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League Banquet Announcement

The banquet is **Friday, May 18**, at the **Bohemian Crystal restaurant**,
across
the street from our previous banquet site (Harvey's).

General announcement will be distributed shortly,
the President promises!

Team captains should be reminded to contact me if they know that a certain number of members will be attending the banquet. Although we do NOT need to guarantee a minimum number of attendees, we do need to let the restaurant know at least a day in advance approximately how many people will be attending. It helps the speed chess tournament director if most of the participants are known in advance.

At this point I think that all of the banquet details are known with the possible exception of guest speakers, door prizes, special activities, etc.

The \$20 banquet fee can be mailed to:

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

including 2001 Individual Open

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From the Near West the top finishers will be Lucent Chargers, CCDOC and Pawns, but all 3 of those teams are either ineligible for the playoffs or have declined to participate due to player unavailability. The two 3rd place teams with the best records have therefore been invited to join the playoffs.

Qualifiers are:

North

- 1 Motorola Knights
- 2 Excaliburs
- 3 Motorola Kings

East

- 1 Alumni Aces
- 2 Tradelink
- 3 Bank of America

Far West

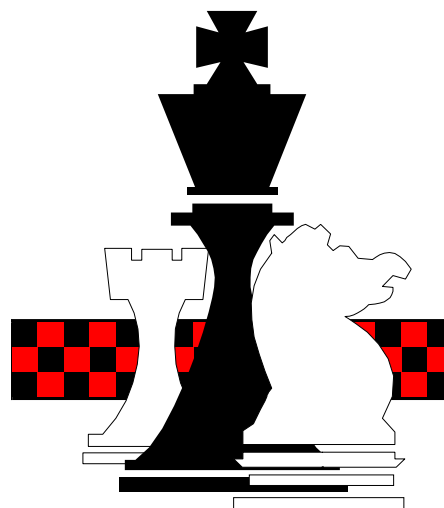
- 1 Lucent Dragons
- 2 Lucent Tyros

The seedings and first round pairings are:

- 1) Aces
- 2) Mot Knights
- 3) Dragons
- 4) Tyros (best record 2nd place team)
- 5) Excaliburs
- 6) Tradelink
- 7) Mot Kings (3rd place team)
- 8) Bank America (3rd place team)

(home team listed last)

Excaliburs@Aces
Tradelink@Knights
Kings@Dragons
BankAmerica@Tyros



Contact me (I am the Tournament Director) with any questions or problems. And remember that there will be an open individual tournament also held on playoff Saturday, in two sections if there are enough entrants.

Good luck to all!

President, Irwin Gaines

Regular Season League Standings

NEAR WEST DIVISION 05-01-2001

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR	7	3	2	43.5	8.0	0.667
LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS	7	3	2	40.5	8.0	0.667
PAWNS	6	5	1	36.0	6.5	0.542
CASE	1	10	1	22.0	1.5	0.125

FAR WEST DIVISION 05-01-2001

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	7	1	4	44.0	9.0	0.750
LUCENT TECH. TYROS	6	1	5	42.0	8.5	0.708
ARGONNE ROOKS	1	5	6	31.0	4.0	0.333
FERMILAB	0	7	5	26.0	2.5	0.208

NORTH DIVISION 05-01-2001

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	9	1	0	40.0	9.0	0.900
EXCALIBURS	6	2	2	38.0	7.0	0.700
MOTOROLA KINGS	5	4	1	35.0	5.5	0.550
UOP	4	5	1	31.5	4.5	0.450
KEMPER INSURANCE	3	5	2	26.0	4.0	0.400
NORTHROP	0	10	0	9.5	0.0	0.000

EAST DIVISION 05-01-2001

TEAM NAME	W	L	D	GAME	MATCH	PCT
				POINTS	POINTS	
ALUMNI ACES	10	0	0	48.5	10.0	1.000
TRADELINK/MYCHAELS	6	3	1	31.5	6.5	0.650
BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS	4	4	1	25.5	4.5	0.500
LEO BURNETT	4	6	0	30.5	4.0	0.400
THE READER	2	6	2	23.5	3.0	0.300
STAFFORD TRADING	1	8	0	12.5	1.0	0.111

Regular Season League Standings

LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
WARREN, J	2097Q	3	0	2	9	443	392
MARCOWKA, R	2007D	6	4	0	-46	251	230
STINSON, M	1952C	2	0	1	4	123	116
ROSLEY, D	1790	0	1	1	-26	79	74
MCCARTHY, D	1754	5	2	1	-12	27	24
RADAVICIUS, E	1615D	2	1	0	21	267	236
THOMAS, J	1544D	4	4	0	-28	219	171
STAMM, V	1451D	2	4	1	-40	297	275
DOBR, K	1419T	2	7	1	-65	404	359
LAFORGE, W	1357	5	1	0	68	12	7

PAWNS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
JAKSTAS, K	2121C	5	1	1	1	155	150
ELLICE, W	1919	7	2	2	63	89	82
FABIJONAS, R	1670D	4	6	0	-71	266	237
MIKULECKY, B	1503C	5	5	1	-9	158	139
O'DELL, DW	1445C	1	4	3	-51	147	137
SERRANO, B	1438#	3	2	0	0	5	5
MCKAY, P	1406*	1	0	0	31	12	12
WEISNER, T	1130	2	6	1	52	85	64
DUNCAN, M	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	1

COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
WILLIAMS, K	2065	5	1	1	18	29	28
ALEXANDER, W	1703	6	4	1	59	44	41
SEATON, E	1663	4	5	2	27	57	55
PERKINS, D	1663#	0	1	0	0	8	5
ROJO, V	1506	6	2	1	27	55	47
HALL, A	1469	2	3	0	-12	57	53
JACKSON, S	1422	2	4	2	4	69	60
APPLEBERRY, T	1369	3	2	0	2	62	45
SANDEFUR, B	1175*	0	1	0	-35	24	14
MC GEE, L	1038*	4	0	0	105	29	16
TRINIDAD, P	954*	2	2	0	-27	22	14
FALCON, L	0000?	1	3	0	0	4	4
NOEL, F	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	1

Regular Season League Standings

CASE

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
KALE, S	1874C	0	0	1	14	112	98
WHITE, H	1683C	1	8	0	-17	137	116
KLINEFELTER, H	1611C	4	7	1	37	182	150
SATTERLEE, D	1579D	4	5	2	15	224	193
REID, C	1521C	7	5	0	35	161	128
KANAS, W	1299C	1	3	3	-7	167	135
GASTON, K	1251	0	3	1	3	37	24

ARGONNE ROOKS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
BENEDEK, R	2122D	1	3	1	-51	295	285
HILL, R	1958C	1	7	2	-75	147	139
GREEN, D	1943D	8	2	2	66	249	218
SUAREZ, E	1847	2	2	0	-26	57	54
BAURAC, D	1711D	1	3	5	-14	242	215
DECMAN, S	1605D	2	4	0	-43	265	234
YACOUT, A	1583	2	1	2	30	26	24
WALSH, W	1494C	0	2	0	-4	136	122
GRUDZINSKI, J	1425*	3	1	1	14	14	11
GARCIA, J	1227*	1	0	2	13	33	20
ERIKSON, M	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	0
BUTLER, E	0000?	0	3	1	0	4	4

FERMILAB

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
SPIEGEL, L	2071D	4	2	5	26	226	208
GAINES, I	1723D	2	4	3	56	243	222
STAPLES, C	1552	2	3	0	19	45	38
AILES, T	1521	2	8	2	52	12	12
SCHULTZ, R	1284#	6	3	1	45	10	7
FITZGERALD, M	1244*	1	6	1	47	11	11
CEASE, H	1222*	1	5	3	17	22	19
KREMPETZ, K	0000?	0	2	0	0	2	2
RIFFLE, D	0000?	0	2	0	0	2	2

Regular Season League Standings

LUCENT TECH. TYROS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
ILIC, S	2148	7	0	2	153	9	9
GUIO, J	1986C	2	4	1	-36	114	112
DIAZ, P	1974C	5	3	2	-12	123	111
STOLTZ, B	1848C	5	2	1	-11	130	116
BUCHNER, R	1828	4	3	5	-97	91	87
HAHNE, D	1600C	4	2	1	24	108	89
THOMAS, G	1542C	2	1	2	15	114	91
VALDEZ, C	1481#	1	2	1	-11	11	7
LAFORGE, W	1357	5	1	0	68	12	7
KARPIERZ, J	1266	3	2	3	48	56	32
SAVCIC, V	1105*	1	2	0	6	11	10

LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
TEGEL, F	2082T	4	3	5	-11	374	338
LUDWIG, T	2012C	4	3	4	-23	150	147
PEHAS, A	1895C	1	2	1	-24	130	124
OGASAWARA, L	1823C	1	4	1	-46	138	132
DOBROVOLNY, C	1797C	6	1	2	30	146	131
ALTSHULLER, D	1789	7	1	2	79	46	46
CHRISTIAN, R	1753C	0	1	0	-23	134	120
BLACKMON, E	1746C	1	1	0	-25	131	108
EUSTACE, D	1563C	5	2	0	-27	126	96
KESTNER, M	1431	0	2	0	-54	11	9
SALERNO, S	1297*	3	0	2	-11	14	9

UOP

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
STEVANOVIC, M	2209D	0	2	4	-54	234	220
BUERGER, E	2058T	5	3	2	1	343	305
SAJBEL, P	1878C	2	3	2	-37	134	122
BOLDINGH, E	1869C	6	3	1	-3	126	123
SACKS, D	1833	1	0	0	4	26	16
LECHNICK, J	1795	4	5	1	-63	57	46
MICKLICH, F	1675D	7	1	1	53	228	189
RENDE, D	1631*	3	4	0	-103	17	11
VAN ZILE, C	1310	1	0	0	0	75	49
SCHOONOVER, M	1307*	0	1	0	-26	35	22
TRUFANOV, D	0000?	0	1	0	0	6	4

Regular Season League Standings

KEMPER INSURANCE

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
LEONG, G	2006C	2	2	1	-17	153	135
SIWEK, M	2004C	2	4	4	-20	170	162
HUGHES, N	1781C	0	5	4	-39	136	128
EASTON, R	1758	3	4	3	33	32	28
MOSSBRIDGE, A	1656	0	3	1	-49	7	7
OLSEN, A	1620	5	2	3	93	106	99
CUMMUTA, P	1503C	2	1	1	17	127	93
LAMBIRIS, J	1430	0	1	0	-7	43	39
SUBECK, J	1385*	3	1	0	23	9	9
MCKINNEY, T	1251	2	2	0	-24	39	26
BRAUNDMEIER, B	1249#	0	1	0	0	10	5
SHIREY, S	0000?	1	2	0	0	5	4
CHIN, M	0000?	1	1	0	0	2	0
ROSZKOWSKI, D	0000?	0	6	0	0	21	16
HANDSCHKE, D	0000?	2	0	0	0	2	2
WIRTZ, R	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	1

NORTHROP

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
WALKER, A	1767	0	6	4	-5	40	37
BURIAN, D	1593C	0	4	5	12	176	144
VIGANTS, A	1590	0	8	1	-32	106	94
GOTHIER, S	1404*	1	7	0	-21	15	14
ELEK, G	1082	1	6	1	3	79	61
GARDNER, M	0000?	1	7	0	0	8	7
LOHJA, N	0000?	0	4	0	0	4	4
KUBIT, K	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	0

EXCALIBURS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
INUMERABLE, F	2284C	5	2	1	-6	142	136
SOLLANO, E	1994	8	1	1	81	91	82
FRISKE, T	1967C	3	3	4	-41	112	99
SULLIVAN, J	1858D	4	2	2	-20	265	247
ANDRESEN, T	1742C	5	2	1	0	123	104
WEITZ, R	1609C	3	3	1	-35	167	149
SUERTH, F	1548C	3	5	0	-36	183	152
BROTSOS, J	1490D	4	4	1	-55	270	213
OELHAFEN, A	1248	2	1	0	-15	41	27

Regular Season League Standings

MOTOROLA KINGS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
WOLF, D	2307	1	0	1	21	15	15
MELNIKOV, I	2015	3	2	3	27	73	71
WALLACH, C	1990	3	3	4	-30	84	83
PIPARIA, J	1923*	5	1	3	50	26	23
CYGAN, J	1758	5	1	2	69	20	18
GONCHAROFF, N	1724Q	4	2	5	1	494	413
ALFONSO, E	1557*	4	4	0	-7	19	16
GRYPARIS, J	1499C	5	2	0	81	130	90
RABINOVICH, E	1326	4	3	0	44	7	5
ALMAULA, J	1274#	1	0	0	24	7	7
BOLLAPRAGADA, S	0000?	3	1	0	0	4	2
PHELPS, D	0000?	0	3	0	0	9	5

MOTOROLA KNIGHTS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
MORRIS, R	2197	4	1	3	53	44	42
FRIDMAN, Y	2031*	4	1	4	39	24	23
SAMELSON, C	1936C	4	2	3	-6	202	194
THOMSON, J	1858	7	0	2	157	51	34
AUGSBURGER, L	1719C	3	1	3	5	126	100
BALICKI, J	1641	6	3	1	62	44	33
ALFONSO, E	1557*	4	4	0	-7	19	16
KARANDIKAR, S	1546#	5	2	2	0	9	5
MARSHALL, K	1316*	1	5	2	-59	17	13
PHELPS, D	0000?	0	3	0	0	9	5
HERREN, R	0000?	0	2	0	0	2	2

ALUMNI ACES

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
REYES, R	2324D	3	1	0	-11	268	245
BENESA, A	2235	4	2	1	-31	69	67
SAGALOVSKY, L	2033	9	0	0	54	73	71
GAZMEN, E	1990	3	2	1	-33	80	75
CZERNIECKI, A	1958D	5	2	0	-39	265	251
ALLEN, H	1951	5	0	0	24	57	54
RZESZUTKO, R	1907C	1	0	0	3	116	100
GOLLA, R	1813D	4	1	0	-21	283	254
FRANEK, M	1768C	5	0	0	11	194	154
FRANK, M	1757	6	2	0	-55	81	72
LITVINAS, A	1655D	1	0	0	0	219	163
DAVIDSON, M	1605	1	0	1	-6	50	36

Regular Season League Standings

BANK AMERICA ILLINOIS

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
KRAS, T	2175	3	3	2	-10	95	87
JASAITIS, A	2126D	5	1	2	-16	210	188
LOSOFF, A	1845C	3	1	1	9	108	103
KOGAN, G	1832C	2	5	2	-27	116	104
FRAATS, D	1823C	4	1	0	3	113	99
BARGERSTOCK, D	1783	1	6	1	-22	102	97
PARAOAN, E	1615C	2	6	1	-32	192	165
SITAR, K	1525	1	1	0	-3	48	39
SIEGEL, R	1490C	4	0	0	30	132	105
ZOELLNER, J	1434C	3	2	3	-30	186	128

LEO BURNETT

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
EAMAN, R	1837	3	4	1	78	36	35
DUFFY, J	1735	2	2	6	76	38	34
SOSSI, M	1618	4	6	0	53	32	27
FULKERSON, R	1416*	4	4	2	30	18	15
BANNON, B	1296	6	4	0	62	36	30
DOMINGUEZ, R	1278*	6	4	0	-35	16	9

THE READER

NAME	RATING	SEASON			RATING CHANGE	TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
		W	L	D			
ROGERS, N	1940	4	5	0	35	42	34
VENSKE, D	1720	0	3	2	-23	10	10
SULLIVAN, C	1502	1	6	1	-51	97	86
CARTER, L	1492C	4	4	1	-12	117	95
MARSH, M	1169	5	0	0	24	23	17
BROIHIER, M	1137	3	4	1	10	8	6
SMITH, S	0000?	2	4	0	0	6	4
KIERSCH, M	0000?	1	4	0	0	5	3

Regular Season League Standings

NAME	TRADELINK/MYCHAELS					TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
	RATING	W	L	D	CHANGE		
JASAITIS, A	2126D	5	1	2	-16	210	188
SAGALOVSKY, L	2033	9	0	0	54	73	71
WARD, CH	1324	2	3	1	15	6	5
BARTHOLF, P	0000?	1	3	0	0	4	2
SMITH, JO	0000?	0	4	0	0	4	2
VOLINSKIY, G	0000?	7	0	0	0	7	7
STAFFORD, G	0000?	0	2	0	0	2	2
KRATKA, M	0000?	2	2	0	0	4	3
ROBB, D	0000?	0	2	0	0	2	1
KIM, J	0000?	1	1	0	0	2	2
GALINSKY, V	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	0
FOREMAN, T	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	1

NAME	STAFFORD TRADING					TOTAL GAMES	RATED GAMES
	RATING	W	L	D	CHANGE		
BARGERSTOCK, D	1783	1	6	1	-22	102	97
APTEKAR, S	1607#	1	5	0	0	6	6
DILLON, M	0000?	0	2	0	0	2	2
MILLER, K	0000?	1	2	0	0	3	1
CVETKOVICH, R	0000?	2	7	0	0	9	7
MITMAN, S	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	1
LOWRY, D	0000?	0	4	0	0	4	3
GRYZIAK, L	0000?	1	2	0	0	3	2
GRANT, M	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	1
TOERNER, G	0000?	0	1	0	0	1	0
VORA, C	0000?	3	1	0	0	4	3
HELPER, A	0000?	1	8	0	0	9	8
KOSMICKE, J	0000?	1	0	0	0	1	1

Match Results

04-APR-01	TRADELINK/MYCHAELS	0	ALUMNI ACES	6
ROUND 10				
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1		0 0	0F	BENESA, A 2235 0 1F
2		0 0	0F	REYES, R 2324 0 1F
3		0 0	0F	GAZMEN, E 1990 0 1F
4		0 0	0F	ALLEN, H 1951 0 1F
5		0 0	0F	FRANEK, M 1768 0 1F
6		0 0	0F	DAVIDSON, M 1605 0 1F

05-APR-01	LEO BURNETT	4.5	THE READER	1.5
ROUND 10				
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1	EAMAN, R	1855-18	0	ROGERS, N 1922 18 1
2	DUFFY, J	1750-15	.5	SULLIVAN, C 1487 15 .5
3	SOSSI, M	1601 17	1	CARTER, L 1509-17 0
4	FULKERSON, R	1408 8	1	BROIHIER, M 1145 -8 0
5	BANNON, B	1296 0	1	SMITH, S 0 0 0
6	DOMINGUEZ, R	1278 0	1	KIERSCH, M 0 0 0

01-MAY-01 STAFFORD TRADING BANK OF AMERICA
 ROUND 10
 Match was not played by agreement of both teams.

03-APR-01	MOTOROLA KINGS	4	KEMPER INSURANCE	2
ROUND 10				
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1	MELNIKOV, I	1991 24	1	SIWEK, M 2020-16 0
2	WALLACH, C	1988 2	.5	LEONG, G 2007 -1 .5
3	PIPARIA, J	1935-12	.5	EASTON, R 1746 12 .5
4	CYGAN, J	1756 2	.5	HUGHES, N 1782 -1 .5
5	GONCHAROFF, N	1727 -3	.5	OLSEN, A 1612 8 .5
6	ALFONSO, E	1543 14	1	SUBECK, J 1399-14 0
7	RABINOVICH, E	1326 0	1	ROSZKOWSKI, D 0 0 0
8	GONCHAROFF, N	1724 0	1	WIRTZ, R 0 0 0

03-APR-01	NORTHROP	2	MOTOROLA KNIGHTS	4
ROUND 10				
BD		RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1	WALKER, A	1786-19	0	THOMSON, J 1839 19 1
2	VIGANTS, A	1590 0	1F	SAMELSON, C 1936 0 0F
3	BURIAN, D	1587 6	.5	AUGSBURGER, L 1725 -6 .5
4	GOTHIER, S	1414-10	0	BALICKI, J 1631 10 1
5	GARDNER, M	0 0	0	KARANDIKAR, S 1546 0 1
6	ELEK, G	1067 15	.5	MARSHALL, K 1331-15 .5

Match Results

10-APR-01 UOP	2	EXCALIBURS	4
ROUND 10			
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1 BUERGER, E	2063 -5	0	INUMERABLE, F 2277 7 1
2 BOLDINGH, E	1847 22	1	SOLLANO, E 2027-33 0
3 LECHNICK, J	1809-14	0	FRISKE, T 1953 14 1
4 MICKLICH, F	1651 24	1	SULLIVAN, J 1882-24 0
5	0 0	0F	SUERTH, F 1548 0 1F
6	0 0	0F	BROTSOS, J 1501 0 1F
(EXCLB) 7 BROTSOS, J	1501-11	0	WEITZ, R 1598 11 1
02-APR-01 LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS	4	COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR	2
ROUND 10			
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1 WARREN, J	2086 10	1	WILLIAMS, K 2082-22 0
2 MARCOWKA, R	2052-27	0	SEATON, E 1660 41 1
3 STINSON, M	1947 5	1	ALEXANDER, W 1675 -8 0
4 MCCARTHY, D	1728 6	1	JACKSON, S 1414 -6 0
5 DOBR, K	1428 -9	0	ROJO, V 1447 21 1
6 LAFORGE, W	1325 0	1	FALCON, L 0 0 0
7 THOMAS, J	1543 1	1	TRINIDAD, P 955 -1 0
09-APR-01 CASE	2	COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR	4
ROUND 11			
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1 WHITE, H	1686 -3	0	WILLIAMS, K 2060 5 1
2 KLINEFELTER, H	1595 19	1	SEATON, E 1701-29 0
3 REID, C	1517 -9	0	ALEXANDER, W 1667 13 1
4 SATTERLEE, D	1571 8	1	JACKSON, S 1408-13 0
5 KANAS, W	1319 -9	0	ROJO, V 1468 13 1
6	0 0	0F	APPLEBERRY, T 1359 0 1F
(CCDOC) 7 APPLEBERRY, T	1359 0	1	FALCON, L 0 0 0
16-APR-01 PAWNS	2.5	LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS	3.5
ROUND 11			
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS SCORE
1 JAKSTAS, K	2122 -1	.5	WARREN, J 2096 1 .5
2 ELLICE, W	1879 31	1	MARCOWKA, R 2025-21 0
3 FABIJONAS, R	1698-13	0	MCCARTHY, D 1734 20 1
4 DUNCAN, M	0 0	0	THOMAS, J 1544 0 1
5 MIKULECKY, B	1509 11	1	DOBR, K 1419 -7 0
6 O'DELL, DW	1484-21	0	LAFORGE, W 1325 32 1
7 WEISNER, T	1140 0	0	SERRANO, B 0 0 1 (PAWNS)

Match Results

23-APR-01	COOK CO. DEPT. OF CORR	4	PAWNS	2
ROUND 12				
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 WILLIAMS, K	2065 0	1F	JAKSTAS, K	2121 0 0F
2 PERKINS, D	1663 0	0	SERRANO, B	0 0 1
3 SEATON, E	1672 -9	0	ELLICE, W	1910 9 1
4 ALEXANDER, W	1680 23	1	FABIJONAS, R	1685-15 0
5 JACKSON, S	1395 27	1	O'DELL, DW	1463-18 0
6 ROJO, V	1481 25	1	MIKULECKY, B	1520-17 0
7 APPLEBERRY, T	1359 10	1	WEISNER, T	1140-10 0
8 TRINIDAD, P	954 0	1	FALCON, L	0 0 0 (CCDOC)
9 SANDEFUR, B	1210-35	0	MC GEE, L	1003 35 1 (CCDOC)

30-APR-01	LUCENT TECH. CHARGERS	5	CASE	1
ROUND 12				
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 MARCOWKA, R	2004 3	1	KLINFELTER, H	1614 -3 0
2 STAMM, V	1464-13	0	REID, C	1508 13 1
3 DOBR, K	1412 7	1	KANAS, W	1310-11 0
4 WARREN, J	2097 0	1F		0 0 0F
5 STINSON, M	1952 0	1F		0 0 0F
6 THOMAS, J	1544 0	1F		0 0 0F

05-APR-01	ARGONNE ROOKS	3	LUCENT TECH. TYROS	3
ROUND 11				
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 HILL, R	1975 -9	0	ILIC, S	2122 14 1
2 GREEN, D	1905 20	1	GUIO, J	2024-20 0
3 SUAREZ, E	1862-15	0	DIAZ, P	1974 10 1
4 DECMAN, S	1580 25	1	BUCHNER, R	1866-38 0
5 YACOUT, A	1567 16	.5	STOLTZ, B	1854-10 .5
6 BUTLER, E	0 0	.5	KARPIERZ, J	1266 0 .5

11-APR-01	FERMILAB	3	LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS	3
ROUND 12				
BD	RATINGS	SCORE	RATINGS	SCORE
1 SPIEGEL, L	2054 17	1	TEGEL, F	2093-11 0
2 GAINES, I	1712 11	.5	LUDWIG, T	2023-11 .5
3 AILES, T	1530 -9	0	ALTSHULLER, D	1780 9 1
4 CEASE, H	1200 22	.5	DOBROVOLNY, C	1811-14 .5
5 SCHULTZ, R	1244 40	1	EUSTACE, D	1603-40 0
6 RIFFLE, D	0 0	0	SALERNO, S	1297 0 1

Match Results

04-APR-01		LUCENT TECH. DRAGONS		5.5	FERMILAB		.5	
ROUND 11								
BD		RATINGS		SCORE		RATINGS		SCORE
1	LUDWIG, T	2005	18	1	SPIEGEL, L	2072	-18	0
2	TEGEL, F	2101	-8	.5	GAINES, I	1700	12	.5
3	DOBROVOLNY, C	1806	5	1	AILES, T	1538	-8	0
4	ALTSHULLER, D	1780	0	1F	FITZGERALD, M	1244	0	0F
5	EUSTACE, D	1599	0	1F		0	0	0F
6	SALERNO, S	1302	0	1F		0	0	0F

Explanation here is necessary. Fermi had two upper board forfeits before this match. Therefore, the board 4 forfeit caused boards 5 and 6 to be recorded as forfeits according to CICL rules. The games actually played on boards 5 and 6 are recorded as extra boards for rating purposes:

7	EUSTACE, D	1599	4	1		CEASE, H	1204	-4	0
8	SALERNO, S	1302	-5	.5		SCHULTZ, R	1239	5	.5

24-APR-01 LUCENT TECH. TYROS			4.5	ARGONNE ROOKS			1.5		
ROUND 12									
BD		RATINGS		SCORE		RATINGS		SCORE	
1	ILIC, S	2136	12	1	HILL, R	1966	-8	0	
2	GUIO, J	2004	-18	0	GREEN, D	1925	18	1	
3	DIAZ, P	1984	-10	.5	BAURAC, D	1701	10	.5	
4	STOLTZ, B	1844	4	1	WALSH, W	1498	-4	0	
5	BUCHNER, R	1828	0	1	BUTLER, E	0	0	0	
6	THOMAS, G	1542	0	1F		0	0	0F	

TOP TEN and MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

NEAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS 2121C
WARREN, J	CHRG 2097Q
WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC 2065
MARCOWKA, R	CHRG 2007D
STINSON, M	CHRG 1952C
ELLICE, W	PAWNS 1919
KALE, S	CASE 1874C
ROSLEY, D	CHRG 1790
MCCARTHY, D	CHRG 1754
ALEXANDER, W	CCDOC 1703

FAR WEST DIVISION TOP TEN

ILIC, S	TYROS 2148
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS 2122D
TEGEL, F	DRGNS 2082T
SPIEGEL, L	FERMI 2071D
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS 2012C
GUIO, J	TYROS 1986C
DIAZ, P	TYROS 1974C
HILL, R	ROOKS 1958C
GREEN, D	ROOKS 1943D
PEHAS, A	DRGNS 1895C

NORTH DIVISION TOP TEN

WOLF, D	MKING 2307
INUMERABLE, F	EXCLB 2284C
STEVANOVIC, M	UOP 2209D
MORRIS, R	MKNGT 2197
BUERGER, E	UOP 2058T
FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT 2031*
MELNIKOV, I	MKING 2015
LEONG, G	KEMPR 2006C
SIWEK, M	KEMPR 2004C
SOLLANO, E	EXCLB 1994

EAST DIVISION TOP TEN

REYES, R	ALUMN 2324D
BENESA, A	ALUMN 2235
KRAS, T	BKAMI 2175
JASAITIS, A	TRDLK 2126D
SAGALOVSKY, L	TRDLK 2033
GAZMEN, E	ALUMN 1990
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN 1958D
ALLEN, H	ALUMN 1951
ROGERS, N	READR 1940
RZESZUTKO, R	ALUMN 1907C

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

THOMSON, J	MKNGT 157
ILIC, S	TYROS 153
MC GEE, L	CCDOC 105
OLSEN, A	KEMPR 93
SOLLANO, E	EXCLB 81
GRYPARIS, J	MKING 81
ALTSHULLER, D	DRGNS 79
EAMAN, R	LBURN 78
DUFFY, J	LBURN 76
CYGAN, J	MKING 69

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AILES, T	FERMI	2	8	2	1521	FABIJONAS, R	PAWNS	4	6	0	1670D
ALEXANDER, W	CCDOC	6	4	1	1703	FALCON, L	CCDOC	1	3	0	0000/4
ALFONSO, E	MKING	4	4	0	1557*	FITZGERALD, M	FERMI	1	6	1	1244*
ALLEN, H	ALUMN	5	0	0	1951	FOREMAN, T	TRDLK	0	1	0	0000/1
ALMAULA, J	MKING	1	0	0	1274#	FRAATS, D	BKAMI	4	1	0	1823C
ALTSHULLER, D	DRGNS	7	1	2	1789	FRANEK, M	ALUMN	5	0	0	1768C
ANDRESEN, T	EXCLB	5	2	1	1742C	FRANK, M	ALUMN	6	2	0	1757
APPLEBERRY, T	CCDOC	3	2	0	1369	FRIDMAN, Y	MKNGT	4	1	4	2031*
APTEKAR, S	STFRD	1	5	0	1607#	FRISKE, T	EXCLB	3	3	4	1967C
AUGSBURGER, L	MKNGT	3	1	3	1719C	FULKERSON, R	LBURN	4	4	2	1416*
BALICKI, J	MKNGT	6	3	1	1641	GAINES, I	FERMI	2	4	3	1723D
BANNON, B	LBURN	6	4	0	1296	GALINSKY, V	TRDLK	0	1	0	0000/0
BARGERSTOCK, D	STFRD	1	6	1	1783	GARCIA, J	ROOKS	1	0	2	1227*
BARTHOLF, P	TRDLK	1	3	0	0000/2	GARDNER, M	NORTH	1	7	0	0000/7
BAURAC, D	ROOKS	1	3	5	1711D	GASTON, K	CASE	0	3	1	1251
BENEDEK, R	ROOKS	1	3	1	2122D	GAZMEN, E	ALUMN	3	2	1	1990
BENESA, A	ALUMN	4	2	1	2235	GOKHALE, P	MKING	0	0	0	0000/0
BLACKMON, E	DRGNS	1	1	0	1746C	GOLLA, R	ALUMN	4	1	0	1813D
BOLDINGH, E	UOP	6	3	1	1869C	GONCHAROFF, N	MKING	4	2	5	1724Q
BOLLAPRAGADA, S	MKING	3	1	0	0000/2	GOTHIER, S	NORTH	1	7	0	1404*
BRAUNDMEIER, B	KEMPR	0	1	0	1249#	GRANT, M	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/1
BROIHIER, M	READR	3	4	1	1137	GREEN, D	ROOKS	8	2	2	1943D
BROTSOS, J	EXCLB	4	4	1	1490D	GRUDZINSKI, J	ROOKS	3	1	1	1425*
BUCHNER, R	TYROS	4	3	5	1828	GRYPARIS, J	MKING	5	2	0	1499C
BUERGER, E	UOP	5	3	2	2058T	GRYZIAK, L	STFRD	1	2	0	0000/2
BURIAN, D	NORTH	0	4	5	1593C	GUIO, J	TYROS	2	4	1	1986C
BUTLER, E	ROOKS	0	3	1	0000/4	HAHNE, D	TYROS	4	2	1	1600C
CARTER, L	READR	4	4	1	1492C	HALL, A	CCDOC	2	3	0	1469
CEASE, H	FERMI	1	5	3	1222*	HANDSCHKE, D	KEMPR	2	0	0	0000/2
CHIN, M	KEMPR	1	1	0	0000/0	HELPER, A	STFRD	1	8	0	0000/8
CHRISTIAN, R	DRGNS	0	1	0	1753C	HERREN, R	MKNGT	0	2	0	0000/2
CUMMUTA, P	KEMPR	2	1	1	1503C	HILL, R	ROOKS	1	7	2	1958C
CVETKOVICH, R	STFRD	2	7	0	0000/7	HUGHES, N	KEMPR	0	5	4	1781C
CYGAN, J	MKING	5	1	2	1758	ILIC, S	TYROS	7	0	2	2148
CZERNIECKI, A	ALUMN	5	2	0	1958D	INUMERABLE, F	EXCLB	5	2	1	2284C
DAVIDSON, M	ALUMN	1	0	1	1605	JACKSON, S	CCDOC	2	4	2	1422
DECMAN, S	ROOKS	2	4	0	1605D	JAKSTAS, K	PAWNS	5	1	1	2121C
DIAZ, P	TYROS	5	3	2	1974C	JASAITIS, A	TRDLK	5	1	2	2126D
DILLON, M	STFRD	0	2	0	0000/2	KALE, S	CASE	0	0	1	1874C
DOBR, K	CHGR	2	7	1	1419T	KANAS, W	CASE	1	3	3	1299C
DOBROVOLNY, C	DRGNS	6	1	2	1797C	KARANDIKAR, S	MKNGT	5	2	2	1546#
DOMINGUEZ, R	LBURN	6	4	0	1278*	KARPIERZ, J	TYROS	3	2	3	1266
DUFFY, J	LBURN	2	2	6	1735	KESTNER, M	DRGNS	0	2	0	1431
DUNCAN, M	PAWNS	0	1	0	0000/1	KIERSCH, M	READR	1	4	0	0000/3
EAMAN, R	LBURN	3	4	1	1837	KIM, J	TRDLK	1	1	0	0000/2
EASTON, R	KEMPR	3	4	3	1758	KLINEFELTER, H	CASE	4	7	1	1611C
ELEK, G	NORTH	1	6	1	1082	KOGAN, G	BKAMI	2	5	2	1832C
ELLICE, W	PAWNS	7	2	2	1919	KOSMICKE, J	STFRD	1	0	0	0000/1
ERIKSON, M	ROOKS	0	1	0	0000/0	KRAS, T	BKAMI	3	3	2	2175
EUSTACE, D	DRGNS	5	2	0	1563C	KRATKA, M	TRDLK	2	2	0	0000/3

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KREMPETZ, K	FERMI	0	2	0	0000/2	SALERNO, S	DRGNS	3	0	2	1297*
KUBIT, K	NORTH	0	1	0	0000/0	SAMELSON, C	MKNGT	4	2	3	1936C
LAFORGE, W	CHGR	5	1	0	1357	SANDEFUR, B	CCDOC	0	1	0	1175*
LAMBIRIS, J	KEMPR	0	1	0	1430	SATTERLEE, D	CASE	4	5	2	1579D
LECHNICK, J	UOP	4	5	1	1795	SAVCIC, V	TYROS	1	2	0	1105*
LEONG, G	KEMPR	2	2	1	2006C	SCHOONOVER, M	UOP	0	1	0	1307*
LITVINAS, A	ALUMN	1	0	0	1655D	SCHULTZ, R	FERMI	6	3	1	1284#
LOHJA, N	NORTH	0	4	0	0000/4	SEATON, E	CCDOC	4	5	2	1663
LOSOFF, A	BKAMI	3	1	1	1845C	SERRANO, B	PAWNS	3	2	0	1438#
LOWRY, D	STFRD	0	4	0	0000/3	SHIREY, S	KEMPR	1	2	0	0000/4
LUDWIG, T	DRGNS	4	3	4	2012C	SIEGEL, R	BKAMI	4	0	0	1490C
MARCOWKA, R	CHGR	6	4	0	2007D	SITAR, K	BKAMI	1	1	0	1525
MARSH, M	READR	5	0	0	1169	SIWEK, M	KEMPR	2	4	4	2004C
MARSHALL, K	MKNGT	1	5	2	1316*	SMITH, JO	TRDLK	0	4	0	0000/2
MCCARTHY, D	CHGR	5	2	1	1754	SMITH, S	READR	2	4	0	0000/4
MC GEE, L	CCDOC	4	0	0	1038*	SOLLANO, E	EXCLB	8	1	1	1994
MCKAY, P	PAWNS	1	0	0	1406*	SOSSI, M	LBURN	4	6	0	1618
MCKINNEY, T	KEMPR	2	2	0	1251	SPIEGEL, L	FERMI	4	2	5	2071D
MELNIKOV, I	MKING	3	2	3	2015	STAFFORD, G	TRDLK	0	2	0	0000/2
MICKLICH, F	UOP	7	1	1	1675D	STAMM, V	CHGR	2	4	1	1451D
MIKULECKY, B	PAWNS	5	5	1	1503C	STAPLES, C	FERMI	2	3	0	1552
MILLER, K	STFRD	1	2	0	0000/1	STEVANOVIC, M	UOP	0	2	4	2209D
MITMAN, S	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/1	STINSON, M	CHGR	2	0	1	1952C
MORRIS, R	MKNGT	4	1	3	2197	STOLTZ, B	TYROS	5	2	1	1848C
MOSSBRIDGE, A	KEMPR	0	3	1	1656	SUAREZ, E	ROOKS	2	2	0	1847
NOEL, F	CCDOC	0	1	0	0000/1	SUBECK, J	KEMPR	3	1	0	1385*
O'DELL, DW	PAWNS	1	4	3	1445C	SUERTH, F	EXCLB	3	5	0	1548C
OELHAFEN, A	EXCLB	2	1	0	1248	SULLIVAN, C	READR	1	6	1	1502
OGASAWARA, L	DRGNS	1	4	1	1823C	SULLIVAN, J	EXCLB	4	2	2	1858D
OLSEN, A	KEMPR	5	2	3	1620	TEGEL, F	DRGNS	4	3	5	2082T
PARAOAN, E	BKAMI	2	6	1	1615C	THOMAS, G	TYROS	2	1	2	1542C
PEHAS, A	DRGNS	1	2	1	1895C	THOMAS, J	CHGR	4	4	0	1544D
PERKINS, D	CCDOC	0	1	0	1663#	THOMSON, J	MKNGT	7	0	2	1858
PHELPS, D	MKNGT	0	3	0	0000/5	TOERNER, G	STFRD	0	1	0	0000/0
PIPARIA, J	MKING	5	1	3	1923*	TRINIDAD, P	CCDOC	2	2	0	954*
RABINOVICH, E	MKING	4	3	0	1326	TRUFANOV, D	UOP	0	1	0	0000/4
RADAVICIUS, E	CHGR	2	1	0	1615D	VALDEZ, C	TYROS	1	2	1	1481#
REID, C	CASE	7	5	0	1521C	VAN ZILE, C	UOP	1	0	0	1310
RENDE, D	UOP	3	4	0	1631*	VENSKE, D	READR	0	3	2	1720
REYES, R	ALUMN	3	1	0	2324D	VIGANTS, A	NORTH	0	8	1	1590
RIFFLE, D	FERMI	0	2	0	0000/2	VOLINSKIY, G	TRDLK	7	0	0	0000/7
ROBB, D	TRDLK	0	2	0	0000/1	VORA, C	STFRD	3	1	0	0000/3
ROGERS, N	READR	4	5	0	1940	WALKER, A	NORTH	0	6	4	1767
ROJO, V	CCDOC	6	2	1	1506	WALLACH, C	MKING	3	3	4	1990
ROSLEY, D	CHGR	0	1	1	1790	WALSH, W	ROOKS	0	2	0	1494C
ROSZKOWSKI, D	KEMPR	0	6	0	0000/6	WARD, CH	TRDLK	2	3	1	1324
RZESZUTKO, R	ALUMN	1	0	0	1907C	WARREN, J	CHGR	3	0	2	2097Q
SACKS, D	UOP	1	0	0	1833	WEISNER, T	PAWNS	2	6	1	1130
SAGALOVSKY, L	TRDLK	9	0	0	2033	WEITZ, R	EXCLB	3	3	1	1609C
SAJBEL, P	UOP	2	3	2	1878C	WHITE, H	CASE	1	8	0	1683C

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WILLIAMS, K	CCDOC	5	1	1	2065	YACOUT, A	ROOKS	2	1	2	1583
WIRTZ, R	KEMPR	0	1	0	0000/1	ZOELLNER, J	BKAMI	3	2	3	1434C
WOLF, D	MKING	1	0	1	2307						

/x - UNRATED; x RATED GAMES

- 5 TO 9 RATED GAMES

* - 10 TO 24 RATED GAMES

C - CENTURY CLUB MEMBER

D - DOUBLE CENTURION

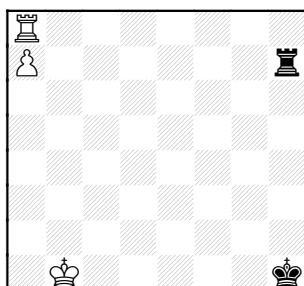
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POSITION 1

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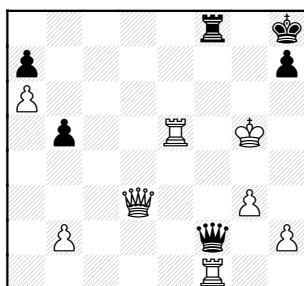


If Black moves Rook, White will move his Rook and queen next. If Black moves King off h-file, White will check and queen.

Figure how White takes advantage of this.

POSITION 2

BLACK to move and win

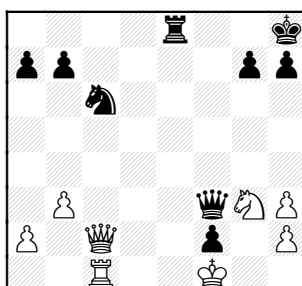


Do not settle for simply winning back a Rook in this wide-open position.

Shoot bigger game!

POSITION 3

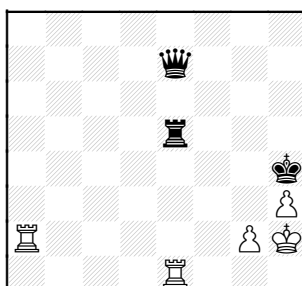
BLACK to play and win



Black can advance passer if he can force the King to move away. Tricks abound.

POSITION 4

WHITE to move and win

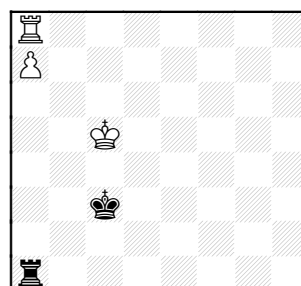


Appearance versus reality here. The e1-Rook appears to be attacked, but in reality the e5-Rook is pinned.

Can you win with the pin?

POSITION 5

WHITE to move and win

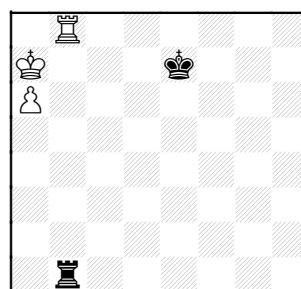


This would be a draw if the Black King was on the other side of his enemy, say, at c7.

The trick is to keep the White King from checks.

POSITION 6

Black to move - **WHITE** to win!

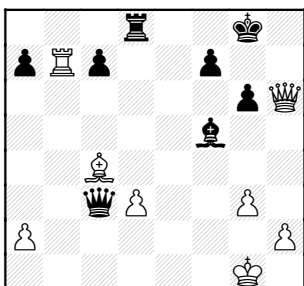


Rook Pawns do not always draw. The two factors are: 1) White has properly not advanced Pawn to the 7th, providing a safe haven for King, 2) the Black King is just far enough away.

Endgame technique is all you need here.

POSITION 7

WHITE to play and win

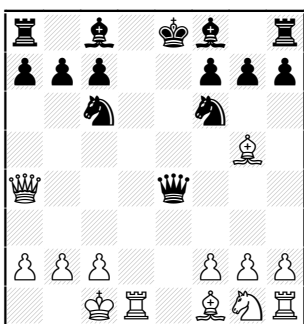


There are only a few pieces left; you better use them all.

Take advantage of the Rook on the 7th.

POSITION 8

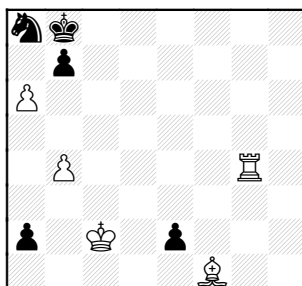
WHITE to move and win



Can you win the Black Queen?

POSITION 9

WHITE to play and win



Get this and you are an official Chess Magician!

White can stop either of the Black passers!

POSITION 10

WHITE to play and win



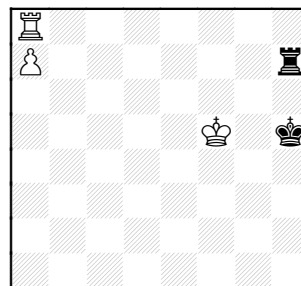
An old favorite.

The obvious moves are not always the best!

SOLUTION 1.

2.Kc2 Kh2 3.Kd3 Kh3 4.Ke4 Kh4 5.Kf5 Kh5

otherwise 6. Kg6 dislodges Black Rook



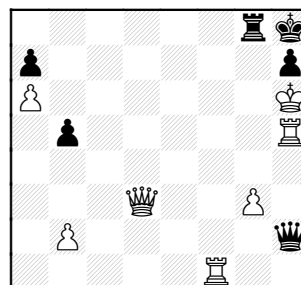
6.Rf8 1-0

Black can't take Pawn due to 7. Rh8#

SOLUTION 2.

Note White's exposed King and find:

1...Rg8+ 2.Kh6 Qxh2+ 3.Rh5



Now ...Rg6+ would be mate if not for the White Queen, so...

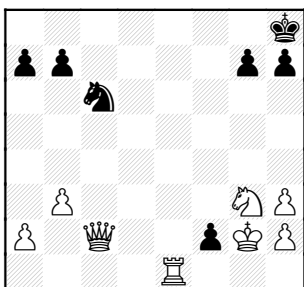
3...Qd2+ 4.Qxd2 Rg6#

0-1

SOLUTION 3.

The main idea here is to underpromote and win the endgame.

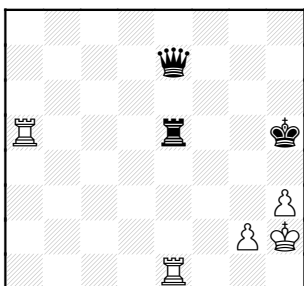
1...Re1+ 2.Rxe1 Qg2+ 3.Kxg2



3...fxe1N+ 0-1

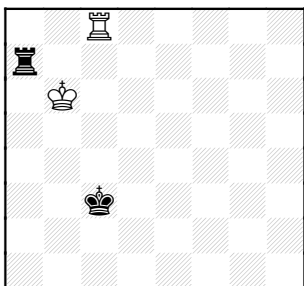
SOLUTION 4.

2.Ra4+ Kh5 3.Ra5 1-0



SOLUTION 5.

2.Rc8 Rxa7 3.Kb6+ 1-0



SOLUTION 6.

1...Ra1 2.Kb7

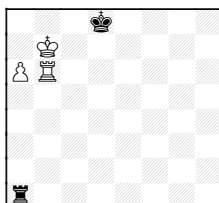
2.Rb7+ Kd6 3.Kb6 Rb1+ draws.

But a simpler solution is: 2.Rb6 Kd8

Not 2...Kd7 3.Kb7 Rh1 4.a7

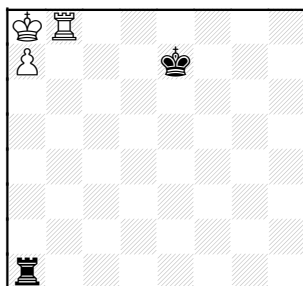
Nor 2...Rh1 3.Kb7 Rh7 4.a7 Kd8+ 5.Kb8 Rh8 6.a8Q Kd7+ 7.Kb7

3.Kb7



3...Rh1 4.a7 Rh7+ 5.Ka6 Rh1 6.a8Q+

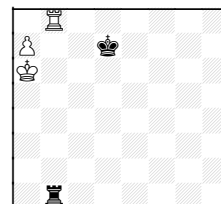
2...Rb1+ 3.Ka8 Ra1 4.a7



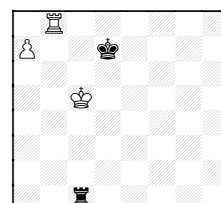
Step 1 Complete: White is ready to queen.

4...Kd6

If 4...Kd7 5.Kb7 Rb1+, White walks King down to 2nd rank to chase Rook off the checks: 6.Ka6

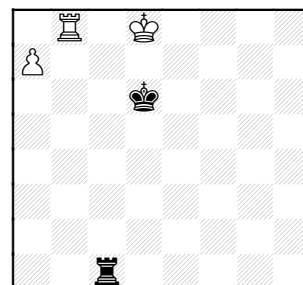


6...Ra1+ 7.Kb6 Rb1+ 8.Kc5 Rc1+



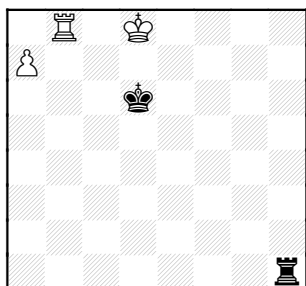
9.Kb4 etc.

5.Kb7 Rb1+ 6.Kc8 Rc1+ 7.Kd8



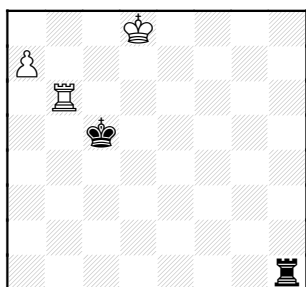
Step 2 Complete: White has secured his King.

7...Rh1



with threat of Rh8#, of course!

8.Rb6+ Kc5



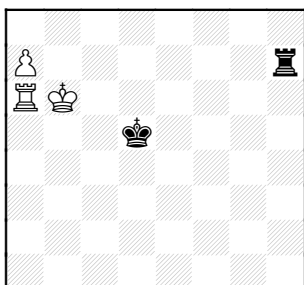
9.Rc6+ Kd5

9...Kxc6?? 10.a8Q+ Not just checking, but also winning Rook

10.Ra6 Rh8+ 11.Kc7 Rh7+

11...Ra8 12.Kb7

12.Kb6

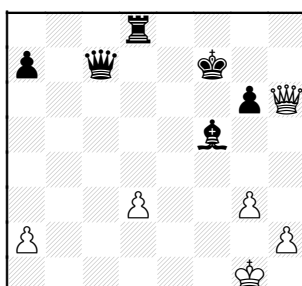


and the King "sits in the shadow" of his counterpart (at b5 or a5)

1-0

SOLUTION 7.

2.Bxf7+ Kxf7 3.Rxc7+ Qxc7



4.Qh7+ Ke8 5.Qxc7 1-0

SOLUTION 8.

2.Rd8+

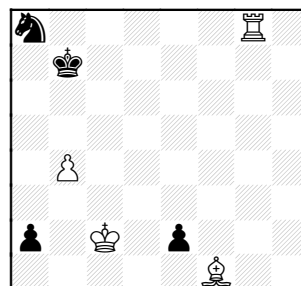
Only the King can capture, forcing pin of Queen protection.

2...Kxd8 3.Qxe4 1-0

SOLUTION 9.

Great fun! To save a move, White must move his Bishop with check. So first, White forces the opponent King to a light square.

2.Rg8+ Ka7 3.axb7 Kxb7



Black could not allow a White Queen.

4.Rg1 a1Q

Or e1(Q)

5.Bg2+ discovering Rook attack 1-0

SOLUTION 10.

2.c7 Rd6+

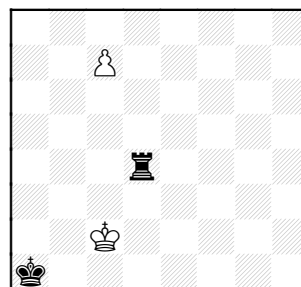
If King moves onto c-file, Black plays Rd2 winning Pawn (or Queen) with Rc2+.

If King moves onto a-file, Black simply gets Rook behind Pawn.

The move Kb7 allows draw with Rd7, so...

3.Kb5 Rd5+ 4.Kb4 Rd4+

5.Kb3 Rd3+ 6.Kc2 Rd4



6...Rd4 7.c8R with Ra8# threat

Each alternative is instructive:

7.c8Q?? 7...Rc4+ 8.Qxc4

stalemate

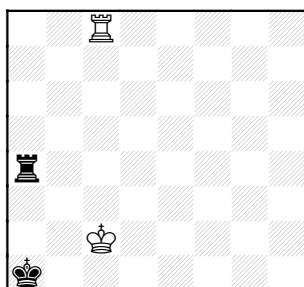
7.Kc3 as described originally,

King has moved onto c-file, so

7...Rd1 draws

7.Kb3 Rd3+ repeats position from move 5

7...Ra4



8.Kb3 with killer dual threats Kxa4 and Rc1# **1-0**

This column was contributed by Stan Ilic (Lucent Tyros).

I hope you enjoyed these half as much as I did!

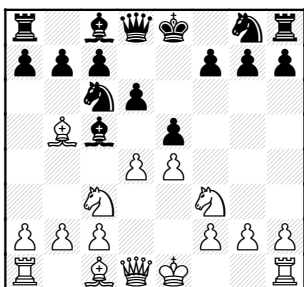
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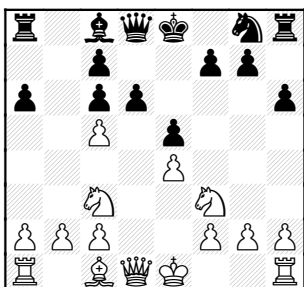
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5
4.Bb5 d6 5.d4



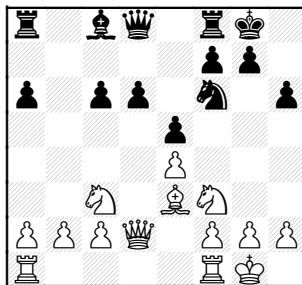
5...a6

Probably not realizing check
coming

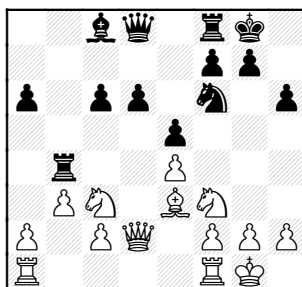
6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.dxc5 h6



8.Be3 Nf6 9.cxd6 cxd6
10.Qd2 0-0 11.0-0

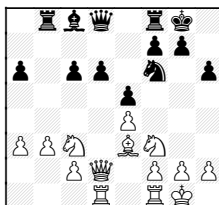


11...Rb8 12.b3 Rb4



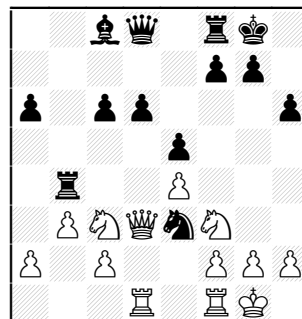
13.Qd3

White can safely chase the Rook
away with 13.a3 Rb8 14.Rad1



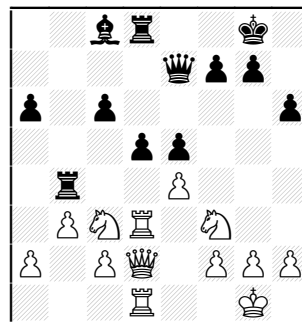
and White wins at least a Pawn
since 14...Ne8 is met by
15.Nxe5!

13...Ng4 14.Rad1 Nxe3



White can recapture with the
Pawn, winning the d6 - Pawn will
open and scatter Black's
position.

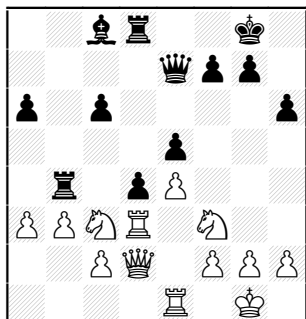
15.Qxe3 Qf6 16.Rd3 Qe7
17.Rfd1 Rd8 18.Qd2 d5



19.Re1

19.exd5 e4 20.Re3 is messy,
but White will survive

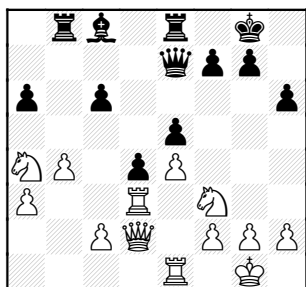
19...d4 20.a3



20...Rb8

Black can't attack the Queen first since the d-Pawn is pinned. So the continuation would be 20...dxc3 21.Rxd8+ Kh7 22.Qd3, winning easily.

21.b4 Re8 22.Na4



Black has blocked the center, but hasn't improved his pieces. The best place for his Bishop is on the a6-f1 diagonal or e6, but playing 22... Be6 here would allow White to simply play 23 Nxe5.

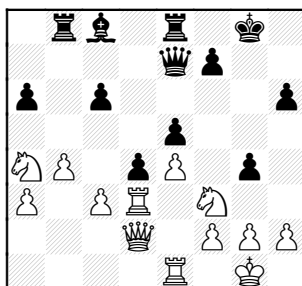
If Black prepares with 22...f6, White covers e6 with 23. Nc5.

22...g5

Hard to find a useful move, but

this weakens his King **23.c3** Very good, forcing the center open.

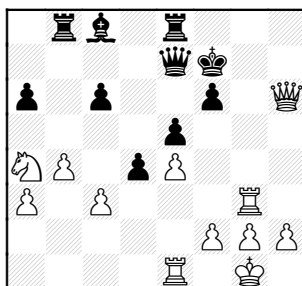
23...g4



24.Qxh6! Very nice concept! White sacrifices his extra piece for Pawns and a helpless King to attack.

24...gxf3 25.Rxf3 Black now must stop Rg3#, of course.

25...f6 26.Rg3+ Kf7



27.Rg7+

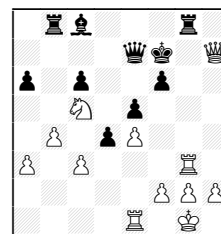
White can finish quickly with 27.Nc5 threat of Qg7# . Black has several defenses, but only a single, costly one avoids mate:

A) 27...Qf8 28.Qh7+ Qg7 29.Qxg7#

B) 27...Rf8 28.Qg6#

C) 27...Rd8 28.Rg7+ Kf8 29.Qh8#

So the only line is 27...Rg8 28.Qh7+

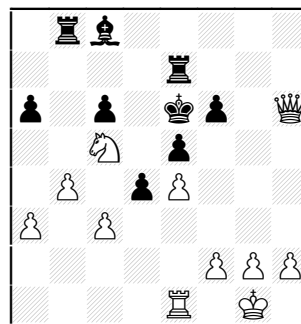


28...Ke8

Not 28...Kf8 29.Rxg8#

29.Rxg8+ Qf8 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Qc7 and White cleans up.

27...Ke6 28.Rxe7+ Rxe7 29.Nc5+

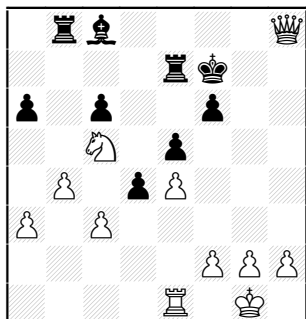


Black can resign without further embarrassment.

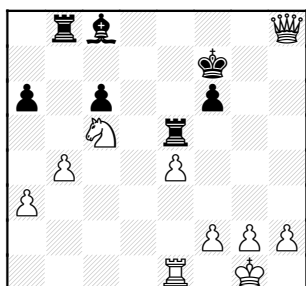
29...Kf7

If 29...Kd6 30.Qxf6+ Black's Rook has problems

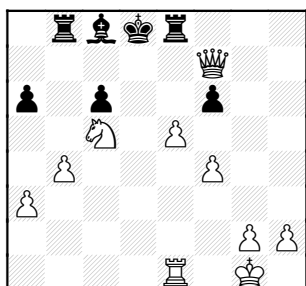
30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Kf7



32.cxd4 Re8 33.Qh5+ Kf8
34.dxe5 Rxe5 35.Qh8+ Kf7



36.f4 Re8 37.Qh5+ Ke7
38.e5 Kd8 39.Qf7



39...Rh8 40.Rd1+ Bd7
41.Rxd7+

Or even 41.Qxd7# 1-0

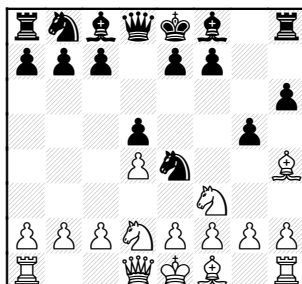
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1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Ne4
4.Bh4 h6 5.Nbd2

This Knight will soon be proved
to be misplaced.

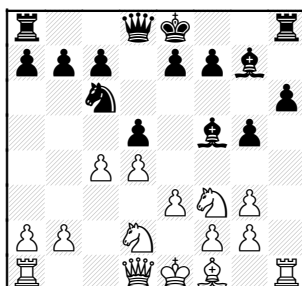
g5



6.Bg3

The obvious 6.Nxe4 dxe4
allows Black to win a piece

6...Nxc3 7.hxc3 Bg7 8.e3
Nc6 9.c4 Bf5



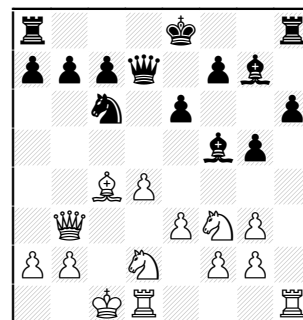
Where is White to put his King?

10.cxd5 Qxd5

10...Nb4? with silly Nc2+ fork

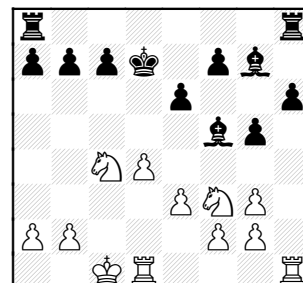
threat 11.Qa4+ wins the Knight

11.Bc4 Qd7 12.Qb3 e6
13.0-0-0



Well, that answers the King
question, but does not solve the
problem. Black's Bishops look
threatening.

13...Na5 14.Qb5 Nxc4
15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.Nxc4



Bishop pair + Rook pair versus
Knight pair + Rook pair !

16...Ke7 17.Na5

This appears to be the turning
point. White wastes time, while
Black uses the wayward Knight
to start a killer expansion.

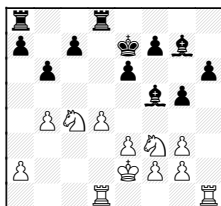
An interesting alternative is 17.b4! which gains space and forces Black to work harder to get c5 or a5 in. Even if Black plays either of those, White could have the Pawn move b5, keeping the Queenside closed.

Let us say Black wants to get in ...c5 so he plays 17...b6

One try is A) 18.Kb2 walks into a pin, but 18...c5 19.Kb3 is interesting.

Worse is 19.bxc5 bxc5 since the King still isn't safe

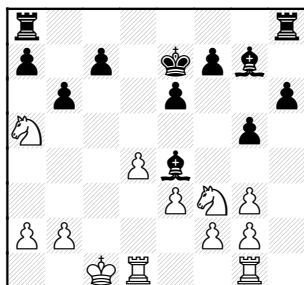
Or even better is B) 18.Kd2 18...Rhd8 19.Ke2



But Black still has an active Bishop pair, with promise.

We return to bottom of last column and the game:

17...Be4 18.Rhg1 b6



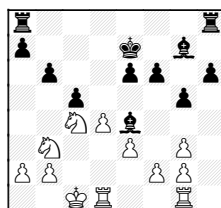
Now that b7 and c6 are covered. Black is preparing -c5, as well.

19.Nb3 c5 20.dxc5

Apparently, the best of many evils. White opens up the position to the Bishops' favor.

A couple alternatives: 20.Nfd2 Bd3 is uncomfortable

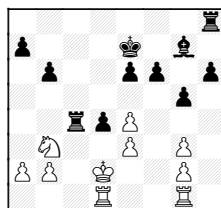
Or no better is 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nc4



21...Rac8 threatening to win a Pawn with 22...cd, discovering on the loose, pinned Knight.

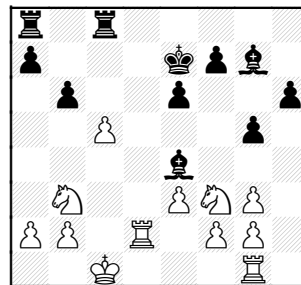
Note that after 21...b5? 22.Nxc5! hits loose Bishop

22.f3 cxd4 23.fxe4 Rxc4+ 24.Kd2



White has shed a Pawn for freedom, but still has trouble with his remaining ones.

20...Rhc8 21.Rd2



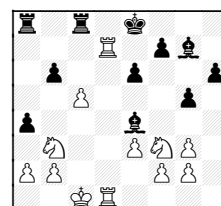
Note 21.Kd2 allowed Bxb2

21...a5 22.Kd1

Once again, the choices are not fun:

22.Rc2 a4.

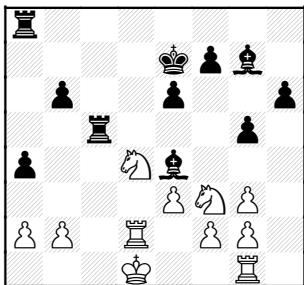
Attempting to harass the opponents King leads to trouble: 22.Rgd1 a4 23.Rd7+ Ke8



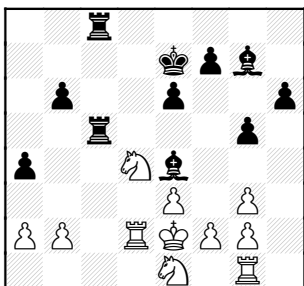
White must lose a piece since Knight moves to d2 or d4 allow 24...Kxd7.

But its only retreat 24.Na1 Rxc5+ forces 25.Kd2 Kxd7

22...a4 23.Nbd4 Rxc5

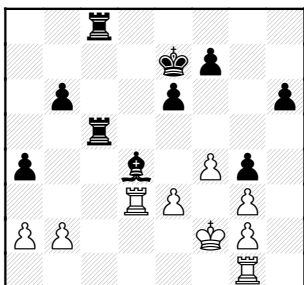


Black has taken over.
24.Ne1 Rac8 25.Ke2



25...Bb7
Jim has a knack for finding moves that improve his pieces. The Bishop can't help more than it is now, with possibilities on either of the long diagonals.

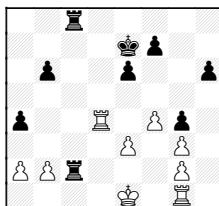
26.f4 g4 27.Kf2 Be4 28.Nd3 Bxd3 29.Rxd3 Bxd4



My favorite way to win - - get a good position and trade into a won ending!

30.exd4

White is much worse after
30.Rxd4 Rc2+ 31.Ke1

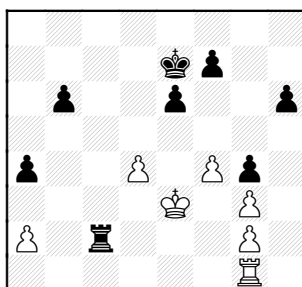


31...Rxb2 32.Rd2

Surely not **32.Rxa4?? Rc1#**

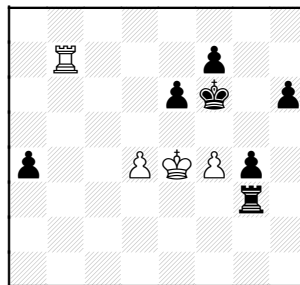
32...Rcc2 33.Rxc2 Rxc2 White is more helpless.

30...Rc2+ 31.Ke3 Rxb2 32.Rd2 Rcc2 33.Rxc2 Rxc2

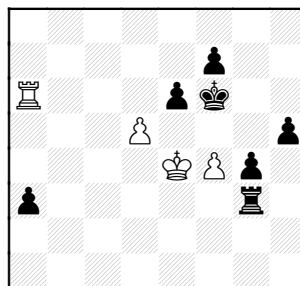


White's most impressive move here is Resigns.

34.Rb1 Rxa2 35.Rxb6 Rxc2 36.Rb7+ Kf6 37.Ke4 Rxc3

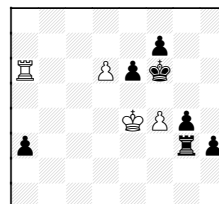


Black is up three passers.
38.Rb6 a3 39.Ra6 h5 40.d5



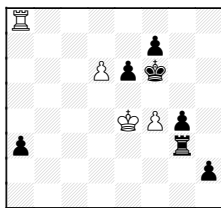
40...Rg1

This is not necessary as Black's Pawns are faster:
40...h4 41.d6 h3



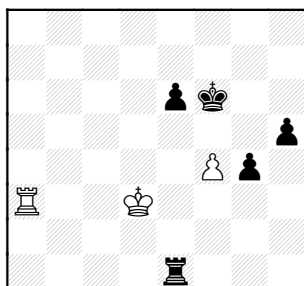
42.Ra8
(If 42.d7 simply Ke7)

42...h2



43.d7 (Or if 43.Rh8 Rh3)
43...h1Q+ and wins Rook

41.dxe6 Re1+ 42.Kd3 fxe6
43.Rxa3



43...g3 44.Ra2

44.Kd2 Rg1 45.Ke2 h4

44...h4 45.Kd2

No better is 45.Rg2 h3
46.Rxg3 h2 47.Rh3 h1Q

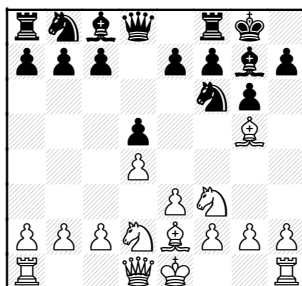
45...g2

0-1

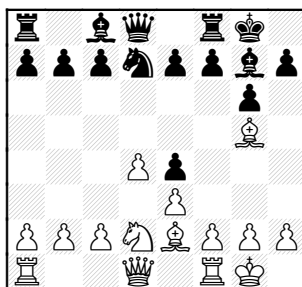
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Czerniecki, K [D03]

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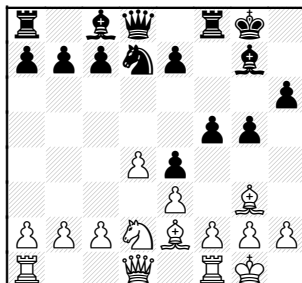
1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bg5 Nf6
4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Be2



6...Nbd7 7.0-0 Ne4 8.Nxe4
dxe4 9.Nd2



9...h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 f5

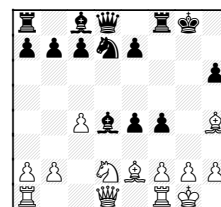


12.c3 supporting the d4-Pawn

White can ignore opening of
center as Black's King is weak. A
couple tries to open things up:

12.c4 e5

Too aggressive is 12...f4
13.exf4 gxf4 14.Bh4 Bxd4



15.Nxe4 Material is even, but
White has promising possibilities
Kingside

13.f3.

A better try, however, is 12.f3
White opens position before
Black can finish development.

12...e5

threatening to trap g3-Bishop
with 13..f4

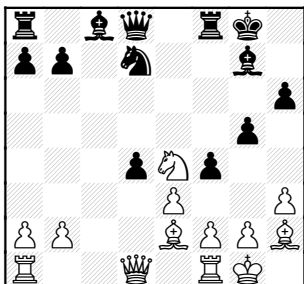
13.h3

Now too late is 13.f3 trying to
keep the Bishop active and
break up the Pawns 13...f4
14.Bf2

If 14.exf4 exf4 15.Be1 e3

14...exd4 15.Nxe4 dxe3

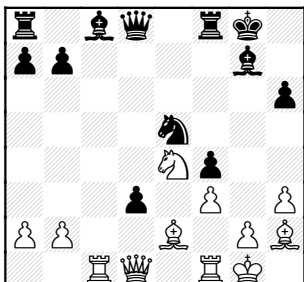
13...f4 14.Bh2 exd4 15.cxd4
c5 16.Nxe4 cxd4



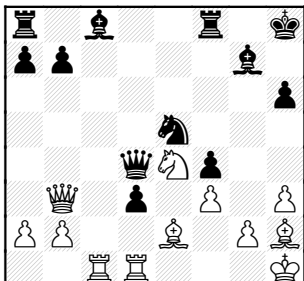
17.exf4 gxf4 18.Rc1

18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.Qh5 Nf6
allows Black to trade an attacker

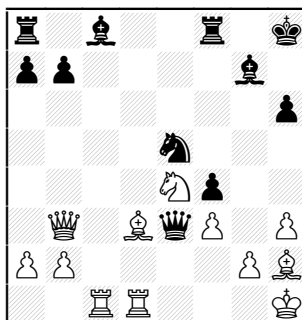
18...Ne5 19.f3 d3



20.Qb3+ Kh8 21.Rfd1 Qd4+
22.Kh1



22...Qe3 23.Bxd3



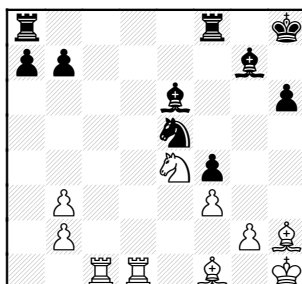
23...Bxh3! 24.Bf1

24.Bg1?? Seems to trap the
Black Queen, but actually allows
a forced mate! 24...Bxg2+!
25.Kh2

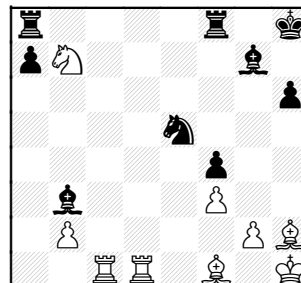
25.Kxg2 Qxf3+ 26.Kh2 Ng4#

25...Qxf3
Black has no less than 3 mates:
Qh3#, Qg3#, Ng4#

24...Qxb3 25.axb3 Be6

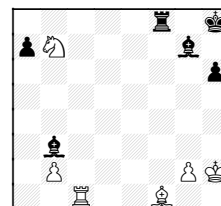


26.Nc5 Bg8 27.Nxb7 Bxb3



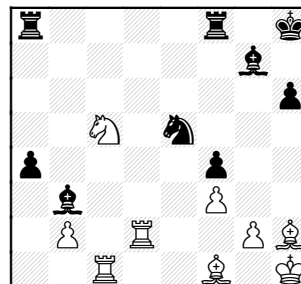
28.Rd2

The greedy line actually loses a
Pawn. 28.Rd4 Nxf3!
discovering Bg7 attack on Rook
29.Rxf4 Nxh2 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8
31.Kxh2



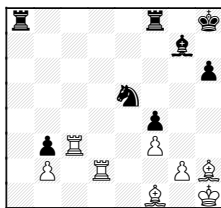
31...Bxb2 32.Rb1 Rf2

28...a5 29.Nc5 a4



30.Ba6

Or 30.Nxb3 axb3 31.Rc3



31...Rab8

Alternatives do not matter:

A) 31...Ra1 32.Kg1.

B) 31...Ra2 32.Rxb3.

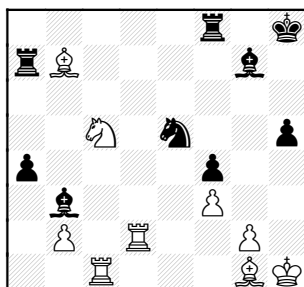
C) 31...Rfb8 32.Bxf4.

32.Be2 idea of Bd1

30...h5

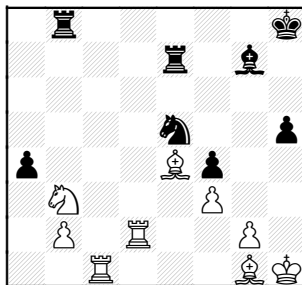
If 30...Nc6 31.Nd7!

31.Bb7 Ra7 32.Bg1



32...Rb8 33.Be4 Re7

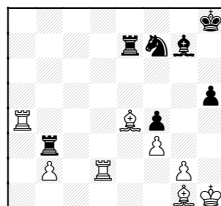
34.Nxb3



34...axb3

34...Rxb3 35.Ra1 Nf7

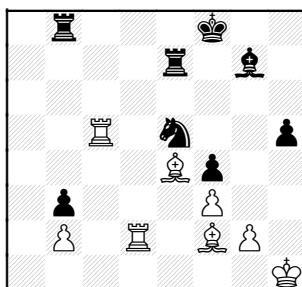
36.Rxa4



36...Bxb2

36...Rxb2? 37.Ra8+ wins a piece

35.Rc5 Kg8 36.Bf2 Kf8



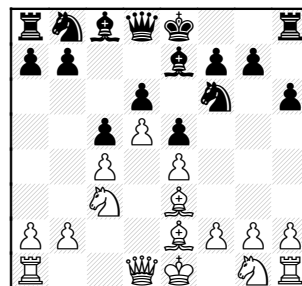
½-½

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Williams, K (2072) [A56]

Pawns-CCDOC, 27.02.2001

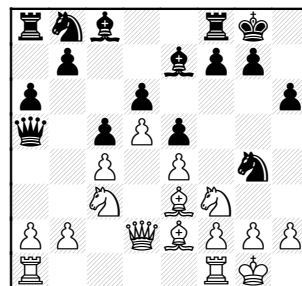
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6
4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 h6
7.Be3**



7...Qa5 8.Qd2

8.Bd2 with idea of f4

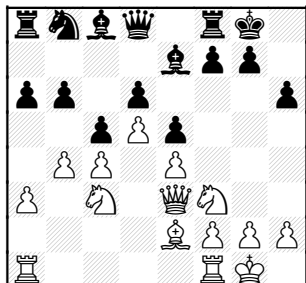
8...a6 9.Nf3 Ng4 10.0-0 0-0



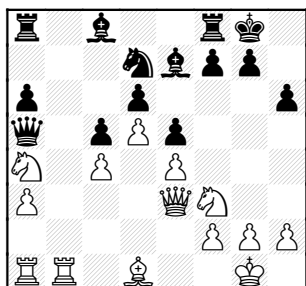
11.a3

If White prepares f4 with
11.Ne1, then Nxe3 12.Qxe3
Bg5

**11...Qd8 12.b4 Nxe3
13.Qxe3 b6**

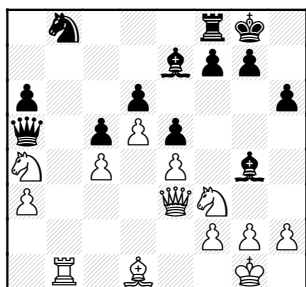


**14.bxc5 bxc5 15.Rfb1 Nd7
16.Na4 Qa5 17.Bd1**

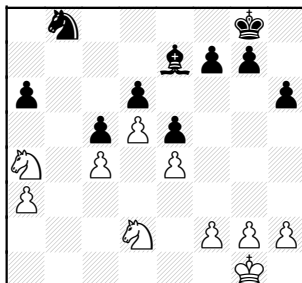


17.Nc3 was possible

**17...Rb8 18.Rxb8 Nxb8
19.Rb1 Bg4**



**20.Qd2 Qxd2 21.Nxd2 Bxd1
22.Rxd1 Nd7 23.Rb1 Rb8
24.Rxb8+ Nxb8**



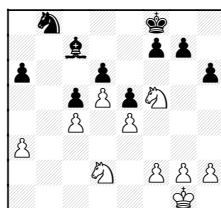
Sure seems like Black will have problems with his minors.

25.Kf1

If 25.Nb3 Bd8;

Or if 25.Nb6! with idea Nc8
25...Kf8

Instead 25...Bd8 26.Nc8 Bc7
27.Ne7+ Kf8 28.Nf5



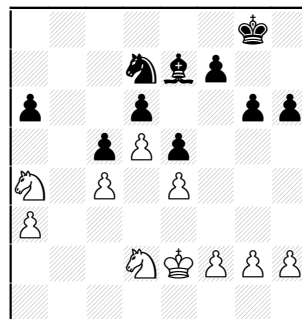
planning g3 followed by f4, since
Black cannot play g5 to stop it

26.Nc8 Ke8

26...Bg5 27.Nb3 Be7 28.Na5

27.g3 Kd7 28.Nxe7 Kxe7
29.f4 Still even

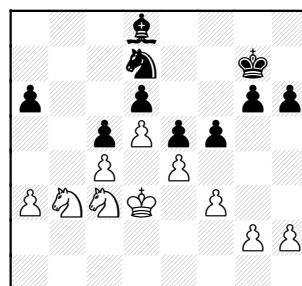
25...Nd7 26.Ke2 g6



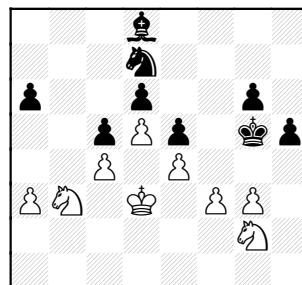
27.f3

Maybe 27.g4 Nf6 28.h3

**27...Bd8 28.Nb3 Kg7 29.Kd3
f5 30.Nc3**

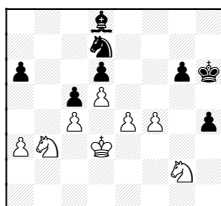


**30...Kf6 31.g3 Kg5 32.Nd1
h5 33.Ne3 f4 34.Ng2 fxg3
35.hxg3**



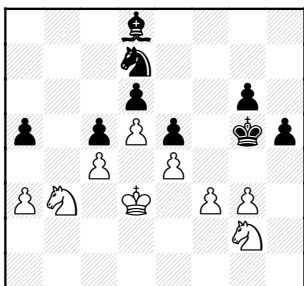
35...Kh6 36.Ne3

Trying to make his own passer
with 36.f4 exf4 37.gxf4 h4

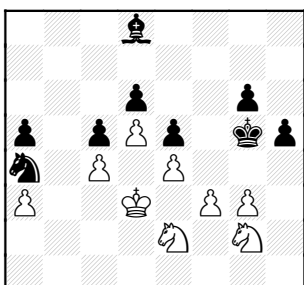


White has trouble coordinating
his Knights to support the Pawn
break (with e5)

36...Kg5 37.Ng2 a5



38.Nc1 Nb6 39.Ne2 Na4

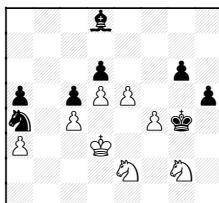


40.Ne3

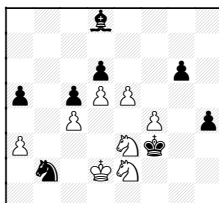
Can White start his own passer
now?

40.f4+ exf4 41.gxf4+ Kg4

42.e5

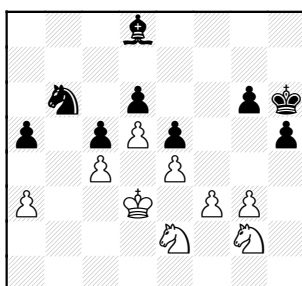


42...Kf3 43.Ne3 Nb2+ 44.Kd2
h4



No, the Black Bishop stops
White's passer

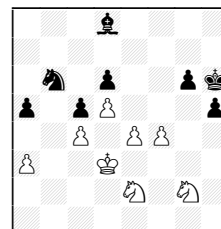
**40...Nb6 41.Ng2 Na4 42.Kc2
Nb6 43.Kd3 Kh6**



44.Ne3

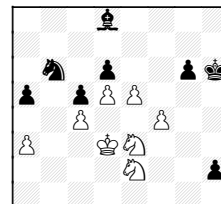
I believe the time has come
for the Pawn break. Ready to
wade through some ideas?

44.f4 exf4 45.gxf4



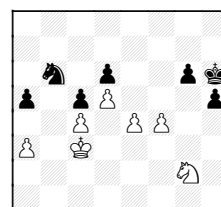
45...Bf6

White can stop the passer:
45...h4 46.e5 h3 47.Ne3 h2



48.Ng3 and Nef1 next

46.Nc3 idea of Nb5 46...Bxc3
47.Kxc3



I believe White's Pawns are
stronger 47...g5 48.e5 g4

49.e6 Nc8

A) 50.Kd3

A1) 50...Kg6 51.Ke4 Ne7

52.Nh4+ Kf6 53.a4 Ng6

54.Nxg6

But not 54.Nf5 h4 55.Nxd6 h3

54...Kxg6 55.f5+ Kg5

55...Kf6 is met by 56.Kf4

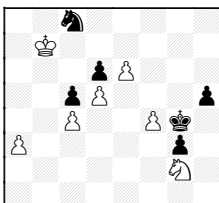
56.e7

Or after **50. Kd3 A2)** 50...g3
51.Ke4 Ne7 52.Kf3 Nf5
53.Ne3 Nxe3 54.Kxe3 Kg6
55.Kf3 h4 is a draw as both
Kings must stop opponent's
passer

B) Fascinating is White's
attempt to make a race, as
something like: **50.Kb3**
50...Kg6 51.Ka4 Kf5 52.Kxa5
g3

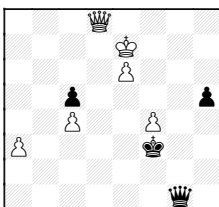
White is OK after 52...Ke4
53.Ka6 Kf3 54.Kb7 Ne7
55.Kc7 Nf5 56.Nh4+ Kxf4
57.Nxf5 Kxf5 58.e7

53.Ka6 Kg4 54.Kb7

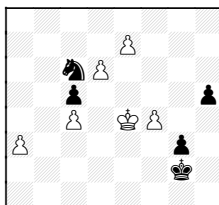


White seems to gain the
advantage **54...Ne7 55.Kc7**
B1) 55...Kh3 56.Kxd6 Nf5+

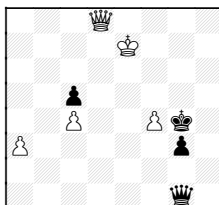
56...Kxg2 57.Kxe7 Kf3 58.d6 g2
59.d7 g1Q 60.d8Q



57.Ke5 Ne7 58.d6 Nc6+
59.Ke4 Kxg2 60.e7

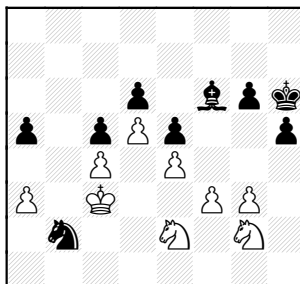


B2) After some dreaming,
maybe Black's best after **55.Kc7**
is 55...h4 56.Kxd6 Ng6 57.e7
Nxe7 58.Kxe7 h3 59.d6 hxg2
60.d7 g1Q 61.d8Q

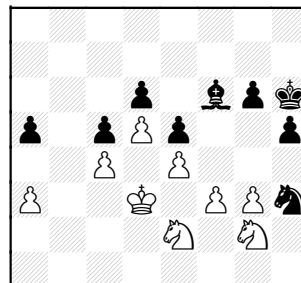


and Black will promote the g -
Pawn

44...Bg5 45.Ng2 Kg7 46.Kc3
Bf6 47.Kd3 Na4 48.Kc2 Kh6
49.Kd3 Nb2+ 50.Kc3



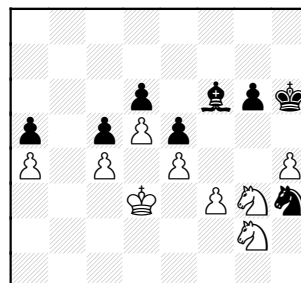
50...Nd1+ 51.Kd2 Nf2 52.Ke3
Nh3 53.Kd3



53...h4 54.gxh4 Kh5
55.Ng3+

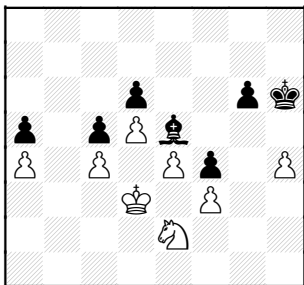
55.Kc3 As in the analysis
above, Black cannot play Bxh4
as a5 - Pawn would hang
55...a4 56.Kd3 and Nc3 etc
next.

55...Kh6 56.a4



Now neither side can break
through

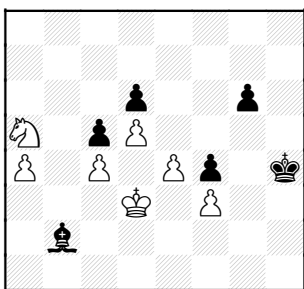
56...Nf4+ 57.Nxf4 exf4
58.Ne2 Be5



59.Nc1 Bb2

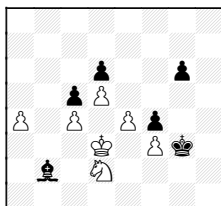
59...Bf6 is better

60.Nb3 Kh5 61.Nxa5 Kxh4



62.Nc6

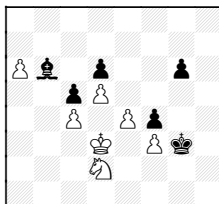
Odd as it seems, **I believe**
62.Nb3! **wins** 62...Kg3
63.Nd2!



The Bishop must rush to stop passer, White's Knight stops any Black passer.

Let us look at the replies:

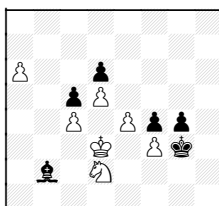
A) 63...Bf6 64.a5 Bd8 65.a6 Bb6



66.e5! and the Bishop is overloaded!

Also after 63. Nd2!

B) 63...g5 64.a5 g4 65.a6!



65...gxf3 66.a7 f2 67.a8Q f1Q+

No better is 67...Kg2 68.Qg8+

68.Nxf1+ and the Knight stays alive only to sacrifice itself for the remaining passer.

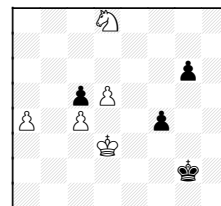
And, finally, after 63. Nd2!

C) 63...Bc1 64.a5! Bxd2 65.a6!! Kxf3 66.a7

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62...Kg3 63.Ke2

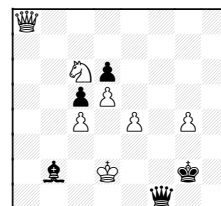
After 63.e5 Kxf3 64.exd6 Kg2 65.d7 Bf6 66.d8Q Bxd8 67.Nxd8



and Knight blocks the queening square

63...Kg2 64.Ne7

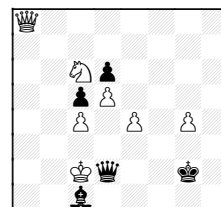
Or 64.a5 g5 65.a6 g4 66.fxg4 f3+ 67.Kd2 f2 68.a7 f1Q 69.a8Q



69...Qf2+ 70.Kd3

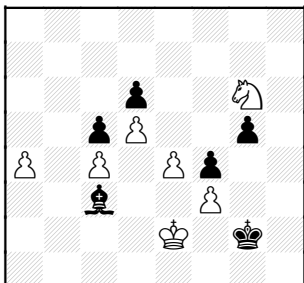
70.Kd1 Bc3 and mates

70...Bc1 71.Kc3 Qe3+ 72.Kc2 Qd2+

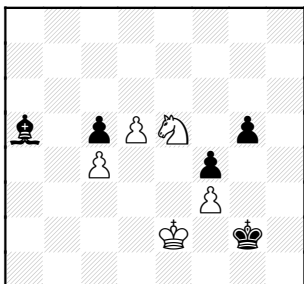


73.Kb3 Qb2+ 74.Ka4 Qa2+
and wins White Queen!

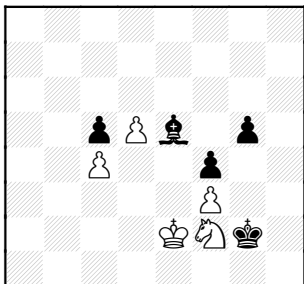
64...g5 65.Ng6 Bc3



66.a5 Bxa5 67.e5 dxe5
68.Nxe5



68...Bc7 69.Ng4 Bd6 70.Nf2
Be5



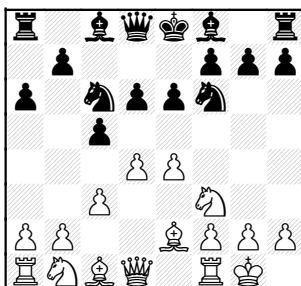
71.Ng4
If 71.Ne4? g4

71...Bd6 72.Nf2 Be5 73.Ng4
½-½

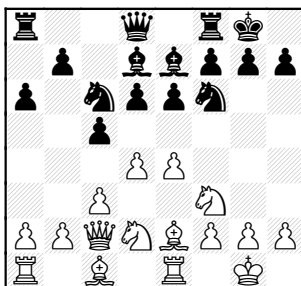
Decman, S (1576) -
Fitzgerald, M (1256) [B50]

Rooks - Fermi, 13.02.2001

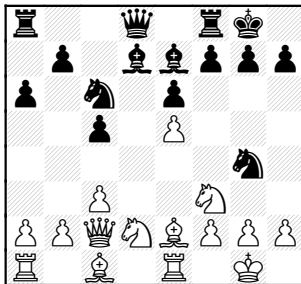
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Be2 a6
4.0-0 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.d4 e6



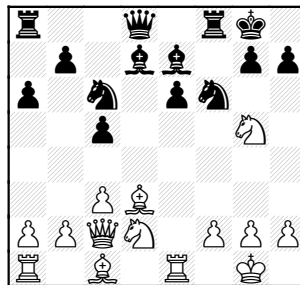
7.Nbd2 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Qc2
Bd7



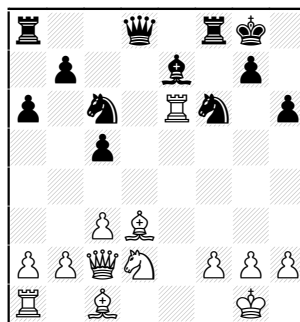
10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4



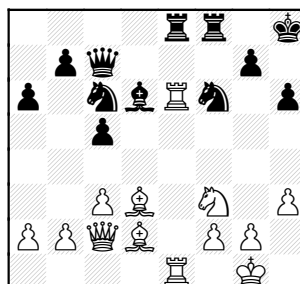
12.Bd3 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6
14.Ng5



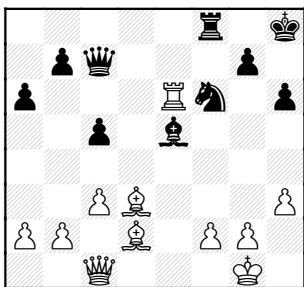
hitting Pawns at h7 and e6
14...h6 15.Nxe6 Bxe6
16.Rxe6



16...Kh8 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.h3
Bd6 19.Bd2 Rae8 20.Rae1



21.Rxe6 Ne5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5
23.Qc1



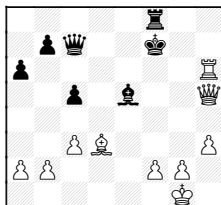
Obviously considering Bxh6
sacrifice

23...Nh5 24.Bxh6 Nf4

Black properly ignores sac:
24...gxh6 25.Rxh6+ at least
regains piece with interest
25...Kg7

25...Kg8 26.Bc4+ Kg7
27.Qg5#

26.Qg5+ Kf7 27.Qxh5+



27...Ke7

Alternatives mate:

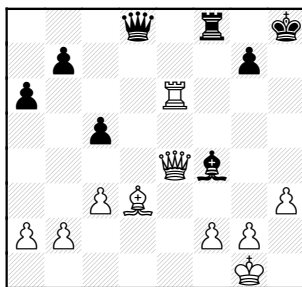
A) 27...Kg7 28.Qg6#;
B) 27...Kg8 28.Rh8+ Kg7
29.Rh7+ Kf6 30.Qg6#

28.Rh7+ winning Queen

25.Bxf4 Bxf4 26.Qe1

26.Qd1 with idea Qh5+ is also
strong

26...Qd8 27.Qe4

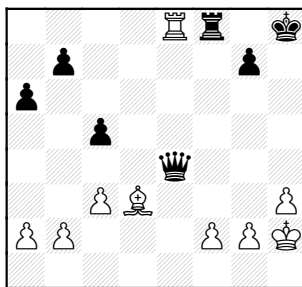


threat is Qh7#

27...Qh4 28.Re8

28.g3 Qxh3 29.Qxf4! is
forceful since 29...Rxf4
30.Re8+ and mates next

28...Bh2+ 29.Kxh2 Qxe4

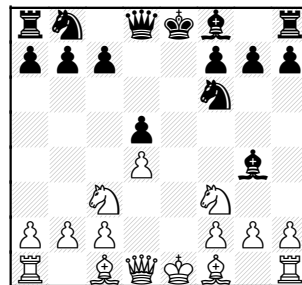


30.Rxf8+ 1-0

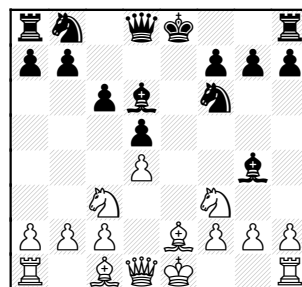
Vora, C -

Frank, M (1754) [C00]
Stafford - Aces, 28.02.2001

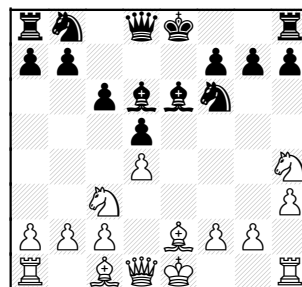
1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5
exd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d4 Bg4



6.Bb5+ c6 7.Be2 Bd6



8.h3 Bf5 9.Nh4 Be6

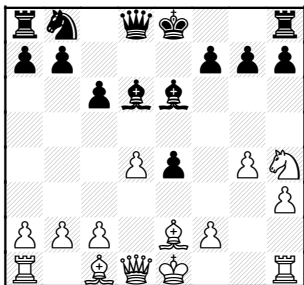


The White Knight at h4 is poorly
placed

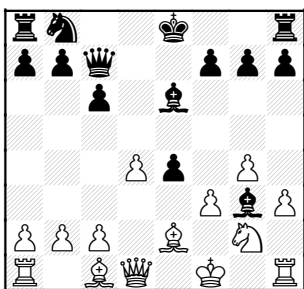
10.g4

Now this simply weakens his
Kingside, and the threats to the
Knight remain.

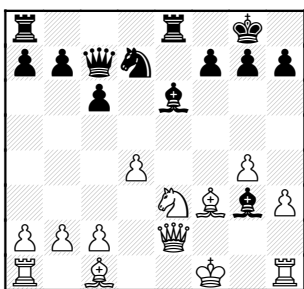
10...Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4



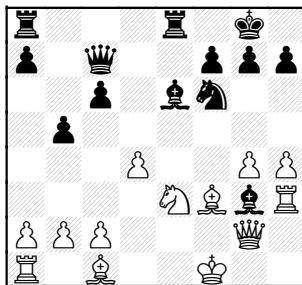
12.Ng2 Qc7 13.f3 Bg3+
14.Kf1



14...exf3 15.Bxf3 0-0 16.Ne3
Re8 17.Qe2 Nd7



18.h4 Nf6 19.Rh3 b5 20.Qg2

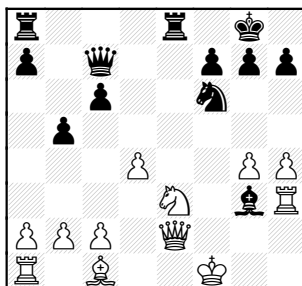


White has dual threats of Bxc6
forking Rooks and Queen/Rook
takes g3-Bishop.

20...Bc4+ 21.Be2

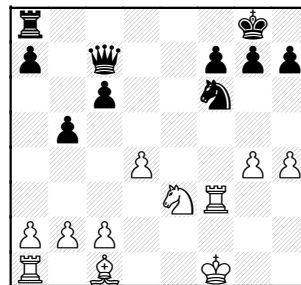
Definitely not 21.Nxc4 Re1#.
Much better simply 21.Kg1
when White retains his previous
threats!

21...Bxe2+ 22.Qxe2

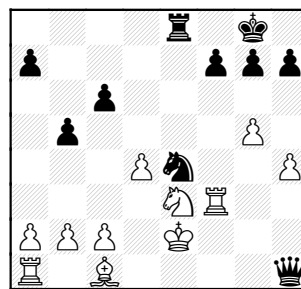


22...Re4 23.Qf3
23.Kg2 first

23...Rf4 24.Rxg3 Rxf3+
25.Rxf3



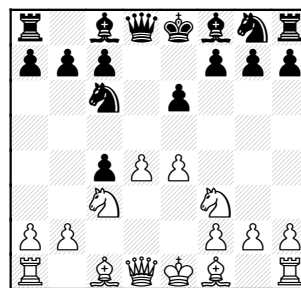
25...Qh2 26.g5 Qh1+ 27.Kf2
Ne4+ 28.Ke2 Re8



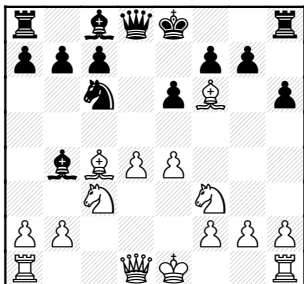
29.Kd3 Qxf3 0-1

Sullivan, J (1875) -
Gardner, M [D20]
Excaliburs - Northrop,
27.03.2001

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nc3 e6
4.e4 Nc6 5.Nf3



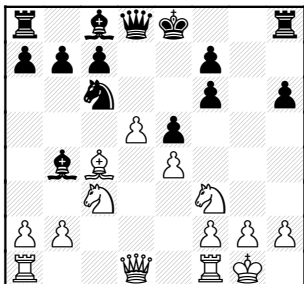
**5...Bb4 6.Bxc4 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6
8.Bxf6**



8...gxf6

8...Qxf6 Is obvious, keeping Pawns intact and still eyeing d4. Maybe Black thought the open g-file would be useful, but he won't be able to organize his pieces quickly enough to concentrate an attack.

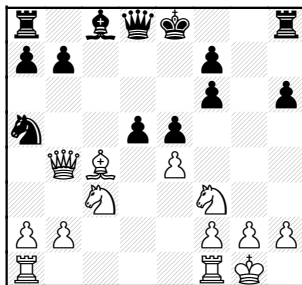
9.0-0 e5 10.d5



10...Na5

10...Bxc3 Is mandatory to avoid the loss of a piece.

11.Qa4+ c6 12.Qxb4 cxd5

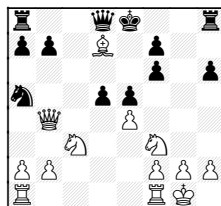


13.Bxd5

13.Bb5+ is stronger, with threat of Nxd5 hitting a lot of weak squares 13...Bd7

(Note after 13...Nc6 14.exd5 wins the Knight 14...a6 15.Qa4! pinning a-Pawn)

14.Bxd7+

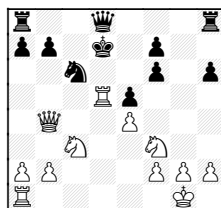


14...Kxd7

14...Qxd7? allows 15.Qxa5

15.Rfd1! Black is in huge trouble 15...d4

Or instead 15...Nc6 16.Rxd5+



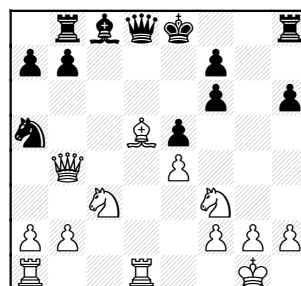
16...Kc7

(other replies allow Rxd8+ WITH CHECK)

17.Nb5+ wins the Queen or mates

16.Nxd4!

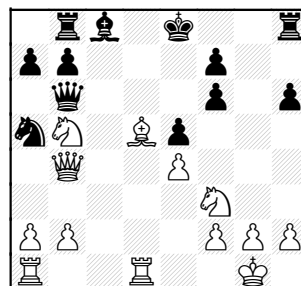
13...Rb8 14.Rfd1



14...Qc7

Of course, 14...Qe7 to get castled allows 15.Qxa5

15.Nb5 Qb6



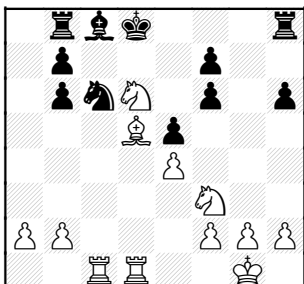
16.Rac1

16.Nd6+ Kf8 runs the King to relative safety as Black's Queen stops a Nd6 discovery.

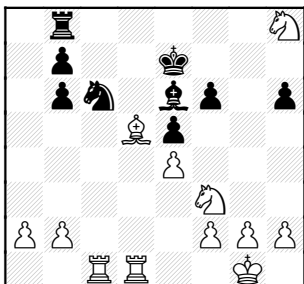
16...Nc6 17.Nd6+ Kd8

17...Kf8 is still possible

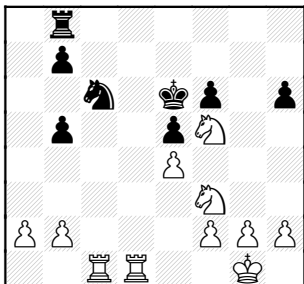
18.Qxb6+ axb6



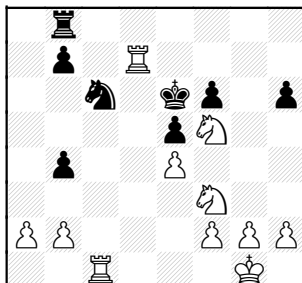
19.Nxf7+ Ke7 20.Nxh8 Be6



21.Ng6+ Kf7 22.Bxe6+ Kxe6
23.Ngh4 b5 24.Nf5



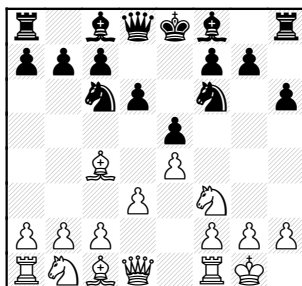
24...b4 25.Rd6+ Kf7 26.Rd7+
Ke6



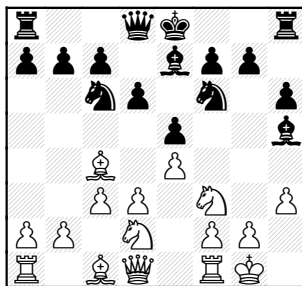
27.Rcd1 Nd4 28.Re7# 1-0

Cease, H (1186) -
Savcic, V (1123) [C41]
Fermi-Tyros, 13.02.2001

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 h6
4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 Nc6

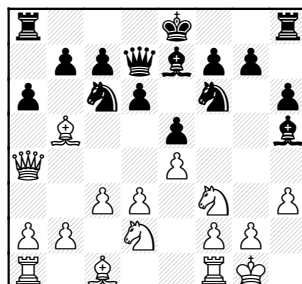


6.c3 Bg4 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.h3
Bh5

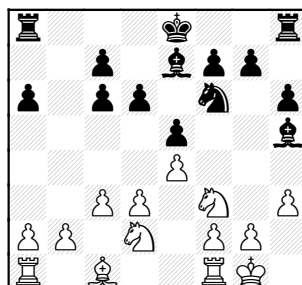


The Bishop doesn't have a
future on the Kingside.

9.Bb5 Qd7 10.Qa4 a6

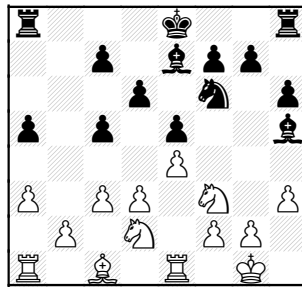


11.Bxc6 Qxc6 12.Qxc6+
bxc6



Black is OK here, with an extra
Pawn in center, open b-file for
Rooks and White will have
trouble finding good posts for his
pieces.

13.Re1 c5 14.a3 a5



15.Nh4

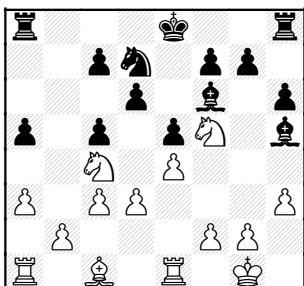
If Black's Bishop wasn't at h5, he could simply play 15...g6 here with a good game. Note its future had it been played to d7 - there's lots of free light squares Queenside!

15.d4 probably helps Black

15...Nd7

15...Bg6 is necessary as the White Knight is too strong on f5.

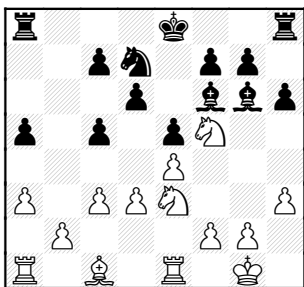
16.Nf5 Bf6 17.Nc4



17...Bg6

17...g6 18.Ng3 is to White's liking

18.Nce3

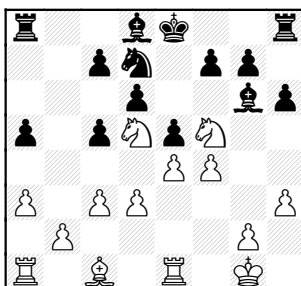


18...Bg5

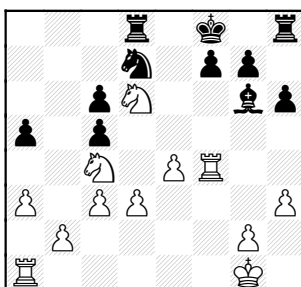
18...Bxf5 19.Nxf5 g6 keeps the

Knights from strangling the center Pawns

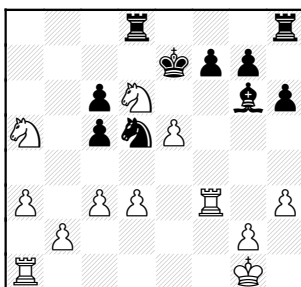
19.Nd5 with the common Nxc7+ fork threatened 19...Bd8 20.f4



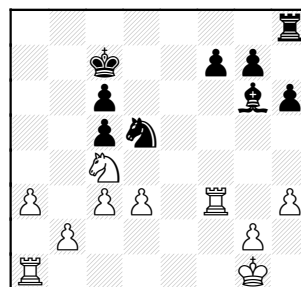
20...c6 oops 21.Nxd6+ Kf8 22.Ne3 exf4 23.Nec4 Black's position has totally fallen apart 23...Bg5 24.Rf1 Rd8 25.Bxf4 Bxf4 26.Rxf4



26...Nf6 27.e5 Nd5 28.Rf3 Ke7 29.Nxa5



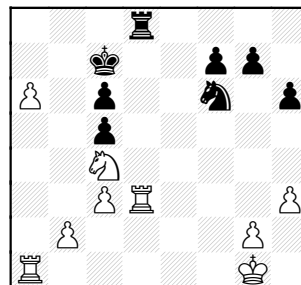
29...Rxd6 30.exd6+ Kxd6 31.Nc4+ Kc7



32.a4

32.Ne5 also clarifies the position

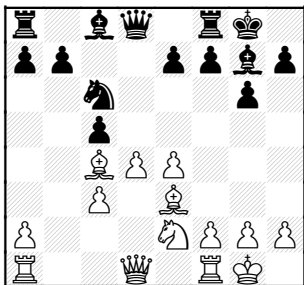
32...Rd8 33.a5 Nf6 34.a6 Bxd3 35.Rxd3



BLACK RESIGNED since 35...Rxd3 36.a7 Rd8 37.a8Q puts White a full Rook up **1-0**

Stoltz, R (1853) - Dobrovolny, C (1774) [D87]
Tyros - Dragons, 22.03.2001

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3

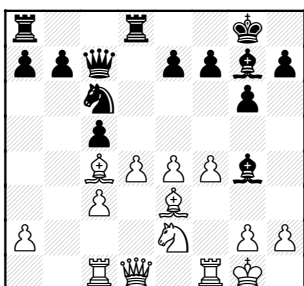


A standard Gruenfeld position

10...Qc7 11.f4

This Pawn is normally used to block the pin created by Black's Bg4 move. White will now be pressured to hold d4.

11...Rd8 12.Rc1 Bg4

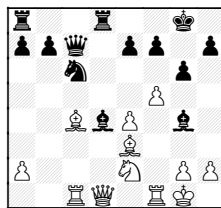


An interesting dynamic balance: Black has his pressure on the d-file and especially d4, but trades on d4 to realize them may open White's c1-Rook attack on the Black Queen.

13.f5 Na5

The last comment (at move 12) is illustrated by the following continuation:

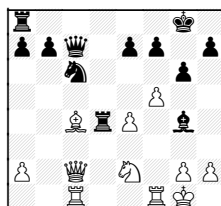
13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Bxd4



15.Bxd4 Rxd4

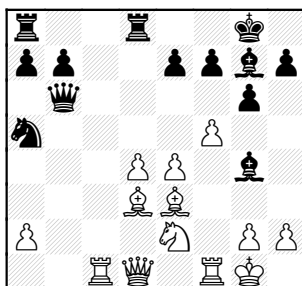
(Not 15...Nxd4 16.Bxf7+ wins Black's Queen)

16.Qc2



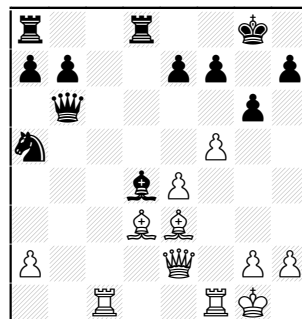
16...Ne5 17.Bxf7+ White again wins the Queen.

14.Bd3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qb6

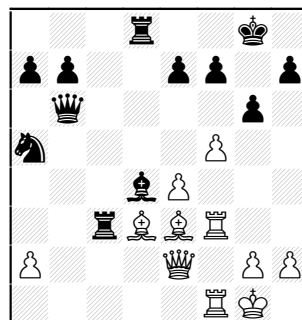


Gaining a clear advantage since White's e3-Bishop hangs. White's problems began when he played 11 f4.

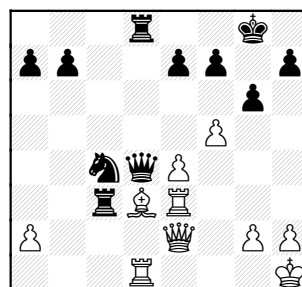
16.Qe1 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Bxd4



18.Rf3 Rac8 19.Rcf1 Rc3

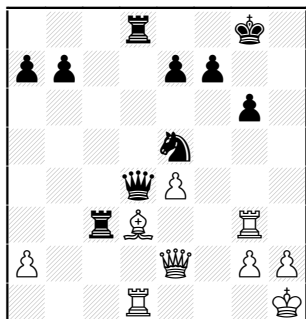


20.Kh1 Bxe3 21.Rxe3 Qd4 22.Rd1 Nc4



White is practically in zugzwang!

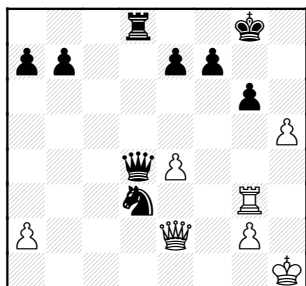
23.Rg3 Ne5 24.fxg6 hxg6



25.h4

25.Bc2 Rxc2! 26.Rxd4 Rc1+ and mates

25...Rxd3 26.Rdxd3 Nxd3 27.h5



27...Nf4

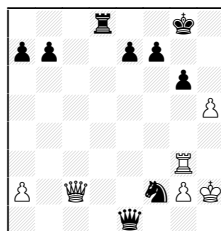
27...Qxe4 also causes White problems

A) 28.Qxe4 Nf2+.

B) 28.Qc2 Qe1+

28...Qh4+ also works as in line C

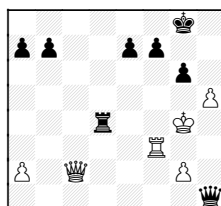
29.Kh2 Nf2



Threat is Qh1# but all lines win:
B1) 30.Rf3 Ng4+ 31.Kh3 Qh1+! 32.Kxg4

(32.Kg3 Qh2+ forces 33.Kxg4)

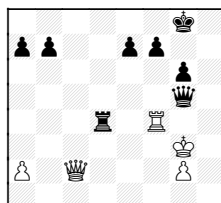
32...Rd4+



33.Rf4

(Other replies allow mates:
33.Kg5 Qxh5#; 33.Kg3 Qh4#)

33...Qxh5+ 34.Kg3 Qg5+



wins at least a Rook;

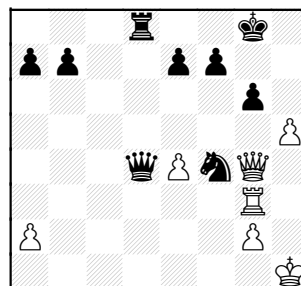
Other tries from top of column
B2) 30.Rh3 Ng4#.

B3) 30.Rg5 30...Rd3 and mates with Qh1#.

The last reply to analysis line beginning 27...Qxe4 is

C) 28.Qf1 where else is Queen safe? 28...Qh4+ 29.Rh3 Nf2+

28.Qg4

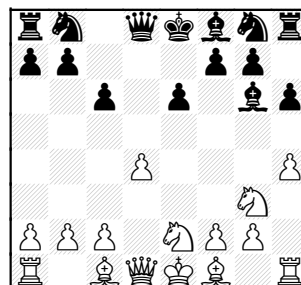


Forcing Queen trade with
28...Qd1+ is easy enough!

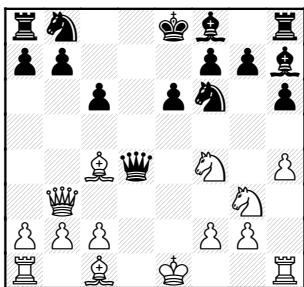
29.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Kh2 Nxh5 0-1

Altshuller, D (1740) - Hahne, D (1608) [B18]
Dragons - Tyros, 22.03.2001

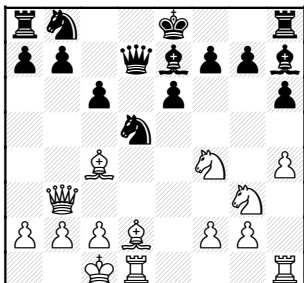
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.N1e2 e6 7.h4 h6



8.Nf4 Bh7 9.Bc4 Nf6 10.Qf3
Qxd4 11.Qb3

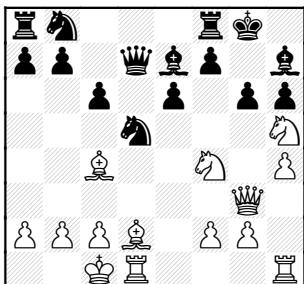


11...Qd7 12.Bd2 Be7
13.0-0 Nd5



White gets plenty of piece play
for his sacrificed Pawn.

14.Ngh5 0-0 15.Qg3 g6

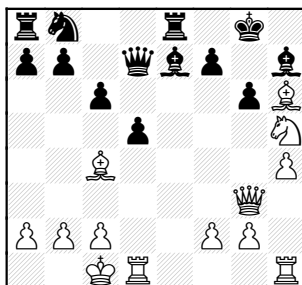


16.Nxd5
16.Bc3 with idea of f4 - Knight

moves/sacs, then Qe5.

Or maybe 16.Rhe1 with a
possible Rxe6 to force problems
on g6

16...exd5 17.Bxh6 Re8



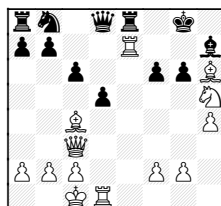
18.Rhe1

18.Qc3 with mate threat, looks
tough to defend. One bad reply
is 18...Bf8 19.Nf6+

18...Qd8 19.Qe5

19.Qc3 still works

A) 19...f6 20.Rxe7!



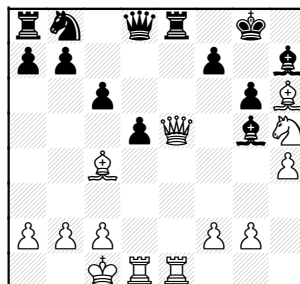
20...Rxe7

Not 20...Qxe7 21.Nxf6+ forks

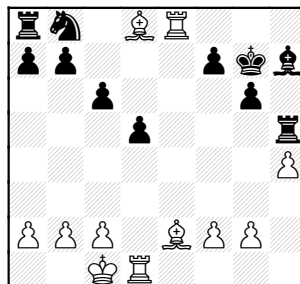
21.Nxf6+ Kf7 22.Nxh7 the
attack rages on.

B) 19...Bf6 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8
21.Qxf6 and Black must lose his
Queen to stop mate

19...Bg5+



20.Bxg5 Rxe5 21.Bxd8 Rxh5
22.Re8+ Kg7 23.Be2

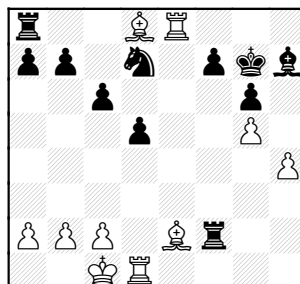


White still has a plus, Bc7 will
win a piece.

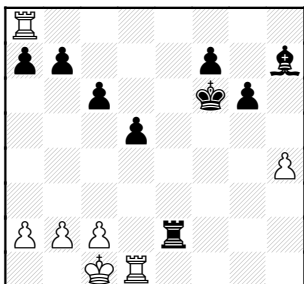
23...Rf5 24.g4

24.Bc7 Rxf2 25.Bf3 is easy
enough

24...Rxf2 25.g5 Nd7

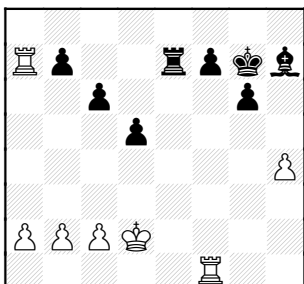


**26.Bf6+ Nxf6 27.gxf6+ Kxf6
28.Rxa8 Rxe2**



Now Black has some Pawns to make things interesting, but how to get his Bishop active?

**29.Rf1+ Kg7 30.Rxa7 Re7
31.Kd2**



A quiet move. The coming Re1 breaks down Black's 7th-rank defense.

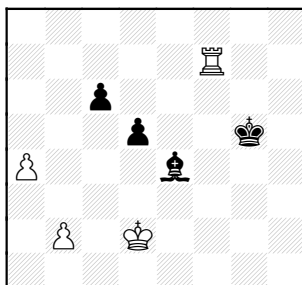
31...Kh6

31...f6 with idea Bg8-e6-c8
32.Re1 Rc7 33.Re8 Bg8
34.Rb8

31...Kf8 32.Ra8+ Kg7 33.Re1
Rc7 34.Ree8

32.Re1 Rxe1 Black can't survive without his Rook.

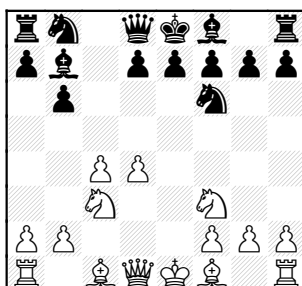
**33.Kxe1 Kh5 34.Rxb7 g5
35.hxg5 Bxc2 36.Rxf7 Kxg5
37.Kd2 Be4 38.a4**



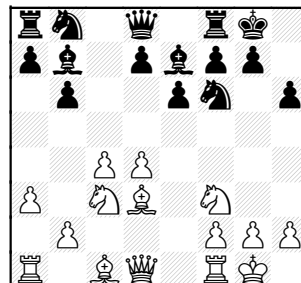
That's it! **38...c5 39.a5 c4
40.a6 d4 41.a7 1-0**

**Sajbel, P (1902) -
Goncharoff, N (1722) [A34]
UOP - MotKings**

**1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7
4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4**



**6...h6 7.Bd3 e6 8.0-0 Be7
9.a3 0-0**



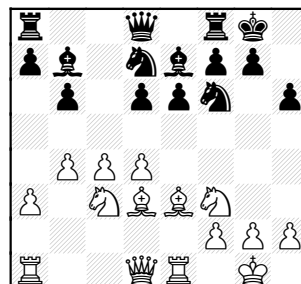
10.b4

10.Bf4 White keeps a tight grip on e5 and also threatens d5-6.

10...d6 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.Bf4
oh, OK! **12...Nh5 13.Be3**

13.Bd2 keeps the pressure on e5

13...Nhf6

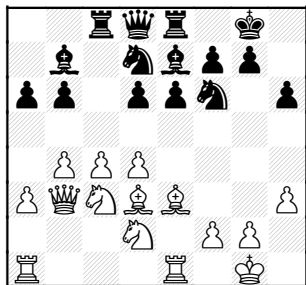


14.h3

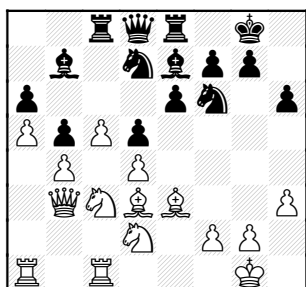
Too early to worry about backrank (or Ng4 isn't really a threat).

14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Qb3 working for d5

14...Re8 15.Nd2 Rc8 16.Qb3
a6

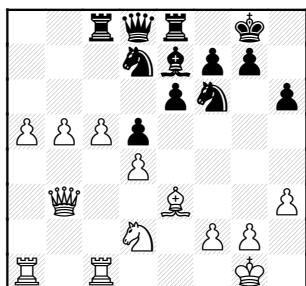


17.a4 Qc7 18.Rec1 (18.Bf4)
18...Qd8 19.a5 (19.d5)
19...d5 20.c5 b5



21.Nxb5!
 Nicely done! The advanced Pawns are definitely worth a piece, if not the full point.

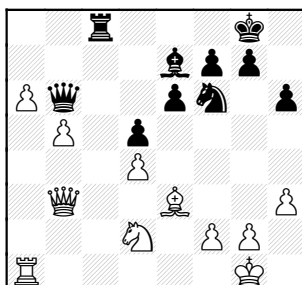
21...axb5 22.Bxb5 already threatening c6
22...Bc6
23.Bxc6 Rxc6 24.b5 Rc8



25.a6

25.b6 takes a lot of space, and a6 is unstoppable.

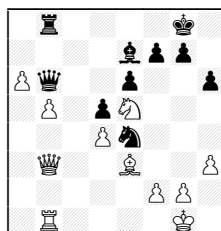
25...Nb6! Black came to play, too!
26.cxb6 Qxb6 27.Rxc8 Rxc8



The main problem is the Queen blockade. Most easy is to get the Bishop to a5, but this blocks the Rook protection of the a-Pawn.

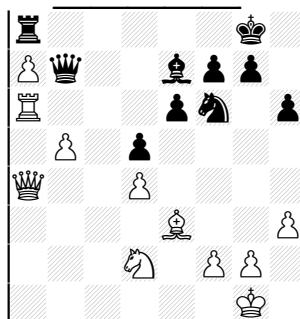
28.a7 But this only weakens the Pawn.

Maybe White should get the other pieces involved.
 28.Nf3 Rb8 29.Rb1 Ne4 30.Ne5

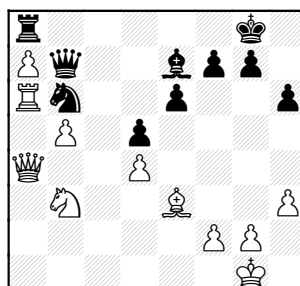


ready to fork at d7 or c6

28...Ra8 29.Ra6 Qb7 30.Qa4

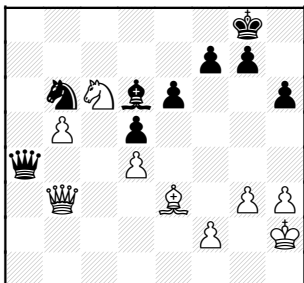


30...Nd7 31.Nb3 Nb6



32.Na5 Qc7 33.Qb3 Rxa7
34.Rxa7 Qxa7 35.Nc6

35...Qa1+ 36.Kh2 Bd6+
37.g3 Qa4

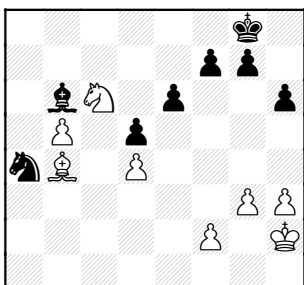


White can no longer break the blockade

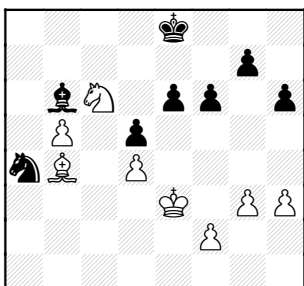
38.Qxa4 Nxa4 39.Bd2

39.Kg2 Bc7 40.Kf1 Nc3

39...Bc7 40.Bb4 Bb6



41.Kg2 f6 42.Kf3 Kf7 43.Ke3 Ke8



44.f4 g5 1/2-1/2

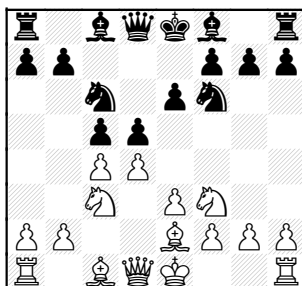
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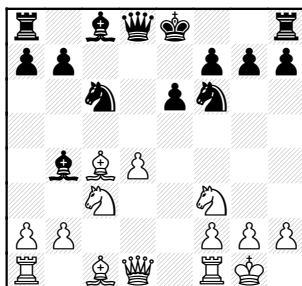
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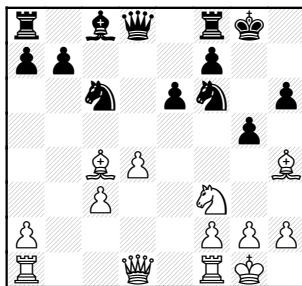
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5
4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e3 Nf6 6.Be2**



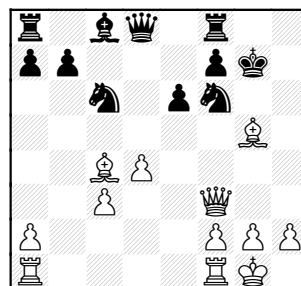
**6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.exd4
Bb4 9.0-0**



9...Bxc3 only helps support
White's center **10.bxc3 0-0**
11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 g5

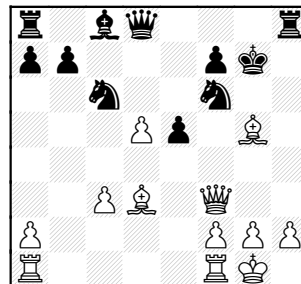


13.Nxg5! h5 14.Bxg5
with threat of Qf3 **14...Kg7**
15.Qf3



Black has trouble unwinding
pieces while White can build his
attack.

15...Rh8 16.Bd3 e5 17.d5

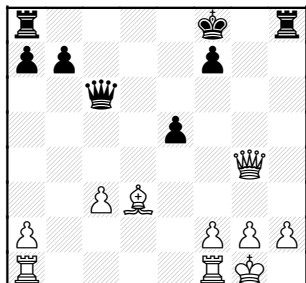


17...Bg4 a mistake
17...Nb8 is the only move
18.Rfe1 with the idea of Re4,
etc.

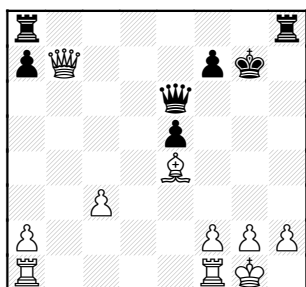
18.Bxf6+
knocking out the Bishop's
protection

18...Qxf6 19.Qxg4+
and since this capture is with
check, the hanging Knight dies
as well.

19...Kf8 20.dxc6 Qxc6

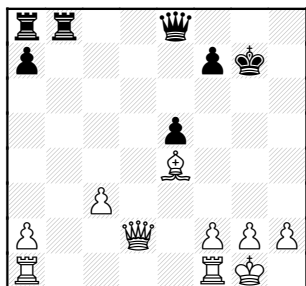


21.Qb4+ Kg7 22.Be4 Qe6
23.Qxb7

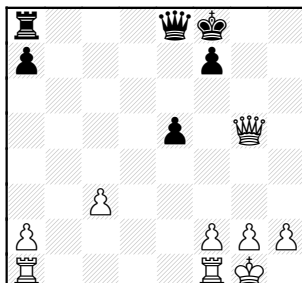


23...Rhb8
Wrong Rook! His a-Rook is to be attacked by the e4-Bishop

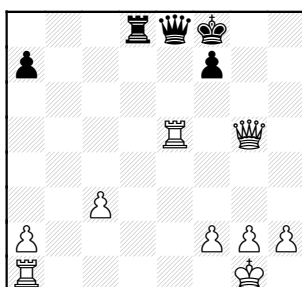
24.Qd5 Qe8 25.Qd2



25...Rd8 26.Qg5+ Kf8
27.Bxa8 Rxa8



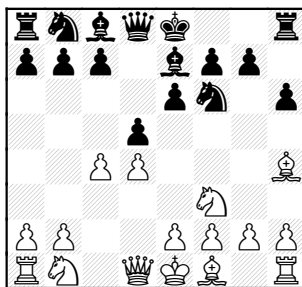
28.Rfe1 Rd8 29.Rxe5



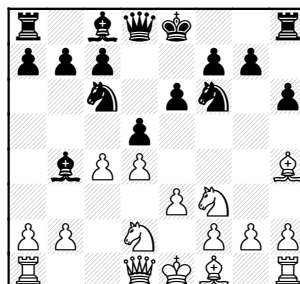
Mate cometh 29...Qd7
30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Rg5# 1-0

Dobr, K (1444) -
Mikulecky, B (1495) [D30]
Chargers - Pawns, 16.04.2001

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6
4.Nf3 h6 5.Bh4 Be7

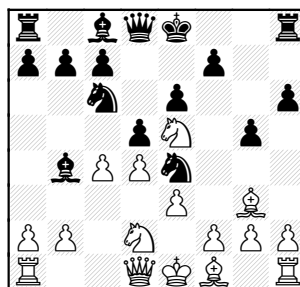


6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e3 Bb4

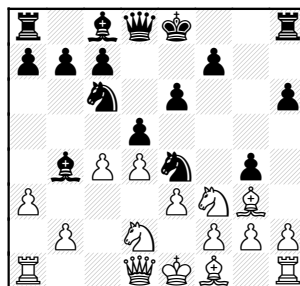


8.Ne5
8.a3 is apparently mandatory as
Black now shows

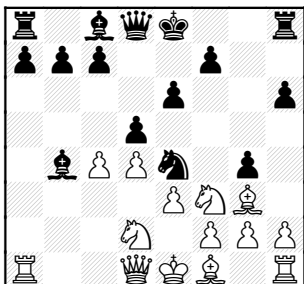
8...g5 Seems like he's spotted a
way to force the win of a piece
9.Bg3 Ne4



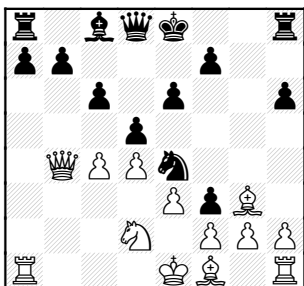
The problem with Nbd2 is a
Pawn can't contribute to its
defense 10.Nef3 g4 11.a3



11...Ba5 12.b4 Nxb4 13.axb4 Bxb4



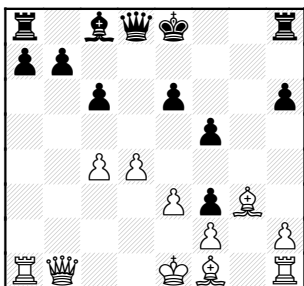
Black has maintained a pin, but needs to calculate deeper to realize he cannot recover the invested piece. **14.Qa4+ c6 15.Qxb4 gxf3**



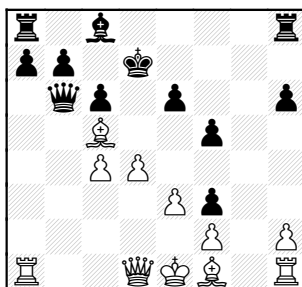
16.Nxe4

16.gxf3 is better, perhaps White feared Black's Queenside Pawns

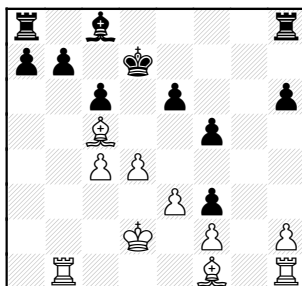
16...dxe4 17.Qb1 f5 18.gxf3 exf3



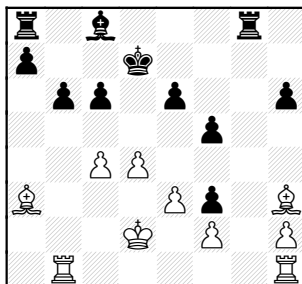
19.Qd1 Qb6 20.Bd6 Kd7 21.Bc5



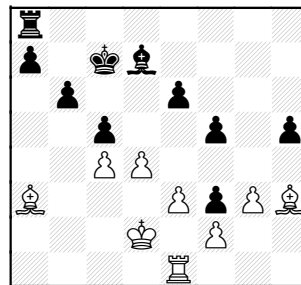
21...Qb2 nicely stopping Qxf3
22.Rb1 Qc3+ 23.Qd2 Qxd2+ 24.Kxd2



24...b6 25.Ba3 Rg8 26.Bh3



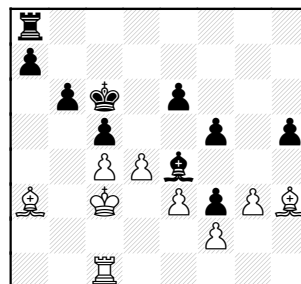
trying to open board with d5
26...Kc7 27.Rhg1 Bd7 28.Rg3 Rxg3 29.hxg3 h5 30.Re1 c5



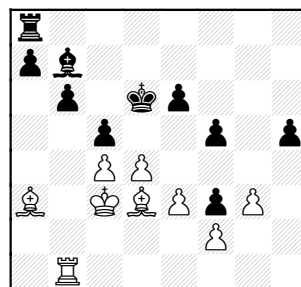
31.Kd3

31.dxc5 wins a Pawn. The edge Pawns are easily blocked by the Rook and Bishops. Meanwhile, White can simply bring King to e5, Bishop to d3 and play e4.

31...Bc6 32.Rc1 Be4+ 33.Kc3 Kc6

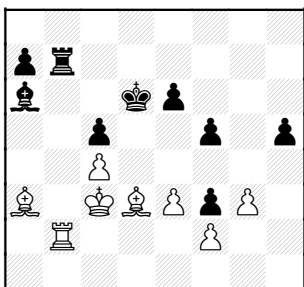


34.Bf1 Kd6 35.Bd3 Bb7 36.Rb1

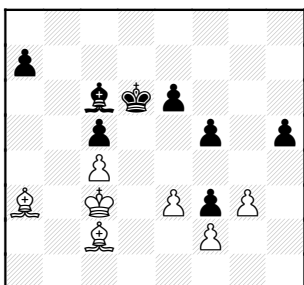


Pinning b-Pawn with threat of dc+

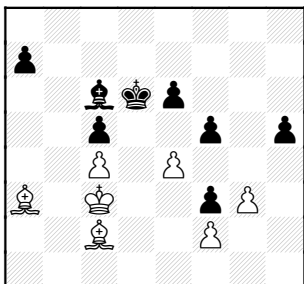
36...Rb8 37.Rb5 Ba6 38.Rb2 Rb7 39.dxc5+ bxc5



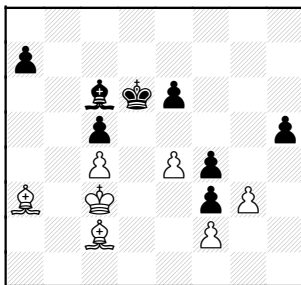
40.Rxb7 Bxb7 41.Bc2 Bc6



42.e4



Giving Black a huge opportunity
42...f4!?

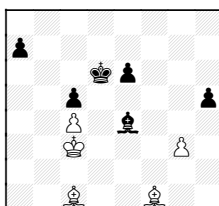


43.gxf4 Giving Black an unstoppable outside passer

More cautious is **43.Bc1 fxg3**

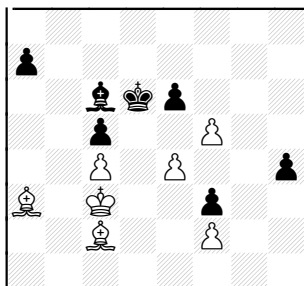
Not **43...e5 44.gxf4 exf4 45.Bxf4**

44.fxg3 f2 45.Bd3 f1Q 46.Bxf1 Bxe4



was all forced. White should activate his King to attack a-Pawn and look to win the c5-Pawn which he can attack twice (King and Bishop).

43...h4 44.f5

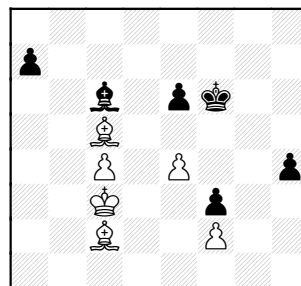


Hoping to play Bc1-f4 to cover h2.

44...Ke5

44...h3 45.Bc1 h2? 46.Bf4+

45.f6 Kxf6 46.Bxc5



46...Ke5

Black can just push now!
46...h3 47.Bd4+

47.Be3 h2 nor 47.Bd6 e5

47...e5

47.Bd4+ Kf4 48.Bc5 h3

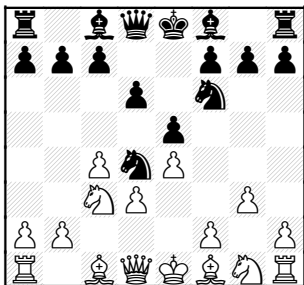
49.Be3+ (49.Bd6+ e5)

49...Kg4 0-1

Reyes, R (2322) - Kogan, G (1844) [A22]

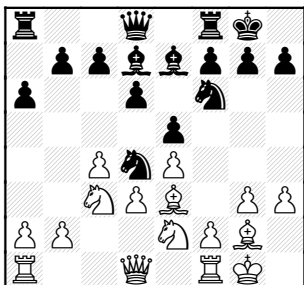
Aces - BankAm, 22.03.2001

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 Nc6 4.d3 d6 5.g3 Nd4



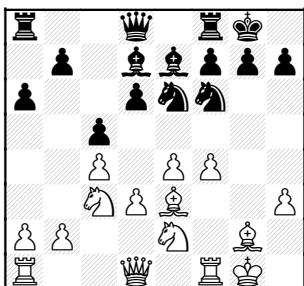
Black breaks opening principles- the d4 square can be illusionary in such positions.

6.h3 Be7 7.Bg2 a6 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Be3



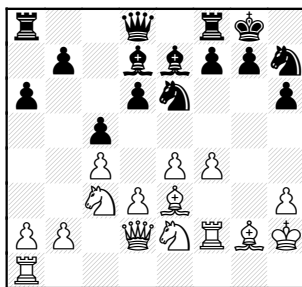
White is fully-loaded and ready to aim the guns. Black must react to Nxd4 threat, when White wins a Pawn.

10...Ne6 (10...c5) 11.f4 exf4 12.gxf4 c5



This is a wasted tempo, but Black already has trouble defending. One standard defensive move is -f5, but he just hasn't prepared it.

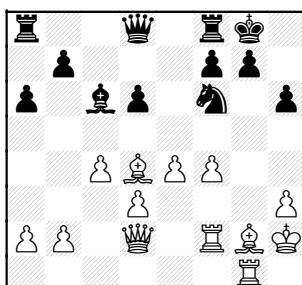
13.Rf2 h6 14.Kh2 Nh7 15.Qd2



15...Bf6

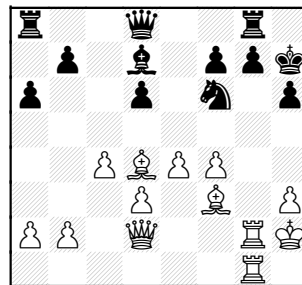
15...f5 Trying to blockade, but gives the light squares to White. 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.Bxb7

16.Rg1 Nd4 not supported enough **17.Nd5 Bc6 18.Nxf6+ Nxf6 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Bxd4**

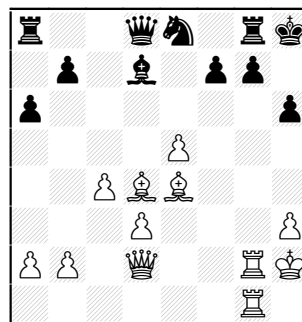


White has a Pawn and position.

20...Bd7 21.Bf3 Kh7 22.Rfg2 Rg8



23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5 Ne8 25.Be4+ Kh8

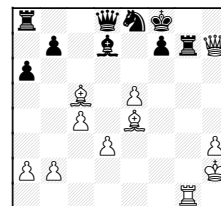


26.e6 BLACK RESIGNED

Bert Gazmen noted the sac **26.Rxg7!** Idea: Rh7# **26...Rxg7**

Of course **26...Nxg7 27.Qxh6#**

27.Qxh6+ Kg8 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Bc5+



29...Nd6 30.Bxd6+ Qe7
31.Qh8+ Rg8 32.Rxg8#

From the final game position,
White still easily wins, even if
less spectacularly:

26...f6 27.Rxg7 Rxg7
28.Qxh6+ Kg8 29.Qh7+ Kf8
30.Bc5+ Qe7

30...Nd6 31.Bxd6+ Ke8
32.Qh8+

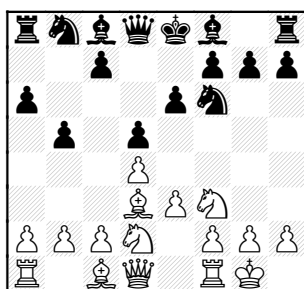
31.Qh8+ Rg8 32.Rxg8#

1-0

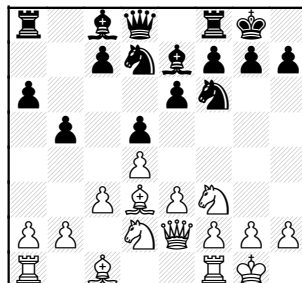
Davidson, M (1617) -
Zoellner, J (1436) [D04]

Aces - BankAm, 22.03.2001

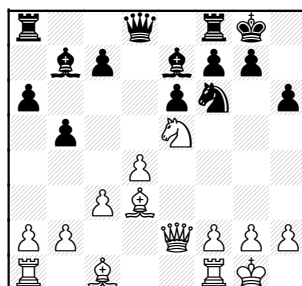
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 a6
4.Bd3 b5 5.Nbd2 e6 6.0-0



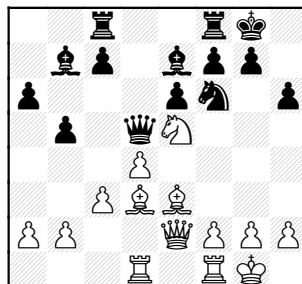
6...Nbd7 7.Qe2 Be7 8.c3 0-0



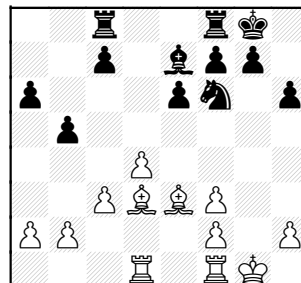
9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7
11.Nxf6+ Nxf6 12.Ne5 h6



13.Be3 Rc8 14.Rad1 Qd5

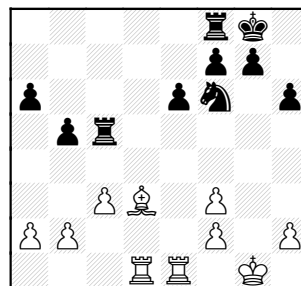


15.Qf3 Qxf3 16.Nxf3 Bxf3
17.gxf3

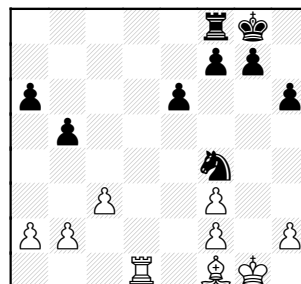


One could simply look at the
doubled Pawns and think Black
has an endgame advantage.

17...c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5
19.Bxc5 Rxc5 20.Rfe1



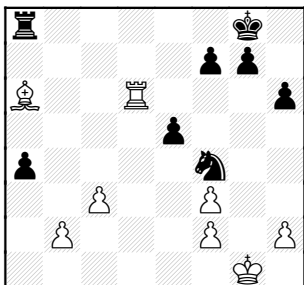
20...Rg5+ 21.Kh1 Nd5
22.Rg1 Rxg1+ 23.Kxg1 Nf4
24.Bf1



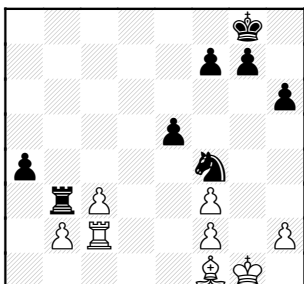
Black has initiated all the trades
that reached this position. The
reality is that White's long -

reaching Bishop and Queenside majority give him the better chances.

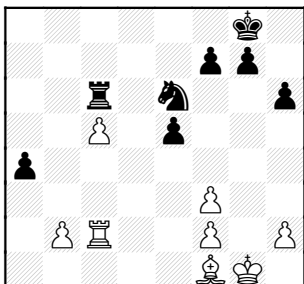
24...e5 25.Rd6 Ra8 26.a4! bxa4 27.Bxa6



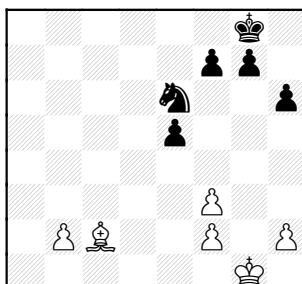
White has made progress and realizes a protected passer. **27...Rb8 28.Rd2 Rb6 29.Bf1 Rb3 30.Rc2**



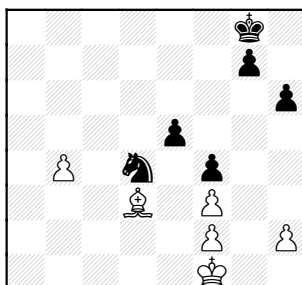
Good placement: Rook behind passer. **30...Rb6 31.c4 Rc6 32.c5 Ne6**



33.Bb5! Cold-blooded, White will not be denied. **33...Rxc5 34.Bxa4 Rxc2 35.Bxc2**



The trades haven't changed the assessment of the position given move 24. **35...Nd4 36.Be4 Ne2+ 37.Kf1 Nd4 38.b4 f5 39.Bd3 f4**

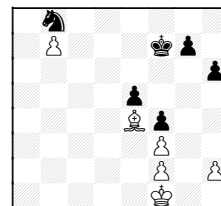


Ruben Reyes comments the remaining moves.

40.Be4

40.b5 looks good as Black will have to keep a close watch on the b - Pawn and tie down the Knight to defending b8.

For example 40...Kf7 41.b6 Nc6 42.Be4 Nb8 43.b7

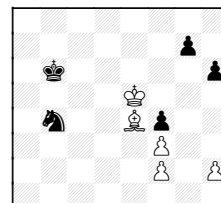


White retains a solid advantage

40...Kf8 41.Ke1 Ke7 42.Kd2 Kd6 43.Kc3 Kc7 44.Kc4 Kb6 45.Kd5 Nc6 46.Kc4

46.Kd6

Or also **46.Ke6 Nxb4 47.Kxe5**



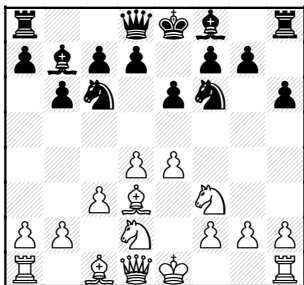
47...g5 48.Kf5 and the King will harvest Black's h and g Pawns.

46...Ne7 47.Bd3 g5
½-½

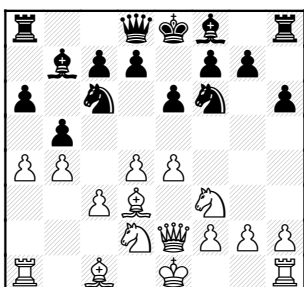
Marcowka, R (2061) - Seaton, E (1679) [A40]

Chargers - CCDOC,
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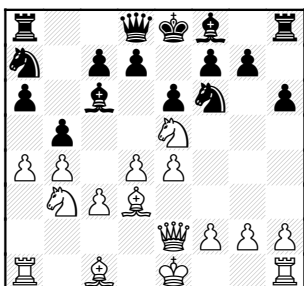


7.b4 White has too much space, as the game shows. **7...a6 8.Qe2 b5 9.a4**

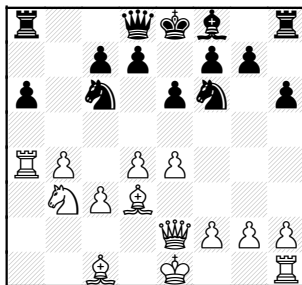


White begins to attack the weakened Pawns.

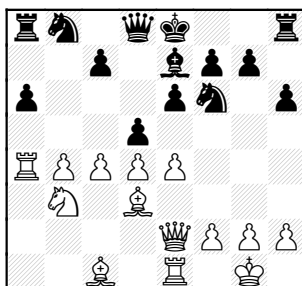
9...Na7 10.Nb3 Bc6 11.Ne5



11...bxa4 12.Nxc6 Nxc6 13.Rxa4

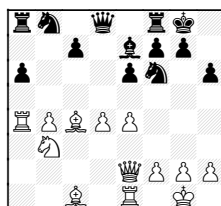


13...Nb8 14.0-0 d5 15.Re1 Be7 16.c4



16...Nxe4

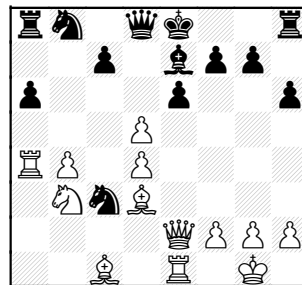
Better is **16...dxc4 17.Bxc4 0-0**



18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Bd6

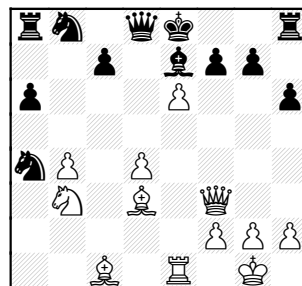
Black survives since if White takes the a-Pawn, Black can win the b-Pawn. White still has an advantage.

17.cxd5 Nc3



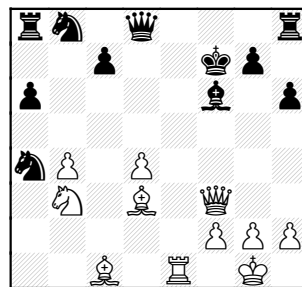
White allowed this fork, and should get paid handsomely for his investment.

18.Qf3 Nxa4 19.dxe6



White not only threatens mate, but opens lines to the King. Meanwhile Qxa8 is also in the air.

19...Bf6 20.exf7+ Kxf7

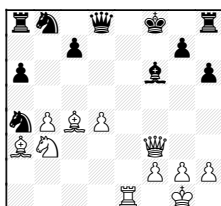


21.Qh5+

Some interesting positions stem from 21.Bc4+ Kf8

(Note no good is 21...Kg6
22.Qe4+ Kh5 23.Bf7+ and mates next)

22.Ba3



How does Black deal with b5+ ?

A) 22...Nc6 23.b5+

23.Qxc6 also, if White wants

23...Ne7 24.Bxe7+ Qxe7
25.Qxa8+ and mate next.

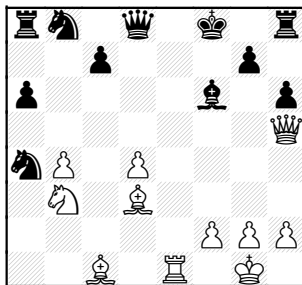
Again, from the diagram:

B) 22...c6 23.b5+ c5 24.dxc5
and c6+ follows.

Again, finally:

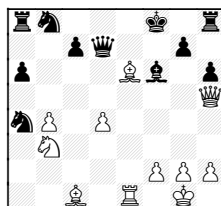
C) Best is 22...g6 creating a flight square 23.Qxa8
White regains the lost Rook and Black still has problems.

21...Kf8



22.Bg6 White has lost the thread, possibly missed Black's reply to his threatened Re8+, winning the Queen. (But even so, Black would have two Rooks for her).

White could force things with a mate threat: 22.Bc4 Qd7
23.Be6

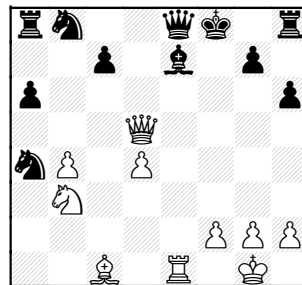


23...Qe7

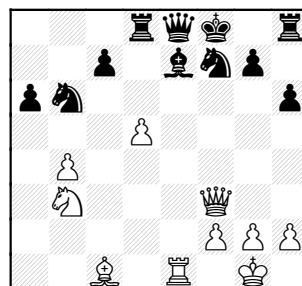
White's Bishop is actually pinned to the hanging e1-Rook, so bad is 23...Qe8 24.Qxe8+ Kxe8 25.Bd5+ wins the a8-Rook

24.Bd2 Ra7 and I'm not seeing a good outcome for White, despite the discovery threat.

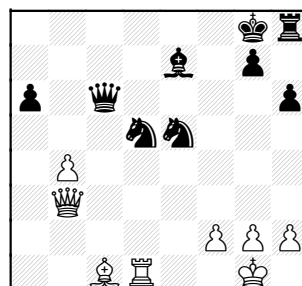
22...Be7 23.Be8 Say what?
23...Qxe8 24.Qd5



24...Nb6 25.Qe6 Nc6 26.d5
Nd8 27.Qe4 Nf7 28.Qf3 Rd8



29.Nd4 Rxd5 30.Ne6+ Kg8
31.Nxc7 White has sacrificed too much to win it all back.
31...Qd7 32.Nxd5 Nxd5
33.Rd1 Ne5 34.Qb3 Qc6



35.Bb2 Qc4 36.Qg3 Qc2
0-1

The Art of Sacrificing Rooks

Part 4 - Picture Perfect (2)

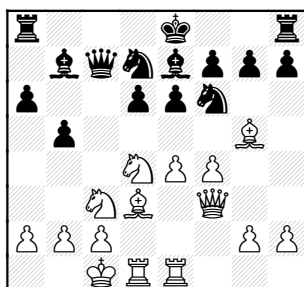
by Tom Friske

We conclude the series with more Grandmaster Rook sacs. As previously, "before and after" diagrams are given, and you should fill in the intervening moves.

PROBLEM PAIR 7.18

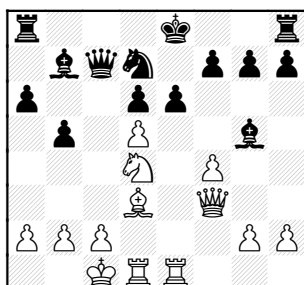
Velimirovic - Ljubojevic
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WHITE to move and sac in 3



Apply a standard sacrifice to this standard Sicilian setup.

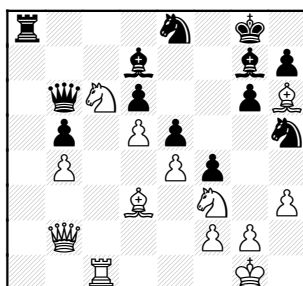
12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Bxg5



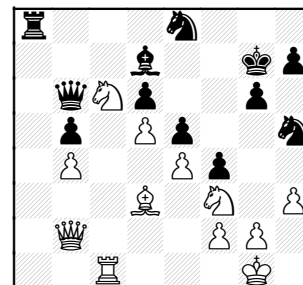
PROBLEM PAIR 7.19

Tal - Hjartarson
Reykjavik, 1987

WHITE to move and sac in 2



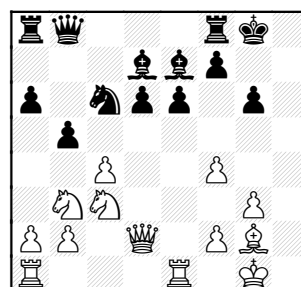
35.Bxg7 Kxg7



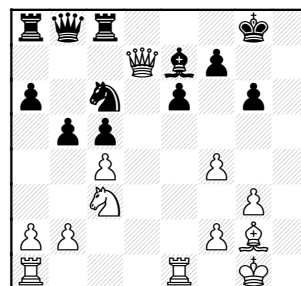
PROBLEM PAIR 7.20

Karpov - Topalov
Linares, 1994

WHITE to move and sac in 3



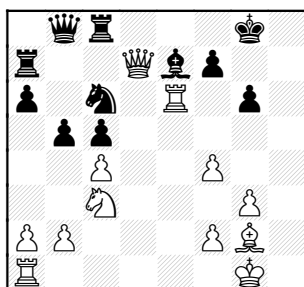
18.Nc5! dxc5 19.Qxd7 Rc8



PROBLEM 7.21

Karpov - Topalov
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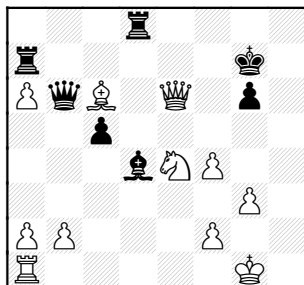
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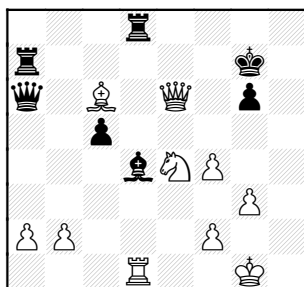
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Karpov - Topalov
(concluded)

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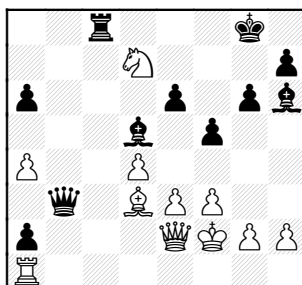
27.Rd1 Qxa6



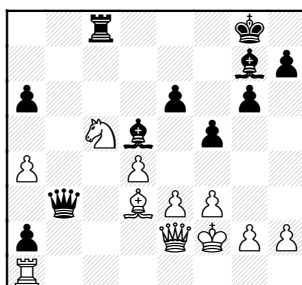
PROBLEM PAIR 7.23

Swiderski - Schlechter
Monte Carlo (7), 15.02.1904

BLACK to move and sac in 2



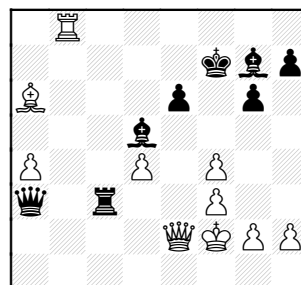
31...Bg7 32.Nc5



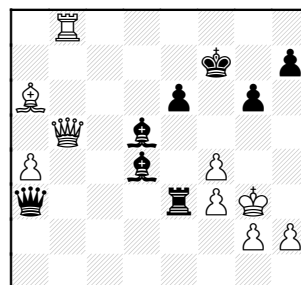
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Swiderski - Schlechter
(Concluded)

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37...Bxd4+ 38.Kg3 Re3 39.Qb5

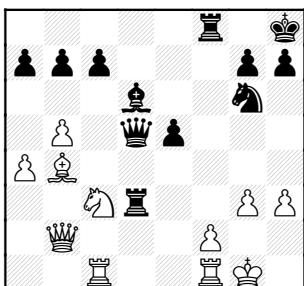


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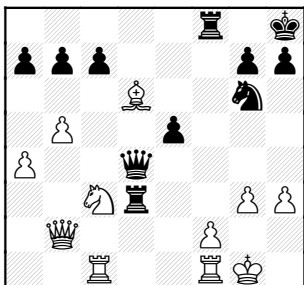
de Weydlich - Teichmann

Leipzig (16), 14.09.1894

BLACK to move and sac in 2



30...Qd4 31.Bxd6

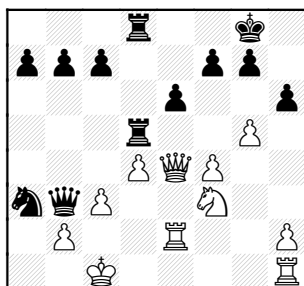


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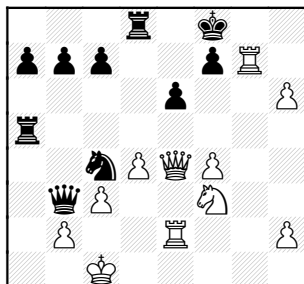
Mieses - Prokes

Vienna (3), 1907

WHITE to move and sac in 4



27.Rg1 Nc4 28.gxh6 Ra5 29.Rxg7+ Kf8

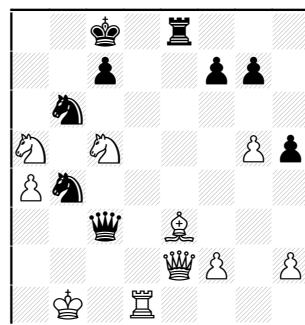


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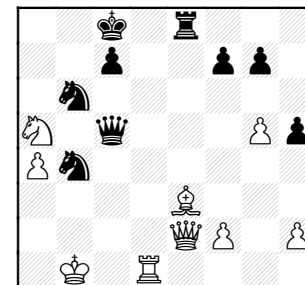
Duras - Spielmann

Vienna (8), 19.01.1907

BLACK to move and sac in 2



25...Qxc5

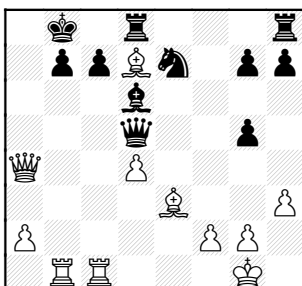


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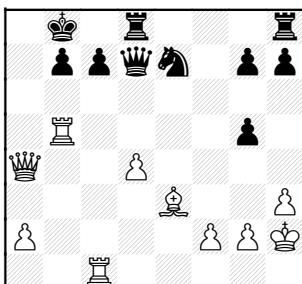
Mieses - Loewy

Vienna (12), 25.01.1907

WHITE to move and sac in 3



21.Rb5 Bh2+ 22.Kxh2 Qxd7

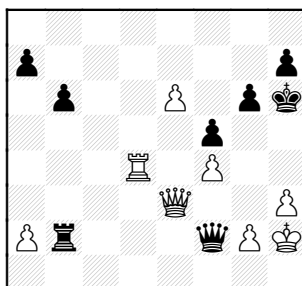


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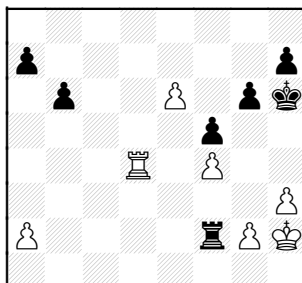
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31.Qxf2 Rxf2

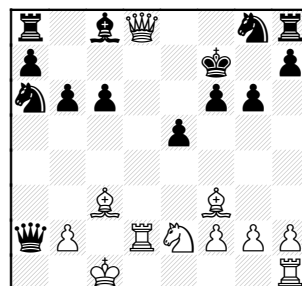


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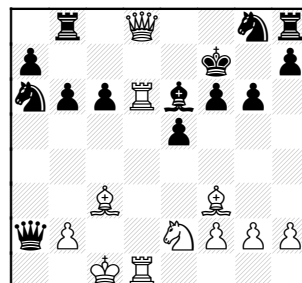
Van Wely,L - Krasenkow,M

Istanbul ol (11), 2000

WHITE to move and sac in 3



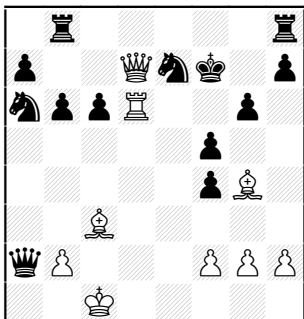
17.Rd6 Rb8 18.Rhd1 Be6



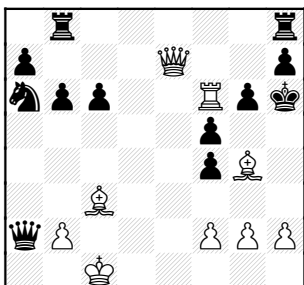
PROBLEM PAIR 7.31

Van Wely,L - Krasenkow,M
(concluded)

WHITE to move and sac in 3



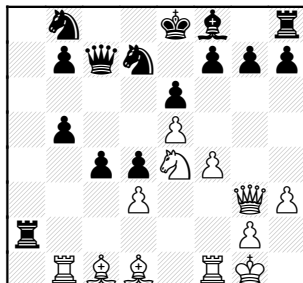
31.Rf6+ Kg7 32.Qxe7+ Kh6



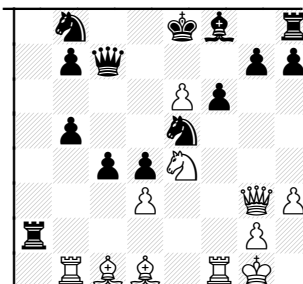
PROBLEM PAIR 7.32

Spassky - Reshko
Leningrad ch, 1959

WHITE to move and sac in 3



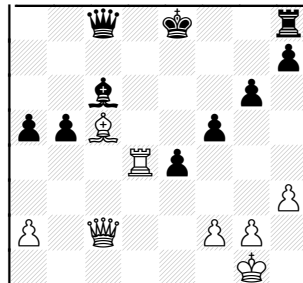
17.f5 Nxe5 18.fxe6 f6



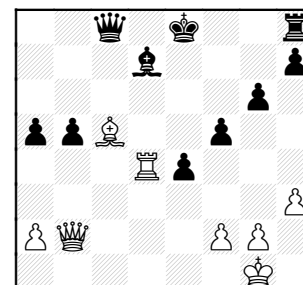
PROBLEM PAIR 7.33

Spassky - Witkowski
Riga, 1959

WHITE to move and sac in 2



25.Qb2 Bd7

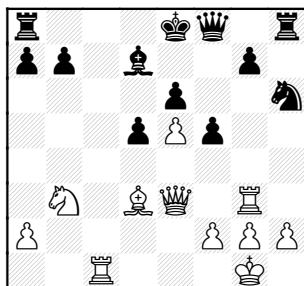


PROBLEM PAIR 7.34

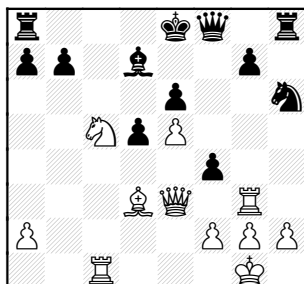
Spassky - Osnos [A46]

Leningrad, 1963

WHITE to move and sac in 2



24.Nc5 f4

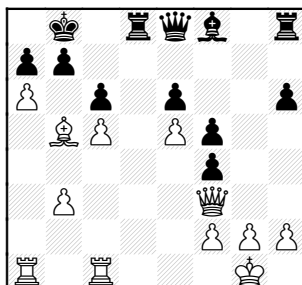


PROBLEM PAIR 7.35

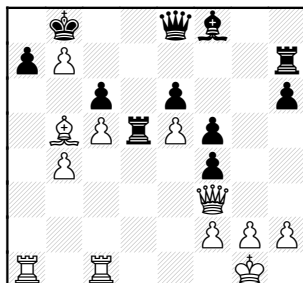
Gurevich - Sadler

Germany, 2000

WHITE to move and sac in 3



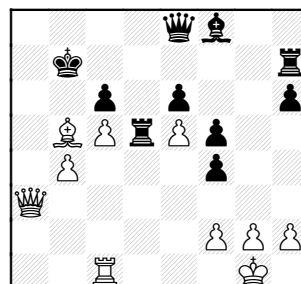
30.axb7 Rd5 31.b4 Rh7



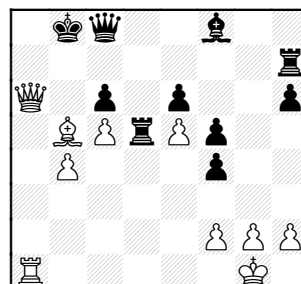
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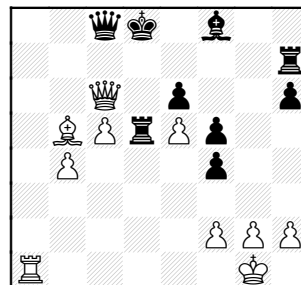
32.Rxa7 Kxa7 33.Qa3+ Kxb7



34.Qa6+ Kb8 35.Ra1 Qc8



36.Qa8+ Kc7 37.Qxc6+ Kd8

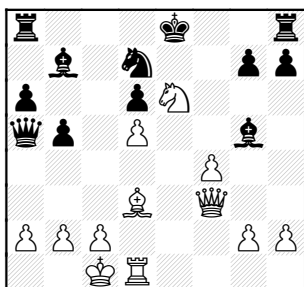


38.Qe8+ 1-0

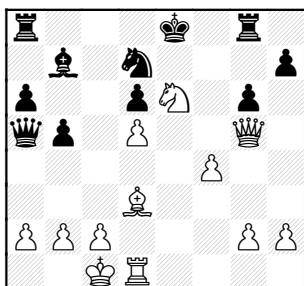
Thanks for reading! We look forward to more examples from CIGL games!

SOLUTION 7.18

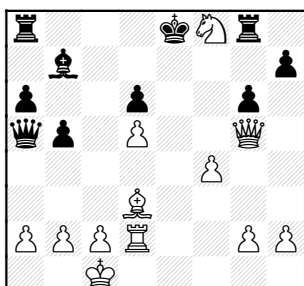
14.Rxe6+ fxe6 15.Nxe6 Qa5



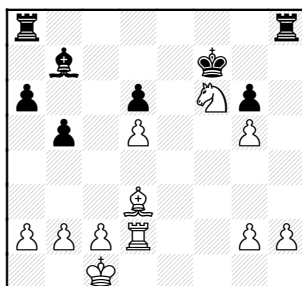
16.Qh5+ g6 17.Qxg5 Rg8



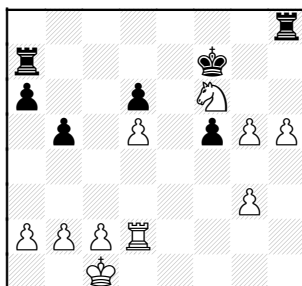
18.Rd2 Nf8 19.Nxf8



19...Qd8 20.Nxh7 Qxg5 21.fxg5 Kf7 22.Nf6 Rh8



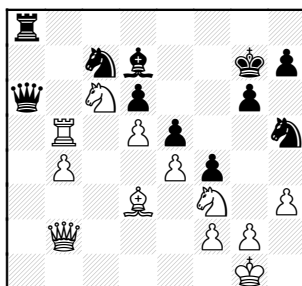
23.g3 Bc8 24.h4 Bf5 25.Bxf5 gxf5 26.h5 Ra7



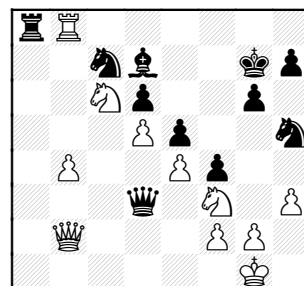
27.Rf2 1-0

SOLUTION 7.19

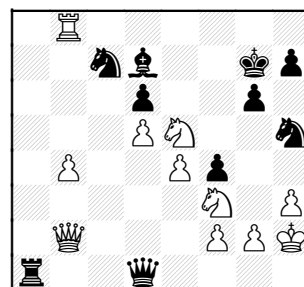
36.Rc5 Qa6 37.Rxb5 Nc7



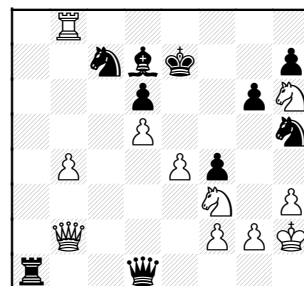
38.Rb8 Qxd3



39.Ncxe5 Qd1+ 40.Kh2 Ra1



41.Ng4+ Kf7 42.Nh6+ Ke7



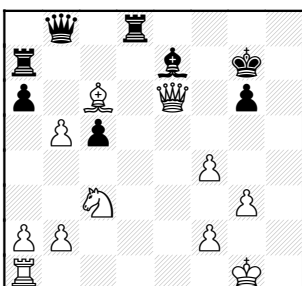
43.Ng8+ 1-0

SOLUTION 7.20

20.Rxe6!! 20...Ra7

SOLUTION 7.21

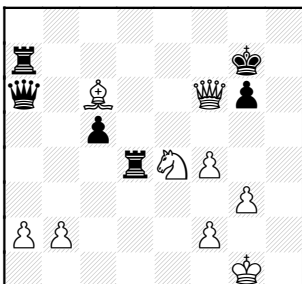
21.Rxg6+!! fxg6 22.Qe6+ Kg7
23.Bxc6 Rd8 24.cxb5



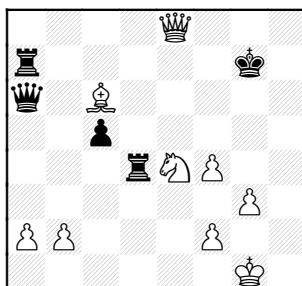
24...Bf6 25.Ne4 Bd4 26.bxa6
Qb6

SOLUTION 7.22

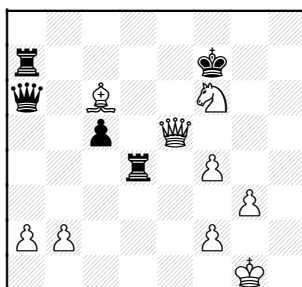
28.Rxd4 Rxd4 29.Qf6+



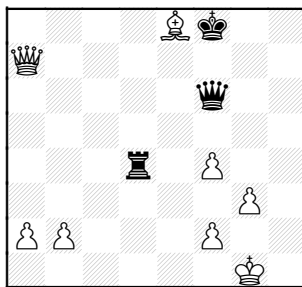
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31.Qe8+ Kg7



32.Qe5+ Kg8 33.Nf6+ Kf7



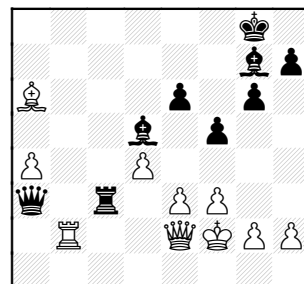
34.Be8+ Kf8 35.Qxc5+ Qd6
36.Qxa7 Qxf6



37.Bh5 Rd2 38.b3 Rb2 39.Kg2
1-0

SOLUTION 7.23

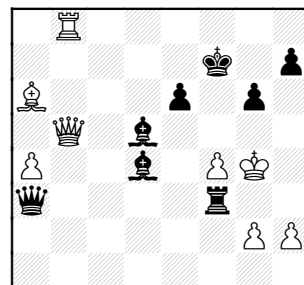
32...Rxc5 33.Rxa2 Rc3 34.Rb2
Qa3 35.Bxa6



35...f4 36.Rb8+ Kf7 37.exf4

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39...Rxf3+ 40.Kg4

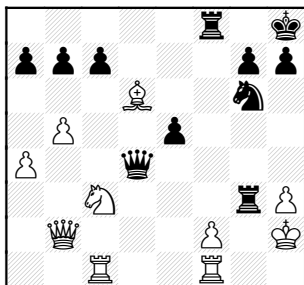


And offers a sac again with:

40...Rxf4+ 0-1

SOLUTION 7.25

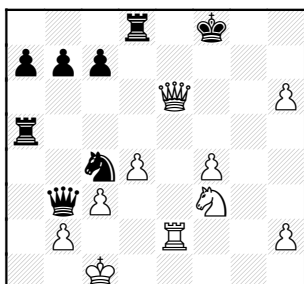
31...Rxg3+ 32.Kh2



32...Rxh3+ 33.Kxh3 Rf3+ 0-1

SOLUTION 7.26

30.Rxf7+ Kxf7 31.Qxe6+ Kf8



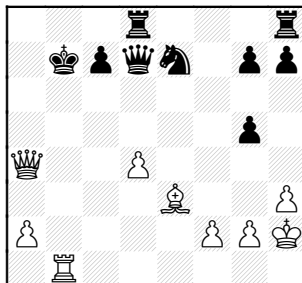
32.Qe7+ Kg8 33.Qg7# 1-0

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26.Rd8+ 1-0

SOLUTION 7.28

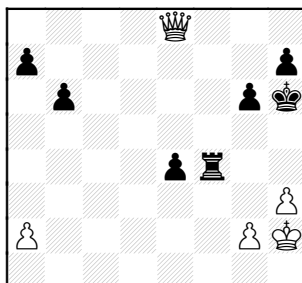
23.Rxb7+ Kxb7 24.Rb1+
(Diagram follows)



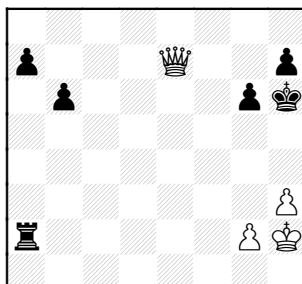
24...Kc8 25.Qa6# 1-0

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32.Re4 fxe4 33.e7 Rxf4 34.e8Q



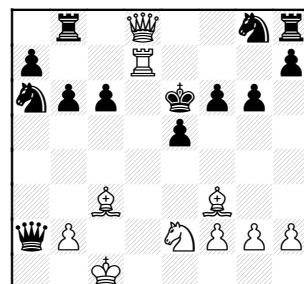
34...Rf2 35.Qxe4 Rxa2 36.Qh4+
Kg7 37.Qe7+ Kh6



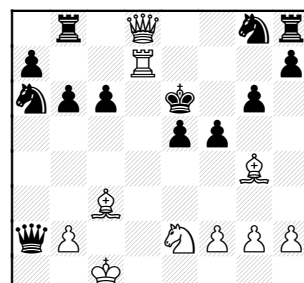
38.Qf8+ Kg5 39.Qf7 1-0

SOLUTION 7.30

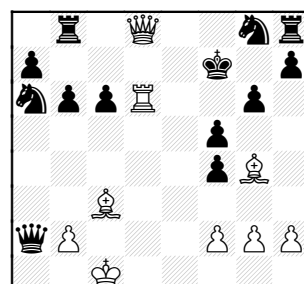
19.Rd7+ Bxd7 20.Rxd7+ Ke6
21.Rd6+ Kf7 22.Rd7+ Ke6



23.Bg4+ f5 24.Rd6+ Kf7
25.Rd7+ Ke6



26.Nf4+ exf4 27.Rd6+ Kf7
28.Rd7+ Ke6 29.Rd6+ Kf7



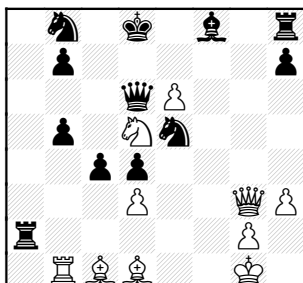
30.Qd7+ Ne7
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SOLUTION 7.31

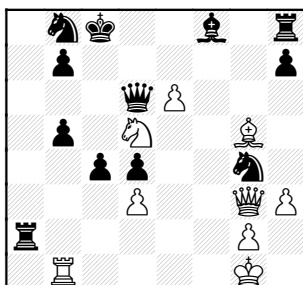
33.Rxg6+! 1-0

SOLUTION 7.32

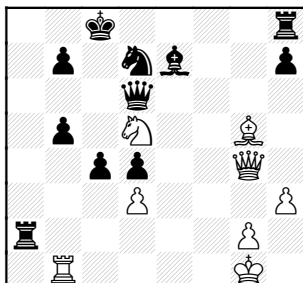
19.Rxf6 gxf6 20.Nxf6+ Kd8
21.Nd5 Qd6



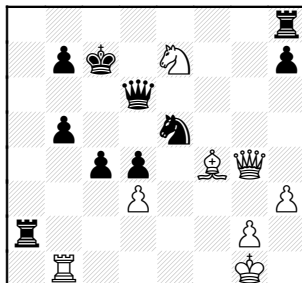
22.Bg5+ Kc8 23.Bg4 Nxg4



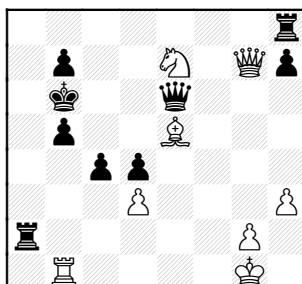
24.e7 Bxe7 25.Qxg4+ Nd7



26.Nxe7+ Kc7 27.Bf4 Ne5



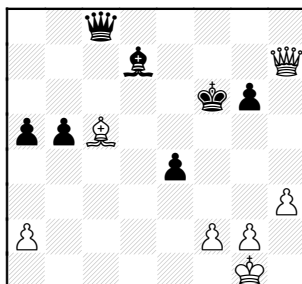
28.Qg7 Kb6 29.Bxe5 Qe6



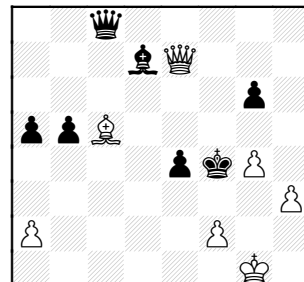
30.Bxd4+ 1-0

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26.Rxe4+ fxe4 27.Qxh8+ Kf7
28.Qxh7+ Kf6



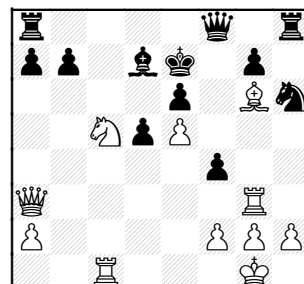
29.Qe7+ Kf5 30.g4+ Kf4



31.Qd6+ Kg5 32.Be3+ 1-0

SOLUTION 7.34

25.Bg6+ Ke7 26.Qa3 1-0



SOLUTION 7.35

Find this solution directly after
the problem pair column!