg1 Nd3 22.Nxf3
 Qe4 23.Qe2 Nxf4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8
 25.Bc2 Nxe2 26.Bxe4 Nxg1 27.Nxg1
 Rd1 28.Bf3 Rb1 29.Be4 Ra1 30.a3 f5
 31.Bd3 Bf6 32.f3 Bh4
0-1

Pagan Griso,Simone **D31**
 Blum,Paul **1347**
 MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.22)
[Winslow,Elliott]

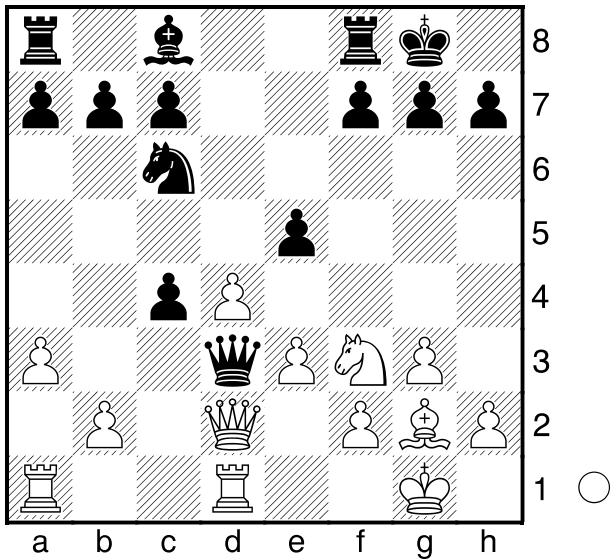
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2
 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nge7 6.Bg5 0-0 7.e3 f6
 8.Bf4 e5 9.dxe5 fxe5 10.Nxe5 Bf5
 11.Qb3 Re8 12.Be2 dxc4 13.Nxc4

Be6 14.0-0 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5
 16.Rad1 b5 17.Rxd5 Qxd5 18.Rd1
 Qf7 19.Qc2 Kh8 20.Nd2 Qd5 21.Bf3
 Qc5 22.Qxc5 Bxc5 23.Bxc6 Bb4
 24.Bxa8 Rxa8 25.Bxc7 Rc8 26.Be5
 Bxd2 27.Kf1 Ba5 28.Rd7 Bb6 29.Rxg7
 Re8 30.Re7+
1-0

Karpe,Ummon **E20**
 Dunlap,Steven **769**
895
 MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.23)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2
 Nc6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Qc2 d5 7.a3 Bxc3
 8.Qxc3 Ne4 9.Qc2 Qf6 10.e3± Nxd2
11.Qxd2
 [11.Nxd2]
11...Qg6?±
 [11...dxc4=]
12.g3?!
 [12.Qd3]
 [12.h4]
 [12.0-0-0]
12...Qe4?
 [12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qe4≠]
13.Bg2 dxc4 14.0-0 Qd3 15.Rfd1
 [15.Qxd3]
 [15.Rfc1!]
 [15.b4!]
15...e5?

(Diagram)



16.d5?

[16.Qxd3 cxd3 17.Nxe5 Nxe5
18.dxe5+-]

16...Qxd2 17.Rxd2?!

[17.Nxd2! Na5 18.Bf1= since b5
19.a4 a6 20.axb5 axb5

A) 21.b4 cxb3 22.Bxb5=
(22.Nxb3 Bg4!-+);

B) 21.Ra2! Bb7! 22.Rda1 Nb3

23.Rxa8 Rxa8 24.Nxb3 cxb3

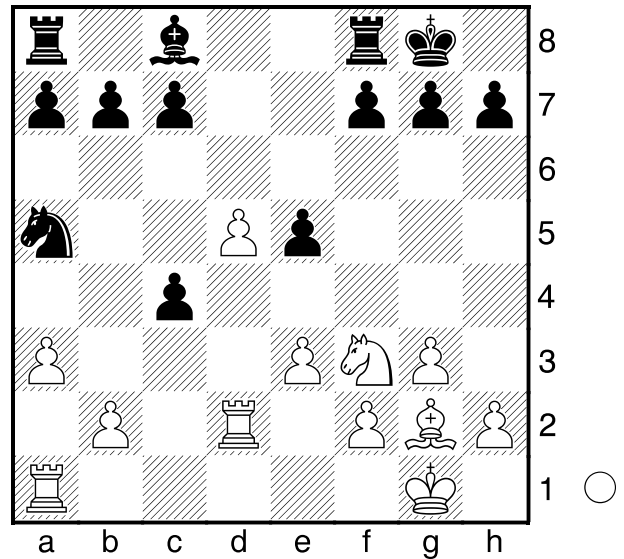
25.Rxa8+ Bxa8 26.d6! cxd6

27.Bxb5= Bd5?! 28.Kf1 Be6

29.Ke2 Kf8 30.Kd2 the pawn *will*
(finally!) fall.]

17...Na5

(Diagram)



18.Rad1?

[18.Rc2! Bf5 19.Rc3 f6 20.Nd2 b5
21.b3̄ White has pressure against
Black's extra pawn.]

18...Bg4!̄ 19.Rc1?

[19.h3! Bxf3 20.Bxf3̄ but with some
hope]

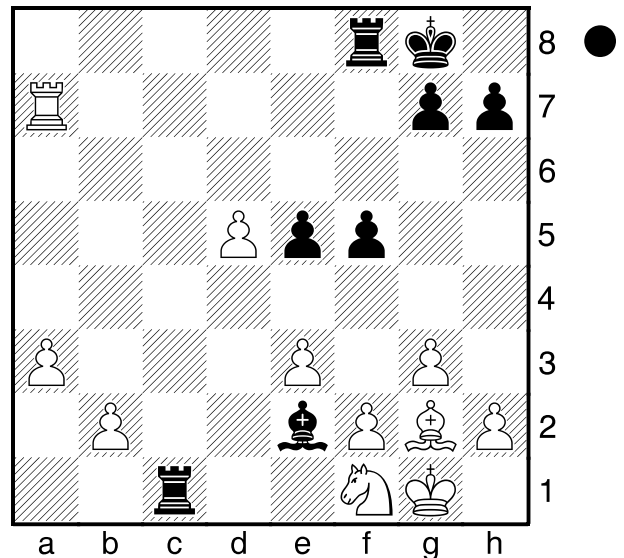
19...Nb3

[19...Bxf3! 20.Bxf3 Nb3 21.Rdc2
Nxc1 22.Rxc1 b5]

20.Rxc4 Nxd2 21.Nxd2 Be2 22.Rxc7

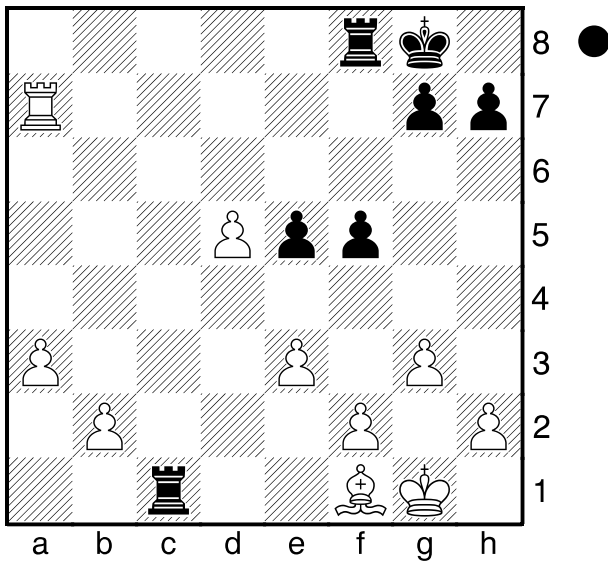
Rac8 23.Rxb7 Rc1+ 24.Nf1 f5

25.Rxa7

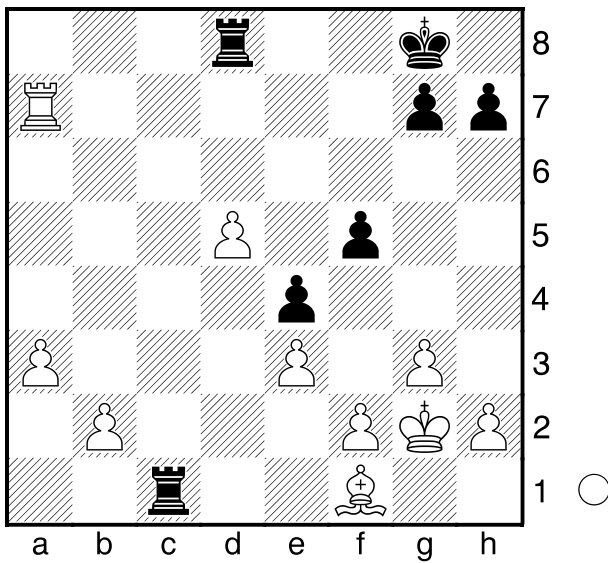


Bxf1?? Pretty much anything else was

winning! This lets White untangle, or at least try to. **26.Bxf1**

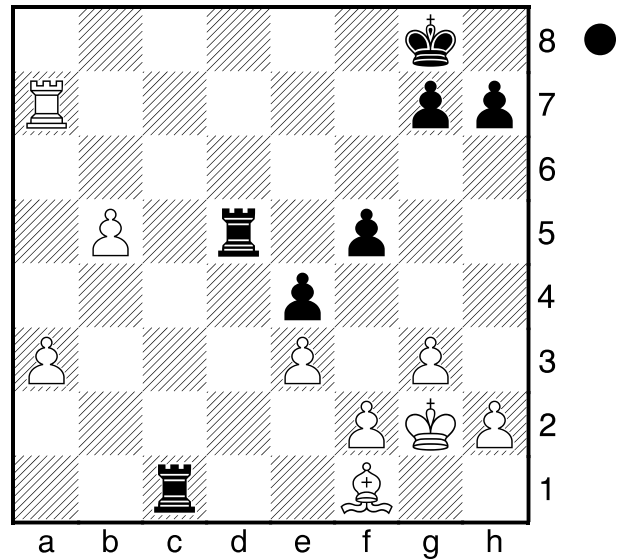


e4?
[26...f4!=]
27.Kg2 Rd8



28.b4??
[28.b3!+-]
28...Rxd5 29.b5=

(Diagram)

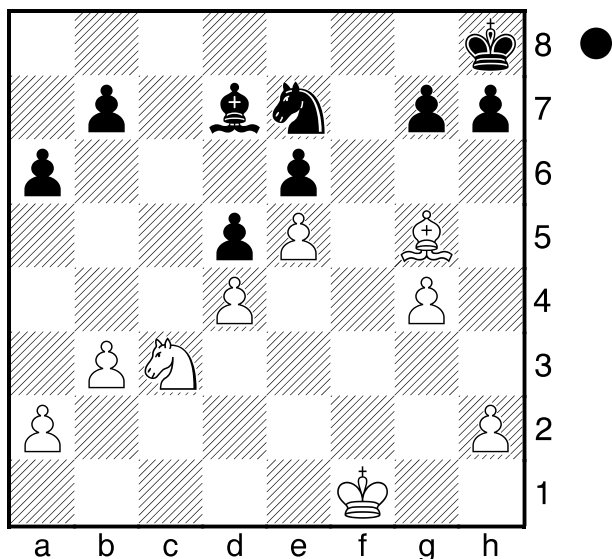


Rd2?? 30.b6+- Rcc2 31.Bc4+ Rxc4
32.b7 h6 33.b8Q+ Kh7 34.Qb7 Kg6
35.Qf7+
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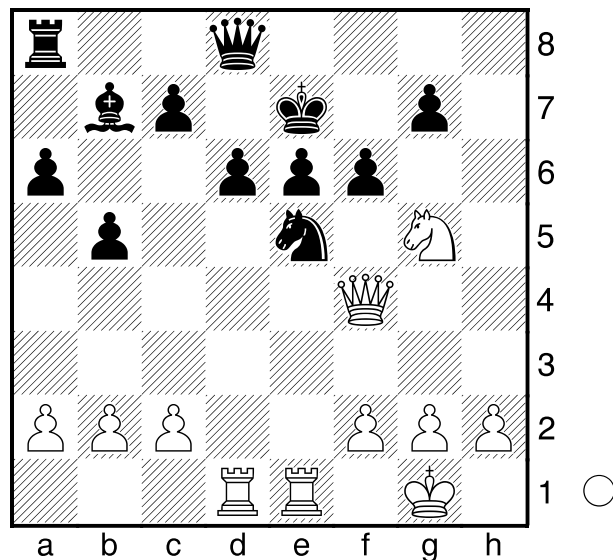
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Sullivan, George T 916
MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.25)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Be7 A lot of moves have been
played here, mostly with some particular
intention; this bishop move doesn't fit
any of them. 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bb5 Qb6
8.Bxc6+ Qxc6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Nd4 Bxd4
11.cxd4 Ne7 12.Nc3 a6 13.Be3 0-0
14.Rc1 Qb6 15.b3 Rac8 16.g4 Qa5
17.Qd2 Kh8 18.Kg2 f6 19.f4 fxe5
20.fxe5 Rxf1 21.Kxf1 Rf8+ 22.Kg2
Qd8 23.Bg5 Rf7 24.Qd3 Qf8 25.Rf1
Rxf1 26.Qxf1 Qxf1+ 27.Kxf1

(Diagram)



hxg6 12.Bxg6 Rf7 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7
 14.Qxd4 Nc6 15.Qf4 Nxe5 16.Rfe1 d6
 17.Rad1 b5 18.Ne4 Bb7 19.Ng5+ Ke7



Stockfish makes this dead even. I wonder if given the time, it would see as deeply as did Hollon, who executed a grand strategy (admittedly helped by Sullivan's leaving his bishop and king out of the queenside where the decisive action took place)? Nick gained over a hundred rating points this TNM. 27...Nc6 28.Be3 Be8 29.h4 Nb4 30.h5 Nc2 31.Bf2 Bf7 32.Ke2 Nb4 33.Kd2 Nc6 34.a3 Ne7 35.Na4 Ng8 36.Be3 b5 37.Nc5 a5 38.Kc3 Ne7 39.Nb7 Nc6 40.Nd6 b4+ 41.axb4 axb4+ 42.Kd3 Kg8 43.Nb7 Kf8 44.Nc5 Kg8 45.Na6 Kf8 46.Bd2 Na5 47.Bxb4+ Kg8 48.Bxa5 Kh8 49.b4 Bxh5 50.gxh5 h6 51.b5 g5 52.hxg6 h5 53.Be1 Kg7 54.b6 Kxg6 55.b7
1-0

20.Rxe5! A lightning bolt from a very underrated player! 20...dxe5 21.Qb4+ Ke8 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Nf3 c5 24.Qc3 b4 25.Qe1 e4 26.Nd2 e3 27.fxe3
1-0

□ **Booth, Kyle Ewart Coventry 428**
 ■ **Olson, David R 1400**
 MI Felix German TNM: under1600 (7.26)
[Winslow, Elliott]

C56
 □ **Otterbach, Renate 967**
 ■ **Bakker, Erik 1052**
 MI Felix German TNM: Extra Rated (7.35)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 Bc5 3.d4 Bb6 4.Nc3 a6
 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4
 Ng6 9.e5 Nxh4 10.Nxh4 Bxd4 11.Ng6

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4
 Nxe4 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Nxe5 Nd6 7.Bb3
 f6 8.Nf3 Ne4 9.0-0 d5 10.Bxd5 f5
 11.Re1 Qe7 12.Bg5 Qd6 13.Nc3 Be7
 14.Nxe4 fxe4 15.Rxe4 Bd7 16.Rxe7+
 Qxe7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qe1+ Kd8
 19.Ne5 Re8 20.Nf7+ Kc8 21.Qb4 Rb8
 22.Qc4 c6 23.Nd6+ Kd8 24.Nxe8
 Kxe8 25.Bf7+ Kd8 26.Rd1 Kc7 27.Qd4
 Rd8 28.Be6 b6 29.Bxd7 g5 30.Qd6+
 Kb7 31.Bxc6+ Ka6 32.Qa3#
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□ Herr,Griffen

1669

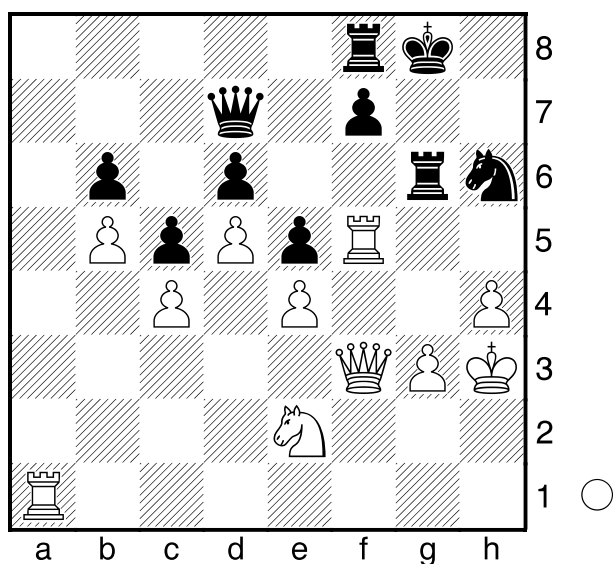
■ Chan,John

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MI Felix German TNM: Extra Rated (7.36)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3
Bg4 5.e4 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3
e5 8.d5 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 h6
11.b4 c5 12.b5 b6 13.a4 Nh7 14.f4
Bf6 15.f5 Kh8 16.g3 Bg5 17.h4 Bxc1
18.Raxc1 a6 19.Ra1 Ndf6 20.Kh2 h5
21.Qd2 Ng4+ 22.Kh3 Qe7 23.Be2
Ngf6 24.Qd1 g6 25.Qd2 Ng4 26.Bxg4
hxg4+ 27.Kxg4 gxf5+ 28.Rxf5 Rg8+
29.Kh3 Rg7 30.Raf1 Rag8 31.Ne2
axb5 32.axb5 Qd7 33.Qh6 Rf8
34.Kh2 Kg8 35.Ra1 Rg6 36.Qe3 Nf6
37.Kh3 Ng4 38.Qf3 Nh6



39.Rf1

[39.Ra6!]

39...Nxf5?

[39...Ra8! 40.g4! Nxg4 41.Qxg4
Rxg4 42.Kxg4±]

40.exf5 Rg7 41.Nc3 f6 42.Ra1 Rb8

43.Ne4 Qe7 44.Qh5 Rf8 45.Ra6 Qd8

46.Qh6 Rff7 47.g4 Rf8 48.g5 fxf5

49.Nxg5 Black lost on time

1-0