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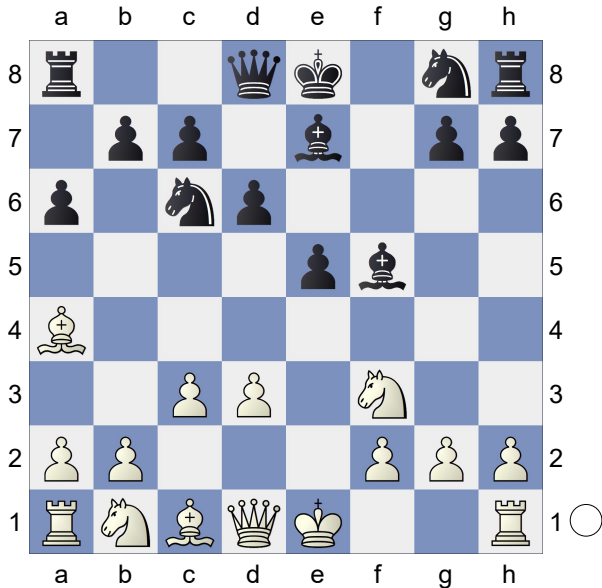
2024 Winter TNM: 2000+ (3.1) 19.11.24  
[TA 4.6/Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 8 e5 7 2.Nf3 7 Nc6 4 3.Bb5 6 a6  
8 4.Ba4 11 d6 10 5.c3 42 f5!? 40  
The Siesta Variation! No idea why it's  
called that. 6.exf5 1:29 Bxf5 41 7.d3  
2:46 C74: Ruy Lopez: Deferred Steinitz:  
5 c3 f5.

[Stockfish favors 7.0-0 Bd3 8.Re1  
Be7 ]

[Human analysis over the years  
favored 7.d4 e4 8.Ng5 so humans  
with computers have something to  
think about. ( 8.d5!? )]

7...Be7 1:18



8.Bc2N -0.51/23 4:36

[ 8.0-0= 0.05/25 ]

[ 8.a3 Nf6 9.Bb3 d5 10.Qe2 Qd6  
11.Nbd2 0-0-0 12.Bc2 Rhe8 13.0-0  
Nh5 14.g3 Bh3 0-1 (100)

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8...Nf6 41 9.Nbd2 1:49 Black is slightly  
better. 9...0-0 42 10.0-0 -0.70/23 2:31

C74

2028

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[ ♖10.Nf1 -0.33/26 ]  
10...d5 4:06 11.h3 5:04 Bd6 -0.55/25  
6:09

[ 11...h6 4:06 -0.96/24 ]

12.Re1 -0.98/27 11:15

[ 12.c4 4:06 -0.55/25 ]

12...Qd7 4:15 13.Nf1 2:27 e4 0.00/28  
7:17

[ 13...h6 4:06 -0.89/25 ]

14.dxe4 10:54 dxe4 1:48 15.Nd4 1:18

Nxd4 5:21 16.Qxd4 49 Kh8 6:24

17.Bg5 7:55 e3 0.85/29 11:09 18.Bxf5  
5:53 Qxf5 11 19.Bxe3 5:56

[ 19.Nxe3? Qxg5 20.Qd3 Bc5-+ ]

[ 19.Qxe3 Bc5 20.Qf4 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2  
Qc5+ 22.Ke2 Qb5+ 23.c4 Qxb2+  
24.Nd2 Rae8+ 25.Kd3 Rd8+ 26.Ke2  
h6-+ ( 26...Nd5 27.cxd5 Rxf4  
28.Bxf4 4:06 ) ]

19...Rae8 1.43/26 1:35

[ ♖19...Rad8 0.74/24 ]

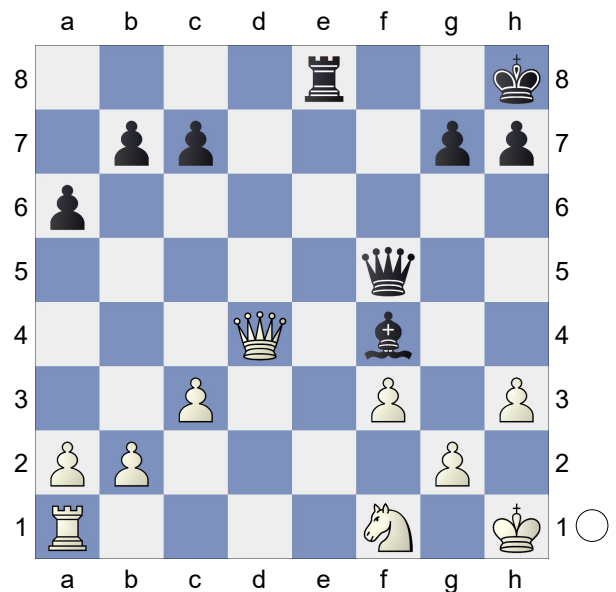
20.f3 0.00/34 3:23

[ 20.Rad1± 1.43/26 ]

20...Nd5= 11:19 Threatens to win with ...  
Nxe3. 21.Kh1 14:03 Nf4 1.45/23 6:51

[ 21...Nxe3= 0.00/29 22.Nxe3 Qg5 ]

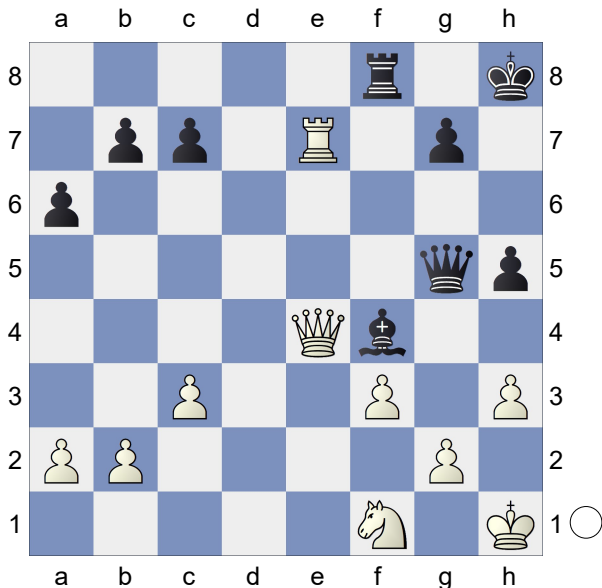
22.Bxf4!± 2:38 Bxf4 3 23.Rxe8 45  
Rxe8 2



24.Re1! → 16 Deflection, Back Rank.  
White wants a kill. 24...Rf8 3:40 25.Re7

2:04 **Qg5** 39 **26.Qe4** 4:44 White is more active. Black must now prevent Re8! **26...h5** 1.40/27 4:48

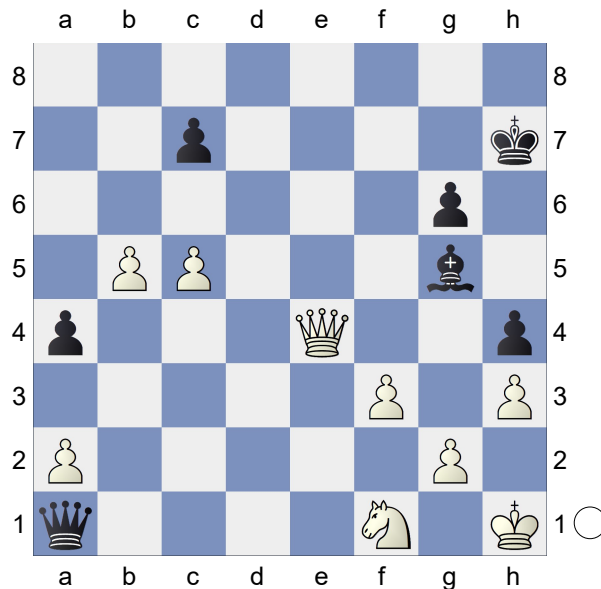
[ Better is 26...Bd6!± 0.67/29 27.Re6 Qb5 ]



**27.Re8!** 1:26 **Rxe8** 32 **28.Qxe8+** 2 Endgame. KQB-KQN **28...Kh7** 1 **29.Qe4+** 2 **g6** 2:26 **30.Qxb7** 1:28 **a5** 3:31 **31.Qe4** 1:00 **h4** 2.54/27 47 [ 31...Bd6± 1.11/27 ] **32.b4** 1:02 bxa5 would now be deadly. **32...a4** 4:27 **33.c4** 0.19/30 47 [ 33.Kg1± 1.53/26 ] **33...Qf6=** 2:10 **34.c5** 43 **Bg5** 0.88/34 3:44 [ 34...c6= 0.09/35 keeps the balance. ] **35.b5±** 1:04 And now Qc4! would win. **35...Qa1** 1.68/25 34 [ 35...Qb2± 0.80/30 ]

(Diagram)

**36.Qc4!+-** 16 Black must now prevent b6! **36...Qb1?** 3.36/23 1:11 [ 36...Bf6 1.72/31 37.b6 cxb6 ] **37.b6?** 0.80/31 1:19 [ 37.f4+- 3.36/23 Bh6 38.b6 ] **37...cxb6±** 30 **38.c6** 0.00/57 7



[ White ought to consider. **38.cxb6±** 0.83/33 Strongly threatening Qc7+. Qxb6 39.Qxa4 ]

**38...b5=** 29 The position is equal.

**39.Qf7+** 1:50 **Kh6** 29 **40.Qf8+** 28 **Kh7** 34 **41.Kg1** 55 **Qc1** 2:31 **42.Qf7+** 2:31 **Kh6** 22 **43.Qf8+** 53 **Kh7** 29 **44.Qf7+** 39 An interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.32. 1/2-1/2

**B22**

□ **Bambou,Christophe**

**2130**

■ **Hao,Max**

**2065**

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1.e4 3:36 c5 13 2.c3 7 Nf6 3 3.e5 4 Nd5 3 4.Nf3 5 Nc6 10 5.Bc4 12 Nb6 17 6.Bb3 6 c4 44 7.Bc2 5 d6 10 8.exd6 11 Qxd6 12 9.0-0 16 g6 2:18 10.Na3 27 a6 41 11.b3 18 cxb3 3:02 12.axb3 12 Bg7 16 13.d4 1:38 0-0 1:22 14.Nc4 18 Nxc4 1:44 15.bxc4 3 Bg4 4:18 16.h3 2:39 Bxf3 1:49 17.Qxf3 6 Rfc8 2:47 18.Rb1 7:34 Qd7 10:32 19.Ba4 7:02 Qc7 4:26 20.c5 18:43 Na5 22:23 21.Bf4 6:25 e5 2:19 22.Bh2 2:54 Qd8 1:19 23.Rfe1 14:03 exd4 13:10 24.Re8+ 2:01

Qxe8 4 25.Bxe8 3 Rxe8 5 26.cxd4 25  
 Bxd4 1:02 27.Bd6 36 Re6 1:27 28.Qd5  
 2:09 Bf6 1:23 29.Bc7 1:29 Nc6 1:39  
 30.Rxb7 1:00 Rc8 3:52 31.g3 4:05 a5  
 2:16 32.Qd7 1:05 Rce8 2:07 33.Bd6  
 1:02 Nd8 23 34.Ra7 1:38 Bd4 21  
 35.Ra8 3:02 Re1+ 5:00 36.Kg2 14  
 R1e2 7 37.Rxd8 21 Rxf2+ 6 38.Kh1 17  
 Rf1+ 4 39.Kg2 2:14 Rf2+ 3 40.Kg1 2:58  
 Rf3+ 4 41.Kh1 24 Rf1+ 2 42.Kg2 11  
 Rf2+  
 1/2-1/2

**B33**  
**2345**  
**1926**  
 2024 Winter TNM: 2000+ (3.3) 19.11.24  
 [Winslow,Elliott]

**1.e4 2 c5 36 2.Nf3 11 Nc6 14 3.d4 9**  
**cx d4 6 4.Nxd4 5 Nf6 11 5.Nc3 4 e5 17**  
**6.Ndb5 5 d6 8 7.Nd5 8 Nxd5 15**  
**8.ex d5 4** Ruiyang is fond of this pawn  
 structure in several Sicilians. **8...Nb8**  
 1:17

[ 8...Ne7 appears to have fallen by the  
 wayside. ]

**9.a4 5**

[ 9.c4 The Old Move. ]

[ 9.Qf3!? a6 10.Qa3!? is a recent  
 idea -- which didn't take long to be  
 played hundreds of times. ]

**9...a6 1:29 10.Na3 7 Be7 31 11.Be2 7**

**0-0 58 12.0-0 7 f5 2:04 13.f4 11**

13.Nc4 is more fashionable. **13...e4**  
 1.35/21 1:45 B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and  
 Sveshnikov Variations.

[ 13...Nd7± 0.42/25 ]

**14.Nc4 0.88/25 43**

[ ♞14.Be3 1.35/21 ]

**14...Nd7 1.61/22 1:20**

[ 14...a5± 0.88/25 ]

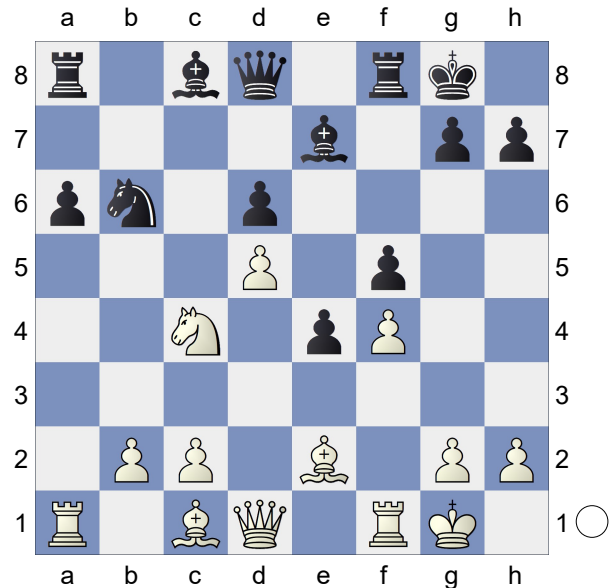
**15.a5+- 16 b5? 0.03/26 55**

[ Better is 15...b6± 1.57/30 ]

**16.axb6? 1.58/23 34**

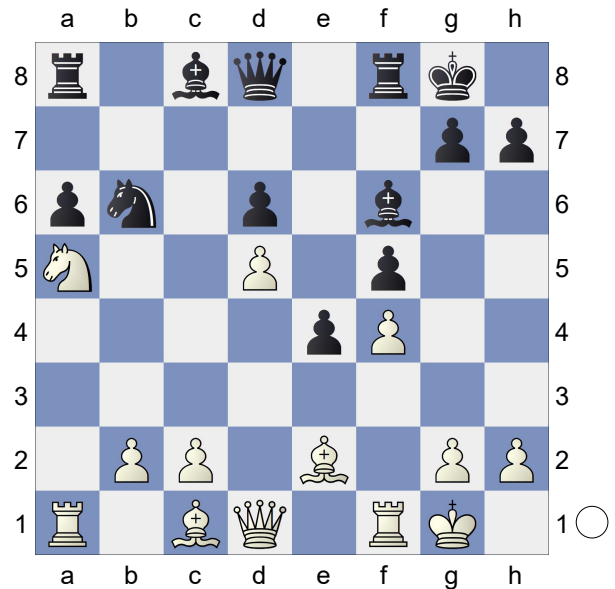
[ Preferable for White is to pursue.  
 White should try 16.Ne3= 0.03/26 ]

**16...Nxb6± 15**



**17.Na5 1:22** White is more active.

**17...Bf6 2:12**



**18.Ra2N 4:06**

[ Predecessor: 18.Be3 Bxb2 19.Qb1  
 Bxa1 20.Nc6 Qf6 21.Qxa1 Qxa1  
 22.Rxa1 Nd7 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.g4  
 0-1 (56) Baylav,C (2176)-Iren,M  
 (1698) TUR Cup Antalya 2020 (2) ]

**18...Qc7 1.96/22 6:11**

[ 18...Bd7± 1.55/26 ]

**19.Be3+- 1:04 Nd7 8:14 20.Qd2 10:41**

Kh8 2.64/23 5:10

[  $\Delta$ 20...h6 1.89/26 21.c4 Bb7 ]  
21.c4 52 Rb8 6:41 22.b4 27 Bb7 3:59  
23.c5 22:35 dxc5 5:25 24.bxc5 8 Nxc5  
7:30 25.d6 2:59 Qb6 4:43 26.Rc1 55  
Rbc8 3:27 27.Nxb7 1:24 Qxb7 1:10  
28.Rxc5 2:00 Rxc5 6 29.Bxc5 3 Rd8  
51 30.Rxa6 49 Qb1+ 1:21 31.Bf1 5 h6  
59 32.Bb6 7:37 Rd7 51 33.Qd5 19  
Qb4 3:59 34.Ra8+ 7 Kh7 8 35.Qxf5+ 9  
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09/  
Black=0.76

1-0

□ Winslow,Elliott **B92**  
2200  
■ Walder,Michael **1953**  
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1.e4 7:23 c5 33 2.Nf3 33 d6 48 3.d4 8  
cxd4 7 4.Nxd4 4 Nf6 7 5.Nc3 7 a6 1:12  
6.Be2 1:00 e5 48 7.Nb3 16 Be7 36  
8.0-0 7 0-0 49 9.Kh1 4:29 Nc6 3:40  
10.Be3 4:18 Be6 2:30 11.f3 1:44 d5  
4:46 12.exd5 58 Nxd5 1:30 13.Nxd5 10  
Bxd5 34 14.c3 11:07  
1/2-1/2

□ Diller,Brad **A12**  
2119  
■ Mercado,Adam **1937**  
2024 Winter TNM: 2000+ (3.7) 19.11.24  
[Diller,Brad]

In my game against Adam, I tried the b3 setup in the English advocated by Shankland. Adam made some mistakes early in the opening with 8... Bc7 and 9... h6, allowing me to play e4, but I made a few critical inaccuracies and Adam missed opportunities to equalize. Adam's fundamental error was 15... Rb6 allowing me to play 16 Nd6 with a

winning position. 1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5  
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 Bf5 5.Bg2 Nbd7  
6.Bb2 e6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.d3 Bc7?

Adam presumably played this move to prevent a potential e5 pawn fork, but the bishop is awkwardly placed on this square. Simply castling avoids the pawn fork.

[  $\Delta$ 8...0-0 ]  
9.Nbd2 h6?! 10.e4? The e4 push was the correct idea, but I should have prepared this move with 10 cxd5 to support the devastating Ba3 preventing my opponent from king-side castling.

[  $\Delta$ 10.cxd5! cxd5 11.e4 Bg4  
( 11...dxe4 12.dxe4 Bg4 13.Ba3+- )  
12.exd5 exd5 13.Re1+ Kf8± ]  
10...dxe4 11.dxe4 Bh7 12.e5 Ng8?  
[  $\Delta$ 12...Ng4 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Rad1  
Qb8 15.Nd4 Ndx5 16.Ne4 Bxe4  
17.Bxe4 Nf6 18.Bb1 Ned7 19.f4± ]

13.b4?! b4 was intended to prevent Nc5, but Qe2 was much better preventing Nc5 and supporting Ne4.

[  $\Delta$ 13.Qe2 Nc5 14.Rfd1± ]  
13...Ne7 14.Re1?! This was the right idea to support Ne4, but Qe2 was much better because the Queen will be strongly positioned after a Bxe4 recapture. Secondly, Qe2 connects the rooks and in the ensuing variation Rd1 is played to support the knight anchor on d6.

[  $\Delta$ 14.Qe2 a5 15.a3 axb4 16.axb4  
Rxa1 17.Rxa1 Qb8 18.Ne4 0-0  
( 18...Bxe4 19.Qxe4± ) 19.Rd1 Rd8  
( 19...Nxe5? 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Nc5  
Bxb2 22.Nd7+- ) 20.Nd6± ]

14...0-0 15.Ne4 Nb6?? This was a serious error allowing to me plant the knight on d6 and achieve a winning position. Black missed the following continuation which equalizes.

[ 15...a5 16.a3 axb4 17.axb4 Bxe4  
18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Qxd7 Bxf3

20.Bxf3 Qd8 21.Rd1 Ng6= ]  
**16.Nd6+- Bxd6 17.exd6 Nf5**  
 [ 17...Nxc4 18.dxe7+- ]  
**18.c5 Nd5 19.a3 a5 20.Qd2 b6**  
**21.Ne5 bxc5 22.bxc5 Qc8 23.Nc4 a4**  
**24.Rac1 Rb8 25.Ba1 Rb5 26.Be4**  
**Rd8 27.Qd3 Rxc5??** This loses at  
 least a piece, but black is still lost after  
 the best move 27... Rb3.  
 [ 27...Rb3 28.Qc2 h5 29.Rb1 Qa6  
 30.Rxb3 axb3 31.Qxb3 f6 32.Bc3  
 Qa7 33.Na5 Qd7 34.a4+- ]  
**28.Bxf5 Nf6 29.Bxh7+ Nxh7 30.Qd4**  
**Rg5 31.Ne5 Qa8 32.h4 Rf5 33.Nxc6**  
**Nf6 34.Ne7+ Kh7 35.Nxf5 exf5**  
**36.Qf4 Qd5 37.Rcd1 Qb3 38.Qxf5+**  
**Kh8 39.Bxf6 Rg8 40.d7 gxf6 41.d8Q**  
**Rxd8 42.Rxd8+ Kg7 43.Qg4+**  
**1-0**

**Horowitz,Phineas F** **D38**  
**1839**  
 **Ivanenko,Anthony Vladimir** **2023**  
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4  
 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 h6 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3  
 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Bd3  
 b6 12.e4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb7 14.Nd2  
 Qc3 15.Nb3 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Nxe4  
 17.Be3 Qc6 18.Rc1 Qd5 19.Rc7 Na6  
 20.Rc1 Rac8 21.Qd3 Nac5 22.Nxc5  
 Nxc5 23.Qc2 Nb3 24.Qxc8 Rxc8  
 25.Rxc8+ Kh7 26.Rc7 Qa5 27.Rxf7  
 Qxa3 28.Bf4 Kg6 29.Rc7 Nxd4  
 30.Be5 Nb5 31.Rxg7+ Kf5 32.Re1 h5  
 33.h4  
**1-0**

**Lewis,Edward** **A80**  
**2006**  
 **Crompton,Robert** **1850**  
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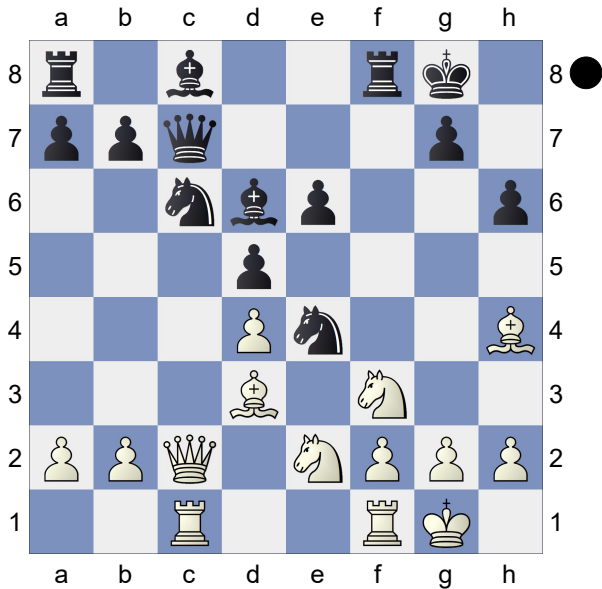
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 Bg7 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Qb6 7.Qb3 Qxb3  
 8.axb3 cxd4 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Rxa7  
 dxe3 11.fxe3 d5 12.Na3 Nf6 13.Nf3  
 Ne4 14.Bb5+ Bd7 15.0-0 Nd6  
 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.Nd4 e6 18.Nab5  
 Nc8 19.Ra5 Ne7 20.Ra4 Rhf8 21.Rd1  
 e5 22.Nc2 Kc6 23.c4 dxc4 24.bxc4  
 Rbd8 25.Raa1 Kc5 26.b3 e4 27.Nbd4  
 Rd6 28.Ra5+ Kb6 29.c5+ Kxa5  
 30.Ra1#  
**1-0**

**Wang,Chase** **C06**  
**1714**  
 **Viadiu-Illaraza,Hector** **1907**  
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*[Winslow,Elliott]*

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5**  
**Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4**  
**8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6**  
**11.0-0 Qc7**  
 [ 11...Qb6 ]  
 [ 11...0-0 ]  
**12.Bg5**  
 [ 12.Nc3 ]  
 [ 12.g3 ]  
 [ 12.h3!? ]  
**12...0-0 13.Rc1 Ne4 14.Bh4 h6**  
**15.Qc2**

(Diagram)

**g5 16.Bg3 Nxg3 17.Nxg3 Bxg3**  
**18.fxg3 Qg7 19.Ne5 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1**  
**Nxd4 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Qc5 Qxe5**  
**23.Rf8+ Kxh7 24.Qe7+ Qg7 25.Rf7**  
**Nf5 26.Rxg7+ Nxg7 27.Qc7 a5**



28.Kf2 Kg6 29.h4 g4 30.Ke3 h5  
 31.Kf4 a4 32.Ke5 Nf5 33.Kf4 Nd4  
 34.Qe5 Nc6 35.Qg5+ Kf7 36.Qxh5+  
 Ke7 37.Qh7+ Kd6 38.Kxg4 e5+  
 39.Kg5 Be6 40.h5 Rg8+ 41.Kf6 Rf8+  
 42.Kg5 Ne7 43.h6 Bf5 44.Qg7 Rg8  
 45.Qxg8 Nxc8 46.Kxf5 Nxc6+  
 0-1

□ **Smith,Roger Christopher** C07 1808  
 ■ **Rajaram,Raghu** 1800  
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1.e4 23:46 c5 9 2.Nf3 7 e6 4 3.c3 1:05  
 a6 1:55 4.d4 14 cxd4 9 5.cxd4 2 d5 13  
 6.Nc3 58 dxe4 7:41 7.Nxe4 13 Nc6  
 1:36 8.Bd3 2:03 Bb4+ 6:57 9.Bd2 37  
 Bxd2+ 1:26 10.Qxd2 4 Nf6 23:34  
 11.0-0 49 0-0 3:16 12.Rac1 2:27 Nd5  
 14:58 13.a3 4:59 Na5 6:30 14.Qc2 2:59  
 h6 4:43 15.b4 2:06 Nc6 40 16.Rfd1  
 2:13 Nf4 4:58 17.Bf1 46 Nd5 1:19  
 18.Nc5 24 b6 1:35 19.Nd3 7:36 Bb7 43  
 20.Nb2 46 Rc8 54 21.Qa4 34 b5 49  
 22.Qb3 30 Qf6 2:23 23.Nd3 1:09 Rfd8  
 6:40 24.Nc5 19 Qe7 4 25.Qb1 3:57  
 Nf6 47 26.Bd3 5:04 Kh8 2:51 27.Nxb7  
 2:10 Qxb7 7 28.Bf1 1:09 Rd5 1:12

29.Rc5 57 Rcd8 3 30.Qc2 1:03 Nxd4  
 2:24 31.Rxd4 18 Rxd4 23 32.Nxd4 3  
 Rxd4 11 33.Rc8+ 3 Ng8 12 34.Rc7  
 1:22 Qe4 1:27 35.Qxe4 Rxe4 2:14  
 36.Rxf7 3 Re1 4 37.Ra7 8 Nf6 35  
 38.Rxa6 1:47 Nd5 1:16 39.g3 1:09 Nc3  
 1:58 40.Kg2 20 Kg8 43 41.Bd3 1:08  
 Kf7 18 42.Rc6 1:49 Nb1 1:17 43.Ra6  
 36 Nc3 29 44.Ra5 3 Ra1 35 45.h4 47  
 Kf6 15 46.Kf3 18 g5 38 47.hxg5+ 2:21  
 hxg5 6 48.Kg4 1:28 Ra2 1:06 49.f3  
 2:43 Ra1 1:37 50.Bxb5 38 Nxb5 17  
 51.Rxb5 2 Rxa3 2 52.Rxg5 25 e5 19  
 53.Rf5+ 1:26 Ke6 7 54.Rf8 8 Rb3 10  
 55.Rb8 5 Kd6 14 56.b5 2:31 Kc7 33  
 57.Re8 1:10 Rxb5 12 58.Kf5 1 Rb3 42  
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 2:03 61.g4 1:09 Rc1 47 62.Kf5 56  
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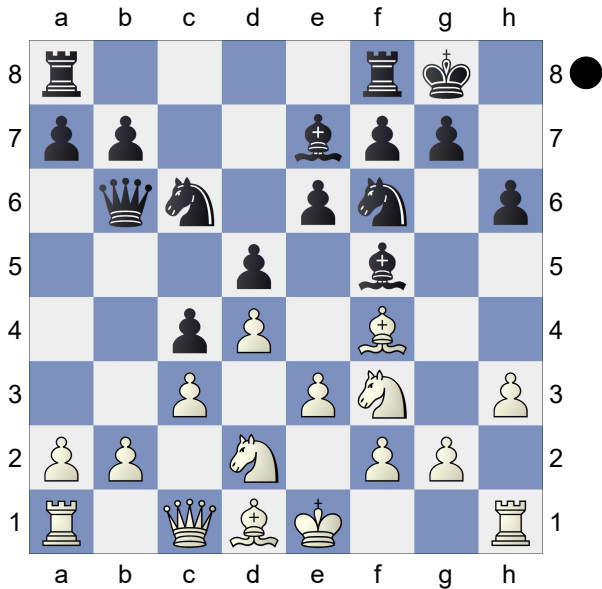
D02  
 □ **Marvin,Hayes Alexander** 1881  
 ■ **Clemens,Kristian** 1924  
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 [Clemens,Kristian]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6  
 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qb3 c4 7.Qc2 Bf5 8.Qc1  
 Max Hao played ...g6 against the same  
 opponent and won two weeks ago. 8...e6  
 9.Be2 Be7 10.h3 h6 One of the many  
 merits of the London System: White  
 gained 4 minutes on the clock so far.  
 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Bd1 This was the end  
 of my preparation: I expected 12. O-O  
 Rfc8 13. b3 cxb3 14. axb3 a5.  
 [ 12.0-0 Rfc8 13.b3 cxb3 14.axb3  
 a5= ]

(Diagram)

12...Rfc8 13.Bc2 Besides that I think  
 the London is generally a fantastic





opening for White, I think that one of the more difficult challenges facing Black is evaluating the relative strengths of the bishops. White's strong dark-squared bishop essentially won him the game, and while I wanted to preserve my Bf5, I was relieved that White was making the choice for me in this case. **13...Bxc2 14.Qxc2 Qd8 15.e4** After the game, White proposed the idea of simply allowing e5, since he doesn't really have an attack on the kingside. I didn't consider it in the game, but I wanted to get the d5 square for my pieces.

**15...dxe4** White started with 90 minutes and now had 95. I had 81 minutes left.

[ 15...b5 16.0-0 a5 17.e5 Nd7 ]

**16.Nxe4 Nxe4**

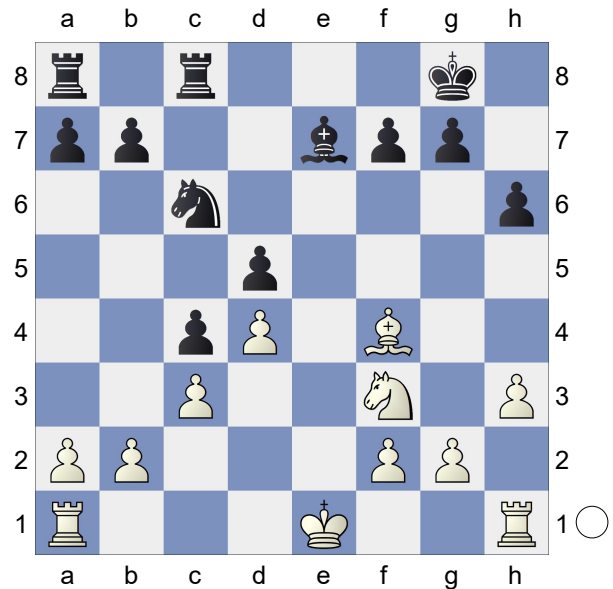
[ 16...Nd5 17.Bh2 b5 My other idea, which seems fine- the point is to put pressure on c3. I decided I would rather trade queens, and I also don't like the disparity in the quality of our bishops here. ]

[ 16...Qd5 White's idea after the game- it looks decent, but I don't understand what the queen is doing on d5 other than holding the position together. I recognized that I would struggle to find a constructive plan during the

game if I played this. ]

**17.Qxe4 Qd5 18.Qxd5 exd5**

With so many pieces on the board, this is definitely not an endgame. White's "bad bishop" is an optical illusion- his bishop is a great piece- maybe the best piece on the board. I had to decide between pushing on the queenside and contesting the e-file.



**19.0-0 Re8**

[ 19...b5 20.Rfe1 a5 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 White will use bishop(s) as cover to double on the e-file- this is the famous idea from Karpov - Unzicker, 1974. ]

**20.Rfe1 Bf6** This was another big decision. The engine doesn't really have a preference, but I was thinking of putting my bishop on f8 instead. The point is to protect g7/h6 and put my kingside pawns on light squares (and then maybe play Bg7). The drawback is that Ne5 becomes a more significant threat, and I'm not fighting hard for the e5 square in that line. I realized that an uncontested rook on e5 would probably win the d-pawn. White expected Bf6. White: 1:32, Black: 1:11. **21.g4** White said that he wanted to fix my pawns on dark squares. **21...b5 22.a3**

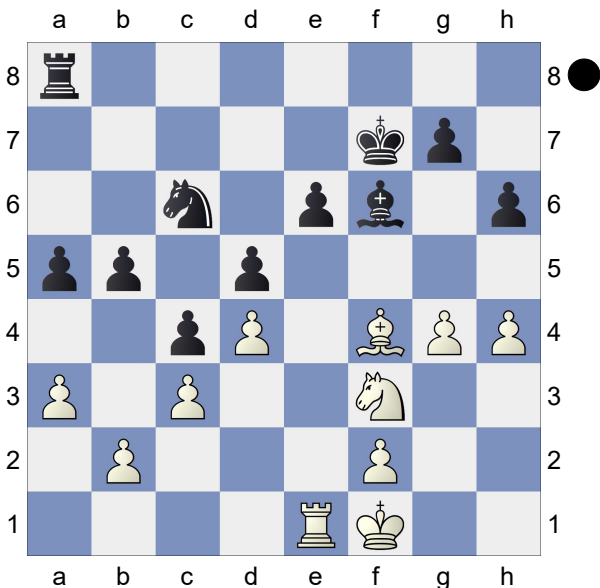
**a5 23.Kf1** White told me the idea behind this move after the game, but I don't remember- maybe it was to walk the king to c2? I didn't think he wanted to trade both sets of rooks. **23...Re6** I decided to change the pawn structure to get my king out and trade a pair of rooks. I was starting to run out of constructive moves, and decided to keep playing. White confirmed that he would have accepted a draw around here, and I did consider offering one, but didn't in view of my endgame prospects.

[ 23...Rxe1+ ]

[ 23...Kf8 ]

[ 23...g5 24.Bg3 This is the computer's suggestion, which I really don't like- Black's bishop is very bad, and this hands the f5 square to White. ]

**24.Rxe6** White spent 8 minutes on this decision. **24...fxe6 25.Re1 Kf7** 56 White: 76 min, Black: **26.h4** White spent 14 minutes on this move, by far his longest think of the game.



**26...Be7** This is a multipurpose move- now g5 doesn't come with a tempo, but ...b4 does come with the threat of ...bxa3, winning an important pawn.

[ 26...h5 27.g5 Be7 28.g6+ ]

[ 26...Bxh4 27.Nxh4 g5 was suggested by White after the game. I asked him what he would play here, and he said Ng2. I saw the same variation during the game and discarded it. 28.Ng2 gxf4 29.Nxf4 Nd8± ]

**27.g5 hxg5?!** I made this move instantly, thinking it was only natural to trade off a pawn on the side where White is attacking and fix his last pawn on a dark square. In the middle of the night after the game, I woke up with the unwelcome thought "h5 was a strategic mistake, I should have kept the h-file closed".

[ 27...h5 28.g6+ Kxg6 29.Rxe6+ Kf5 30.Rxc6 Kxf4 31.Ne5 ]

**28.hxg5 g6** I thought this was necessary, but I didn't calculate the alternatives well enough.

[ 28...b4 29.g6+ I thought Black's position was collapsing in this line, but the engine holds it together in every variation: ( 29.a4 )

**A) 29...Kxg6** 30.Rxe6+ Kf5!

I didn't see this move and thought I was dead lost here. 31.Rxc6 Kxf4 32.Rc7 bxc3 33.bxc3 Bxa3 ( 33...Kxf3 34.Rxe7 Rb8 35.Rf7+ Ke4 36.Rxg7 Rb3 37.Rg3 Rxa3 ) 34.Rf7+ Kg4 35.Ne5+ Kh5 36.Rxg7=;

**B) 29...Kf6** 30.Bg5+ Kf5 31.Bxe7

( 31.Ne5 Bxg5 32.Nxc6 bxc3

33.bxc3 Bd2-+ ) 31...Nxe7

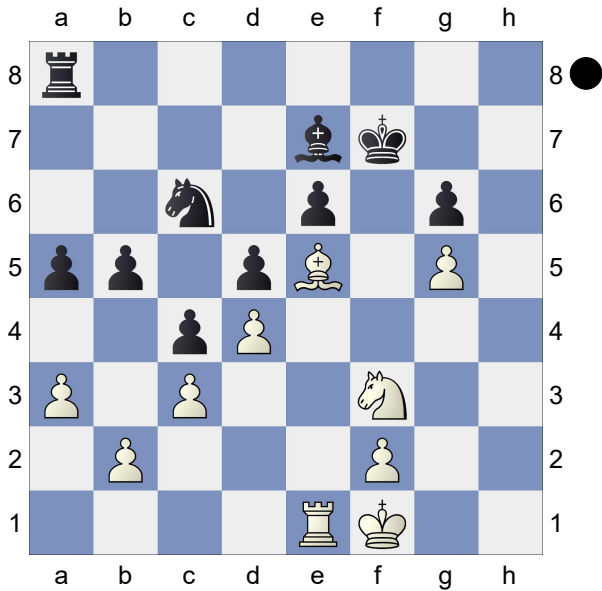
32.Re5+ ( 32.Nh4+ Kf6

We analyzed this position after the game- I hadn't seen any of this at the board and thought I was losing material. Black has to be significantly better here. ) 32...Kf6 33.Ng5 Nxg6 ]

**29.Be5!** Preventing my planned ...Rh8. This was the move I was hoping not to



see. After this, I lost the thread and put up very weak resistance. It's hard to believe that Black got mated in just ten moves from this position, which I thought wasn't so bad.



**29...b4**

[ 29...Nxe5 30.Nxe5+ Kg7 31.f4 ]

**30.a4** Here I knew perfectly well that White was intending Kg2, Rh1, Rh7+. I stared at this position for 17 minutes trying to figure out how to defend and couldn't find a solution, so I went for counterplay that proved too slow.

[ 30.axb4 axb4 ]

**30...Ra7 31.Kg2 bxc3 32.bxc3 Rb7?**

[ 32...Nxe5! This move has to be played BEFORE White gets his rook to h1 to play Rh6. 33.Nxe5+ Kg7

**A) 34.Nc6** Rc7 35.Nxe7 Rxe7 36.Rb1 e5 37.dxe5 Rxe5 38.f4 ( 38.Rb5 Rxc3+ 39.Kf3= )

38...Re2+ 39.Kf3 Ra2 40.Rd1 Rxa4 41.Rxd5 Ra3=;

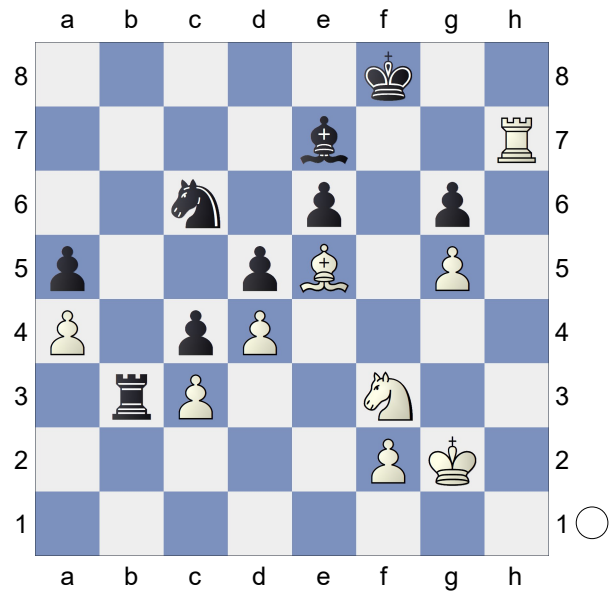
**B) 34.Rh1** Here I expected Black to lose easily after Rh6 and Rxc3+ or, if ...Bd6, then Rb1 taking the open file. But I totally missed that White's g5 pawn is hanging in this line and that he has to take time to defend it. ]

**33.Rh1 Rb3?** I probably could have spent more time here- I had 25 minutes left.

[ 33...Nxe5 34.Nxe5+ Kg7 35.Rh6 White loses the g6 pawn and the game. ]

**34.Rh7+ Kf8**

[ 34...Ke8 35.Rg7 Rxc3 36.Rxc3 Rxf3 37.Kxf3 Nxe5+ 38.dxe5 Kf7 39.Rf6+ Bxf6 40.exf6 e5 This is a crazy line that my weak engine claims is a draw. ]



**35.Bf6!** Removing the target from e5.

Now I understood that I was lost- White has three attackers, and Black has only one defender. The Nc6 never did anything to help.

[ 35.Rg7 Nxe5 This was the idea behind ..Kf8, which my opponent thought was a bad move. ]

**35...Rxc3** White: 34 min, Black: 15.

**36.Nh4 Bxf6 37.gxf6 Nd8 38.Nxc3** [ 38.Rh8+ Kf7 39.Rxd8 Kxf6 ]

**38...Kg8 39.Rg7#** I can't remember the last time I felt this confused after a game. Even after my opponent and I went over the game with some help from a weak engine, we still couldn't really understand why I lost. After analyzing

further, I think I missed a few tactical opportunities: trading off the strong bishop on e5 at the right time and keeping the h-file closed with ...h5 while realizing that g6+ was not a strong threat. I think this game was about equal for ~25 moves, after which my opponent clearly outplayed me.

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□ Chan, John

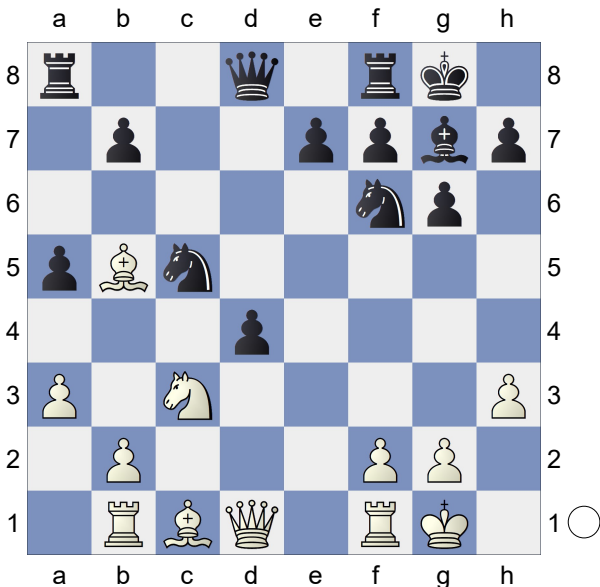
■ Babayan, Gagik

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[Winslow, Elliott]

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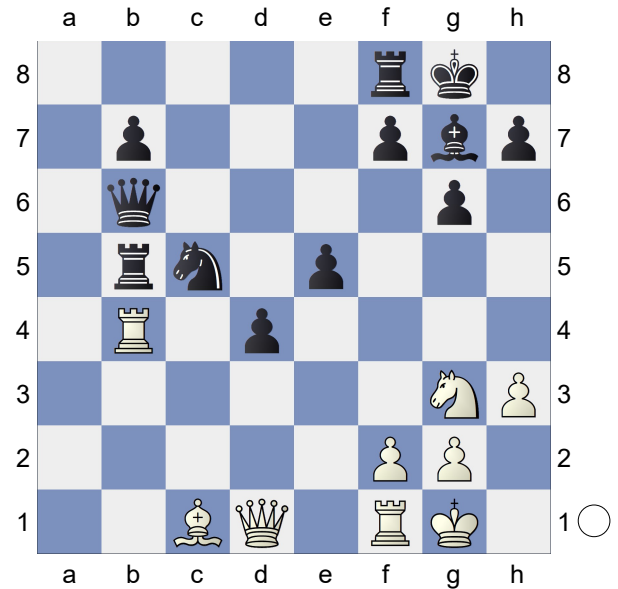
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5.Nf3 Bg7 6.d4 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.c5  
a5 9.Bb5 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3  
12.Qxf3 Nxd4 13.Qd3 Nb3 14.Rb1  
Nxc5 15.Qd1 d4



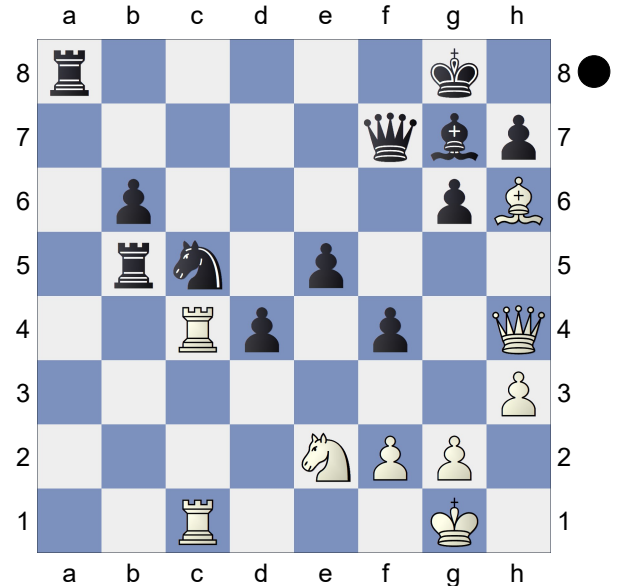
16.Ne2 e5 17.Ng3 Nfe4 18.Nh1 Nd6  
19.a4 Nxb5 20.axb5 Qb6 21.b4 axb4  
22.Rxb4 Ra5 23.Ng3 Rxb5

(Diagram)

24.Rc4 Ra8 25.Qg4 f5 26.Qh4 Qf6  
27.Bg5 Qf7 28.Rfc1 b6 29.Ne2 f4



30.Bh6



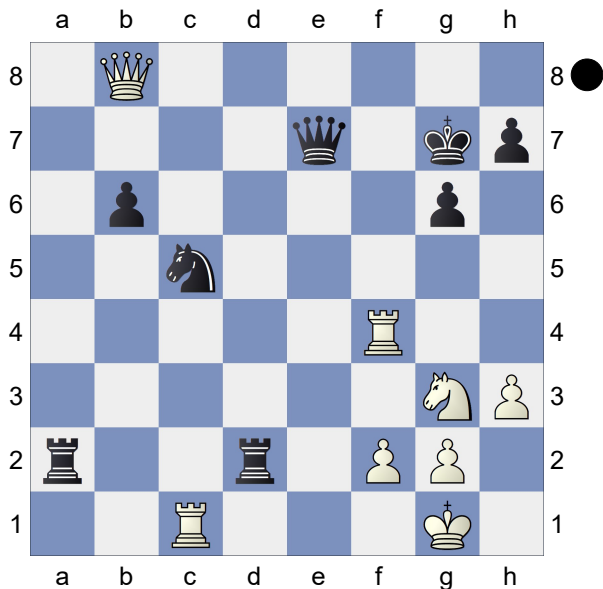
Ra2??= 31.Qd8+ Qf8 32.Qd5+ Qf7  
33.Qd8+ Bf8 34.Bxf8 Qxf8 35.Qd5+  
Qf7 36.Qxe5 Rbb2 37.Rxd4 Rd2  
38.Qb8+ Kg7 39.Rxf4 Qe7 40.Ng3

(Diagram)

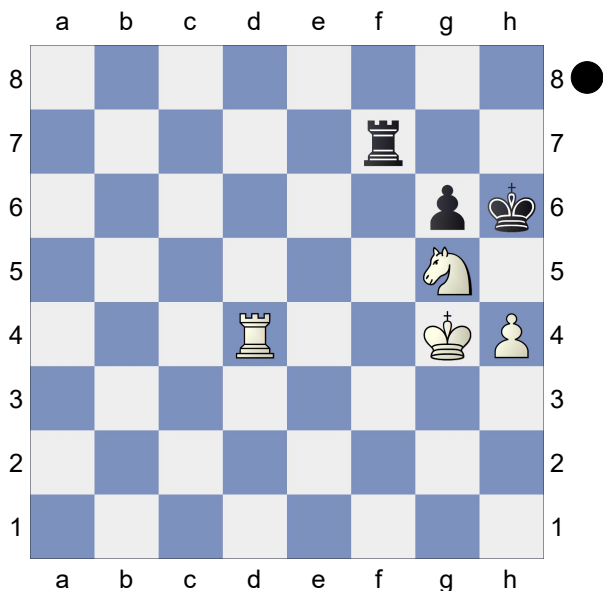
Rxf2??

[ 40...Qd6= ]

41.Rxf2 Rxf2 42.Qxb6!+- Rf7  
43.Qxc5 Qh4 44.Qe5+ Kh6 45.Re1  
Qb4 46.Re4 Qb6+ 47.Kh2 Qd8  
48.Rd4 Qf6 49.Qxf6 Rxf6 50.h4 Rf7  
51.Kh3 Kg7 52.Ne4 Re7 53.g4 Ra7



**54.g5 h5 55.gxh6+ Kxh6 56.Kg4 Rf7  
57.Ng5**



**Rd7 Draw??**  
 [ 57...Rd7 58.Rd6! Rb7 59.Nh3+- ]  
 [ 57...Rd7 58.Nf3+- ( 58.Ne6+- ) ]  
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□ **Kingma, Karl Stuart** **B01**  
 ■ **Morello, Nicholas** **1795**  
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1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4  
 Nf6 5.Bd2 c6 6.Bc4 Qc7 7.Nf3 Bf5

8.Ne5 e6 9.g4 Bg6 10.h4 Be4 11.Rg1  
 Bd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Qe2 Nd7  
 14.0-0-0 Nxe5 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.dxe5  
 Bc5 17.Rg3 Qd7 18.Be3 Rc8 19.f4  
 Bxe3+ 20.Rxe3 Rc4 21.Qxc4 dxc4  
 22.Rxd7 Kxd7 23.Re4 b5 24.Rd4+  
 Kc7 25.a4 Rd8 26.Rxd8 Kxd8 27.axb5  
 Kc7 28.Kd2 Kb6 29.Kc3 Kxb5 30.Kd4  
 a5 31.c3 g6 32.f5 gxf5 33.g5 f4  
 34.Ke4 Ka4 35.Kxf4 Kb3 36.g6 hxg6  
 37.Kg5 Kxb2 38.Kf6 a4 39.Kxf7 a3  
 40.Kxe6 a2 41.h5 gxh5 42.Kf7 a1Q  
 43.e6 Qa7+ 44.Kf6 h4 45.e7 Qxe7+  
 46.Kxe7 h3 47.Kd6 h2 48.Kd5 Kxc3  
 49.Ke5 h1Q 50.Kf4 Kd4 51.Kg3 Qf1  
**0-1**

□ **Rigel, Marlon** **E05**  
 ■ **Dancig Perlman, Yali** **1734**  
 2024 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (3.14) **1792**

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 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6  
 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Nbd2 Nbd7  
 11.e4 c5 12.e5 Nd5 13.dxc5 Nxc5  
 14.a3 Rc8 15.Ne4 Qb6 16.Nxc5 Bxc5  
 17.Ng5 g6 18.Qe4 f5 19.exf6 Rxf6  
 20.Qh4 Rc7 21.Ne4 Rff7 22.Nxc5  
 Rxc5 23.Bh6 Rc2 24.g4 Rxb2  
 25.Rae1 Nf4 26.Bxb7 Ne2+ 27.Rxe2  
 Rxe2 28.Bg2 Qd4 29.Qg3 e5 30.Be3  
 Qd6 31.Rc1 Rc7 32.Rf1 Rec2 33.h4  
 a5 34.Bf3 Qe7 35.Be4 R2c3 36.Rd1  
 b4 37.axb4 axb4 38.Rd5 b3 39.Rxe5  
 Qd7 40.Bd5+ Kg7 41.Qf4 Rxe3  
 42.Rxe3 Rc1+ 43.Kh2 Qxd5 44.Re7+  
 Kh8 45.Qf6+  
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D66  
1752  
1621

☐ Alzhin, Leonid

■ Prasad, Thejas

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[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6

5.Bg5 Be7

[ 5...dxc4 ]

[ 5...h6 6.Bh4 ( 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 ) 6...dxc4

7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 ]

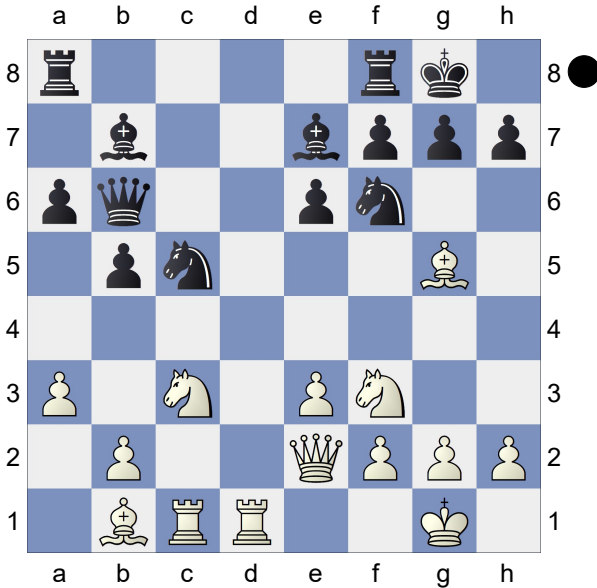
6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7

[ 7...dxc4 ]

8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7

11.Rc1 a6 12.Qe2 c5 13.Rfd1 Qa5

14.a3 Qb6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Bb1



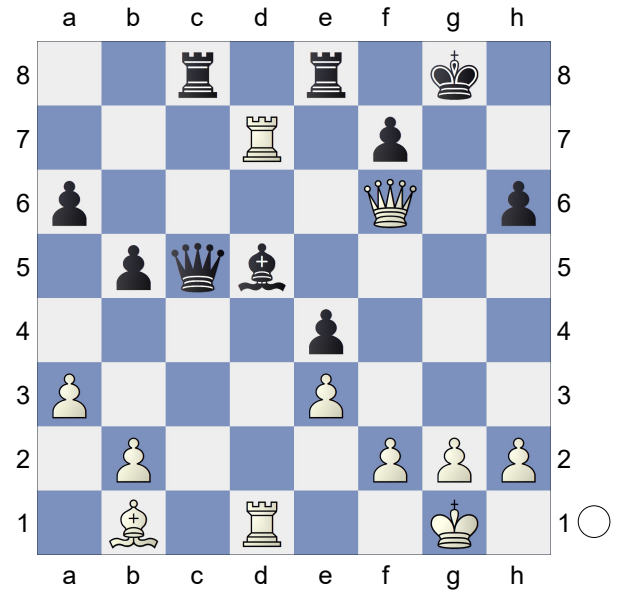
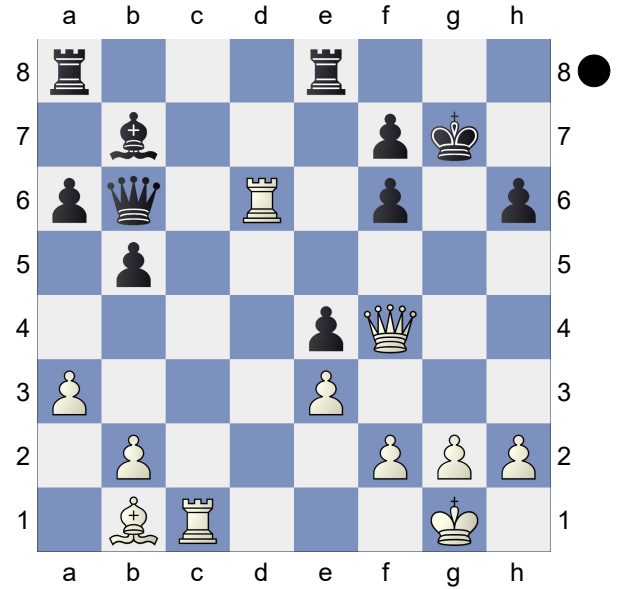
Rfe8 17.Nd2 h6 18.Bf4 Nd5 19.Be5  
Bf6 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxf6 gxf6  
22.Qh5 Kg7 23.Qg4+ Kh8 24.Qf5  
Ne4 25.Nxe4 dxe4 26.Qf4 Kg7  
27.Rd6+-

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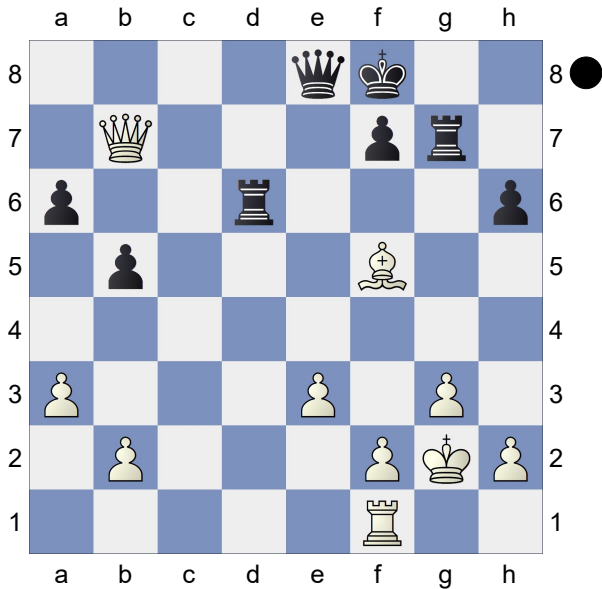
Rac8 28.Qxf6+ Kg8 29.Rcd1 Qc5  
30.Rd7 Bd5!?

(Diagram)

31.R7xd5??



[ 31.b4 ]  
[ 31.Qxh6 ]  
[ 31.Qh4 ]  
31...Qxd5!+- 32.Rf1 Re6  
[ 32...Rc6 ]  
33.Qf4 Rcc6 34.Qg4+ Rg6?  
[ 34...Qg5 ]  
[ 34...Kf8 ]  
[ 34...Kh8 ]  
35.Qxe4 Qd7 36.Qf4 Rg7?  
[ 36...Rgf6 ]  
37.Bf5 Qd8? 38.Qe4  
[ 38.g3!± ]  
38...Rd6 39.g3 Kf8 40.Kg2 Qe7  
41.Qa8+ Qe8 42.Qb7



**a5??**

[ 42...Qc6+= ]

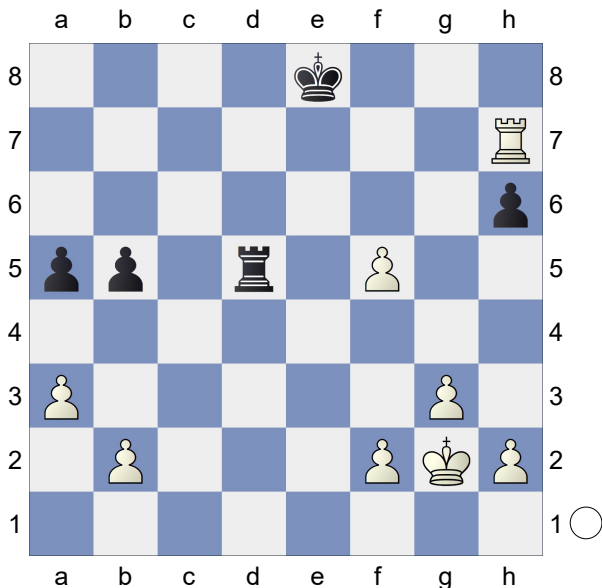
**43.Rc1!+- Rg5 44.e4 Qe7 45.Rc7  
Qe5?! 46.Rxf7+ Ke8 47.Rh7 Rxf5  
48.exf5**

[ 48.Qa8+ ]

[ 48.Qc8+ Rd8 49.Qc6+ Kf8

50.Qxh6+ ]

**48...Qd5+ 49.Qxd5 Rxd5+-**



**50.f6 Rd2 51.Ra7 a4 52.h4 Rxb2**

**53.g4 Rb3 54.Rb7**

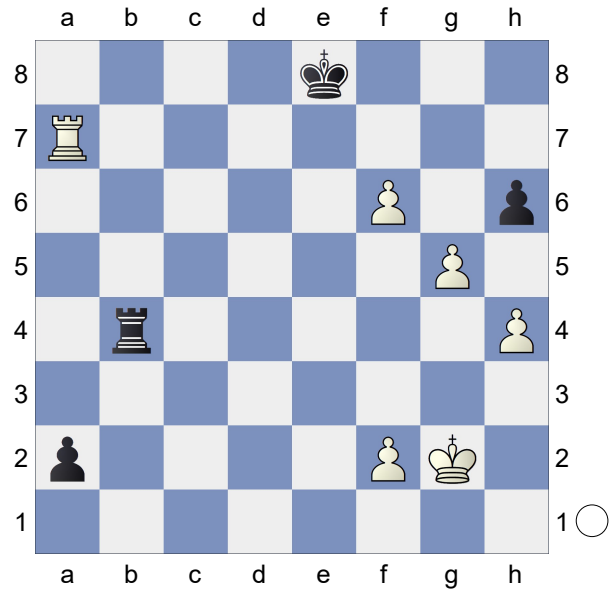
[ 54.g5 hxg5 55.hxg5 ]

**54...b4 55.axb4 a3 56.g5 a2 57.Ra7**

[ 57.g6 ]

[ 57.f7+ Kf8 58.g6 ]

**57...Rxb4**



**58.Rxa2???**

[ 58.Kg3 ]

[ 58.Kh3 ]

[ 58.Kf3 ]

[ 58.f3 ]

[ 58.f7+ ]

**58...hxg5=**

[ 58...Rxh4= ]

**59.hxg5 Rg4+ 60.Kf3 Rxc5 61.Ke4  
Kf7 62.Ra6 Rb5 63.f4 Rc5 64.f5 Rc1  
65.Re6 Rf1 66.Ke5 Re1+ 67.Kd6 Rf1  
1/2-1/2**

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□ **Ochoa, Jason B**

**1727**

■ **Uzakbaev, Nursultan**

**1616**

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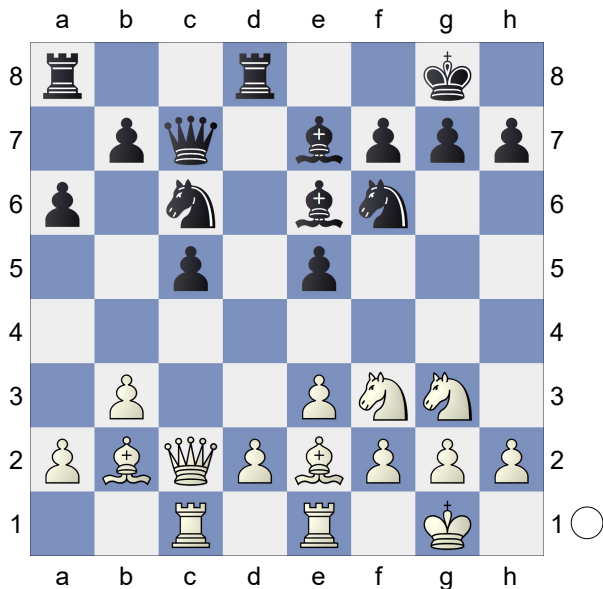
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5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7  
8.Ne4 0-0 9.b3 Nf6 10.Ng3 e5 11.Bb2  
Qc7 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Re1 a6 14.Qc2  
Be6

(Diagram)

15.d4 exd4 16.exd4 Nb4 17.Qb1 Qb6





18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Rf1 Ng4 20.Ne4 Bf5  
 21.Nh4 Bxf2+ 22.Kh1 Bxe4 23.Qxe4  
 Bd4 24.Qxg4 Bxb2 25.Nf5 Rd2  
 26.Rc4 Nd5 27.Bf3 Ne3 28.Nxe3  
 Qxe3 29.Bxb7 Rad8 30.Qf5 Rd1  
 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.Be4 Bf6 33.Bd3  
 Qxd3  
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□ **Ni,Tao**

■ **Sisti,Daniel J**

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 17.Ne2 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Bd3 Nd5  
 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qg4 Nxf4 22.Nxf4 Kh8  
 23.Qe2 Bg5 24.Qe5+ f6 25.Qc3 Bxf4  
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 29.Qd4 e5 30.fxe5 Qxh3 31.Be4  
 Qxg3+ 32.Kh1 Bxe4+ 33.Rxe4 fxe5  
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 Rbd8 37.Rg1 Bd4 38.Reg3 Qf5  
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**B29**

**1633**

**1478**

**B04**

□ **Vandenhoven,Clarke Raymond** **1620**

■ **Dutter,Frederic** **1900**

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 0-0 9.Be2 Bf5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.d5 Na5  
 12.Nd4 Naxc4 13.a4 Rc8 14.a5 Na8  
 15.Nxf5 gxf5 16.Bg5 Nxb2 17.Qb1  
 Bxc3 18.Qxf5 Rc5 19.Ra4 Qc8  
 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qxe7 Re8 22.Qxd6 Qc7  
 23.Qh6 Qg7 24.Qh5 Qg6 25.d6 Rxe2  
 26.Qxe2 Rd5 27.Qe7 Rxd6 28.Ra3  
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 Qd6 37.g3 f4 38.Bxf4 Qe6 39.Bxe5  
 Bxe5 40.Rce1  
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**E91**

□ **Sankar,Arvind** **1907**

■ **Otterbach,Renate** **1050**

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 Rf7 12.Qe3 Nc6 13.Nb5 Nf8 14.e5 a6  
 15.Nc3 Nb4 16.Rad1 f5 17.a3 f4  
 18.Qd2 Nc6 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Nf6+  
 Rxf6 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Qc3 d5 23.Ne5  
 Ne7 24.Bf3 c6 25.Rfe1 b5 26.cxb5  
 cxb5 27.Ng4 Qg5 28.h3 Bb7 29.Qc7  
 Bc6 30.Rc1 Be8 31.Qb7 Rd8 32.Qxa6  
 Nf5 33.Qb6 Nh4 34.Nh2 Bd7 35.Re5  
 Qf6 36.Bxd5 Re8 37.Nf3 Nxf3+  
 38.Bxf3 g5 39.Rce1 Ng6 40.R5e2 Nh4  
 41.Qb7 Nxf3+ 42.Qxf3 Qxd4 43.Rc2  
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 Qg7 47.Qxg7+ Kxg7 48.Rc5 Bc4  
 49.Rxg5+ Kf6 50.Rc5 Re2 51.Rd4  
 Rxb2 52.Rxf4+ Ke6 53.Rfxc4 bxc4

54.Rxc4 Kd5 55.Rh4 Rb7 56.a4  
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□ Casares,Nick

■ Tam,Hoa Long

2024 Winter TNM: 1600-1999 (3.21)

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4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c3 d5 6.e5 Nc6 7.d4  
e6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Na3 cxd4 10.cxd4  
Nf5 11.Nc2 Be7 12.a3 0-0 13.b4 b5  
14.Bb2 f6 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 fxe5  
17.dxe5 a5 18.bxa5 Nxa5 19.Qd3 Nc4  
20.Bc1 Qa7 21.Kh1 Bxa3 22.Ng5  
Rxf1+ 23.Qxf1 Qe7 24.Nf3 Rf8  
25.Qd3 Bxc1 26.Rxc1 Qa3 27.Qxa3  
Nxa3 28.Rc7 Nc4 29.h3 Rb8 30.Nd4  
b4 31.Nxe6 b3 32.Rxg7+ Kh8 33.Rc7  
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□ Horde,Nicolas T

■ Schuster,Zack

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[Horde,Nicolas T]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bf4  
Nf6 5.e3 Nc6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Qb3 Na5  
8.Qa4+ Nc6?! Loses a tempo for Black  
9.Nf3 e6? 10.Ne5! Qb6 11.Bb5 Rc8  
12.Rc1 Be7 13.h3!? I thought for a  
long time but could not find the decisive  
tactic and I settled for a bad plan

[ 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Ba6! I thought  
about it but could not find a decisive  
blow Ra8 15.Nd1! c6 is a permanent  
weakness and Black has no  
counterplay ]

13...0-0 14.g4?! Be4

[ 14...Bg6 15.g5? The idea behind h3  
but it does not work Nxe5 16.gxf6

gxf6 17.dxe5 a6! 18.Be2 Qxb2!  
And White pays the price for not  
castling ]

15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.0-0

[ 16.Nd7 Qa5+! 17.Qxa5 Nxa5  
And the rook on c1 is hanging. I  
thought Black was standing better  
because they had control over the c-  
file, however Black has a lot of  
difficulty reorganizing their pieces  
18.Rxc8? ( 18.Ke2! The idea that I  
missed Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Black has a  
hard time activating the rook and it's  
easier to play for White Rd8 )  
18...Rxc8 I saw until here and thought  
Black was better due to the active  
rook on the c file ]

16...Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Nd2 18.Bd7??

[ 18.Rfd1 Nf3+ 19.Kg2 Nxe5  
20.dxe5 The game is equal ]

18...Rxc1

[ 18...Nf3+ 19.Kg2 Rxc1 20.Rxc1  
Qxb2 The threat is Bh4 and White is  
toast ]

19.Rxc1 Nf3+ 20.Kg2 Nxe5 21.dxe5

Qxb2 22.Rc7 Qxe5 23.Rxb7 Bc5

[ 23...Bd6 24.Qf4! Qxf4 25.exf4 Bxf4  
26.Rxa7 SF holds it but for a human  
it's difficult ]

24.Be8?? d4! 25.Qd7 Qd5+??

[ 25...Qe4+! Black must keep the  
queens over the board as the White  
king is too exposed 26.Kf1 dxe3 ]

26.Qxd5! I estimated that I could hold  
that endgame 26...exd5 27.Bc6

[ 27.exd4 Bxd4 28.Bc6 Much easier  
to defend ]

27...dxe3 28.fxe3 Bxe3 29.Bxd5 g5

After that move I knew it was a draw as  
Black is just deep freezing their own  
pawns on the kingside 30.Kf3 Bb6

31.Ke4 Kg7 32.Kf5 Be3 33.Re7 Bc5

34.Rc7 Bb6 35.Re7 h6 36.Rb7

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**Martin, Bryan D** **C20**  
 **Mays-Smith, Isaac S** **1268**  
**1429**  
2024 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (3.6)

1.e4 2 e5 2.Qh5 22 Nc6 18 3.Bc4 14  
g6 13 4.Qf3 15 Qe7 47 5.c3 16 Nf6  
1:09 6.b4 21 a6 3:03 7.a4 27 Bg7 2:43  
8.d3 25 0-0 42 9.Be3 1:40 d5 3:56  
10.Bc5 1:46 Qe8 43 11.Bxf8 2:54 Qxf8  
12.exd5 53 Nxb4 2:01 13.Na3 3:55 e4  
2:31 14.Qd1 3:21 Nbx5 7:14 15.Ne2  
2:27 Bg4 3:05 16.Nb1 2:55 Nf4 2:14  
17.d4 3:01 Nxc2+ 1:59 18.Kd2 2:27  
e3+ 7:56 19.Kc2 22 exf2 1:48 20.Kb2  
1:49 Ne3 6:02 21.Qd3 42 f1Q 28  
22.Rxf1 14 Nxf1 9 23.Nd2 38 Nxd2  
1:00 24.Qxd2 4:00 Qd6 25.Ng3 53  
Nd5 45 26.Rf1 1:19 Rf8 1:55 27.Ne4 52  
Qc6 19 28.Ka3 4:39 Qxc4 1:06  
**0-1**

**Nehme, Romeo** **B45**  
 **Siegel, David** **1359**  
**1414**  
2024 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (3.24)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5  
8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.c4 Bb4+  
11.Ke2 Ba6 12.Kf3 Ne7 13.Be3 Qb8  
14.Qa4 Bc8 15.a3 d5 16.Nf2 d4  
17.Bxd4 Bd2 18.Rd1 Bxf4 19.Kxf4 0-0  
20.Qb4 Qc7 21.Qd6 Qb7 22.Be2 f6  
23.Kg4 c5 24.Bf3 Nd5 25.Bxc5 Bd7  
26.cxd5 exd5+ 27.e6 Bc6 28.Bxd5  
Bxd5 29.Qxd5 f5+ 30.Kf3 Qxb2  
31.e7+ Kh8 32.exf8Q+ Rxf8 33.Bxf8  
**1-0**

**Fitzgerald, William** **C55**  
 **Harris, Clarence** **1209**  
**1400**  
2024 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (3.25)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3  
Be7 5.0-0 h6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Ne5  
8.Bb3 c5 9.f4 Ng6 10.Nf5 0-0 11.e5  
Ne4 12.Qh5 c4 13.Bxc4 Bc5+ 14.Kh1  
d5 15.exd6 Bxf5 16.Qxf5 Nf2+  
17.Rxf2 Bxf2 18.Qxg6 Qe8 19.Qd3  
Rd8 20.Bd2 Be1 21.Bxe1 Qxe1+  
22.Qf1 Qxf1+ 23.Bxf1 Rxd6 24.Bd3  
Re8 25.Nc3 Rde6 26.Kg1 Re1+  
27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Kf2 Re7 29.Kf3  
Kf8 30.a4 a5 31.b3 f6 32.Ne4 g5  
33.h4 f5 34.Nd6 g4+ 35.Kf2 h5  
36.Nxf5 Rd7 37.Ng3  
**1-0**

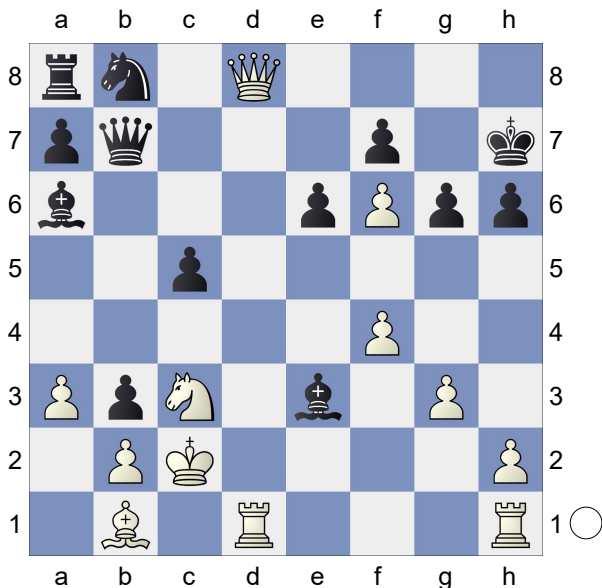
**Fisher, Brett** **A40**  
 **Starr, Albert Martin** **1289**  
**1500**  
2024 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (3.27)

1.d4 b5 2.e3 Bb7 3.Nf3 a6 4.Be2 e6  
5.a3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1  
d6 9.Nd2 Nbd7 10.Bf3 Qb8 11.Bxb7  
Qxb7 12.Qf3 Rab8 13.Qxb7 Rxb7  
14.e4 h6 15.Nf3 c5 16.e5 Nh7 17.Be3  
Rc8 18.Ne4 d5 19.Nd6 Bxd6 20.exd6  
cxd4 21.Nxd4 e5 22.Nf5 Rxc2  
23.Ne7+ Kf8 24.Nxd5 Rxb2 25.Rec1  
f6 26.Rc7 Rb8 27.Rxd7 Ng5 28.Bxg5  
hxg5 29.Ra7 Rd2 30.Nc7 Rxd6  
31.Rxa6 Ke7 32.Rxd6 Kxd6 33.Na6  
Rb6 34.Nb4 Kc5 35.Rc1+ Kd4 36.Kf1  
Rb7 37.Ke2 g4 38.Nc6+ Ke4 39.f3+  
gxf3+ 40.gxf3+ Kf4 41.Rb1 g5 42.a4  
Rb6 43.Rb4+ Kf5 44.axb5 Ke6 45.Kd3  
Kd5 46.Ne7+ Kc5 47.Rb3 Rd6+  
48.Ke4 Rd4+ 49.Kf5 Kb6 50.Kxf6 Rd2  
51.Kxe5 Rxh2 52.Kf5 Re2 53.Nd5+  
Kb7 54.Nf6 Kb6 55.Kxg5 Rf2 56.f4

Rc2 57.Nd7+ Kb7 58.f5 Rc7 59.Ne5  
 Rc5 60.Nd3 Rd5 61.Kg6 Rd6+ 62.f6  
 Rb6 63.Kg7 Kc8 64.f7 Rb7 65.Kg8  
 Kb8 66.f8Q+ Ka7 67.Ra3+ Kb6  
 68.Qc5#  
**1-0**

□ **Golwalkar,Shardul S** **D10**  
**1406**  
 ■ **Rushton,Peter James** **1222**  
 2024 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (3.29)  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4  
 5.e4 e6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bf4 Bb4 8.Qc2  
 Qxd4 9.f3 0-0 10.Rd1 Qc5 11.a3 Ba5  
 12.Bd6 Qb6 13.Bxf8 Kxf8 14.Bxc4  
 Qc7 15.Nge2 b5 16.Ba2 Bb6 17.f4  
 Ng4 18.e5 Bf2+ 19.Kd2 Kg8 20.Qd3  
 Ba6 21.Kc1 Qb7 22.Qd8+ Kh7  
 23.Bb1+ g6 24.Ne4 c5 25.Nf6+ Nxf6  
 26.exf6 Be3+ 27.Kc2 b4 28.Nc3 b3#



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□ **Brickhouse,Christian** **A43**  
**1224**  
 ■ **Le,Thu Anh** **1315**  
 2024 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (3.30)  
*[Brickhouse,Christian]*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6**  
**5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7**

[ 7...a6!? with the idea of launching a queen-side push ]

[ 7...b5?! a bold try for black seen online a lot 8.Bxb5? ( 8.Nxb5! )

8...Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Qa5+ 10.Nc3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxb5 ]

**8.Qe2 Ng4 9.h4 Nge5 10.h5 Qa5**

[ 10...Qb6!? directly attacking the b2 pawn ]

**11.Kd2? Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Ne5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Be3**

[ 14.Bg5!? Tony suggested this move to weaken the pawn structure. f6 15.Be3 ]

**14...b6 15.Qb5**

[ 15.f4?? Ba6! white's losing a piece ]

**15...Qxb5 16.Nxb5 Bd7 17.c4**

[ 17.a4 is a better transformation after Bxb5 18.axb5 the rook is active and the center looks good if White can play c4 ]

**17...Bxb5 18.cxb5 f5 19.Ke2 fxe4?**

Tripled isolated pawns will be hard to defend **20.hxg6 hxg6 21.Bh6?**

White doesn't want to trade bishops here. Black's is stuck while White's has good scope. **21...Rad8 22.Bxg7 Kxg7**

**23.Rad1 Rh8 24.Rxh8 Rxh8 25.Ke3 Kf6 26.d6 exd6**

[ 26...Rd8!? 27.dxe7 Kxe7 ]

**27.Rxd6+ Kg5 28.Re6 Kf5 29.Re7 Ra8**

[ 29...Rh2!? 30.g3 ]

**30.g4+ Kxg4** White has 34 minutes here, Black has 9 minutes. **31.Kxe4 a6**

**32.Re6 axb5 33.Rxg6+ Kh5 34.Rxb6 Rxa2 35.Rxb5 c4 36.Rxe5+?**

[ 36.Kxe5 ]  
**36...Kg6 37.Rb5 Ra4**  
 [ 37...Ra8 ]  
**38.Kd4 c3+ 39.Kxc3 Rf4 40.Rd5**  
**Rxf2 41.Rd1**  
 [ 41.Rd2 Rxd2 42.Kxd2 ]  
**41...Rf6 42.b4 Rc6+ 43.Kb3 Rf6**  
**44.b5 Rf3+ 45.Ka4 Rf2 46.b6 Ra2+**  
**47.Kb5 Rb2+ 48.Kc6 Rc2+ 49.Kb7**  
**Kf6 50.Kb8 Re2 51.b7 Re8+ 52.Ka7**  
**Re7 53.Ka8 Re6 54.b8Q Ra6+**  
**55.Qa7 Rxa7+ 56.Kxa7?** My score  
 sheet is messed up from here and Thu  
 was under 5 minutes so stopped  
 notating. It lasted another 20-or-so  
 moves, and the king and rook  
 checkmate is left as an exercise to the  
 reader.  
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**Hollon,Nick** **C28**  
**1326**  
 **Robins,Alexander** **1287**  
 2024 Winter TNM: 1200-1599 (3.31)

**1.e4 0.18 e5 0.21 2.Bc4 0.03 Nc6 0.18**  
**3.Nc3 0.01 Nf6 0.11 4.d3 0.12 Be7**  
**0.27 5.f4 0.04 d6 0.27 6.Nf3 0.24 0-0**  
**0.46 7.0-0 0.17 exf4 0.02 8.Bxf4 0.29**  
**Na5 0.31 9.Qe1 0.13 Nxc4 0.17**  
**10.dxc4 0.11 Be6 0.22 11.b3 0.02 Nh5**  
**0.11 12.Be3 0.13 f5 0.91**  
 [ 12...Bf6 13.Rd1 Bg4 14.a4 Bxf3  
 15.Rxf3 Re8 16.c5 Bxc3 17.Qxc3  
 Rxe4 18.Rdf1 ]  
**13.Nd5 0.02**  
 [ 13.Nd4 Qd7 ]  
**13...fxe4 0.02 14.Nxe7+ 0.00 Qxe7**  
**0.01 15.Ng5 -1.99**  
 [ 15.Bg5 Nf6 16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.Qxe4  
 d5 18.cxd5 Qc5+ 19.Qd4 Qxd5  
 20.c4 Qxd4+ ]  
**15...Bd7 0.00**  
 [ 15...Rxf1+ 16.Qxf1 ]

[ 15...h6 16.Nxe4 Bxc4 ]  
**16.Qh4 0.03 h6 0.29 17.Qxh5 0.28**  
**hxc5 0.26 18.Bxg5 0.03 Qe5 0.15**  
**19.Rad1 -2.00**  
 [ 19.Rae1 b5 ]  
**19...c6 0.01**  
 [ 19...e3  
**A) 20.Rd5 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Rf8+**  
**22.Ke2 ( 22.Ke1 );**  
**B) 20.Rfe1 Qf5 21.h3 Rae8**  
**22.Rf1 Qc5 23.b4 Qxc4 24.Rxf8+**  
**Rxf8 25.Re1 ]**  
**20.Rf7 -6.26**  
 [ 20.h4 ]  
**20...Rxf7 -6.26**  
**0-1**

**Pirone,John** **C02**  
**1033**  
 **Ramos,Joel Thomas** **809**  
 2024 Winter TNM: u1200 (3.32) 19.11.24  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6**  
**5.Nf3 Nge7 6.Bd3 c4 7.Bc2 Nf5**  
**8.Bxf5 exf5 9.0-0 Be7 10.Re1 0-0**  
**11.Nbd2 b5 12.a3 a6 13.Nf1 Re8**  
**14.Ng3 Bh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Qf3**  
**Ne7 17.Nh5 Qg4 18.Re3 Ng6**  
**19.Qxg4 fxc4 20.Rg3 f5 21.Bg5 h6**  
**22.Bxh6 Kf8 23.Bxg7+ Kf7 24.f4**  
**Nxf4 25.Nxf4 Kxg7 26.Nxd5 Re6**  
**27.Nc7 Ra7 28.Nxe6+ Bxe6 29.Re3**  
**f4 30.Re4 Rf7 31.Rf1 f3 32.Rf2 Bf5**  
**33.Rf4 Kg6 34.g3 a5 35.d5 Re7**  
**36.e6 Kf6 37.Rd4 a4 38.d6 Rxe6**  
**39.d7 Re1+ 40.Rf1 Bxd7 41.Rxd7**  
 [ 41.Rxe1 ]  
**41...Re2 42.Rdd1 Rg2+ 43.Kh1 Rxb2**  
**44.Rd4 Kf5 45.Rf4+ Kg5 46.h3 Rg2**  
**47.hxc4 Rxc4 48.R1xf3 Rxf3 49.Rxf3**  
**Kxg4 50.Kg2 b4 51.cxb4 c3 52.Rxc3**  
**Kf5 53.b5 Ke4 54.b6 Kd4 55.Rc8**  
**Kd5 56.b7 Kd6 57.b8Q+ Kd5**



58.Qb5+ Kd4 59.Qb4+ Ke5 60.Rd8

(Let's go with "etc." since neither scoresheet is too much sense)

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☐ Myers,Steven Lee

■ Langendorf,Brian Keith

2024 Winter TNM: u1200 (3.33) 19.11.24

[Langendorf,Brian Keith]

**B07**

**864**

**635**

1.e4 d6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3

Bg7 5.Bc4 0-0 6.0-0 Be6

[Better is 6...Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bb3 dxe4 ]

7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.d3 Ng4 9.Ng5 Bd4+

10.Kh1 Nf2+ 11.Rxf2 Bxf2 12.g3 Qd7

13.d4 Nc6 14.Ne2 h6 15.Nf3 g5

16.Kg2 g4 17.Nh4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4

Nxd4 19.Qxd4 c5 20.Qd3 Rad8

21.e5 Qc6+ 22.Kg1 dxe5 23.Qg6+

Kh8 24.Qxh6+ Kg8 25.Qg5+ Kh7

26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Qxg4+ Kh7 28.Qh5+

Kg8 29.Qg5+ Kh7 30.Qxe7+ Kg8

31.Qg5+ Kh7 32.Be3 b6 33.Qh5+

Kg8 34.Ng6 Qe4 35.Qh8+ Kf7

36.Qh7+ Kf6 37.fxe5+ Kf5 38.Qh5#

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**B12**

**937**

**969**

☐ Blum,Paul

■ Singer,Andrew

2024 Winter TNM: u1200 (3.34) 19.11.24

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.d4 e6

5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 Nxg6

8.Bd3 Be7 9.Be3 Nd7 10.0-0 0-0

11.f4 c5 12.Qg4 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc5

14.Ne2 Qh4 15.Qxh4 Nxh4 16.Bb5

Nf5 17.c3 Bxd4+ 18.Nxd4 Nxd4

19.cxd4 Nb6 20.f5 h6 21.Rf3 Rac8

22.Raf1 Nc4 23.R1f2 Rcd8 24.b3 Na5

25.fxe6 fxe6 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rxf8+

Kxf8 28.Bd7 Ke7 29.Bc8 b6 30.Kf2

Nc6 31.Ke3 Nb4 32.a4 Nc2+ 33.Kd3

Ne1+ 34.Kc3 Nxc2 35.Kb4 Nf4

36.Kb5 Kd8 37.Bb7 g5 38.Ka6 g4

39.Kxa7 Kc7 40.Ba6 h5 41.Bf1 h4

42.b4 g3 43.a5 bxa5 44.b5 gxh2

45.b6+ Kd7 46.Bb5+ Ke7 47.b7 h1Q

48.b8Q Kf7 49.Qe8+ Kg7 50.Qe7+

Kh6 51.Qf8+

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**A03**

☐ Bess,Kevin

■ Halle,Zachary

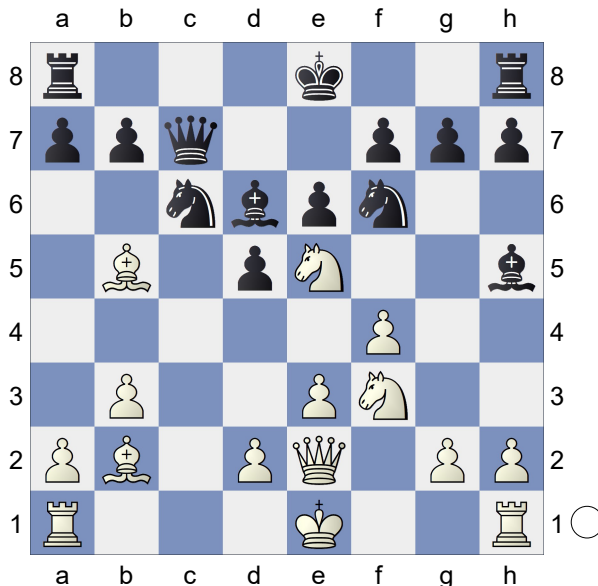
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5.Bb2 Bf5 6.Bb5 Qb6 7.Qe2 Bxc2

8.Nc3 Bg6 9.Na4 Qc7 10.Nxc5 e6

11.Nd3 Bd6 12.Nde5 Bh5



13.g4 Bxg4 14.Nxg4 Nxg4 15.Rg1 f5

16.Bxg7 Qxg7 17.Nd4 Qd7 18.Rc1

Rc8 19.h3 Nf6 20.d3 a6 21.Bxc6

bxc6 22.Rg5 c5 23.Nf3 h6 24.Rg6

Kf7 25.Nh4 Rcg8 26.Qg2 Ke8 27.Qb2

Rxg6 28.Nxg6 Qg7 29.Nxh8 Qg1+

30.Kd2 Qg2+ 31.Kd1 Qxb2 32.Rc2

Qb1+ 33.Kd2 Qg1 34.b4 Nd7 35.b5

axb5 36.h4 Qg7 37.Rb2 Qxb2+  
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Lopez-Oneal, Owen Michael **B22** 783  
 Kojevnikov, Alexander **0**  
2024 Winter TNM: u1200 (3.36) 19.11.24

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.d3 e6 4.Bg5 Nc6  
5.Nf3 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Nbd2 d5  
8.Be2 Bd6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Bb5 dxc3  
11.bxc3 0-0 12.0-0 a6 13.Be2 Ne5  
14.exd5 exd5 15.Qc2 Bf5 16.Qb3  
Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3 b5 18.Qxd5 Rfe8  
19.Nd4 Be5 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Qc5  
Bxd4 22.cxd4 Rxe2 23.a3 Re4 24.d5  
Re5 25.f4 Re2 26.d6 Rc2 27.Qb6  
Be4 28.g3 Rg2+ 29.Kh1 Rf2+ 30.Kg1  
Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1 a5 32.Qc7 b4 33.axb4  
axb4 34.d7 b3 35.Rd6 Qe7 36.Rb6  
Rxd7  
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Burkhardt, Douglas Alan **A49** 653  
 Booth, Kyle Ewart Coventry **1169**  
2024 Winter TNM: u1200 (3.37) 19.11.24  
[Booth, Kyle]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2  
0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.b3 Bg4 7.Bb2 d5 8.c4  
c6 9.Nc3 Qc8 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Rc1  
Bh3 pretty big mistake due to cxd5;  
failed to realize the rook staring down  
my queen would be critical 12.cxd5  
Bxg2 13.Kxg2 e6 I played this inviting  
d6, thinking it would be easy to remove  
the doubled passed pawn, but I was  
wrong! 14.d6 Rd8 15.Nb5 Na6 16.Ne5  
Nd7 17.f4 f6 18.Nd3 c5 19.dxc5 Qc6+  
White was much better until here, where  
they blundered a tactic 20.e4 Qxb5  
21.Rc4 Rac8 22.Qc2 Ndb8 23.Rc1

Qe8 opponent very low on time, just  
playing defensively at this point 24.Nb4  
Nxb4 25.Bxb4 Nc6 26.Ba3 e5 27.Qd2  
Kh8 28.Rd1 Rd7 29.b4 a6  
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Agdamag, Samuel **C00** 1484  
 Cao, Danny Du Uy **1226**  
2024 Winter TNM: Extra Rated (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5  
Nfd7 5.Ngf3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.d4 Qb6  
[ 7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4 ( 8...Qa5 ) ]  
8.Nb3 cxd4  
[ 8...c4 9.Nbd2 ]  
9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 0-0  
[ 10...a5 ]  
11.Bd3 Bxd2+  
[ 11...a5 12.Bxh7+ Kxh7 13.Ng5+  
Kg8 14.Qh5 Re8 15.Qh7+ ]  
12.Qxd2 Qb4 13.Rc1 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2  
f6 15.Rhe1 fxe5 16.dxe5 Nb6  
[ 16...Nb4 17.Bb1 ]  
17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Nc5 Nxe5  
[ 18...a6 19.Bxc6 ( 19.Nxd7 axb5  
20.Nxf8 Kxf8 ) 19...Bxc6 20.Nxb7 ]  
[ 18...Be8 19.Nxb7 a6 20.Bxc6 Bxc6  
21.Nc5 ]  
19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.Rxe6 Nf6 21.Rc7  
Rf7 22.Ree7 Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Ne4+  
24.Ke3 Nd6 25.Bd3 Re8  
[ 25...Ndc4+ 26.Bxc4 Nxc4+ 27.Kd4  
Nxb2 28.Rxb7 Na4 29.Kxd5 ]  
26.Rxe8+ Nxe8 27.b3 Nf6 28.h3 Kf7  
[ 28...g6 ]  
29.Ng5+ Kg8 30.Kd4 g6  
[ 30...h6 31.Ne6 ]  
31.Ke5 Kg7 32.Kd6 Nbd7 33.Bb5  
Nb6 34.Kc7 d4  
[ 34...Kh6 35.Nf7+ Kg7 ]  
35.Ne6+ Kf7 36.Nxd4 Ne4 37.f3 Nc3  
38.a4 Nxb5+  
[ 38...Ncd5+ 39.Kxb7 Ke7 ]

**39.Nxb5 Nd5+ 40.Kxb7 Ke6 41.Nxa7  
Kd6 42.Nc6 Kc5 43.a5 h5 44.a6 h4  
45.a7 Nb6 46.Ne5 g5 47.Nd7+ Kb5  
[ 47...Nxd7 48.a8Q ]  
48.Nxb6 g4 49.a8Q gxf3  
[ 49...g3 50.Qa4+ Kc5 51.Qc4+ Kd6  
52.Qd5+ Ke7 53.Qd7+ Kf6  
54.Nd5+ ]  
50.Qa4+ Kc5 51.Qc4+ Kd6 52.Qd5+  
Ke7 53.Qe5+  
[ 53.Qxf3 ]  
53...Kf7 54.Nd5 fxx2 55.Qf6+ Kg8  
56.Ne7+  
1-0**