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A Word from the President

Increasing League Participation

For many years we have been trying imaginative solutions to increase participation in our league. Several changes have been made to our rules to make it easier for players to be eligible to play, and to define new categories of teams, while maintaining our identity as an Industrial League. This month I wanted to review these provisions as well as suggest some additional possibilities.

First, there are several rules designed to keep existing players involved. First is the residual eligibility rule, which allows players to continue playing on a company team even after they have retired or left the company for other reasons. Next is the provision for alumni teams, which allows players who have previously played in the league to join teams with other league alumni when the company team they had played on has ceased to exist.

Second, there are provisions to keep teams involved that have lost some of their players. There is provision for combined teams, where two (or more) existing company teams can join forces under a single name in order to accumulate enough players. (Note that this, unlike alumni teams, allows recruitment of new players from the companies involved). Finally, there is a provision for a player pool of CICL alumni who can be assigned by the league president to help fill out the roster of existing teams that have been unable to fill out all 6 boards (this year two teams, the Pawns and Columbia College, have an assigned player from this pool).

And, there are efforts to make it easier for new teams to join. Several divisions have put together schedules of exhibition matches (fewer matches than a full schedule) for a new team to try the league out, and teams have even played all matches on the road until they can acquire the necessary equipment and playing site.

All of these rules are designed to keep the league healthy without giving up our identity as a league of company teams (for example, we have on several occasions decided not to allow teams from chess clubs or other random collections of individuals without a corporate identity to join the league). Despite all these efforts, however, we are still shrinking.

Perhaps we need to consider some more drastic measures to increase participation in the league. One idea we could consider is different competitive divisions (either a major league/minor league setup where the weaker teams would play each other rather than getting continually beaten up by the stronger teams; or an arrangement with 6-man team divisions and 4-man team divisions for those companies having trouble keeping 6 players involved full time). This idea runs afoul of the geographic divisions, however, and would involve longer travel distances. We could broaden eligibility rules, allowing family members (or even chess club buddies) to play on a "predominantly" company team (much as international soccer teams allow a few foreign citizens on each team). We could allow totally non company teams to take part in the league. And we could have different types of competition, including knock out team tournaments or matches with faster time controls.

Please send me your thoughts on these issues for further discussion in future bulletins.

Irwin

NEAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS 2140C
WARREN, J	CHRGR 2097Q
WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC 2039
MARCOWKA, R	CHRGR 2031D
ROYTBURG, E	CASE 2019*
ELLICE, W	PAWNS 1911
KALE, S	CASE 1860C
ROSLEY, D	CHRGR 1810
MCCARTHY, D	CHRGR 1743*
ALEXANDER, W	CCDOC 1724*

FAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

STEIN, P	TYROS 2345
KANTAR, M	FERMI 2251*
TAMEZ, I	TYROS 2171
DORIGO, T	FERMI 2168
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS 2154D
TEGEL, F	DRGNS 2108T
GUIO, J	TYROS 2084
KOZLOVSKY, M	FERMI 2081
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS 2067C
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI 2026D

NORTH DIVISION TOP TEN

BENESA, A	EXMPL 2321
INUMERABLE, F	EXMPL 2291C
WOLF, D	MKING 2286
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP 2211D
WONG, P	EXCLB 2195C
WEBER, L	EXMPL 2185
MININ, S	NORTH 2160
GAZMEN, E	EXMPL 2107
BUERGER, E	UOP 2034T
LEONG, G	KEMPR 2023C

EAST DIVISION TOP TEN

REYES, R	ALUMN 2340D
KRAS, T	BKAMI 2241
SANTIAGO, T	COLUM 2136
JASAITIS, A	BKAMI 2124C
FRIESEMA, W	BKAMI 2054
SAGALOVSKY, L	ALUMN 1970
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN 1948D
MCALISTER, K	COLUM 1928
HAYES, W	COLUM 1922
RZESZUTKO, R	ALUMN 1905C

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS**SUAREZ, E**

PIPARIA, J
THOMSON, J
OLSEN, A
VIGANTS, A
WALKER, A
TURNER, K
JONES, M
WILLIAMS, K
STAPLES, C

ROOKS 93

MKING	82
MKNGT	75
KEMPR	65
NORTH	64
NORTH	62
READR	58
CTA	55
CCDOC	50
FERMI	47

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NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
ABBOTT, J	MKING	0	1	0	1865*	DELGADO, V	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0
ABRAHAM, T	CTA	1	4	0	1584	DESAI, N	MKNGT	1	0	0	0000/1
ADHIKARI, G	CASE	0	0	0	0000/3	DIAZ, P	TYROS	3	2	0	1950C
ALEXANDER, W	CCDOC	2	2	0	1724*	DOBR, K	CHRGR	4	0	1	1505T
ALFONSO, E	MKNGT	1	1	0	1559#	DOBROVOLNY, C	DRGNS	3	1	1	1798C
ALLEN, R	UOP	0	0	0	1185#	DOMINGUEZ, R	LBURN	1	2	0	0000/2
ALMAULA, J	MKING	1	3	0	0000/4	DORFF, M	SEARS	0	0	0	1610
ALTSHULLER, D	DRGNS	2	1	1	1792	DORIGO, T	FERMI	2	1	2	2168
ANDRESEN, T	EXCLB	0	4	0	1817C	DROLEN, R	CASE	0	0	0	0000/1
APATA, D	TYROS	0	3	0	0000/5	DUFFY, J	LBURN	1	2	2	1688
APPLEBERRY, T	CCDOC	4	2	0	1350	EAMAN, R	LBURN	2	3	0	1730
ATKINSON, J	READR	0	0	0	1899C	EASTON, R	KEMPR	2	2	0	1744*
AUGSBURGER, L	MKNGT	1	1	0	1769C	EDWARDS, S	EXCLB	0	0	0	1284
BALASE, E	SEARS	0	0	0	1397	ELEK, G	NORTH	1	2	0	1088
BALICKI, J	MKING	1	0	0	1613*	ELLICE, W	PAWNS	3	2	1	1911
BANKS, K	READR	0	0	0	0000/1	EUSTACE, D	DRGNS	1	4	0	1596C
BANNON, B	LBURN	1	3	1	1223*	FERNANDEZ, J	KEMPR	0	0	0	0000/0
BARGERSTOCK, D	BKAMI	2	1	0	1780	FLORENCE, C	MKING	0	2	0	0000/3
BARNARD, G	BKAMI	0	1	1	1150*	FONG, R	NORTH	0	0	0	1396#
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	2	1	1	1692D	FOX, P	CCDOC	0	0	0	1118#
BAYSINGAR, D	LBURN	0	0	0	1383*	FRAATS, D	BKAMI	1	1	0	1862C
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	1	0	1	2154D	FRANEK, M	ALUMN	3	0	0	1796C
BENESA, A	EXMPL	3	0	0	2321	FRANK, M	ALUMN	3	0	1	1830
BLACKMON, E	DRGNS	1	0	1	1791C	FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	1	1	1	1931#
BLAZIE, J	TYROS	0	0	0	1741C	FRIESEMA, W	BKAMI	2	0	1	2054
BLINKOFF, D	LBURN	0	0	0	0000/0	FRISKE, T	EXMPL	5	0	0	2000
BOLDINGH, E	UOP	1	2	1	1838C	FULKERSON, R	LBURN	1	4	0	1386#
BRADTKE, J	LBURN	0	0	0	0000/1	GAINES, I	FERMI	0	3	2	1701D
BRADY, R	CHRGR	0	0	0	1295	GALLA, J	MTRLA	0	0	0	0000/0
BRAUNDMEIER, B	KEMPR	0	1	0	0000/4	GANSER, A	BKAMI	0	0	0	1165
BROTSOS, J	EXCLB	2	1	0	1552D	GARCIA, J	ROOKS	2	2	0	1211*
BROZOVICH, J	TYROS	0	0	0	1704D	GASTON, K	CASE	2	1	0	1248*
BUCHNER, R	TYROS	2	1	0	2010	GATES, E	LBURN	0	0	0	1790
BUERGER, E	UOP	3	1	1	2034T	GATSON, T	CCDOC	0	0	0	1100*
BURIAN, D	EXCLB	2	1	1	1580C	GAZMEN, E	EXMPL	3	1	0	2107
CARRANO, C	DRGNS	0	1	0	0000/7	GERONA, R	CASE	0	0	0	1406
CARTER, L	READR	1	2	1	1468C	GLADURA, A	PAWNS	0	2	0	0000/2
CARTER, M	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/1	GOLLA, R	ALUMN	3	2	0	1867D
CEASE, H	FERMI	1	3	1	0000/4	GOMEZ, G	FERMI	0	0	0	1681
CHOROSINSKI, L	NORTH	0	3	0	1268#	GONCHAROFF, N	MKING	3	1	1	1705Q
CHRISTIAN, R	DRGNS	0	0	0	1776C	GOTHIER, S	NORTH	0	4	0	0000/4
CUMBERLAND, M	EXMPL	1	1	0	1357#	GREEN, D	ROOKS	1	4	0	1840D
CUMMUTA, P	KEMPR	0	0	0	1497C	GRINSTEIN, S	FERMI	0	0	0	0000/1
CYGAN, J	MKNGT	2	2	0	1573	GROEGER, D	COLUM	1	2	0	1725
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN	3	2	0	1948D	GRUDZINSKI, J	ROOKS	1	3	0	0000/3
CZOSKE, M	ROYLS	0	0	0	1289#	GRYPARIS, J	MKING	2	3	0	1434C
DALLMAN, K	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/0	GUIO, J	TYROS	3	1	1	2084
DAVIDSON, M	ALUMN	0	0	0	1611	HAHNE, D	TYROS	3	0	0	1549
DECMAN, S	ROOKS	2	1	1	1670D	HALL, A	CCDOC	1	3	1	1496
DELEON, J	BKAMI	0	0	0	1658	HAMMOND, M	BKAMI	0	0	0	1382C

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HASSO, S	ROYLS	0	0	0	0000/2	MCKAY, P	PAWNS	0	1	0	1393*
HAWLEY, L	SEARS	0	0	0	0000/1	MCKINNEY, T	KEMPR	0	0	0	1276
HAYES, W	COLUM	4	1	0	1922	MCPHAIL, C	ROYLS	0	0	0	0000/3
HENDERSON, H	READR	0	0	0	1841	MEDINA, L	ROYLS	0	0	0	0000/0
HILL, R	ROOKS	1	3	1	1985C	MEEKY, L	DRGNS	0	1	0	0000/1
HILL, RICK	FERMI	0	1	0	0000/1	MEHTA, C	TYROS	0	0	0	1465#
HORTON, D	MKNGT	1	2	0	1844	MELNIKOV, I	MKING	1	3	0	2004
HOUSTON, L	CCDOC	0	1	0	0000/0	MENDOZA, D	FERMI	0	1	0	0000/2
HUGHES, N	KEMPR	0	1	0	1820C	MICKLICH, F	UOP	2	2	0	1609D
INUMERABLE, F	EXMPL	3	0	1	2291C	MIKULECKY, B	PAWNS	2	3	1	1493C
JACKSON, S	CCDOC	2	2	1	1419	MILLER, T	EXMPL	0	0	1	1869
JACKSON, W	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	MININ, S	NORTH	2	2	0	2160
JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS	1	0	3	2140C	MOLINA, J	FERMI	0	0	0	0000/1
JASAITIS, A	BKAMI	4	0	0	2124C	MURPHY, J	CRT	0	0	0	1999
JONES, K	SEARS	0	0	0	1494#	NALLATHAMBI, R	KEMPR	2	2	0	1505
JONES, M	CTA	2	2	0	1500	O'DELL, DW	PAWNS	0	0	0	1479C
JUNTUNEN, J	SEARS	0	0	0	0000/1	OELHAFEN, A	EXCLB	0	0	0	1263
KABELAC, J	ROOKS	0	0	0	1920	OGASAWARA, L	DRGNS	1	0	0	1844C
KALE, S	CASE	0	1	0	1860C	OLSEN, A	KEMPR	2	1	1	1550
KANAS, W	CASE	2	3	0	1297C	PARA, A	FERMI	0	3	0	1487
KANTAR, M	FERMI	0	0	0	2251*	PARAOAN, E	BKAMI	1	1	0	1706C
KARPIERZ, J	TYROS	3	0	0	1222	PAREKH, C	DRGNS	0	0	0	0000/3
KESTNER, M	ROYLS	0	0	0	1485	PATRICK, J	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/5
KLINFELTER, H	CASE	0	4	1	1557C	PEHAS, A	DRGNS	0	1	2	1918C
KOGAN, G	BKAMI	0	0	0	1859C	PEIJFFERS, S	DRGNS	1	3	0	1977
KOSTECKA, K	COLUM	0	0	0	1523	PERKINS, D	CCDOC	1	0	0	0000/0
KOZLOVSKY, M	FERMI	0	0	0	2081	PIAO, T	DRGNS	0	0	0	1602
KRAS, T	BKAMI	2	0	1	2241	PIERCE, W	CTA	1	0	0	0000/1
LAForge, W	TYROS	1	0	0	1268	PIPARIA, J	MKING	5	0	0	1839*
LANGER, D	SEARS	0	0	0	1606	PLETT, M	UOP	0	0	0	1792
LANNOME, D	EXMPL	0	0	0	1698*	PRATTS, M	COLUM	1	0	0	1705
LASKY, N	PAWNS	0	2	1	1360C	RADAVICIUS, E	CHGR	1	0	1	1620D
LATIMER, E	SEARS	0	0	0	2076D	REID, C	CASE	3	2	1	1453C
LE, D	MKNGT	1	0	0	0000/3	RENDE, D	UOP	4	0	0	0000/3
LECHNICK, J	UOP	3	1	2	1783	REYES, R	ALUMN	0	1	1	2340D
LEONG, G	KEMPR	2	1	0	2023C	ROBINSON, J	DRGNS	0	0	0	0000/2
LITVINAS, A	ALUMN	2	0	0	1667D	ROGERS, N	COLUM	0	3	1	1882
LLOYD, K	READR	3	2	0	1836#	ROJO, V	CCDOC	2	0	1	1419
LOGAN, H	PAWNS	2	3	0	1265	ROMENOWSKI, G	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/0
LOSOFF, A	BKAMI	2	1	1	1856	ROSLEY, D	CHGR	2	0	0	1810
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	0	0	0	2067C	ROSKOWSKI, D	KEMPR	0	4	0	0000/6
MARCOWKA, R	CHGR	5	0	1	2031D	ROTH, A	NORTH	0	3	0	0000/3
MARQUEZ, N	READR	0	0	0	1188*	ROYTBURG, E	CASE	0	0	0	2019*
MARSH, M	READR	1	1	1	1151	RZESUTKO, R	ALUMN	3	0	0	1905C
MARSHALL, K	MKNGT	0	1	0	0000/1	SACKS, D	UOP	1	0	0	1829
MATTHEWS, J	CTA	2	0	0	1804	SAGALOVSKY, L	ALUMN	3	0	1	1970
MATTHEWS, K	READR	2	2	0	0000/2	SAJBEL, P	UOP	2	1	0	1899C
MCALISTER, K	COLUM	1	3	1	1928	SALERNO, S	DRGNS	1	1	1	0000/4
MCCARTHY, D	CHGR	4	0	0	1743*	SAMELSON, C	MKNGT	1	1	0	1907C
MCGEE, L	CCDOC	1	4	0	0000/2	SANDEFUR, B	CCDOC	0	0	0	1210*

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SANTIAGO, T	COLUM	1	1	0	2136	SUERTH, F	EXCLB	2	1	0	1585C
SATTERLEE, D	CASE	2	4	0	1526D	SULLIVAN, C	READR	1	4	0	1545
SAVCIC, V	TYROS	0	1	0	0000/4	SULLIVAN, J	EXCLB	0	4	0	1885D
SAWDO, E	CASE	0	1	0	1388	TAMEZ, I	TYROS	1	1	3	2171
SAWIN, B	LBURN	0	3	0	1197*	TEGEL, F	DRGNS	1	1	3	2108T
SAXENA, D	TYROS	1	0	0	1551#	THOMAS, G	TYROS	2	1	0	1535C
SCHOONOVER, M	UOP	2	2	1	1312*	THOMAS, J	CHRG	2	2	0	1545D
SEATON, E	CCDOC	2	2	1	1616	THOMSON, J	MKNGT	2	1	1	1617*
SEN, S	UOP	0	0	0	0000/3	TRINIDAD, P	CCDOC	1	2	0	0000/7
SHATSKY, V	BKAMI	0	0	0	1580	TRUFANOV, D	UOP	0	1	0	0000/4
SHENOUDA, RAFAE	TYROS	0	0	0	1665*	TURNER, K	READR	2	2	0	1513
SHENOUDA, RUSS	TYROS	0	0	0	0000/1	UNDERWOOD, W	EXCLB	0	0	0	1946C
SIEGEL, J	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/2	VAN OUTRIVE, R	CTA	0	2	0	1072#
SIEGEL, R	BKAMI	0	0	0	1460C	VAN ZILE, C	UOP	1	0	0	1341
SIMS, L	SEARS	0	0	0	1832	VENSKE, D	READR	1	2	0	1726
SITAR, K	BKAMI	1	0	3	1538	VIGANTS, A	NORTH	2	2	0	1610
SIWEK, M	KEMPR	1	2	0	2013C	VILLAREAL, E	CTA	0	4	1	1147
SLAGLE, S	READR	0	0	0	1693	WALKER, A	NORTH	2	2	0	1742*
SMITH, BR	TYROS	0	0	0	1585	WALKER, C	KEMPR	0	0	0	1690
SMITH, J	MKNGT	0	0	0	1740*	WALLACH, C	MKING	2	2	1	1987
SMOLARCZYK, S	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/6	WARREN, J	CHRG	0	1	3	2097Q
SOBSKI, A	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/4	WEBER, L	EXMPL	0	0	0	2185
SOLLANO, E	EXMPL	2	1	1	1946	WEISNER, T	PAWNS	1	3	1	1117
SOSSI, M	LBURN	1	1	0	1488*	WEITZ, R	EXCLB	1	3	0	1634C
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	2	1	2	2026D	WENTLING, C	READR	0	0	0	1580C
STAMM, V	CHRG	3	0	1	1572D	WHITE, H	CASE	0	3	1	1669C
STAPLES, C	FERMI	2	2	1	1480	WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC	2	0	3	2039
STEIN, P	TYROS	0	0	0	2345	WILSON, A	CTA	0	2	0	1613C
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	4	1	0	2211D	WILSON, M	EXMPL	0	2	0	1226
STEVENS, J	COLUM	1	2	0	1636	WOLF, D	MKING	0	1	0	2286
STEVENSON, R	PAWNS	0	1	0	1333	WONG, P	EXCLB	0	1	0	2195C
STINSON, L	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/1	WONG, PETER	CASE	0	0	0	0000/4
STINSON, M	TYROS	2	0	0	1969C	ZELIGMAN, E	KEMPR	0	0	0	0000/1
STOLTZ, B	TYROS	2	1	2	1832C	ZOELLNER, J	BKAMI	2	1	0	1452C
SUAREZ, E	ROOKS	3	0	1	1831						

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TEAM NAME				GAME MATCH		PCT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS	
LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS	5	0	1	27.5	5.5	0.917
COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR	2	1	3	19.5	3.5	0.583
CASE	1	4	1	12.5	1.5	0.250
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FAR WEST DIVISION 12-31-1999

TEAM NAME				GAME MATCH		PCT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS	
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	4	0	1	19.0	4.5	0.900
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	3	2	0	15.5	3.0	0.600
ARGONNE ROOKS	1	3	1	14.5	1.5	0.300
FERMILAB	1	4	0	11.0	1.0	0.200

NORTH DIVISION 12-31-1999

TEAM NAME				GAME MATCH		PCT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS	
UOP	4	1	0	19.5	4.0	0.800
EXEMPLARS	3	0	1	17.5	3.5	0.875
MOTOROLA KINGS	2	2	1	15.0	2.5	0.500
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	2	1	1	12.0	2.5	0.625
KEMPER INSURANCE	1	3	0	9.5	1.0	0.250
NORTHROP	0	2	2	7.0	1.0	0.250
EXCALIBURS	0	3	1	8.5	0.5	0.125

EAST DIVISION 12-31-1999

TEAM NAME				GAME MATCH		PCT
	W	L	D	POINTS	POINTS	
ALUMNI ACES	4	0	1	23.5	4.5	0.900
BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS	4	0	1	20.5	4.5	0.900
COLUMBIA COLLEGE	2	3	0	15.0	2.0	0.400
THE READER	2	3	0	13.0	2.0	0.400
CTA	1	3	1	6.5	1.5	0.300
LEO BURNETT	0	4	1	10.5	0.5	0.100

10-NOV-99 LBURN

BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS

ROUND 1

- * Adjourned Match from Sept 23rd. Match Completed on Nov 10 *
- * This game was rated as of 11/10/99 (Completion Date) *
- * One game point was added to the Bank of America Team *

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 EAMAN,R	1748-18	0	LOSOFF,A	1833 18	1

02-DEC-99 LBURN

CTA

ROUND 4

- * The EAMAN,R vs ABRAHAM,T match on Dec 2nd was rerated *
- * because the results of the EAMAN/LOSOFF adjourned match *
- * from 11/10/99 was received after the EAMAN,R vs ABRAHAM,T *
- * match was originally rated *

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 EAMAN,R	1730 14	1	ABRAHAM,T	1600-14	0

17-NOV-99 BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS

3.5 THE READER

2.5

ROUND 4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 JASAITIS,A	2120 3	1	VENSKE,D	1730 -4	0
2 LOSOFF,A	1851 5	1	SULLIVAN,C	1508 -5	0
3 FRAATS,D	1857 5	1	TURNER,K	1476 -5	0
4 SITAR,K	1538 -5	.5	CARTER,L	1463 5	.5
5 ZOELLNER,J	1449 0	0	LLOYD,K	0 0	1
6 BARNARD,G	1176-26	0	MARSH,M	1125 26	1

09-DEC-99 CTA

0

BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS

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ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 WILSON,A	1614 -1	0	KRAS,T	2240 1	1
2 ABRAHAM,T	1586 -2	0	JASAITIS,A	2123 1	1
3 JONES,M	1502 -2	0	FRIESEMA,W	2052 2	1
4 VILLAREAL,E	1152 -5	0	SITAR,K	1533 5	1
5 VAN OUTRIVE,R	1077 -5	0	ZOELLNER,J	1449 3	1
6 DELGADO,V	0 0	0F	BARNARD,G	1150 0	1F

13-DEC-99 THE READER

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE

1

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1	0 0	0F	SANTIAGO,T	2136 0	1F
2 SULLIVAN,C	1503 42	1	HAYES,W	1964-42	0
3 TURNER,K	1471 42	1	ROGERS,N	1924-42	0
4 MATTHEWS,K	0 0	1	MCALISTER,K	1928 0	0
5 LLOYD,K	0 0	1	GROEGER,D	1725 0	0
6	0 0	0F		0 0	0F

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16-DEC-99 ALUMNI ACES

4.5 LEO BURNETT

1.5

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 RZESZUTKO, R	1891 14	1	EAMAN, R	1744-14 0
2 SAGALOVSKY, L	1987-17	.5	DUFFY, J	1671 17 .5
3 CZERNIECKI, A	1977-29	0	SOSSI, M	1445 43 1
4 GOLLA, R	1867 0	1	FULKERSON, R	0 0 0
5 FRANK, M	1829 1	1	BANNON, B	1224 -1 0
6 LITVINAS, A	1667 0	1	DOMINGUEZ, R	0 0 0

07-DEC-99 EXEMPLARS

4.5 EXCALIBURS

1.5

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 BENESA, A	2318 3	1	SULLIVAN, J	1887 -2 0
2 INUMERABLE, F	2289 2	1	ANDRESEN, T	1820 -3 0
3 GAZMEN, E	2104 3	1	WEITZ, R	1636 -2 0
4 SOLLANO, E	1965-19	.5	BURIAN, D	1568 12 .5
5 FRISKE, T	1997 3	1	BROTSOS, J	1554 -2 0
6 CUMBERLAND, M	1367-10	0	SUERTH, F	1578 7 1

03-DEC-99 CASE

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ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 KALE, S	1860 0	0F	ALEXANDER, W	1714 0 1F
2 KLINEFELTER, H	1583-18	0	HALL, A	1507 27 1
3 SATTERLEE, D	1529 11	1	JACKSON, S	1436-17 0
4 SAWDO, E	1412-24	0	ROJO, V	1395 24 1
5 REID, C	1421 12	1	APPLEBERRY, T	1358-18 0
6 KANAS, W	1304 0	1	TRINIDAD, P	0 0 0
7 GASTON, K	1248 0	1	MCGEE, L	0 0 0

13-DEC-99 COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR 4.5 PAWNS

1.5

ROUND 6

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 WILLIAMS, K	2048 -9	.5	ELLICE, W	1902 9 .5
2 ALEXANDER, W	1714 10	1	MIKULECKY, B	1500 -7 0
3 SEATON, E	1607 9	1	LASKY, N	1369 -9 0
4 HALL, A	1534 0	0F	LOGAN, H	1227 0 1F
5 APPLEBERRY, T	1340 10	1	WEISNER, T	1127-10 0
6 TRINIDAD, P	0 0	1	GLADURA, A	0 0 0
7 HOUSTON, L	0 0	0	MCGEE, L	0 0 1 (CCDOC)
8 HALL, A	1534-38	0	LOGAN, H	1227 38 1

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20-DEC-99 LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS 4 CASE

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ROUND 6

BD	RATINGS SCORE			RATINGS SCORE		
1 WARREN, J	2097	0	0F	KALE, S	1860	0 1F
2 MARCOWKA, R	2028	3	1	WHITE, H	1672	-3 0
3 MCCARTHY, D	1730	13	1	KLINEFELTER, H	1565	-8 0
4 STAMM, V	1558	14	1	SATTERLEE, D	1540	-14 0
5 THOMAS, J	1565	-20	0	REID, C	1433	20 1
6 DOBR, K	1500	5	1	KANAS, W	1304	-7 0

08-DEC-99 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 4.5 FERMILAB

1.5

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS SCORE			RATINGS SCORE		
1 TAMEZ, I	2172	-1	.5	DORIGO, T	2167	1 .5
2 GUIO, J	2089	-5	.5	SPIEGEL, L	2023	3 .5
3 DIAZ, P	1941	9	1	GAINES, I	1707	-6 0
4 STOLTZ, B	1844	-12	.5	STAPLES, C	1461	19 .5
5 HAHNE, D	1549	0	1	CEASE, H	0	0 0
6 THOMAS, G	1535	0	1	HILL, RICK	0	0 0
7 KARPIERZ, J	1222	0	1	APATA, D	0	0 0 (TYROS)

20-DEC-99 ARGONNE ROOKS

2.5 LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS

3.5

ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS SCORE			RATINGS SCORE		
1 HILL, R	1980	5	.5	TEGEL, F	2112	-4 .5
2 GREEN, D	1850	-10	0	PEIJFFERS, S	1961	16 1
3 SUAREZ, E	1824	7	.5	PEHAS, A	1922	-4 .5
4 DECMAN, S	1665	5	.5	BLACKMON, E	1796	-5 .5
5 BAURAC, D	1671	21	1	ALTSHULLER, D	1824	-32 0
6 GARCIA, J	1213	-2	0	DOBROVOLNY, C	1797	1 1
7 GRUDZINSKI, J	0	0	1	EUSTACE, D	1596	0 0

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Chess Lesson

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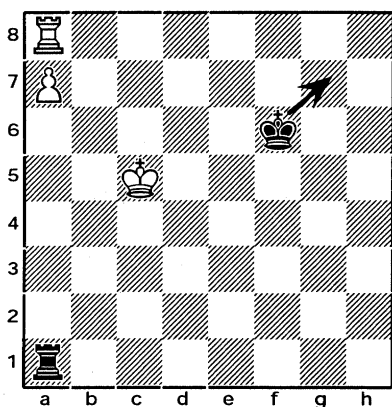
Rook and Pawn Endings

(Most of the material for this article are based on a lecture by GM Yuri Averbach)

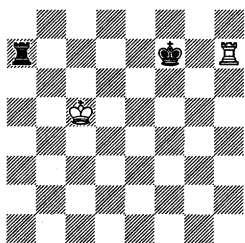
Some endings may look so simple but yet can be so tricky. This is particularly true with some Rook and Pawn endings.

Take, for example, Diagram 1 below.

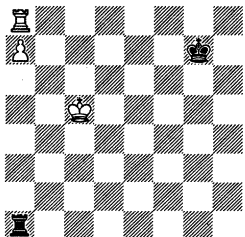
Diagram 1
Black to play



There's only one saving move for Black here, **1... Kg7**, because **1... Kf7** loses to **2. Rh8 Rxa7 3. Rh7+ (see diagram right) followed by 4.Rxa7**.

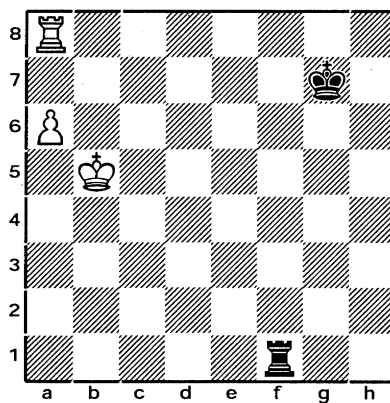


After **1... Kg7** (see diagram right) White can't make any progress as his rook is tied down to the defense of his a-pawn. And any attempt to protect the a-pawn with the K (so as to free up the R) is met by incessant checks. For example, **2.Kb6 Rb1+ 3.Ka6 Ra1+, etc.**

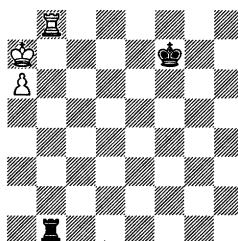


In Diagram 2 below, the instinctive check with **1...Rb1+** loses.

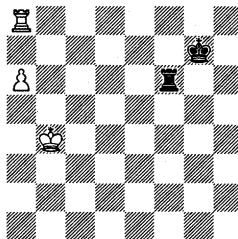
Diagram 2
Black to play



The reason why **1...Rb1+** loses is **2.Kc6 Rc1+ 3. Kb7 Rb1+ 4. Ka7 Kf7 5.Rb8** (see diagram right) and White wins.



The method for Black to draw is **1...Rf5+ 2. Kb4 Rf6** (see diagram right).

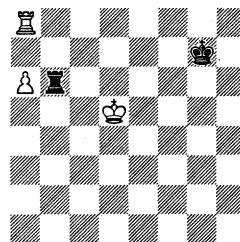


The whole idea is to play **...Ra6** when White advances the a-pawn (a7).

The key for Black is to post the R along the 6th rank whenever White's K loses contact

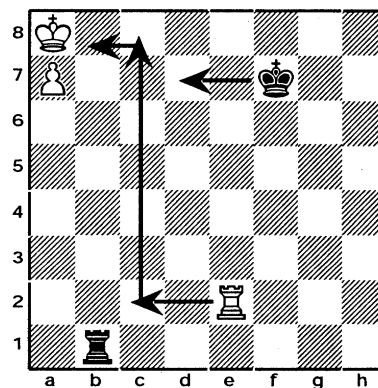
with the a6 square and unable to prevent the drawing maneuver **...Ra6**. If White attempts to keep Black off a6 (such as **Ka5** or **Kb5**) then checks along the f or e-file compels White to disengage from the a6 square. For example, **3...Kb5 Rf5+ 4.Kb6 Rf6+ 5.Kb5 Rf5+, etc.**

Another example of the drawing idea (after **1... Rf5+ 2.Kb4 Rf6**): **3.Kc5**. Black can shuffle the R back and forth along the 6th rank: **3...Re6 4. Kd5 Rb6** (see diagram right) **5. Kc5 Rf6. 6.Kb5 Rf5+ etc.** Or **5.a7 Ra6** draws.



In general, the rook pawn is not as dangerous as the other pawns. However, Black still can lose as in Diagram 3 below.

Diagram 3
White to play



1.Rc2 Ke7 2.Rc8 Kd7 3.Rb8 (see diagram

right) 3...Ra1 4. Kb7 Rb1+ 5.Ka6 Ra1+ 6.Kb6 Rb1+ 7.Kc5 and White wins. (the Black K must be able to reach c7 to draw.)

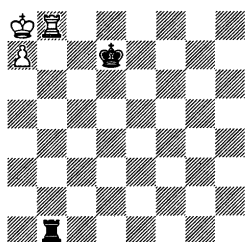
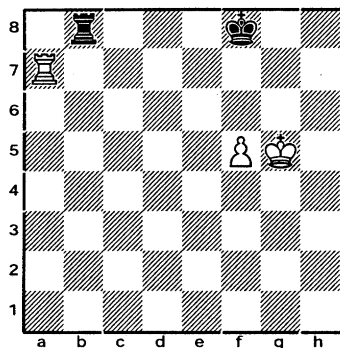


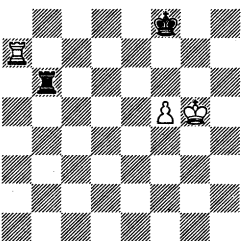
Diagram 4 below is a typical rook and pawn ending which can be tricky. The reason for this is that Black can make it easy or difficult - if not impossible - to draw on the basis of his choice of rook/king moves.

Diagram 4
Black to play



An easy and simple way for Black to draw this type of position was discovered by Andre Francois Philidor of France in the 18th century.

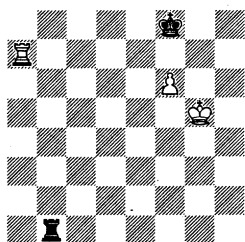
It goes like this:
1...Rb6 (see diagram right)



The "trick" is to shuffle the R back and forth along the 6th rank (**Rc6-b6-c6-b6**, etc.) and wait until White pushes the passed pawn to the 6th rank (2.f6).

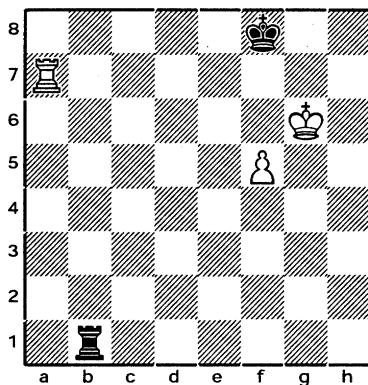
The moment White pushes the pawn

forward (2.f6) Black brings the rook all the way back to b1 (2...Rb1 (see diagram right) and it's a draw. White won't be able to make any progress as his K has nowhere to hide from checks by Black's rook. For example, 3. Kg6 Rg1+ 4.Kh5 Rf1 5.f7 Rxf7 and it's a Draw.



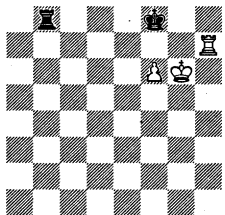
The drawing method that's difficult is when the continuation is **1...Rb1 2.Kg6** (see Diagram 5 below).

Diagram 5
Black to play



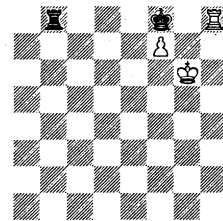
What's curious about 1...Rb1 2.Kg6 is that it was originally thought that the position after 2.Kg6 was won for White. That is, until the end of the 19th century when Milan Karsstedt of Germany demonstrated an instructive drawing method for Black.

From Diagram 5, 2. ...Rb6+ would be a mistake as **2.f6** wins: **2...Rb8** (else 3.Ra8# is mate) **3. Rh7** (see diagram right)



3...Kg8 (else 3...Ke8 4.Rh8+ followed by 5.

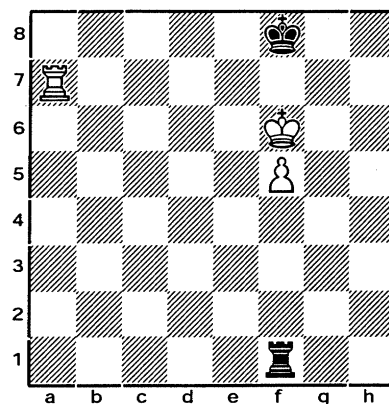
Rxb8) **4. f7+ Kf8 5.Rh8+** (see diagram right) followed by **6. Rxb8** wins



Correct is **2...Rf1!**
And now, after

3.Kf6 threatening mate in one (4.Ra8#) we come at a critical position for Black (see Diagram 6)

Diagram 6
Black to play



White threatens 4. Ra8#.

So, Black has two ways to avoid the threatened mate: **3...Kg8** and **3...Ke8**.

3...Kg8, the beginning of the Karsstedt system draws, while **3...Ke8** loses for Black.

The key to Karsstedt's system is the coordination of Black's rook and king in stemming the advance of White's extra pawn and halting the penetration of White's K.

This coordination of R+K is summarized as follows:

If we divide the chessboard into two sides - short (f8-h8) and long (f8-a8)

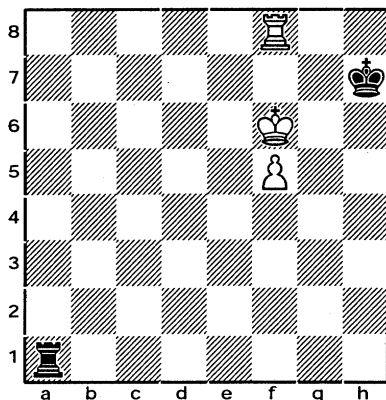
The drawing method is to try

to bring the K to the short side so as to give the rook the capability to attack from the long side.

Let's see how this works.

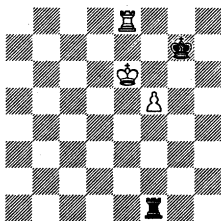
After 3...Kg8 (from Diagram 6) 4.. Ra8+ Kh7, the key continuation is 5.Rf8 (see diagram 7)

Diagram 7
Black to play



5...Ra1 draws

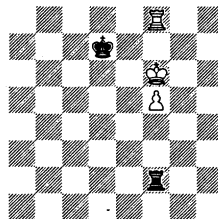
White can't make any progress. For example, to escape from checks by Black's R on the a-file, the try 6.Re8 (so as to answer 6...Ra6+ with 7.Re6) is met by 6...Rf1! For if now 7.Ke6, then 7...Kg7 (see diagram right) stopping 8.f6+ because of 8... Rxf6+.



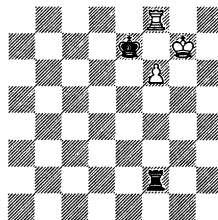
Let's go back to Diagram 6. There, when Black's king goes to the "long" side with 3...Ke8 instead of to the short side with 3...Kg8, White wins.

After 3...Ke8 White wins as follows:

4.Ra8+ Kd7 5. Rf8 (see diagram right). The purpose of 5. Rf8 is to be able to later on support the f-pawn to go to f6.



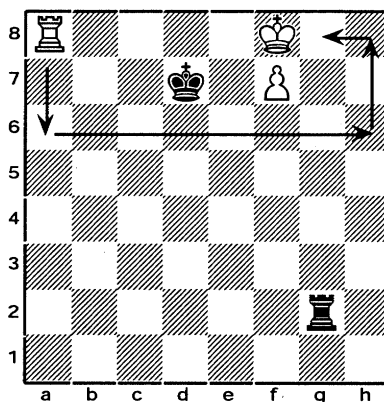
5...Rf2 Black waits for what White will do. 6.Kg7 Ke7 7. f6+ (see diagram right) 7...Kd7 8. Ra8 White threatens 9. f7.



Not the immediate 8.f7 because Black can force the White K to be driven away and allow Black's K to attack the f-pawn and R with ... Ke7. For example, 8.f7 Rg2+ 9.Kf6 Rf2+ 10. Kg6 Rg2+ 11 .Kh5 Ke7 (see diagram left).

Now, after 8...Rg2 9.Kf8 Rf2 10.f7 Rg2 we arrive at the following key position (see Diagram 8 below)

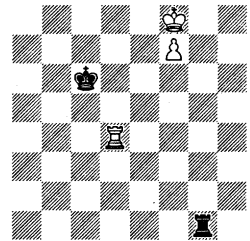
Diagram 8
White to play



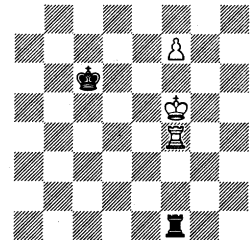
The easy way to win for White here's the rook maneuver: Ra6-h6-h8-g8 (see the arrows circumscribed in Diagram 8 above).

The harder but instructive method to win for White is that which involves what's called, **making a**

bridge: 11. Ra4! Rg1 (Black tries to prevent the white king from freeing himself) 12. Rd4+ Kc6 (see diagram right). Now, White's K steps out.

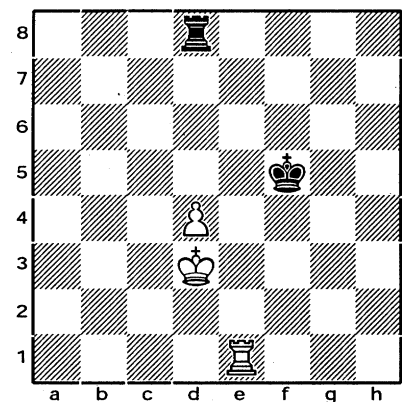


13.Ke7 Re1+ 14. Kf6 Rf1+ 15.Ke6 Re1+ 16. Kf5 Rf1+ 17.Rf4 (see diagram right) and White wins.



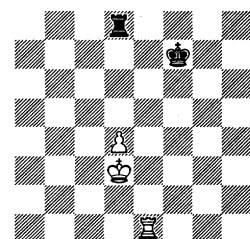
A third system of defense for Black involves attacking from in front with the R (see Diagram 9)

Diagram 9
White to play



Although Black's K is cut off from the pawn, Black's rook is able to stop the advance of the pawn: 1.Kc4 Rc8+ 2.Kb5 Rd8!

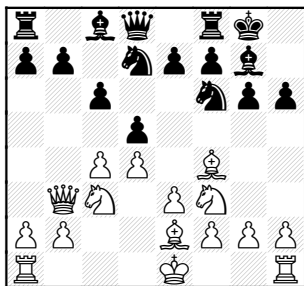
If Black's K were far away as at f7 (instead of f5) - see diagram below - then White wins. For example, 1.Kc4 Rc8+ 2. Kb5 Rd8 3.Kc5 Rc8+ 4.Kb6! Rd8 5.Re4!



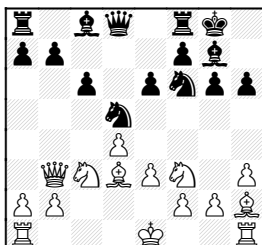
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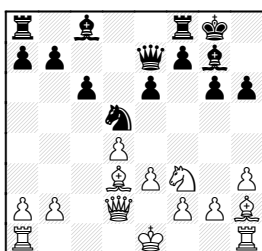
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7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Qb3 h6 9.Bf4



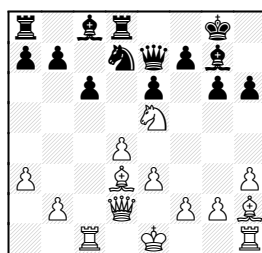
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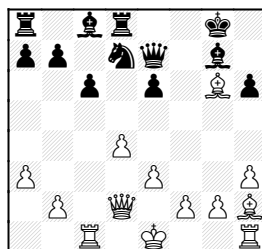
13...Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd5
15.Qd2 Qe7



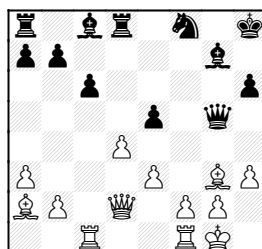
16.Ne5 Rd8 17.a3 Nf6
18.Rc1 Nd7



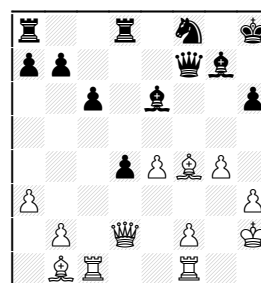
19.Nxg6?! Trying to crack the
defense, but his remaining
pieces aren't active. 19...fxg6
20.Bxg6



20...e5! opening lines to get
extra piece active 21.0-0 Nf8
22.Bb1 Qg5 23.Ba2+ Kh8
24.Bg3

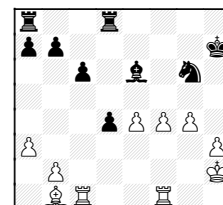


24...exd4 25.Bf4 Qg6 26.Kh2
Bf5 27.g4 Be6 28.Bb1 Qf7
29.e4



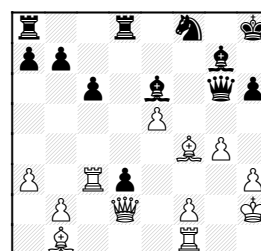
29...Qg6

[29...Ng6 sending Knight to
f3: Ng6-e5-f3, any trades are
in Black's favor. But 30.Bxh6
Bxh6 31.Qxh6+ Qh7
32.Qxh7+ Kxh7 33.f4

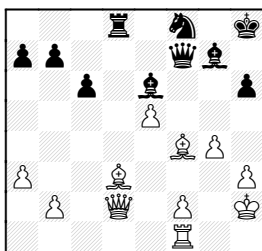


Black has some Pawns to
fight off]

30.e5 d3 31.Rc3



31...Qf7 32.Rxd3 Rxd3
33.Bxd3 Rd8



34.Qe3

[34.Bxh6 An attempt at stealing another Pawn, White dodges the pin on Bd3 with Queen checks. But it doesn't quite work!

A) 34...Qd7 35.Bxg7+ Qxg7 (35...Kxg7 36.Qg5+) 36.Qe3;

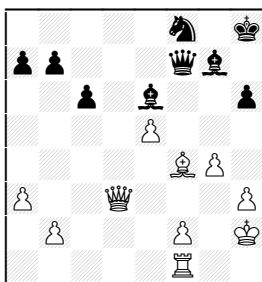
B) 34...Bc4 35.Bxc4! attacking Black's Queen in return!;

C) 34...Bxh6 35.Qxh6+

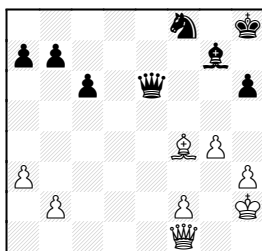
Black has two other options:
D) 34...Bxe5+ gets the Pawn back 35.f4;

E) 34...Rxd3! as in game 35.Bxg7+ Kxg7 (35...Qxg7? 36.Qxd3 Qxe5+ 37.f4) 36.Qxd3 Bc4;]

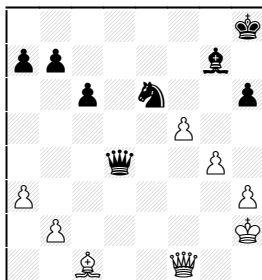
34...Rxd3! 35.Qxd3



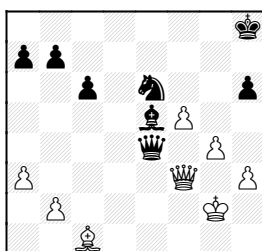
35...Bc4 [or maybe 35...Qxf4+ 36.Qg3 (36.Kg1? Bc4) 36...Bxe5] **36.e6** Qxe6 **37.Qd1** Bxf1 **38.Qxf1**



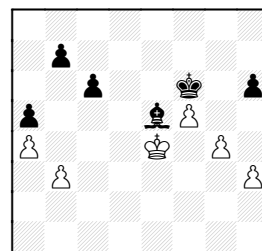
38...Qf6 39.Bc1 Ne6 40.f4 Qd4 41.f5



41...Be5+ 42.Kg2 Qe4+ 43.Qf3?



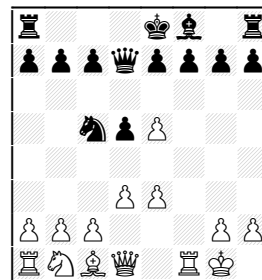
43...Qc2+ 44.Qf2 Nf4+ [44...Qxc1] **45.Bxf4 Qxf2+** **46.Kxf2 Bxf4 47.Kf3 Be5** **48.b3 Kg7 49.a4 a5 50.Ke3 Kf6 51.Ke4**



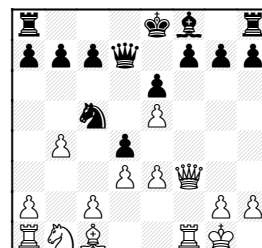
51...Bd6 0-1

(Satterlee, D (1558) - Mikulecky, B (1470) [A03] Case - Pawns, 07.10.1999

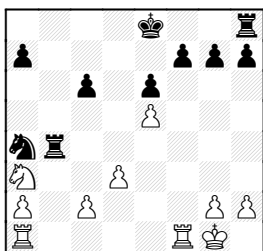
1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.Ne5 Nxe5 6.fxe5 Ne4 7.Bxd7+ Qxd7 8.d3 Nc5 9.0-0



9...d4 10.Qf3 e6 11.b4



11...Na4 12.Qxb7 Rd8 13.Na3 c6 14.Qxd7+ Rxd7 15.exd4 Rxd4 16.Bd2 Bxb4 17.Bxb4 Rxb4



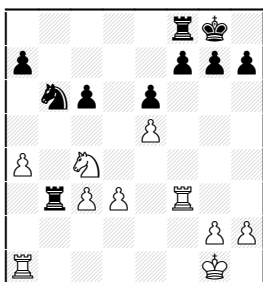
Material is even, but White to move. **18.Nc4**

[18.Rab1 and the Rook takes over b-file, probing Queenside weaknesses.]

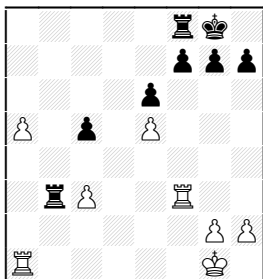
18...0-0

[18...Ke7 keeps the King in the action. 19.Nd6 f6]

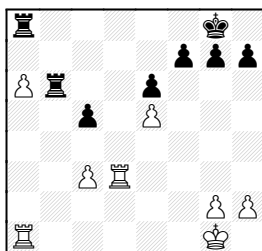
19.Rf3 Nb6 20.c3 Rb5 21.a4 Rb3



White got a couple of free Pawn moves **22.Nxb6 axb6 23.d4 c5 24.dxc5 bxc5 25.a5**



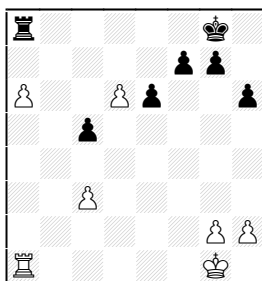
This Pawn isn't scary yet. **25...Ra8 26.a6 Rb6 27.Rd3**



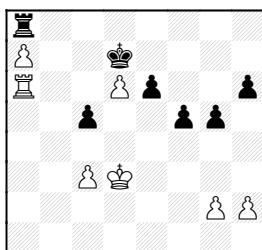
27...h6

[27...Rbxa6?? 28.Rxa6 Rxa6 29.Rd8#; 27...Kf8 brings the King toward the action]

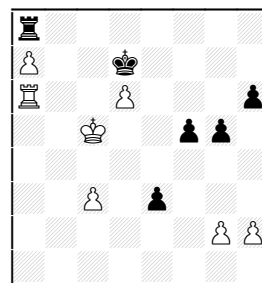
28.Rd6 Rxd6 29.exd6



I thought Black wins a Pawn here. **29...Kf8 30.a7 Ke8 31.Ra6 Kd7 32.Kf2 g5 33.Ke3 f5 34.Kd3**

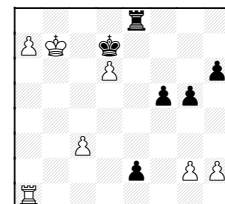


34...e5 35.Kc4 e4 36.Kxc5 e3

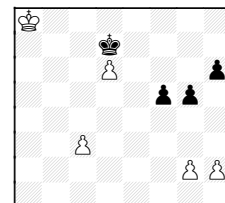


37.Kd5

[37.Kb6? e2 (37...Kxd6?? 38.Kb7+) 38.Ra1 Re8 39.Kb7



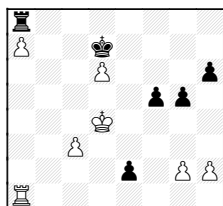
39...e1Q 40.Rxe1 Rxe1 41.a8Q Rb1+ Black wins Queen, and White's King is too far away. 42.Ka7 Ra1+ 43.Kb8 Rxa8+ 44.Kxa8



44...f4! idea: g4, then f3, etc.;

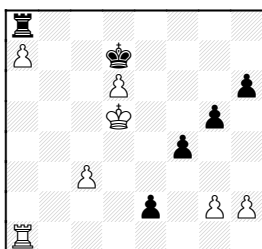
From last large diagram...
37.Kd4 I believe White wins as the King can defend
37...e2 38.Ra1

(See diagram next page)



A) 38...f4 39.Kd3 Kxd6
(39...Re8 40.Kd2) 40.Kxe2;
B) 38...Re8 39.Kd3 and then
Kd2 wins Pe2(39.a8Q? Rxa8)

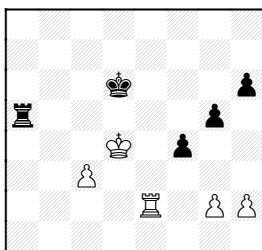
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37...e2 38.Ra1 f4



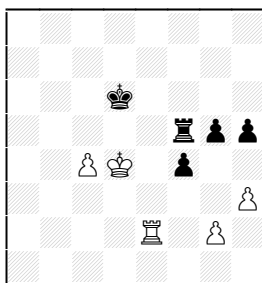
39.Re1

[39.c4 g4 40.Re1 f3 41.gxf3
gxf3]

**39...Rxa7 40.Rxe2 Ra5+
41.Kd4 Kxd6**



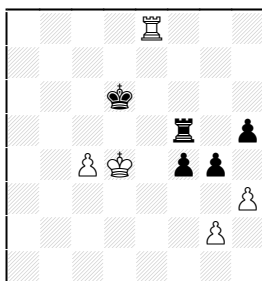
42.c4 h5 43.h3 Rf5



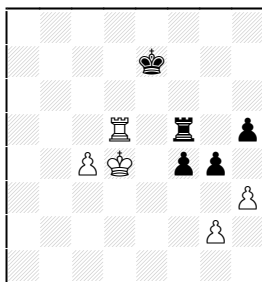
44.Re8

[44.Ra2 f3 45.gxf3 Rxf3
46.c5+ Kc7 47.Ra7+ Kc6
48.Ra6+ Kc7 49.Rg6 Rxh3
50.Rxg5 is equal]

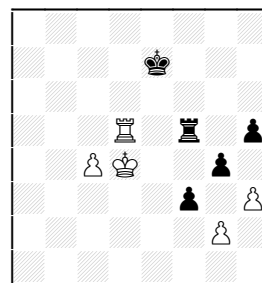
44...g4



**45.Rd8+? [45.hxg4] 45...Ke7
46.Rd5**



46...f3!

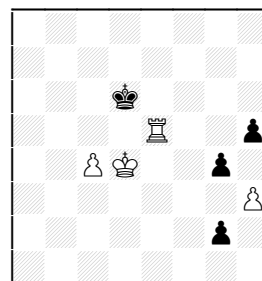


Black's advanced Pawns win.
[46...Rxd5+ 47.cxd5 f3
48.Ke3 fxg2 49.Kf2 gxh3 wins
as well]

47.Rxf5

[47.gxf3 Rxd5+ 48.cxd5 gxh3;
47.hxg4 fxg2]

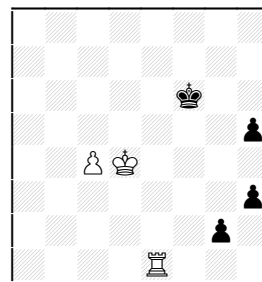
47...fxg2 48.Re5+ Kd6



49.Rd5+ Ke6

[49...Kc6 50.Rc5+ Kb6
51.Rb5+ similar to game]

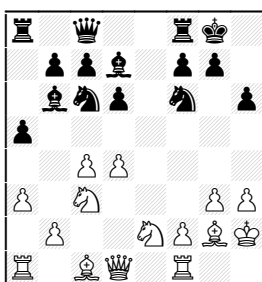
50.Re5+ Kf6 51.Re1 gxh3



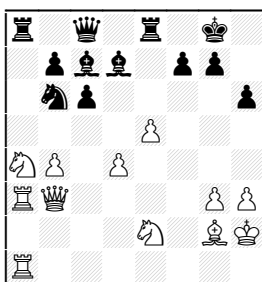
52.Ke3 h2 53.Kf2 h1Q 0-1

**Staples, C (1433) -
Dobrovoly, C (1787) [A20]**
Fermi - Dragons, 01.11.1999

**1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 Bc5
4.Nc3 Nc6 5.a3 a5 6.e3 0-0
7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 h6 9.h3 Bd7
10.d4 exd4 11.exd4 Bb6
12.Kh2 Qc8**

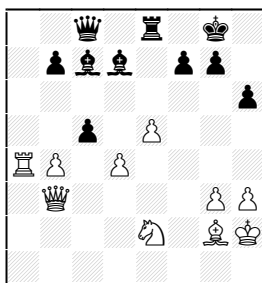


**13.Be3 Ne7 14.b4 axb4
15.axb4 c6 16.Qb3 Nf5
17.Na4 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Bc7
19.Ra3 Re8 20.Rfa1 d5
21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.e4 Nb6
23.e5**



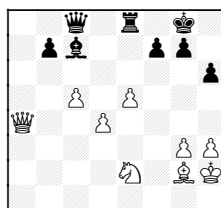
Hard to know this was the
losing move!

**23...Rxa4! 24.Rxa4 Nxa4
25.Rxa4 c5**



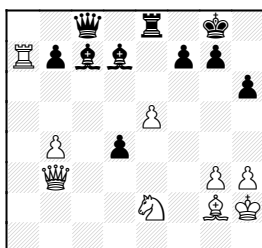
26.Ra7

[26.bxc5!? Bxa4 27.Qxa4

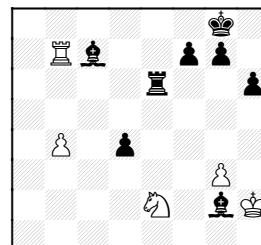


27...b6 (27...Qa8 28.Qxa8
Rxa8 29.Bxb7 Ra2 30.Bf3;
27...f6 28.Bd5+ Kf8 29.e6)
**A) 28.cxb6? Bxb6 29.Bb7
Qd8 30.Bd5 Re7 31.Qb3 Rd7
32.e6?! Rxd5 33.exf7+ Kf8
(33...Kxf7? 34.Nf4 Bxd4
35.Qxd5+; 33...Kh8?
34.Qxb6!) 34.Nf4 Rd6
35.Ne6+ Rxe6 36.Qxe6 Bxd4
Black wins;**
**B) 28.c6 28...f6 29.Bd5+ Kh8
30.e6 and Black's Bishop
hasn't a lot to do]**

26...cxd4



27.Rxb7? Bxh3! White's
Bishop is overloaded **28.Qc4
Bxg2 29.e6**
[29.Rxc7?? Qh3+ 30.Kg1
Qh1+ 31.Kf2 Qf1#]
29...Qxe6 30.Qxe6 Rxe6



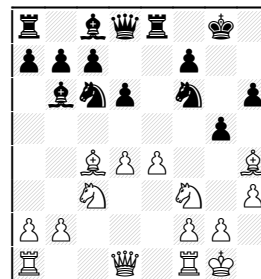
31.Nxd4

[31.Rxc7 Black still wins]

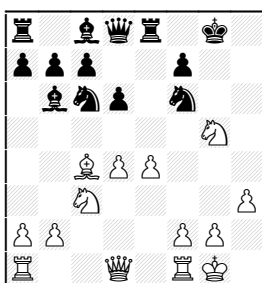
31...Bxb7 0-1

**Burian, D (1587) -
Nallathambi, R (1480) [C53]**
Excaliburs - Kemper,
11.11.1999

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5
4.c3 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4
Bb6 7.h3 Nf6 8.Nc3 0-0
9.Bg5 Re8 10.0-0 h6 11.Bh4
g5**



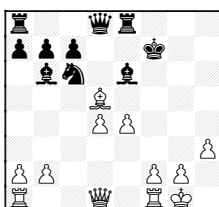
12.Bxg5!? hxg5 13.Nxg5



13...Be6?

[13...d5! 14.Nxd5 Nxd5
uncovering attack on loose
Ng5

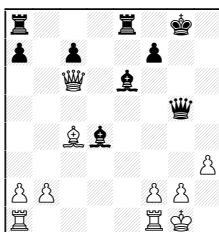
**A) 15.Nxf7 Kxf7 16.Bxd5+
Be6**



17.Qh5+ Ke7 18.Qh7+ Kd6;

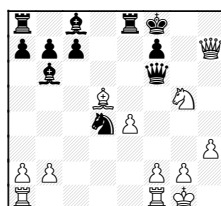
**B) 15.exd5 Qxg5 16.dxc6
Bxh3**

(16...bxc6 17.Qf3 Be6
18.Qxc6 Bxd4



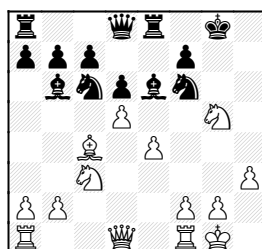
19.Qxc7? Rac8 wins Bc4)

17.Qf3 Bf5 18.cxb7 Rab8;
**C) 15.Qh5 15...Qf6 16.Qh7+
Kf8 17.Bxd5 Nxd4**



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14.d5



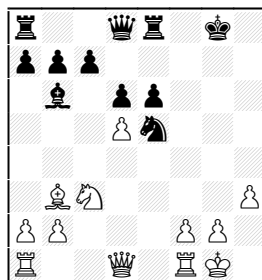
14...Nxd5 15.Nxe6 fxe6

[15...Nxc3?? 16.Qg4+]

16.exd5 Ne5

[16...Na5 17.Bd3 exd5]

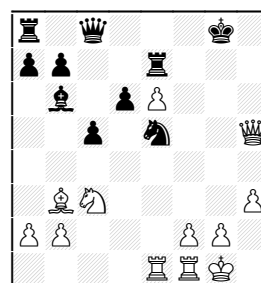
17.Bb3



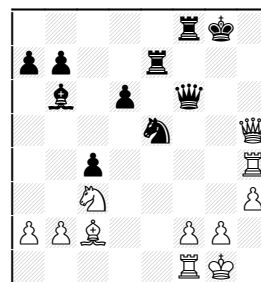
17...c5

[17...Qh4 slowing any White
Queen excursions]

**18.Qh5 Re7 19.dxe6 Qc8
20.Rae1**



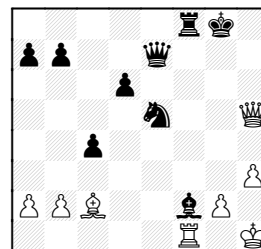
**20...c4 21.Bc2 Qxe6 22.Re4
Rf8 23.Rh4 Qf6**



Black suddenly uncovers
pressure to f2

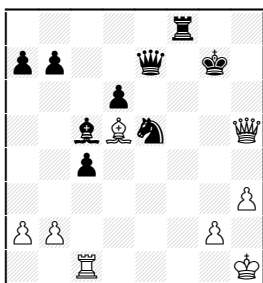
24.Nd5 possibly missing fork
to Rh4

**24...Bxf2+ 25.Kh1 Qxh4
26.Nxe7+ Qxe7**

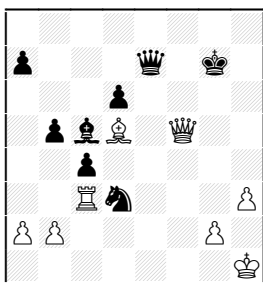


and just like that, Black's up a
piece

**27.Be4 Bc5 28.Bd5+ Kg7
29.Rc1**

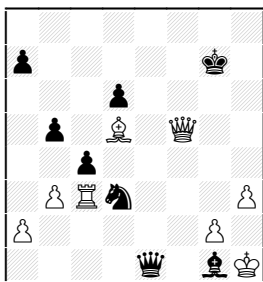


29...Rf5?? huh? 30.Qxf5 b5
31.Rc3? Nd3



32.b3??
Oblivious to the backrank problems
[32.Qf1 works]
32...Qe1+ wins Rook if there's no mate...

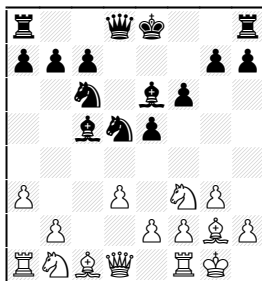
33.Kh2 Bg1+ 34.Kh1



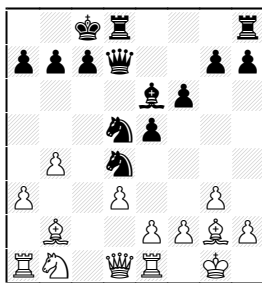
34...Bf2+ 35.Kh2 Bg3# 0-1

Staples, C (1433) -
Eustace, D (1669) [A20]
Fermi - Dragons, 12.10.1999

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5
4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.d3
Bc5 7.0-0 f6 8.a3 Be6

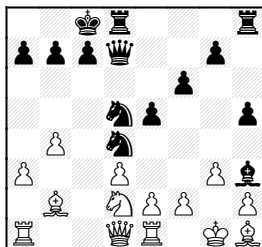


9.b4 Bd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4
11.Bb2 Qd7 12.Re1 0-0-0



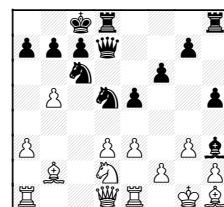
A bit risky with White's
Queenside advanced and
Bishop point homeward.

13.Nd2 Bh3 14.Bh1 h5



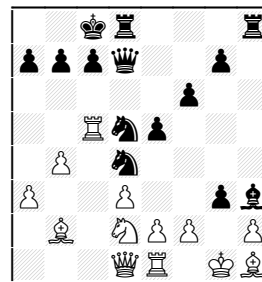
15.Rc1

[15.e3 generates some free
attacking moves 15...Nc6
(15...Nf5? 16.e4; 15...Nb5?
16.a4 Nbc3 17.Qb3) 16.b5



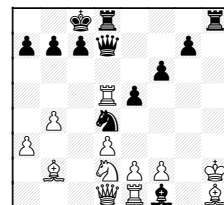
16...Nce7 (16...Na5? 17.Qa4
b6 18.Nc4 gets stuff going
good!) 17.Qa4 Kb8 I like
game continuation better!]

15...h4 16.Rc5! hxd3



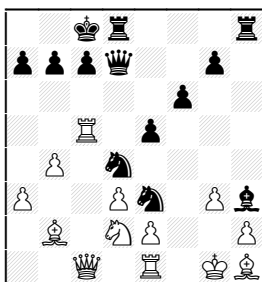
Mate is in the air! **17.fxd3**

[17.Rxd5?? gxh2+ 18.Kxh2
Bf1+!



A) 19.Kg3 Qh3# (19...Rh3#) ;
B) 19.Kg1 19...Qg4+ 20.Kxf1
Rxh1#]

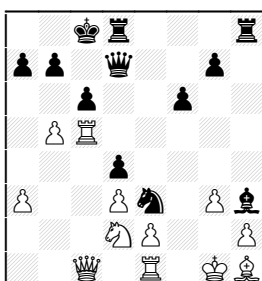
17...Ne3 18.Qc1



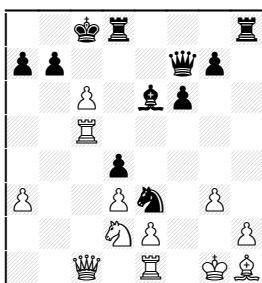
18...c6? provides White a tempo and object to attack.

[18...Ne6 19.Ra5 Kb8 20.Nb3 hitting loose Ne3 20...Nf5]

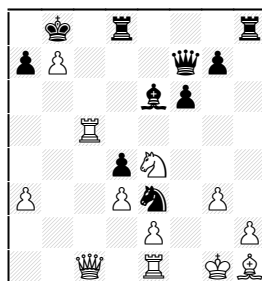
19.Bxd4 exd4 20.b5



This attack is looking serious
20...Be6 21.bxc6 Qf7



Whites 24th move shows the downside of this placement
22.cxb7+ Kb8 23.Ne4



23...Bd5

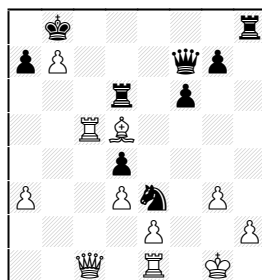
[23...Qh5 with mate at h2, if Rc5 wasn't attacking h5!]

24.Nd6! luring away a backrank defender, and attacking c8 once more!

24...Rxd6

[24...Qh5?? 25.Rc8+ Rxc8 26.bxc8Q+ Rxc8 27.Qxc8#]

25.Bxd5



hitting Queen and threatening Rc8+ **25...Rxd5**

[25...Qe8 stops mate, at cost of Queen 26.Rc8+ Qxc8 27.bxc8Q+ Rxc8 28.Qb2+ Rb6 29.Qxd4]

26.Rc8+ Kxb7

[26...Rxc8 27.bxc8Q#]

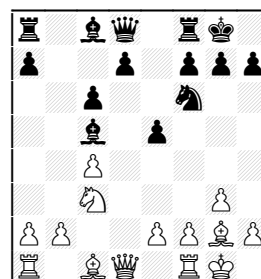
27.Qc6# A solid upset win!
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Walker, A (1680) -

Sullivan, J (1928) [A04]

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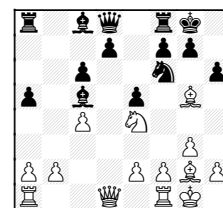
**1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bg2 e5 6.Nxc6
bxc6 7.c4 Bc5 8.0-0 0-0
9.Nc3**



This would be a standard position of the Gruenfeld (with colors reversed) if Black could get in the normal -d5.

9...a5 White can continue Gruenfeld strategy: Bg5, Qd7/d6, Rfd1 with pressure down d-file. **10.b3**

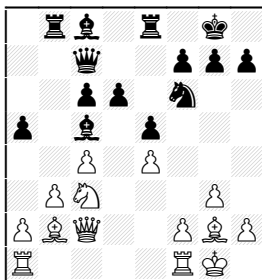
[10.Bg5 h6 (10.Na4 banishes Black's best piece)
11.Ne4!?



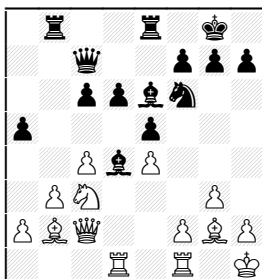
(11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Ne4 Qe7 trades too many pieces)

**A) 11...Bxf2+ 12.Rxf2 hxg5 13.Nxg5 (13.Nd6!? White's board control and mobility compensate for the Pawn.) ;
B) 11...Be7]**

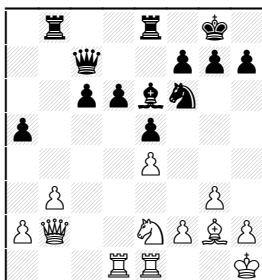
10...Rb8 11.Bb2 Re8 12.e4
Qc7 13.Qc2 d6



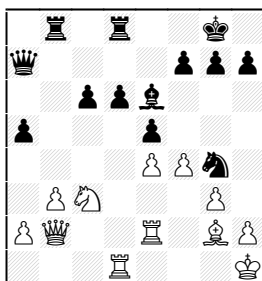
14.Kh1 Be6 15.Rad1 Bd4



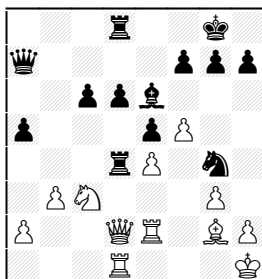
16.Ne2 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Bxc4
18.Rfe1 Be6



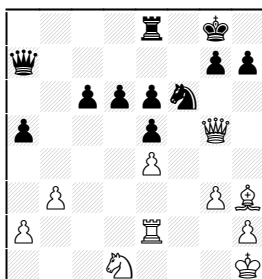
BI has won a Pawn 19.f4 Ng4
20.Nc3 Qa7 21.Re2 Red8



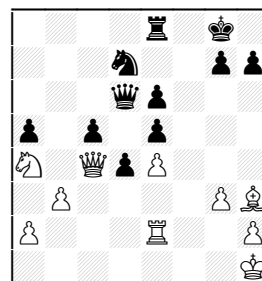
22.Qd2 to stop Ne3 22...Rb4
23.f5 Rd4?



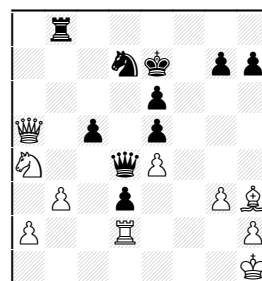
allowing White to attack all
three of Black's unprotected
pieces! 24.Qg5 Rxd1+
25.Nxd1 Nf6 26.fxe6 fxe6
27.Bh3 Re8



Black's center reminds me of
Bobby Fischer's comment: "Is
it a pawn mass or a pawn
mess?" 28.Qe3 Qc7 29.Nc3
d5 30.Qc5 Nd7 31.Qg1 d4
32.Na4 Qd6 33.Qc1 c5
34.Qc4

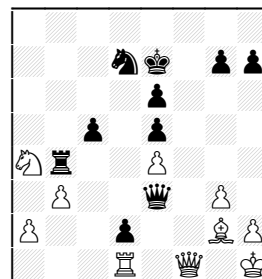


With a solid blockade. White
can win with Nb2-d3, then
Rc2. 34...Kf7 35.Qb5 Ke7
36.Rc2 Rb8 37.Qxa5 d3
38.Rd2 Qd4



39.Rd1
[39.Bg2 then Qc3]
39...Rb4
[39...Qxe4+ 40.Bg2 Qe2
41.Qd2]

40.Bg2 Qe3 41.Qa6 d2
42.Qf1

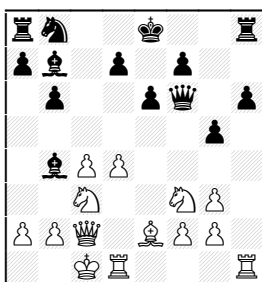


Black flagged 1-0

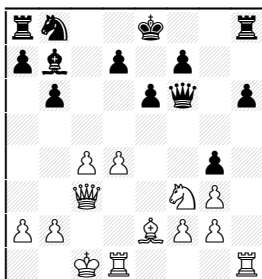
(576) Venske, D - Eaman, R [E13]

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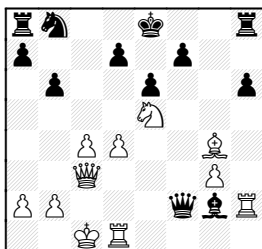
**1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Nf3 b6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4
Bb7 7.e3 c5 8.Be2 g5 9.Bg3
Ne4 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.hxc3
cxd4 12.exd4 Qf6 13.0-0-0**



Leaving a wake of Pawn problems. **13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 g4**



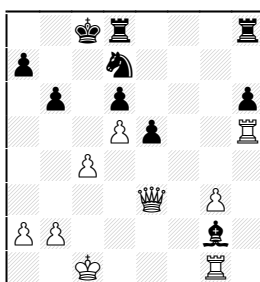
**15.Ne5 Qxf2 16.Bxg4 Bxg2
17.Rh2**



17...d6 18.Nxf7 Qxf7?

[18...Kxf7 19.Bh5+ Kg7 Black is OK if he can break the Bg2 pin. (or 19...Ke7) 20.Rd2? (20.Qb4? Qxg3) 20...Qe1+ 21.Rd1 Qxc3+ etc]

**19.Bh5 Ouch! 19...Qxh5
20.Rxh5 Nd7 21.d5 e5
22.Qe3 0-0-0 23.Rg1**



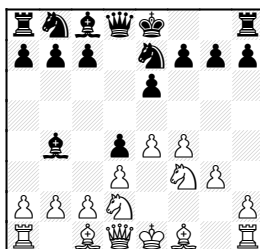
23...Nf6 24.Rh4

[24.Rf5 attacks two pieces
24...Rh8 25.Rxg2 Ng4
26.Qf3; 24.Rxh6? Ng4]

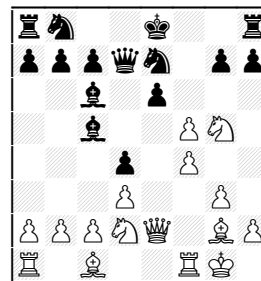
**24...Nxd5 25.cxd5 Bxd5
26.b3 h5 27.Qg5 Bf3
28.Qf5+ 1-0**

**Losoff, A (1854) -
Eaman, R (1739) [C00]**
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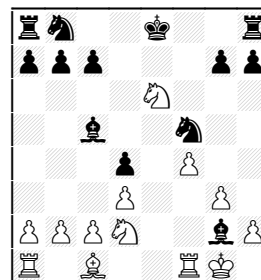
**1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 d4
4.f4 Bb4 5.Ngf3 Ne7 6.g3**



6...f5 Black has a good game without this and gives opponent early targets at e6 and f5 **7.Qe2 Bd7 8.Bg2 Bc6 9.0-0 Bc5 10.Ng5 Qd7 11.exf5**

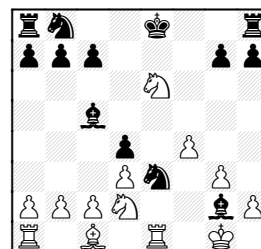


11...Nxf5 simply drops a Pawn **12.Qxe6+ Qxe6 13.Nxe6 Bxg2**



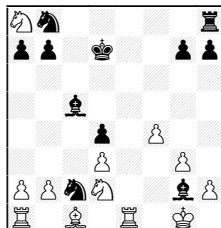
14.Re1

[14.Nxc7+? Kd7 15.Nxa8 Bxf1 16.Nxf1 Nc6 and White loses the N at a8; 14.Kxg2 allows 14...Ne3+ forking] **14...Ne3**



15.Nxc5 Uncovers a pin on N at e3, causing weakness of B at g2 and d-Pawn

[15.Nxc7+ Kd7 unpins N at e3
16.Nxa8 Nxc2

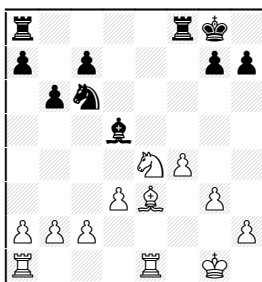


17.Re2 (17.Re5 Bd6)
17...Nxa1 18.Kxg2 Nc2 and
Black once again wins N at a8]

**15...Bd5 16.Nc4 0-0 17.Nxe3
dxe3 18.Bxe3**

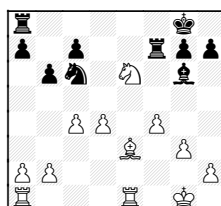
White has won a second Pawn and can simply double Rooks on e-file then provoke exchanges.

18...b6 19.Ne4 Nc6



20.Nc3

[20.c4 gets the Pawns rolling
20...Bf7 21.Ng5 Bg6 22.Ne6
Rf7 23.d4
(See diagram next column)

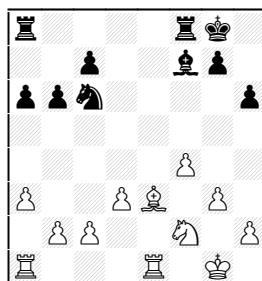


23...Nb4 24.Re2 Re7 25.d5
Bd3 26.Rd2 Bf5 27.a3]

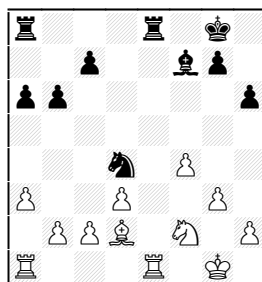
20...Bf7 21.a3

[21.Re2 prepares to double and covers c2, making Nb4 useless]

21...a6 22.Ne4 h6 23.Nf2

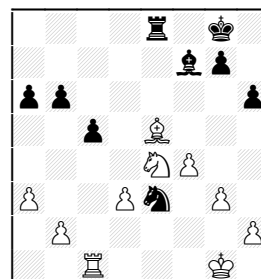


what is Knight's future?
23...Rfe8 24.Bd2 Nd4



Black has found an opportunity! Threatens both Nxc2 and Nf3+ forks

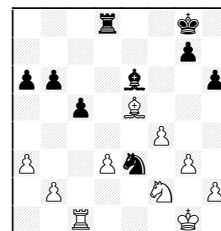
**25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Bc3
Nxc2 27.Rc1 Ne3 28.Be5 c5
29.Ne4**



Black has won back a Pawn. The game is almost even since the extra Pawn is easily blocked. Black could pressure weak P at d3 and pile up on the light squares f5,g4,h3. White would have trouble breaking position.

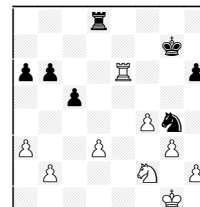
29...Bd5

[29...Rd8 30.Nf2 Be6



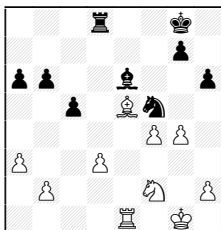
31.Re1 Nf5

(31...Ng4? 32.Bxg7! idea: Nxc4, then Bxh6 32...Kxg7 33.Rxe6

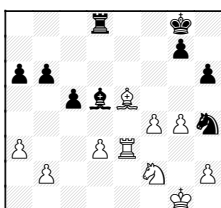


White wins 33...Nxf2 34.Kxf2
Rxd3 35.Rxb6)

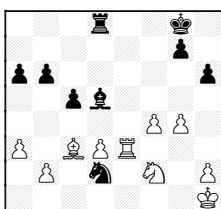
32.g4



(32.Bxg7? Nxg7) 32...Nh4
with Nf3 fork threat (32...Nd4
33.Bxd4 Wh wins a piece)
33.Re3 Bd5



Black has built solid pressure.
Main threat is still Nf3+
A) 34.Bc3 Nf3+ 35.Kh1
(35.Kf1 Nxh2+ 36.Ke2 strands
N at h2) 35...Nd2+



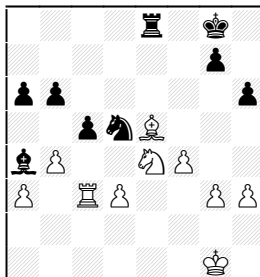
36.Kg1 (36.Ne4? Nxe4
37.dxe4 Re8 wins a Pawn) ;

B) 34.Ne4 34...Bxe4 35.dxe4
Rd1+ 36.Kf2 Ng6 37.Bc7]

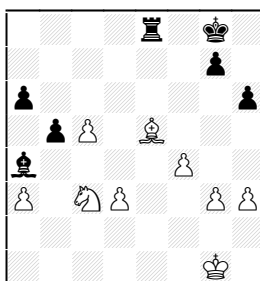
Enough of me playing my own
game, lets go back to last
large diagram previous page..

30.h3 Bb3 putting Bishop far

away from the action **31.Rc3**
Ba4 32.b4 Nd5

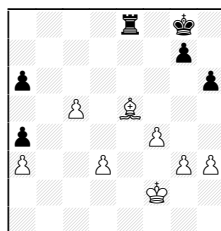


33.bxc5! White cleverly
creates winning ending
33...Nxc3 34.Nxc3 b5



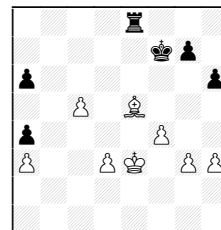
35.c6?

[35.Nxa4 since Black needs
both K and R to stop Pawn
duo, White's King is free to
roam! 35...bxa4 36.Kf2

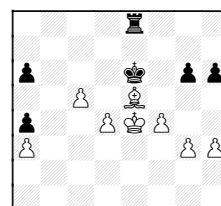


A) 36...Rc8 37.d4 Kf7 38.Ke3
g6 same as B line(38...g5
39.f5) ;
or, another try from diagram:

B) 36...Kf7 37.Ke3

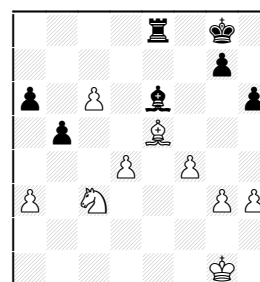


37...g6 38.Ke4 Ke6 39.d4



39...Rd8 (39...Kd7 40.d5)
40.c6 Rc8 (40...Rd5? 41.c7)
41.d5+ Kf7 42.Kd4 and
queens or wins a- Pawns.]

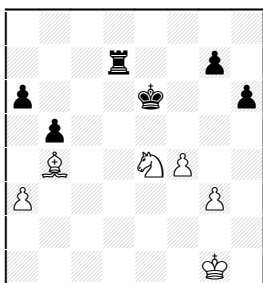
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35...Bb3 36.d4 Be6



37.d5?

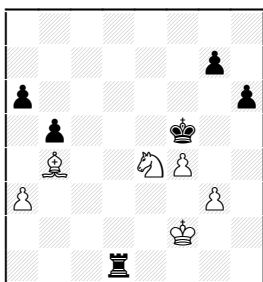
[37.Kg2 followed by g4 and
Kf3 - e4 - d5]

37...Bxh3 38.d6 Kf7 39.d7
Bxd7 40.cxd7 Rd8 41.Ne4
Rxd7 42.Bd6 Ke6 43.Bb4

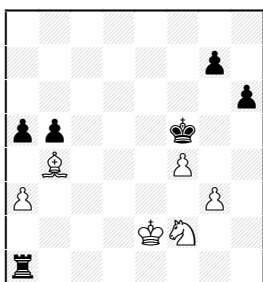


White's two pieces give him an edge. Main threat here is Nc5+ fork K and P/R

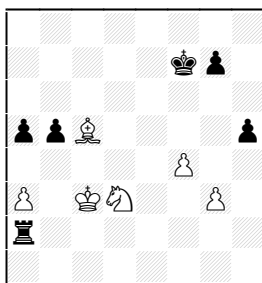
43...Rd1+ 44.Kf2 Kf5



45.Ke2 [45.Nc5 Rd6 keeps R occupied, but White hardly can move!] **45...Ra1 46.Nf2 a5**



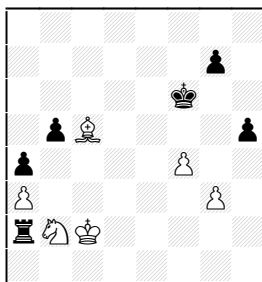
47.Bf8 [47.Bxa5 Rxa3 gives Black a scary passer] **47...Kg6 48.Nd3** Ke3 or g4 gain space **48...Kf7 49.Bc5 h5 50.Kd2 Ra2+ 51.Kc3**



51...a4? queenside is now weak

[51...Rg2 52.Bf2 ties White down completely, Black's King is free to roam! 52...Ke6 53.Kd4 Kf5 54.Ke3 g5 reduces White's chances]

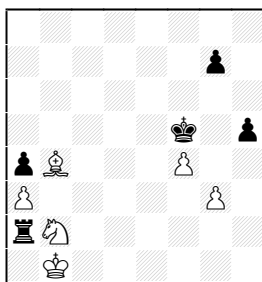
52.Nb2 Kf6 53.Kc2



threatening Kb1 trapping R **53...b4**

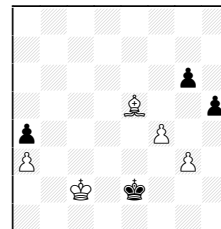
[53...Ra1 54.Nd1 Ra2+ 55.Nb2 draws]

54.Bxb4 Kf5?! 55.Kb1



55...Rxa3 deflects B from covering g3 Pawn

[55...Rxb2+ 56.Kxb2 Kg4 57.Be1 Kf3 58.Kc2 Ke2 59.Bc3 g6 60.Be5

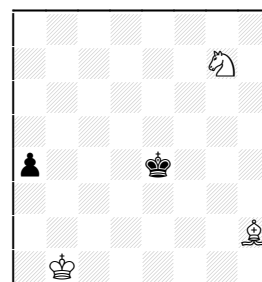


60...Kf3 61.Kc3 Wh wins since 61...Kxg3 62.f5+! wins]

56.Bxa3 Kg4 57.Nd3 Kxg3 58.Bd6 h4 59.Nc5 h3 60.Ne6 h2 61.f5+ Kg4

[61...Kg2 62.Bxh2 Kxh2 63.Nxg7]

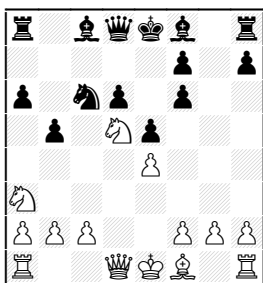
62.Bxh2 Kxf5 63.Nxg7+ Ke4



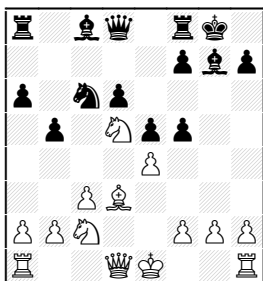
White mated move 99 **1-0**

Thomas, G (1544) - Blackmon, E (1787) [B33]
Tyros - Dragons, 01.12.1999

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5

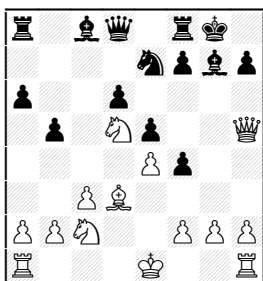


**10...Bg7 11.c3 0-0 12.Nc2 f5
13.Bd3**



13...f4!? A bit committal with
White's King in the center.

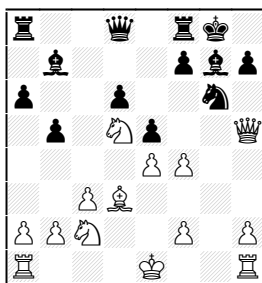
14.Qh5 Ne7



15.g3

The downside of Black's
13th...White can easily open
lines for his Rooks.

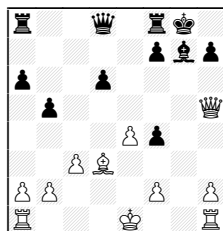
15...Ng6 16.gxf4 Bb7



17.f5

[17.Nce3 White can allow sac
of Pf4 since it re-opens the
diagonal for the Bishop at d3
(after e4 pushed, of course.)
Black can trade, but White's
pressure against the light
squares, especially f5 and h7,
is promising. 17...Bxd5

**A) 18.Nxd5! Nxf4 19.Nxf4
exf4**



20.e5! h6

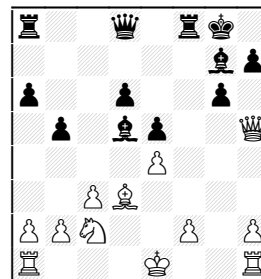
**A1) 21.Rg1 Kh8 (21...dxe5
22.Qxh6 mates; 21...Re8
22.Qxh6 Rxe5+ 23.Kd2 is
fine) 22.Qf5 mating(22.0-0-0
threat: 23 Rxd7! Kxd7 24 Rg1
mating) ;**

**A2) 21.Qf5? 21...Re8
22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Rg1 Rxe5+
24.Kd2 Qf6 Black looks
fine!(24...Bf6 25.Rg8+ wins
Q) ;**

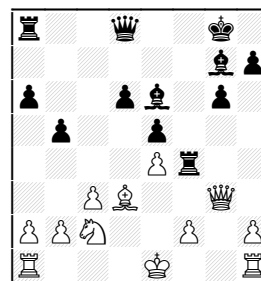
**B) 18.exd5 opening e-file
gives Black some counterplay**

**18...exf4 (18...Nxf4??
19.Qxh7#) 19.Nf5 Re8+
20.Kd2 and White gets at
Black's King. 20...Qb6
21.Raf1]**

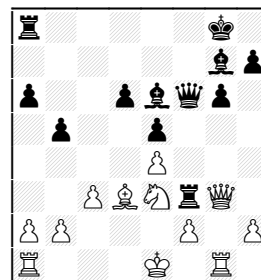
17...Bxd5 18.fxd6 fxd6



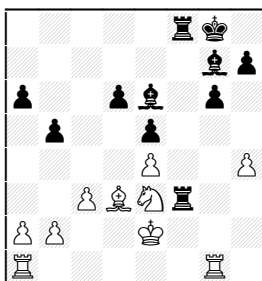
Now the position has
transformed in Black's favor
19.Qg4 Rf4 20.Qg3 Be6



21.Ne3 Qf6 22.Rg1 Rf3



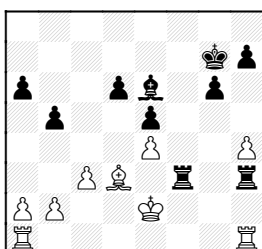
**23.Qg5 Rxf2! 24.Qxf6 Rxf6
25.h4 Rf3 26.Ke2 Raf8**



27.Nf5 Rh3

[27...Rxd3! 28.Ne7+ (28.Kxd3 gxf5 Black gets plenty for his Rook) 28...Kf7 29.Kxd3 (29.Nxg6 Rh3 Black has won a piece) 29...Kxe7 The Bishop pair and probable g-file passer should be enough.]

28.Nxg7 Kxg7 29.Rh1 Rff3



White's busted, regardless.

30.Bc2 Bc4+ 31.Kd2

[31.Ke1?? Rxh1+ wins both Rooks]

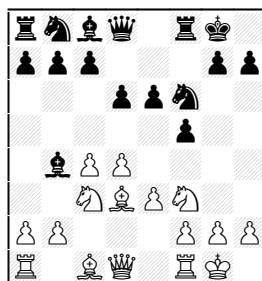
31...Rf2+ 32.Ke1 Re2+ and mate next. 0-1

Vensk, D -

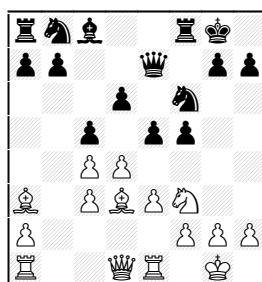
Jasaitis, A (2101) [A85]

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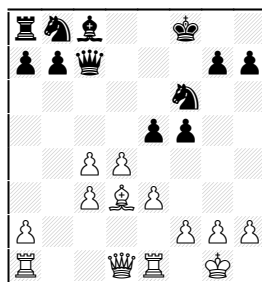
**1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6
4.Nf3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 d6
7.0-0**



**7...Bxc3 8.bxc3 Qe7 9.Ba3
c5 10.Re1 e5**



**11.Nxe5!? dxe5 12.Bxc5
Qc7 13.Bxf8 Kxf8**



14.dxe5 Open lines for his heavy pieces, regardless of Pawn problems

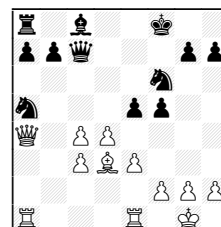
[14.a4 (14.c5 Be6 15.c4) Nc6

(14...b6 15.a5 bxa5 16.Qa4 Nc6 17.d5)

15.a5!?

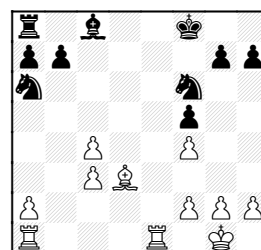
(15.Qb3 Na5 16.Qb5 e4 17.Be2)

15...Nxa5 16.Qa4



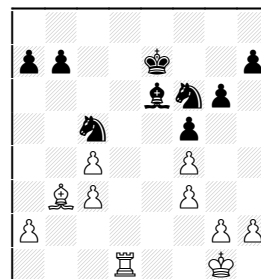
16...Nc6 (16...b6 17.c5 Bd7 18.Qa3) 17.d5 Ne7]

**14...Qxe5 15.Qf3 Na6 16.Qf4
Qxf4 17.exf4**



White has rendered all his Pawns useless and Black's minors have plenty of room.

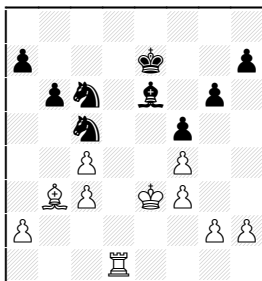
**17...Nc5 18.Bc2 g6 19.f3
Be6 20.Bb3 Rd8 21.Rad1
Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Ke7**



White can hardly find a move.

Black can get Nf6 into game -
- at a5, it would win a Pawn.
We get a great view of the
advantage of 2 minors vs
Rook.

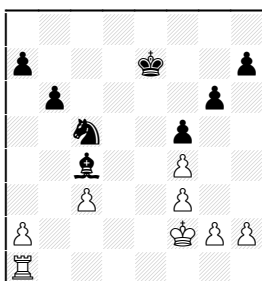
**23.Kf2 Nfd7 24.Ke3 Nb8
25.Kd4 b6 26.Ke3 Nc6**



27.Kf2

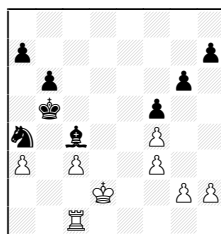
[27.Rb1 Na5 28.Kd4 holds,
but White is totally tied down.
Better to give up a Pawn and
let Rook find a target, if
possible]

**27...Na5 28.Ra1 Nxc4
29.Bxc4 Bxc4**

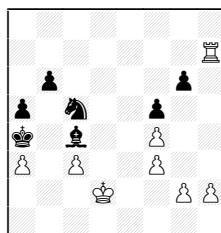


30.Ke3

[30.a3 relieves Rook of
immediate defensive duties,
but then 30...Na4 31.Rc1 Kd6
32.Ke3 Kc5 33.Kd2 Kb5

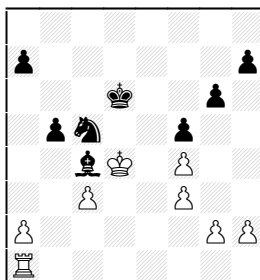


A) 34.Kc2? Nc5 35.Re1
(35.Rd1 Ka4 36.Kb2 Nd3+ is
no better) 35...Ka4 36.Ra1
(36.Kb2?? Nd3+) ;
B) 34.Re1 34...Nc5 35.Re7
a5 36.Rxh7 Ka4

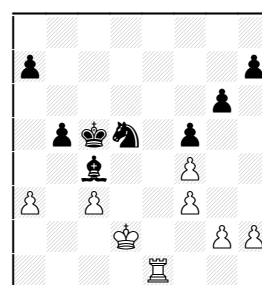


gotta believe Black Pawns are
stronger]

30...Kd6 31.Kd4? Black's
King can enter through
Queenside, so White isn't
stopping anything with move
31...b5

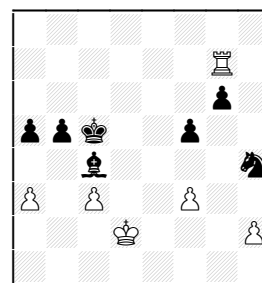


the a3 plan now fails to Nb3+
fork **32.Rb1 Ne6+ 33.Ke3**
Kc5 34.a3 Nc7 35.Re1 Nd5+
36.Kd2



reaching a position similar to
analysis at move 30, except
Nd5 is better placed.

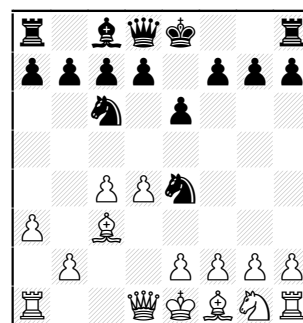
36...Nxf4 37.Re7 a5 38.Rxh7
Nxg2 39.Rg7 Nh4



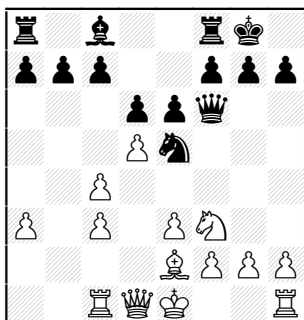
40.Ke3 Ba2 41.Kf4 Kc4
White resigned **0-1**

Sitar, K (1576) -
Carter, L [E20]
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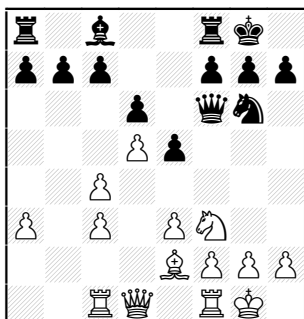
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Bd2 Nc6 5.a3 Bxc3 6.Bxc3
Ne4



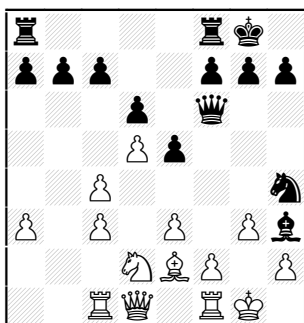
**7.d5 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Ne5 9.e3
Qf6 10.Rc1 d6 11.Be2 0-0
12.Nf3**



12...Ng6 13.0-0 e5



14.Nd2 Nh4 15.g3 Bh3



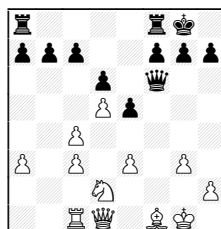
16.Re1

16.gxh4?? Qg6+ 17.Bg4

(17.Kh1 Qg2#) 17...Bxg4
18.f3 Bxf3+ wins Q]

16...Qe7?

[16...Ng2 17.Rf1 Nxe3
18.fxe3 Bxf1 19.Bxf1

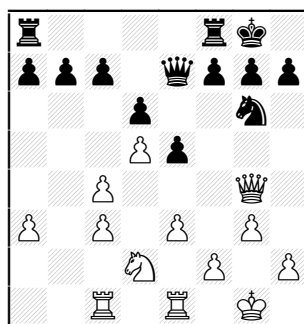


Its probably better for White
since Black's Rooks will take
time to get in the game.]

17.Bg4

[17.gxh4 Qxh4 18.Bf1
defends with extra piece in
hand]

17...Bxg4 18.Qxg4 Ng6



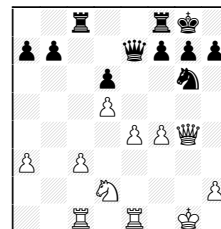
White's center Pawns could
get interesting if they can be
mobilized

19.e4 stopping Black's f5
19...c6 20.a4 not needed

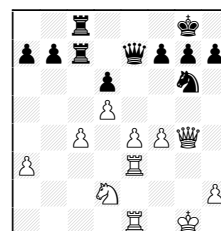
[20.f4

**A) 20...b5 21.cxb5 (21.dxc6?
bxc4 22.Nxc4 Rfc8) 21...cxb5**
22.c4:

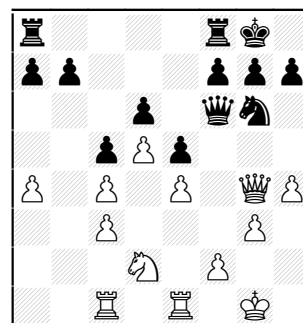
B) 20...exf4 21.gxf4 cxd5
22.cxd5 Rac8



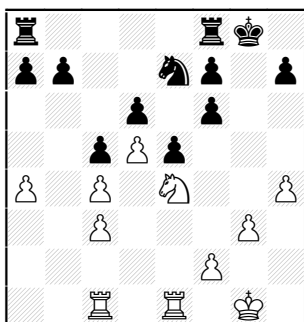
23.c4 (23.Nf3 Rc4 24.e5? the
f4-Pawn is pinned 24...Rxf4)
23...Rc7 24.Re3 (24.Nf3
Rfc8) 24...Rfc8 25.Rce1



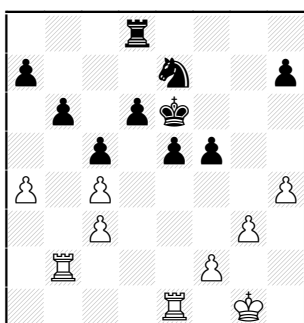
20...c5 21.h4 Qf6



22.Qf5 Qxf5 23.exf5 Ne7
24.f6 gxf6 25.Ne4



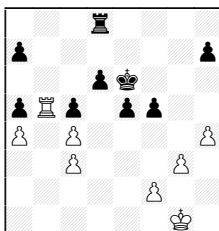
White's Pawns are immobile
25...Rad8 26.Nxf6+ Kg7
27.Ne4 f5 28.Ng5 Rf6
29.Ne6+ Rxe6 30.dxe6 Kf6
31.Rb1 b6 32.Rb2 Kxe6



Black has the advantage - pieces have future and Pawns are mobile.

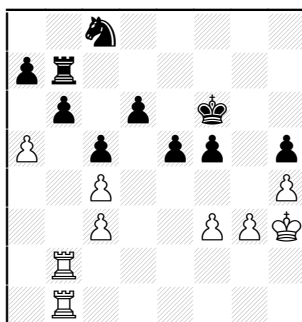
33.Reb1 Rb8?

[33...Nc6 and Na5 wins Pc4, after which d6-5-d4 happens
 34.Rb5 Na5 35.Rxa5! bxa5
 36.Rb5]

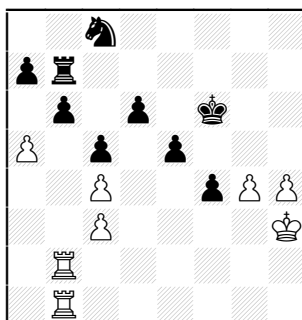


is interesting, Black center is broad, but not going far.]

34.a5 Nc8 35.f3 h5 36.Kh2
Kf6 37.Kh3 Rb7



38.g4 hxg4+ 39.fxg4 f4

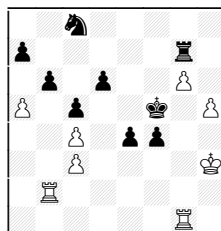


40.Rf1

[40.g5+ Kf5]

(40...Kg6 41.Kg4)

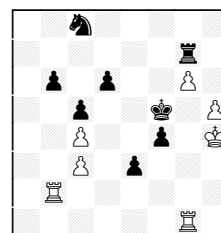
41.Rg1 e4 42.g6 Rg7 43.h5



as White's Pawns progress, space opens for the easily mobile Rooks. 43...e3

(43...f3 44.Kg3 Kg5 45.axb6 axb6 46.Rh2 and Re1 next)

44.axb6 axb6 45.Kh4



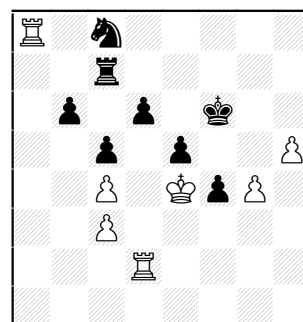
45...f3 46.Kg3 f2 47.Rf1 Kg5

(47...e2? 48.Rxf2+)

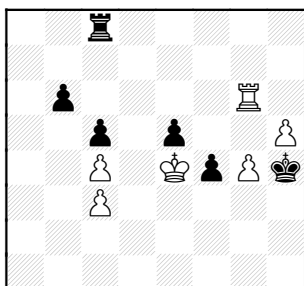
48.Kf3 Kxh5 49.Kxe3 Re7+

(49...Rxc6 50.Rh1+ Kg5 51.Rxf2)]

40...Ne7 41.axb6 axb6
42.Ra1 Nc8 43.Ra8 Rc7
44.Re2 Kg6 45.Kg2 Kh6
46.Kf3 Kg6 47.Ke4 Kf6
48.Rd2 Ke6 49.h5 Kf6



50.Rxc8 Rxc8 51.Rxd6+ Kg5
52.Rg6+ Kh4



White has Black stopped and only needs to advance passers

53.Kxe5? the King should maintain a blockade

[53.h6

A) 53...Rf8 54.h7 f3 55.Rg8;

B) 53...Rc7 54.Rg7;

C) 53...Kg3 54.g5 (54.h7?

Rh8 55.Rg7 f3 56.g5 f2)

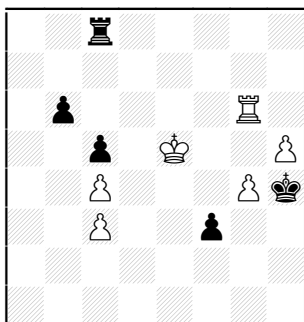
54...f3 55.Rf6 f2 56.Ke3 Kg4

57.Kxf2 Kxg5 58.Rxb6 Rh8

59.Ke3;

D) 53...Rh8 54.Kf3! Black can't move!]

53...f3



54.Rxb6 this Pawn was already useless **54...Kxg4 55.h6 f2 56.Rf6 Kg3 57.Kd5 Kg2 58.h7 f1Q 59.Rxf1 Kxf1 60.h8Q Rxh8 61.Kxc5 Ke2 62.Kd6?** should give Black

the win

[62.Kd5 locks Black King out]

62...Kd3 63.c5 Rd8+? Bad for two reasons: gives the King a tempo to advance, and places Rook where King can attack it

[63...Kc4! this move gets the King helping just in time!

64.c6 (64.Kc6? Rh6+)

64...Kb5 65.c7 Kb6 66.Kd7

Kb7 67.c4 Rh7+ 68.Kd8

Rxc7]

64.Kc7 Ra8 nothing wins

[64...Rh8 65.Kb7 Rh7+

(65...Kc4 66.c6 Kb5 67.c7

Rh7 68.Kb8) 66.Kb6 Kc4

67.c6; 64...Rd5

A) 65.c6 Kc4 66.Kb6!

(66.Kc8? Kc5 67.c7 Kc6

68.Kb8 Rb5+ 69.Kc8 Rb7)

B) 65.Kb6]

65.c6 Kc4 66.Kb7 Kc5 ½-½

Sossi, M (1483) -

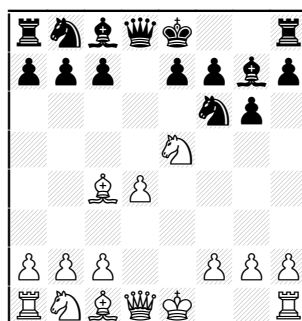
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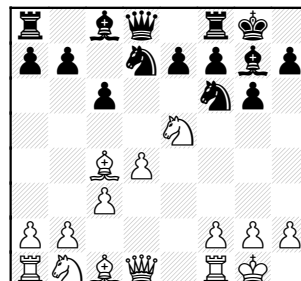
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1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6

4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 dxe5 6.Nxe5



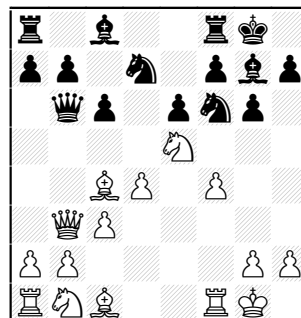
6...0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.c3 Nbd7



9.f4 Grabs space and maybe f5 is coming!

9...Qb6 10.Qb3

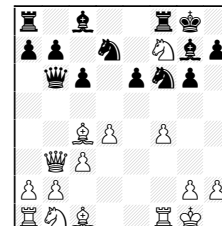
White shouldn't offer Queen trade with such a fine position. **10...e6**



defending, but the Queenside won't develop naturally.

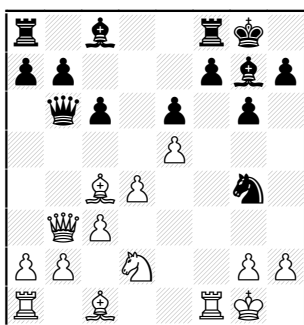
11.Nd2

[Trying too hard with **11.Nxf7?**



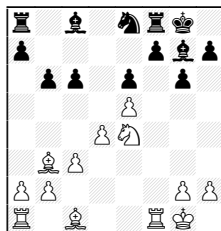
with the idea 11...Rxf7?
(Simply 11...Qxb3 12.Bxb3
Kxf7 wins a clean piece)
12.Bxe6 Qxb3 13.Bxb3 Gets
2 pawns and Rook for 2
pieces, but allows too many
trades and Black's minor
pieces become active.]

11...Nxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4?



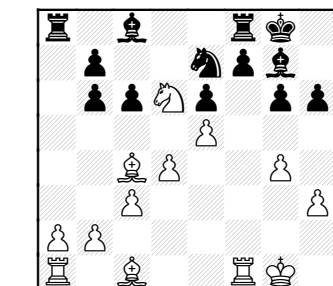
The Knight will spend moves
getting to a good position.
Ne8 after which Black could
free Queenside

[12...Qxb3 13.Bxb3 Ne8
14.Ne4 b6

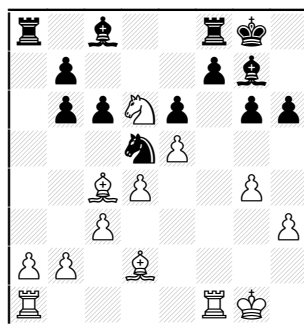


gets the Queenside mobile]

13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Ne4 Nh6
15.h3 Nf5 16.g4 Ne7 17.Nd6
h6

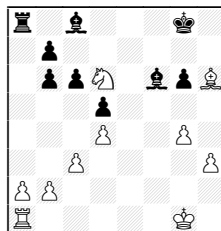


18.Be3 Nd5 19.Bd2



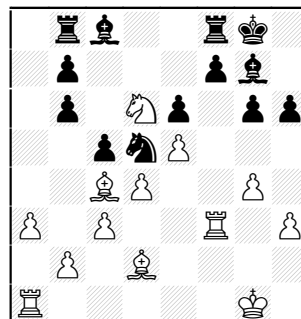
White has space, but Black's
position is solid enough. Black
could try f6 before White has
time to consolidate on the f-
file. **19...c5**

[19...f6 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.exf6
Rxf6 22.Rxf6 Bxf6 23.Bxf6



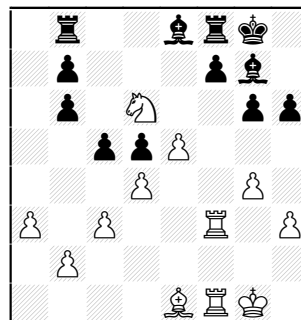
White has an extra Pawn,
however]

20.a3 Rb8 21.Rf3

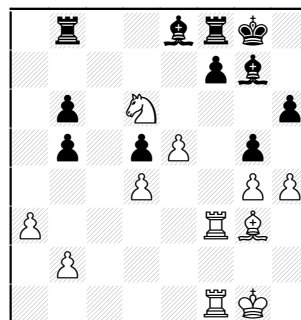


White has all the play and
begins to stack up on f7.

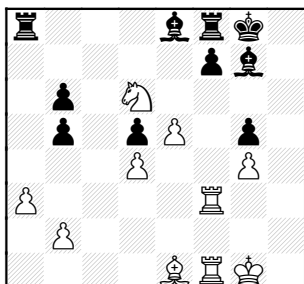
21...Bd7 22.Raf1 Be8
23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Be1



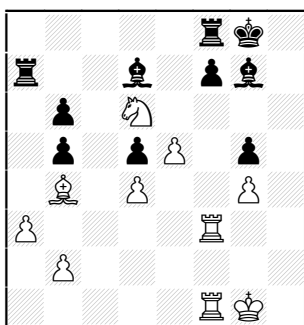
24...b5 25.Bh4 threatening
Be7 **25...g5 26.Bg3 cxd4**
27.cxd4 b6 28.h4



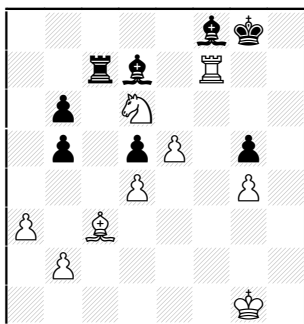
28...Ra8 To activate Rook, but it's too late **29.hxg5 hxg5**
30.Be1



threatening Bb4, then Nf5.
30...Ra7 31.Bb4 Bd7

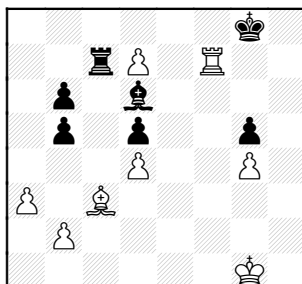


Giving Rook at f8 space, but abandoning f7. **32.Rxf7 Rxf7**
33.Rxf7 Rc7 34.Bc3 Bf8

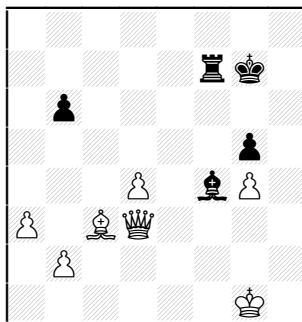


undermining Rook **35.e6!** A nice find. Rf2 is simple.
35...Bxd6

[35...Rxc3? 36.bxc3 Bxe6 seems to win a piece, but 37.Rf6 wins]
36.exd7



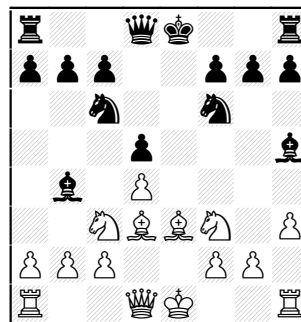
36...Kxf7 37.d8Q Bf4
38.Qxd5+ Kg7 39.Qxb5 Rf7
40.Qd3



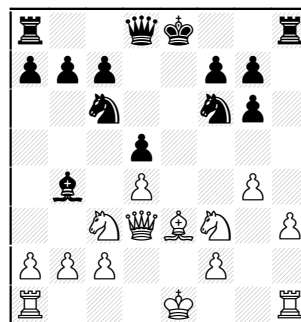
40...b5 41.d5+ Kf8 42.d6
White scored a nice upset!
1-0

Bannon, B (1173) - Frank, M (1812) [C01]
LeoBurn - Alumni Aces,
16.12.1999

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5
exd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg4
6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.h3
Bh5

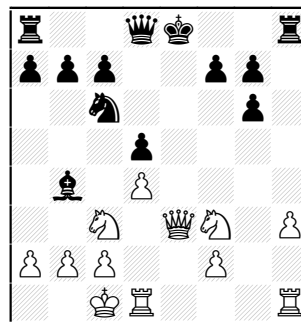


9.g4 Bg6 10.Bxg6 hxg6
11.Qd3

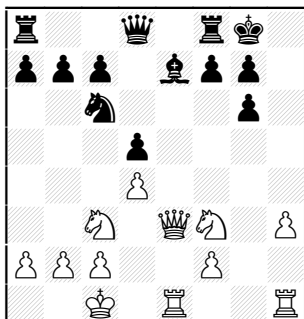


11...Nxg4!
since Rh1 is undefended

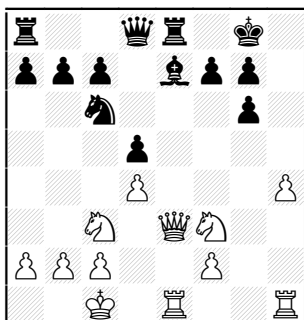
12.0-0-0 Nxe3 13.Qxe3+



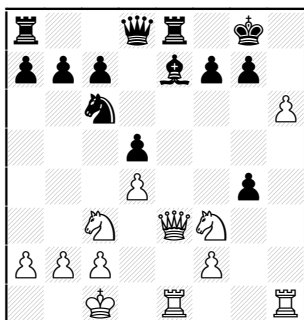
13...Be7 14.Rde1 0-0



15.h4 Re8



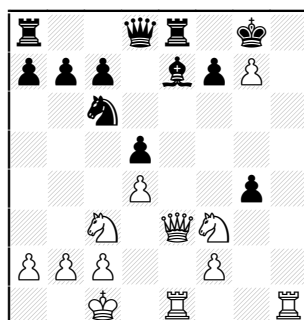
taking aim at the Queen
16.h5! It's usually bad to allow your opponent a discovery. Here, however, Be7 hasn't much to attack. **16...g5**
 [16...Bg5? 17.Qxg5; 16...Bf6 17.Qd3 Nb4? 18.Qb5]
17.h6! g4



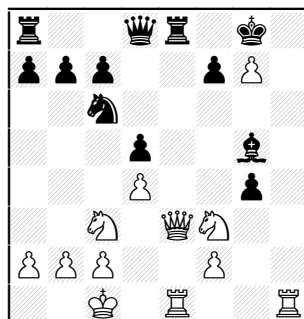
Now if White moves the Knight from f3, Bg5 pins Queen.

[17...gxh6 18.Rxh6 Bf8 19.Qxe8 (19.Qxg5+? Qxg5+ 20.Nxg5 Bxh6) 19...Qxe8 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Rh1 and White will win d- or g- Pawn.]

18.hxg7

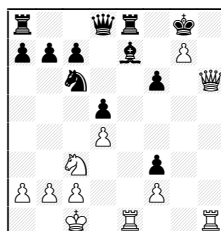


18...Bg5?



Black still can't do this!

[18...gxf3?? 19.Qh6 f6

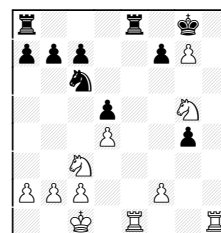


20.Qh7+ Kf7 21.g8Q#]

19.Rh8+?

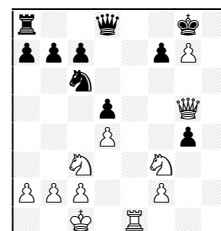
[19.Qxg5! Rxe1+ (19...gxf3?? 20.Rh8#;

Also after 19.Qxg5! If 19...Qxg5+, then 20.Nxg5

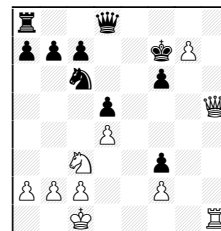


White is a piece up 20...f6 21.Ne6)

Continuing from last large diagram 19. Qxd5! Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1

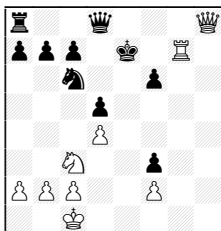


20...gxf3 21.Qh6 Material is even, but the g- passer forces immediate mates. 21...f6 22.Rh1! threatening the Qh7+ combo again (see note to the 18th move). 22...Kf7 23.Qh5+



A) 23...Ke7 24.Re1+ Kd7
 (24...Kd6 25.Nb5+ Kd7
 26.Qf5#) **25.Qf5+ Kd6**
26.Nb5#;

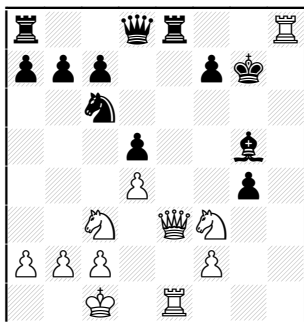
B) 23...Kxg7 24.Rg1+ Kf8
25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Rg7+



26...Kd6 (26...Ke6 27.Qh3+
 and mate next move.)
27.Nb5+ Ke6 28.Qh3+ f5
29.Qh6+ Qf6 30.Rg6]

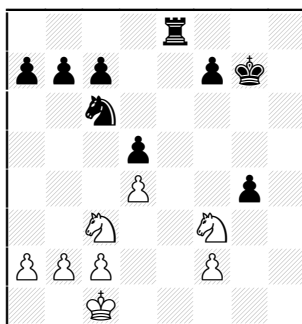
Interesting stuff, but lets get
 back to the game. We left off
 at the bottom of the last page,
 large diagram - of course!

19...Kxg7



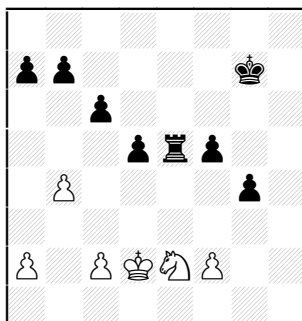
Now White has 3 pieces
 hanging!!

20.Rxe8 Bxe3+ 21.R1xe3
Qxe8 22.Rxe8 Rxe8



23.Ne5 trades make Black's
 job easier, but Nf3 had no
 future anyhow. Black's exact
 play shows that White should
 resign here.

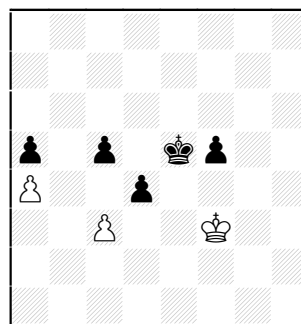
23...Nxex5 24.dxe5 Rxe5
25.Kd2 c6 26.b4 f5 27.Ne2



27...Rxe2+!

Very nice, Black realizes the
 Pawn ending is simple.

28.Kxe2 Kf6 29.f4 gxf3+
30.Kxf3 Ke5 31.Ke3 b6 32.a4
a5 33.bxa5 bxa5 34.c3 c5
35.Kf3 d4



36.c4 f4

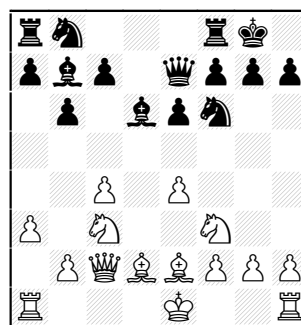
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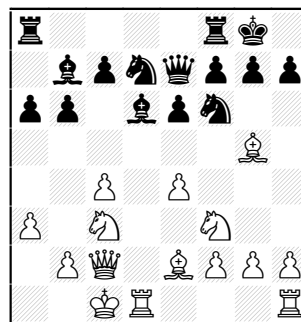
McAlister, K (1976) [A10]

Reader - Columbia, 1999

1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e3 Bb7
4.Nf3 e6 5.d3 Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0
7.Be2 d5 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.dxc4
Qe7 10.a3 Bd6 11.e4

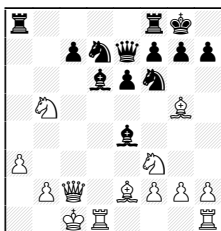


11...Nbd7 to stop Pe5,
 forking **12.0-0 a6 13.Bg5**



13...c6 Probably to support b5 thrust and give Bishop a retreat, but feels too slow.

[The immediate 13...b5? fails 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Nxb5 Bxe4?



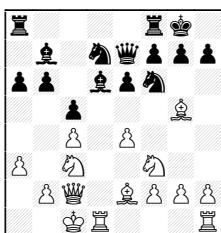
16.Qxe4! Nxe4 17.Bxe7 Bxe7 18.Rxd7;

Other tries from last large diagram...

13...Bxa3?! 14.bxa3 Qxa3+ 15.Kb1 leaves Black wishing;

but these last two give hope: 13...Rfd8 with idea Ne5, fights for open d-file;

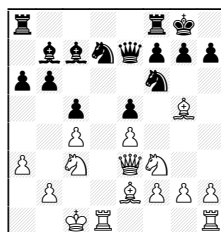
Lastly 13...c5



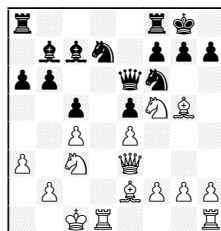
may be OK. Black has Bc6 and then b5
14.Qd2 Bc7

(14...Be5? 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.f4 Nc6 heading for d4 17.e5)

15.Qe3 e5

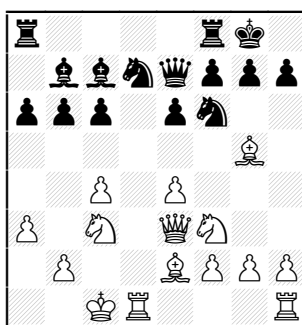


as in game. No good is 15...Ne5? 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.f4 Bd4 18.e5, so 16.Nh4 Qe6 17.Nf5



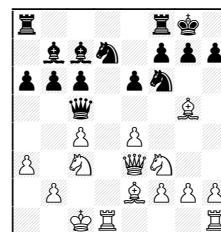
17...Nxe4! takes advantage of Bb7 participation: QxN not possible so Nf5 hangs.]

14.Qd2 Bc7 15.Qe3



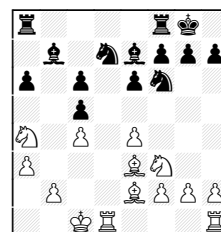
15...e5 Rightfully worried about White playing e5, Black creates a hole at f5.

[15...Qc5



White's space keeps him a nice edge.

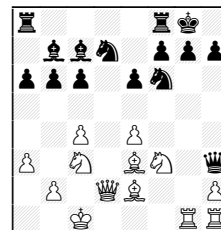
A) 16.Qxc5 bxc5
(16...Nxc5? 17.Bxf6! gxf6 18.b4 traps the Knight)
17.Na4 idea Be3 17...Bd8
18.Be3 Be7



Black's position is kind of ugly;

B) 16.Qd2 b5

(16...Qxf2?? 17.Be3 Qxg2 18.Rdg1 Qh3



Black's Queen is in trouble. 19.Rg3 Qh5 20.Ng5 etc.)

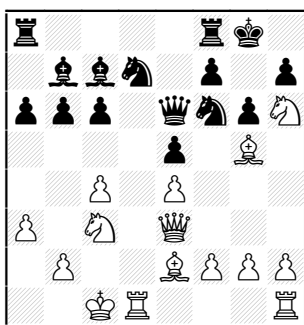
17.b4? Qa7 18.c5 a5]

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column previous page,

16.Nh4 Qe6

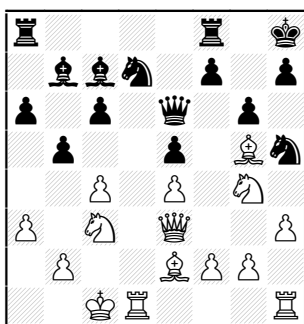
[16...g6 immediately keeps
the Knight offside. A storm is
brewing against Black's King]

17.Nf5 g6? 18.Nh6+



White's attack is serious,
Black's is still being
conceived...

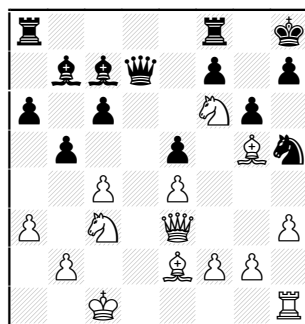
**18...Kh8 19.h3 b5 20.Ng4
Nh5**



21.Rxd7!

Attacking the dark squares!

21...Qxd7 22.Nf6

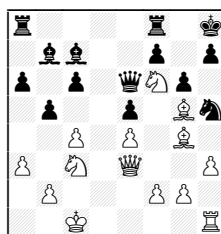


22...Qd4 the Queen doesn't
have a home

[22...Nxf6?? 23.Bxf6+ Kg8
24.Qh6 with unstoppable
mate;

22...Qe6

A) 23.Bg4



23...Qxc4 (23...Qd6 24.Rd1)

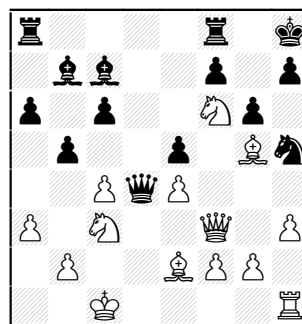
A1) 24.Bxh5? gxh5 25.Nxh5
Bd8! 26.Bxd8 Rfxd8 27.Qh6
(27.Nf6 idea Qh6 when
Qxh7# 27...Kg7 28.Qg5+ Kf8
Black survives) 27...Rg8
28.Nf6 Rg7;

A2) 24.Nxh5 24...gxh5
25.Bf6+ Kg8 26.Qg5#;

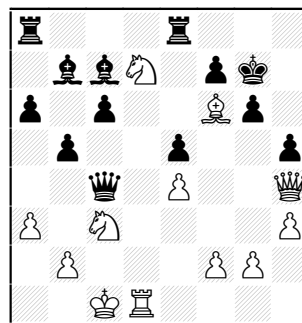
B) 23.c5? Nxf6 24.Bxf6+
Qxf6;

C) 23.Bxh5 23...gxh5
24.Nxh5 Bd8]

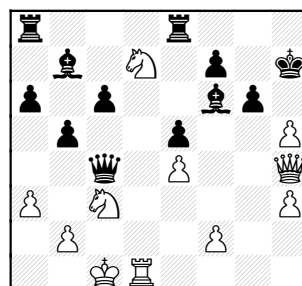
23.Qf3



23...Nf4 removing the last
defender [23...Nxf6??
24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Bh6;
23...Ng7 24.Rd1 Qa7
(24...Qc5 25.Nd7)] **24.Rd1**
Nxe2+ 25.Qxe2 Qxc4
26.Qg4 Kg7 27.Qh4 h5
28.Nd7 Rfe8 29.Bf6+



**29...Kh7 30.g4 Bd8 31.gxh5
Bxf6**



32.hxg6+ 1-0