

Suarez, Sebastian **D47**

Sobel, Steve **1802**
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.1)
[Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6
5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5
8.Bd3 Bd6 This is "what it's all about" in
 the twenty-first century. And it has
 proven a tough nut to crack. Black
 combines play for ...e6-e5 with possible
 tactical expansion with ...Bb7 and even ...
 c5 as a temporary pawn sack. (See the
 Aronian-Anand game!)

[A hundred years ago 8...a6 9.e4 c5
 was one of the original "deep
 analysis" openings (maybe after the
 Giuoco Piano Moller Attack).]
 [Then 8...Bb7 caught everyone's
 attention forty years later.]

9.0-0 Far and away most common! But
 many experiments have tried for
 something more immediate, so even at
 least achieving a plus score. (Yes, this
 line has been that tough on White.)

9...0-0 10.Qe2

[Relevant: 10.a3 Bb7 11.Qc2 Rc8
 12.b4 (This game can't be shown
 often enough: 12.Ng5 c5 13.Nxh7
 Ng4 14.f4 cxd4 15.exd4 Bc5 16.Be2
 Nde5 17.Bxg4 Bxd4+ 18.Kh1 Nxg4
 19.Nxf8 f5 20.Ng6 Qf6 21.h3 Qxg6
 22.Qe2 Qh5 23.Qd3 Be3 0-1 (23)
 Aronian,L (2802)-Anand,V (2772) Wijk
 aan Zee 2013. Anand's "Immortal
 Game"? Perhaps! Except he noted
 that it was all on his board the night
 before!) 12...a5 13.Rb1 c5 14.Nxb5
 cxb4 15.Qe2 Be7 16.e4 bxa3
 17.Bxa3 Bxa3 18.Nxa3 Ba8 19.Nb5
 Rb8 20.Rfd1 Qe7 21.h3 g6 22.Qe1
 a4 23.Rdc1 Rfc8 24.Nd2 Nb6
 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.e5 Nfd5 27.Nd6
 Rb8 28.N2e4 Qa7 29.Nb5 Qe7
 30.Bf1 Bc6 31.Nbd6 Qa7 32.Qc1

Be8 33.Ra1 Kg7 34.h4 Nd7 35.Bb5
 Qxd4 36.Rxa4 Qxe5 37.Nxe8+ Rxe8
 38.Bxd7 Rd8 39.Bc6 Rc8
 Mamedyarov,S (2782)-Shankland,S
 (2709) Saint Louis 2021 1-0 (70)]
 [10.Qc2 Bb7

A) 11.e4 e5 12.dxe5 (12.h3!?) ;
B) 11.Ng5 not worrying about ...b4
 has done pretty well as well. ;
C) 11.a3]

10...Bb7 11.Rd1 Qe7 12.b3

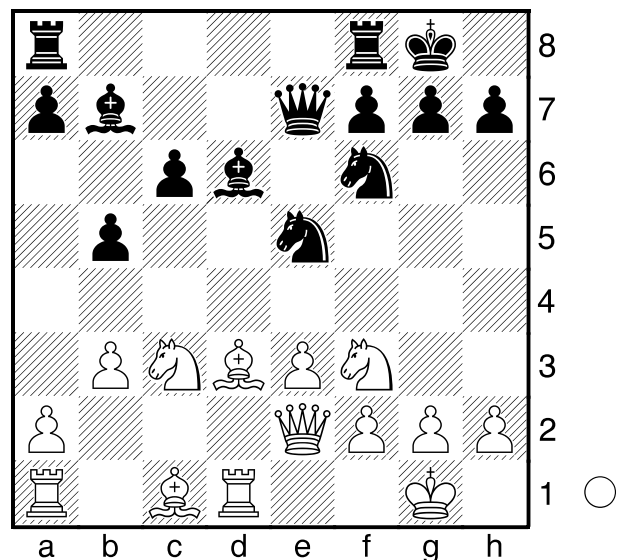
[12.e4!?

[12.Ne4!?! Nx4 13.Bxe4 a5 14.b3]

12...e5 Black gets there first, and any
 advantage for White is gone. **13.dxe5?!**
 White perhaps overreacts to the ...e4
 threat.

[Stockfish has White sidestep the
 pawn fork with 13.Qc2 Rae8 14.Bf5
 but no edge (for either side for that
 matter).]

13...Nxe5



14.Nxe5?!

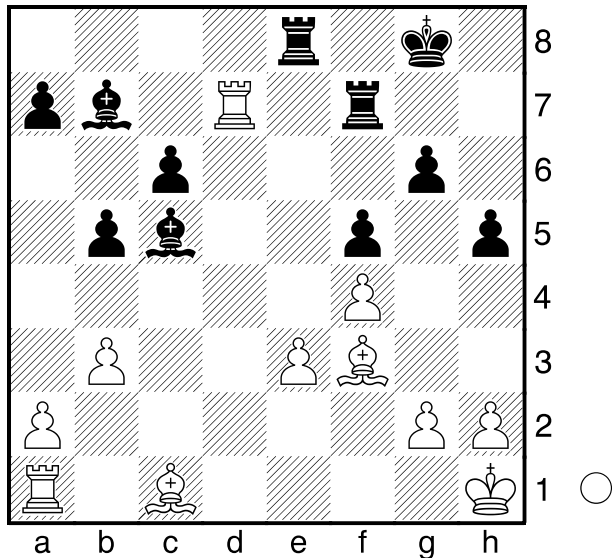
[Predecessor: 14.Bb2 a6 15.Nd4 g6
 16.Ne4 Nxd3 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6
 18.Rxd3 Qe7 19.Rad1 Be5 20.Qg4
 h5 ½-½ (20) Vera,S (2042)-Perez
 Rodriguez,L (2324) Torneo INT
 2021]

14...Qxe5 15.f4 Qc5 16.Kh1 Rae8?!

It's hard to find a purpose for that rook on f8 (although it did function for ...f5 in the game);

[16...Rfe8]

17.Qc2 h5 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 f5
20.Qxc5 Bxc5 21.Bf3 g6 22.Rd7 Rf7



23.Rxb7?? A faulty combination, probably in time trouble. 23...Rxb7

24.Bxc6 Rd8 25.Bb2 Rc7

[25...Rb6!]

26.Bxb5 Bxe3 27.Bc4+ Kh7 28.Be5 Rcd7 29.g3

[29.h4 Rd2! is even better than trading rooks]

29...Rd1+ but with the f-pawn guarded, this is better. 30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31.Kg2 Bd4 Sobel brings it home for (1) another upset (2) clear first by a point and a half (!!) going into the last two rounds (3) a rough time ahead, as there are a couple hungry masters awaiting who are not interested in being upset at all! 32.Bxd4 Rxd4 33.a3 a5 34.Bb5 Rd2+ 35.Kg1 Ra2 36.b4 Rxa3 37.bxa5 Rxa5 38.Be2 Ra2 39.Kf2 Kg7 40.Ke3 Kf6 41.h3 Ra3+ 42.Bd3 Ke6 43.Kd4 Kd6 44.Kc4 Ra4+ 45.Kc3 Kc5 46.g4 Rxf4 47.gxf5 gxf5 48.Kd2 Kd4 49.Ke2 Re4+ 50.Bxe4 Kxe4 51.Kf2 Kf4 52.Kg2 Ke3 53.Kf1 Kf3 54.h4 Kg3

55.Kg1 Kxh4 56.Kg2 Kg4 57.Kf2 Kf4
58.Kg2 Ke3 59.Kf1 Kf3 Sobel has had a dream start of 5-0 -- just a draw ... just a draw...
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□ Handigol, Abhishek

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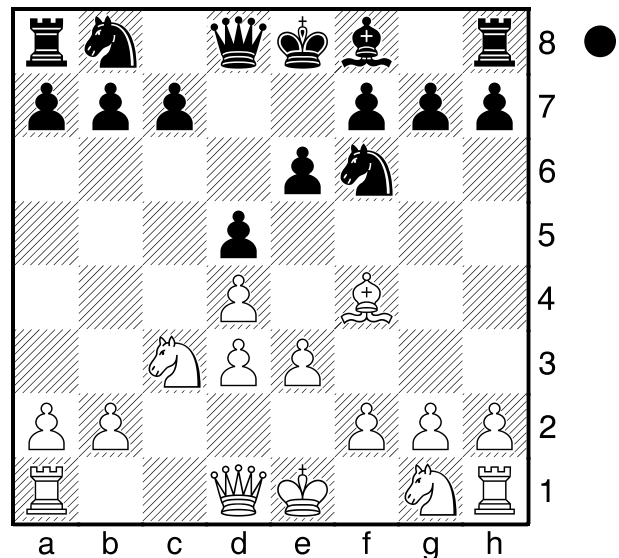
■ Snyder, Larry

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MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.2)

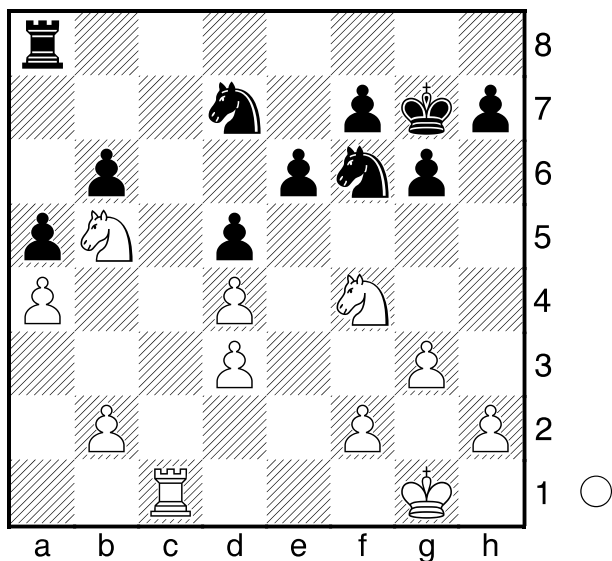
[Winslow, Elliott]

An epic, in which Snyder probably missed a win (although as it went it so looked like it was there!). 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Jobava! 3...Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.cxd3

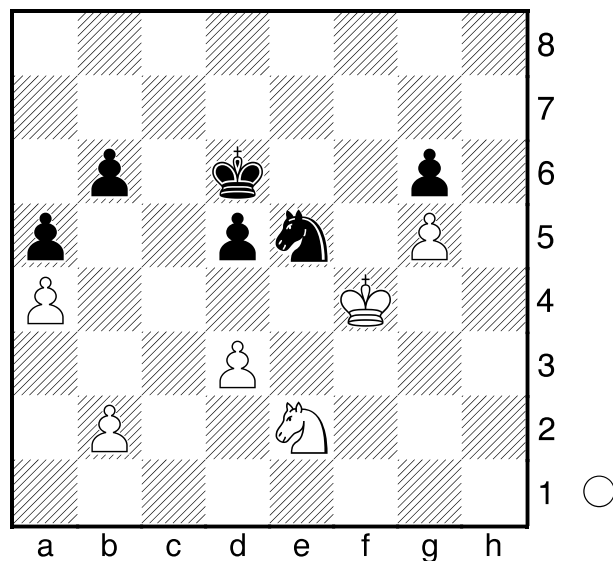


Bd6 7.Nge2 Bxf4 8.Nxf4 0-0 9.Qb3 b6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rfc1 c5 12.a4 cxd4 13.exd4 a6 14.Na2 Qb8 15.g3 Qd6 16.Nb4 a5 17.Nc6 Rac8 18.Na7 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 Qb8 20.Nc6 Qd6 21.Qb5 g6 22.Na7 Qb8 23.Qa6 Kg7 24.Nb5 Qa8 25.Qxa8 Rxa8

(Diagram)



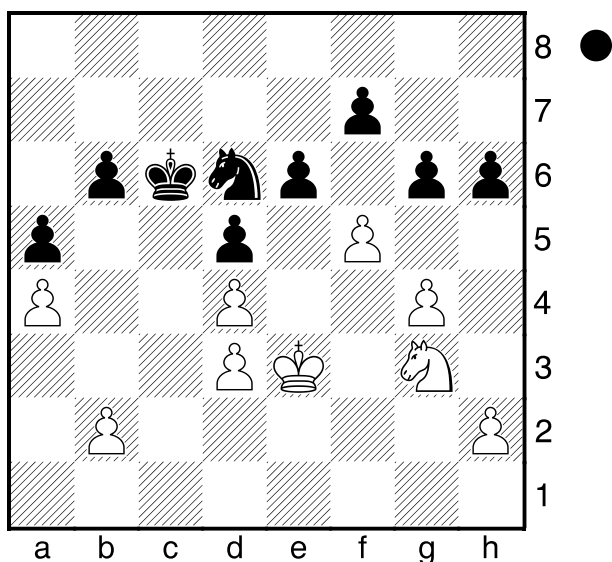
26.Rc7 Kf8 27.Ne2 Ke7 28.Nec3 Ne8
 29.Rc6 Kd8 30.Kg2 Rc8 31.Rxc8+
 Kxc8 32.Kf3 Kd8 33.Ke3 Ke7 34.g4
 h6 35.Ne2 Nd6 36.Na7 Nb8 37.f4
 Kd7 38.Ng3 Nc6 39.Nxc6 Kxc6 40.f5
 [40.Ne2 b5 41.b3 \bar{f}]



48.d4 Nd3+ 49.Ke3 Nxb2 50.Nf4
 Nxa4 51.Nxg6 b5 52.Ne5 Nb6 53.g4
 Nc8 54.g7 Ne7 55.Nf7+ Kc6 56.Nh6
 b4

[56...Kd6 57.Kd2 Ke6 \bar{f}]
 57.g8Q Nxg8 58.Nxg8 a4 59.Kd3 a3
 60.Kc2 Kb5 61.Kb3 a2 62.Kxa2 Kc4
 63.Ne7 Kxd4 64.Kb3 And they both
 join the big tie for 2nd-6th behind the
 meteoric Stephen Sobel.

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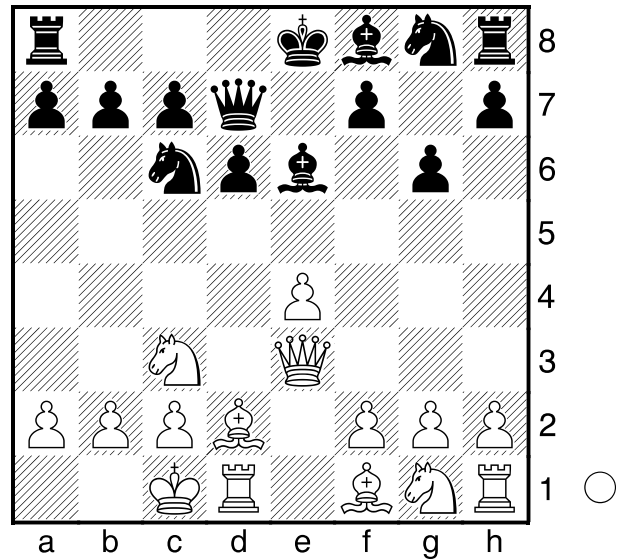
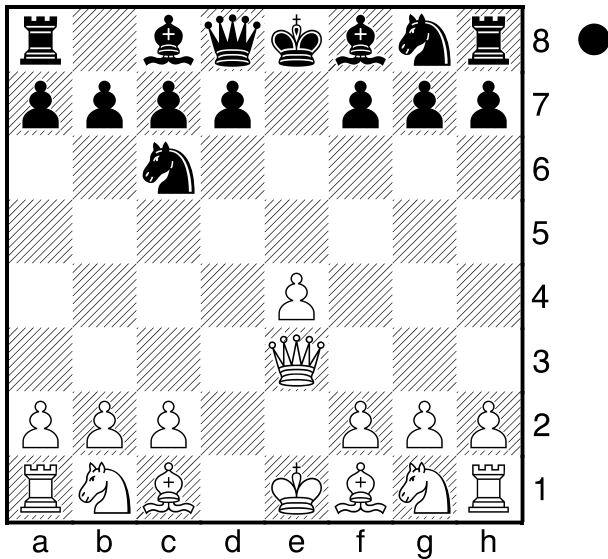
40...Kd7?
 [40...exf5 41.gxf5 g5-+]
 41.fxg6 fxg6 42.h4 Ke7 43.Kf4 Nf7
 44.g5 hxg5+ 45.hxg5 Kd6 46.Ne2
 e5+ 47.dxe5+ Nxe5

(Diagram)

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 Griffith, Kyron Waykuan 2437
 Widjaja, Luke 2049
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.3)
 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6
 4.Qe3

(Diagram)



d6

[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 (5.Bd2 Be7 6.Nc3 d5 and Black has at least equalized.) 5...Bb4 6.Bd2 (6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 0-0 8.f3 d5 Black has no worries at all.) 6...0-0 7.0-0-0 Re8 has been among others Nepomniachtchi versus the world's elite -- with mixed results (leaning towards Black).]

5.Bd2 Be6 This will be rudely met.

[Why "Report | Novelty Annotation" chooses to show this game is unclear:
 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.0-0-0 0-0
 8.Qg3 Nh5 9.Qf3 Nf6 10.h3 Rb8
 11.g4 b5 12.g5 b4 13.gxf6 bxc3
 14.Bxc3 Bxf6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qxf6
 gxf6 17.Ne2 f5 18.Nd4 Nxd4
 19.Rg1+ Kh8 20.Rxd4 Re8 21.Bd3
 fxe4 22.Bxe4 Re6 23.Bd3 Rf6
 ½-½ (35) Belyakov,B (2478)-
 Yandemirov,V (2394) Kazan 2015.]

6.Nc3 g6 7.0-0-0 Qd7?

(Diagram)

It looks like Black is going to emulate White and castle queenside, but it never happens. **8.Nd5!** Perhaps there is something wrong with Stockfish 15 -- it evaluates this as winning! (Or it might *be* winning...)

[Predecessor: 8.f4N 0-0-0 9.Nb5 Kb8 10.Bc3 f6 11.Nf3 Bg7 12.Nbd4 Nge7 13.Be1 Bg4 14.Rd3 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc6 16.Ra3 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 b6 18.Bc3 Qe7 19.f5 gxf5 20.h3 Bh5 21.exf5 Rde8 22.Bb5 Qe3+ 23.Kb1 Qxd4 24.Bxd4 Re4 25.Rg3 Bh6 26.Bxf6 Rf8 27.Bd3 Re3 28.Rxe3 Bxe3 29.Bc3 d5 30.g4 Be8 31.Bg7 Rf7 32.f6 h6 33.Bg6 Rxf6 34.Bxf6 Bxg6 35.g5 hxg5 1-0 (35) Deus Filho,J (2011)-Da Silva Mach,J (1800) Forquilha 2013]

8...Bg7 9.Bc3 f6 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bb3 So much for castling -- well, anywhere. **12...Rc8 13.Ne2 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Bd4 Nd8**

[15...Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bf7 17.Nb5 just keeps piling up the pressure (Qa7 next!).]

16.Rhe1 Qf7 17.Qd3! c5 18.Be3 Qb7 19.Bf4 Bf8 20.Bc4 Bd7 21.Ba6 Qa7 22.Bxc8 Bxc8 23.Qb5+ Bd7 24.Qb6 Kyron has won material and a lot of key

squares as well, and Luke just decides to end it.

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☐ **Srihari,Pranav**

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■ **Maliev,Anton**

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[Winslow,Elliott]

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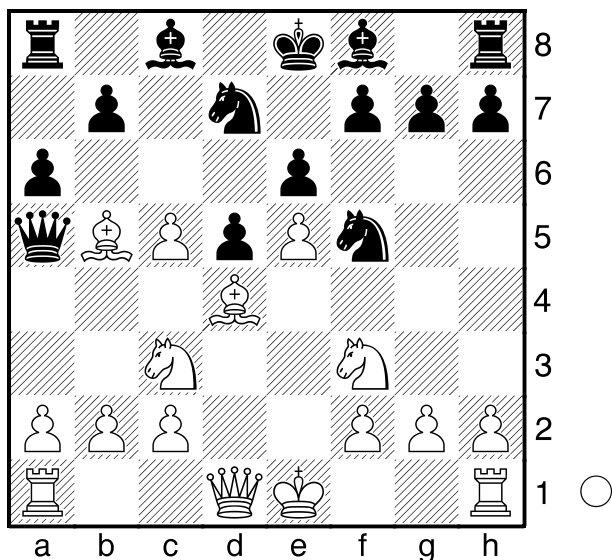
[3...Bf5]

4.dxc5 e6 5.Be3 Nd7 6.Bb5 Ne7

7.Nf3 Nf5 8.Bd4

[8.b4!]

8...Qa5+ 9.Nc3 a6! It's starting to veer in Black's favor



10.c6?!

[10.Bxd7+ Bxd7 11.0-0 Nxd4

12.Nxd4 Bxc5 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.Nxc5

Qxc5 15.Qg4 0-0 16.Rad1

is probably even, but there is still the pressure down the c-file to neutralize.]

10...axb5 11.cxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0 Nxd4

13.Nxd4 Rc8?

[13...b4 14.Nce2 Qc7 15.f4 Bc5

could well favor Black, "bad" pawns besides the point. White has too many

knight (!). (or 15...Be7)]

14.Qg4

[14.a3! b4 15.axb4 Qxb4

16.Nce2!=]

14...Qb4

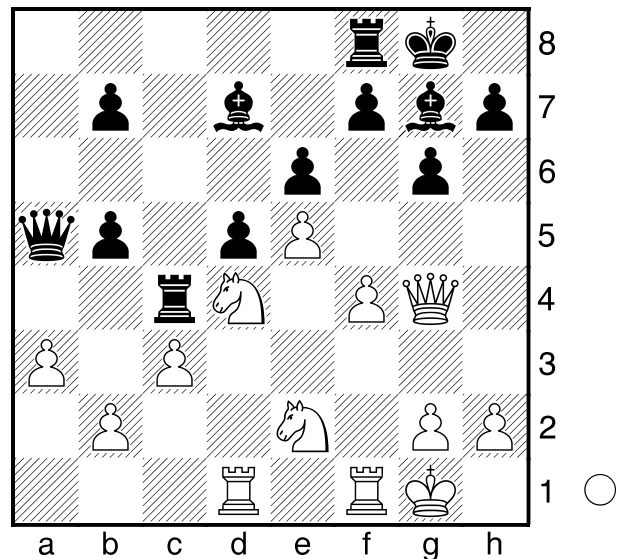
[14...b4!]

15.Nce2 g6?

[15...Qxb2 16.a4!]

16.a3± Qa5 17.c3 Bg7 18.f4 Rc4

19.Rad1 0-0?



It's not safe over there. **20.Qg3! Ra8**

21.Nf3 Qb6+ 22.Ned4 The changing of the guard permits a Ng5 to happen.

22...Qd8 23.Qh3 Qe7 24.g4!? Bc6

25.g5 Not the best procedure, but it seems to work as well.

25...Bf8 26.Ne1

Rca4 27.Nec2 Qc7 28.Ne3 Kg7

29.Ng4 Be7 30.Qh6+ Kh8 31.Nf6

Bxf6 32.gxf6 Rg8 33.Rf3 Threatening

34.Qxh7+! 33...g5 34.Rh3 gxf4+

35.Kh1 And Pranav joins the second

place pack hoping to see Sobel go down in flames the last two games.

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□ Hao,Max

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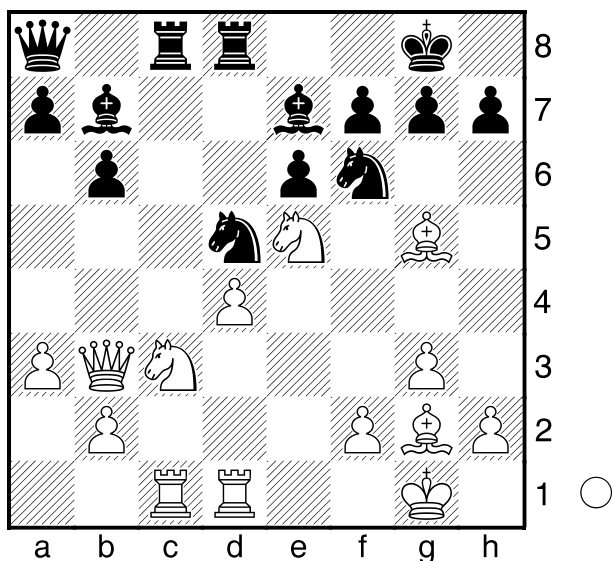
■ Bambou,Christophe

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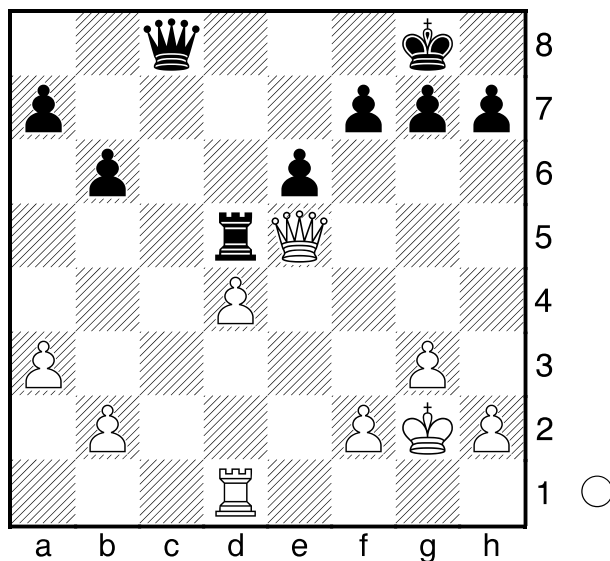
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4
 5.Bg2 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e3 Be7 8.Qa4
 0-0 9.Qxc4 cxd4 10.exd4 Nb4
 11.Nc3 b6 Black is angling for a fine
 anti-isolated queenpawn formation, with
 d5 locked up. 12.Rd1 Bb7 13.a3 Rc8
 14.Qb3 Nbd5 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Bd2
 Rfd8 17.Rac1 Qb8 18.Bg5 Qa8

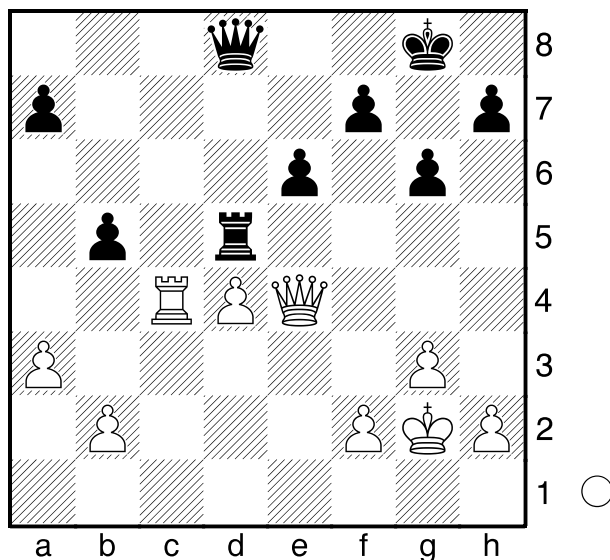


19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Rxc8
 Qxc8 22.Qe3 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Bxe5
 24.Qxe5 Rd5

(Diagram)

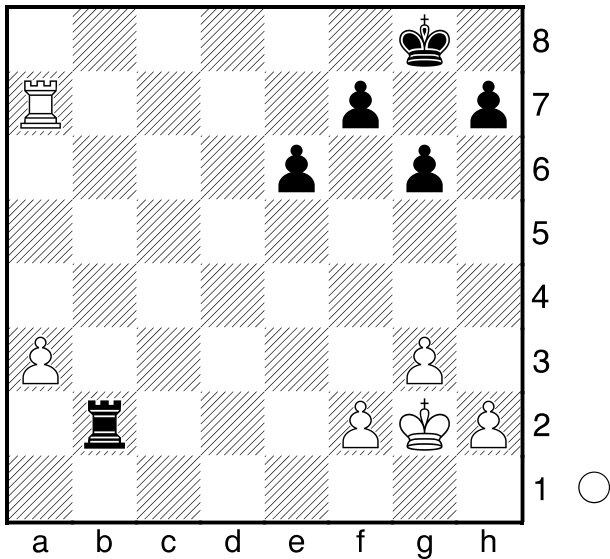


25.Rc1 Qa8 26.Qe4! Qd8 27.Rc3 g6
 28.Rc4 b5

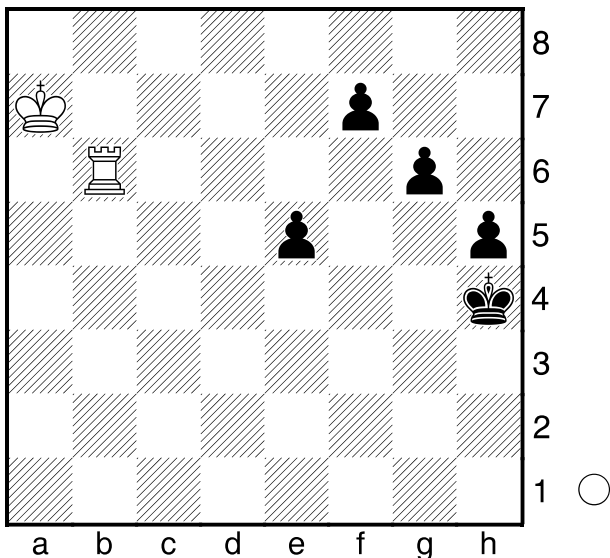


29.Rc5 Rxd4 30.Qb7 Rd7 31.Qxb5
 Qa8+ 32.Qc6 Qxc6+ 33.Rxc6 Rd3
 34.Ra6 Rb3 35.Rxa7 Rxb2

(Diagram)

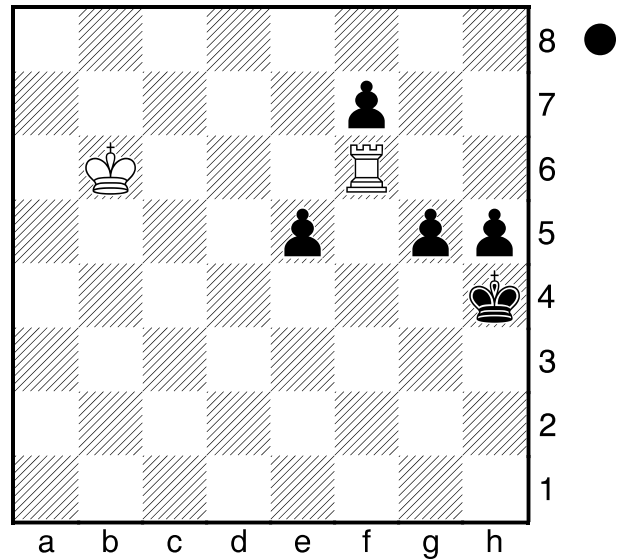


36.a4 Ra2 37.Kf3 h5 38.h4 Kg7
 39.a5 Kf6 40.a6 Ke5 41.Ra8 Kf6
 42.Ke3 e5 43.Ke4 Rxf2 44.Rb8 Re2+
 45.Kd5 Ra2 46.Rb6+ Kf5 47.Kc6 Kg4
 [47...e4!]
 48.Kb7 Kxg3 49.a7 Rxa7+ 50.Kxa7
 Kxh4+



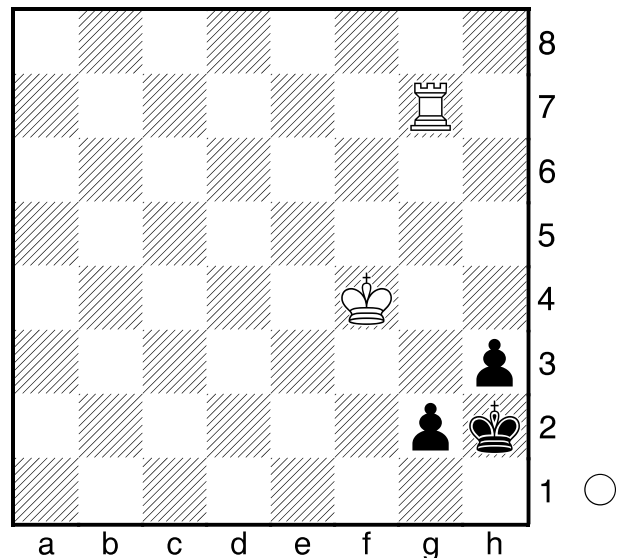
The only move, but winning -- and we enter Tablebase Territory. **51.Rf6?!**
 [51.Rb1 f5 52.Kb6 f4]
51...g5! 52.Kb6

(Diagram)



Kg3?? So far to come to miss at this point!

[52...g4! 53.Rxf7 g3! 54.Rg7 Kh3
 55.Kc5 g2 56.Kd5 h4 57.Kxe5 Kh2
 58.Kf4 h3



At some level it feels wrong to use the g-pawn to win the rook, leaving an h-pawn, but White's king is unable to stop it.]

**53.Kc5! h4 54.Kd5! h3 55.Rxf7 g4
 56.Kxe5 h2 57.Rh7 Kg2 58.Kf4 h1Q**
 [58...g3 59.Rh8 Kf2 and Black can't even push the g-pawn, again, as it will move no further after Rxh2 (and

Rxg2).]
59.Rxh1 Kxh1 60.Kxg4
 1/2-1/2

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Walslow,Elliott
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 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.6)
 [Walslow,Elliott]

1.e4 What to play against Mike, whose opening preparation is usually far and away his strength? **1...b6** Hah! Owen's Defence! But seriously. Let's approach 1. e4 logically. Clearly it's a mistake, as the pawn is unprotected and a target. Direct attack has its problems:

[1...f5? 2.exf5 hmm, wins a pawn. And the computers have White already winning.]

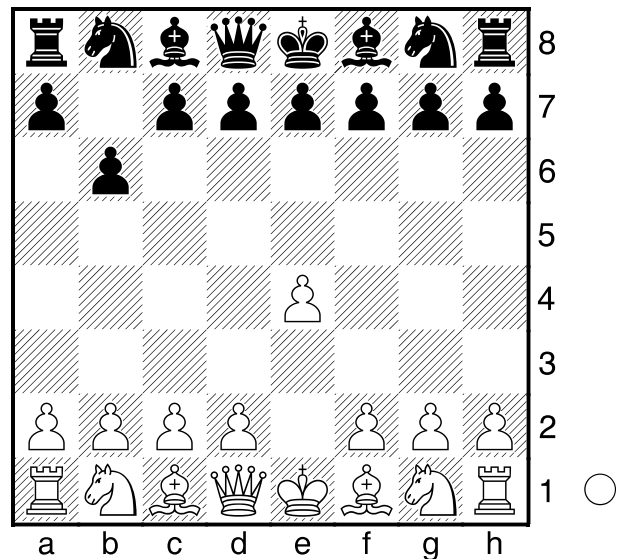
[1...d5 attacks White, only it is White's move -- so 2.exd5

A) 2...Nf6 might be better, 3.d4 only now it's the knight that gets kicked around not the queen after Nxd5 (And I won the shortest game I ever played with this: 3...Bg4 4.Bb5+ c6! 5.dxc6 Bxd1?? 6.c7+ 1-0. It was in a TNM, so you could find it, I'm not embarrassing my opponent any more.) 4.c4;

B) 2...Qxd5 and do I have to break out the chess proverbs here?]

[1...Nf6 also gets kicked all over the place after 2.e5 (Remember, Alekhine gave it up after one game!); Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.f4 although most of the Top Players wuss out and play 3. d4 d6 4.Nf3.]

(Diagram)



2.d4 Bb7 Which brings us to a slightly more delayed attack. Is there anything wrong with a fianchetto? Black bears into the center and keeps all his other options open. I've said enough, Owen's Defence speaks for itself. **3.Nc3**

[3.Bd3 f5? 4.exf5 Bxg2]

[3.Bd3 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.c4 Qd8 is one of the main things to do, a sort of Center Counter.]

3...e6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.e5!? Negi's Line

[6.Qe2 d5 7.0-0! Bxc3 8.e5! is Negi's Other Line, but even he doesn't think it's anything after Bb4 9.exf6 gxf6 (9...Qxf6?? 10.Bg5)]

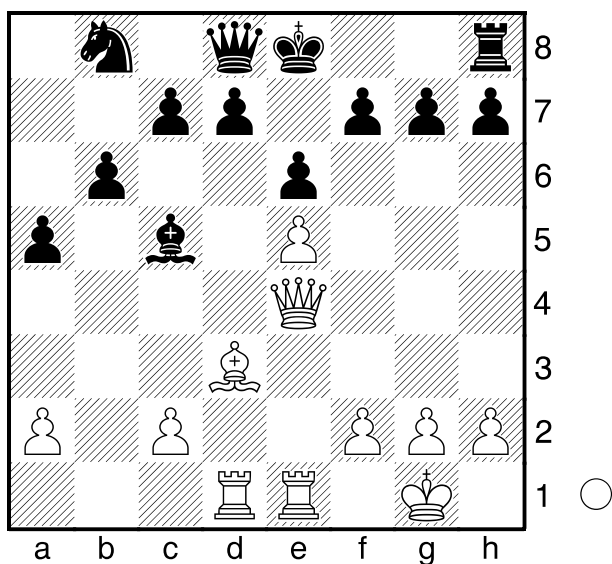
6...Ne4 7.0-0 Gambit! **7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bxc3** Hanging on to the dark-squared bishop seems almost mandatory -- and we might as well have a pawn.

[But maybe 8...Be7 is too passive.]

9.Rb1

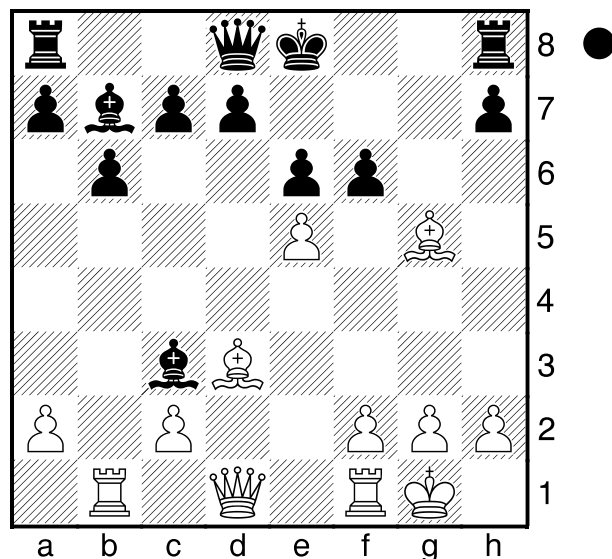
[Mike's prep slips! He hadn't looked at this material for maybe a year or more (Negi's last so far book in the "Grandmaster Repertoire" series, "1. e4 vs. Minor Defences" came out in late 2020), and the lines have remained relatively arcane (i.e. very few have played them). Negi's line

goes 9.Bg5! Bxf3!? (9...f6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.Ne5! is a standard "step into the pawn fork" for this sort of position. Time to quote Tal: "They can only take one at a time" or something like that. Negi gives some pretty convincing coverage of this.; 9...Qc8 10.Rb1 is his final move for Black, with a lot of tries, nothing quite working out for him.) 10.Qxf3 Qxg5 11.Qxa8 Negi carries on here, further forcing moves Qd8 12.Rad1 Bxd4 13.Rfe1 a5 14.Qe4 Bc5



Negi analyzes further, mentioning that engines underestimate White's attacking chances at first. Maybe! But there might not be a second...]
9...Nc6! I managed to remember how important this move was. **10.Bg5!?** f6!
11.exf6
 [11.Be3!/? Qe7 12.Rb3 Ba5
 Negi actually gives this, with "the worst seems to be over for Black" (... 0-0-0!). Perhaps that coverage left a bad memory for Mike...]
11...gxf6 12.Ne5?! Nxe5+ 13.dxe5

(Diagram)



Bxe5!?

[The only game previous here was even stronger: 13...fxg5! 14.Qh5+ Ke7! (I only noticed 14...Kf8? 15.f4 Qe7! 16.f5 I didn't want to let the f-file be forced open! But Bxe5!! 17.fxe6+ Bf4 seems to favor Black.) 15.Qxg5+ Kf8+ Black "triangulates" to dodge the checks (perpetual or otherwise), the g-pawn's disappearance means it's that much harder to open the f-file, and it's just won. Very precarious! I went the stodgy, "practical" route. 0-1 (41) Cuellar,U (2022)-Pena Morales,H (2136) Lima 2013.]

14.Qh5+ Ke7

[14...Kf8?!]

15.Bh4 Qg8! 16.g3

[16.f3 Bd4+ 17.Kh1 Qg7 18.Rbe1 Rag8 19.Re2 Kd8 (19...Bc5)]

16...d6

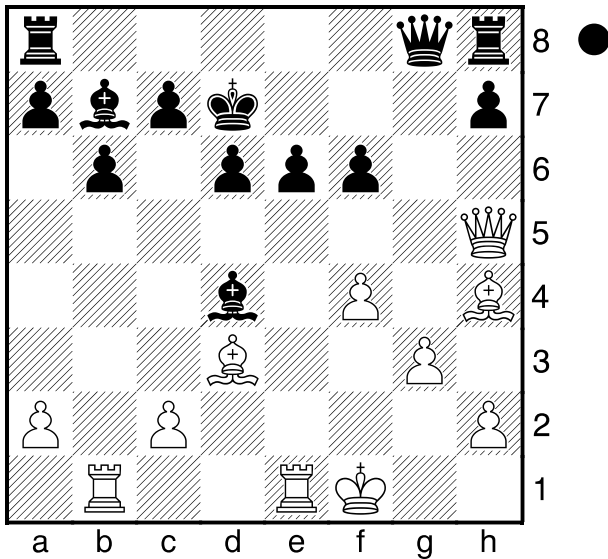
[16...Bd6! is more "organice" -- and just better.]

17.Rfe1 Kd7 18.f4 Bd4+

[18...Bc3! 19.Re2 Rf8 when 20.Qb5+ c6 21.Qc4 Ba5 the bishop plays an adequate role (and with a future).]

19.Kf1

(Diagram)



Re8?!

[19...Rf8! 20.Bb5+? (20.Rbd1 Kc8! 21.Rxe6 Kb8 gives back one pawn but completes the King safety course -- for Black (but not for White).) 20...Kc8 is too easy now.]

20.Bb5+? Free tempos for Black!

[20.Rbd1! is much better, Stockfish even dropping to less than -1 and even less.]

20...c6 21.Rbd1 Bc5

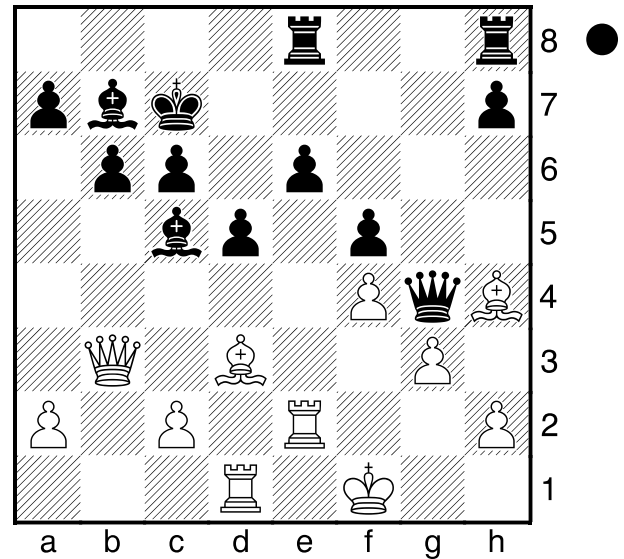
[21...Qg6!]

22.Bc4 Qg6! 23.Qe2 f5 24.Qd3 Kc7

25.Qb3 d5 26.Bd3 Qg4 White's king's turn to feel the heat. 27.Re2?!

[Still, 27.Kg2 Rhg8 28.Bg5! Rxc5! (We have Kotronias's book on Petrosian's Exchange sacs on order) 29.fxg5 Qxc5 is horribly one-sided.]

(Diagram)



A tricky defence (which we both saw!), but flawed. **27...Qf3+**

[27...e5! 28.fxe5 f4! is a finisher.]

28.Ke1 Be3

[28...e5! 29.fxe5 Rxe5! doesn't let White last long, either.]

29.Be4! fxe4

[29...dxe4! 30.Rxe3 (30.Qxe3 Qh1+ picks up the rook) 30...Qh1+ 31.Ke2 Qxh2+ 32.Ke1 Qg1+ 33.Ke2 Ba6+ 34.c4 Qh2+ 35.Ke1 e5 is still a rout.]

30.Rxe3 Qh1+

[I forgot about 30...Qg2!]

31.Kd2 Qxh2+ 32.Kc1

[32.Re2! Qh3 33.Bf6! Ba6! 34.Bxh8 Rxh8 is *still* good for Black.]

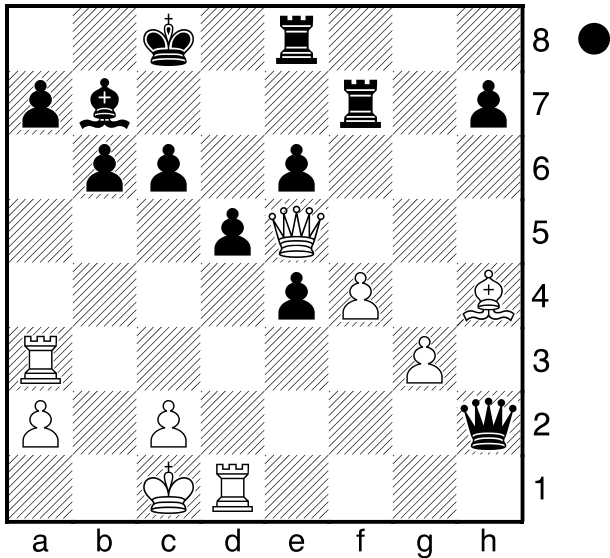
32...Rhf8! 33.Qc3 Rf7

[33...Kb8! 34.Qg7 Qf2! 35.Ra3 Ka8! White can't do anything (but Black can -- those center pawns!)]

34.Qe5+ Kc8 35.Ra3

[I saw a fantastic line that seemed to never end -- but it does, in my favor: 35.Rxd5!? Rf5 (I had overlooked that simply 35...cxd5 36.Rc3+ Bc6 sneaks out (that R/f7 defends nicely!).) 36.Rd8+ Rxd8 37.Qxe6+ Rd7 38.Qxf5 Qg1+ 39.Kb2 Qxe3 40.Bf6 when Black has various

defences. (or 40.Qf8+ Kc7 41.Bf6 Bc8!)]



35...Qh3?? I wanted to break up the dark square play but this is too heavy-handed.

[35...Qf2! 36.Rxa7 b5! 37.Ra3 Qb6 was a better way to do it!]

36.Rxa7 Qf5 37.Qd4?!

[37.Qb2]

[37.Qb2! b5 38.a4! -- necessary to throw everything at Black! -- when the best chance, such as it is, is e5 39.axb5 Qe6 40.bxc6 Qxc6 -- but it's nothing: 41.Ra3 Rc7 42.fxe5=]

37...Kc7 38.Qa4?? White was rapidly running out of time (Black could contemplate his missteps at his leisure).

[38.a4 e5 The lost move gives Black time to get the pawns going, with the better chances (but hardly the crushing position he had a few moves ago!).]

38...Rb8?!

[38...Kb8! squelches White's play, followed by ...d4 and/or ...e5, winning handily.]

39.Qa6 White is going to run out of bullets.

[39.Qb4 c5 40.Qb5 d4 41.a4 Qd5]
39...Rd7 40.Rd4 c5 41.Ra4 d4
42.Qb5 d3 43.R4a6 d2+ 44.Kb2
Rd6 White's flag fell as he was playing 45.Rxb6 and noticing that his queen would be pinned.

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B13

□ **Lavi,Eilon**

2110

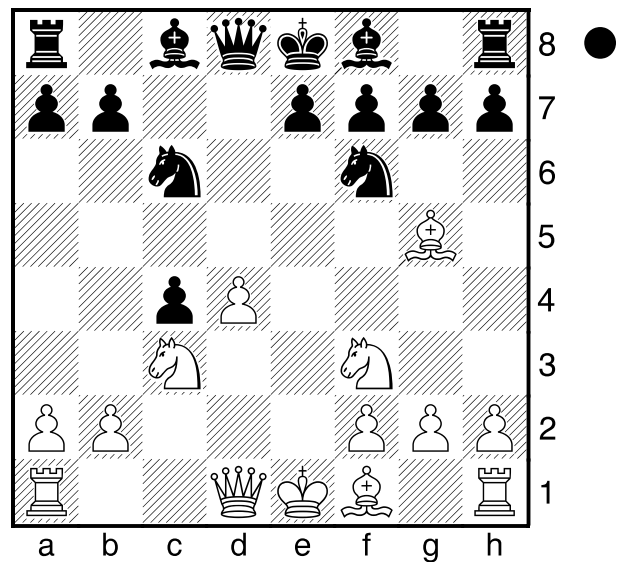
■ **Porlares,Teodoro B**

1724

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.7)

[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4
Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 dxc4 7.Nf3



Bg4?!

[7...h6! is the Key Move at the Right Time according to people that know.]

8.Bxc4

[8.d5 Ne5! appears to keep it balanced. (8...Bxf3 9.gxf3!) Now 9.Be2 has a monster result: eight wins, no losses, and a single draw. But all the other Black players were not so highly rated, while that draw...

(9.Bxc4; 9.Qa4+; 9.h4!) 9...Bxf3
 10.gxf3 g6 11.Qd4 Nd3+ 12.Bxd3
 cxd3 13.d6 Bg7 14.Qa4+?! Qd7

(14...Kf8!?) 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.dxe7 h6 (16...Kxe7! 17.Nd5+ Ke6 18.Nc7+ Kf5 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nxa8 Rxa8 The computer says it's good for Black -- wow!) 17.Be3 Kxe7 18.0-0-0 Rhd8 19.Rd2 Rac8? (19...Nd5! 20.Re1! Nxe3 21.Rxe3+ Kf8 22.Rexd3 Rxd3 23.Rxd3 Be5 24.h3 Rc8? White is going to have a rough to of it.) 20.Re1 Kf8 21.Red1 a6 22.Rxd3 Rxd3 23.Rxd3 Ke7 24.Bd4 Nh5 25.Kd2 Bxd4 26.Rxd4 Nf6 27.Ke3 Rc5 28.Rh4 Re5+ 29.Kd4 Rf5 30.Ke3 Re5+ 31.Kd4 Rf5 32.Ke3 Re5+ 22.04 ½-½ (32) Onischuk,A (2678)-Shankland,S (2512) US ch Rapid Group B playoff, Saint Louis]

8...Bxf3

[8...e6!?]

9.Qxf3

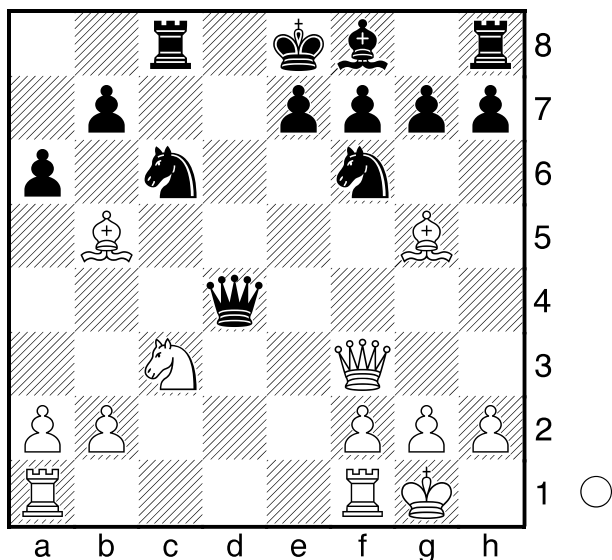
[9.gxf3!? Qxd4 10.Qb3 0-0-0 11.Bxf7 e5±]

9...Qxd4 10.Bb5 Rc8

[10...Qe5+! 11.Be3 Qc7±]

11.0-0± a6?!

[11...h6]



12.Ba4

[12.Bxc6+! Rxc6 (12...bxc6

13.h3!?)+-] 13.Rad1+-]

12...h6 13.Bf4

[13.Bxf6±]

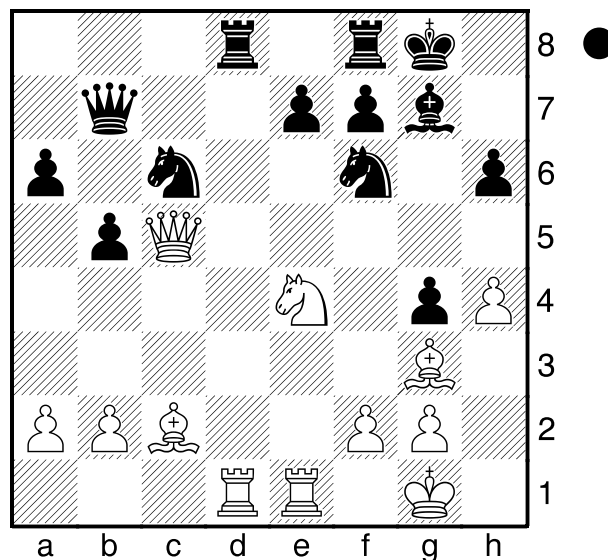
13...g5! 14.Bg3 Bg7 15.Rfe1 Qg4?!

[15...g4 16.Qe2 0-0! 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Qxe7 Qb6?]

16.Qd3?! b5 17.Bc2 Rd8 18.Qe3 0-0

19.Qc5 Qd7 20.Rad1 Qb7 21.h4 g4

22.Ne4



Nd7??

[22...Rxd1 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6 24.Bxd1 Qd7=]

23.Qh5?

[23.Qf5+- e6 24.Nd6! Nf6 25.Rxe6! Ne7 26.Qe5! Rxd6 27.Rexd6 Ne8 28.Rd7]

23...Nd4

[23...Qb6!]

24.Bb1

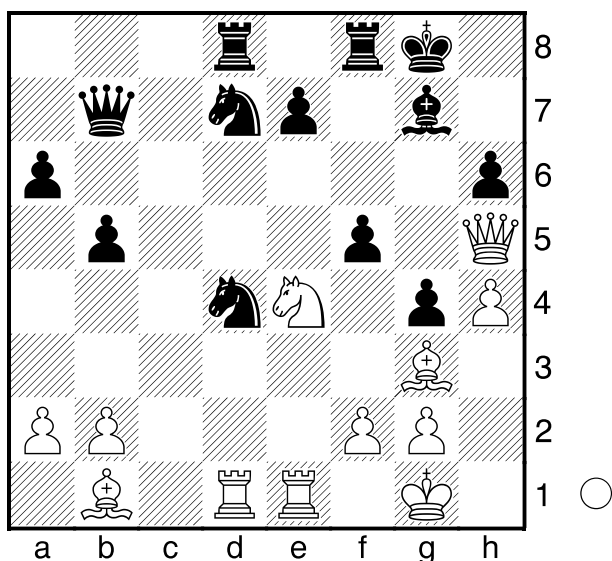
[24.Rxd4! Bxd4 25.Nc5! Qc6! 26.Re4!±]

24...f5?

[24...Qc6]

[24...Qb6]

(Diagram)



**25.Rxd4! Bxd4?! 26.Nd6!!+- Qd5
27.Qg6+ Bg7 28.Rxe7 Qd4 29.Bxf5!
Rxf5 30.Nxf5 Qf6 31.Rxg7+ Kf8
32.Rg8#
1-0**

E01
 ◻ **Lewis,Edward** **2032**
 ◼ **Parsons,Stephen** **1719**
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.8)

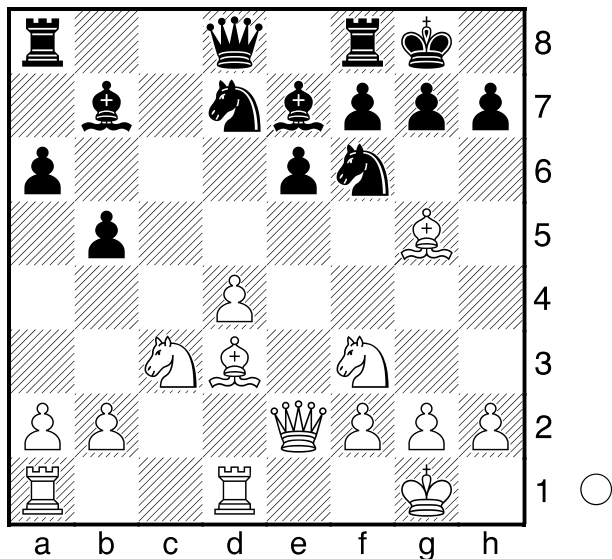
1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nf3
Nbd7 5.Qc2 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 c6
8.Nbd2 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5
11.Nf3 Bc7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6
14.cxd5 Bf5 15.e4 Bh7 16.Rfe1 Rfe8
17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Qa4 Bb8 19.dxc6
bxc6 20.b3 c5 21.Rxc5 Rcd8 22.e5
Qe7 23.Rc3 Bf5 24.Rce3 Qc5 25.b4
Qc4 26.Bf1 Qd5 27.b5 Be6 28.a3
Qc5 29.Qa5 Bc7 30.Qa4 Bb6 31.R3e2
Rd3 32.Re3 Rxe3 33.Rxe3 Rd8
34.Qe4 Qc1 35.Rd3 Rc8 36.Rd6 Rc2
37.Rxb6 axb6 38.Nd4 Bh3 39.Qd3
Rd2
0-1

B50
 ◻ **Sanguinetti,George A** **1930**
 ◼ **Stevens,Adam Benjamin** **1653**
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.9)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 g6
5.d4 Nxe4 6.dxc5 Nxc5 7.Qd4 f6 8.b4
Ne6 9.Qh4 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1
Kh8 12.Bd3 f5 13.g4 Bf6 14.Bg5
Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Nxg5 16.Qxg5 Nc6
17.Nd2 Ne5 18.Bc2 e6 19.Qxd8 Rxd8
20.gxf5 gxf5 21.f4 Rg8+ 22.Kf2 Ng4+
23.Ke2 Nxh2 24.Kd3 Rg3+ 25.Kc4
Bd7 26.Kd4 Rc8 27.c4 Ng4 28.Rad1
b5 29.c5 dxc5+ 30.bxc5 Rd8 31.Nc4
bxc4 32.Kxc4 Ne3+ 33.Rxe3 Rxe3
34.c6 Rc8 35.Kd4 Rxc6 36.Kxe3 Rxc2
37.Rxd7 Rxa2 38.Rb7 Ra4 39.Re7
Re4+ 40.Kf3 a5 41.Ra7 a4 42.Re7 h5
43.Kg3 h4+ 44.Kxh4 Rxf4+ 45.Kg5
Rg4+ 46.Kf6 f4 47.Re8+ Rg8 48.Rxe6
f3 49.Kf7 Rg7+ 50.Kf8 Kh7 51.Re4
Ra7 52.Rf4 a3 53.Rxf3 a2
0-1

D48
 ◻ **Clemens,Kristian** **1941**
 ◼ **Li,David Z** **1716**
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.10)
[Winslow,Elliott]

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c6
5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5
8.Bd3 Bb7**
 [8...Bd6 , the current line of attention,
happened on Board 1 this round,
successfully for Black!]
9.0-0
 [9.e4]
9...a6 10.Qe2 c5 11.Rd1 This looks
more like a Queen's Gambit Accepted
position than a Meran. Although, White's
bishop ight more belong on b3 (thinking
about d4-d5 bust-ups!). **11...cxd4
12.exd4 Be7 13.Bg5 0-0**



14.Rd2!? Rook lifts happen for White a lot in the IQP positions -- one of the advantages of the pawn being on the 4th. But this "half a lift" isn't really any at all -- it doesn't get above the pawns!

14...Nb6 15.Re1 Still, White is getting everybody into the fight. **15...Nbd5**

16.Bc2 Rc8 17.Ne4 Bb4 Woops?

18.Qd3 Rxc2 Not bad, but look at this:

[18...Nxe4!! 19.Bxd8 Nf4! 20.Qb3 Nxd2! 21.Bxh7+! (The only way to stay in the game!) Kxh7 22.Ng5+ Kg8 23.Qxb4 Nxg2 ♣ it's still complicated, but Black is coming out on top.]

19.Qxc2 Bxd2 20.Nfxd2 Qb6

[20...h6]

21.Nc5?!

[21.Nxf6+=]

21...Rc8

[21...Ba8! ♣]

22.Qb3 h6 23.Bh4 Rc7 24.Bg3 Rc8

25.a4 Bc6 26.axb5 Bxb5 27.Ra1 Qc6

28.Nf3 Nd7 29.Rc1 Qb6 30.Qa3 Nb8

31.Ne5 f6 32.Nf3 a5 33.Ra1 Nc6

34.Nd7 Qd8 35.Qd6?!

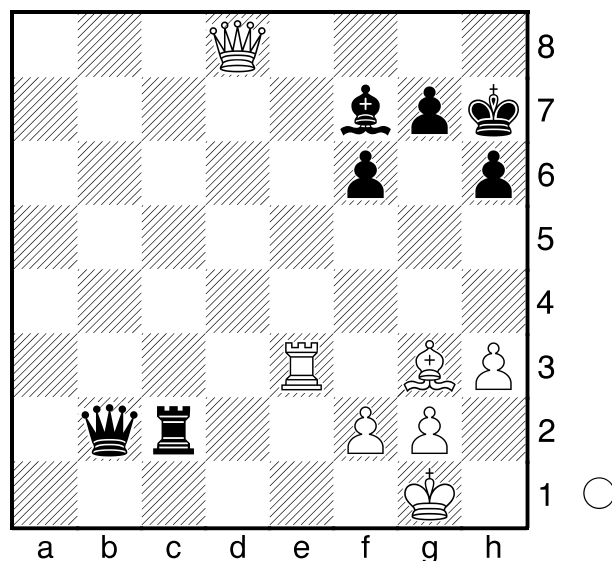
[35.Nc5=]

35...Nxd4?!

[35...Kf7 ♣]

36.Nxd4 Bxd7 37.Nxe6 Qe7 38.Qxd5

Qxe6 39.Qxa5 Qb3 40.Re1 Be6 41.h3 Rc2 42.Qa8+ Kf7 43.Qa7+ Kg8 44.Qe7± Bf7 45.Qd8+ Kh7 46.Re3 Qxb2



47.Qf8?? Rc1+ 48.Kh2 Qa2?

[48...Qb1 49.Bd6 Rh1+ 50.Kg3 Qg6+-+]

49.Re7? Kg6?!

[49...Qb1 ♣]

50.h4 Qd5?? 51.Rxf7

1-0

B04

□ **Molodyk, Mikhail Alexandrovi 1880**

■ **Dutter, Frederic 1900**

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.11)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6

5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7

8.Be2 Bg4 9.b3 Nc6 10.Be3 0-0

11.0-0 e6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 d5

14.c5 Nd7 15.Rc1 b6 16.cxb6 Nxb6

17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Rxc6 Nxe3 19.fxe3

Qg5 20.Qd3 Rad8 21.Qe4 e5 22.h4

Qg3 23.Qg4 Qxg4 24.Bxg4 exd4

25.exd4 Bxd4+ 26.Kh2 f5 27.Be2 Bb6

28.Bc4+ Kg7 29.Re1 Rfe8 30.Rxe8

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☐ Crofts, Jacob Thomas

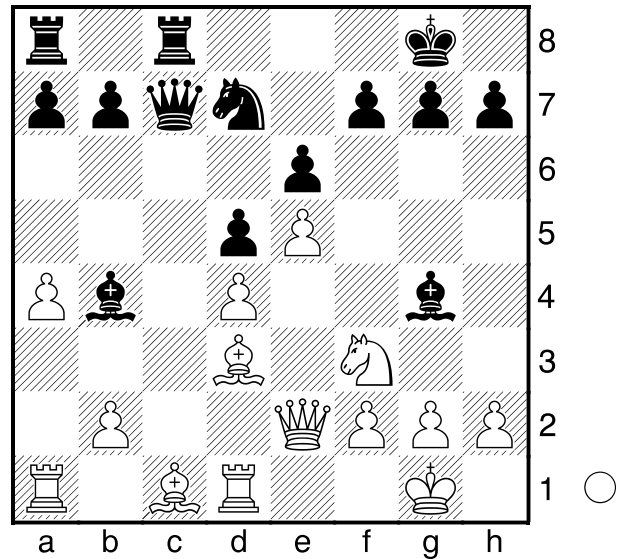
1731

■ Powers, Christopher

1758

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: 1800+ (5.12)

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.e3
 0-0 5.Nf3 Re8 6.c4 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5
 8.Be2 Rxe5 9.Nxe5 Qf6 10.f4 Nxe3
 11.Qb3 Qxf4 12.Nd3 Nxc2+ 13.Kd1
 Qd4 14.Nxb4 Qxa1 15.Bc4 Bf5
 16.Nc2 Qe5 17.Qxb7 Qe4 18.Qxe4
 Bxe4 19.Rf1 Nd7 20.Rxf7 Ne5
 21.Rf4+ Nxc4 22.Rxe4 Nb2+ 23.Ke2
 Rf8 24.Ne1 Nxe1 25.Kxe1 Nd3+
 26.Ke2 Nc5 27.Re5 Nd7 28.Ra5 Ra8
 29.Nc3 c6 30.d4 Kf7 31.Kd3 h6
 32.Kc4 a6 33.a4 Ke6 34.Ne4 g5
 35.Nc5+ Nxc5 36.Kxc5 Kd7 37.Kb6
 Kd6 38.Kb7 Rf8 39.Kxa6 Rf2 40.h4
 g4 41.Kb7 g3 42.Ra8 Rf7+ 43.Kb6
 Rg7 44.Rd8+ Ke7 45.Rc8 g2
 0-1



15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Qxg4
 Nf8 18.h4 Qc2 19.h5 Rc7 20.Be3
 Rac8 21.Rac1 Qxb2 22.Rxc7 Rxc7
 23.h6 g6 24.Qf4 Nh7 25.Nxh7 Kxh7
 26.Qf6 Bf8 27.Qd8

D19

☐ Admassu, Yonathan

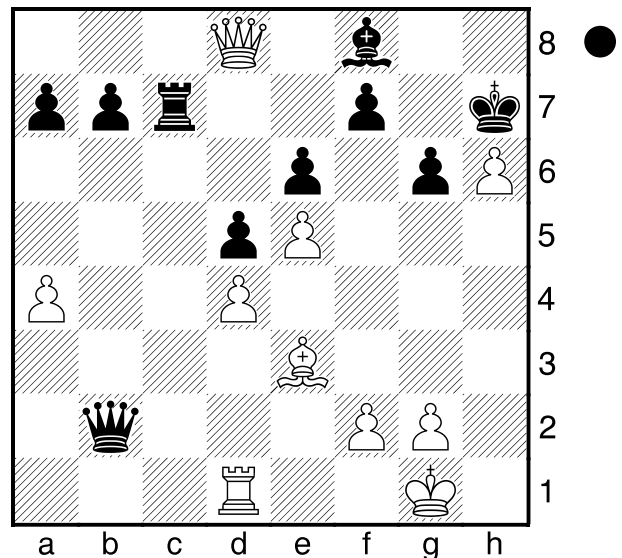
1598

■ Croce, Dominic James

1582

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.13)
 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4
 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qc7
 11.e4 Bg4 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5
 14.Bd3 Rfc8



(Diagram)

Qc2 28.Rc1 Qxc1+ 29.Bxc1 Rxc1+
 30.Kh2 Bxh6 31.Qe7 Kg7 32.Qxb7 a5
 33.Qb6 Rc4 34.Qxa5 Rxd4 35.Qb5
 Bf4+ 36.g3 Bxe5 37.a5 Rd2 38.a6
 Bd4 39.Qb4 Rxf2+ 40.Kh3 e5 41.Qa5
 Re2 42.a7 Bxa7 43.Qxa7 d4 44.Qd7
 Re3 45.Kg2 Rc3 46.Qe7 Re3 47.Kf2
 Kg8 48.g4 Kg7 49.g5 Kg8 50.Qe8+

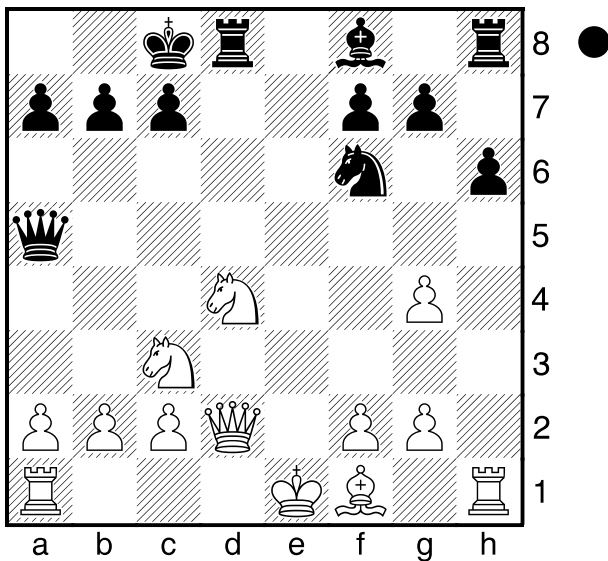
Kg7
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□ Ginzberg,Adam
■ Goc,Konrad

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1547
1356

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.14)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Ne2
Qxd5 5.Nbc3 Qh5 6.h3 Nc6 7.Be3
0-0-0 8.Qd2 h6 9.Nf4 Qa5 10.hxg4
e5 11.Nfe2 exd4 12.Bxd4 Nxd4
13.Nxd4

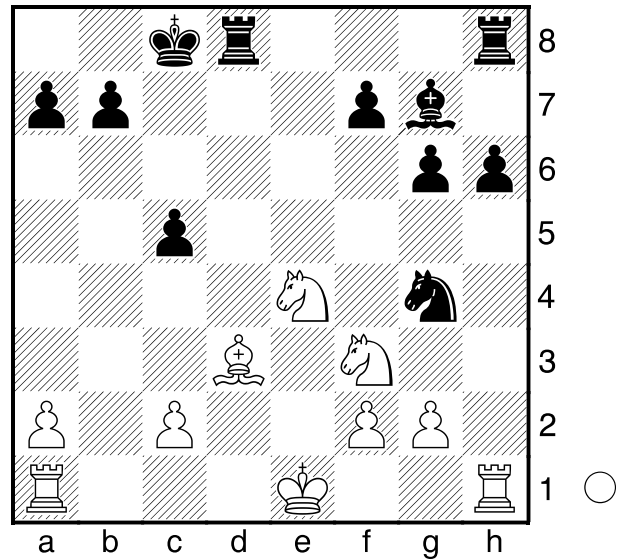


Qe5+?

[13...Bc5 14.Nb3 Rhe8+ 15.Be2
Rxd2 16.Nxa5 Rxc2=]

14.Nce2+- c5 15.Nf3 Qxb2 16.Qc3
Qxc3+ 17.Nxc3 Nxc4 18.Bd3 g6
19.Ne4?! Bg7

(Diagram)



20.Rb1?

[20.0-0-0+- Gets off the long diagonal
and the e-file -- but it requires some
tactics to get away with it all: f5
(20...Rhe8 21.Rhe1 Bf8 22.Nfd2 f5
23.Be2!) 21.Nd6+ Kc7 (21...Rxd6
22.Bxf5+ gxf5 23.Rxd6 Nxf2
24.Rh5)]

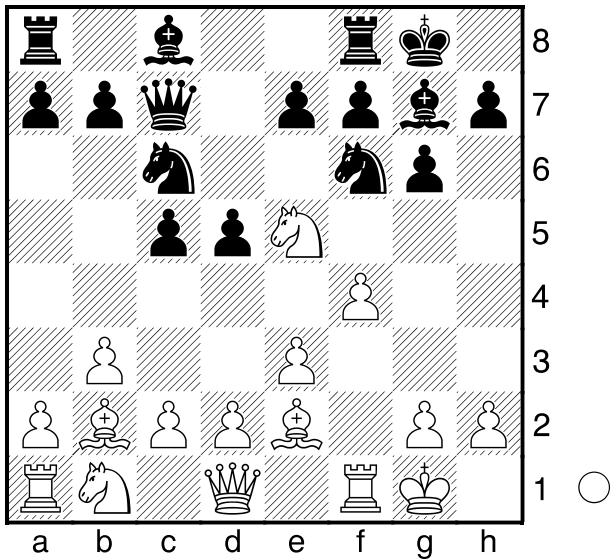
20...Rhe8 21.0-0 c4 22.Bxc4 Rxe4
23.Bxf7 g5 24.Rb3 Ne5 25.Nxe5
Bxe5 26.Bg6 Rf4 27.g3 Rf6 28.Be4
Rd7 29.Kg2 Rdf7 30.f3 Rd6 31.Rfb1
b6 32.Rb5 Bd4 33.Rd1 Rff6 34.Rf5
Rxf5 35.Bxf5+ Kd8 36.c3 Bc5
37.Rxd6+ Bxd6 38.Kh3 Bc5 39.c4
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□ Barreyro,Romeo Belmes 1522
■ Aldenderfer,Kris K 1024

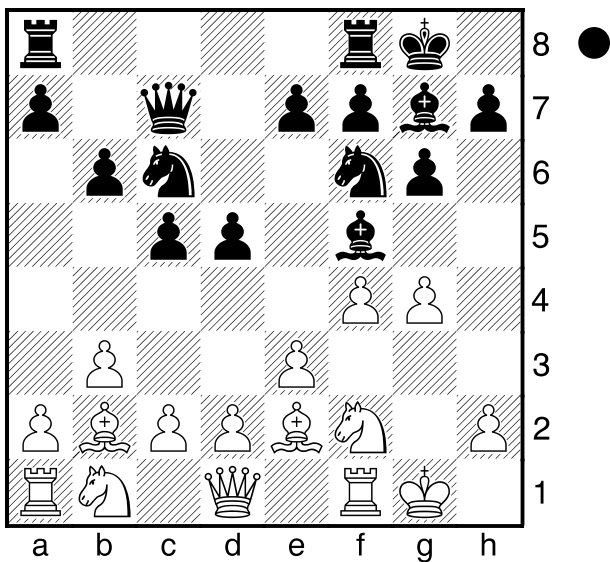
MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.15)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.f4 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0
5.e3 d5 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne5
Qc7

(Diagram)



9.Nd3 b6 10.Nf2 Bf5 11.g4



Nxg4 12.Bxg7 Nxf2 13.Rxf2 Kxg7
 14.d3 e5 15.Nc3 Rad8 16.Qf1 Rfe8
 17.e4 dxe4 18.dxe4 Bc8 19.Nd5 Qd7
 20.Bb5 a6 21.Bxc6 Qxc6 22.fxe5 Be6
 23.c4 b5 24.Rd2 Bc8 25.Qf6+ Qxf6
 26.exf6+ Kf8 27.Re2 Bb7 28.Kf2 Re5
 29.Rc1 bxc4 30.bxc4 Rd6 31.Rb1
 Bxd5 32.exd5 Rxf6+ 33.Ke1 Rxe2+
 34.Kxe2 Ke7 35.Rb7+ Kd6 36.Ke3
 Ke5 37.Rc7 Kd6 38.Rc6+ Ke5
 39.Rxc5 Rf1 40.Ra5 f5 41.Rxa6 f4+
 42.Ke2 Rc1 43.Kd3 f3 44.Ke3 Rxc4
 45.Kxf3 Kxd5 46.Ra7 Rc2 47.Rxh7

Rxa2 48.Kf4 Ke6 49.Rh6 Kf6
 1/2-1/2

C02

□ Tam, Hoa Long

1365

■ Kingma, Karl Stuart

1562

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.16)

[Tam, Hoa-Long]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5
 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.b4 Be7 10.a4

[10.b5 Na5 11.Be3 this might have
 been more practical to kick away the
 knight before Black can build pressure
 on my e5 pawn]

10...f6 11.Bf4 g5 12.Bg3 Rf8 13.b5
 Na5 14.Nbd2 f5 15.h3 h5 16.Nd4 h4
 17.Bf4??

[17.Bh2 SF says Bh2 is great for
 White, but I felt unsafe and decided I
 needed to shut down Black's attack]

17...gxf4 18.N4f3 Nh6 19.c4 d4 20.c5
 Bxc5 21.Rc1 Kb8 22.Nc4 Nxc4

23.Bxc4 Rc8 24.Nxh4 Nf7 I played
 Nxh4 planning on Ng6-f4 with pressure
 on e6, but ...Nxe5 I don't think I can hold
 back Black's pawns anymore 25.Nf3

Rcg8 26.Kh1 Ng5 27.Nxg5 Rxg5

28.Qf3 Rh4 29.Rc2 Bb4 30.Qd3 Rg7

31.Qb3 Bc3 32.f3 Rh6 33.Ra2 Qd8

34.Rd1 Qg5 35.a5 Qg3 36.Rf1 Rgh7

37.Rff2 Be1

[37...Rhx3+ 38.gxh3 Rxh3+ 39.Rh2
 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Rg3#]

38.Rfe2

[38.Qa3 Bxf2??

A) 39.Qd6+ Kc8 40.Qf8+ Kc7
 41.b6+ Kc6 (41...axb6 leads to a
 much longer mate) 42.Qd6#;

B) 39.Qf8+ Bc8 I knew Qa4 was
 my only chance, but I saw this line
 and missed Qd6+ to deflect the king
 away from c8]

38...Rg6 39.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 40.Kh2

Rxh3+ 41.gxh3 Qg3+

[41...Qg1#]

42.Kh1 Qg1#

0-1

□ Barrack,Jahsun

■ Chan,John

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.17)

1.c4 c6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 Be7
5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Be6 7.b3 Na6 8.0-0
0-0 9.Bb2 Qc7 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4
Bd7 12.a3 Qc8 13.Re1 Re8 14.Qc2
Rb8 15.Rad1 Nc7 16.Rd2 Bh3 17.Bh1
Ng4 18.Nf5 Nf6 19.Nxe7+ Rxe7
20.Rxd6 Nce8 21.Rd4 Bf5 22.Qd2 c5
23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.Rxd5 Be6 25.Rg5 f6
26.Rh5 Bf7 27.Bd5 Rd7 28.Bxf7+ Kxf7
29.Rd5 Rxd5 30.cxd5 Nd6 31.e4 Qg4
32.Qf4 Qxf4 33.gxf4 Rd8 34.e5 fxe5
35.fxe5 Nf5 36.e6+ Ke7 37.Rd1 g5
38.Be5 Nd6 39.Rd3 h5 40.Rf3 a5
41.Bf6+ Ke8 42.Bxd8 Kxd8 43.Rf8+
Ke7 44.Ra8 Nf5 45.Rb8 Nd6 46.Kf1
h4 47.Rg8 Kf6 48.Rd8 Nf5 49.Rf8+
1-0

□ Ayala,Nicholas

■ Calvert,Sam

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.18)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4
5.cxd4 Nf6 6.Be2 Nxe4 7.0-0 d5
8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Bf4 Qb6 10.Nb5 Kd7
11.Bc7 Qa6 12.Nd6 b5 13.Bxb5 Kxc7
14.Bxa6 Bxa6 15.Nxf7 Rg8 16.Re1 h6
17.Rc1 Rc8 18.N7e5 Bb7 19.Nxc6
Bxc6 20.Ne5 Kd6 21.Nxc6 Rxc6
22.Rxc6+ Kxc6 23.Qa4+ Kb6 24.Rc1
1-0

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1481

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C02

□ Toledo Guerrero,Fernando

■ Zirbel,Dominic

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.19)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5
8.0-0 Nge7 9.b4 Nxb4 10.cxb4 Bd4
11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.Bb2
Qxb4 14.Bc3 Qxb3 15.axb3 d4 16.Bb2
Nxe5 17.Be4 Bc6 18.Bxd4 Bxe4
19.Bxe5 Bd5 20.Nc3 Bc6 21.b4 f6
22.b5 Bd7 23.Bd6 Kf7 24.Rfd1 Rhc8
25.Bb4 Be8 26.Ne4 Kg6 27.Nd6 Rcb8
28.Nxe8 Rxe8 29.Rd7 Red8 30.Rxb7
Rab8 31.Rxb8 Rxb8 32.Bc5 Rxb5
33.Bxa7 e5 34.g3 h6 35.Be3 Rb7
36.Kg2 Rd7 37.h4 h5 38.Kh3 f5
39.Ra6+ Kf7 40.Ra7 Rxa7 41.Bxa7 g6
42.Kg2 Ke6 43.Kf3 Kd5 44.Ke3 Ke6
45.f4 e4 46.Kd4 Kd6 47.Bb8+ Ke6
48.Be5 Kf7 49.Kd5 Kg8 50.Ke6 Kh7
51.Kf7 Kh6 52.Bg7+ Kh7 53.Bf8 e3
54.Bc5 e2 55.Bb4 e1N 56.Bxe1 Kh6
57.Bb4 Kh7 58.Bf8 g5 59.hxg5
1-0

D43

1587

□ Cooper,Lee

■ Casares,Nick

1600

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.20)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6
5.Qc2 h6 6.e3 Be7 7.Be2 dxc4 8.a4
a6 9.Bxc4 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.e4 Kh8
12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bf4 Nb6 14.Ba2 Nf6
15.Rad1 Nh5 16.Be3 Bg5 17.Nxg5
hxg5 18.Qd2 f6 19.g4 Qe8 20.gxh5
Qxh5 21.Qe2 g4 22.f4 f5 23.Rf2 Rf6
24.d5 Nxd5 25.exd5 exd5 26.Bd4 Rh6
27.Qe7 Rg6 28.Qe2 Bd7 29.Rd3 Re8
30.Re3 Re4 31.Nxe4 fxe4 32.Rg3 Bf5
33.b4 Qh4 34.b5 e3 35.Bxe3 Be4
36.f5 Qf6 37.fxg6 Qa1+ 38.Qf1
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□ Reed,Paul Henry

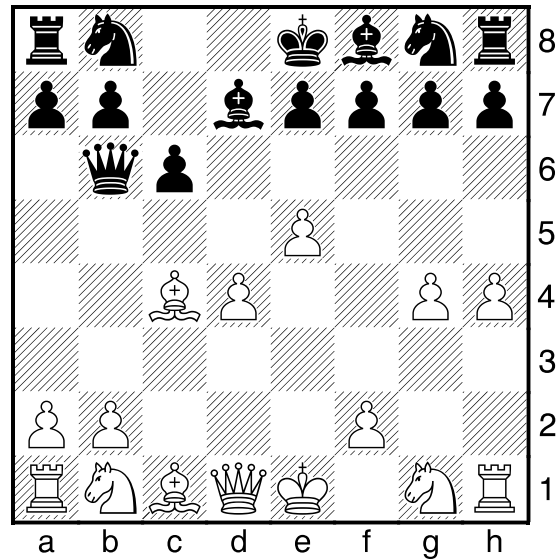
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■ Thibault,William C

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MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.21)

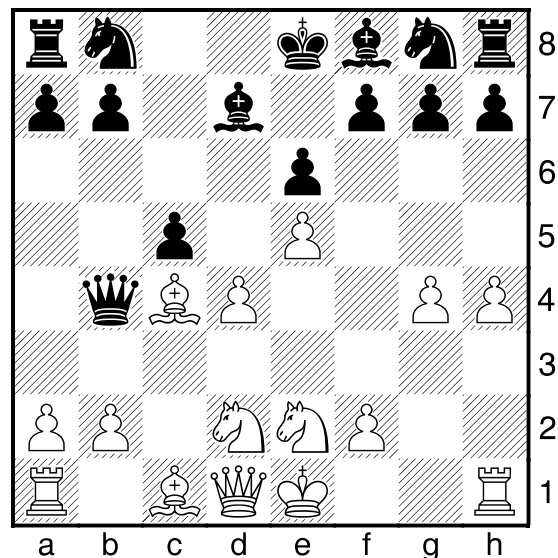
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 5.O-O Nf6 6.Nc3 O-O 7.h3 e6 8.Be3
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 dxe5 12.Bh6 Rd8 13.Bxg7 Kxg7
 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Nb5 Qb6 16.Nd6 Nf8
 17.Nf5+ Bxf5 18.Qe2 Bxe4 19.Nxe5
 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.Qc4 f6 22.Rxd5
 Rxd5 23.Qxd5 fxe5 24.Qxe5+ Qf6
 25.Qc7+ Qf7 26.Qxc5 Ne6 27.Qb4 b6
 28.Re1 Re8 29.Re3 Qc7 30.Qg4 Qc6
 31.f4 Nc5 32.Rf3 Qe4 33.Qg3 Qe1+
 34.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 35.Kf2 Re6 36.g4 Kf6
 37.Ra3 a5 38.Kf3 Re4 39.Rc3 g5
 40.fxg5+ Kxg5 41.Rxc5+ bxc5 42.Kxe4
 Kh4 43.c3 Kxh3 44.Kf3
1-0



Qb4+? This helps White developing
8.Nd2 e6 9.Ne2?!

[9.Ngf3 I was not a big fan of Nf3 because it prevents f4 but Stockfish does not agree with me Ne7 10.O-O Qb6 11.Ne4 SF gives +2.5 (!), my pieces are very active and I have all space]

9...c5!



A very good move to immediately challenge White's center and develop Black's pieces **10.d5?!** White is still better but Stockfish thinks it's too early and O-O or a3 would had been stronger

B12

□ Horde,Nicolas T

1451

■ Cao,Danny Du Uy

1048

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.22)

[Horde,Nicolas]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4
 Going for a tactical game **4...Qb6?! 5.g4**
Bd7 6.c4 dxc4 7.Bxc4

(Diagram)

[10.0-0 Nc6 11.a3 Qb6 12.Re1]
 [10.a3 Qa5 11.b4 cxb4 12.0-0 Bc6]
 This is the first SF line, I am still
 struggling to understand how this
 position is better than what I played]

10...exd5 11.Bxd5 Bc6?

[11...Ba4

A) 12.a3 Qxg4 13.Bb3 (13.b3 Bc6) 13...Bxb3 14.Qxb3

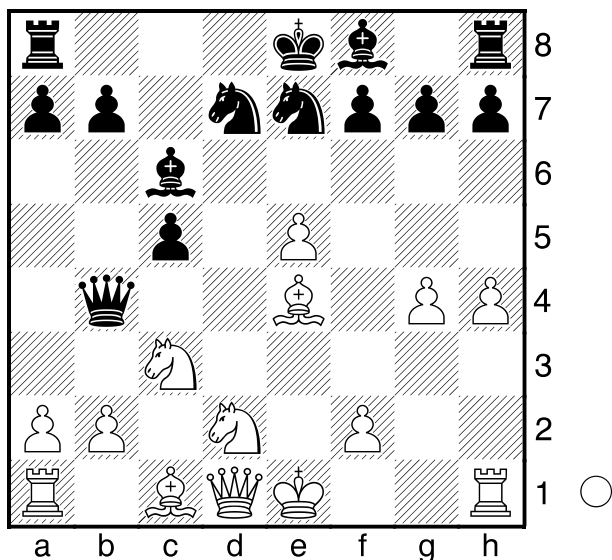
White's pawn structure is not the
 greatest but the activity
 compensates for the lost pawn;

B) 12.b3 Bc6 13.a3 Qxg4 14.Nc4
 This is Black's best line but who
 plays like that]

12.Nc3! Very important move that keeps
 the advantage **12...Ne7**

[12...Bxd5?? 13.Nxd5 Qa5 14.0-0
 Nc6 15.Nc4 Qd8 16.Bg5 Qc8
 17.Re1 Material is equal but this is
 obviously completely lost for Black]

13.Be4! Not allowing Black to develop
 with tempo **13...Nd7**



14.a3! I spent 15-20 minutes with this
 move. Black has only 3 retreats for the
 Queen: a5, b6 or d4. The first two moves
 are to leading the loss of the h8 rook (!)
 and the only way to limit the damage is
 Qd4. I think this is the critical move of
 the game. **14...Qb6**

[14...Qd4! 15.Ne2! Qxe5 (15...Qa4!
 16.Qxa4 Bxa4 17.f4 The most
 resilient move for Black. It's still
 pretty bad (+1.5) but at least the game
 still goes on. I missed Qa4 as the
 remaining defensive move when I
 played a3) 16.Nc4 Qf6 (16...Qe6
 17.Nd6+ Kd8 18.Nf4; 16...Bxe4
 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 SF sacrifices 2 pieces
 for a queen which means Black is in
 massive trouble) 17.Nd6+ (Actually
 17.Bg5 right away is too easy -- EW)
 17...Kd8 I calculated this line and
 thought that was Black's best try. It's
 +7 (!!) for White]

**15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Nd6+ Kd8 17.Nxf7+
 Ke8 18.Nxh8** Tactic in 4 that wins the
 Rook, the game is over. I am still
 traumatised by my blunder of mate in 1
 in round 3 so I took my time to make
 sure Black has 0 counterplay.

18...Bxe4?? Giving away Black's best
 defensive piece and helping me
 developing another piece into the attack
**19.Nxe4 Qxe5 20.Qe2 g6 21.Bg5
 Bg7**

[21...Qxh8?? I set up another trap
 with the same f7 weakness but my
 opponent did not fall for it twice :)
 22.Nd6+ Kd8 23.Nf7+]

**22.Bxe7 Kxe7 23.Nxg6+ hxg6 24.Nc3
 Re8 25.0-0 Kd8 26.Qxe5 Nxe5
 27.Rad1+ Kc7 28.f3 a6 29.Kg2 Kc6
 30.Rfe1 Rf8 31.Rd5** I spent another 20
 minutes on that move, this kills the game
 on the spot **31...Nxf3**

[31...Rxf3 32.Rdxe5 Bxe5
 (32...Rxc3 33.Re6+! Kd7 34.bxc3)
 33.Kxf3]

**32.Re6+ Kc7 33.Re7+ Kc6 34.Rxg7
 Ne1+** Black does not have enough
 material to force a draw **35.Kh1 Rf1+
 36.Kh2 Rf2+ 37.Kg1 Rxb2 38.Rxg6+
 Kc7 39.Rxc5+ Kd7 40.h5 Nf3+
 41.Kf1 Nd2+ 42.Ke1 Nf3+ 43.Kd1
 Rd2+ 44.Kc1 Rd4 45.Rd5+ Rxd5**

46.Nxd5 I think this is my best game in the TNM so far, I got an early advantage in the opening by grabbing a lot of space at the cost of a weak pawn structure. Then I found a nice tactic in 4 that allowed me to win a Rook and the game was over after that.

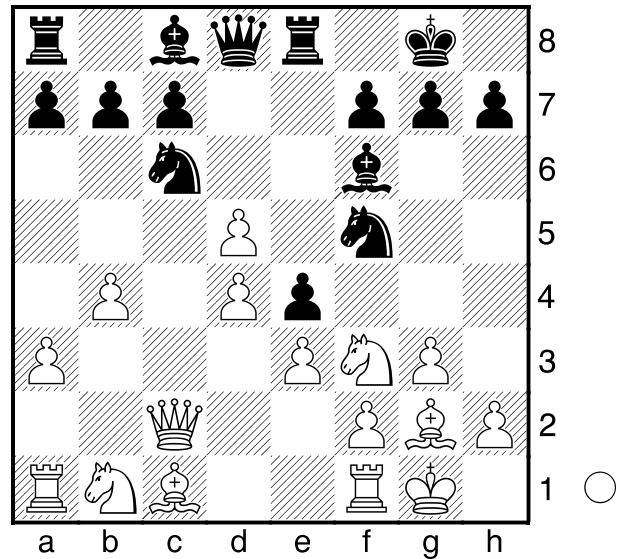
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Hilliard, Michael R
1400
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.25)
 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.h3 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.Bf4 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bd7 12.Nb3 b6 13.a4 e5 14.Bb1 e4 15.Nh2 e3 16.Qc2 Qf4 17.Ba2 Ne4 18.Rae1 exf2+ 19.Rxf2 Nxf2 20.Qxf2 Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Re8 22.Qf2 Qe3 23.Qxe3 Rxe3 24.Kf2 Re8 25.Nd2 Ne7 26.a5 bxa5 27.Nb3 a4 28.Nc5 Bc6 29.Nf3 f6 30.Nd2 Nf5 31.Nd3 h5 32.Nb4 Bb5 33.Bxd5+ Kf8 34.c4 Bd7 35.Nf3 Ne3 36.Nh4 Bf5 37.Bc6 Nd1+ 38.Kg3 Re3+ 39.Kf4 Bb1 40.Nf3 g5+ 41.Kg3 Nxb2 42.Bxa4 (??) 42...Nxc4 (?? -- I suspect the (only) scoresheet) 43.Nd5 Re6 44.Bb3 Bd3 45.Ne3 Rc6 46.Nd2 Anyway: 0-178.
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D07
1188
Sharan, Shubhankar
Booth, Kyle Ewart Coventry
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 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.26)
 [Winslow, Elliott]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Nge7 5.Bg2 Nf5 6.e3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Bf6 9.a3 Re8 10.b4 e5 11.cxd5 e4
 (Diagram)



12.dxc6 exf3 13.Bxf3 b6 14.Bb2 Be6 15.Rd1 Ne7 16.e4 Nc8 17.d5 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Bh3 19.Nd2 f6 20.Nc4 Nd6 21.Ne3 Nxe4 22.Rd4 f5 23.Qc2 Ng5 24.Bh1 Qf6 25.Rad1 Rad8 26.f4 Nf3+ 27.Bxf3 Rxe3 28.Kf2 Rde8 29.d6 Rxf3+ 30.Kxf3 Bg4+ 31.Kf2 Bxd1 32.Qxd1 cxd6 33.Rxd6 Qe7 34.Qd5+ Kh8 35.Qe5 Qf7 36.c7 Rc8 37.Rd8+
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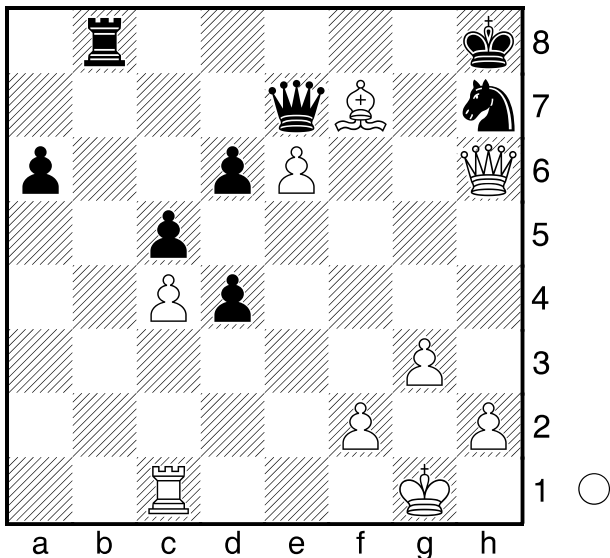
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Starr, Albert Martin
Brickhouse, Christian
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 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.27)

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.c4 0-0 5.e3 d5 6.h3 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bc3 Re8 9.Be2 d4 10.Bxb4 Nxb4 11.a3 Nc6 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.0-0 Nde5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.d3 dxe3 16.fxe3 Nc6 17.e4 Nd4 18.Qb2 Qg5 19.Qd2 Qxd2 20.Nxd2 Nxe2+ 21.Kh2 Nd4 22.Ra2 b6 23.Nb1 Bb7 24.Raf2 f6 25.Nc3 Rad8 26.Nd5 Re5 27.Ne3 Nb3 28.Ng4 Re6 29.e5 fxe5 30.Rf7 Na5 31.R7f5 e4 32.Ne5 exd3 33.Nxd3 Be4 34.Rf7 Bxd3 35.R1f2 Rf6 36.R2xf6 gxf6 37.Rxf6 Bxc4 38.h4 Kg7 39.Rf4

Rd4
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E63
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MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.28)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nf3
0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6
8.Rb1 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bd2
Nd7 12.Qc1 Kh7 13.e4 f5 14.exf5
Nxf5 15.Ne4 Nf6 16.Nc3 c5 17.Ne2
Ne4 18.Be1 Nf6 19.b4 Nd4 20.Nexd4
exd4 21.b5 Bf5 22.Rb2 Bd3 23.bxa6
bxa6 24.Bd2 Bxf1 25.Bxf1 Rb8 26.Rc2
Qb6 27.Qd1 Qb1 28.Rc1 Qxa2
29.Bd3 Qb3 30.Qf1 Qb7 31.Qh3 Qd7
32.Ng5+ Kg8 33.Ne6 Rbe8 34.Bxg6
Rxe6 35.dxe6 Qe7 36.Bf7+ Kh7
37.Qf5+ Kh8 38.Qg6 Rb8 39.Bxh6
Bxh6 40.Qxh6+ Nh7



41.g4 Qg5 42.Qxg5 Nxf3 43.Ra1 Ra8
44.e7 Nxf7 45.Rxa6 Re8 46.Ra7 Kg7
47.h4 Ne5 48.g5 Nf3+ 49.Kf1 Nxf4
50.Rd7 Nf5 51.Rd8 Rxe7 52.f4 Ne3+
53.Ke2 Re6 54.Rd7+ Kg6 55.Rd8
Nxc4+ 56.Kd3 Ne3 57.Rf8 Nf5

58.Rg8+ Kh5 59.Rf8 Kg4
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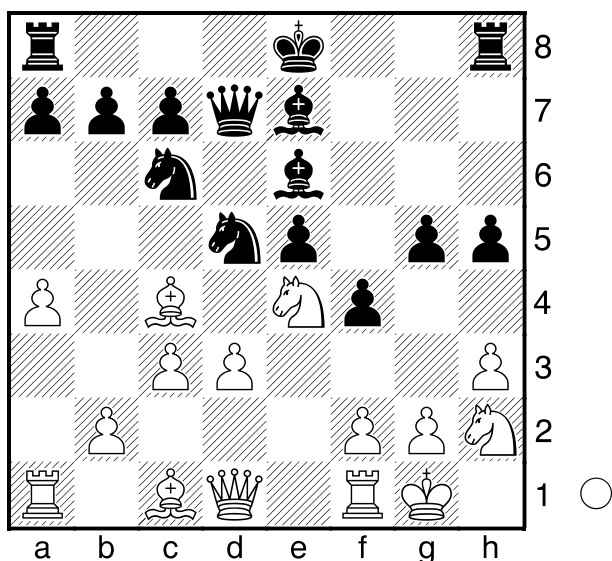
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MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.30)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3
Nf6 5.d4 d5 6.exd5 Na5 7.dxc5 Nxc4
8.Qa4+ c6 9.Qxc4 cxd5 10.Qe2 e4
11.Nd4 0-0 12.0-0 Re8 13.Bg5 Re5
14.Bh4 Qe7 15.Qe3 Rh5 16.Qf4 Rh6
17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Qh4 e3 19.f3 Bh3
20.Qxh3 e2 21.Re1 Qe3+ 22.Kh1 Qf2
23.Na3 Re8 24.Rxe2
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C55
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MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.31)
[Winslow,Elliott]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6
5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.h3 Be6
8.Nbd2 Bd6 9.Ne4 Be7 10.0-0 f5
11.Ng3 Qd7 12.a4 f4 13.Ne4 g5
14.Nh2 h5

(Diagram)



15.f3 0-0-0 16.b4 Rdg8 17.a5 g4
 18.fxg4 hxg4 19.hxg4 Bh4 20.Nc5
 Qd6 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Qb3 Bg3
 23.Nf3 Qh6
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Dunlap, Steven 932
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.32)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 a6 4.Nf3 d6
 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 e5 7.d3 Nf6 8.0-0
 Be7 9.Qe1 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nd4 11.Qd1
 Rc8 12.Bg2 Ng4 13.Qxg4 0-0 14.fxe5
 f5 15.exf5 dxe5 16.Bxb7 Rb8 17.Bxa6
 Kh8 18.Bc4 Bf6 19.Nd5 Nxc2 20.Rb1
 Nb4 21.Nxf6 Rxf6 22.Bg5 Qd4+
 23.Qxd4 cxd4 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.a3 Nc2
 26.Rfc1 Ne3 27.Be6 Kg7 28.Rc7+ Kh6
 29.Rf7 Rb3 30.Bxb3
1-0

D38

Wei, Brian 1193
Ahrens, Richard William 1036
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.33)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3
 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bf4 g5
 8.Be5 Nc6 9.e3 Bd7 10.Rb1 b6 11.h3
 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Ne4 13.Qc2 Qf6
 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Nxd7 Kxd7 16.Bd3
 Rhe8 17.Bb5+ c6 18.Bd3 Qf5 19.f3
 Qe6 20.fxe4 dxe4 21.Be2 Kc7 22.c4
 f5 23.g3 Qd6 24.Rg1 Qa3 25.Qb3
 Qxb3 26.axb3 a5 27.Bh5 Rf8 28.Kd2
 a4 29.bxa4 Rxa4 30.Rbc1 Rfa8
 31.Bd1 Ra2+ 32.Rc2 R8a3 33.Rxa2
 Rxa2+ 34.Bc2 h5 35.Rf1 Ra5 36.Bd1
 g4 37.hxg4 hxg4 38.Rh1 Ra2+ 39.Bc2
 Ra8 40.Rh5 Rf8 41.Bb3 Rf6 42.c5
 bxc5 43.dxc5 Kb7 44.Bc4 Kc7
 45.Rh7+ Kd8 46.Kc3 Rf8 47.Be6 Rf6
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 51.Rxe7 Kxe7 52.Ke5 f4 53.exf4 e3
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 57.f5 Kf7 58.f6 Kf8 59.Bc4
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Bakke, Erik
Myers, Steven Lee
 MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: u1800 (5.34)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 c6
 5.Be2 Be7 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Qd2 h6
 8.0-0-0 Nxe3 9.fxe3 Qb6 10.d4 Bg4
 11.dxe5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 dxe5 13.Rhf1
 0-0 14.g4 Na6 15.Qf2 Bg5 16.Rfe1
 Rad8 17.h3 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 Rd8
 19.h4 Be7 20.Rf1 Rf8 21.Rg1 Bc5
 22.Re1 Qa5 23.g5 hxg5 24.hxg5 Ba3
 25.Nb1 Bb4 26.Rf1 Qxa2 27.Rh1 Qe6
 28.Qh2 f6 29.g6
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B03

Morrison,David 1835
 Talamantez,Abel 1800

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: Extra G (5.38)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.f4 e6
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.c3 dxe5 7.fxe5 Be7
8.Bd3 h6 9.0-0 g5 10.Ne1 0-0 11.Qh5
Kg7 12.h4 f5 13.exf6+ Nxf6 14.Qg6+
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Marvin,Hayes Alexander 876
 Gu,Thomas 1269

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: Extra G (5.39)

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Ostolaza,Francisco
 Alter,Danny

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: Extra G (5.40)

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Wang,Frank 1046
 Albukerk,Eli 1095

MI Vladimir Naroditsky mem TNM: Extra G (5.41)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0
Nf6 5.c3 0-0 6.d4 exd4 7.e5 Nd5
8.cxd4 Bb6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.Re1 h6
11.Bh4 Ba5 12.Nbd2 a6 13.Bc4 Nf4
14.a3 b5 15.b4 bxc4 16.bxa5 Nd3
17.Re3 Nxa5 18.Qa4 Nc6 19.Qxc4
Nf4 20.d5 g5 21.dxc6 Nxc6 22.Kxc6
g5 23.cxd7 h3+ 24.Kh1 Qxd7
25.Rg1+ Kh8 26.Qh4 Qe6 27.Ne4 Bb7
28.Nf6 Bxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Qxf6 30.Qxf6+
Kh7 31.Qg7#
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