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Mark Your Calendars with These Key League Dates:

Spring Business Meeting	3.5 Weeks Before Playoffs (April 13, 2011)
Season Playoffs	Second Saturday of (May 14, 2011)
CICL Open	Second Saturday of (May 14, 2011)
League Awards Banquet	Third Friday of June (June 17, 2011)

Editor's Notes:

Thanks to everyone for the great submissions for this month's issue- the CICL has had a busy spring, and we haven't even reached the play-offs yet! Best of luck to this year's play-off contenders (in rating order): Downers Grove Chess Club, Motorola Knights, SSCC Wombats, St Charles Chess Club, Walgreens Forks, SSCC Pawns, Hedgehogs, and AMA Rogue Squadron.

I apologize for the delay in releasing this month's issue- we were in a bidding war with People Magazine for the exclusive new photos of the redesigned traveling trophy.

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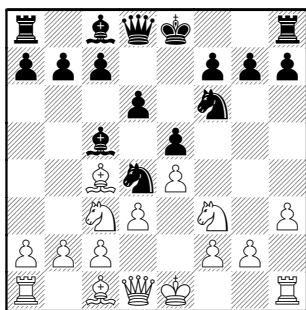
THIS MONTH, we feature some of the best efforts from players making the "Most Improved" list.

Gafni, Paul (1670) –
Brock, Bill (2011)

[C50]

NWEST at AMARS AMA Building ,
10-11-2010

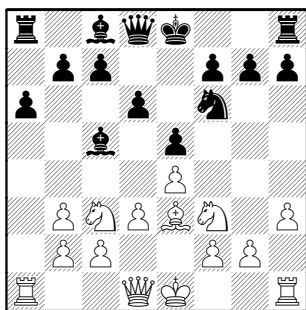
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3
Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.h3 Nd4



7.Bb3

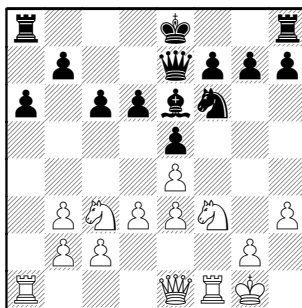
7.a4 preserves the key Bishop, but
maybe b4 is weakened. So maybe
7.a3

7...Nxb3 8.axb3 a6 9.Be3

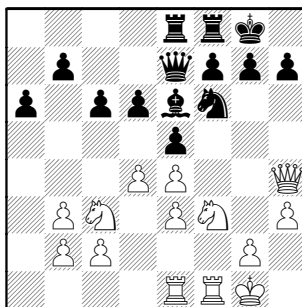


9...Bxe3 [9...Bb4]

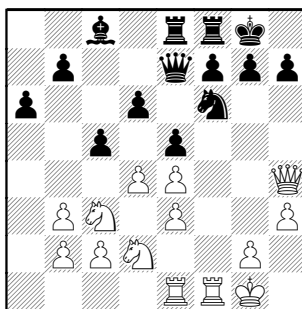
10.fxe3 c6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Qe1 Qe7



13.d4 0-0 14.Qh4 Rae8 15.Rae1



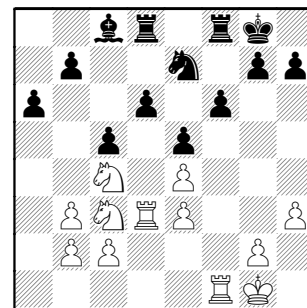
15...Bc8 16.Nd2 c5



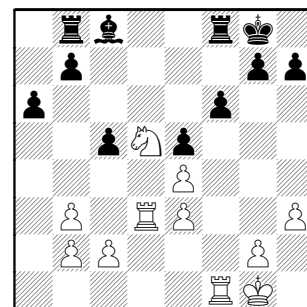
17.d5 Nxd5 18.Qxe7 Nxe7

Black has won a Pawn, but... 19.Nc4
...he has a weakness of his own

19...Rd8 20.Rd1 f6 21.Rd3

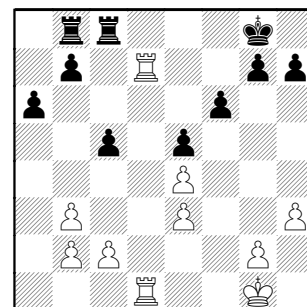


21...Be6 22.Nxd6 Rb8 23.Nd5 Nc8
24.Nxc8 Bxc8

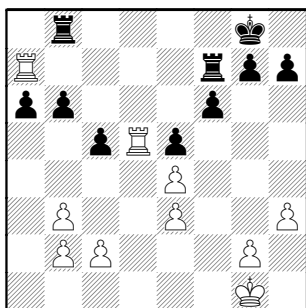


If Black was depending on taking
advantage of the doubled Pawns, he
would also have to find a way to
attack them. Here, it seems to help
White control any Pawn breaks.

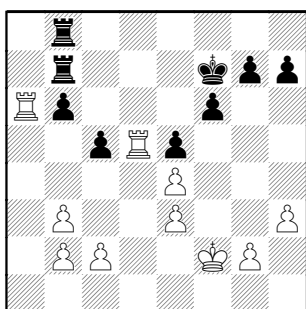
25.Ne7+ Kf7 26.Nxc8 Rfxc8
27.Rd7+ Kg8 28.Rfd1



28...Rf8 to contest the 7th rank with Rf7 29.R1d5 b6 30.Ra7 Rf7



31.Rxa6 Rfb7 32.Kf2 Kf7

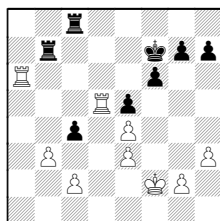


33.c4

The best way to play doubled Pawns is to trade the front one: 33.b4 cxb4

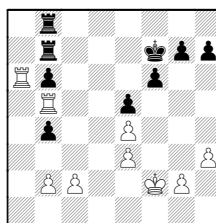
(33...c4 34.b5 and the c4-Pawn becomes a target;

33...Rc8 34.bxc5 bxc5 35.b3 c4



again, White's lazy King allows Black to attack the base.)

34.Rb5

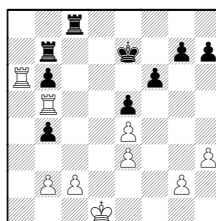


but here White exposes his base:
34...Rc8 35.Raxb6 Rxb6 36.Rxb6 Rxc2+ 37.Kf3 Rxb2;

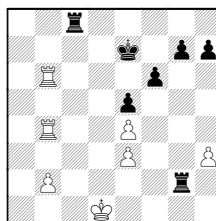
So, from the last game diagram, 33.Ke2 first, now b3-b4 may work since the King can defend the base 33...Ke7

(33...Ke6 walks into a check-- see move 37)

34.b4 cxb4 35.Rb5 Rc8 36.Kd1

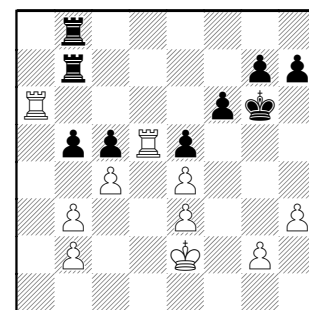


But Black can just ignore it and go for White's weakies. 36...Rbc7!
37.Raxb6 Rxc2 38.Rxb4 Rxg2

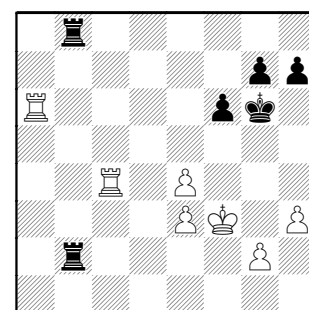


Back to the game...

33...Kg6 34.Ke2 b5



35.Rxe5! cute, using a pin 35...bxc4 36.Rxc5 Rxb3 37.Rxc4 Rxb2+ 38.Kf3



With all the Pawns on the same side, White has little to fear.

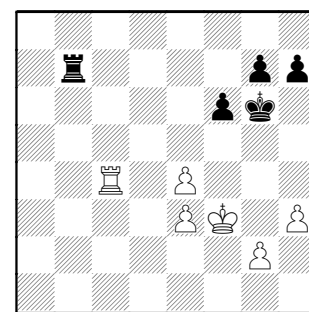
38...R8b6

38...Rd8 to double on the 2nd rank
39.e5! Rdd2 40.exf6 gxf6

(40...Rxg2 41.fxg7+ Kxg7)

41.Rg4+

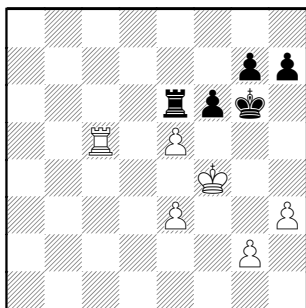
39.Ra7 Rb7 40.Rxb7 Rxb7



41.Rc5

41.Rc6 renews threat e4-e5 41...Rb5
42.Kf4

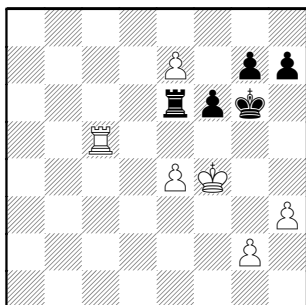
41...Re7 42.Kf4 Re6 43.e5



43...Ra6 44.e4

44.exf6 Rxf6+ allows a passer, but
doubtful it wins

44...Ra7 45.e6 Ra6 46.e7 Re6

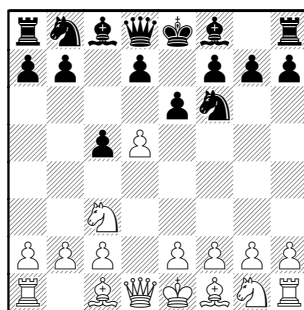


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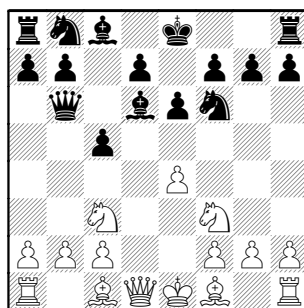
Kukuruza,Vasvl (1630) -
Eustace,Dan (1552) [A43]

Pawns-Dragons, 9-22-2010

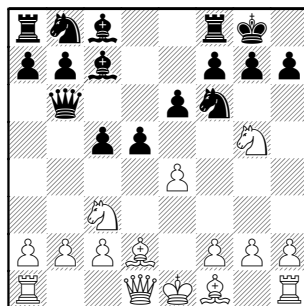
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.d5 e6



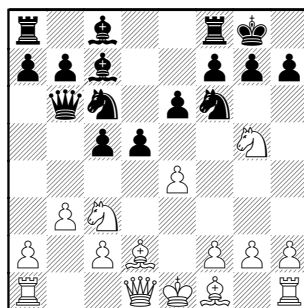
4.d6 Qb6 5.e4 Bxd6 6.Nf3



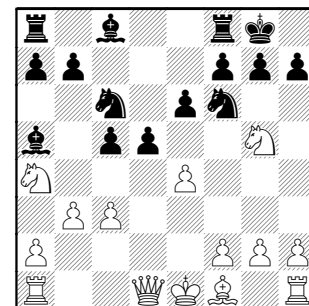
threat is e4-e5 forking
6...Bc7 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Ng5 d5



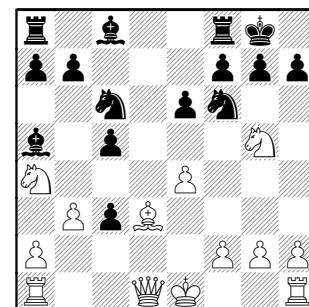
9.b3 An odd move, is he purposely
setting a trap by covering a4 ?
9...Nc6??



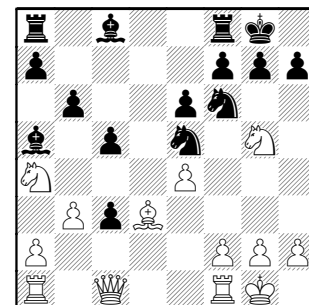
10.Na4 Black cut-off his Queen's only
escape route ! 10...Qa5 11.Bxa5
Bxa5+ 12.c3



12...d4 13.Bd3 dxc3



14.0-0 b6 15.Qc1 Ne5



16.Bc4

16.Bc2 if White wants to win the c3-
Pawn, Qe3 or f4,Rf3 attacks it while
improving his pieces.

16...h6 17.f4?! dropping a piece to
save a Pawn

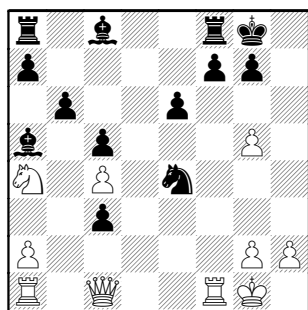
If he's purposely sac'ing a piece, he
could look for where it would gain
more (positionally, if not materially).

17.Nxf7 Nxc4

(17...Rxf7 18.Nxc3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Nxe4)

18.Nxh6+

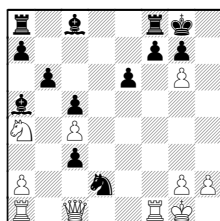
17...Nxc4 18.bxc4 hgx5 19.fxg5 Nxe4



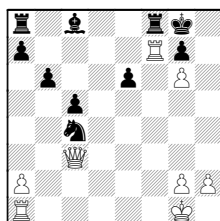
Black nearly has material compensation for the early Queen loss. Now, if he could only find a target and concentrate the pieces. His main problem is the useless position of the a5-Bishop.

20.g6 fxg6

A) 20...Nd2



21.Rxf7 idea Nxc3 21...Nxc4?
22.Nxc3 Bxc3 23.Qxc3



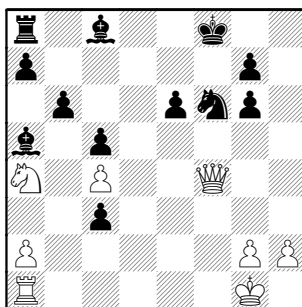
threatening Qxg7# or Qxc4

B) 20...f5 idea Rf6 21.Qf4 idea Qh4-h7# 21...Rf6

C) 20...Bb7 protects the central Knight and connects Rooks

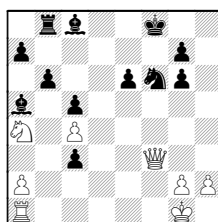
D) 20...Bd7 21.Qc2 Bc6

21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Qf4+ Nf6



23.Rc1

A) 23.Qf3! Find a square the Queen can attack in every direction !
23...Rb8



24.Qc6! Ne8

24...Bb7?? 25.Qd6+ wins Rook !
(25.Qc7)

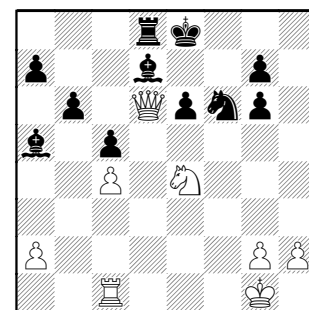
25.Rf1+ Kg8 26.Qe4

B) 23.g4 has merit, g5 and Rf1 will invade

23...Bd7 24.Nxc3 Rd8

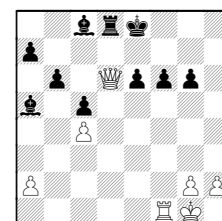
Black should rid himself of the useless piece 24...Bxc3

25.Ne4 Black's busted ! 25...Ke7
26.Qd6+ Ke8



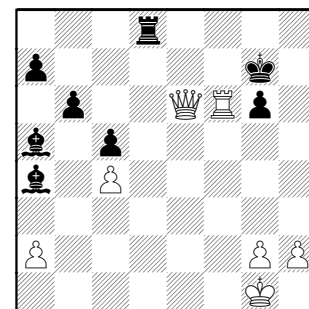
27.Rf1 Ba4

27...Bc8 28.Nxf6+ gxf6

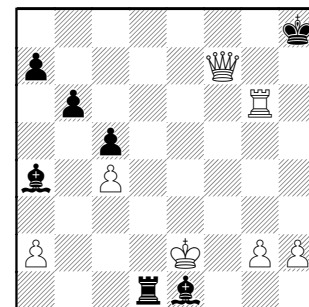


29.Qc7 f5 30.Qg7

28.Qxe6+ Kf8 29.Nxf6 gxf6
30.Rxf6+ Kg7



31.Qf7+ Kh8 32.Rxg6 Rd1+ 33.Kf2
Be1+ 34.Ke2

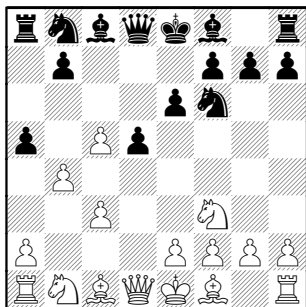


White threatens 4 mates-in-one ! 1–0

Diaz, Pablo (2054) –
Freitag, Todd (2007) [D02]

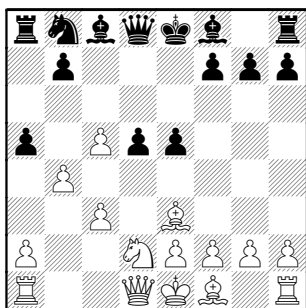
Tyros-Wombats, 11-3-2010

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c3 c5 4.dxc5 a5
5.b4 e6

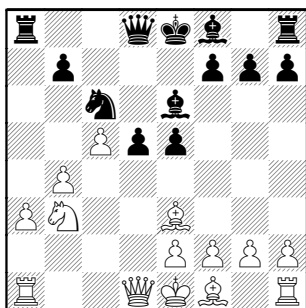


This is a Queen's Gambit Accepted
with colors reversed !

6.Be3 Ne4 7.Nfd2 Nxd2 8.Nxd2 e5

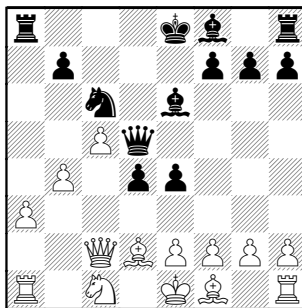


9.Nb3 axb4 10.cxb4 Nc6 11.a3 Be6

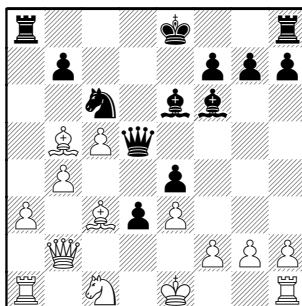


Classic play - flank pressure
countered by central thrusts.

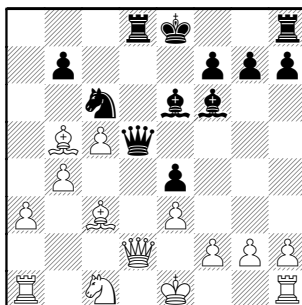
12.Bd2 d4 13.Qc2 Qd5 14.Nc1 e4



15.e3 Be7 16.Bb5 d3 17.Qb2 Bf6
18.Bc3



18...d2+ 19.Qxd2 Rd8

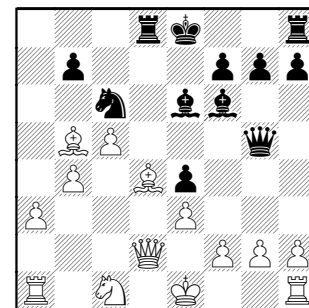


More pressure ! Threat is Bxc3,Qd1#

20.Bd4

20.Qxd5 Bxc3+

20...Qg5

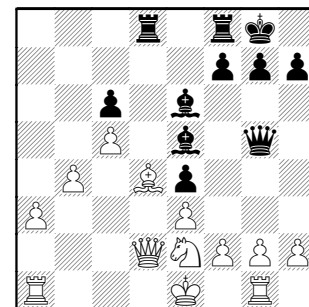


21.Rg1

21.Bxf6 Qxf6 and two pieces hang

21.0–0 Bxd4 neither Queen nor Pawn
can recapture !

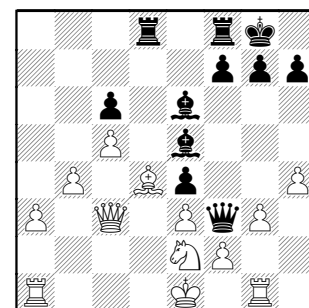
21...0–0 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Ne2 Be5



24.g3 but leaves some major light-
squared holes !

24.Ng3 Bxd4 25.exd4

24...Qh5 25.h4 Qf3 26.Qc3

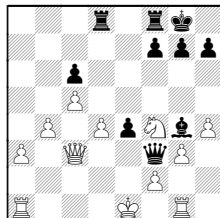


26...f6

26...Bg4 27.Nf4?

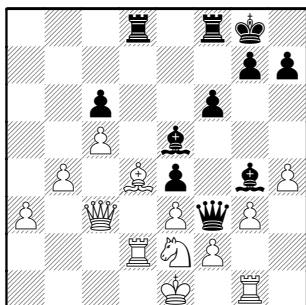
White survives with 27.Ra2 Bxd4
28.exd4
(28.Nxd4?? Qd1#)

27...Bxd4 28.exd4

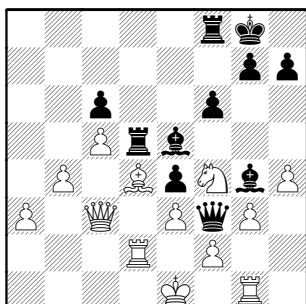


28...e3! 29.fxe3 (29.Qxe3? Rfe8)
29...Rfe8

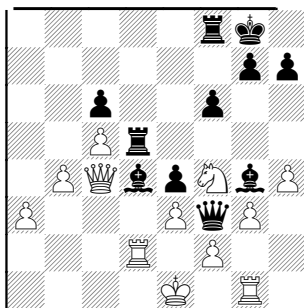
27.Rd1 Bg4 28.Rd2



28...Rd5 29.Nf4

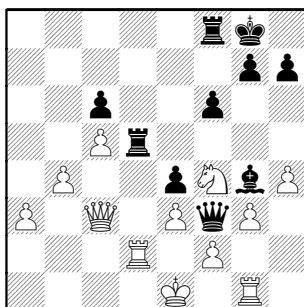


29...Bxd4 30.Qc4



30.Rxd4 g5 with idea gxf or Qe2#

30...Bc3!! idea Qd1# 31.Qxc3

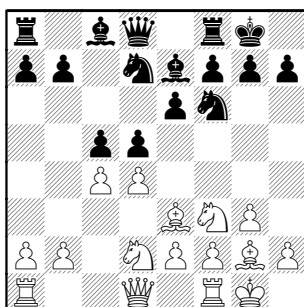


31...Qd1+! 0-1

Chavez,Alejandro (1398) -
Duffy,Jim (1600) [D02]

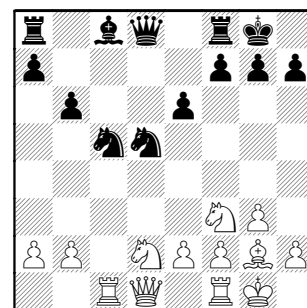
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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2
Be7 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Nbd2
Nh5 8.Be3 c5 9.c4 Nhf6

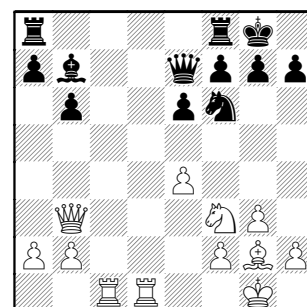


10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.Rc1

b6 13.cxd5 Nxd5

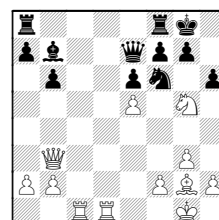


14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 Bb7 16.e4
Nf6 17.Rfd1 Qe7



18.e5

18.Ng5 idea e5,Ne4-d6 18...h6 19.e5

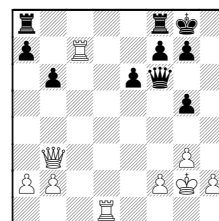


A) 19...Nd5 20.Ne4

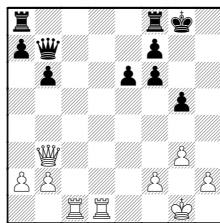
B) 19...Bxg2 20.exf6 Qxf6 21.Kxg2

(21.Nxe6? fxe6 White opened the f-file for his opponent ! 22.Kxg2 Qxf2+)

21...hxg5 22.Rc7



C) 19...hxg5 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.exf6 gxf6

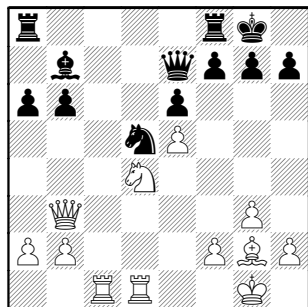


22.Qc3 maybe a (very?) little play for the Pawn

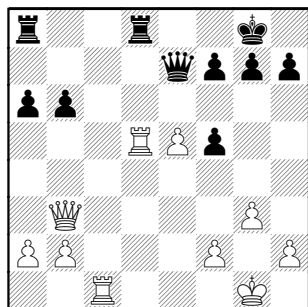
18...Nd5 19.Nd4

19.Nd2 idea to get to d6 via c4 or e4

19...a6



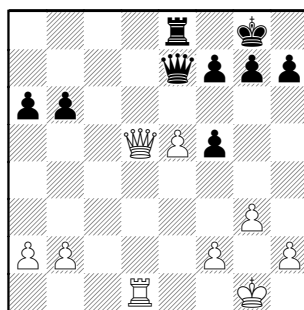
20.Nf5 cute, but only causes trades (OK, for the lower-rated, of course)
20...exf5 21.Bxd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Rfd8



23.Rcd1

23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 (23...Rxd8 24.Qxb6) 24.Rd1

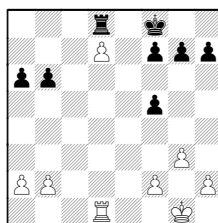
23...Rxd5 24.Qxd5 Re8



25.Qd6 g6

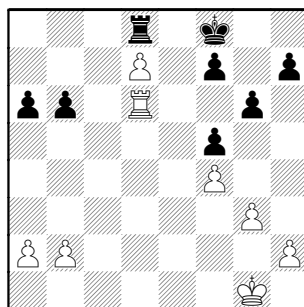
A) 25...Qxe5?? 26.Qxe5 Rxe5 27.Rd8+ mates

B) 25...Qxd6 26.exd6 Kf8 27.d7 Rd8



Black will win the d-Pawn but White has others 28.Rd6 as in the game

26.f4 Qxd6 27.exd6 Rd8 28.d7 Kf8 29.Rd6



29...Ke7 30.Rxb6 Rxd7 31.Kg2

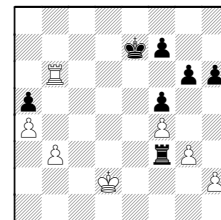
No better is 31.Rxa6 Rd1+ 32.Kg2 Rd2+

31...a5 32.a4 Rd4 33.b3 h6 34.Kh3

A) 34.Rb5 Rd3

B) 34.Kf3 idea Ke3 34...Rd3+ (34...Rd2 35.h4)

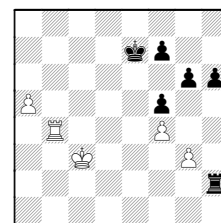
35.Ke2 Rc3 36.Kd2 Rf3



37.b4!

(37.Rb5 Too slow for White is 37...Rf2+ 38.Kc3 Rxh2 39.Rxa5 Rh3 40.b4)

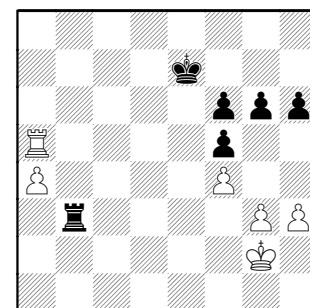
37...axb4 38.Rxb4 Rf2+ 39.Kc3 Rxh2 40.a5



40...Ra2

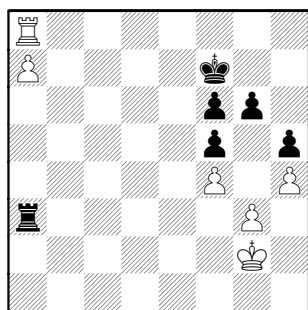
40...Rg2 41.Ra4
(41.a6 Rxg3+ 42.Kb2
(42.Kc4 Ra3 43.Kb5)
)

34...Rd5 35.Kg2 f6 36.h3 Rd6 37.Rb5 Rd3 38.Rxa5 Rxb3



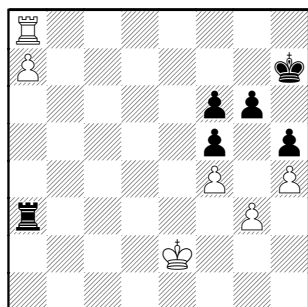
White had a similar position after move 31 analysis. Good enough for a solid draw.

39.h4 Ke6 40.Ra6+ Ke7 41.a5 Ra3 42.Ra8 h5 43.a6 Kf7 44.a7



threat is Rh8! since Rxa7 allows skewer Rh7+ and capture on a7 - a standard combination to win !

44...Kg7 45.Kf2 Kh7 46.Ke2



yup, the last try is to walk King to the b-file and up the board

46...Kg7 47.Kd2 Kh7 48.Kc2 Kg7 49.Kb2 Ra6 50.Kb3 Ra1
DRAW AGREED

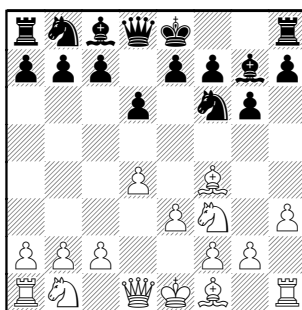
51.Kb4 Rb1+ 52.Kc5 threat Rg8+, a8Q 52...Rc1+ 53.Kb6 Rb1+ 54.Kc7 Rc1+ there's no place for the King to hide from checks !

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**Bungo, Greg (2089) –
Speigel, Lenny (1959) [A48]**

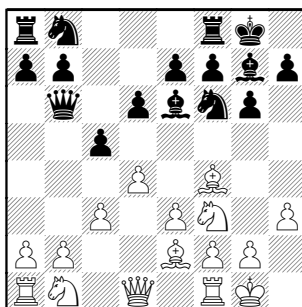
DGCC-Fermlab, 1-12-2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 d6 5.h3

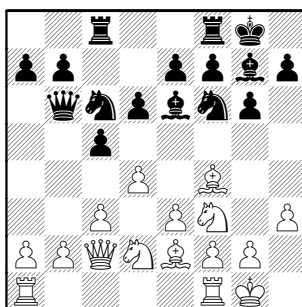


The London System assures White's normally "bad" Bishop survives Nf6-h5, while slowing e7-e5.

5...0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.c3 Be6 8.0-0 Qb6

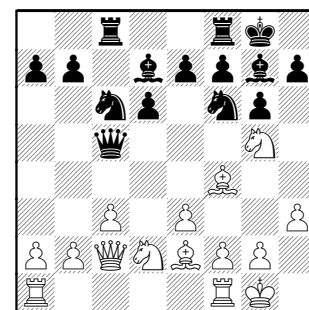


9.Qc2 Nc6 10.Nbd2 Rac8



cx d, Nx d4, Qx d4 threatens as those moves clear the c8-Rook's look at Qc2.

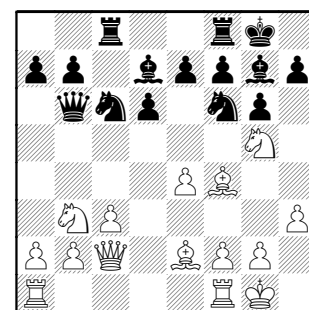
11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.Ng5 Bd7



13.Nb3 the Knight could be more active on the Kingside, via f3 or e4

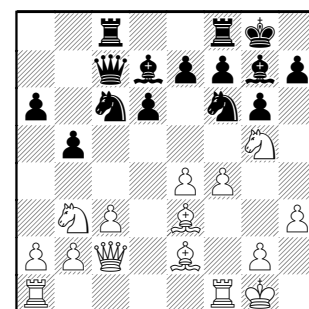
13.h4 may get an attack started

13...Qb6 14.e4



Looks like a transposition into some kind of Sicilian Dragon

14...a6 15.Be3 Qc7 16.f4 b5



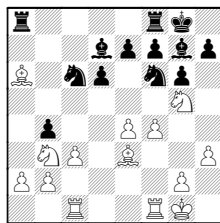
17.Rac1 Qb7 looking at Pe4 and b5-b4

17...Na5 idea Nc4 or Qxa5, b5-b4 also look like progress for Black

18.Qd3 stopping b5-b4 due to hanging a6-Pawn **18...h6**

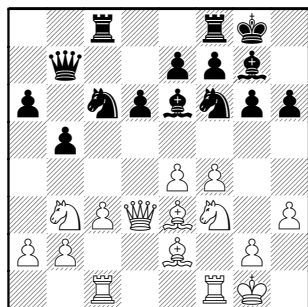
18...b4 19.Qxa6
(I don't like the looks of 19.cxb4
Nxb4)

19...Qxa6 20.Bxa6 Ra8



idea Rxa2 and bxc, both attack the
dark squares and open the g7-
Bishop's scope

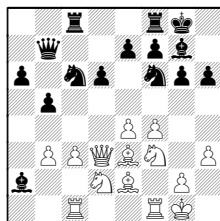
19.Nf3 Be6



20.Nfd2 idea f4-f5

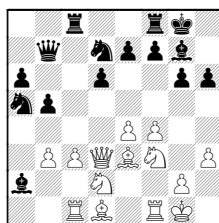
A) 20.f5 Bc4;

B) Too loosening for White is
20.Nbd2 Bxa2 21.b3



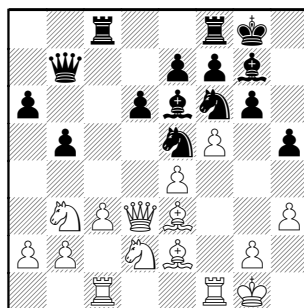
idea Ra1, of course

21...Na5 22.Bd1 Nd7

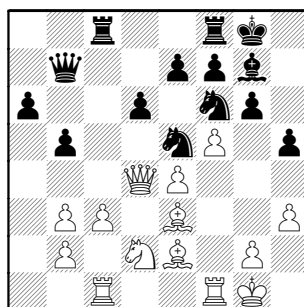


and c3 is a discovered weakness

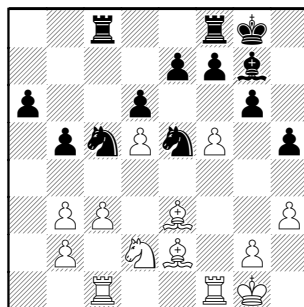
20...h5 21.f5 Ne5



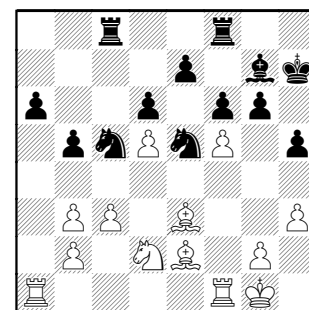
22.Qd4 Bxb3 23.axb3



23...Nfd7 24.Qd5 Qxd5 25.exd5 Nc5

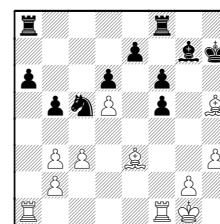


26.Bg5 f6 27.Be3 Kh7 28.Ra1



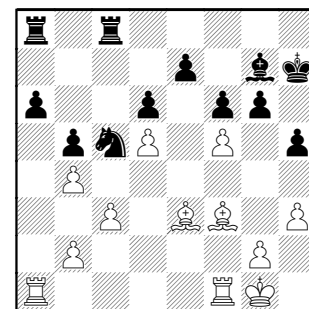
28...Ra8 29.Nf3 Nxf3+ 30.Bxf3 Rfc8

30...gxf5 31.Bxh5



drops the f5-Pawn 31...Bh6!

31.b4



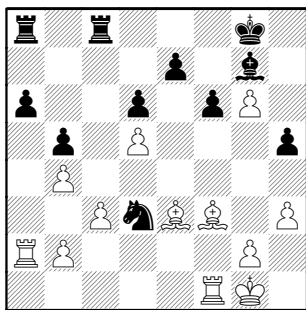
31...Nd3 a small, innocent mistake,
which completely cracks the position

32.fxg6+ and suddenly the Bishop-
pair has scope

32...Kg8

32...Kxg6 33.Be4+

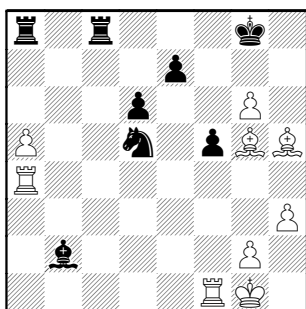
33.Ra2



33...f5

33...h4 the Pawn will eventually fall to Bf2 34.Rd1 Ne5 35.Be4

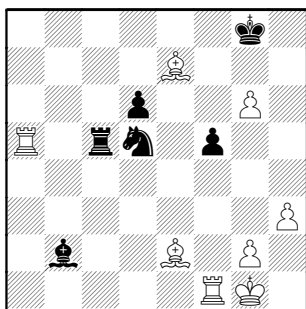
34.Bxh5 a5! A nice combination that opens lines 35.bxa5 b4 36.cxb4 Nxb4 37.Ra4 Nxd5 38.Bg5 Bxb2



39.Bf3 nasty pin, eventually taking with check 39...Rc5 40.Bxe7

40.Rd1? Nc3

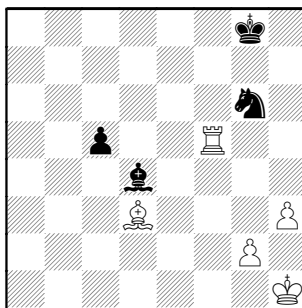
40...Ra6 41.Be2 Rxa5 42.Rxa5



42...Bd4+ 43.Kh1 Nxe7 Time error ?

43...Rxa5 44.Bxd6 (44.Rxf5? Ra1+)

44.Rxc5 dxc5 45.Bd3 Nxg6 46.Rxf5

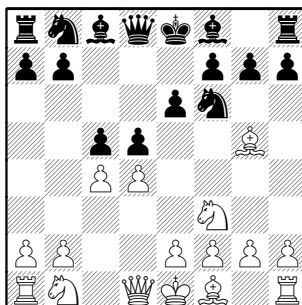


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Byrne, Mike (1321) -
Romanowitz, Caleb (1439) [D03]

Tyros-DGCC, 10.02.2011

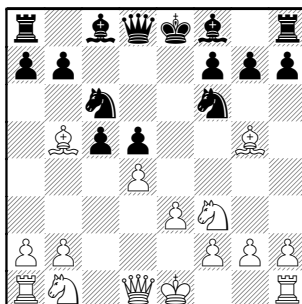
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 d5 4.c4 c5



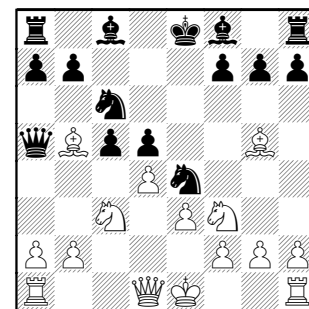
5.e3

5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 intending Bg2, begins to attack the weak d5-Pawn

5...Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bb5



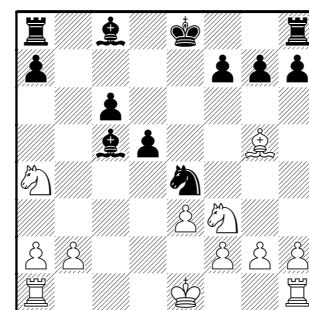
7...Qa5+ 8.Nc3 Ne4



9.Bxc6+ [Maybe 9.Qa4]

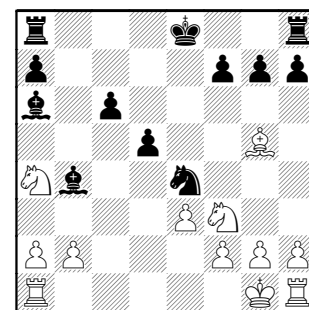
Not so good would be 9.Qb3 c4 10.Qa4 Bb4

9...bxc6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qa4 Qxa4 12.Nxa4



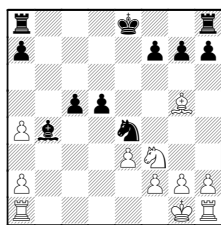
The Knight is stranded, let's see if Black gain from it.

12...Bb4+ 13.Kf1 Ba6+ 14.Kg1



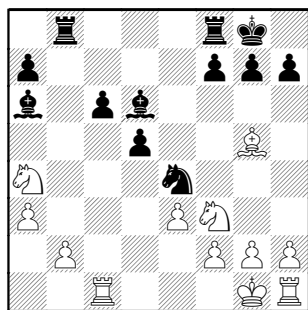
14...0-0

14...Bb5 15.b3 Bxa4 16.bxa4 c5



looks promising for Black

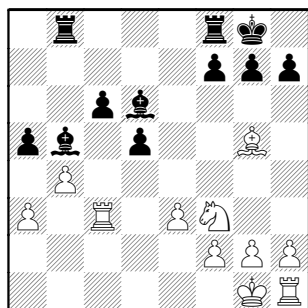
15.a3 Bd6 16.Rc1 Rab8



17.b4

17.Rxc6? Bb5

17...Bb5 18.Nc3 Nxc3 19.Rxc3 a5!

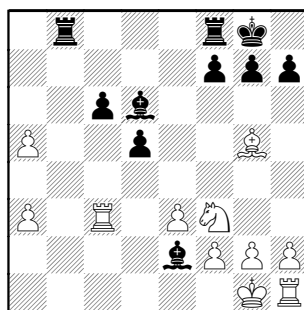


Transforming the c-Pawn into a passer (with Bishop escort !) for ugly doubled a-Pawns.

20.bxa5

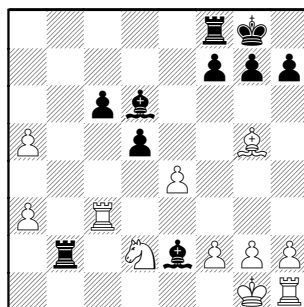
No better is 20.Rb3 Bc4 21.Rb1 axb4

20...Be2



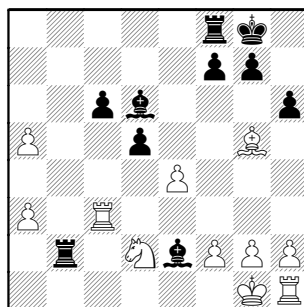
White has backrank problems.
[20...c5]

21.Nd2 covering b1, but.. [21.Rc1]
21...Rb2 22.e4



protects Knight that defends b1
(chain getting shaky)

22...h6

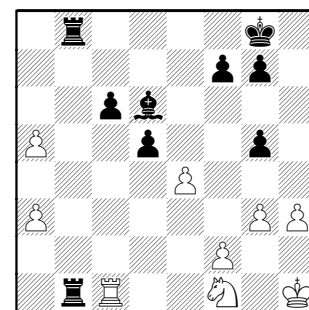


23.Nf1

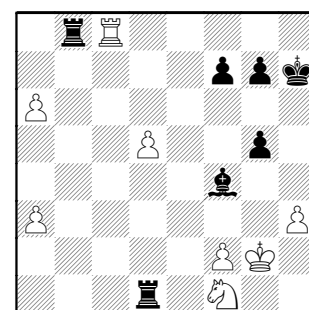
No help from 23.Be3 d4 forces
Bishop off the Knight !

23...hxg5 idea Rb1

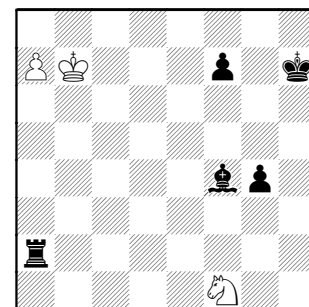
[23...Rb1? 24.Bc1] 24.Rc1 Rfb8
25.g3 trying to unwind... but 25...Bf3
26.h3 Bxh1 27.Kxh1 Rb1



28.Rxc6 Bxg3 29.Kg2 [29.fxg3
Rxf1+] 29...Bf4 30.exd5 Rd1 31.Rc4
Rbb1 32.Rc8+ Kh7 33.a6 Rb8



and White is truly lost. 34.Rc4 Rxd5
35.h4 Ra5 36.hxg5 Bxg5 37.f4 Rb2+
38.Kg3 Rxa3+ 39.Kg4 Rg2+ 40.Kf5
g6+ 41.Ke5 Re2+ 42.Kd5 Ra5+
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Ra2 46.Kb6 g5 47.Kb7 g4



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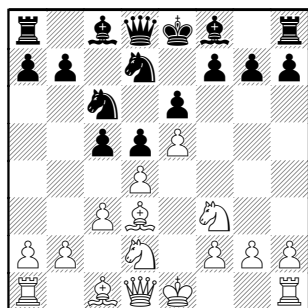
Hart,Vince (2131) –
Friske,Tom (2015) [C06]

Excaliburs-Forks, 23-29-2011

1.e4 A surprise from the start. Vince normally plays 1 c4.

1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Right into what I've playing and studying all season.

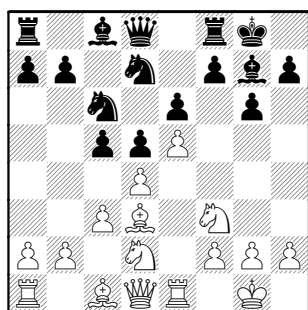
3...Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3



7...g6

This seemed to be new to him-- was to me ! It's fun to put the Bishop on a blocked diagonal. But a deeper understanding shows the French counterattacks the dark squares; the Bishop adds to the pressure. We got the idea from GM Moskalenko's book "The Flexible French".

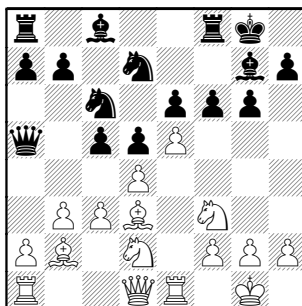
8.0-0 Bg7 9.Re1 0-0



10.b3 is idea Bb2 or Ba3 ?

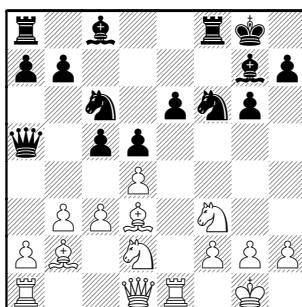
10...Qa5 Didn't like Ba3, so tried to stop it. But also frees the d7-Knight from c5 duties.

11.Bb2 This Bishop is normally placed on the Kingside, defending e5,f2, and h2. 11...f6



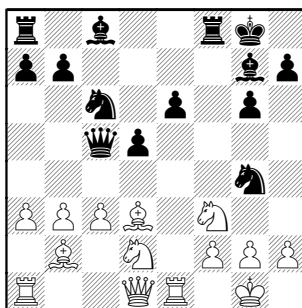
Standard French play-- trading away the blockade and eventually freeing the Queenside pieces.

12.exf6 Nxf6



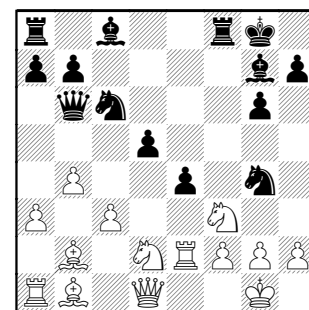
13.dxc5 Seemed to help Black open lines.

13...Qxc5 weakness f2 ! 14.a3? Ng4



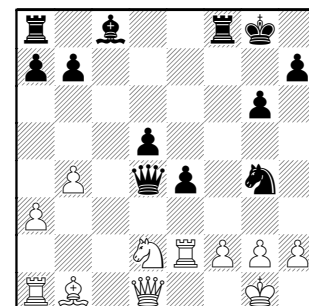
With e5 under control, Black's center rolls. White must do something about f2.

15.Re2 e5 idea e5-e4 forks 16.Bb1 e4 17.b4 Qb6



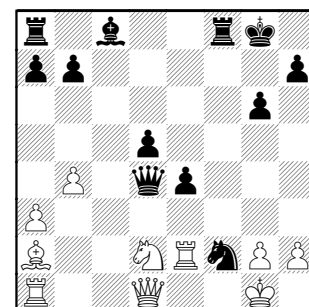
Black has won f2.

18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 Qxd4



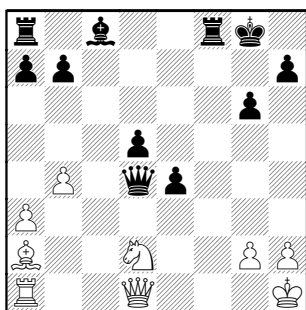
weakness Ra1 and Pf2 plus Queen hangs so Nd2 is pinned, and picked up a (center) Pawn in the process.

21.Ba2 solves everything except f2... so 21...Nxf2



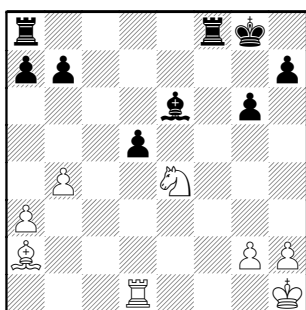
killer discovery threat !

22.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Qd4



Now I just want to get Queens off, plus his Queen needs to protect Ra1 and I'm holding d5 (probably only temporarily)

24.Nxe4 Qxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Be6!



Glad to find this a couple moves ago !

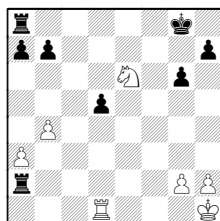
26.Ng5

26.Bxd5? Bxd5 27.Rxd5?? Rf1#

26...Rf2! another zwischenzug found at move 23

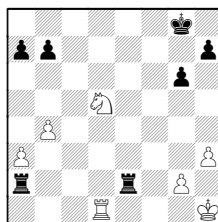
27.Ra1

I was agreeable to the ending after 27.Nxe6 Rxa2



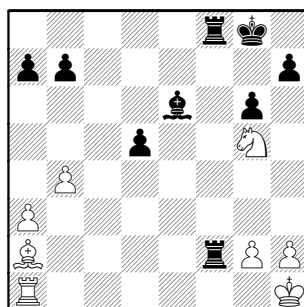
28.h3 (28.Rxd5?? Ra1+) 28...Re8 29.Nf4 (29.Nc5 b6) 29...Re4 30.Nxd5

Ree2



31.Nc3 Red2

27...Raf8?

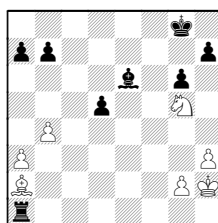


arrggg saw reply right after I let hand off piece (hoped he didn't notice my reaction!).

Mate threat was supposed to force Rf1+ and a Rook trade (with check, giving time to chase Ba2 off d5 and saving d-Pawn !!

28.Kg1 now Nxe6 allows Bxd5 with checks, so...

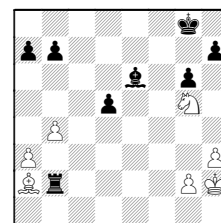
[My wish was 28.h3? Rf1+ 29.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 30.Kh2 Ra1



31.Bb3

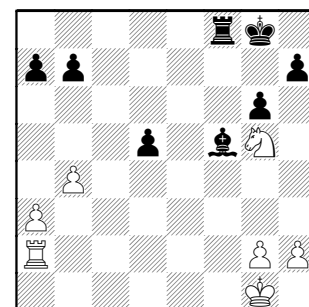
(31.Nxe6 Rxa2 is where the other line ends as well)

31...Rb1 32.Ba2 (32.Bc2 Rb2 33.Bd3 Bd7) 32...Rb2

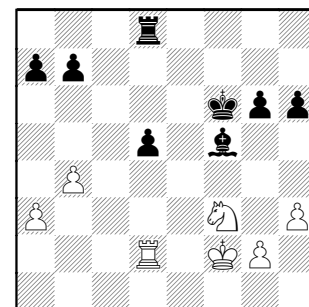


trapping the Bishop 33.Nxe6 Rxa2 is the idea

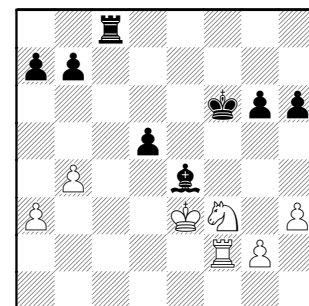
28...Rxa2 had to be satisfied with the +Pawn ending **29.Rxa2 Bf5**



30.Rd2 Rd8 31.Kf2 Kg7 so I can cover e5 with King **32.h3 h6 33.Nf3 Kf6**



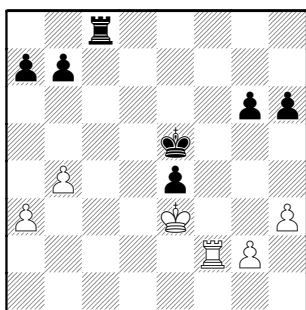
34.Ke3 Be4 35.Rf2 Rc8!?



Enjoyed allowing his meaningless discovery, but had to put faith in the +Pawn Rook ending

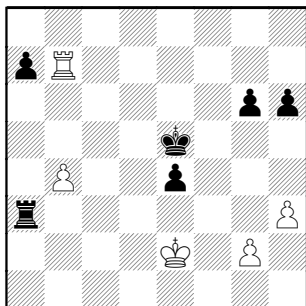
Even after 35...Bf5 36.g4 he still gets a discovery and my Bishop doesn't have much future.

36.Nd2+ Ke5 37.Nxe4 dxe4



I've played such ending hundreds of times on the 'net.. Key is to keep Rook active, push the King into a mating position.

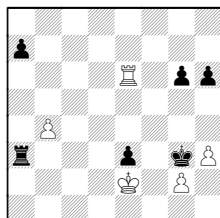
38.Rf7 Rc3+ 39.Ke2 Rxa3 40.Rxb7



At some time, I sac a Pawn if I can advance my King down his throat.

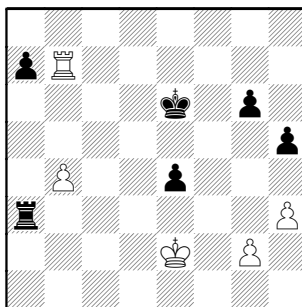
40...Kf4 41.Rf7+ Ke5

I was planning 41...Kg3 42.Re7 e3 43.Re6



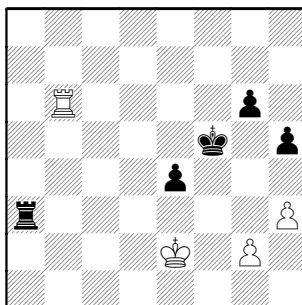
but I'm not sure what I thought was good about 43...Kxg2 44.Rxg6+ Kxh3 45.Rxh6+

42.Re7+ Kd5 43.Rd7+ Ke6 44.Rb7 h5



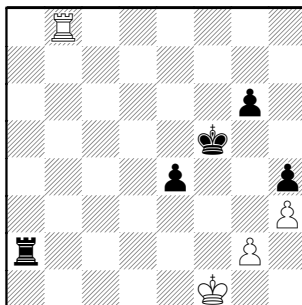
OK, finally found the theme-- advance the Pawns so that the advanced King can protect them

45.b5 Kf5 46.b6 axb6 47.Rxb6



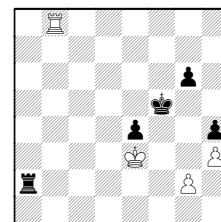
Thanks for getting rid of my weakness-- now my Rook can roam

47...h4 48.Rb8 Ra2+ 49.Kf1



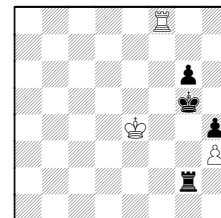
This might be a turning point.

Later, I realized 49.Ke3

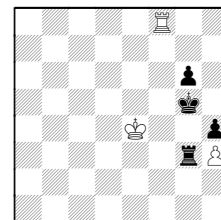


49...Ra3+

49...Rxg2 50.Rf8+ Kg5 51.Kxe4



51...Rg3



supposed to win Ph3

(51...Rg1 52.Rf3
(52.Ra8?? Rg3; 52.Kf3?? Rf1+
53.Kg2 Rxf8)

52...Re1+ 53.Re3)

oops, missed 52.Rf3 Kh5 53.Ke3

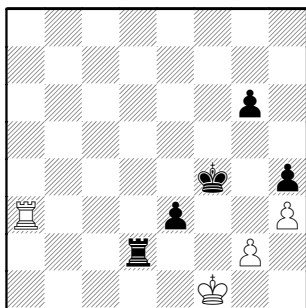
(53.Rxg3 hxg3 54.Kf3 Kh4 55.Kg2
g5-+;
53.Kf4 g5+ 54.Ke3 g4 55.hxg4+ Kxg4
56.Rxg3+ Kxg3-+)

53...g5 54.Kf2 Rxf3+

(54...g4 55.Rxg3 hxg3+ 56.Kxg3=)

55.Kxf3 g4+ 56.hxg4+ Kg5 57.Kg2=)
50.Kf2

49...Kf4 50.Rb3 Rd2 51.Ra3 e3?

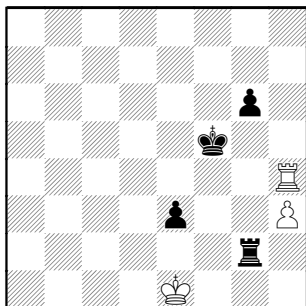


[51...g5 prepares e4-e3]

52.Ra4+ Ke5

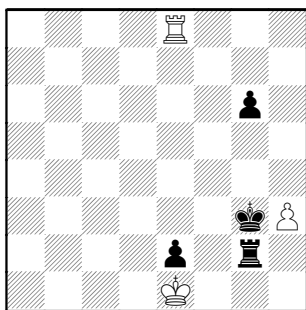
[52...Kf5 53.Rg4 (53.Rxh4 Rf2+) 53...g5]

53.Rg4 Rf2+ 54.Ke1 Kf5 55.Rxh4 Rxg2



Heading for the game's ending-- the e-passer will be given to get the h-Pawn. The trick is to do it at a time the White King can be cut-off from the action !

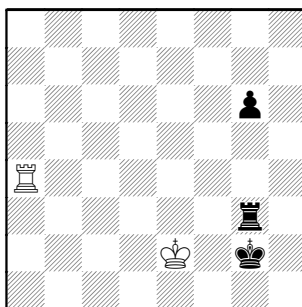
56.Rh8 Kf4 57.Rf8+ Kg3 58.Re8 e2



The Pawn ending (with only a g-

passer) is a basic win.

59.Re3+ Kh4 60.Ra3 Rg3 61.Ra4+ Kxh3 62.Kxe2 Kg2!!



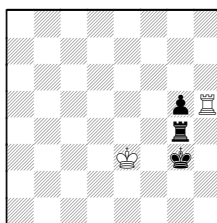
Keeping the opposing King away from the queening square, his own King is in the way for Ra2+

63.Rh4

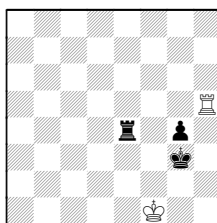
63.Ke1 idea Ra2+, Kf1 63...Re3+ and the King is cut off, Black can play Re6 to hold the passer, and then bring his King back to help.

63...g5 64.Rh8

I wasn't sure how Black advances his Pawn after 64.Rh5 Rg4 65.Ke3 Kg3



but I guess White must give way first ! 66.Ke2 Re4+ 67.Kf1 g4

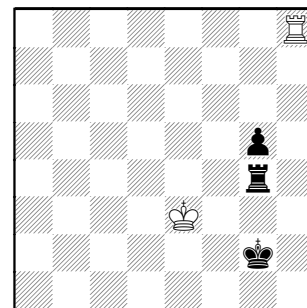


idea is to check on backrank and join the actual game's finish

68.Ra5 Rb4 69.Ra1 Kh2 70.Ra2+

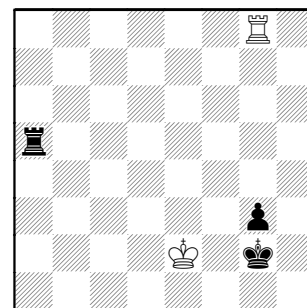
Kh3 (70...Kh1 71.Ra3 draws) 71.Ra1 g3 72.Rd1

64...Rg4 65.Ke3



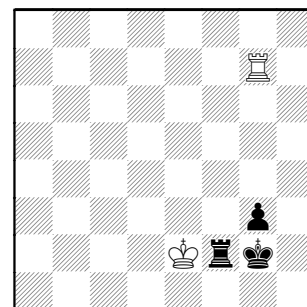
65...Ra4 clearing the Pawn's path, swinging around for checks. Black is busted !!

66.Rg8 g4 67.Rg7 g3 68.Rg8 Ra3+ 69.Ke2 Ra5



Building the bridge (see end of game) and threatening to cut-off King.

70.Ke3 Rf5 71.Rg7 Rf3+ 72.Ke2 Rf2+



Somewhere around here, the Forks had won the match so a draw was

acceptable. But when you have a probable win against a strong player, I say go for the full point !!

73.Ke1

He could keep me off the key ranks with 73.Ke3 Ra2 74.Kf4 Ra4+ 75.Ke3 Ra8 76.Kf4

(76.Rg6 Re8+ 77.Kf4 Rf8+ 78.Ke3 Rf3+ 79.Ke2 Ra3 80.Rg8 Kg1 81.Rg7 g2 82.Rg8 Ra5 83.Kf3 Rf5+ 84.Ke2

(84.Ke4 Rf7 85.Ke3 Kf1-+)

84...Re5+ 85.Kf3 Kf1 86.Rxg2 Rf5+ 87.Kg3 Rg5+--+)

76...Rf8+ 77.Kg4 Kf2 78.Ra7 Rg8+ 79.Kh3 Rh8+

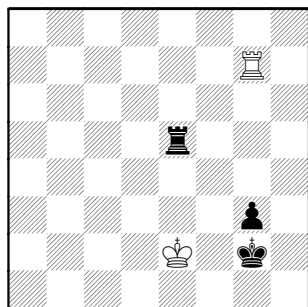
(79...g2 80.Ra2+=)

80.Kg4 g2 81.Ra2+ Kg1 82.Kg3 Rg8+ 83.Kh3

(83.Kf3 Kh1)

83...Kh1-+

73...Rf5 74.Ke2 Re5+

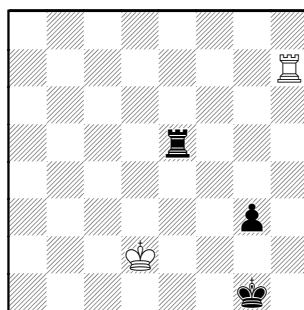


Once the King is cutoff by 2 files, the rest is easy !

75.Kd2

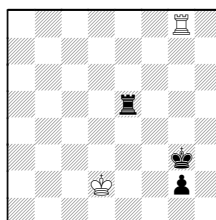
75.Kd3 Kf2 76.Kd4 Rh5 (76...Re1 77.Rf7+ Kg1 78.Rg7 g2 79.Kd5 Re3 80.Kd4 Rh3 81.Ke4 Kh1-+) 77.Rg8 g2 78.Rf8+ Kg1 79.Ke3 Kh1-+

75...Kh2 76.Rh7+ Kg1

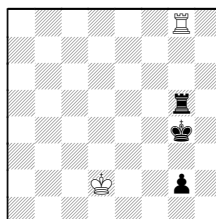


WHITE RESIGNED... Black has built the standard +Pawn Rook ending which queens the Pawn:

77.Rg7 g2 78.Rg8 Kf2 79.Rf8+ Kg3 80.Rg8+



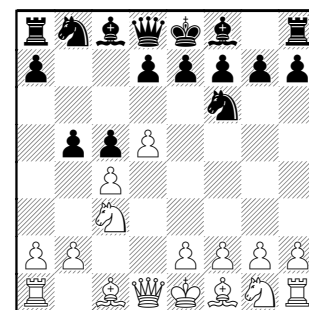
80...Kf3 81.Rf8+ Kg4 82.Rg8+ Rg5



Note if the White King was one file closer, he'd have Rxg5+,Kf2 here and draw. This is the key position to win - with Rook on 5th or 4th rank. **0-1**

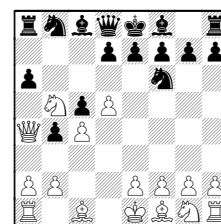
**Allen,Hence (1785) –
Mata,Santiago (1422) [A57]
BCBS at AMARS, 3-21-2011**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nc3



4...b4 5.Na4

5.Nb5 a6 6.Qa4 the pin is simply broken after

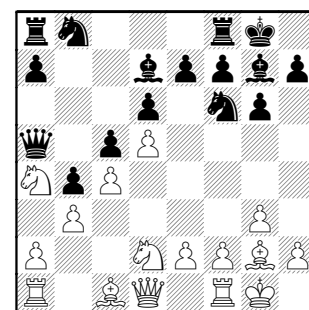


6...Bb7

5...d6 [5...e6] 6.Nf3 g6 7.g3

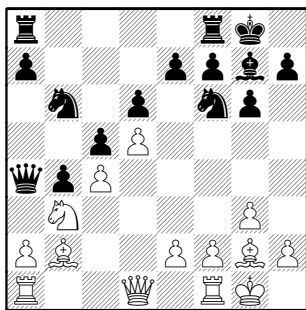
7.b3 prepares a way home for the Knight

7...Bg7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Nd2 Qa5 11.b3

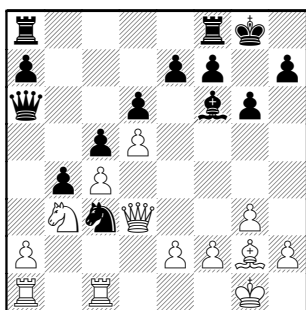


Now, compared with earlier, Black has long-term pressure on the Queenside

11...Bxa4 12.bxa4 Nbd7 13.Bb2 Nb6 14.Nb3 Qxa4



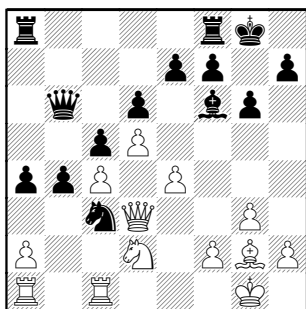
15.Qd3 Qa6 16.Rfc1 Na4 17.Bxf6
Bxf6 18.Rab1 Nc3 19.Ra1 Qa3
20.Qc2 Qa6 21.Qd3



21...Qb6

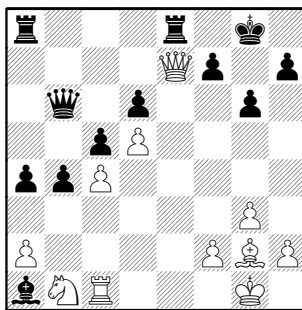
21...Nxe2+ discovers on Ra1, but I'd also prefer to keep my active minor pieces

22.e4 a5 23.Nd2 a4

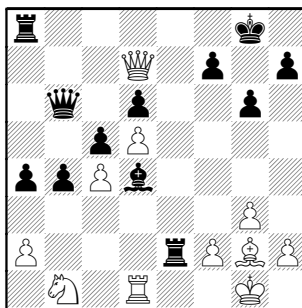


24.Nb1 Now Ra1 hangs, so a Knight-discovery nets material.

24...Nxe4 25.Qxe4 Bxa1 26.Qxe7
Rfe8



27.Qd7 Re2 28.Rd1 Bd4

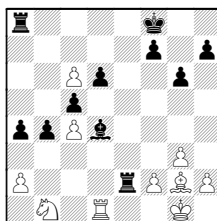


29.Qc6

29.Rf1 Rxa2 at least saves a Pawn

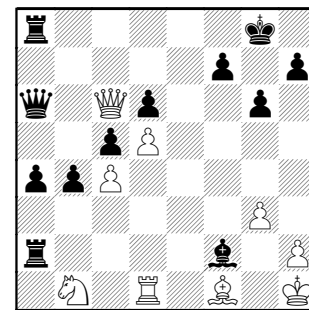
29...Qa6 Black doesn't allow White any counterplay !

Black doesn't even allow a passer
29...Qxc6 30.dxc6 Kf8

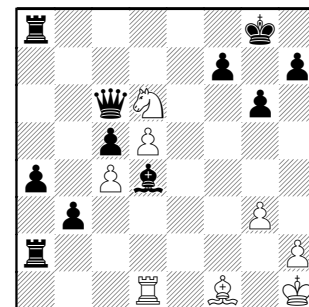


the King can deal with the passer
31.c7 (31.Bh3 f5) 31...Rc8

30.Bf1 Bxf2+ 31.Kh1 Rxa2

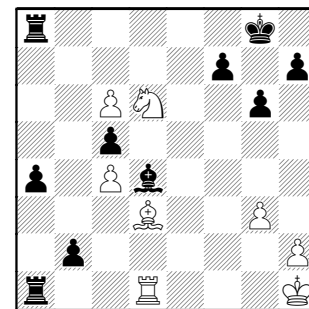


32.Nd2 b3 33.Ne4 Bd4 34.Nxd6
Qxc6

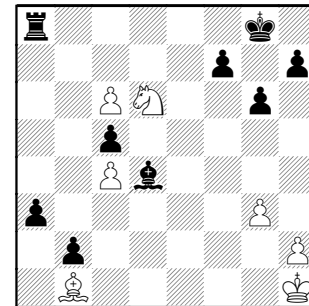


White finally gets that passer

35.dxc6 b2 36.Bd3 Ra1



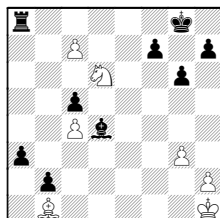
37.Rb1 Rxb1+ 38.Bxb1 a3



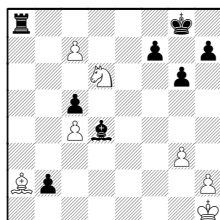
38...Kf8 is more safe

39.Ba2

White misses a chance ! It's hard to calculate all these lines over-the-board, but White is lost without a direct attack, so just go for it !! 39.c7



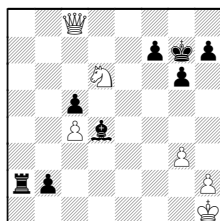
39...a2? But there is the tricky 40.Bxa2!



White could pray that the queening-with-check will bail him out...

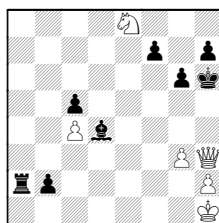
(Maybe he stopped examining 39 c7 because the obvious move quickly loses: 40.c8Q+? Rxc8 41.Nxc8 (41.Bxa2 Ra8 wins with Ra1) 41...axb1Q+)

40...Rxa2 41.c8Q+ Kq7

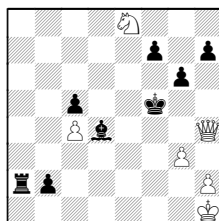


42.Ne8+ draws by perpetual check !!
42...Kf8

(42...Kh6 43.Qh3+



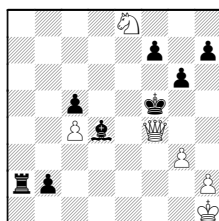
(OK, actually thought this mates...)
43...Kg5 44.Qh4+ Kf5



45.Qf4+

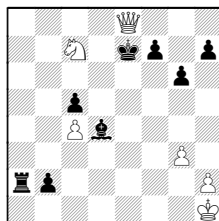
(wished mate after 45.Ng7+? Ke5 (but, of course 45...Bxg7) 46.Qf4#!!)

45...Ke6 46.Qd6+ Kf5 47.Qf4+ =



repeating the position

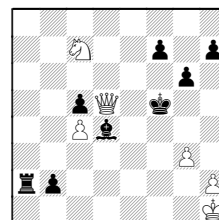
43.Nc7+ Ke7 44.Qe8+



44...Kf6
(44...Kd6?? 45.Nb5#

45.Qd8+ Kf5
(45...Kg7 46.Ne8+ is same position as move 42, with Queen one rank over; 45...Ke5 46.Qd5+ Kf6 47.Qd8+ repeats)

46.Qd5+

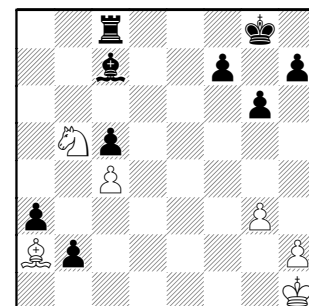


46...Kf6

46...Kg4?? 47.Qe4+ Kg5
(47...Kh5 48.Qh4#)
48.Qh4+ Kf5 49.Qf4#

47.Qd8+ repeats

39...Be5 40.Nb5 Rc8 41.c7 Bxc7



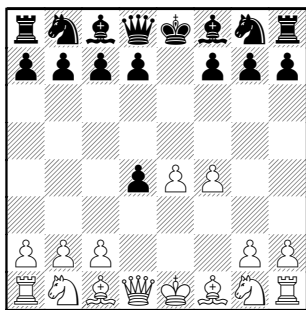
42.Nxa3 Ra8 0-1

**Boldingh,Edwin (1902) -
Melnikov,Igor (2016) [C21]
UOP-Kings, 1-20-2011**

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4

Kind of a Scandinavian Defence, with colors reversed.

3.f4

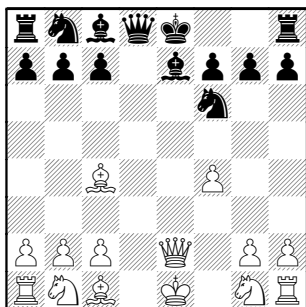


This is the kind of creative stuff you need to be psych'ed for when meeting Edwin !

3...d5

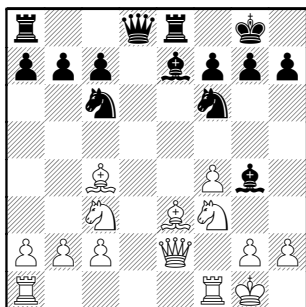
My database says this is about the worst reply for Black (according to actual practice). Theoretically, it would seem Black is OK to open the position.. yet White does have the natural extra move.

4.Qxd4 dxe4 5.Qxe4+ Be7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Qe2



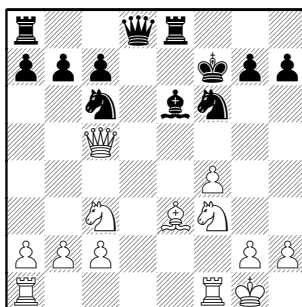
Geesh a lot of Queen moves and she's still not on a safe square !

7...Nc6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Nc3



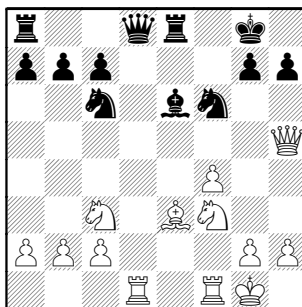
11...Bc5? looks strong, but **12.Bxf7+!** tactics trump everything except mate

12...Kxf7 13.Qc4+ Be6 14.Qxc5



White's position suddenly looks ideal - even for his Queen !

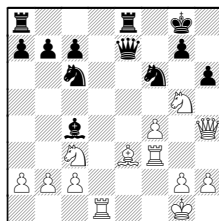
14...Kg8 15.Rad1 feels like White is a couple pieces up ! **15...Nd7 16.Qh5 Nf6**



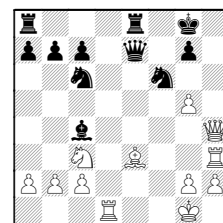
17.Rxd8

17.Qh4 gains a tempo for Ng5. I wouldn't trade Queens with an attack in hand.

17...Qe7 18.Ng5 Bc4 just to try discovering with another threat, but Bishop is loose here 19.Rf3 h6

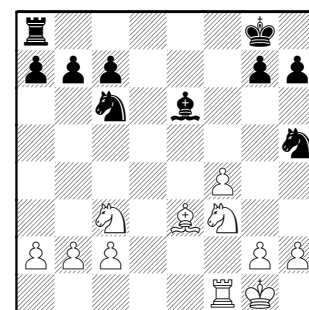


Guess White must retreat. 20.Rh3!? hxg5 21.fxg5



Bc4 and Nf6 hang and g5-g6 threatens

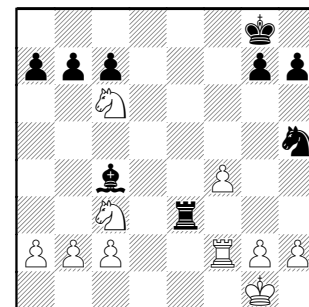
17...Nxh5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8



19.Nd4 Bc4 20.Rf2? creating a deadly backrank weakness

20.Rf3 allows Kf2 and pre-defends Be3

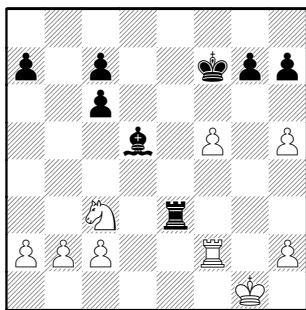
20...Re8 21.Nxc6 Rxe3



22.g4 White has to make *luft* for his King !

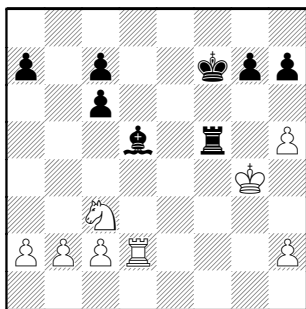
22.Ne5?? Re1+

22...bxc6 23.gxh5 Kf7 24.f5 Bd5



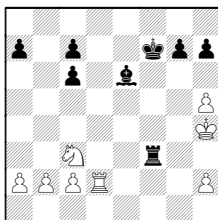
Black is at least equal. White's weak Pawns are too far advanced, and easily attacked.

25.Rd2 Re1+ 26.Kf2 Re5 27.Kg3 Rxf5 28.Kg4



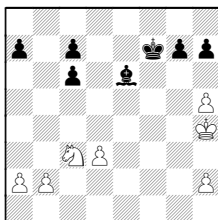
28...Be6 29.Kh4 Rf4+?

29...Rf3



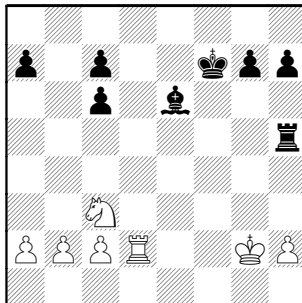
threatens mate in two (h6, Rh3#)

30.Rd3 (30.h6? Rh3+ 31.Kg5 Rxh6) 30...Rxd3 31.cxd3



31...Kf6 idea Ke5-d4(31...Bf5 32.d4)

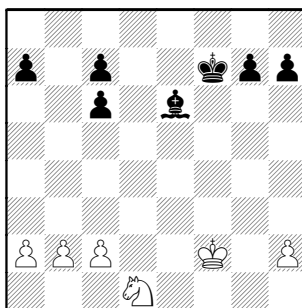
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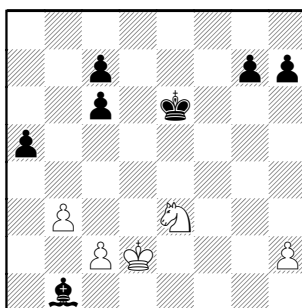
34.Rf2+ Rf5

34...Ke7 keeps an attacker on board without allowing a threat. A clock consideration may be a factor.

35.Nd1 Rxf2+ 36.Kxf2



36...Bxa2?! Surely Igor knows this common trap... got to be a clock error. 37.b3 Bb1 38.Ne3 Ke6 39.Ke2 a5 40.Kd2

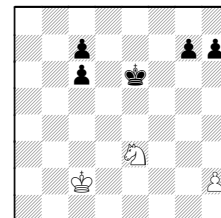


40...Ke5?

Black might want to try overloading the Knight **40...a4!? 41.Kc1?**

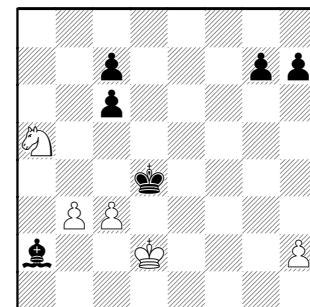
(White's best is probably to let the Bishop out **41.bxa4 Kd6** to control the passer, but maybe the King is too far away)

41...axb3! 42.Kxb1 bxc2+ 43.Kxc2



Black should advance his King to win or trade off White's last Pawn for a forced draw.

41.Nc4+ hate Knights !! 41...Kd4 42.Nxa5 Ba2 43.c3+



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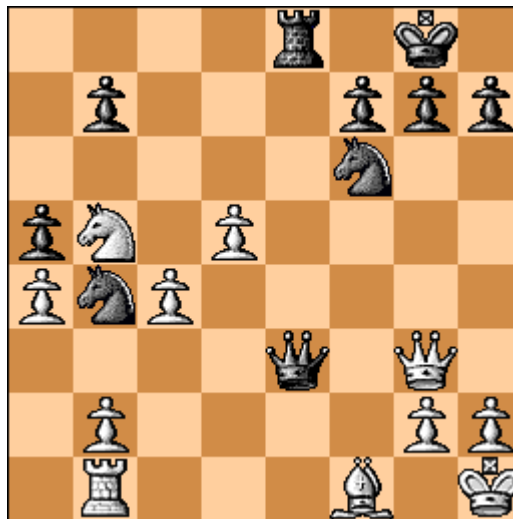
Downers Grove Chess Club Tournament Report

by Daniel Parmet 4/13/2011

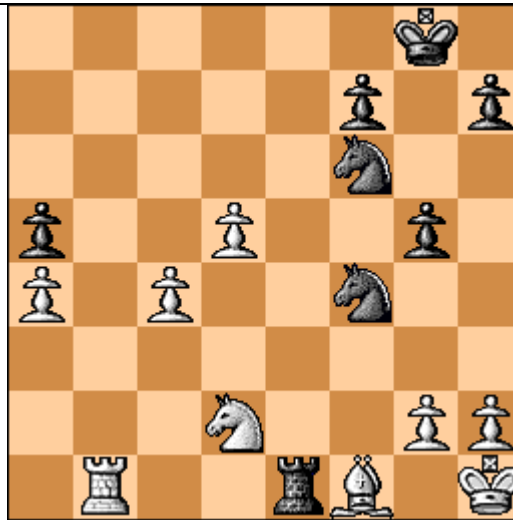
Downers Grove Chess Club hosted its 7th tournament Saturday April 9th. 40 players turned out for the occasion including **6 masters**! The winner was Indiana FIDE Master Dennis Monokroussos with a perfect 4-0 score (defeating FM Aleksandar Stannov in the final round) to take home the first place prize of \$275. 2nd and 3rd was a tie between IM Florin Felecan and FM Albert Chow who drew each other in the final round during an immense time scramble for 3.5-.5 – each took home \$138.

The tournament's turnout was so great that the prizes were increased from 3 book prizes to 10 book prizes! Two of the winners of the upset prizes came in round one, Hao Hansen (1497) defeated DGCC member Daniel Dugovic (1984) and Sritej Vontikommu (1434) took home a win over Wisconsin player Phil Shields (1929). While the third upset prize was taken down by Luo Chengliang (1951) for his victory against FIDE Master Aung Thant Zin (2322)! Their game:

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8. Be3 Be6 9. O-O a5 10. a4 O-O 11. f4 exf4 12. Rxf4 Rc8 13. Nd5 Bxd5 14. exd5 Nb4 15. c4 Nd7 16. Rf1 Bf6 17. Rb1 Re8 18. Bd4 Qe7 19. Re1 Bxd4+ 20. Nxd4 Qe3+ 21. Kh1 Nf6 22. Bf1 Qf2 23. Nb5 Rxe1 24. Qxe1 Qb6 25. Qe7 Re8 26. Qxd6 Qe3 27. Qg3



After 27... Qd2? (Better was 27... Qxg3 28. hxg3 Ne4 29. Kh2) Luo played the beautiful 28. Nd6! Re3 29. Qf4 Nd3 30. Ne4 Nxf4 (if 30... Rxe4 31. Qxd2) (if 30... Nxe4 31. Qb8#) 31. Nxd2 g5?! 32. b4 axb4 33. Rxb4 Re1 34. Rb1



34... Re7? +- (34... Rxb1 and maybe Black has some chances to hold this ending 35. Nxb1 Kf8 36. g3 Ng6 37. Nc3 Ke7 38. c5 though White is clearly better.) 35. g3 Ng6 36. d6 Re6 37. c5 Nd7 38. Bc4 Re5 39. Rxb7 Nxc5 40. Rxf7 Kh8 41. d7 Ne6? 42. Bxe6 resigns 1-0

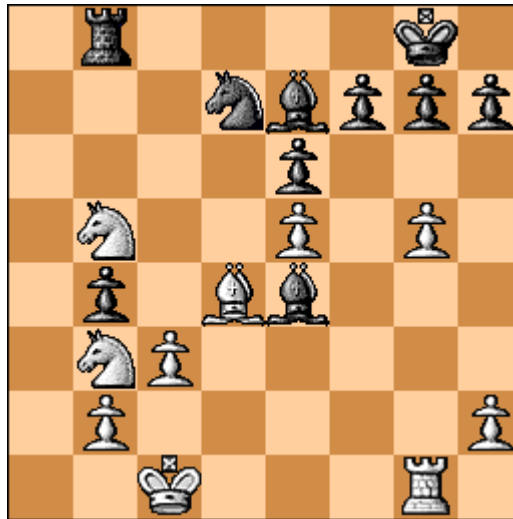
Round3 saw **IM Florin Felecan** face off against fellow Chicago Blaze teammate **NM Trevor Magness**. A wild game ensued! Annotations by **IM Florin Felecan**:

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 e6 3. Bg2 d5 4. Nf3 dxc4 Trevor and I had our share of gambits together and this time is no different **5. Na3** (Main move in this position is 5. Qa4+ but I decided to go with a more "colorful" idea that might be a better fit for a G/60) **5... Bxa3 6. bxa3 b5!?** Trevor does not show much fear of the Catalan bishop **7. Rb1 a6 8. a4 c6?!** (Keeping the extra pawn, but 8... Bb7 has been known to be a safer alternative) **9. Ba3 Nd5** This game is particularly interesting as Black is keen on placing his pieces on light squares only **10. O-O Nd7 11. e4 N5b6 12. Bd6!? Nf6 13. e5 Nfd5 14. a5** (14. Nd4 Bd7 15. a5 Nc8 seemed okay for Black) **14... Na4 15. Nd4 Qd7?!** (15... Bd7 16. Qg4 g6 keeping the black queen on the d8-h4 diagonal should keep Black out of trouble on the dark squares and keep the game level.) **16. Qg4 g6 17. Qh4 Bb7** (17... h6!?) **18. Bxd5!** The right time to exchange on d5 in order to dominate on the dark squares and keep Black from freeing with c6-c5 **18... cxd5 19. f4! ± Qd8 20. Qh6 Qd7** (20... Qxa5 21. f5!± exf5? 22. Rxf5 gxf5 23. Qf6 +-) **21. f5!** This pawn break is the only way to exploit Black's weaknesses on the dark squares and his uncastled king **21... gxf5** (21... exf5 22. Rxf5 gxf5 23. Qf6 Rg8 24. e6 transposes back to the game.) **22. Qf6 Rg8** The LONG awaited moment: ALL Black's pieces are on light squares. **23. Rxf5!** (23. Nxf5 is weaker and will allow Black to defend successfully) **23... exf5** At this time, both of us were down to a few minutes so any imprecise play could have had disastrous consequences. **24. e6! +- fxe6** (24... Qxd6 25. Qxf7+ (25.exf7+ Kd7 26. Qxf5+) 25... Kd8 26. Qxg8+ Kc7 27. Qf7+ Kd8 (27... Kb8 28. e7) 28. Nxf5 Qc5+ 29.

Kf1) **25. Re1** Despite being down a rook, White is winning. **25... Qxd6 26. Rxe6+ Qxe6 27. Qxe6+ Kf8 28. Qf6+ Ke8 29. Nxf5 Kd7 30. Qd6+ resigns 1-0** in light of: Kc8 (30... Ke8 31. Qe7#) 31. Ne7#

An impressive performance from Unrated Alex Ding who turned in a 3-1 result with a win over NM Trevor Magness in Round4 (a win over expert Jeff Dixon in Round 2) and a 2286 provisional rating! (His only loss came at the hands of FM Albert Chow in round 3). His friend Benjamin Stern was not surprised at Alex's performance stating, "he plays on ICC all the time!"

Alex Ding - FM Albert Chow Round3



28. Nd2? (White can probably try 28. c4 Rc8=+) **28... Rxb5 29. Nxe4 Nxe5 30. Bxe5 Rxe5 31. Re1?-+ (31. Rg4) 31... bxc3 32. bxc3 Bxg5+ White forfeits on time 0-1**

Alex Ding gave some annotations to his game with NM Trevor Magness. Trevor had to play his last ten or so moves entirely off delay as he was down to literally ONE second!

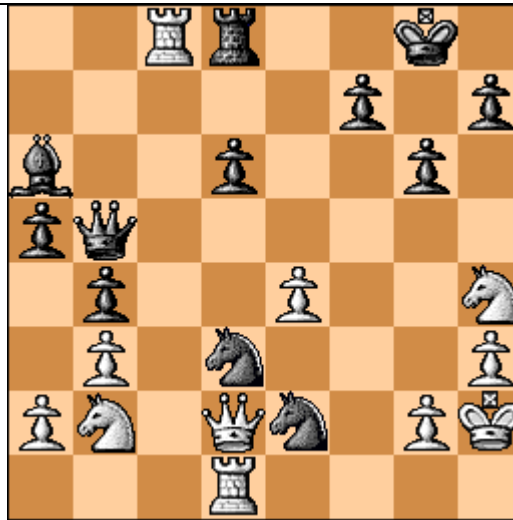
NM Trevor Magness-Alex Ding Round4

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8. c3 Bg4 9. h3 Bh5 10. d3 O-O 11. Nbd2 Na5 12. Bc2 c5 13. Nf1 d5? 14. exd5 Qxd5 15. g4 Bg6 16. Nxe5 Bd6 17. Bf4 Rfe8 18. Ne3 Qe6 19. d4 cxd4 20. cxd4 Bxc2 21. Qxc2 (Alex said he expected Trevor to try 21. Nxc2 Bxe5 22. dxe5 Nd5 +=) **21... Nd5 22. Bh2** (Alex expected 22. Nxd5 Qxd5) **22... f6 23. Nf3 Bxh2+ 24. Kxh2 Qd6+ 25. Kh1 Rac8 26. Qd2 Nxe3 27. Rxe3 Nc4 28. Rxe8+ Rxe8 29. Qc3 Re2 30. b3? -+ Rxf2 31. Rg1 Qf4 32. Rg2 Rxf3 33. Qb4 Rf1+ 34. Rg1 Qg3?** (Alex was very harsh on himself for missing mate with 34... Qf3+) **35. Rxf1 Ne3 36. Qd2 Nxf1 37. Qe2 Ne3 38. d5 Qxh3+ 39. Kg1 Qxg4+ 0-1** Alex felt Trevor was close to winning at some point in the middlegame.

We are also blessed with annotations from Expert Jeff Dixon about his loss to Alex Ding in Round2 (Alex Ding-Jeff Dixon Round 2):

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 [Editor's note: Dixon has credited his renewed interest in this opening to the game Chow-Parmet IL Open Round1 2010 1/2-1/2] **d5 5. exd5 Na5 6. Bb5+ c6 7. dxc6 bxc6 8. Be2 h6 9. Nh3** this system was advocated by the first World Champion Steinitz **9... Bc5 10. d3 g5 11. Nc3 g4 12. Ng1 Be6** Remarkably, this is apparently a novelty! (12... Nb7 having been played before followed by 13. Be3 Bxe3 14. fxe3 Qb6 15. Qd2!? Qxb2 16. Rb1 Qa3 17. h3 gxh3 18. Nxh3 Rg8 19. Bf3 Na5 20. Nf2 Rg6 21. Nb5 Qxa2 22. O-O Kd8 23. Qb4 Nb7 24. Ra1 Qe6 25. Nxa7 Nd5 26. Nxc6+ Qxc6 27. Qf8+ Kc7 28. Qxf7+ Bd7 29. Bxd5 Rxa1 30. Bxc6 Rxf1+ 31. Kxf1 {1-0 Vysochin,S (2554)-Taborov,B (2450)/Kiev 2003}) **13. h3!** (if now 13. Be3 the same position could be reached with Be6 already in and Black to move, which seems to be an improvement for Black. I also considered here Bxe3 14. fxe3 Qb6 15. Qc1 but rejected this idea as too passive, allowing Black to ramp up the pressure for instance by Rb8 (or 15... Nd5)) **13... g3!? 14. fxg3!** (I was criticizing myself after the game for playing fxg3 instead of 14. Be3?! gxf2+ 15. Kxf2 (15. Bxf2 Bxf2+ 16. Kxf2 Qb6+) 15... Bxe3+ 16. Kxe3 Qb6+ both look good for Black) **14... Qd4! 15. Qd2! O-O-O!?** (it turns out that my suggestion of 15... Qf2+ 16. Kd1 Qxg2? 17. Bf3! Qxg3! losses a piece to 18. Nce2! +- due to the attack of the hanging Knight on a5) **16. Bf3 Rhg8** (16... Kb8 or 16... Qd6!? 17. a3 Qc7 and if 18. b4 Nc4 is interesting) **17. Nge2! Qf2+ 18. Kd1 Nc4 19. Qe1 Ne3+ 20. Bxe3 Qxe3** (20... Bxe3? 21. Qxf2+-) **21. Qd2** (21. Bxc6!? is a computer suggestion. I was trying to think more about defending my king and consolidating than grabbing even more pawns, but on the other hand c6 isn't just another pawn, but also a unit controlling d5, shortening my bishop's diagonal, and shielding the black king, so this deserves some attention.) **21... Qf2 22. Ne4** (22. Bxc6!?) **22... Nxe4 23. Bxe4 Kb7?!** (23... f5 24. Bxc6 Rd6 25. b4!? (or 25. Ba4 came into consideration)) **24. b4 Be3 25. Qe1!** eliminating the queens is necessary (25. Qc3? Bd5! and Black's compensation is growing.) **25... f5 26. Qxf2 Bxf2 27. Bxf5!** now White mops up **27... Bxf5 28. Rf1 Bxd3?** (28... Bd4 29. Nxd4 Bxd3 is a better version of this) **29. cxd3 Rxd3+?** (29... Bxg3 30. Rf7+! (my originally intended "tricky" move 30. Rf3? {would have lost the advantage to the accurate e4! 31. Rxg3 Rxg3 32. Nxg3 Rxd3+ 33. Ke2 Rxg3 34. Kf2 Ra3! 35. Re1 Rxa2+ 36. Kg3=})) **30. Kc2 Rgd8 31. Rxf2 Rd2+ 32. Kb3 Kb6 33. Rc1 e4 34. Rc3 R8d3 35. Rxd3 exd3 36. Rf3??** (the simple 36. Kc3 Rxe2 37. Rxe2 dxe2 38. Kd2 +- would have ended matters) **36... dxe2 37. Re3 Rd3+ 38. Rxd3 e1=Q** notation stops here, though I fought on until I flagged. I am not too concerned about reconstructing the remaining moves, as the assessment here is plenty clear and the winning technique for Black was fairly trivial, my opponent being more than equal to the task. **0-1**

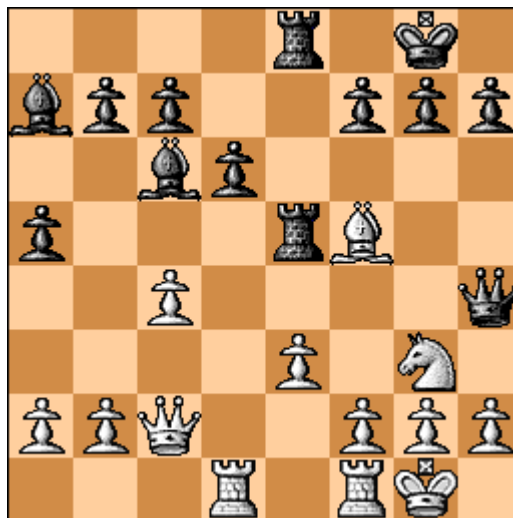
The most aesthetically pleasing position I witnessed during my TDing spectating moments came from the game DGCC **William Whited 1689 – Awonder Liang 1977 Round3**



The beautiful move by Wisconsin Wunderkind **31... Qe5+** received **resignation** as Kh1 allows Nf2 mate.

And what tournament report would be complete without... annotations from the victor! FM Dennis Monokroussos has kindly provided his games from the tournament with some annotations.

Matthew Hollaway- FM Dennis Monokroussos Round1 reached this position:

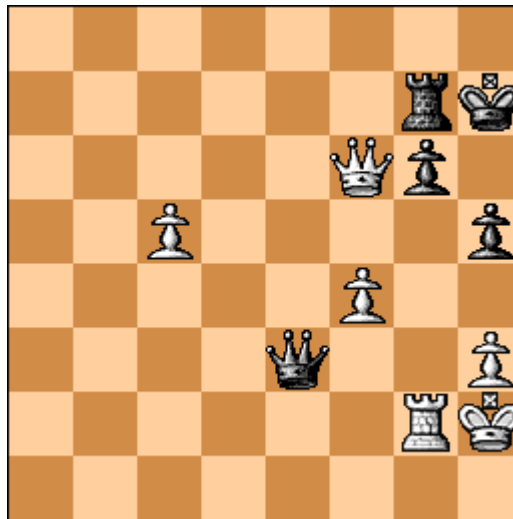


Black is clearly better, thanks primarily to the bishop pair, but it's nothing serious yet. However, after **20. Qe2??** Now it's over. **Rxe3! 21. fxe3 Rxe3 22. Qf2 Rxg3 23. hxc3 (23. Qxa7 Rxg2+ 24. Kh1 Qxh2#) 23... Bxf2+ (23... Qxg3 is also playable, but as it doesn't win further material I preferred my move, winning the c-pawn rather than a double g-pawn. 24. Bh3) 24. Kxf2 Qxc4 25. b3 Qc5+ 26. Ke2 Bb5+ 27. Bd3 Qc2+ 28. Ke3 Bxd3 29. Rxd3 Qxg2 30. Rf3 Qxa2** Black has too many extra pawns for white to achieve a third-rank fortress. **31. Kd4 g6 32. Rc3 c6 33. Rf6?** this loses a rook (or allows a forced mate) to some nice geometry. **Qd2+ 34. Rd3 (34. Kc4 Qd5#) 34... Qb4+ 35. Ke3 Qe1+ resigns 0-1** in light of 36. Kd4 (36. Kf4 Qe5+) (36. Kf3 Qf1+) 36... Qe5 37. Kc4 Qc5#

Expert Isaac Braswell - FM Dennis Monokroussos Round 3

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 f5 4. d3 :35 Incredibly for a player of Braswell's strength, this took him by surprise and completely unprepared, and he spent 26 minutes deciding what to do. fxe4 5. dxe4 Nf6 6. O-O Bc5 7. Nc3 d6 8. Bg5 O-O 9. Nd5 Kh8 10. Nh4 :24 Nd4 :54 11. Bc4 b5 12. Bd3 :7 c6 This is an older line, and White is doing alright after either capture on f6. it turned out that Braswell was spooked by Black's attacking possibilities there (wrongly!), and after using almost all his remaining time went after my dark-squared bishop (the piece he most feared). 13. b4? :2 Almost a novelty. cxd5N :50 14. bxc5 Ne6 15. Bxf6 Qxf6 16. Nf5 :1 Nxc5 17. Bxb5 Nxe4 18. Ne3 d4 19. Nd5 47 seconds Qg5 20. Bc6? Bh3+- It's all over now: White will suffer heavy material losses. 21. g3 Rac8 22. f4 exf4 23. Rxf4 Nxg3 :44; White more or less simultaneously resigned and lost on time. 0-1

FM Dennis Monokroussos - FM Aleksandar Stannov Round 4



58. Qe5 After many adventures and in growing time trouble, we reached this position. I had been better for a long time, at times with a winning advantage according to the silicon oracle, but time trouble (or the threat thereof) and Black's activity had kept things challenging. Here Black could stay in the game by trading queens or by playing 58... Qf3, but instead he had a blackout. 58... Rf7?? [Editor's note, this blunder should make the amateurs feel better for even masters can have such blackouts at the board!]

Dennis Monokroussos post tournament comment was, "I'd like to thank Daniel Parmet for running the tournament, for his hospitality (thanks to Dan Dugovic as well), and for two bits of good fortune with the pairings. First: In round 2, I was initially scheduled to play an unrated player, Alex Ding. This was an odd pairing. Daniel redid the 2nd round pairings due to another error and this oddity. I was given Greg Bungo instead as an opponent. As Alex's initial estimate of his strength was around 1800 while Mr. Bungo's established rating was 2015, this seemed like a bit of bad luck. By the tournament's

end, however, it was another story. Alex went 3-1, losing only a tough game to Albert Chow while beating Trevor Magness in the last round. In the process, he achieved a provisional rating of 2286!

The second piece of good pairing luck was that I didn't have to play IM Florin Felecan. It would have been a more interesting tournament for me had I played him, but there's at least a reasonable chance the tournament might not have ended as successfully!" Dennis blogs at <http://www.thechessmind.net/>

Participant Jim Froelich had some very positive remarks about the event, "it was well run, and a great venue, and also a pretty strong field!" Dan Sajkowski concurred, "you guys did a great job! The turnout was tremendous and with lots of strong players. Thanks for putting in the effort." Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Some participants were already asking when the next event would be! Stay tuned to Downers Grove Chess Club Website: (<http://sites.google.com/site/downersgrovechess/>) for the news on our next event.



(Left to Right: DGCC member Caleb Romanowitz, IM Florin Felecan, FM Albert Chow, FM Dennis Monokroussos who went 4-0, FM Aleksandar Stannov)



NM Trevor Magness during his game with IM Felecan



The playing hall

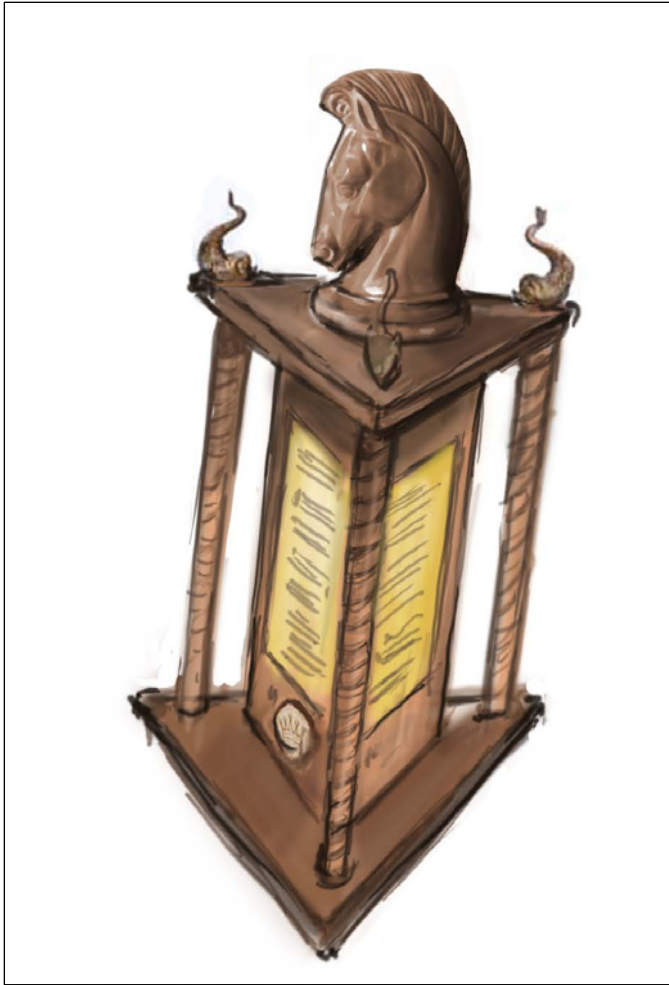


The playing hall again!

More photos of the event are also available on DGCC website. Photo credit to DGCC President Brian Smith and TD Daniel Parmet. I would like to personally thank each person who contributed analysis on their games for this article (IM Florin Felecan, FM Dennis Monokroussos, Alex Ding and Expert Jeff Dixon). Thanks to all the participants, I hope to see you again next time!

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Fred Furtner's original design based on
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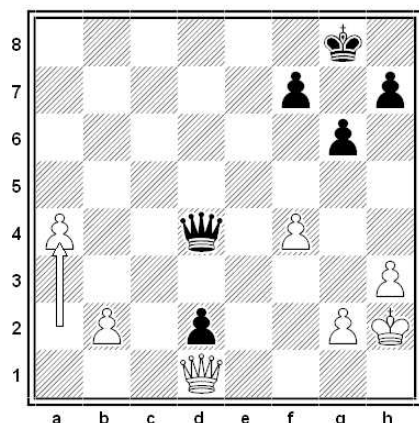
The new redesign allows more faceplate room to honor past, current, and future champions. Like the former trophy, a Knight adorns the top.



End Result as unveiled at the Spring
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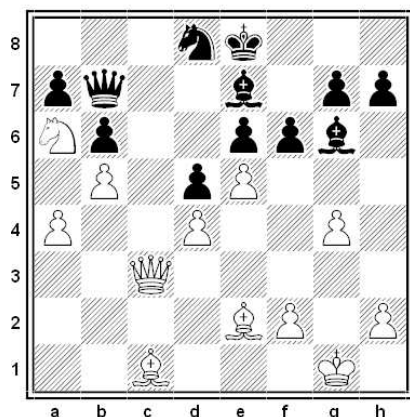
After about 7 years away from tournament and serious league play I found myself playing at the USAT North. For me the event was certainly thought provoking. To start with the short summary: The games I won, I should not have won. The games I didn't win I should have won. Initially I attributed it to my lack of over the board experience and certainly it is partially true. However looking around me I found I am by no means alone. So my long absence from tournament play alone is no satisfactory explanation. Next I looked if there was any specific literature out there addressing what is usually referred to as technique. My findings to date are nothing short of startling. In the sea of opening, tactics, strategy, endgame books I found exactly one title which specifically addresses the issue of technique or "winning the won game". This is the out of print title "Turning Advantage to Victory" by Soltis. Soltis also writes that most students believe that technique is something acquired through practice and is learned through some kind of osmosis, but of course he dismisses this idea. This said here are some convincing examples of lack of technique from my USAT experience:

Stamnov - Pfau



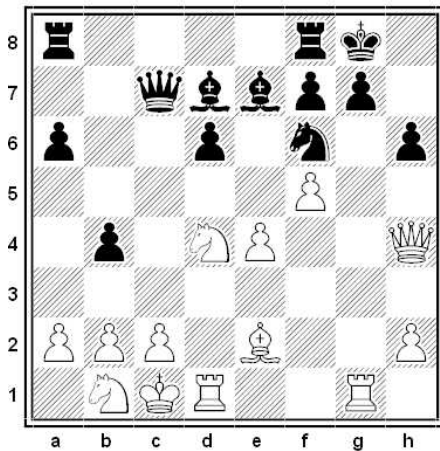
In this position I had overlooked a huge opportunity to win the white queen because I was too intent on executing on my original plan to push the d-pawn. Up to this point I was quite happy about the game because all the way through I felt I had good control of the positional elements and a clear plan. Now it was time bring the plan to its conclusion and I played 44. ... Qd3? effectively equalizing the game because it allows Kg1 and the king arrives in time to prevent the promotion.

Pfau - Dean



The position resulted from a Caro Kann which had all the characteristics of a French Advance, with the exception that the c8 Bishop was on the king's side. This said I still considered it a bad bishop because it was cut off from the queen's side. So I pushed on the queen's side and achieved a clearly superior position. Having calculated 29.Bf3? as bad, but frustrated that I did not find a winning combination I actually played the bad move. Had I not overestimated my advantage and spent time looking for an immediate win I would have been far more relaxed and looked for simple positional improvement.

Hart - Pfau



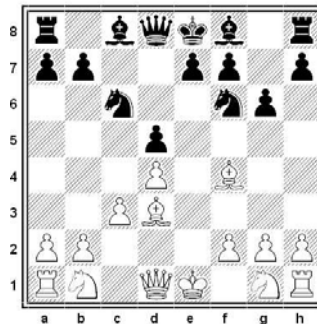
Black had just diffused a potential pawn storm on the king's side but in return conceded the open g-file to white. White with Nb1 had compromised his position to maintain the king side offense. There was only one more defensive move needed, 19. ... Kh8. However black must have considered the worst to be over and was eager to go on the offense with 19. ... Nd5? After 20.Qxh6 black resigned.

All players here have a 2100 - 2300+ rating and I continue to be amazed by the amount of weak and obvious mistakes we make particularly in "won positions". I hope the above three examples are convincing enough and provide some food for thought.

Stamnov,Aleksander (2213) - Pfau,Matthias [B13]

USAT North 2011 19.02.2011

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bf4 g6



the idea of the Fianchetto is, as it turns out not new. I simply wanted to delay the development of the c8 bishop, avoid a trade of the f8 bishop on d6 and inhibit the range of the d3 bishop followed by a possible trade of white's good d3 bishop on f5.

7.Nf3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 10.Nbd2 Qc8

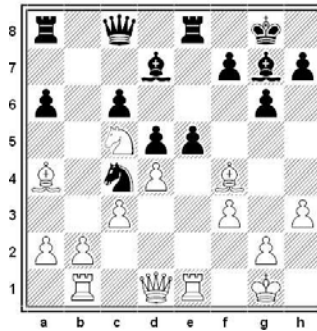


The last move Qc8 still follows the same motive, trade the d3 bishop. At the same time I wanted d7 to be open for the f6 knight in preparation of a e5 push. This said the position prior to Qc8 had occurred before Ydasin - Shevelev 2004. But there 10.Rc8 was played.

11.h3 Bf5 12.Bb5 Re8 13.Ne5 a6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Ba4

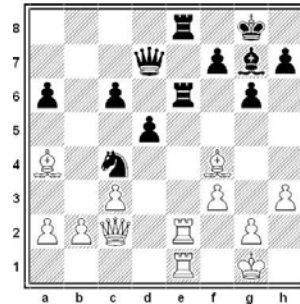


at this point I assume white wants to fix the c6 backward pawn and pick on it with the Ba4.
15...Bd7 16.Nb3 Ne4 17.f3 Nd6 18.Nc5 Nc4 19.Rb1 e5



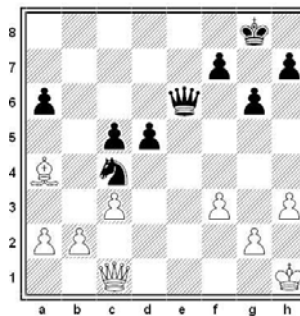
After e5 black equalized. The idea for me was to trade off most of the pieces leaving me with a knight vs white squared bishop because blacks center pawns will not remain on white squares and the knight would be excellent to create threats on the weakened white king side.

20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxd7? This trade removes the blockeur from c5 and helps black to push c5 thereby resolving the backward pawn. 21...Qxd7 22.Qc2 Re6 23.Re2 Rae8 24.Rbe1 Nc4



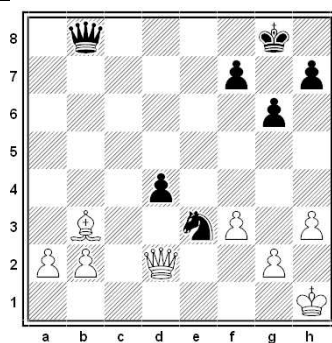
No simplifications are inevitable.

25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.Re2 Be5 27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Qd1 Qe7 29.Kh1 Nc4 30.Rxe6 Qxe6 31.Qc1 c5



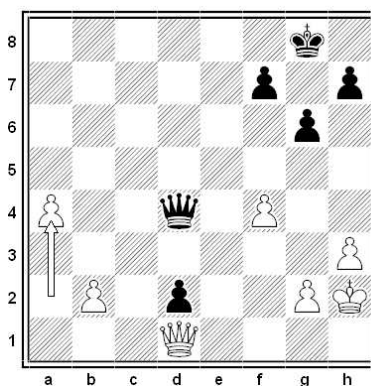
Black has accomplished his mission. d4 will follow and the knight will be placed on e3. The entire strategy of black takes place rendering white's bishop useless. At this point black is ahead.

32.Bb3 Ne3 33.Qd2 Qe5 34.Qe2 d4 35.cxd4 cxd4 36.Qxa6 Qg3 [36...Qc7 37.Qa4 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Nf1+ 39.Kg1 Nd2+ 40.Bd1 Nc4 41.Qc2 Qa1 42.Qxc4 Qxd1+ 43.Kh2 Qd2] 37.Qe2 Qb8 38.Qd2?



The intent was to push the d4 pawn and the plan clearly made me miss the obvious win Nf1 threatening the queen and mate on h2.

38. ... Qb5 39.Qf2 Qe5 40.f4 Qe4 41.Kh2 d3 42.Qf3 Qd4 43.Bd1 Nxd1 44.Qxd1 d2 45.a4



we have arrived at the diagram from before and with Qd3 I gave away the win.

45. ... Qd3? [45...Qe3 46.Qg4 h5 47.Qc8+ Kg7 48.Qd7 Qxf4+ 49.Kg1 Qe3+ 50.Kh2 Qe5+ 51.Kg1 Qe1+ 52.Kh2 d1Q] 46.Kg1 Qe3+ 47.Kf1 Qd3+ 48.Kf2 Qd4+ 49.Ke2 Qxb2 50.Qxd2 draw agreed

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

Spring Business Meeting of April 20, 2011

At: Alcatel-Lucent Indian Hill in Naperville

Attendees:

Art Olsen and Matthias Pfau (Citidel) via conference call

Jeff Balicki (Motorola Knights)

Greg Bungo (DGCC)

Chuck Dobrovolny (Trophy Chair, ALU Tyros) Dan Eustace (ALU Dragons)

Paul Freidel (STCC)

Fred Furtner (AMATS)

Irwin Gaines (Fermi)

Tony Jasaitis (President, Hedgehogs)

Steffen Klug (DGCC)

David Lee (Excaliburs)

Jerry Thomas (Secretary, ALU Dragons)

Jim Thomson (Motorola Knights)

Len Weber (Wombats)

Jeff Wiewel (STCC)

Katherine Zack (Banquet Chair)

MINUTES

President Tony Jasaitis called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. and welcomed the attendees.

1. OFFICERS REPORTS:**A. President – Tony Jasaitis**

Tony said we had a very good year with an improved rating system. After 5 years, he is stepping down.

B. Secretary – Jerry Thomas

Jerry said there were no changes to the fall business meeting minutes published in the bulletin.

C. Treasurer – Paul Freidel

Paul Freidel provided a report showing the year-to-date CICL financial Activities (the CICL YTD budget, see web site link). We are projecting about a \$88 surplus. However, Paul has only estimated the playoff, banquet, and trophy costs. There is also a \$366 expense for the Championship Trophy redesign. Attendees asked what happens to the \$1,894 Net Asset surplus if we continue to have break even budget. Paul answered that we should address this at the Fall meeting once we have all the actual expenses. At that time, reductions in team dues to use up the surplus will be considered.

The budget was unanimously accepted as presented.

D. Division Chairmen:**West-Irwin Gaines, Chairman**

Irwin said 1st and 2nd place is between the Wombats and the Downers Grove Chess Club. St. Charles Chess Club is 3rd and the PAWNS will be probably be 4th. The PAWNS are playing tonight (Wed). Post meeting, they won and finished 4th. The first through fourth place teams will be in the playoffs. Three matches are yet to be played. One is tonight involving the PAWNS, one is tomorrow (Thurs) involving the Wombats and one without playoff impact probably will not get played. All 4 teams agreed to participate in the playoffs.

North-Jim Thomson, Chairman

Jim said Motorola Knights finished first and the Walgreens Forks were second. The third place team did not qualify for the playoffs. The Motorola Knights and Walgreens Forks have agreed to participate in the playoffs. All matches have been played. Prior to the meeting, the North Division captains reelected Jim as the North Division chairman.

East-Fred Furtner, Chairman

Fred said the Hedgehogs are 1st, AMA Rogue Squadron is 2nd, and Northwestern finished third. Hedgehogs and AMA Rogue Squadron qualified for the playoffs. The Hedgehogs and AMA Rogue Squadron have agreed to participate in the playoffs. All matches have been played.

Fred said their division has 9 strong teams for next year and University of Chicago may join. This is a great rebound for the East Division that was at just 4 a few years ago. Matthias (Citidel) explained that he has a web site with videos to support his team. This web site has already gotten more than a 1,000 hits. You can access his YOUTUBE site at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/mpfau64> (and click 'see all' on the right to access the 13 videos currently available).

2. OTHER REPORTS:**A. Bulletin Editor –Patrice Connelly (via email)**

We've gotten out five bulletins this year (with a sixth soon to be released!), so we're keeping on par with past years. I'm really happy with the submissions we've received this year, and hope they keep on coming! I'd like to thank Tony Jasaitis, Tom Friske, and former bulletin editor Marty Franek for their help and guidance (and patience!) as I get the hang of it. I'm happy to keep working on the bulletin next year unless someone else is interested in being editor and/or co-editor. As always, I'm available at Bulletin@ChicagoChessLeague.org if anyone has any suggestions/recommendations/requests for the bulletin.

Attendees commented that she has done a great job and it is going well. Len Weber noted that the current editor was part of the large league talent pool in the West serving as officers.

B. Webmaster –Tom Friske (via email)

1. Changes this season centered around automation of the ratings. (Jeff can expound).

Specifically, we now have in place the complete cycle of Captains entering match result, email notification, Ratings Chairman copy/paste email data into ratings database, ratings recalculated (Microsoft Access), reports generated, upload directly to website where immediately available, those changes picked up by online form.

2. Thanks to determined usage and comments from the Captains, I have been able to see what areas of the form cause the most trouble. I intend to fix these in the off-season.

C. Games Editor -Tom Friske (via email)

1. Our submission of games scores is somewhere in the 50% range. This will probably increase with a reminder message. All games submitted will be available online this week,

2. I want to publicly thank Patrice for her excellent work as Bulletin Editor. Due to her creativity, I haven't had to spend time with bulletin articles and have thus had more time to work on the "Games" section of the bulletin. Hopefully, the readers have enjoyed the increased size of the monthly submission. I know I have enjoyed the variety of articles from people and the area clubs--- I hope these continue. Her artwork has also been a nice touch. Kudos !

D. Rating Chairman-Jeff Balicki

Jeff reviewed the following rating system items:

1. New Ratings Program – Many thanks to Jim Thomson for his tireless efforts at creating "Just In Time" reports and fixes for the new ratings program this season. I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the new reports on the CICL website including the "hidden" ratings extract.
2. Rating reports – Rating reports were available every month this season and we converted from sending out the reports via email to providing links in an email notification. Attendees commented that this was spectacular. Thanks to all for bearing with all of the changes and your words of

encouragement. Expanding even more on the rating reports, a couple of team captain's have requested that ratings be significantly expanded to include not only regular season match games but additional games between any two CICL players; more on this in "new business".

3. **ONLINE match entry tool:** Thanks to Tom Friske for creating this tool and continuing to make improvements. It makes my job as Ratings Chairman much easier. Hopefully I have all of your support in using the online match entry tool for ALL teams going forward or, if not, then to provide another means by which match results may be submitted in a standardized format with ALL applicable information. Email notifications are ok in a pinch but often I receive ambiguous player names, missing match dates or round numbers or no indication of home team; any of these cause me additional effort to compare reported results versus the division web page or send additional emails for clarification. Obviously the tool could use some improvements for user entry beyond those that were already done this year, but it has been sufficient to enter ALL of the North and East division matches and a number of the West division matches as well this year and I understand Tom plans to make even more improvements over the summer.
4. **New player information and Initial Ratings –** Getting everyone a CICL rating sooner has worked well this year. Attendees agreed this works great.
I am continually looking for ideas on how to improve this process even more. One idea is to explore using USCF game results for dormant CICL players or possibly all CICL players; more about this in "new business". I appreciate the efforts of captains to provide timely captain estimated ratings when a new player does not already have either a prior CICL or USCF rating.
5. **Division Web Page Usage -** Many thanks to Tom and Fred for providing me access to implement the East Division web page this year. Through Fred and Tony's encouragement and sometimes manual effort to enter the results themselves all East division games were reported via the online match entry tool and AUTOMATICALLY visible on the East division page, providing IMMEDIATE results from the output of the online match entry tool. Seeing how the East division page method worked so well, Jim Thomson agreed to having the North division page converted to the new method as well. It is very helpful to me to have the division web pages up-to-date as a central place to find results and as a check and balance when completing the rating reports. Hopefully ALL of the division pages will be kept up-to-date throughout the season next year.
6. **Next Year -** Some ideas I have for improvements include adding rosters to the ratings list (with a special designation to indicate roster-only players who have not yet played a game in the CICL), improving the method of rating "new Players", and submitting changes to the constitution in the ratings area.

E. Publicity Chairman-Matt Vail (not present)

Matt was out of town and there was no report.

F. Banquet Chairman-Katherine Zack

Date: Friday June 17 starting at 6:30 PM (cash bar) with dinner at 7 P.M.

The attendees overwhelmingly choose the Poached Salmon with Scallops Mousse as the fish choice and the Stuffed Chicken Breast as the chicken choice. Vegan meals can be accommodated – let Katherine know in advance. The banquet site, Alpine, has been updated and we will have a bigger room. Katherine recommended that post-meal activities include something for non-chess players and she agreed to handle this. She also said we should have raffle prizes (donated chess books) and she would contact restaurants for Restaurant Certificates. An email needs to be sent to request people to donate chess books and similar chess material.

Banquet speaker: After discussion, the attendees decided not to have a speaker in favor of more time for speed chess since it gets late and people start leaving. Attendees also discussed a simul, but decided there wasn't enough time to do both a simul and speed chess.

Commitment: We need to give a number to Alpine like last year.

Speed chess: Art Olsen agreed to conduct the speed tournament.

G. Trophy Chairman-Chuck Dobrovolny

Chuck handed out the replacement nameplates. Several other teams said they need replacement nameplates. Those needing nameplates agreed to email Chuck. Chuck showed the revised Championship Trophy with its new Knight on the top and a new base. Fred Furtner provided the new Knight head. Attendees praised the redesigned trophy – excellent job, Chuck and Fred! The new base has lots of room for names, etc. Take a look – it's in the Bulletin. It weighs almost 10 lbs. Cost was \$366.

3. ELECTIONS

A. President

Tony Jasaitis has been president for 5 years and wants to step down. Irwin Gaines agreed to serve. There were no other nominees. Irwin was unanimously elected.

B. Secretary

Jerry Thomas agreed to continue. There were no other nominees. Jerry was unanimously elected.

C. Treasurer

Paul Freidel agreed to continue. There were no other nominees. Paul was unanimously elected.

D. Publicity Chair (Appointed)

Matt Vail agreed to continue.

E. Division Chairmen (Elected by division captains)

Jim Thomson agreed to continue. A new West chairman is needed. Tony Jasaitis agreed to be the new East Division chairman.

4. PLAYOFFS

A. Determine Playoff Teams

The playoff teams are:

Downers Grove Chess Club (1st or 2nd place W)

Motorola Knights (1st place N)

SSCC Wombats (1st or 2nd place W)

St Charles Chess Club (3rd place W)

Walgreens Forks (wild card)

SSCC Pawns (wild card)

Hedgehogs (1st place E)

AMA Rogue Squadron (2nd place E).

Pairings will be announced on Friday. All teams committed to playing in the playoffs

B. TD(s)

Irwin Gaines and Art Olsen agreed to be playoff TDs.

C. Determine Site

No playoff site has been chosen. Northwestern is trying to get their site. Jim Thomson has done a little investigating on Motorola, but he needs Motorola volunteers and he has none so far in answer to his email request.

Post meeting, Sevan Muradian who runs the North Shore Chess Center, 5500 West Touhy offered his site for the playoffs. However, it cannot handle the 2nd tier event.

D. 2nd Tier Event

Irwin agreed to poll the captains to see how many 4-player teams were interested in a team event. Based on the response he would decide on whether to hold a team tournament or an individual tournament.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Distribute corrected trophy nameplates

See Other Reports – Trophy Chair.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Playoff Pairing Fix Proposal

Jim explained this proposal is intended to match how a USCF tournament director would do the pairings. The attendees unanimously accepted this proposal.

B. Tiebreak Consistency Proposal

Jim explained the tiebreak consistency proposal to break a tie if PR isn't sufficient. Attendees opposed the coin flip (option #2). They suggested instead first (option #2) we would use the board PR and if still a tie (option #3) then dropping the 6th board and recalculating the PR. If still tied, drop the 5th and 6th boards and recalculate the PR, and so on. Jim agreed to revise the proposal to use this method as the #2 choice. The attendees unanimously accepted this revised proposal.

C. Banquet Details

See Other Reports - Banquet Chair.

D. Summer Chess Activities (Tony Jasaitis)

Tony said it was too early to tell. Maybe a rematch vs. the Warren Juniors will happen and maybe it won't.

Chuck Dobrovolny mentioned there is a July 1-4 7 Round Tournament up North at the InterContinental Hotel just off I-290. There is \$50 Entry Fee and free parking. Email Chuck for more details.

E. Order match result sheets, maybe scoresheets

Tony has a box of match results sheets and scoresheets. It is not enough for all of next year and we need to place another order.

F. Ratings Chair:

1. Updates from USCF activity- In keeping with seeking ways of improving the rating system, Jim Thomson and Jeff Balicki have been considering utilizing USCF results, to some degree, similar to how the USCF uses FIDE results to adjust player ratings. Jeff Wiewel provided information in the past few months that indicates that this is possible. Those in attendance said that this is worth exploring. A committee is planned to be formed in the future, likely over the summer.
2. Handling Unscheduled Games & Events- Jeff described requests to rate unscheduled games as well as rate the up-and-coming Citidel and Trading Technologies tournaments. This is extra work for him and not entirely supported by the current rating system. Matthias Pfau said he is hosting a summer tournament to fill the natural chess void created by the CICL summer break and wanted to offer an eight round tournament at Citadel (every other Monday, from May 2nd to August 29th) that is open to all players from the East Division. The attendees at the business meeting said that ratings should be done if Jeff could support them. These games should not count for Centurian, Most improved player, and similar awards. Jeff was going to work out the details on this. The consensus after discussion was that the Citadel tournament would be rated along with the Trading Technologies tournament, but all future tournaments must get pre-approval, before being allowed to be considered to become a rated tournament.

Post-meeting. Jeff and Matthias spoke on Thursday morning and came to an agreement on some condition guidelines in order that the CICL will rate games:

1. Games played outside of regular season matches must be pre-approved by the league in order to be rated. Matthias' Summer tournament is approved.
2. Only games played between CICL players or new players meeting CICL entry requirements will be rated.
3. Pre-defined tournament structure must be submitted. Matthias supplied the following schedule: <http://cig-chess.blogspot.com/2011/04/2nd-cig-su11-tournament.html>

4. A Tournament Director must be identified upfront, present for all games held to verify CICL tournament standards are met, address any disputes, and to authorize the results. Matthias is the TD for the tournament.
5. Game results must be reported using the online match entry tool including games grouped by date using the predominant participating teams as the home and away team.
6. All games played must be reported no later than one month after the game takes place or on the day of "Playoff Saturday", whichever comes first. Note that the end of a CICL season ends with playoff Saturday and any games played on the following day or after count as part of the next regular season.
7. No CICL game credit will be given for games not scheduled and recorded as part of the regular season matches.
8. Game results will be rated and included in the player standings as part of the regular season in which they were reported but ignored for award purposes (MIP, Biggest Upsets, etc.) and may or may not be included in other rating reports with appropriate indication.
9. PGN game scores must be emailed to the games editor, ratings chairman, and Division Chairman. (Tom has the final word on this requirement but I included it for completeness).
10. CICL credit will be removed from the past Summer games for consistency purposes.

E. Potential proposals for discussion and summer development (time permitting)

- Combined Company Team Type

The scope was expanded to consider other ways to bring new teams into the league. Tony will email a request for committee members.

- Lightly-used player playoff games limit

Irwin will email a request for committee members.

- roster limits and/or other restrictions on capped teams

Deferred until the Fall. A summer committee might be formed.

F. Other items

Katherine suggested that we consider a picnic event. Attendees remarked that on the 50th CICL anniversary (Sat, June 2, 2007 in St. Charles), we held a picnic instead of a banquet and had a poor response.

7. Events Calendar

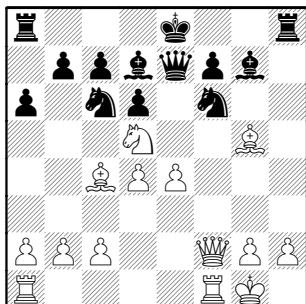
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| - Playoffs | Saturday, May 14 |
| - Banquet | Friday, June 17 |
| - Fall Meeting | Wednesday, August 31 |

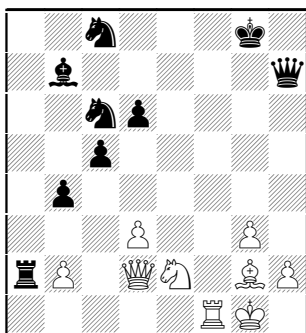
The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 P.M.

Jerry Thomas, CICL Secretary April 24, 2011

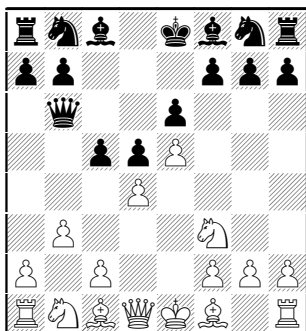
Once again, pit yourself against your CICL clubmates!
(Solutions on page ??)

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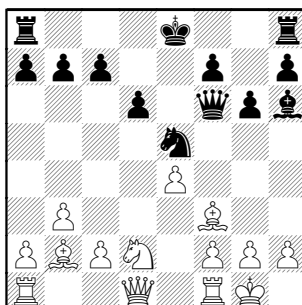
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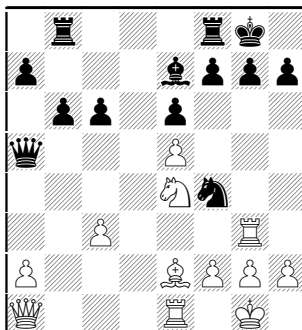
White to move

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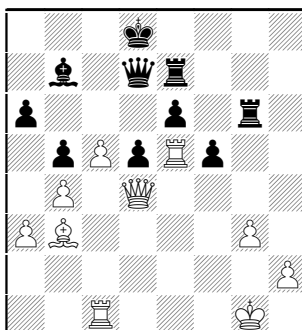
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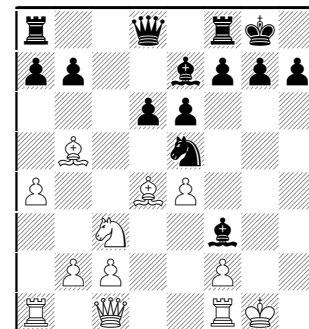
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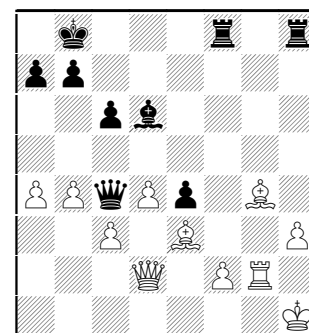
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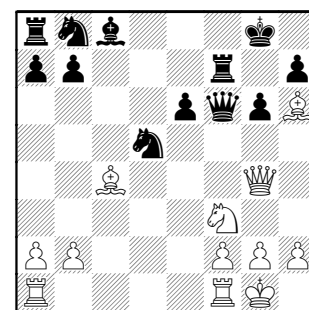
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PROBLEM 7.

Black to move

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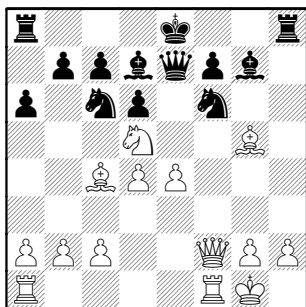
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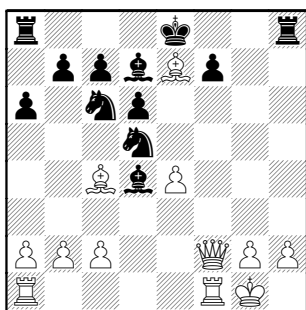
White to move

SOLUTION 1.

Levenson, Steve (1951) -
Mitchell, Damian (1550)
Forks-Gambits, 9-15-2010

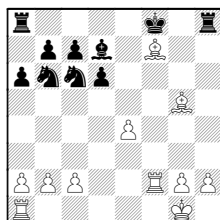


13...Nxd5 14.Bxe7 Bxd4

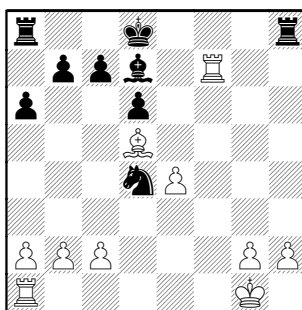


15.Qxd4

15.Bg5 Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Nb6 17.Bxf7+ Kf8



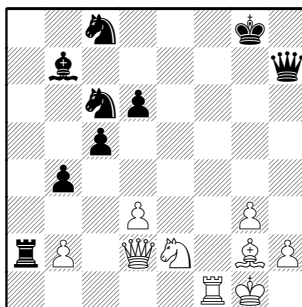
15...Nxd4 16.Bxd5 Kxe7 17.Rxf7+ Kd8



Black is up a piece, but his lack of coordination eventually cost him the game.

SOLUTION 2.

Hamelink, Niels (1686) -
Moore, Adam [B23]
Forks-Gambits, 9-15-2010



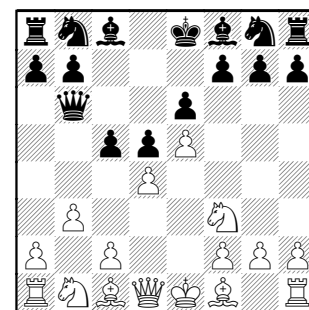
28.Bd5+ Kh8 29.Rf8+ Kg7 30.Rf7+ Kg6 31.Rxh7 Kxh7 [31...Ra1+]
32.Bxa2 N8e7 33.Qf4 Ng6 34.Qxd6

SOLUTION 3.

Brannon, Mike -
Abney, Ibn (1188) [C02]
StXavier, 9-24-2010

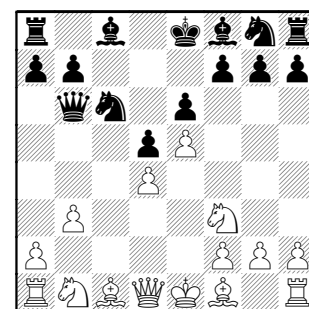
I occasionally see this misplayed French Defense online.

1.e4 e6 2.e5 d5 3.Nf3 c5 4.d4 Qb6 5.b3

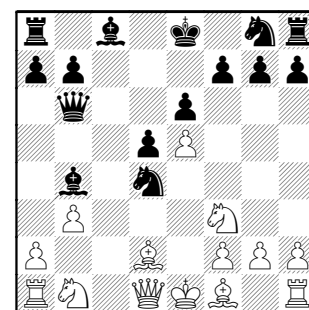


White intends to support d4 with Bb2, but it's too early

5...Nc6 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4



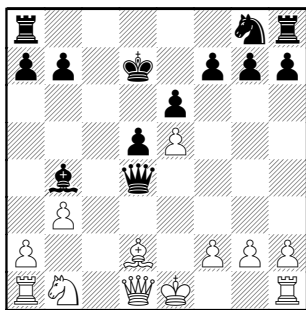
7...Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Nxd4



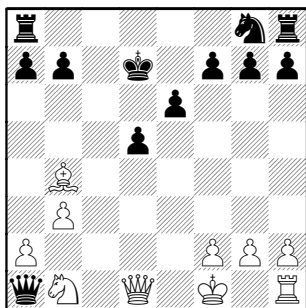
Black wins a Pawn
9.Nxd4

9.Bxb4 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Qxb4+

9...Qxd4 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Kxd7

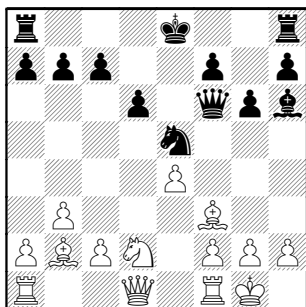


12.Bxb4 Qxe5+ 13.Kf1 Qxa1



SOLUTION 4.

McEneany, Tim (1200) –
Gliwa, Derek
Hedgehogs-Loyola, 9-28-2010

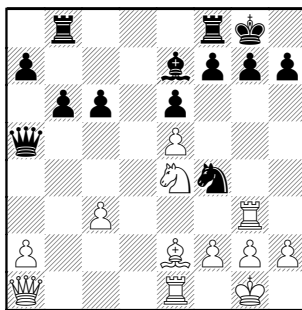


11...Nxf3+ 12.Nxf3 Qxb2

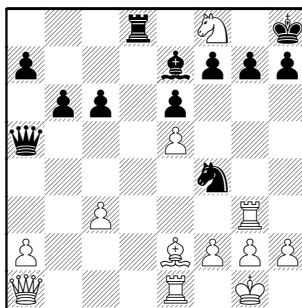
SOLUTION 5.

Sensat, Jason (1489) -
Visser, Joubert

Citadel-TradeTech, 10-19-2010



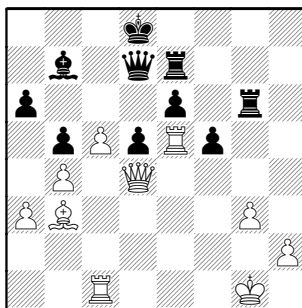
23.Nf6+ Kh8 24.Nd7 Rbd8 25.Nxf8



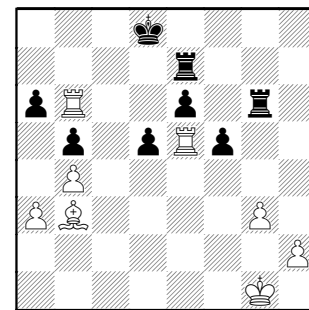
25...Qxe5 [25...Bxf8 26.Bc4 Ng6
27.Rge3=] 26.Bf3 Bxf8?? 27.Rxe5
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SOLUTION 6.

Sollano, Ely (1932) –
Lechnick, Jay (1692)
Forks-UOP, 11-16-2010



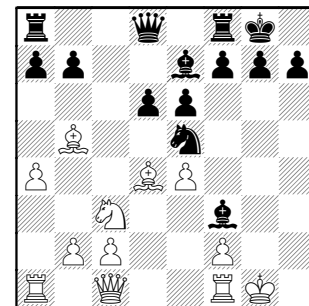
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Qxb6+ 50.Rxb6



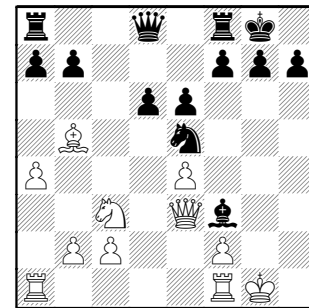
White won move 67 1-0

SOLUTION 7.

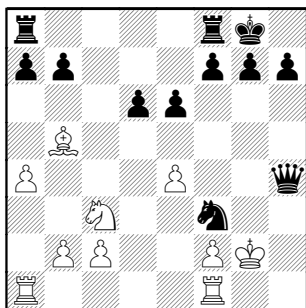
Deichmann, Eric (1287) –
Kolb, Scott (1642)
BP/Molex-StCCC, 1-12-2011



15...Bg5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3



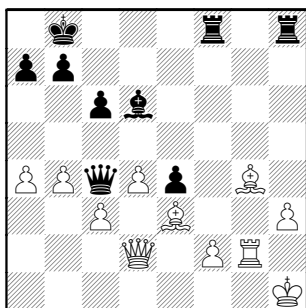
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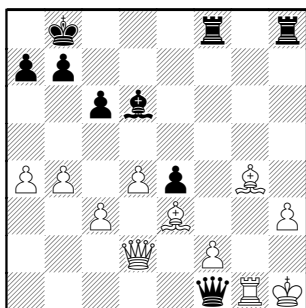
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SOLUTION 8.

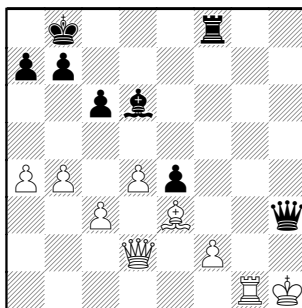
Arend, Al (800) –
Smith, Derek (1617)
BP/Molex-StCCC, 1-12-2011



29...Qf1+ 30.Rg1



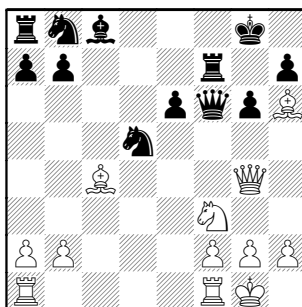
30...Rxh3+ 31.Bxh3 Qxh3#



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SOLUTION 9.

Friske, Tom (1983) –
Gilbert, Steve (1653)
Forks-Gambits, 1-24-2011



15.Bxd5 Na6

[15...exd5 16.Qxc8+]