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Letters to the Editor

Ruben:

What do you think of a letters to the editor column in the CICL bulletin? It would give new members and teams a place to ask questions about the CICL and find out information about things like CICL history that are not available anywhere else.

Just an idea I thought might have some merit.

Whadayathink?

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Thanks for writing, Joe.

Historically, this space on page 2 of the CICL publication is allocated for letters to the editor. We haven't received any letter from our readers for over a year now. The last time we got any mail published on this space from our readers was in the February 1997 (Steve Decman and Chuck Dorovolny) and May 1997 (Tony Jasaitis) issues.

In the absence of any mail, our President's letter - A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT - is printed on this space.

By the way, Joe, I have changed the title of this column from READER'S FORUM to LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Readers who have any information, stories, experiences or opinions to relate about Life or Chess in the CICL, are welcome to share them with us thru this space in the publication - with or without revealing the reader's identity.

A word from the President

BALANCE: A New Year's Resolution?

Our playoff tournament is the main event for the season.

While the tournament has added an open section for all, the grand prize is still the team title. Our league is based on team play. I am concerned about our playoff qualifying process because of the unequal sizes of the divisions.

Last season we had perfect balance with six teams in each of four divisions.

We now have divisions of 4, 5, 6 and 7 teams. If nothing else changes next season, except the split at Motorola, will be faced with 8 teams in the North, and could still have 4 in the Near West. Simply taking the top two teams from each division would not be equitable. I see two options to resolving this concern, and I am floating these ideas for your consideration. This is not a subject that can be handled in the upcoming spring business meeting unless the issue is well publicized with ample time for debate ahead of time.

One option is to geographically realign to form three divisions. This could involve something like a wildcard system: the division champions and the next four best winning percentages qualifying. This would also encourage interdivisional play—especially in the Far West Division which is long on talent but short on teams. For your consideration, I have included a map in this issue to show where all of our teams play.

Another possibility is modification of our qualification rules with either a "wild card" system as described above, or adding another playoff match between the third place team in the largest divisions with the second place team in the smallest. I seem to recall Charlie Ward, at a meeting about ten years ago, stating that this idea had been debated and thrown out. I believe that the time has come to review this issue again and I welcome your comments. Please feel free to send e-mail or letters to me and Ruben Reyes, but please copy both of us.

One final reminder. The Elmhurst chess club match is set for January 24, 1999. An e-mail will be issued shortly.

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Amateur-Kieseritzky: White wins with 29. Rb8 (clearance sac) Bxb8 29. g8(Q) b8(Q) 29. Qh7+ (X-ray) 29...K-any 30.Qxb8 wins.

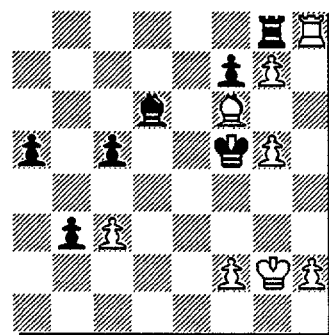
Reti-Marshall: What Alekhine missed was a mate in one with 28...Qc2#. It took a Richard Forster of Winterhult, Switzerland to correct

Alekhine's error.

Curiously, Alekhine's oversight shows up on page 33 of Tartakower's 1929 book *Schachmethodik* and on page 270 of Sottis' *Frank Marshall, United States Chess Champion*.

Chess Challenge

White to play and win

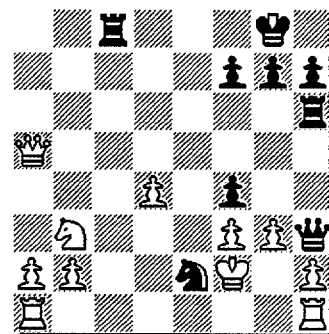


Amateur-Kieseritzky, Paris 1846

After **28.Rxg8 b2**, White resigned.

The challenge: Find a win for White. Solution's somewhere on this page.

Black to play



Reti-Marshall, New York 1924

After **25...Nxg3 26.Rhg1**, Alekhine wrote:

"Or 26.hxg3 Qxg3+ 27.Ke2 Qg2+ 28.Kd3 Rxh1 29.Rxh1 Qxf3, to be followed by 30...Qxh1 with an easy win."

The challenge: Find out what Alekhine missed. (The answer's somewhere on this page.)

NEAR WEST DIVISION 01-03-1999

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME MATCH		PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS	5	0	0	24.0	5.0	1.000
CASE	3	3	0	19.0	3.0	0.500
COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR	1	3	1	10.5	1.5	0.300
PAWNS	0	3	1	6.5	0.5	0.125

FAR WEST DIVISION 01-03-1999

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME MATCH		PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	2	0	1	10.5	2.5	0.833
FERMILAB	2	1	0	10.0	2.0	0.667
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	1	2	1	11.5	1.5	0.375
ARGONNE ROOKS	1	1	1	10.0	1.5	0.500
LUCENT TECH. ROYALS	0	2	1	6.0	0.5	0.167

NORTH DIVISION 01-03-1999

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME MATCH		PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
EXEMPLARS	3	0	0	13.5	3.0	1.000
UOP	2	1	1	15.5	2.5	0.625
MOTOROLA	2	0	1	12.5	2.5	0.833
NORTHROP	2	2	0	10.0	2.0	0.500
EXCALIBURS	1	1	1	10.0	1.5	0.500
KEMPER INSURANCE	0	2	1	5.5	0.5	0.167
SEARS	0	4	0	5.0	0.0	0.000

EAST DIVISION 01-03-1999

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME MATCH		PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
ALUMNI ACES	4	0	1	22.5	4.5	0.900
COLUMBIA COLLEGE	3	1	1	20.5	3.5	0.700
NATIONSBANK-CRT	2	1	0	10.5	2.0	0.667
LEO BURNETT	1	3	1	10.5	1.5	0.300
BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS	0	2	1	3.5	0.5	0.167
THE READER	0	3	0	4.5	0.0	0.000

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21-dec-98 LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS 5 CASE 1
 ROUND 6

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 WARREN, J	2115 7	1	ROYTBURG, E	2020-16 0
2 MARCOWKA, R	2026-23	0	KALE, S	1808 35 1
3 THOMAS, J	1534 21	1	WHITE, H	1691-32 0
4 RADAVICIUS, E	1614 14	1	KLINEFELTER, H	1585-14 0
5 STAMM, V	1594 13	1	SATTERLEE, D	1558-13 0
6 DOBR, K	1475 10	1	REID, C	1467-22 0

10-DEC-98 LUCENT TECH. ROYALS 3 LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS 3
 ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 PEHAS, A	1958 -9	0	TEGEL, F	2109 6 1
2 GUIO, J	1976 29	1	LUDWIG, T	2081-19 0
3 DOBROVOLNY, C	1757 0	1	PAREKH, C	0 0 0
4 HAHNE, D	1541 -8	0	ALTSHULLER, D	1820 8 1
5 SAXENA, D	0 0	1	ROBINSON, J	0 0 0
6 CARRANO, C	0 0	0	PIAO, T	1644 0 1
7 SAVCIC, V	0 0	1F	PHELPS, C	1240 0 0F
8 APATA, D	0 0	0	HASSO, S	0 0 1 (ROYLS)

09-DEC-98 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 3 ARGONNE ROOKS 3
 ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 STEIN, P	2221 19	1	BENEDEK, R	2164-13 0
2 TAMEZ, I	2215 11	1	KABELAC, J	2029-11 0
3 DIAZ, P	2046-31	0	HILL, R	1910 21 1
4 STOLTZ, B	1891-24	0	GREEN, D	1862 16 1
5 BROZOVICH, J	1711 16	1	SUAREZ, E	1731-24 0
6 BLAZIE, J	1737-20	0	DECMAN, S	1628 20 1
7 KARPPIERZ, J	1242 -5	.5	GARCIA, J	1177 5 .5

15-DEC-98 UOP 5.5 KEMPER INSURANCE .5
 ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 STEVANOVIC, M	2206 9	1	SIWEK, M	2048 -9 0
2 BUERGER, E	2026 4	1	WALKER, C	1718 -7 0
3 SACKS, D	1835 0	.5	EASTON, R	0 0 .5
4 BOLDINGH, E	1868 4	1	CUMMUTA, P	1481 -4 0
5 SAJBEL, P	1813 7	1	OLSEN, A	1529 -7 0
6 PLETT, M	1786 3	1	MCKINNEY, T	1310 -3 0
7 MICKLICH, F	1625 0	1	ROSZKOWSKI, D	0 0 0
8 VAN ZILE, C	1343-24	0	SCHOONOVER, M	1316 24 1 (UOP)
9 ALLEN, R	1200 0	0	SEN, S	0 0 1 (UOP)

21-DEC-98	NORTHROP	0	EXCALIBURS	6	
ROUND 4					
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1	MININ,S	2126-17	0	WONG,P	2210 11 1
2	WALKER,A	1702 -9	0	SULLIVAN,J	1939 6 1
3	VIGANTS,A	1614 -6	0	UNDERWOOD,W	1952 4 1
4	ELEK,G	1098 -2	0	WEITZ,R	1673 1 1
5	FONG,R	0 0	0	SUERTH,F	1599 0 1
6	CHOROSINSKI,L	0 0	0	BURIAN,D	1598 0 1
7	PATRICK,J	0 0	0	BROTSOS,J	1568 0 1

22-DEC-98	SEARS	1.5	EXEMPLARS	4.5	
ROUND 4					
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1	MILLER,T	1830 -4	0	BENESA,A	2241 4 1
2	SIMS,L	1821 16	.5	GAZMEN,E	2105-16 .5
3	DORFF,M	1612 -2	0	WEBER,L	2144 2 1
4	BALASE,E	1371 -1	0	FRISKE,T	1973 1 1
5	CUMBERLAND,M	0 0	0	SOLLANO,E	1919 0 1
6	HAWLEY,L	0 0	1F	0 0	0F

10-DEC-98	THE READER	1	ALUMNI ACES	5	
ROUND 4					
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1	ATKINSON,J	1896 -2	0	REYES,R	2363 2 1
2	HENDERSON,H	1789 36	1	CZERNIECKI,A	2034-24 0
3	WENTLING,C	1593 -4	0	SAGALOVSKY,L	1941 5 1
4	SULLIVAN,C	1425 -2	0	GOLLA,R	1933 2 1
5	MARQUEZ,N	1214 -2	0	FRANEK,M	1777 1 1
6	MARSH,M	0 0	0	LITVINAS,A	1695 0 1

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ABBOTT, J	MTRLA	1	0	0	0000/4	CUMBERLAND, M	SEARS	0	3	0	0000/4
ADARE, A	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/1	CUMMUTA, P	KEMPR	0	3	0	1477C
ADHIKARI, G	CASE	0	2	0	0000/3	CURTIS, M	NORTH	0	0	0	1971
ALEXANDER, W	CCDOC	0	5	0	1703*	CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN	3	2	0	2010D
ALLEN, H	ALUMN	0	0	0	1960	CZOSKE, M	ROYLS	0	1	0	1289#
ALLEN, R	UOP	0	2	0	1200#	DACANAY, D	PSIPR	0	0	0	0000/2
ALTSHULLER, D	DRGNS	3	0	1	1828*	DAVIDSON, M	ALUMN	1	0	0	1611
ANDERSON, CJ	ROYLS	0	0	0	1454	DAVIS, R	PSIPR	0	0	0	923#
ANSELL, S	ROOKS	0	0	0	1866*	DECMAN, S	ROOKS	1	0	0	1648D
APATA, D	ROYLS	0	2	0	0000/0	DELEON, J	CRT	0	0	0	1608
APPLEBERRY, T	CCDOC	3	1	0	1303	DEMICK, D	WHEAT	0	0	0	1327#
ATKINSON, J	READR	1	1	1	1894C	DEPERALTA, A	PSIPR	0	0	0	1696
AUGSBURGER, L	MTRLA	0	0	0	1751C	DESAI, N	MTRLA	1	1	0	0000/0
BALASE, E	SEARS	0	2	0	1370*	DIAZ, P	TYROS	2	1	0	2015
BALICKI, J	MTRLA	0	1	1	1595*	DOBR, K	CHRGR	4	0	0	1485T
BANKS, K	READR	0	1	0	0000/1	DOBROVOLNY, C	ROYLS	1	2	0	1757C
BANNON, B	LBURN	1	3	0	1161*	DORFF, M	SEARS	0	1	1	1610
BANOS, M	MTRLA	0	0	0	0000/0	DORIGO, T	FERMI	1	0	2	2140
BARGERSTOCK, D	CRT	1	1	0	1712	DROLEN, R	CASE	0	1	0	0000/1
BARNARD, G	CRT	1	1	0	1133*	DUFFY, J	LBURN	2	3	0	1654
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	1	1	0	1697D	EAMAN, R	LBURN	0	2	3	1650
BAYSINGAR, D	LBURN	2	2	0	1392#	EASTON, R	KEMPR	1	1	1	0000/4
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	0	1	1	2151D	EDWARDS, S	EXCLB	0	1	0	1284
BENESA, A	EXMPL	2	1	0	2245	ELEK, G	NORTH	0	2	0	1096
BERRY, G	ROOKS	0	0	0	2081T	ELLICE, W	PAWNS	2	1	1	1963
BETELU, D	MTRLA	0	0	0	1907#	ELLIOTT, M	KNGHT	0	0	0	1281
BEZZUBOV, V	FERMI	0	0	0	2344*	ENKE, E	WHEAT	0	0	0	1463*
BLAZIE, J	TYROS	1	1	0	1717C	EUSTACE, D	DRGNS	1	0	0	1654C
BLINKOFF, D	LBURN	0	0	0	0000/0	FABIJONAS, R	ALUMN	0	0	0	1741D
BOLDINGH, E	UOP	2	2	0	1872	FENILI, A	KNGHT	0	0	0	0000/0
BOSTICK, T	WHEAT	0	0	0	1424	FLORENCE, C	MTRLA	1	0	0	0000/1
BRADTKE, J	LBURN	0	1	0	0000/1	FONG, R	NORTH	1	2	1	1371#
BRADY, R	CHRGR	0	3	0	1344	FOX, P	CCDOC	1	0	0	1118#
BRANCH, Y	COLUM	0	0	0	1237*	FRAATS, D	BKAMI	1	0	0	1806
BRAUNMEIER, B	KEMPR	0	0	0	0000/3	FRANEK, M	ALUMN	2	0	1	1778C
BRIONES, G	DRGNS	0	0	0	0000/0	FRANK, M	ALUMN	0	1	0	1846
BROLLIER, B	WHEAT	0	0	0	1266*	FRIESEMA, W	CRT	0	0	1	2078
BRONFELD, A	EXMPL	0	0	0	1829	FRISKE, T	EXMPL	2	0	0	1974
BROTSOS, J	EXCLB	2	0	0	1568D	FROMM, J	FERMI	0	0	0	1540
BROZOVICH, J	TYROS	2	1	0	1727D	FULLMER, G	MTRLA	0	0	0	0000/2
BUCHNER, R	ROYLS	0	0	0	2044	GAINES, I	FERMI	0	2	1	1761D
BUERGER, E	UOP	2	0	1	2030T	GALLA, J	MTRLA	0	1	0	0000/0
BURIAN, D	EXCLB	2	0	0	1598C	GANSER, A	BKAMI	0	2	0	1197*
CARRANO, C	ROYLS	1	2	0	0000/2	GARCIA, A	KEMPR	0	0	0	1819#
CARTER, D	CASE	0	0	0	1056	GARCIA, J	ROOKS	0	1	1	1182*
CARTER, M	PAWNS	0	1	0	0000/1	GATES, E	LBURN	0	3	2	1813
CARVER, A	PSIPR	0	0	0	0000/3	GATSON, T	CCDOC	1	0	0	1100*
CHELF, B	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/2	GAZMEN, E	EXMPL	2	0	1	2089
CHOROSINSKI, L	NORTH	1	2	0	0000/2	GERONA, R	CASE	2	1	2	1406
CHRISTIAN, R	DRGNS	1	0	1	1813C	GIBBS, D	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/3

/x - UNRATED; x RATED GAMES
 # - 5 TO 9 RATED GAMES
 * - 10 TO 24 RATED GAMES

C - CENTURY CLUB MEMBER
 D - DOUBLE CENTURION
 T - TRIPLE CENTURION
 Q - QUAD CENTURION

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GOLLA, R	ALUMN	3	1	1	1935D	ROGAN, G	BKAMI	0	2	1	1854
GOMEZ, G	FERMI	2	0	1	1634	KOH, J	BKAMI	0	0	0	1992
GONCHAROFF, N	MTRLA	2	0	0	1738Q	KOSTECKA, K	COLUM	2	0	0	1565
GRANTHAM, D	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/1	KOZLOVSKY, M	FERMI	0	0	0	2085
GREEN, D	ROOKS	2	0	1	1878D	KRAS, T	CRT	2	0	1	2280
GROEGER, D	COLUM	5	0	0	1774	KREMER, T	PAWNS	0	0	0	1319*
GRYPARIS, J	MTRLA	1	2	0	1451C	LAMBIRIS, J	KEMPR	0	0	0	1437
GUIO, J	ROYLS	2	0	1	2005	LANG, P	KEMPR	0	0	0	0000/6
GUTIERREZ, R	PSIPR	0	0	0	0000/0	LANGER, D	SEARS	0	0	1	0000/1
HAHNE, D	ROYLS	0	1	0	1533	LANNOYE, D	EXMPL	0	1	0	1698*
HALL, A	CCDOC	2	1	2	1525	LASKY, N	PAWNS	1	2	1	1392C
HALL, L	SEARS	0	0	0	1566#	LATIMER, E	SEARS	0	1	0	2084D
HAMMOND, M	BKAMI	0	3	0	1416	LE, D	MTRLA	2	0	0	0000/2
HANSEN, B	PAWNS	0	0	0	1348	LECHNICK, J	UOP	0	1	2	1777*
HARD, R	PAWNS	0	0	0	1193*	LEE, G	AMCRP	0	0	0	0000/1
HARRIS, R	FERMI	0	0	0	1554	LEONG, G	KEMPR	0	0	0	2011C
HASAN, Y	MTRLA	0	1	1	2177	LICARI, T	DRGNS	0	0	0	0000/5
HASSO, S	ROYLS	2	1	0	0000/1	LITVINAS, A	ALUMN	3	0	0	1695D
HAWLEY, L	SEARS	0	1	0	0000/1	LOGAN, H	PAWNS	1	0	0	1258*
HAYES, W	COLUM	3	0	1	1932	LOPEZ, C	CCDOC	0	0	0	0000/0
HAZELWOOD, R	CCDOC	0	0	0	0000/1	LOSOFF, A	CRT	1	1	0	1818
HELLER, T	WHEAT	0	0	0	1148*	LOUGHEED, S	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/1
HENDERSON, H	READR	2	1	0	1825	LUDWIG, M	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/4
HILL, R	ROOKS	2	1	0	1931C	LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	1	3	0	2062C
HODINA, J	AMCRP	0	0	0	2111	MACKIE, A	MTRLA	0	0	0	1967
HOLMES, M	AMCRP	0	0	0	1415*	MAKAI, M	KNGHT	0	0	0	1799*
HORTON, D	MTRLA	0	0	0	1853	MARCOWKA, R	CHRGR	4	1	0	2003D
HOUPIS, G	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/1	MAREMA, D	PSIPR	0	0	0	2004
HUGHES, N	KEMPR	0	0	0	1827C	MARQUEZ, N	READR	0	3	0	1212#
INUMERABLE, F	EXMPL	1	0	0	2283C	MARSH, M	READR	0	3	0	0000/3
JACKSON, S	CCDOC	1	3	1	1367	MARVIN, C	LBURN	0	0	0	0000/2
JACOBY, W	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/1	MCALISTER, K	COLUM	2	2	1	1956
JAKSTAS, K	ALUMN	1	0	0	2189C	MCCARTHY, D	CHRGR	2	0	0	1679#
JASAITIS, A	CRT	2	1	0	2141C	MCGEE, L	CCDOC	0	2	0	0000/7
JEFFERIES, P	CCDOC	0	0	0	0000/1	MCKAY, P	PAWNS	1	0	0	1415#
JEFFRIES, P	CCDOC	0	0	0	0000/0	MCKINNEY, T	KEMPR	1	1	0	1307*
JOHNSON, W	CCDOC	0	0	0	1176*	MEDINA, L	ROYLS	0	1	0	0000/0
JONES, K	SEARS	0	1	1	1494#	MEHTA, C	TYROS	0	0	0	1481#
JOSEPHSON, D	WHEAT	0	0	0	1721*	MELNIKOV, I	MTRLA	0	1	0	2060
KABELAC, J	ROOKS	2	1	0	2018	MICKLICH, F	UOP	3	1	1	1625C
KALE, S	CASE	3	3	0	1843	MIKULECKY, B	PAWNS	0	2	0	1433C
KANAS, W	CASE	2	1	1	1273C	MILLER, T	SEARS	0	4	0	1826
KARPIERZ, J	TYROS	1	0	1	1237*	MININ, S	NORTH	3	1	0	2109
KELLOGG, K	FERMI	0	0	0	1607C	MOLINA, J	FERMI	3	0	0	0000/1
KELLY, S	DRGNS	0	0	0	1281	MONTGOMERY, J	WHEAT	0	0	0	1456
KERCSMAR, J	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/0	MORRIS, R	MTRLA	0	0	0	2144
KESTNER, M	ROYLS	0	2	0	1497	MOTYCKA, R	CASE	0	0	0	1134C
KINSELLA, G	KNGHT	0	0	0	1449C	MYART, V	CCDOC	0	0	0	0000/3
KLEBANER, A	FERMI	0	0	0	0000/1	NAIR, U	DRGNS	0	0	0	1827
KLINEFELTER, H	CASE	1	2	1	1571C	NALLATHAMBI, R	KEMPR	1	1	0	1477

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O'DELL, DW	PAWNS	0	3	0	1473C	SHAWN, L	KEMPR	0	0	0	0000/2
OELHAFEN, A	EXCLB	1	1	0	1278	SHENOUDA, RAFE	TYROS	0	0	0	1665*
OGASAWARA, L	ROYLS	0	0	0	1817C	SHENOUDA, RUSS	TYROS	0	1	0	0000/1
OLSEN, A	KEMPR	0	2	1	1522	SIEGEL, J	PAWNS	0	1	0	0000/1
PARA, A	FERMI	0	1	0	1545	SIEGEL, R	BKAMI	0	1	0	1416C
PARAOAN, E	BKAMI	0	2	1	1731C	SIMON, D	ROOKS	0	0	0	0000/1
PAREKH, C	DRGNS	0	2	1	0000/3	SIMS, B	CRT	0	0	0	1494#
PATEL, S	CASE	0	0	0	0000/1	SIMS, L	SEARS	2	0	1	1837
PATRICK, J	NORTH	0	3	0	0000/3	SIRAKOV, I	KNGHT	0	0	0	1842#
PEHAS, A	ROYLS	0	1	0	1949C	SITAR, K	CRT	1	1	1	1631
PEIJFFERS, S	ROYLS	0	0	1	2057	SIWEK, M	KEMPR	0	2	1	2039C
PETERS, E	PSIPR	0	0	0	1661	SKRZYPCZAK, T	PAWNS	0	0	0	1202*
PHELPS, C	DRGNS	0	0	0	1240*	SLOAT, D	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/1
PHELPS, D	MTRLA	0	0	0	0000/2	SMITH, BR	TYROS	0	1	0	1548
PIAO, T	DRGNS	1	2	0	1644	SMITH, J	MTRLA	1	0	2	1708#
PIPARIA, J	MTRLA	3	0	0	0000/1	SMITH, R	SEARS	0	0	0	0000/1
PLETT, M	UOP	2	0	2	1789	SOBSKI, A	NORTH	0	2	0	0000/4
POLONCSIK, D	SEARS	0	0	0	0000/3	SOLLANO, E	EXMPL	2	0	0	1919
PORTANTE, E	KNGHT	0	0	0	0000/2	SOMBONG, M	BKAMI	0	0	0	1626C
PRATTS, M	COLUM	1	2	0	1735	SORIA, D	PSIPR	0	0	0	0000/4
RADAVICIUS, E	CHRGR	1	0	0	1628D	SOSSI, M	LBURN	2	2	0	1479#
RAJA, M	ROOKS	0	0	0	1757	SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	1	2	0	2066C
REID, C	CASE	3	2	1	1445C	SPURRIER, T	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/0
REYES, R	ALUMN	3	0	1	2365D	STALKER, M	CASE	0	0	0	0000/2
RICHERT, E	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/1	STAMM, V	CHRGR	3	1	1	1607D
RICHERT, P	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/1	STANFIELD, D	CCDOC	0	0	0	0000/0
ROBERTS, N	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/1	STAPLES, C	FERMI	2	1	0	1340*
ROBINSON, J	DRGNS	1	3	0	0000/2	STEIN, P	TYROS	2	0	1	2240
ROJO, V	CCDOC	2	1	1	1388	STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	2	2	0	2215D
ROMENOWSKI, G	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/0	STEVENS, J	COLUM	1	0	1	1598
ROSLEY, D	CHRGR	1	0	1	1776	STINSON, M	ROYLS	1	0	0	1952C
ROSZKOWSKI, D	KEMPR	0	2	0	0000/2	STOCKE, M	PSIPR	0	0	0	1758
ROYTBURG, E	CASE	1	1	1	2004*	STOLTZ, B	TYROS	0	2	0	1867C
RZESZUTKO, R	ALUMN	0	1	0	1900C	SUAREZ, E	ROOKS	1	1	0	1707
SACKS, D	UOP	3	0	1	1835	SUERTH, F	EXCLB	1	1	1	1599C
SAGALOVSKY, L	ALUMN	5	0	0	1946	SULLIVAN, C	READR	1	2	0	1423
SAJBEL, P	UOP	2	1	0	1820C	SULLIVAN, J	EXCLB	2	0	1	1945D
SAMELSON, C	MTRLA	2	1	0	1930C	TAMEZ, I	TYROS	3	0	0	2226
SANDEFUR, B	CCDOC	0	2	0	1250*	TAN, M	WHEAT	0	0	0	1186
SANTIAGO, T	COLUM	2	3	0	2056	TEGEL, F	DRGNS	1	3	0	2115T
SATTERLEE, D	CASE	1	3	0	1545C	THOMAS, G	TYROS	0	0	0	1530C
SAVCIC, V	ROYLS	0	1	0	0000/0	THOMAS, J	CHRGR	3	1	0	1555C
SAWIN, B	LBURN	0	2	0	1208#	THOMSON, J	MTRLA	3	0	0	1495#
SAXENA, D	ROYLS	2	1	0	0000/2	TOELLNER, T	ROOKS	0	0	0	0000/4
SCHMUGGEROW, K	NORTH	0	0	0	2144	TORRES, V	PSIPR	0	0	0	0000/4
SCHOONOVER, M	UOP	2	2	0	1340*	TRINIDAD, P	CCDOC	0	1	0	0000/1
SEATON, E	CCDOC	1	3	1	1685	TURNER, K	PSIPR	0	0	0	1455
SEN, S	UOP	1	1	1	0000/2	UNDERWOOD, W	EXCLB	1	0	0	1956C
SHAFF, R	TYROS	0	0	0	1515C	VACCARO, M	COLUM	0	0	0	1441#
SHATSKY, V	CRT	1	1	0	1585	VALLIERE, D	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/2

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VAN ZILE,C	UOP	1	2	1	1319	WENTLING,C	READR	0	1	0	1589C
VANDECOTTE,M	UOP	0	0	0	0000/3	WHARTON,P	WHEAT	0	0	0	0000/2
VELEZ,L	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/3	WHITE,H	CASE	2	1	1	1659C
VERMA,S	PSIPR	0	0	0	0000/3	WILLIAMS,K	CCDOC	1	0	0	1928
VIGANTS,A	NORTH	2	2	0	1608	WILSON,M	SEARS	0	3	0	1215*
WALKER,A	NORTH	1	2	1	1693*	WOLF,D	MTRLA	1	0	0	2341
WALKER,C	KEMPR	1	1	0	1711	WONG,P	EXCLB	1	0	0	2221C
WALLACH,C	MTRLA	1	0	1	2055	WONG,PETER	CASE	1	1	1	0000/4
WARD,C	DRGNS	0	0	0	1636D	WOOD,L	AMCRP	0	0	0	1499*
WARREN,J	CHRGR	3	0	2	2122Q	YACOUT,A	KNGHT	0	0	0	1547*
WEBER,L	EXMPL	1	0	0	2146	YOUSSEF,S	FERMI	0	0	0	2032
WEISNER,T	PAWNS	0	1	1	1148	ZELIGMAN,E	KEMPR	0	1	0	0000/1
WEITZ,R	EXCLB	1	1	0	1674C	ZOELLNER,J	BKAMI	1	1	1	1450C

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NEAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

WARREN, J	CHRGR	2122Q
ROYTBURG, E	CASE	2004*
MARCOWKA, R	CHRGR	2003D
ELLICE, W	PAWNS	1963
WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC	1928
KALE, S	CASE	1843
ROSLEY, D	CHRGR	1776
ALEXANDER, W	CCDOC	1703*
SEATON, E	CCDOC	1685
WHITE, H	CASE	1659C

FAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

BEZZUBOV, V	FERMI	2344*
STEIN, P	TYROS	2240
TAMEZ, I	TYROS	2226
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	2151D
DORIGO, T	FERMI	2140
TEGEL, F	DRGNS	2115T
KOZLOVSKY, M	FERMI	2085
BERRY, G	ROOKS	2081T
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	2066C
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	2062C

NORTH DIVISION TOP TEN

WOLF, D	MTRLA	2341
INUMERABLE, F	EXMPL	2283C
BENESA, A	EXMPL	2245
WONG, P	EXCLB	2221C
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	2215D
HASAN, Y	MTRLA	2177
WEBER, L	EXMPL	2146
SCHMUGGEROW, K	NORTH	2144
MORRIS, R	MTRLA	2144
MININ, S	NORTH	2109

EAST DIVISION TOP TEN

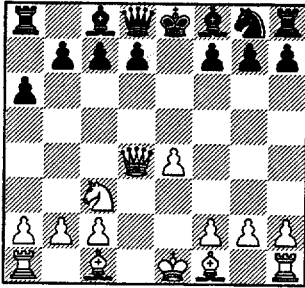
REYES, R	ALUMN	2365D
KRAS, T	CRT	2280
JAKSTAS, K	ALUMN	2189C
JASAITIS, A	CRT	2141C
FRIESEMA, W	CRT	2078
SANTIAGO, T	COLUM	2056
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN	2010D
KOH, J	BKAMI	1992
ALLEN, H	ALUMN	1960
MCALISTER, K	COLUM	1956

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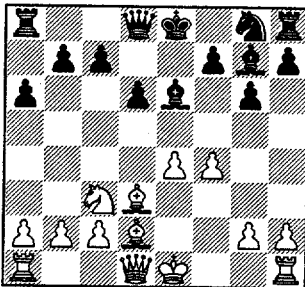
HENDERSON, H	READR	1823
GOMEZ, G	FERMI	78
GUIO, J	ROYLS	75
STAPLES, C	FERMI	73
APPLEBERRY, T	CCDOC	68
SIMS, L	SEARS	63
GROEGER, D	COLUM	63
MININ, S	NORTH	54
ALTSHULLER, D	DRGNS	43
TAMEZ, I	TYROS	42

Robinson, Jeffrey – Garcia,
Jon (1177) [C46]
Dragons-Rooks, 11.1998

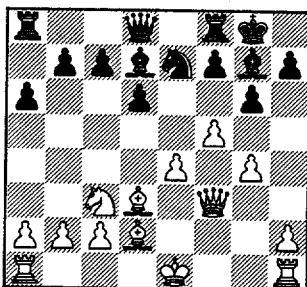
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 a6
4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Nxd4
6.Qxd4



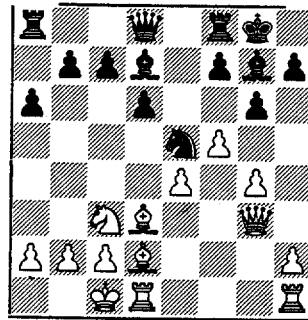
6...d6 7.Qd1 g6 8.Bd3 Bg7
9.Bd2 Be6 10.f4



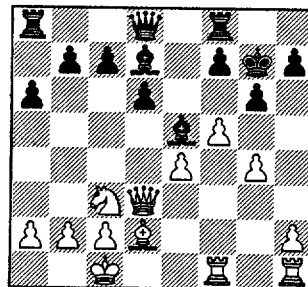
10...Ne7 11.Qf3 0-0 12.g4
Bd7 13.f5



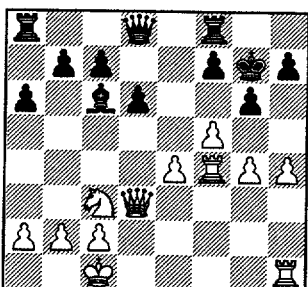
13...Nc6 14.0-0-0 Ne5
15.Qg3



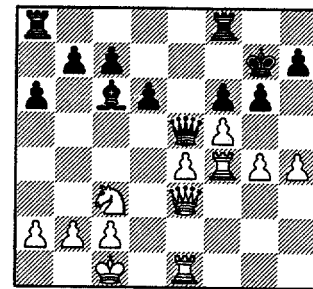
Black spends his moves
around King, trading away
attackers, but also exposing
it. With c5 and/or b5, he can
begin to counterattack.
15...Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3 Be5
17.Rdf1 Kg7



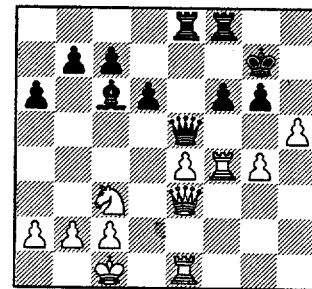
18.Bf4 Bc6 19.h4 Bxf4+
20.Rxf4



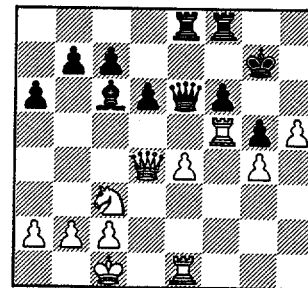
20...f6 [20...g5 21.hxg5 Qxg5
22.Qd2 Rad8] 21.Qd4 Qe7
22.Re1 Qe5 23.Qe3



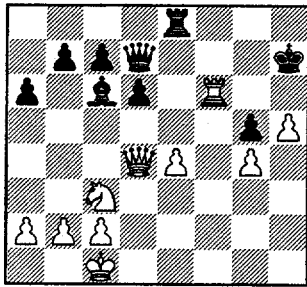
23...Rae8 24.fxg6 hxg6
25.h5



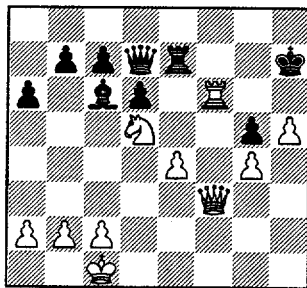
25...g5 [25...d5 with idea d4
forking while also trying to
take advantage of Queen's
need to defend Rf4 26.Rd1
(26.Nxd5? Bxd5 taking
advantage of Pe4 pin to
Queen; 26.Qf2 dxe4
27.Nxe4? g5 28.Rf5 Qe7)
26...Qg5] 26.Rf5 Qe6 27.Qd4



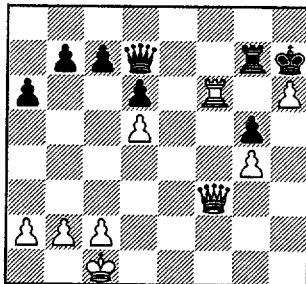
27...Kh6 avoiding Rg5+
28.Ref1 Kh7 29.Rxf6 Rxf6
30.Rxf6 Qd7



31.Qd3 Re5 32.Qf3 Re7
33.Nd5



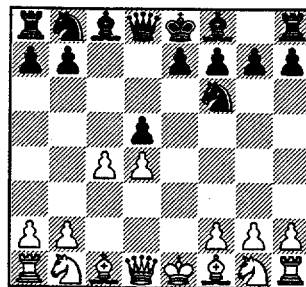
33...Bxd5 34.exd5 Rg7 35.h6



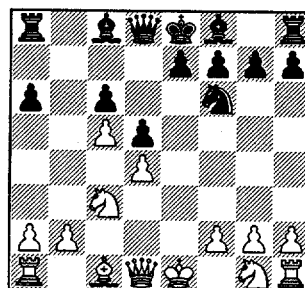
35...Re7 36.Qd3+ Kh8
37.Rf8# 1-0

(89) Altschuller, D (1804) –
Baurac, D (1708) [B13]
Dragons-Rooks, 11.1998

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5
4.c4 Nf6

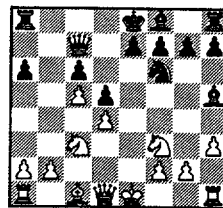


5.c5 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+
bxc6 8.Nc3

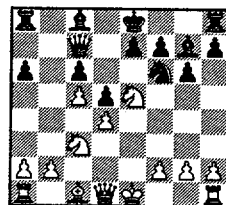


8...g6 Qc7 would stop Bf4
preparing ..e5

[8...Qc7 9.Nf3 g6 (9...Bg4
10.h3 Bh5

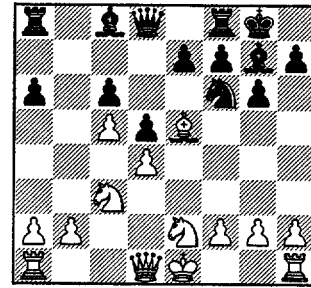


but Black's development
lags.) 10.Ne5 Bg7

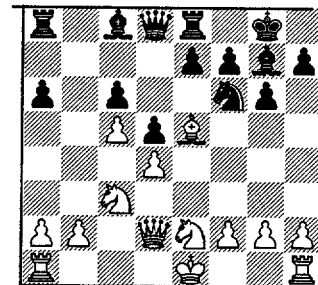


11.Bf4? (11.Qa4; 11.0-0)
11...Nh5! 12.Nxf7?? Nxf4
13.Nxh8 Nxb2+ 14.Kf1 Bh3]

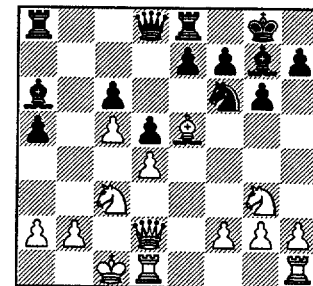
9.Bf4 Bg7 10.Be5 0-0
11.Nge2



11...Bh6 12.Bf4 Bg7 13.Qd2
Re8 14.Be5



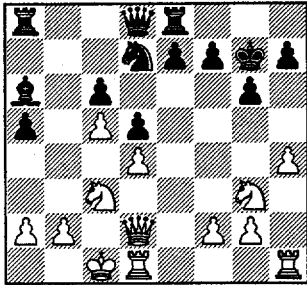
14...a5 15.Ng3 Ba6 16.0-0-0



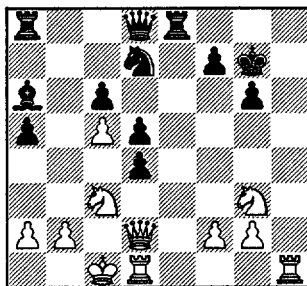
White's grip on dark squares
is annoying, so..

16...Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7

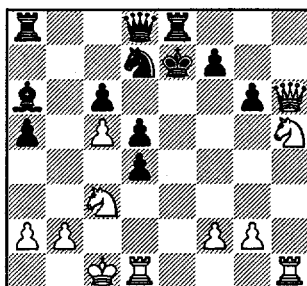
18.h4



18...e5 the normal counterattack, but Black's King is already too exposed
19.h5 exd4 20.hxg6 hxg6



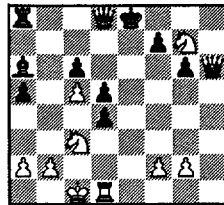
21.Qh6+ Kf6 22.Nh5+ Ke7



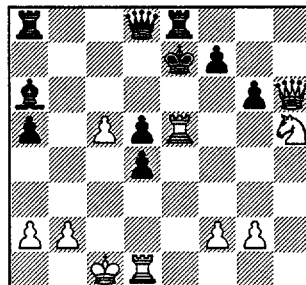
White has both Knights hanging, but the Black King is close to mate

23.Nxd5+!!

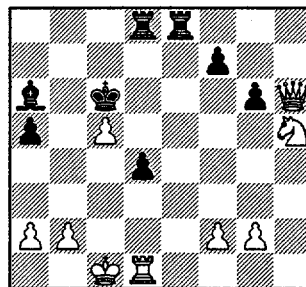
[23.Rhe1+ Ne5 24.Rxe5+ Kd7 25.Rxe8 Kxe8 (25...Qxe8?? 26.Nf6+) 26.Ng7+



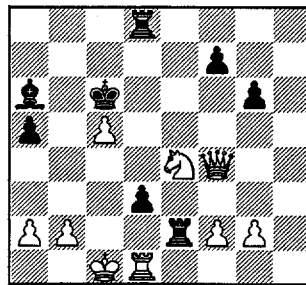
White is a piece ahead; the game line wins Queen]
23...cxd5 24.Rhe1+ Ne5
25.Rxe5+



25...Kd7 26.Rxd5+ Kc6
27.Rxd8 Raxd8



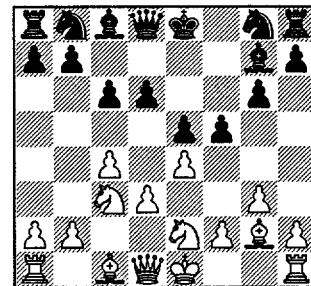
28.Nf6 Re2 29.Qf4 d3 30.Ne4



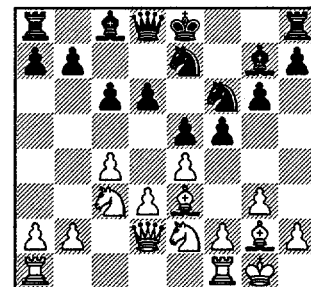
30...Re8 31.Qd6+ Kb7
32.Qb6+ 1-0

Miller, Tom (1837) -
Minin, Serge (2119) [A10]
Sears-Northrup, 1998

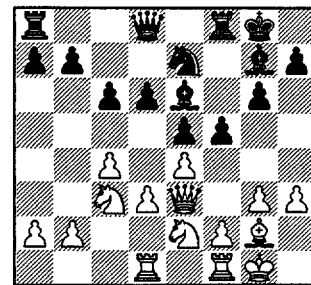
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4.Bg2 e5 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 f5
7.d3



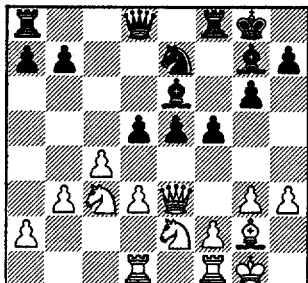
7...Ne7 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Be3 Nf6
10.Qd2



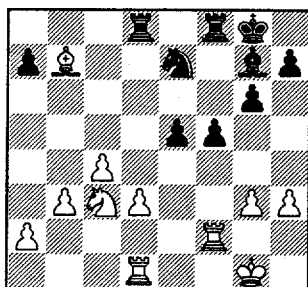
10...Ng4 11.Rad1 0-0 12.h3
Nxe3 13.Qxe3 Be6



14.b3 d5 15.exd5 cxd5

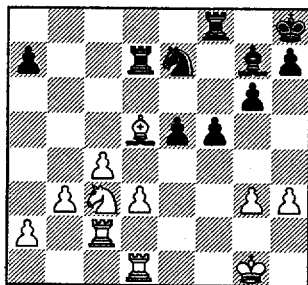


16.Nf4 d4 17.Nxe6 dxe3
18.Nxd8 exf2+ 19.Rxf2
Raxd8 20.Bxb7

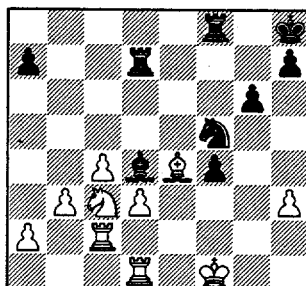


White is up a Pawn, but watch Black get the maximum out of what's *ON* the board. White would like to advance his Qside, but must take time out to get B & N to safety.

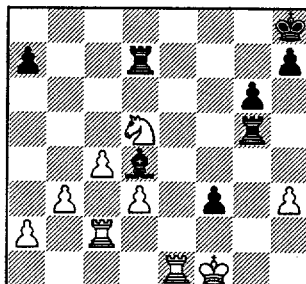
20...Rd7 [20...e4 21.Nd5]
21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Rc2



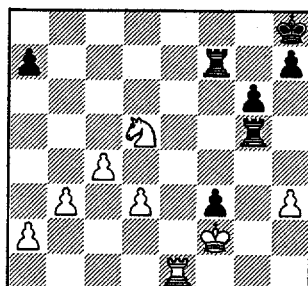
22...f4 23.gxf4 exf4 24.Be4
Bd4+ 25.Kf1 Nf5



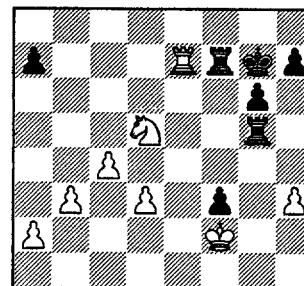
Black's active pieces keep White's passers at bay so...
26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.Nd5 f3
28.Re1 Rg5



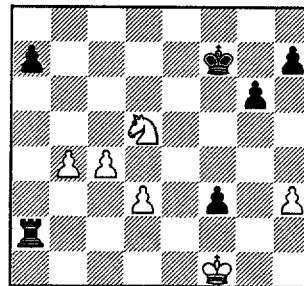
suddenly threatening Rg1#
29.Rf2 Bxf2 30.Kxf2 Rf7



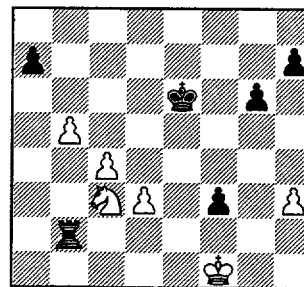
31.Re8+ Kg7 32.Re7



32...Rg2+! chasing King away while Rf7 still protects Pawn
33.Kf1 Rxa2 34.Rxf7+ Kxf7
35.b4



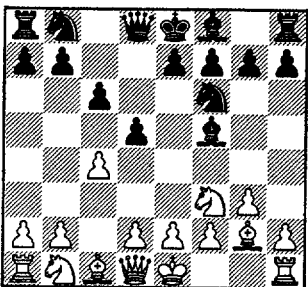
but now White's pawns are easily blocked 35...Ke6
36.Nc3 Rb2 37.b5



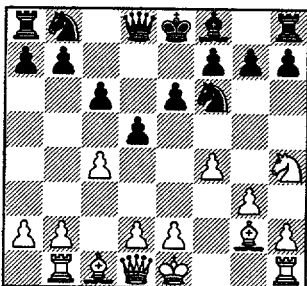
37...Rb3 38.Ne4 Ke5 39.Nd2
Rxd3 0-1

Walker, Arnie (1719) -
Sims, Larry (1804) [A11]
Northrup-Sears, 12.11.1998

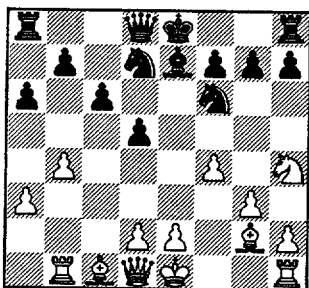
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.g3 c6
4.Bg2 Bf5



5.Nh4? Be4 6.f3 Bxb1
7.Rxb1 e6 8.f4



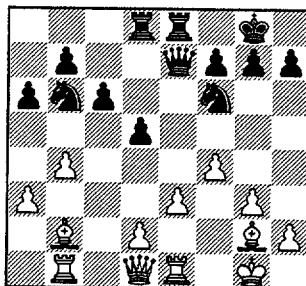
providing the wayward Nh4 a
home 8...Nbd7 9.cxd5 exd5
10.b4 a6 11.a3 Be7



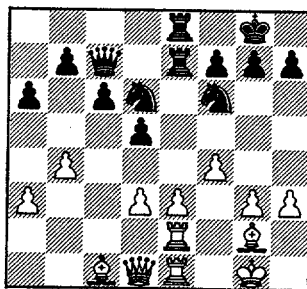
12.Nf5 0-0 13.Bb2 Re8
14.Nxe7+ Qxe7

Black development is several
tempi up

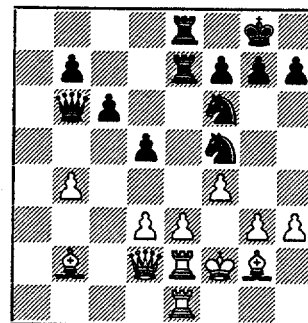
15.e3 Nb6 16.0-0 Rad8
17.Re1



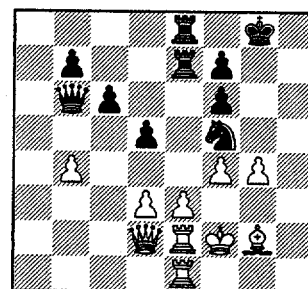
White has the Bishop pair,
but... 17...Nc4 18.Bc1 Qc7
19.d3 Nd6 20.h3 Re7 21.Rb2
Rde8 22.Rbe2



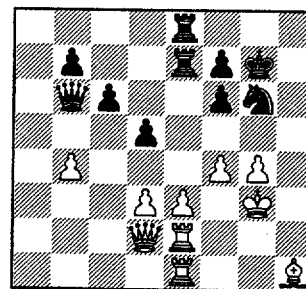
22...a5 23.Bb2 axb4 24.axb4
Nf5 25.Kf2 Qb6 26.Qd2



26...h5 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.g4
hxg4 29.hxg4



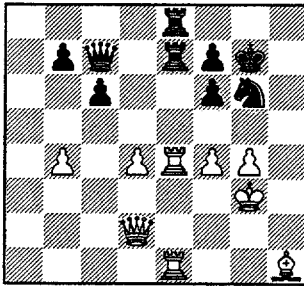
29...Nh4 30.Bh1 Ng6 threat:
Nxf4 31.Kg3 Kg7



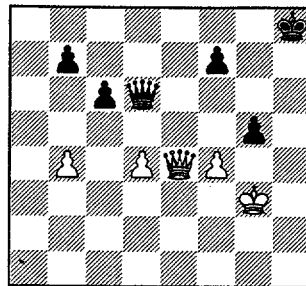
32.d4

[32.e4 this wasn't possible
before Kg3]

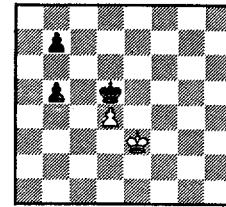
32...Qc7 33.e4 dxe4
34.Rxe4



White has traded away e3 weakness, but the other pawns are now problems
34...Ra8 35.Qe3 Rxe4 36.Bxe4 Qd6

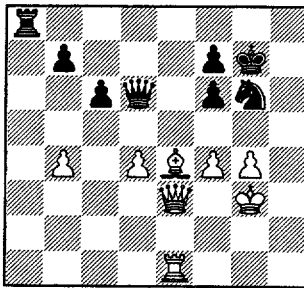


42.Qe+ 5blundering Pawn and game 42...Qxe5 43.fxe5 Kg7 44.Kg4 Kg6

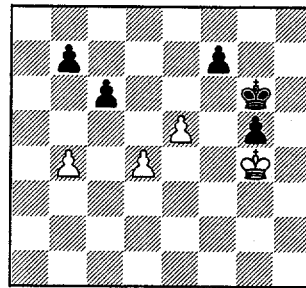


50...b4 51.Kd3 b5 52.Ke3 b3 53.Kd3 b4]

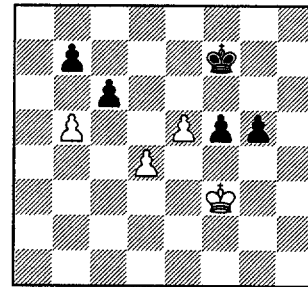
46...Kf7



37.Bxg6 Kxg6 38.Qe4+ Kg7 39.Rh1 Rh8



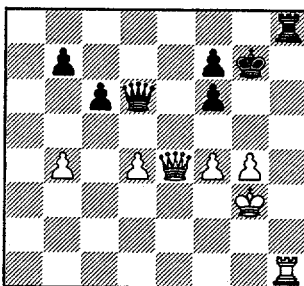
45.b5 f5+!! assuring King can reach d-pawn after cb 46.Kf3



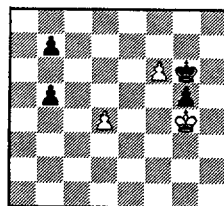
47.d5 cxd5 0-1

[46.exf6 cxb5

Chorosinski, Len - Wilson, Mike (1215) [B06] Northrup-Sears, 12.11.1998

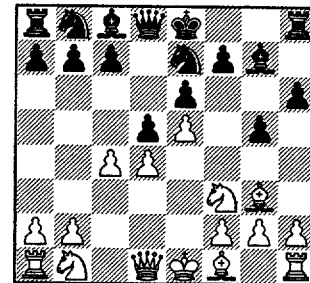


40.Rxh8 Kxh8 41.g5 [41. b5!! cxb5 42.Qe8+ Kg7 43.Qxb5 Qxd4 44.Qxb7] 41...fxg5

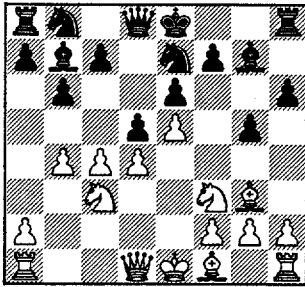


47.f7 (47. d5 Kxf6) 47...Kxf7 48.Kxg5 Ke6 49.Kf4 Kd5 50.Ke3

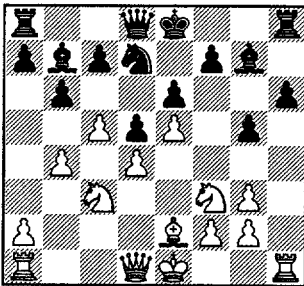
1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.e5 d5 4.d4 e6 5.c4 Ne7 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3



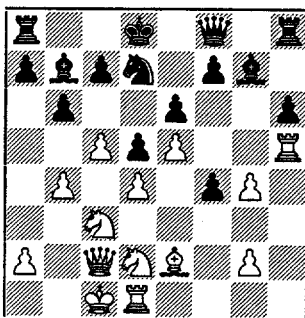
White's center is advanced,
but so is Black's Kingside
8...b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.b4



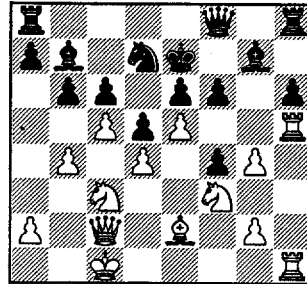
10...Nd7 dc or maybe c5 was
necessary 11.c5 Nf5 12.Be2
Nxc3 13.hxc3



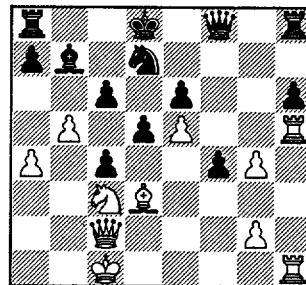
White has a grip on the entire
board
13...Bf8 14.Nd2 Ke7
Qe7 & 0-0-0 may be better
for the King
15.f4 Bg7 16.g4 gxf4 17.Rh5
Qf8 18.Qc2 Kd8 19.0-0-0



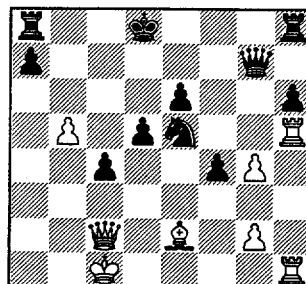
19...Ke7 20.Rd1 f6 21.Nf3
c6



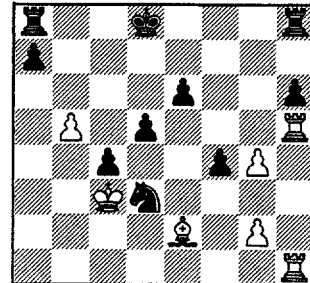
finally making a haven for
King 22.a4 Kd8 23.Bd3 fxe5
24.Nxe5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 bxc5
26.b5 c4



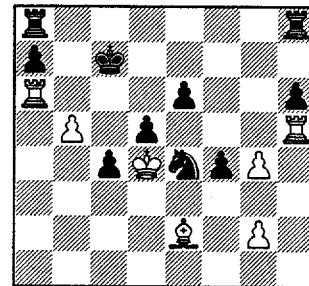
suddenly Black is two Pawns
up and getting pieces active
27.Be2 Qg7 28.bxc6 Bxc6
29.Nb5 Bxb5 30.axb5 Nxe5



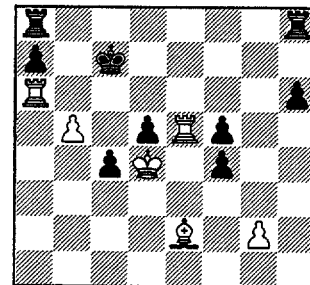
31.Qc3 Nd3+ 32.Kd2 Qxc3+
33.Kxc3



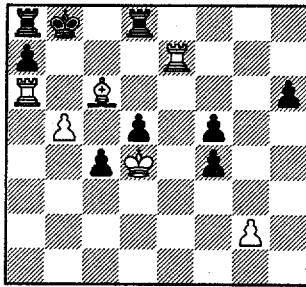
Black's three! passers should
win 33...Nf2 34.Ra1 Kc7
better is Ke7 to protect e6 and
be near possible passer g4
35.Ra6 Ne4+ 36.Kd4



now Ng5! nicely tidies up
36...Ng3 37.Re5 Nf5+??
38.gxf5 exf5

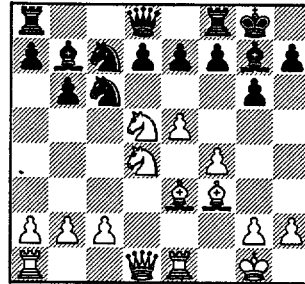


39.Bh5 Rhd8 40.Re7+ Kc8
41.Be8 Kb8 42.Bc6



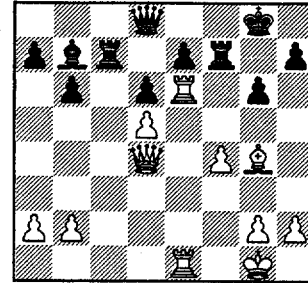
42...Rc8 43.Bxa8 c3
44.Rxa7 Rc4+ 45.Kd3 1-0

11...Qc8 12.Nd5 threatening
Nc6, then Ne7+ forking
12...Qd8 13.Re1 Nc7



14.c4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxd5
16.cxd5

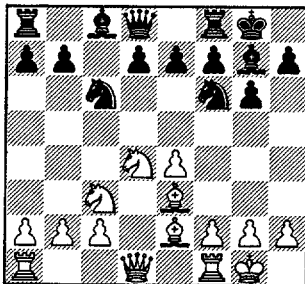
Rc7



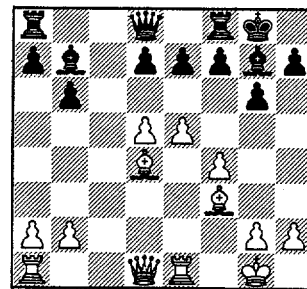
23.f5 gxf5 24.Bxf5 Qf8 if
RxB?? Qg4+ wins R 25.Rf1
Qg7

Hasan, Y (2188) –
Buerger, Ed (2019) [B34]
Motorola-UOP, 19.11.1998

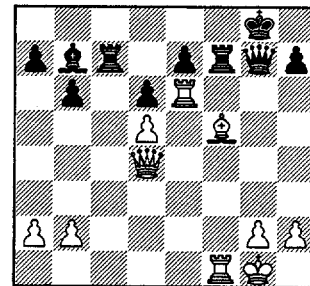
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.Be3
Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0



8...b6 9.f4 Bb7 10.e5 Ne8
11.Bf3

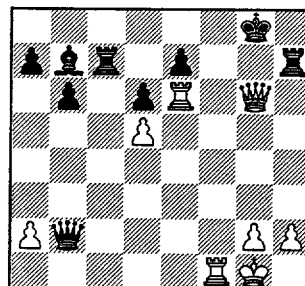
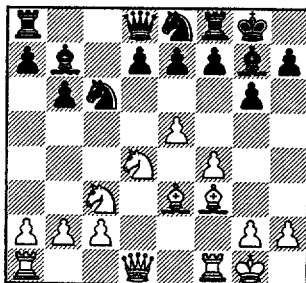


20...Rc8 21.Rae1 Rf7 22.Bg4



26.Qd3 Qxb2 27.Bxh7+
Rxh7 28.Qg6+

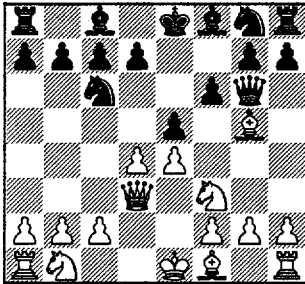
White's center looks strong,
but Black can easily attack it
16...d6 17.e6
[17.exd6 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4
Qxd6 19.Qe5 Rfe8 20.Rac1
Rad8 21.Qxd6 Rxd6 22.Rc7
Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Rxd5 24.Rxa7]
17...fxe6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7
19.Qd4+ Kg8 20.Rxe6



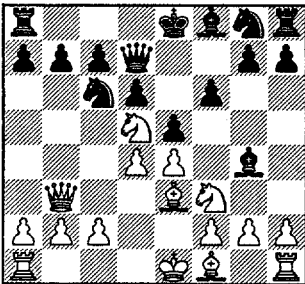
28...Rg7 29.Qe8+ Kh7
30.Qh5+ 1/2-1/2

Sacks, David – Melnikov,
Igor (2098) [C40]
UOP-Motorola, 19.11.1998

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Qf6 3.d4 Nc6
4.Bg5 Qg6 5.Qd3 f6

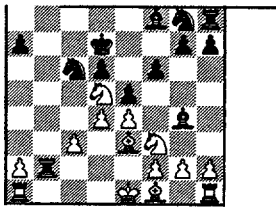


6.Be3 d6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.Nd5
Qf7 9.Qb3 Qd7



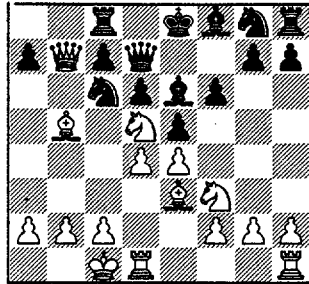
10.0-0-0

[10.Qxb7 Rb8 11.Qxc7 Rxb2
12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.c3

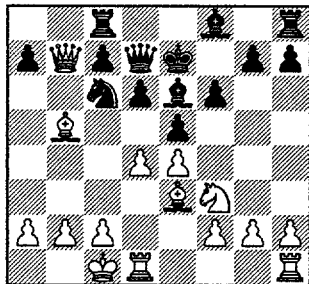


White is a pawn up with a
strong center]

10...Be6 11.Qxb7 Rc8
12.Bb5

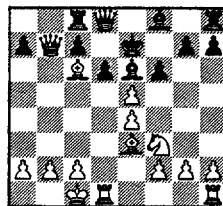


White will win at least an
exchange 12...Nge7 [12...Rb8
13.Qxb8+ Nxb8 14.Bxd7+
Kxd7] 13.Nxe7 Kxe7



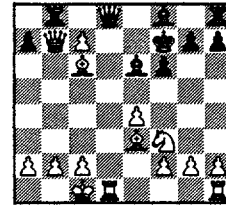
14.d5? closes lines to the
Black King and allows Black
to survive

[14.Bxc6 simply wins a piece
14...Qd8 15.dxe5!



Pd6 is pinned and fe allows
Bg5+ winning Queen

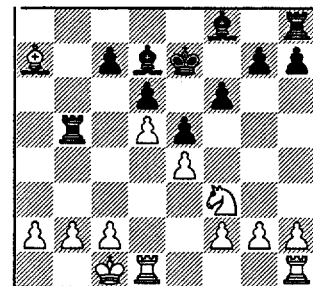
A) 15...Rb8?? 16.exd6+ Kf7
17.dxc7



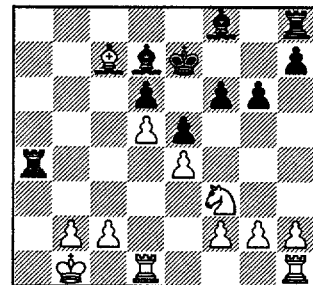
(or even 17.Qxc7+ Black is
busted) 17...Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1
Rxb7 19.Bxb7;

B) 15...Kf7 16.exd6 Bxd6
17.e5 fxe5 18.Ng5+ removes
Black's strongest piece]

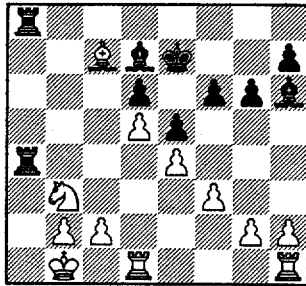
14...Rb8 15.Qxc6 Rxb5!
16.Qxd7+ Bxd7 17.Bxa7



White is 2Ps up, but needs to
activate all pieces. 17...Ra5
18.Bb8 g6 19.Bxc7 Rxa2
20.Kb1 Ra4

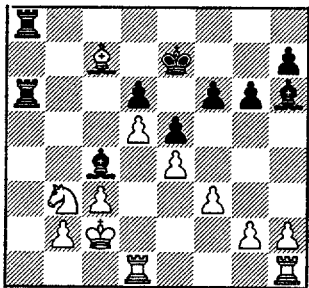


Black gains several tempi
attacking weaknesses 21.Nd2
Bh6 22.f3 Rha8 23.Nb3



Defending against Ra1#, but now R4a6 begins to trap Bc7
23...Bb5
 [not an immediate 23...R4a6
 24.Rd3 R8a7 25.Rc3 Bd2
 26.Rd3]

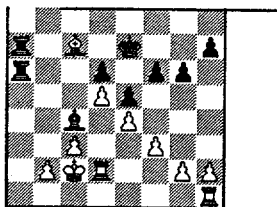
24.c3 Bc4 25.Kc2 R4a6



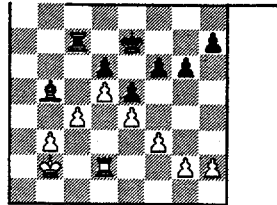
threatening BxN+ & R8a7
26.Ra1 But this loses a full Rook!

[26.Nd2

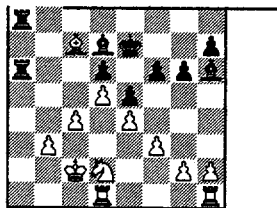
A) 26...Bxd2 27.Rxd2 R8a7



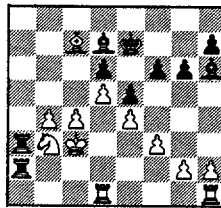
28.Rb1 (28.b3?? Ra2+
 29.Kb1 Ra1+ 30.Kb2 R7a2#)
 28...Rxc7 29.b3 Ra2+ 30.Rb2
 Rxb2+ 31.Kxb2 Bb5 32.c4



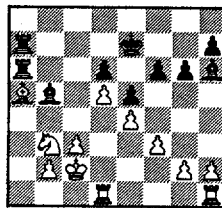
and White's pawns are useful;
B) 26...Bb5 B1) 27.c4 Ba4+
 28.b3 Bd7



29.b4? to try for Ba5
 29...Ra2+ 30.Kc3 (30.Kc1
 Ba4 loses N or exchange)
 30...R8a3+ 31.Nb3



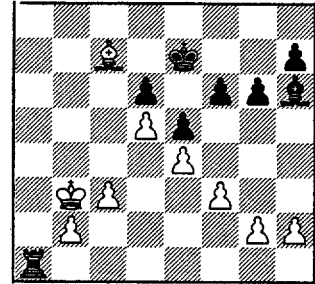
31...Ba4 32.Rb1 Bxb3
 33.Rxb3 Bd2+ 34.Kd3 Rxb3+
 35.Ke2 Bf4+ 36.Kd1 Rb1#;
B2) 27.Nb3 27...R8a7 28.Ba5



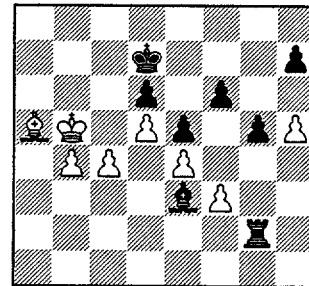
28...Rxa5 (28...Bc4 29.Bb4)
 29.Nxa5 Rxa5 30.Ra1]

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 middle of previous column...)

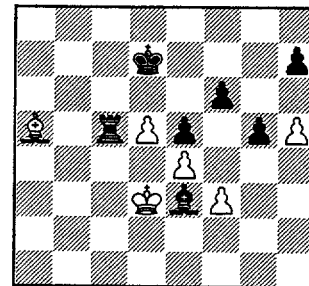
26...Bxb3+ 27.Kxb3 Rxa1
 28.Rxa1 Rxa1



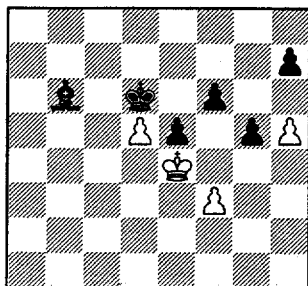
29.Kb4 Be3 30.Kb5 Kd7
 31.Ba5 Rb1 32.b4 Rb2 33.c4
 Rxc2 34.h4 g5 35.h5



35...Rf2 36.c5 dxc5 37.bxc5
 Rb2+ 38.Kc4 Rc2+ 39.Kd3
 Rxc5



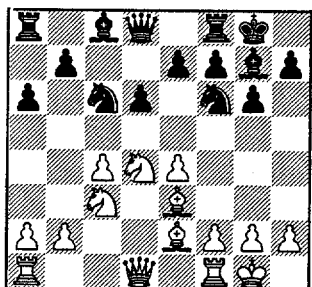
40.Bb6 Rxd5+ 41.exd5 Bxb6
 42.Ke4 Kd6



**43.Kf5 Bd8 44.Ke4 Kc5
45.Kd3 Kxd5 46.Ke3 0-1**

**Wallach, Cliff (2045) –
Sajbel, Pat (1823) [B38]
Motorola-UOP, 19.11.1998**

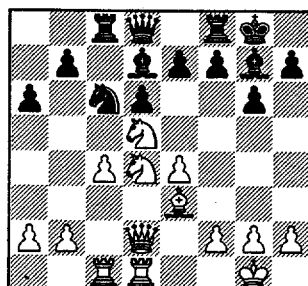
**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 d6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3
Bg7 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Be2 a6
9.0-0 0-0**



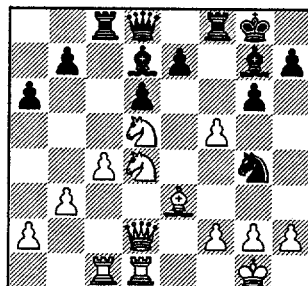
one of my favorite positions
for White ! **10.Qd2**

I usually play f3 to stop
Black's Ng4 and strengthen
Pe4. Black usually works on
getting -b5 or -d5 in.

**10...Ng4 11.Bxg4 Bxg4
12.Nd5 Bd7 13.Rfd1 Rc8
14.Rac1**

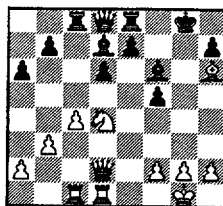


**14...Ne5 -e6 kicks Nd5, but
then Pd6 is a problem to
protect. Key is White's hold on
the d5 square. 15.b3 Ng4
16.Bg5 f6 17.Be3 f5 Starting
work against d5 support
18.exf5**



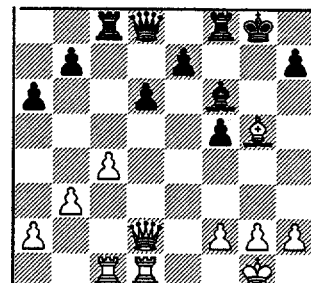
18...Bxf5

[18...gxf5 threatens e5 to kick
Nd4 & then f4 traps Be3
19.Bg5 Nf6 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6
21.Bh6 Re8



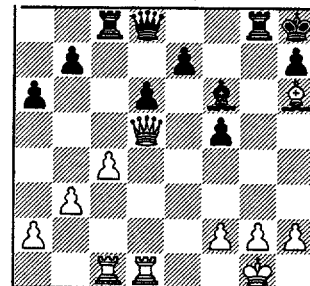
planning some combination of
e5, Kh8, Rg8, etc.]

**19.Bg5 Nf6 20.Nxf5 gxf5
21.Nxf6+ Bxf6**

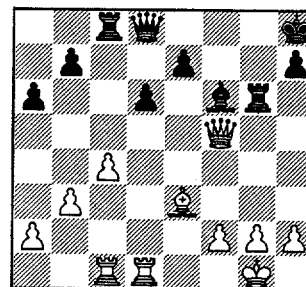


22.Qd5+ Kh8 23.Bh6 Rg8

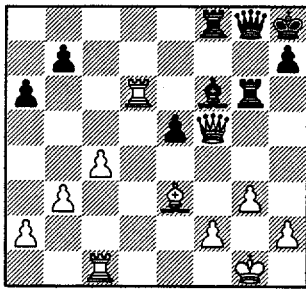
Comparing this with previous
18. -gf analysis, we see Black
is a little loose without Bd7
and White has quick access
to d5 since Nd4 is gone.



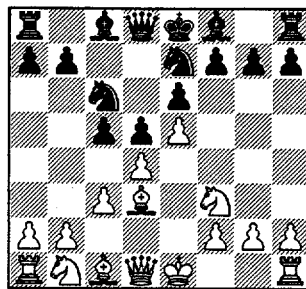
24.Qxf5 Rg6 25.Be3



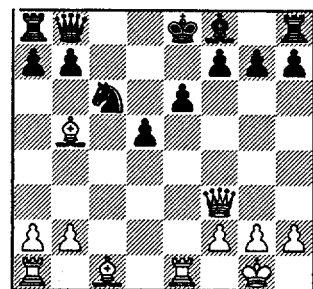
**25...e5 but Queen is
overworked protecting d6 &
Rc8 26.Rxd6 Qg8 27.g3 Rf8**



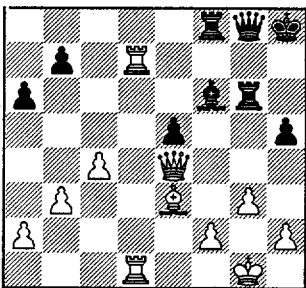
28.Qe4 Qg7 29.Rcd1 h5
30.Rd7 Qg8



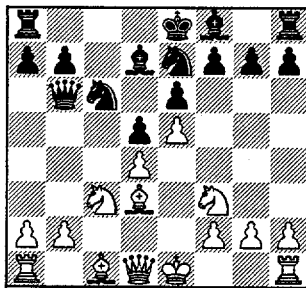
6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Nc3
Qb6



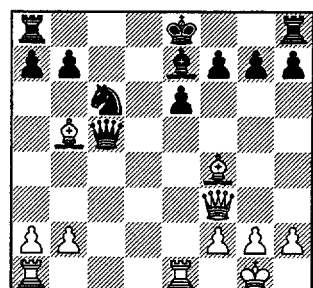
15.Qxd5! Qd6 16.Qf3 Be7
17.Bf4 Qc5



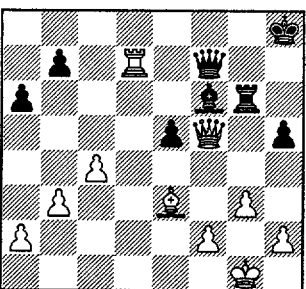
31.Qf5 Rf7 32.Rxf7 Qxf7
33.Rd7



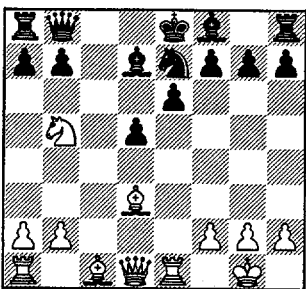
9.0-0 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4
11.Nb5 Qxe5 12.Re1 Qb8



18.Re5! another tactic based
on uncastled King 18...Qb6
19.Ba4

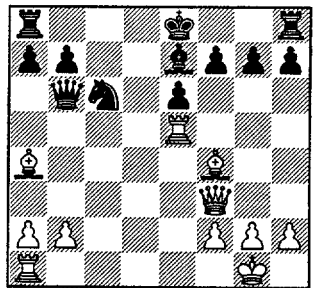


33...Qe8 34.Qxh5+ Kg8
35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Bc5+ 1-0



Black has snagged 2Ps, but
his development lags.

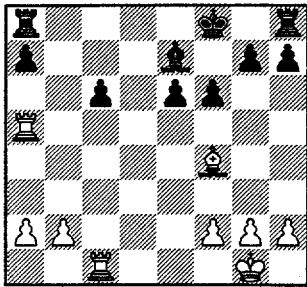
13.Qf3 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nc6



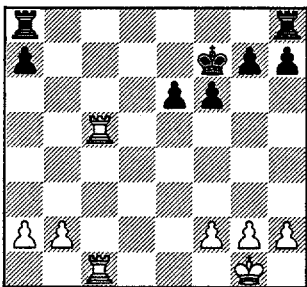
19...Kf8 apparently Black
judges his King isn't secure
after 0-0
[19...0-0 20.Bxc6 (20.Rh5
Qxb2 21.Rd1; 20.Re2)
20...Qxb2 21.Rc1 bxc6
22.Re2] 20.Bxc6 Qxc6
21.Qxc6 bxc6 22.Ra5 f6
23.Rc1

**Boldingh, E (1838) –
Samelson, C (1950) [C02]**
UOP–Motorola, 19.11.1998

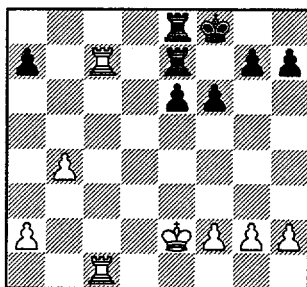
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3
Nc6 5.Nf3 Ng7 6.Bd3



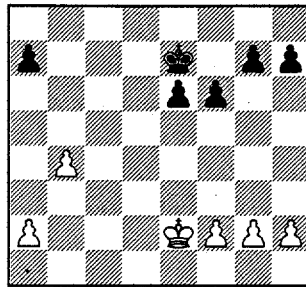
and White's active pieces win back the other pawn down
23...c5 24.Be3 Kf7 25.Bxc5 Bxc5 26.Raxc5



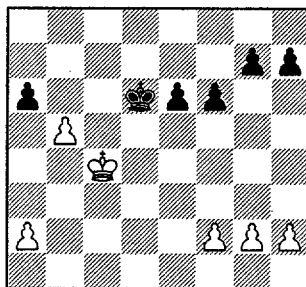
White's advantage is clear in active Rooks and a 2:1 Qside majority
26...Rhe8 27.Rc7+ Kf8 28.Kf1 Re7 29.Ke2 Rae8 30.b4



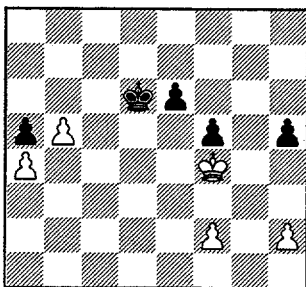
30...Rxc7 31.Rxc7 Re7 32.Rxe7 Kxe7



33.Kd3 Kd6 the 4-3 majority is too slow producing a passer. White's outside pawns always divert Black's King. **34.Kc4 a6 [34...e5 35.Kb5 Kc7 36.Ka6 Kb8 37.h4 f5 38.g3] 35.b5**



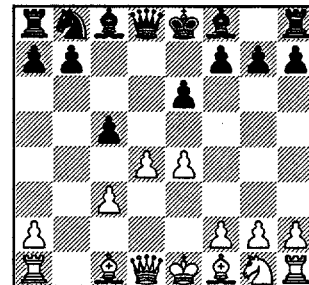
35...a5 36.a4 g6 37.g4 h6 38.Kd4 h5 39.gxh5 gxh5 40.Ke4 f5+ 41.Kf4



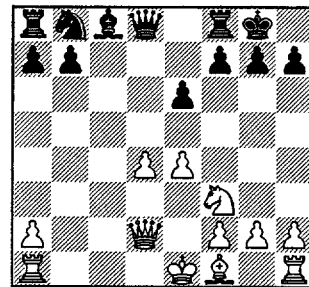
Blacks King has to stay in range of Pb5 and his Pawns will soon run out of moves 1-0

Smith, Jason (1702) – Lechnick, Jay (1783) [D41] Motorola-UOP, 19.11.1998

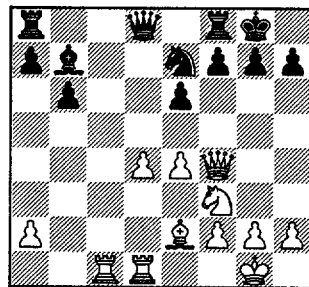
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5



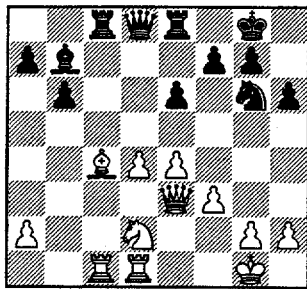
7.Nf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0



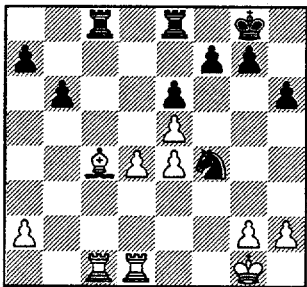
11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Qf4 Nc6 14.Rfd1 Ne7 15.Rac1



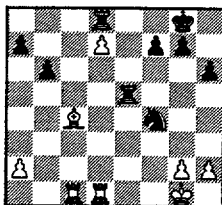
15...Ng6 16.Qe3 Rc8 17.Bc4 Re8 18.Nd2 h6 19.f3



19...Qf6 20.e5 Qf4 21.Qxf4
Nxf4 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.fxe4

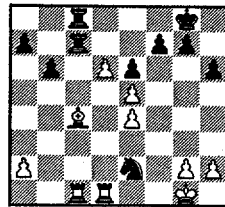


White center Pawns are promising, but need support to advance 23...Rc7 preparing Rec8, winning piece, so White moves Bishop now. But this allows a trade of Rooks and makes White's center harder to defend 24.Ba6 [24.d5 almost works
A) 24...exd5 25.exd5 Rxe5 26.d6 Rc8 27.d7 Rd8



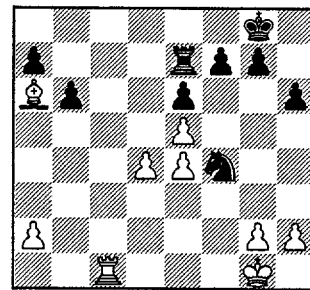
28.g3 (28.Bxf7+ Kxf7 29.Rf1 Rf5 30.g3 Ne2+; 28.Bb3?? with idea Rc8 28...Ne2+);

B) 24...Rec8 25.d6 Ne2+



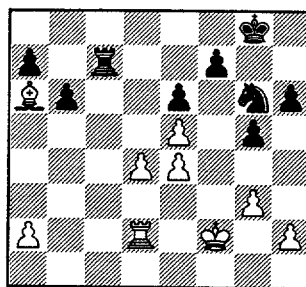
26.Kf2 (26.Bxe2 Rxc1 27.d7 Rxd1+ 28.Bxd1 Rd8 29.Ba4) 26...Nxc1 27.dxc7 Rxc7 28.Rxc1 b5]

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24...Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Re7

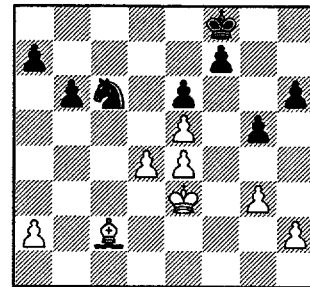


threatening Rc7 or Rd7.

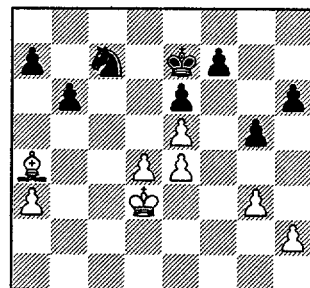
[25...Rd8 26.Rd1 (26.Rc8? Rxc8 27.Bxc8 Ne2+; 26.Rc4? Ne2+) 26...Ng6 threatening Ne5 27.Be2 Rc8] 26.Rd1 g5 27.g3 Ng6 28.Kf2 Rc7 29.Rd2



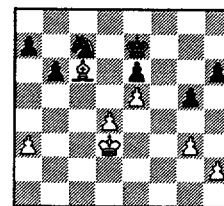
29...Kf8 30.Bd3 the B isn't helping much, Black needs to activate N 30...Ne7 31.Rc2 Rxc2+ [31...Rd7 32.Ke3] 32.Bxc2 Nc6 33.Ke3



33...Ke7 [33...b5 34.Bd1 a5 35.Be2 b4 36.Bb5 Nb8 37.d5 exd5 38.exd5 Ke7] 34.Ba4 Nb4 35.a3 Na6 36.Kd3 Nc7

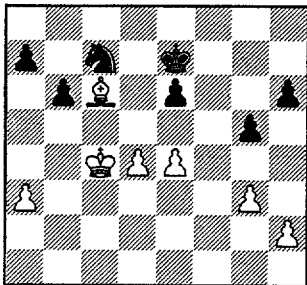


37.Kc4 [37.Bc6 f6 (37...b5 38.d5 exd5 39.exd5 with idea d6, kicking/forking N; 37...a6 38.d5 exd5 39.exd5 Kf8 40.Ke4) 38.exf6+ Kxf6 39.e5+ Ke7

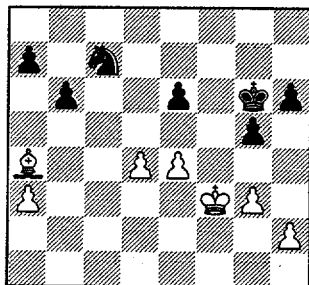


40.h4 gxh4 41.gxh4 b5]

37...f6 [37...a6 38.Bc6]
38.exf6+ Kxf6 39.Bc6 Ke7

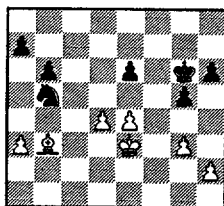


40.Kd3 40 e5 is similar as
last note (37. Bc6 f6)
40...Kd6 41.Ba4 Ke7 42.Ke3
Kf6 43.Kf3 Kg6



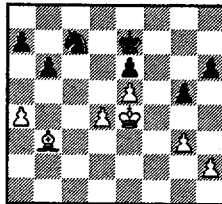
44.Bd7

[44.Bb3 Nb5 hitting Pa3,
Pd4, & forking Nd4+ 45.Ke3

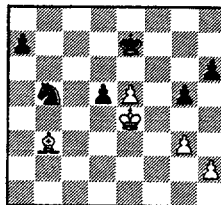


45...Kf6 (45...Nxa3 46.Bxe6
and White's pawns quickly
advance) 46.a4 Nc7 47.e5+
Ke7 (47...Kf5 48.h3 Kg6)

48.Ke4

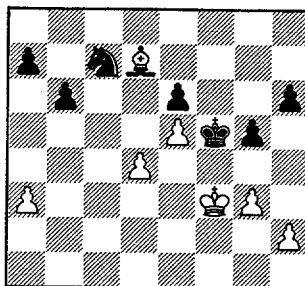


48...b5 49.axb5 Nxb5 50.d5
exd5+

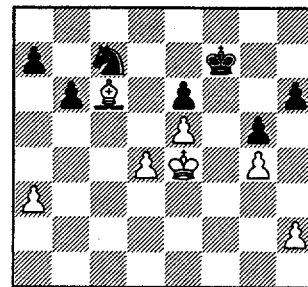


51.Kxd5 (51.Bxd5?? Nc3+
52.Kd4 Nxd5 53.Kxd5 h5 and
Black a-pawn diverts White
King)]

44...Kf6 45.Kg4 Kg6 46.Kf3
Kf6 47.e5+ Kf5



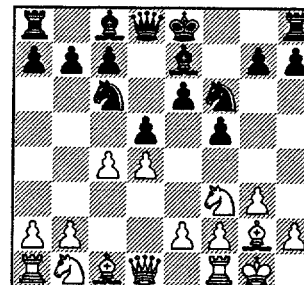
48.g4+ Kg6 49.Bc6 Kf7
50.Ke4



50...b5 51.Kd3 a5 52.Ke4
Ke7 1/2-1/2

Plett, Mike (1773) -
Balicki, Jeff (1608) [A90]
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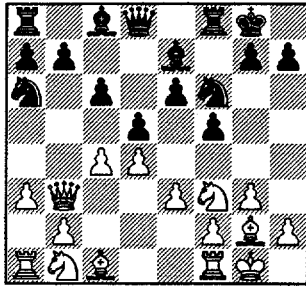
1.d4 f5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Nf6
4.c4 d5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7



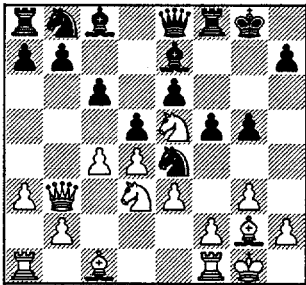
7.Qc2

As the games shows, it's too
early to place the Queen. I
like to prepare e4 (usually
with f3 after Nf3 moves),
taking advantage of the
slowness of Black's
Queenside development.

7...0-0 8.e3 Blocks Bs access
to best post at f4 or g5
8...Nb4 9.Qb3 c6 10.a3 Na6

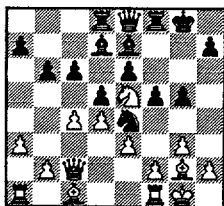


11.Nc3 Qe8 12.Ne2 This Knight's moves seem slow, but does end up at its best post. 12...Nb8 13.Nf4 Ne4 14.Ne5 g5 15.Nfd3



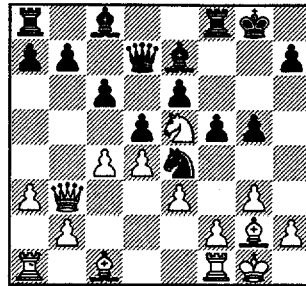
15...Nd7

[15...b6 allows B into game and White doesn't have any readily useful moves 16.Qc2 Nd7 17.Nxd7 Bxd7 18.Ne5 Rd8



and Black can pursue his Kside attack]

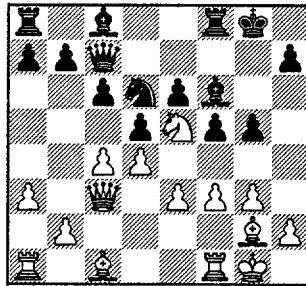
16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Ne5



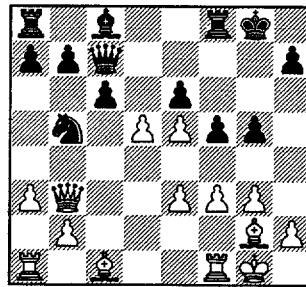
17...Qc7

The Queen should stay Kside to help attack. Qe8-h5

18.f3 Nd6 19.Qc3 Bf6

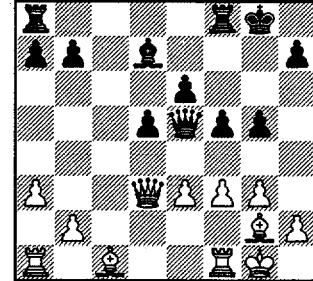


20.cxd5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nb5 22.Qb3



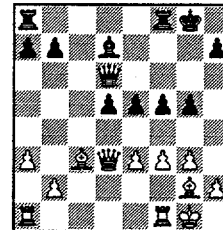
22...cxd5? [22...exd5? 23.a4 wins N; 22...Qxe5] 23.Qxb5

Qxe5 24.Qd3 Bd7

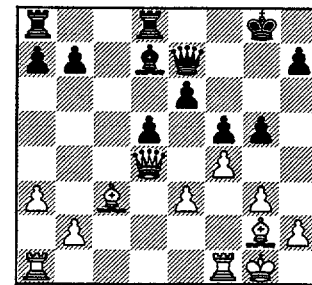


White needs to finish development. 25.f4! Not to attack Queen, but to assure hold on e5 with upcoming position of Bc3

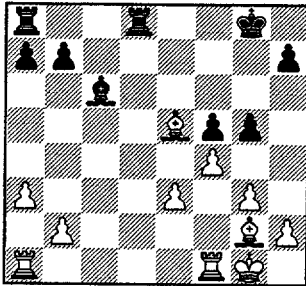
[25.Bd2 Qd6 (25...Qxb2 26.Bc3 Qb6 27.Rab1 with idea of getting Qd4 in) 26.Bc3 e5



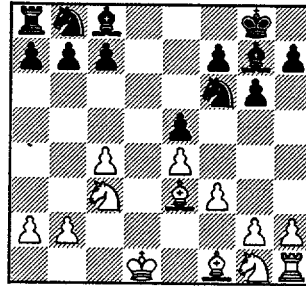
Black's a piece down, but Bg2 will take some time to get into play.] 25...Qf6 26.Bd2 Rfd8 27.Bc3 Qe7 28.Qd4



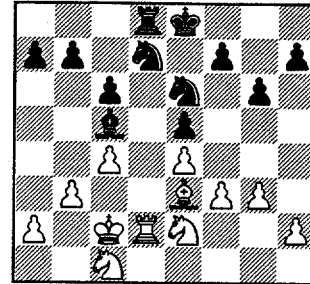
28...e5 White is positioned to take advantage of this
29.Qxd5+ Qe6 30.Qxe5 Qxe5 31.Bxe5 Bc6



7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8
9.Rd1 Rxd1+ 10.Kxd1

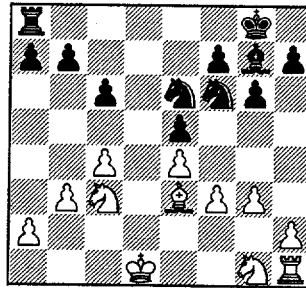


18.Rd2 Bf8 19.Nc1 Rd8
20.N3e2 Bc5

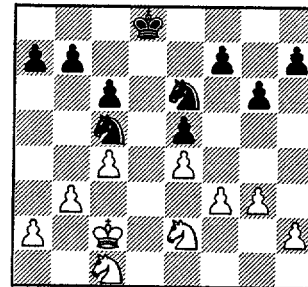


and White can simply trade down to easy ending 32.Rad1 Re8 33.Rd6 Rac8 34.Bxc6 bxc6 35.Rfd1 Re7 36.Rd8+ Rxd8 37.Rxd8+ Kf7 38.Rd6 Re6 39.Rd7+ Re7 40.Rxe7+ Kxe7 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke2 Kd5 43.Kd3 g4 44.b3 h6 45.Bg7 h5 46.Bf8 c5 47.a4 a6 48.Be7 Ke6 49.Bd8 Kd5 50.Ba5 Kc6 51.Kc4 Kd6 52.Bb6 1-0

10...c6 11.g3 Be6 12.b3 Nbd7 13.Bh3 Nf8 14.Bxe6 Nxe6

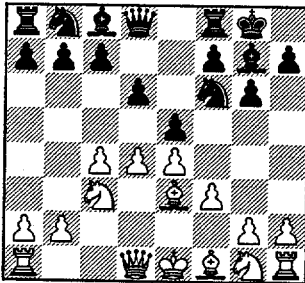


21.Bxc5 Ndxc5 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8

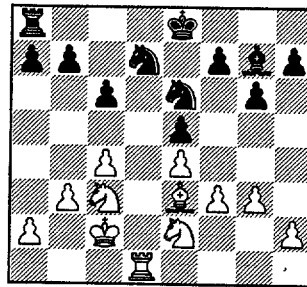


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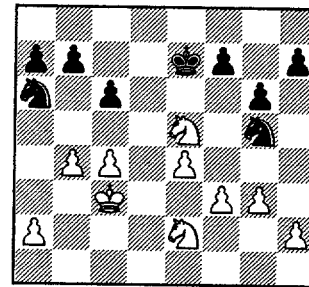
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5



15.Nge2 Nd7 16.Kc2 Kf8
17.Rd1 Ke8

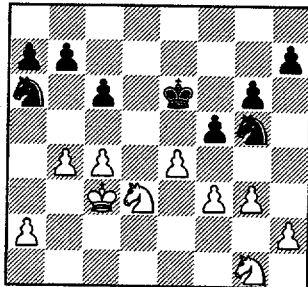


23.Nd3 Kd7 24.Nxe5+ Ke7
25.b4 Na6 26.Kc3 Ng5

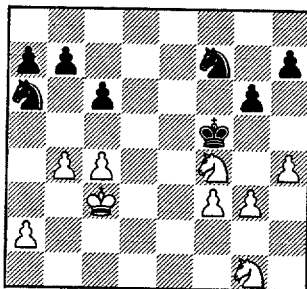


27.Ng1 [27.h4 Ne6 28.Nd3
(28.Nd4? Nxb4! 29.Kxb4 c5+;

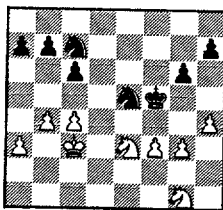
28.c5)] 27...Ke6 28.Nd3 f5



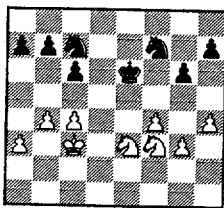
29.Nf4+ Ke5 30.exf5 Kxf5
31.h4 Nf7



32.Nd3 [32.a3 Ne5 33.Ng2
Nc7 34.Ne3+

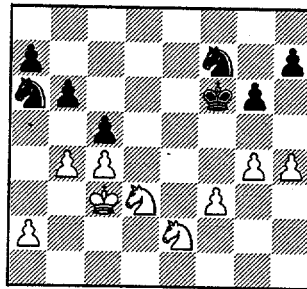


34...Ke6 (34...Kf6 35.Ng4+)
35.f4 Nf7 36.Nf3

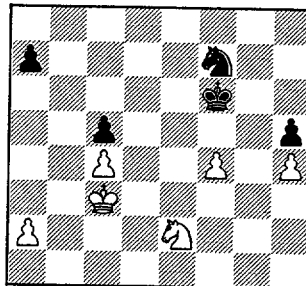


36...h6 37.Nd4+]

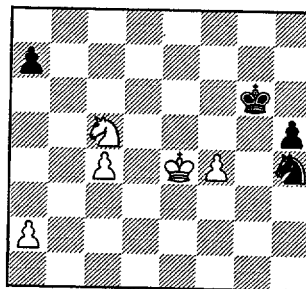
32...b6 33.g4+ Kf6 34.Ne2 c5



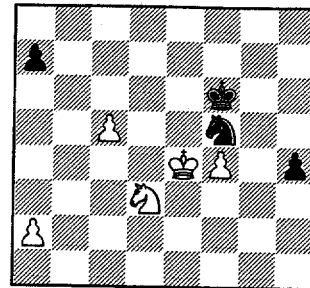
35.bxc5 [35.a3 if cb, 36 ab
with c5 creates a passer]
35...Nxc5 36.Nxc5 bxc5
37.f4 h5 38.gxh5 gxh5



39.Ng3 Nd6 40.Kd3 Kg6
41.Ne4 Nf5 42.Nxc5 Nxh4
43.Ke4

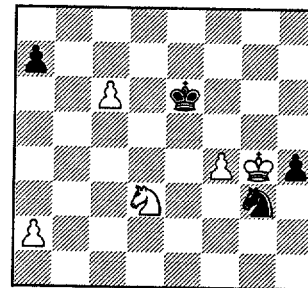


43...Nf5 44.Nd3 Kf6 45.c5 h4

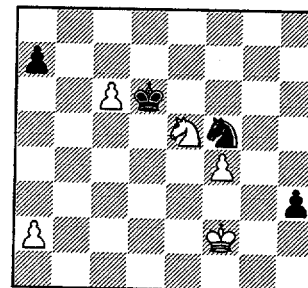


46.Ne5 White should use N to
stop P and K to escort his Ps

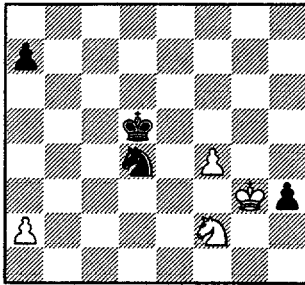
[46.c6 Ng3+ (46...h3 47.Nf2
h2 48.Ng4+) 47.Kf3 Ke6
48.Kg4



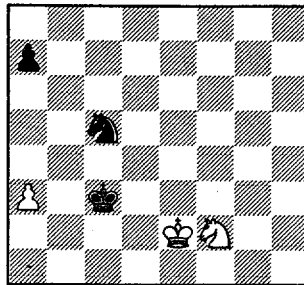
46...h3 47.c6 Ke6 48.Kf3
Kd6 49.Kf2



49...Nd4 50.Nd3 Kxc6
51.Kg3 Kd5 52.Nf2

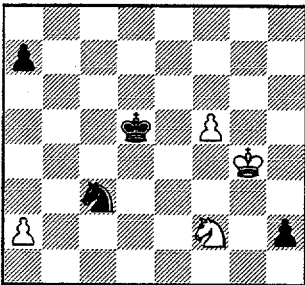
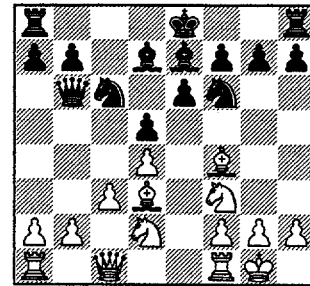


52...Ne2+ 53.Kg4 h2 54.f5
Nc3

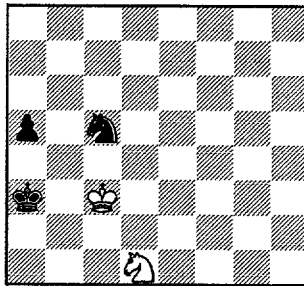


62...Kb3 63.Kd2 Kxa3
64.Kc3 a5 65.Nd1

5...Nc6 6.c3 cxd4 7.exd4
Be7 8.Nbd2 d5 9.Bd3 Bd7
10.0-0

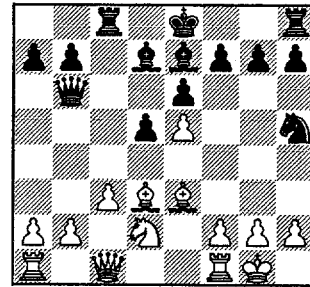


55.a3 [55.Kg5?? Ne4+]
55...Ne4 56.Nh1 Ke5 57.Kh3
Kxf5 58.Kxh2



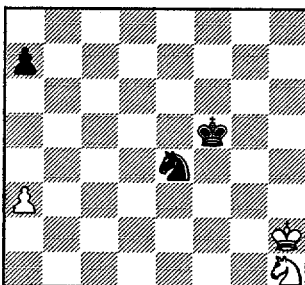
65...a4 66.Nb2 if Ne4+, Kc2
followed by Nxa4= 1/2-1/2

10...Rc8 11.Ne5 Nxe5
12.dxe5 Nh5 13.Be3



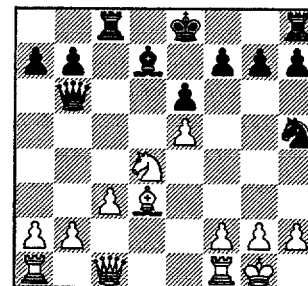
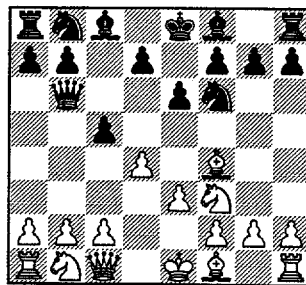
Ellice, Wayne (1963) -
Warren, Jim (2115) [A46]
Pawns-Chargers, 07.12.1998

13...d4 14.Bxd4 Bc5 15.Nb3
Bxd4 16.Nxd4



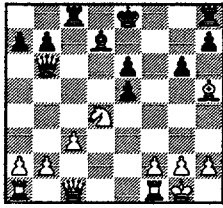
58...Ke5 59.Kg2 Kd4 60.Kf3
Nc5 61.Ke2 Kc3 62.Nf2

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 c5
4.e3 Qb6 5.Qc1



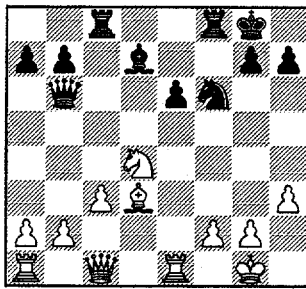
White threatens to win Nh5
with g4 16...f6 17.exf6

[17.Be2! fxe5 18.Bxh5+ g6

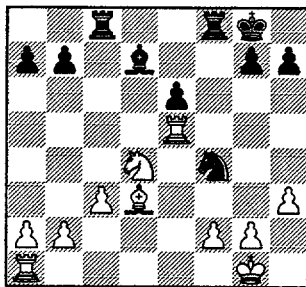


19.Nf3]

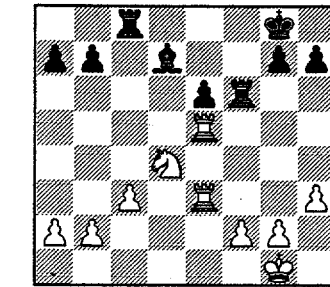
17...Nxf6 18.Re1 0-0 19.h3



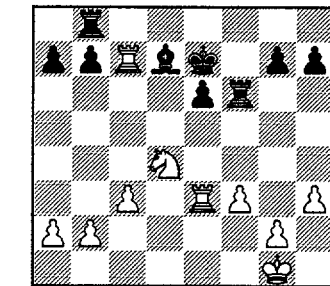
19...Qd6 20.Qe3 Nd5 21.Qe5
Qxe5 22.Rxe5 Nf4



23.Rd1
[23.Be4 b6 24.Re1]
23...Nxd3 24.Rxd3 Rf6
25.Rde3

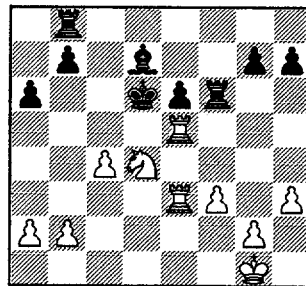


25...Rcf8 26.f3 Kf7 27.Rc5
Ke7 28.Rc7 Rb8



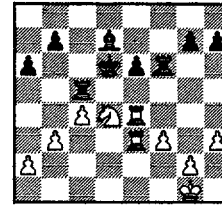
29.Rc5
[29.Rd3! Rd8 (29...Kd8
30.Nxe6+) 30.Rxb7]

29...Kd6 30.Rce5 a6 31.c4

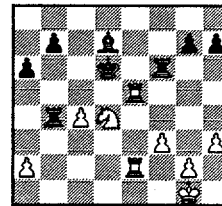


This gives Black a target and
he uses it to turn the tide
31...Rc8 32.b3 Rc5 33.Rxc5

[33.R5e4

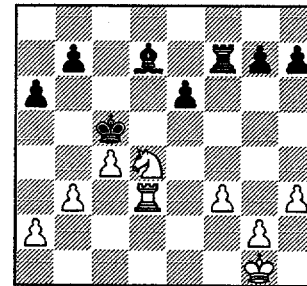


33...Ra5
(33...e5 34.b4 Rc7 35.c5+;
33...b5 34.cxb5 axb5)
34.Re2 e5 35.b4 Ra4
36.Rxe5 Rxb4



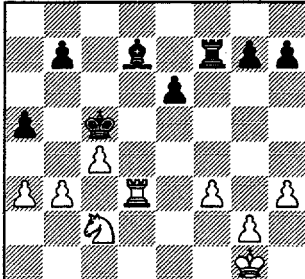
37.Rd5+ Kc7 38.Re7 Rd6
39.Ne6+ Kc6 40.Nd8+ Kc7
41.Rxd6 Kxd6 42.Rxg7]

33...Kxc5 34.Rd3 Rf7

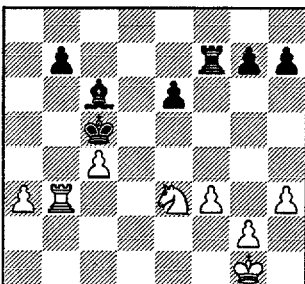


Black's King is perfectly
placed and now he can
undermine the pawn chain

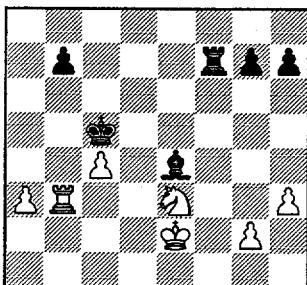
35.Nc2 a5 36.a3



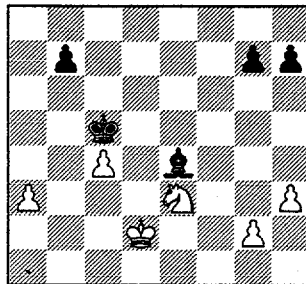
36...a4 37.Ne3 axb3 38.Rxb3 Bc6



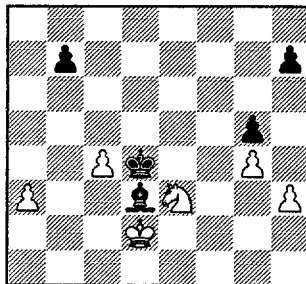
39.Kf2 e5 40.Ke2 e4 41.fxe4 Bxe4



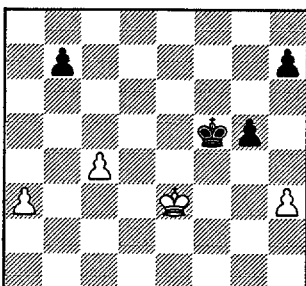
42.Rb2 Rd7 43.Rd2 Rxd2+ 44.Kxd2



44...Kd4 45.g3 Bd3 46.g4 g5

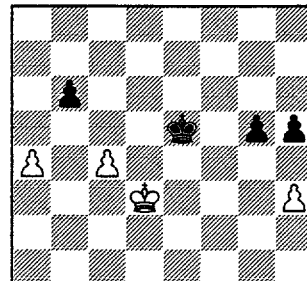


47.Nf5+ Bxf5 48.gxf5 Ke5 49.Ke3 Kxf5

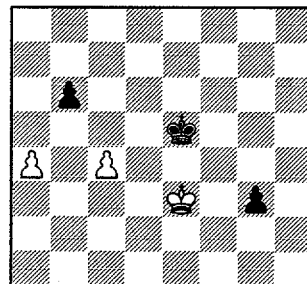


Black wins because he can make an outside passer, while his lone b-pawn holds the Qside 50.Kf3 h5 51.a4 Ke5

52.Ke3 b6 53.Kd3



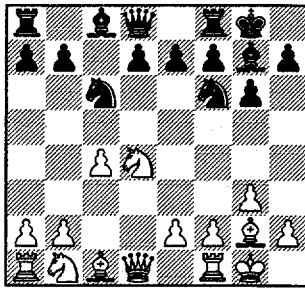
53...g4 54.hxg4 hxg4 55.Ke3 g3



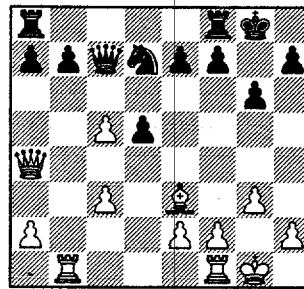
56.c5 doesn't work since Black King in range of a-pawn but White King can't stop both Ps. 56...bxc5 57.a5 Kd5 58.a6 Kc6 59.Kf3 c4 0-1

Walker, A (1702) - Sullivan, Jim (1939) [A30] Northrup-Excaliburs, 21.12.1998

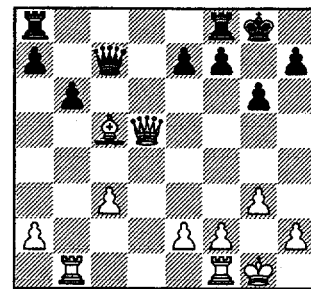
1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 0-0



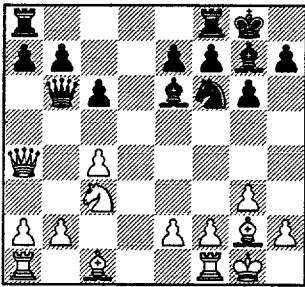
8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Nc3 Be6
10.Qa4 Qb6



White realizes he can't hold Pc5, so just abandons it.
16.Qb3

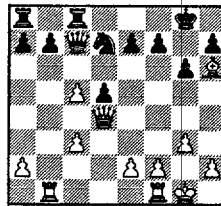


18...Rad8 19.Bxb6! grabbing a P using the desperado piece 19...axb6 20.Qb3

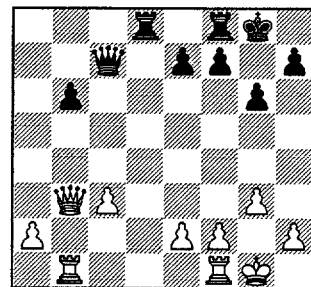


11.Rb1 Nd7 12.Be3 Qc7
13.c5 Bxc3 14.bxc3

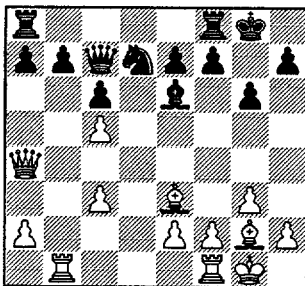
[16.Bh6 Rfc8 (16...Nxc5 17.Qd4 wins the exchange) 17.Qd4



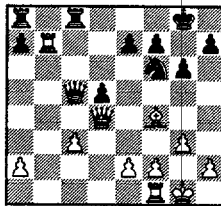
17...Nf6 18.Bf4 (18.g4 Qxc5 19.Qe5 Qxc3 20.Qxe7) 18...Qxc5 19.Rxb7



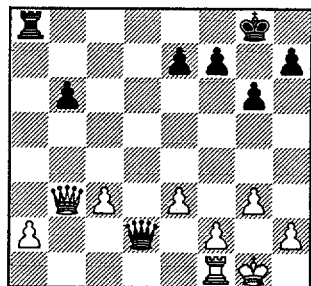
White has a P, but Black has the initiative 20...Rd2 21.e3 Ra8 22.Rb2 Qd6 23.Rxd2 Qxd2



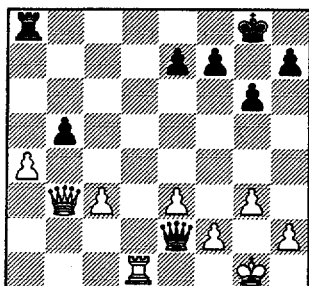
14...Bd5 15.Bxd5 cxd5



19...Qxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxc3 21.Rxe7]

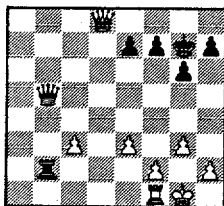


24.Rd1 [24.a4] 24...Qe2 25.a4 b5



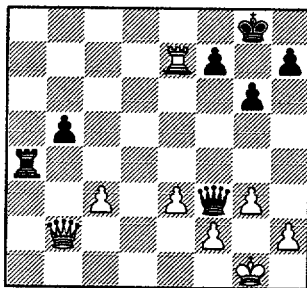
26.Rd7 The Rook needs to stay home to defend backrank

[26.axb5 Ra2 27.Rf1 Rb2 28.Qd5 Qxb5 29.Qd8+ Kg7



30.Qxe7 (or 30.Qd4+ Kg8 31.c4)]

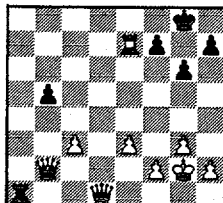
26...Rxa4 27.Rxe7 Qf3 28.Qb2



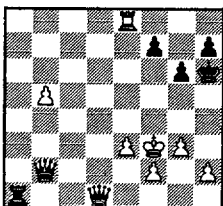
seems to cover backrank, but..

28...Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Qd5+ 30.Kh3

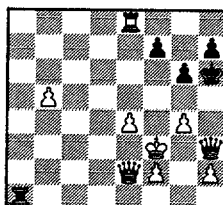
[30.Kg1 Qd1+ 31.Kg2 Ra1



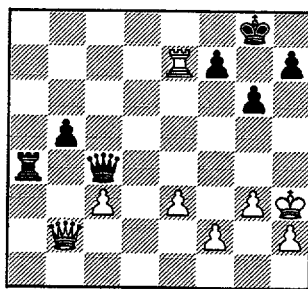
32.Re8+ Kg7 33.c4+ Kh6 34.cxb5 Qf1+ 35.Kf3 Qd1+



36.Qe2 Qd5+ 37.e4 (37.Kf4?? Qf5#; 37.Kg4?? Qf5+ 38.Kh4 g5#) 37...Qh5+ 38.g4 (38.Ke3?? loses Q 38...Ra3+ 39.Kd2 Ra2+) 38...Qh3+

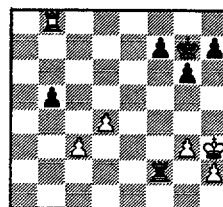


39.Kf4 Qxh2+ 40.Kf3Ra3+] 30...Qc4



31.f3

[31.Re8+ Kg7 32.Qd2 Ra2 33.Qd4+ Qxd4 34.exd4 Rxf2 35.Rb8



35...Rf5]

31...Ra2 32.Qb4 Qf1+ Ra4 follows 0-1

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<http://www.anl.gov/OPA/chess/anlchess.html>

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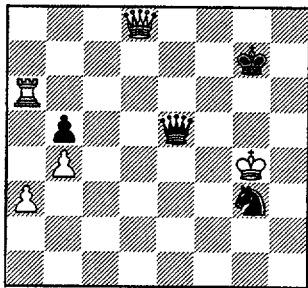
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Eaman-Golla
from November 1998

We arrived at the following position after 61..Kg4



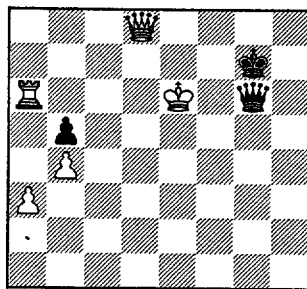
and I attempted to prove a win for White after 61...Qe4+.

Ruben pointed out that the White King is in a box defined by the Black King's attack on the h6, g6, f6 squares and by the Queen's ownership of the e-file.

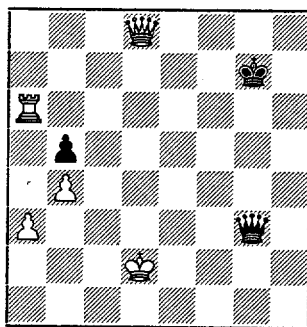
So Black's Queen just keeps checking from e-file and there's a definite perpetual check! after 62.Kxg3 Qe3+ 63.Kg4 Qe4+ 64 Kh3 Qe3+, etc.

The only exception is if the King reaches h5--- Here the Queen checks from e2 (Qe5+ allows White Qg5+, forcing a trade of Queens and an easy win.)

Later, in another line, I reached the following position:



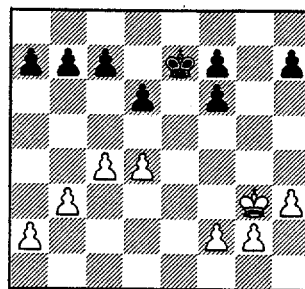
67.Ke5 with the idea to not allow checks from first rank, so White King can cross to safety on Queenside... 68...Qh2+ 69.Ke3 Qg3+ (69...Qg1+ 70.Kd2) 70. Kd2



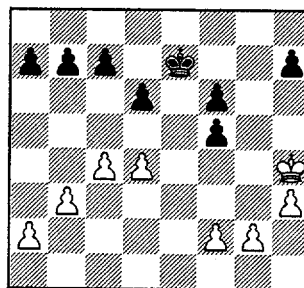
and examined only 70... Qf2+ 71 Kc3 when the White Queen can interpose along the d-file.

The drawing line, however is 70...Qf4+ 71.Kc2 Qc4+ 72.Kd1 Qf1+ 73.Kd2 Qf4+ 74.Kc2 Qc4+=. Black holds by checking from c4-f1 diagonal.

Another interesting game by **Lasky, N - White** was examined December 1998:



After 25...f5 I mistakenly discarded 26.Kh4 f6



(26...Kf6?? 27.Kh5 Kg7 28.Kg5) because 27.Kh5 Kf7 28.Kh6 Kg8 seemed to keep White King out.

I was reminded, however, that 27.d5! forces the Black King to defend Pf5 from g6 ONLY so zugzwang and the win exists by 27... Kf7 28. Kg3 Kg6 29 Kf4. After Black uses up his Pawn moves, he will be forced to give up Pf5.

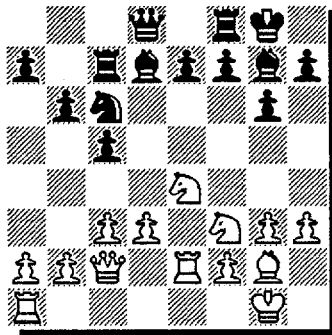
Thanks, Ruben, for your corrections!! All readers are invited to shoot me by email: tfriske@interaccess.com

The finishing touch

by ruben reyes

Tim Kras (2280) of NationsBank, back in the East Division after a long absence in the CIGL, has this fine finish versus a 2056.

Let's join in after **15.Re2 Rc7** (See diagram below left). Tim Kras has Black.

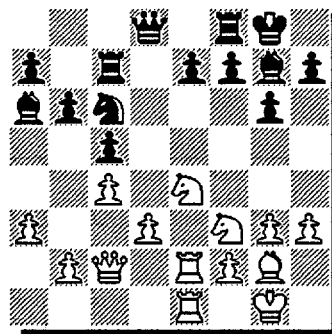


Black's last move vacates c1 for the B and gets ready to double up on the d-file to put pressure on White's d-pawn.

16 Rae1 Bc8 17 a3 Ba6 18 c4

This results in a backward d-pawn on a semi-open file. White, however, does not seem to have a better choice.

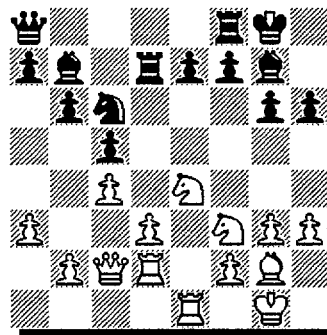
Defending the d-pawn with either of the rooks can be disastrous for White. For example, if **18.Rd1** then **18...f4 19.Neg5** (else on **19.Ned2**, White loses not only the d-pawn but the R at e2 as well after **19...Bxd3 18...h6** and White's N is trapped. The same thing happens on **18.Rd2 f4 19.Neg5 h6**



18...Rd7 19 Rd2 Bb7 Starts pressure

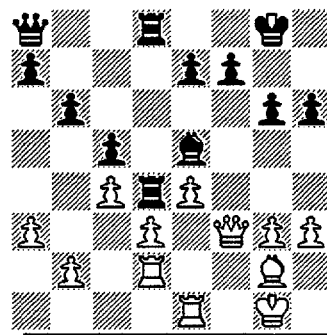
on the long diagonal a8-h1.

20 Neg5 h6 21 Ne4 Qa8



22 Qd1 Rfd8 23 Qe2 Another try is **23.Nc3**.

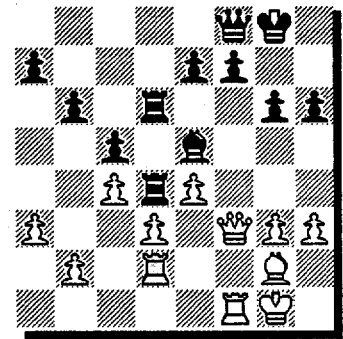
23...Nd4 24 Nxd4 Rxd4 25 f3 Bxe4 26 fxe4 Be5 27 Qf3



27...R8d6 Not **27...Rxc4** because of **28.Rf2** threatening both **29.dxc4** and **29.Qxf7+**. Black renews the threat on the c-pawn (**28...Rxc4**) because now the reply **29.Rf2** is met by **29...Rf6**

28 Rf1 Qf8

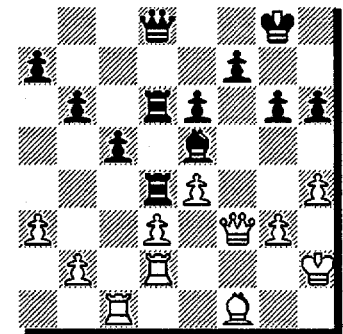
(See diagram next column)



29 Kh2 **29.b3** avoids loss of the c-pawn.

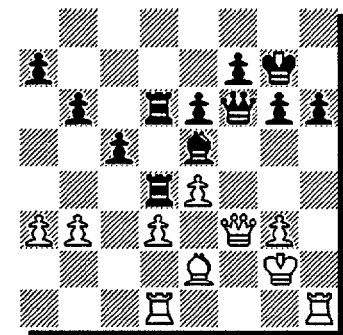
29...Rxc4 30 h4 Perhaps, intending to post the B or K at h3.

30...Rcd4 31 Rc1 Qd8 32 Bf1 e6



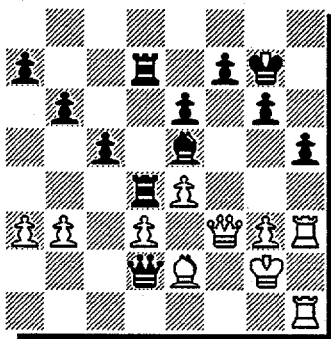
33 b3 Stops **33...c4** but loses the h-pawn.

33...Qxh4+ 34 Kg2 Qe7 35 Be2 Kg7 36 Rh1 Qg5 37 Rdd1 Qf6

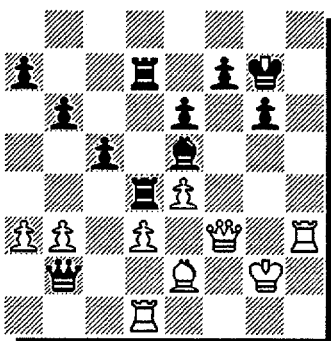


38 Qe3 Qg5 39 Qf3 Rd7 40 Rh3 h5 41 Rdh1 Qd2 Threatens **42... Rxd3**.

(See diagram next page)

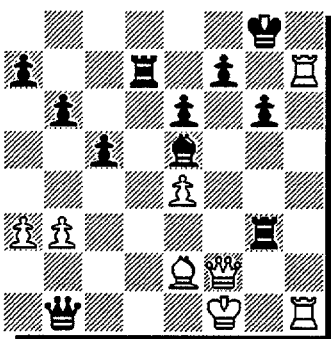


42 Rd1 Qb2 43 g4 hxg4 44 Qxg4 Bf6
45 Qf3 Be5



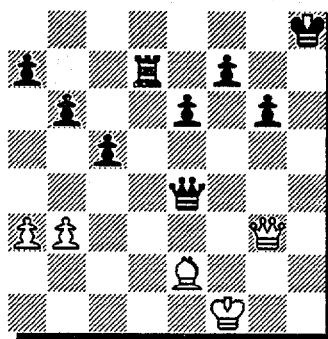
46 Rdh1 Rxd3 Black finally breaks thru.

47 Rh7+ Kg8 48 Qf2 Rg3+ 49 Kf1
Qb1+



50 Qe1 Qxe4 51 Rh8+ Bxh8 52 Rxh8+
Kxh8 53 Qxg3

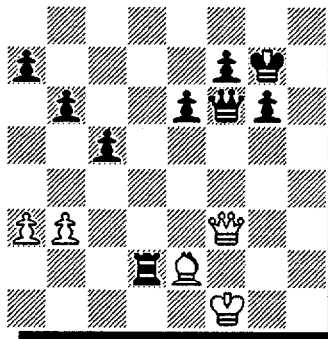
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White has stopped the attack by trading off pieces. However, no relief is in sight as White's now the exchange and four pawns down.

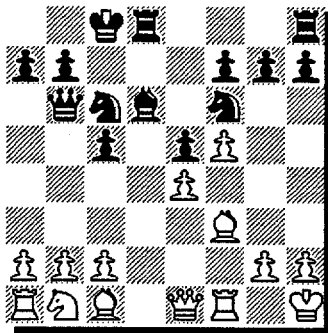
53...Rd2 54 Qc3+ Qd4 55 Qh3+ Kg7
56 Qf3 Qf6 0-1

Final Position Kras game



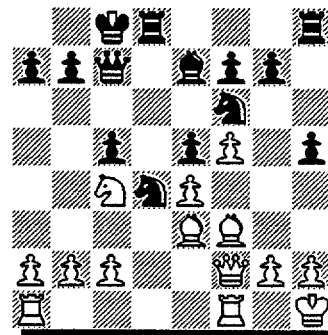
Tony Jasaitis (2141C) of NationsBank wins with the following nice finish against a 1942.

Let's enter the game after 12.Kh1 0-0-0 (See diagram below). Jasaitis has White.

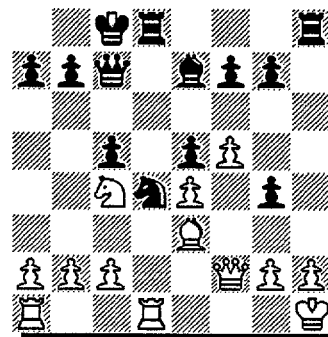


13.Na3 Be7 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Be3 Nd4

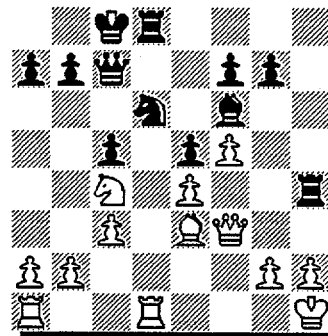
16.Qf2 h5



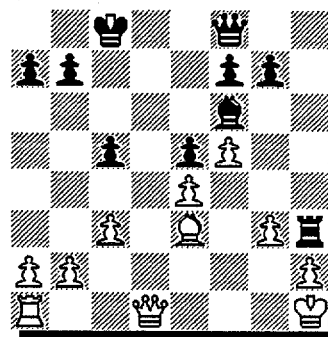
17.Rfd1 Ng4 18.Bxg4 hxg4



19.c3 Nb5 20.Qg3 Bf6 21.Qxg4 Rh4
22.Qf3 Nd6

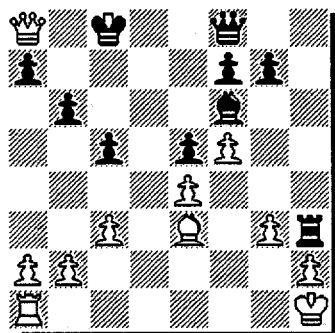


23.g3 Rh3 24.Nxd6+ Rxd6 25. Rxd6
Qxd6 26.Qd1 Qf8



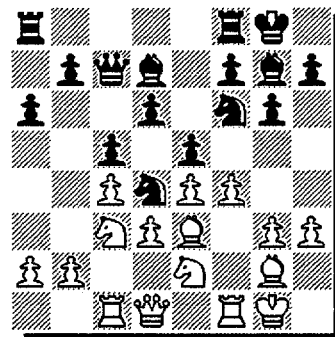
27.Qd5 b6 28.Qa8+ 1-0

Final Position Jasaitis game



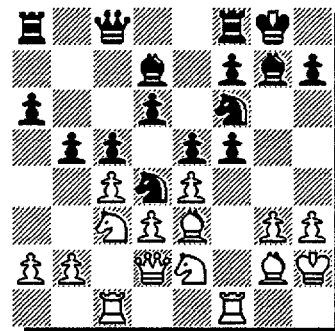
Alex Pehas (1986C) of Lucent Tech Royals brings us a glimpse of an attack version of the Botvinnik English in this superb finish versus a 1794 double centurion.

Let's drop in after 12.f4 Nd4 (see diagram below). Pehas has White.



13.f5 An ingenious pawn sacrifice which allows White access via the g and h-files.

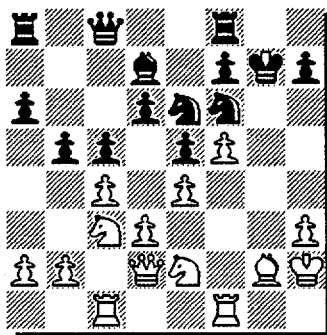
13...gxf5 14.Qd2 Qc8 15.Kh2 b5



16.Bh6 Threatening 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qg6+ Kh8 19.Qxf6+ winning.

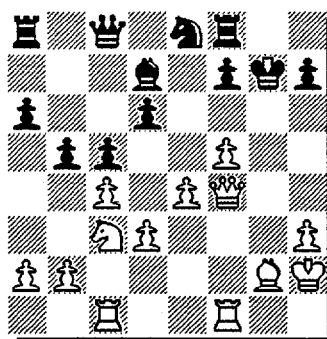
16...f4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 Not 17... fxg3+ because after 18.Nxg3 Kxg7 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.Qxf6+ Kg8 21.Nh5 White's not only is a piece up but also has a strong mating attack: 21...Ne6 22.Nd5 Re1 23.Qxf7+ Kh8 24.Nf6 threatening 25.Qxh7#.

18.gxf4 Ne6 19.f5



19...Nf4 Equally hopeless is either 19...Nc7 or 19...Ne8 because of 20.Qg5+ Kh8 21.Qxf6+ Kg8 22.Bf3 threatening mate with 23.Rg1#.

20.Nxf4 exf4 21.Qxf4 Ne8

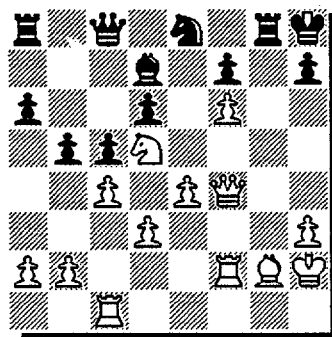


Of no help is 21...Qd8 22.e5 dxe5 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Bxa8 Rg8 25.Qh6 when 26...Qxa8 loses the N (27.Qxf6+).

22.f6+ So as not to allow the freeing maneuver 22...f6.

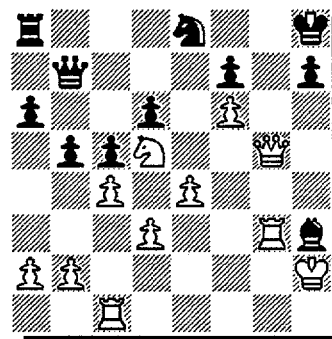
22...Kh8 23.Nd5 Rg8 24.Rf2

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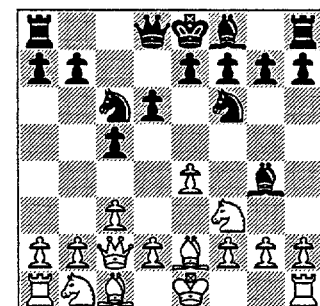
24...Rxf2+ Or 24...Rf8 25.Qh6 Rg8 26.Ne7 Qd8 27.Nxg8 Kxg8 28.e5 dxe5 29.Be4 threatening 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8#.

25.Rxg2 Bxh3 26.Rg3 Qb7 27.Qg5 1-0



In round 2 of the 1998 play-offs, Yusuf Hasan (2197) of Motorola on board 2 beat a 2207 with superb handling of the opening and an excellent finish.

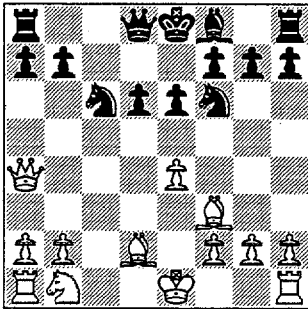
Let's take a look see after 5. Be2 Nc6 (See diagram below). Hasan has White.



6.d4 The P sac seems a new idea.

6...Bxf3 7.Bxf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4
9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Bd2 Keeps Black's Q,
B, or N away from a5 and b4.

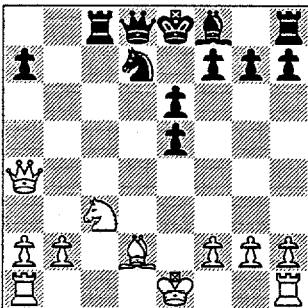
10...e6



11.e5 dxe5 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qxc6+
Nd7 White now has a pawn majority
in the queen's wing.

14. Nc3 Rc8 Resumption of Black's
development with 14...Be7 or 14... Bc5,
followed by ...0-0 is an alternative. If
15.Rd1 then 15...Qc8.

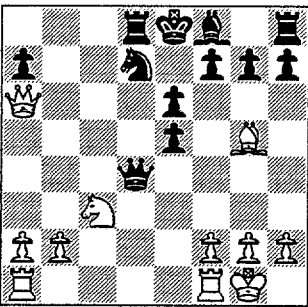
15.Qa4



15...Qb6 Preferable's 15...Bc5 intend-
ing 16...0-0.

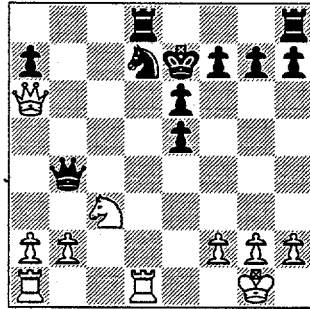
16.0-0 Qd4 16...Be7.

17. Qa6 Rd8 18.Bg5



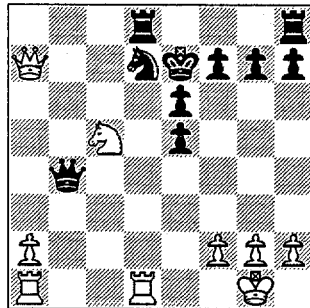
18...Be7 Or 18...f6 19.Qxe6+ Be7 20.
Be3 Qd6 21.Qg3 leaves Black's K in
the center.

19. Bxe7 Kxe7 20. Rfd1 Qb4



If 20...Qb6 then 21.Qa3+ Qc5 22.
Rxd7+! Rxd7 23.Qxc5+ wins.

21.Qxa7 Qxb2 22.Ne4 Qb4 23.Nc5



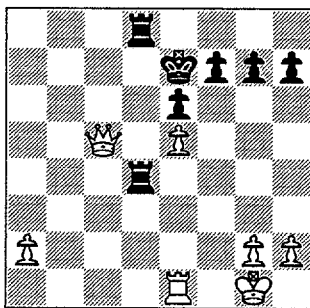
23...Qxc5

If 23...Qb5 then 24.Rab1 Qc6 25. Rb7
and the N at d7 falls.

24.Rxd7+!

Wins the Q and the game. The rest is as
follows: 24..Rxd7 25.Qxc5+ Kf6 26.
Re1 Rd5 27.Qc3 Rd4 28.f4 Rhd8
29.fxe5+ Ke7 30. Qc5+ 1-0

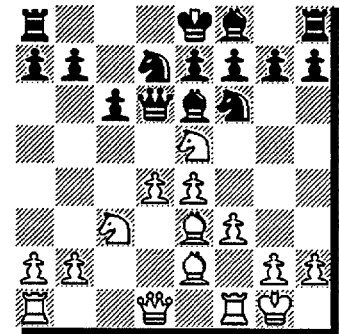
Final Position Hasan game



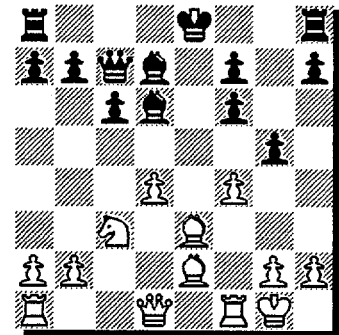
Mike Plett (1791) of UOP wins a
piece in the opening against
an unrated and finishes with a
superb mating attack.

Let's pick up the action after
10.Be3 Nbd7. (See diagram
below). Plett has White.

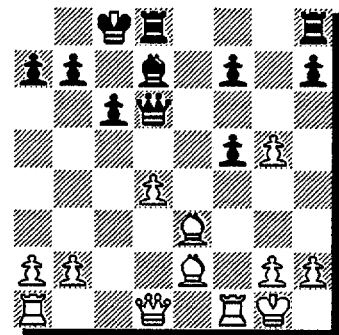
10.Be3 Nbd7



11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.e5 Qc7 13.exf6 exf6
14.0-0 Bd6 15.f4 g5



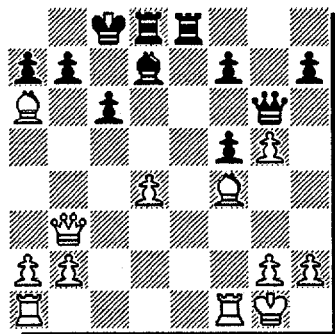
16.Ne4 0-0-0 17.Nxd6+ Qxd6



19.Bf4 Qg6 20.Qb3 Rhe8 21.Ba6 1-0

(See diagram next page)

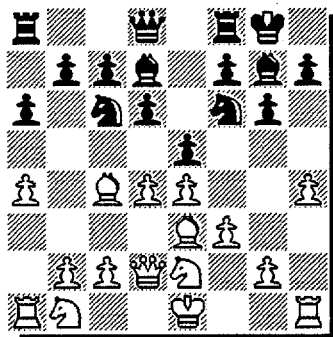
Final Position Plett game



An amazing position. If 21...bxf6 then 22.Qb8.

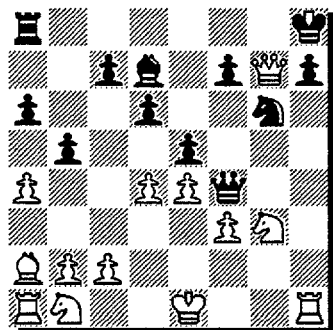
Julian Guio (1898) of Lucent Royals beat a 1563 with this fine attack.

Let's check this one out after 9.Qd2 e5 (See diagram below) Guio has White.



10.h5 Ne7 11. hxc6 Nxc6 12. Bh6 b5 13. Bxc7 Kxc7 14. Qh6+ Kh8 15. Ba2 Qe7 16.. g4 Rg8 17. g5 Rg7 18. gxf6 Qxf6 19 Ng3 Qf4 20. Qxc7+ 1-0 (If 20...Kxc7 then 21.Nh5+ and 22.Nxf4)

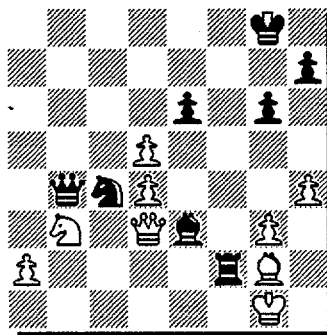
Final Position Guio game



Postmortem

by ruben reyes

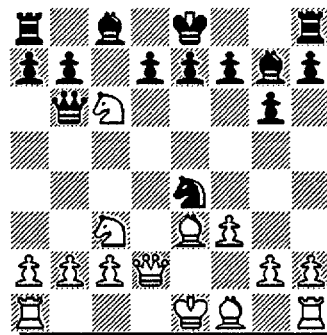
Diagram 1



Black to play, mate in 7

Diagram 1 is from an actual CIGL GAME after 40.h4. (Solution's somewhere in this page)

Diagram 2

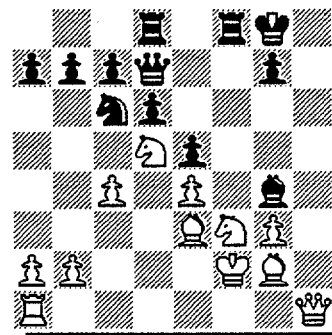


Black to play

Diagram 2 is after 8.Qd2 Nxe4 9.Nxc6 between a 1797 (White) and a 2017 (Black). Black came out a pawn up after 9...Nxd2 10.Bxb6 bxc6 11.Na5 Nxf1 12.Rxf1.

But can you do better? (Solution's somewhere on this page)

Diagram 3



Black to play

Diagram 3 is from a game between a 2346 (White) and a 2323 (Black) after 17. Be3 fxe4 18. dxe4.

Black lost after 18...Nd4 19. Bxd4 exd4 20. Kg1 Bxf3 21. Bxf3.

Can you find a way for Black to get back in the game? (Solution's somewhere on this page)

Solution to Diagram 1: 40...Qe1+ 41.Kh2 (41.Qf1 Rxf1+ 42.Kh2 Rh1+ 43.Bxh1 Qg1+ 44.Kh3 Qxh1+ 45.Kg4 h5#) 41...Rxa2+ 42.Kxc2 (42.Kh3 Qxc3#) 42...Qg8+ 43.Kf3 (43.Kh3 Qh1+ 44.Kg4 h5#) 43...Qh1+ 44.Ke2 (44.Kg4 h5#) 44...Qg2+ 45.Kd1 (45.Ke1 Qf2+ 46.Kd1 Nb2#) 45...Nb2+ 46.Ke1 Qf2#

Solution to Diagram 2: 9...Qxb2! puts four pieces enprise all at the same time (R, Q, N at c3 and N at c6). Black wins a 2nd pawn and the exchange after 10.Rb1 Qxb1+ 11.Nxb1 Nxd2 12.N.B or Kxd2 dxc6.

Solution to Diagram 3: 18...Rxf3+ 19. Bxf3 Rf8 and Black recovers material plus pawn and positional advantage.