

□ **Garcia,Eugenio**

■ **Walder,Michael**

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The big question was, were they feeling combative? Garcia and Walder were half a point ahead of Ed Lewis, who faced Black and a 0-5 record against Winslow (one of two another half point back, along with Nicholas Weng). So for both of them a draw doesn't lock up first, but it does put them in excellent position going into the last round. **1.d4 4**

**Nf6 5 2.Nf3 10 g6 14 3.g3 13 Bg7 7 4.Bg2 5 0-0 6 5.0-0 7 d6 1:05 6.c4 24**

The Fianchetto System, known for strategic complexity. **6...c5 45**  
The Yugoslav Variation.

[ 6...Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 is the other story, the Classical Fianchetto. ]

[ 6...Nc6 is the Panno Variation, when both players have many alternatives besides the main 7.Nc3 a6 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 c5 ]

**7.Nc3 39 Nc6 40** Mike prefers to allow transpositions.

[ The gambit line 7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6!? remains resilient, with recent games and articles showing its viability. ]

**8.dxc5 52** The Symmetrical Variation, the first sign of some moderation but still plenty of play.

[ 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 is the Panno again, a6 ]

**8...dxc5 8 9.Bf4 8**

[ 9.Be3 picks on the pawn directly, when Black can cover it Qa5 (or keep up the "flattery" with 9...Be6 ) ]

**9...Be6 5:20 10.Qa4 1:58**

[ 10.Ne5 has been the point, when Na5 was Kasparov's choice against Tal in 1987. In a rapid game on Moscow TV! They drew in 37. ]

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**10...Qa5 2:31** Insistent. White has done well with the queens coming off here, but it could be from rating imbalance in the sample games. **11.Rac1 4:03**

[ The straightforward 11.Qxa5 Nxa5 12.b3 Nc6 saw some vague gestures at imbalance but eventually nothing: ½-½ (31) Tregubov,P (2588)-Zakhartsov,V (2486) Moscow 2018 ]

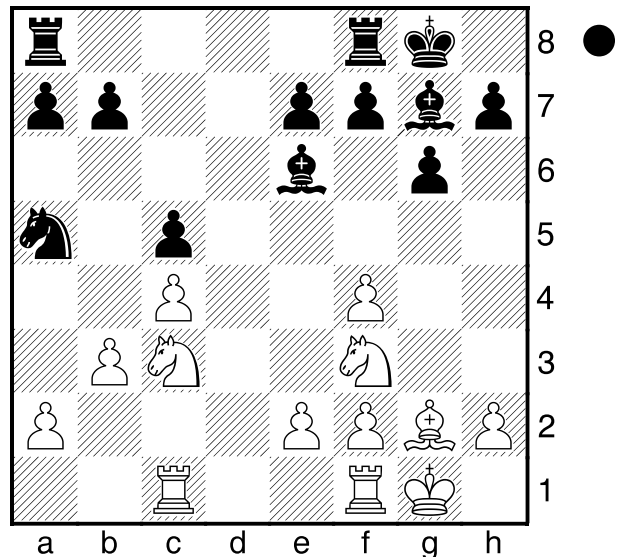
**11...Nh5 4:48 12.Qxa5 4:26 Nxa5 8**

**13.b3?! 18** The balance manages to upset even in this opening! White should probably save this bishop though.

[ It's worth mentioning a game from not that long ago but still: a very young Magnus! 13.Bc7 Nxc4 14.Ng5 Bxc3 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bxb7 Be5 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxa8 Rxa8 19.Rxc5 Nf7 20.Rfc1 Nd6 21.e4 Nf6!? 22.e5 Nd7 1/2-1/2 (61) Hansen, T (2282)-Carlsen,M (2127) Gausdal 2002 ]

[ There is some working advantage in the complications (such as they are) after 13.Be3!? Rac8 ( 13...Nxc4 14.Bxc5 Nxb2 15.Nd4 ) 14.b3 b6 and now a knight to either knight-five is worth looking into: 15.Ng5 ( 15.Nb5 ) ]

**13...Nxf4 52 14.gxf4 1**



Black gets the two bishops, but the added White central dark square control compensates. **14...Rad8N** 5:40

[ 14...Nc6 led to a lot of "fooling around" before Black lost the path:  
 15.Ng5 Bg4 16.h3 Bd7 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.e3 Rac8 19.Nd5 e6 20.Nc3 Be8 21.Nge4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Nb4 23.Nd6 Rb8 24.Nce4 b6 25.a3 Na6 was a blitz game but still... 1-0 (42) Senthil,M (2246)-Khachatryan,A (2086) Chess.com INT 2021 ]  
 [ 14...Bxc3!? 15.Rxc3 Rad8 takes a shot at the d-file, ♣ or so. ]

**15.Ne4** 9:34

[ 15.Ne5! shuts down any aspirations: very equal. ]

**15...b6** 1:46 Black has something going. **16.Rcd1**?! 1:46

[ 16.Ne5 f6 17.Nf3 Rd7 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 ]

**16...h6** 2:28

[ 16...Nc6! Here Stockfish speaks up, giving Black a solid (-1, meaning Black plus) -0.99! So as so often, perhaps those bishops (and Black getting at the queenside pawns before White can) matter after all. ]

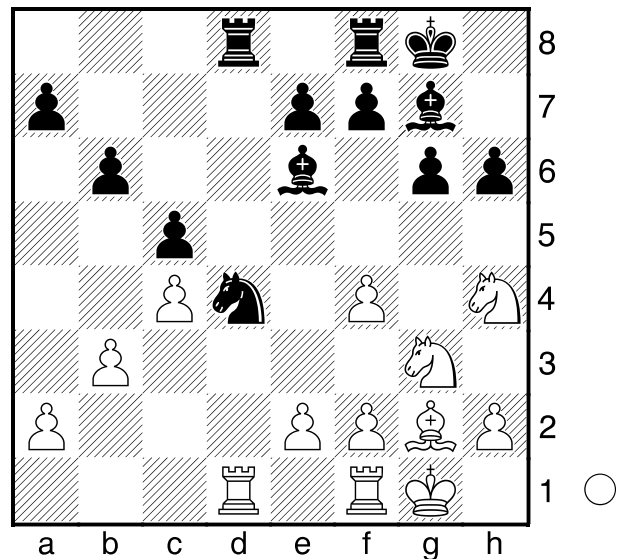
**17.Ng3**?! 3:23

[ 17.Ne5 g5 18.e3!? Hard to believe, but White stands no worse! ]

**17...Nc6** 5:00 **18.Nh4** 7:51 **Nd4** 15:53

(Diagram)

Quite a fight for the f5 square, of all things. **19.e3** 2:47 **g5!** 3:03 **20.fxg5** 4:17 **hxg5** 1:07 **21.Nf3** 18 **Nxf3+** 8:40  
 [ 21...Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 with the problem for White going back to Steinitz's principles: Black has ...f5 and the knight won't have any active square, thus: the bishops rule. Advantage Black. But Walder decides not to take any risk on his leader position (well,



along with Garcia). ]

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**D36**

□ Winslow, Elliott C

**2258**

■ Lewis, Edward

**1982**

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**1.d4** 37 **Nf6** 57 **2.c4** 11 **e6** 14 **3.Nc3**  
 2:11 **d5** 19 **4.cxd5** 11 **exd5** 1:26 **5.Bg5**  
 6 **c6** 22 **6.e3** 7 **Be7** 25 **7.Qc2** 10 **Nbd7**  
 4 **8.Bd3** 7 **h6** 1:08

[ 8...0-0 ]

[ 8...Nf8!? ]

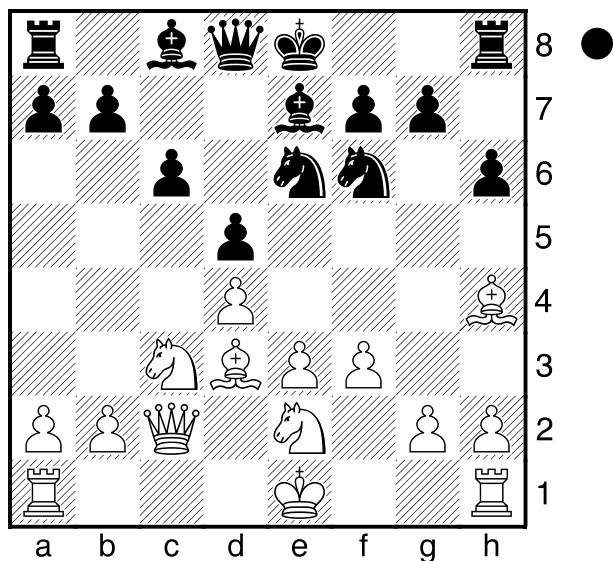
[ 8...Nh5!? ]

**9.Bh4** 1:01 **Nf8** 1:39 9...Nh5 is the modern continuation.

[ Relevant: 9...0-0 10.Nge2 Re8 11.f3 b5 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Bf2 a6 14.Bf5 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Nd4 Bd6 17.Nce2 Ne5 18.b3 g6 19.Bh3 Bc8 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Qd2 Qe7 22.Rfc1 Bb4 23.Qd1 Ba3 24.Rc2 Qb7 25.Nf4 Ned7 26.Qd2 Rxc2 27.Nxc2 Bb2 28.Rb1 Be5 29.Nb4 Nb6 30.Ne2 Bd6 31.Rd1 Qe7 32.Nc2 Rc8 33.Ncd4 Bb4 34.Qd3 Nbd7 35.Qb1 Bd6 36.Nf4 Qe8 37.Qd3 Be5 38.Qd2 Qd8 39.Nde2 Wojtaszek,R

(2691)-Lupulescu,C (2645) Legnica  
2021 1/2-1/2 ]

**10.f3!?** 3:19 Perhaps a bit too  
provocative for the computer, but I like it!  
**10...Ne6** 13 **11.Nge2** 1:13



**g5?N** 1:36 After this Black's king will be  
wandering the desert. That is, there  
won't be a safe kingside.

[Predecessor: 11...0-0 12.0-0 b6  
13.Rad1 Bb7 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.Bf5 c5  
16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Nf4  
Qc8 19.Ng6 Re8 20.Nxe7+ Rxe7  
21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Qg6+ Rg7 23.Qxf6  
Kh7 24.e4 dxe4 25.fxe4 Qc6  
26.Rd3 Rag8 27.Rh3 Rg6 28.Qe7+  
R8g7 29.Rf7 Rxf7 30.Qxf7+ Rg7  
31.Qf4 Rg6 32.Rd3 b5 33.Rd8 b4  
34.Qf8 Rg7 35.Qh8+ Kg6 36.Rd3  
Qc4 37.Ne2 Rf7 38.Qg8+  
1-0 (38) Checa,N (2506)-Tang,A  
(2495) Saint Louis 2019 ]

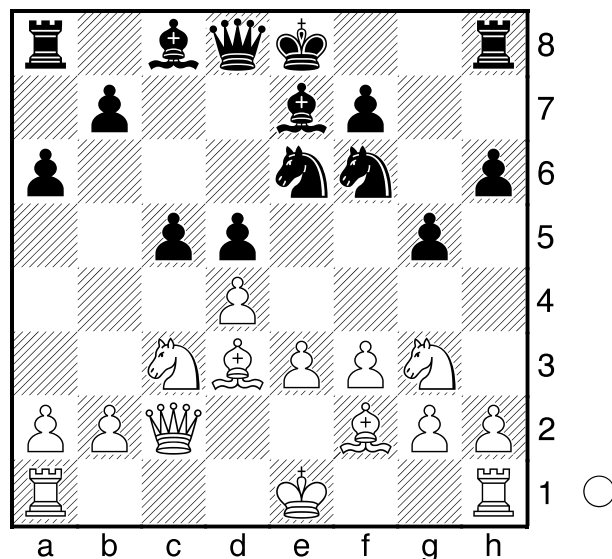
**12.Bf2** 1:09 **a6** 1:37 Slow bordering on  
irrelevant. And pawn moves on the  
queenside will weaken any thoughts of  
castling over there, also.

[ 12...g4!?

**13.Ng3** 4:23 **c5?! 40**

[ 13...Ng7 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.h4! ]

(Diagram)



**14.Nf5?! 1:08**

[ 14.dxc5! Certainly an idea I'm  
familiar with: tricking Black into a  
suspect Isolated Queen Pawn (IQP)  
position. Nxc5 15.Bf5!+- But this is a  
surprise. Superficially it looks like a  
mistake, trading off Black's "bad,"  
undeveloped bishop, but that piece is  
holding reign over some key squares,  
and anyway the computer likes it.  
Compare this to Fischer's famous  
22.Nxd7!!(?) in Game 7 of their  
Candidates Final, Buenos Aires 1971.  
As it happens, recent analysis has  
tried to show this was the \*wrong\*  
idea, but brilliant it was nonetheless. ]

**14...cxd4 1:22 15.exd4 12 Nf4 4:11**

So Black also gets a nice outpost.

Except only one of the players has a  
pawn available to remove the enemy  
steed... **16.0-0 34 Bxf5 53**

[ 16...Nxd3!? 17.Qxd3 Bxf5 18.Qxf5  
looks for freedom through exchanges,  
but the e-file is still a problem. And if  
Qd7 19.Qxd7+ Kxd7 thinking Black  
has the better bishop, it turns out not  
to matter: 20.Na4! with a clear  
advantage on the dark squares  
anyway. ]

**17.Bxf5 11 Kf8 1:31**

[ 17...0-0 isn't as bad as it might seem on principle. ]

**18.Rfe1** 2:45 **b5?! 18**

[ 18...Kg7 ]

**19.g3** 8:37 **N4h5** 35 Connected rooks is a good thing; connected knights is a not so good thing. **20.a4** 1:46 **b4** 36

**21.Nd1!** 2:35 **Ne8** 1:19 **22.Ne3** 1:38

**Nhg7** 3:12 **23.Qb3** 8:29 **Nc7** 5:47

[ 23...h5!? is still lost but at least gets the "attack" going. ]

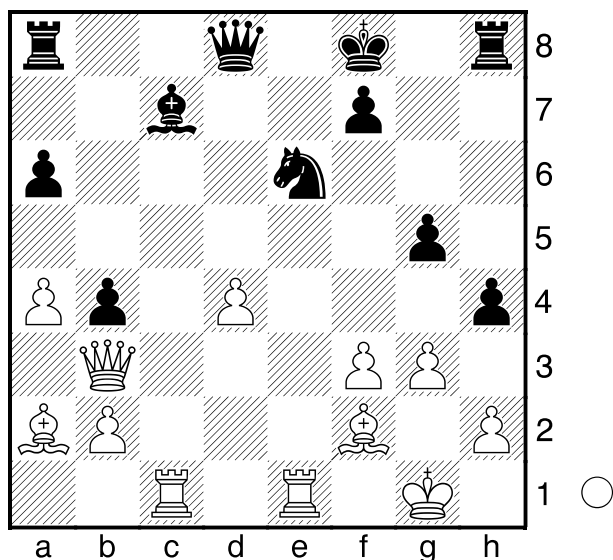
**24.Rac1** 1:16 **Bd6?! 2:10**

[ 24...Nce6 25.Bh3! Nxd4 26.Qd1 Nge6 27.Ng4 Nf5 28.Ne5 Nfg7 29.Nc6 ( 29.Rc6; 29.f4! ) ]

**25.Bb1!** 4:19 It happens that any retreat (d3, h3) was winning (according to the computer), but this has a certain esthetic. **25...h5** 1:04 **26.Nxd5** 2:06

Not just a pawn, but the diagonal -- White becomes obsessed with mate along a2-g8. Probably making up for a chess youth without any Scholar's Mates. **26...h4** 1:09 **27.Ba2** 3:20

**Nge6?! 2:21 28.Nxc7** 51 **Bxc7** 1:25



**29.Rxe6!** 3:45 White has so many ways to crash though! The main alternative considered was pushing the d-pawn twice; finally the heavy hammer was brought in.

[ 29.d5 ]

[ 29.Rc6 ]

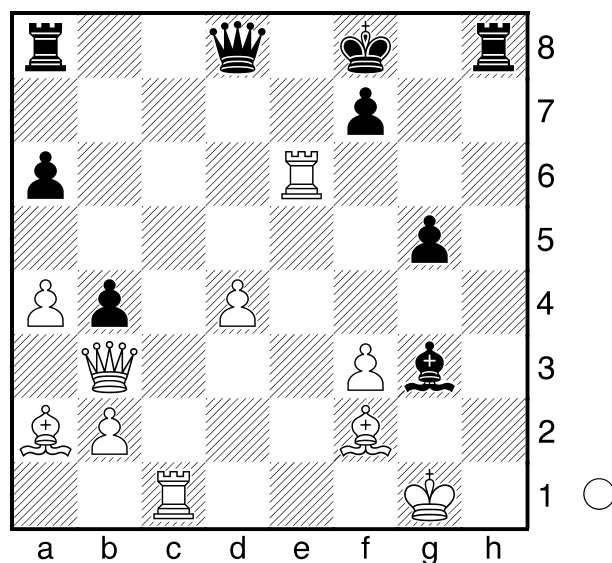
**29...hxg3** 6:48

[ 29...fxe6 30.Qxe6 Qe7 White was going to play 31.Rxc7 ( 31.Qf5+ is of course better on the principle that with the opponent's king more exposed, queens on is right. They're both totally won. ) 31...Qxe6 32.Bxe6 and d4-d5 etc. ]

**30.hxg3** 1:13

[ Stockfish "likes" 30.Rh6!! gxf2+ 31.Kf1 Kg7 32.Qxf7+ Kxh6 33.Rc6+ Bd6 34.Bb1! ]

**30...Bxg3** 13:10



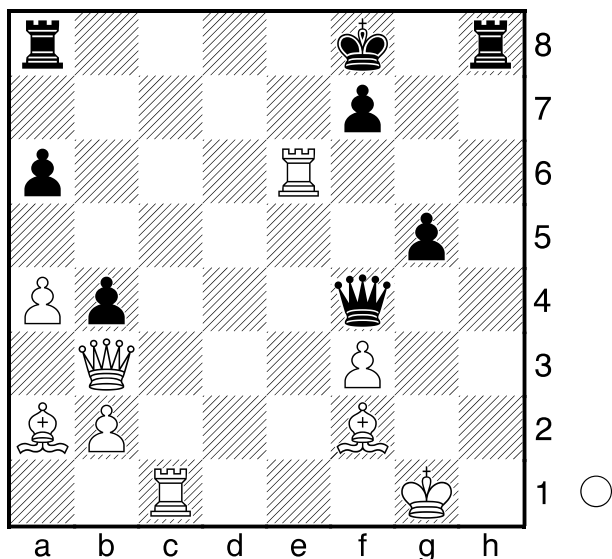
White saw this, and that it was no good, but got a bit confused... **31.Bxg3?! 1:30** [ 31.Qxb4+ (White is allowed to defend d4!) Kg7 32.Bxg3! fxe6 33.Be5+ and Black's king is not long for the chessboard. ]

**31...Qxd4+** 2 **32.Bf2** 45 **Qf4** 18

(Diagram)

**33.Re4?** 37 I had intended a rook retreat quite a bit earlier, but moved too fast (and not far enough!).

[ 33.Re3 is snug as a bug. That there is that threat on f7 keeps Black from



getting anywhere. ]  
**33...Qxc1+** 35 Woops. Not surprisingly though, it's still completely won! **34.Be1** 59 necessary **34...Qc7** 50 **35.Qxb4+** 4:15 **Kg8** 36 **36.f4** 2:00 Staying on the knife-edge.

[ 36.Qe7! "generously" offers to enter a completely won bishops vs. rook ending. ]

**36...Rf8** 2:16 **37.Bc3** 1:24 **Rh7** 4:44 **38.Re5** 7:12 **Rg7** 34 **39.fxg5** 2:04 **Rd8** 1:21

[ 39...Qxe5!? 40.Bxe5 Rxc5+ 41.Kf2 Rxe5 42.Qg4+ ( 42.Qf4 ) 42...Kh8 43.Qf4 Rh5 44.Qf6+ Kh7 and anything wins. ]

**40.Qe4!** 1:51 **Qc8** 7:48

(Diagram)

**41.g6!** 2:30

[ 41.Bxf7+!! is even stronger, if that's possible. ]

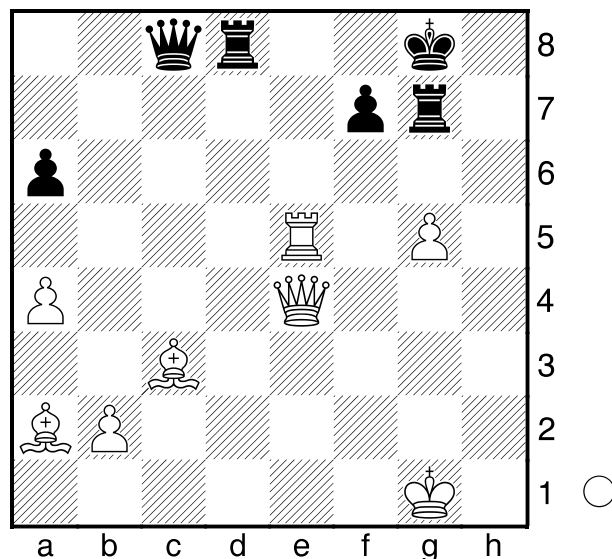
**41...Qd7** 3:06 **42.Kf2!** 2:31 **Rf8** 56

**43.Re7?!** 3:13

[ 43.Ke2! would complete the maneuver, with mate following in seven or so. ]

[ or 43.Ke1! ]

**43...Qh3** 3:16 **44.Rxf7** 14 **Qh2+** 1:41



**45.Ke1 Qg3+** 2:01 **46.Rf2+** 44

Crosscheck! Quite a setback for Ed, when a win would have put him up to equal first-third. And Winslow now has a dream to tie still...

[ 46.Rf2+ Kh8 47.Qh1+ ( 47.Bxg7+ Kxg7 48.Qe7+ ) ]

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□ **Bowen, James** **B23** **1813**  
 ■ **Weng, Nicholas** **1974**  
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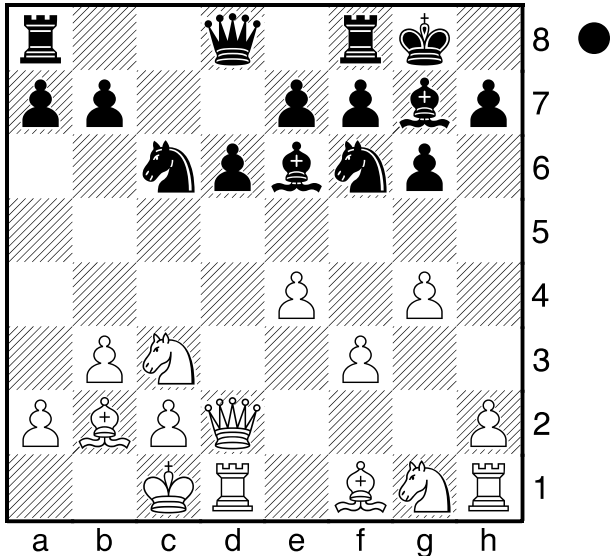
**1.e4 c5** 6 **2.Nc3** 4 **d6** 5 **3.d4** 6 **cxd4**

14 **4.Qxd4** 7 **Nc6** 8 **5.Qd2** 6 **Nf6** 36

[ Relevant: 5...g6 6.b3 Bh6 7.f4 Nf6 8.Bb2 0-0 9.0-0-0 e5 10.g3 Re8 11.Kb1 Nd4 12.Bg2 Bg4 13.Rf1 d5 14.h3 Be6 15.g4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Rc8 18.Qd3 Qa5 19.f5 Bd5 20.Rh2 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Nb5 22.Qxb7 Nd6 23.Qf3 e4 24.Qd1 Nb5 25.c4 Nc3+ 26.Bxc3 Qxc3 27.Rc2 Qe5 28.Qd5 Qf6 29.a3 Bg7 30.Ka2 Rcd8 31.Qa5 Rd3 32.Ne2 Rb8 33.b4 Rbd8 34.b5 e3 35.Rfc1 Shirov,A (2704)- Dominguez Perez,L (2752) Berlin

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6.b3 11 g6 1:28 7.Bb2 5 Bg7 7 8.0-0-0  
12 0-0 1:11 9.f3 2:31 Be6 3:32 10.g4  
2:17



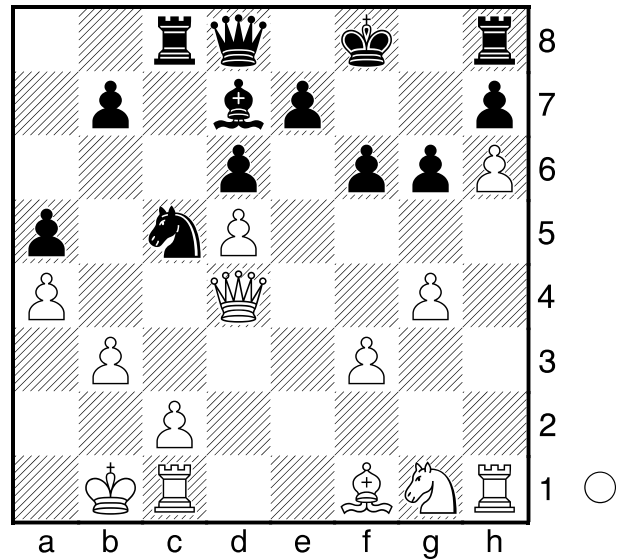
**Nd7N** 2:54

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Bd7 15.h4 h5 16.g5 Ne8 17.Nd5  
Nxd5 18.exd5 Rc5 19.Bb5 Bxb5  
20.Nxb5 Nc7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7  
22.Qd4+ Kg8 23.Nc3 Qb4 24.Kb2  
Na6 25.Ne4 Rc7 26.c3 Qxd4  
27.Rxd4 Rfc8 28.Re1 Kf8 29.Re3  
Nc5 30.f4 Nxe4 31.Rdxe4 Re8  
32.b4 b6 33.Kb3 Rec8 34.f5 gxf5  
35.Rf4 e6 36.c4 Re7 37.dxe6 fxe6  
38.Rd4 Rd8 39.bxa5 bxa5 40.Kc3  
Marcinczyk,M (2020)-Budkiewicz,M  
(1929) Pokrzywna 2021 0-1 (63) ]

11.h4 7:45 a5 4:24 12.a4 1:39 Rc8  
2:40 13.Kb1 15:34 Nb4 1:54 14.Rc1  
3:50 Nc5 8:34 15.Nd5 6:06 Nxd5 16:36  
16.exd5 52 Bd7 17.Bxg7 4:47 Kxg7 4  
18.h5 5:29 Rh8 52 19.h6+ 4:59 Kf8  
1:30 20.Qd4 2:44 f6± 1:24

(Diagram)

21.g5 6:22 Kf7 5:58 22.Bh3 1:49 Re8  
2:54 23.f4 4:27 Qc7 8:27 24.Ne2 1:59



**Bxh3** 1:39 25.Rxh3 14 Qd7 6 26.Re3  
4:38 b5 1:14 27.Nc3 2:41 bxa4 47  
28.Nxa4 19 Nxa4 2:17 29.Qxa4 17  
Qxa4 35 30.bxa4 8 Rc4 17 31.gxf6  
8:11 Kxf6 50 32.Re6+ 2:58 Kf7 2:09  
33.Rf1 43 Rxa4 57 34.Rf3 1:58 Rd4  
1:02 35.Rd3 11:15 Rxd3 39 36.cxd3 7  
Rb8+ 4 37.Ka2 24 Rb5 11 38.Re3 18  
Rxd5 6 39.Kb3 9 Rd4 1:40 40.Rf3 12  
Kf6 7 41.Kc3 14 Rb4 12 42.d4 29 Ra4  
29 43.Rf1 8 Ra3+ 56 44.Kc4 8 Ra4+  
1:25 45.Kc3 12 d5 1:13 46.Rb1 1:18  
Rc4+ 19 47.Kd3 9 Rb4 42 48.Rc1 6  
Rb3+ 1:57 49.Ke2 8 Rh3 23 50.Rc5 54  
e6 56 51.Rxa5 10 Rxh6 2 52.Ra8 33  
Kf5 2:10 53.Kf3 16 Rh3+ 17 54.Kg2 7  
Rd3 47 55.Rh8 1:06 Rxd4 17 56.Kg3  
55 Rd3+ 31 57.Kg2 9 Kxf4 58  
58.Rxh7 7 g5 22 59.Rf7+ 22 Kg4 10  
60.Re7 7 Kf5 27 61.Rf7+ 11 Kg6 4  
62.Re7 12 Kf6 5 63.Re8 7 Ra3 13  
64.Kf2 14 Ra7 6 65.Ke3 13 Rg7 32  
66.Rf8+ 20 Ke7 4 67.Rf1 10 g4 4  
68.Kd4 25 Kd6 6  
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□ Sankar,Arjun

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■ Xia,Yusheng

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 exd5 2 4.c4 27 Nf6 26 5.Nc3 46 Be7  
 1:30 6.cxd5 2:01 Nxd5 1:12 7.Bc4 10  
 Nb6 47 8.Bb3 56 0-0 48 9.h3 1:08 Bf5  
 4:25 10.Nf3 6:12 Bf6 2:46 11.Be3 2:35  
 Nc6 39 12.a3 1:15 Na5 2:25 13.Bc2  
 1:07 Bxc2 26 14.Qxc2 4 Nac4 17  
 15.0-0 3:07 Nxe3 49 16.fxe3 5 Re8  
 2:09 17.Rae1 2:25 c6 7:49 18.Ne4 1:12  
 Bh4 11:32 19.g3 6:40 Qe7 4:25 20.Ne5  
 10:03 f6 6:46 21.gxh4 5:38 fxe5 1:15

22.Ng5 8 e4 25 23.Qg2 5:02

[ 23.Rf7! Qd6 24.Qg2±  
 is even stronger, when Black is in  
 some trouble. ]

23...Rf8 6:53 24.Qg4? 9:12

[ 24.Qxe4 Qxe4 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8  
 26.Nxe4 Nc4 27.b3 Nxa3 28.Nd6  
 is still some advantage. ]

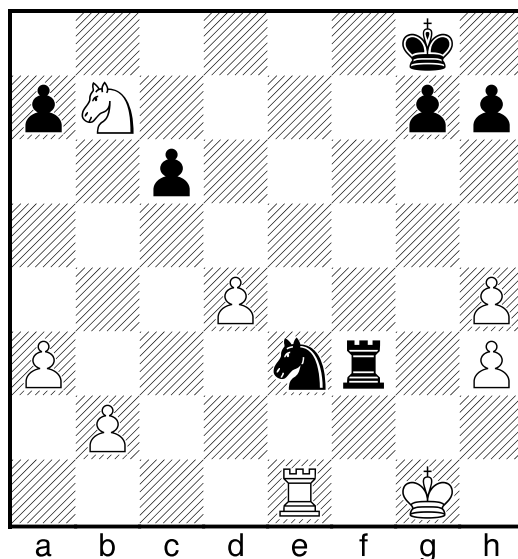
24...Nd5 5:28

[ 24...Nc4!? gets a bit more out of  
 White's weak pawns, but not too  
 much. 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 ]

25.Rxf8+ 22:53 Rxf8 13 26.Qxe4 56  
 Qxe4 1:56 27.Nxe4 2 Rf3 49 28.Nd6  
 6:05 Nxe3 10:42 29.Nxb7 30

(Diagram)

Nc2 3:50 30.Re4 2:23 h6 6:27 31.Nd8  
 1:32 Rf6 15 32.Ne6 1:17 Kf7 1:43  
 33.Nf4 37 Rd6 1:57 34.Ne2 59 Re6  
 1:12 35.Rf4+ 2:01 Ke7 50 36.Kf2 10  
 Ne3 54 37.Nc3 1:51 g6 3:15 38.a4 3:25  
 h5 1:38 39.b3 25 Nf5 1:25 40.Ne2 58  
 Kd6 39 41.Ng3 1:34 Nxg3 2:10  
 42.Kxg3 3 Re3+ 11 43.Rf3 1:18 Re6  
 2:12 44.Rf4 1:23 Kd5 24 45.Kf3 1:31  
 Re1 2 46.Kf2 1:15 Re4 14 47.Rf7 2:13  
 Rxh4 1:20 48.Rxa7 1:11 Rxh3 21  
 49.Rd7+ 57 Ke6 13 50.Rg7 16 Kf5 49



51.Rf7+ 17 Kg5 31 52.Rb7 32 h4 20  
 53.a5 25 Rh2+ 42 54.Kf3 22 Ra2 2  
 55.b4 4 Ra3+ 20 56.Kg2 4 Kg4 8  
 57.Rg7 29 Ra2+ 5 58.Kg1 9 g5 4  
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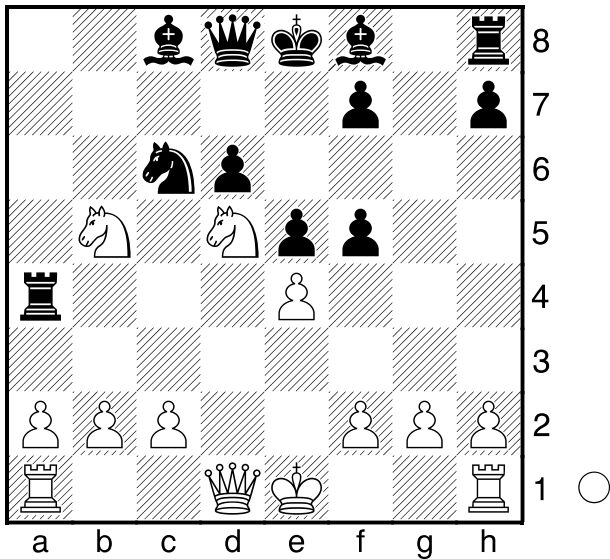
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 28 cxd4 36 4.Nxd4 11 Nc6 24 5.Nc3  
 18 Nf6 35 6.Ndb5 1:36 d6 35 7.Bf4 37  
 e5 23 8.Bg5 24 a6 21 9.Na3 9 b5 42  
 10.Bxf6 49 gxf6 36 11.Nd5 11 f5 51  
 12.Bxb5 3:23 The "elder statesman" of  
 anti-Sveshnikov piece sacrifices: I  
 thought it was neutralized if not outright  
 refuted though. 12...axb5 1:27 13.Nxb5  
 5 Ra4! 1:41 This hyper-aggressive rook  
 is the main line now and for a while.



**14.b4!?** 45 **Nxb4?! 7:19**

[ 14...Rxb4!?

[ 14...Qh4! ]

[ Relevant: 14...Qh4 15.0-0 Rg8

16.c3 f4 17.g3 Kd8 18.Qxa4 ffg3

19.fgg3 Rgg3+ 20.hgg3 Qgg3+

21.Kh1 Qh3+ 22.Kg1 Qg3+ 23.Kh1

Qh3+ 24.Kg1 1/2-1/2 (23) Mamedov,

R (2666)-Jobava,B (2669) Izmir 2016 ]

**15.c4?** 1:07

[ 15.Ndc7+ Kd7 16.c3 Nc2+!

17.Qxc2 Rxe4+ 18.Kf1 has done well for White in the few games there are, but the computers aren't so convinced -- Qh4 ]

[ 15.Nbc7+! Kd7 16.c3

**A) 16...Ra7 17.cxb4 Rxc7**

18.Qa4+!

**A1) 18...Rc6!?** leads to even crazier unbalanced material:

19.exf5 Bb7 20.Rc1 Qc8

21.Nb6+ Kd8 22.Nxc8 Rxc1+

23.Ke2

**A1a) 23...Rxb1?** 24.Nb6 Kc7

25.Nd5+- ( 25.Nc4+- );

**A1b) 23...Rxc8! =**

and Stockfish somehow comes up with 0.00 down the line.;

**A2) 18...Ke6;**

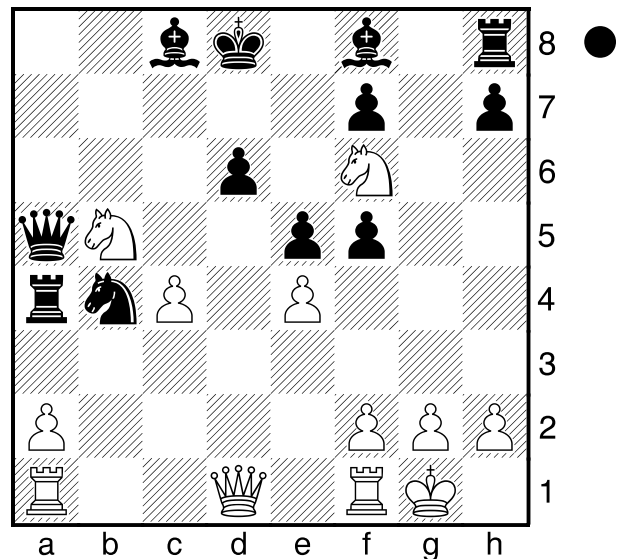
**B) Here 16...Nc2+ 17.Qxc2 Rxe4+ 18.Kf1 Qh4 19.Qb3** White has the b5 square available, which spells doom.;

**C) 16...Nxd5 ]**

**15...Qa5= 1:58 16.Nf6+ 1:43 Kd8 2:54**

[ "worse" is 16...Ke7?? 17.Qxd6# ]

**17.0-0! 13**



**Qa6!N 51**

[ Not so good last time: 17...Bd7?

18.Nxd6 Bxd6 19.Qxd6 Qc7 20.Qd2

Kc8 21.a3 Nc6 22.Nd5 Black's king

suffers from no pawn cover. Qa7

23.Rab1 Ra6 24.Rb5 Nd4 25.Ne7+

Kd8 26.Rxe5 Rxa3 27.exf5 Ra1

28.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 29.Re1 Qa7 30.f6

Qb6 31.Rd1 Qxf6 32.Nd5 Nf3+

33.gxf3 Rg8+ 34.Kf1 1-0 (33)

Potrata,J-Zatsch,A ICCF corr 1983 ]

**18.a3 11:22 Be7 4:48 19.Nh5 1:00**

(Diagram)

**Bb7?** 8:07

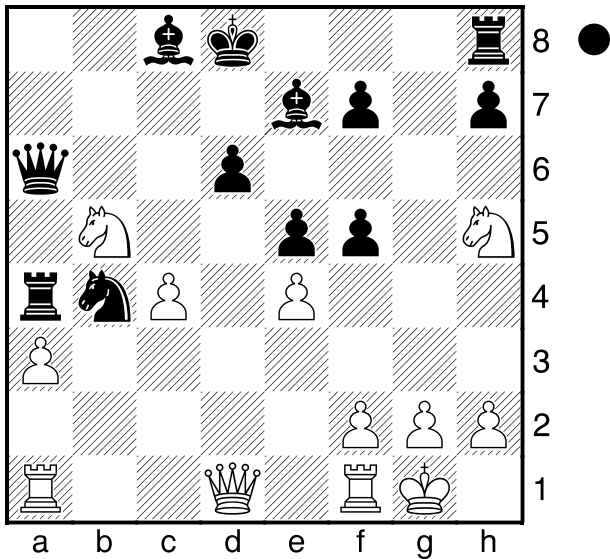
[ 19...Nc6 20.Nxd6 Kc7 21.Nb5+ favors White but just slightly. ]

**20.exf5?** 36:13 Doesn't anybody take pieces these days?

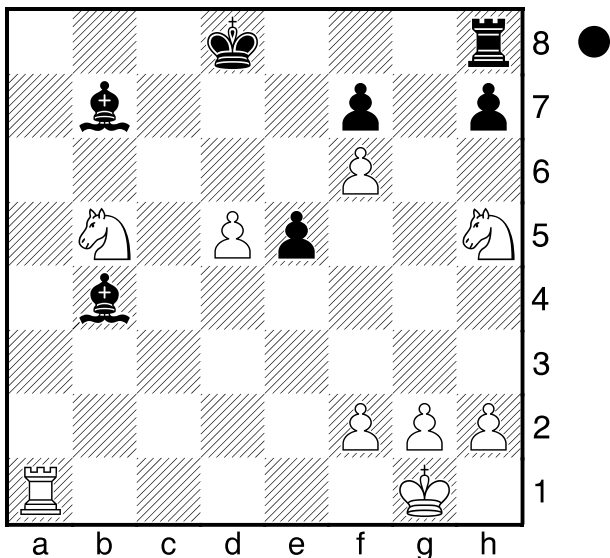
[ 20.axb4± ]

**20...d5?? 3:58**





[ 20...Nc6 $\bar{7}$  ]  
**21.f6!**+ 3:34 Black's queen can't be in two directions at once **21...Bf8** 3:53  
**22.axb4** 1:19  
 [ 22.Re1! Nc2 23.Qxc2 Rxc4 24.Qb2 Bc6 25.Rab1+- ]  
**22...Rxa1** 1:06 **23.Qxa1** 4 **Qxa1** 31  
**24.Rxa1** 2 **Bxb4?!** 50  
 [ 24...dxc4 25.Rc1 Kd7 $\pm$  ]  
**25.cxd5** 23  
 [ 25.Rb1! ]



**25...Kc8?** 2:38  
 [ 25...Kd7 26.Rb1 Rc8! Still bad, but

kicking. ]  
**26.Rb1** 1:08 **Bf8** 47 **27.Na7+** 8:16 **Kb8** 2:26 **28.Nc6+** 8 **Kc7** 40 **29.Nxe5** 21 **Bxd5** 29 **30.Nf4** 20 It's just too many pawns, and their all being on the same side isn't any help for the two bishops.  
**30...Be6** 1:08 **31.Nxe6+** 18 **fxe6** 18  
**32.Rc1+** 9 **Kb7** 2:38 **33.Nf7** 4:25 **Rg8** 1:06 **34.Nd8+** 8 **Kb6** 52 **35.Nxe6** 15 **Bh6** 25 **36.f7** 1:50 **Ra8** 48 **37.Rd1** 22 **Kc6** 1:07 **38.g4** 1:55 Playing into these super-sharp theoretical lines is perilous in so many ways, not the least being that they're sharp! So unless you're really on top of them, you (and your opponent!) are going to risk losing the way! But at least it's fun...  
**1-0**

**D03**  
 □ **Werby,Timothy** **1805**  
 ■ **Widjaja,Luke** **1901**  
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**1.d4** 12:35 **d5** 2 **2.Nf3** 6 **Nf6** 3 **3.Bg5** 10 **Ne4** 7 **4.Bf4** 18 **c5** 23 **5.dxc5?!** 17 **f6** 11:28  
 [ 5...Nc6! 6.e3 f6 ]  
**6.Bxb8** 4:35 **Rxb8** 10 **7.b4** 20 **a5?!** 11:46  
 [ 7...b6! 8.c6!? ( 8.cxb6?? Qxb6 9.Qd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4 e5+- ) 8...Qd6 $\bar{7}$  ]  
**8.c3 $\pm$**  4:48  $\pm$ /= **8...b6** 10:37 **9.cxb6?!** 8:51  
 [ 9.c6! axb4 10.e3! still causes trouble. ]  
**9...axb4 $\bar{7}$**  1:13 **10.e3** 2:55 **bxc3** 17:58  
**11.Bb5+** 1:17 **Kf7 $\bar{7}$**  29 **12.Nd4?** 7:41  
 [ 12.a4! Rxb6 13.Qb3 e5 14.Nxc3 Be6 $\bar{7}$  ]  
**12...e6?** 22:24  
 [ 12...Rxb6 13.a4 e5 14.Nc2 f5! $\bar{7}$  Rook lift across the board! ]  
**13.0-0 $\bar{7}$**  30:45 **Qxb6** 4:05 **14.a4** 1:15

**Qc5?! 5:33**

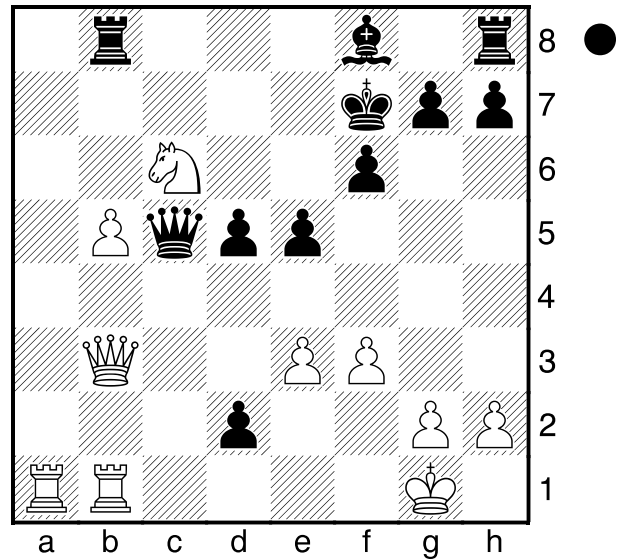
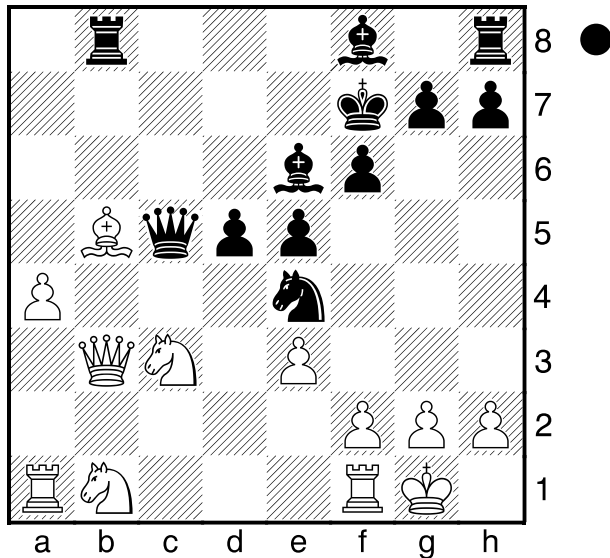
[ 14...Bb7 ]

**15.Qb3? 5:16**

[ 15.Qd3!± c2 16.Nd2 ]

**15...Bd7? 2:14**

[ 15...e5! 16.Ne2 Be6 Black looks to hold the c-pawn, or... 17.Nexc3



**Nxf2!! 18.Kxf2 (18.Rxf2 Qxe3 and ...Bc5) 18...d4 19.Qb2 dxe3+!-+ (19...dxc3?) 20.Kg3 (20.Ke2 Qc4+! 21.Ke1 Qd4+ Black hardly even seems to miss the piece; his position is overwhelming. )]**

**16.f3? 1:28**

[ 16.Rc1 when it's White with some advantage. ]

**16...Bxb5 6:06 17.axb5 6 Nd2 23**

**18.Nxd2 5 cxd2 4 19.Rfb1 1:29 e5**

**1:04 20.Nc6 25**

(Diagram)

Now Black delivers a textbook tactic:

**20...Rxb5! 36 21.Qxb5 1:13 d1Q+ 6 0-1**

**C56**  
**1800**  
**1851**  
MI Falconer TNM: 1800+ (6.11) 05.04.22

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bc5 8.Be3 0-0 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 Bd7 11.f3 Ng5 12.f4 Ne6**

[ 12...Ne4 is "standard" ]

[ But what do you think about 12...f6!/? ]

**13.c3 f5 14.Nd2 Bxd4 15.cxd4 c5**

**16.Nf3** White has some plus but in practice Black has managed to keep above water.

(Diagram)

**16...cxd4?!**

[ 16...Bb5 17.Rf2 c4 1/2-1/2 (58)

Cvek,R (2506)-Balogh,C (2631)

Slovakia 2018 ]

[ 16...c4 17.Ng5 Rb8 18.Nxe6 Bxe6

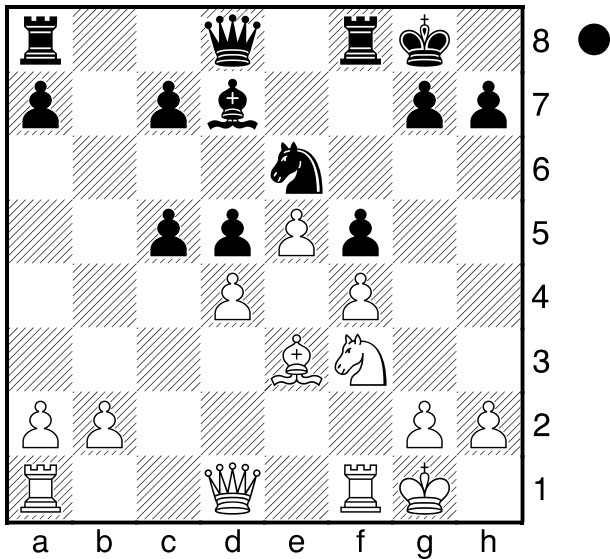
19.Rb1 Qd7 20.Rf3 Rb6 21.Bd2

Rfb8 22.Bc3 Ra6 23.Ra1 Rbb6

24.Rg3 1/2-1/2 (24) Jovanovic,Z (2456)-

Saric,I (2413) Bosnjaci 2004. (That's

ibro not Ivan, who just tied for 3rd-8th



in the big European Championship.) ]

**17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Qxd4**

[ 18.Bxd4! ]

**18...Be6 19.Rfc1+-** White has one of the

dream positions for this line. **19...Qd7**

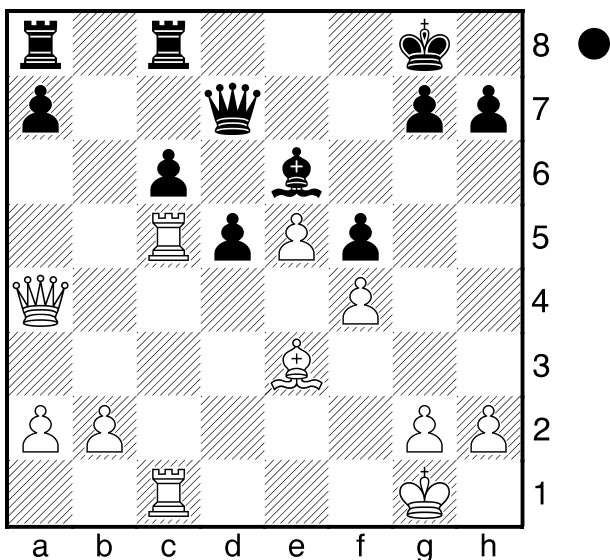
**20.Rc5 c6 21.Rac1 Rfc8 22.Qa4?!**

White has all sorts of ways to improve before taking down the c-pawn:

[ 22.Ra5 ]

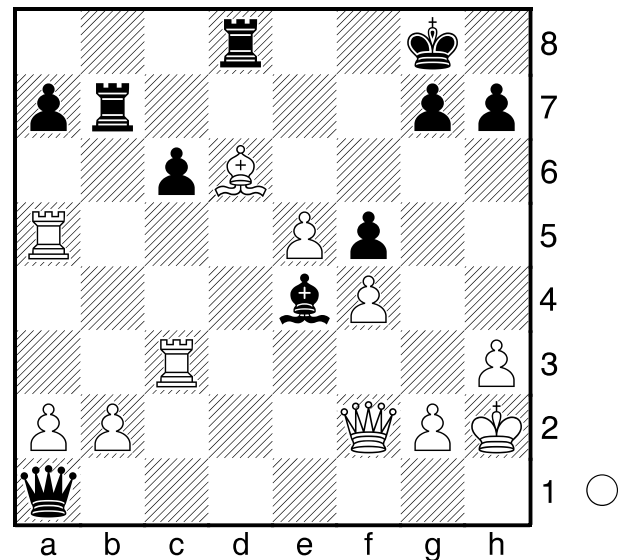
[ 22.b3 ]

[ 22.h3 ]



**22...d4** The best practical chance, letting the pawn on e6 be a bishop again.

**23.Bxd4 Bd5 24.Ra5 Rc7 25.Bc5 Qf7**  
**26.Bd6 Rb7 27.Qc2 Rd8 28.Qf2 Be4**  
**29.Rc3 Qh5 30.h3** Still winning...  
**30...Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Qa1**



**32.Rxa7?**

[ 32.Rg3! Qxb2 ( 32...Rxb2? 33.Qxa7 Rxc2+ 34.Rxc2 Bxc2 35.Kxc2 )

33.Qxb2 Rxb2 34.Rxa7 g6 35.h4 c5 is too slow: 36.h5 c4 37.hxc6+- ]

**32...Rxb2?**

[ 32...Bxc2!! 33.Qxc2! ( 33.Kxc2

Rxa7 ) 33...Rxa7 34.Rxc6 Qxa2 ( 34...Rxa2 35.Qd5+ Kh8 36.Ba3= ) 35.e6! ]

**33.Rg3 g6**

(Diagram)

**34.Qe3?**

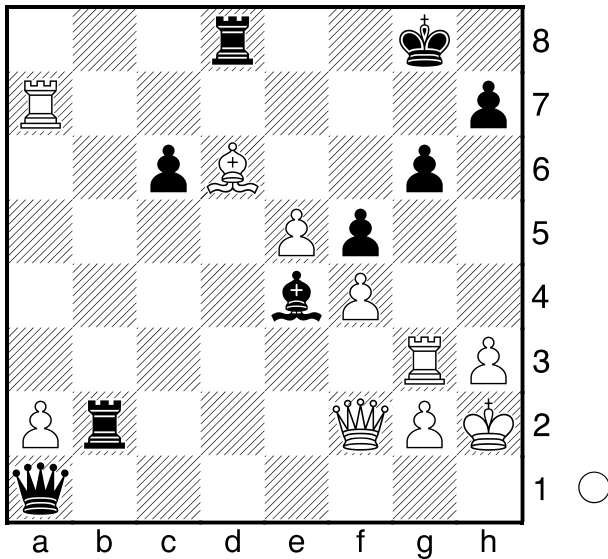
[ 34.Rg7+!! Kxg7 35.Qa7+ Kg8

( 35...Kh6 36.Be7 gets mated ) 36.e6! Rxc2+ the only defense 37.Rxc2 Qg7 38.e7! Re8 39.Qd7 Qf7 40.Rb2± might not be "a win in sight," but White's passed pawns will be a menace. ]

**34...Qf1! 35.Rxc2+ Giving up.**

[Not that 35.Qg1 Qxf4 36.Ra4 Rf2+ is any fun. (or straight away 36...h5 )]

**35...hxc6 36.Kg3 Rxc2+ 37.Kh4**



**Qf2+?! Almost anything else is mate in a few!**

[ 37...Qh1 threatening ...Rg4 mate is one way. ]

**38.Qxf2 Rxf2 39.Kg5 Rd2 40.Kxg6 Rg2+ 41.Kh6 Re8 42.Be7 Rg7 43.Bc5 Re6+ 44.Kh5 Bf3+**

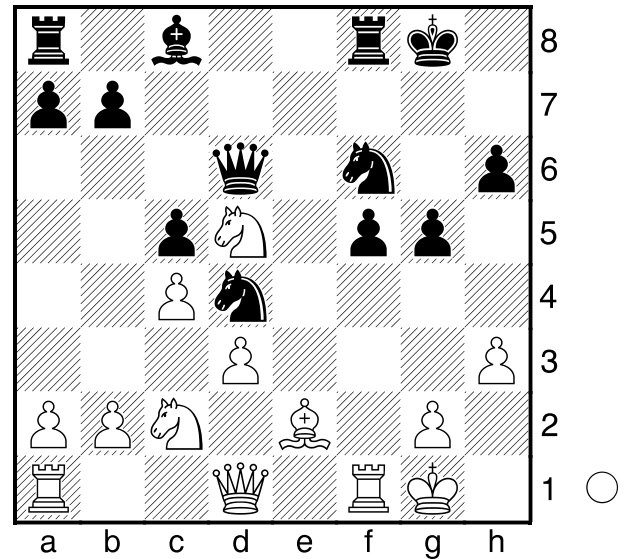
What a difficult struggle! Adam just couldn't find one of those blows to put it away, while Mikhail kept up his chances and his prayers until they came through.  
**0-1**

□ **Parsons, Stephen** **B30**  
 ■ **Talamantez, Abel** **1660**  
 MI Falconer TNM: 1800+ (6.12) 05.04.22 **1800**

**1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d6 4.e4 c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0**  
 "Quit copying me!" the kids would say.  
**8.Ne1 Nd4 9.h3 h6 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 Nh7 12.Nd5 f5 13.e5 g5 14.exd6 Bxd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nc2 Nf6**

(Diagram)

**17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.Bf3**



**Rb8?! 20.Rc1**

[ 20.Qa4! ]

**20...b6 21.Re1 Bb7** White has a working advantage, what with the e-file and the loose Black king. **22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Re8+ Rf8?!**

[ 23...Kg7 24.Qe2 ]

**24.Qh5**

[ 24.Qe2! ]

**24...Rbf7 25.Rce1 Rxe8 26.Rxe8+ Kg7**

[ 26...Rf8! ]

**27.Qe2** How to contest the e-file?

**27...f4?** That's not it.

[ 27...Kf6!? 28.Rh8 Kg7 29.Qe8 Rf8! 30.Rxf8 Qxf8 31.Qxf8+!? Kxf8 32.b4 isn't good enough for White to win, it seems. ]

**28.Re6 f3?! 29.Qe4! f2+ 30.Kf1 Qd7 31.Qg6+ Kh8 32.Qxh6+ Kg8 33.Rg6+ 1-0**

□ **Karthi, Jashith** **E91**  
 ■ **Lamstein, Joshua** **1618**  
 MI Falconer TNM: 1800+ (6.13) 05.04.22 **1740**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.d5 Nb8**

8.0-0 e5 9.h3 Na6 10.Qc2 Nh5  
11.Nh2 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Rad1 f5  
14.f3 g5 15.a3 Nc5 16.b4 Nd7 17.Nb5  
Ne5 18.Nd4 fxe4 19.fxe4 Qe8 20.Nhf3  
Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 h5 22.Qe2 g4 23.hxg4  
Bxd4+ 24.Rxd4 Qe5 25.Rfd1 hxg4  
26.Bxg4 Bxg4 27.Qxg4+ Qg7  
28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.c5 Kf6 30.cxd6  
cxd6 31.Rc4 Ke5 32.Kf2 Rf7 33.Rh1  
b5 34.Rh5+ Kf6 35.Rc6 Kg6 36.Rh3  
Rf6 37.Rhc3 a5 38.bxa5 Rxa5 39.Rb3  
Ra4 40.Kf3 b4 41.axb4 Kg5 42.b5

**1-0**

**B01**

**Dessert, Christopher**

**1602**

**Carron, Joel**

**1740**

MI Falconer TNM: 1800+ (6.15) 05.04.22

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4  
Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 c6  
8.Be3 e6 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Bb4  
11.Ne2 Nd5 12.Qg3 g6 13.Bh6 b5  
14.h4 Bf8 15.Bxf8 Nxf8 16.Kb1 Qc7  
17.Qf3 Nd7 18.Rhe1 N7f6 19.g3 h5  
20.Nc1 a5 21.c3 0-0 22.Bc2 Ng4  
23.Nd3 Qe7 24.Re2 Qf6 25.Qg2 Rfe8  
26.Rde1 Rac8 27.f3 Nh6 28.g4 hxg4  
29.fxg4 Qxh4 30.Rh1 Qg5 31.Qh2  
Kg7 32.Re5 f5 33.Nc5 Nf4 34.Ne4  
Qxg4 35.Qxh6+ Kf7 36.Qh7+ Kf8  
37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Rh7+ Kd8 39.Qf6+

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**A46**

**Mani, Venugopal**

**1528**

**Kingma, Karl Stuart**

**1373**

MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.7) 05.04.2022

1.d4 e6 1:01 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2  
cxd4 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nb3  
22:48 d5 2:56 8.Be3 7:31 Qc7 1:27  
9.Nc3 3:54 Bd6 6:21 10.h3 1:30 Bd7  
8:29 11.a3 1:28 Ne5 2:40 12.Nb5 1:33

Bxb5 59 13.Nd4 2:08 Bc6 51 14.b4 19  
Nc4 15.Bg5 2:49 h6 16.Bxf6 2:58 gxf6  
17.b5 34 Bd7 18.Qd3 56 Ne5 4:21  
19.Qb3 1:03 Qc4 1:46 20.Qb2 1:30 Bc5  
1:49 21.c3 58 Ng6 2:09 22.e4 1:30  
Bxd4 1:34 23.cxd4 9 Qxb5 21 24.Qd2  
17 Bc6 4:10 25.Rfb1 19 Qa6 2:09  
26.Bf1 2 b5 48 27.a4 3:48 Qb7 5:34  
28.axb5 22 Bd7 42 29.exd5 2 exd5  
2:31 30.Re1+ 7 Kf8 56 31.Qb4+ 2:03  
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4:11 35.Ra5 Nf8 3:00 36.Bg2 54 Ne6  
8:10 37.Qb4 4:34 Rb8 3:22 38.Bf1 5  
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Qe8 16 44.Qd6 1:40 b4 4:14 45.Re7 32  
Qd8 1:34 46.Qxe6 16 Qf8 1:01  
47.Qg4+ 5:56 Kh8 20 48.Re1 30 b3  
1:14 49.Qf4 15 Rb6 3:24 50.Rb1 1:38  
b2 3:45 51.Qd2 1:33 Qb4 1:21  
52.Qxh6+ 1:14 Kg8 8 53.Qf4 25 Rc6  
1:50 54.Kg2 4:59 Rc4 1:15 55.Qxf6  
1:12 Rxd4 59 56.Qg5+ 24 Kf8 50  
57.Qd8+ 3 Kg7 9 58.Qg5+ 5 Kh7 12  
59.Qh5+ 13 Kg8 9 60.Qg5+ 5 Kf8 12  
61.Qd8+ 1  
½-½

**B12**

**Guo, Dean**

**1565**

**Bhatnagar, Rishabh**

**1220**

MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.8) 05.04.2022

1.e4 5:01 c6 2.d4 4 d5 4 3.e5 3 Bf5 4  
4.h4 15 h5 6 5.Bd3 2 Bxd3 13 6.Qxd3  
5 Qa5+ 9 7.Nd2 29 e6 49 8.Ngf3 7  
Ne7 5:56 9.0-0 9 Nd7 31 10.c4 1:02  
Nf5 2:42 11.a3 3:29 Be7 2:55 12.g3  
1:21 0-0-0 8:32 13.b4 1:39 dxc4 4:13  
14.Qxc4 7:48 Qd5 1:37 15.Qxd5 2:01  
exd5 16 16.Nb3 1:23 Nb6 1:46 17.Bg5  
1:30 Rde8 4:03 18.Bxe7 8:58 Rxe7 10  
19.a4 1:40 Nc4 1:15 20.b5 1:18 f6 54

21.exf6 1:37 gxf6 14 22.bxc6 3 bxc6 15  
23.Rfe1 2:43 Rhe8 1:14 24.Rxe7 13  
Rxe7 6 25.Nc5 48 Ncd6 6:08 26.Kf1  
3:50 Ne4 3:15 27.Nd3 57 Rb7 2:40  
28.Nf4 7:11 Rb2 36 29.Nd3 3:31 Rb3  
4:05 30.Ke2 2:20 Nc3+ 54 31.Kd2 1:07  
Ne4+ 11 32.Ke2 1:23 Nc3+ 47 33.Kd2  
21 Ne4+ 1:08 34.Ke2 7  
1/2-1/2

Sobel,Steve

Tsolias,Georgios

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1:40 Qe7+ 15:37 10.Qe2 21 Bxf3 45  
11.Qxe7+ 31 Nxe7 29 12.gxf3 12 Nd7  
40 13.Bg5 3:56 f6 1:09 14.Bh4 42  
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16.Kb1 50 Nb6 2:11 17.Ne4 25:42 Ng6  
9:13 18.Bg3 31 Kc7 5:25 19.Nc5 31  
Rd6 9:18 20.Rhe1 1:49 Bxg3 13:18  
21.fxg3 27 Rg8 3:36 22.Bxg6 5:03 hxg6  
30 23.Re7+ 10 Nd7 4:59 24.Ne6+ 2:53  
Kc8 4:15 25.Nxg7 53 Kd8 3:28 26.Rf7  
17 Rf8 4:13 27.Rxf8+ 35 Nxf8 8  
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26 Rg7 18 42.Ke4 22 Re7+ 13 43.Re5  
9 Rh7 40 44.g5+ 27 Kg6 24 45.f4 7  
Rh1 2:12 46.Re6+ 11 Kf7 9 47.Rf6+ 9  
Ke7 27 48.Kf5 19 Rf1 32 49.Rh6 12  
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17 c5 35 56.f5 16 Kb3 9 57.Rb7+ 7

**C01**

Kxa4 29 58.f6 8 c4 9 59.f7 7 Rd6+ 21  
60.Kh7 8 c3 19 61.bxc3 11 Rb6 5  
62.Rxb6 20 Ka5 4 63.Rb1 12  
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Bourdier,Austin

Reed,Paul

MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.10) 05.04.22

**C02**

**1513**

**1499**

1.e4 1 e6 7 2.d4 6 d5 4 3.e5 4 c5 5  
4.c3 7 Nc6 7 5.Nf3 7 Qb6 10 6.a3 22  
a5 1:58 7.Bd3 3:44 Bd7 1:12 8.Bc2 15  
Rc8 18 9.0-0 9:48 cxd4 54 10.cxd4 4  
Nge7 8:11 11.Nc3 19 Ng6 5:22  
12.Bxg6 2:31 hxg6 2:27 13.Qd3 2:11  
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Bd6 1:29 39.Qf6+ 58 Kg8 22 40.Qxe6+  
35 Kh8 15 41.Qxd6 1:33 Rg7 22  
42.Rf8+ 4:35 Rg8 57 43.Qf6+ 1:08 Kh7  
16 44.Rf7+ 9 Rg7 10 45.Qxg7# 8  
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Radaelli,Lucas

Admassu,Yonathan

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**1442**

**1678**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7  
5.Be3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Qd2 Nc6  
8.cxd6 exd6 9.0-0-0 Ng4 10.Kb1 Bxc3

11.bxc3 Be6 12.a4 Qxa4 13.c4 Nb4  
14.Bd4 Rc8 15.Bxh8 Bxc4 16.Bxc4  
Rxc4 17.Bc3 Ne3 18.Re1 Qb5  
19.Rxe3 Nd3+ 20.Bb4 Rxb4+ 21.Qxb4  
Qxb4+

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**Nichol,David** **D52**  
**1161**  
 **Barreyro,Romeo** **1669**  
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1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6  
5.e3 Be7 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.Qc2 Nbd7 8.c5  
Qa5 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bh4 b6 11.cxb6  
axb6 12.a3 c5 13.0-0 c4 14.Be2 b5  
15.Bg3 0-0 16.Ne5 Qb6 17.Rfb1 Nxe5  
18.Bxe5 Nd7 19.Bg3 Bb7 20.b3 Rxa3  
21.Rxa3 Bxa3 22.bxc4 b4 23.Qa4 Qc6  
24.Qxc6 Bxc6 25.Nb5 dxc4 26.Bxc4  
Be4 27.Nxa3 bxa3 28.Ra1 Nb6  
29.Bb3 Rc8 30.f3 Rc3 31.Rxa3 Bd5  
32.Bc7 Rxc7 33.Bxd5 Nxd5 34.e4 Nb4  
35.Rb3 Nc2 36.Rd3 Kf8 37.Kf2 Ke7  
38.f4 Kd7 39.Rg3 g6

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**Maliev,Anton** **C63**  
**1530**  
 **Clark,Drew** **1301**  
MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.19) 05.04.22

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 d6  
5.Nc3 Nf6 6.h3 Bd7 7.Be3 f4 8.Bd2  
Qe7 9.Qe2 h6 10.0-0-0 g5 11.Rde1  
Qg7 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.d4 Qe7 14.Qc4  
Rc8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nd5 Qf7  
17.Nxe5 Qe6 18.Nxc7+ Rxc7  
19.Qxe6+

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**Fairchild,Jp** **C57**  
**1473**  
 **Brickhouse,Christian** **701**  
MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.20) 05.04.22

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5  
Bc5 5.Bxf7+ Kf8 6.Bb3 d5 7.0-0 Nd4  
8.h3 h6 9.Nf3 Nxe4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4  
11.Qf3+ Ke7 12.c3 Rf8 13.Qh5 Bxf2+  
14.Rxf2 Nxf2 15.Qxe5+ Be6 16.Qxg7+  
Ke8 17.Qxh6 Nxh3+ 18.gxh3 Qd6  
19.Qe3 Kd7 20.d4 Rf7 21.Nd2 Rg8+  
22.Kh1 Rh7 23.Ne4 dxe4 24.Bxe6+  
Qxe6 25.Kh2 Qg4

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**Vaidyanathan,Ashwin** **D05**  
**1571**  
 **Tam,Brent** **0**  
MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.21) 05.04.22

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 c5 4.c3 e6  
5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.0-0 0-0  
8.Re1 cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.Nf1 Qc7  
11.Bg5 Ne4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Rxe4  
Bb7 14.Re3 Ne7 15.N3d2 Nf5 16.Rh3  
Qc6 17.Qf3 Rac8 18.Ne3 Qxf3  
19.Nxf3 Ne7 20.Nd2 f6 21.Nec4 Bc7  
22.Bh4 Rfe8 23.Bg3 Nf5 24.Bxc7  
Rxc7 25.Re1 Bd5 26.Ne3 Nxe3  
27.Rhxe3 b5 28.a3 Kf7 29.Ne4 h6  
30.Nd6+ Ke7 31.Nxe8 Kxe8 32.f4 f5  
33.Rxe6+ Bxe6 34.Rxe6+ Kd7 35.Re5  
Kc6 36.Rxf5 a5 37.Rc5+ Kb6 38.Rxc7  
Kxc7 39.Kf2 Kd6 40.g4 g6 41.Kf3 Kd5  
42.h4

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□ Stallworth,Deandre

■ Tam,Hoa Long

MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.22) 05.04.22

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 f5 4.Bg2 Nf6  
5.d3 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 0-0  
8.Nf3 d6 9.0-0 Qe8 10.e4 fxe4  
11.dxe4 Nxe4 12.Qd5+ Qf7 13.Qxe4  
Be6 14.Ng5 Qf5 15.Nxe6 Qxe6  
16.Qd5 Rae8 17.Qxe6+ Rxe6 18.Bd5  
Nd8 19.Rb1 b6 20.f4 Rf5 21.g4 Rxf4  
22.Bxf4  
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14.Bxh1 Bf5 15.Qe3+ Kd7 16.Bxb7  
Rb8 17.Ba6 Rb6 18.Bc4 Qh8 19.Bxf7  
Qh1+ 20.Kd2 Be7 21.a3 Rd6+  
22.Bd5 Rxd5+ 23.Nxd5 Qxd5+  
24.Ke1 Bc5 25.Qd2 Bd4 26.e3 Qh1+  
27.Kf2 Qh2+ 28.Ke1 Qg1+ 29.Ke2  
Qg2+ 30.Ke1 Qxg3+ 31.Qf2 Qxf2+  
32.Kxf2 Be5 33.e4 Bxe4 34.Ke3 Bd5  
35.Rb1 g3 36.Bd2 g2 37.Bc3 Bh2  
38.Kf2 g5 39.Bd4 a5 40.Ke2 Kd6  
41.Kd3 c5 42.Be3 c4+ 43.Kc3 Bf4  
44.Bf2 Kc6 45.Bg1 Bd6 46.Bf2 Bc5  
47.Bd4 Be4 48.Re1 Bxd4+ 49.Kxd4  
Bd5 From this even position it would  
appear that White lost on time.  
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□ Giusti,Ambrogino

■ Rex,Tobiah

MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.23) 05.04.22

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3  
g5 5.g3  
[ 5.d4 g4 6.Ng5 ( 6.Ne5 ) 6...f5 7.e4  
h6 8.e5 Be7 9.Nh3 gxh3 10.Qh5+ ]  
5...g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6  
hxg6 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.Bg2 Nxd4  
11.Nc3

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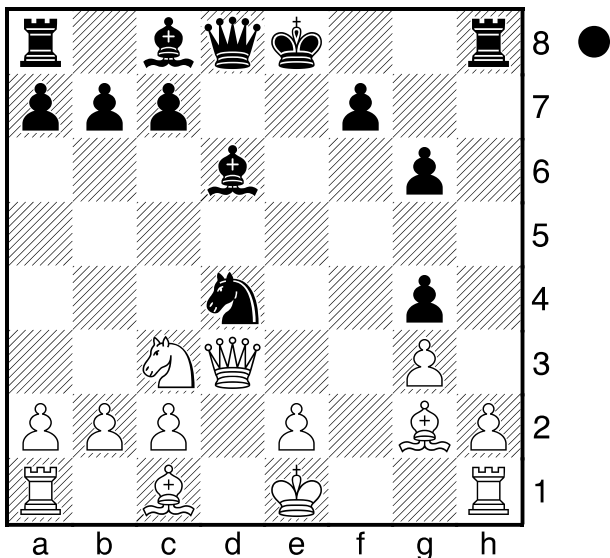
□ Sankar,Swaminathan

■ Long,Matt

MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.24) 05.04.22

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2  
Bg7 5.e3 Nf6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 d6  
8.d3 Bd7 9.Rb1 Qc8 10.Nf4 g5  
11.Nfd5 Bh3 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Nd5  
Bg7 14.e4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 h6 16.Bd2  
e6 17.Ne3 Nd4 18.Qh5 f5 19.exf5  
Nxf5 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Qc6+  
Rf6 25.Qe4 d5 26.cxd5 exd5 27.Qe7+  
Rf7 28.Qe5+ Kg6 29.Qe2 Re8 30.Qd2  
b6 31.Rbe1 Rfe7 32.Rxe7 Rxe7  
33.Qc2 Qe6 34.d4+ Kg7 35.dxc5 bxc5  
36.Qb2 Qe2 37.Rb1 Qxb2 38.Rxb2  
Re1+ 39.Kg2 Rc1 40.Rb3 Kf6 41.Ra3  
Ke5 42.Kf3 h5 43.h3 Rc2 44.Ke3

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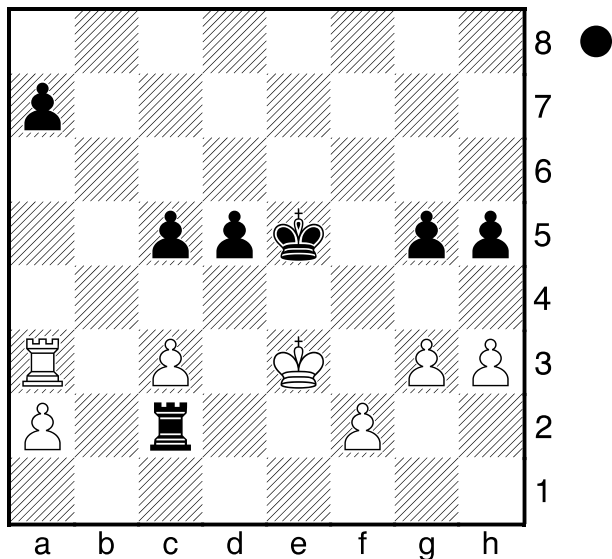


(Diagram)

Nxc2+ 12.Qxc2 Rxh2 13.Qd3 Rxh1+  
[ 13...Rxg2?? 14.Qe4+ ]

Rxc3+ 45.Rxc3 d4+ 46.Kd3 dxc3 47.f3  
h4 48.gxh4 gxh4 49.Kxc3 Kf4 50.Kc4  
Kxf3 51.Kxc5 Kg3 52.Kd4 Kxh3  
53.Ke3 Kg2  
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11.Be2 Nbd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nbd2 Nc5  
 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Bxe2 16.Qxe2  
 Qd7 17.Nc6 Qg4?? 18.Nxe7+ Kh8  
 19.Qxg4 "and White won." 19...Nxc4  
 20.Nd5 Rc8 21.Bd4 h5 22.Bxc5 dxc5  
 23.Ra1 c6 24.Nxb6 Rd8 25.Ra8 Rxa8  
 26.Nxa8 cxb5 27.cxb5 Ne5 28.b6 Nc6  
 29.Nc7 Na5 30.Nb5 Kg8 31.Nd6 Kf8  
 32.b7 Nc6 33.N2e4 Ke7 34.Nf5+ Ke6  
 35.Nxc7+ Kd5 36.f3 c4 37.Nxh5 f5  
 38.Nc3+ Kc5 39.h4 Kb4 40.Nd5+ Kc5  
 41.Nhf6  
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□ **Grange,Matthew** **1219**  
 ■ **Gu,Thomas** **1321**  
 MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.28) 05.04.22

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3  
 Bg7 5.e3 c5 6.Ne5 0-0 7.Be2 Bd7  
 8.Qd2 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.Bh6 Bxh6  
 11.Qxh6 Nxd4 12.0-0-0 Nxe2+  
 13.Nxe2 Bf5 14.f3 Bxc2 15.Nc6 bxc6  
 16.Kxc2 Qa5 17.Nc3 Qc5 18.Qg5 Qb6  
 19.h4 d4 20.Na4 Qb4 21.b3 Nd5  
 22.Kd3 Ne3 23.Rc1 Qb5+ 24.Kxd4  
 Qxg5 25.hxg5 Nf5+ 26.Kc5 Rac8  
 27.Rhe1 Rfd8 28.Nc3 Ng7 29.Rcd1  
 Ne6+ 30.Kc4 c5 31.Rxd8+ Rxd8  
 ... 1-0 63.  
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□ **Willis,Lisa** **1500**  
 ■ **Alberg,Neil** **0**  
 MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.30) 05.04.22

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c3 d6 4.f4 Nf6  
 5.e5 dxe5 6.fxe5 Nfd7 7.Bc4 e6 8.Nf3  
 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Qe2 Nc6  
 12.d5 exd5 13.e6 dxc4 14.exd7 Bxd7  
 15.Qd2 Be6 16.Bh6 Rad8 17.Qc1 Qc7  
 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Ng5 Rde8 20.Nxe6+

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□ **Chan,John** **1500**  
 ■ **Hule,Pratyush** **1165**  
 MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.25) 05.04.22

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 Bb4 4.Bd2 c5  
 5.Nf3 d6 6.h3 Nc6 7.a3 Ba5 8.g3  
 Be6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.e4 h6 11.0-0 Qd7  
 12.Kh2 Ne8 13.Nd5 Bxd2 14.Qxd2  
 Nd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.b4 f5 17.f4 Nc7  
 18.b5 b6 19.exf5 Nxd5 20.fxe6 Qxe6  
 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.cxd5 Rfe8 23.f5 e4  
 24.dxe4 Rxe4 25.Rae1 Rae8 26.Rxe4  
 Rxe4 27.Rf2 Re3 28.Qxd4 Rxa3 29.f6  
 g6 30.f7+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.f8Q+  
 Kd7 One scoresheet gives 33.Qd8#  
 The other just says "33.Qg7#."  
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**A00**

□ **Starr,Albert Martin** **1500**  
 ■ **Sharan,Shubhankar** **1100**  
 MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.26) 05.04.22

1.b4 e5 2.b5 b6 3.Bb2 d6 4.e3 a6  
 5.a4 Bd7 6.c4 axb5 7.axb5 Rxa1  
 8.Bxa1 Nf6 9.d3 Be7 10.Nf3 Bg4

Rxe6 21.Qg5 Qe5 22.Qg4 Qe3+  
23.Kh1 Qe2 24.Qxe2 Rxe2 25.Na3  
Na5 26.b3 cxb3 27.axb3 Nxb3  
28.Rad1 Re3 29.Rd7 Na5 30.Nb1 c4  
31.h3 Rd3 32.Rd1 Rxd1+ 33.Rxd1  
Re8 34.Kh2 Re7 35.Rd5 Nc6 36.Nd2  
Re3 37.Nxc4 Rxc3 38.Nd6 Ne7  
39.Ne8+ Kf8 40.Rd8 Rc8  
**0-1**

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**Lyles,William** **893**  
 **Thibault,William** **970**  
MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.31) 05.04.22

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2  
0-0 5.e3 e5 6.Nge2 c6 7.b3 Re8  
8.Bb2 d6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.d3 Qc8 11.f4  
Bh3 12.Re1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 e4  
14.Nxe4 Ng4 15.N2c3 Re6 16.Qd2 h6  
17.h3 Nf6 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Ne4 Bxb2  
20.Qxb2 Nd7 21.g4 f5 22.gxf5 gxf5  
23.Ng3 Rg6 24.Kf3 Nf6 25.Rg1 Kh7  
26.e4 Qf8 27.Nxf5 Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Nh5  
29.Qg2 Qf6 30.Qg4  
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**Casares Jr,Nick** **1600**  
 **Adams,Dawn** **812**  
MI Falconer TNM: u1800 (6.33) 05.04.22

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7  
5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 c6  
8.0-0-0 0-0 9.g4 d5 10.e5 Nfd7 11.h4  
b5 12.h5 e6 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Qh3  
Qa5 15.Bd3 Nf6 16.exf6 Rxf6  
17.Qxh7+ Kf8 18.Bxg6 b4 19.Nb1  
Qxa2 20.f5 Qc4 21.Bh6 Ke7 22.Qxg7+  
Kd6 23.Qxf6 b3 24.Bf4+ Kd7  
25.Qxe6+ Kd8 26.Qe8#  
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