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CICL Spring Business Meeting

is scheduled for April 3, 2001 7PM sharp
at Lucent (in Naperville)

Skittles begin at 6PM for the earlybirds

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Spring Business Meeting
Tuesday, April 3rd, 2001 7PM

at Lucent, Indian Hills South Building, Naperville

(Skittles begin at 6PM)

Meeting agenda to be distributed by President.

You can expect to elect officers, set Playoff and Banquet schedules and decide on playoff format.

Driving Directions (see Map below) :

From I-88 Westbound:

Take I-88 (East-West Tollway) west to Naperville Road North exit. Go one block to Warrenville Road and turn left (West) onto Warrenville Road. Parking and entrance are on South side of the building.

From North suburbs:

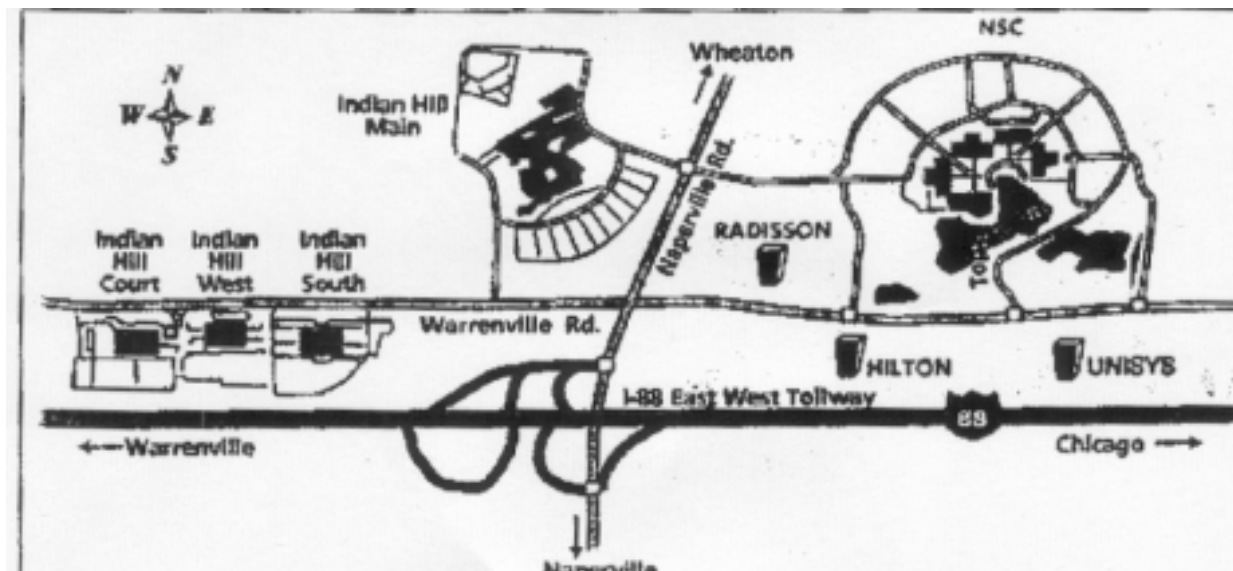
Take I-294 (Tri-State Expressway) South to I-88. Take I-88 West. Follow directions above (I-88 Westbound).

From Midway area:

Take I-55 (Stevenson Expressway) Southbound to I-294. Take I-294 North to I-88. Go West! Follow directions above (I-88 Westbound).

From Downtown Chicago:

Take I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) West to I-88. Go West! Follow directions above (I-88 Westbound).



ECC vs. CICL RESULTS

25-Feb-2001

What can be said? The CICL took one on the chin.

CICL had **White** on the even-number boards

	CICL	Rating	Team	CCCC	Rating	Score
1.	Mike Stevanovic	2226	UOP	Dejan Maksimovic	2300	0-1
2.	Lenny Spiegel	2068	Fermi	Mark Marovitch	2100	1-0
3.	Stan Ilic	2058	Tyros	Blair Machaj	2000	1-0
4.	Ed Buerger	2057	UOP	Ed Thomas	1950	0-1
5.	Tony Czerniecki	1986	Aces	Jim Egerton	1900	.5-.5
6.	Elly Solano	1973	Excal	Vince Hart	1800	0-1
7.	Tom Friske	1945	Excal	Ed Cummins	1750	1-0
8.	David Green	1911	Argon	George David	1700	0-1
9.	Pat Sajbel	1902	UOP	Greg Witek	1620	0-1
10.	Bob Stoltz	1853	Tyros	Wally Alberts	1600	1-0
11.	Roman Golla	1813	Aces	Brian Egerton	1550	0-1
12.	Marty Franek	1757	Aces	Chris Nienart	1525	0-1
13.	Jim Duffy	1740	LeoB	Eric Dupuis	1520	0-1
14.	Frank Micklich	1648	UOP	Robert Tomazic	1500	0-1
15.	Erman Paraoan	1614	BankA	Mark Engelen	1500	0-1
16.	John Zoellner	1436	BankA	Rudy Padilla	1500	0-1
17.	Jeff Subek	1399	Kemper	Zuhair Alkasaji	1375	0-1

CICL: 4.5**ECC: 12.5**

Thanks to Pat Sajbel, as always, for organizing the match and playing League Captain.

East Division Cross Table

As of March 6, 2001

Alumni Aces are in command with a 1.5 point lead over second and 3 points over 3rd and appears headed to clinch the Division title.

Tradelink/Mychaels have jumped into second place

with two victories - 4-2 vs. Bank of America and 3.5-2.5 vs. Leo Burnett and a 1.5 match point lead.

Although 1.5 match points behind, Bank of America have three matches left and so have a mathematical chance of overtaking Tradelink.

TEAM	Alumn		Trdlnk		Bkami		Reader		Lburn		Stafrd		Match Points	Game Points	Rank
Alumni Aces			4		4		5	6	4	4.5	5		7.0	32.5	1
Tradelink/Mychaels	2				4	4	3		4.5	3.5	5	1.5	5.5	27.5	2
Bank America Illinois	2		1	2			4.5		3.5	3.5	5		4.0	21.5	3
The Reader	1	0	3		1.5				1.5		5	5	2.5	17.0	4
Leo Burnett	2	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.5				6		2.0	22.0	5
Stafford Trading	1		1	4.5	1		1	1	0				1.0	9.5	6

compiled by ruben r. reyes

North Division Cross Table

As of March 6, 2001

Motorola Knights appears headed for the North Division title with a two-point lead and with only two rounds left to play.

Excaliburs, clinging to a slim 1/2 point margin, have to hurdle U.O.P. to reach clear sailing for 2nd. In case of

a tie with the Kings, Excaliburs have a tie-break advantage from a 1.5-0.5 head-to-head tie-break scoring.

UOP, however, still have a slim but mathematical chance of overtaking both Excaliburs and the Kings.

TEAM	Knights		Excalb		Kings		U.O.P.		Kemper		North		Match Points	Game Points	Rank
1. Motorola Knights			4.5	1	3.5		3.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	5		7.0	31.0	1
2. Excaliburs	1.5	5			4.5	3	5		2.5	3	4		5.0	28.5	2
3. Motorola Kings	2.5		1.5	3			2.5	3.5	6		5.5	5.5	4.5	30.0	3
4. U.O.P.	2.5	2.5	1		3.5	2.5			3.5		6	5	4.0	26.5	4
5. Kemper	1.5	0.5	3.5	3	0		2.5				5	5	3.5	21.0	5
6. Northrop	1		2		.5	.5	0	1	1	1			0	7.0	6

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Near West Division Cross Table

As of March 6, 2001

CCDOC and Chargers are still tied for first at 5.0 match points with Pawns close behind at 4.5 points.

With five rounds to go, the top finisher in this Division is too close to call among CCDOC, Chargers and Pawns.

Only half a point separates third place from first and

second. So, anything can happen in the next four or five rounds.

The Chargers have a tie-break advantage over Pawns, having racked up a head-to-head score of 2.5-0.5 with one match left. CCDOC at the moment have a 1.5-0.5 tie-break advantage over Chargers with 2 matches left.

Team Name	CCDOC				Chargers				Pawns				Case				Match Points	Game Points	RANK
CCDOC					6	3			1	6			3.5	3	4		5.0	26.5	1-2
Chargers	0	3							5	5	3		4	4.5			5.0	24.5	1-2
Pawns	5	0			1	1	3						4	5.5	5		4.5	24.5	3
Case	1.5	3	2		2	1.5			2	.5	1						0	13.5	4

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Far West Division Cross Table

As of March 6, 2001

The 2-point lead Lucent Technologies Dragons had last month is down to a slim half-point after losing to the Tyros 2-4 and drawing the Rooks 3-3.

The Tyros have cut down the Dragons' lead to half a point via two big wins: 4-2 vs. the Dragons and 5-1 vs. Fermilab.

With only three rounds left to play, both the Dragons and the Tyros are assured of a playoff spot as both have a lead of over 3 points from 3rd place.

The only thing left to decide is which team - the Dragons or the Tyros - gets to be Far West Division champion for the 2000-01 season.

Team Name	Dragons				Tyros				Rooks				Fermilab				Match Points	Game Points	RANK
Dragons					4	3	2		4	4	4.5	3	3.5	4.5			7.0	32.5	1
Tyros	2	3	4						3	3			3.5	5	3	5	6.5	31.5	2
Rooks	2	2	1.5	3	2	3							3	3	3		2.5	22.5	3
Fermilab	2.5	1.5			2.5	1	3	1	3	3	3						2.0	20.5	4

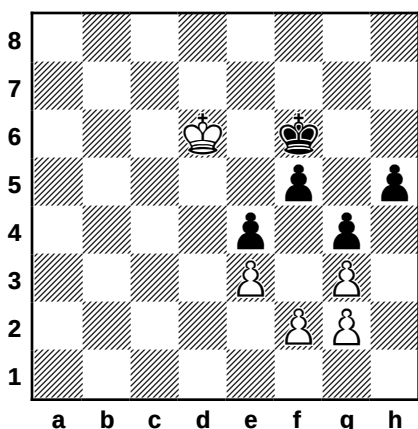
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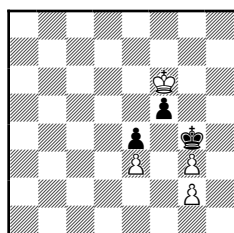
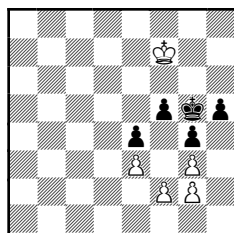
An imaginative attack in an ending comprising only of king and pawns is always a sight to behold.

In a game between GM Arturo Pomar of Spain and a compatriot Cuadras (Olot, 1974), see *Diagram 1* below, the position seemed to pose no danger for White. So White made an attempt to *zugzwang* Black out of position from keeping the black pawns protected. What followed is really something to see.



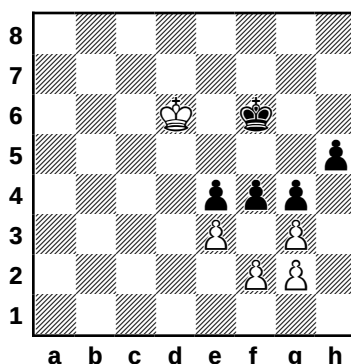
Black to play

White's last move was 1.Kd6, expecting to oust Black from being able to protect his pawns. For example, after 1...Kg6 2.Ke6 Kg5 3.Kf7 (see diagram right) Black is in *zugzwang*. And after 3...h4 4.gxh4+ Kxh4 5.Kg6 Kg4 6.Kf6 (see diagram right) Black's in *zugzwang* and must give way such as in 6...Kxg3 7. Kxf5 followed by 8. Kxe4 winning.

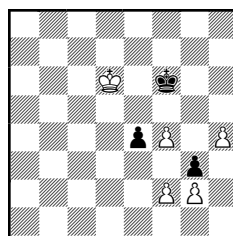


1...f4!

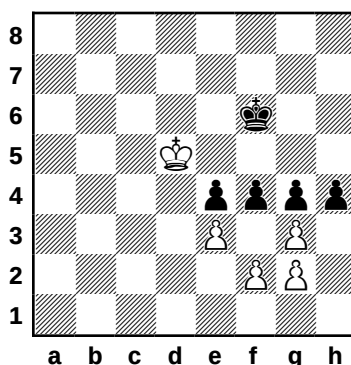
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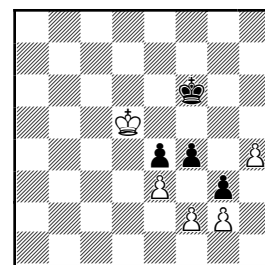
An imaginative pawn sacrifice. Black's f-pawn can't be taken as 2.gxf4 loses to 2...h4 with 3...h3 to follow and 2.exf4 loses to 2...h4! 3. gxh4 g3 (see diagram right) and Black's e-pawn queens: 4. fxg3 e6



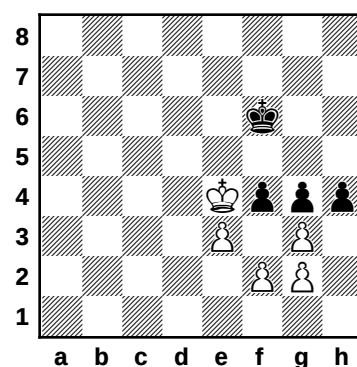
2.Ke5 h4!



What a game. Black's giving up pawns left and right. Yet White can't accept any of them. If for example 3. gxh4, then 3...g3 (see diagram right) winning as 4. fxg3 is met by 4...fxe3 and 4.f3 exf3 5.gxf3 g2 queens the g-pawn.



3.Kxe4



For if now 3...h3 White catches up with the h-pawn: 4.gxh3 gxh3 5.Kf3 h2 6.Kg2.

3....f3!! 1-0

Interference!! After 4.gxf3 (forced) 4...h3 White won't be able to catch up with the h-pawn because his path to h1 is blocked by his own f-pawn. So White resigned.

Quite a remarkable and imaginative ending.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

as of March 6, 2001

NEAR WEST DIVISION 03-06-2001

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR	4	1	2	26.5	5.0	0.714
LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS	4	1	2	24.5	5.0	0.714
PAWNS	4	3	1	24.5	4.5	0.563
CASE	0	7	1	13.5	0.5	0.063

FAR WEST DIVISION 03-06-2001

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	6	1	2	32.5	7.0	0.778
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	5	1	3	31.5	6.5	0.722
ARGONNE ROOKS	0	4	5	22.5	2.5	0.278
FERMILAB	0	5	4	20.5	2.0	0.222

NORTH DIVISION 03-06-2001

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	7	1	0	31.0	7.0	0.875
EXCALIBURS	4	2	2	28.5	5.0	0.625
MOTOROLA KINGS	4	3	1	30.0	4.5	0.563
UOP	4	4	0	26.5	4.0	0.500
KEMPER INSURANCE	3	4	1	21.0	3.5	0.438
NORTHROP	0	8	0	7.0	0.0	0.000

EAST DIVISION 03-06-2001

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
ALUMNI ACES	7	0	0	32.5	7.0	1.000
TRADELINK/MYCHAELS	5	2	1	27.5	5.5	0.688
BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS	4	3	0	21.5	4.0	0.571
THE READER	2	4	1	17.0	2.5	0.357
LEO BURNETT	2	6	0	22.0	2.0	0.250
STAFFORD TRADING	1	6	0	9.5	1.0	0.143

MATCH RESULTS

05-FEB-01	BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS	2	TRADELINK/MYCHAELS	4
ROUND 7				
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 KRAS, T	2160 0	0	VOLINSKIY, G	0 0 1
2 KOGAN, G	1844 -5	0	JASAITIS, A	2118 5 1
3 LOSOFF, A	1854 -9	0	SAGALOVSKY, L	2014 13 1
4 FRAATS, D	1821 2	1	WARD, CH	1319 -2 0
5 PARAOAN, E	1614 0	0	KRATKA, M	0 0 1
6 SITAR, K	1528 0	1	SMITH, JO	0 0 0
7 ZOELLNER, J	1436-13	0	SIEGEL, R	1477 13 1 (BKAMI)
02-FEB-01	STAFFORD TRADING	1	THE READER	5
ROUND 7				
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 BARGERSTOCK, D	1824-17	0	ROGERS, N	1915 17 1
2 APTEKAR, S	0 0	0	CARTER, L	1518 0 1
3 CVETKOVICH, R	0 0	0	BROIHIER, M	1169 0 1
4 HELFER, A	0 0	0	MARSH, M	1145 0 1
5 LOWRY, D	0 0	0	SMITH, S	0 0 1
6 MILLER, K	0 0	1	KIERSCH, M	0 0 0
15-FEB-01	LEO BURNETT	1.5	ALUMNI ACES	4.5
ROUND 7				
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 EAMAN, R	1838 -4	0	BENESA, A	2233 4 1
2 DUFFY, J	1740 15	.5	GAZMEN, E	2002-15 .5
3 SOSSI, M	1564 41	1	CZERNIECKI, A	1986-28 0
4 FULKERSON, R	1417 -2	0	ALLEN, H	1949 2 1
5 BANNON, B	1299 -3	0	FRANK, M	1754 3 1
6 DOMINGUEZ, R	1281 -3	0	FRANEK, M	1757 2 1
26-FEB-01	TRADELINK/MYCHAELS	3.5	LEO BURNETT	2.5
ROUND 8				
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 VOLINSKIY, G	0 0	0F	EAMAN, R	1834 0 1F
*Unplayed when match was clinched before the date board 1 was scheduled to play				
2 JASAITIS, A	2123 3	1	DUFFY, J	1755 -5 0
3 SAGALOVSKY, L	2027 4	1	SOSSI, M	1605 -4 0
4 WARD, CH	1317 7	.5	FULKERSON, R	1415 -7 .5
5 KRATKA, M	0 0	1	BANNON, B	1296 0 0
6 STAFFORD, G	0 0	0	DOMINGUEZ, R	1278 0 1

06-FEB-01 NORTHROP
ROUND 7

1

KEMPER INSURANCE

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BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 WALKER, A	1808-11	0	SIWEK, M	2014 7 1
2 VIGANTS, A	1605 -4	0	LEONG, G	2019 3 1
3 BURIAN, D	1591-10	0	EASTON, R	1713 15 1
4 GOTHIER, S	1430-12	0	OLSEN, A	1612 12 1
5 GARDNER, M	0 0	0	MCKINNEY, T	1251 0 1
6 ELEK, G	1068 0	1	ROSZKOWSKI, D	0 0 0

06-FEB-01 EXCALIBURS
ROUND 7

5

MOTOROLA KNIGHTS

1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 INUMERABLE, F	2279 11	1	MORRIS, R	2189-17 0
2 SOLLANO, E	1973 27	1	FRIDMAN, Y	2043-27 0
3 FRISKE, T	1945 -1	.5	SAMELSON, C	1936 0 .5
4 SULLIVAN, J	1875 -2	.5	THOMSON, J	1819 4 .5
5 ANDRESEN, T	1748 9	1	BALICKI, J	1604-14 0
6 WEITZ, R	1617 0	1	KARANDIKAR, S	0 0 0
7 BROTSOS, J	1533 -8	.5	MARSHALL, K	1318 13 .5
8 SUERTH, F	1566 0	1	HERREN, R	0 0 0

08-FEB-01 UOP
ROUND 7

2.5

MOTOROLA KINGS

3.5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 STEVANOVIC, M	2226 -9	.5	MELNIKOV, I	2001 13 .5
2 BUERGER, E	2057 -1	.5	WALLACH, C	2025 3 .5
3 LECHNICK, J	1836-18	0	PIPARIA, J	1909 18 1
4 SAJBEL, P	1902 -7	.5	GONCHAROFF, N	1722 5 .5
5 BOLDINGH, E	1828 5	1	ALFONSO, E	1535 -7 0
6 RENDE, D	1701-36	0	GRYPARIS, J	1452 36 1
7 MICKLICH, F	1648 3	1	RABINOVICH, E	1295 -5 0

19-FEB-01 KEMPER INSURANCE
ROUND 8

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MOTOROLA KNIGHTS

5.5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 SIWEK, M	2021 -9	0	MORRIS, R	2172 13 1
2 LEONG, G	2022-15	0	FRIDMAN, Y	2016 23 1
3 HUGHES, N	1796 -9	0	SAMELSON, C	1936 9 1
4 EASTON, R	1728-16	0	THOMSON, J	1823 16 1
5 MOSSBRIDGE, A	1664 4	.5	AUGSBURGER, L	1716 -4 .5
6 OLSEN, A	1624-25	0	BALICKI, J	1590 25 1
7 CUMMUTA, P	1469 0	.5	KARANDIKAR, S	0 0 .5
8 HANDSCHKE, D	0 0	1	MARSHALL, K	1331 0 0
9 ROSZKOWSKI, D	0 0	0	MCKINNEY, T	1251 0 1 (KEMPR)

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27-FEB-01 NORTHROP

1 UOP

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ROUND 8

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 WALKER, A	1797 -8	0	BUERGER, E	2056 4	1
2 VIGANTS, A	1601 -7	0	SAJBEL, P	1895 5	1
3 BURIAN, D	1581 -6	0	BOLDINGH, E	1833 6	1
4 GOTHIER, S	1418 -4	0	LECHNICK, J	1818 4	1
5 GARDNER, M	0 0	1	TRUFANOV, D	0 0	0
6 LOHJA, N	0 0	0	VAN ZILE, C	1310 0	1

01-MAR-01 MOTOROLA KINGS

3 EXCALIBURS

3

ROUND 8

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 WOLF, D	2284 23	1	INUMERABLE, F	2290-15	0
2 MELNIKOV, I	2014-23	0	SOLLANO, E	2000 23	1
3 WALLACH, C	2028-28	0	FRISKE, T	1944 28	1
4 GONCHAROFF, N	1727 -6	0	SULLIVAN, J	1873 9	1
5 CYGAN, J	1732 24	1	ANDRESEN, T	1757-16	0
6 ALFONSO, E	1528 28	1	WEITZ, R	1617-19	0
7 GRYPARIS, J	1488 27	1	SUERTH, F	1566-18	0
8 RABINOVICH, E	1290 36	1	BROTSOS, J	1525-24	0
(* Exhibition Match *)					
9 MELNIKOV, NIK		1	OELHAFEN, A		0

15-JAN-01 LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS

4.5 CASE

1.5

ROUND 6 (* Case's Round 6 match was played before Round 5 *)

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 WARREN, J	2092 -6	.5	KALE, S	1860 14	.5
2 MARCOWKA, R	2061 3	1	WHITE, H	1690 -3	0
3 STINSON, M	1944 3	1	KLINEFELTER, H	1569 -3	0
4 MCCARTHY, D	1808-37	0	SATTERLEE, D	1547 25	1
5 DOBR, K	1444 11	1	REID, C	1496-17	0
6 LAFORGE, W	1301 0	1F		0 0	0F

19-JAN-01 CASE

3 COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR

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ROUND 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 KALE, S	1874 0	0F	WILLIAMS, K	2072 0	1F
2 WHITE, H	1687 13	1	ALEXANDER, W	1645-20	0
3 SATTERLEE, D	1572 4	.5	SEATON, E	1679 -7	.5
4 KLINEFELTER, H	1566-19	0	HALL, A	1482 28	1
5 REID, C	1479 15	1	ROJO, V	1484-23	0
6 GASTON, K	1240 11	.5	JACKSON, S	1421-11	.5

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30-JAN-01 PAWNS
ROUND 7

3 LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 ELLICE, W	1845 0	1F	MARCOWKA, R	2064 0	0F
2 FABIJONAS, R	1716-20	0	RADAVICIUS, E	1595 20	1
3 O'DELL, DW	1513-13	0	THOMAS, J	1556 13	1
4 MIKULECKY, B	1495 14	1	STAMM, V	1480-14	0
5 WEISNER, T	1095 40	1	DOBR, K	1455-18	0
6 SERRANO, B	0 0	0	LAFORGE, W	1301 0	1

08-FEB-01 COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR
ROUND 7

4 CASE 2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 WILLIAMS, K	2072 0	1F	KALE, S	1874 0	0F
2 ALEXANDER, W	1625 19	1	SATTERLEE, D	1576-13	0
3 HALL, A	1510-20	0	KLINEFELTER, H	1547 13	1
4 ROJO, V	1461-20	0	REID, C	1494 14	1
5 APPLEBERRY, T	1359 0	1F	GASTON, K	1251 0	0F
6 MCGEE, L	1003 0	1F	KANAS, W	1336 0	0F

20-FEB-01 PAWNS
ROUND 8

5 CASE 1

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 ELLICE, W	1845 14	1	WHITE, H	1700 -9	0
2 FABIJONAS, R	1696 9	1	KLINEFELTER, H	1560 -9	0
3 MIKULECKY, B	1509 2	.5	SATTERLEE, D	1563 -2	.5
4 MCKAY, P	1375 31	1	REID, C	1508-20	0
5 WEISNER, T	1135 12	.5	KANAS, W	1336 -8	.5
6 SERRANO, B	0 0	1	GASTON, K	1251 0	0

06-FEB-01 LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS
ROUND 8

3 ARGONNE ROOKS 3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 TEGEL, F	2103 1	.5	BENEDEK, R	2143 -2	.5
2 LUDWIG, T	2017 14	1	HILL, R	1983-14	0
3 OGASAWARA, L	1866-13	0	GREEN, D	1911 13	1
4 ALTSHULLER, D	1740 -4	.5	BAURAC, D	1690 2	.5
5 DOBROVOLNY, C	1774 7	1	YACOUT, A	1578-11	0
6 EUSTACE, D	1630-36	0	GRUDZINSKI, J	1389 36	1

13-FEB-01 FERMILAB
ROUND 8

1 LUCENT TECH. TYROS 5

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 SPIEGEL, L	2068-15	0	ILIC, S	2058 23	1
2 GAINES, I	1721 -7	0	DIAZ, P	1940 7	1
3 STAPLES, C	1559 -7	0	STOLTZ, B	1853 5	1
4 AILES, T	1516 -5	0	BUCHNER, R	1870 5	1
5 FITZGERALD, M	1256 -5	0	HAHNE, D	1608 5	1
6 CEASE, H	1186 18	1	SAVCIC, V	1123-18	0

28-FEB-01 ARGONNE ROOKS
ROUND 9

3

FERMILAB

3

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 BENEDEK, R	2141-19	0	SPIEGEL, L	2053 19	1
2 HILL, R	1969 6	1	GAINES, I	1714 -6	0
3 GREEN, D	1924-27	0	AILES, T	1511 41	1
4 SUAREZ, E	1861 1	1	FITZGERALD, M	1251 -1	0
5 BUTLER, E	0 0	0	SCHULTZ, R	1239 0	1
6 GRUDZINSKI, J	1425 0	1	KREMPETZ, K	0 0	0

01-MAR-01 LUCENT TECH. TYROS
ROUND 9

4

LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS

2

BD	RATINGS	SCORE		RATINGS	SCORE
1 ILIC, S	2081 24	1	TEGEL, F	2104-11	0
2 GUIO, J	2022 15	1	LUDWIG, T	2031-15	0
3 DIAZ, P	1947 14	1	PEHAS, A	1922-14	0
4 STOLTZ, B	1858 15	1	OGASAWARA, L	1853-15	0
5 BUCHNER, R	1875-31	0	ALTSHULLER, D	1736 31	1
6 THOMAS, G	1551 -9	0	DOBROVOLNY, C	1781 6	1
7 KARPIERZ, J	1235 -5	0	EUSTACE, D	1594 5	1

NEAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS 2120C
WARREN, J	CHRG 2086Q
WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC 2072
MARCOWKA, R	CHRG 2064D
STINSON, M	CHRG 1947C
KALE, S	CASE 1874C
ELLICE, W	PAWNS 1859
ROSLEY, D	CHRG 1790
MCCARTHY, D	CHRG 1771*
FABIJONAS, R	PAWNS 1705D

FAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

BEZZUBOV, V	FERMI 2346
STEIN, P	TYROS 2316
DORIGO, T	FERMI 2171
TAMEZ, I	TYROS 2162
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS 2122D
ILIC, S	TYROS 2105
TEGEL, F	DRGNS 2093T
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI 2072D
GUIO, J	TYROS 2037C
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS 2016C

NORTH DIVISION TOP TEN

WOLF, D	MKING 2307
INUMERABLE, F	EXCLB 2275C
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP 2217D
WONG, P	EXCLB 2195C
MORRIS, R	MKNGT 2185
BUERGER, E	UOP 2060T
FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT 2039*
SOLLANO, E	EXCLB 2023
SIWEK, M	KEMPR 2012C
LEONG, G	KEMPR 2007C

EAST DIVISION TOP TEN

REYES, R	ALUMN 2322D
BENESA, A	ALUMN 2237
KRAS, T	BKAMI 2160
JASAITIS, A	TRDLK 2126D
FRIESEMA, W	BKAMI 2062
SAGALOVSKY, L	TRDLK 2031
GAZMEN, E	ALUMN 1987
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN 1958D
ALLEN, H	ALUMN 1951
ROGERS, N	READR 1932

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

THOMSON, J	MKNGT 138
SOLLANO, E	EXCLB 110
ILIC, S	TYROS 110
GRYPARIS, J	MKING 97
DUFFY, J	LBURN 91
AILES, T	FERMI 83
EAMAN, R	LBURN 75
OLSEN, A	KEMPR 72
MC GEE, L	CCDOC 70
WEISNER, T	PAWNS 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	5	2	1552	DIAZ, P	TYROS	3	3	1	1961C
ALEXANDER, W	CCDOC	2	3	1	1644	DILLON, M	STFRD	0	2	0	0000/2
ALFONSO, E	MKING	3	3	0	1556*	DOBR, K	CHGR	1	4	0	1437T
ALLEN, H	ALUMN	4	0	0	1951	DOBROVOLNY, C	DRGNS	4	1	1	1787C
ALMAULA, J	MKING	1	0	0	1274#	DOMINGUEZ, R	LBURN	4	4	0	1278*
ALTSHULLER, D	DRGNS	5	1	2	1767	DORIGO, T	FERMI	0	0	0	2171
ANDRESEN, T	EXCLB	4	2	1	1741C	DUFFY, J	LBURN	2	1	5	1750
APATA, D	TYROS	0	0	0	0000/5	EAMAN, R	LBURN	2	3	1	1834
APPLEBERRY, T	CCDOC	1	1	0	1359	EASTON, R	KEMPR	2	4	2	1712
APTEKAR, S	STFRD	0	5	0	0000/5	ELEK, G	NORTH	1	5	0	1068
AROND, D	UOP	0	0	0	1711	ELLICE, W	PAWNS	4	2	1	1859
AUGSBURGER, L	MKNGT	2	1	2	1712C	ERIKSON, M	ROOKS	0	1	0	0000/0
BALICKI, J	MKNGT	4	3	1	1615	EUSTACE, D	DRGNS	4	1	0	1599C
BANNON, B	LBURN	4	4	0	1296	FABIJONAS, R	PAWNS	3	3	0	1705D
BARGERSTOCK, D	STFRD	1	4	1	1807	FITZGERALD, M	FERMI	1	5	1	1250*
BARNARD, G	BKAMI	0	0	0	1150*	FLORENCE, C	MKING	0	0	0	0000/3
BARTHOLF, P	TRDLK	1	3	0	0000/2	FRAATS, D	BKAMI	4	1	0	1823C
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	0	3	4	1692D	FRANEK, M	ALUMN	4	0	0	1759C
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	1	3	1	2122D	FRANK, M	ALUMN	5	2	0	1757
BENESA, A	ALUMN	3	2	0	2237	FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	4	1	3	2039*
BEZZUBOV, V	FERMI	0	0	0	2346	FRIESEMA, W	BKAMI	0	0	0	2062
BLACKMON, E	DRGNS	1	1	0	1746C	FRISKE, T	EXCLB	2	3	3	1972C
BOLDINGH, E	UOP	4	3	1	1839C	FULKERSON, R	LBURN	2	4	2	1408*
BOLLAPRAGADA, S	MKING	3	1	0	0000/2	GAINES, I	FERMI	2	3	1	1708D
BRAUNDMEIER, B	KEMPR	0	1	0	1249#	GALINSKY, V	TRDLK	0	1	0	0000/0
BROIHIER, M	READR	3	2	1	1169	GARCIA, J	ROOKS	1	0	2	1227*
BRONFELD, A	EXMPL	0	0	0	1817	GARDNER, M	NORTH	1	5	0	0000/5
BROTSOS, J	EXCLB	4	3	1	1501D	GASTON, K	CASE	0	3	1	1251
BUCHNER, R	TYROS	2	2	5	1844	GAZMEN, E	ALUMN	2	1	1	1987
BUERGER, E	UOP	4	2	2	2060T	GLADURA, A	PAWNS	0	0	0	0000/3
BURIAN, D	NORTH	0	4	3	1575C	GOKHALE, P	MKING	0	0	0	0000/0
BUTLER, E	ROOKS	0	1	0	0000/1	GOLCHERT, B	ROOKS	0	0	0	1897
CARRANO, C	DRGNS	0	0	0	0000/8	GOLLA, R	ALUMN	3	1	0	1813D
CARTER, L	READR	4	2	0	1518C	GONCHAROFF, N	MKING	3	2	3	1721Q
CEASE, H	FERMI	1	4	2	1204*	GOTHIER, S	NORTH	1	6	0	1414*
CHIN, M	KEMPR	1	1	0	0000/0	GRANT, M	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/1
CHOROSINSKI, L	NORTH	0	0	0	1294*	GREEN, D	ROOKS	5	2	2	1897D
CHRISTIAN, R	DRGNS	0	1	0	1753C	GROEGER, D	COLUM	0	0	0	1753
CLEMENTE, J	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	GRUDZINSKI, J	ROOKS	2	1	1	1425*
COLEMAN, D	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	GRYPARIS, J	MKING	5	1	0	1515C
CUMBERLAND, M	EXMPL	0	0	0	1314*	GRYZIAK, L	STFRD	1	1	0	0000/1
CUMMUTA, P	KEMPR	1	1	1	1469C	GUIO, J	TYROS	2	1	1	2037C
CVETKOVICH, R	STFRD	2	5	0	0000/5	HAHNE, D	TYROS	4	1	1	1613C
CYGAN, J	MKING	5	1	1	1756	HALL, A	CCDOC	2	2	0	1490
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN	5	2	0	1958D	HANDSCHKE, D	KEMPR	2	0	0	0000/2
DALLMAN, K	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/0	HARRIS, R	FERMI	0	0	0	1552
DAVIDSON, M	ALUMN	1	0	0	1617	HAYES, W	COLUM	0	0	0	1949
DECMAN, S	ROOKS	0	4	0	1576D	HELPER, A	STFRD	1	6	0	0000/6

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HERREN, R	MKNGT	0	1	0	0000/1	MCKINNEY, T	KEMPR	2	2	0	1251
HILL, R	ROOKS	1	5	2	1975C	MEEKY, L	DRGNS	0	0	0	0000/1
HILL, RICK	FERMI	0	0	0	0000/3	MELNIKOV, I	MKING	2	2	3	1991
HORTON, D	MKNGT	0	0	0	1894	MENDOZA, D	FERMI	0	0	0	0000/2
HOUSTON, L	CCDOC	0	0	0	0000/0	MICKLICH, F	UOP	5	1	1	1651D
HUGHES, L	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	MIKULECKY, B	PAWNS	3	3	1	1511C
HUGHES, N	KEMPR	0	4	3	1787C	MILLER, K	STFRD	1	2	0	0000/1
ILIC, S	TYROS	4	0	2	2105	MILLER, T	EXMPL	0	0	0	1869
INUMERABLE, F	EXCLB	3	2	1	2275C	MITCHELL, W	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0
JACKSON, S	CCDOC	1	2	1	1410	MITMAN, S	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/1
JACKSON, W	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0	MONKOWSKI, J	CASE	0	0	0	1522
JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS	4	1	0	2120C	MORRIS, R	MKNGT	3	1	3	2185
JASAITIS, A	TRDLK	5	1	2	2126D	MOSSBRIDGE, A	KEMPR	0	2	1	1668
JONES, M	CTA	0	0	0	1460	MOTTA, H	FERMI	0	0	0	1888
KALE, S	CASE	0	0	1	1874C	NALLATHAMBI, R	KEMPR	0	0	0	1505
KANAS, W	CASE	1	0	2	1328C	NOEL, F	CCDOC	0	1	0	0000/1
KARANDIKAR, S	MKNGT	4	2	2	1546#	NOWAK, W	CTA	0	0	0	1307*
KARPIERZ, J	TYROS	2	2	2	1230	NURZIATA, M	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/1
KESTNER, M	DRGNS	0	1	0	1467	O'DELL, DW	PAWNS	1	1	2	1500C
KIERSCH, M	READR	0	3	0	0000/2	OELHAFEN, A	EXCLB	2	1	0	1248
KIM, J	TRDLK	1	1	0	0000/2	OGASAWARA, L	DRGNS	1	3	1	1838C
KIUSALS, D	MKING	0	0	0	1065	OLSEN, A	KEMPR	5	2	1	1599
KLINEFELTER, H	CASE	1	6	1	1551C	PARA, A	FERMI	0	0	0	1487
KOGAN, G	BKAMI	2	4	1	1839C	PARAOAN, E	BKAMI	1	5	1	1614C
KRAS, T	BKAMI	2	3	1	2160	PEHAS, A	DRGNS	1	1	1	1908C
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	CHRGR	2	1	0	1301	PIERCE, W	CTA	0	0	0	0000/2
LAMBIRIS, J	KEMPR	0	1	0	1430	PIPARIA, J	MKING	5	1	1	1927*
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	2	3	0	1326
LECHNICK, J	UOP	4	4	0	1822	RADAVICIUS, E	CHRGR	2	1	0	1615D
LEONG, G	KEMPR	2	2	0	2007C	REID, C	CASE	4	4	0	1488C
LITVINAS, A	ALUMN	1	0	0	1655D	RENDE, D	UOP	3	3	0	1665*
LLOYD, K	READR	0	0	0	1780*	REYES, R	ALUMN	2	1	0	2322D
LOGAN, H	PAWNS	0	0	0	1260	RICHARDSON, M	CTA	0	0	0	0000/0
LOHJA, N	NORTH	0	4	0	0000/4	ROBB, D	TRDLK	0	2	0	0000/1
LOSOFF, A	BKAMI	3	1	1	1845C	ROGERS, N	READR	3	3	0	1932
LOWRY, D	STFRD	0	4	0	0000/3	ROJO, V	CCDOC	2	2	0	1441
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	3	2	3	2016C	ROSLEY, D	CHRGR	0	1	1	1790
MARCOWKA, R	CHRGR	4	1	0	2064D	ROSZKOWSKI, D	KEMPR	0	4	0	0000/4
MARSH, M	READR	3	0	0	1145	ROTH, A	NORTH	0	0	0	0000/3
MARSHALL, K	MKNGT	1	5	1	1331*	RZESZUTKO, R	ALUMN	1	0	0	1907C
MATTHEWS, J	CTA	0	0	0	1804	SACKS, D	UOP	1	0	0	1833
MATTHEWS, K	READR	0	0	0	1660#	SAGALOVSKY, L	TRDLK	8	0	0	2031
MCALISTER, K	COLUM	0	0	0	1892	SAJBEL, P	UOP	2	2	2	1900C
MCCARTHY, D	CHRGR	3	1	0	1771*	SALERNO, S	DRGNS	2	0	1	1302#
MC GEE, L	CCDOC	3	0	0	1003*	SAMELSON, C	MKNGT	4	2	2	1945C
MCKAY, P	PAWNS	1	0	0	1406*	SANTIAGO, T	COLUM	0	0	0	2025

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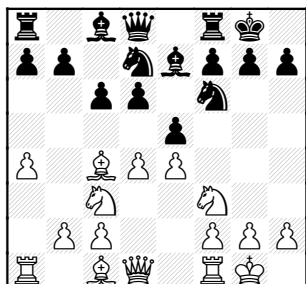
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SAVCIC, V	TYROS	1	2	0	1105*	TEGEL, F	DRGNS	3	2	4	2093T
SAWDO, E	CASE	0	0	0	1370	THOMAS, G	TYROS	2	1	2	1542C
SAWIN, B	LBURN	0	0	0	1197*	THOMAS, J	CHRG	2	2	0	1569D
SAXENA, D	TYROS	0	0	0	1551#	THOMSON, J	MKNGT	6	0	2	1839
SCHOONOVER, M	UOP	0	1	0	1307*	TOERNER, G	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/0
SCHULTZ, R	FERMI	4	3	0	1239#	TRINIDAD, P	CCDOC	1	1	0	955*
SEATON, E	CCDOC	3	2	1	1672	TRUFANOV, D	UOP	0	1	0	0000/4
SERRANO, B	PAWNS	1	2	0	0000/3	TURNER, K	READR	0	0	0	1490
SHIREY, S	KEMPR	1	2	0	0000/4	VALDEZ, C	TYROS	1	2	1	1481#
SIEGEL, R	BKAMI	4	0	0	1490C	VAN OTRIVE, R	CTA	0	0	0	1069*
SITAR, K	BKAMI	1	0	0	1528	VAN ZILE, C	UOP	1	0	0	1310
SIWEK, M	KEMPR	2	3	3	2012C	VENSKE, D	READR	0	3	1	1712
SMITH, BR	TYROS	0	0	0	1662C	VIGANTS, A	NORTH	0	7	1	1594
SMITH, JO	TRDLK	0	3	0	0000/2	VILLAREAL, E	CTA	0	0	0	1145
SMITH, S	READR	2	3	0	0000/3	VOLINSKIY, G	TRDLK	6	0	0	0000/6
SOLLANO, E	EXCLB	7	0	1	2023	VORA, C	STFRD	2	0	0	0000/1
SOSSI, M	LBURN	3	5	0	1601	WALKER, A	NORTH	0	4	4	1789
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	3	1	5	2072D	WALLACH, C	MKING	3	2	3	2000
STAFFORD, G	TRDLK	0	2	0	0000/2	WALSH, W	ROOKS	0	1	0	1498C
STAMM, V	CHRG	2	3	0	1466D	WARD, CH	TRDLK	2	3	1	1324
STAPLES, C	FERMI	2	3	0	1552	WARREN, J	CHRG	2	0	1	2086Q
STEIN, P	TYROS	0	0	0	2316	WEISNER, T	PAWNS	2	3	1	1147
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	0	2	3	2217D	WEITZ, R	EXCLB	2	3	1	1598C
STEVENS, J	COLUM	0	0	0	1661	WHITE, H	CASE	1	5	0	1691C
STEVENSON, R	PAWNS	0	0	0	1333	WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC	3	0	0	2072
STINSON, M	CHRG	1	0	1	1947C	WILSON, A	CTA	0	0	0	1654C
STOLTZ, B	TYROS	4	1	0	1873C	WILSON, M	EXMPL	0	0	0	1211
SUAREZ, E	ROOKS	2	1	0	1862	WOLF, D	MKING	1	0	1	2307
SUBECK, J	KEMPR	3	0	0	1399#	WONG, P	EXCLB	0	0	0	2195C
SUERTH, F	EXCLB	3	5	0	1548C	YACOUT, A	ROOKS	2	1	1	1567*
SULLIVAN, C	READR	1	5	0	1502	ZHANG, H	MKING	0	0	0	0000/2
SULLIVAN, J	EXCLB	3	1	2	1882D	ZOELLNER, J	BKAMI	3	2	1	1423C

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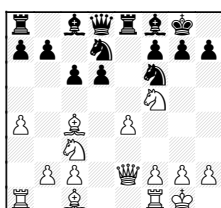
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 10.Nf5 Bf8

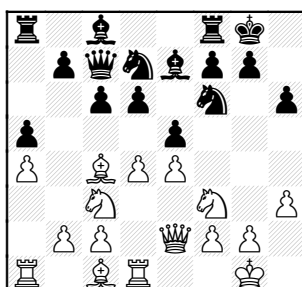


with idea -d5 11.Qd3

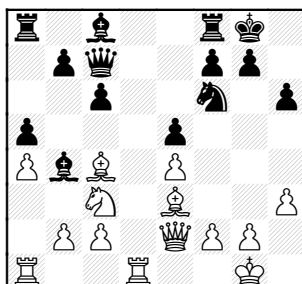
Since 11.Qd1 allows Nxe4

11...Ne5

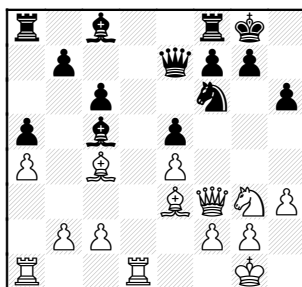
9.Rd1 Qc7 10.h3 h6



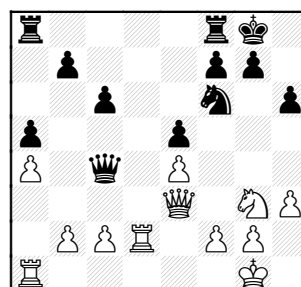
11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5
13.Be3 Bb4



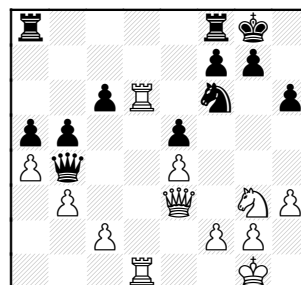
14.Qf3 Qe7 15.Ne2 Bc5
16.Ng3



16...Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Be6
18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Rd2 Qc4



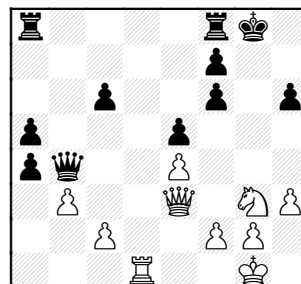
20.b3 Qb4 21.Rad1 b5
22.Rd6



22...bxa4

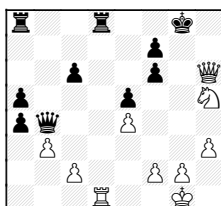
As pointed out by the players,
 22...Nd5! cuts off d6 - Rook
 protection while attacking
 Queen!

23.Rxf6 gxf6



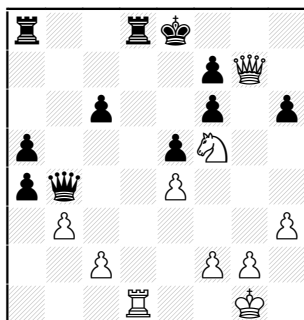
24.Nf5?

They also noted White can win with 24.Qxh6 Rfd8 25.Nh5

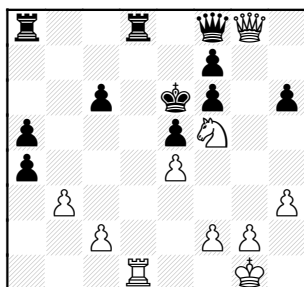


White has two mates threatened! 25...Qf8 26.Nxf6#

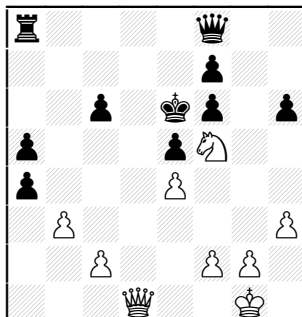
24...Rfd8 25.Qg3+ Kf8 26.Qg7+ Ke8



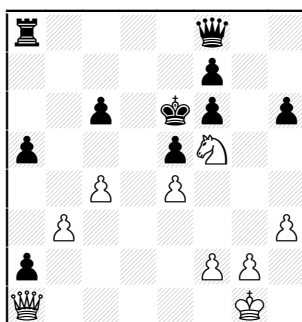
27.Qg8+ Qf8 28.Ng7+ Ke7 29.Nf5+ Ke6



30.Qg4 Rxd1+ 31.Qxd1



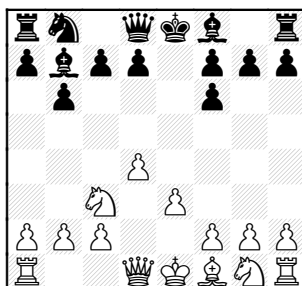
31...a3 giving White another problem! 32.c4 a2 33.Qa1



33...Qa3 0-1

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Chargers - Pawn, 01.2001

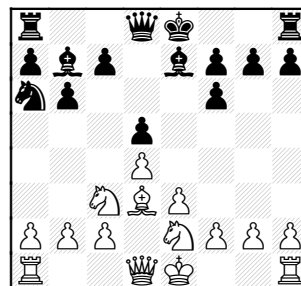
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 b6 3.Bg5 Bb7 4.Bxf6 exf6 5.e3



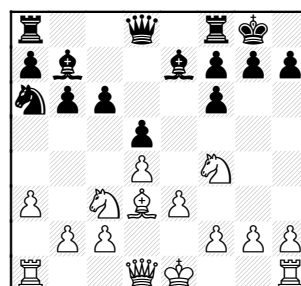
5...d5

Blocks the Bishop, but does hold e4

6.Bd3 Be7 7.Nge2 Na6



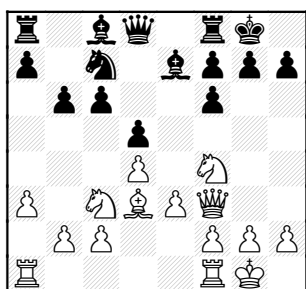
8.a3 0-0 9.Nf4 c6



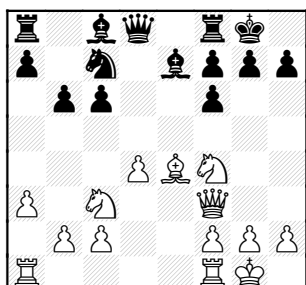
10.0-0

10.Qh5 Forces a Pawn weakening. White can advance Kingside and castle Queenside with good prospects!

10...Bc8 11.Qf3 Nc7

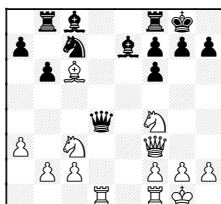


12.e4 dxe4 13.Bxe4



13...Bb7

Black should not be greedy with 13...Qxd4? 14.Bxc6 Rb8 15.Rad1

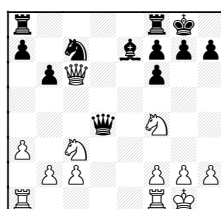


and White gains a lot of moves chasing Queen (if not outright winning material!)

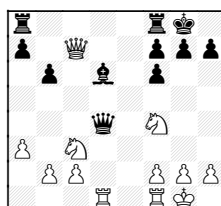
14.Rad1

If White attempts to gain from the trade
14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Qxc6

Qxd4!?



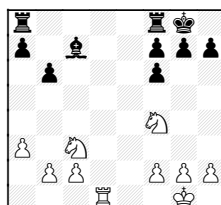
16.Qxc7 Bd6 17.Rad1?



seems to win a piece, but 17...Qxd1!

Not 17...Bxc7? 18.Rxd4 Be5 19.Ra4

18.Rxd1 Bxc7

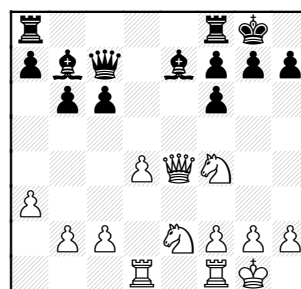


and Black has won the exchange!

14...Ne6 15.Nce2

15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bxc6 is a win of a Pawn

15...Ng5 16.Qd3 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Qc7

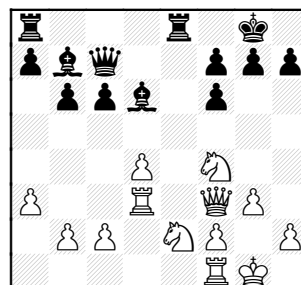


An interesting balance, Black has the Bishop pair and good lines for his Rooks - - but White still has possibilities against the King.

18.Rd3 Rfe8 19.Qf3

19.Rh3 first, placing Rook for action against King

19...Bd6 20.g3



20...Bxf4! forcing at least a weakness **21.Nxf4**

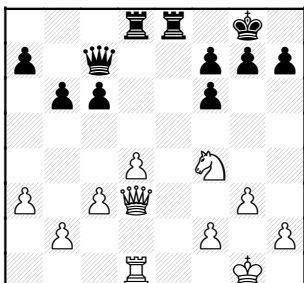
21.gxf4 is ugly, but saves the exchange.

No good, either, is 21.Qxf4 Qxf4 22.gxf4

If 22.Nxf4 Ba6

22...Rxe2

**21...Ba6 22.Rfd1 Bxd3
23.Qxd3 Rad8 24.c3**

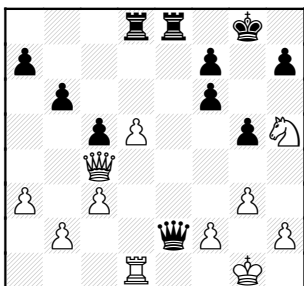


24...Qe7 25.Qc4

And now 25...c5 allowing the passer

Or 25...Qe4 with Rd7 - e7 and then Qf3 or Qc2, with a unstoppable invasion of White's position

26.d5 g5 now f6 is weak
27.Nh5 Qe2

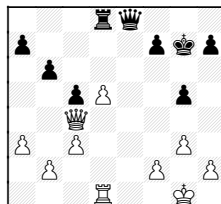


28.Qxe2?

Don't trade Queens when down material!

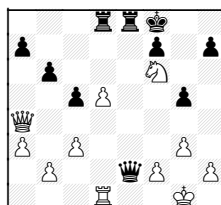
Interesting play begins with 28.Nxf6+! None of the King moves are convincing:

A) 28...Kg7? 29.Nxe8+ WITH CHECK! 29...Qxe8



White takes over 30.Qd3 with idea c4, Kf1, Re1, etc.

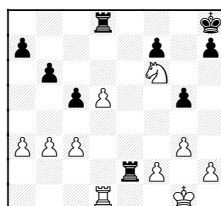
B) 28...Kf8 29.Qa4!



Black has a lot of Pawn weaknesses.

Note if White tried 29.Qb3 c4!; 29.Nxh7+ Kg7 30.Qxe2 Rxe2 31.Nxg5 Rxb2, he has trouble holding the Queenside

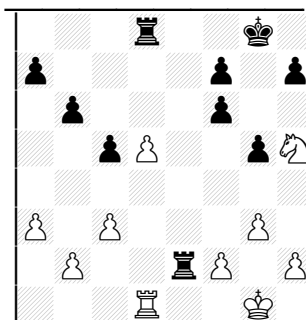
C) 28...Kh8 29.Qxe2 best, now 29...Rxe2 30.b3



is interesting

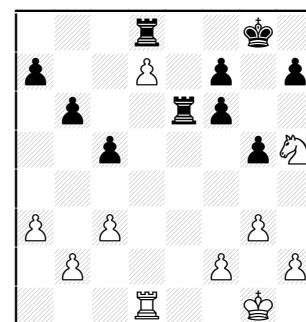
Back to the game...

28...Rxe2



OK, Black is still doing well. Black can win d - passer with King: Kf8 - e8, etc.

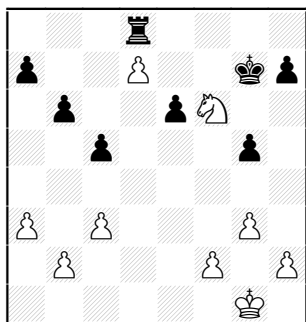
29.d6 Re6 30.d7



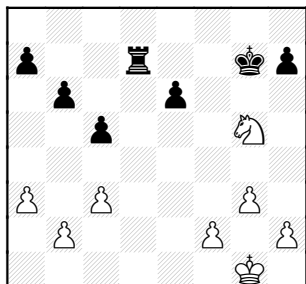
30...Re7

30...Kf8 with idea Ke7 wins Pawn and game

**31.Nxf6+ Kg7 32.Rd6 Re6
33.Rxe6 fxe6**



34.Ne4 Rxd7 35.Nxg5

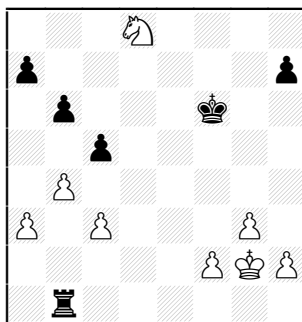


35...Rd1+

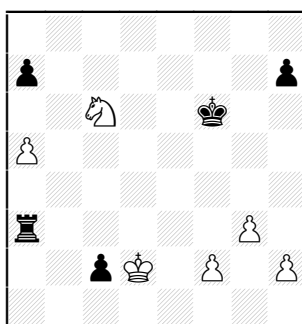
35...Kf6 to advance King all the way to Queenside since the Rook stops the White King from defending there!

Black probably wanted King around to stop possible Kingside Pawn rush - not a bad decision.

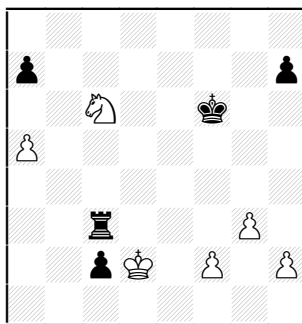
**36.Kg2 Rb1 37.Nxe6+ Kf6
38.Nf8 Kg7 39.Ne6+ Kf7
40.Nd8+ Kf6 41.b4**



**41...Rb3 42.bxc5 bxc5 43.a4
Rxc3 44.Nc6 Ra3 45.a5 c4
46.Kf1 c3 47.Ke2 c2 48.Kd2**



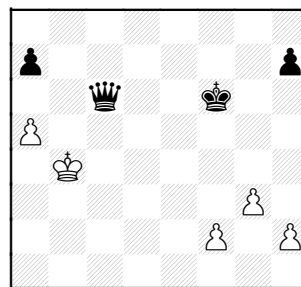
seems to work, but **48...Rc3!**



a different kind of fork!
49.Kxc3

49.Kc1 Rxc6

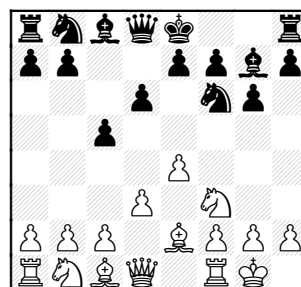
49...c1Q+ 50.Kb4 Qxc6



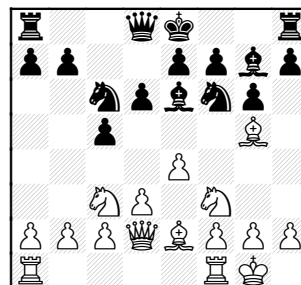
**51.f4 a6 52.g4 Qb5+ 53.Kc3
Qxa5+ 0-1**

**Serrano, B -
LaForge, W (1289) [B07]**
Pawns - Chargers, 01.2001

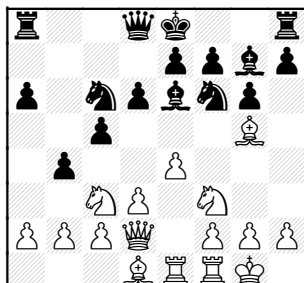
**1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d3 g6
4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 c5**



6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bg5 Be6 8.Qd2



8...a6 9.Rae1 b5 10.Bd1 b4



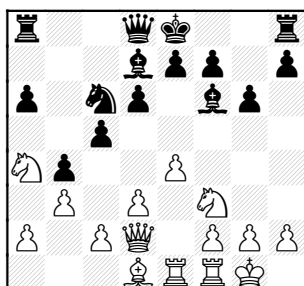
11.Bxf6

It's usually too hard to attack the fianchetto position without the dark-square Bishop.

11...Bxf6

Because of the trade, now when c3-Knight moves, b2 is loose.

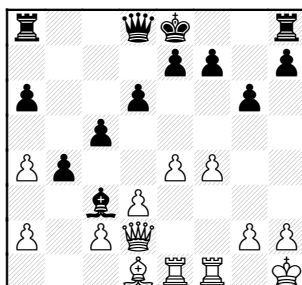
12.Na4 tough place for a Knight **12...Bd7 13.b3**



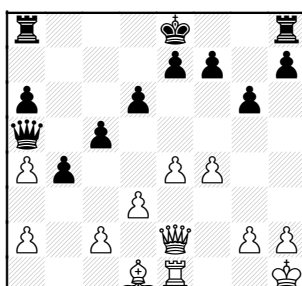
Black can now play Bc3 (once the guarding Knight is removed).

13...Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5

15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Bxa4 17.bxa4 Bc3

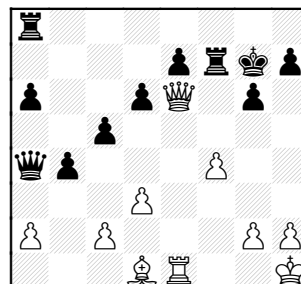


Nicely done! **18.Qe2 Bxe1 19.Rxe1 Qa5**



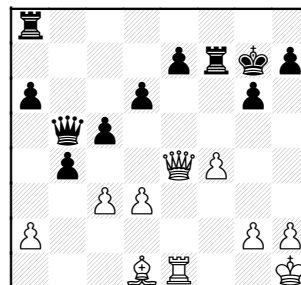
More targets! **20.e5** White is not going down without a fight!

20...0-0 21.e6 Qxa4 22.exf7+ Rxf7 23.Qe6 Kg7



Black has more than enough to defend his only weak spot (e7-Pawn), so only needs to be careful with King to win.

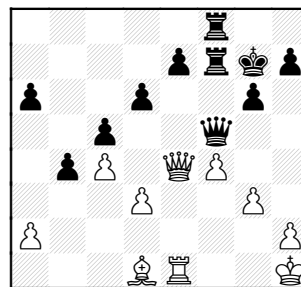
24.c3 Qb5 25.Qe4



25...Raf8

25...bxc3 is possible, but 26.f5 could make things a little airy around the King

26.c4 Qd7 27.g3 Qf5

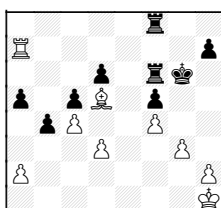


threats of Queen trade and g5!

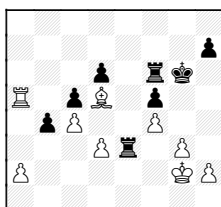
28.Kg2

If White trades 28.Qxf5 Rxf5

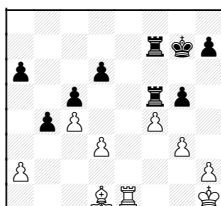
Slower is 28...gxf5 29.Bf3 a5?
30.Bd5 Rf6 31.Rxe7+ Kg6
32.Ra7



32...Re8 33.Rxa5 Re1+ 34.Kg2
Re3



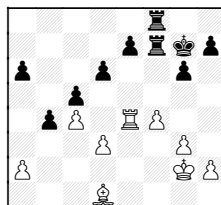
So, from game, after 28 Qxf5
Rxf5:
29.Rxe7+ R8f7 30.Re1
hoping for Bf3-e4 and
keeping lines closed 30...g5!



Black forces open lines
31.fxg5? Rf1+ 32.Rxf1 Rxf1+
and wins the Bishop

28...Qxe4+ 29.dxe4

Instead, 29.Rxe4

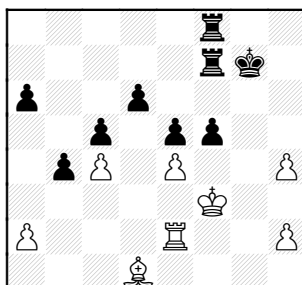


keeps Rook active and
looking at e7 - Pawn 29...e5
still leads to a winning position
for Black. White's Bishop is
useless.

29...e5 30.Kf3 h5

30...exf4 isn't bad

31.Re2 h4 32.f5 gxf5 33.gxh4



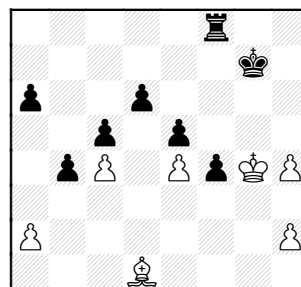
33...f4

Black has probably realized
he can make a Queenside
passer, so overloads the

defense with one on the other
side!

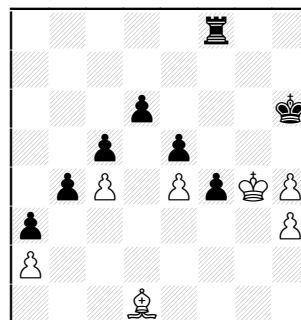
33...fxe4+ 34.Kxe4 Rf4+ wins
a Pawn, but Black's result is
hard to argue against.

34.Rg2+ Kh6 35.Rg5 Rg7 36.Rxg7 Kxg7 37.Kg4



White cannot stop the
passers, so Black takes a
move to improve his King.

37...Kh6 38.h3 a5 39.Bf3 a4 40.Bd1 a3

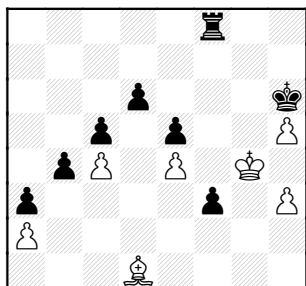


Black has played the ending
like a GM!

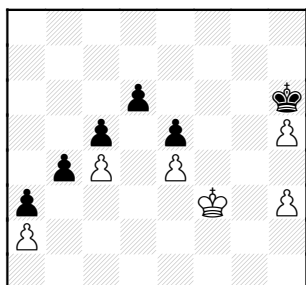
41.h5

41.Kf3 Kh5 is no better

41...f3!!



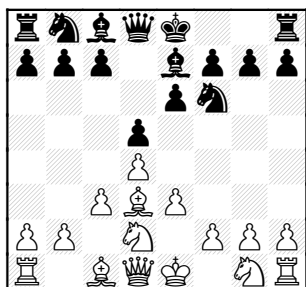
Very well done!! **42.Bxf3 Rxf3**
43.Kxf3



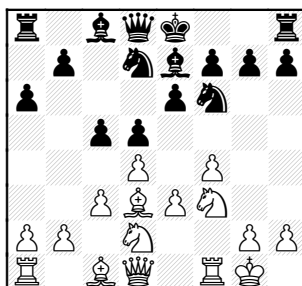
43...b3 A wide - awake,
strongly played ending by
Black! **0-1**

Weitz, R (1624) -
Karandiker, S [D00]
Excaliburs - MotKnights,
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1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 e6
4.Nd2 Be7 5.c3



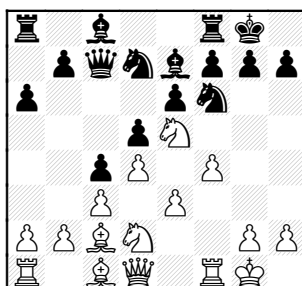
5...a6 6.f4 Nbd7 7.Ngf3 c5
8.0-0



8...c4

Black now cannot open any
lines.

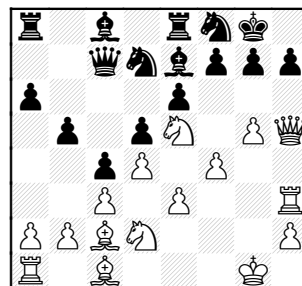
9.Bc2 0-0 10.Ne5 Qc7



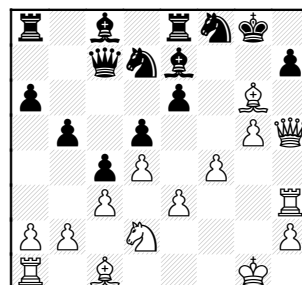
11.Rf3

Even though White's Queen
Rook and Bishop won't soon
be in play, Black has trouble
defending because his Pawn
chain is in the way!

11...b5 12.Rh3 Re8 13.g4
Nf8 14.g5 N6d7 15.Qh5

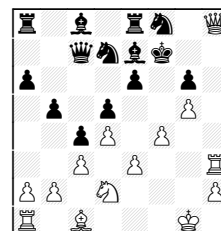


15...g6 16.Nxg6 fxg6
17.Bxg6



17...Nf6

Black should allow the draw
with **17...hxg6 18.Qh8+ Kf7**

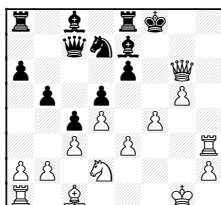


Black is perfectly safe, and
two pieces up!

19.Rh7+ Forcing perpetual
check is probably White's
best chance.

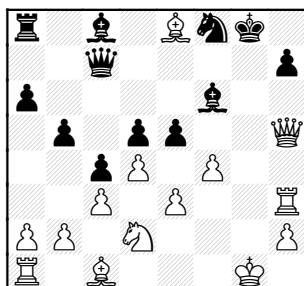
But not **19.Nf3 Bd6** with idea of
Ke7-d8

Any other Black try from game loses. Like: 17...Nxg6 18.Qxh7+ Kf8 19.Qxg6

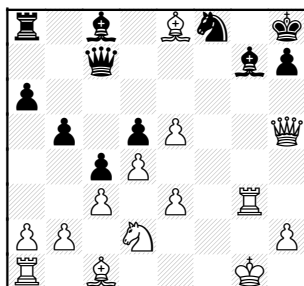


and soon mates with Rh8#

18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Bxe8 e5



20.Rg3+ Kh8 21.fxe5 Bg7



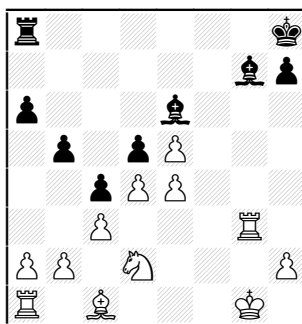
22.Qf7

White could start a second attack wave with 22.Nf3 with idea Ng5 followed by Nf7+ or e4 with idea Bh6, etc.

22...Qxf7 23.Bxf7 Ne6 24.Bxe6

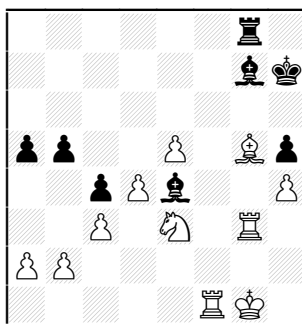
Or the immediate 24.e4

24...Bxe6 25.e4



The ending is easy enough once White gets his extra material developed!

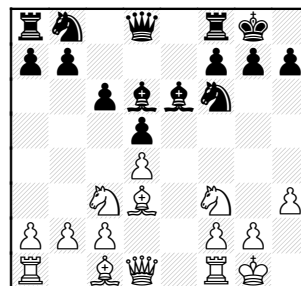
25...h5 26.h4 Rg8 27.exd5 Bxd5 28.Nf1 a5 29.Bg5 Kh7 30.Ne3 Be4 31.Rf1



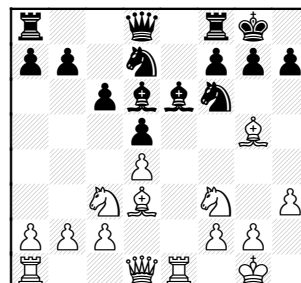
and White won in another 24 moves **1-0**

McCarthy, D (1774) - Satterlee, D (1564) [C01]
Chargers - Case, 15.01.2001

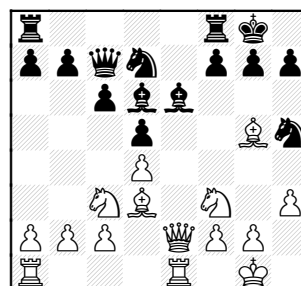
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.Bd3 Be6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.h3 0-0



9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.Re1



10...Qc7 11.Qd2 Nh5 12.Qe2

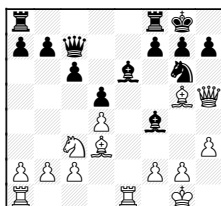


12...Rae8

12...Bf4 clears f4 for the Knight, but allows 13.Ne5! Nxe5

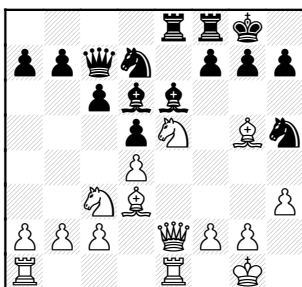
If 13...Bxg5 14.Qxh5 Bh6

14.Qxh5 Ng6



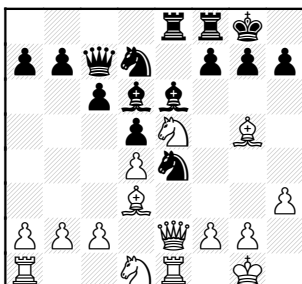
White's Queen is solidly entrenched on Kingside since the Black Knight is pinned to blocking h7!

13.Ne5

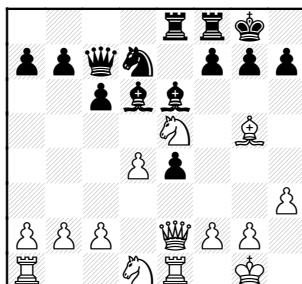


Hitting loose h5 - Knight, of course

13...Nhf6 14.Nd1 Ne4



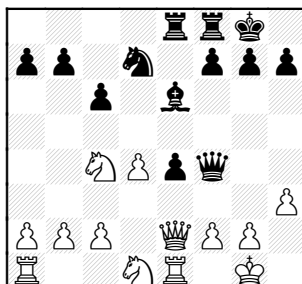
15.Bxe4 dxe4



16.Nc4

16.Qxe4? f6 17.Nxd7 Bxd7 and Black wins the Bishop

16...Bf4 17.Bxf4 Qxf4



18.Qe3

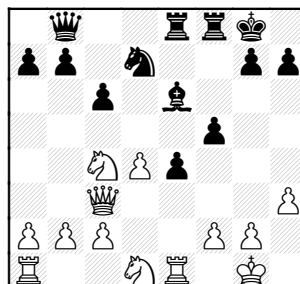
Unprotecting the c4 - Knight, but Black has his Queen to worry about

18.Qxe4 Qxe4 19.Rxe4 Bxc4

18...Qb8

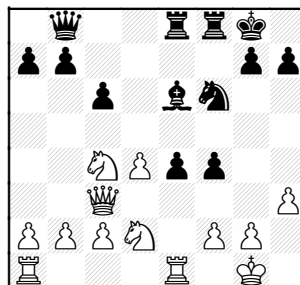
18...Qxe3 19.Ncxe3

19.Qc3 f5



Black has a strong game, with the Rooks perfectly backing-up the advancing Pawns.

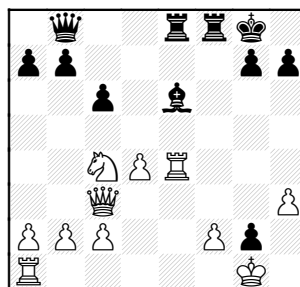
20.Nde3 f4 21.Nf1 Nf6 22.Nfd2



22...f3

22...Bd5 would hold the Pawn, but Black purposely opens lines for his active pieces.

23.Nxe4 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 fxe4!

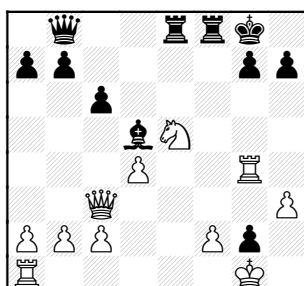


The little isolated Pawn is a bone in White's throat!

25.Ne5

White must keep his mitts off the Pawn! 25.Kxg2? Bd5

25...Bd5 26.Rg4



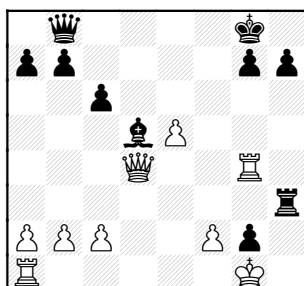
26...Rxe5!

another strong move, making f3 fatally weak

27.dxe5 Rf3

the point of the exchange sac

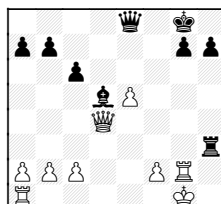
28.Qd4 Rxh3



29.Rxg7+

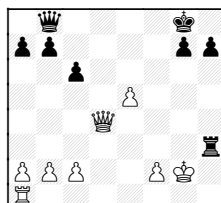
I would probably eliminate the passer, but still looks like it doesn't save the game.

As in 29.Rxg2 Qe8!



White's Rook is pinned to stopping Rh1#

Note that bad is 29...Bxg2? 30.Kxg2



Would be interesting to see if White can make his passer count!

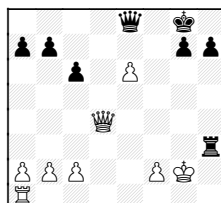
30.e6 threat of Qg7#

Trying the game combo fails: 30.Rxg7+?? Kxg7 31.Qg4+ Qg6 and White's Queen is pinned.

Also failing is 30.Rh2? Qg6+ and wins Rook next;

And also 30.Qg4 Bxg2 31.Qxg2 Rh6

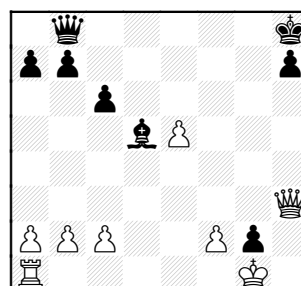
30...Bxg2 31.Kxg2



31...Qxe6

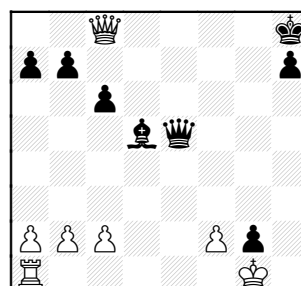
31...Qh5?? to mate by Qf3+ and Rh1# 32.Qd8+ and mates next

29...Kxg7 30.Qg4+ Kh8 31.Qxh3



A nice combination by White, but the g - passer remains.

31...Qxe5 32.Qc8+



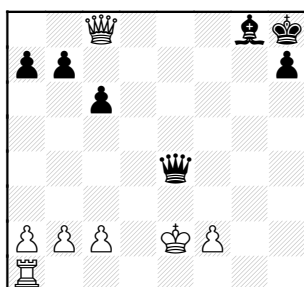
32...Bg8

If 32...Kg7 33.Qxb7+ Kh6 with Qh5 next

33.Kxg2 Qg5+ 34.Kf1 Qb5+ 35.Ke1 Qe5+ 36.Kd2 Qd4+ 37.Ke2

37.Ke1 Qxb2 38.Rd1 White's King lacks cover from Queen

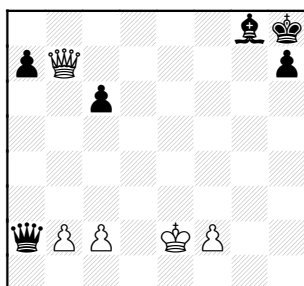
37...Qe4+



38.Kf1?

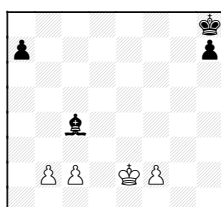
White must remain off the backrank and can't make progress. Probably a drawn position.

**38...Qh1+ 39.Ke2 Qxa1
40.Qxb7 Qxa2**



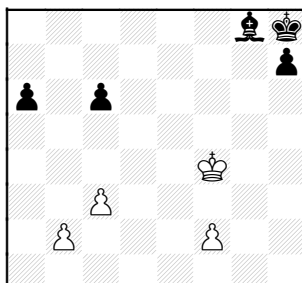
41.c3

**41.Qxc6 Qc4+ 42.Qxc4
Bxc4+**



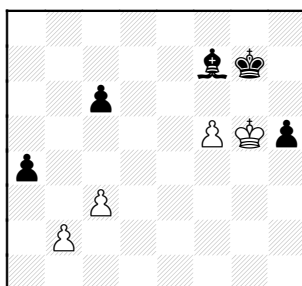
After Black builds a light-square blockade and wins passer(s), he can Queen the h-Pawn.

**41...a6 42.Qb8 Qd5 43.Qf4
Qc4+ 44.Ke3 Qxf4+ 45.Kxf4**



The win is as described move 41 analysis, but here Black has the added help of another Pawn (the c-isolate).

**45...Kg7 46.Kg5 h6+ 47.Kf5
h5 48.f4 Bf7 49.Kg5 a5 50.f5
a4**



zugzwang **51.f6+ Kf8 52.Kf5**

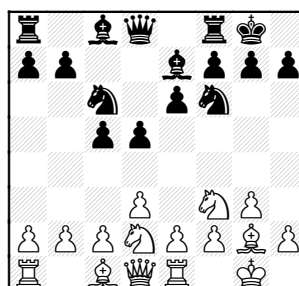
52.Kh6?? h4

52...Ke8 53.Ke5 Kd7 54.Kf5
the King is tied to stopping outside passer **54...Kd6** and the Black King is free to roam!

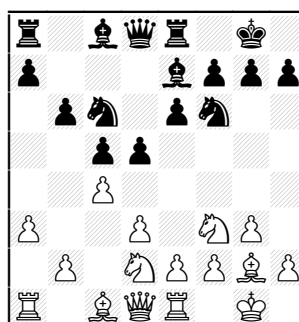
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**Rogers, N (1915) -
Bargerstock, D (1824) [A05]**
Reader - Stafford, 08.02.2001

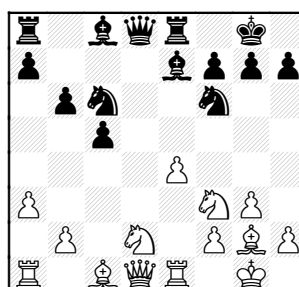
**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 c5
4.d3 d5 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Re1 Be7
7.Nbd2 0-0**



8.c4 Re8 9.a3 b6

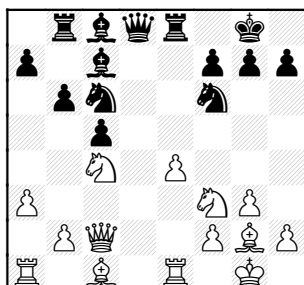


**10.cxd5 exd5 11.e4 dxe4
12.dxe4**

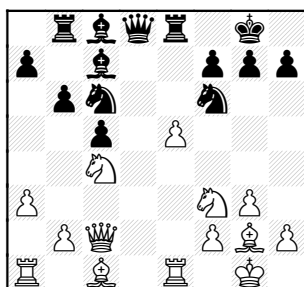


Interesting position. Black seems to be better, but needs time to find and focus his pieces on a target.

12...Rb8 13.Qc2 Bd6 14.Nc4 Bc7



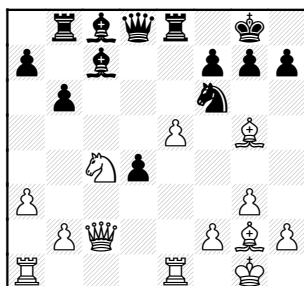
15.e5



15...Nd4!? 16.Nxd4

Now the e5-Pawn is pinned since e1-Rook hangs

16...cxd4 17.Bg5



17...b5

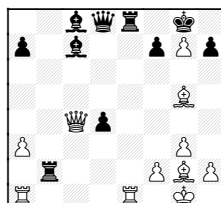
17...h6 18.exf6 hxg5 19.fxg7 Be6 with idea of Rc8

18.exf6

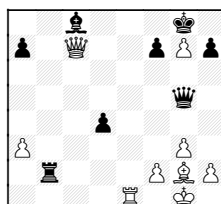
18.Nd2 Bxe5

18...bxc4 19.Rxe8+

19.Qxc4 Rxb2 20.fxg7



overloading the Queen
20...Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qxg5
22.Qxc7

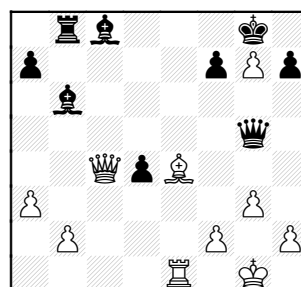


Black's King is vulnerable, but will his passer count?

19...Qxe8 20.fxg7

20.Qxc4 is better since Black can't take b2-Pawn (his c7-Bishop hangs)

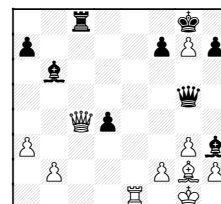
20...Qb5 forking Pb2 and Bg5
21.Be4? misses the threat
21...Qxg5 22.Qxc4 Bb6 23.Re1



Or if 23.Bd5 Qxg7

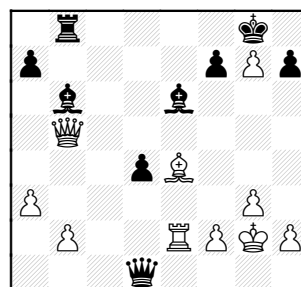
23...Qd2

23...Bh3 24.Bg2 Rc8



25.Qd3 Rc1 forcing a lot of trades

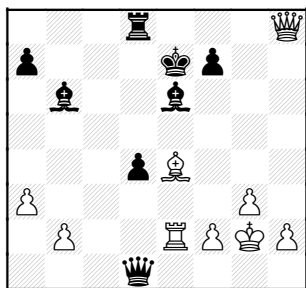
24.Re2 Qd1+ 25.Kg2 Be6 26.Qb5



26...Rd8

26...Rc8 main idea Rc1,Qh1#
but White's Rook is also
trapped, so he is tied up.

27.Qh5 Kxg7 28.Qxh7+ Kf8
29.Qh8+ Ke7

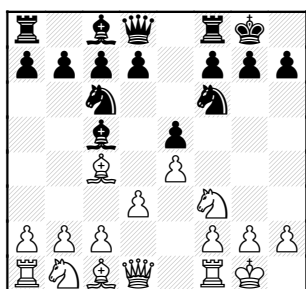


30.Qh5 Qc1 0-1

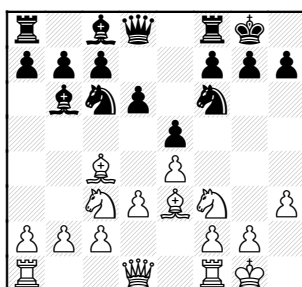
Bannon,B (1281) -
Kratka,M [C55]

Lburn - Tradelink
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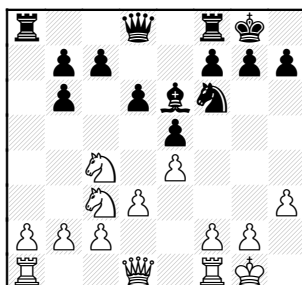
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6
4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0



6.Be3 Bb6 7.Nc3 d6 8.h3



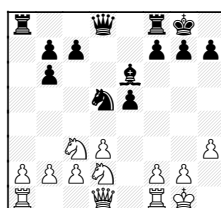
8...Na5 9.Bxb6 axb6 10.Nd2
Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Be6



12.b4 This weakens many
Qside squares without making
a clear threat.

Maybe 12.Ne3 d5 threatening
d4, forking 13.exd5 Nxd5 with
more trades.

Or even 12.Nd2 d5 13.exd5
Nxd5

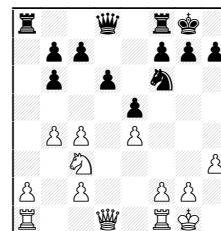


14.Nxd5
If 14.Nce4 Nf4

14...Bxd5 15.a3

12...d5

Interesting is 12...Bxc4!?
13.dxc4



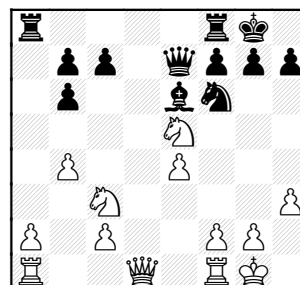
13...Nd7 with idea of -f5

13...Ra3 14.Qd2

14.Qg4? Ra3
With idea of Nf6, then Qa8

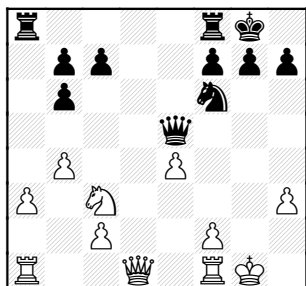
15.Nb5 Ra4 16.c3 Nf6 and c6
next, trapping b5 - Knight

13.Nxe5 dxe4 14.dxe4 Qe7

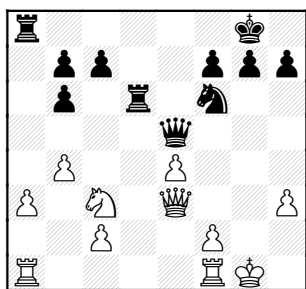


Threatening a Bishop move to
discover down e - file

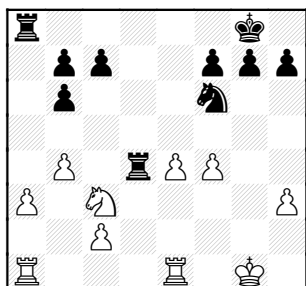
15.a3 Bxh3 16.gxh3 Qxe5



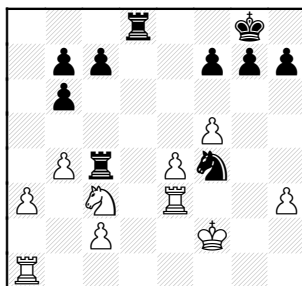
17.Qf3 Rfd8 18.Qe3 Rd6



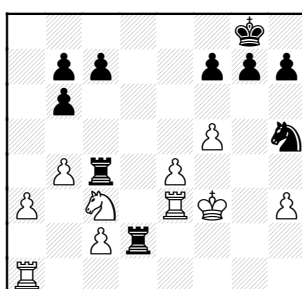
19.f4 Qd4 20.Qxd4 Rxd4
21.Rfe1



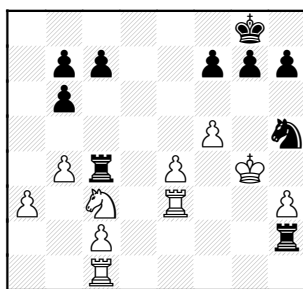
21...Rc4 22.Re3 Nh5 23.f5
Rd8 24.Kf2 Nf4



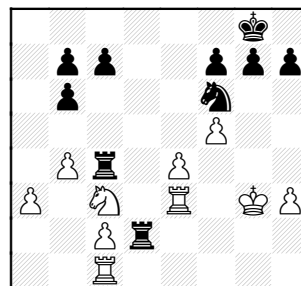
25.Kg3 Nh5+ 26.Kf3 Rd2



27.Rc1 Rh2 28.Kg4



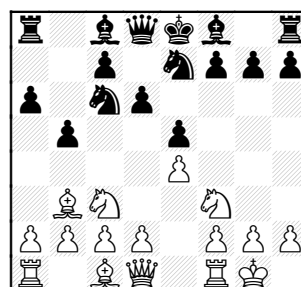
28...Nf6+ 29.Kg3 Rd2



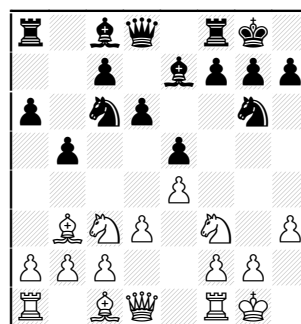
Threat is Rxc3! followed by
Nxe4+
30.Rd3 Rxc3! 31.Kf4 Rdx3
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Ward,C (1300) - Fulkerson,R (1417) [C60]
Tradelink - L.Burn, 27.02.2001

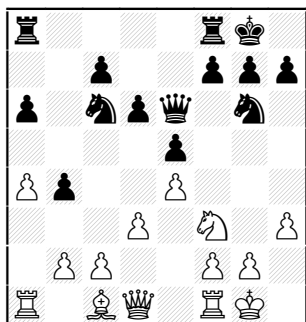
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
Nge7 4.0-0 d6 5.Nc3 a6
6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3



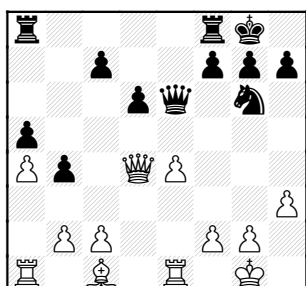
7...Ng6 8.d3 Be7 9.h3 0-0



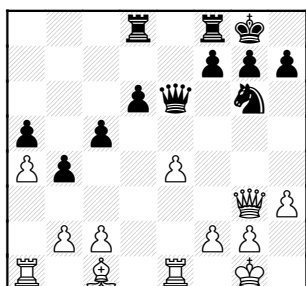
**10.a4 b4 11.Nd5 Be6
12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Bxe6
Qxe6**



**14.Re1 a5 15.d4 exd4
16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4**



**17...c5 [17...f5] 18.Qe3 Rad8
19.Qg3**



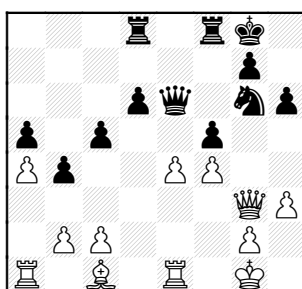
19...h6

Still maybe 19...f5

20.f4

20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.f4 (with idea
22 f5) Black gets 22...f5!

20...f5

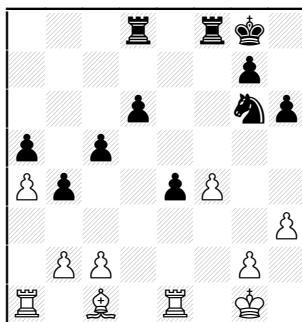


21.Qe3

21.exf5 Qxf5 22.Rf1 Rde8
23.Qf3
Or even 23.Bd2

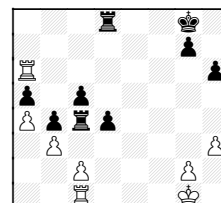
23...Re4 24.g3

21...Qxe4 22.Qxe4 fxe4



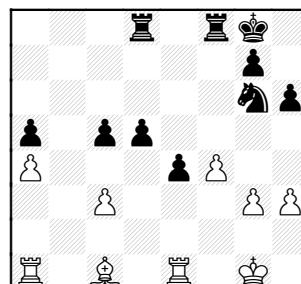
23.g3

23.Rxe4 d5 24.Re6 Nxf4
25.Bxf4 Rxf4 26.Ra6 Rc4
27.Rc1 d4 28.b3



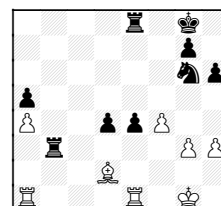
28...Rc3 and -d3 next!

23...d5 24.c4 bxc3 25.bxc3



25...c4

White has interesting
alternates after 25...Rfe8 :
A) 26.Bb2 Rb8 (26...d4)
27.Bc1 Rb3 (27...Rb6)
28.Bd2 (28.Be3)
28...d4 29.cxd4 cxd4



30.Bxa5 e3 31.Ra2 d3

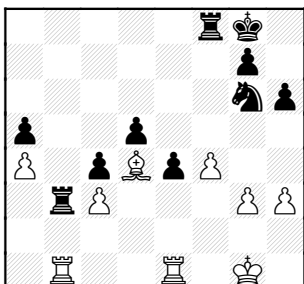
A second try after 25...Rfe8

B) 26.Be3

Or **C) 26.Kf2 26...d4 27.cxd4 cxd4 28.Bd2 (28.Ra3)**

Instead of 25...Rfe8, however, not 25...d4? 26.Rxe4 dxc3 27.Rc4

26.Be3 Rb8 27.Rab1 Rb3 28.Bd4



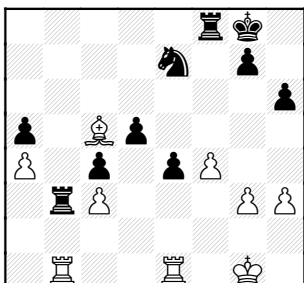
28...Ne7

28...Rfb8 29.Rxb3

29.Bc5 R8b7

29...Rxb3 30.Bc5 Kf7

29.Bc5



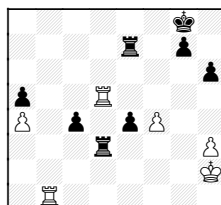
29...Re8

29...Kf7 30.Bxe7
(White should keep Bishop to help stop the Pawns -ed.)

30...Kxe7 31.Kf2 Rfb8
(Maybe 31...Kd6)

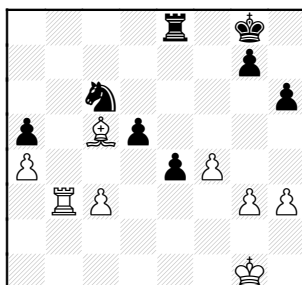
30.Rxb3

30.Red1 Rxc3 31.Bxe7 Rxe7
32.Rxd5 Rxc3+ 33.Kh2 Rd3

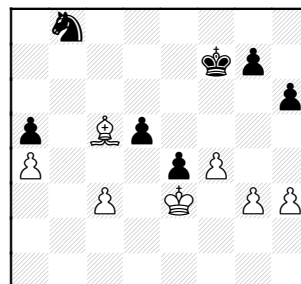


34.Rxa5 e3 35.Re1 e2

30...cxb3 31.Rb1 Nc6 32.Rxb3



32...Rb8 33.Rxb8+ Nxb8 34.Kf2 Kf7 35.Ke3



35...Nc6

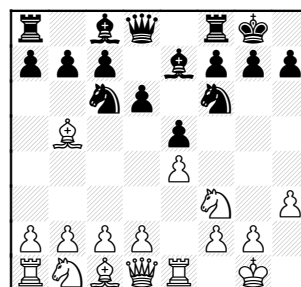
35...Ke6 36.Kd4 Nc6+ 37.Ke3 g6 38.Bb6 Kd6

36.g4 Kf6 37.Bb6 ½-½

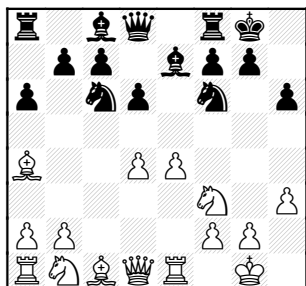
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Re1 Be7 6.h3 0-0



7.c3 a6 8.Ba4 h6 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4

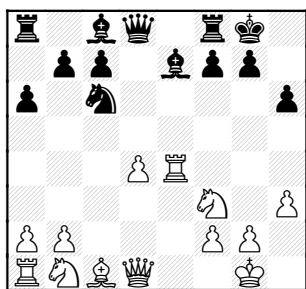


10...d5 omitting the normal Ruy - b5 move **11.Bc2**

11.Nc3 develops, allows trading of Knight, saves Bishop for the attack.

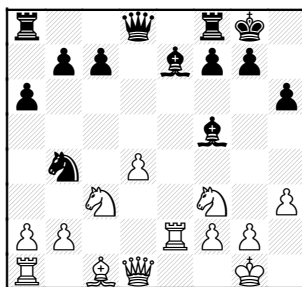
Another good move is 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Ne5 as White establishes a killer Knight and Black's Queenside is a mess. Also, White has a 2-1 Pawn majority (after Nxc6 or ed cd), which is promising in an ending.

11...dxe4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4



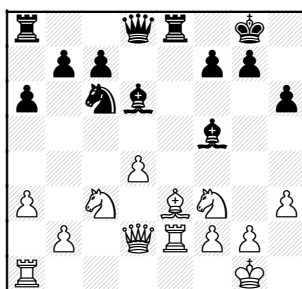
White's development lags (Black didn't chase Bishop earlier with -b5, saving a tempo)

13...Bf5 14.Re2 Nb4 15.Nc3



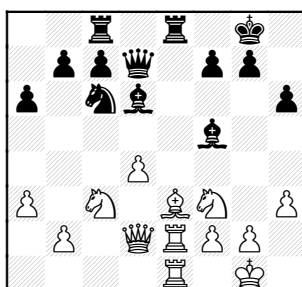
15...Re8 16.a3 Nc6
More active is 16...Nd5

17.Be3 Bd6 18.Qd2



18...Rc8
Maybe 18...Re6 with idea Rg6

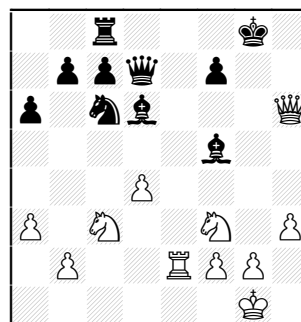
19.Rae1 Qd7



20.Bxh6 an interesting sacrifice which certainly looks promising

Maybe White increases the Bxh6 threat with the immediate 20.Nd5

20...Rxe2 21.Rxe2 gxh6 22.Qxh6



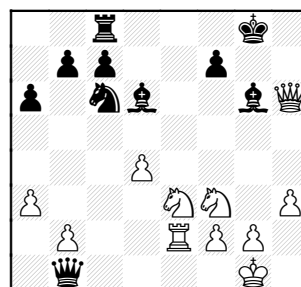
22...Bg6 23.Nd5

23.Ne4 avoids the Bxh2+ shot since 23...Bxe4 24.Rxe4 brings the Rook into the attack (with idea Rg4# or Rh4 followed by Qh8#)

23...Qf5

23...Bh2+ idea Qxd5 forces a trade

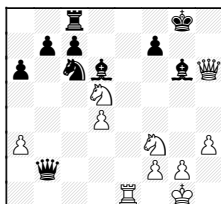
24.Ne3 Qb1+



25.Nf1 I can imagine this retreat was not welcome after

sacrificing a piece!

So 25.Re1! Qxb2? 26.Nd5



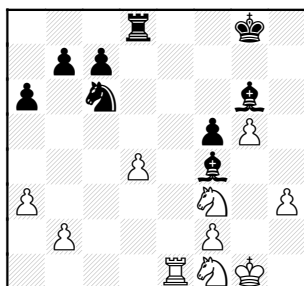
and threat of Nf6# is a killer
26...Be7 27.Rxe7!

25...Qd3 26.Re3 Qf5
threat is Bf4, forking

27.g4 Qf4 28.Qxf4

28.Qh4 Be7

28...Bxf4 29.Re1 f5 30.g5
Rd8



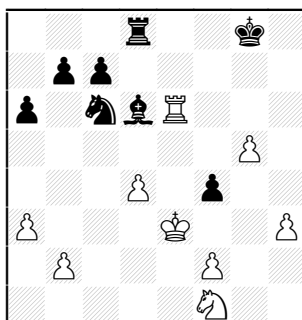
31.Re6 Bh5

31...Kf7 32.Rf6+ Kg7

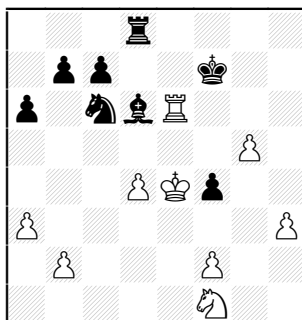
32.Kg2? A forking square!
Bxf3+ 33.Kxf3 Bd6?

33...Nxd4+ wins Rook

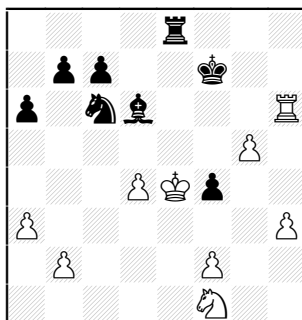
34.Ke3 f4+



35.Ke4 Kf7



36.Rh6 [36.Kf5 Nxd4+]
36...Re8+

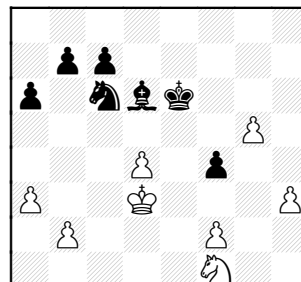


37.Kd3

37.Kf3 Nxd4+ 38.Kg4 at least
the King is working in the

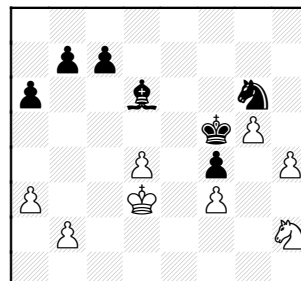
battle to get the passers
moving

37...Re6 38.Rxe6 Kxe6



White pieces aren't in place to
support the Pawns

39.h4 Kf5 40.Nh2 Ne7 41.f3
Ng6



42.h5 Nh4 43.Ng4 Kxg5 0-1

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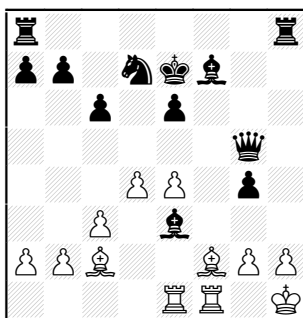
Part 2 - The Speculative

by Tom Friske

Last month, we introduced some basic patterns involving Rook sacs. Although similar to other tactical studies, we divided our material into five groups for emphasis in examination. This month, we get into the meat: using these basic themes in combination and in cases where the outcome is less definite!

Example 4.5

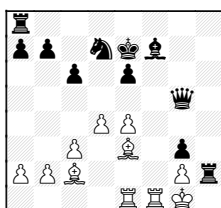
Although Black is up considerable material, the following example shows a nice coordination and use of the pieces. White seems to be forcing the intruding Bishop away, but Black doesn't pussyfoot around with such!



24...Rxh2+

Not just checking, but removing a defender of the g3 square
25.Kxh2

If 25.Kg1 g3 26.Bxe3

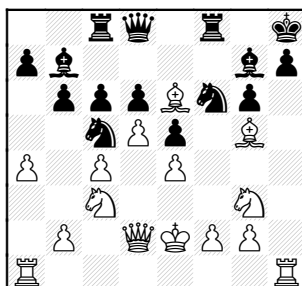


Black finishes nicely with
26..Rh1+! 27 Kxh1 Qh4+ 28 Kg1 Qh2#

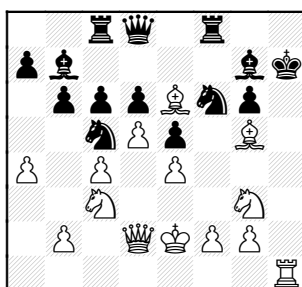
26...Rh8+ White resigns since 27 Bh4 Qh4# or 27 Kg1 g3 is that mate again. He never got a chance to take that Bishop!

Example 4.6

A typical sacrifice in attacking the fianchetto position. Here, it would appear that Black has enough position to stop invasions. The Rook sac get things started.



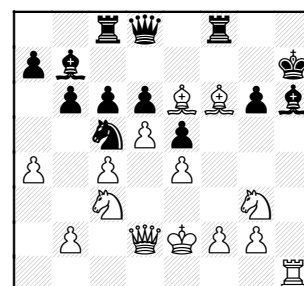
18.Rxh7+ Kxh7 19.Rh1+



As examined last month, the Rook sac clears lines so his buddy can finish up. **19...Bh6**

Note if 19...Nh5 20.Nxh5 Black still is threatened with mate, and his Queen also hangs!

20.Bxf6!



Clearing the diagonal so the Queen can sweep in!

20...Qxf6 21.Qxh6#

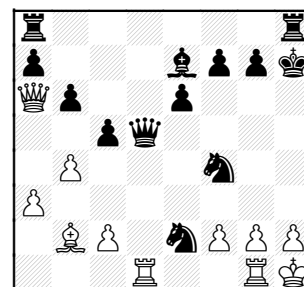
Black checkmated 1-0

A nice combination made possible by every White piece ready to contribute.

Example 4.7

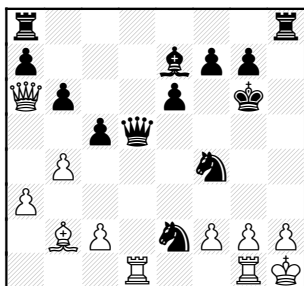
Our final mating example finds White tossing the Queen into the fire to set up the Rook sac!

McGee, L - Fridman, C ICL open 1999. **Black** to move:



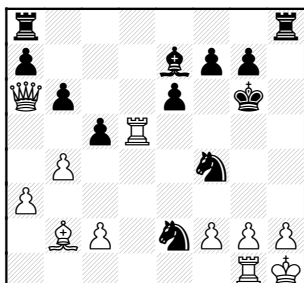
Black's Queen has just been attacked, so just the time to be spectacular!

21...Kg6!!

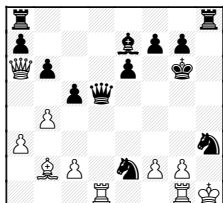


As part of this study, you should immediately recognize the threat of 22.. Rxh2+! White ignored it, however, playing

22.Rxd5

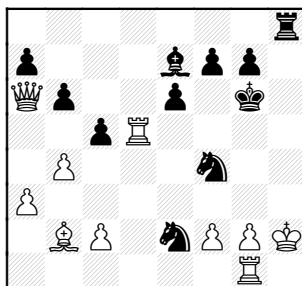


But can White defend at all? Also failing is : 22.h3 Nxh3



Owing to pinned g - Pawn and Black's Nxf2# (double - check!) threat, White's still busted!

22...Rxh2+! 23.Kxh2 Rh8+



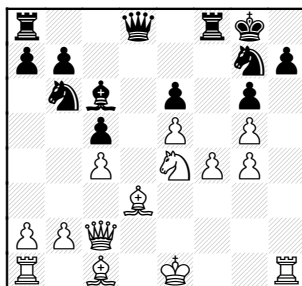
0-1

A study-like finish!

PART 5. Speculative Sacs

Once you get accustomed to seeing these things, they pop up all over the place! Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately!), there are times when you can't see the end and have to work intuitively. Let's look at a few of these.

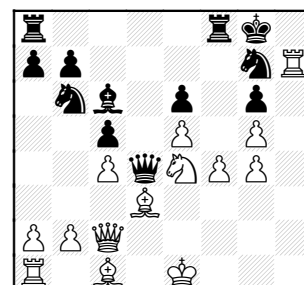
Example 5.1



White could win a Pawn with the simple Nf6+, but purposely goes

for the King. The point is that removing the h7 - Pawn lets the Bishop and Queen into the Black position. But will White pay for attacking before completing his development ?

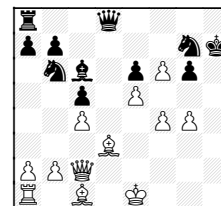
20.Rxh7 Qd4



The following lines validate Black's decision to ignore sac (for now):
20...Kxh7 21.Nf6+ Rxf6

if 21...Kh8 22.Qh2+

22.gxf6



22...Ne8 23.Bxg6+ Kg8

23...Kh8 24.Qh2+ Kg8 25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Qf7#

24.f7+

21.Qh2!?

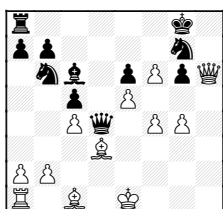
Somehow, White got lost in the

complications after 21.Nf6+ Rxf6 (For some reason, seeing that the Knight was gone scared White away from the rest! He was willing to sac a Rook, but when it turned into a mere minor piece, suddenly things are no go!)

But not 21...Kf7 22.Bxg6+ Ke7 23.Rxg7+

22.gxf6 and the mate threat is enough compensation:

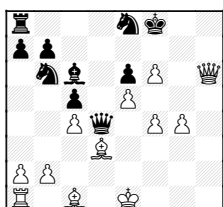
A) 22...Kxh7 23.Qh2+ Kg8 24.Qh6



24...Ne8

24...Qd7 25.Bxg6 idea f7+

25.Qxg6+ Kf8 26.Qh6+



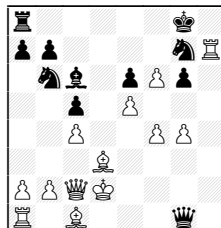
26...Kg8

26...Kf7 27.Bg6+ Kg8 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qf7#

27.Bh7+ Kf7 28.Qg6+ Kf8 29.Qg8#;

From top of last column, Black may ignore the sac longer yet:

B) 22...Qg1+ 23.Kd2



23...Qf2+

and a couple tries from here:
B1) 24.Be2 Kxh7

24...Qxf4+ 25.Ke1

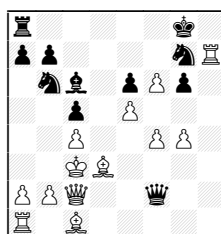
25.fxg7

B2) 24.Kc3 24...Qd4+ 25.Kd2

25.Kb3?? Ba4+

25...Qxf4+

25...Qf2+ 26.Kc3



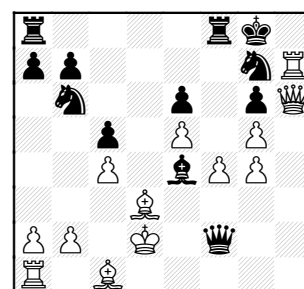
26...Qxc2+? 27.Bxc2 Kxh7 28.fxg7 Kxg7 White remains a healthy Pawn up

Instead of the game continuation (see previous page), White could just retreat:

21.Kf1 Rad8 22.Rh3

or even 21.Rh1

Anyway, the game concluded:
21...Bxe4 22.Qh6 Qg1+ 23.Kd2 Qf2+



Short of time, White blunders
24.Kd1??

24.Kc3

A) 24...Qd4+ 25.Kd2 25.Kb3?? Qxd3#

25...Qxd3+ 26.Ke1 Qd7

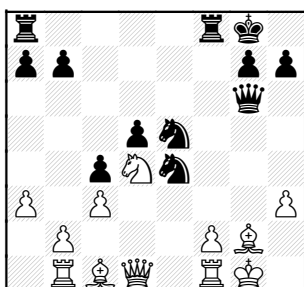
B) 24...Na4+ 25.Kb3 White survives

24...Bf3+ White resigns 0-1

Oh well, practice is practice! Our point here, however, is to review situations where the sac is possible and attempt to get a feel for what works. Are the pieces coordinated? Did we miss counterplay? Such questions are key.

Example 5.2

There's something to be said for the psychological effect the sac has. And not just that it occurs, but the complications that the other player is forced to solve.

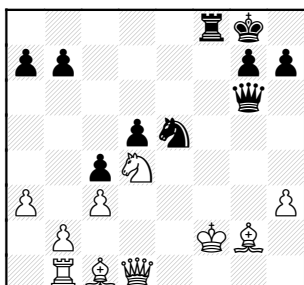


Black is already up a piece and need not push, but couldn't resist forcing the King out. The main theme is after the e4-Knight moves, Black has Qxb1.

19...Rxf2!?

19...Nxf2 is more direct

20.Rxf2 Nxf2 21.Kxf2 Rf8+



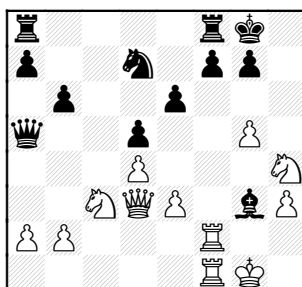
22.Ke2??

22.Kg1 Qxb1 Now threat is Nd3, winning the c1-Bishop 23.Bxd5+ Kh8

22...Qxg2+ White resigns 0-1

Example 5.3

Another example where the attacked side misplays the defense.



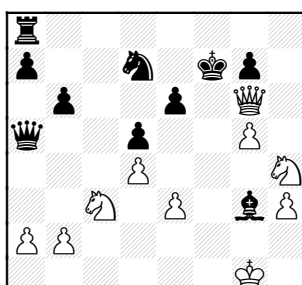
White purposely allowed Bg3 fork, believing the Rook sac scores first. Shouldn't have worked!

21.Rxf7?! Nd7

Found on-the-spot threat is Qg6 forcing Qg7#

21...Rxf7 22.Rxf7 Kxf7

23.Qg6+



23...Kg8? Black helps out.

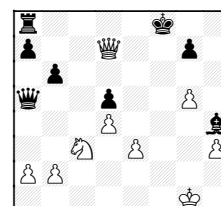
23...Kf8 24.Qh7 threat is Qh8+ winning Rook, and also Ng6+

If 24.Qxe6 with ideas Ng6# or

Nxd5 or Qxd7

At time of Rook sac, missed that h4-Knight still hangs!

24...Bxh4 25.Qxd7



White remains the sac'd Rook down!

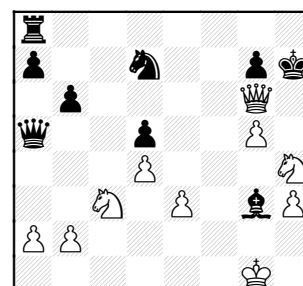
So after analysis 24 Qh7
24...Bxh4 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qxa8
Bxg5 Black remains a piece up!

Returning to the game
24.Qxe6+ Kh7??

24...Kh8 25.Nf5 ideas Qg6/Nxg3
(If 25.Ng6+ Kh7)

Not 24...Kf8?? 25.Ng6#

25.Qg6+



Same as at move 23, except f5 has been cleared for the Knight!

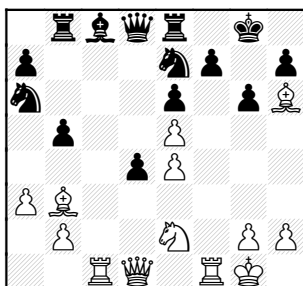
25...Kg8 26.Nf5

Mate can't be stopped!

26...Kf8 27.Qxg7+ Black resigns as Qe7# follows **1-0**

Example 5.4

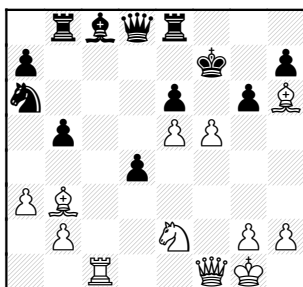
Once again, the defense fails. But here, the White pieces are so well placed, there is ample ammunition to blast away for many moves to come.



19.Rxf7!? Played to expose King, realizing that Black has to return at least a Knight to stop mate!

19...Kxf7 20.Qf1+ threat is Qf6-g7#

20...Nf5 only way to stop mate!
21.exf5



21...gxf5??

Black can defend after 21...Kg8.

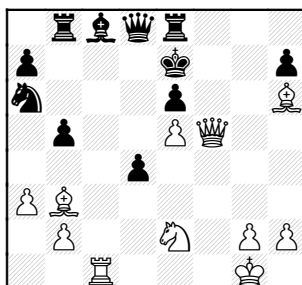
But not 21...Ke7?? 22.Bg5+ wins Queen

22.Qxf5+

Perhaps Black missed the e6-Pawn pin.

22...Ke7

22...Kg8 allows 23 Qg4+ mates



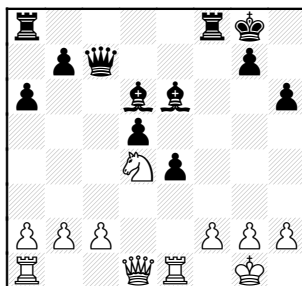
23.Bg5+?

Missing the simple 23.Qxh7#

23...Kd7 24.Bxe6+

Black resigns since 24...Rxe6 25.Bxd8 Kxd8 26.Rxc8+! Rxc8 27.Qxe6 **1-0**

Example 5.5



19...Rxf2!? strictly intuitive!

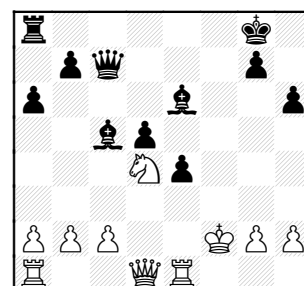
20.Kxf2

20.Nxe6 Bxh2+ 21.Kxf2

21.Kh1 Qg3

21...Qg3+ 22.Ke2 Qg4+ Qxe6

20...Bc5 with ideas Qxh2,Rf8+

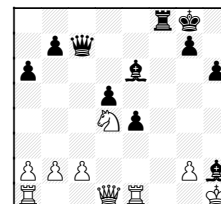


The immediate 20...Rf8+ fails to 21.Kg1

But not 21.Ke2 Bg4+ 22.Nf3 exf3+--+

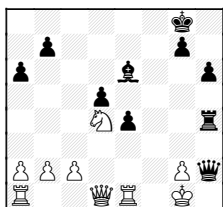
Nor 21.Ke3 Bf4+ 22.Kf2 Bxh2+ 23.Ke3 Qf4+ 24.Ke2 Bg4+ 25.Nf3--+

21...Bxh2+ 22.Kh1



The original idea of sac was to play 22...Rf4?? but around here found the cook 23.Nxe6

If 23.Kxh2?? Rh4+ 24.Kg1 Qh2+

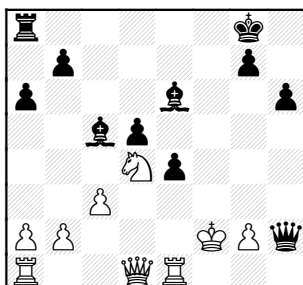


25.Kf1 Rf4+ 26.Ke2 Qxg2+ 27.Ke3 Qf2#

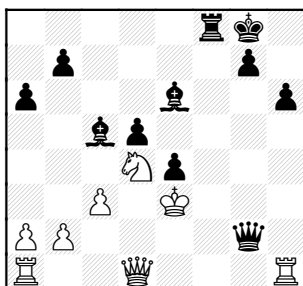
21.c3?

21.Kg1 Qe5 22.c3 Bd6 23.g3

21...Qxh2



Black has flushed out the King.
22.Rh1 Rf8+ 23.Ke2 Qxg2+ 24.Ke3



24...Qg5+ 25.Ke2 Bg4+ 26.Ke1

White resigns **0-1**

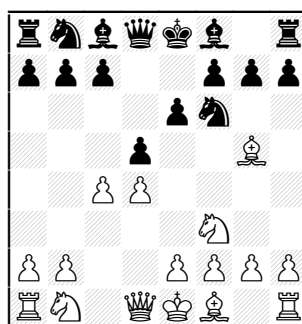
END OF THE JOURNEY.

As they accumulated over the two years since that first CICL bulletin, each example was a subtle reminder that "This might make an interesting study", if formalized. It wasn't until this season, however, after playing the following game, I knew the time had come. Not only a nice win against one of the patriarchs of the North Division, it is also truly a culmination of all those practice games that had come before.

Friske, T (1987) - Buerger, E (2039) [D30]

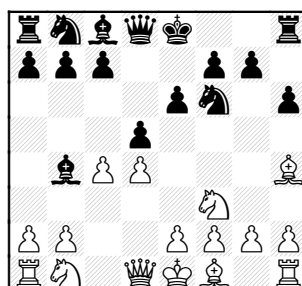
Excaliburs - UOP 05.12.2000

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



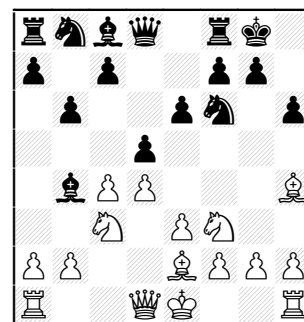
I'm trying to play a QGD, but Ed still goes with Nimzo - Indian stuff.

4...h6 5.Bh4 Bb4+



Taking advantage of the dark-squared Bishops absence.

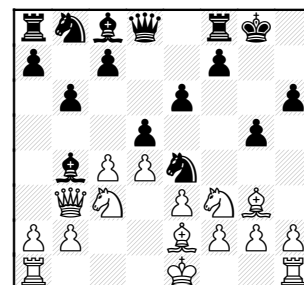
6.Nc3 0-0 7.e3 b6 8.Be2



8...g5

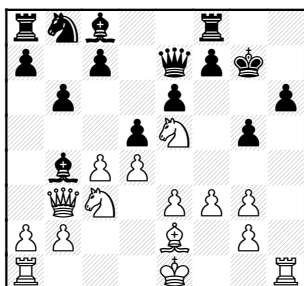
I usually judge this as a weakening to Black's King. As the game progressed, however, his Bishops and my goofy Pawn structure started me wondering...

9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Qb3

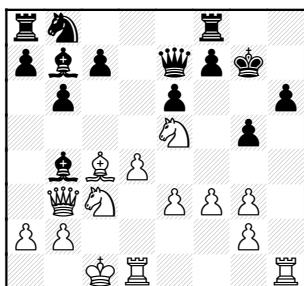


Forcing Black to do something with pin and considering Qside castling so that h4 opens lines to the King.

10...Qe7 11.Ne5 Kg7 12.f3 Nxg3 13.hxg3



13...dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bb7 15.0-0-0



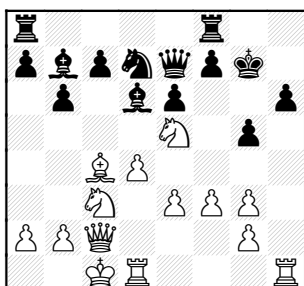
15...Bd6

Ready to kick Knight with f6 or Nd7, and discover on loose g3-Pawn. Black's Bishops are poised to sweep White off the board.

16.Qc2

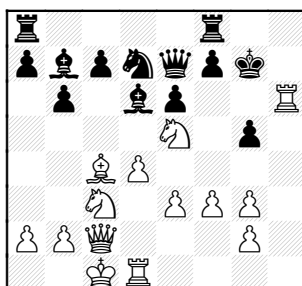
Spotting the loose squares around Black's King, especially h7 after Rxh6!?

16...Nd7



17.Rxh6!?

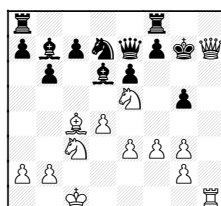
As I examined the possibilities, the deja vu feeling kicked in high gear!



17...Rh8

The sac was solid, only the best continuation was tough. Black cannot accept Rook:

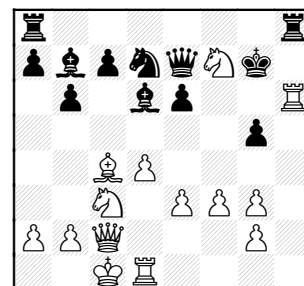
17...Kxh6?? 18.Rh1+ Kg7 19.Qh7+



19...Kf6 20.Ng4#

Also the continuation from game 17...Bxe5??, played so no mate after Kxh6, etc. fails to 18.Qh7#

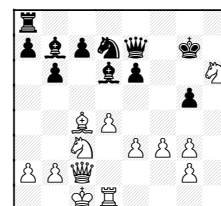
18.Nxf7!?



The fun part of the combination - a lot of material goes, but Black's King is still a bit loose.

18...Qxf7

If 18...Rxh6 19.Nxh6

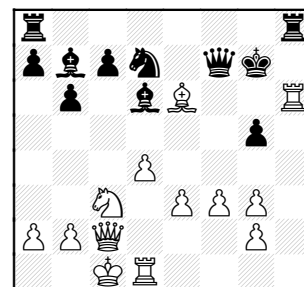


19...Bxg3

Not 19...Kxh6?? 20.Rh1+ Kg7 21.Rh7+ wins the Queen

20.Ng4 White has won a Pawn with the better position.

19.Bxe6



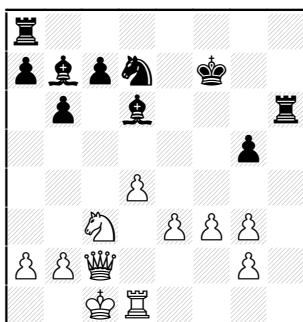
Well, this was all planned from move 15, but I'd lost count of material after Black's reply. The Bishop attacks the Queen, being protected by the hanging Rook. Meanwhile, White threatens Qg6+, then Rxh8#

19...Rxh6

The whole reason for forcing the position - Black's best is to give up Queen. The only miscalculation at move 15 was that White hadn't counted his h6-Rook as part of the price for her head!

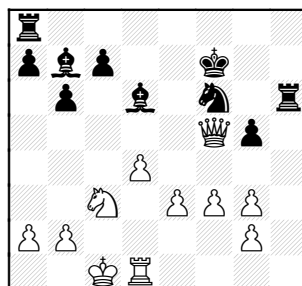
Note if Black goes 19...Qe8, then 20.Bxd7! The Queen is overloaded protecting g6, and Black doesn't have time for Rxh6 since his Queen is once again attacked!

20.Bxf7 Kxf7



21.Qf5+
hitting loose pieces

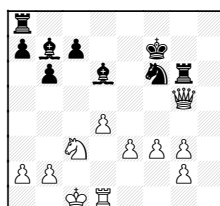
21...Nf6



Time to take stock:
Black has B+B+R for his Queen, but White has a potential for 3 connected passers! I had never seen this material balance before - - but since, have seen it a dozen times in GM games! The Queen almost always out-performed the mass of material! Hmmm, might make an interesting study!?

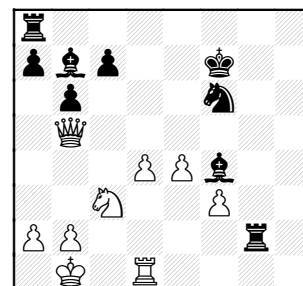
22.e4

If 22.Qxg5 Rg6



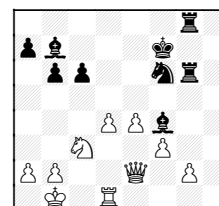
leaves Black consolidating while chasing Queen. I decide to keep her active, regardless of the expense in Pawns.

22...Bxg3 23.Qxg5 a bit of confusion here **23...Rg6 24.Qb5 Bf4+ 25.Kb1 Rxg2**



Well, it's only 2 passers now, but Black's pieces are scattered.

Was expecting 25...c6 first
26.Qe2 Rag8



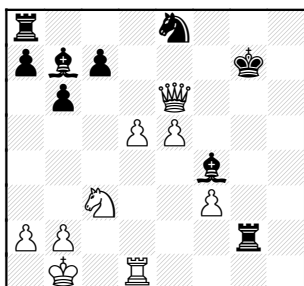
can't rate this position! During the game, I had the definite feeling that Black could make trouble with his extra pieces before the passers would get rolling.

Maybe Black can try 26...Rh8 with idea Rh2

26.e5 kicking Knight from d7
26...Ne8

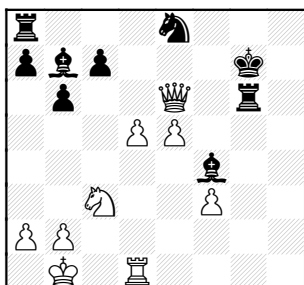
26...c6 27.Qf1 Black has two pieces hanging

27.Qd7+ Kg8 28.Qe6+ Kg7 29.d5



Now the e8-Knight is trapped, which keeps a8-Rook from entering the fray. Meanwhile, b7-Bishop also a bit trapped!

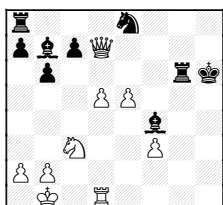
29...Rg6?



A tricky position, White spots a way to force a fork.

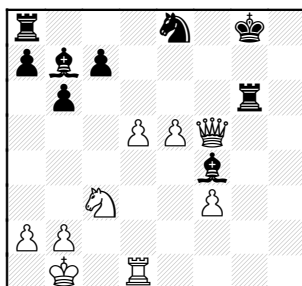
30.Qd7+ Kg8

Not 30...Kh6??



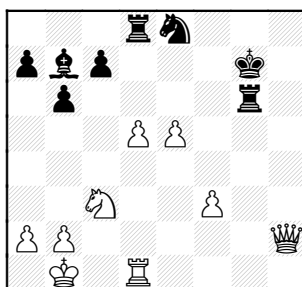
31.Rh1+ Kg5 32.Qg4#

31.Qf5



The point: the check has pushed King from its protection of Rook, causing a fork.

31...Kg7 32.Qxf4 Rd8 33.Qh2

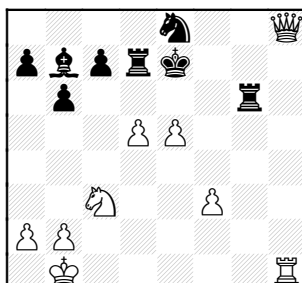


Thinking about pushing f-Pawn all the way

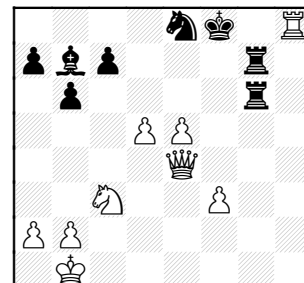
33...Rd7 34.Rh1

couldn't resist trying to get his King

34...Kf8 35.Qh8+ Ke7



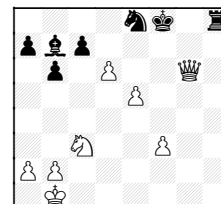
36.Qh4+ Kf8 37.Qe4 Rdg7 38.Rh8+



38...Kf7

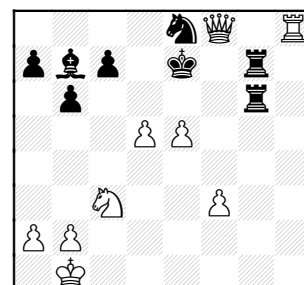
38...Ke7 39.d6+ wins Bishop.

Or 38...Rg8 39.Qxg6 Rxh8 40.d6 idea Qf5+ then d7



a Pawn will queen!

39.Qf5+ Ke7 40.Qf8+



mate next. **1-0**

Next month, we'll examine some games from readers and also Grandmaster Rook sacs!