

**Suarez, Sebastian** **B22**  
**1802**  

**Winslow, Elliott** **2259**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.1)  
*[Winslow, Elliott]*

**1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5**  
**Nd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4**

[ 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3

**A) 7...d6;**

**B) 7...g6?! 8.Ng5± Nxe5?**

9.Qxd4+- ( Δ9.Bf4+- ) 9...f6

10.Qxe5 d5 11.Qe2 fxg5 12.Bxg5

Bg7 13.0-0 Qd6 14.Na3 Bd7

15.Rad1 ( 15.Rfe1! ) 15...e6

16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.Qxb5+ Qd7

18.Qb4+- 6.21 but 0-1 (65)

Nepomniachtchi, I (2792)-Firouzja, A  
 (2759) Paris GCT Blitz;

**C) 7...d5 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 Be6**

10.Na3 dxc3 11.Bxe6 Qxd1

12.Rxd1 fxe6 13.Nb5 Rc8

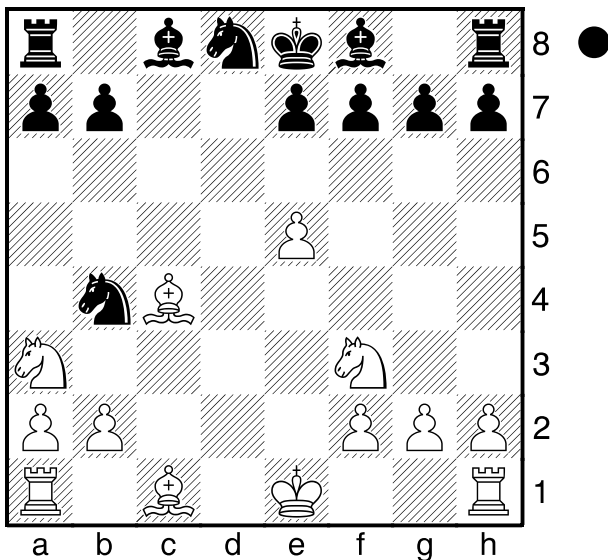
it's all a big theoretical line. ]

**6...d6 7.Bc4 dxe5**

[ 7...Nb6 ]

[ 7...e6 ]

**8.dxe5 Ndb4 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8 10.Na3**



**Be6**

[ 10...a6! ]

**11.0-0**

[ 11.Ke2!? g6 ]

**11...Rc8**

[ 11...g6 ]

**12.Bxe6 Nxe6 13.Be3 Nc6?!**

[ 13...a6 ]

**14.Rac1**

[ 14.Rfc1 g6 15.b4 a6 16.Nc4 ]

**14...g6 15.Nb5 a6**

[ Δ15...Bg7 16.Nxa7 Nxa7 17.Bxa7  
 Ra8 18.Bc5 Rxa2 19.Ba3 0-0± ]

**16.Nbd4 Nexd4?!**

[ 16...Ned8 ]

**17.Nxd4± Bg7 18.Nxc6?!**

[ 18.f4 ]

**18...Rxc6 19.Rxc6 bxc6 20.Rc1?!**

[ 20.f4 ]

**20...Kd7?!**

[ 20...Bxe5 21.Rxc6 Kd7 22.Rxa6  
 Bxb2= 23.a4 Rc8 24.Kf1 Bc1  
 25.Bb6 Ba3 26.Ke2 Bc5 ]

**21.f4 "1/2?" 21...Rb8 22.b3 a5?!**

[ 22...Rb5 ]

**23.Kf2?!**

[ 23.Rc4 Rb5 24.Rd4+ Ke6 25.Ra4 ]

**23...f6**

[ 23...a4 24.bxa4 Rb4 ( 24...Rb2+  
 25.Kf3 Rxa2 26.Bd4 Ke6 27.Rxc6+  
 Kd5 28.Rc7 Kxd4 29.Rxe7 Kd5  
 30.Rxf7 Bxe5 31.fxe5 Kxe5= ) ]

**24.exf6 Bxf6**

[ 24...exf6 ]

**25.Rc4 Rb5**

[ 25...e5 ]

[ 25...e6 ]

**26.Kf3 Rd5 27.Ke4 e6 28.Bd4**

[ 28.g4 ]

**28...Be7**

[ 28...Bxd4 29.Rxd4 Kd6= 30.Rxd5+  
 exd5+ 31.Ke3 c5= ]

**29.Be5 Bc5**

[ 29...Bd6 30.Rd4 Bxe5 31.Rxd5+  
 cxd5+ 32.Kxe5 Kc6 33.Kd4 h5 ]

**30.g4 Bg1?!**

[ 30...Bb4 ]

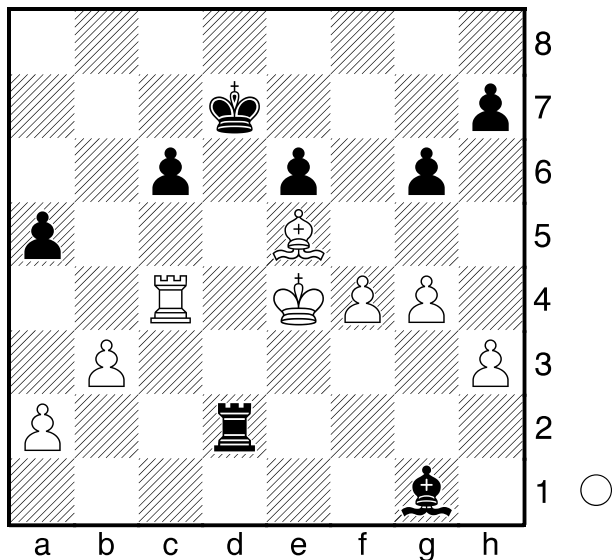
**31.h3?!**

[ 31.Rc1 ]

A) 31...Bxh2? 32.g5 Rd2 33.a4  
Re2+± 34.Kf3 ( 34.Kd4 );

B) 31...Bb6 ]

31...Rd2?



32.Bd4! Rd1 33.Bxg1 Rxc1 34.Ra4?!  
[ 34.Ke5! ]

34...Rh1 35.Rxa5

[ 35.Ke5 Rxc3 36.Kf6 Kd6 37.Rd4+  
Kc5 38.Re4 Rh4 39.g5 Rh2 ]

35...Kd6= 36.b4 Rxc3 37.a4

[ 37.g5 h6 38.gxh6 Rxc3 39.Rg5  
Rh2= ]

37...h5

[ 37...Rb3 ]

[ 37...Rc3 ]

38.gxh5 gxh5

[ 38...Rxc3= ]

39.Ra6 Kc7 40.b5 cxb5 41.axb5 Rh1

42.Kf3

[ 42.Rxc3 Re1+ 43.Kf5 Rxc3

44.Kxc3 h4= ]

42...Kd7 43.Ra7+ Kd6 44.Rh7 Kc5

45.Rh6 Kxb5 46.Rxc3 Rf1+ 47.Kg3

Kc5 48.Re5+ Kd6 49.Rxc3

1/2-1/2

Seitzer, Phillip

B37

Sun, Kevin

2150

1772

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.2)

[Winslow, Elliott]

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4

[ 2.c4 ]

2...Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4

Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nc2 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0

9.0-0 Be6 10.f4 Qa5 11.Be3 Rac8

12.Rc1 Rfd8 13.h3 Nb4 14.Na3 Bd7

15.Bf3 Bc6 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rfd1

Qc7??

[ 17...Nd7 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5

Nc5= ]

18.Qf2?

[ 18.Nd5+- Bxd5 19.cxd5 Qb8

20.Rc4 a5 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Nc4

White is overrunning the queenside,

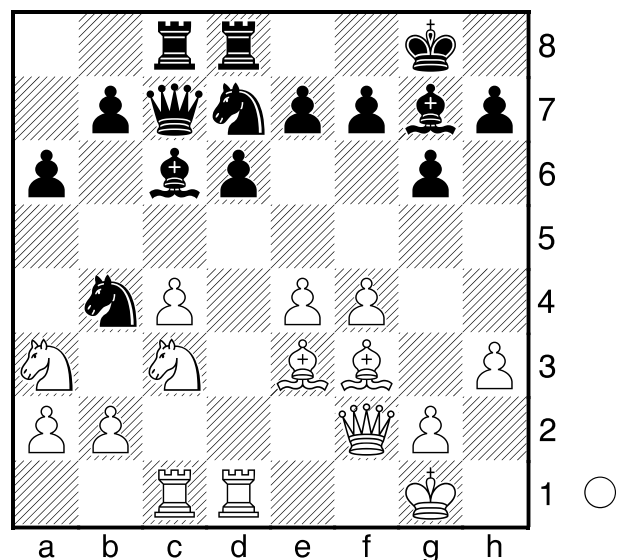
while Black has no counter. White can

toss in a2-a3 so that nothing gets to

c2. ]

[ 18.Nab1+- ]

18...Nd7



19.Nc2?? "1/2?" Agreed after using all but  
ten minutes of his time.

[ 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.cxd5 Qa5

21.Qd2± ]

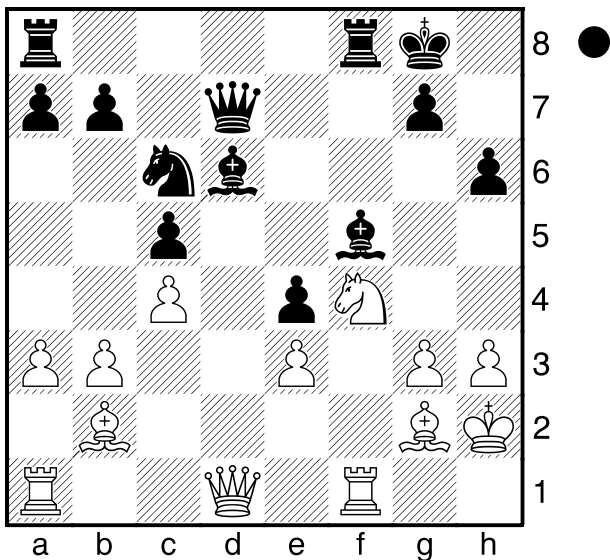
[ 19.Nc2+- Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nxa2

21.Qh4 Nxc1 22.Rxc1 e6 23.f5 exf5  
Believe the computer when it tells you  
White can't make anything of the  
weakened dark squares around  
Black's king -- okay? ]

1/2-1/2

**Lamstein,Josh** **A08**  
**1753**  
 **Bambou,Christophe** **2125**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.3)  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

**1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.d3 e5**  
**5.Nbd2 Be7 6.0-0 Be6 7.c4**  
 [ 7.e4 ]  
**7...Nf6 8.a3 0-0 9.b3 h6 10.Bb2 d4**  
**11.h3 Qd7 12.Kh2 Bf5 13.Ne1 Bd6**  
**14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.dxe4 Be6 16.Nd3 f5**  
**17.exf5 Bxf5 18.e4 dxe3 19.fxe3 e4**  
**20.Nf4**

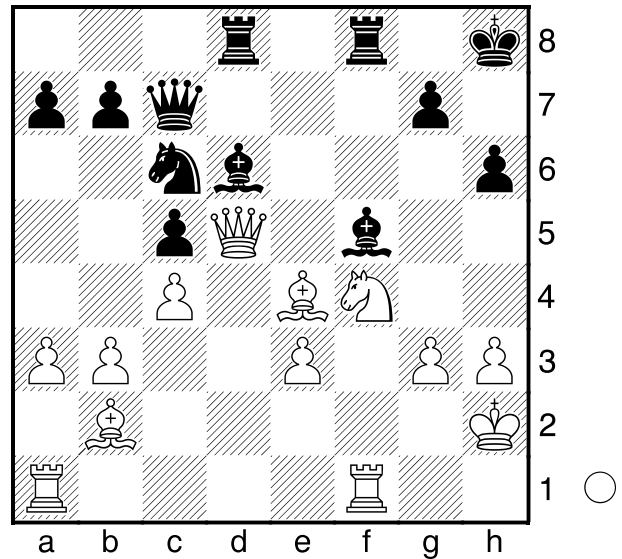


**Qc7?**

[ 20...Rad8 21.Qh5= ( 21.Qd5+ Rf7# ) ]

**21.Qd5+± Kh8 22.Bxe4 Rad8**  
[ 22...Bxf4 23.Rxf4+- ]

(Diagram)



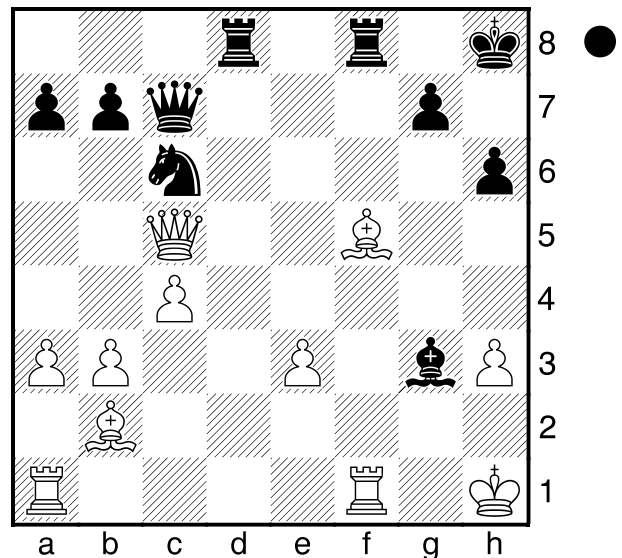
**23.Bxf5?**

[ 23.Ne6! Bxg3+ 24.Kg2+- Rxd5 25.Bxd5 ]

**23...Bxf4 24.Qxc5??**

[ 24.Rxf4 Rxd5 25.cxd5 Ne7 26.Be4= ]

**24...Bxg3+ 25.Kh1**



**b6!+-** With this little move White completely falls apart!

[ 25...Rd2?? 26.Qxf8# ]

**26.Qb5 Rd2 27.Be4 Rh2+ 28.Kg1 Bf2+ 29.Rxf2 Rxf2 0-1**

□ **Lavi,Eilon** **B01**  
■ **Crofts,Jacob Thomas** **2110**  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.4)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8  
4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nf3 e6 6.0-0 c5 7.d3  
Nc6 8.Re1 Be7 9.Bf4 a6 10.a4 0-0  
11.Qd2 b6 12.Rad1 Nd5 13.Bg3 Bf6  
14.Ne4 Be7 15.d4 Na5 16.Bxd5 exd5  
17.Nc3 Nc4 18.Qe2 Nxb2 19.Qxe7  
Qxe7 20.Rxe7 Nxd1 21.Nxd1 Be6  
22.Ne3 c4 23.Kf1 Rfd8 24.Ne5 a5  
25.Rb7 Rdb8 26.Rxb8+ Rxb8  
27.N5xc4 Rb7 28.Nd6 Rc7 29.Nb5  
Rc8 30.Ke2 f5 31.Nc7 Kf7 32.Kd3 g5  
33.Be5 Bd7 34.Nexd5 Rb8 35.Nc3 b5  
36.N7xb5 Rb6 37.d5 Rh6 38.Nd6+  
Kg6 39.Ncb5 Rh4 40.c4 f4 41.h3 f3  
42.gxf3 Rxh3 43.Ke2 g4 44.fxc4  
Bxc4+ 45.Kd2 Rf3 46.Bg3 h5 47.c5  
Kg5 48.Ne4+ Kg6 49.c6 Rb3 50.d6  
Rb2+ 51.Kc3 Rb1 52.d7 Rd1 53.Ned6  
**1-0**

□ **Porlares,Teodoro B** **D02**  
■ **Handigol,Abhishek** **1724**  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.d4 e6 4.Bg2 c5  
5.0-0 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qd1 Bd6  
8.c4 dxc4 9.Qc2 Bd7 10.Rd1 Nb4  
11.Qxc4 Rc8 12.Qb3 Nc2 13.Rxd6  
Nxa1 14.Qd1 Qc7 15.Bf4 Qc2 16.Be5  
Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Nc2 18.a3 Bc6  
19.Rc1 Ke7 20.Nc3 Nd7 21.Bxc7  
Rhg8 22.Bh6 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Nd4  
24.Bxb7 Rxc3 25.Rxc3 Nxe2+ 26.Kf1  
Nxc3 27.bxc3 Rb8 28.Be4 f5 29.Bg5+  
Kd6 30.Bd3 Rb3 31.Bd2 Rxa3 32.Ke2  
Nc5 33.Bc4 Na4 34.Bf4+ e5 35.Bh6  
Nxc3+ 36.Kd2 Ne4+ 37.Ke2 Rc3  
38.Bf8+ Kc6 39.Bd3 a5 40.f3 Nd6  
41.Bxd6 Kxd6 42.Bxf5 h6 43.Bd3 Kc5

44.Kd2 Kd4 45.Bc2 Rxf3 46.Ke2 e4  
47.Bd1 Ra3 48.Bc2 Ra2 49.Kd1 e3  
**0-1**

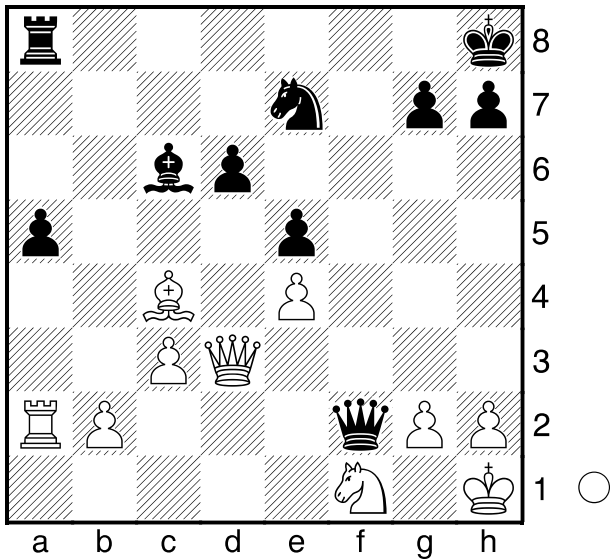
□ **Walder,Michael** **B33**  
■ **Parsons,Stephen** **2083**  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.6)  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**  
**Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6**  
**8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6**  
**11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2 Bb7**  
[ 12...0-0 ]  
[ 12...Rb8 ]  
[ 12...Ne7 ]  
**13.a4**  
[ 13.Be2 ]  
[ 13.Nce3 ]  
**13...bxa4 14.Rxa4 Ne7**  
[ 14...0-0 ]  
[ 14...Nb8 ]

**15.Bc4 0-0 16.0-0 a5 17.Qd3 Bc6**  
**18.Ra2 Kh8 19.Nce3**  
[ 19.Rd1 f5 20.exf5 Nxf5 21.g3 Qb8  
22.b4 axb4 23.Rxa8 Bxa8 24.cxb4  
Bxd5 25.Bxd5 1-0 (65) Ognean,M  
(2278)-Bulau,A (2051) lasi 2018 ]  
[ 19.Nxe7 Bxe7 20.Bd5 might be the  
most logical play of all, reaching the  
anti-Sicilian positional Holy Grail of  
Good Knight vs. Bad Bishop. Rc8  
21.Bxc6 Rxc6 22.Rfa1 Qb8 23.Ne3  
Rfc8 24.Qd5 Bg5 25.Rxa5  
1-0 (49) Varga,V (2140)-Koncz,I  
(2210) Hungarian Team league 3.3.  
2013 ]

**19...Bxe3 20.Nxe3 f5 21.f3**  
[ 21.exf5 ]  
**21...Qb6 22.Kh1 fxe4 23.fxe4 Rxf1+**  
**24.Nxf1 Qf2?!**

(Diagram)



Superficially aggressive, but it could be ignored. **25.Qf3**

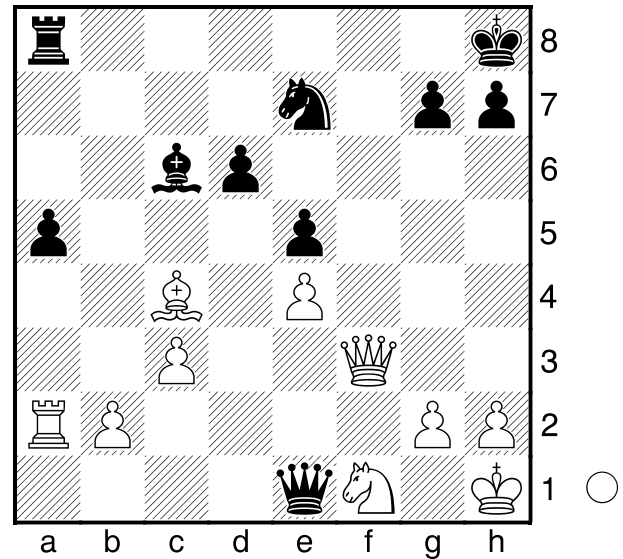
[ 25.b4! Qe1 26.Kg1! Bxe4 27.Qd2! Stopping for a moment to oust the intruder.

- A) 27...Qxd2 28.Nxd2 Bc6 29.Rxa5±** has just few enough pieces still on the board that the queenside pawns outsway the center pawns. Of course I'm looking at the computer output and interpreting, but it's a logical and instructive conclusion. ( 29.bxa5!? One passed pawn or the other );  
**B) 27...Qh4 ]**

**25...Qe1?!**

[ 25...Qxf3 26.gxf3 a4 makes sure that the b-pawn doesn't do something nasty, like queen. ]

(Diagram)



**26.Rxa5!±** White grabs a pawn.

Unfortunately for him he loses his way later... **26...Rb8 27.Ra7?!**

[ White has to defend for a moment with 27.Bd3

- A) 27...Ng8 28.Ra7 Nf6 29.Rf7 Kg8 30.Bc4 d5 31.exd5! Bb5! 32.Rxf6! Bxc4! ( 32...gxf6 33.Bxb5 when on the recapture White will pick off the rook, guarding f1! ) 33.Rf7** Typical Sveshnikov: still a cliffhanger!;  
**B) 27...Rxb2?? 28.Qf8+ Ng8 29.Ra7 Bb7 30.Bc4+-** Triumphant return! ]

**27...Bxe4 28.Qe3**

[ 28.Qg3!? Qxg3 29.Nxg3 Bb7⇝ with our standard technical Sveshnikov situation. ]

**28...Qh4 29.b4 Nf5 30.Qd2**

[ 30.Qe2 ]

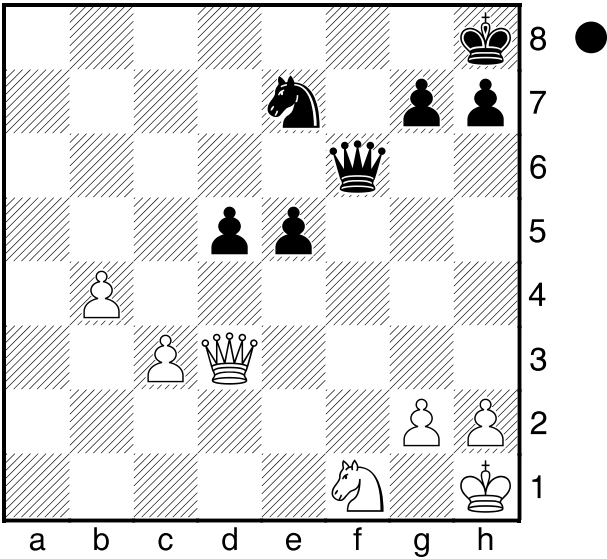
**30...Rf8 31.Rf7 Rxf7 32.Bxf7 Qf6**

**33.Bd5 Ne7 34.Bc4 d5 35.Bd3?!**

[ 35.Bb5 ]

**35...Bxd3 36.Qxd3**

(Diagram)



**Li, David Z** **C50**  
 **Widjaja, Luke** **1716**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.7) **2049**  
*[Winslow, Elliott]*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0  
 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 0-0 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4  
 g5 9.Bg3 Ne7 10.c3 Bb6 11.Nbd2  
 Ng6 12.a4 a5 13.Qb3 Nh5 14.d4 Qf6  
 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Kh1 Nhf4 17.Rfd1 h5  
 18.Nh2 g4 19.h4 Kg7 20.Ndf1 Ne6  
 21.f3 Nc5 22.Qc2 Nxh4 23.fxc4 hxg4  
 24.Ne3 Qg5 25.Nd5 Ne6 26.Nxb6  
 cxb6 27.Qf2 Ng6 28.Rd6 Nef4  
 29.Rad1 Nh5 30.Nf1

**e4!** Even after all that's transpired and with so little left on the board, Black finds a tactic. **37.Qb5?**

[ 37.Qb1 Qf2! ( 37...Qxc3?! 38.b5! when White's running b-pawn secures equality ("0.00" everywhere on the screen). ) 38.b5 e3 39.Nxe3 Qxe3 40.b6 Nc6 41.b7 Nb8 Both sides need luft! 42.h3 Qe4 43.Qb6 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Qe7 45.Qb5 Qd6+ 46.Kg1 g6= That's as far as it goes: White can't queen, but there's not a lot Black can do either. ]

**37...Qxc3+ 38.Qe8+?!**

[ 38.h3 Qa1 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.Kg1 Nf5 Black's queen dominates White's. ]

**38...Ng8 39.b5?! Qc4**

[ 39...Qf6! 40.Kg1 Qd4+ 41.Kh1 Qf2 ]

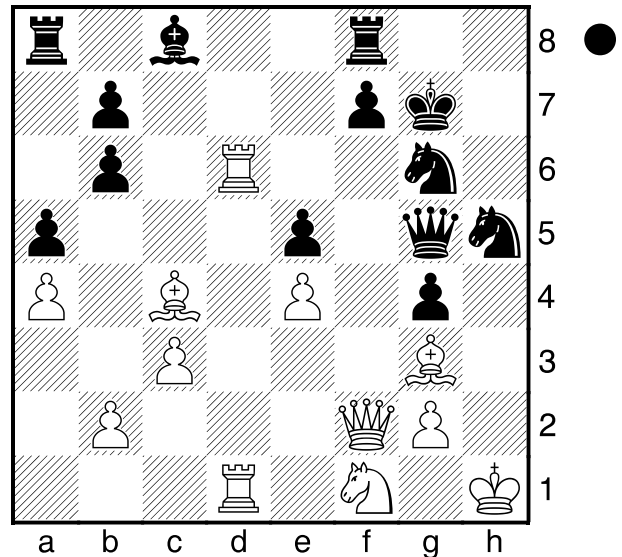
**40.Qf8 Qxb5 41.h4 h6 42.Ng3 d4**

**43.Nf5**

[ 43.Nxe4 Qb1+ ]

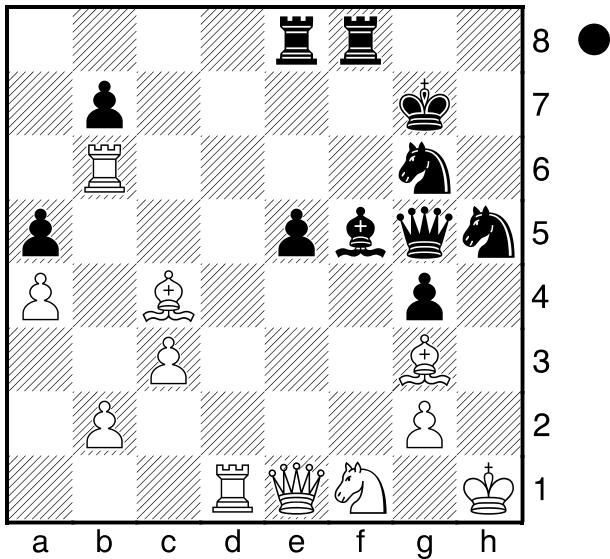
**43...Qf1+ 44.Kh2 Qf4+** The record grows unclear around here in the time scramble, but Parsons put the moves together ... **45.Kg1 Qc1+ 46.Kh2 Qc7+ 47.Kh3 d3 48.Nd6 d2**

**0-1**



f5 31.exf5 Bxf5 32.Qe1 Rae8 33.Rxb6

(Diagram)



Be4! 34.Qxe4 Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1 Nxb3+  
36.Kg1 Nxe4 37.Rf7+ Kh6 38.Rxb7  
Qe3+  
**0-1**

**Lewis, Edward** **D47**  
**2032**  
 **Sobel, Steve** **1674**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.8)  
*[Sobel, Steve [Winslow, Elliott]]*

**1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.d4 e6**  
**5.a3**  
[ 5.Bd3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bd3 ]  
**5...Nbd7 6.Nc3 Bd6 7.Bd3 dxc4?!**  
[ 7...0-0 8.0-0 e5= ]  
**8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3**  
[ 9.Bb3 I forgot that a3 defangs b4, but  
my opponent didn't test me here! ]  
**9...0-0 10.0-0 Bb7 11.e4 e5**  
A typical Meran move. Black actually  
scores very well from this position in the  
lichess masters database. **12.Be3**  
[ 12.d5?! A common try in online blitz  
and suggested by my opponent in our  
post-mortem, but often mistimed in  
my experience. cxd5

**A) 13.Nxb5?? Bb8! 14.Nd2**  
( 14.exd5 e4 ) 14...Nc5-+;

**B) 13.Bxb5?? d4-+;**  
**C) 13.exd5 a6** Is the pawn  
passed or isolated? ]

**12...Ng4?!**

[ 12...Re8 ]

[ 12...a6 ]

**13.Bg5 f6 14.Bh4 exd4 15.Nxd4**  
**Bxh2+**

[ 15...Nxb2?? 16.Re1 And the knight  
is trapped. ]

**16.Kh1 Nc5!?**

[ 16...Nde5! 17.Be2 ( 17.Ne6 Qxd3 )  
17...Qd7

**A) 18.Qb3+ Kh8 19.f4 ( 19.Rad1?**  
**g5! 20.Nf5 Qe8** The threat of Qh5  
forces some liquidation. **21.Bxg4**  
**Nxg4 22.f3 Be5 23.fxg4 gxh4 )**  
**19...Bxf4 20.Rxf4 Qxd4 21.Rxg4**  
**Nxg4 22.Bxg4**∞;

**B) 18.f4 Ne3 19.Qb3+ N5c4**  
**20.Nf5 Nxf1 21.Rxf1 Kh8 22.Bxc4**  
**bxc4 23.Qxc4 Bxf4 24.Rxf4 g6**∞ ]

**17.Be2?**

[ 17.Nf5 h5 ( 17...Qxd3 18.Qxg4+- )  
18.Bc2 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Be5 ]

[ 17.Bc2 Bc7 18.e5 Nxe5 Black has  
material, but white has open lines  
and initiative. SF gives white +0.65 at  
depth 33. ]

**17...Be5 18.Bxg4?**

[ 18.Nf5 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Bxc3  
20.bxc3 Ne5 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.f4

The Fish claims sufficient  
compensation for white. ]

**18...Qxd4 19.Qb1?**

[ 19.Qe2 Qd3 I planned to insist on  
trading queens. But at least this would  
not blunder f5. ]

[ 19.Qe1 Offers black an  
embarrassment of riches Nd3  
( 19...f5!? I had set myself calculating  
this while my opponent considered  
their queen moves. ) ]

**19...Qc4**

[ 19...f5! Despite calculating this in  
another line I had inexplicably failed

to play it here... ]

**20.Be2 Qe6 21.f3?** The variations given later show that this move fatally exposes the white king. **21...Rad8?!**  
[ 21...Nb3 22.Qa2 Qf7 23.Rad1 Qh5!  
I missed this final blow. ]

**22.Rd1 Bc8?!**  
[ 22...Nb3 23.Qa2 Bc8 24.Rxd8  
Rxd8 25.Rd1 Rxd1+ Is strictly  
superior to 25...Rxd1+ in the text. ]

**23.Qc2 Nb3 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Rd1  
Rxd1+?**

[ 25...Nd4 I didn't like self-pinning, but  
it's easy to break the pin. 26.Qc1  
Rd7 ]

**26.Nxd1?**  
[ 26.Bxd1 Nd4 27.Qd2 Qd6+ ]  
[ 26.Qxd1 g5 27.Bf2 Kg7 ]

**26...Nd4 27.Qd2 Nxe2 28.Qxe2 Qc4?!**  
Surely not the critical try, but I felt that  
even I could not lose the ensuing  
endgame.

[ 28...Bc7! 29.Ne3 ( 29.Bf2 f5!  
Opens the position favorably for  
black. ) 29...Qe5 30.g4 h5-+ ]

**29.Qd2??**  
[ 29.Qxc4+ bxc4 Black probably  
doesn't win by force, but it'll be a  
difficult defense. ]

**29...Qf1#** The chess speaks for itself!  
**0-1**

**B04**  
**1630**  
**1900**  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (1.9)  
*[Maliev, Anton]*

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.exd6  
cxd6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 Bg7  
8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Bg4 10.c3**

I'm not very familiar with the theory of the  
Alekhine, so I chose a setup that I  
thought was a bit passive, but solid.

**10...Nc6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4**

Making it harder for Black to achieve the  
e5 break without weakening his kingside.  
**12...d5 13.h3 Bf5 14.Nbd2 g5 15.Bg3**  
Mission accomplished. It is hard for  
Black to form a plan here. Meanwhile  
white has ideas of Nf1-e3, h4, a future f4,  
or just trading minors on e5. **15...a5**  
**16.a4 e6 17.Nf1 Rc8 18.Ne3 Bg6**  
**19.Ng4** My hope was to provoke an f-  
pawn push and weaken e6. I also  
wouldn't mind trading off bishops on e5  
and removing his defenses. 19. h4 also  
looked tempting, but ...f5 seems to be a  
strong reply, shutting down my kingside  
activity.

[ 19.h4 f5 20.hxg5 f4 21.gxh6!  
Although, this line definitely looks  
fun. ]

**19...Nc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Nfe5 Nxe5**  
**22.Nxe5 Bh7 23.f4** Targeting Black's  
overextended pawns. **23...f6 24.Nf3**  
**Qd5 25.Qd2 Rfe8 26.h4?!** A very anti-  
positional move, but my goal was to  
force Black's hand. ...g4 allows me to  
reroute my knight to a better square (e3)  
and further weakens black's kingside.

**26...g4 27.Nh2 h5 28.Nf1 Qf5**  
Threatening a queen trade on d3 was a  
solid plan. I thought I would be equal at  
best, once Black's bishop pair comes  
alive. **29.Re3**

[ 29.Ne3 Qd3 30.Qf2 Stockfish's  
preference, to boot the queen with  
Rad1. I suppose this formation is  
more harmonious for me. ]

**29...Bh6 30.Qe2 Qc2 31.Nd2**  
I was happy with this move, and I felt  
the tables turning in my favor. It's hard  
for Black to deal with the threats down  
the e-file, and Qxb2 allows my rook to  
infiltrate with Rb1-b7. **31...Bd3 32.Qe1**  
**e5? 33.dxe5 fxe5 34.Ne4**

My opponent was probably expecting the  
tempting 34.Rxe5, but after 34...Rxe5 35.  
Qxe5 Black has enough counterplay on  
my poorly placed knight. Fortunately, I



have the opportunity to use my knight to its fullest potential, threatening two forks and headed to g5.

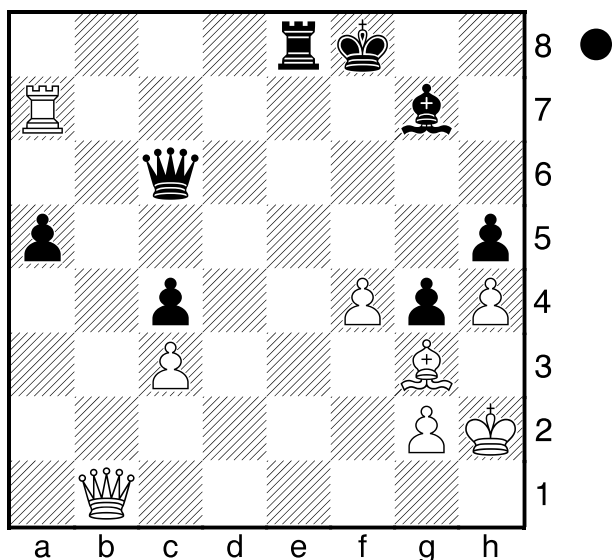
[ 34.Rxe5 Rxe5 35.Qxe5 Qxd2 36.Qe6+ Kh7 37.Qxc8 Be4

Stockfish even gives Black a slight advantage here due to the strong mate threat. ]

**34...Bxe4** My knight's long journey (10 moves!) has reached its end. **35.Rxe4 Qxb2 36.Rb1 Qa3 37.Rxe5 Qxa4 38.Rxb7** Material is equal, but Black's king is completely exposed while my king can be tucked away safely on h2. At the very least, a perpetual check is always an idea for me. **38...Qc6 39.Rbe7?** I missed a crushing win with 39.Qb1! here, with an unstoppable kingside infiltration. These major-piece endgames always seem much clearer in hindsight...

[ 39.Qb1 Bg7 40.Rxg7+ A nice finish. ]

**39...Rxe7 40.Rxe7 Bg7 41.Kh2 Kf8 42.Ra7 Re8 43.Qb1**



**Qc5?? 44.Bf2??** A very instructive tactical moment. This wasn't just for show (44...Qxf2?? 45.Qf5+ is mate in three), this seemed like the clearly best move, gaining a tempo on the queen

while improving the bishop and securing the dominant a7 rook. However, it loses to the spectacular 44...g3+! 45.Kxg3 Re3+!, where both 46.Bxe3 Qxe3+ and 46.Kh2 Qxa7 lose a bishop. Neither of us spotted this idea in the game. I had rejected 44.Qb7, because after 44....Re7 45.Qb8 Re8 I didn't spot anything better than a repetition. However, I had overlooked 45.Bf2! holding everything together. In this line 45...g3 doesn't work because the a7 rook is defended.

Lessons: always consider switching the move order on your tactical sequences. And always look for checks (even the most unlikely) especially in open positions with major pieces on the board.

[ 44.Qb7 Re7 45.Bf2! ( 45.Qb8+ Re8 46.Qb7 Re7 ) 45...Qxa7 46.Qc8+! Re8 47.Bc5+! Kf7 48.Qf5+! Kg8 49.Bxa7 Beautiful line, courtesy of Stockfish. ]

**44...Qd6??**

[ 44...Qxf2?? 45.Qf5+ ]

[ 44...g3+! 45.Kxg3 Re3+!! 46.Bxe3 Qxe3+ ]

**45.Qf5+ Kg8?** This blunders a mate in two, but the other options aren't much better.

[ 45...Qf6 46.Qxh5 Qxf4+ 47.Bg3 The best try, but my attack continues. ]

**46.Qf7+**

**1-0**

**B45**

□ **Clark, Drew H**

**1318**

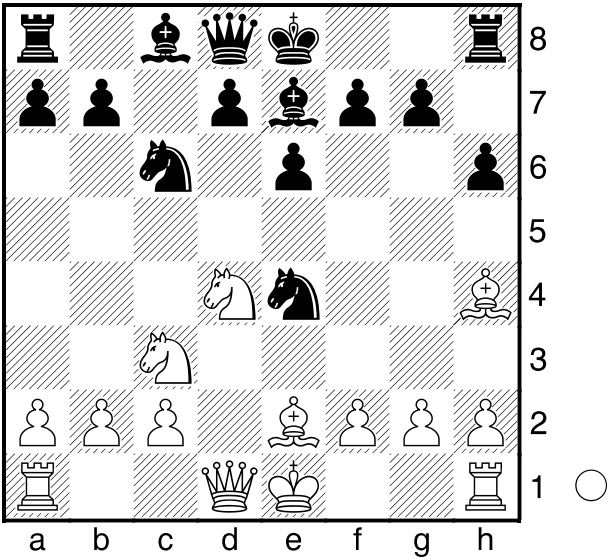
■ **Macnee, Felix**

**1723**

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.11) [Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Be2 Nxe4

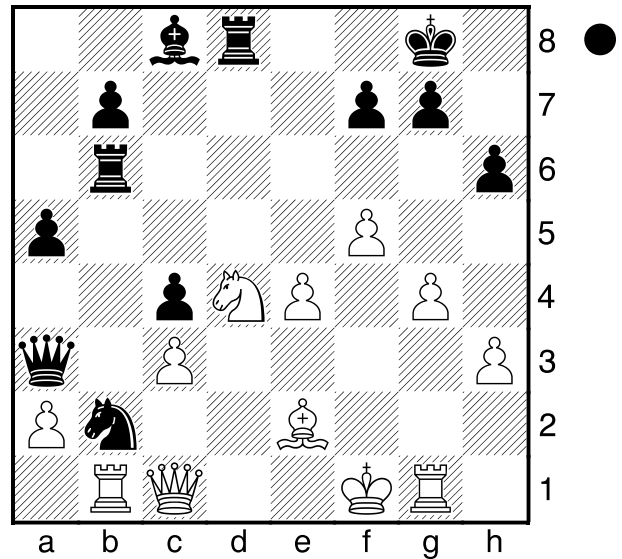
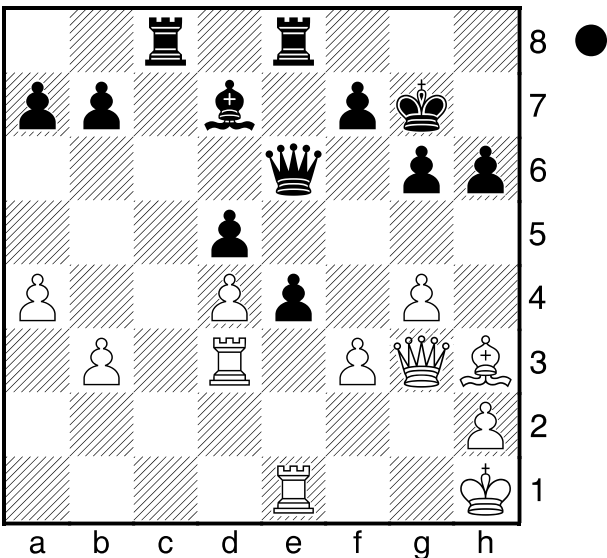
(Diagram)



**B50**  
 Lilles,Alex Pierre **1686**  
 Gu,Thomas **1269**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.12)  
 [Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 e5  
 5.d3 Be6 6.h3 Be7 7.Be3 Nc6  
 8.Nbd2 d5 9.Bg5  
 [ 9.Ng5 ]  
 9...dxe4 10.dxe4 h6 11.Bh4 Nh5  
 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxh5  
 Nd3+ 15.Kf1 Nxb2 16.Qe2 c4 17.Qe3  
 Rd8 18.Nf3 Qa3 19.Nd4 0-0 20.Be2  
 a6 21.Qc1 Rd6 22.g4 Rb6 23.Rb1  
 Rd8 24.f4 a5 25.f5 Bc8 26.Rg1

9.Nxe4 Bxh4 10.Nd6+ Kf8 11.0-0 Be7  
 12.Ne4 d5 13.Ng3 Bd7 14.Bh5 g6  
 15.Bg4 Bf6 16.Nde2 Ne5 17.Bh3 Nc4  
 18.Qe1 Qb6 19.c3 Bc6 20.b3 Ne5  
 21.Nd4 Rc8 22.Qe3 Bd7 23.Rad1 Kg7  
 24.Kh1 Nc6 25.Nge2 Rhe8 26.a4  
 Nxd4 27.Nxd4 Qc5 28.Rd3 Bxd4  
 29.cxd4 Qd6 30.g4 e5 31.Qg3 Qe6  
 32.Re1 e4 33.f3



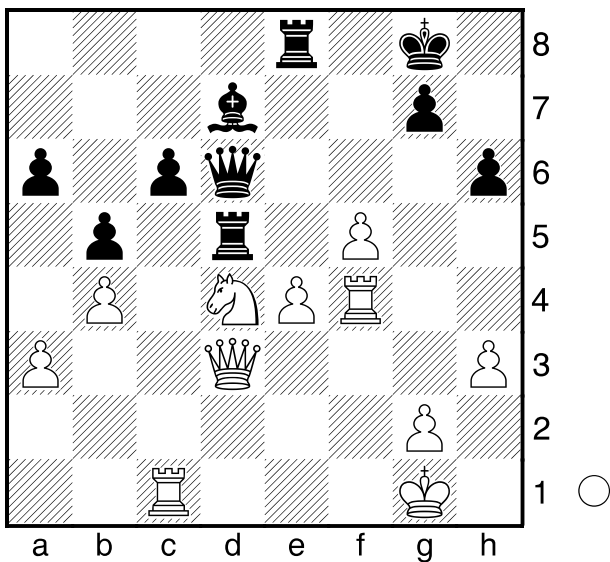
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 29.Kf3 Qh3+ 30.Rg3 Qh2 31.Rxb2  
 Rxb2 32.Qxb2 Qh1+ 33.Rg2 Qh3+  
 34.Kf2 g6 35.Qd2 gxf5 36.gxf5+ Kh8  
 37.Qe3 Qh4+ 38.Qg3  
 1-0

exf3 34.Rde3 Qxe3 35.Rf1 Rc1 36.g5  
 Bxh3 37.gxh6+ Kh7 38.Qxh3 Rxf1+  
 39.Qxf1 Qe1 40.Kg1  
**0-1**

**Hule,Pratyush** **C55**  
**1235**  

**Casares,Nick** **1600**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.13)  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4**  
 [ 4...Nxe4!? ]  
**5.d3 h6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bd2 d6 8.h3 a6**  
**9.a3 b5 10.Bd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Bc5**  
**12.b4 Ba7 13.Rc1 f5 14.Re1 Be6**  
**15.c4 Ne7 16.Qe2 c6 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7**  
**18.c5 Rae8 19.Be3 Qf6 20.cxd6**  
**Bxe3 21.fxe3 Bd7 22.Rf1 Qxd6**  
**23.exf5 e4 24.Nd4 exd3 25.Qxd3**  
**Re5 26.e4 Rfe8 27.Rf4 Rd5**



**28.Rd1?**  
 [ 28.exd5 Qxf4 29.Rf1! $\pm$  ( 29.dxc6??  
 Qxc1+ ) ]  
**28...Qxf4 29.exd5 cxd5 30.Nf3 Bxf5**  
**31.Qxd5+ Kh7 32.Qd2 Qg3 33.Qf2**  
**Qc7 34.Ng5+ hxg5 35.Qxf5+ Kh8**  
**36.Qf3 Qb6+ 37.Kh2 Qc7+ 38.Kh1**  
**Kg8 39.Qd5+ Qf7 40.Qxf7+ Kxf7**  
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**Admassu,Yonathan** **D55**  
**1598**  

**Wei,Brian** **1193**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.14)

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7**  
**5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 h6 7.Bf4 c5 8.Nf3**  
**Nc6 9.0-0 cxd4 10.exd4 dxc4 11.Bxc4**  
**Bd6 12.Ne5 Qb6 13.Nxc6 Qxc6**  
**14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Qe2 Qxd4 16.Rfd1**  
**Qb6 17.Rd2 Rd8 18.Bd3 Bd7 19.Ne4**  
**e5 20.Rad1 Kf8 21.h3 Rab8 22.Bc4**  
**Be6 23.Nxf6 Bxc4 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8**  
**25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Nh7+ Kg8 27.Qxc4**  
**Kxh7 28.Qxf7 Qd1+ 29.Kh2 Qb1**  
**30.Qxb7 Qxa2 31.Qe4+ g6 32.Qxe5**  
**Qf7 33.f4 Qf5 34.Qxf5 gxf5 35.g4 Kg6**  
**36.Kg3 a6 37.b4 Kf6 38.h4 Kg6 39.g5**  
**Kh5 40.Kf3 Kg6 41.Ke3 Kh5 42.Kd4**  
**hxg5 43.hxg5**  
**1-0**

**Sharan,Shubhankar** **D11**  
**1188**  

**Croce,Dominic James** **1582**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.15)

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4**  
**5.Bg2 Bf5 6.0-0 e6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.Nd2**  
**Nb6 9.e3 Bb4 10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3**  
**Bd3 12.Re1 Nbd5 13.Bb2 Qa5 14.Rc1**  
**0-0 15.e4 Ne7 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Be4**  
**Bxe4 18.Rxe4 b5 19.Qc2 Qc7 20.Nf3**  
**h6 21.Rb1 f5 22.exf6 Rxf6 23.Ne5**  
**Qd6 24.Qe2 Nc7 25.Re1 Raf8 26.Ng4**  
**Rf3 27.Bc1 Ned5 28.Nxh6+ gxh6**  
**29.Rg4+ Kh7 30.Qe4+ R3f5 31.Rh4**  
**R8f6 32.g4 Rg6 33.g5 Nxc3 34.Qg2**  
**N3d5 35.Rxh6+ Rxh6 36.gxh6 Qf8**  
**37.Kf1 Qg8 38.Qe4 a5 39.f3 Qg6**  
**40.Kf2 Rf6 41.Qh4 Qc2+ 42.Kg3 Rg6+**  
**43.Kh3 Qg2#**  
**0-1**

**Kingma, Karl Stuart** **B26**  
**1562**  

**Thibault, William C** **1187**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.16)

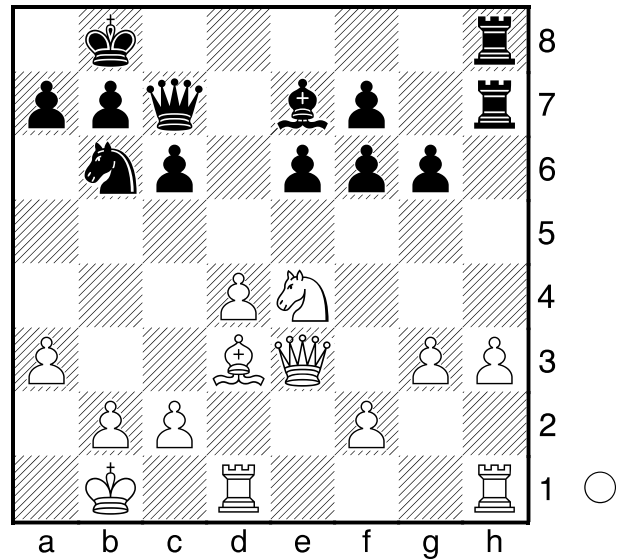
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 12.a4 Rfd8 13.Bxd4 cxd4 14.Nxe6  
 fxe6 15.Nb5 Qc5 16.c3 Nd7 17.Qg4  
 e5 18.Qe6+ Kf8 19.Rbc1 Rac8 20.Kh2  
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 Nxa4 24.Qg4 Ke8 25.Ne6 Rd7 26.d4  
 Qh5 27.Rxf6 exf6 28.Ng7+ Rxc7  
 29.Qxc8+ Kf7 30.Qc4+ Ke7 31.Qxa4  
 Qe2 32.Qxa5 Qxb2 33.Qc7+  
**1-0**

**Otterbach, Renate** **B01**  
**1121**  

**Ginzberg, Adam** **1547**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.17)  
*[Winslow, Elliott]*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5  
 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.h3 Bf5 7.Bd2 e6  
 8.Nh4 Bg6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Be2  
 Nbd7 11.a3 Qc7 12.Be3 Bd6 13.Qd2  
 Nb6 14.Bd3 Nh5 15.g3 Nf6 16.0-0-0  
 0-0-0 17.Bg5 Kb8 18.Kb1 Rh7  
 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Qe3  
 Rdh8

(Diagram)



**22.Qf3?**

[ 22.Bf1= ]

**22...f5 23.Nd2 Rxh3 24.Rxh3 Rxh3**  
**25.Rh1 Rxh1+ 26.Qxh1 Bf6 27.Nf3**  
**Qe7 28.Ne5 Nd7 29.f4 Kc7 30.c3**  
**Bxe5 31.fxe5 f6 32.exf6 Qxf6 33.Qf3**  
**g5 34.Bc4 Nb6 35.Bb3 Nd5 36.Qe2**  
**f4 37.gxf4 Nxf4 38.Qe5+ Qxe5**  
**39.dxe5 g4 40.Bc4 g3 41.Bf1 g2**  
**42.Bxg2 Nxg2 43.b4 Ne3 44.Kc1 Nc4**  
**45.a4 Nxe5 46.Kd2 Kd6 47.Kc2 Kd5**  
**48.Kd2 Nc4+ 49.Kc2 e5 50.a5 e4**  
**51.Kd1 e3 52.Ke2 Ke4 53.Ke1 Kf3**  
**54.Kf1 Nb2 55.Ke1 Nd3+**  
**0-1**

**Barreyro, Romeo Belmes** **B00**  
**1522**  

**Albukerk, Eli** **1095**  
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.18)

1.f4 Nc6 2.e4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e5 f6  
 5.d4 Bd7 6.Be2 Bb4+ 7.c3 Ba5 8.0-0  
 h6 9.Nh4 g5 10.Bh5+ Kf8 11.Ng6+  
 Kg7 12.Nxh8 Kxh8 13.fxg5 hxg5  
 14.Bg6 Qf8 15.Bxg5 Kg7 16.Qh5 Qe7  
 17.Bxf6+ Nxf6 18.exf6+ Qxf6 19.Qh7+  
**1-0**

□ **Brickhouse,Christian** **E20**  
■ **Chan,John** **1058**  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.19)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.a3 Be7  
5.Bf4 d6 6.Nf3 h6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3  
b6 9.e4 Bb7 10.0-0 g5 11.Bxd6 Bxd6  
12.e5 Be7 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Be4 Qc7  
15.d5 Nc5 16.d6 Qd7 17.Bc2 0-0-0  
18.b4 Bxc3 19.bxc5 Bxa1 20.cxb6 Bf6  
21.bxa7 Qxd6 22.c5 Qxd1 23.Bxd1  
Kc7 24.Be2 Ra8  
**0-1**

□ **Hack,Richard** **B16**  
■ **Cao,Danny Du Uy** **1500**  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.20)

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4**  
**Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Bf4 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6**  
**8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Bg3 Qc7**  
**11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.Rhe1 0-0-0**  
[ 12...Bxg3 ]  
**13.Qb3 Bxg3 14.hxg3 Rhg8 15.Qa3**  
**Kb8 16.Rh1 Rh8 17.Qe7 Rdf8**  
**18.Rh5 Qd8 19.Qd6+ Qc7 20.Qa3**  
**Re8**  
[ 20...e5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 fxe5  
23.Rxh7 Rxh7 24.Qxf8+ Qc8  
25.Qxc8+ Kxc8 26.f4 ]  
**21.Rdh1 e5 22.Rxh7 Rxh7**  
[ 22...Rhf8 ]  
**23.Rxh7 exd4 24.Kd1 Ne5 25.Rh1**  
**Nxf3 26.Qxf3 Qe5 27.Qf4 Qxf4**  
[ 27...Kc8 28.Qxe5 ( 28.Qg4+ Kc7  
29.Qf4 Kb6 30.Qxe5 fxe5 ) 28...fxe5 ]  
**28.gxf4 Kc7 29.Rh6 Re6 30.Rh7 Re7**  
**31.f5 Rd7 32.Rh6 Rd6 33.Rh7 Rd7**  
**34.Rh6 Rd6 35.f4 c5 36.Rh7 Rd7**  
**37.g4 Kc6 38.g5 fxc5 39.fxc5 Kd6**  
**40.g6 fxc6 41.fxc6 Rd8 42.Rxb7 Ra8**  
**43.Kd2 Kc6 44.Rf7 a5 45.a4 Kd5**  
**46.g7 Rg8 47.b3 Ke6 48.Ra7 Kf6**

**49.Kd3 Rxc5 50.Rxc5 Kxc5 51.Kc4**  
**Kf6 52.Kxc5 Ke5 53.b4 axb4**  
**54.Kxb4 Ke4 55.a5 Kd5 56.Kb5 Kd6**  
**57.Kb6 Kd7 58.a6 Kc8 59.a7**  
**1-0**

□ **Wang, Frank** **C43**  
■ **Starr, Albert Martin** **1046**  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.21)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.e5  
Nd5 5.Qxd4 c6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Qe4 Bc5  
8.0-0 Ne7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bd3 Ng6  
11.Na4 Qa5 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Be3  
Qe7 14.Bg5 f6 15.Qc4+ Qe6  
16.Qxe6+ dxe6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Bh6  
Re8 19.Bc4 b5 20.Bb3 Nd7 21.a3  
Nc5 22.Ba2 Kh8 23.Rfe1 e5 24.b4  
Ne6 25.g3 Ng7 26.Rad1 Be6  
27.Bxg7+ Kxg7 28.Bxe6 Rxe6 29.Nd4  
Ree8 30.Nxc6 Rec8 31.Rd7+ Kh6  
32.Nxa7 Rxc2 33.Nxb5 Nf8 34.Rdd1  
Ra6 35.Rd6 Rxd6 36.Nxd6 Ne6  
37.Rb1 Ra2 38.b5 Rxa3 39.b6 Ra8  
40.Nb5 Rb8 41.Na7 Nd8 42.Kg2 f5  
43.Kf3 Kg6 44.Ke3 Kf6 45.Kd3 Ke6  
46.Kc4 Nb7 47.Nc6 Ra8 48.Re1 e4  
49.f3 Kd6 50.Nd4 Ra4+ 51.Kc3 Kc5  
52.Nxf5 exf3 53.Kd3 Kxb6 54.Ke3  
Ra3+ 55.Kf2 Nc5 56.Re3 Ra2+  
57.Kxf3 Rxh2 58.Kf4 h6 59.Ke5 Kc6  
60.Kf6 Rf2 61.Kg6 Kd5 62.Nxh6 Rd2  
63.Rf3 Ne6 64.g4 Ke4 65.Rf7 Nf4+  
66.Kg7 Rd5 67.Rf5 Ne6+ 68.Kf6 Nf8  
69.Kf7 Nd7 70.Rxd5 Kxd5 71.g5 Ke5  
72.g6 Nf6 73.Ng8 Nh5 74.Ne7 Kf4  
75.Ke6 Kg5 76.Kf7 Kh6 77.Nf5+ Kg5  
78.Ng3 Nf4 79.g7 Kh6 80.Nf5+ Kg5  
81.Ne7  
**1-0**

**Ayala,Nicholas** C42 1481  
 **Ahrens,Richard William** 1036  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.22)  
*[Winslow,Elliott]*

[I've toned down Ayala's notes a bit :- ) -  
EW] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4**  
[ 3.d4 ]  
**3...Nf6**  
[ 3...Be6 ]  
**4.Nc3 Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Be7±**  
**7.d3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0 9.g4 Nd4**  
**10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 c5 12.g5**  
[ 12.0-0 ]  
**12...Nd7 13.h4 Ne5 14.Qg3 Nxc4**  
**15.dxc4 Qa5+ 16.c3 dxc3 17.Nxc3**  
**Qb6?**  
[ 17...Qb4± ]  
**18.0-0-0 Rad8?? 19.Nd5 Bxg5+**  
**20.hxg5 Qa6 21.Nf6+ gxf6 22.gxf6+**  
**Kh8 23.Qg7#**  
**1-0**

**McCutcheon,Bennett** B13 1026  
 **Reed,Paul Henry** 1467  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.23)

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3**  
**Nf6 5.h3 Nc6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bf4 Bd7**  
**8.0-0 Qb6 9.Qc1 Nxd4 10.Be3 Nxf3+**  
**11.gxf3 Qc7 12.Nd2 e5 13.Kg2 Bd6**  
**14.Rh1 Bc6 15.Bg5 0-0-0 16.c4 d4**  
**17.Ne4 Be7 18.Ng3 h6 19.Bd2 g5**  
**20.b4 h5 21.Bxg5 h4 22.Nf5 Rhg8**  
**23.b5 Nh5 24.Nxe7+ Qxe7 25.Kf1**  
**Qxg5 26.bxc6 Qg2+ 27.Ke2 Nf4+**  
**28.Kd1 Qxh1+ 29.Kd2 Qxc1+ 30.Rxc1**  
**Nxd3 31.cxb7+ Kxb7 32.Kxd3 Rg2**  
**33.Rf1 Rh2**  
**0-1**

**Horde,Nicolas T** C42 1451  
 **Lyles,William** 1009  
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.24)  
*[Horde,Nicolas]*

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3**  
**Nxe4 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 Be6?!**  
**7.Be3**

[ 7.Ng5 I thought that Be7 is a better  
move because of Ng5 but it's my first  
round so I wanted to develop calmly  
and see after ]

**7...Nc6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.Qd2 Qd7**

Normal development from both side. My  
opponent told me after the game he was  
waiting for me to castle before  
committing. **10.0-0 0-0-0** Going for the  
teeth, I thought that I had a great  
position because my pawn storm is very  
easy to start

[ 10...0-0 Most solid option for Black ]

**11.a4**

[ 11.Bb5 a6 12.a4?? axb5 13.axb5  
Nb8 14.Ra8 I wasn't convinced about  
it at all and the engine confirms it ]

**11...Na5??** This is clearly not the correct  
plan.

[ 11...h5 I told my opponent he should  
had gone for the kingside pawn storm  
instead ]

**12.Bxa7 b6 13.Bb5** The idea is to  
create another weakness with c6 **13...c6**

**14.Ba6+ Kc7**

[ 14...Nb7?? 15.Bxb6 ]

**15.b4 Ra8 16.bxa5 Rxa7 17.axb6+**  
**Kxb6** I calculated until here. I spent 30  
minutes on the next move. **18.Be2**

First Stockfish line but I felt that I missed  
something

[ 18.Rfb1+! I spent 30 minutes  
calculating this variation but could not  
find the correct attacking sequence  
and gave up. With Stockfish I now  
know that this is actually the second  
best line (and probably the best line

against a human as everyone would take the free a6 bishop here). But why complicate a winning position without a clear continuation? Kxa6?? Losing on a spot but very tempting for a human. This is actually the only line to calculate for White. ( 18...Kc7 19.Be2 Better for Black but is still +3 for White ) 19.Qd3+ Ka5 20.Rb5+!! I saw that cxb5 21.axb5+ I stopped calculating here as I did not see the continuation Kb6 22.Qd4+!

**A) 22...Kxb5** 23.Rxa7 Qxa7 Missed that, Black is forced to give back the queen ( 23...Qc6 24.Qb4#; 23...Qc8 24.Qa4+ Kb6 25.Qa5+ Kc6 26.Nd4# I did not see the full mating sequence );

**B) 22...Kc7** 23.Rxa7+ Kd8 24.Rxd7+ Kxd7 This is what I missed, Black is completely busted here, the king safety is out of scope and my b5 pawn is a monster ]

**18...Rha8 19.Ra3?** The idea is to go to b3 but I overlooked that Black is controlling this square with the LSB. I realized immediately after playing Ra3

[ 19.Rab1+ Kc7 20.Rb2 Rxa4 21.Rfb1 Ra1 22.Rb7+ Kc8

I thought about this line after playing the ugly Ra3 ]

[ 19.Qd4+! Kc7 20.Qxg7 Overlooking a simple fork, I was obsessed with Black's king that I forgot the other side of the board ]

**19...Rxa4 20.Rxa4 Rxa4 21.Rb1+ Kc7**

**22.Qe3 Kc8 23.Nd4** I thought the position was slightly better for Black as they have the bishop pair and a healthier pawn structure. Stockfish is saying +4 here (!). My plan is to redeploy my knight on d4 (monster square) and bishop on f3

[ 23.Qb6? Qc7 24.Ba6+ Kd8

I did not see a continuation here and noticed I was forced to exchange

queen so my winning chances are lower here ]

**23...Bc4 24.Nxc6**

[ 24.Bg4 Strong too Qxg4 25.Qxe7 Bb5 26.Qxd6 ]

**24...Qxc6 25.Qxe7 Bxe2 26.Qxe2**

Not the best continuation

[ 26.Qf8+ Kd7 27.Qxf7+ Kc8

28.Qe6+ Kc7 29.Qxe2 Even stronger as I grab a free pawn ]

**26...Re4 27.Qf3 Qe8** I thought for a long time and I estimate that the

endgame is better for me because of my extra pawn. **28.h3 Re1+ 29.Rxe1**

**Qxe1+ 30.Kh2 Qe5+ 31.Qg3**

[ 31.g3! The idea is to start centralizing the king via g2 ]

**31...Qf6** Here my plan is to start pressuring Black's king with constant check but I failed to do so. Better would had been to start centralizing the king via g1 **32.Qg4+ Kc7 33.Qc4+ Kd7**

**34.Qg4+ Kc7 35.Qg3 Kc6**

This is when I realized I messed up, I just offered Black extra tempi **36.Qe3??**

**Qe5+!** I calculated for a long time and concluded that Black is going to grab my c3 pawn and the game is a dead draw.

Activating my king and try to create counterplay against the c6 pawn does not work as Black will simply grab my f, g and h pawns. I was a little disappointed as I knew I clearly missed my chances

but at least I stayed lucid to hold the draw. The drawing plan is to bring the king on d1-c1 and just do nothing

**37.Kg1!?** The only way to complicate. If I can hold on to my c2 pawn Black will have to prove how to win

[ 37.g3?? Qxe3 38.fxe3 Kc5 39.Kg2 Kc4 40.Kf3 Kxc3 41.Ke4 Kxc2

42.Kd5 Kd3 43.e4 Ke3 Completely lost for Black so I discarded g3 for that reason ]

[ 37.Qg3 Even if it's still a draw I am 100% sure this is super easy to play

for Black Qxg3+ 38.Kxg3 Kc5 39.Kf4 Kc4 40.Ke4 Kxc3 41.Kd5 Kxc2 42.Kxd6 Kd2 43.Ke5?? ( 43.f4! Ke3 44.g4 Kf3 45.f5 Kg3 46.Ke7 Draw ) 43...Ke2 ]

**37...Qxe3 38.fxe3 Kc5 39.Kf2 Kc4 40.Ke2 Kxc3 41.Kd1** My plan is just to move the king back and forth to c1 and d1, Black has no way to grab the e3 pawn without releasing control on the d2 square for my king **41...f5 42.h4 g6 43.g3 h6 44.Kc1 g5 45.h5** Keep some complications

[ 45.hxg5 hxg5 This is helping Black getting the draw, why would I allow it? :)]

**45...d5 46.Kd1** Just waiting **46...d4 47.exd4 Kxd4 48.Kd2 f4 49.gxf4 gxf4 50.Ke2** I thought I was winning here. My opponent asked if it was a draw and I said I don't think so. I missed that Ke4 or Kc3 is actually still a draw because the h pawn will trap the White king in the corner **50...Ke4** This is when I realized it's actually a draw because of the h pawn and my king can stay stuck in the corner.

[ 50...Kc3 51.Kf3 Kxc2 52.Kxf4 Kd3 53.Kf5 Kd4 54.Kg6 Ke5 55.Kxh6 Kf6 56.Kh7 Kf7 57.Kh8 Kf8 58.Kh7 Kf7 Draw ]

**51.Kf2 Kf5 52.Kf3 Kg5 53.c4** The only way to create some chaos **53...Kxh5** Here I knew he blundered for real

[ 53...Kf5! 54.c5 Ke5 55.c6 Kd6 56.Kxf4 Kxc6 57.Kf5 Kd6 58.Kg6 Ke6 59.Kxh6 Kf6 60.Kh7 Kf7 Draw ]

**54.c5 Kg5 55.c6 h5 56.c7 Kh4! 57.Kxf4!**

[ 57.c8Q Embarassing draw ]

**57...Kh3 58.c8Q+ Kh4 59.Qd8+** [ 59.Kf3 Another embarassing draw ]

**59...Kh3 60.Qg8 h4 61.Kf3** Qg2# on the next move. Overall I got a very good position as my opponent did

not understand the pawn storm idea to create ideas. I knew I had a strong attack but missed the full continuation (sacrificing a rook without seeing the full variation in the first round is... ballsy). I still had chances later on until I blundered in the endgame. Then my opponent did not force the easy draw and unfortunately (for him) blundered at the end. So a bittersweet win.

**1-0**

**D15**

□ **Sullivan,George T**

**960**

■ **Bayaraa,Timothy**

**1438**

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.25)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 e6 7.Be2 Bd6 8.Rc1 h6 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.a3 0-0 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Re1 Ng4 14.g3 h5 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 f5 17.Ne2 Rf6 18.Nf4 Bxf4 19.exf4 Raf8 20.Rc2 Qf7 21.h3 Nh6 22.Ng5 Qg6 23.h4 Nf7 24.Re7 Nxc5 25.hxg5 R6f7 26.Re1 Qd6 27.Qf3 g6 28.Kg2 Rh7 29.Rh1 a5 30.Qc3 a4 31.Qb4 Qe6 32.Rd1 Qd7 33.Kh3 b5 34.Qc5 Rc8 35.b4 axb3 36.Rb2 Qc7 37.Rxb3 h4 38.gxh4 Qxf4 39.Kg2 Qxh4 40.Rh1 Qxh1+ **0-1**

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□ **Zirbel,Dominic**

**1432**

■ **Blum,Paul**

**957**

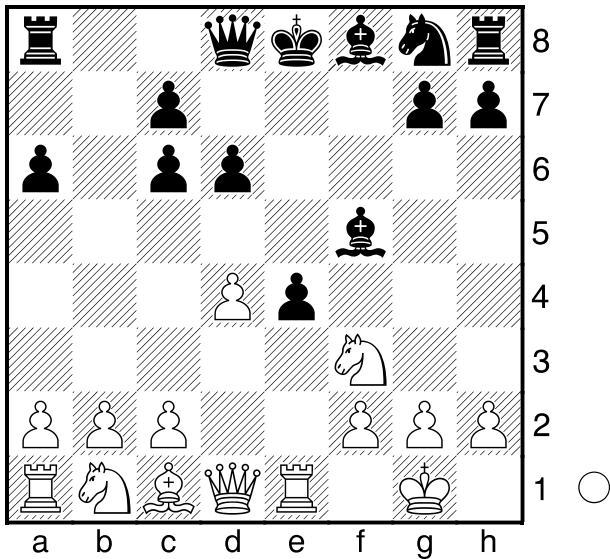
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[Winslow,Elliott]

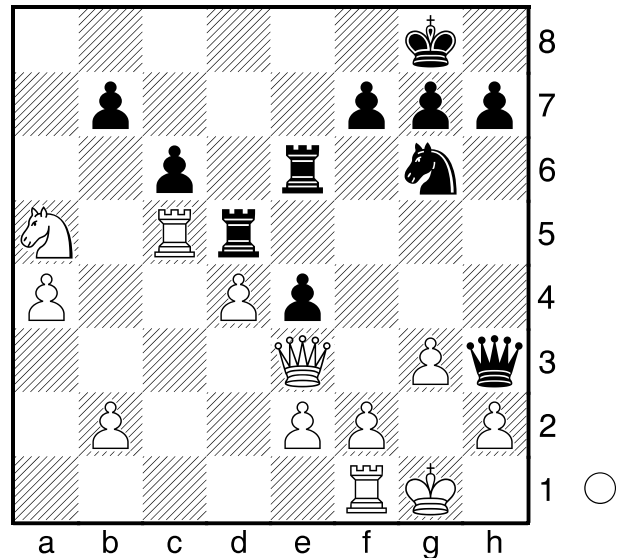
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.0-0 f5 5.d4 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.exf5 e4 8.Re1 Bxf5

(Diagram)





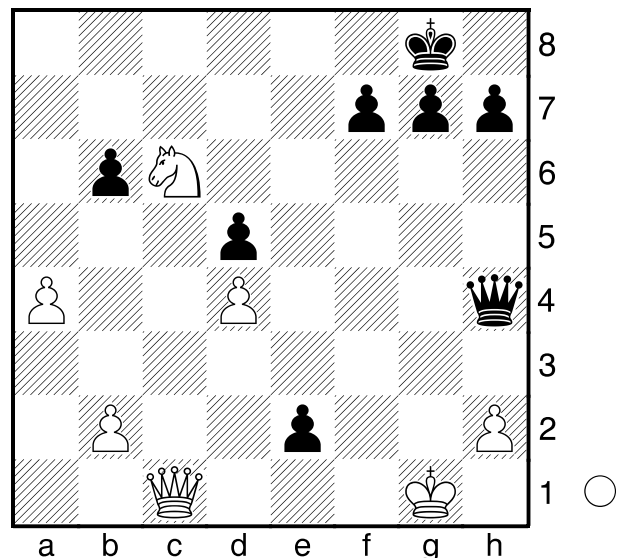
17.Bf4 Ng6 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2  
Qd5 20.Qc3 Qh5 21.Qe3 Rad8  
22.Rac1 Qh3 23.Nxa5 Rd5 24.Rc5  
Re6



9.d5 Be7 10.Nd4 Qc8 11.Nxc6 Nf6  
12.Nxe7 Kxe7 13.Bg5 Qb7 14.b3 h6  
15.Bxf6+ gxf6 16.c4 Bh7 17.Qg4 f5  
18.Qg7+ Kd8 19.Qxh8+ Kd7 20.Qxh7+  
Kc8 21.Qxf5+ Kb8 22.Rxe4 Ka7  
23.Nc3 Rg8 24.Qf7 Qc8 25.g3 Rf8  
26.Qe6 Qd8 27.Ne2 Qg5 28.Qe7  
Qxe7 29.Rxe7 Kb6 30.Nf4 Rf6  
31.Rae1 a5 32.R1e6 Rxe6 33.Nxe6  
c6 34.dxc6 Kxc6 35.Rh7 d5 36.cxd5+  
Kxd5 37.Rxh6 Ke5 38.f4+ Kf5  
39.Rh5+ Kxe6 40.Rxa5 Kd6 41.Re5  
Kd7 42.h4 Kc6 43.h5 Kd6 44.h6 Kc6  
45.h7 Kd7 46.h8Q Kd6 47.Qf6+ Kd7  
48.Re7+ Kc8 49.Qf8#  
**1-0**

White has found a pawn on the queenside, but in return Black has all her pieces directed towards White's king. **25.f3?!** Permits a fantastic continuation.

[ 25.Rxd5 clears the air, somewhat!  
Look at this sequence: cxd5 26.Rc1  
( 26.f3 Nh4 27.Rf2 exf3 28.Qc1  
Rxe2 29.Rxe2 fxe2 30.gxh4 b6  
31.Nc6 Qxh4



Quite a delicate calculation by

D35

□ Barrack, Jahsun

■ Ly, Jennifer

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.27)  
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5  
exd5 5.d4 c6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.Nf3 Nbd7  
8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 a5 10.Re1 Re8 11.Qc2  
Nf8 12.Nd2 Bb4 13.Nb3 Ne4

Black is doing quite well here. 14.Rf1  
Bf5 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 dxe4!

Stockfish there! But follow the game, this position comes up later, with quite a fantastic resolution... ) 26...h6 ( 26...Nf8!?)

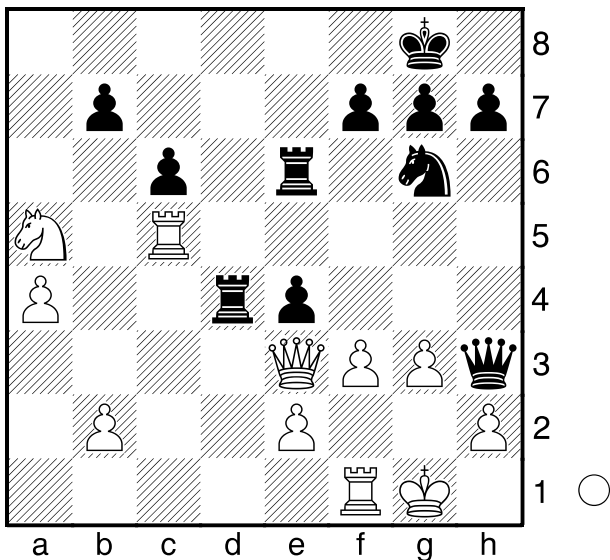
**A) 27.Kh1;**

**B) 27.f3** exf3 28.Qxf3 Rf6 29.Qxd5 ( 29.Qg2 Qd7~~F~~ ) 29...Qg4 30.e3 Qe2~~F~~;

**C) 27.Nxb7!** White continues on the queenside; he's going to need a clean slate there after he pays heavily to defend the kingside... 27...Nh4 28.gxh4 Rg6+ 29.Qg3! Of course. Rxg3+ 30.hxg3 ( 30.fxg3? f5-+ ) 30...e3! 31.Nc5 Qg4 32.Kf1 exf2 33.Rc3 Qxd4 34.a5 Qb4 35.Nd3! Qxa5~~F~~ White could hope to hold this. ]

**25...Nh4**

[ 25...Rxd4!!

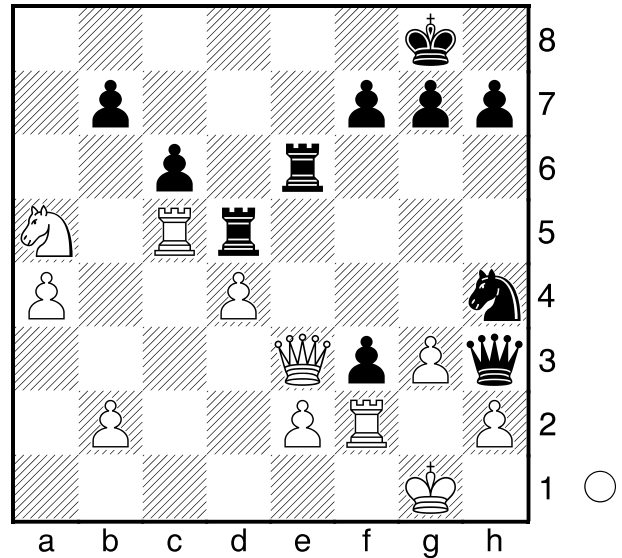


**A) 26.Qxd4?** exf3 27.exf3 ( 27.Qf2 Rxe2 ) 27...Re2 28.Qf2 (or a quick mate) ( 28.Rf2 Re1+ 29.Rf1 Rxf1# ) 28...Rxf2 29.Rxf2 b6! The tail-end stinger. Black is up material, and White can't quite organize rooks and passed pawn fast enough.;

**B) 26.Nc4** exf3 27.Qxf3 Rf6 28.Qg2 Rxf1+ (or 28...Qe6-+)

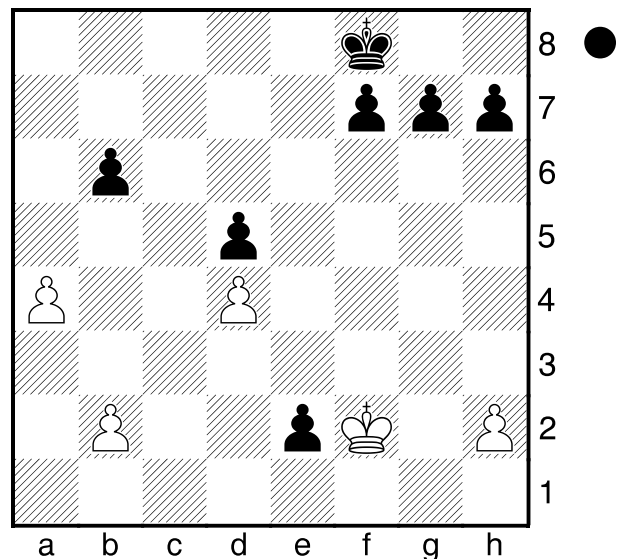
29.Qxf1 ( 29.Kxf1 ) 29...Qd7-+ White is in disarray, while Black has various targets 30.Qf3 Qe7 31.b4 Nf8 ]

**26.Rf2 exf3**



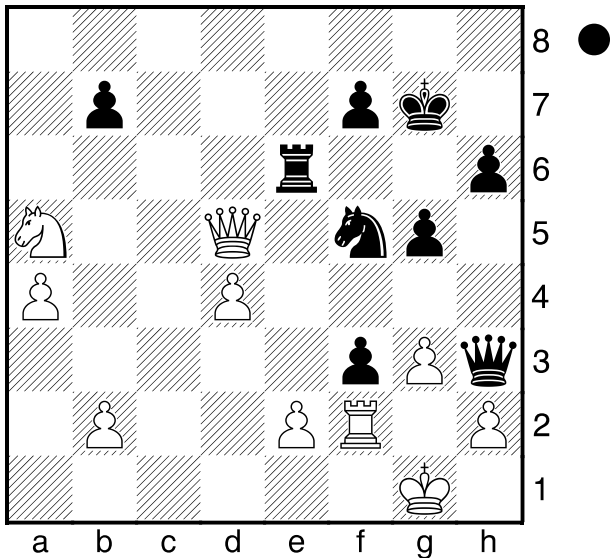
**27.Qf4?**

[ 27.Rxd5! cxd5 28.Qc1 Rxe2 (covering c8!) 29.Rxe2 fxe2 30.gxh4 b6 31.Nc6 Qxh4 is the same position given after 25.Rxd5 cxd5 26.f3 above. But let's look further now: 32.Ne7+! Qxe7 ( 32...Kf8 33.Qc8+ is a perpetual -- really! ) 33.Qc8+ Qf8 34.Qxf8+ Kxf8 35.Kf2



It looks like it will be a standoff:  
 White's threat to make a passed a-  
 pawn, Black's kingside pawns. g5  
 36.Kxe2 Ke7 37.Kf3 f5 38.Kg3 h6  
 39.b4 Kd7 <shrug> draw, no? ]

**27...g5! 28.Qb8+ Kg7 29.Rxd5 cxd5  
 30.Qd8 h6 31.Qd7 Nf5 32.Qxd5**



**Rxe2??**

[ 32...fxe2 when 33.Qxe6 fxe6  
 34.Rxe2 is not a defence (-+). Qg4  
 ( 34...Nxd4 ) ]

**33.Rxe2 fxe2 34.Qe5+ Kg6?**

[ 34...Kf8 35.Qxe2 Nxd4= ]

**35.Qxe2** With White's king safe now, it'll  
 be the queenside that counts.

**35...Nxd4??**

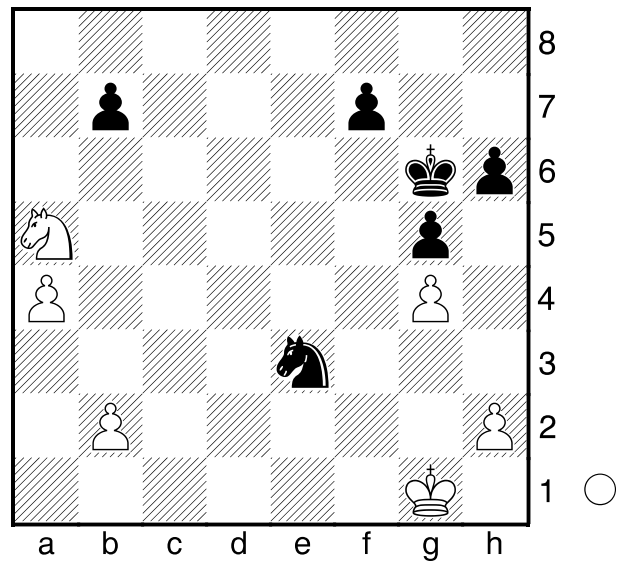
[ 35...Nxb3!? 36.hxg3 Qxg3+ 37.Kf1  
 Qf4+ 38.Qf2 Qc1+ 39.Kg2 b6  
 40.Nb3± White has work ahead, but  
 should prevail. ]

**36.Qe4+ Nf5 37.g4** Lets Black's queen  
 out, not that that should save the game.

[ 37.Nxb7! sets White up for life (new  
 life -- queens) and wins easily. ]

**37...Qe3+ 38.Qxe3 Nxe3**

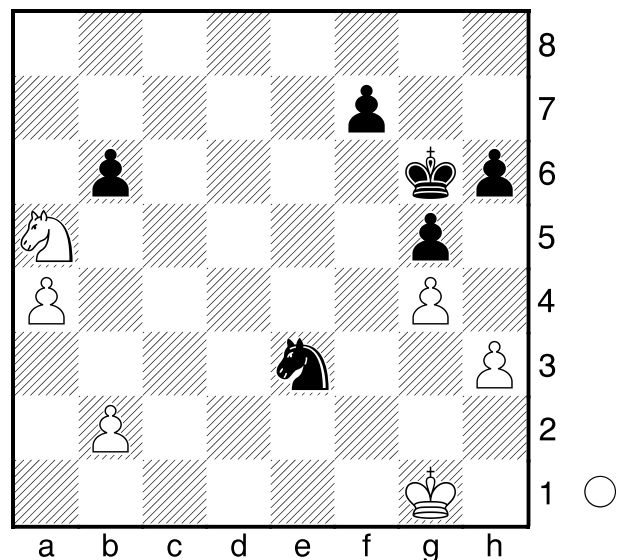
(Diagram)



**39.h3?**

[ 39.Nxb7 Nxb7 40.a5+- appears to  
 be a won knight ending. Although it  
 goes down to White's last (h-)pawn! ]

**39...b6=**



**40.Kf2??**

[ 40.Nc6= ]

[ 40.Nb7= ]

**40...Nd1+ 41.Ke2 Nxb2 42.Nc6 Nxa4  
 43.Kd3 b5 44.Nd4 Nc5+ 45.Kc3 Ne4+  
 0-1**

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☐ **Agdamag, Samuel**

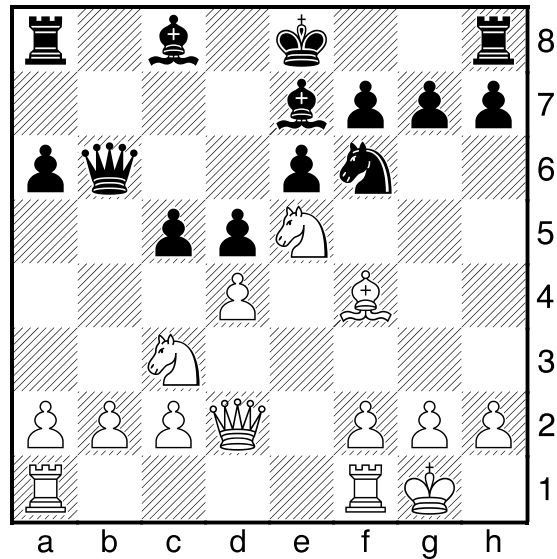
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■ **Calvert, Sam**

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MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.28)

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.b3 Bf5 4.g3 Nc6  
 5.d4 e6 6.Nbd2 Nb4 7.e4 Nxe4 8.Bb2  
 Nxd2 9.Kxd2 Be7 10.h4 Be4 11.a3  
 Nc6 12.Rh2 Bf6 13.Ke3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3  
 dxc4 15.Rd1 cxb3 16.Bb5 Qd5  
 17.Bxc6+ bxc6 18.Qe2 0-0 19.Rhh1  
 Rfd8 20.Qg4 c5 21.Rhe1 cxd4+  
 22.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 23.Rxd4 Qxd4+  
 24.Qxd4 Rxd4 25.Kxd4 a5 26.a4 Rb8  
 27.Kc3 Kf8 28.Kb2 Ke7 29.Re5 Ra8  
 30.Kxb3 Kd6 31.Rb5 Ra6 32.Rg5 g6  
 33.Rg4 c5 34.h5 Rb6+ 35.Ka3 Rb4  
 36.f4 c4 37.hxg6 hxg6 38.Rg5 f5  
 39.Rxg6 c3 40.Rg8 Kd7 41.Rg7+ Kd6  
 42.Rg8 Kd5 43.Rc8 Rc4 44.Rd8+ Ke4  
 45.Kb3 c2 46.Kxc4 c1Q+ 47.Kb5 Kf3  
 48.Rd3+ Kg4 49.Rb3 Qe1 50.Kc4  
 Qe2+ 51.Kd4 Qe4+ 52.Kc5 Qd5+  
**0-1**



14.Na4 Qa7 15.Nc6 Qd7 16.Nxe7  
 Qxa4 17.Nxc8 Rxc8 18.b3 Qxd4  
 19.Rad1 Qb4 20.Be5 Qxd2 21.Rxd2  
 Ne4 22.Rdd1 f6 23.f3 Ng5 24.h4 Nf7  
 25.Bg3 d4 26.Rfe1 Ke7 27.f4 Nd6  
 28.Bh2 f5

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☐ **Myers, Steven Lee**

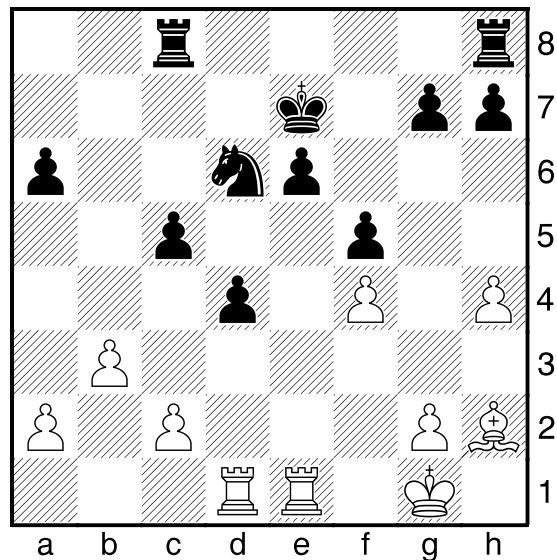
■ **Hilliard, Michael R**

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.29)

[Winslow, Elliott]

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 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.d4 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6  
 8.0-0 e6 9.Ne5 Bd6 10.Qe2 Qc7  
 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Qd2 c5

(Diagram)



29.a4 Ne4 30.Rd3 Rhd8 31.g4 g6  
 32.g5 c4 33.Rdd1 cxb3 34.cxb3 d3  
 35.Kg2 d2 36.Rf1 Nc3 37.Rxd2 Rxd2+  
 38.Kh1 Rd1 39.Rxd1 Nxd1 40.Bg1  
 Nc3 41.b4 Ne4 42.b5 axb5 43.axb5  
 Kd7 (Here the scoresheets both go off  
 the rails) ...  
**0-1**

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□ Tam, Hoa Long

■ Toledo Guerrero, Fernando

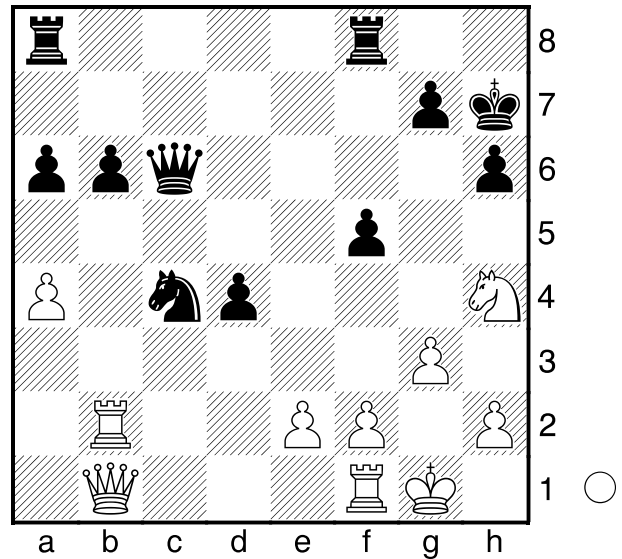
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MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (1.30)

1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 d4 4.Ne2 Nc6 5.c3 e5 6.cxd4 exd4 7.Qa4 Bc5 8.b4 Bxb4 9.Nexd4 Nge7 10.Bb5 Bc5 11.Nxc6 Nxc6?

[ 11...bxc6 12.Bxc6+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 ]

12.Bxc6+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.0-0 Rhe8 16.e5 Rad8 17.d4 Be7 18.Be3 f6 19.a4 fxe5 20.dxe5 c5 21.a5 Kc6 22.Bg5 Bxg5 23.Nxg5 Rd5 24.f4 h6 25.Ne4 Re7 26.Rfd1 b5 27.axb6 axb6 28.Rxd5 Kxd5 29.Nd6 c4 30.Rc1 Rc7 31.Rxc4 Rxc4 32.Nxc4 b5 33.Nd2 g5 34.g3 g4 35.Kf2 Ke6 36.Ke3 Kd5 37.Kd3 h5 38.Ne4 b4 39.Nf6+ 1-0



26.Nxf5 Qg6 27.Ne7 Qxb1 28.Rbxb1 Nd2 29.Rxb6 Nxf1 30.Kxf1 Rf6 31.Rb4 Raf8 32.f4 Re6 33.Nd5 Re4 34.Rb7 Rf5 35.Ne7 Rc5 36.f5 h5 37.f6 gxf6 38.Nd5+ Kg6 39.Ne7+ Kg5 0-1

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□ Kaplan, Glenn

■ Talamantez, Abel

1800

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: Extra G (1.38)

[Winslow, Elliott]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.g3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Bd6 8.Bg2 h6 9.0-0 f5 10.a4 Bd7 11.Ba3 Bxa3 12.Rxa3 Qe7 13.Rb3 Na5 14.Rb4 c5 15.Rb2 Bc6 16.Nh4 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qf6 18.Rb5 b6 19.Qa1 0-0 20.d4 Qc6+ 21.Kg1 a6 22.Qa2+ Kh7 23.Rb2 exd4 24.cxd4 cxd4 25.Qb1 Nc4

(Diagram)

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□ Marvin, Hayes

■ Olson, David

1400

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: Extra G (1.39)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 c5 3.d5 Nf6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.exd5 Qe7+ 6.Be2 d6 7.Nf3 g6 8.Bg5 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bd3 Qd7 11.Bb5 Qd8 12.Re1 a6 13.Bd3 b5 14.b3 Nbd7 15.Ne4 Bb7 16.Nxd6 Bxd5 17.c4 Bc6 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Bxb5 Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Qb6 21.a4 Ng4 22.Qxd7 Bxa1 23.Qxg4 Bb2 24.Rb1 Bg7 25.Be3 Rad8 26.b4 Rd5 27.Bxc5 Qd8 28.Nc3 Bxc3 29.Nh4 Re8 30.g3 1/2-1/2