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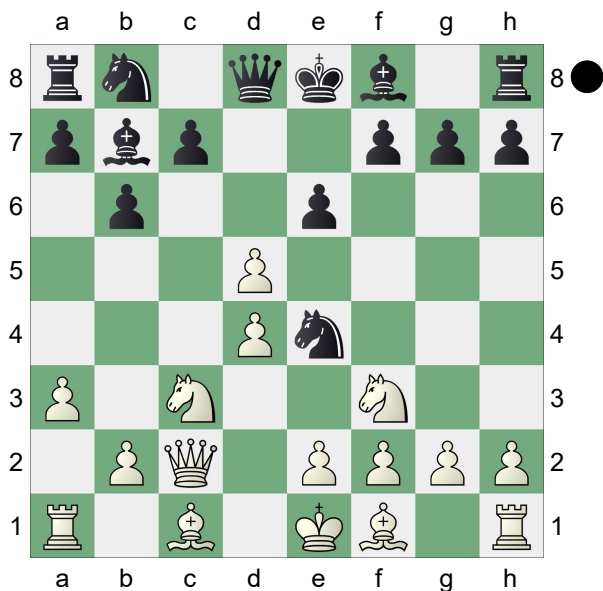
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1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.1)  
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.Nf3 3:30:05 b6 19 2.d4 1:04 Bb7 19  
3.c4 3 e6 1:08 4.a3 3:31 Nf6 3:49  
5.Nc3 1:21 Ne4 5:57 6.Qc2 10:06 d5  
19

[Relevant: 6...Nxc3 7.Qxc3 Be7 8.g3  
Bf6 9.Qd3 c5 10.dxc5 Na6 11.Bg2  
Nxc5 12.Qd1 d5 13.Nd2 0-0 14.0-0  
Rc8 15.Rb1 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qxd1  
17.Rxd1 Ba6 18.Nd6 Bxe2 19.Re1  
Bd3 20.Nxc8 Rxc8 21.Be3 Bxb1  
22.Rxb1 Na4 23.b3 Nc3 24.Re1 Kf8  
25.a4 Nd5 26.Bxd5 exd5 27.Rd1 d4  
28.Bd2 Ke7 29.Kf1 Rc2 30.Ke2  
Rb2 31.Rc1 Kd6 32.b4 Rb3 33.Rc8  
Kd5 34.Ra8 d3+ 35.Kf3 Bd4  
36.Rd8+ 1-0 (58) Oparin, G (2667)-  
Vallejo Pons, F (2710) Chessable  
Masters Play In Chess.com INT rapid  
2023 (9) ]

7.cxd5 1:46

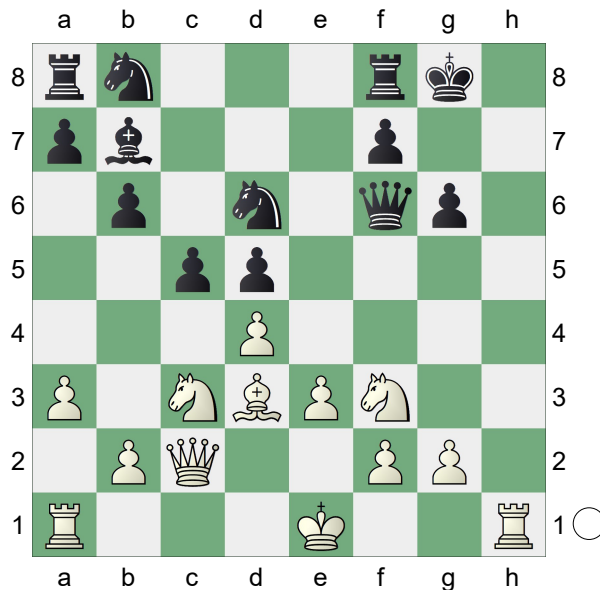


exd5N 2:11

[Predecessor: 7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 exd5  
9.Bf4 Bd6 10.Bg3 0-0 11.e3 h6  
12.Bd3 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.c4

Bxg3 15.hxg3 c5 16.Qa4 Qc8  
17.cxd5 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Nc5 19.Rd1  
Qa6 20.Rh4 Rad8 21.Rg4 f6  
22.Nh4 Qc8 23.Qf4 f5 24.Rg6 Ne4  
25.Rc6 Qa6 26.Nxf5 Qa5+ 27.Kf1  
Qa4 28.Rd4 Qb5+ 29.Ke1 Nc5  
30.g4 Nd3+ 31.Rxd3 Qxd3 32.e4  
Rde8 33.f3 Qxd5 34.Rg6 Qa5+  
35.Kf2 Qc5+ 36.Kg3 Rxf5 37.gxf5  
1-0 (42) Bui, V (2411)-Pham, X (2199)  
VIE-chT Ho Chi Minh City 2013 (8) ]

8.Bf4 38 Bd6 4:27 9.Bxd6 13 Nxd6 11  
10.e3 21 0-0 4:22 11.Bd3 46 g6 1:48  
12.h4 3:53 c5 9:34 13.h5 5:12 Qf6  
11:33 14.hxg6 10:33 hxg6 13



15.Ne5 2:49

[ 15.0-0-0± ]

15...cxd4 2:53 16.exd4 9:03

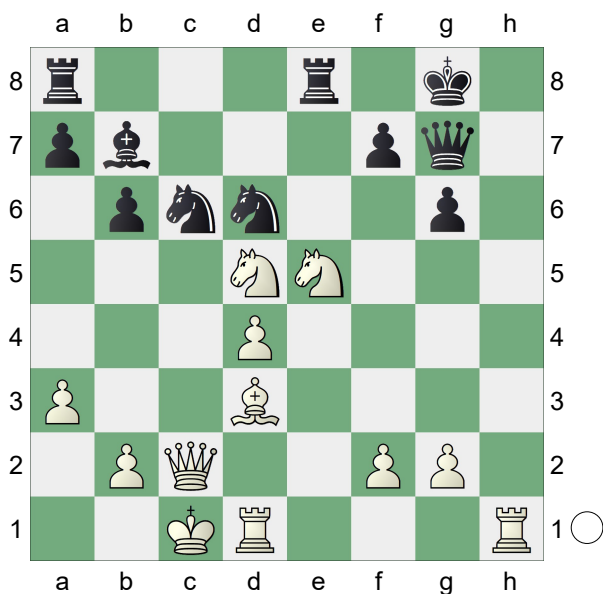
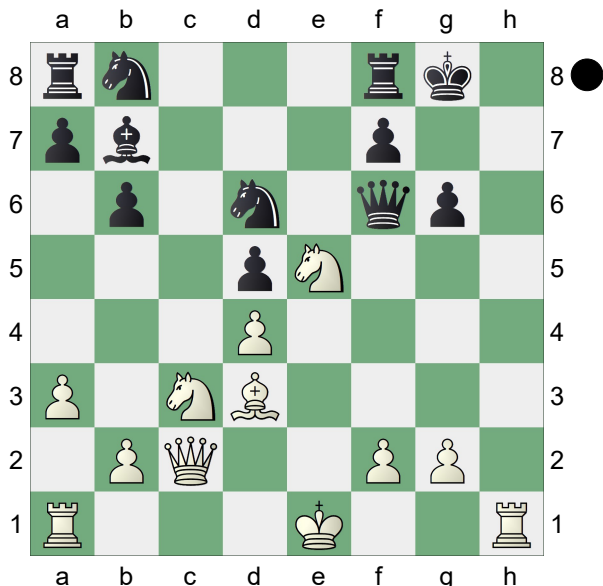
(Diagram)

Re8?? 11:17

[ 16...Nc6 17.Nxd5 Qe6 18.Nf4 Qf6  
19.Nd5 Qe6 20.Nc7 Qe7 21.Qc3!?  
( 21.f4!?) ]

17.0-0-0+ 20:57 Nc6 11:12 18.Nxd5  
3:55 Qg7 1:31

(Diagram)



**19.Nd7?** 2:56  
 [ 19.Ng4 Re6 20.Nc7 Nxd4 21.Nxe6 Nxe6 22.Qe2 ]  
**19...Re6!** 2:34 **20.Rde1?** 10:09  
 [ 20.Nc7 Rc8 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Kb1! Qxd7 23.Qe2± ]  
**20...Rae8±** 10:02 **21.Rxe6 Rxe6** 1:26  
**22.Nb4?** 4:36  
 [ 22.N5f6+ Rxf6 23.d5 Ne5 24.Nxe5 Bxd5 25.Qd2± ]  
**22...Nxb4+** 2:06 **23.axb4** 1 **Qxd4** 1:11  
**24.Rd1** 2:09 **Qxb4** 2:25 **25.Qc7** 29 **Kg7**  
 6:27 **26.Qd8** 3:32 **Nc4** 44 **27.Qf8+** 1:41  
**Qxf8** 7 **28.Nxf8** 1 **Kxf8** 20 **29.Bxc4** 4  
**Rc6** 37 **30.b3** 2 **b5** 23 **31.Rd7** 2 **Bc8**

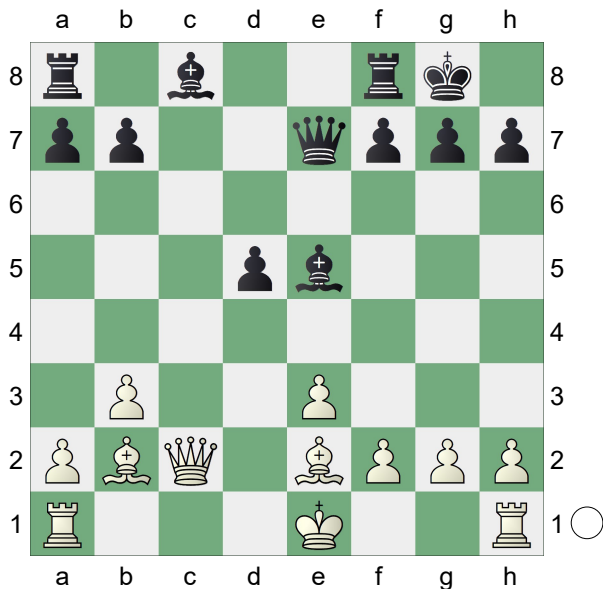
1:47 **32.Rxf7+** 11 **Ke8** 5 **33.Rxa7** 23  
**bxc4** 5 **34.bxc4** 7 **Rxc4+** 16 **35.Kd2** 4  
**Rc6** 59 **36.Ke3** 1:49 **Rf6** 32 **37.f3** 32  
**Bd7** 25 **38.g4** 39 **Kd8** 2:33 **39.Ra5** 1:32  
**Ke7** 12 **40.Ra7** 12 **Kd6** 55 **41.Ra6+** 21  
**Bc6** 1:19 **42.f4** 14 **Re6+** 30 **43.Kf2** 2  
**Kc5** 1:20 **44.Ra1** 1:55 **Re4** 22 **45.Rc1+**  
 30 **Rc4** 19 **46.Rxc4+** 1:00 **Kxc4** 5  
**47.f5** 3 **g5** 1:58  
**0-1**

□ **Cremisi, Daniel** **D45**  
**2401**  
 ■ **Sankar, Arvind** **1925**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.2)  
*[Winslow, Elliott]*

**1.d4** 2 **d5** 5:40 **2.c4** 4 **c6** 8 **3.Nc3** 3  
**Nf6** 9 **4.e3** 3 **e6** 48 **5.Qc2** 1:13 **Nbd7**  
 2:06 **6.b3** 1:03 **Bd6** 2:44 **7.Nf3** 38 **0-0**  
 5:36 **8.Bb2** 43 **Qe7** 11:00 **9.Be2** 1:16  
 [Relevant: 9.Bd3 e5 10.cxd5 cxd5  
 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nb5  
 Bxb2 14.Qxb2 Bd7 15.Nd4 Ng4  
 16.Qd2 Qh4 17.h3 Nxe3 18.Nf3  
 Qf6 **0-1** Radjabov, T (2723)-Daneshvar,  
B (2582) Chess.com Classic Div 3 L  
Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (2.3) ]  
**9...e5** 3:57 **10.dxe5** 2:00 **Nxe5** 52  
**11.Nxe5** 44 **Bxe5** 1:13 **12.cxd5** 36  
**Nxd5** 8:24 **13.Nxd5** 1:41 **cxd5** 48

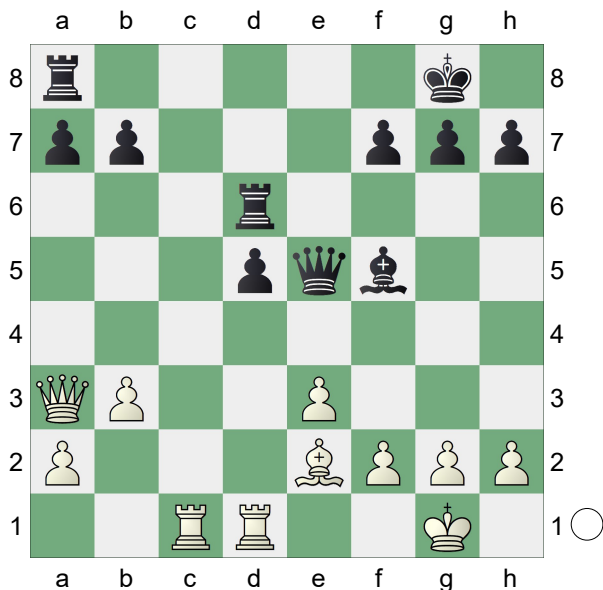
(Diagram)

**14.0-0N** 2:17  
 [Predecessor: 14.Bxe5 Qxe5 15.0-0  
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 18.Rxc8 Rxc8 19.Rc1 Rxc1+  
 20.Qxc1 d4 21.Qb2 Qa5 22.b4 Qa4  
 23.exd4 Be4 24.f3 Bd5 25.a3 a6  
 26.Qc3 Bc6 27.d5 Bb5 28.Kf2 Bxe2  
 29.Kxe2 Qd7 30.Qc5 f6 31.g4  
 Qe8+ 32.Kd3 Qg6+ 33.Kd4  
 1-0 Muller-Van Kol, J EU-ch M corr



[ICCF corr 1997 ]

**14...Bxb2** 5:37 **15.Qxb2** 2 **Bf5** 49  
**16.Rfd1** 4:00 **Rfd8** 3:59 **17.Rac1** 2:40  
**Rd6** 13:58 **18.Qa3** 1:55 **Qe5** 2:52



**19.Bf3** 4:14  
 [ 19.h4! $\pm$  ]  
**19...Rh6?!** 2:47  
 [ 19...Be6 $\pm$  ]  
 [ 19...Ra6 $\pm$  ]  
**20.g3** 3:09  
 [ 20.h3 ]  
**20...Be4?!** 4:53  
 [ 20...Ra6 21.Qc5 Qf6 $\pm$  ]  
**21.Bxe4+-** 39 **dxe4** 2:39 **22.Qxa7** 1:07  
**Re8** 1:53 **23.Qxb7** 55 **Qh5** 1:22 **24.h4**

**15.Qf3** 1:46 **25.Qd7** 1:09 **Rhe6** 1:56  
**26.Rd5** 3:47 **h6** 1:26 **27.Qb5** 2:05 **Ra8**  
 3:20 **28.Rf5** 1:11 **Qg4** 1:48 **29.Rf4** 22  
**Qg6** 29 **30.Rc7** 2:55 **Rf6** 1:20 **31.h5** 47  
**Rb6** 3:12 **32.Qd5** 1:29  
**1-0**

**D91**

□ **Dasika,Archit** **2227**  
 ■ **Dutter,Frederic** **1904**

1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.3)  
 [Winslow,Elliott]

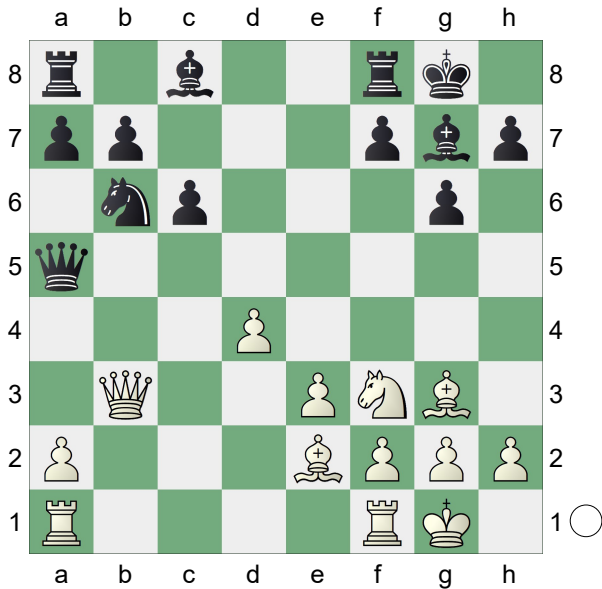
**1.d4** 9:59 **Nf6** 53 **2.c4** 6 **g6** 7 **3.Nc3** 5  
**d5** 10 **4.Bg5** 19 **Ne4** 2:20 **5.Bf4** 7  
**Nxc3** 3:27 **6.bxc3** 7 **Bg7** 1:39 **7.Nf3** 48  
**c6** 14:58

[Relevant: 7...dxc4 8.e3 b5 9.a4 c6  
 10.Qb1 Bf5 11.e4 Bd7 12.Be2 0-0  
 13.0-0 Qc8 14.Ne5 Be8 15.Qb4 f6  
 16.Nf3 Rf7 17.axb5 cxb5 18.d5 Na6  
 19.Qa3 Nc5 20.e5 fxe5 21.Bxe5  
 Bf6 22.Rad1 Nb3 23.Bxf6 exf6  
 24.Nd4 Qc5 25.Qa6 Nxd4 26.Rxd4  
 Rb8 27.Re1 Bd7 28.Bf3 Qb6  
 29.Qa3 b4 30.Qxb4 Qxb4 31.cxb4  
 Rxb4 32.d6 Rf8 33.h3 Re8  
 34.Rxe8+ Bxe8 35.d7 Bxd7 36.Rxd7  
 a5 37.Bd5+ 1-0 (58) Keymer,V (2738)-  
Aronian,L (2725) Chessable Masters  
Div 2 Win Chess.com INT rapid 2024  
(4.3) ]

**8.cxd5** 3:57 **Qxd5** 2:17 **9.e3** 2:32 **0-0**  
 7:37 **10.Be2** 2:45 **Nd7** 6:56 **11.0-0** 29  
**Qa5** 3:52 **12.Qb3** 3:56 **e5** 11:28  
**13.Bg3** 1:18 **exd4** 1:56 **14.cxd4** 14  
**Nb6** 2:48

(Diagram)

**15.Bc7N** 7:44  
 [Predecessor: 15.Rfc1 Qd5 16.Qb4  
 Be6 17.a4 Qd7 18.Rab1 Bf5  
 19.Ra1 Nd5 20.Qc5 Rfe8 21.Ne5

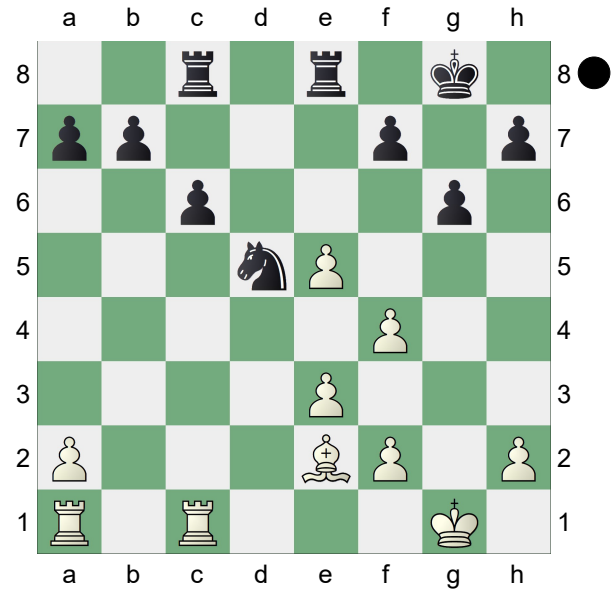


Qd8 22.a5 Bf8 23.Qc4 Be6 24.Qa4  
f6 25.Nd3 Bf7 26.Rab1 Qe7 27.Bf3  
Bh6 28.Nc5 b6 29.Ne4 Nxe3  
30.Qxc6 Nd5 31.Re1 Rac8 32.Nxf6+  
Qxf6 33.Rxe8+ Rxe8 34.Bxd5 Qxc6  
35.Bxc6 Rd8 36.Rd1  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  Varlet,N  
(2140)-Thebault,B (2265) FRA-chT  
France 1989 ]

15...Be6 1:54 16.Qc2 2:17 Rac8 6:07  
17.Be5 6:39 Bxe5 2:57 18.dxe5 1:40  
Bg4 2:59 19.Qe4 3:15 Bxf3 1:22  
20.gxf3 20 Rfe8 4:50  
[ 20...Nd5 $\bar{f}$  ]  
21.f4 15 Qd5 3:08  
[ 21...f6!= ]  
22.Qxd5 3:24 Nxd5 1:06 23.Rfc1 1:05

(Diagram)

Kg7 3:26 24.Rab1 32 Re7 2:27 25.a4  
1:34 b6 2:09 26.Bf3 54 Rec7 13  
27.Rc4 1:34 Ne7 12 28.a5 1:14 b5 21  
[ 28...Rb8 $\pm$  ]  
29.Rc5 15 a6 28 30.Rd1 1:29 Rb7 53  
31.Kf1 2:17 Rbc7 1:03 32.Rd6 2:15 b4  
1:14 33.Rd2 52 Rb8 2:03 34.Be2 28  
b3 45 35.Rb2 16 Rb4 51 36.Bxa6 1:08  
Ra7 1:16 37.Bc4 36 Ra4 43 38.a6 1:33  
Ra1+ 12 39.Kg2 29 Ra3 8 40.Kf3 1:38  
Nd5 53 41.Rxc6 57 Nb4 16 42.Rb6 10



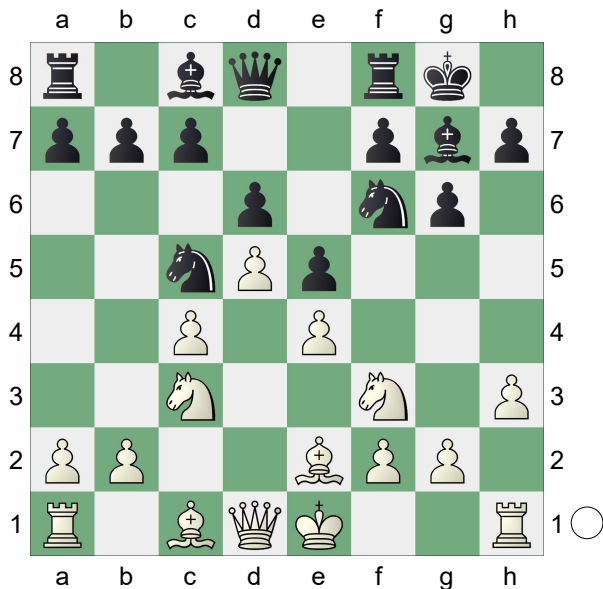
Nc2 29 43.Rb7 50 R3xa6 40 44.Bxa6  
25 Rxa6 5 45.R7xb3 21 Ne1+ 13  
46.Ke2 40 Ng2 7 47.Rb7 11  
1-0

□ Clemens,Kristian E93 1835  
■ Winslow,Elliott 2026  
1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4)  
[Clemens,Kristian]

Slow 90min+30sec EW: I had done a  
"Tactical Analysis," which I find actually  
rather crude, but then got Kristian's  
mail-in; Much more interesting! Always  
good to get an "inside story"... 1.d4 4  
Nf6 17 2.c4 28 g6 54 3.Nc3 25 Bg7 13  
4.e4 28 d6 10 5.Nf3 11 0-0 16 6.Be2  
39 Nbd7 1:21 Black avoids ...e5, which  
would give White the option of d5, dxe5,  
Be3, etc. I thought it was likely that  
Black would play this and keep queens  
on the board (as ...e5 dxe5 would lead to  
a queenless middlegame). 7.h3 2:19 e5  
22 8.d5 1:12 Nc5 1:53

(Diagram)

9.Qc2 2:17 NM Mike Walder and I have



an even score in OTB classical games, but he has a huge plus score against me online. After one typical Walder attacking masterpiece in this opening, he mentioned that the queen would have been more natural on d1 than on c2, where I put it. In this case, I wanted to delay Nd2 so that my bishop could get out. This threatens b4 and allows Be3.

**9...a5** 32

[ 9...Nh5!? 10.Bg5 f6 11.Be3 Nf4 12.Bf1 f5 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.0-0-0± ]

**10.Be3** 2:28 **Ne8** 4:47

[ 10...Bd7 I thought Black might play this, encouraging me to show my cards with regard to my king position. ]

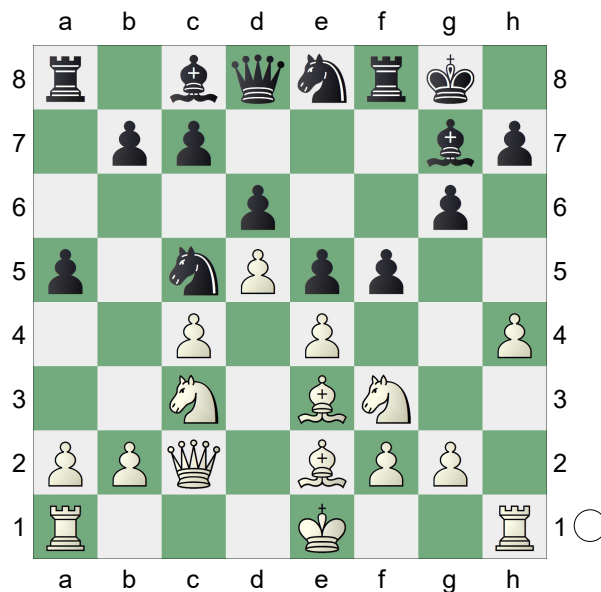
[EW: might as well let the 2700s check in, via ChessBase's "Novelty Annotation" function (especially as I suspected this was the best move):

10...Nh5 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.0-0-0 Nf4 13.Bf1 Nh5 14.Kb1 f5 15.Nd2 Bh6 16.g3 Kh8 17.Be2 Nf6 18.Bd3 Bxd2 ( 18...Ne8± ) 19.Qxd2 Bd7 ( 19...fxe4± was necessary. 20.Bc2 b6 ) 20.Rde1 ( 20.exf5+- gxf5 21.g4 ) 20...Qe7 ( 20...fxe4± 21.Bxe4 Qe7 ) 21.h4 f4 ( 21...Rae8± is a better defense. ) 22.gxf4+- Nh5 23.fxe5 Qxe5 24.Qe3 Nf4 25.Bf1

Repels Ng2 b6 26.Ne2 Nh5 ( 26...Kg7± 27.f3 Rae8 ) 27.Bh3+- 1-0 (40) Praggnanandhaa,R (2691)-Gupta,A (2620) IND-ch Rapid 32nd Pune 2023 (9) ]

**11.h4!** 7:24 The point of this idea, which I got from the game Korchnoi-Botvinnik, 1952 and a few other more recent games I can't remember, is that Black's king is a semi-fixed target on the kingside, while I haven't revealed where my king is going, so the usual kingside attack that Black wants to set up with ... f5 may end up not troubling my king.

**11...f5** 2:09

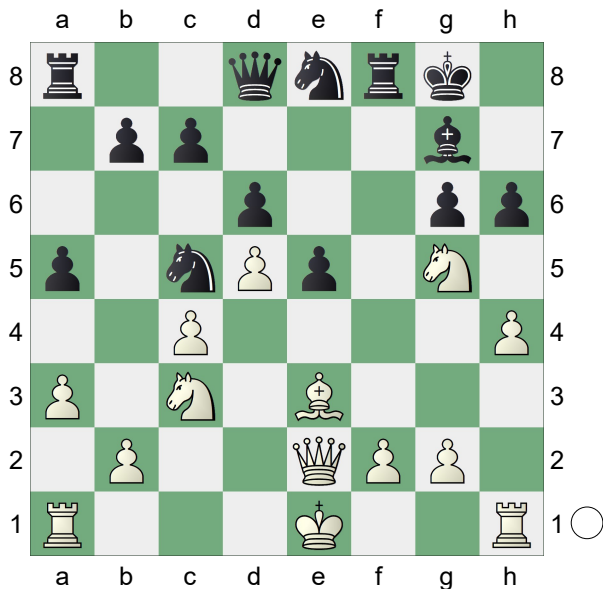


**12.h5N** 3:43

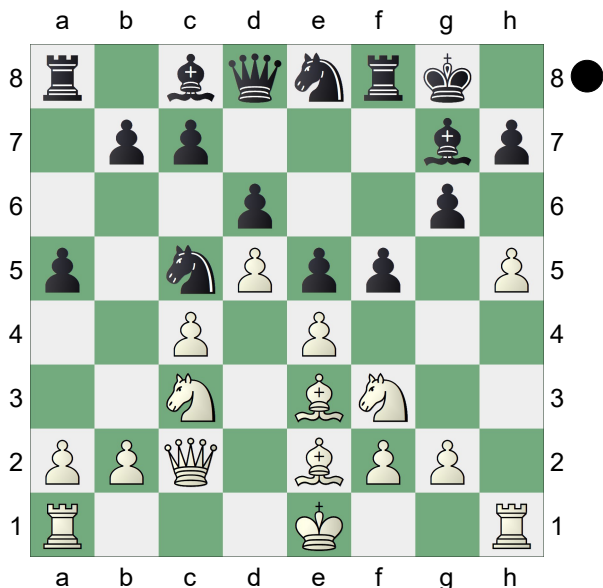
[ 12.Bg5 was my original intention, but I abandoned it after seeing lines like: Nf6 13.h5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.hxg6 fxe4 ]

[Predecessor: 12.exf5 0.58 12.Bxc5 Bxf5 13.Qd2 Na6? ( 13...Nf6!± ) 14.a3? ( 14.h5± ) 14...Nc5= 15.Qd1 Prevents Nb3. ( 15.Bxc5= dxc5 16.Ng5 ) 15...Bg4? ( 15...Qe7± stays ahead. ) 16.Ng5± Bxe2 ( 16...Bd7± ) 17.Qxe2+- h6

(Diagram)



18.Nge4? ( 18.Bxc5!+- hxg5  
19.Be3 ) 18...Nxe4± 19.Nxe4±  
0-1 (30) Pinero Mari,E-Recuero  
Guerra,D (2020) ESP-ch U12  
Formigal 2002 (3.3) ]



**12...fxe4** 9:26 White is slightly better.  
[ 12...f4 13.Bd2 ( 13.Bxc5 dxc5  
14.hxg6 hxg6 15.0-0-0± ) 13...g5  
14.Nh2 Nf6 ]

**13.Nd2** 5:11 TA 6.4: '311'  
[ 13.Ng5± Bh6

**A) 14.Nxh7!** The engine pointed out this move, which I didn't see in the game- had I seen it, I would

have played the more aggressive Ng5. Bxe3 ( 14...Kxh7 15.hxg6+ Kxg6 16.Rxh6+ ) 15.Nxf8 Kxf8 16.fxe3 Qg5 17.h6;

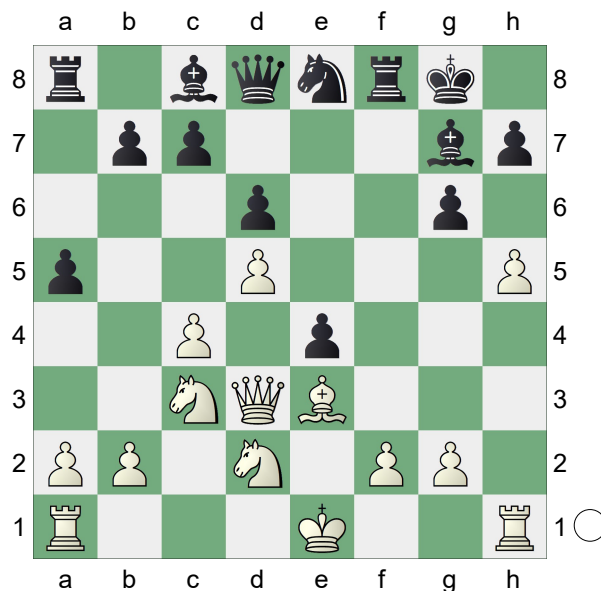
**B) 14.Ngxe4** Bxe3 15.fxe3 Bf5 16.hxg6 Bxg6 I didn't like this for White, even if the engine says it's fine- it's hard for White to break through on the kingside and prove that his attack is worth accepting the broken pawn structure. ]

**13...Nd3+** 7:07 Black spent 7 minutes on this move, which I looked at but did not expect. '=!' TA 6.4: '=!' TA 6.4: '427'

[ 13...Bf5 14.g4 Bd7 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Ndx4± ]

**14.Bxd3** 3:37 TA 6.4: '216' **14...exd3**

1:27 TA 6.4: '87' **15.Qxd3** 29 **e4** 1:51



Around here I got up to have dinner outside of the hall. I wasn't particularly surprised to see this pawn sac, but I had to carefully consider it anyway. It's always scary leaving one's king in the center against an attacker as strong as IM Winslow, but his pieces seemed pretty passive, and all I need is one move to castle my king to safety. TA 6.4: '112' **16.Ndx4** 7:58 ± hxg6 would now be deadly. TA 6.4: '±' TA 6.4: '478 hxg6 would now be deadly.'

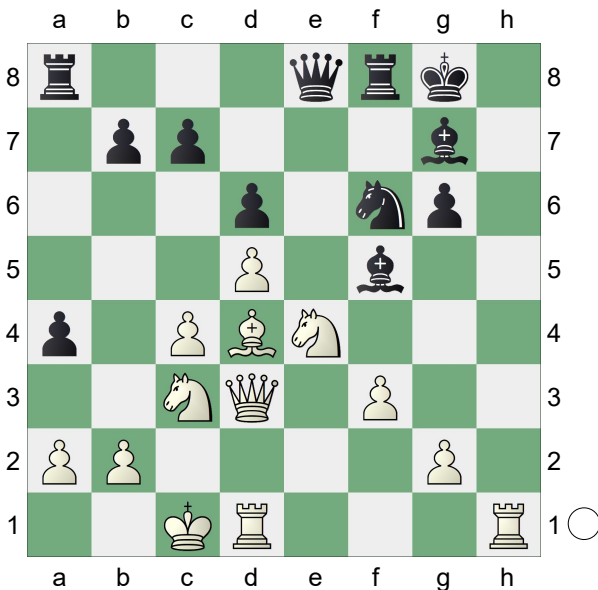


wasn't too afraid of his bishop pair, which at the moment has no scope. My conclusion was that my biggest problem in this position was that I was playing IM Elliott Winslow (and not any perceived deficiencies in my position), but I also didn't consider my position winning by any means. TA 6.4: '250'

[ 20.Bh6 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Bg4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7± Black's king looks very airy, although again I don't think there's a knockout here. 23.Qd4+ Qe5 ]

**20...a4?! 10:21** For the first time all game, I was mystified by one of Black's moves. Was this a bluff, a copout, or a farsighted strategic move? Since my opponent has been playing this opening at IM strength since before I was born, I'm inclined to "trust" him, but this hardly seemed like a pressing priority in this situation. In fact, he did end up with the strong threat of ...a3 a few moves later.

[ 20...Nxe4 was worth a try. 21.fxe4 Bg4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qd4+ Qe5 24.Qxe5+ dxe5 25.Rdf1± And maybe this is simply good enough for White. ]



TA 6.4: '623' **21.g4 7:21** My opponent said this was "not necessary" after the game, and I think it shows how

differently we evaluated this position. I wanted to trade off defenders on Black's kingside and nurse what I thought was an extra pawn and a slight positional advantage with some attacking chances. Black (and the engine) evidently saw some danger in this position and traded off some minor pieces, going for an endgame where he drummed up some counterplay. The point of this move, besides eliminating his bishop and the pin on e4, was to clear the second (and potentially third) rank for my major pieces to swing over to the h-file. I remembered that idea from the 19th game of the Spassky-Petrosian match from 1969, when Spassky's g4 opened a file and allowed his major pieces to attack on the kingside: TA 6.4: '440'

[ 21.Nxf6+ ♠ TA 6.4: '♠' Bxf6 22.Qd2 Bxd4 Remove Defender 23.Qxd4 Qe5 24.Qh4 Qg7 and Black holds ]

[ 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nxf6+ Rxf6 23.Qd4 Qe5

**A) 24.Qxe5** dxe5 25.Rh6

computer move, which I would almost certainly not find ( 25.Rhe1 Re8 26.Ne4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4± );

**B) 24.Qh4** Rf7 ]

**21...Bxe4 4:02 '+-' TA 6.4: '+-' TA 6.4: '243'**

[ 21...Bd7 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.Rde1 Qf7 25.Rh6 Qg7 26.Reh1 ]

**22.Nxe4 1:16 TA 6.4: '76'**

[ 22.fxe4 I didn't play this because it opens the f-file, where his rook already is, isolates my g-pawn (which is not a problem now, but could be in the endgame), and seems to be inviting Black to set up a blockade on e5. Nxc4 I don't think Black would ever take such a pawn, but if he does: 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qh3 Nf6 25.Qh6+



Kg8 26.Qh8+ Kf7 27.Rh7+ Nxh7  
28.Qxh7+ Kf6 29.Rf1+ I didn't see  
this far in the game, but White has a  
crushing attack in this line. ]

**22...Nxe4** 1:41 TA 6.4: '100' **23.Bxg7**  
5:43

[ 23.fxe4 TA 6.4: '♞' TA 6.4: 'aiming  
for Qh3.' a3 24.b3 ( 24.bxa3 Qe7±;  
24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qe3 axb2+  
26.Kb1 Rh8± )]

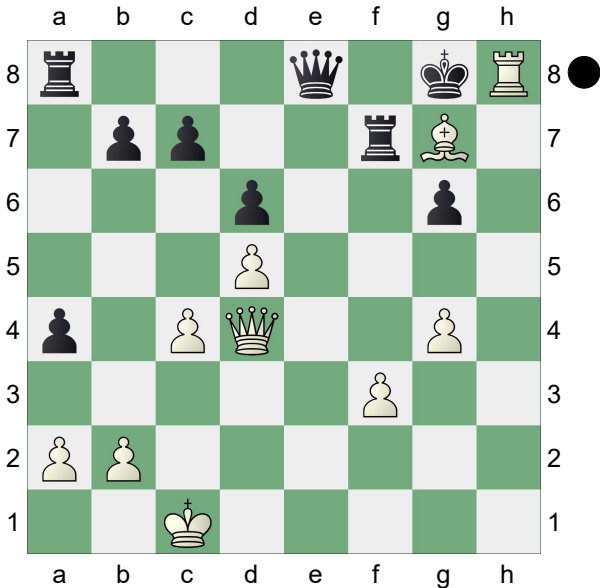
[Not 23.Qxe4 Qxe4 24.fxe4 Rae8= ]

**23...Kxg7** 1:45 '±' TA 6.4: '±' TA 6.4:  
'449'

[ 23...Nf2 24.Qd4 Nxh1

**A) 25.Rxh1!±** Rf7 ( 25...Rxf3  
26.Rh8+ Kf7 27.Rxe8 Rxe8±

I hadn't worked out how to proceed  
from here, but White has to be a lot  
better. ) 26.Rh8#



**B) 25.Bxf8** Qxf8 26.Rxh1 Qg7 ]

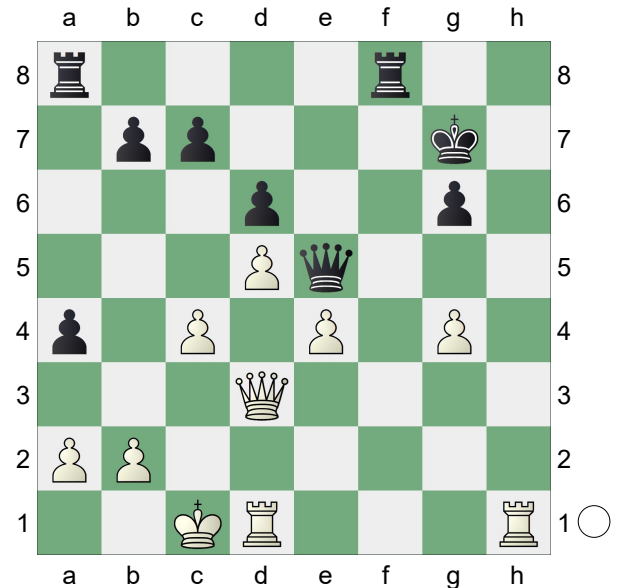
**24.fxe4** 2:26 TA 6.4: '145'

[But not 24.Qxe4 '?!' TA 6.4: '?!' Qxe4  
25.fxe4 Rf4± I thought Black had a  
slight edge here- he's not getting  
mated, and I have a lot of pawns on  
the fourth rank. ( 25...Rae8± )]

[Better is 24.Rhe1± ]

**24...Qe5=** 2:07 This is the blockade that  
I was hoping to avoid, rendering my

extra pawn pretty much useless. I spent  
about 14 minutes on my next move,  
realizing that ...a3 was now a strong  
threat.



**25.a3** 14:06 I really didn't want to  
acknowledge ...a4 as a useful move, but  
I saw some annoying threats against b2  
and decided that I should just stop  
those and let Black have his pawn back,  
if he wants it.

[ 25.Qh3 Rh8 26.Qc3 Qxc3+  
27.bxc3 The computer suggests this,  
but I think this is hideous and would  
not play it. ]

[ 25.Rdf1 a3 26.bxa3 Qa1+ 27.Qb1  
Qc3+ 28.Qc2 Qxa3+ 29.Kb1  
This was not at all what I had in  
mind. ]

[ 25.Kb1 Rf2

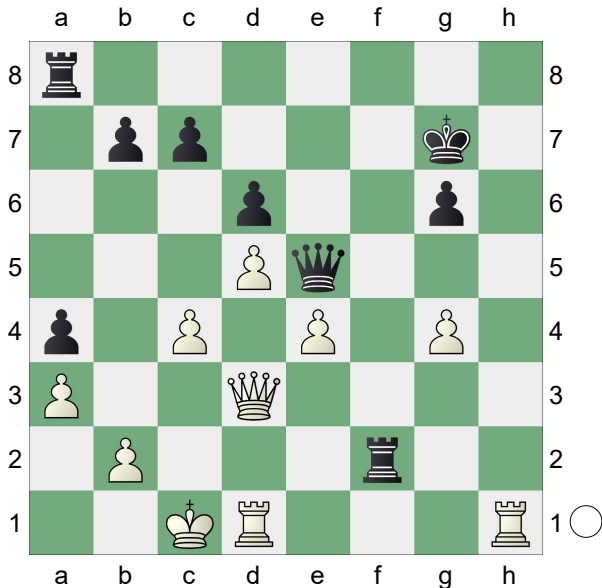
**A) 26.Qd4** Qxd4 27.Rxd4 a3  
28.b3 ( 28.bxa3 Rxa3± White is  
not having any fun in this position. )  
28...Rb2+ 29.Ka1 Rf8;

**B) 26.Rd2** Rxd2 27.Qxd2 Qxe4+  
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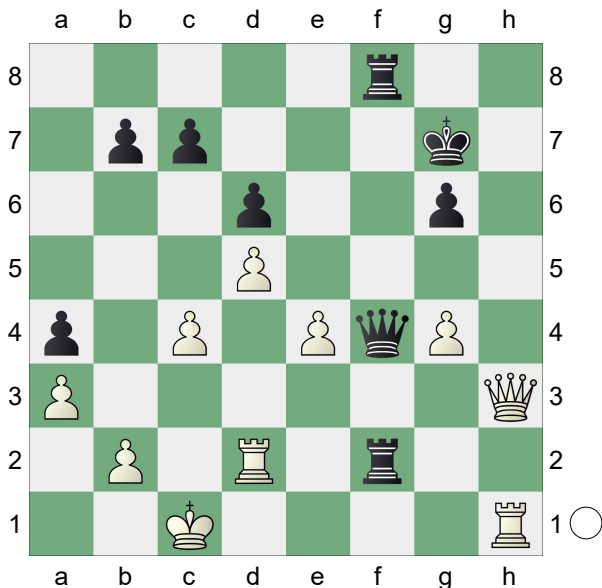
**25...Rf2** 3:54 I wanted to play Qh3 now  
that ...Rh8 isn't possible, but the threat  
is Qxb2

[ 25...Qf4+ 26.Kb1 Qxg4 27.Rdg1  
( 27.Qd4+ Rf6 28.Rdf1 Raf8 29.Rxf6

Rxf6 30.Rf1 Qg5 There's probably a draw here, but Black's g-pawn will start running if I trade pieces. )]



Prevents Qc2. **26.Rd2** 1:58 **Raf8** 53  
**27.Qh3** 3:57 Intending Qh7+ and mate.  
 [ 27.Qe3 Qf4 28.Qxf4 R8xf4= ]  
**27...Qf4** 3:38



**28.Qh7+** 42 **Kf6** 9 At this point, my clock was running down, and I had just decided that I had at least a forced perpetual because of the threat of Qxf2. So I instantly repeated moves to gain a minute on the clock. **29.Qh4+** 2:19 **Kg7** 47

[ 29...g5 30.Qxf2 ]  
 [ 29...Kf7 30.Qxf2 ]  
 [EW: I'd mention 29...Ke5 30.Qe7# if only because I hadn't noticed it earlier! ]

**30.Qh7+** 6 **Kf6** 13 Here I gave myself until 4:00 on my clock to consider Black's draw offer. 31. e5+ dxe5 didn't seem to accomplish anything. 31. g5+ Qxg5 32. Rhd1 Rf7 seemed like it was going in the wrong direction, and I couldn't think of anything else to play, so I accepted the draw after about 5-6 minutes of thought. I think I was better in the middlegame, but I don't feel that I let a clear win slip away. At most it was an uncomfortable position and a pawn down for Black. Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.40.

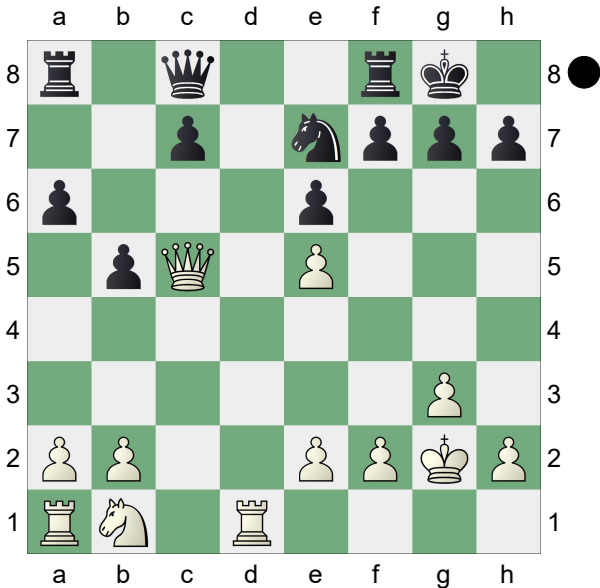
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**E05**  
 2035  
**Widjaja, Luke**  
 2197  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.5)

**1.d4 d5** 6:46 **2.c4** 6 **e6** 2 **3.Nf3** 3 **Nf6**  
 4 **4.g3** 10 **Be7** 4 **5.Bg2** 3 **0-0** 7 **6.0-0**  
 11 **dxxc4** 29 **7.Qa4** 4 **a6** 6 **8.Qxc4** 3 **b5**  
 5 **9.Qc2** 3 **Bb7** 3 **10.Bd2** 3 **Be4** 31  
**11.Qc1** 3 **Bb7** 42 **12.Rd1** 5 **Qc8** 27  
**13.Bg5** 2:41 **Nbd7** 2:12 **14.Ne5** 2:45  
 [Relevant: 14.Nbd2 c5 15.a4 c4  
 16.Ne5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Nxe5 18.dxe5  
 Nd5 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Ne4 Qc6  
 21.Qe3 Rfd8 22.Qf3 h6 23.Rd6  
 Rxd6 24.exd6 Nd5 25.axb5 axb5  
 26.Rxa8+ Qxa8 27.Nc5 Qc6 28.d7  
 Qd6 29.e4 Nb6 30.e5 Qc7 31.Qd1  
 Nxd7 32.Nxd7 b4 33.Qd6 Qb7+  
 34.Kh3 Qf3 35.Qb8+ Kh7 36.Nf8+  
 Kg8 37.Nxe6+ Kh7 38.Nf8+ Kg8  
 39.Ng6+ Kh7 40.Ne7 h5 41.Qg8+

1-0 Andreikin,D (2729)-Madaminov,M (2488) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Jan Early Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (8) ]

14...Bxg2 6:45 15.Kxg2 3 Nxe5 4:30  
16.dxe5 9 Nd5 3 17.Bxe7 6:36 Nxe7 8  
18.Qc5 3



**Nd5N 4:55**

[Predecessor: 18...Qb7+ 19.f3 Nd5 20.Nd2 Qb6 21.Qxb6 Nxb6 22.Rac1 Rfd8 23.b3 Nd5 24.Kf2 b4 25.Ne4 a5 26.Rd2 a4 27.bxa4 Rdb8 28.Nc5 Ra5 29.Rc4 h6 30.Rb2 Rba8 31.Rbc2 Nc3 32.Rd2 Nd5 33.Rdc2 Nc3 34.a3 Nd1+ 35.Ke1 Ne3 36.axb4 Nxc2+ 37.Rxc2 R5a7 38.Kd2 Kf8 39.Kc3 Ke7 40.a5 Rd8 41.Nd3 Kd7 42.Kc4 c6 43.Kb3 Rb8 44.Ka4 Kc7 45.Rc4 g5 46.h4 Kd7 47.hxg5 hxg5 48.Nc5+ 1-0 (57) Dang, H (2193)-Vu,P (2051) VIE-chT Ho Chi Minh City 2015 (6.15) ]

19.Nd2 14:07 Qb7 5:57 20.Nf3 33  
Rac8 4:22 21.Rd4 3:24 a5 14:51 22.a3  
6:49 c6 2:21 23.Rad1 2:29 Nb6 1:18  
24.b3 59 a4 3:33 25.b4 7 Nc4 1:04  
26.Ng5 1:49 Qb8 4:43 27.Ne4 19:30  
Qxe5 3:49 28.Rxc4 8 Qb2 5:27  
29.Rcd4 44 Qxa3 4:34 30.Qe7 17  
Rce8 1:21 31.Nf6+ 3 gxf6 39 32.Rg4+

2 Kh8 6 33.Qxf6# 2  
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**A25**

□ Diller,Bradley R

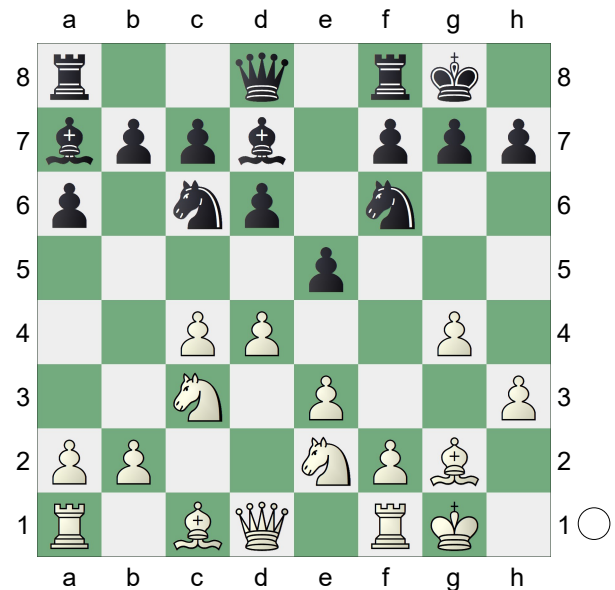
**2116**

■ Parsons,Stephen

**1859**

1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.6)  
[Diller,Bradley R]

1.c4 Nf6 12 2.g3 8 e5 23 3.Bg2 31  
Bc5 1:09 4.Nc3 37 a6 2:04 5.e3 2:02  
Nc6 4:06 6.Nge2 45 d6 1:27 7.0-0 1:06  
0-0 18 8.h3 4:20 Bf5 6:05 9.d4 1:50  
Ba7 54 10.g4 15:46 Bd7 12:24



**11.b3 4:37 Rb8 2:06 12.dxe5 6:09**

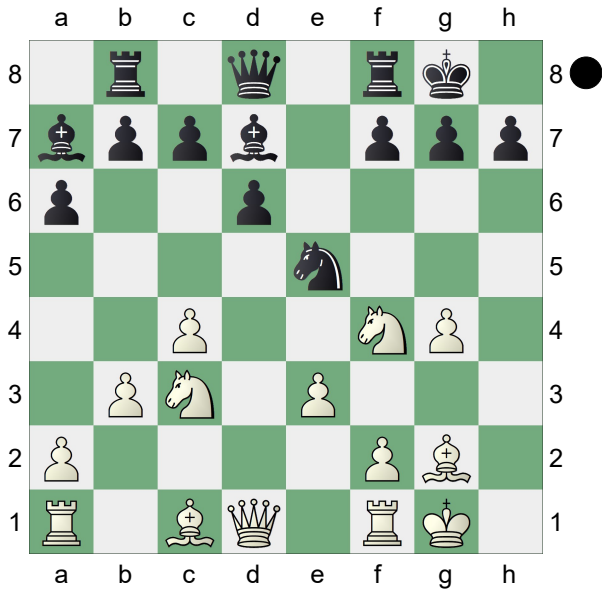
[ Δ12.a4 This was a better move to keep the tension and prevent the freeing move b5. ]

**12...Nxe5 3:35 13.Nf4 1:07 Nfxg4!?**  
1:46 14.hxg4 1:52

(Diagram)

**Nxg4? 6**

[ Δ14...Qh4! 15.g5 Bg4 16.f3 Bxf3  
17.Bxf3 Qxf4 18.Ne4 Bxe3+  
19.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 20.Kg2± I may be slightly better according to the engine, but black has great piece activity and



my king is weak. ]

**15.Qf3!+-** 2:45 **f5** 1:35 **16.Bb2** 8:37 **Rf6**

4:11 **17.Rfe1** 9:53 **Rh6** 1:10 **18.Nh3?**

1:24 This was a serious error allowing Ne5 and the subsequent f4 pawn sacrifice, liberating his light squared bishop. While the knight on h3 defends against h-file intrusions, the knight is poorly placed on the flank.

[ 18.Nce2! This was a simple move to respond to Ne5 with the simple Bxe5 and respond with Qg3 against the sally Qh4. Qe7 ( 18...Ne5 19.Bxe5 Bc6 20.Nd5 dxe5 21.Qxf5+-; 18...Qh4 19.Qg3+- ) 19.Rad1 c6 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 ]

**18...Qh4?** 2:22

[ 18...Ne5 19.Qd1 f4 20.Nxf4 Qh4∞ With strong compensation ]

**19.Qf4?** 6:51

[ Δ19.Ne2 Rg6 20.Nef4 Rh6 21.Re2 c6+- ]

**19...Rg6** 6:14 **20.Kf1** 32

[ Δ20.Re2 ]

**20...Rf8** 4:28

[ Δ20...Re8= ]

**21.Rad1** 11:58 **c6?** 3:38

[ Δ21...Re8= ]

**22.Ba3!** 3:54 **c5?** 5:09 This was a terrible mistake ceding the d5 square

and smothering his dark-squared bishop.

[ Δ22...Bb8! 23.Rxd6 ( ≤23.Bxd6? Bxd6 24.Rxd6 Nxe3+ 25.Rxe3 Qxf4 26.Nxf4 Rxd6≠ ) 23...Bxd6 24.Bxd6 Re8 25.c5± ]

**23.f3?** 1:06 This was another lemon.

Although the knight is pinned, it cannot be taken because the queen is pinned after the capture. In addition, I virtually checkmated the queen because Qf3 is no longer available. Simply, 23 Nd5 which I played afterwards secures a winning advantage. **23...Bc6** 18:38

[ 23...d5 This was an interesting try to activate the dark squared bishop, but I get more than enough compensation for the queen. 24.fxg4 Bb8 ( 24...fxg4 25.Ke2+- ) 25.Bxc5 Bxf4 26.Nxf4+- ]

**24.Nd5!+-** 32 Finally! **24...Re6** 1:47

**25.Kg1** 6:56 **Rg6** 7:24 **26.Bb2** 1:08

**Bb8** 2:31 **27.e4** 2:25 **fxe4** 2:25

**28.Qxe4** 2 **Re8** 5:22 **29.Ne7+** 1:57

**Rxe7** 1:05 **30.Qxe7** 1 **Qxe7** 26

**31.Rxe7** 1 **Nf6** 33 **32.Nf4** 30 **Rg5** 33

**33.Ne6** 1:27 **Rg6** 3 **34.Kf2** 19 **d5** 24

**35.cxd5** 1:28 **Bg3+** 10 **36.Kg1** 1:17

**Nxd5** 38 **37.Rxg7+** 16 **Rxg7** 8 **38.Nxg7**

20 **Nf4** 58 **39.Nf5** 25 **Ne2+** 25 **40.Kh1**

2 **Bf4** 56 **41.Ne7+** 24 **Kf7** 27 **42.Nxc6**

7 **Ng3+** 31 **43.Kg1** 1:02 **bxg6** 5 **44.Bf1**

25 **h5** 24 **45.Bxa6** 12 **h4** 30 **46.Kg2** 4

**Nf5** 7 **47.Kh3** 35 **Bg3** 14 **48.Bc4+** 41

**Ke7** 2:32 **49.Rd2** 15 **Nd6** 43 **50.a4** 13

**Kd7** 13 **51.Re2** 26 **Kc8** 1:16 **52.Be5** 8

**Nf5** 54 **53.Be6+** 28

**1-0**

**B15**

**Ivanenko,Anthony Vladimir** 1969  
 **Bambou,Christophe** 2099  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.7)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4  
 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Be3 Bd6 7.Bd3  
 0-0 8.Ne2 Re8 9.0-0 Nd7 10.c4 Nf8  
 11.Ng3 Be6 12.Qc2 g6 13.Rfe1 f5  
 14.Ne2 Qc7 15.g3 Rad8 16.a3 Bd7  
 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Bf4 Qc8 19.Rad1 Bf6  
 20.Bd2 Ne6 21.Bc3 Ng5 22.Kg2 f4  
 23.Nxf4 Bh3+ 24.Kh1 Bg4 25.Be2  
 Rxe2 26.Rxe2 Bf3+ 27.Kg1 Nh3+  
 28.Kf1 Nxf4 29.gxf4 Qh3+ 30.Ke1  
 Qxh2 31.Rd3 Qg1+ 32.Kd2 Bxe2  
 33.Kxe2 Qg4+ 34.Kf1 Qxf4 35.d5  
 Qxc4 36.b3 Qh4 37.Bxf6 Qxf6 38.dxc6  
 Rxd3 39.c7 Rc3 40.c8Q+ Rxc8  
 41.Qxc8+ Kg7 42.Qxb7 Qa1+ 43.Kg2  
 Qxa3 44.b4 Qa1 45.Qe7 Qd4 46.Kg1  
 h5 47.Kg2 h4 48.f3 Qd2+ 49.Kh3 Qf4  
 50.Qxh4 Qxf3+ 51.Kh2 Qh5  
**0-1**

**D02**

**Lin,Michael** 2149  
 **Jian,Sheng** 1774  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.8)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 c5  
 5.b3 Nc6 6.Bb2 Be7 7.d4 cxd4  
 8.Nxd4 0-0 9.c4 Bd7 10.cxd5 Nxd5  
 11.e4 Ndb4 12.a3 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 e5  
 14.Qd1 Nc6 15.Nc3 Be6 16.Nd5 Bc5  
 17.Rc1 Bd4 18.Qe2 Qd7 19.b4 Rac8  
 20.b5 Bxb2 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Qxb2  
 cxd5 23.exd5 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Bf5  
 25.Qxe5 f6 26.Qf4 Rc8 27.Rxc8+  
 Qxc8 28.d6 Be6 29.h4 Kf7 30.Qd4  
 Qd7 31.a4 h6 32.Bf1 Qb7 33.Bc4  
 Qd7 34.Bb5  
**1-0**

**E72**

**Alzhin,Leonid** 1764  
 **Kumar,Jay Dave** 2013  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.10)  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0  
 5.Bg2 d6 6.e4 c6 7.Nge2 a5 8.0-0  
 Na6 9.Be3 Ng4 10.a3 Nxe3 11.fxe3  
 Bh6 12.Qd3 Qc7 13.Rab1 c5 14.b4  
 axb4 15.Nd5 Qd7 16.axb4 e6 17.Nf6+  
 Kh8 18.Ng4 Bg7 19.dxc5 h5 20.Nf2  
 dxc5 21.Qa3 cxb4 22.Rxb4 Qd2  
 23.Nd3 Nxb4 24.Qxa8 Nxd3 25.Nf4  
 Qxe3+ 26.Kh1 Nf2+  
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**A11**

**Admassu,Yonathan** 1750  
 **Chalissery,Neil** 1993  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.11)

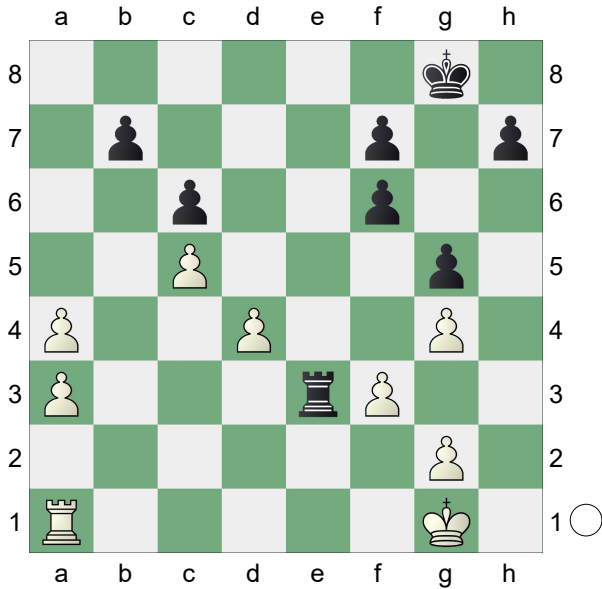
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 5.b3 Bg4 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.d4 e6 8.Be2  
 Bd6 9.Bb2 Qe7 10.0-0 0-0 11.e4  
 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Nf6  
 14.Qe3 Rfd8 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2  
 Ba3 17.c5 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Rd5 19.Nc4  
 Rad8 20.Rad1 Qc7 21.b4 Qf4 22.Nd6  
 Ng4 23.g3 Qh6 24.f4 R8xd6 25.cxd6  
 Ne3 26.Qb3 Nxf1 27.Qxd5 exd5  
 28.Re1 Qxh2+ 29.Kxf1 Qh3+ 30.Kf2  
 Qc8 31.Re7 Qd8 32.Rc7 g6  
**0-1**

**B15**

**Smith,Roger Christopher** 1980  
 **Smith,Robert H** 1723  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.12)  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4  
 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0

8.0-0 Re8 9.Be3 Be6 10.Nd2 Nd7  
 11.Ne4 Bc7 12.c3 Bd5 13.Ng3 Bxg3  
 14.hxg3 Be4 15.Bc4 Nb6 16.Bb3 a5  
 17.a3 Bd5 18.Bc2 Be4 19.Bxe4 Rxe4  
 20.Re1 Qd5 21.Bf4 Rae8 22.Rxe4  
 Rxe4 23.f3 Re7 24.b3 g5 25.c4 Qf5  
 26.Bd2 a4 27.g4 Qe6 28.c5 Nd5  
 29.bxa4 Ne3 30.Qc1 Nc4 31.Qc3  
 Nxd2 32.Qxd2 Qe3+ 33.Qxe3 Rxe3



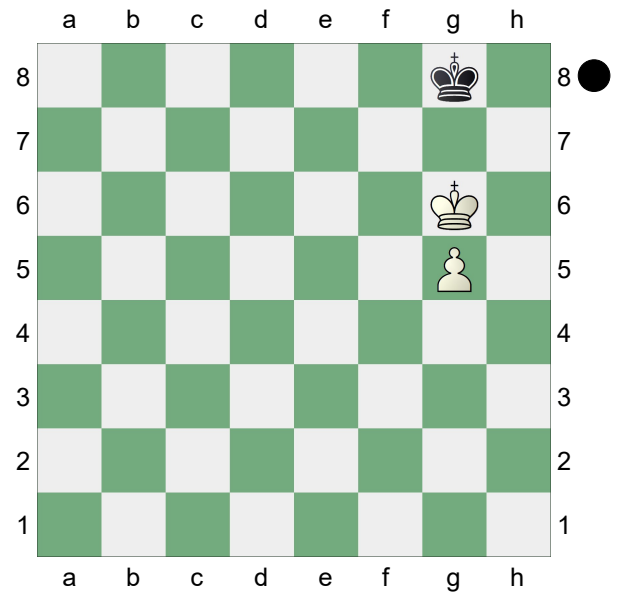
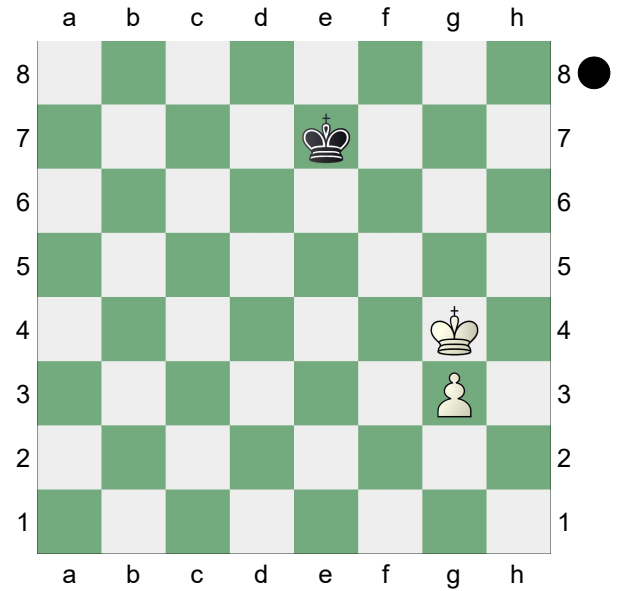
34.Rb1 Rxa3 35.Rxb7 Rxa4 36.Rb6  
 Rxd4 37.Rxc6 Rc4 38.Rc8+ Kg7  
 39.Kf2 Rc2+ 40.Kg3 Rc4 41.c6 f5  
 42.gxf5 Kf6 43.c7 Kxf5 44.Kf2 h5  
 45.Ke3 g4 46.fxg4+ hxg4 47.Kd3 Rc6  
 48.g3 Ke6 49.Ke3 Kd7 50.Rf8 f6  
 51.Rf7+ Kc8 52.Kf4 Rc4+ 53.Kf5 Kb7  
 54.Rg7 Rxc7 55.Rxc7+ Kxc7 56.Kxf6  
 Kd7 57.Kf5 Ke7 58.Kxg4

(Diagram)

Kf6 59.Kh5 Kg7 60.Kg5 Kg8 61.Kg6  
 Kh8 62.g4 Kg8 63.g5

(Diagram)

Here the only scoresheet says "...Kf7;  
 (64.) g6" -- in any case, it's won no  
 matter. Maybe it went: 63...Kh8 64.Kf7

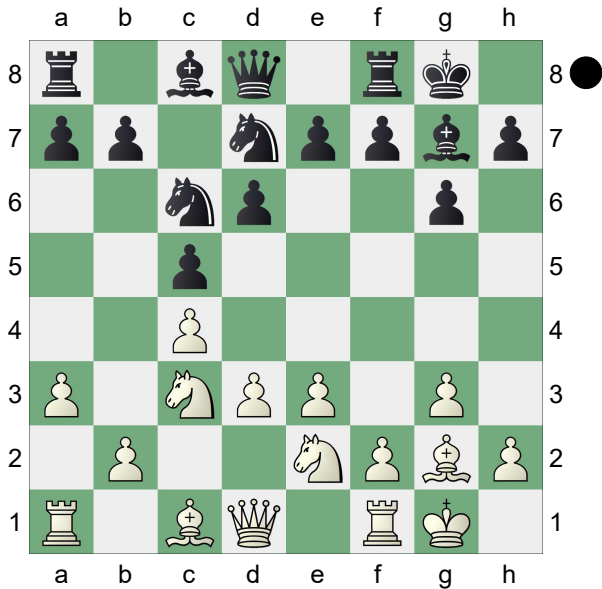


Kh7 65.g6+  
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**Walder, Michael** **A36**  
**1976**  
 **Cheng, Kar Lun** **1704**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.13)  
 [TA 6.4]

**1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3**  
**Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0-0 d6**  
**8.d3 Nd7 0.64/32 A36: Symmetrical**  
**English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7.**  
 [ 8...Rb8= 0.20/35 ]

### 9.a3



#### Re8N

[Predecessor: 9...e5 10.Rb1 f5  
11.b4 cxb4 12.axb4 e4 13.dxe4  
Nde5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Rb3 Kh8  
16.c5 dxc5 17.Qxd8 Raxd8 18.bxc5  
1-0 Meyer,D (1879)-Huber,H (1727)  
Altenkirchen Seniors op 19th 2022  
(9) ]

**10.Rb1 Nf6** White is better. **11.b4 Rb8**  
2.14/29

[ 11...a6± 0.93/34 ]

**12.bxc5+-** And now Bxc6 would win.

**12...Bg4 13.cxd6 Qxd6 14.h3 Bf5**

**15.e4 Bd7 16.Nb5** Inhibits e5. **16...Qc5**

**17.Be3**

(Diagram)

Skewer **17...Qh5 18.f3** g4 would now  
be deadly.

[Weaker is 18.Nxa7 Bxh3 19.Nf4  
Qxd1 20.Rfxd1 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 e6± ]

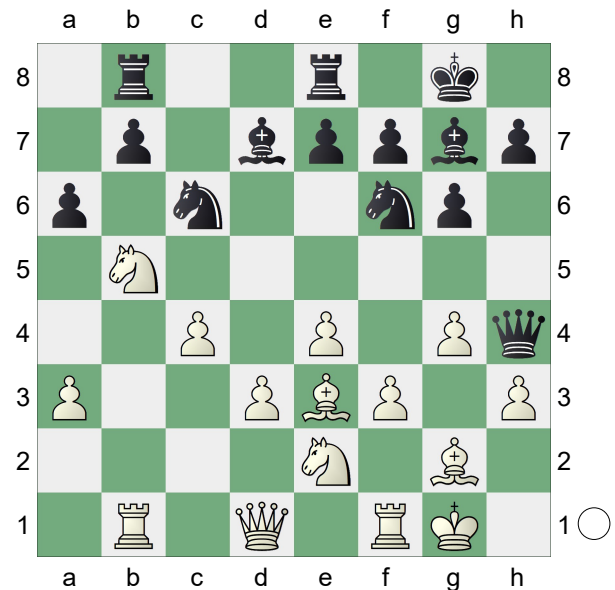
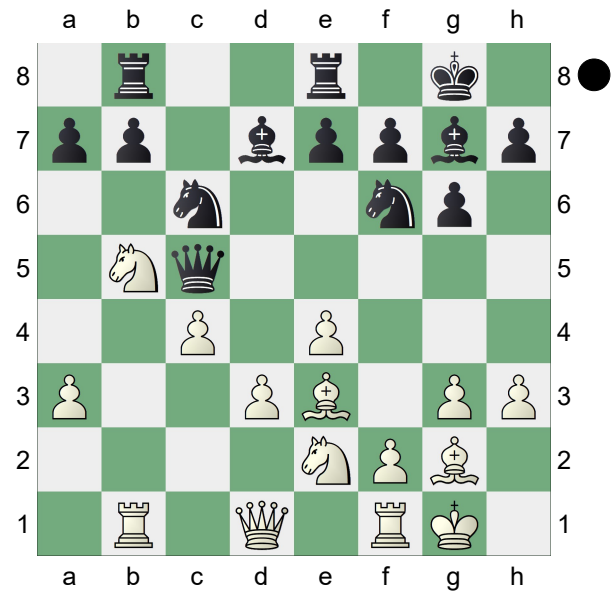
**18...a6 19.g4 Qh4**

(Diagram)

**20.Qd2! h6**

[ 20...axb5 21.Bg5 ]

**21.Bf2** White is clearly winning. **21...Qg5**



**22.f4** Trapped Piece **22...Nxe4 23.dxe4**  
**Qf6 24.e5 Qe6 25.Bd5 axb5 26.Bxe6**  
**Bxe6 27.cxb5 Red8 28.Qc3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04  
(flawless) /Black=0.39

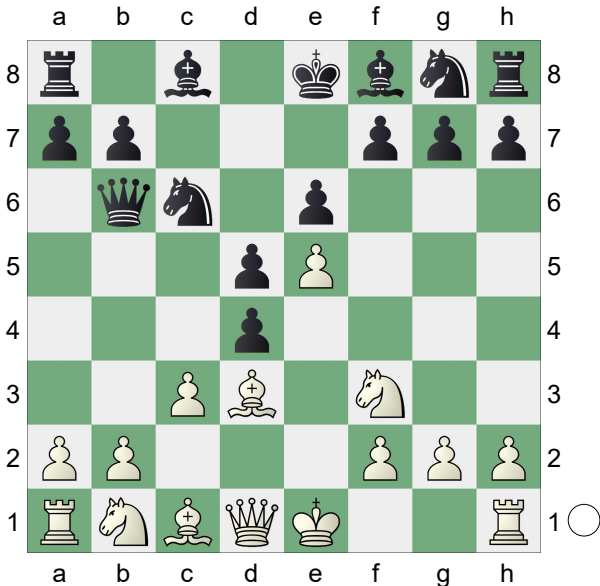
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**C02**

**Vandenhoven, Clarke Raymond 1650**  

**Viadiu-Illaraza, Hector 1919**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.14)  
*[Winslow, Elliott]*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6  
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3 cxd4



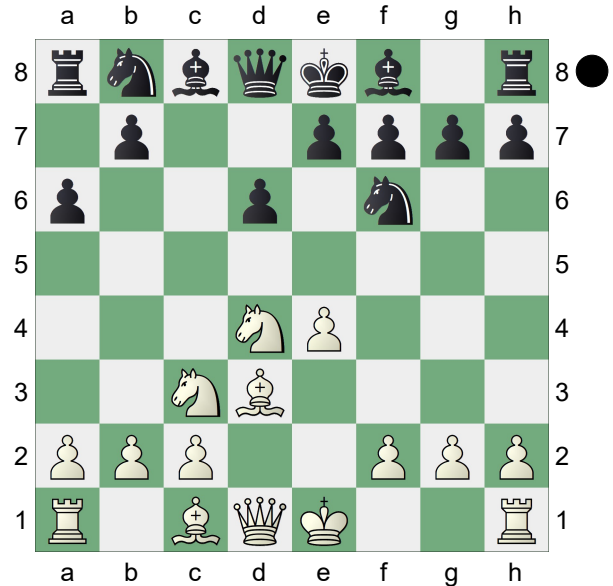
7.0-0!? The current handling of the Milner-Barry Gambit of the French Defence. 7...Bd7 8.Re1 a6 9.Nbd2 dxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.Rxb3 Ba4 15.Rb1 Ne7 16.h4 Nc6 17.Ng5 Bb5 18.Bxb5 axb5 19.Qxb5 b6 20.Be3 Ra5 21.Qb2 h6 22.Nf3 0-0 23.Bxc5 bxc5 24.Qb6 Rc8 25.Re2 Qd7 26.Reb2 Kh7 27.Qb3 d4 28.cxd4 cxd4 29.Qd3+ Kg8 30.Re1 Qd5 31.Qe4 d3 32.Qxd5 Rxd5 33.Rc1 f6 34.exf6 gxf6 35.Kf1 e5 36.Ke1 Kf7 37.Kd2 e4 38.Ne1 Ra5 39.Ke3 f5 40.f3 Re5 41.fxe4 Rxe4+ 42.Kf2 Rd8 43.Nxd3 Rxd3 44.Rxc6 Rf4+ 45.Ke2 Rg3 46.Rb7+  
**1-0**

**B72**

**Babayan, Gagik 1627**  

**Wong, Wilson 1916**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.15)  
*[Wong, Wilson]*

**1.e4 c5** There was no prep for this match since Babayan doesn't seem married to any opening. **2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3**



This is played in 1% of master games but is apparently very playable and employed many times by elite players. Bd3 allows for a knight to maneuver to e2-square. Apparently the English Attack pawn storm is viable and has venom. **6...g6** I decide not to go for the typical ...e5 Najdorf move since I think the position is very rigid, and I want the a1-h8 diagonal open for me to play on. In fact, I think there is much more play going for the dragon, having diagonals open for me to use. This move scores much better in master games and I believe it. ...g6 blunts b1-h7 diagonal, so after e5, d3-bishop is attacking a brick wall, but White has a potential threat at some point of h4, h5, ripping open Black's kingside, which is a very real plan I need to be cognizant of. **7.f3**



Given that I usually go for a traditional Najdorf, I do think my opponent chose a good weapon. White has a brewing attack, while I'll have very powerful pieces. **7...Bg7** The most popular, but not the best. Black isn't challenging White's setup at all, so White can develop their pieces unimpeded.

[ 7...Qb6 The most testing move, Black scores very well. The idea is Black makes it problematic to develop c1-bishop. Note d4-knight isn't hanging due to Bb5+. This is a common queen move in various sicilians so I should remember this idea. ]

**8.Be3 0-0** A theme up to this point is me not thinking about what my opponent might want to do. ...b5 looked like an interesting move to me, playing it before ...a4 restricts my queenside pawns. I didn't play the opening in a challenging manner. 8...Nbd7 gains popularity.

[ 8...b5 An alternative that seems interesting to me instead of the immediate ...O-O. I think a4 would've been a move White wanted to make, to restrict my queenside expansion, and assist in my ability to attack White's queenside pawns and pieces. ]

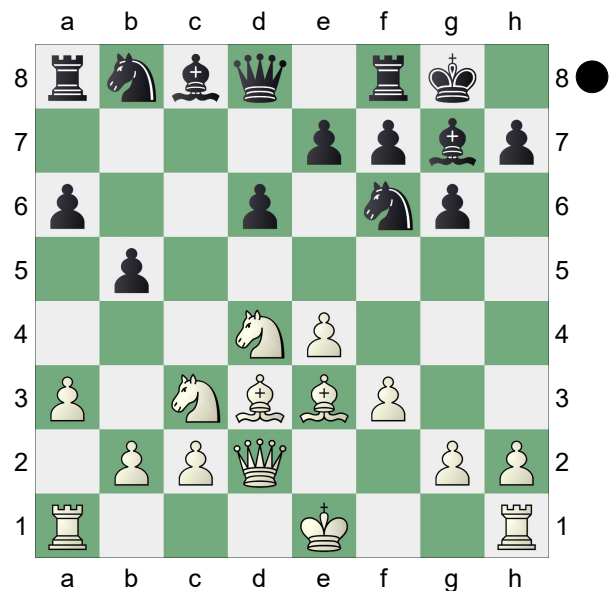
[ Relevant: 8...Nbd7 9.Qd2 b5 10.a4 b4 11.Na2 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxb4 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Qc7 15.0-0-0 Bb7 16.Be4 0-0 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Ndc6 a5 19.Qxe7 axb4 20.Qxd7 Qb6 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Nd5 Qf2 23.b3 Rad8 24.Qb5 Qxg2 25.Qf1 Qg5+ 26.f4 Qh5 27.Qc4 Rc8 28.Qxb4 Rxc2+ 29.Kxc2 Rc8+ 30.Nc3 Qf3 31.Rd3 Qg2+ 32.Kb1 Qxh1+ 33.Nd1 Qxh2 34.Qd2 Qh4 35.Ka2 h5 36.a5 Kh7 37.f5 Qf6 38.fxg6+  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  (56) Nepomniachtchi, I (2769)-Donchenko, A (2643) Tata

Steel-A 86th Wijk aan Zee 2024 (4) ]

### 9.Qd2 b5

[ 9...Nc6 This move could've been played at multiple points but I don't understand how to progress after Nxc6 and the c-file is closed. How am I supposed to get play on queenside after ...bxc6? If b3, I don't see how I make progress. If after ...bxc6 I push d5, I'll have a lot of pawns in the center, but holes in my position and an immobile center. ]

### 10.a3



This prevents ...b4, but provides a hook for me to open b-file if White O-O-O.

**10...Bb7N** It isn't going to be easy for me to break with ...d5 since White has e5, e6. It is hard for me to get to White's king, while White can continue to build up their kingside attack with not much I can do about it. I can setup a pawn break in the center so if White does try to pawn storm, I'll blow open the center, and make it more dangerous for White to have a oddly placed king in an open position.

[ Predecessor: 10...e5 11.Nde2 Be6 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 b4 15.axb4 Nxb4 16.f4 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Ng4 18.Qg3 Qxb2 19.Rac1 f5

20.fxe5 fxe4 21.exd6 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Qxc2 0-1 Tevrizova,A-Hylapov,V (1923) Kineshma op 2011 (3) ]

### 11.Qf2

[ 11.h4 Stockfish likes this, and this is a common pawn sacrifice to be aware of in this setup. White wants h4, h5, and after ...Nhx5, there is g4 then Bh6, and White has a devastating attack. ]

**11...Nbd7** I want to get my knight to c4-square where it hits b2-pawn and induces White to give up their light-squared bishop, so I can attack b2- and c2-pawns. **12.Nde2 Ne5 13.Nf4**

I'm less worried about White recapturing Nxd3 and more concerned about White plopping and sticking a knight on d5-square, since me recapturing on d5-square lets White exd5 and my backward e7-pawn sits on an open file, while I have trouble with counterplay. I could kick out the knight with ...e6 but then I'd have a vulnerable d6-pawn that I would like to push, giving White f4, e5, fixing the center, which helps White execute their kingside attack, while also neutralizing my g7-bishop. **13...Rc8**

**14.Bb6 Qe8** An awkward but necessary square to move to. I want d7-square for my knights if they get kicked. **15.h4**

I think it would've been much better for White to have gone for this while White still had their d2-queen and e3-bishop battery. This pawn storm is still good to do, but very late. **15...Nc4** I want to soften up White's queenside pawn structure. If Bxc4, ...Rxc4 prepares ...b4, opening a file for me to attack White's queenside pawns. **16.Bxc4 Rxc4**

**17.Rd1 b4** I missed I could blast open the position with ...f5 as well.

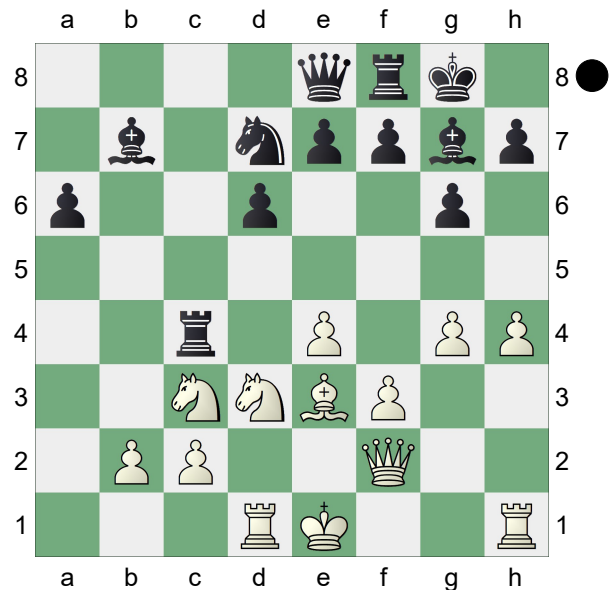
[ 17...Nd7 I didn't play this because I didn't have a good answer to ...Bh5 and White still has a pawn storm, but h5 is easily met by ..g5, so while

Black's king becomes more vulnerable, at least Black can keep h-file closed.

18.h5 ( 18.Ba5 f5 I didn't consider this in response to ...Bh5, but I will do this later in the game. If White would take their bishop out of the game to secure their queenside, Black can blast open the kingside, with a dominant number of pieces focused on the kingside. ) 18...Bxc3+

This comes with check, so Black can then lock the kingside up. 19.bxc3 g5 20.Nh3 h6 Black seems okay. ]

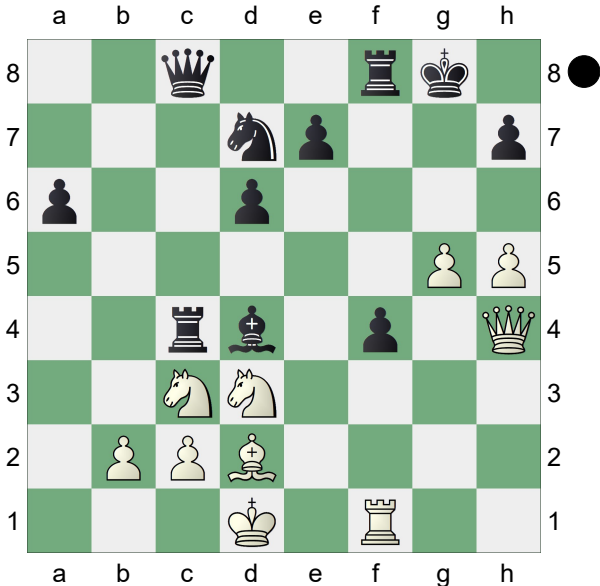
**18.axb4 Rxb4 19.Nd3 Rc4 20.g4 Nd7 21.Be3**



**f5** I'm proud I was able to find and make this move. I weaken my king, but I also activate my rook and weaken my opponent's king more. This move radically changes the closed nature of the position to a position opening up in which my pieces are near ideally placed, while White has a mess of a position. **22.exf5** This is bad because Black's king remains safe, while White's position has become very fragile, and will get more fragile with the coming turns.

[ 22.gxf5 Stockfish likes this recapture more, opening g-file. White can better attack Black and Black's king

shelter is being ripped apart. ]  
**22...gxf5 23.g5** If this is the position White envisioned, Black is definitely much safer, since White doesn't have open files. **23...f4** Grabbing space and taking squares away from White's pieces, specifically from d3-knight. **24.Bd2 Qc8 25.h5 Bd4 26.Qh4** White hangs f3-pawn, which allows the position to open up, and give me complete domination of the center. **26...Bxf3** I have two passed-pawns in the center, giving me great security in the position. My pawn chain in the center does a great job of dominating White's minor pieces. **27.Rf1 Bxd1 28.Kxd1**



**e5** This gives up a big advantage, probably for strategic reasons. My dark-squared bishop is weaker than c3-knight, and I need to trade pieces to make my king more secure in a reduced material endgame.

[ 28...Bxc3 Stockfish likes to trade off the bishop. My guess is c3-knight had some light-square control, while my dark-squared bishop wasn't actually attacking anything, other than controlling g1-square, so it is worth trading off my not so great bishop for White's useful c3-knight. ]

**29.g6** White needs to open up the position and take advantage of my vulnerable king to offset being down so much material. **29...Nf6** My king is very secure. **30.gxh7+ Kxh7 31.Ne4** White sacrifices a piece to try to penetrate my position, but I'm able to defend my king just fine. **31...Nxe4 32.Qe7+ Kg8** I keep contact with my f8-rook to free my queen. There is no way for White to get their queen to g6-square in a timely manner to hand down perpetual check. **33.h6 Rc7** My king is perfectly safe. **34.h7+ Kh8 35.Nxe5 dxe5** I just take the material. My king is just as safe, while being up another piece. There is nothing White can do, as long as I avoid a perpetual check. **36.Qh4 Nxd2 37.Kxd2 Rxc2+ 0-1**  
 White resigned.

**B13**

Marvin, Hayes Alexander **1876**  
 Horde, Nicolas T **1624**  
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*[Horde, Nicolas T]*

**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bf5 6.c3 e6**

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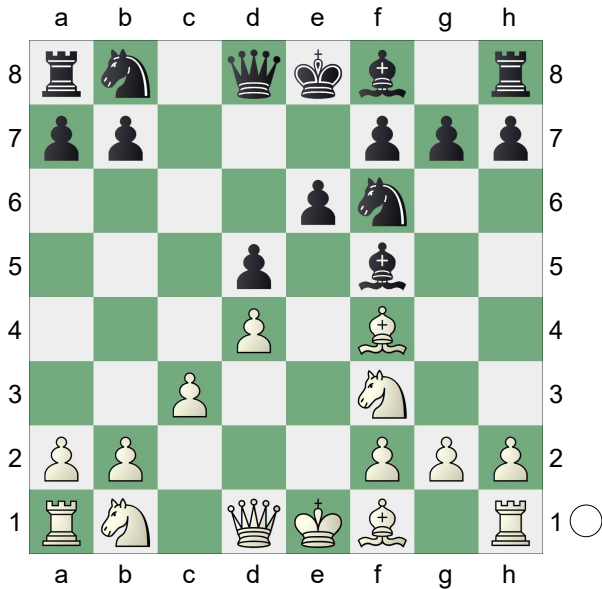
**7.Bxb8** I thought I was already in trouble because he played it immediately

**7...Qxb8 8.Qa4+ Kd8**

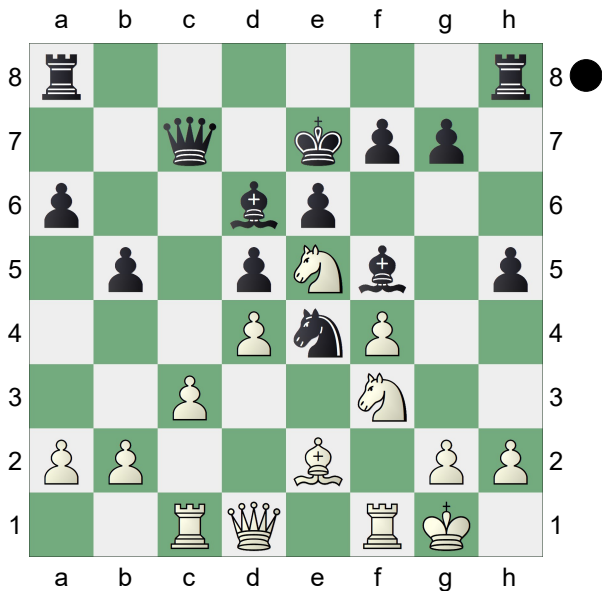
[ 8...Nd7?? 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Bb5 And Black can already resign ]

**9.Ne5 Qc7! 10.Be2 Bd6 11.f4 Ke7**

Black finishes development with a great position, the king is safe on the dark square **12.Nd2 h5 13.0-0 a6 14.Ndf3 Ne4** Prevents Ng5 **15.Rac1 b5!**



Prevents c4 while gaining a tempo on the queen **16.Qd1**



**f6** The sharpest continuation  
[ 16...g6 17.Nh4 Kf8 SF loves this idea ]

**17.Nh4!** Only move to defend  
[ 17.Nd3?? Bxf4 18.Nxf4 Qxf4 19.Qe1 Qe3+ 20.Kh1 White is already losing ]

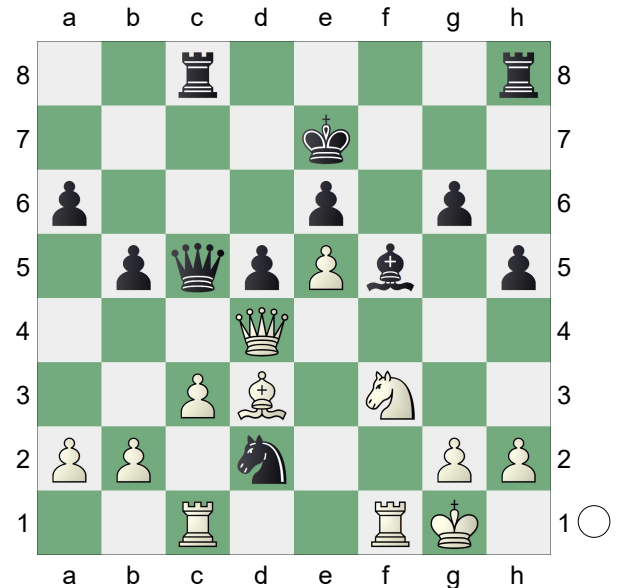
**17...fxe5 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Qc5+**  
[ 19...Qxe5?? 20.Rxf5! ]

**20.Qd4** All forced since 16.g6 **20...g6!**  
**21.Nf3**

[ 21.Rxf5 The idea behind g6 gxf5 22.Ng6+ Kd7 23.Nxh8 Rxh8

And everything is defended, Black is the only one pushing in this endgame ]

**21...Rac8 22.Bd3 Nd2**



Again the sharpest line as he was down on time (30 min vs 5 min) **23.Qxc5+**

[ 23.Nxd2 Qxd4+ 24.cxd4 Bxd3 ]

[ 23.Bxf5?? Nxf3+ ( 23...Nxf1 )

24.gxf3! ( 24.Rxf3?? Qxd4+

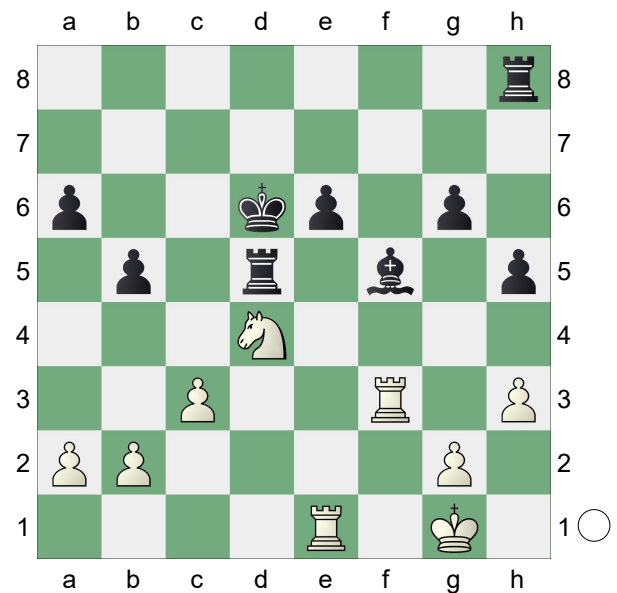
The c1 rook is hanging )]

**23...Rxc5 24.Nxd2 Bxd3 25.Rf3 Bf5**

Black is the only one pushing, White does not have real counterplay **26.h3**

**d4!** The sharpest line again **27.Nb3!**

**Rxe5 28.Nxd4 Rd5 29.Re1 Kd6**



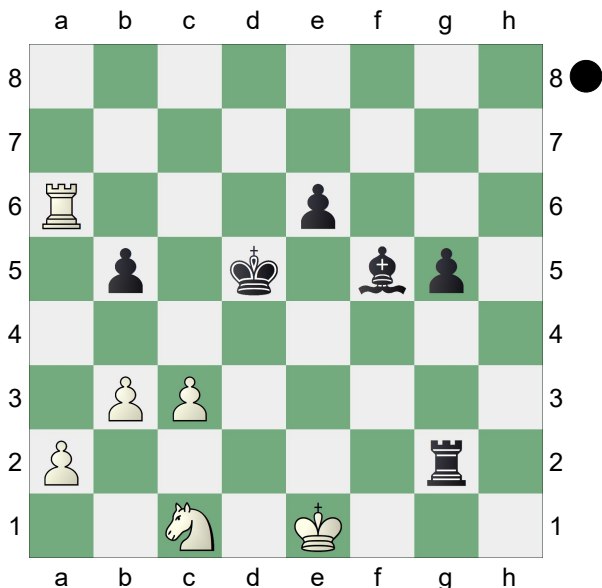
Prevents Nc6 **30.g4??** He was down to 30 seconds so it was a panic move  
**30...hxg4 31.hxg4 Bxg4 32.Rf6 Rg5! 33.Kf1 Rh1+**

[ 33...Rh2! Spent a long time and couldn't find that move which puts White in a very precarious position  
 34.Nxe6?? ( 34.Rxe6+ Bxe6 35.Rxe6+ Kd5 36.Rxa6 Rxb2 An easy conversion ) 34...Bh3# ]

**34.Kf2 Rxe1**

[ 34...Rh2+ 35.Kg3 Rh3+ 36.Kf4 Spent a long time on that variation before playing Rh1 and couldn't find a finish blow. Surprisingly the king is safe and very active on f4 ]

**35.Kxe1 Bf5!** Threatens Ke7 trapping the rook **36.Rf7 Rg2 37.Ne2 g5 38.Ra7 Bd3 39.Rxa6+ Kd5 40.Nc1 Bf5 41.b3**



**Rc2** I started losing the thread here with ~20 minutes left. For some reasons I thought I could win material  
 [ 41...Ke4! Moving the king up was the easiest plan as the knight is misplaced 42.Kf1 Rc2 43.Ne2 Ke3 44.Nd4 Rxc3 ]

**42.Ne2 Bg4 43.Nd4 Rxc3**

[ 43...Rb2 Last moment to save the point for Black 44.Nxb5 Ke4 ]

**44.Nxb5 Rc2 45.Rd6+ Kc5**

[ 45...Ke4 ]

**46.a4 Rb2** And it's now equal, I think I got tilted because I knew I was completely winning and now I am switching gears to defend the draw

**47.Rd3 Rb1+ 48.Kf2 Rb2+ 49.Kg3**

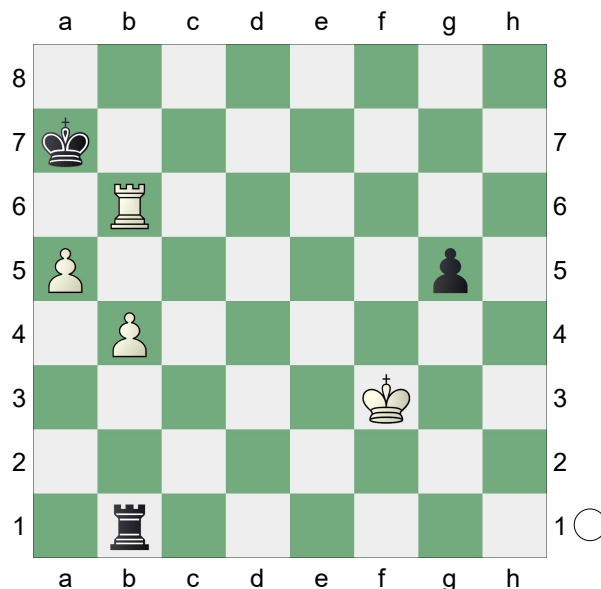
**Be2 50.Re3 Bxb5 51.Re5+ Kc6**

**52.Rxb5 e5 53.Kf3 Rb1 54.b4 Ra1**

[ 54...Rb3+ 55.Ke4 g4 A more active defense ]

**55.Rc5+ Kb7 56.a5 Ka6 57.Rxe5 Rb1**

**58.Re6+ Kb7 59.Rb6+ Ka7**



**60.Ke4??**

[ 60.Kg4! ]

**60...Rd1!** After outplaying me for the last 15 moves, he gave me the opportunity to defend via the 7th rank **61.b5 Rd7**

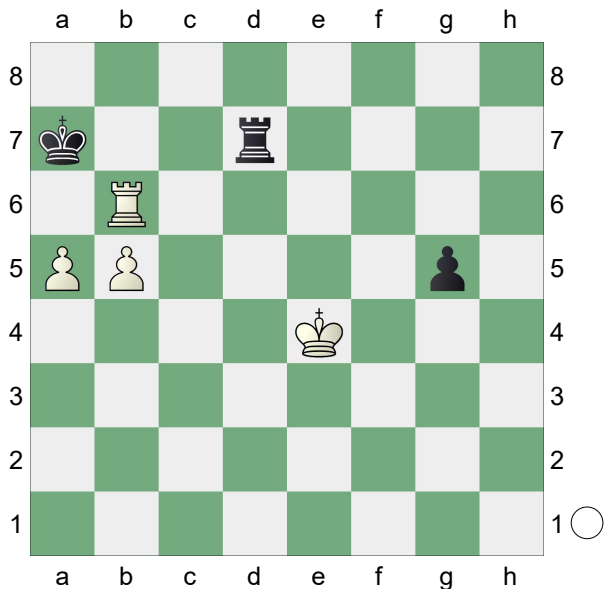
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**62.Rf6??**

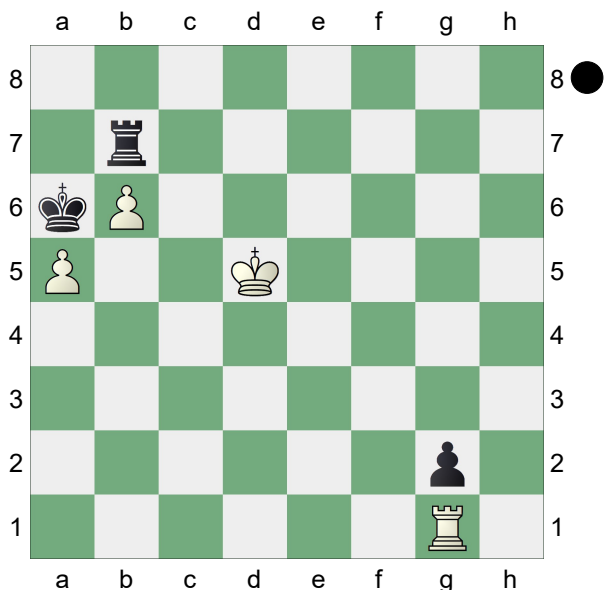
[ 62.Ra6+! Kb7 63.Rg6 In that order to have a6+ which saves the pawn ]

**62...Rg7 63.Rd6 g4 64.Rf6 g3 65.Rf1 g2 66.Rg1 Rb7** This would draw if the king wasn't in the a8-e8-e4-a4 box

[ 66...Rg4+ 67.Kf3 ( 67.Kd5 Rg5+ 68.Kc6 Rg6+ Draw by just repeating ) 67...Rg5! ]



**67.b6+ Ka6 68.Kd5**



**Kxa5??**

[ 68...Rg7 The last chance to save the game ]

**69.Kc5!** This is when I realized I messed up, if the king was anywhere except c5 the b6 pawn falls and it's a draw

**69...Ka4**

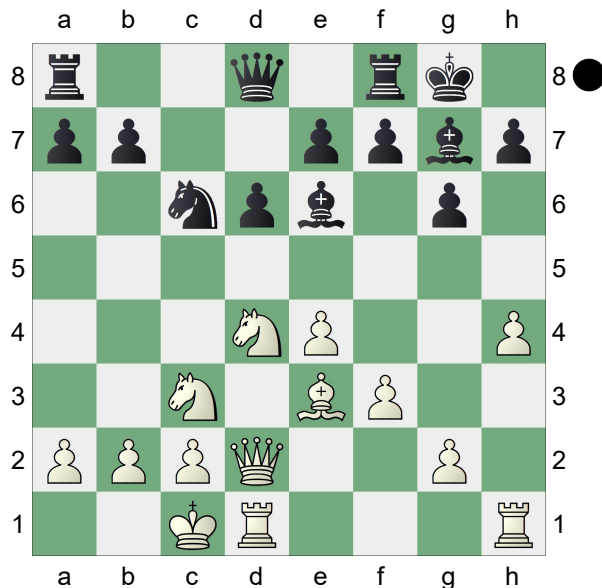
[ 69...Rxb6 70.Ra1# ]

**70.Rxg2 Rf7 71.Rd2 Rf1 72.b7 Rc1+ 73.Kb6 Rb1+ 74.Ka7 Ka5 75.Ra2+ Kb5**

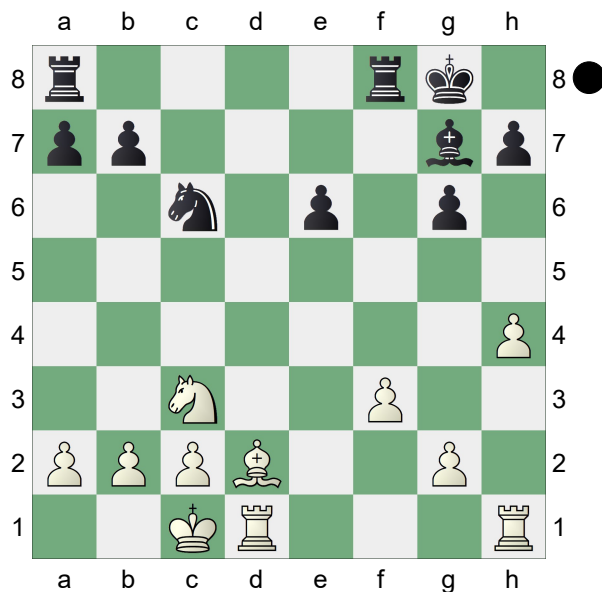
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**1852**  
**1387**  
 Powers, Christopher  
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 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be2 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Qd2 Ng4 9.Bxg4 Bxg4 10.f3 Be6 11.0-0 0-0 12.h4



d5 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nxd5 e6 16.Nc3 Qxd2+ 17.Bxd2



a6 18.Rde1 e5 19.h5 Rac8 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Ne4 Rfd8 22.Bc3 b5 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Nd4 25.Kb1 Nxc2

26.Kxc2 b4 27.Rd6 bxc3 28.bxc3 Ra8  
 29.Rxg6 Kf7 30.Rb6 Ra7 31.Nd6+ Kf8  
 32.Rb8+  
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**B20**  
 □ **Barreyro,Romeo Belmes** **1521**  
 ■ **Qi,Jenny** **1947**  
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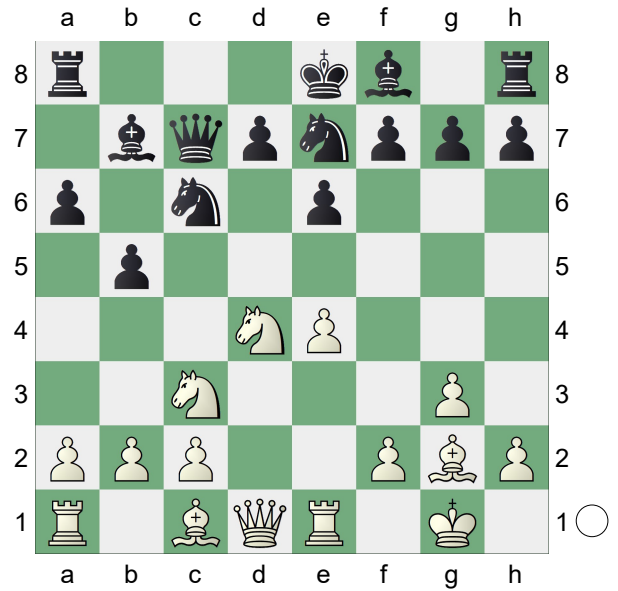
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 15.b5 Qe6 16.c4 Ne7 17.0-0 Bb7  
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 32.Nf2 Re2 33.Nf1 Be3 34.Nxe3 dxe3  
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**B43**  
 □ **Krayushkin,Igor** **1727**  
 ■ **Liu,Jinfeng** **1413**  
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 [Krayushkin,Igor]

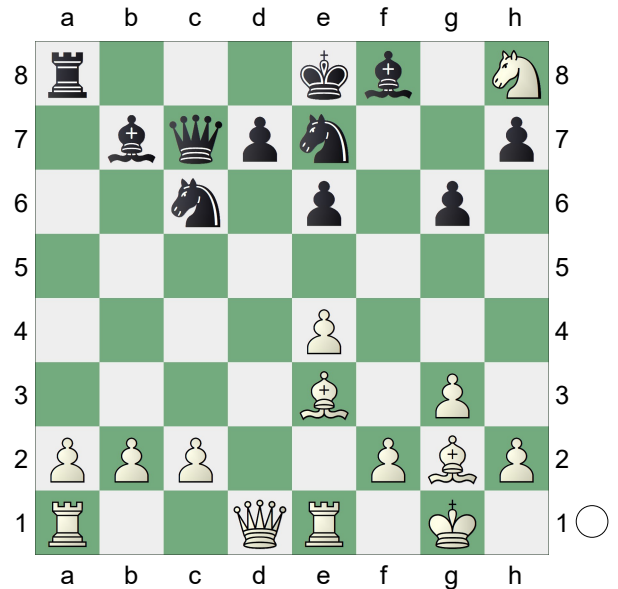
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 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qc7  
 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Re1 Nge7 Allows White to  
 make a tactical blow that secures long  
 term White's advantage  
 [ ♖9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Rc8 11.a4 b4  
 12.Nd5± ]

(Diagram)

10.Ndxb5!+- axb5 11.Nxb5 Qb6



12.Nd6+ Kd8 13.Nxf7+ Ke8 14.Nxh8  
 g6 15.Be3 Qc7



16.Bd4N

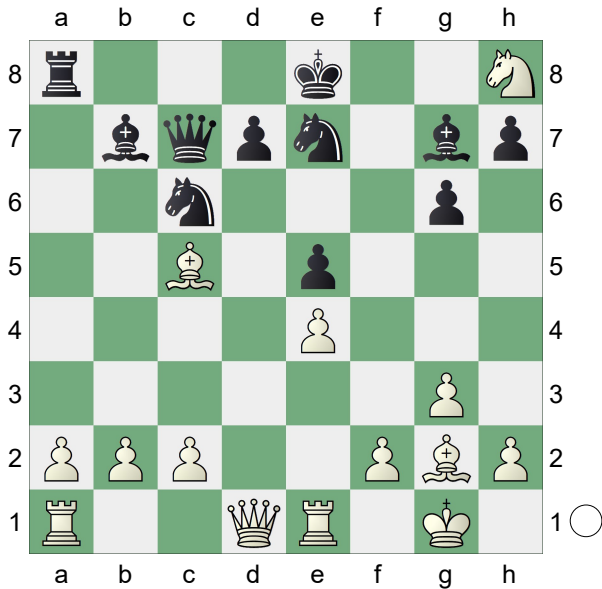
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 (2085) Bielefeld Gr1 2007 (2) ]

16...e5 17.Bc5 Bg7

(Diagram)

18.Nxg6! hxg6 19.c3 Dodges Nd4  
 19...d6

[ ♖19...Nd8 ]



**20.Qxd6** White is clearly winning. The rest of the game is a matter of White's concentration and accuracy. **20...Qxd6**  
**21.Bxd6 Nc8 22.Bc5 Na5 23.Bf1 Bc6**  
**24.f3 Nb7 25.Be3 Ncd6 26.Red1 Ke7**  
**27.Rd2 Ke6 28.b3 Na5 29.Rad1**  
**Nab7 30.Bh3+ Kf7 31.Rxd6 Nxd6**  
**32.Rxd6 Be8 33.a4 Rb8 34.Rb6 Rd8**  
**35.Be6+ Kf6 36.Bf5+**  
**1-0**

□ **Boyer, John** **A29**  
 ■ **Chea, Na** **1493**  
**1655**

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*[Winslow, Elliott]*

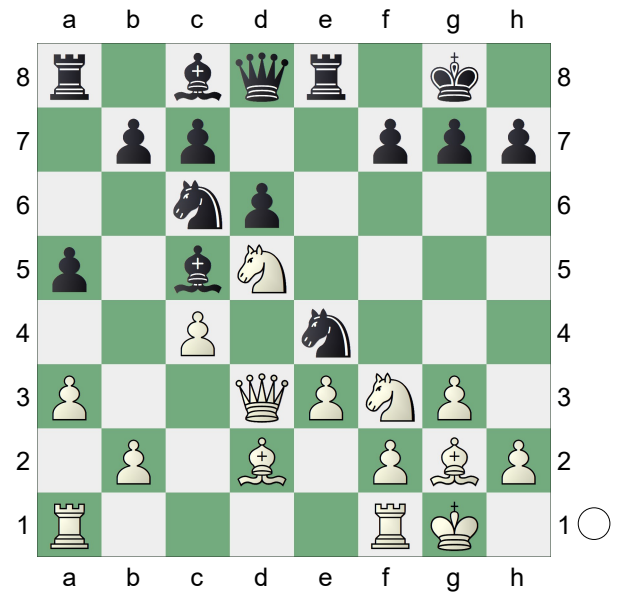
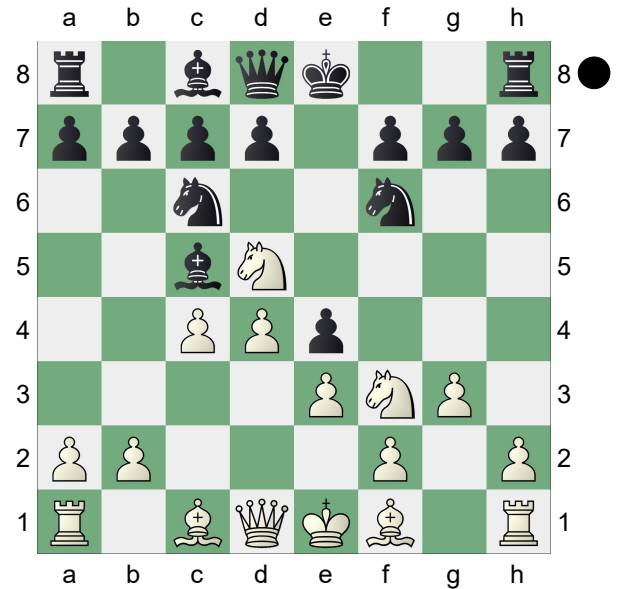
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exd3 8.Qxd3 0-0 9.Bg2 Re8 10.0-0  
 d6 11.a3 a5 12.Bd2 Ne4

(Diagram)

13.Bxa5 Nxa5 14.b4 Nc6 15.bxc5  
 Nxc5 16.Qc2 Ne7 17.Ng5 Ng6 18.h4



f5 19.Bh3 Rf8 20.e4 fxe4 21.Bxc8  
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 24.h5 Rce8 25.Qg2 Ne5 26.Nf4 Qc6

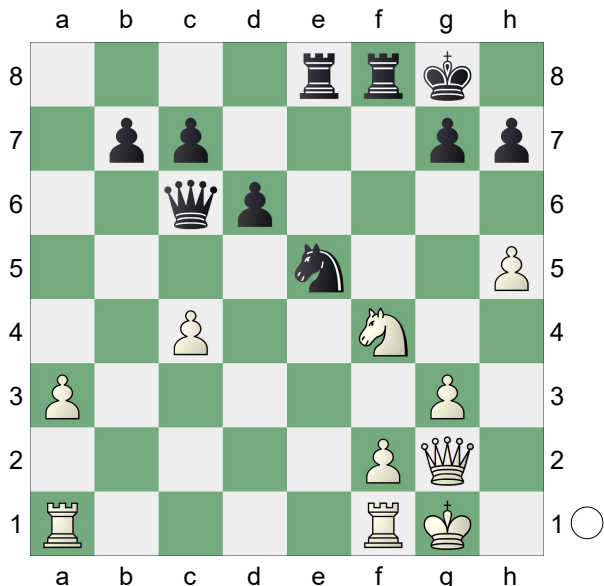
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27.Qd5+ Qxd5 28.cxd5 Nd7 29.Ne6  
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 Ng3 39.Rxb7

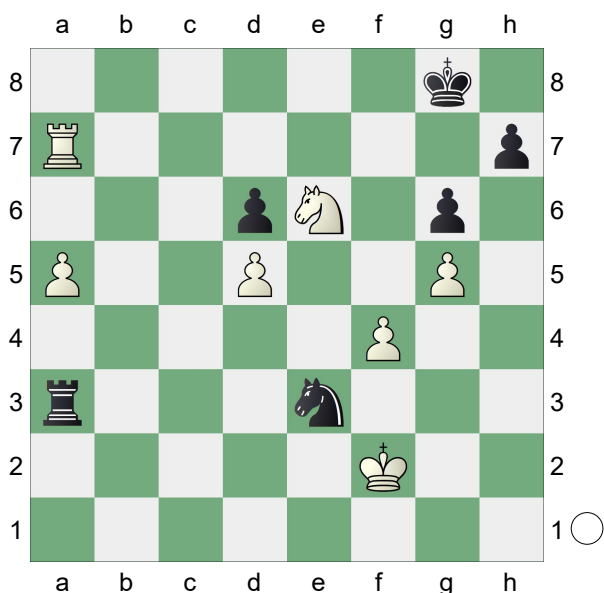
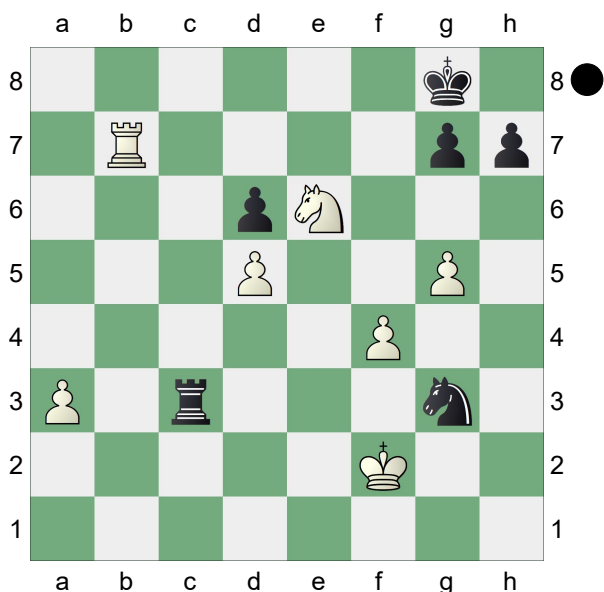
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Nf5 40.a4 Ra3 41.Ra7 g6 42.a5 Ne3





43.Rg7+ Kh8 44.Rf7 h5 45.gxh6 Nxd5



46.Ng5 Ra2+ 47.Ke1  
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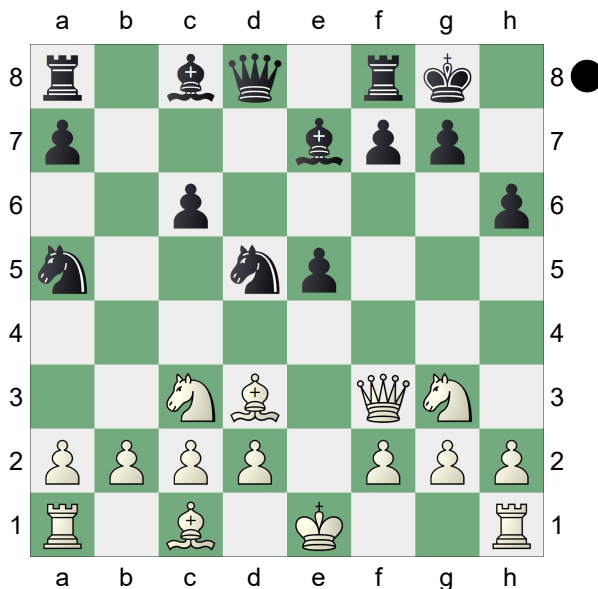
□ Nguyen, Binh Khac 1386  
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 [Winslow, Elliott]

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 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6  
 bxc6 8.Qf3 Be7

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 10.Qf3 Nc6 11.c3 Bg4 12.Qg3 Nd4  
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9.Bd3! outshines the older 9.Bxc6+.  
 9...0-0 10.Nc3 h6 11.Nge4 Nd5  
 12.Ng3

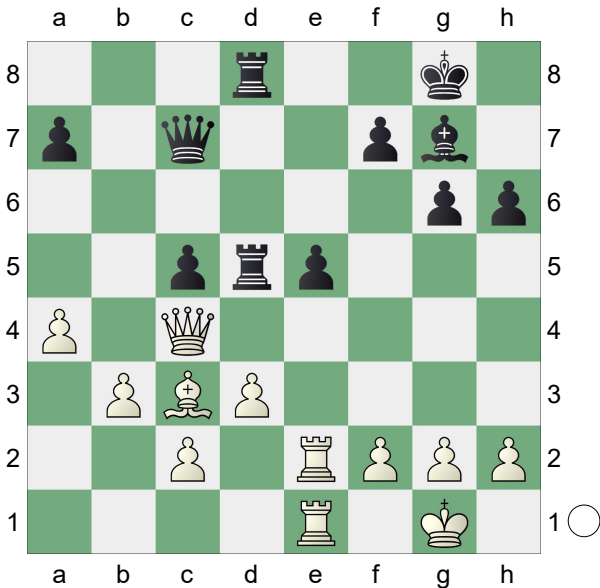


Re8N

[Predecessor: 12...Nb4 13.Nf5  
 Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Bc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8  
 16.g4 h5 17.h3 g6 18.Ne4 gxf5  
 19.Nxc5 e4 20.gxf5 Bxf5 21.b3 Rd5  
 22.Ba3 Rb8 23.Rg1+ Kh7 24.c4  
 Rdd8 25.Rg5 Bg6 26.Na6 Nxb3  
 27.axb3 Rxb3 28.Rg1 Rd4 29.Bc5

Rxc4 30.Be3 Rb5 31.Nc7 Rb7  
 32.Ne8 Rcb4 33.Ke2 h4 34.Rg4 f5  
 35.Rxh4+ Kg8 36.Rg1 1-0 Fedoseev,  
 V (2687)-Predke,A (2690) RUS-USA  
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 2021 (4.1) ]

13.0-0 Nf6 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.Bxf5 Qc7  
 16.d3 Nb7 17.Ne4 Nd6 18.Nxf6+  
 Bxf6 19.Bd2 Nxf5 20.Qxf5 Qd6  
 21.Rfe1 Rab8 22.Bc3 Rb5 23.a4 Rd5  
 24.Qe4 Rb8 25.Rad1 c5 26.b3 Rd8  
 27.Re2 g6 28.Rde1 Bg7 29.Qc4 Qc7



30.f4 exf4 31.Re8+ Kh7 32.R8e7  
 R8d7 33.Re8 Qc6 34.Bxg7 Kxg7  
 35.Qxf4 Rf5 36.Qb8 Qd5 37.Rg8+  
 Kf6 38.Qa8 Qd4+ 39.Kh1 Qf2  
 40.Qc6+ Kg5 41.Rg1 Re7 42.Re8  
 Rxe8 43.Qxe8 Qxc2 44.Qe7+ f6  
 45.Qe3+ Kh4 (both scoresheets end  
 here. Perhaps a loss on time, perhaps  
 she saw that 46.g3+ wins quickly.)  
 1-0

□ Ahmed,Saadit  
 ■ Prasad,Thejas

1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.25)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6  
 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.c5 b6 8.e4  
 dxe4 9.Nxe4 bxc5 10.Bxf6 Qa5+  
 11.Qd2 Qxd2+ 12.Nfxd2 Nxf6 13.dxc5  
 0-0 14.Nd6 Rd8 15.N2c4 Ba6  
 16.0-0-0 Nd5 17.Ne4 f5 18.Ng3 Bg5+  
 19.Kb1 Nc3+ 20.bxc3 Rxd1+ 21.Kc2  
 Rc1+ 22.Kb3 Rb8+ 23.Ka3 Rxc3+  
 24.Ka4 Bxc4 25.Ne2 Bb5+ 26.Kb4  
 Rc4+ 27.Ka3 Ba6 28.h4 Be7

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□ Brown,Nicholas M  
 ■ Chalissery,Josy

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1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.27)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
 d6 5.c4 e5 6.Nc2 Nf6 7.Nc3 Be7  
 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Kh1 Bb7 11.f3  
 Rc8 12.Ne3 Nd4 13.b3 a6 14.Bb2  
 Nd7 15.Ncd5 Nxe2 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7  
 17.Qxe2 Nf6 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.Ba3 g6  
 20.Rd2 Nh5 21.Qd1 Qg5 22.Nd5  
 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Nf4 24.Rd2 b5 25.cxb5  
 axb5 26.g3 Nh3 27.Qe2 Qf6 28.Kg2  
 Ng5 29.h4 Ne6 30.Qxb5 Nd4 31.Qd3  
 Rc6 32.Bb2 Rdc8 33.Bxd4 exd4  
 34.Qxd4 Qe6 35.Qb2 Qd7 36.b4 Qc7  
 37.a4 Rc4 38.a5 Rb8 39.b5 Qc5  
 40.b6 Rb4 41.Qf6 Rb5 42.Qxd6 Qxd6  
 43.Rxd6 Ra8 44.a6 Rc8 45.Ra2 h5  
 46.b7 Rc1 47.Rd8+ Kg7 48.b8Q Rbc5  
 49.Rg8+ Kf6 50.Qd8+ Ke6 51.Re8#

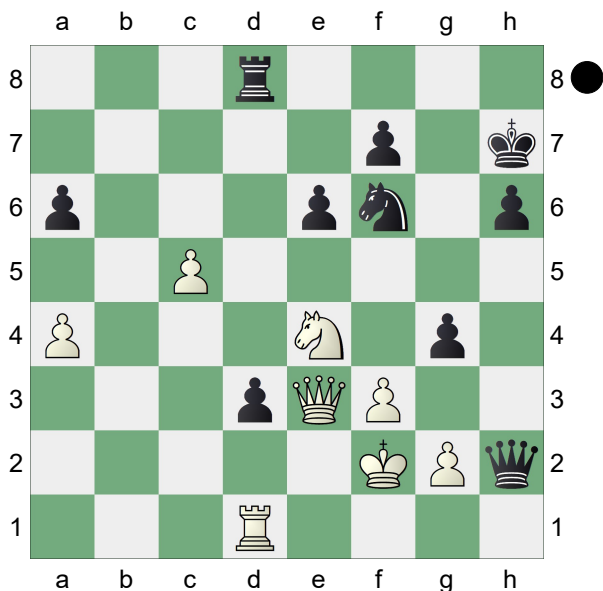
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□ Casares,Nick  
■ Olson,David R

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**1600**  
**1400**

1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.28)  
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.Bb5+ Nc6  
5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.e5 Ba6 7.d3 c4 8.d4  
c5 9.Qa4+ Qd7 10.Qxa6 Rb8 11.b3  
Rb6 12.Qa3 cxd4 13.Qb2 dxc3  
14.Nxc3 d4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.0-0  
Qxe5 17.Rd1 Bd6 18.Be3 Qxh2+  
19.Kf1 Rb7 20.Qd2 Be7 21.Bc5 Qc7  
22.b4 Nf6 23.a4 0-0 24.Nb5 Qh2  
25.f3 Rd7 26.Qe2 a6 27.Nc3 Bxc5  
28.bxc5 Rd3 29.Rac1 Rfd8 30.Kf2 g5  
31.Rxd3 cxd3 32.Qd2 h6 33.Rd1 Kh7  
34.Qe3 g4 35.Ne4



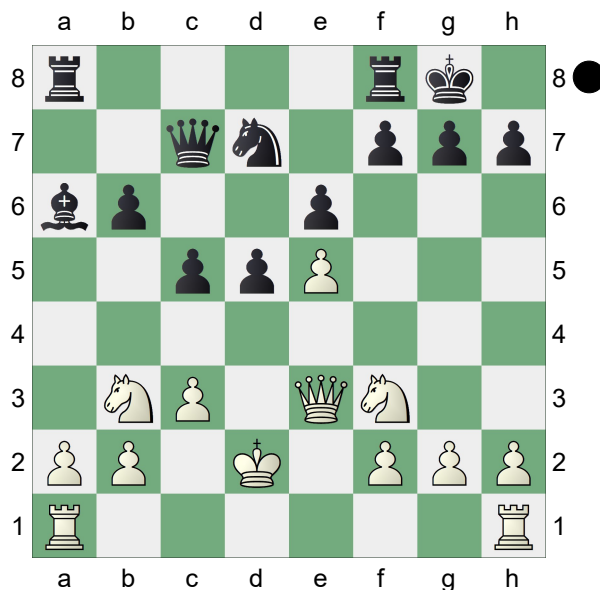
Nd5 36.Qxd3 f5 37.Nf6+ Kg6 38.Nxg4  
Qh4+ 39.Kg1 Rb8 40.Ne5+ Kh5  
41.g4+ Kg5 42.f4+ Nxf4 43.Nf3+ Kf6  
44.Qd4+ Kf7 45.Qd7+ Qe7 46.Ne5+  
Kf6 47.Qxe7+ Kxe7 48.Nc6+ Kf6  
49.Nxb8 fxd4 50.c6 Nd5 51.Rxd5  
**1-0**

□ Vazquez,Dominic A  
■ Tam,Hoa Long

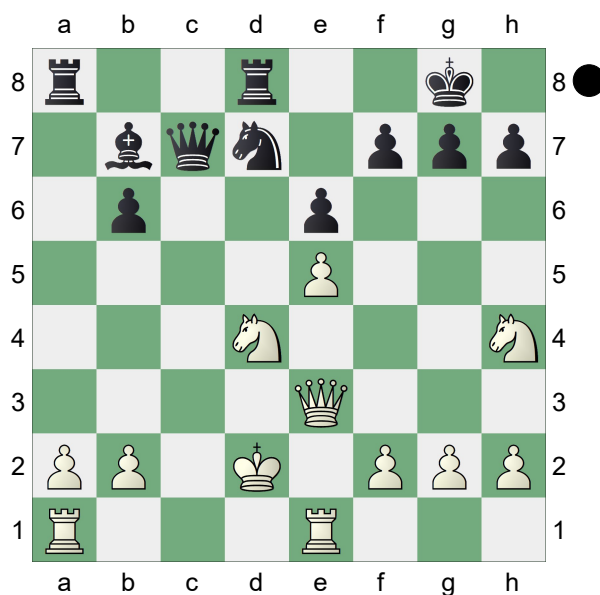
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**1209**  
**1584**

1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.29)  
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6  
5.Be3 Nd7 6.Bb5 Ne7 7.c3 Nc6  
8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Nf3 Bxc5 10.Bd4 Ba6  
11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Qd2 Qc7  
14.Bxb6 axb6 15.Qe3 c5 16.Kd2



Bb7 17.Rhe1 Rfd8 18.Nh4 d4 19.cxd4  
cxd4 20.Nxd4



Nxe5 21.Qxe5 Qxe5 22.Rxe5 Rxd4+  
23.Ke3 Rxh4 24.Rb5 Re4+ 25.Kd2

Rd4+ 26.Kc3 Rd6 27.f3 Rc8+ 28.Kb4  
 Rd4+ 29.Ka3 Bd5 30.b3 Rb8 31.Rc1  
 h6 32.Kb2 Rd2+ 33.Rc2 Rxc2+  
 34.Kxc2 Kf8 35.a4 Rb7 36.Kd3 Ke7  
 37.Kd4 Kd6 38.f4 Bxg2 39.b4 Bc6  
**0-1**

☐ Chan,John

**A25**

■ Rushton,Peter James

**1552**

**1217**

1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.30)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.a3 a6  
 5.g3 d5 6.Bg5 Be6 7.cxd5 Bxd5 8.e4  
 Be6 9.Bg2 Bc5 10.Nf3 h6 11.Bxf6  
 Qxf6 12.0-0 g5 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5  
 Ne7 15.Qa4+ c6 16.dxc6 b5 17.Qe4  
 0-0 18.Nxe5 Qd6 19.Nd7 Rfe8 20.Qf3  
 Kg7 21.d4 Qxd4 22.Rad1 Qxb2  
 23.Nxc5 Rac8 24.Rd7 Qf6 25.Qxf6+  
 Kxf6 26.Nxa6 Nxc6 27.Bxc6 Rxc6  
 28.Nb4 Rce6 29.Rb7 Re5 30.Rd1  
 Re1+ 31.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 32.Kg2 Ra1  
 33.Rxb5 Rxa3 34.g4 Kg6 35.h3 h5  
 36.Rb6+ f6 37.gxh5+ Kf5 38.Nd5 Ke5  
 39.Nxf6 Ra4 40.Ng4+ Kf4 41.Rf6+  
 Ke4 42.h6 Ra8 43.Rf7 Rh8 44.h7  
 Kd5 45.Rf5+ Ke6 46.Rxg5 Rxh7  
 47.Kg3  
**1-0**

☐ Wardle,Braxton

**B52**

■ Agdamag,Samuel

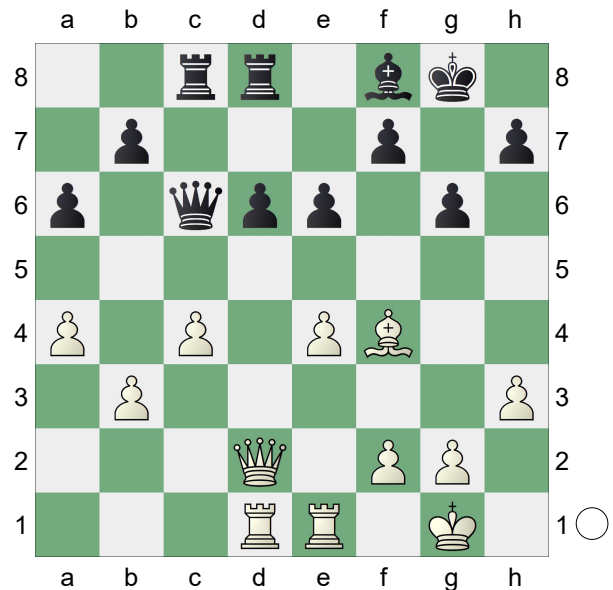
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**1467**

1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.32)  
 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7  
 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.0-0 Ngf6 6.Re1 Qc7  
 7.d3 g6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.a4  
 a6 11.Qd2 Ng4 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Rab1  
 e6 14.h3 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.b3  
 Qb4 17.Ne2 Qb6 18.Rbd1 Rac8

19.Be3 Qc7 20.c4 Nc6 21.d4 cxd4  
 22.Nxd4 Rfd8 23.Nxc6 Qxc6 24.Bf4  
 Bf8



25.e5 dxe5 26.Qxd8 Rxd8 27.Rxd8  
 exf4 28.Red1 Kg7 29.R1d4 Qb6  
 30.Rxf4 Qxd8  
**0-1**

☐ Cao,Danny Du Uy

**D05**

■ Morello,Nicholas

**1265**

**1617**

1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.33)  
 [Cao,Danny Du Uy]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3  
 Be7 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.c3  
 [ 7.b3 ]  
 7...c5 8.e4  
 [ 8.Re1 ]  
 8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Nf6  
 11.Re1  
 [ 11.Bc2 ]  
 11...Nxe4 12.Rxe4 b6 13.Qe2 Bb7  
 14.Rg4 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 f5 16.Rg3  
 [ 16.Rxg7+ Kxg7 17.Qg3+ ]  
 16...cxd4 17.Bh6 Bf6 18.Rd1 Qd5  
 19.Qxd5 exd5 20.cxd4 Rfe8 21.Be3  
 Rac8 22.Rf3 Re4 23.Rxf5  
 [ 23.Kf1 ]

[ 23.Rf4 Rxf4 24.Bxf4 Rc2 ]  
**23...Bxd4 24.Rxd5**  
 [ 24.Bxd4 Rxd4 25.Rxd5 Rxd5  
 26.Rxd5 Rc1+ ]  
**24...Bxe3 25.Rd8+**  
 [ 25.fxe3 Rxe3 26.Rd8+ ( 26.Kf2 )  
 26...Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Kf7 28.Rd7+  
 Ke6 ]  
**25...Rxd8 26.Rxd8+ Kf7 27.fxe3 Rxe3**  
**28.Kf2 Re7 29.Rd3 g6 30.Rh3 Kf6**  
**31.Rf3+ Kg7 32.Re3 Rc7 33.Rc3**  
 a fatigued lazy move. White 14 min...  
 Black 42 min... was worried about Black  
 rook on 2nd rank with check... should  
 have calculated counter threat of active  
 rook

[ 33.Rd3 more active counter threat...  
 but my brain turned off... Rc2+ 34.Kf3  
 Rxb2 35.Rd7+ Kf6 36.Rxa7  
 I should probably play this against  
 computer... I need to be more  
 confident with playing into this  
 position ]

**33...Rxc3** Black is happy to trade  
**34.bxc3** I know I have to be precise....  
 lazy rook trade means I can't be lazy  
 now **34...Kf6 35.Kf3**

[ 35.Ke3 Ke5 ]  
**35...Ke5 36.Ke3 Kd5 37.Kd3 b5**  
**38.a3 h6 39.g3**

[ 39.h4 my opponent turned on engine  
 during kibitz and I think found this  
 resource for White at this moment h5  
 40.g3 a5 ]

[ 39.g4 I contemplated this h5  
 40.gxh5 gxh5 41.h4  
**A) 41...a5 42.Ke3 b4 ( 42...Kc4**  
**43.Kf4 Kxc3 44.Kg5 b4 45.axb4**  
**axb4 46.Kxh5 b3 );**

**B) 41...Kc5 ]**  
**39...g5 40.g4 a6 41.h3 a5 42.c4+**  
 [ 42.Ke3 Kc4 43.Ke4 Kxc3 44.Kf5  
 b4 45.axb4 axb4 46.Kg6 b3  
 47.Kxh6 b2 48.Kxg5 b1Q ]  
**42...bxc4+ 43.Kc3 a4 44.Kc2 Kd4**

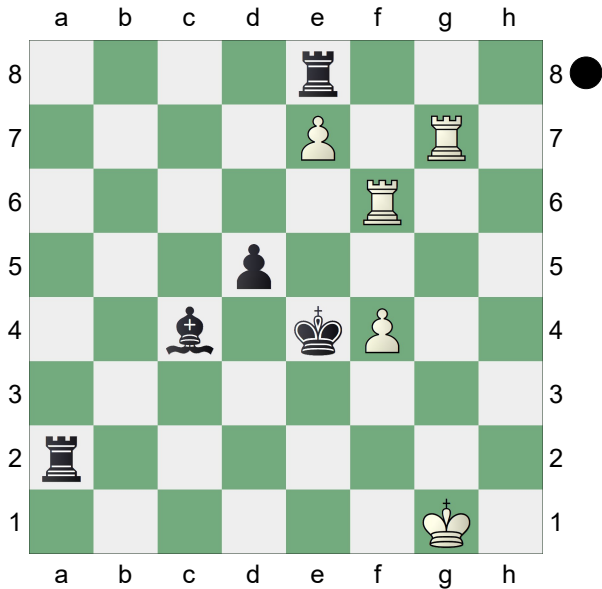
**45.Kd2 c3+ 46.Kc2 Kc4 47.Kc1 Kb3**  
**48.Kb1 Kxa3 49.Kc2 Kb4 50.Kc1**  
**Kb3 51.Kb1 a3 52.Ka1** with stalemate  
 on my mind but White still has h4...  
 putting up a fight anyway **52...c2** funny  
**53.h4** ha ha... forced **53...gxh4**  
 Black has a sense of humor as well... all  
 in good fun... White resigns  
**0-1**

**B50**  
 **Ploquin,Phil** **1576**  
 **Fees,Holden** **1256**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.34)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 e6  
 5.Qc2 Bd7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6  
 8.Be3 d5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.e5 Ne4  
 11.Nd2 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Qc7 13.f4 Be7  
 14.0-0 0-0 15.Bd3 c5 16.Qe2 Rab8  
 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Rf3  
 f5 20.Rh3 Be8 21.Qh7+ Kf7 22.Rg3  
 Rg8 23.Qg6+ Kf8 24.Qxe6 Qd7  
 25.Qxd7 Bxd7 26.b4 cxb4 27.Bxa7  
 Rb7 28.Bd4 Kf7 29.Rd3 Ra8 30.cxb4  
 Rxb4 31.Be3 Ke6 32.h3 Bb5 33.Rd2  
 Bc4 34.g4 Rba4 35.Rb1 fxg4 36.Rb6+  
 Kf5 37.hxg4+ Kxg4 38.Rg6+ Kf5  
 39.Rxg7 Re8 40.Rb2 Ra5 41.Rb7 Bc5  
 42.Bxc5 Rxc5 43.Rbf7+ Ke4 44.Rf6  
 Ra5 45.e6 Rxa2 46.e7

(Diagram)

Rb8?? 47.Re6+ Kxf4 48.e8Q Rxe8  
 49.Rxe8 Ra1+ 50.Kh2 Ra2+ 51.Rg2  
 Rxg2+ 52.Kxg2 Be2?? 53.Rxe2  
**1-0**

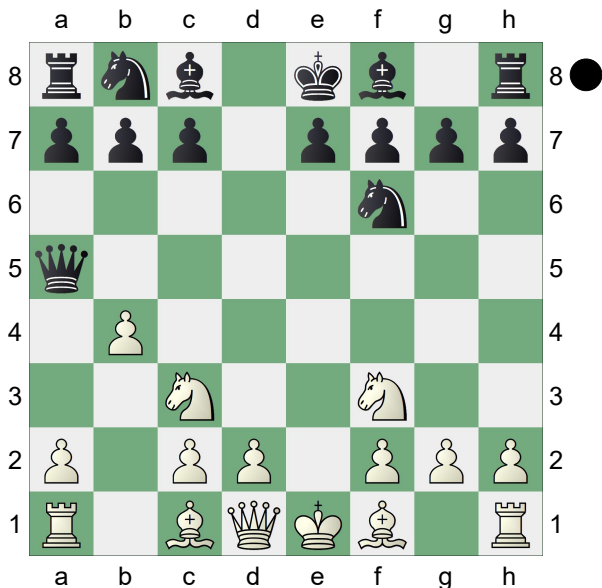


□ Booth, Kyle Ewart Coventry

■ Horowitz, Phineas F

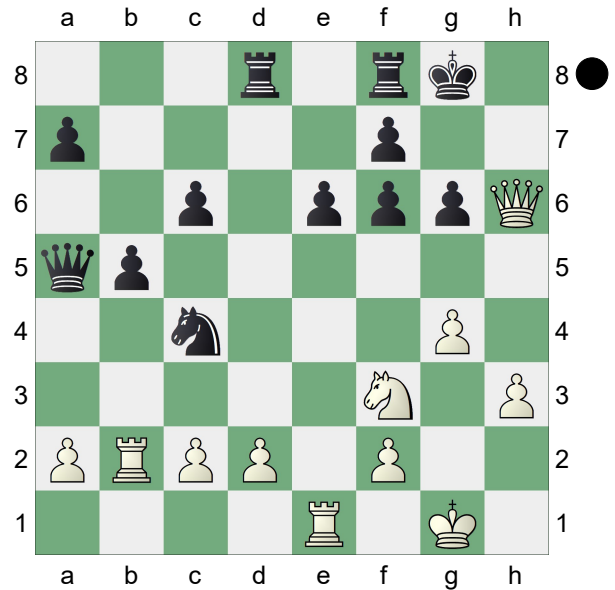
1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.35)  
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Qxd5 4.Nc3  
Qa5 5.b4



Qxb4 6.Nb5 Qa5 7.Bc4 c6 8.Nc3 Bg4  
9.0-0 e6 10.h3 Bh5 11.Re1 Be7  
12.Bb2 0-0 13.Qe2 Ba3 14.Rab1  
Bxb2 15.Rxb2 b5 16.Bd3 Nbd7 17.g4  
Bg6 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Qd3 Rad8

20.Ne4 Ne5 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Qe3  
Nc4 23.Qh6



Nxd2! 24.Nh4 Rd7 25.g5 fxg5  
26.Nxg6 Nf3+ 27.Kh1 Qxe1+ 28.Kg2  
fxg6 29.Rb1 Qxb1 30.Qxg6+ Rg7  
31.Qxe6+ Rff7 32.Qe8+ Kh7 33.Qe4+  
Rg6 34.h4 Qg1+ 35.Kh3 Qh2+  
**0-1**

**B08**

□ Otterbach, Renate

**1029**

■ Kaplan, Glenn

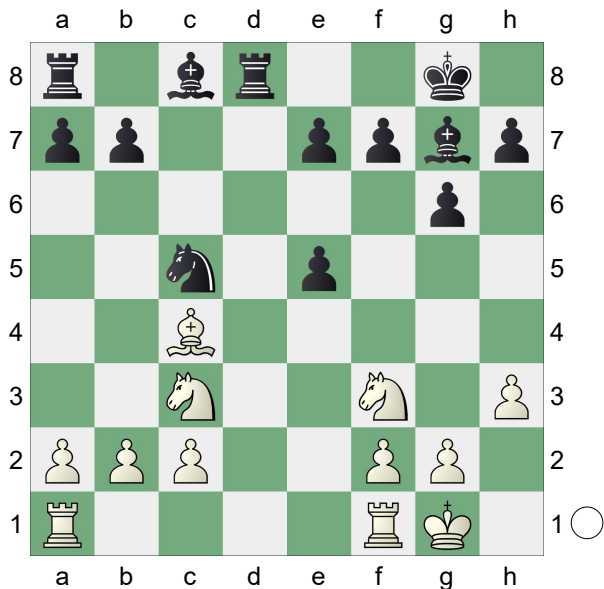
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1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.36)  
[Winslow, Elliott]

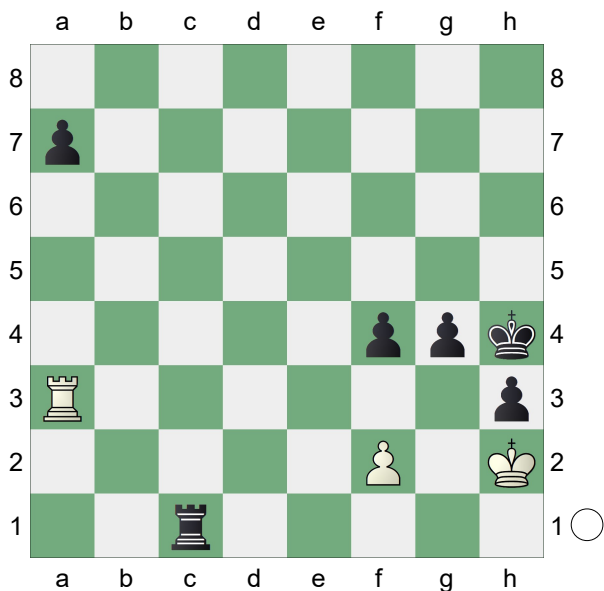
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bd3  
Bg7 5.h3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5  
8.Be3 cxd4 9.Bxd4 Nc5 10.e5 Nfd7  
11.Bc4 dxe5 12.Bxc5 Nxc5 13.Qxd8  
Rxd8

(Diagram)

14.Rad1 Be6 15.Bxe6 Nxe6 16.Nd5  
Kf8 17.b3 Nd4 18.c3 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3  
Rac8 (Here I think the next move-pair  
was missing from the score, so I  
guessed.) 20.c4 Ke8 21.a4 e6 22.Nc3  
e4 23.Nxe4 h6 24.h4 Ke7 25.f4 f5



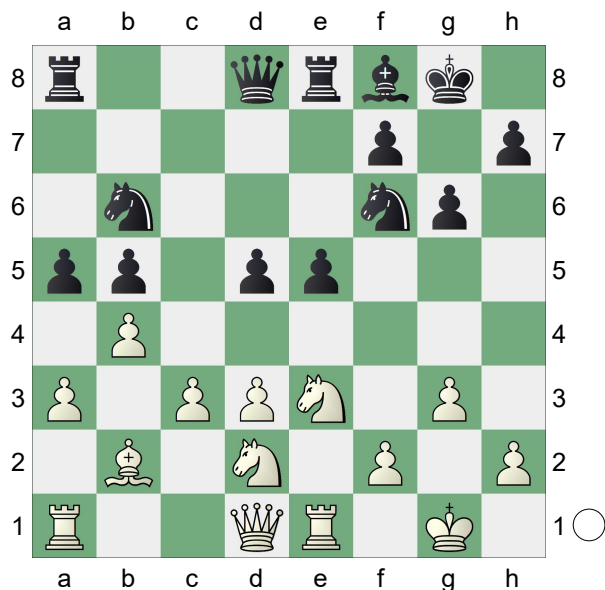
26.Nd2 Rd4 27.Nf3 Rxf4 28.Kg2 e5  
 29.Rd5 e4 30.Ne5 Bxe5 31.Rxe5+ Kf6  
 32.Rd5 Rxh4 33.Rfd1 Rg4+ 34.Kf1  
 Rh4 35.Rd6+ Kg5 36.Ke2 Kh5 37.Re6  
 Rc6 38.Rxc6 bxc6 39.Rd6 Rh3 40.b4  
 Rb3 41.b5 cxb5 42.axb5 Kg5 43.Ra6  
 Rb4 44.Rc6 h5 45.Kf1 h4 46.Kg2 f4  
 47.Rc7 Kg4 48.c5 Rxb5 49.c6 Rc5  
 50.Re7 Rxc6 51.Rxe4 h3+ 52.Kg1 g5  
 53.Ra4 Rc7 54.Ra3 Kh4 55.Rf3 Rc4  
 56.Ra3 Rc1+ 57.Kh2 g4



58.Rf3 Rh1+ 59.Kxh1 gxf3 60.Kh2 a5  
 61.Kh1 a4  
**0-1**

**A00**  
**1500**  
**1064**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.37)  
 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.b4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bb2 Bg4 4.Be2  
 Bxe2 5.Nxe2 Nbd7 6.0-0 e6 7.a3 Bd6  
 8.g3 0-0 9.d3 a5 10.c3 c6 11.Nd2  
 Re8 12.Nd4 e5 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.e4 g6  
 15.Ne3 b5 16.Re1 Nb6 17.exd5 cxd5



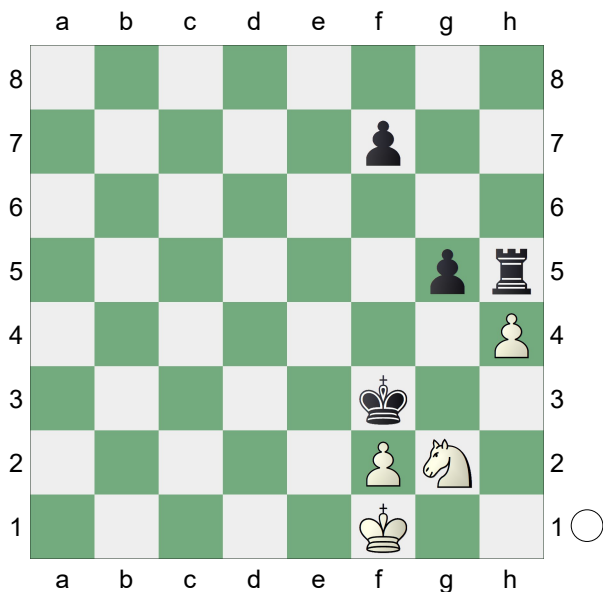
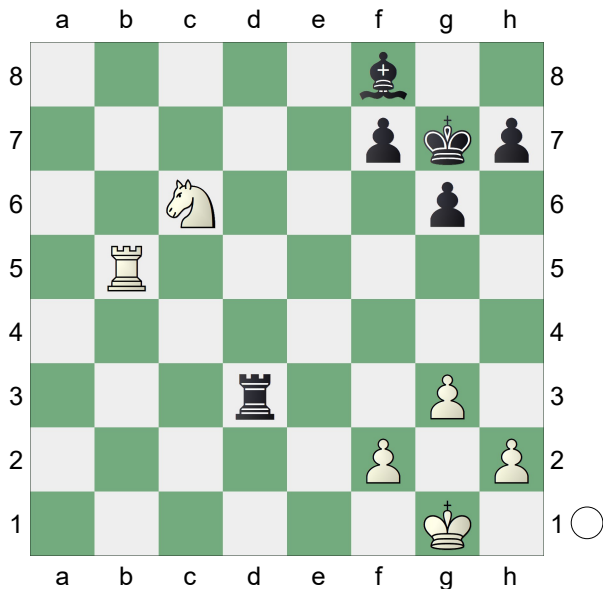
18.c4 axb4 19.Nxd5 Nbx5 20.cxd5  
 Qxd5 21.Qb3 Qxb3 22.Nxb3 bxa3  
 23.Bxe5 Nd5 24.Bd4 Nb4 25.Rxe8  
 Rxe8 26.Rxa3 Nc2 27.Ra5 Nxd4  
 28.Nxd4 Rd8 29.Nc6 Rxd3 30.Rxb5  
 Kg7

(Diagram)

31.Kg2 Rd2 32.h3 Rc2 33.Ne5 Bc5  
 34.Ng4 h5 35.Rxc5 Rxc5 36.Ne3 Kf6  
 37.h4 Ke5 38.g4 Kf4 39.gxh5 Rxh5  
 40.Kf1 Kf3 41.Ng2 g5

(Diagram)

42.Ne1+ Kg4 43.hxg5 Rxg5 44.Ng2 f5  
 45.Ke2 f4 46.Ne1 Re5+ 47.Kf1 f3  
 48.Nc2 Kf4 49.Kg1 Re2 50.Nd4 Re1+



51.Kh2 Rf1 52.Ne6+ Kg4 53.Nd4  
Rxf2+ 54.Kg1 Rd2 55.Nb3 Ra2  
56.Nd4 f2+ 57.Kf1 Kh3 58.Ne2 Rxe2  
59.Kxe2 Kg2  
**0-1**

☐ **Liu, Felix** **1832**  
 ■ **Schaezlein, Charlie** **1311**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.38)

**1-0**

**C64**

☐ **Singer, Andrew** **985**  
 ■ **D'Mello, Sanjay** **1424**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.39)  
*[D'Mello, Sanjay]*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0  
 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.Nxc6  
 bxc6 8.Bc4 Nf6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bg5 h6  
 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Re8 13.Qd3 Bg4?!  
 14.e5 dxe5?? 15.Qg6+! Kh8 16.Qxh6+  
 Nh7 17.Bxf7 Re7 18.Ne4 Qf8  
 19.Qxf8+ Rxf8 20.Nxc5 Rxf7 21.Ne4  
 Rf5 22.f3 Bh5 23.Bf2 a6 24.g4 Bxg4  
 25.fxg4 Rf4 26.Ng3 Rxc4 27.Rae1 Nf6  
 28.Kh1 Nd5 29.Re4 Rf4 30.Rxf4?!  
 gxf4 31.Ne4 Rh7 32.a3 Rh3 33.Ng5  
 Rh5 34.Ne4 Ne7 35.Re1 Kg7 36.Rg1+  
 Kh6?! 37.Nf6 Rf5 38.Ne4 Nd5 39.Kg2  
 f3+ 40.Kf1 Rf4 41.Nc3 Rc4 42.Nxd5  
 cxd5 43.Be3+ Kh5 44.Rg3?? e4  
 45.Rg5+ Kh4 46.Rxd5 Kh3?! 47.Bf4?!  
 Rxc2 48.Rd2 Rc1+ 49.Kf2 c5 50.Be5?  
 a5? 51.Bd6?! a4?! 52.Bf4? Kg4  
 53.Bg3?! Rc4? 54.Rd7 Rc2+!  
 55.Rd2?? Rxd2+ 56.Ke3?! Re2#  
**0-1**

☐ **Toczyski, David Paul** **1319**  
 ■ **Brown, Samuel Tseng** **976**  
 1st Jeremy Silman Memorial TNM (4.40)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.exd5  
 exd5 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Qe2+ Qe7 7.Nxd5  
 Qxe2+ 8.Nxe2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bc5  
 10.Bxd7+ Nxd7 11.Bf4 Bxd4 12.Nc7+  
 Kd8 13.Nxa8 Be5 14.Bxe5 Nxe5  
 15.0-0-0+ Kc8 16.Rhe1 f6 17.f4  
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 f6  
5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3 fxe5 7.dxe5 e6  
8.d4 Na6 9.a3 h6 10.Qd3 Qd7  
11.Qg6+ Qf7 12.Qxf7+ Kxf7 13.Bd2  
Be7 14.0-0 g5 15.h3 b6 16.b4 Kg6  
17.Nh2 h5 18.g3 Nh6 19.f4 Rhf8  
20.fxg5 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Bxg5 22.Bxg5  
Kxg5 23.Nc3 Nf5 24.Ne2 Ne3+  
25.Kg1 c5 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.Nf4 Re8  
28.Rc1 c4 29.Kf2 Nf5 30.Rb1 h4  
31.Nf3+ Kh6 32.g4 Ng3 33.Nxh4  
Ne4+ 34.Ke3 Kg5 35.Nhg2 c3 36.Kd3  
Kh6 37.Ne3 Kg5 38.Neg2 Kh6 39.Rb7  
Rc8 40.Kc2 Rc4 41.Nxe6 Ng5  
42.Rxa7 Nxe6 43.Rxa6 Kg5 44.Rxe6  
Ra4 45.Kb3 c2 46.Rc6 Rxd4 47.Kxc2  
Re4 48.Rc3 Rxe5 49.Re3 Kf6  
50.Rxe5 Kxe5 51.Kc3 Ke4 52.Kd2 Kf3  
53.g5 Kxg2 54.g6 Kxh3 55.g7 Kg3  
56.g8Q+ Kf4 57.Qxd5 Kg4

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