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Random thoughts from the Editor:

I was daydreaming a couple weeks back and started wondering how one could describe the CICL. In the past, I've often described it as a great big chess club that gets together a few times a year. But how would one characterize the members?

So I thought it might be interesting to see the breakdown of players by rating categories. The resulting list is on the right sidebar.

Not sure the significance of any of this, but a couple things did jump out at me.

1) Clearly 12% of our us are rated over 2000, the traditional goal of most club-level players. Most clubs probably can only produce a few of this group— so the CICL has a rather large pool of strong players from which to draw experience. I know those of the North Division contribute regularly to the local team, but, still, would we be better as a league with more involvement from our top players?

2) Nearly a quarter of the league is unrated. This is a bit skewed because many of these players are really stronger- 'unrated' doesn't imply 'completely new to the game'. Even so, we have a healthy base of upcoming members. What can be done to assure they become Triple Centurions?

Sorry, no answers this time. Just picking your brain!

Myself? I was challenged to make the Bulletin a trading post. Those that have something, share it. Doesn't matter what level it applies, someone will receive your work and learn from it! It is a tricky job, however, to produce material for those with a better knowledge of our game! So, once again, I thank those who contribute! You've made your mark.

Rating Profile

2200 +	2.5%
2100 - 2199	3.4%
2000 - 2099	6.1%
1800 - 1999	15.2%
1600 - 1799	15.9%
1400 - 1599	17.8%
1200 - 1399	12.1%
1000 - 1299	4.2%
(unrated)	22.7%

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As of press time, there has been no announcement for the pairings or location of the Playoffs.

When known, it will be boldly splashed on the webpage.

PLAYOFFS/2001 Open: May 12, 2001 9AM Sharp (wherever)

East Division Cross Table

As of April 4, 2001

The ACES are the East Division champions again this season.

Tradelink/Mychaels took second place after beating

Reader 4-2 in the penultimate round. Bank of America Illinois dropped out of the race for 2nd after getting only 1/2 match points from both Reader and Alumni Aces.

TEAM	Alumn		Trdlnk		Bkami		Lburn		Reader		Stafrd		Match Points	Game Points	Rank
Alumni Aces			4	6F	4	5	4	4.5	5	6	5	5	10.0	48.5	1
Tradelink/Mychaels	2	0F			4	4	4.5	3.5	3	4	5	1.5	6.5	31.5	2
Bank America Illinois	2	1	1	2			3.5	3.5	4.5	3	5		4.5	25.5	3
Leo Burnett	2	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5			3.5		6	4	3.0	26.0	4
The Reader	1	0	3	2	1.5	3	1.5				5	5	3.5	22.0	5
Stafford Trading	1	1	1	4.5	1		0	2	1	1			1.0	12.5	6

compiled by ruben r. reyes

North Division Cross Table

As of April 4, 2001

MOTORLA KNIGHTS are the new North Division champions. The Knights beat the Kings 5-1 and Northrop 4-2 to pad their lead to 3 match points

Excaliburs kept its hold to second place on the heels

of a 5.5-0.5 win over Northrop.

The King's loss to the Knights coupled with U.O.P.'s 3-3 tie with Kemper in the previous round gave Excaliburs an unreachabele 1.5 margin with only one match left to play.

TEAM	Knights		Excalb		Kings		U.O.P.		Kemper		North		Match Points	Game Points	Rank
1. Motorola Knights			4.5	1	3.5	5	3.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	5	4	9.0	40.0	1
2. Excaliburs	1.5	5			4.5	3	5		2.5	3	4	5.5	6.0	34.0	2
3. Motorola Kings	2.5	1	1.5	3			2.5	3.5	6		5.5	5.5	4.5	31.0	3
4. U.O.P.	2.5	2.5	1		3.5	2.5			3.5	3	6	5	4.5	29.5	4
5. Kemper Insurance	1.5	.5	3.5	3	0		2.5	3			5	5	4.4	24.0	5
6. Northrop	1	2	2	.5	.5	.5	0	1	1	1			0	7.5	6

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Near West Division Cross Table

As of April 2, 2001

PAWNS have surged ahead of CCDOC to take a half point lead with two matches still left to be played. The remaining matches are those versus CCDOC and Chargers.

CCDOC have three matches remaining: against Pawns, the Chargers and Case.

Chargers also have three matches remaining. They face Pawns, CCDOC and Case. But the Chargers are 1.5 match points behind Pawns.

The last three rounds promises to be a thriller. It will be a race between the Pawns and CCDOC with the Chargers a long shot to take second or even first.

Team Name	Pawns				CCDOC				Chargers				Case				Match Points	Game Points	RANK
Pawns					5	0	3.5		1	1	3		4	5.5	5	3.5	6.5	31.5	1
CCDOC	1	6	2.5						6	3	4.5		3.5	3	4		6.0	33.5	2
Chargers	5	5	3		0	3	1.5						4	4.5	2		5.0	28.0	3
Case	2	.5	1	2.5	1.5	3	2		2	1.5	3						1.0	19.0	4

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Far West Division Cross Table

As of April 2, 2001

The Dragons are still in first and have kept their slim half point lead with two rounds to play.

The homestretch drive in this division has the looks of an exciting race down the wire.

The Dragons' last two matches are with Fermilab whom

they have defeated twice. The Tyros have the Rooks as their opponents in the last two rounds

The Rooks in two previous encounters have held the Tyros to a 3-3 tie. But the Tyros have yet to field their top two boards (Pete Stein and Isidro Tamez) who have made the Tyros the top team to beat in previous championships.

Team Name	Dragons				Tyros				Rooks				Fermilab				Match Points	Game Points	RANK
Dragons					4	3	2	3	4	4	4.5	3	3.5	4.5			7.5	35.5	1
Tyros	2	3	4	3					3	3			3.5	5	3	5	7.0	34.5	2
Rooks	2	2	1.5	3	2	3							3	3	3	4	3.5	26.5	3
Fermilab	2.5	1.5			2.5	1	3	1	3	3	3	2					2.0	22.5	4

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LEAGUE STANDINGS

as April 2, 2001

NEAR WEST DIVISION				04-02-2001		
TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
PAWNS	6	3	1	31.5	6.5	0.650
COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR	5	2	2	33.5	6.0	0.667
LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS	4	3	2	28.0	5.0	0.556
CASE	1	8	1	19.0	1.5	0.150

FAR WEST DIVISION				04-02-2001		
TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	6	1	3	35.5	7.5	0.750
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	5	1	4	34.5	7.0	0.700
ARGONNE ROOKS	1	4	5	26.5	3.5	0.350
FERMILAB	0	6	4	22.5	2.0	0.200

NORTH DIVISION				04-02-2001		
TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	8	1	0	36.0	8.0	0.889
EXCALIBURS	5	2	2	34.0	6.0	0.667
MOTOROLA KINGS	4	4	1	31.0	4.5	0.500
UOP	4	4	1	29.5	4.5	0.500
KEMPER INSURANCE	3	4	2	24.0	4.0	0.444
NORTHROP	0	9	0	7.5	0.0	0.000

EAST DIVISION				04-02-2001		
TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
ALUMNI ACES	9	0	0	42.5	9.0	1.000
TRADELINK/MYCHAELS	6	2	1	31.5	6.5	0.722
BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS	4	4	1	25.5	4.5	0.500
LEO BURNETT	3	6	0	26.0	3.0	0.333
THE READER	2	5	2	22.0	3.0	0.333
STAFFORD TRADING	1	8	0	12.5	1.0	0.111

NEAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS	2122C
WARREN, J	CHRGR	2086Q
WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC	2082
MARCOWKA, R	CHRGR	2052D
STINSON, M	CHRGR	1947C
ELLICE, W	PAWNS	1879
KALE, S	CASE	1874C
ROSLEY, D	CHRGR	1790
MCCARTHY, D	CHRGR	1728*
FABIJONAS, R	PAWNS	1698D

FAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

BEZZUBOV, V	FERMI	2346
STEIN, P	TYROS	2316
DORIGO, T	FERMI	2171
TAMEZ, I	TYROS	2162
ILIC, S	TYROS	2122
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	2122D
TEGEL, F	DRGNS	2101T
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	2072D
GUIO, J	TYROS	2024C
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	2005C

NORTH DIVISION TOP TEN

WOLF, D	MKING	2307
INUMERABLE, F	EXCLB	2277C
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	2209D
MORRIS, R	MKNGT	2197
WONG, P	EXCLB	2195C
BUERGER, E	UOP	2063T
FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	2031*
SOLLANO, E	EXCLB	2027
SIWEK, M	KEMPR	2020C
LEONG, G	KEMPR	2007C

EAST DIVISION TOP TEN

REYES, R	ALUMN	2324D
BENESA, A	ALUMN	2235
KRAS, T	BKAMI	2175
JASAITIS, A	TRDLK	2126D
FRIESEMA, W	BKAMI	2062
SAGALOVSKY, L	TRDLK	2033
GAZMEN, E	ALUMN	1990
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN	1958D
ALLEN, H	ALUMN	1951
ROGERS, N	READR	1922

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

THOMSON, J	MKNGT	138
ILIC, S	TYROS	127
SOLLANO, E	EXCLB	114
EAMAN, R	LBURN	96
DUFFY, J	LBURN	91
OLSEN, A	KEMPR	85
GRYPARIS, J	MKING	81
MC GEE, L	CCDOC	70
ALTSHULLER, D	DRGNS	70
AILES, T	FERMI	69

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ABBOTT, J	MKING	0	0	0	1865*	DELGADO, V	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0
ABRAHAM, T	CTA	0	0	0	1638	DESAI, N	MKNGT	0	0	0	0000/1
AILES, T	FERMI	2	6	2	1538	DIAZ, P	TYROS	4	3	1	1974C
ALEXANDER, W	CCDOC	4	3	1	1675	DILLON, M	STFRD	0	2	0	0000/2
ALFONSO, E	MKING	3	4	0	1543*	DOBR, K	CHGR	1	5	1	1428T
ALLEN, H	ALUMN	5	0	0	1951	DOBROVOLNY, C	DRGNS	5	1	1	1806C
ALMAULA, J	MKING	1	0	0	1274#	DOMINGUEZ, R	LBURN	5	4	0	1278*
ALTSHULLER, D	DRGNS	6	1	2	1780	DORIGO, T	FERMI	0	0	0	2171
ANDRESEN, T	EXCLB	5	2	1	1742C	DUFFY, J	LBURN	2	2	5	1750
APATA, D	TYROS	0	0	0	0000/5	EAMAN, R	LBURN	3	3	1	1855
APPLEBERRY, T	CCDOC	1	2	0	1359	EASTON, R	KEMPR	3	4	2	1746
APTEKAR, S	STFRD	1	5	0	1607#	ELEK, G	NORTH	1	6	0	1067
AROND, D	UOP	0	0	0	1711	ELLICE, W	PAWNS	5	2	2	1879
AUGSBURGER, L	MKNGT	3	1	2	1725C	ERIKSON, M	ROOKS	0	1	0	0000/0
BALICKI, J	MKNGT	5	3	1	1631	EUSTACE, D	DRGNS	4	1	0	1599C
BANNON, B	LBURN	5	4	0	1296	FABIJONAS, R	PAWNS	4	4	0	1698D
BARGERSTOCK, D	STFRD	1	6	1	1783	FALCON, L	CCDOC	1	0	0	0000/1
BARNARD, G	BKAMI	0	0	0	1150*	FITZGERALD, M	FERMI	1	6	1	1244*
BARTHOLF, P	TRDLK	1	3	0	0000/2	FLORENCE, C	MKING	0	0	0	0000/3
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	1	3	4	1701D	FOREMAN, T	TRDLK	0	1	0	0000/1
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	1	3	1	2122D	FRAATS, D	BKAMI	4	1	0	1823C
BENESA, A	ALUMN	4	2	1	2235	FRANEK, M	ALUMN	5	0	0	1768C
BEZZUBOV, V	FERMI	0	0	0	2346	FRANK, M	ALUMN	6	2	0	1757
BLACKMON, E	DRGNS	1	1	0	1746C	FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	4	1	4	2031*
BOLDING, E	UOP	5	3	1	1847C	FRIESEMA, W	BKAMI	0	0	0	2062
BOLLAPRAGADA, S	MKING	3	1	0	0000/2	FRISKE, T	EXCLB	2	3	4	1953C
BRAUNDMEIER, B	KEMPR	0	1	0	1249#	FULKERSON, R	LBURN	3	4	2	1408*
BROIHIER, M	READR	3	3	1	1145	GAINES, I	FERMI	2	4	1	1700D
BRONFELD, A	EXMPL	0	0	0	1817	GALINSKY, V	TRDLK	0	1	0	0000/0
BROTSOS, J	EXCLB	4	3	1	1501D	GARCIA, J	ROOKS	1	0	2	1227*
BUCHNER, R	TYROS	3	2	5	1866	GARDNER, M	NORTH	1	6	0	0000/6
BUERGER, E	UOP	5	2	2	2063T	GASTON, K	CASE	0	3	1	1251
BURIAN, D	NORTH	0	4	4	1587C	GAZMEN, E	ALUMN	3	2	1	1990
BUTLER, E	ROOKS	0	2	0	0000/2	GLADURA, A	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/3
CARRANO, C	DRGNS	0	0	0	0000/8	GOKHALE, P	MKING	0	0	0	0000/0
CARTER, L	READR	4	3	1	1509C	GOLCHERT, B	ROOKS	0	0	0	1897
CEASE, H	FERMI	1	4	2	1204*	GOLLA, R	ALUMN	4	1	0	1813D
CHIN, M	KEMPR	1	1	0	0000/0	GONCHAROFF, N	MKING	3	2	4	1727Q
CHOROSINSKI, L	NORTH	0	0	0	1294*	GOTHIER, S	NORTH	1	6	0	1414*
CHRISTIAN, R	DRGNS	0	1	0	1753C	GRANT, M	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/1
CLEMENTE, J	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	GREEN, D	ROOKS	6	2	2	1905D
COLEMAN, D	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	GROEGER, D	COLUM	0	0	0	1753
CUMBERLAND, M	EXMPL	0	0	0	1314*	GRUDZINSKI, J	ROOKS	3	1	1	1425*
CUMMUTA, P	KEMPR	2	1	1	1503C	GRYPARIS, J	MKING	5	2	0	1499C
CVETKOVICH, R	STFRD	2	7	0	0000/7	GRYZIAK, L	STFRD	1	2	0	0000/2
CYGAN, J	MKING	5	1	1	1756	GUIO, J	TYROS	2	2	1	2024C
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN	5	2	0	1958D	HAHNE, D	TYROS	4	2	1	1600C
DALLMAN, K	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/0	HALL, A	CCDOC	2	3	0	1469
DAVIDSON, M	ALUMN	1	0	1	1605	HANDSCHKE, D	KEMPR	2	0	0	0000/2
DECMAN, S	ROOKS	1	4	0	1580D	HARRIS, R	FERMI	0	0	0	1552

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HAYES, W	COLUM	0	0	0	1949	MCCARTHY, D	CHRG	3	2	1	1728*
HELPER, A	STFRD	1	8	0	0000/8	MC GEE, L	CCDOC	3	0	0	1003*
HERREN, R	MKNGT	0	2	0	0000/2	MCKAY, P	PAWNS	1	0	0	1406*
HILL, R	ROOKS	1	5	2	1975C	MCKINNEY, T	KEMPR	2	2	0	1251
HILL, RICK	FERMI	0	0	0	0000/3	MEEKY, L	DRGNS	0	0	0	0000/1
HORTON, D	MKNGT	0	0	0	1894	MELNIKOV, I	MKING	2	2	3	1991
HOUSTON, L	CCDOC	0	0	0	0000/0	MENDOZA, D	FERMI	0	0	0	0000/2
HUGHES, L	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	MICKLICH, F	UOP	6	1	1	1651D
HUGHES, N	KEMPR	0	5	3	1782C	MIKULECKY, B	PAWNS	4	4	1	1509C
ILIC, S	TYROS	5	0	2	2122	MILLER, K	STFRD	1	2	0	0000/1
INUMERABLE, F	EXCLB	4	2	1	2277C	MILLER, T	EXMPL	0	0	0	1869
JACKSON, S	CCDOC	1	2	2	1414	MITCHELL, W	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0
JACKSON, W	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	MITMAN, S	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/1
JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS	5	1	0	2122C	MONKOWSKI, J	CASE	0	0	0	1522
JASAITIS, A	TRDLK	5	1	2	2126D	MORRIS, R	MKNGT	4	1	3	2197
JONES, M	CTA	0	0	0	1460	MOSSBRIDGE, A	KEMPR	0	3	1	1656
KALE, S	CASE	0	0	1	1874C	MOTTA, H	FERMI	0	0	0	1888
KANAS, W	CASE	1	1	3	1319C	NALLATHAMBI, R	KEMPR	0	0	0	1505
KARANDIKAR, S	MKNGT	4	2	2	1546#	NOEL, F	CCDOC	0	1	0	0000/1
KARPIERZ, J	TYROS	3	2	2	1266	NOWAK, W	CTA	0	0	0	1307*
KESTNER, M	DRGNS	0	2	0	1431	NURZIATA, M	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/1
KIERSCH, M	READR	1	3	0	0000/2	O'DELL, DW	PAWNS	1	2	3	1484C
KIM, J	TRDLK	1	1	0	0000/2	OELHAFEN, A	EXCLB	2	1	0	1248
KIUSALS, D	MKING	0	0	0	1065	OGASAWARA, L	DRGNS	1	4	1	1823C
KLINFELTER, H	CASE	3	6	1	1595C	OLSEN, A	KEMPR	5	2	2	1612
KOGAN, G	BKAMI	2	5	2	1832C	PARA, A	FERMI	0	0	0	1487
KOSMICKE, J	STFRD	1	0	0	0000/1	PARAOAN, E	BKAMI	2	6	1	1615C
KRAS, T	BKAMI	3	3	2	2175	PEHAS, A	DRGNS	1	2	1	1895C
KRATKA, M	TRDLK	2	2	0	0000/3	PEIJFFERS, S	DRGNS	0	0	0	1982
KREMPETZ, K	FERMI	0	2	0	0000/2	PERKINS, D	CCDOC	0	0	0	1663#
KUBIT, K	NORTH	0	1	0	0000/0	PHELPS, D	MKNGT	0	3	0	0000/5
LAForge, W	CHRG	3	1	0	1325	PIERCE, W	CTA	0	0	0	0000/2
LAMBIRIS, J	KEMPR	0	1	0	1430	PIPARIA, J	MKING	5	1	2	1935*
LASKY, N	PAWNS	0	0	0	1362C	PRATTS, M	COLUM	0	0	0	1705
LE, D	MKNGT	0	0	0	0000/3	RABINOVICH, E	MKING	3	3	0	1326
LECHNICK, J	UOP	4	4	1	1809	RADAVICIUS, E	CHRG	2	1	0	1615D
LEONG, G	KEMPR	2	2	0	2007C	REID, C	CASE	6	4	0	1517C
LITVINAS, A	ALUMN	1	0	0	1655D	RENDE, D	UOP	3	4	0	1631*
LLOYD, K	READR	0	0	0	1780*	REYES, R	ALUMN	3	1	0	2324D
LOGAN, H	PAWNS	0	0	0	1260	RICHARDSON, M	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0
LOHJA, N	NORTH	0	4	0	0000/4	RIFFLE, D	FERMI	0	1	0	0000/1
LOSOFF, A	BKAMI	3	1	1	1845C	ROBB, D	TRDLK	0	2	0	0000/1
LOWRY, D	STFRD	0	4	0	0000/3	ROGERS, N	READR	3	5	0	1922
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	3	3	3	2005C	ROJO, V	CCDOC	3	2	1	1447
MARCOWKA, R	CHRG	5	2	0	2052D	ROSLEY, D	CHRG	0	1	1	1790
MARSH, M	READR	5	0	0	1169	ROSKOWSKI, D	KEMPR	0	5	0	0000/5
MARSHALL, K	MKNGT	1	5	1	1331*	ROTH, A	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/3
MATTHEWS, J	CTA	0	0	0	1804	RZESZUTKO, R	ALUMN	1	0	0	1907C
MATTHEWS, K	READR	0	0	0	1660#	SACKS, D	UOP	1	0	0	1833
MCALISTER, K	COLUM	0	0	0	1892	SAGALOVSKY, L	TRDLK	9	0	0	2033

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NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING	NAME	TEAM	W	L	D	RATING
SAJBEL, P	UOP	2	3	2	1878C	SULLIVAN, C	READR	1	6	0	1487
SALERNO, S	DRGNS	2	0	1	1302#	SULLIVAN, J	EXCLB	4	1	2	1882D
SAMELSON, C	MKNGT	4	2	3	1936C	TAMEZ, I	TYROS	0	0	0	2162
SANTIAGO, T	COLUM	0	0	0	2025	TEGEL, F	DRGNS	4	2	4	2101T
SATTERLEE, D	CASE	3	5	2	1571D	THOMAS, G	TYROS	2	1	2	1542C
SAVCIC, V	TYROS	1	2	0	1105*	THOMAS, J	CHRG	2	4	0	1543D
SAWDO, E	CASE	0	0	0	1370	THOMSON, J	MKNGT	6	0	2	1839
SAWIN, B	LBURN	0	0	0	1197*	TOERNER, G	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/0
SAXENA, D	TYROS	0	0	0	1551#	TRINIDAD, P	CCDOC	1	1	0	955*
SCHOONOVER, M	UOP	0	1	0	1307*	TRUFANOV, D	UOP	0	1	0	0000/4
SCHULTZ, R	FERMI	5	3	0	1239#	TURNER, K	READR	0	0	0	1490
SEATON, E	CCDOC	3	3	2	1660	VALDEZ, C	TYROS	1	2	1	1481#
SERRANO, B	PAWNS	1	2	0	0000/3	VAN OUTRIVE, R	CTA	0	0	0	1069*
SHIREY, S	KEMPR	1	2	0	0000/4	VAN ZILE, C	UOP	1	0	0	1310
SIEGEL, R	BKAMI	4	0	0	1490C	VENSKE, D	READR	0	3	2	1720
SITAR, K	BKAMI	1	1	0	1525	VIGANTS, A	NORTH	0	8	1	1590
SIWEK, M	KEMPR	2	3	4	2020C	VILLAREAL, E	CTA	0	0	0	1145
SMITH, BR	TYROS	0	0	0	1662C	VOLINSKIY, G	TRDLK	7	0	0	0000/7
SMITH, JO	TRDLK	0	4	0	0000/2	VORA, C	STFRD	3	1	0	0000/3
SMITH, S	READR	2	3	0	0000/3	WALKER, A	NORTH	0	5	4	1786
SOLLANO, E	EXCLB	8	0	1	2027	WALLACH, C	MKING	3	3	3	1988
SOSSI, M	LBURN	3	6	0	1601	WALSH, W	ROOKS	0	1	0	1498C
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	3	1	5	2072D	WARD, CH	TRDLK	2	3	1	1324
STAFFORD, G	TRDLK	0	2	0	0000/2	WARREN, J	CHRG	2	0	1	2086Q
STAMM, V	CHRG	2	3	1	1464D	WEISNER, T	PAWNS	2	4	1	1140
STAPLES, C	FERMI	2	3	0	1552	WEITZ, R	EXCLB	2	3	1	1598C
STEIN, P	TYROS	0	0	0	2316	WHITE, H	CASE	1	7	0	1686C
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	0	2	4	2209D	WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC	4	0	1	2082
STEVENS, J	COLUM	0	0	0	1661	WILSON, A	CTA	0	0	0	1654C
STEVENSON, R	PAWNS	0	0	0	1333	WILSON, M	EXMPL	0	0	0	1211
STINSON, M	CHRG	1	0	1	1947C	WOLF, D	MKING	1	0	1	2307
STOLTZ, B	TYROS	4	2	0	1854C	WONG, P	EXCLB	0	0	0	2195C
SUAREZ, E	ROOKS	2	1	0	1862	YACOUT, A	ROOKS	2	1	1	1567*
SUBECK, J	KEMPR	3	0	0	1399#	ZHANG, H	MKING	0	0	0	0000/2
SUERTH, F	EXCLB	3	5	0	1548C	ZOELLNER, J	BKAMI	3	2	3	1434C

/x - UNRATED; x RATED GAMES

- 5 TO 9 RATED GAMES

* - 10 TO 24 RATED GAMES

C - CENTURY CLUB MEMBER

D - DOUBLE CENTURION

T - TRIPLE CENTURION

Q - QUAD CENTURION

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Match Results

28-FEB-01 ALUMNI ACES
ROUND 8

5

STAFFORD TRADING

1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 BENESA, A	2237 3	1	BARGERSTOCK, D	1807 -3 0
2 GAZMEN, E	1987 0	0	KOSMICKE, J	0 0 1
3 CZERNIECKI, A	1958 0	1F	APTEKAR, S	0 0 0F
4 ALLEN, H	1951 0	1	HELPER, A	0 0 0
5 FRANK, M	1757 0	1	VORA, C	0 0 0
6 GOLLA, R	1813 0	1	CVETKOVICH, R	0 0 0

01-MAR-01 THE READER
ROUND 8

3

BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS

3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 ROGERS, N	1932-10	0	KRAS, T	2160 10 1
2 VENSKE, D	1712 8	.5	KOGAN, G	1839 -5 .5
3 SULLIVAN, C	1502-15	0	PARAOAN, E	1614 10 1
4 CARTER, L	1518 -7	.5	ZOELLNER, J	1423 4 .5
5 BROIHIER, M	1169 0	1F		0 0 0F
6 KIERSCH, M	0 0	1F		0 0 0F
7 BROIHIER, M	1169-24	0	MARSH, M	1145 24 1 (READR)

19-MAR-01 THE READER
ROUND 9

2

TRADELINK/MYCHAELS

4

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 ROGERS, N	1922 0	0	VOLINSKIY, G	0 0 1
2 SULLIVAN, C	1487 0	0F	JASAITIS, A	2126 0 1F
3 CARTER, L	1511 -2	0	SAGALOVSKY, L	2031 2 1
4 BROIHIER, M	1145 0	0F	KRATKA, M	0 0 1F
5 MARSH, M	1169 0	1	FOREMAN, T	0 0 0
6 KIERSCH, M	0 0	1	SMITH, JO	0 0 0

21-MAR-01 ALUMNI ACES
ROUND 9

5

BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS

1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 BENESA, A	2240 -5	.5	KRAS, T	2170 5 .5
2 REYES, R	2322 2	1	KOGAN, G	1834 -2 0
3 GAZMEN, E	1987 3	1	SITAR, K	1528 -3 0
4 ALLEN, H	1951 0	1F	FRAATS, D	1823 0 0F
5 FRANEK, M	1759 9	1	PARAOAN, E	1624 -9 0
6 DAVIDSON, M	1617-12	.5	ZOELLNER, J	1427 7 .5

Match Results

27-MAR-01	STAFFORD TRADING	2	LEO BURNETT	4
ROUND 9				
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1 BARGERSTOCK,D	1804-21	0	EAMAN,R	1834 21 1
2 APTEKAR,S	0 0	1	DUFFY,J	1750 0 0
3 VORA,C	0 0	1	SOSSI,M	1601 0 0
4 HELFER,A	0 0	0	FULKERSON,R	1408 0 1
5 CVETKOVICH,R	0 0	0	BANNON,B	1296 0 1
6 GRZYIAK,L	0 0	0	DOMINGUEZ,R	1278 0 1

15-MAR-01	KEMPER INSURANCE	3	UOP	3
ROUND 9				
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1 SIWEK,M	2012 8	.5	STEVANOVIC,M	2217 -8 .5
2 HUGHES,N	1787 -5	0	BUERGER,E	2060 3 1
3 EASTON,R	1712 34	1	SAJBEL,P	1900-22 0
4 MOSSBRIDGE,A	1668-12	0	BOLDINGH,E	1839 8 1
5 OLSEN,A	1599 13	.5	LECHNICK,J	1822-13 .5
6 CUMMUTA,P	1469 34	1	RENDE,D	1665-34 0
7 ROSZKOWSKI,D	0 0	0	MICKLICH,F	1651 0 1

15-MAR-01	MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	5	MOTOROLA KINGS	1
ROUND 9				
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1 MORRIS,R	2185 12	1	WALLACH,C	2000-12 0
2 FRIDMAN,Y	2039 -8	.5	PIPARIA,J	1927 8 .5
3 SAMELSON,C	1945 -9	.5	GONCHAROFF,N	1721 6 .5
4 THOMSON,J	1839 0	1F	CYGAN,J	1756 0 0F
5 AUGSBURGER,L	1712 13	1	ALFONSO,E	1556-13 0
6 BALICKI,J	1615 16	1	GRYPARIS,J	1515-16 0
7 HERREN,R	0 0	0	RABINOVICH,E	1326 0 1

27-MAR-01	EXCALIBURS	5.5	NORTHROP	.5
ROUND 9				
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1 INUMERABLE,F	2275 2	1	WALKER,A	1789 -3 0
2 SOLLANO,E	2023 4	1	VIGANTS,A	1594 -4 0
3 FRISKE,T	1972-19	.5	BURIAN,D	1575 12 .5
4 SULLIVAN,J	1882 0	1	GARDNER,M	0 0 0
5 ANDRESEN,T	1741 1	1	ELEK,G	1068 -1 0
6 WEITZ,R	1598 0	1F		0 0 0F

Match Results

27-FEB-01 PAWNS
ROUND 9

3.5 COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR 2.5

BD		RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1	JAKSTAS,K	2120	0	1F	NOEL,F	0 0 0F
2	ELLICE,W	1859	13	.5	WILLIAMS,K	2072-13 .5
3	FABIJONAS,R	1705	14	1	SEATON,E	1672-20 0
4	O'DELL,DW	1500	-9	0	ALEXANDER,W	1644 14 1
5	MIKULECKY,B	1511	14	1	HALL,A	1490-21 0
6	WEISNER,T	1147	-7	0	ROJO,V	1441 7 1

08-MAR-01 COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR
ROUND 8

4.5 LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS 1.5

BD		RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1	WILLIAMS,K	2059	23	1	MARCOWKA,R	2064-15 0
2	SEATON,E	1652	8	.5	MCCARTHY,D	1771 -8 .5
3	ALEXANDER,W	1658	17	1	THOMAS,J	1569-11 0
4	JACKSON,S	1410	4	.5	STAMM,V	1466 -2 .5
5	ROJO,V	1448	-1	.5	DOBR,K	1437 0 .5
6	APPLEBERRY,T	1359	0	1F		0 0 0F
7	FALCON,L	0	0	1	APPLEBERRY,T	1359 0 0 (CCDOC)

12-MAR-01 CASE
ROUND 9

3 LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS 2

BD		RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1	WHITE,H	1691	-3	0	MARCOWKA,R	2049 3 1
2	KLINEFELTER,H	1551	23	1	MCCARTHY,D	1763-35 0
3	SATTERLEE,D	1561	15	1	THOMAS,J	1558-15 0
4	REID,C	1488	13	1	DOBR,K	1437 -9 0
5	KANAS,W	1328	-16	0	LAFORGE,W	1301 24 1
6		0	0	0F		0 0 0F

20-MAR-01 CASE
ROUND 10

2.5 PAWNS 3.5

BD		RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1	WHITE,H	1688	-2	0	JAKSTAS,K	2120 2 1
2	SATTERLEE,D	1576	-5	0	ELLICE,W	1872 7 1
3	KLINEFELTER,H	1574	21	1	FABIJONAS,R	1719-21 0
4	REID,C	1501	16	1	MIKULECKY,B	1525-16 0
5	KANAS,W	1312	7	.5	O'DELL,DW	1491 -7 .5
6	GASTON,K	1251	0	0F	WEISNER,T	1140 0 1F

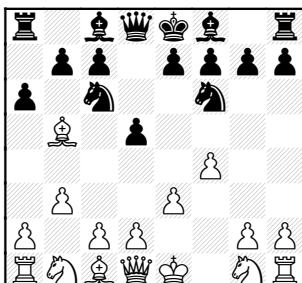
Match Results

22-MAR-01	LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	3	LUCENT TECH. TYROS	3
ROUND 10				
	BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1	LUDWIG,T	2016-11	0	ILIC,S 2105 17 1
2	TEGEL,F	2093 8	1	GUIO,J 2037-13 0
3	PEHAS,A	1908-13	0	DIAZ,P 1961 13 1
4	OGASAWARA,L	1838-15	0	BUCHNER,R 1844 22 1
5	DOBROVOLNY,C	1787 19	1	STOLTZ,B 1873-19 0
6	ALTSHULLER,D	1767 13	1	HAHNE,D 1613-13 0
7	KESTNER,M	1467-36	0	KARPIERZ,J 1230 36 1
22-MAR-01	FERMILAB	2	ARGONNE ROOKS	4
ROUND 10				
	BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1	GAINES,I	1708 -8	0	GREEN,D 1897 8 1
2	AILES,T	1552-14	0	BAURAC,D 1692 9 1
3	FITZGERALD,M	1250 -6	0	DECMAN,S 1576 4 1
4	SCHULTZ,R	1239 0	1	BUTLER,E 0 0 0
5	RIFFLE,D	0 0	0	GRUDZINSKI,J 1425 0 1
6		0 0	1F	0 0 0F

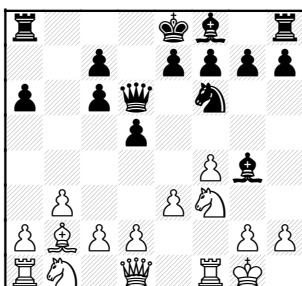
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Mikulecky, B (1495) [A03]

Case-Pawns, 20.02.2001

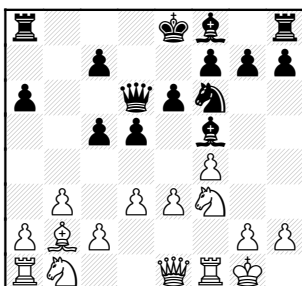
1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 Nc6
4.Bb5 a6



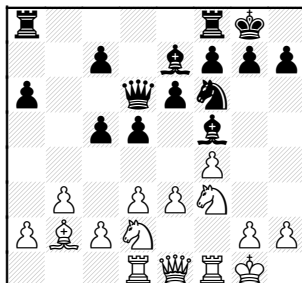
5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.Bb2 Qd6
7.Nf3 Bg4 8.0-0



8...c5 9.Qe1 Bf5 10.d3 e6



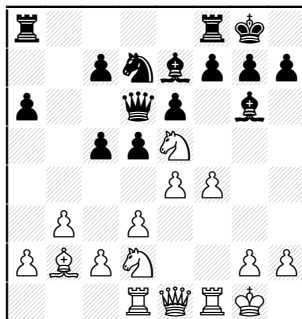
11.Nbd2 Be7 12.Rd1 0-0



13.Ne5?

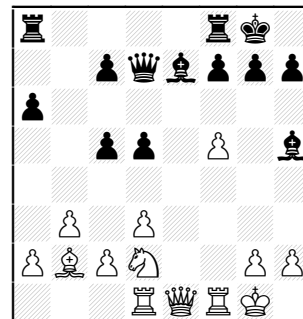
White can win a piece with
13.e4 since the move e5 can't
be stopped! If Black continues
13...dxe4 then 14.dxe4 Nxe4
15.Nxe4 etc.

13...Nd7 14.e4 Bg6

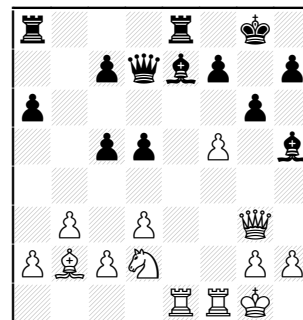


If White could cover h5, the
move f5 will trap g6-Bishop
But it doesn't quite work:
15.Qe2 Nxe5 (or even f6
immediately) 16.Bxe5 Qc6
17.f5 f6 provides an escape
for the Bishop

15.Nxd7 15...Qxd7 16.f5
exf5 17.exf5 Bh5



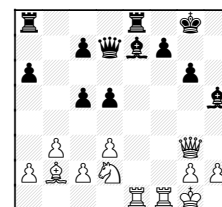
18.Qg3 with mate threat, of
course 18...g6 19.Rde1 Rfe8



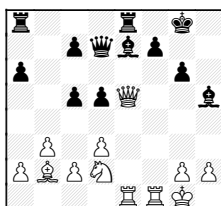
White's attack stalls after
20.f6

The problem is White's
minors aren't contributing

Maybe it would be better to
open some lines with
20.fxg6 hxg6



From the diagram, notice the mate threat 21 Qe5



fails to work after 21...d4

So how about the Rook sac
21.Rxf7 ? After
21...Kxf7 22.Rf1+ Kg8

Not 22...Ke6 23.Qe5#

23.Qe5 d4 stops mate as
other lines.

So back to game at White 20th
move.

Another try is
20.Qf4 threatening f7, maybe
Qh6 or even g4.

20...Bd6 21.Qh6

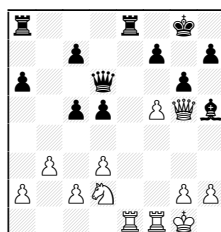
and now two lines:
A) 21...f6 22.g4 Bxg4 23.fxg6
Qg7

If 23...hxg6 24.Qxg6+ Qg7
25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.Bxf6+

B) 21...d4 22.f6 Bf8 23.Qg5
h6;

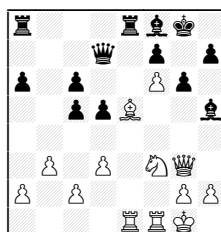
The most hopeful game try
found was 20.Be5 c6

Or 20...Bd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Qg5

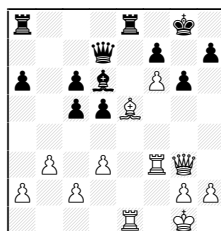


with dual threats: g4 and f6

21.f6 Bf8 22.Nf3



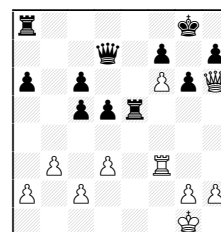
22...Bxf3 23.Rxf3 Bd6



24.Qg5

Or 24.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 Qxd6

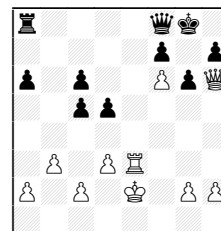
24...Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Rxe5
26.Qh6



26...Re1+ 27.Kf2

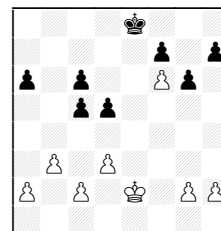
Note White can not use Rook!
27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Qf5+ and
then Qxf6 wins

27...Re2+ 28.Kxe2 Qe8+
29.Re3 Qf8



the f-pawn may be a
weakness in an ending
30.Qxf8+ Kxf8! 31.Kf3!

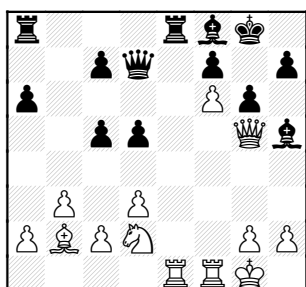
But not 31.Re7? idea Rc7
31...Re8 32.Rxe8+ Kxe8



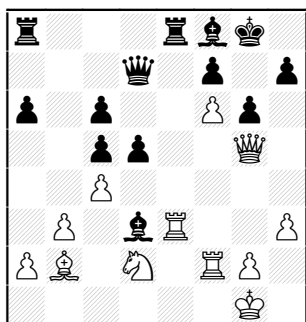
33.g4 h6 34.h4 g5 etc

So let us return to the actual game (back on end of page 1)

20...Bd6 21.Qg5 Bf8

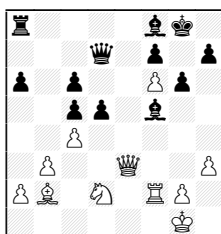


22.c4? allows the Be2 fork
22...c6 23.h3 Be2 24.Rf2
Bxd3 25.Re3



25...dxc4 making a bad Pawn structure and trading away a potential passer!

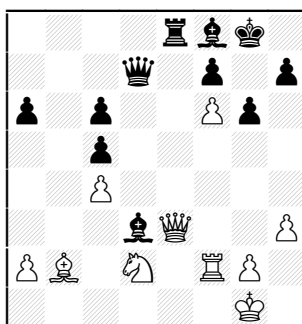
After 25...Rxe3 26.Qxe3 Bf5



Black would be better due to protected d-passer;

Even 25...Bf5 immediately is also possible

26.bxc4 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 Re8

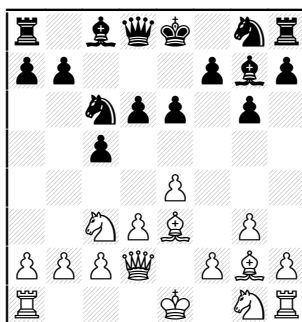


28.Qf4 Re1+ 29.Nf1 Rxf1+
1/2-1/2

Machaj,B - Illic,S [B26]
ECC-CICL, 25.02.2001

[Notes by Stan Illic]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6
4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 d6
7.Qd2



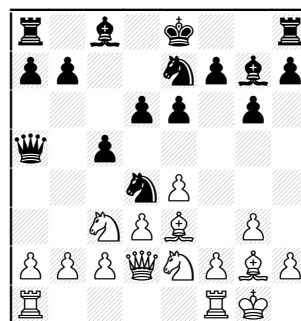
7...Nd4?!

Better is 7...Qa5

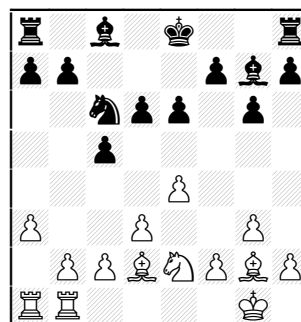
8.Nge2

Maybe 8.Nd1 Ne7 9.c3

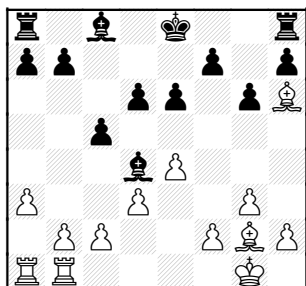
8...Qa5 9.0-0 Ne7



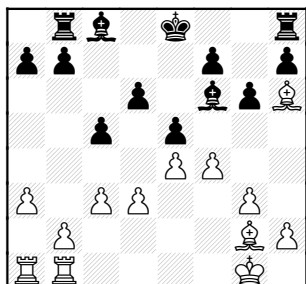
10.a3 Nec6 11.Rfb1 Nxe2+
12.Nxe2 Qxd2 13.Bxd2



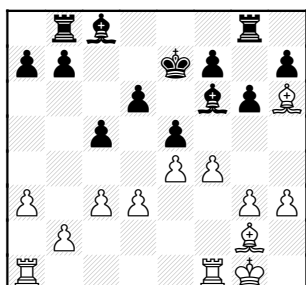
13...Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4
15.Bh6



15...Rb8 16.c3 Bf6 17.f4 e5

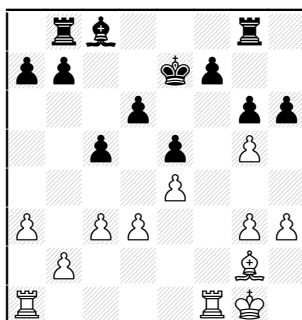


18.Rf1 Ke7 19.h3 Rg8

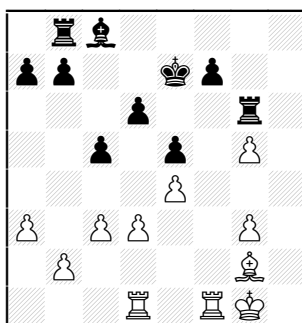


Note the Black threat of -g5

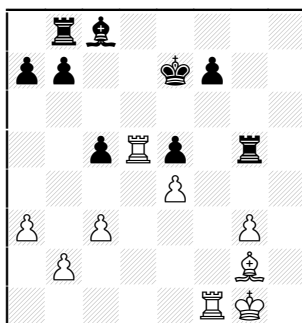
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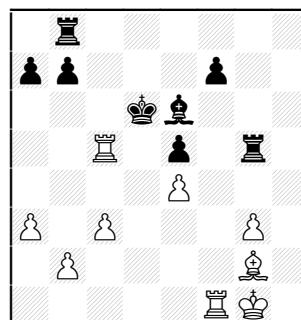
22.gxh6 Rh8 23.Rad1 Rxh6
24.h4 g5 25.hxg5 Rg6



26.d4 Rxd4 27.dxc5 dxc5
28.Rd5

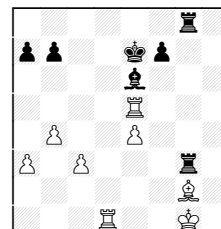


28...Be6 29.Rxc5 Kd6



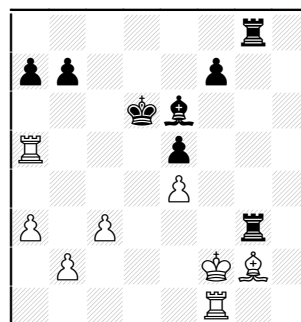
30.Ra5

If 30.b4 Rxd4 31.Rd1+ Ke7
32.Rxe5 Rb8

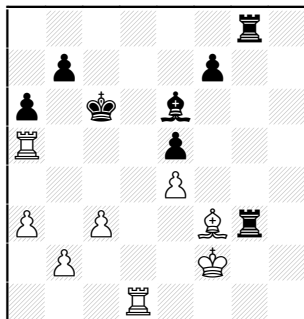


33.Rd2 Kf6 34.Rh5 Bh3! and
Black wins

30...Rxd4 31.Kf2 Rb8



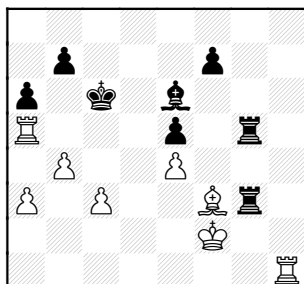
32.Bf3 a6 33.Rd1+ Kc6



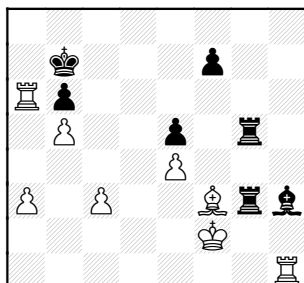
34.Rh1

White should not get greedy with 34.Rxe5? Rxf3+ 35.Kxf3 Bg4+ and wins Rook

34...R8g5 35.b4



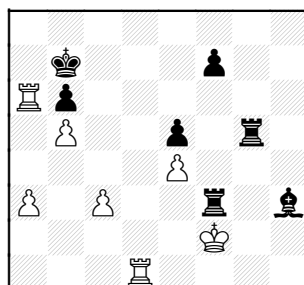
35...b6! 36.Rxa6 Kb7 37.b5 Bh3



38.Rd1?

Also wrong is 38.c4? Rxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Bg2+

38...Rxf3+!



WHITE RESIGNS since 39 Kxf3 Bg4+ wins Rd1 0-1

Jasaitis,T (2145) - Duffy,J (1740) [B01]
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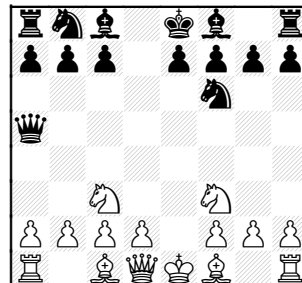
The following notes are interesting for both the opening commentary and the insight of a strong player as he plans his moves.

[Notes by Tony Jasaitis]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5

A simple defense which gives Black easy development but at the cost of a tempo, and sometimes the Q becomes a subject of further attack

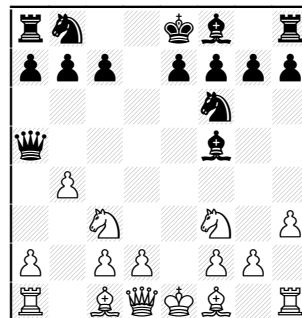
3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Nf3 Nf6



5.h3!?

A waiting move deliberately inviting his next move.

5...Bf5 6.b4!?

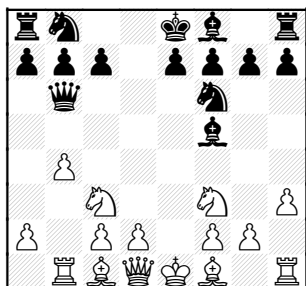


MCO-13 gives this a "!", but it's somewhat antipositional

6...Qb6

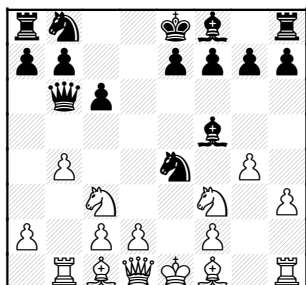
If 6...Qxb4 then 7.Rb1 and Rxb7 next

7.Rb1



Gives advance protection of the P for some variations where the Rb1-b7 maneuver might not be available or not work due to tactics. The pawn can be used later for attack.

7...c6 8.g4 Ne4?!

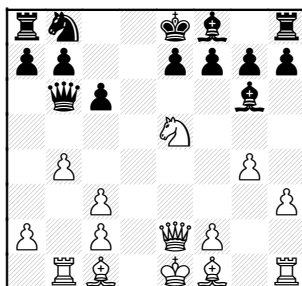


Flashy (threatening Qxf2 mate if 9 gxf5), but White more deeply judges position

9.Qe2!

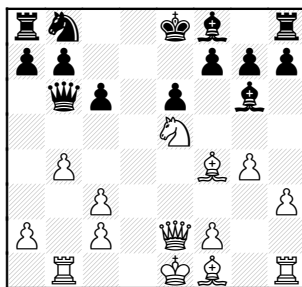
White accepts doubled pawns to accelerate development

9...Nxc3 10.dxc3 Bg6 11.Ne5



White's N is very strong and hard to contest. Black would normally want to play Nd7, but that would expose Black's K and lose castling privilege. But developing the N to a6 cedes control of the important c6 and d7 squares. And yet his rooks need to get activated soon to contest the d-file.

11...e6 12.Bf4!



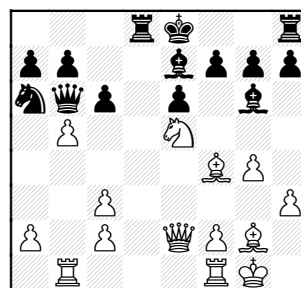
Prevents Bd6 due to Nc4. Also starts boxing in his Q, because if attacked (like by a4-a5 or opening of the b-file), it can't go to c7 due to Nxg6. Consequently, Black is further immobilized because the Q may need d8 to retreat to, so he might not be able to develop a rook to d8 to

contest the open file.

12...Na6?

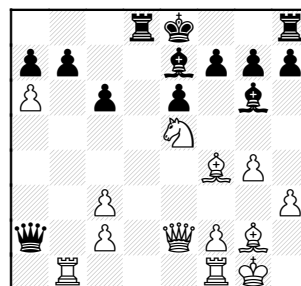
Be7 and O-O provide better resistance. Black might have been intending Nc7-d5, but Nc7 will lose the N to Nc4

13.Bg2 Rd8 14.O-O Be7 15.b5



White has a won game with the dual pressure on c6 and the opening of the b-file now that the rook is protected

15...Qa5 16.bxa6 Qxa2

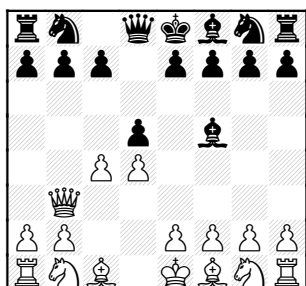


17.axb7

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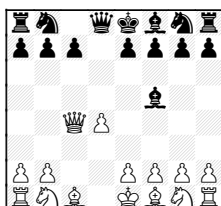
Tamez, I (2162) -
Dorigo, T (2171) [D06]
Tyros-Fermi, 11.11.2000

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Bf5 3.Qb3



3...e5

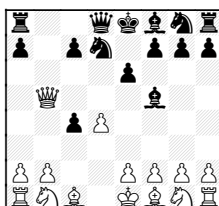
The obvious 3...dxc4 4.Qxc4



Black has given up his (Pawn) center, but will have good development and probably gain a tempo or two against the White Queen as in the Russian Variation of the Gruenfeld defense (after 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Qb3 dc). It would be interesting to test 4..Nf6 to transpose to that line, since Black has a better hold on e4 than in normal lines; White would not have his normal immediate strong Pawn center.

Also after 3... dxc4, taking the other Pawn with 4.Qxb7 Nd7

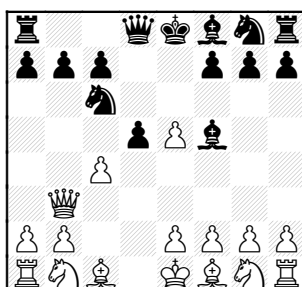
5.Qb5 e6



Black's smooth development and open b-file are worth at least a Pawn.

Trying to win the f5-Bishop is similar after 4.Qb5+ Bd7 5.Qxb7 Bc6

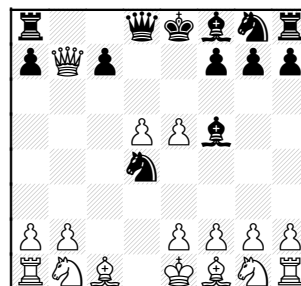
4.dxe5 Nc6



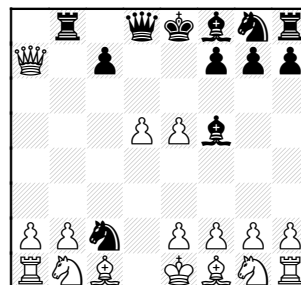
5.Qxb7

White looks OK after 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2. But maybe Black replies 5- d4 instead.

5...Nd4 6.cxd5



6...Rb8 forcing Queen off Pd5 protection 7.Qxa7 Nc2+

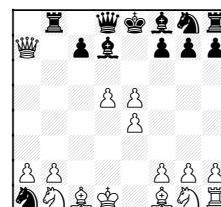


8.Kd1

White already has to be very careful! 8.Kd2?? Qxd5+ 9.Kc3 Bb4#

8...Qxd5+

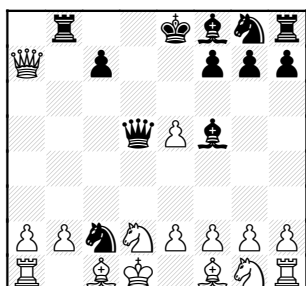
8...Nxa1 9.e4! Bd7



Hard to evaluate, Black has trouble working around the center Pawns.

Note that 9...Bxe4? Is not possible as 10.Qa4+ would win Bishop

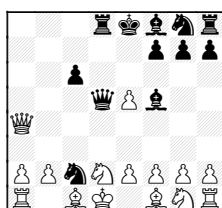
9.Nd2



Black's Queenside is weak and so he doesn't have time to pile on pin.

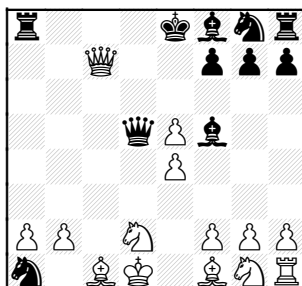
9...Ra8

Attempting to pin and win may lead to 9...Rd8 10.Qa4+ c6



and looks promising for Black. FRITZ suggests 11.e4 (if 11.e3 Nxa1) 11...Bxe4 12.Bc4 as White's best hope for activity

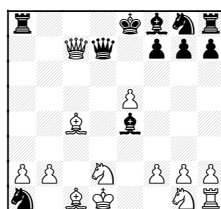
10.Qxc7 Nxa1 11.e4!!



White wisely forces threats to get mobilized quickly. The main threat is Bc4 or Bb5+ if the Black Queen allows.

11...Qd7

Black is in trouble after 11...Bxe4 12.Bc4 Qd7



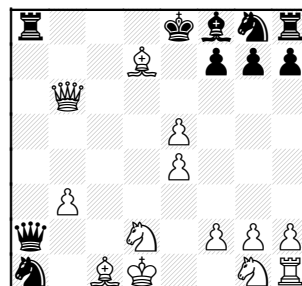
Of course 12...Qb7?? or other Queen move allows 13.Bxf7#

from diagram, 13.Qxd7+ Kxd7 14.Nxe4 and White actually has the better game!

12.Qb6

threat is Bb5, pinning Queen

12...Qa4+ 13.b3 Qxa2 14.Bb5+ Bd7 15.Bxd7+



DRAW AGREED as Black's King has no cover. The worst he can do is:

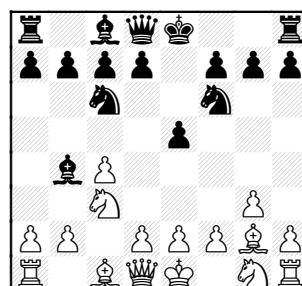
15...Kxd7 16.Qb7+ Ke6?? 17.Qc6+ Kxe5 18.Ndf3#

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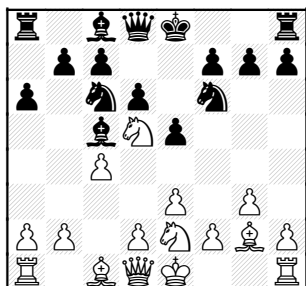
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Dragons-Tyros, 01.03.2001

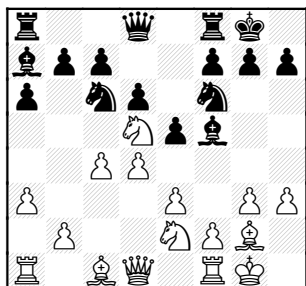
1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bb4



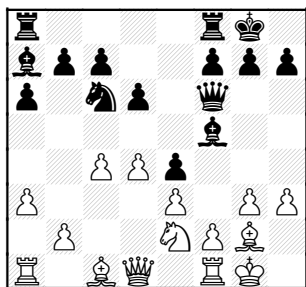
5.Nd5 Bc5 6.e3 d6 7.Ne2 a6



8.h3 Bf5 9.d4 Ba7 10.a3 0-0
11.0-0



11...e4 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6



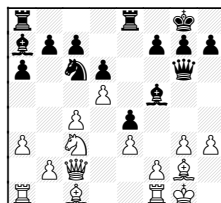
13.g4

White gets in trouble mainly because of the weakness caused by this move.

One try instead is 13.Nc3 Rfe8
14.Qc2 Qg6

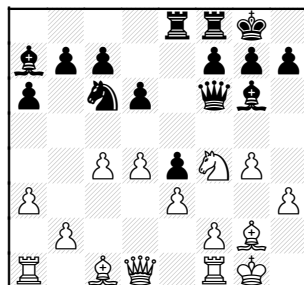
(Not 14...Qe6? 15.d5)

15.d5

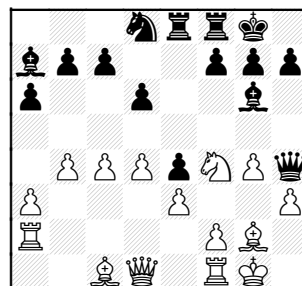


and the Knight may be in the way for quite a while to come since 15...Ne5 seem to fail to 16.Bxe4. But now the discovery 16...Nf3+ is interesting as 17 Kg2 Bxe4 18 Nxe4 Rxe4! Indirectly protects Knight since 19 Kxf3 loses Queen to 19...Rf4+!

13...Bg6 14.Nf4 Rae8



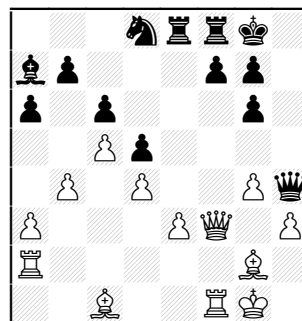
15.b4 Qh4 16.Ra2 Nd8



17.Nxg6

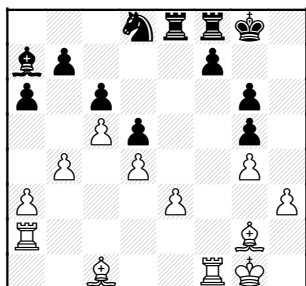
White shouldn't trade away such a beautifully active piece! Black begins taking over around here.

17...hxg6 18.f4 exf3 19.Qxf3
c6 20.c5 d5

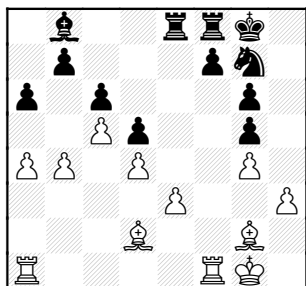


White has only blocked both his own Bishops. Black has Bb8 coming with now a much better game.

21.Qf2 Qxf2+ 22.Raxf2 g5
23.Ra2 g6



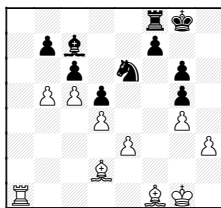
24.Ra1 Bb8 25.a4 Ne6
26.Bd2 Ng7



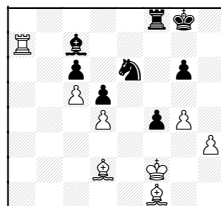
27.Rf6 a nice idea, but the Rook is easily expelled with Re6 and Ne8, if necessary 27...Bc7 28.Rb1

28.Bf1 so after trades on b5, Ra7 is possible with idea of Ba6-b7, hitting c6. Note then Ra7-a6 probably wins it

Continuing 28...Re6 29.Rxe6 Nxe6 30.b5 axb5 31.axb5

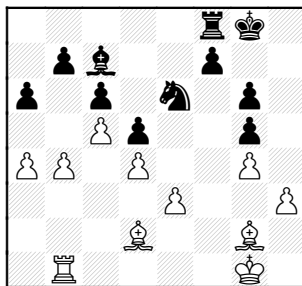


31...f5 32.bxc6 bxc6 33.Ra7 f4 34.exf4 gxf4 35.Kf2

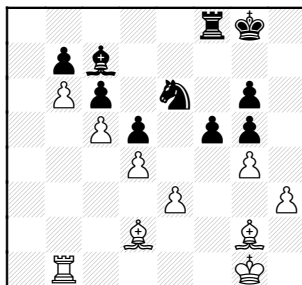


Now Nxd4 loses to Rxc7, so 35...Bb8 36.Ra4 and the Bishops are free to enter from the Queenside

28...Re6 29.Rxe6 Nxe6

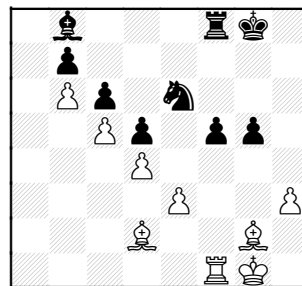


30.b5 axb5 31.axb5 f5 32.b6

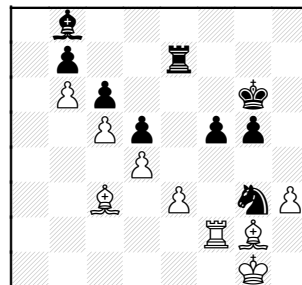


White still hasn't solved the problem of his Bishops.

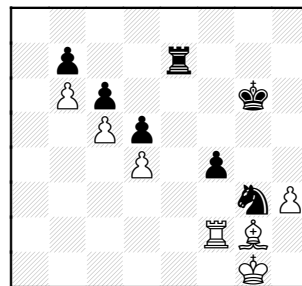
32...Bg3 33.Ra1 Bb8 34.gxf5 gxf5 35.Rf1



35...Kg7 36.Rf3 Kg6 37.Rf1 Rf7 38.Bc3 Ng7 39.Bh1 Nh5 40.Bg2 Ng3 41.Rf2 Re7



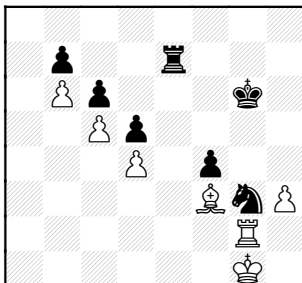
42.Bd2 f4 43.exf4 Bxf4 44.Bxf4 gxf4



45.Bf3

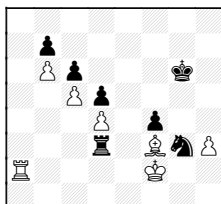
Not 45.Rxf4? Ne2+

45...Nf5 46.Rg2+ Ng3



47.Rf2

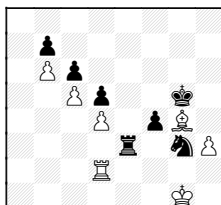
If, instead, 47.Kf2 Re3 (with the idea of Rd3) White can't activate his Rook:
47.Ra2 Re3 48.Kf2 Rd3



49.Ra4 Nf5

47...Kg5

Maybe 47...Re3 (idea of Rd3) looks to win more quickly:
48.Bg4 Kg5 49.Rd2



(White can ignore Rd3 threat with 49.Bc8)
49...f3

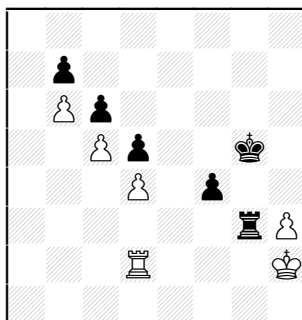
But Black must watch weak b7-Pawn!

50.Bc8

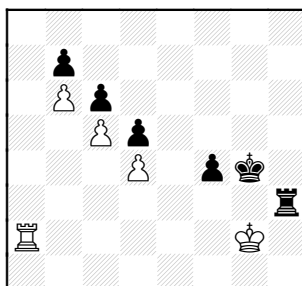
48.Kg2

48.Bg4 keeps Bishop on and keeps Black's Rook busy defending

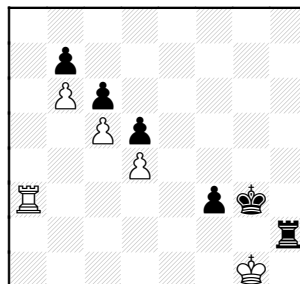
48...Nf5 49.Rd2 Nh4+ 50.Kf2 Nxf3 51.Kxf3 Re3+ 52.Kg2 Rg3+ 53.Kh2



53...Kh4 54.Rf2 Rxh3+ 55.Kg2 Kg4 56.Ra2

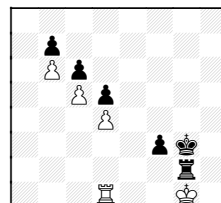


56...f3+ 57.Kg1 Kg3 58.Ra3 Rh2



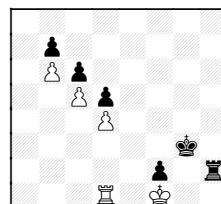
59.Rc3

59.Rd3 still loses 59...Ra2 threatens mate 60.Rd1 Rg2+



61.Kf1

Or 61.Kh1 Rh2+ 62.Kg1 f2+ 63.Kf1



63...Rh1+ and the Pawn queens after Rook trade

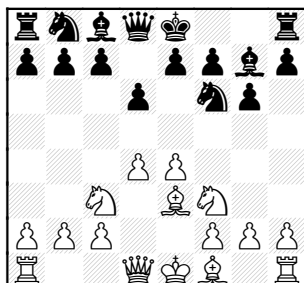
61...Rh2 mate threat 62.Kg1 f2+ and we're back to previous analysis position

59...Rd2 60.Rc1 Rxd4 0-1

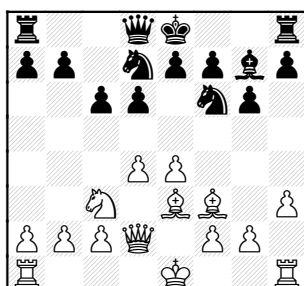
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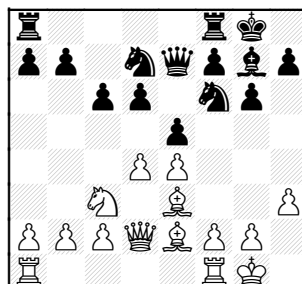
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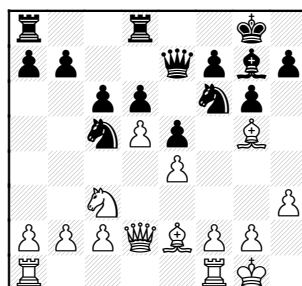
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Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.Qd2



9...e5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Be2 Qe7



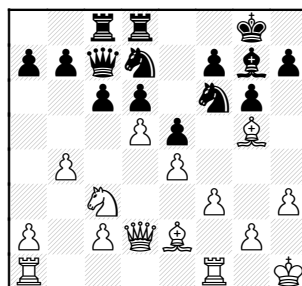
12.d5 Rfd8 13.Bg5 Nc5



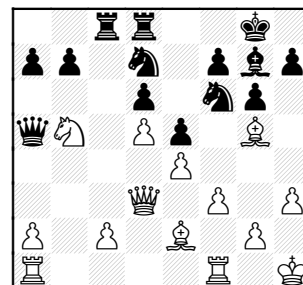
14.f3 Qc7 15.Kh1 Rac8

The common move 15...a5 stops b4, and threatens b5-4. Black is still playing a piece down since his g7-Bishop is buried, so we'd expect line openings to be in White's favor.

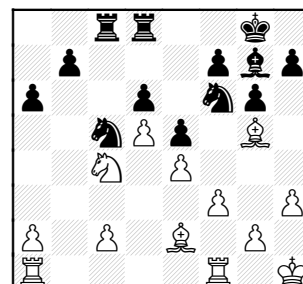
16.b4 Ncd7



17.b5 Qa5 18.Qd3 cxb5
19.Nxb5



19...Nc5 20.Qa3 Qxa3
21.Nxa3 a6 22.Nc4

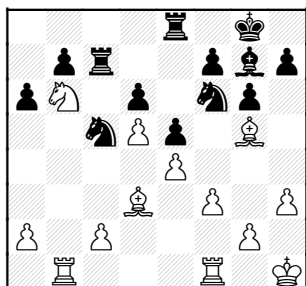


22...Na4 Covering b6, but not permanently. It's not clear what a Knight at b6 can do, but we'll soon find out.

If, instead, 22...b5 23.Na5 gives Knight the c6 outpost.

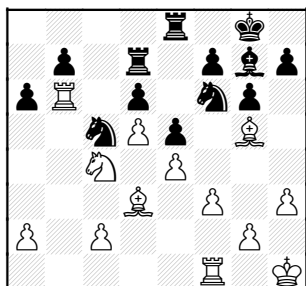
Or 22...h6 Black can break pin, and start the Kingside moving, or at least activate the Bishop.

23.Bd3 Nc5 24.Nb6 Rc7
25.Rab1 Re8



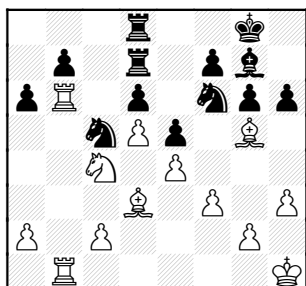
Finally breaking the pin, but things get worse.

26.Nc4 hitting weak d6
26...Rd7 27.Rb6



We now realize the b6-square allows White's pieces a sheltered base for other operations.

27...Red8 28.Rfb1 h6



29.Be3 Ne8

If 29...Nh5, heading for f4, where an exchange opens the g7-Bishop

30.Bxc5

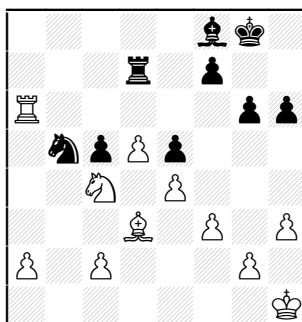
knocks protection of b7

30...dxc5 31.Rxb7

Black's busted

31...Nc7 32.R1b6 Bf8 33.Rc6

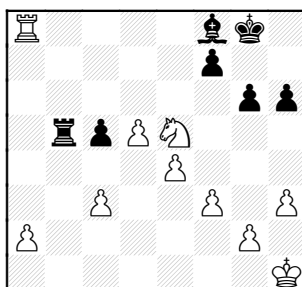
Nb5 34.Rxd7 Rxd7 35.Rxa6



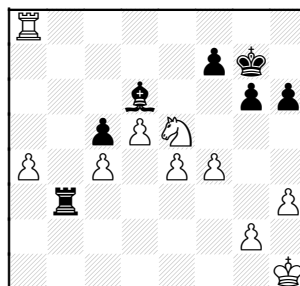
Black still has nothing to target and White has won two Pawns.

35...Nd4 36.Nxe5 Rb7 37.c3

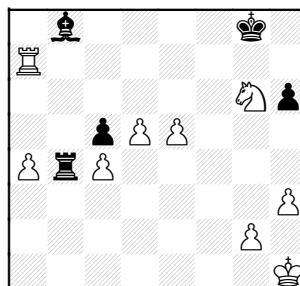
Nb5 38.Bxb5 Rxb5 39.Ra8



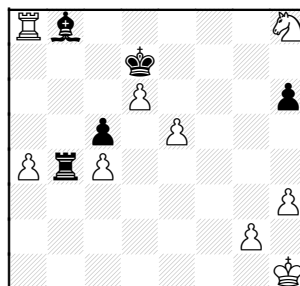
39...Kg7 40.a4 Rb3 41.c4
Bd6 42.f4



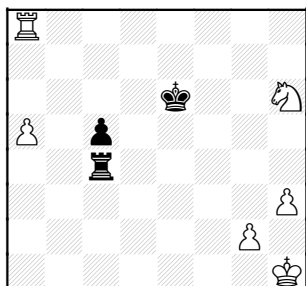
42...f6 43.Ra7+ Kg8 44.Nxg6
Rb4 45.e5 fxe5 46.fxe5 Bb8



47.Ra8 Kf7 48.Nh8+ Ke7
49.d6+ Kd7



50.a5 Bxd6 51.exd6 Kxd6
52.Nf7+ Ke6 53.Nxh6 Rxc4

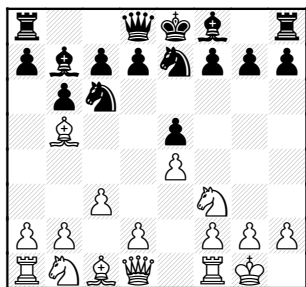


54.a6 Kd7 55.a7 Ra4 56.Rh8

A solid upset game by White!
1-0

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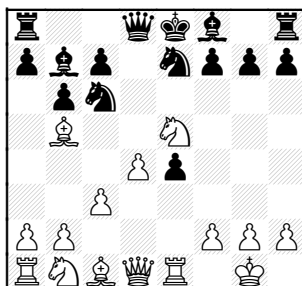
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
Nge7 4.0-0 b6 5.c3 Bb7



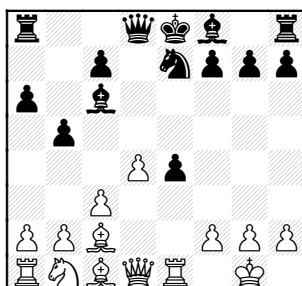
6.d4 d5 7.Nxe5 dxe4

The early game revolves
around the this weak Pawn

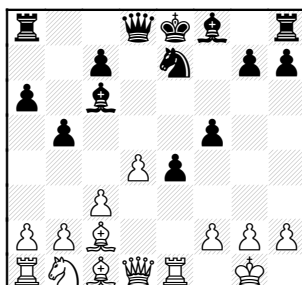
8.Re1



8...a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Nxc6
Bxc6 11.Bc2



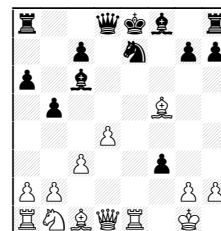
double-hitting Pawn, so
11...f5



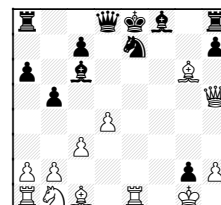
12.Bf4

Black's King is a bit loose, but
attempting to undermine now
with 12.g4 g6 13.gxf5 gxf5
14.Qh5+ Kd7 causes White
problems down g-file

What is promising is 12.f3!
exf3 13.Bxf5



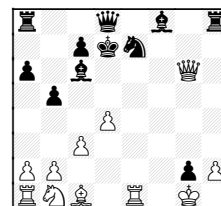
13...fxg2 14.Qh5+ g6
15.Bxg6+



15...hxg6

Definitely not 15...Kd7?? as mate
follows: 16.Bf5+ Nxf5 17.Qxf5+
Kd6 18.Qe6#

16.Qxg6+ (more forcing than
16.Qxh8 Qd7) 16...Kd7

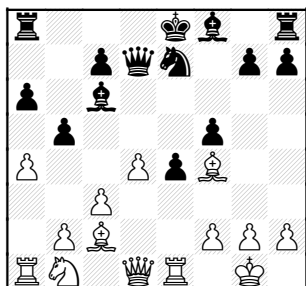


17.Qe6+ Ke8 18.Qxc6+

12...Qd7

Black has promising squares
for his pieces, but White plays
an active move.

13.a4



Spots Queenside Pawn weaknesses in normal Ruy Lopez fashion

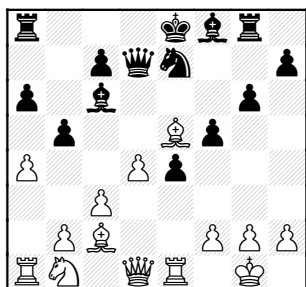
13...g6

Black need not weaken his Kingside. 13...Nd5 14.Be5

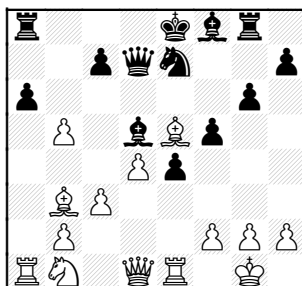
After the immediate 14.Qh5+ Black can force Queen trade with 14...Qf7

14...Bd6 15.f4 entrenches Bishop since 15...exf3? 16.Bxd6+

14.Be5 Rg8



15.Bb3 Bd5 16.axb5



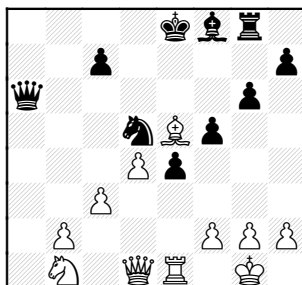
16...Qc8

Black saves the Pawn after 16...Qxb5 double-attacking b3-Bishop 17.Na3

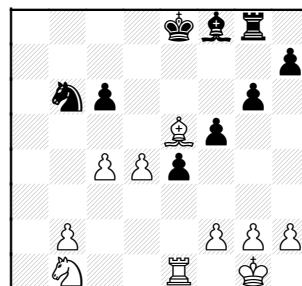
If 17.c4 Bxc4 or 17.Bxd5 Nxd5

17...Qd7 but his King is still cause for concern

17.bxa6 Rxa6 18.Rxa6 Qxa6 19.Bxd5 Nxd5

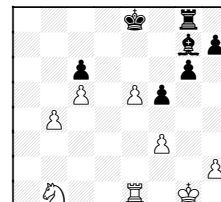


20.Qb3 c6 21.c4 Qb6 22.Qxb6 Nxb6



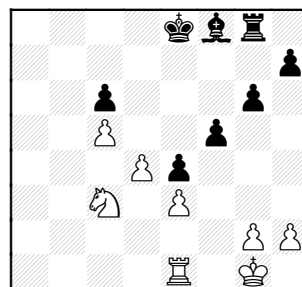
23.c5 Nc4 24.Bf4

Allowing the N-vs-B ending by 24.b4 Nxe5 25.dxe5 Bg7 26.f4 exf3 27.gxf3



White can consolidate with Nd2-c4 and/or watches possibilities with his Pawn majority, including Ra1-? invasions.

24...Nxb2 25.Be3 Nc4 26.Nc3 Nxe3 27.fxe3

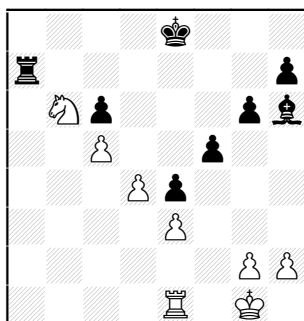


White should immediately attack Black's weak c6 and h7 Pawns with Rook moves.

27...Bh6 28.Na4

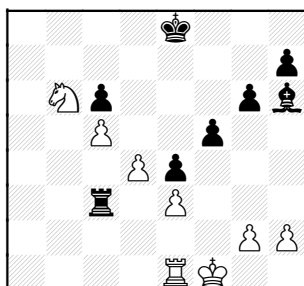
28.Kf2 frees Rook for Queenside duties

28...Rg7 29.Nb6 Ra7



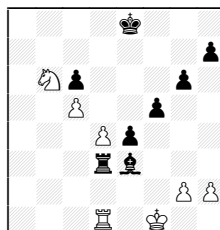
Black now has the advantage.

30.Kf2 Ra2+ 31.Kf1 Ra3 32.Nc4 Rc3 33.Nb6



33...Ke7

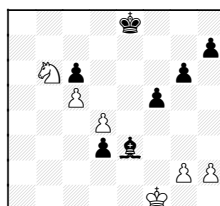
Nothing wrong with 33...Bxe3 34.Rd1 Rd3



35.Rxd3

Or 35.Ke2 Rxd1 36.Kxd1 Bxd4

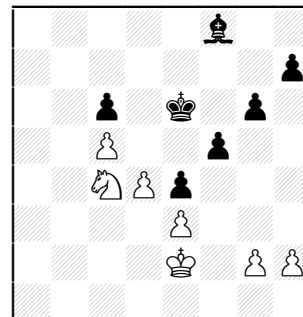
35...exd3



34.Kf2 Rc2+ 35.Re2 Rxe2+ 36.Kxe2 Ke8

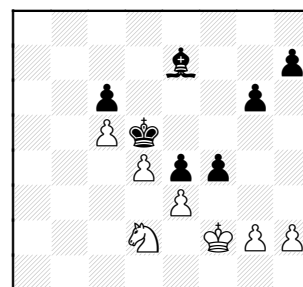
(Note: the score actually has 36..Ke6 37 Nc8 Ke7 38 Nd6 Bf8 39 Nc8 Kd7. with 37 Nc8 being played, 38..Ke7 is check and thus impossible. The moves where Black ignores hanging Knight are made up so the rest comes out according to the score.)

37.Nc8 Kd8 38.Nd6 Bf8 39.Nc8 Kd7 40.Nb6+ Ke6 41.Nc4



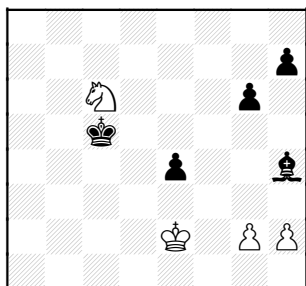
Black has the Bishop to harrass the e3-Pawn, so White has to keep something back to protect it. Black should be able to invade with King from Queenside. If White uses King, Black simply runs White out of Pawn moves, causing zugzwang.

41...Be7 42.Nd2 Kd5 43.Kf2 f4

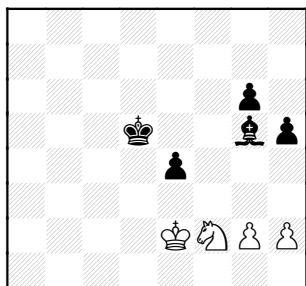


The problem with this idea is that too many Pawns get traded, making the draw likely.

44.Nb3 fxe3+ 45.Kxe3 Bh4 46.Ke2 Kc4 47.Na5+ Kxd4 48.Nxc6+ Kxc5

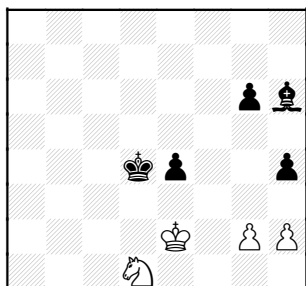


49.Ne5 Kd5 50.Ng4 Bg5
51.Nf2 h5



Black shouldn't be able to
move White's King. so he
creates a second weakness.

52.Nh3 Bh6 53.Nf2 Kd4
54.Nd1 h4



55.h3
Now g3 is weak, and Black
heads there directly

Black should also win after
55.g3 hxg3 56.hxg3 Bf8
57.Ne3 Bd6 58.g4 Ke5;
55.Nf2 Bf4 56.Ng4 g5 is
zugzwang

55...Ke5 56.Kf2

56.Nf2 idea Ng4+ 56...Kf4
57.Ng4 Bg5 58.Kf2 Be7
59.Nh6 Bc5+

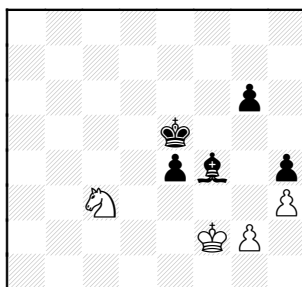
56...Bf4

If 56...Kf4 57.Nc3 Bg5
58.Ne2+ Ke5

Or 56...Kd4 57.Ke2

But 56...Bf8! forces White
King to decide to block passer
or hold hole. Black's King
responds to what White
doesn't. 57.g3 Bc5+ 58.Kg2
Kd4

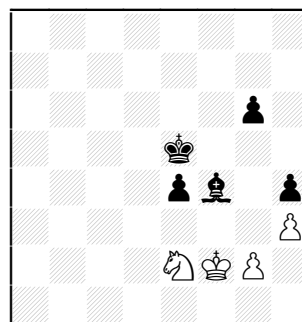
57.Nc3



57...Kd4

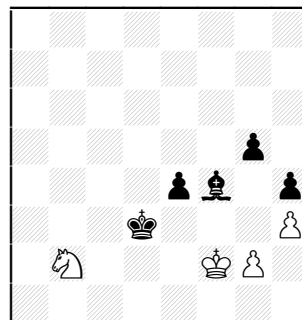
57...Bg3+ 58.Ke2 Kf4
59.Nd5+

58.Ne2+ Ke5



Forced, but the Bishop and
King trip over each other.

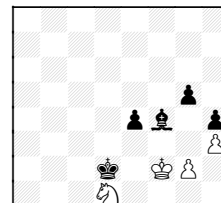
59.Ng1 Kd5 60.Ne2 g5
61.Nc3+ Kd4 62.Nd1 Kd3
63.Nb2+



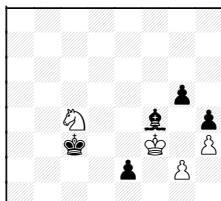
63...Kd4

63...Kc3 64.Nd1+
64.Na4+ Kd2 is much the same

64...Kd2

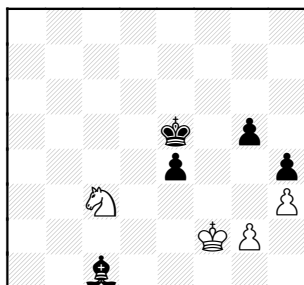


Now the Pawn is ready to fly
65.Nb2 e3+ 66.Kf3 e2
67.Nc4+ Kc3



and wins 68.Kxe2 Kxc4
69.Kf2 Bh2 keeps the King
from hiding at h1 and it's over
70.Kf3

64.Ke2 Ke5 65.Nc4+ Kd4
66.Nb2 Bc1 67.Na4 Ke5
68.Nc3 Kf4 69.Kf2 Ke5



70.g3! Pawn trades help
force draw 70...hxg3+

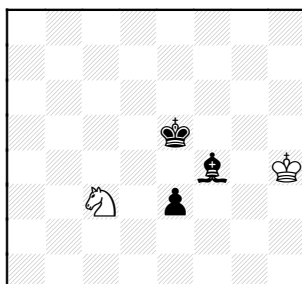
70...e3+ 71.Kf3
A) 71...Bd2 72.Ne2 hxg3
73.Nxg3 Kd4 74.Nf5+

A trap to avoid is 74.Kg4 Kd3
75.Kxg5?? e2+

74...Kd3 75.Ng3

B) 71...hxg3 72.Kxg3 Kd4
73.Ne2+; 70...Kd4 71.Ne2+

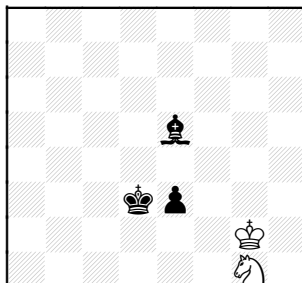
71.Kxg3 Bf4+ 72.Kg4 e3
73.h4 gxh4 74.Kxh4



74...Kf5

74...Kd4 75.Ne2+ Ke4 76.Kg4
Bd6 77.Nc1 Be5 78.Ne2 Bb2
79.Kg3 Kd3 80.Kf3

75.Kh3 Be5 76.Ne2 Ke4
77.Kg2 Kd3 78.Ng1



78...Bc3 79.Kf1 Be5 80.Ke1
Bg3+ 81.Kd1 Bh4 82.Ne2
Bf2 83.Nc1+ Kc3 84.Ke2
½-½

An Meat-Only Diet:: Dessert

An excellent chessbook I recently completed (and thoroughly enjoyed) is **The World's Greatest Chess Games** by GMs Graham Burgess, Dr. John Nunn, and John Emms (Carroll & Graf, 1998).

Even when I first saw it in the store (incidentally, the Border's on Golf Road in Schaumburg has a superb offering) the first reaction was, "C'mon, that's a bit overstated. How many books are they going to try sell with 'The Greatest', 'Secrets', 'The Complete' in their titles?" Well this time the authors actually attempted to meet the title by making their lists individually, rating each on a 1-5 point scale, and then combining their lists to arrive at the final choices.

The next problem is I'd expect the games would be the same ones you always see in such books- and with the same analysis. True to an extent, but I was surprised how few I really recognized. And even those, it was only the culminating moves that looked familiar.

Well, for that, you could simply download stuff off the Internet. But this book is noteworthy for the authors' approach. Using the historical notes in some places, they then went off on their own to analyze from the modern viewpoint. And then, set FRITZ and JUNIOR to churn away. The result is a specific, move-by-move explanation of these important games. You can't help but learn a ton from this.

If that wasn't enough, they introduced the players for each game with a short biography which adds to the drama. Also, a historical context is discribed.

A method of improving suggested by GMs is to record only the moves of a deeply-analyzed game, play through it, define turning points, and then analyze on your own (writing it down). When satisfied, compare the GM analysis and see what you've missed.

For simple entertainment or heavy study, this book is perfect!

The Art of Sacrificing Rooks

Part 3 - Picture Perfect (1)

by Tom Friske

We've reached the end of the original study, but during the months that it was put together, other worthwhile examples have come to light! So the final two installments will present these. We have some odd and ends from a few readers and then move on to some problems from actual Grandmaster play.

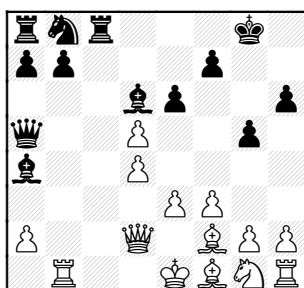
PART 6 ODDS AND ENDS

EXAMPLE 6.1

Rich Easton of Kemper gave me this back in February, independent of this series. Oddly enough, he was playing this game at the ECC the exact time I was at home finishing that first section!

Black, to move, would like to pin the opponent's Queen with Bb4, but the Rook at b1 stops this.

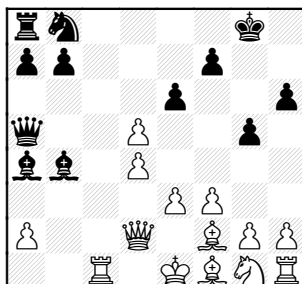
BLACK TO MOVE and WIN



17...Rc1+! 18.Rxc1

White also loses Queen after 18.Ke2 Rc2

18...Bb4



19.Qxb4

White could try 19.Rc8+ to cause Black backrank problems, but Black can chase away with the simple Bd7. 19...Kg7 20.Qxb4 Qxb4+ White is even materially, but has other obvious problems!

19...Qxb4+

White cannot avoid the loss of his Rook as well since 20...Qb2+ is next! **0-1**

One of the failings of the previous months' studies was most of the situations centered around the opponent's King. We'll get to some varied circumstances in the next section, however.

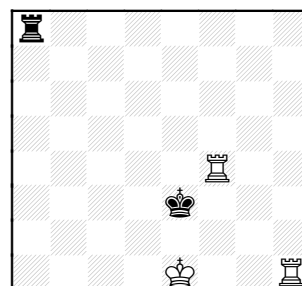
I was happy to receive a page of studies from Stan Ilic; a couple of them involved Rook sacs. Moreover, the first position is heavily reduced; you probably wouldn't consider a Rook sac at this stage.

Lets take a look!

EXAMPLE 6.2

White is to move and has two conflicting problems to solve. The Kings are opposed, so Black threatens Ra1#. But at the same time Black threatens Kxf4, drawing.

A Rook sac wins.



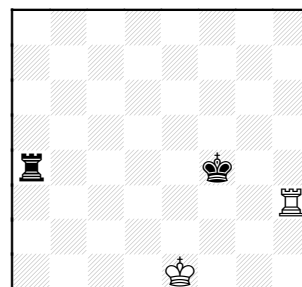
1.Ra4!

Now White threatens Rh3#

1...Rxa4 2.Rh3+

Hee-hee! The opposition turns against Black!

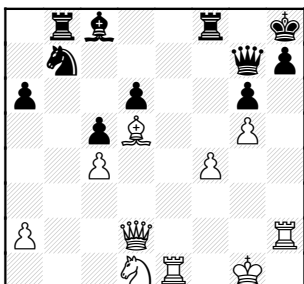
2... Kf4



4.Rh4+ Ke3 5.Rxa4 1-0

EXAMPLE 6.3

Back to the King attacks. **White to move**. Be clever with your Rooks!



1.Re7

Not 1.Rxh7+ Kxh7 2. Re2 (idea of Rh2#) because 2...Bg4 3. Rh2+ Bh5.

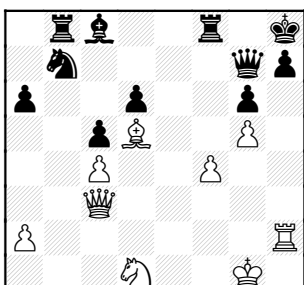
But now I see 1. Rxh7+ Kxh7 2. Qh2+ will mate!

So if 1. Rxh7+ Qxh7 2. Qb2+ Qg7 3 Qh2+ Qh7+ Black survives!

1...Qxe7 2.Qb2+

This is what I missed. White needs to get his Queen to the h-file, and this is just the ticket!

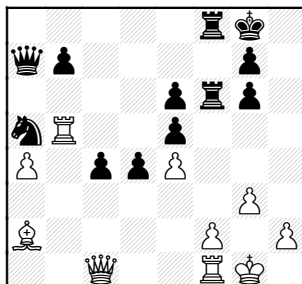
2... Qg7



Though similar to the original position, White's Queen is now pinning his opponent's! 4.Rxh7+ Kxh7 5.Qh2+ Qh6 6.Qxh6#

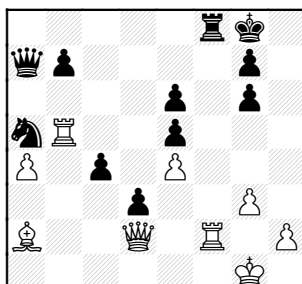
EXAMPLE 6.4

This one was interesting due to the fact the Rook sac alone probably isn't enough of a problem for the opponent. In fact, it was part of a strategy for **Black, to move**, to queen a Pawn!



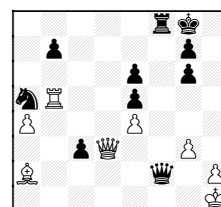
Black has been watching f2 for several moves, including the Queen at a7. White has just played 30 Rxb5 to undermine c4, but in so doing has weakened his backrank,

30...d3 31 Qd2 probably needs to play Rb2 **Rxf2!!** 32.Rxf2



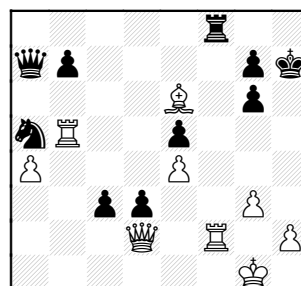
32...c3 33.Bxe6+

Whites Queen is overloaded, so if 33.Qxd3 Black wins with Qxf2+ 34.Kh1



34...c2 and queens after Qf1+ followed by c1(Q)

33...Kh7

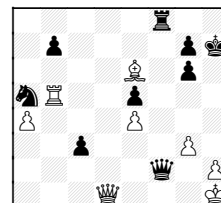


34.Rxa5

What else? 34.Qg5?? (with idea Qh4#) 34...Qxf2+ 35.Kh1 Qf1#

Or 34.Qa2 c2

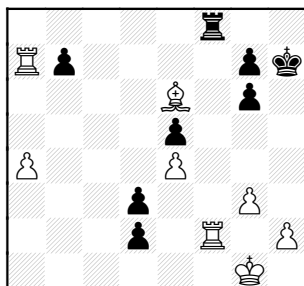
Or 34.Qe1 d2 35.Qf1 d1Q 36.Qxd1 Qxf2+ 37.Kh1



37...c2 38.Qc1 Qf1+ 39.Qxf1
Rxf1+ 40.Kg2 c1Q

Or from game 34.Qxd3 Qxf2+
(34...Rxf2 35.Kh1) 35.Kh1 c2

34...cxd2! 35.Rxa7



35...d1Q+ 36.Kg2 Rxf2+
37.Kxf2 [37.Kh3?? Qh5#]
37...Qe2+ 38.Kg1 Qe3+
White resigns 0-1

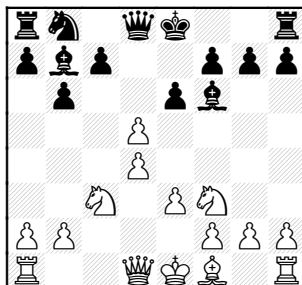
Another failing of all these
examples is that we join each
game close to the point where
the Rook sac occurs.

Sometimes, it is more instructive
to see how the pieces got in their
key positions than actually
witnessing the sacrifice.

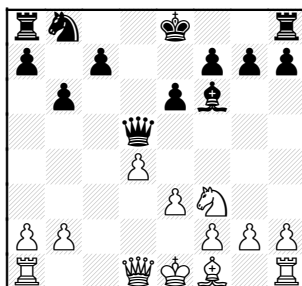
We will get plenty of practice
with this type of planning in the
next section. But, if you will
indulge me, I would like to
present a complete game that
was especially clear.

EXAMPLE 6.5

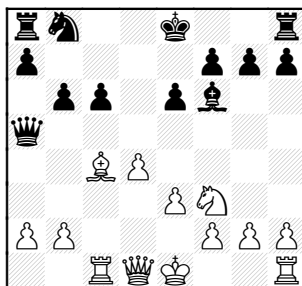
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5
4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 b6 6.Nc3
Bb7 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.cxd5



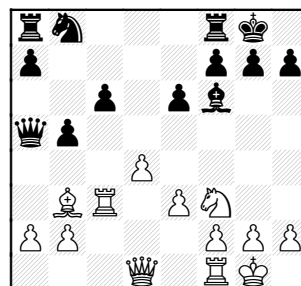
A standard Tartakower QGD,
Black should play exd here.
8...Bxd5 9.Nxd5 Qxd5



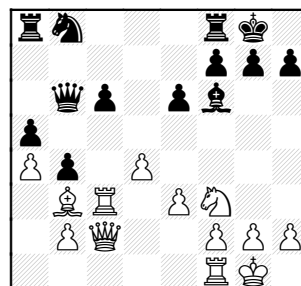
10.Rc1 c6 11.Bc4 Qa5+



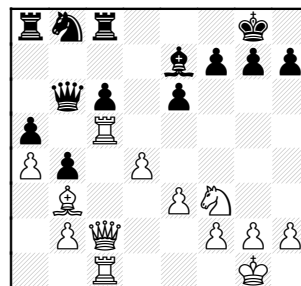
12.Rc3!? [12.Ke2] 12...b5
13.Bb3 0-0 14.0-0



14...Qb6 15.Qc2 a5 16.a4 b4

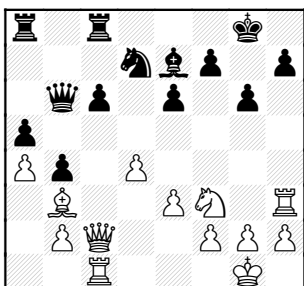


White now begins to sow
seeds, hoping to grow a killer
attack. 17.Rc5 (idea Rh5 etc)
17...Rc8 18.Rc1 Be7

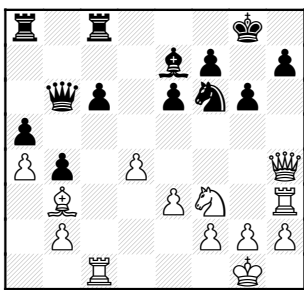


White seems to pressure
Queenside, but Black has
weakened e5. The growing
season blossoms.

19.Rh5 g6 20.Rh3 All White,
pieces around King, one of
his! 20...Nd7

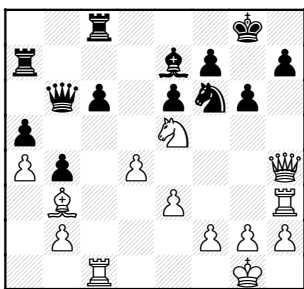


21.Qe4! realizing Nf6 allows Qh4 21...Nf6 22.Qh4



The Black Knight is temporarily pinned to the hanging e7-Bishop and its duties covering h7.

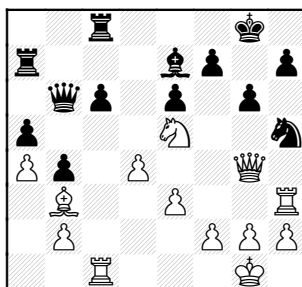
22...Ra7 23.Ne5



Maybe Ng5 was better. I did not like pin after Black Knight moves to h5, also blocking the attack to h7.

Now White contemplates an eventual Nxf7 sac to weaken e6 and possible fork with Bxe6+. Also, if Black plays - h5 White may be able to get King with Nxf7 sac (or also set up that Bishop fork).

23...Nh5 24.Qg4

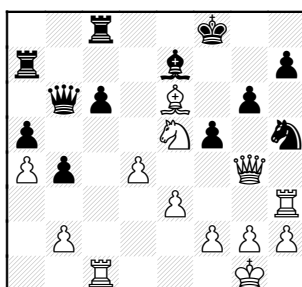


With dual threats Rxh5 and the move-series Nxf7, Qxe6+, Qxc8+

24...f5?

Allowing the far-away Bishop to do its stuff.

25.Bxe6+ Kf8



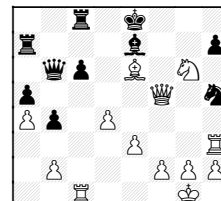
26.Bxf5

Short of time I did not bother detailing what is actually stronger:

26.Nxf7+ Ke8

26...hxg6 27.Qxg6 Bd8 28.Rxh5

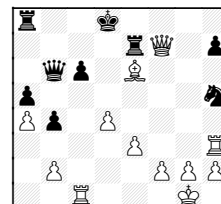
27.Qxf5



And White wins in all lines:

A) 27...Nf6 28.Nxe7 Kxe7 (28...Rxe7 29.Qxf6 Qh8# or Qh8+, Qxc8) 29.Bxc8;

B) 27...Rca8 28.Qf7+ Kd8 29.Nxe7 Rxe7



30.Qf8+ Kc7

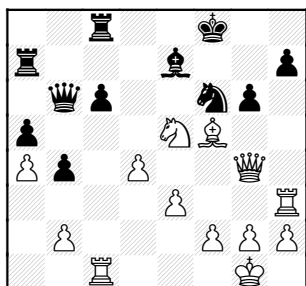
If 30...Re8 31.Qd6#

31.Qxe7+ Kb8 32.Rxh5

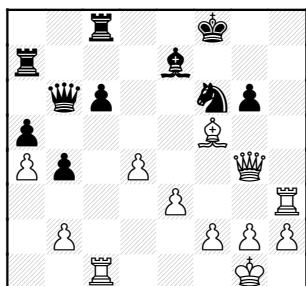
C) 27...hxg6? 28.Qf7+ Kd8 29.Qg8+ Kc7 30.Qxc8+

White still got the better of it with the game continuation after

26...Nf6



27.Nxg6+ hxg6



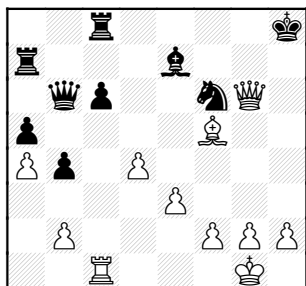
Finally reaching the position where a Rook sac mates. Looks simple here, doesn't it?

28.Rh8+!! Black resigned

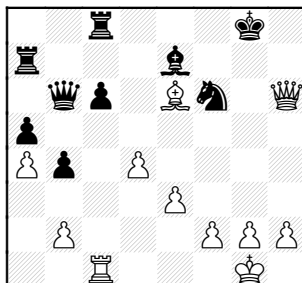
28...Kg7

28...Ng8 29.Qxg6 and still mates

29.Qxg6+! Kxh8



30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Be6#



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PART 7. THE MASTERS.

We've studied our topic as deeply as possible, so now it's test time. How well can we handle ourselves in grandmaster level games?

I was amply pleased by the frequency Rook sacs appeared in the "World's Greatest Games" book (reviewed at the end of this month's "Games" section), so have used it as the source for the following study positions.

To make it more of a challenge (instead of "so-and-so to move and sac"), I've provided two study diagrams for each sequence that generates a Rook sac.

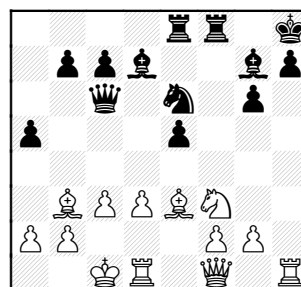
The first will be a position where the sacrificing side makes a few moves to setup the Rook sac. The second will be the position the Rook sac occurs. The moves which generate the second diagram are also listed.

The Rook sac and concluding moves for each study pair can be found at the end, page 42 and following.

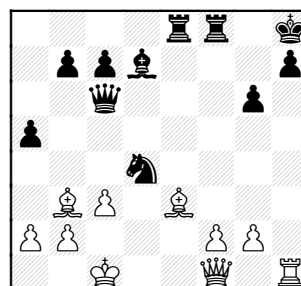
PROBLEM PAIR 7.1

Steinitz - Chigorin
Havana, 1892

WHITE TO MOVE and sac in 4



21.d4 exd4 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Nxd4



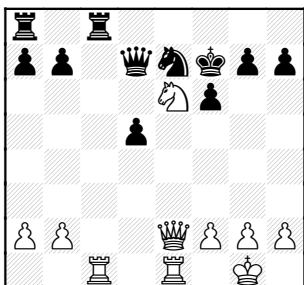
The key idea was to force the Knight off the a2-g8 diagonal.

Now, you finish up for White!

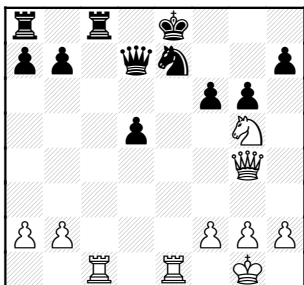
PROBLEM PAIR 7.2

Steinitz - von Bardeleben
Hastings, 1895

WHITE to move and sac in 3



20.Qg4 g6 21.Ng5+ Ke8

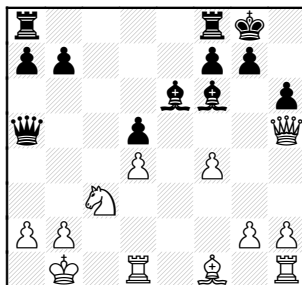


Black has protected his Queen, can you find a way to force the King away?

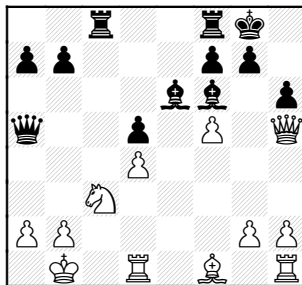
PROBLEM PAIR 7.3

Pillsbury - Lasker
St Petersburg, 1895

BLACK to move and sac in 2



16...Rac8 17.f5

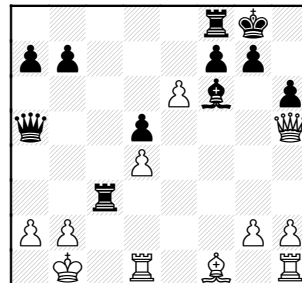


Black attacks

PROBLEM 7.4

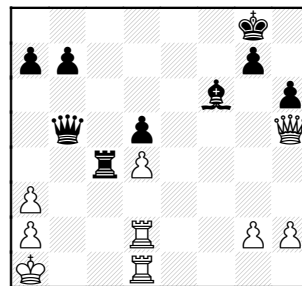
Pillsbury - Lasker
(Continued from last problem)

BLACK to move and sac

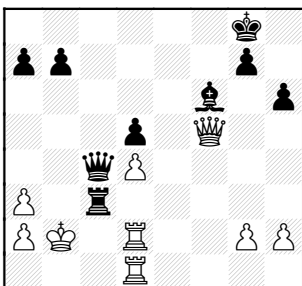


PROBLEM PAIR 7.5 (Continued from last problem)

BLACK to move and sac in 3



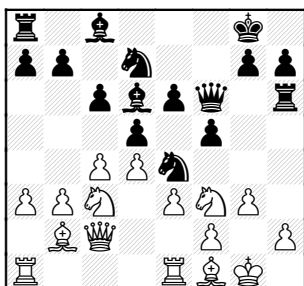
24...Rc3 25.Qf5 Qc4 26.Kb2



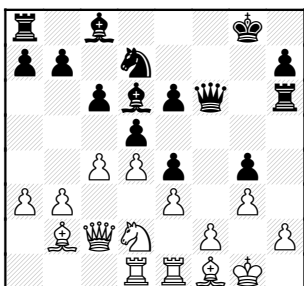
PROBLEM PAIR 7.6

Maroczy - Tartakower
Teplitz-Schonau, 1922

BLACK to move and sac in 4



14...g5 15.Rad1 g4 16.Nxe4 fxe4
17.Nd2

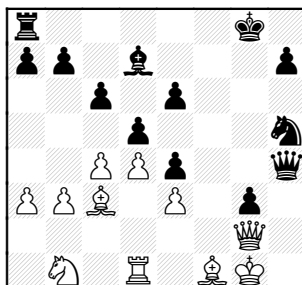


Sac time, but plan for a
continued attack.

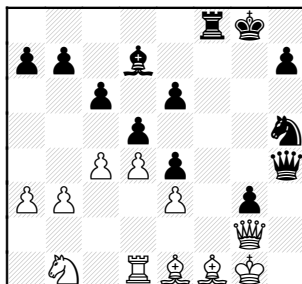
PROBLEM PAIR 7.7

Maroczy-Tartakower
(continued)

BLACK to move and sac in 2



27...Rf8 28.Be1

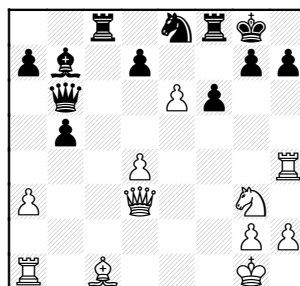


Enough fooling around, finish
White off!

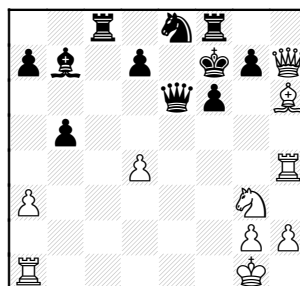
PROBLEM PAIR 7.8

Geller - Euwe [E26]
Zurich, 1953

BLACK to move and sac in 3

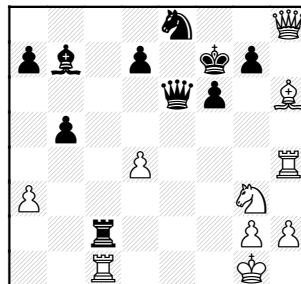


20...Qxe6 21.Qxh7+ Kf7 22.Bh6



PROBLEM 7.9

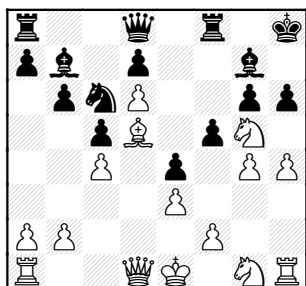
Black actually defended and
setup the following sac in 1



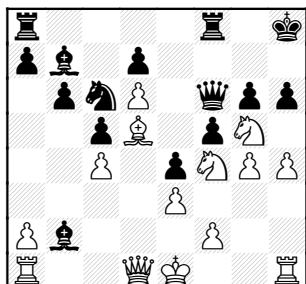
PROBLEM PAIR 7.10

Euwe - Najdorf
Zurich, 1953

WHITE to move and sac in 3



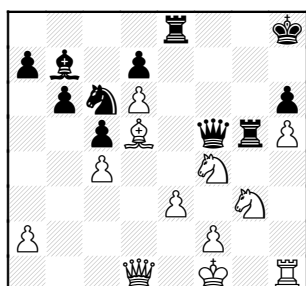
16.Ne2 Bxb2 17.Nf4 Qf6



Another game of long-range planning

PROBLEM 7.11

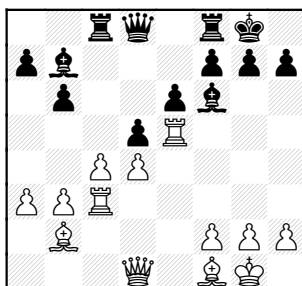
Black sacs and wins



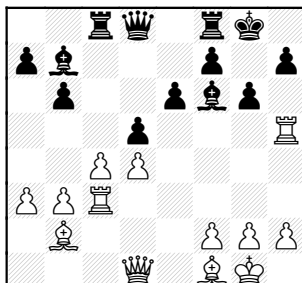
PROBLEM PAIR 7.12

Keres - Smyslov
Zurich, 1953

WHITE to move and sac in 2



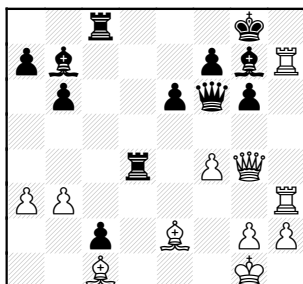
18.Rh5 .g6



Can White sac and win ?

PROBLEM 7.13

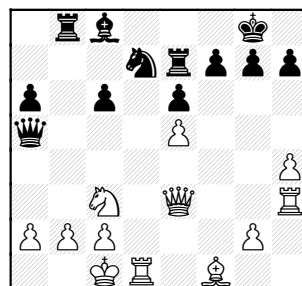
Black sacs and wins



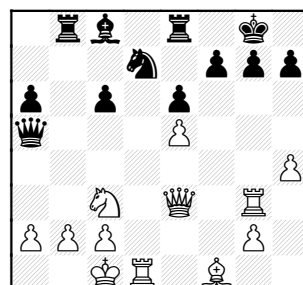
PROBLEM PAIR 7.14

Keres - Szabo
Budapest, 1955

WHITE to move and sac in 2



17.Rg3 Re8

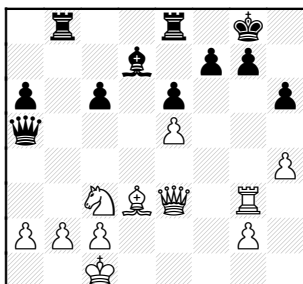


This sac sets up another!

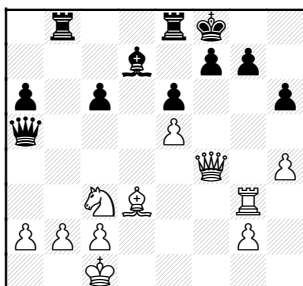
PROBLEM PAIR 7.15

Keres - Szabo
(concluded)

WHITE to move and sac in 2



20.Qf4 Kf8

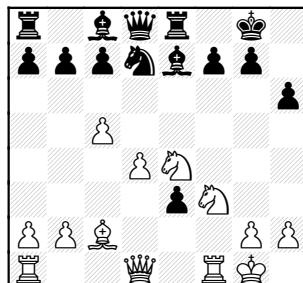


White had to consider Black's attack. Now White is ready to sac and force resignation.

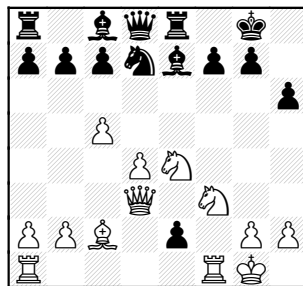
PROBLEM PAIR 7.16

Spassky - Bronstein
Leningrad, 1960

WHITE to move and sac in 2



14.Qd3 e2

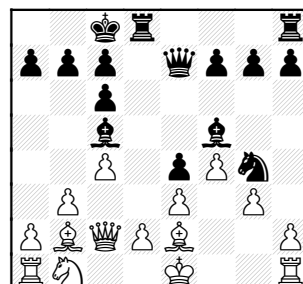


The sac is obvious, but figure how to finish Black off.

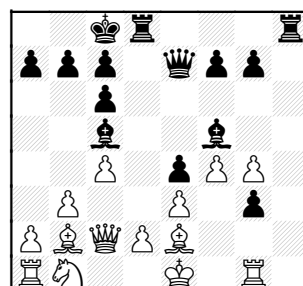
PROBLEM PAIR 7.17

Larsen - Spassky [A01]
Belgrade, 1970

BLACK to move and sac in 4



11...h5 12.h3 h4 13.hxg4 hxg3 14.Rg1



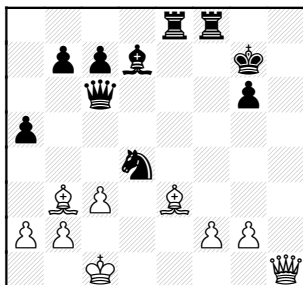
Black forced resignation in 4 moves!

Next month, we finish the series with more problems to solve!

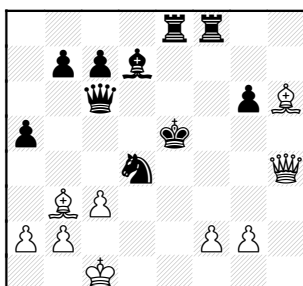
Study Problem solutions

PROBLEM 1

24.Rxh7+ Kxh7 25.Qh1+ Kg7



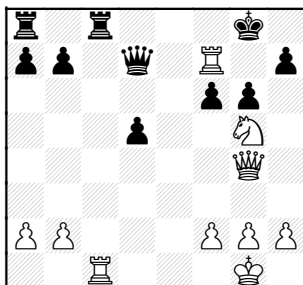
26.Bh6+ Kf6 27.Qh4+ Ke5



28.Qxd4+ 1-0

PROBLEM 2

22.Rxe7+ Kf8 23.Rf7+ Kg8



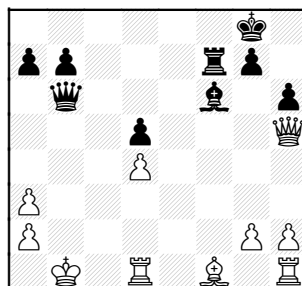
24.Rg7+ Kh8 25.Rxh7+ 1-0

PROBLEM 3

17...Rxc3 18.fxe6

PROBLEM 4

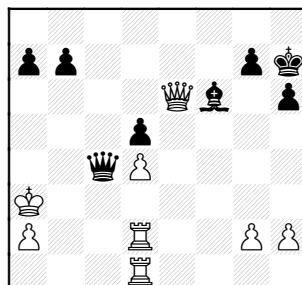
18...Ra3 19.exf7+ Rxf7 20.bxa3 Qb6+



21.Bb5 Qxb5+ 22.Ka1 Rc7
23.Rd2 Rc4 24.Rhd1

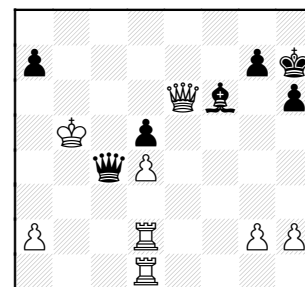
PROBLEM 5

26...Rxa3 27.Qe6+ Kh7
28.Kxa3



28...Qc3+

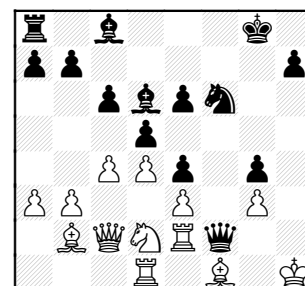
WHITE RESIGNED as 29.Ka4
b5+ 30.Kxb5 Qc4+
(Diagram follows)



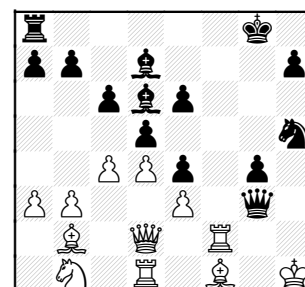
31.Ka5 Bd8+ mates next 0-1

PROBLEM 6

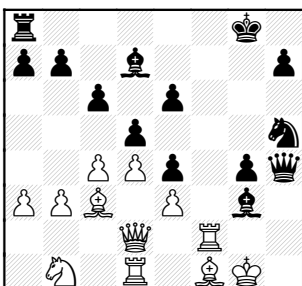
17...Rxh2 18.Kxh2 Qxf2+
19.Kh1 Nf6 20.Re2



20...Qxg3 21.Nb1 Nh5 22.Qd2
Bd7 23.Rf2



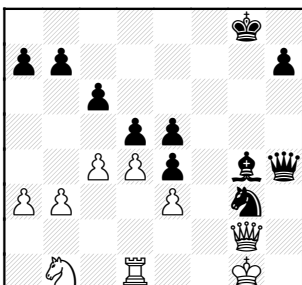
23...Qh4+ 24.Kg1 Bg3 25.Bc3



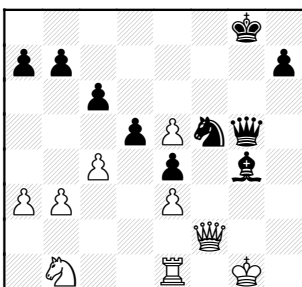
25...Bxf2+ 26.Qxf2 g3 27.Qg2

PROBLEM 7

28...Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 e5 30.Kg1
Bg4 31.Bxg3 Nxg3



32.Re1 Nf5 33.Qf2 Qg5
34.dxe5



34...Bf3+ 35.Kf1 Ng3+ 0-1

PROBLEM 8

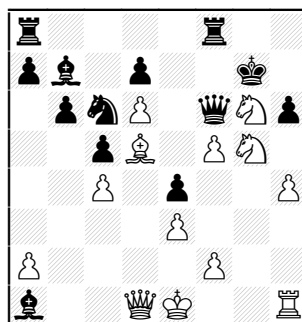
22...Rh8 23.Qxh8 Rc2 24.Rc1

PROBLEM 9

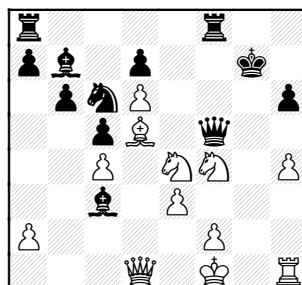
24...Rxg2+ 25.Kf1 Qb3 26.Ke1
Qf3 0-1

PROBLEM 10

18.gxf5 Bxa1 19.Nxg6+ Kg7



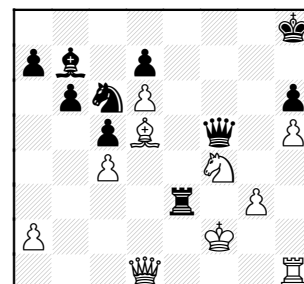
20.Nxe4 Bc3+ 21.Kf1 Qxf5
22.Nf4



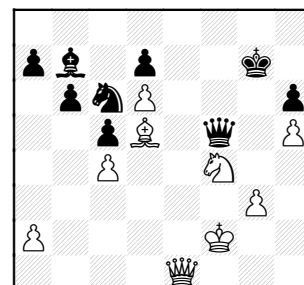
22...Kh8 23.Nxc3 Rae8 24.Nce2
Rg8 25.h5

PROBLEM 11

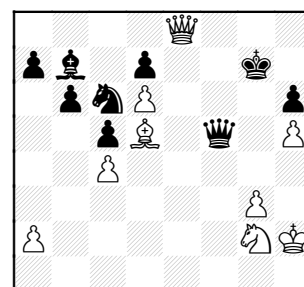
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28...Re8 29.Re1 Rxe1 30.Qxe1
Kg7



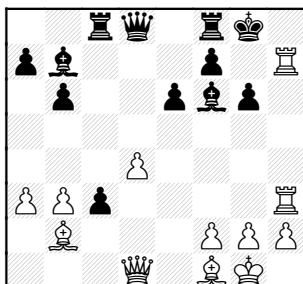
31.Qe8 Qc2+ 32.Kg1 Qd1+
33.Kh2 Qc2+ 34.Ng2 Qf5



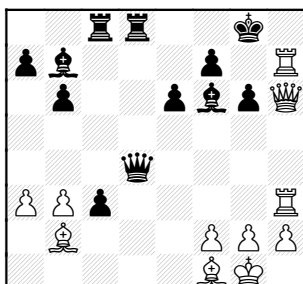
35.Qg8+ Kf6 36.Qh8+ Kg5
37.Qg7+ 1-0

PROBLEM 12

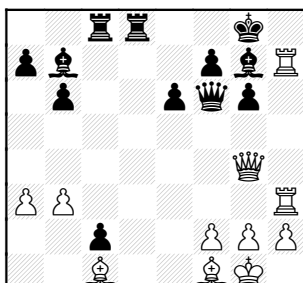
19.Rch3 dxc4 20.Rxh7 c3



21.Qc1 Qxd4 22.Qh6 Rfd8



23.Bc1 Bg7 24.Qg5 Qf6
25.Qg4 c2



26.Be2

Problem13 is the game's conclusion!

PROBLEM 13

27...Rd1+ 28.Bxd1 Qd4+ 0-1

PROBLEM 14

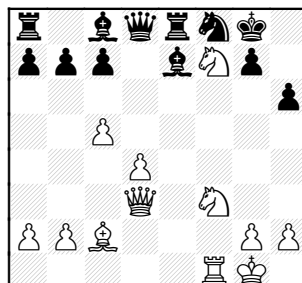
18.Rxd7 Bxd7 19.Bd3 h6

PROBLEM 15

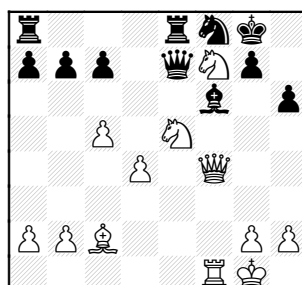
21.Rxg7 Kxg7 22.Qf6+ Kf8
23.Bg6 1-0

PROBLEM 16

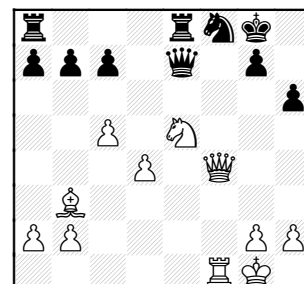
15.Nd6 Nf8 16.Nxf7 exf1Q+
17.Rxf1



17...Bf5 18.Qxf5 Qd7 19.Qf4
Bf6 20.N3e5 Qe7



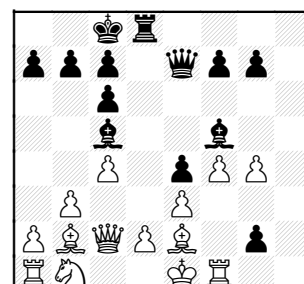
21.Bb3 Bxe5 22.Nxe5+



22...Kh7 23.Qe4+ 1-0

PROBLEM 17

14...Rh1 15.Rxh1 g2 16.Rf1



16...Qh4+ 17.Kd1 gxf1Q+ 0-1

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