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MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE KEY LEAGUE DATES:

FALL BUSINESS MEETING	LAST WEDNESDAY OF AUGUST
SPRING BUSINESS MEETING	FIRST WEDNESDAY OF APRIL
SEASON PLAYOFFS	THIRD SATURDAY OF MAY
CICL OPEN	THIRD SATURDAY OF MAY
LEAGUE AWARDS BANQUET	FIRST FRIDAY OF JUNE

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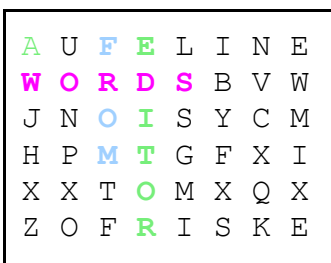
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With contributions from:

Brian Smith, Marcus Stinson, Dave Hahne, Mikhail Whale, and Wayne Ellice

I love it when an issue falls together on its own ! Other years, the promised special Summer Issue fell by the wayside mainly due to the huge amount of time required to produce several original articles. This year was shaping up to be much the same.



But July has turned out to be an unusually busy month... and chesswise as well. Last month, we mentioned Brian's goal to use the offseason as open season for "headhunting" and he's produced several scalps as well as a report on his conquests, which follows.

Another July event is always the World Open in Philadelphia. I'd already planned a review of my games, but this year I also browsed some GM battles as reported in the daily tournament bulletins. So a few of those seemed appropriate. The icing on the cake was American GM Joel Benjamin's trip to town just after that, and a couple simulms given. Our CICL members attended, and it's with great pride we publish Marcus Stinson's win !!

The final July surprise was the news of Bobby Fischer being taken into custody from a Japan airport. I've included a couple news clips. We are no longer "Searching for Bobby Fischer".

This month's "Features" section is led off by an excellent contribution by a CICL player which should be useful advice for all.

Where does time go ? We're half through the

Summer and I've only been to one tournament! My fingers literally itch for a little long-play action ! One way I get my fix is studying GM games, so I've included some tactical stuff from my latest hero, Eduard Gufeld. If you want to learn how to annotate chess games, he's a great one to follow !

Happy browsing !

Tom Friske, Bulletin Editor

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- **Discussion concerning possible realignment of divisions**
- **Review and approval of the changes to the CICL Constitution**

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Publicity Chair Status as of June 30, 2004

The time of the year when Publicity efforts can make the most impact is between the Spring and Fall Business Meetings. As this time period is about half-completed, I'm providing a status. In order to get feedback on it, and so to improve the efforts for the 2nd part of this time frame. Thus, improving the chances that participation in the League will improved for next season.

What has been done and what is "in progress":

- An updated CICL flyer was designed. It has been distributed at multiple chess clubs, the Chicago Open mega-tournament (150 flyers picked up just at that one event), two simuls (S. Polgar and A. Bisguier), the upcoming Joel Benjamin simuls, upcoming tournaments, at a couple of company locations (Motorola and Computer Associates), and at Northeastern College.
- 18 chess clubs that still exist in the greater Chicago-area (and who are not for kids only) have been identified. The organizers have been all contacted, seven face-to-face (as well as follow-up emails), and each of the others by at least two of the following methods: phone, email or US Mail (as a last resort).
- 13 colleges that have active chess clubs have been identified via their websites
- 6 new company teams are being pursued
- a map of the Chicago area with current CICL teams and the above 37 potential new teams.
- New divisions of the League are being pursued in the "Far North", the "Northeast", and the "Southeast".
- New company teams that have about 1/2 of a team's members are actively being encouraged to join with another "1/2-sized" team as a merged company team.
- Individuals who don't work at a company with any other chess players are being encouraged to join a chess club, and help that chess club field a team.
- An article was written for publication in the ICB's July/August issue. It includes a photo of this year's playoff champs, results of the playoffs and individual tournament, and some basic info on how to get more info on the CICL. An article was also written by "Clive" for a local newspaper about the playoffs, I don't have a copy of it. (Clive attends St. Charles CC, so I can follow-up, if need be.)
- The contact info for the League is out of date at both the USCF and ICA. Work continues to get them to update it (the USCF in particular is old, giving Charlie Ward's 708 area code phone# as the contact. He moved out of state years ago).
- Email was sent to the entire League requesting help publicizing the League, and copies of fliers made available to all at Playoffs Saturday and at the Awards Banquet. The following CICL volunteers have been helping out:
 - Jim Thomson is pursuing a Motorola team be formed in Libertyville, and posted flyers at the Schaumburg site. And surveyed the League about Mensa joining, and has been supportive in many ways.
 - Clayton Woods distributed flyers at Northeastern Univ.
 - Marcus Stinson is helping out with the St. Charles Chess Club
 - Art Olsen volunteered to visit the Wauconda Chess Club, and provided feedback on the ICB article
 - Matt Vail posted flyers at Computer Associates
 - Tony Jasaitis forwarded info from Pat Sajbel about past Pub Chair work
 - Tom Friske has provided input on a new company team, VW, and is in email contact with them. And he's helped promote the publicity efforts with multiple mentions in the CICL's Bulletin. And works at Walgreens, that has a number of interested players.
- A one page summary about clubs in the CICL was written and distributed.
- All info I have about existing and potential teams is in computer files and being made available to you via attachments to this email, or is available on a website of mine. Some of these materials to be added to the official CICL website when possible, e.g. the flyer (see link from website).

Where things currently are at with potential new teams.**Potential new teams, company/business firm teams:**

- Walgreen has 4 players. Tom Friske is a contact. May be a "1/2 sized" team that could merge with another of the "Far North" Division "1/2 sized" teams.
- Motorola in Libertyville, Jim Thomson is investigating. Another potential "FN"
- Volkswagon is very interested but is short of players. 3 definite, a few more possible. Another potential "FN" team, or merged team.
- Computer Associates has two players (Matt Vail who current plays for Kemper as a former-employee), and Mike Byrne who saw the flyer and one other player Mike knows of. FW potential team, or merged team, or members going to a chess club to help them form a club team, like Downer's Grove CC.
- Abbott Labs contacted the league within the last couple of years, but were too far north. I have no contact info for them. "FN"
- ABN Amro (LaSalle Bank) was very interested not too long ago, but the contact for them no longer works there. I'm trying to get contact info from him (Jim Egerton) for current employees. East Division. Maybe a merger candidate for one of the shorthanded EA teams.

Potential new teams, club teams:

- Mensa and St. Charles will likely join. St. Charles has a business meeting on 7/1/04, and will decide then. The Mensa contact is actively persuing both new Mensa members and various sources for players to represent Mensa in the CICL.
McHenry Area Chess club is too new and too small for this season (kinda of far too). However, their organizer has contacted Northrup and will being playing for them next season as an alumni (on their board 1). The Hammond area league of clubs has enough members to form one team (in a "southeast" division, should that happen), and have actively been persueing joining the CICL. But restrictions on how late their adult members can play and how long their site(s) are available, primarily due to our time control, makes it unlikely they'll compete this season. Elgin Library, Evanston Library, and Wauconda Chess Clubs are brand new, and may not have enough players (I don't have a real current status for them.) Chess Utopia may be almost all for kids (I've been told that, but also told they have a significant number of adults), so they might not be a good candidate. The other club in their area, College of Lake County, has an active club (for everyone, not just students), but is way up in Grayslake, too far from any existing teams, but maybe not too far from other new "Far North" Division teams.

Brian Smith, Publicity Chairman

(I've added a link from our website to a page which Brian can update as he has news. Keep checking "From the Publicity Chairman" for status. Contact him ! Volunteer to reach that local chess organization !

A recent update concerning Walgreens as a new North Division team:

It looks like Walgreens will join forces with the Libertyville VW players to form a team, if approved.

Also MENSA and St Charles Chess Club have applied for membership.

-- Editor)

I still don't understand why we don't pack out the venue for our Annual Awards Banquet. What's so special about it, you ask? Well, if you enjoy playing chess in the CIGL, I would expect it's special to recognize the Officers' efforts and the players' achievements ! Every year is a different mix of top teams, and top individual players and the smiles on the winners' faces makes you understand the League is a lot fun.

A couple of people took pictures, and I guess we'll let them have their 1000-word say.

Thanks especially to Burt Gazmen for the great new venue (maybe the crowd looked small because the hall had so much space ?) and the three helpings of dessert ! His idea of having old chessbooks donated for raffling was great fun because there were many books to give away ! Why did they all seem to go to the guests, though ?



At left, a general look at the participants. IM Angelo Young, our guest speaker, is at center picture. Teddy Santiago (Alumni Aces) shares the foreground.

The venue was the clubhouse of the Carriage Greens Country Club. Our room had plenty of tables and room for folding tables used in the Speed Contest.

Sometime during the evening, the League Officers stopped for a group pose. Pictured (L to R): President Jim Thomson- happily clutching his Top Team Trophy. Out-going Secretary Wayne Ellice- That smile says "Thank

God, I'm free at last !" Trophy Chairman Marty Franek- Always makes the trophy acquisition sound like the smoothest job in the League... Guess he's had plenty of practice ! Treasurer Lenny Spiegel- We're not broke, yet... that must mean you're doing a great job ! Near East Divisional Chairman Carl Reid- More years of service to the League in that package! Publicity Chairman Brian Smith- If his work doesn't make the League grow, I'm gonna give up! Ratings Chairman Art Olsen/Speed TD/Playoff TD/North Division Chairman/Father/All-Around Good Guy/Slavemaster- I always know when it's bulletin time. Dependable like clockwork! Bulletin Editor Tom Friske- Hey I was there honest! I guess I was sitting around tooting out tunes went the photo-op came about



(At Left:) Look at this guy ! He's taking all the good prizes! Outgoing Secretary Wayne Ellice snuck out with the Near West Top Team trophy, his Service Award for years of listening and writing, and the \$25 check for Best Game Annotation. He didn't win a raffle, however, so something was left for others.

(At Right:) IM Angelo Young had just finished a great invitation-only tournament at the US Closed Championship in San Francisco. The game pictured was fairly normal. The second game presented was a wild affair where he found an over-the-board novelty early on and won quickly in crushing style !

The evening finished with the traditional Speed Tournament. The updated Speed Ratings follow.

Everyone attending left with huge smiles. Many more need the same lift and should try it next year !!



STINSON STUNS !!

Chicago is a great city and that goes for chess, as well ! Year after year, world-class Grandmasters come through town to play, and some visit the area clubs. Through the years, our CICL members have gone up against the best and shone. We added a couple more kills in July !

GM Joel Benjamin visited for a few days directly after his week-long battles in Philadelphia for the World Open (where he won \$100 for splitting the 16th-27th places with other GMs and IMs, including local IM Enrico Sevillano) and participated in two local simultaneous displays.

Reports were that several CICL players took up the challenge, two of which succeeded in being the only ones to not be defeated during the Thursday night contest ! One hero is **Tommaso Dorigo (Fermilab)** for a draw described personally by the GM as "impressive". And then there was the win already coined as "The Stinson Stunner" by **Marcus Stinson (Lucent Chargers)**.

Congratulations to both ! Unfortunately, at press time, the Dorigo draw had not been submitted. So we continue with all the known details of the win.

The game itself was short, what both players characterized as "piece shuffling followed by a blunder", but the talk (read that as "email") which was generated might be most of its entertainment value. News reached this editor the following morning, and when the score was published, the email waterfall flooded the inbox. First it was local CICL friends, then a couple out-of-state readers, a local newspaper (with a blurb about the CICL!) and the real kicker was a foreign language chess news magazine. I guess it was Yugoslavian, Stan Ilic contributed the article.

One email especially lent some tidbits about the chess events (thanks to fellow Lucent-ite Dave Hahne):

The local Glen Ellyn paper has a full article on Benjamin's visit to Chicagoland, mostly because the fella that drew Benjamin at the 7/9 Glen Ellyn library simul is a Glen Ellyn high school student. However, the latter part of the article is all about the "Stinson Stunner". It includes the game, a brief interview with

master Marcus, and a few insightful annotations.

Benjamin gave a talk at a Glen Ellyn church on 7/13. He talked about his career, gave advice for study and practice, and went over a few memorable games - one at age 15 when he beat Yasser Seirawan at the US Junior Championship.

Going over games he showed an unbelievable ability to analyze lines, but more amazing is how quickly he could "go back" to an earlier position, many, many moves ago, remembering where all the pieces were. Someone asked him how he could do that. He said he "doesn't know how", but he said that patterns play a big part.

For example, at a past simul he was playing many people and one computer. Deep into the game, somebody tripped over the power cord of the computer and the game was erased. A week later someone asked Benjamin if he remembered the position. He easily reconstructed it. That same person's youngster also had played Benjamin during that simul, but Benjamin had little recollection of that game. That's because the computer was playing patterns that his mind easily grasps. But the youngster was playing "randomly", so nothing in the game stuck.

I chatted with Benjamin afterwards, and we got talking about the Stinson Stunner. Benjamin admitted that he missed the two-move mate because at the time he thought Marcus was moving "randomly"!!

Here's the game score, with a few comments by the editor:

Joel Benjamin- Marcus Stinson [B03]

St Charles simul, 7-08-2004

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6

Black makes an interesting choice of opening. The Alekhine is scoffed in some circles, but it can lead to unusual tactical positions. Immediately, Black has made forced moves, a Pawn target at d4, and a chance to "settle in".

5.exd6 cxd6

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Overleaf: The local paper's report of the event with a picture of our hero

Lifestyle

Stinson shocks GM with 25-move checkmate

By Clive Hutchby

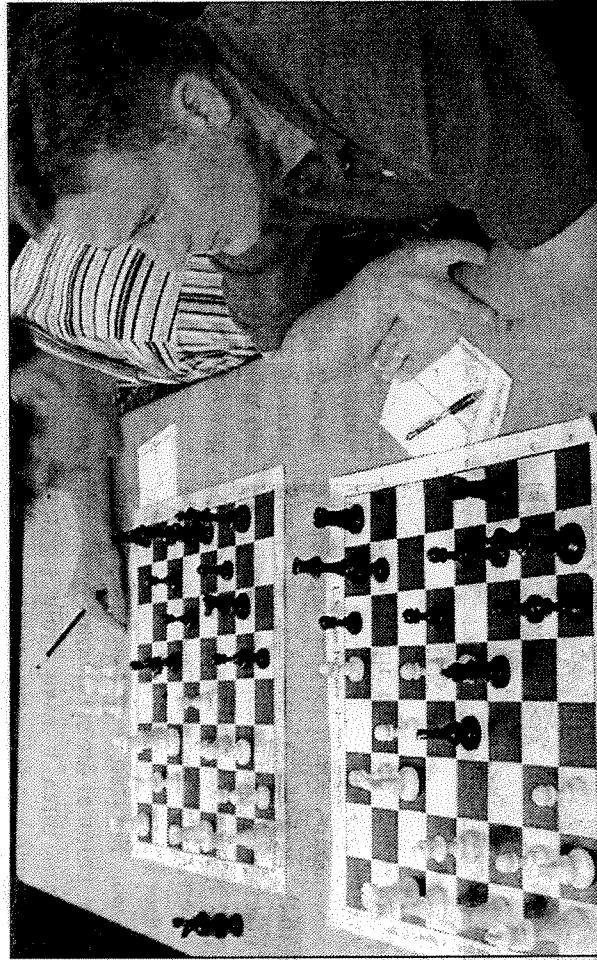
Chess correspondent

St. Charles Chess Club member Marcus Stinson caused a major upset when he beat Grandmaster Joel Benjamin in a simultaneous exhibition at the club July 8.

Stinson was one of only two players from the 28 that took on the three-time U.S. champion Benjamin who avoided defeat. The other was Tommaso Dorigo, a member of the Fermilab chess team, who gained a highly credible draw.

In his game, 46-year-old Stinson played the Alekhine's Defense, an opening that sees black's king's knight kicked around the board by white pawns in the early stages. Benjamin played the Voronezh System, a line known to give white a good position, but with an interesting mid-game looming he overlooked a discovered check which led to a forced checkmate. Stinson said afterwards: "I really couldn't believe he would miss my threat, but I guess that can happen when you're playing nearly 30 people at the same time." Benjamin said of the game, in which black seemed to move a knight nearly every move, "He shuffled his pieces around a lot and I blundered. That can happen at any time in chess."

Unfortunately, Benjamin's concentration against me was total. He won a



Marcus Stinson waits patiently for Benjamin to get to his board,

where he played his move — Ng3 checkmate! Staff photo by Clive Hutchby

pawn in a complicated middlegame and then ground out an impressive win with technique that only a grandmaster possesses. The next day I was one of 41 opponents taking him on at Glen Ellyn Public Library, and I was "last man standing" as I was forced to resign three hours after the start of play. Again, a solitary pawn advantage decided the issue late on.

However, my resistance paled in com-

parison with that of Glenbard South High School sophomore Linden Wu, who held Benjamin to a draw with such a masterful display that the grandmaster told him after the game: "That was very impressive."

Stinson and Wu's games are featured right.

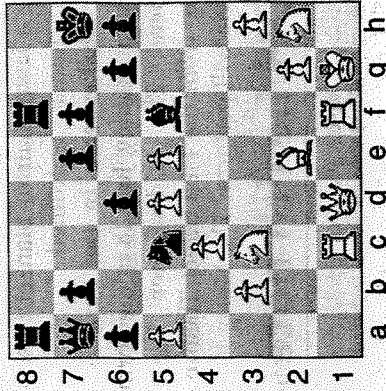
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WHITE: Joel Benjamin GM

BLACK: Marcus Stinson

Simultaneous — St. Charles, July 8, 2004

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. exd6 cxd6 6. Nc3 g6 7. Be3 Bg7 8. Rc1 0-0 9. b3 Nc6 10. d5 Ne5 11. Be2 Ncd7 12. Nf3 Nf6 13. 0-0 Nbd7 14. Qd2 Ng4 15. Bg5 h6 16. Bf4 Kh7 17. h3 Nge5 18. Nh2 a6 19. a4 Nc4 20. Qd1 Bf5 21. Bxe5 Bxe5 22. f4 Qb6 23. a5 Qa7 24. fxe5?? (see diagram)



Position after white's 24th move, fxe5?

As blunders go, this is pretty horrendous. Essential is 24.Kh1 with everything to play for.

24...Ne4+ 25. Kh1 Ng3 checkmate

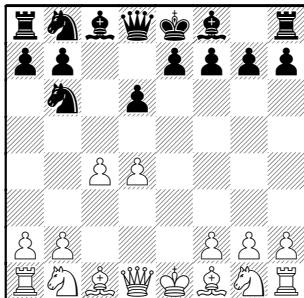
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Simultaneous — Glen Ellyn, July 9, 2004

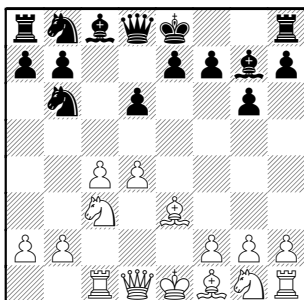
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. a3 Bd7 5. Nc3 d5 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. Qc2 Nxc3 8. Qxc3 Nd7 9. Bg5 f6 10. Bf4 Bd6 11. Bg3 0-0 12. e3 Qe7 13. Bd3 c5 14. Rd1 g6 15. Bxd6 Qxd6 16. dxc5 Qxc5 17. Bxg6 Qxc3+ 18. bxc3 hxg6 19. Rxd7 Bx6 20. Nd4 Bc4 21. f3 Rf8 22. Rc7 Rxc8 23. Rxc8 Rxc8 24. Kd2 e5 25. Nc2 Rd8+ 26. Kc1 Rd3 27. Rd1 Rxd3 28. Rd8+ Kh7 29. Rc8 b5 30. Rc7+ Kh6 32. Kd2 Rb3 33. a4 Bf1 34. axb5 Bxg2 35. Ne1 Bf1 36. Rc6 Kg5 37. h4+ Kxh4 38. Rxh6 Rxb5 39. Rxb6 Rb2+ 40. Nc2 Kh3 41. Rg5 Bg2 42. Kc3 Ra2 draw agreed.

10.d5 Ne5 11.Be2



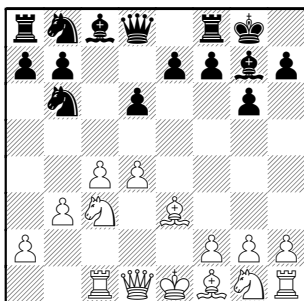
Fun stuff. White can build an easy Queenside expansion which will lead to a passer, as shown in the CIGL playoffs.

6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1



The line that gives Black the most trouble. His Bishop tends to point into blank space while White develops easily around it.

8...0-0 9.b3

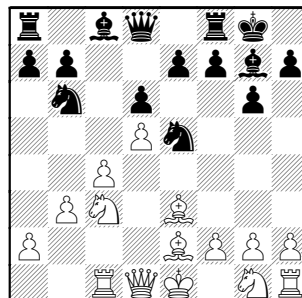


A key move which takes away c4 from the b6-Knight and overprotects the Pawn on a half-open file.

9...Nc6?!

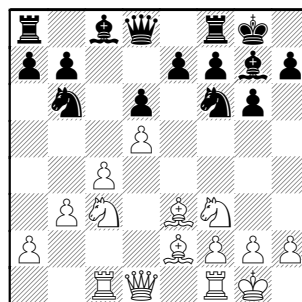
Allows White too much space at a tempo loss.

GM Nigel Davies recommends 9...e5 or 9...Bf5 in his recent Alekhine book from Everyman Publishers



It's now obvious Black has problems with his Knights and Queenside Bishop, which all would like to be placed at d7.

11...Ned7 12.Nf3 Nf6 13.0-0

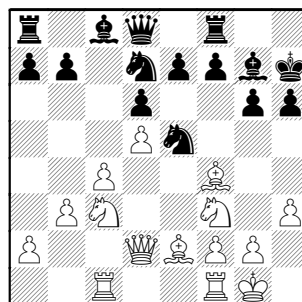


13.h3 pretty well kills any Black play. It is the g4-square which allows Black his coming counterplay.

13...Nbd7

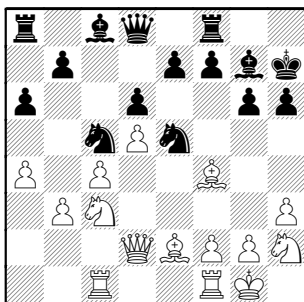
13...Bg4 at least frees some space and guarantees the removal of an attacker.

14.Qd2 Ng4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bf4 Kh7 17.h3 Nge5



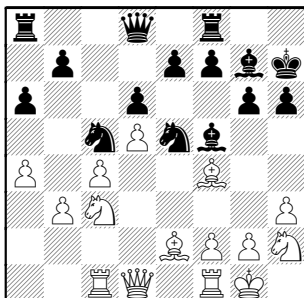
White has focused on his attack and Black has managed to organize his Knights.

18.Nh2 a6 19.a4 Nc5



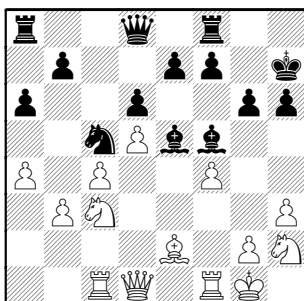
This and his next move show White has allowed Black a little play and a little hope. At least the traffic jam has cleared!

20.Qd1 Bf5



If it was here Joel was bored by "Black shuffling pieces", I'd like to ask him what was wrong with that? The threat to place a Knight on d3 and remove the protector of c3 forces White to trade his best attacker.

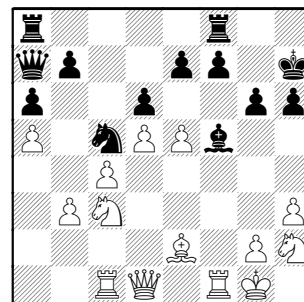
21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.f4



22...Qb6!

Looks like Black wants to munch the b3-Pawn, but the killer discovery is now in place. Did the GM really think Black would just blunder a piece away?

23.a5 Qa7 24.fxe5??



I hate blunders, but it pays to analyze their source. I can imagine the GM believing the Queen move was designed to hit b3, but now is misplaced.

But in blitz games, I often also forget to check for two paths to a goal. Here, the fork-loving club player would love to play Ne4+ and win an exchange by following with Nf2+. The second path to the King goes to g3, and has a little more sting.

24...Ne4+ 25.Kh1

The fact White played on makes me believe he only considered Nf2+.

25...Ng3# 0-1

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Search for Bobby Fischer ends

By Eric Talmadge

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TOKYO - In a bizarre end game, Bobby Fischer - the chess world's most eccentric star - was taken into custody after trying to fly out of Japan with an invalid passport.

Wanted at home for attending a 1992 match in Yugoslavia despite international sanctions, the American former world champion had managed to stay one move ahead of the law by living abroad and being sheltered by chess devotees.

It was not immediately clear if Fischer would be handed over to the United States under its extradition treaty with Japan.

Fischer was detained at Narita Airport outside Tokyo after trying to board a Japan Airlines flight to the Philippines on Tuesday, according to airport officials. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Friday a U.S. consular official had visited Fischer in detention but that he could reveal no further information.

Fischer "didn't know that his passport had been revoked," said Japan Chess Association member Miyoko Watai.

Watai said Fischer was told he would be deported and was planning to appeal.

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(From Chessbase.com :)

First Mig's [Daily Dirt](http://home.att.ne.jp/moon/fischer/) ran a report from Fischer's own [bizarre website](http://home.att.ne.jp/moon/fischer/) (be warned, offensive content). It contains a short report saying that Fischer "has been viciously attacked brutalized seriously injured and very nearly killed when he was illegally detained and arrested by the Japanese immigration authorities at Narita international airport in Tokyo Japan." The site also says Fischer "urgently requests at immediate offer of political asylum from a friendly third country".

The item then moves to some of the anti-Semitic and anti-US language that has become typical of Fischer. It ends with a plea for political asylum but makes no mention of why Fischer was detained or why he is, presumably, still being held.

[The Washington Post](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A53671-2004Jul15.html) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A53671-2004Jul15.html> came to the rescue a few hours later with more information. (Free registration required.) Some excerpts:

The hunt for Bobby Fischer, the unpredictable chess legend, ended this week when he was detained in Japan, where he awaits possible deportation on charges that he attended a 1992 match in Yugoslavia in violation of a U.S. ban.

The Japanese Immigration Bureau detained the 61-year-old Fischer on Tuesday at Narita International Airport in Tokyo at the urging of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which had recently stepped up efforts to track the fugitive, U.S. authorities said yesterday.

"He's in custody in Japan, and we are awaiting a determination whether he'll be deported back to the United States to face charges," said Allan Doody, special agent in charge of the immigration agency's Washington field office.

U.S. authorities, acting on the outstanding warrant, recently canceled Fischer's U.S. passport after discovering that he had a 90-day visa to visit Japan. Authorities there detained him at the airport for failing to possess valid travel documents, U.S. authorities said.

The warrant for Fischer was issued by a grand jury in 1992 when he violated US sanctions against Yugoslavia by playing a match there against Boris Spassky. For over a decade it looked like the American government was content to ignore Fischer as long as he stayed out of the US, but clearly things have changed.

Will Fischer actually be deported and prosecuted in the United States? Judging from his increasingly wild statements over the past few years the chess legend is in need of help he is unlikely to seek on his own. His few contacts have been with sycophants eager to exploit his fame.

No matter how this sad story turns out we wish him good health.



Good goals, poor habits.

(Getting more enjoyment from chess)

by "Mikhail Whale"

Playing the game of chess is about having fun. Many players are missing out on having as much fun as they could be. Although they have good goals, anyone can fall into a poor habit. Here are some common examples, and suggestions on getting more enjoyment from chess:

- Good Goal: Do Your Best
- Poor Habit: Do Better Than Your Best

Everyone knows doing your best is a good. Isn't trying to do even better than your best very good? No. Nobody can give 110%, it's counter-productive to try. Two ways this shows up in chess are "time trouble addicts" and "opening/compulsive disorder (OCD)". You've probably seen these sorts of players. They try too hard. Sometimes spending (from a time control of 45/90) 80 minutes trying really, really hard to find GM-level moves for the first 20 moves. Then are forced to find "anything that isn't a blunder" for 25 moves in 10 minutes. Opening compulsives spend lots of time in preparing openings.

- Suggestion

Take an appropriate amount of time during the game (time management) and in preparing for matches don't spend too much time on any one aspect of the game, like openings. Then you'll do closer to your best.

- Good Goal: Get Better at The Game
- Poor Habit: Compulsively Focus on Your Rating & Prove How Smart You Are.

Ratings give you an idea of how your game is improving over the long run, and help provide you with better matched opponents via fairer pairings. But a rating is a number. A tool to measure you along the journey, not the point of the journey. There are people who look like they have as much fun playing chess as most people do while taking an IQ test. Their rating is how they prove to themselves that they are smart, or whatever else means "superior" to them.

- Suggestion

If your rating is lower than you'd like, then that means the people you are playing know something that you have yet to learn from them. (If they didn't, you'd beat them every time, and your rating would zoom up.) Do the things you should be doing to improve your game (you likely know what they are), and your rating will follow. Get discouraged by a rating that is "beneath you" and you'll never meet your potential.

- Suggestion

Nobody cares very much how smart you are--an intelligent and confident person isn't always having to prove to others (and himself) just how clever he is. If the only reason you play chess is to prove to others and yourself how clever you are, apply some of your smartness to consider finding another hobby that gives you more fun for its own sake.

- Good Goal: Be competitive and give your opponent a good game
- Poor Habit: Do everything possible to win, isn't that the only point of the game?

Being a glutton for victory is no better than being a glutton for food or drink. Nobody wins all the time, look at Fischer's or Kasparov's or anybody's record--they all got beat when at the top of their game. Anybody who's been playing this game for some time and isn't a master, is going to continue to be beat more than they'd like to. Some players will break any rule they can get away with, or argue about any rule they can. Does this mean they're giving their opponent a better game? No. "Showing a fighting disposition without self-seeking" is being competitive.

- Suggestion

Do a "reality check" on your priorities. Seeking a victory at any cost is being a miser, and being interested only in yourself. Life is too short, you can't take it (your chess win/loss record, that is) with you.

- Good Goal: Take a break from the world of adult responsibility by playing a game for awhile.
- Poor Habit: Some people feel guilty about doing the above.

So they justify "wasting one's time" on chess by focusing on the money to be won, or the trophies to be awarded. Is being awarded a trophy anywhere near as cool as having a real neat idea for a move pop into your head, as if the ghost of Capablanca is whispering in your ear?

- Suggestion

It's good to have concrete goals along the way, but don't give up the goal, having fun, or you are just turning chess into your "job away from a job".

- Good Goal: Share your interests with others.
- Poor Habit: There's a time for talking, and a time to not.

Even in a casual, friendly game, let your opponent think a bit without hearing your witty commentary. An extreme example of the "over-socializer" in team chess is the player who doesn't like playing chess. But feels obligated to play for his team anyway. If you'd rather be doing something else, don't drag yourself out to chess matches "for the good of the team".

- Good Goal: Enjoy chess.
- Poor Habit: Only enjoy chess by playing the game and studying.

If you've enjoyed the game and the CICL, consider "giving back" some effort in appreciation for the fun you have gotten out of it over the years.

- Suggestion.

Volunteer--something small (help your team captain put away equipment) or big (become a TD, form a club, volunteer to be a CICL officer). Help out however you'd like, there's plenty of ways. Just ask your team captain or any League officer, they'll be more than happy to help you help them.

Part II. Some examples of applying the above.

Here's some specific gamesmanship ideas that might improve your results when playing against an opponent that exhibits one of the above habits:

- Against the opening/compulsive: during casual games play a wide variety of openings, including those you never usually play.
- Against the person who must win at all costs; also play openings that you're unfamiliar with, and otherwise play unlike you normally do (extremely aggressive and tactical, if you're normally a more positional player, etc.). If you'll likely lose more than usual of these casual games (but don't lose on purpose). But they'll be overconfident next time you face them for a more competitive game.
- Against time trouble addicts: especially in quicker time controls, play solid, even dull, positions to start out with. But keep the game unbalanced enough that once your opponent is short on time, you can then go for sharp continuations when you have lots of time and he doesn't. This works especially well for the opponent that is trying especially hard to win, as early on they'll waste time trying to find winning lines against your solid position.
- Against the "job away from the job" types: smile, nod as if saying "good move" in response to their moves, even give a little chuckle when it's your move--anything to show you're having fun. They'll be wondering why they aren't.
- Against someone who plays to prove how great their intelligence is, they might be less familiar with certain technical aspects of the game--endgames, IQPs, minority attacks, etc. Use your experience and chess knowledge, something they might be lacking if they're trying to get by on intelligence alone.
- Against anyone. Before the game, put yourself in a pleasant frame of mind. Alert, but not tense. Relaxed, but also engaged. Have some fun. Good moves will come easier.

The Editor thanks Mikhail Whale (not his real name) for such an excellent contribution ! The next feature illustrates many of the principles outlined so precisely.

I encourage all readers to commit to paper and submit all such wisdom and experience learned from their hard knocks.

For me, the 4th of July has come to mean chess fireworks in Philadelphia where the Continental Chess Association (Bill Goichberg and crew) has been meeting for 32 consecutive years. Named the World Open, it is still billed as “The world’s largest open tournament”. With an average 1300 competitors each year, I wouldn’t doubt it! Each 200-point rating span competes for the same prize money and, with \$10,000 to each section’s winner, anybody with free time takes a shot. Additionally, chess vendors displaying their wares and a huge bookstore (usually presenting about everything printed in the past decade) make the whole time feel like a big chess festival like those in European cities you read about.

In preparation, I was browsing all my World Open games and I noticed this is my 11th year running ! Each year is a new adventure and, with Philadelphia being the historical city it is, I’ve visited the tourist attractions as well. Enough driving around (and a couple visits on business trips) have me now feeling I’m coming home.

Another WO tradition that’s enjoyable is the printing of a bulletin for each round. It used to be the standard in all international tournaments to give news on the progress or highlight the brilliant games. But over the years, I never saw many games of interest from this US tournament. As the prize money has attracted more and more GMs the competition has become more heated— to the point that it is a tradition for about 10 of them to split the cash designated to the top scores! A tie-break system is now employed to create a true winner. So this year I reviewed the bulletin a little more closely and encountered some games I thought the readers here would enjoy (see next Feature section).

After every tournament, the first job as soon as I get back is to do a “brain-dump”— record every analyzed line, thought, and feeling. At a later time, this allows me to not only check with the books, but also gives the opportunity to gather trends in my thinking and play, whether favorable or not. This year was the “Year of Alekhine’s Defense” as all my Black games featured positions beginning with it, even if transposing to other openings (like the French). In addition, I came home really excited about the complexity of what was encountered and the overall survival in heavy lines ! It was a very encouraging event!

And it’s with that intent I present my games from the week, with my complete analysis. Objectively, each game is a lesson and a real picture of the adventure of tournament chess. I hope you enjoy them as much as I!

My goals for this tournament were:

- 1) No tactical breakdowns, and
- 2) emphasis on organized OTB analysis: a better building and use of the candidate tree.

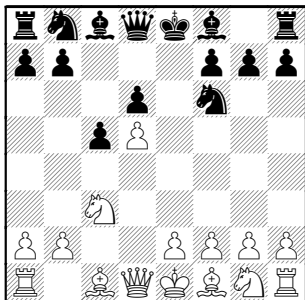
ROUND ONE.

Friske, T (1923) – Kahn, A (2040)

World Open (1), 07–01–2004

[A65]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6



6.e4

The recommended move order for the line I later decide to play is:

6.Nf3 g6 7.Nd2 and next e4.

6...g6 7.Be2

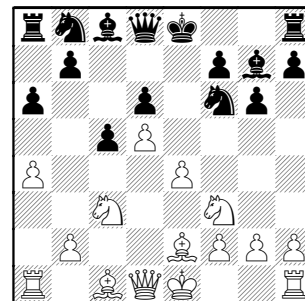
What a way to start. Not much experience with the Modern Benoni, but had just studied a book by Russian trainer M.I. Shereshevsky and his recommendation was Nc4, Bf4 to pile up on Pd6. So here we go to stop the Bg4 pin.

Almost played 7.h3 but was thinking about maybe f4 and then g3 weak. Then again, this conflicts with the Bf4 plan (the Pawn at f4 blocks the Bishop from arriving on the h2–b8 diagonal.) There was a GM game from the World op bulletins with this line.

7...Bg7 8.Nf3

After the game, my opponent said he'd never seen this development before. I thought it a mainline.

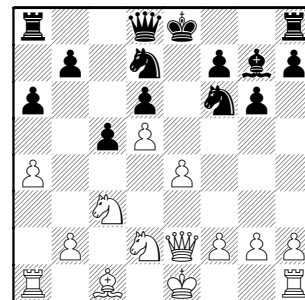
8...a6 9.a4



9...Bg7 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2

But I don't remember Q being here. The note at move 6 shows how this trade can be avoided.

11...Nbd7

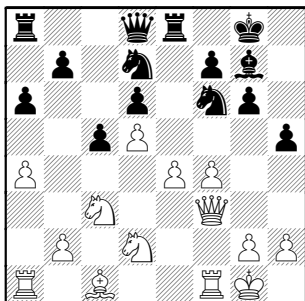


12.f4

Don't intend to allow Knights to join forces on g4.

12...0-0 13.0-0 Re8 14.Qf3

Looking for later f5 to hit weaknesses of Pf7 and Nf6.

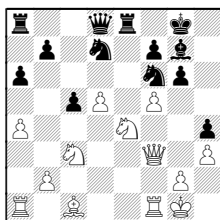
14...h5**15.h3**

During game I was kicking myself for not dodging -Bd4+ with 15.Kh1 forgetting about the standard 15...Ng4 16.h3 Qh4 and problems.

15...h4 16.Nc4

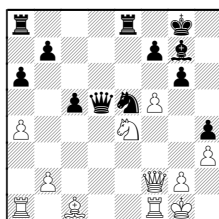
A GM game from World Open bulletins had the known Pawn-sac:
16.e5 dxe5 17.f5 e4

I didn't like the possibilities after 18.Ndxe4



18...Nxe4

Also good is 18...Ne5 19.Qf2 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Qxd5



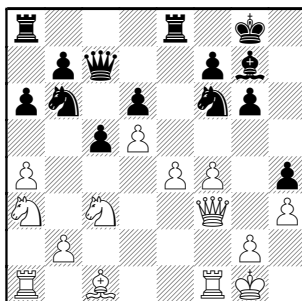
21.Ng5 (21.fgx6 Qxe4) 21...Qd4

19.Nxe4 Bd4+ 20.Be3 Ne5 Black is just better.

16...Nb6 17.Na3!

On-the-spot inspiration. I was happy to free Bc1, but didn't want to trade and open his cramped space. So I realized this dodge with idea of a5, then Nc4 and a real cramp.

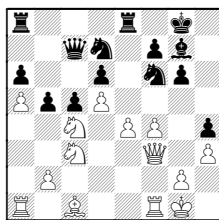
17...Qc7



18.Be3?

I'd been aware of a Knight sac on d5, but didn't even check here. His reply woke me to the fact that just because I've entered the diagonal to my King, it isn't defended !! So tactics missed in first game, grrrr....

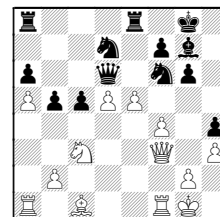
I just didn't like 18.a5 Nbd7 19.Nc4 b5



20.axb6

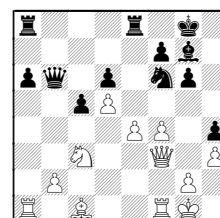
The standard center Pawn trick doesn't

work here: 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.e5



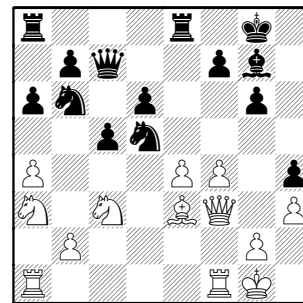
21...Nxe5 22.fxe5 Rxe5 Already a Pawn up, Black is winning another with a perfect position to boot!

20...Nxb6 21.Nxb6 Qxb6



Seems Black has all the play and how to hold b2 ? Even so, my opponent wasn't happy with the Black side at the post-mortem.

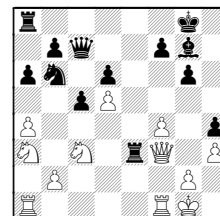
18...Nfxd5!



Only now did I realize the Exchange sac theme:

19.Bf2

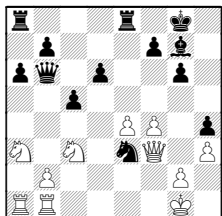
A)19.exd5 Rxe3



20.Qxe3 Bd4-+

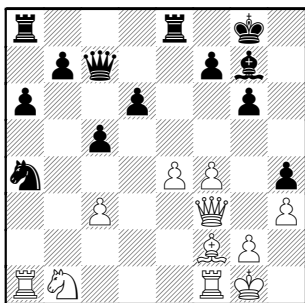
After the game, he suggested the best reply to the Knight sac is

B) 19.a5 Nxe3 20.axb6 Qxb6 21.Rfb1



but OTB I didn't see White's compensation. Guess maybe Ne3 is close to trapped, so idea is Kh1, Qxe3.

19...Nxc3 20.bxc3 Nxa4 21.Nb1

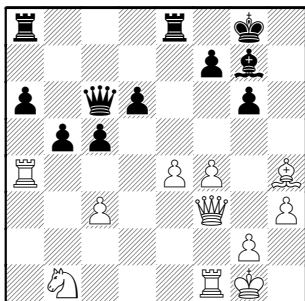


21...b5 22.Bxh4

Only a Pawn down, but his Queenside Pawns are gonna come fast. I already wonder about Rxa4.

22...Qc6 Hits Pe4 while covering Na4, setting threat of b4.

23.Rxa4!?

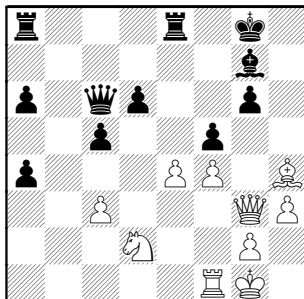


Seemed my only practical chance of stopping a flowing Pawn rush

23...bxa4 24.Nd2 f5

After 20 minutes thought. He has 24 left to make the 40th, I have 15.

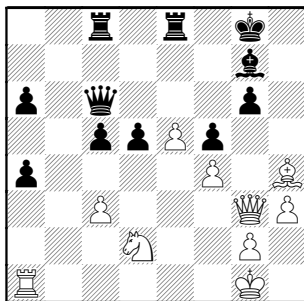
25.Qg3



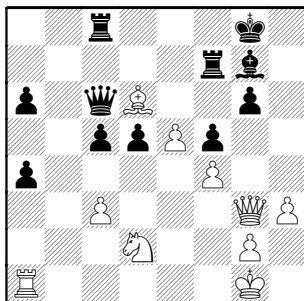
Eyeing the weak g6-Pawn.

25...d5? 26.e5 cuts off the B and its protection of a1 so now a blockade can be made

26...Rac8 [26...Rab8] 27.Ra1



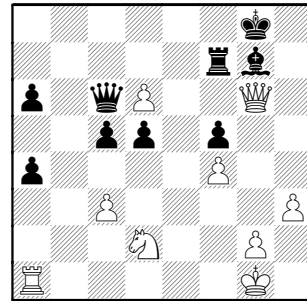
Just to tie down his Queen
27...Rf8? 28.Be7 Rf7 29.Bd6



Stops Rs from doubling on b-file while cutting off Queen protection of Pg6.

Then Nf3-g5 builds a mating net.

29...Rd8 30.Qxg6 Rxd6 31.exd6



Thankfully, the Qg6 pins Bg7 from its Bxc3 fork

31...Rf6 32.Qg3

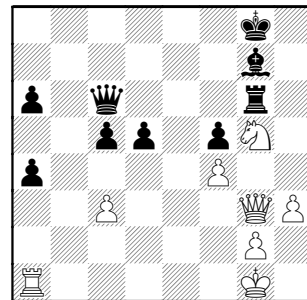
Assumed I can't pin the Bishop forever, so just immediately holding Pc3.

Tempting was 32.Qg5 Rxd6 (32...Qxd6 33.Rxa4) 33.Qxf5? but 33...Bxc3

32...Rxd6

He has 17 min, I have 8. A minute a move should not be a problem, but I know what a horrible blitz player I am!

33.Nf3 Rg6?! 34.Ng5

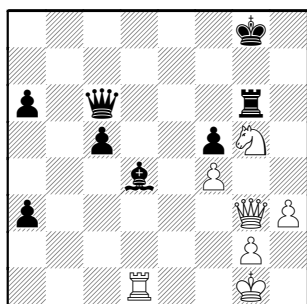


Now if I can just get to his backrank !

34...d4 35.Rd1

35.cxd4? Bxd4+ 36.Kh1 Bxa1

35...a3 36.cxd4 Bxd4+

**37.Kh1?**

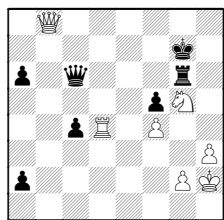
This move practically kills my winning possibilities. With the clock ticking, I just did not want to spend much time on inane decisions.

I didn't like 37.Kh2 without examining lines, thought deadly checks occur because of weakness of Pf4 or later opening of the diagonal. But game turns on fact Black can queen with check !

In retrospect, I needed to judge the backrank check as an immediate problem and the valid downside of Kh2 as a vague problem. As it turns out, my fears about Kh2 never begin to materialize.

Most of the coming page (Yikes!) of analysis was completed OTB once I made the time control.

Just to show if he follows his game line:
37...a2 38.Qb3+ c4 39.Qb8+ Kg7 (only move) 40.Rxd4

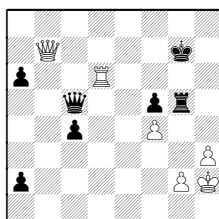


40...Rxc5 Again, a "must" move.

40...a1Q?? 41.Qa7+ Kg8 42.Qh7+ Kf8 43.Qf7#

41.Qa7+

No time to win Queen! 41.Rd6? Qxd6 (41...Qc5?? 42.Qb7+ diagrammed...)

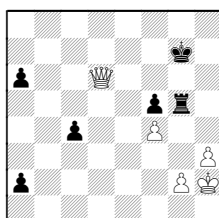


42...Kg8 only way

(42...Kf8 43.Rd8#)

43.Rd8+ Qf8 44.Rxf8+ Kxf8 45.Qxa6 the Queen guards a1 just in time !

So when White wins Queen 42.Qxd6

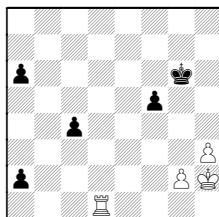


Black can force a won Queen ending with simply 42...a1Q

(Every tempo counts: 42...Rg6 43.Qd1 Rc6 44.Qa1+ c3 45.Qxa2 c2 46.Qb2+ Kf7 47.Qc1 a5+-)

So the analysis line finds White chasing the King to a square where the Rook can be captured with check !
41...Kg6

The absolute key position for the whole game boils down to the following diagram after moves like: 41...Kh6 42.fxg5+ Kxg5 43.Qg7+ Qg6 44.Qxg6+ Kxg6 45.Rd1 **White wins!**

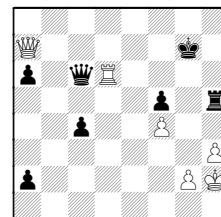


I'd evaluated this correctly, but, when a similar theme occurs in the actual game, I avoid it simply because the Black King is closer to passers at Ke6!

42.Qb8 a1Q

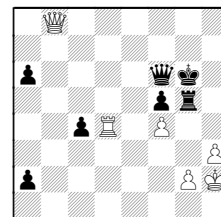
Other tries do not work:

a) 42...Rh5 43.Rd6+ Kg7
 (43...Qxd6 44.Qxd6+-)
 44.Qa7+

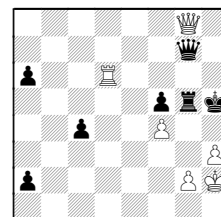


44...Kf8 45.Rd8+ Qe8 46.Rxe8+ Kxe8 47.Qxa6+-

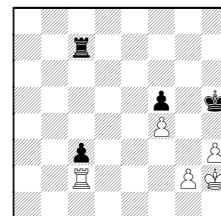
b) 42...Qf6



43.Qg8+
 (43.Rd6? a1Q 44.fxg5 Qxd6+ 45.Qxd6+ Kxg5 is good for Black)
 43...Qg7
 (43...Kh5 44.Qh7+ Qh6 45.Qxh6+ Kxh6 46.fxg5+ Kxg5 47.Rd1+-)
 44.Rd6+ Kh5



45.Qxg7 Rxg7 46.Rxa6 Rc7 47.Rxa2 c3 48.Rc2+-



The White King cannot be stopped from reaching c3.

So we return to the final moves of analysis realizing Black wins if he avoids all the aforementioned bombs:
43.Rd6+ Qxd6 44.Qxd6+ Kh5

The same results comes after 44...Qf6
45.Qxf6+ Kxf6 46.fxg5+ Kxg5

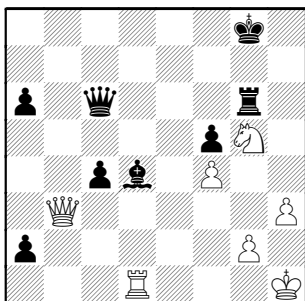
45.fxg5 Kxg5

At the post-mortem, my opponent dismissed all this with "Well, I play differently after Kh2", but the pace of his moves during the game belies that possibility.

37...a2

I realized 37...Rxc5 38.Qxc5+ Bg7-+

38.Qb3+ c4



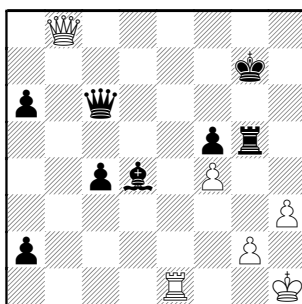
39.Qb8+

Thought this mates !! He didn't admit it, but he totally missed this. He used 8 of his remaining 9 minutes on **39...Kg7** **40.Re1** and I make control with 2 min to spare.

Only now realized -c4 had covered a7
40.Qa7+?? Bxa7

40...Rxc5?

His move to reach control is a blunder! The exchange sac at a4 way back when really did keep me in it. I immediately recognized it and was greatly encouraged to dig deep. I did, and I got buried!



He made control with less than a minute to spare.

The simple 40...a1Q forces an easy piece-plus-Pawn up ending.

41.Re7+!

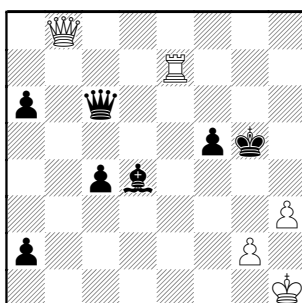
It took guts to abandon my backrank allowing checks, but my best calcs said there is a forced win.

41...Kh6 Another forced reply.

41...Kg6?? 42.Qg8+ Kh6
(42...Kf6 43.Qxc5#) 43.Qxc5#

Or 41...Kf6?? 42.Qf8+ Kg6 43.Qg8+ Kf6 44.Qxc5#

42.fxg5+ Kxg5

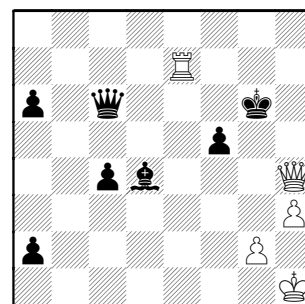


43.Qg3+ With at least a draw

43.Qg8+ was supposed to lead to the same mates as notes for #41, missed Qg6 winning.

After 43...Qg6- but didn't consider 44.h4+ Kh5 45.Rh7+ Qxh7 46.Qxh7+ Kg4-+

43...Kh6 44.Qh4+ Kg6

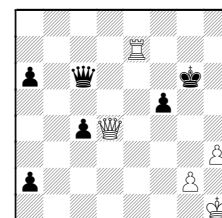


At move 43, **45.Qh7+??** was supposed to return to the mates listed at move 41, but I guess the Q check comes from g8 there...

At any rate, now that the time control was made, I spent 25 minutes working through the lines detailed in move #37 analysis. The possible queening with check doesn't give White much choice.

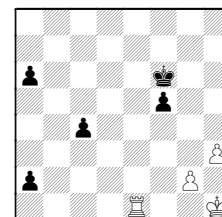
This is where my proper evaluations, as stated in analysis of last page, were forgotten.

The missed win begins with the seen line:
45.Qxd4



45...c3

I quit the line because of
45...Qf6 46.Qxf6+ Kxf6 47.Re1



and thought he wins with Ke5-d4, etc.

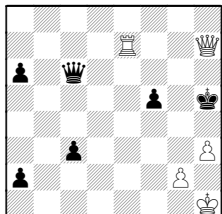
My mind didn't realize the King is cutoff by the Rook attacking the e-file.

But I also missed a small factor introduced by a Black Pawn sac:
47...a1Q 48.Rxa1 Ke5 49.Rxa6 Kd4
the King does force a queen, but the kicker is White has a passer:
50.h4 overloads the Black King.

But even in the main analysis line, I missed 46.Re1

White wins a more complicated version after:

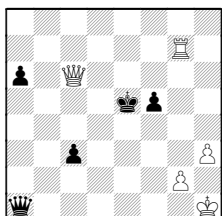
46.Qg7+ Kh5 47.Qh7+



(47.Qf8 a1Q+)
47...Kg5

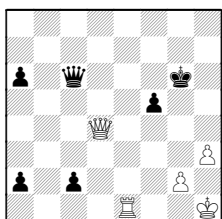
(Again, I quit line here because of
47...Qh6 48.Qxh6+ Kxh6 not realizing
49.Re1+- that theme often forgotten.)

48.Rg7+ Kf6 49.Qh6+ Ke5 50.Qxc6
a1Q+



51.Kh2 Qb2 52.Rc7+-

Returning to the easy line, which involves getting Queen and Rook to coordinate on first rank:
46...c2



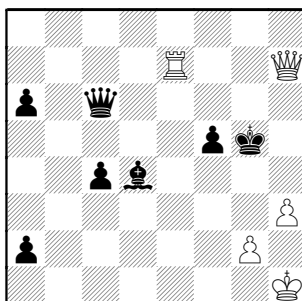
47.Qd2

(Much the same is 47.Rc1 a1Q
48.Qxa1)

47...Qa4 48.Ra1

When confusing things with all this analysis OTB, I almost just bailed out to start the tournament with a positive half-point by playing 45.Qg3+ and perpetual, but I studied for a mate...

45...Kg5



46.h4+

I crossed lines. This leads to mate if Q on g8:
46.Qg8+ Kf4

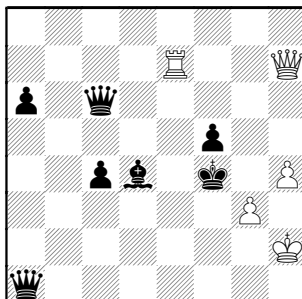
Again, if I'd played Kh2 earlier, I'd have Qg3#

47.h4 idea is Qg5# 47...Qf6-

(47...a1Q+?? 48.Kh2 Bf6 49.Qg3#)

48.g3+ Kf3

46...Kf4 47.Kh2 a1Q 48.g3+



48...Kg4 **WHITE RESIGNED.**

Could've been my best save ever !!

Hoped for the horrific blunder
48...Kf3?? 49.Qh5+ Kf2 50.Qe2#

He has dodged any mates:

49.Qg8+ Kf3 and there's no more checks

49...Kh5?? 50.Qg5#

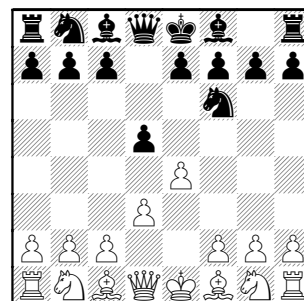
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ROUND TWO.

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[B02]

1.e4 Nf6 2.d3 d5



I hadn't practiced this much, but just seemed the easiest equality.

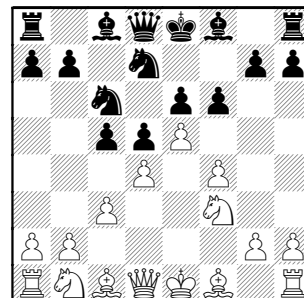
3.e5

Now it's a French a White tempo down.

3...Nfd7 4.f4 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.c3

He apparently plans 7. d4 and doesn't care about the tempo ?!

6...Nc6 7.d4 f6

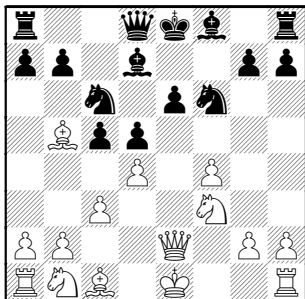


Great fun having experience with this mainline !! If he thought he was getting me out of my book, he missed...

8.exf6 Nxf6 9.Bb5

But this I don't remember

9...Bd7 10.Qe2

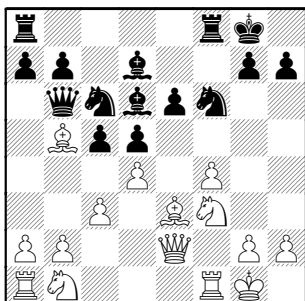


White threatens f5 and also protects the hanging Bb5

10...Bd6

A standard French trick: Black replies to f5 with 11..0-0, so that after 12. fxe Re8 is available, with tempo gained up the e-file.

11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 Qb6!?

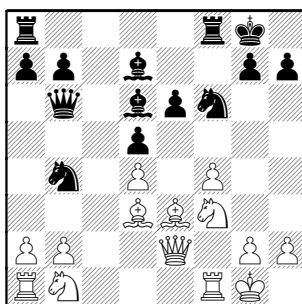


My preferred French setup is bettered with threat of Nxd4 and Bxb5. Even so, had to wonder about the weakness of Pe6, yet the standard Rae8 and Queen action along 6th rank are all in place.

Very confident-building to take advantage of the unknown Bb5/Qe2 moves !

13.Bd3 [13.dxc5 Bxc5] 13...cxd4 clears b4 for Knight:

14.cxd4 Nb4!



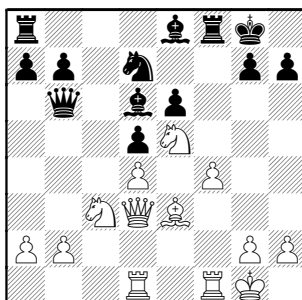
Kiss the good Bishop goodbye!. He's helped me prepare the standard Be8-g6 and the light-squares are mine !!

15.Nc3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Be8

Love it when a position flows

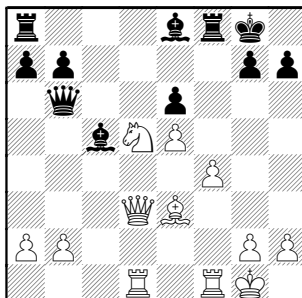
16...Qxb2? 17.Rab1 Qa3 18.Rxb7

17.Ne5 Nd7 18.Rad1



Didn't understand this. Guess it's to build on d5 with idea of f5 and, if exf, then Nxd5 not needing to fear Bxe5

18...Nxe5 19.dxe5 Bc5 20.Nxd5?



Missed this tactical shot, but was aware that if N moved, Bb5 skewers.

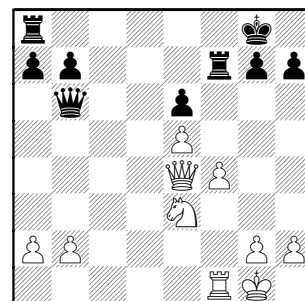
20...Bxe3+ 21.Nxe3 [21.Qxe3? exd5]

21...Bb5

At move 20, expected Nc4 here missing it's pinned.

22.Qe4 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Rf7

Black simply cannot lose this position and has every reason to expect the full point.



Preparing to double, just not showing where (intension is on c-file) and also overprotecting b7

24.Rf2

White would like to post at d6 via Nc4.

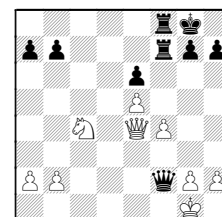
24...Raf8

Really just setting a trap, but I guess - g5 works next, so...

25.h4

My previous could have been 24..Rc8 to threaten Rc1+ and then Rfc2 and is probably better.

The trap I played for was:
25..Nc4?? Qxf2+!



26.Kxf2 Rxf4+ 27.Qxf4 Rxf4+ 28.Ke3 Rxc4-+

It was a bit of a cheapo, but did not see a way for him to take advantage, so why not give it go ?

25...Qc5

So back to real goals with a Rook to c-

file and then, Qc6. I'm just looking for a way to trade Rook and/or Queen and easy win.

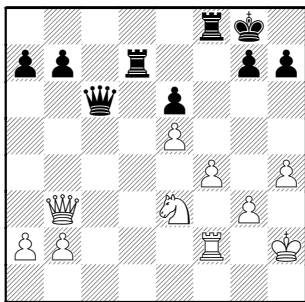
26.g3 Qc1+ 27.Kg2 [Better 27.Kh2]
27...Rc7

Ready to trade Queens with Qc6 pin

28.Qb4 Qc6+ 29.Kh2 Rd7

Happy to own the open files.

30.Qb3



Of course, aware of looking toward K, but there's no immediate check, so I threaten to kick Q again with Rd3.

30...Rfd8?

Another simple tactic missed! Second time this game, third time in tournament. This is too much to enjoy...
31.Nf5!

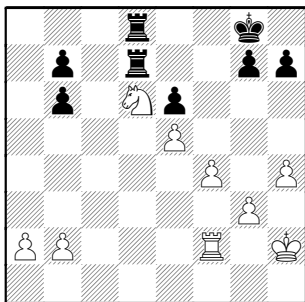
I'd only been concerned with Nc4-d6. Now any forward move by Rook allows Ne7+, winning my Queen.

31...Qb6

Forcing trades, dodging fork. But the N does reach d6.

Of course a horrible blunder is
31...Rd3?? 32.Qxd3 Rxd3 33.Ne7+ Kf7 34.Nxc6 bxc6 35.Rc2

32.Qxb6 axb6 33.Nd6



Despite waiting to calm down, I still am not in a groove, just like previous game. I tried, just did not deliver.

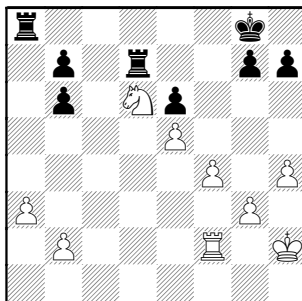
33...Ra8?!

The Pawns on same rank may later be easily threatened.

A) I'm not sure why I rejected 33...Rc7 I did overrate f5. 34.f5 exf5 somehow thinking the e-Pawn races to queen.

B) Even a position similar to the game was 33...Rxd6 34.exd6 Rxd6 but seemed like my Ps too weak. But later come back to try it.

34.a3

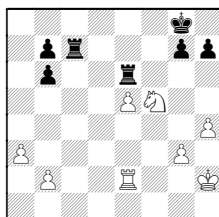


34...Kf8?

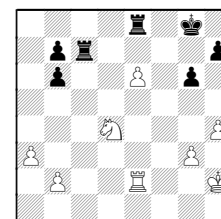
A) 34...Rc7 still overrating 35.f5 exf5 36.Nxf5 Rc5

(36...Rf7 37.e6;

Or 36...Re8! 37.Re2 Re6



38.Nd4 Re8 39.e6 g6
Black is still better



Letting the King out to f6.

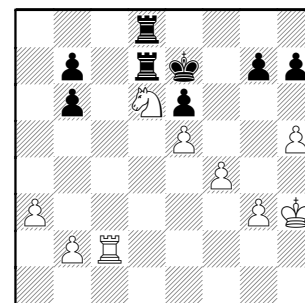
37.e6 g6 38.Nd6 Rc6

B) At home, realized I didn't consider 34...Ra5! With possibilities at Rc5 or Rb5 or Rd5.

35.Rc2 Rad8 36.h5 Ke7

With the King active, felt I had a shot at holding all endings. Yes, I am now looking to draw.

37.Kh3



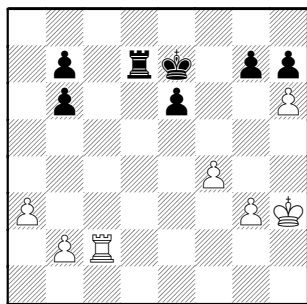
37...Rxd6

I have fumbled away any chance at activity: 37...Ra8 ΔRa5-c5 38.Rc3 Ra5 the backrank is abandoned, so 39.Rc8 will mate with Re8#

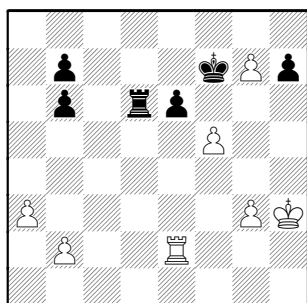
38.exd6+ Rxd6 39.h6

39.Rc7+ seemed easy to me

39...Rd7?



Missed coming move at #46
40.hxg7 Kf7 41.Re2 Rd6 42.Rc2 Rd7
43.Re2 Rd6 44.f5



44...Kxg7 Dreadful !!

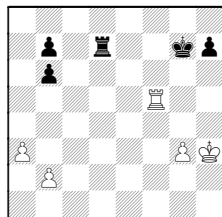
What's wrong with the simple
44...exf5 45.Rc2

45.Rf2 Rf6 46.Rc2 Kxg7 47.Rc7+ Rf7

45...Rd7

My Pawns may be doubled, but there's still no way for him to force a passer.

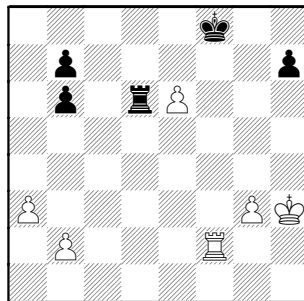
46.Rf2 Kxg7 47.Rxf5=



45.fxe6 Kf8 then the missed **46.Rf2+.**

I can resign. But I came to play and who knows what Rook ending experience is gained ? I also realized I

needed more immediate OTB analysis to get started on the positive. So on it goes...



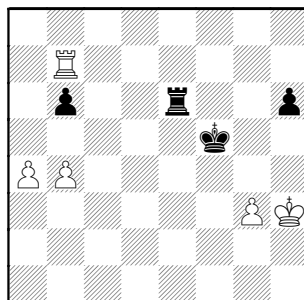
46...Kg7

He would have a g-passer after
46...Ke8 47.Rf7 Rxe6 48.Rxh7

47.Rf7+ Kg6

Bad technique. I've never understood why GMs allow their K to be trapped on backrank, but the ensuing ending shows why. I always want to activate my King. **See! A lesson learned by not resigning !**

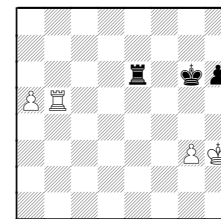
48.Rxb7 Rxe6 49.b4 h6 50.a4 Kf5



I now understand that when the K wanders, it becomes cutoff.

51.a5 bxa5 52.Rb5+ Ke4?

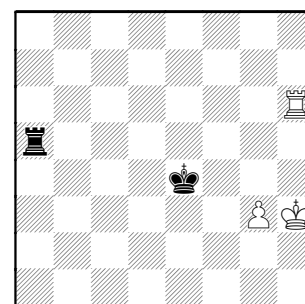
Last chance.
52...Kg6 53.bxa5



I am worried about Rb6, but I missed it's my turn to move !!!!

53...Re4! 54.Rb6+ Kg5 55.a6 Ra4=

53.bxa5 Ra6 54.Rb6 Rxa5 55.Rxh6



Now how do I get my King back in position? I hadn't considered this ending at all.

55...Rf5

Doesn't fix anything but more obvious is 55...Kf5? 56.Rh5+ Kg6 57.Rxa5

56.Kg4

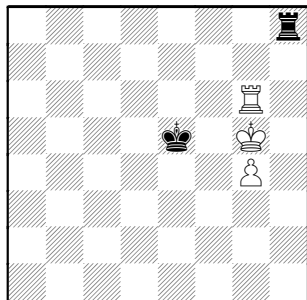
Much simpler was 56.Re6+ Re5 (56...Kd4+?) 57.Rxe5+ Kxe5 58.Kg4 Kf6 59.Kh5 Kg7 60.Kg5+-

56...Rf1 Hoped he wouldn't check **57.Ra6?**

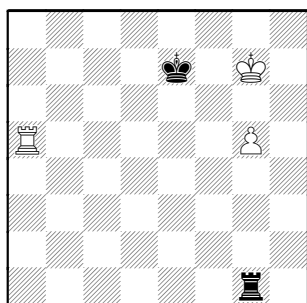
Again 57.Re6+- I would've resigned

57...Ke5 58.Kg5 Rf8 59.g4 Rg8+ 60.Rg6 Rh8

Since he missed the obvious stuff, I decide to go for a draw in earnest. I have to somehow get King near queening square and check his King from behind. **So I lure his Rook to get in the way and allow my King in.**



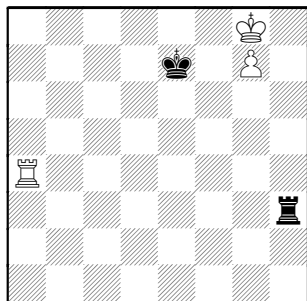
61.Rg7 Ke6 62.Kg6 Rh4 63.g5 Rh1
64.Ra7 Rg1 65.Ra5 Ke7 66.Kg7



66...Re1

I did not see an alternative to allowing him to cutoff King (again):
66...Rh1 67.Re5+ Kd6 68.Re2+-

67.g6 Ke8 68.Kg8 Ke7 69.Ra6 Rh1
70.g7 Rh2 71.Ra1 Rh3 72.Ra4



72...Rg3

Had to defend the standard win method: 72...Rh1 73.Re4+ Kd7 74.Kf7 Rf1+ 75.Kg6 Rg1+ 76.Kf6 Rf1+ 77.Kg5 Rg1+ 78.Rg4+-

I guess even doing it the hard way works when the defending King cannot reach the queening square.

73.Rh4 Rg1 74.Kh7 1-0

At least I made him work for it. It was amusing to hear him tell his friends "Very difficult! Very difficult!" Yea, just because you missed the very easy, very easy... No excuse to lose to this hoser !!!

ROUND THREE.

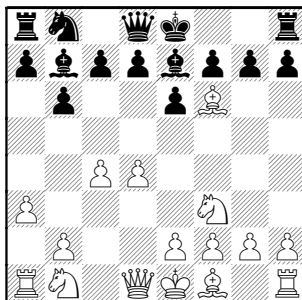
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World Open (3), 07-02-2004

You better believe I was focussed on stopping the little, desperate tactical shot !!

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3

Not ready to go into practice mode with lesser known 3. Nc3. Plus I've played this guy recently and I didn't remember the game at all ! I have some improvements over my played lines, so let's see 'em work (and his analysis) !!

3...b6 4.a3 Bb7 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxf6



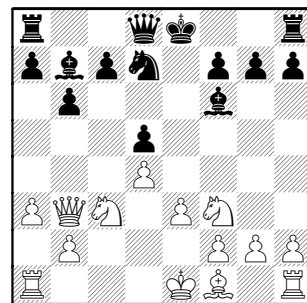
Enough confidence to try my attack line and literally ready to stake my life and reputation against anyone! Even since back, that Shereshevsky book gives ideas in a similar line. So onward !

6...Bxf6 7.Nc3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5

No consideration to 8...Bxd5 idea c5 to isolate QP as would be similar to

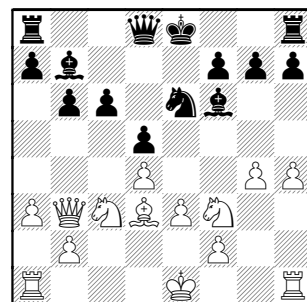
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9.e3 Nd7 10.Qb3!?



Couldn't resist slowing -c5 although knowing Queen will move a couple more times early on.

10...c6 11.Bd3 Nf8 12.h4 Ne6 13.g4

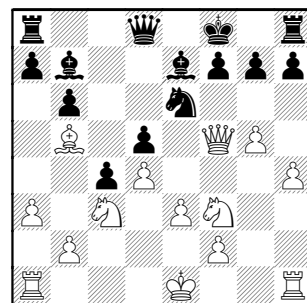


This works because I didn't wait (as normal) for his -h6 move before playing Bxf6 !

13...c5 14.Bb5+ Kf8 15.g5
Just in time !! Things look hopeful.

15...Be7 16.Qc2 c4 He is setting me up for a6 and b5, trapping Bishop.

17.Qf5



Still not off the studied path, but a huge difference is Black has an automatic Queenside expansion! Not sure how that affects my planned attack.

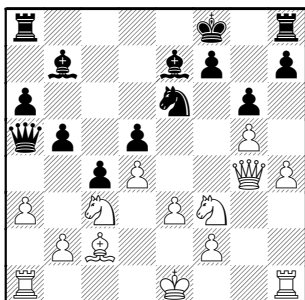
17...g6

Weakens f6 but I hadn't planned how to get there.

18.Qg4

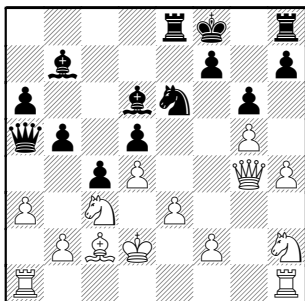
I did not want to place Queen in line with Rh8. But 18.Qh3 may be faster getting started with the moves Nh2,f4-5,etc. And, now at home, I guess that Rook hangs

18...a6 19.Ba4 b5 20.Bc2 Qa5



He is supporting b4 by hitting hanging Rook at a1, but sure seemed bad place for Queen

21.Kd2 ala Kasparov as discovered in recent study! 21...Bd6 22.Nh2 Re8



23.Qh3?

The plan is Ng4-f6 plus maybe f4-5

Maybe 23.Qf3, but she is not happy there either.

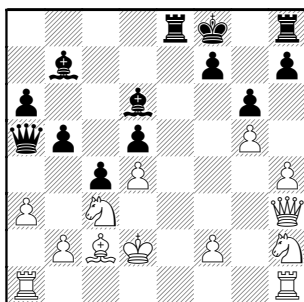
As soon as I released the Queen,

realized again I didn't check tactics. One would think you would be careful with the King sitting in the middle of the formation!

23...Nxd4!

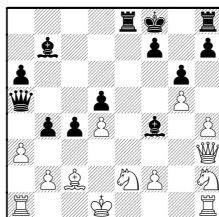
After game, tried to get his reaction that this was an allowed shot, and he looked at me like I was crazy so he was apparently happy with his position.

24.exd4



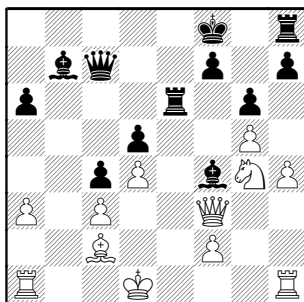
24...b4

I'd seen 24...Bf4+ 25.Kd1 b4 26.Ne2



but thought Nxf4 not a threat as it allows Qe1#, apparently not considering Rh1's role.

25.Qf3 bxc3+ 26.bxc3 Qc7 (two weaknesses: Nh2 and f4) 27.Ng4 Bf4+ 28.Kd1 Re6



29.Re1

Before he can double.

29...Rxe1+ 30.Kxe1 Kg7

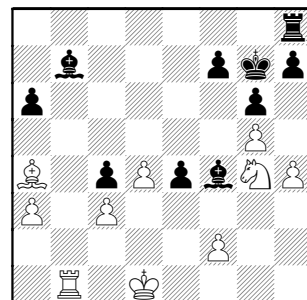
Idea is Re8+

31.Ba4

After 12 minutes' consideration, I realized he has few moves. The information gathered here rides true for the rest of the game!

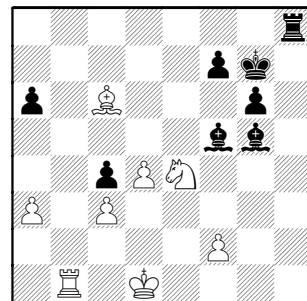
31.Nf6 h6 opens Rook on h-file and loosens outpost.

31...Qe7+ 32.Kd1 Qe4 33.Qxe4 dxe4 34.Rb1



Hoping my activity balances weakened Kingside and Bishop pair. And then there is the factor my passed d-Pawn and his weak c-Pawn might play...

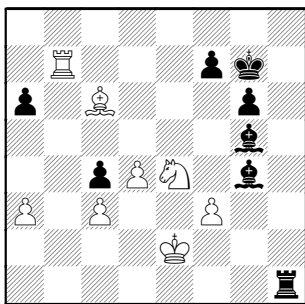
34...Bc8 35.Nf6 h6 36.Nxe4 hxg5 37.hxg5 Bf5 38.Bc6 Bxg5



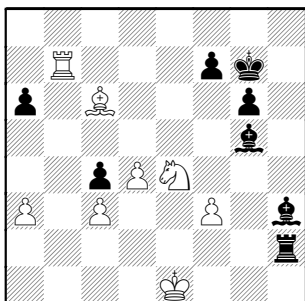
39.Rb7

Planning Bd5 but didn't sense the sweep of his Bishops coordinating with Rook

39...Rh1+ 40.Ke2 Bg4+ 41.f3

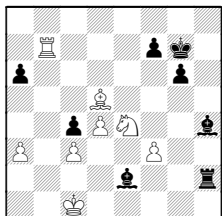


Both Bishops hang, but
41...Rh2+ 42.Kf1 Bh3+ 43.Ke1



43...Rh1+

Was expecting 43...Bh4+ 44.Kd1 Bf1
45.Bd5 Be2+ 46.Kc1



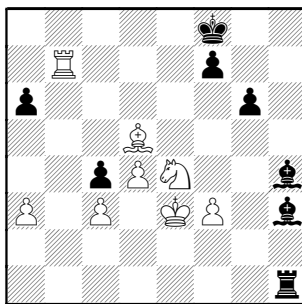
and thankful for my active Knight:
44...Rh1+

Certainly not 46...Bg5+? 47.Nxg5

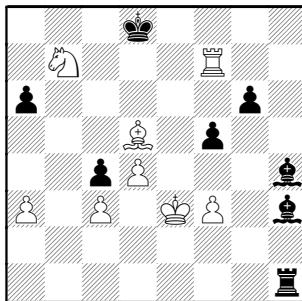
47.Kd2 Bd3 48.Ke3 g5
and was not sure about more

44.Kf2 Bh4+ 45.Ke3 Kf8
45...Re1+ 46.Kd2

46.Bd5



46...f5 47.Rf7+ Ke8 48.Nd6+ Kd8
49.Nb7+



I needed a confidence booster, it was
still early in the 9-round tournament, so
why not call it a day ?

I saw 49.Bxc4 but the Rs and Bs had
my attention.

49...Ke8 50.Nd6+

I'm still amazed how offering a draw in
a better position completely changed
my attitude. I now go on a decent roll.
**At least my mind is now with me and
not against me!**

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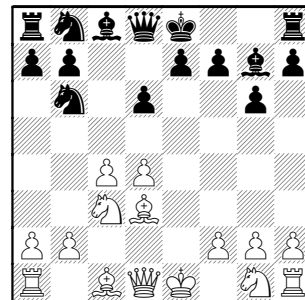
ROUND FOUR.

Leitanyi, S (2170) –
Friske, T (1923) [B03]
World Open (4), 07-03-2004

Oh, great! Now I'm paired against a 8-
yr old kid! But if he's so gifted, why's
he down on the bottom boards with me
??

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6

5.exd6 cxd6 6.Bd3 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7



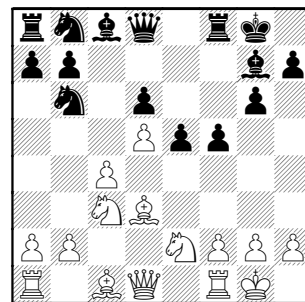
8.Nge2

Experience pays off! This is an odd
placement Yet had to remember my
love of it in the Hungarian KID !! It is a
rare variation that yields an open center
in the KID, however. Even so, he may
be going all-out with Ng3,h4-5. His
move has downsides: it does not effect
e5 and later Bg5 not possible.

8...0-0 9.0-0

This indicates he does not intend the
h4 advance. So just what is he going
for ?

9... e5 10.d5 f5!



Strong coverage of e4 and the Ne2
doesn't help a thing.

11.f3?!

Another break in form directed at
stopping my -e4. But I recognize that
Be3 cannot be played if I capture the
diagonal. Can a Queen at c5 survive ?

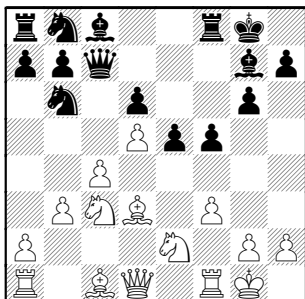
After 10 minutes thought, I decide to go
for it, combining my desire to stop the
Queenside expansion and his generally

cramped position.

11...Qc7!?

A tempo gain against the weak c4-Pawn and ready to play onto the a7-g1 diagonal

12.b3



Now the dark squares are really weak. Whichever his Bishop chooses, they'll be at least another for my Queen !

12...Qc5+

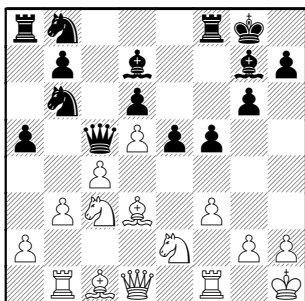
Seemed weird, but justified. Fun to be creative, but not overly confident about the idea.

13.Kh1 Was also hoping that now f2 is weak. Didn't dare dream that his backrank could be weakened as well.

13...a5

As planned, I clamp down on any Pawn expansion, maintaining c5 in the process. Really intend to place Knight on c5 if Queen forced to retreat. So I'm making an outpost without really thinking about it that way.

14.Rb1 Bd7



No tricks with a Nc3 move. After 10 minutes (he's only used 16 so far) he

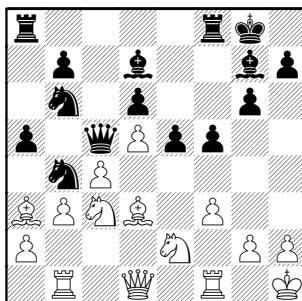
plays

15.Bd2 I guess idea of Qc1, Bh6

15...Na6 16.Bc1

Hmmm, I got his attention when threatening to threaten his Bd3. He obviously has attack on his mind and doesn't care about the positional crunch.

16...Nb4 17.Ba3



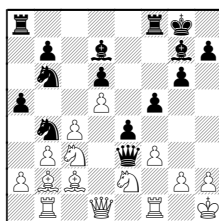
Pins, but the Bishop is almost useless. Now, can I use the vacated diagonal ?

17...Rf7!

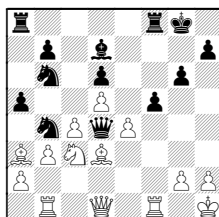
Building the attack. He can barely move, why open position ?

A) After 17 minutes thought, decided the planned **17...Qe3** doesn't really threaten anything.

18.Bc2 e4 to open Bishop against Nc3
19.Bb2



B) Some of that time spent on **17...e4? 18.fxe4 Bxc3 19.Nxc3 Qd4**



and wins Nc3 or Bd3.

But after **20.Bxb4 axb4 21.Ne2** White survives with an extra Pawn !

18.Qd2 a little disappointed Qe3/Qd4 won't work now

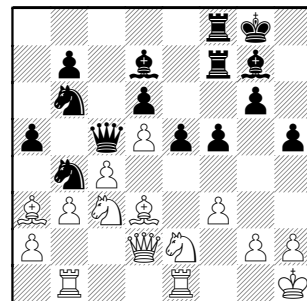
18...Raf8

Hoping the attack down f-file counters possible open lines on Qside forced after Na4, maybe his best counter.

19.Rfe1

Is every piece ready? Well, how about Bg7 ? The only activity I see for him is based off Bc2, Nc1-d3 which is three moves. Can I get something else started by then ?

19...h5!



I found a two-move plan to trump his three-mover: Kh7 and Bh6 almost trapping the Queen.

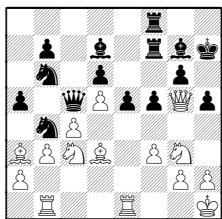
He had left the board (for the millionth time), and when back, pointed at this as "that's your move??" I continued to stare at board, but somehow felt he was laughing.

20.Bc2

Glad to see I was with him on his plan of Nc1-d3. He apparently didn't bother to consider mine. I kept telling myself "he's just a kid... how many positions has a kid seen?"

I was worried about

20.Qg5 (could he open my King with Ng3-xh5 ?) **20...Kh7 21.Ng3**

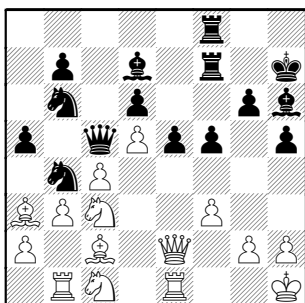


21...Bh6 22.Qh4 but, at analysis when home, now see that Bd3 hangs so 22... Nxd3 or 22...Qd4 work.

20...Kh7 21.Nc1 Bh6

Now he thought for 6 minutes... It's just in time as the c1-Knight is caught in transit and the tactics flow because of it

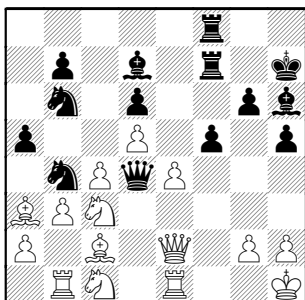
22.Qe2



22...e4!!

The Queen is overloaded covering f1 and Bc2 as long as Nc1 remains! The key move considered at move 17 (-e4) now quickly heats things up and all pieces are chomping at the bit.

23.fxe4 Qd4!



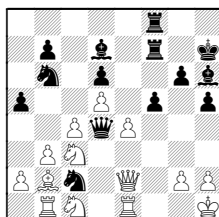
Now realized the trades on e4 will draw the Queen away from c2 or f1.

24.exf5? Greedy or not aware of my

ability to use lines opened ??

I thought I had blown it allowing Bishop to face Queen with

24.Bb2 but then saw value from Nxc2!



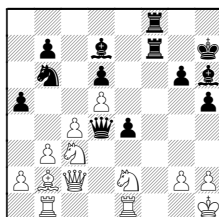
25.Qxc2

As stated earlier, trades at e4 weaken his backrank:

25.Nb5 Qxe4! 26.Qxe4 fxe4

and he has problems with Re1 and f1.

25...fxe4 But, at home, realized I had missed 26.N1e2!



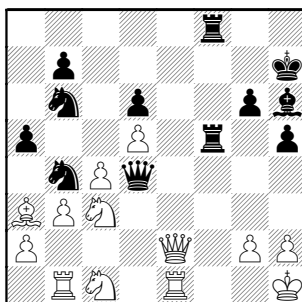
consolidates using follow-ups Nxd4 or Ng1

(Bad blunder is 26.Nxe4? Rf1+ mating)

24...Bxf5

Now the hanging pieces stop him from defending his backrank. Something has to give in my favor!

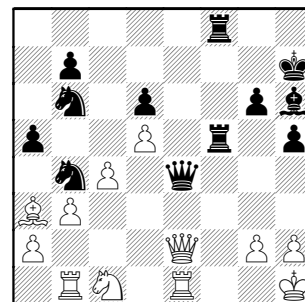
25.Bxf5 Rxf5



26.Ne4?

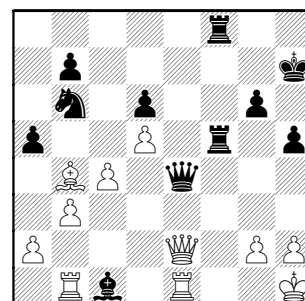
Totally unaware of what is threatened

26...Qxe4!



My first tournament Queen sac! (even if rather basic). The fun thing is it hits the loose R and Nc1 can't move to save itself.

27.Bxb4 Bxc1!!



Very strong !! It was funny to allow him to connect his Rooks, but now his Q hangs to the overloaded e1-Rook ! Furthermore, my hanging Bishop screws up his defense as well as the captured Knight did!

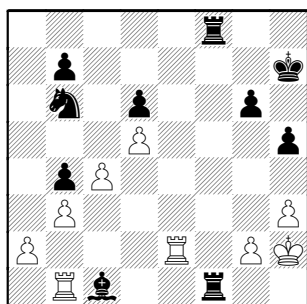
28.h3 Too late...

The main threat is mate, of course: 28.Rbxc1 Qxe2! 29.Rxe2?? Rf1+ 30.Rxf1 Rxf1#

28...Qxe2 29.Rxe2 Rf1+

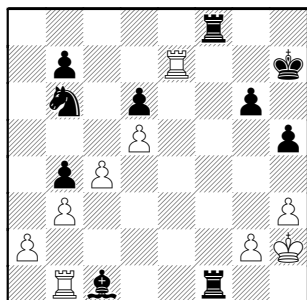
Protects Bc1 and threatens to win exchange with Bf4+

30.Kh2 axb4

**WHITE RESIGNED.**

That was too easy, kid must've really been a hoser... Imagine my surprise to check the wallchart and find the guy was rated 2170 !! (I am in the habit of never looking at opponent rating until game well under way. It is hard enough for me to consistently find best moves with out caring what the other guy can or cannot do).

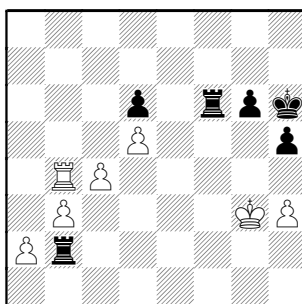
Main threat is 30...Bf4+ 31.g3 Bxg3+ 32.Kxg3 Rxb1 33.Bxa5

31.Re7+**31...Kh6**

31...R8f7? 32.Rxf7+ Rxf7 33.Rxc1

32.Rxb7 Bf4+ 33.g3 Bxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Rxb1 35.Rxb6 Rf6

I wasn't real excited about seeing if the Rs could stop connected passers.

36.Rxb4 Rb2**37.a4**

37.Ra4 Rff2 38.a3 Rg2+ 39.Kf4 Rbf2+ 40.Ke3 Rb2 41.Kf3 Rgc2

37...Rf1 threat is Rfb1,Rxb3

38.c5 dxc5 39.Rc4 Rxb3+ 40.Kg2 Rd1 41.Rxc5 Ra3 42.a5 Rda1 43.d6 Rxa5 0-1

ROUND FIVE.

I was in a good mood going into the round. The last two had been real barn-burners in positions studied and improved from previous tournaments. In addition, it was last game before a planned 1/2-point bye (you are allowed 3), so I knew I could leave everything I had at the board.

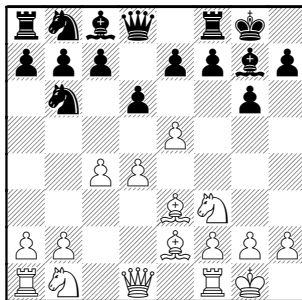
Benjamin,I (2005) – Friske,T (1923) [B03]
World Open (5), 07-03-2004

Another opponent I saw last year, that first initial is "I", not Joel, OK?

1.e4 Nf6

This Alekhine's is really getting a workout !

2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Be3

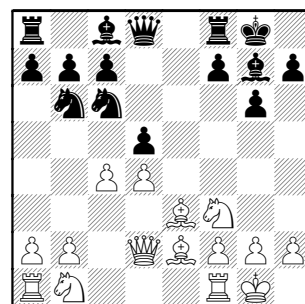
**8...Nc6**

8...Bf5 is what I normally play. See World op bulletins.

Also recommended is 8...dxe5 and then 9...Bf5

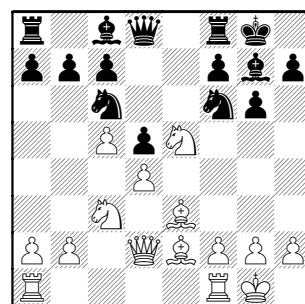
9.exd6 exd6

A different re-capture to give the c6-Knight a path to f5 via e7

10.Qd2 d5

As a tried and true Gruenfeld player, I had to see where this leads. I am not worried about a Pawn rush due to the earlier exd recapture.

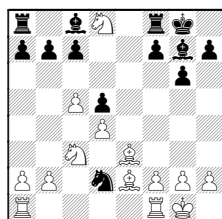
11.c5 Nd7 12.Nc3 Nf6 13.Ne5

**13...Ne7!?**

I miscalculated 13...Ne4 thinking Nxc6,Nxe4 screws up my Ps, just not combining the seen facts that I attack his Queen first in the trading combo.

So he should play 14.Nxe4

The counter against the Black Queen does not work 14.Nxc6? Nxd2 15.Nxd8

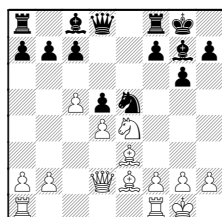


15...Nxf1.

What part of winning did I miss ?

So after his 14. Nxe4...

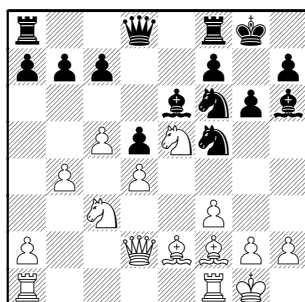
14...Nxe5!



With more space than game. But my chosen line was interesting enough...

14.b4

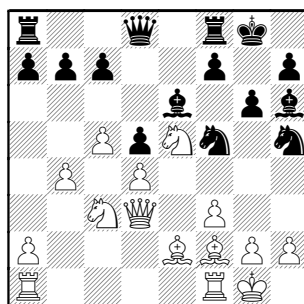
With balanced Ps, didn't see the point 14...Be6 overprotecting d5 as preparation for Ne4 15.f3 Nf5 16.Bf2 Bh6



Here we go again (as previous round) ! But, after the game, realized this time I don't include my Rooks in the action.

So maybe, as last round, 16...h5 idea of Bh6. The Pawn might be useful in crashing the defense, especially if Kg7 and Rh8 get played. But I wanted a Knight posted there, too.

17.Qd3 Nh5



Well, everybody's in game except Rooks. I simply saw no Pawns moves to open lines for them, so they can sit in the corner and think about how bad they have been !!

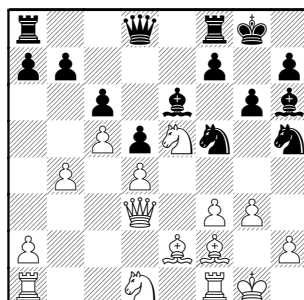
18.g3

18.g4? Nf4

18...c6

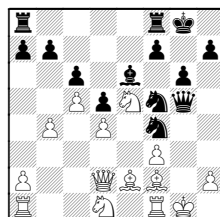
Thinking this takes away the Queens last square so to get started with Nfxg3 and trap her with Bf5. Something tells me c1 is available.

19.Nd1



19...Bf4 20.Ng4

20.gxf4? Nxf4 21.Qd2 Qg5+



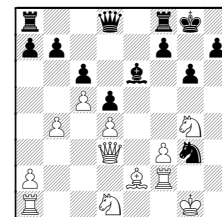
22.Ng4

Not 22.Bg3? Nxc3 23.hxc3 Qxc3+

22...h5

20...Bc7? Chickened out. But I misjudged the coming ending.

20...Nfxg3 21.hxc3 Bxc3 22.Bxc3 Nxc3 to play Qh4-h1+ 23.Rf2 stopped here



and I just didn't see compensation for piece. But at my comfortable home was able to figure

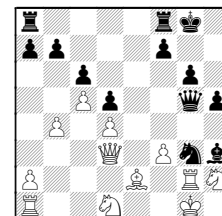
23...h5 24.Nh2

(24.Nh6+? Kg7)

24...Qg5 25.Rg2

(25.f4? Nxe2+)

25...Bh3 and Black is OK.

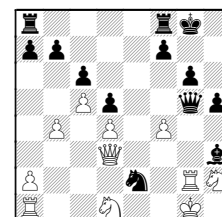


(Nothing gained from 25...Nxe2+ 26.Qxe2)

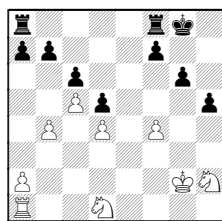
26.f4

(26.Rf2?? Nxe2+ 27.Kh1 Qg1#)

26...Nxe2+



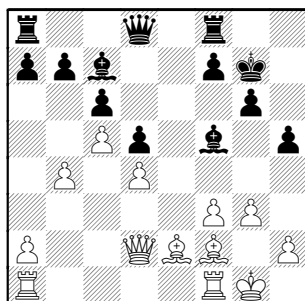
27.Qxe2 Qxc2+ 28.Qxc2 Bxc2 29.Kxc2



Most players would win this. I am terrible with a Knight on open board...with two I might as well resign!

21.Nde3 Nhg7 Hoping to get h5-4, then Qb8 to make trouble to Pg3

22.Qd2 supporting Nh6+ **22...h5**
23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.Nh6+ Kg7 25.Nxf5+ Bxf5

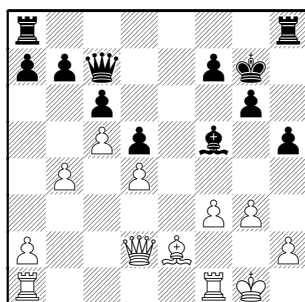


At move 20 had judged this slightly better for Black

26.Be3 Hoping to skewer with Bh6+ **26...Rh8?**

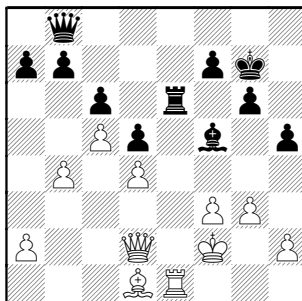
Still dreaming of action against King. **26...Re8** gets a jump on the open file. I have not switched to endgame planning.

27.Bf4 Qb8 28.Bxc7 Qxc7

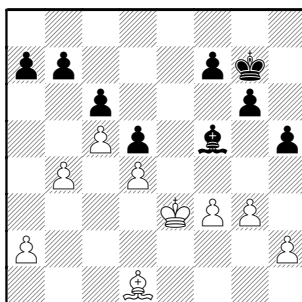


Somewhere around here I realized that I have a bad Bishop, regardless of how active it appeared.

29.Rae1 Rae8 30.Bd1 Qb8 31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.Re1 Re6 33.Kf2



33...Qe8 34.Rxe6 Qxe6 35.Qe3 Qxe3+ 36.Kxe3



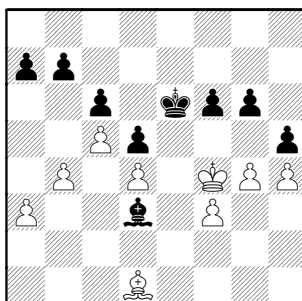
36...f6?

Didn't see how he could break through

36...g5! stops the K from even threatening to break through !

37.Kf4 Bd3

Didn't foresee any tempo gain from Ke3
38.h4 Kf7 39.g4 Ke6 40.a3

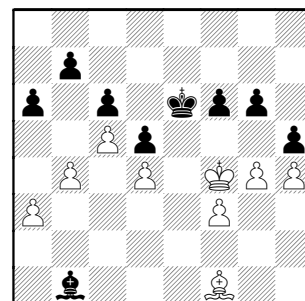


40...a6? Gives the White King a path at b6 in Pawn endings

Afterwards, my opponent was scolding me for omitting **40...b6 41.cxb6 axb6 42.Ba4 b5**.

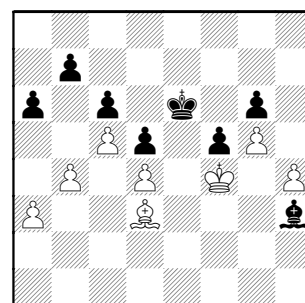
I saw it, judging a weakening. He saw it as active and an easier base to defend.

41.Ke3 Bb1 42.Be2 Kf7 43.Kf4 Ke6 44.Bf1

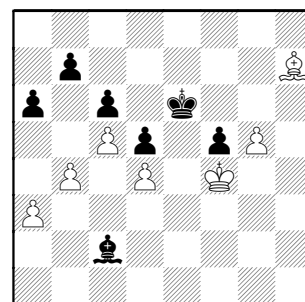


Nicely done. If the B reaches h3 it can hit b7. It wouldn't be a problem if I could play Ba6

44...hxg4 45.fxg4 Bc2 46.g5 Bf5 47.Be2 Bh3 48.Bd3 f5



49.Be2 Bg2 50.h5 gxh5 51.Bxh5 Be4 52.Bg6 Bc2 53.Bh7

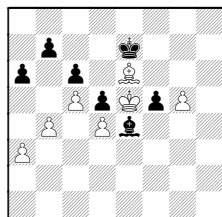


53...Bb1?

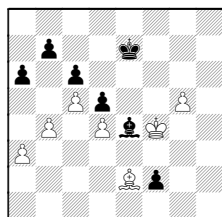
Although this whole continuation was seen at move 44, here I need to see the Be6, f4 idea (see game) here and play

53...Be4! 54.Bg8+ Kd7 55.Ke5 Ke7

Now 56.Be6?? Is impossible !

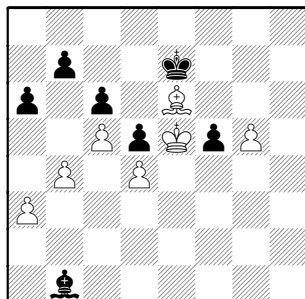


56...f4! 57.Bg4 f3 58.Kf4 f2 59.Be2



59...Bg2-+ Sweet !!

54.Bg8+ Kd7 55.Ke5 Ke7 56.Be6

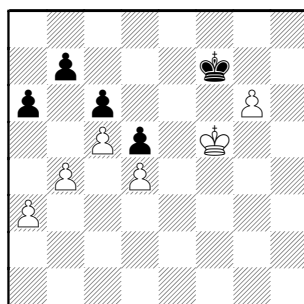
**56...Bc2**

I'd planned 56...f4 but now realized 57.Bg4 Kf7 58.Kxf4

57.Bxf5 Bxf5 58.Kxf5 Kf7

My plan is to force his King away and go for Pd4

59.g6+



Suddenly realized he can stalemate the King and force me to sac my Queenside Pawns for an easy win. He was playing fast, so I knew he knew.

1-0

ROUND SIX.

World Open (6), 07-04-2004
Sunday AM. Planned game off.

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On the Internet discussion groups, a couple years back, a question was raised by someone gearing up for the upcoming World Open. "How best to prepare?", he asked. One Master wrote an interesting reply. "Let's say you're in the final rounds fighting for a prize. Your opponent has played five days of two-a-days, maybe for 12 hours a day. You've just come off a rest round. Who would you say has the better chances?"

The problem is they must be declared early and can't be taken back if you need to win.

The rest was much enjoyed.

ROUND SEVEN.

Another fun fact is I have been adding points and am climbing up into higher-rated opponents.

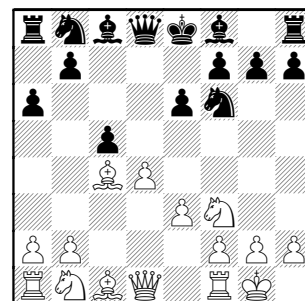
Friske, T (1923) –
Anderson, J (2066)
World op (7), 04.07.2004

[D27]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3

Usually play 3. e4 . Willing to give the standard line a go. The point is to stop -e5, one of the crashes against d4.

3...Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6

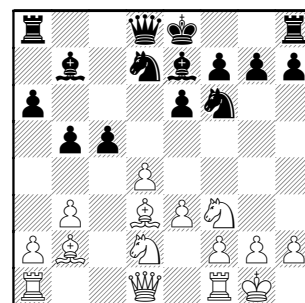


But this was new to me. Obviously to tempo with b5, maybe even c4. So I develop and hold the c4 square

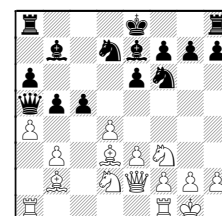
7.b3

At analysis, he took me to task for this. I still like it.

7...b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Nbd2
covering e4, preparing Rc1, Ne5, Ndf3
9...Nbd7 10.Bb2 Be7

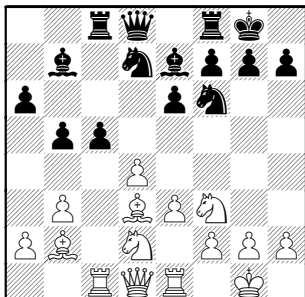
**11.Rc1**

He pointed out sometime in Slav White plays 11.a4! to make c4 an outpost for N 11...Qa5 12.Qe2 looks promising.



11...0-0 12.Re1

I'm expecting IQP so building pressure to e6,e7. But also thinking about e4. All lines require something with hanging Bd3. I'd already forgotten the b3-related plan of Ndf1-g3

12...Rc8**13.e4?**

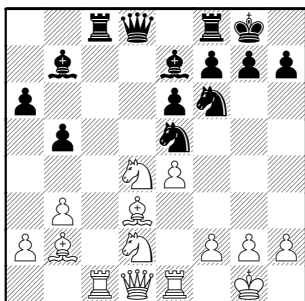
I think this weakens c5,e5 and here comes the Black counterattack.

13.Bb1

13.Nf1 Ne4 14.Ng3 Ndf6 15.Ne5 idea f3,e4

13...cxd4 14.Nxd4

Well, this is why I get in trouble in this line. e4 is supposed to be the goal, but it gives Black all the play! Need to research this.

14...Ne5

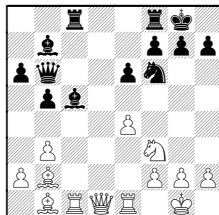
I underestimated this move, thinking Nf3 kicks it out. But the timing is off. A pertinent example of gaining the initiative.

I needed to play Bb1 before e4 and

Black doesn't gain the tempo.

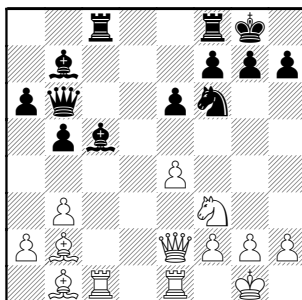
15.Bb1 Qb6 building pressure to f2 16.Qe2

16.N2f3 Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3 Bc5



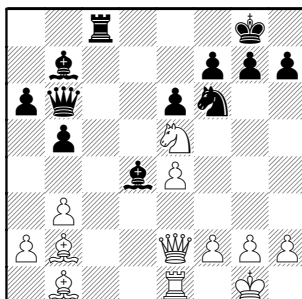
18.Qe2 Ng4

16...Bc5 17.N2f3 Nxf3+ 18.Nxf3

**18...Rfd8**

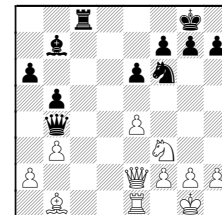
I fretted over 18...Ng4 but realized, while waiting, 19.Bd4! instead of the planned 19.Nd4

19.Ne5 hoping to get at King while stopping Nf6 from entering attack
19...Bd4 surprised he offers trades
20.Rxc8 Rxc8

**21.Nf3**

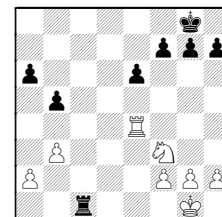
I'd miscalc'd captures at e4 leading to Rc1+

The full line is 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 22.Nf3 Qb4



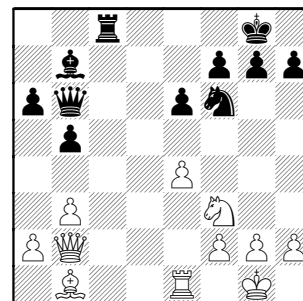
Funny thing, we'd both thought the other was better here !

What I'd miscalc'd was 22...Bxe4?
23.Bxe4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 Qxe4 25.Rxe4 Rc1+



missing 26.Re1

He wants me to play 23.e5 so Bb1 gets life. But I don't like the way it does the same for his Bishop and Knight.

21...Bxb2 22.Qxb2

I was losing interest in the position so offered draw.
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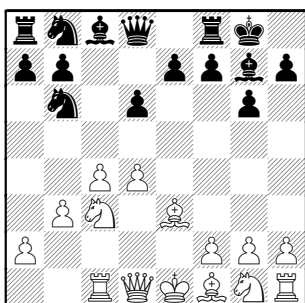
**Theil,C (2031) –
Friske,T (1923)** [B02]
World Open (8), 07-05-2004

White is 8 minutes late and comes slamming pieces immediately as I release the clock.

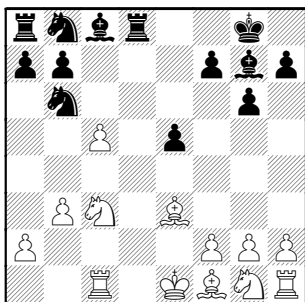
1.e4 Nf6

Making it official-- every Black was an Alekhine

2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6
cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1 0-0
9.b3

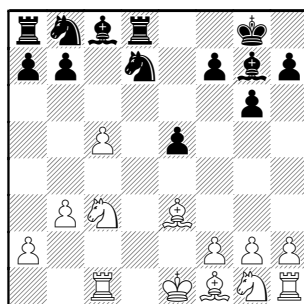


9...e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8 Rxd8
12.c5



Still blitzing. But I don't remember seeing this position in theory study. Thought pin along d-file was going to be nasty.

12...N6d7



[Instead, 12...Nd5? 13.Rd1 Be6
14.Bc4]

13.Bc4

Still blitzing. My reply finally puts him into a 20-minute think.

I was expecting 13.Rd1 and not seeing how I break the pin to d8. At home realized 13...Rf8 works

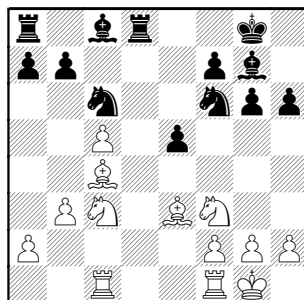
(Not 13...Re8? 14.Nd5 ΔNc7 forking
14...Na6 15.Bxa6+--)

13...Nf6

Seemed best to unwind at let the c8-Bishop breathe, even if Be6 necessary to protect f7

13...Nc6 idea of Na5 is Honfi-Varga, Budapest 1995 as cited in Nigel Davies' "Alekhine Defence". So my move is the first deviation from the recommended beginning.

14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 h6



Wanting to play Bg4

16.h3 nuts 16...Ne8! The Knight covers

several key squares and opens Bishop, all of which makes Nd4 possible next.

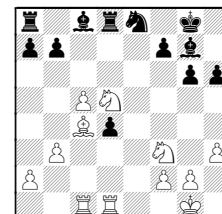
17.Rfd1 Be6!?

Thought the pin down d-file had to addressed immediately:

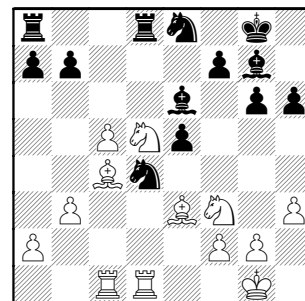
17...Nd4 18.Bxd4

(18.Nd5 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 again, I gave White two moves thinking Ne7+ kills)

18...exd4 19.Nd5



18.Nd5 Nd4!?

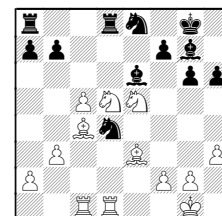


Very tactical, main thought is if Ne7+ additional coverage is uncovered to d4

19.Bxd4

Glad to report I'd properly calc'd the lines ! The key is to allow Bxg7 so the end of the captures is Kxg7

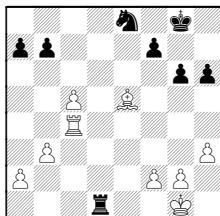
A) 19.Nxe5



19...Bxd5!

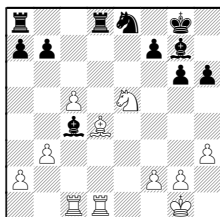
(As stated earlier, the key was to not use the g7-Bishop so, if White trades it, the King will nab it in due time:

19...Bxe5? 20.Bxd4 Bxd5 21.Bxe5 Bxc4 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Rxc4 Rd1+



White is a Pawn up)

20.Bxd4 Bxc4

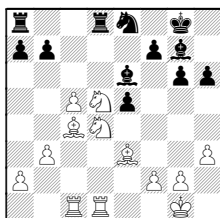


21.bxc4

(21.Nxc4 Bxd4+;
21.Rxc4 Bxe5+)

21...Rxd4!

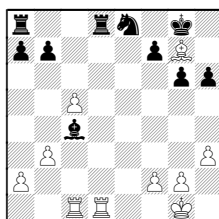
B) 19.Nxd4



19...exd4

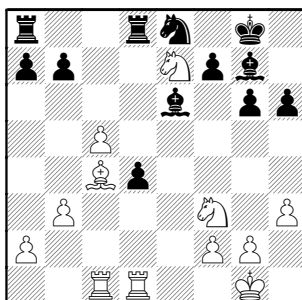
(Not as good is 19...Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Nf3=)

20.Bxd4 Bxd5! 21.Bxg7 Bxc4!±



Black has won a piece.

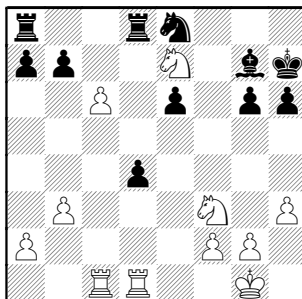
19...exd4 20.Ne7+



20...Kh7

20...Kf8? 21.Nxg6+ fxg6 22.Bxe6

21.Bxe6 But this I didn't consider
21...fxe6 22.c6



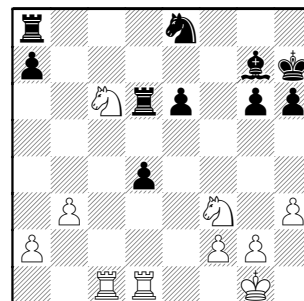
He was all proud of himself, jumping out of his seat and circling around the board. Such a victory dance used to unsettle me, but I have lost so many games and blundered enough for several lifetimes that my goal anymore is to come away trying my best. Hang the result!!

Here is an excellent example of a principle I have never seen emphasized and so discovered on my

own: In positions with Pawns traded away, be very careful because their absence prevents pieces from being anchored. This all means without Pawns, pieces hang.

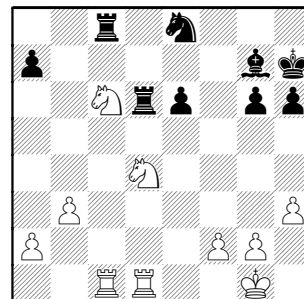
So I had an idea...

22...bxc6 23.Nxc6 Rd6

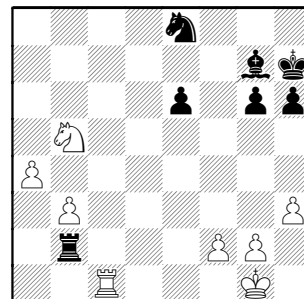


Now he walks into a pin or gets his Knights stuck defending each other.

24.Nfxd4 Rc8

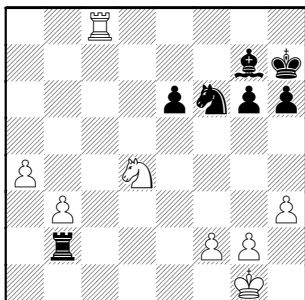


Completely overloading his pieces, so **25.Nxa7 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Rxd4** the plan is to get R behind Ps, right ? **27.Nb5 Rd2 28.a4 Rb2**



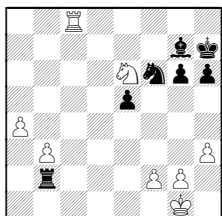
29.Rc8 White has 9 minutes to reach #40. I have 33

29...Nf6 forced 30.Nd4



30...Rb1+ to force King to a square where Bishop can check and thus gain a tempo

30...e5 31.Ne6

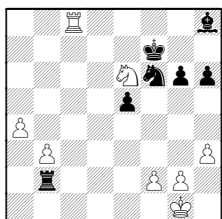


pin and win with Rc7.

I didn't consider 31...Bh8

(Of course 31...Rxb3? 32.Rc7 Ne8 33.Re7 re-gains the piece)

32.Rc7+ Kg8 33.Rc8+ Kf7



34.Nc5

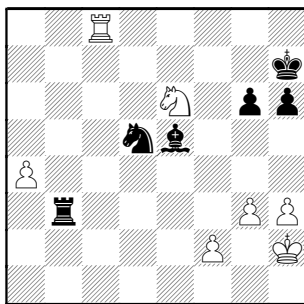
(34.Ng5+ hxg5 35.Rxh8 Rxb3; 34.Rxh8 Kxe6 35.Rxh6 Kf7)

34...Bg7 35.a5

31.Kh2 Nd5 32.Nxe6

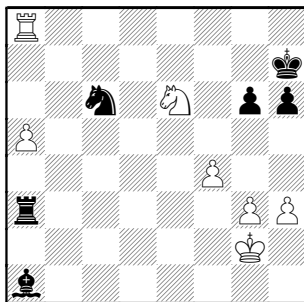
I didn't expect to need this Pawn.

32...Be5+ 33.g3 Rxb3



Foreseeing his reply, and was ready. Proper clock usage is important to consistent play.

34.Rc5 Rd3 35.a5 Bd6 36.Rc8 Nb4 37.Kg2 Ra3 38.Rd8 Be5 39.f4 Ba1 40.Ra8 with about 20 secs left. I had 13 minutes 40...Nc6

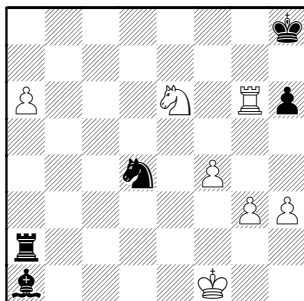


covering a7, but really ΔNd4,Ra2+ and mate the K

41.a6 Nd4?

With his N hanging, didn't look into the checks

42.Ra7+ Kg8 [42...Kh8 43.Ra8+=] 43.Rg7+ Kh8 44.Rxg6 Ra2+ 45.Kf1



45...Rxa6 sure thought this a winner

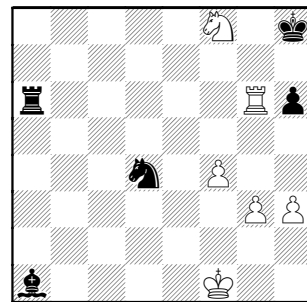
A) The original play of 45...Nf3 and mate is Bd4,Rf2# but how do I get Ne6 off d4 protection or re-direct Bishop ?

46.f5 Be5 to enter the diagonal via Bb8-a7, and the it is Rf2#

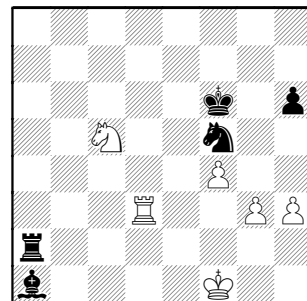
47.Rxh6+ Kg8 48.Rg6+ Kf7 49.Ng5+ (49.g4 ΔNg5+) ;

B) 45...Nf5 46.g4 Ng3+ I thought he hides: 47.Kg1 and then Bd4+ mates? but that Knight still guards d4 !

46.Nf8 Nuts again !



46...Ra2 47.Rd6 Nf5 48.Rd3 Kg7 49.Ne6+ Kf6 50.Nc5

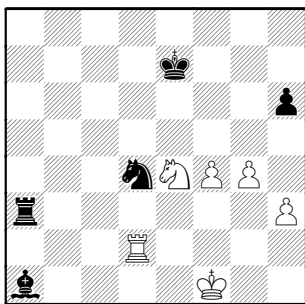


50...Nd4

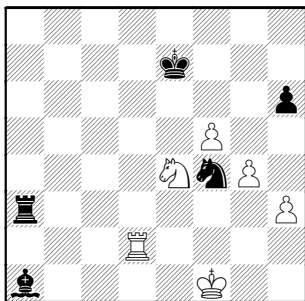
50...Bd4? 51.Ne4+ Ke6 52.g4 Both minors are in trouble.

51.g4 Kf7 ready to agree drawn, simply stalling he has 17 min until SD, me 34.

52.Ne4 Ke7 53.Rd2 Ra3



54.Kg2? Ne6 55.f5 Nf4+ 56.Kf1

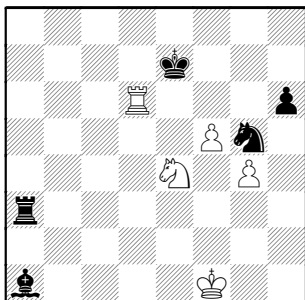


56...Nxb3?

I rejected 56...Rxb3 57.Rf2 and then Kg2 almost traps the Rook.

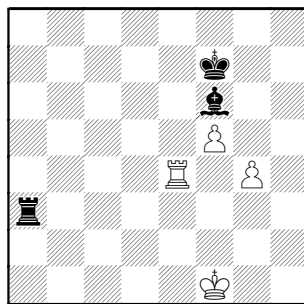
57...Nd3 58.Rd2 (58.Ra2 Be5)

57.Rd6 Ng5



Again, thought a winner.

58.Rxb6! Nxe4 59.Re6+ Kf7 60.Rxe4 Bf6



and now he blasts about it being a theoretical draw.

I'm convinced, although I realized he probably didn't want to defend with only 8 minutes left vs my 18.

But is not the rule no draw when mating material is present ?

After I agreed to quit as a draw, a TD did happen by and was not as convinced as my opponent. He started arguing, but realized we had already agreed the end (I was putting the pieces away).

They come in all kinds of packages !

1/2-1/2

ROUND NINE.

World Open (9), 07-05-2004

My opponent didn't show up 1-0

Seems like 95% of my tournaments end this way. What makes it odd is that most of the time I am the only one it happens to !

What player wants to play a 1900 with nothing to win and rating to lose , I guess !

There are so many players at the World Open, four playing rooms are used! The main hall seats around 450 boards (900 players) for the 2200-1400 sections, upstairs in two small conference rooms the lowest sections play, leaving the Masters and Grandmasters to their own area. Although there are doors on three sides of the hall, only those furthest away are open. One side houses the top four boards, with their display boards and a spectator area. The other side, deep within the hall are for the other top players. Only the top dozen boards are off-limits, otherwise one can wander right on by the big boys as they do their thing! You're close enough to see the brain-waves over their heads.

Here's the list of prize-winners from the Open Section.

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2	GM Hikaru Nakamura	2666	GM	NY	7.0	45	55	\$1833.34
3	GM Evgeny Najer	2652	GM	RUS	7.0	44	54	\$1833.34
4	GM Jaan Ehvest	2704	GM	EST	7.0	43.5	52.5	\$1833.34
5	GM Ilya Smirin	2816	GM	ISR	7.0	42.5	51.5	\$1833.34
6	GM Jiri Stoczek	2593	GM	CZE	7.0	41.5	51	\$1833.34
7	GM Igor Novikov	2708	GM	NY	7.0	41.5	44.5	\$1833.34
8	GM Alexander Ivanov	2623	GM	MA	7.0	41	50	\$1833.34
9	GM Alexander Onischuk	2706	GM	MD	7.0	39	45	\$1833.34
10	GM Abhijit Kunte	2582	GM	IND	7.0	37	45	\$1833.34
11	GM Victor Mikhalevski	2561	GM	ISR	6.5	42	51.5	\$300.00
12	GM Dashze Sharavdorj	2480	GM	MGL	6.5	40.5	49	\$300.00
13	IM Yury Lapshun	2504	IM	NY	6.5	38.5	47	\$300.00
14	GM Sergey Kudrin	2610	GM	CT	6.5	38.5	45.5	\$300.00
15	GM Ziaur Rahman	2543	GM	BAN	6.5	37.5	46	\$300.00
16	GM Aleks Wojtkiewicz	2670	GM	MD	6.0	45.5	55	\$100.00
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19	GM Alexander Stripunsky	2628	GM	NY	6.0	42	51.5	\$100.00
20	GM Joel Benjamin	2632	GM	NY	6.0	41.5	50.5	\$100.00
21	GM Daniel Fridman	2622	GM	LAT	6.0	41	50	\$100.00
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24	GM Nick E De Firmian	2632	GM	US	6.0	40	44.5	\$100.00
25	IM Jesse Kraai	2497	Q	NM	6.0	39.5	48.5	\$100.00
26	IM Eli Vovsha	2465	IM	ISR	6.0	39.5	47.5	\$100.00
27	IM Enrico M Sevillano	2534	IM	NV	6.0	39	47.5	\$100.00
28	Dmytro Kedyk	2400		NY	6.0	39	46.5	\$500.00
29	FM John Bartholomew	2347		MN	6.0	38	46	\$500.00
30	IM Keteva Arakhamia-Grant	2452	IM	GEO	6.0	38	45.5	\$100.00
31	FM Dmitry Zilberstein	2425	Q	CA	6.0	37.5	45	\$500.00
32	FM Stephen Muhammad	2429	Q	GA	6.0	37.5	44.5	\$500.00
33	FM Daniel Fernandez	2361		FL	6.0	37	45.5	\$500.00
34	WGM Anna Zatonskih	2458	WGM	OH	6.0	36.5	44	\$100.00
35	FM Enhkbat Tegshsuren	2478	Q	MD	6.0	36	45	\$100.00
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37	IM Angelo Young	2413	IM	IL	6.0	35	42.5	\$500.00
38	IM Mladen Vucic	2435	IM/Q	NJ	6.0	34	40.5	\$500.00
39	FM Emory A Tate	2368		IN	6.0	32.5	35.5	\$500.00
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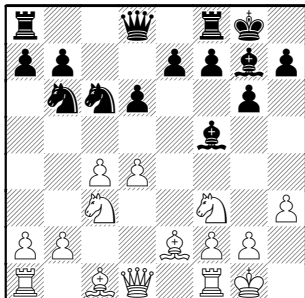
The other sections' results can be found online at www.worldopen.com, including a .pgn file of all games.

Following is a few of my favorite games from the Open Section, including those mentioned in passing during the "Tom Friske at World Open" article.

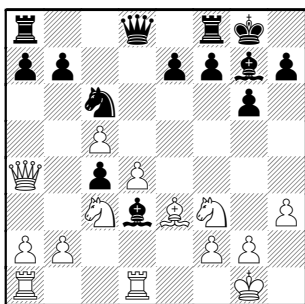
Enjoy !

Milman,L (2472) –
Shabalov,A (2674) [B04]
World Open (5), 07.03.2004

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.Nf3
0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 Bf5

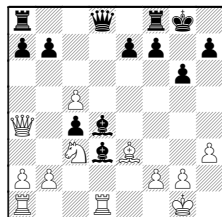


11.Be3 d5 12.c5 Nc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4
14.Qa4 Bd3 15.Rfd1



15...Qe8

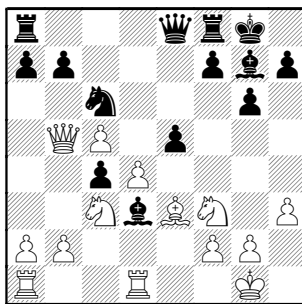
Black doesn't win the d4 Pawn
15...Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4



17.Rxd3!
(17.Bxd4 Qxd4)

17...cxd3 18.Bxd4 and wins the d–
Pawn as well

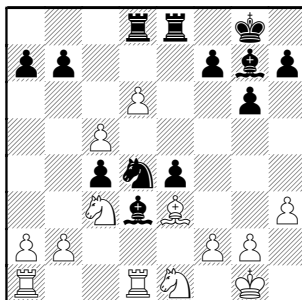
16.Qb5 e5



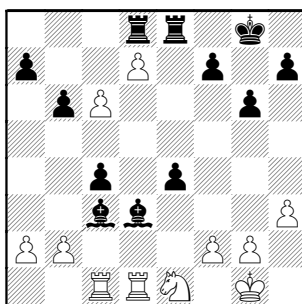
17.d5

As in some Gruenfeld lines, Black
allows a d–passer which is easily
blocked. Also, its support can
eventually be eliminated with –b6.

17...e4 18.Ne1 Nd4 19.Qxe8 Rfxe8
20.d6 Rad8



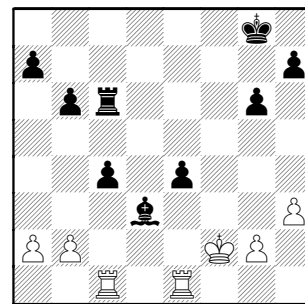
21.Rac1 b6 22.Bxd4 Bxd4 23.c6 Bxc3
24.d7



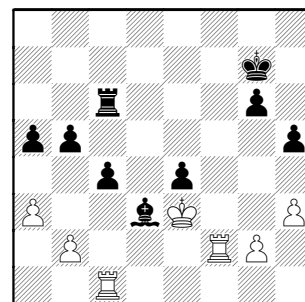
24...Bxe1!

Black gets plenty for the Rook.

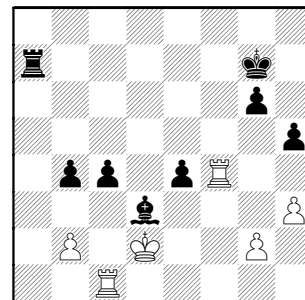
25.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 26.Rxe1 Rc8 27.f3 f5
28.fxe4 fxe4 29.Kf2 Rxc6



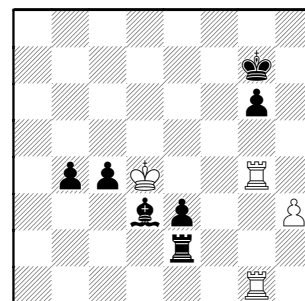
30.Ke3 b5 31.a3 Kg7 32.Red1 h5
33.Rd2 a5 34.Rf2



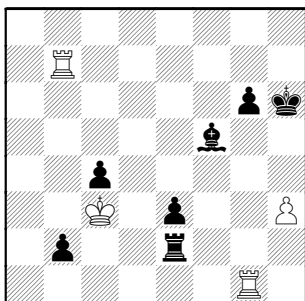
34...Rc7 35.Rf4 b4 36.axb4 axb4
37.Kd2 Ra7



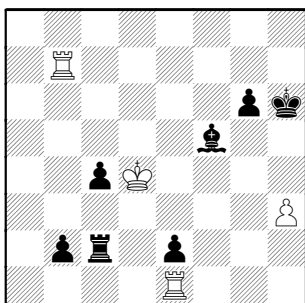
38.Ke3 Ra2 39.g4 hxg4 40.Rxg4
Rxb2 41.Rcg1 Re2+ 42.Kd4 e3



43.Ra1 Bf5 44.Rgg1 b3 45.Kc3 b2
46.Ra7+ Kh6 47.Rb7



47...Rc2+ 48.Kd4 e2 49.Re1

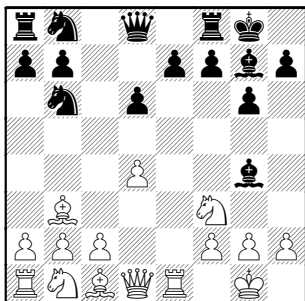


49...Rc1 50.Rxe2 b1Q 51.Rxb1 Rxb1
0-1

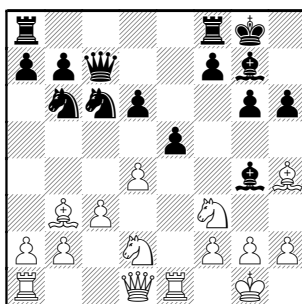
Francisco,R (2225) –
Zilberstein,D (2425)
World op (2), 02.07.2004

[B04]

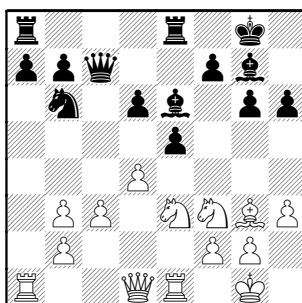
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1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6
5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0
8.exd6 cxd6 9.Re1 Bg4



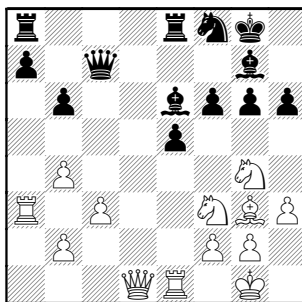
10.c3 Nc6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Qc7
13.Nbd2 e5



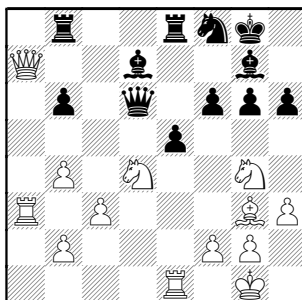
14.h3 Bf5 15.Nf1 Na5 16.Bg3 Rfe8
17.Ne3 Nxb3
One way of defending against a
majority is to cripple it.
18.axb3 Be6



19.Ra5 Nd7 20.b4 b6 21.Ra3 Nf8
22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Ng4 f6



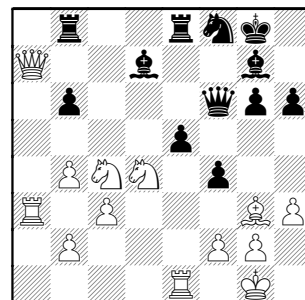
24.Nd4 Bd7 25.Qf3 Qd6 26.Qb7 Rab8
27.Qxa7



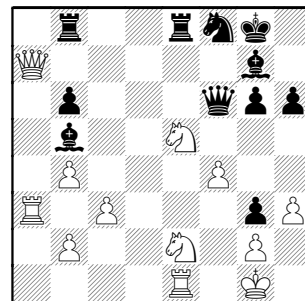
27...f5 28.Ne3

A piece is also lost after 28.Nh2 f4
29.Bh4 g5

28...f4 29.Nc4 Qf6



30.Ne2 Bb5 31.Nxe5 fxg3 32.f4

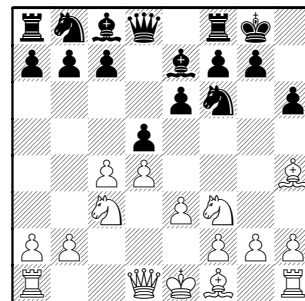


32...Bxe2 33.Rxe2 Qxf4 0-1

Onischuk,A (2706) –
Leverett,B (2337)
World op (6), 04.07.2004

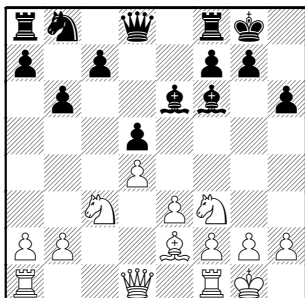
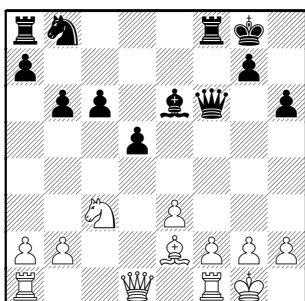
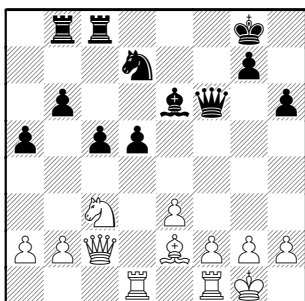
[D58]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3

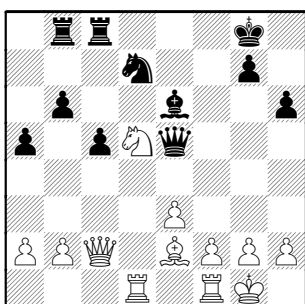


7...b6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.cxd5 exd5

10.Be2 Be6 11.0-0

11...c6 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.dxe5 f6
14.exf6 Qxf615.Qa4 Rc8 16.Qc2 a5 17.Na4 Nd7
18.Rac1 c5 19.Rcd1 Rab8 20.Nc3

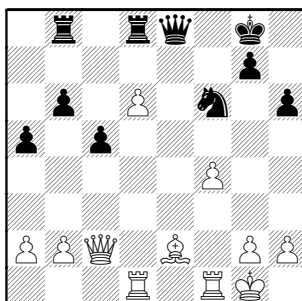
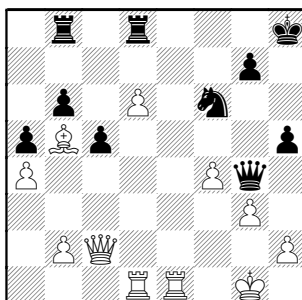
20...Qe5 21.Nxd5



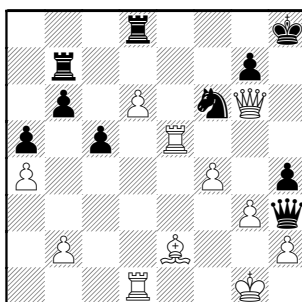
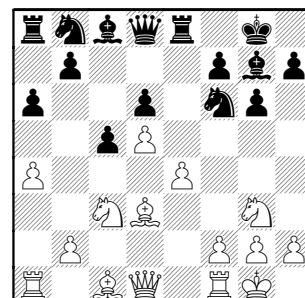
A small tactic with a large effect !

21...Bf7

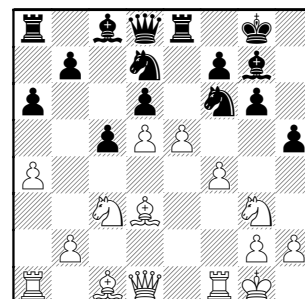
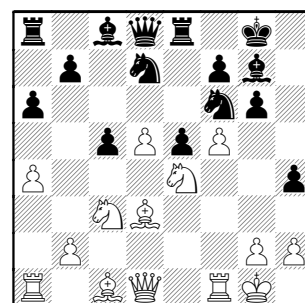
21...Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Qxd5?? 23.Bc4

22.f4 Qe8 23.e4 Bxd5 24.exd5 Nf6
25.d6 Rd826.a4 Kh8 27.Bb5 Qh5 28.Rfe1 Qg4
29.g3 h5

30.Re5 h4 31.Be2 Qh3 32.Qg6 Rb7

**MATE in 4 !!**33.Rh5+ Nxh5 34.Qxh5+ Kg8 35.Bc4+
1-0Boor,C (2243) –
Sevillano,E (2534) [A65]
World op (3), 07-02-20041.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nge2
0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Ng3 a6 11.a4

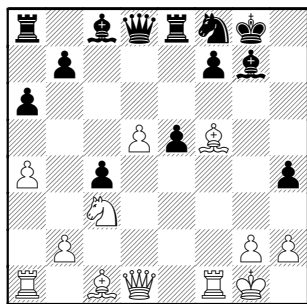
11...Nbd7 12.f4 h5 13.e5

An interesting positional Pawn sac
13...dxe5 14.f5 h4 15.Nge4

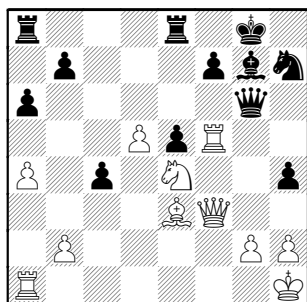
15...c4 16.Bc2

The attack is worth more than the c-
Pawn

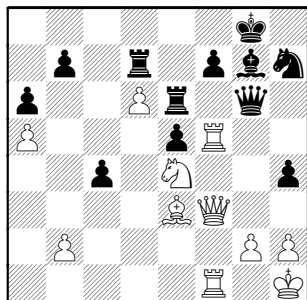
16...Nxe4 17.Bxe4 gxf5 18.Bxf5 Nf8



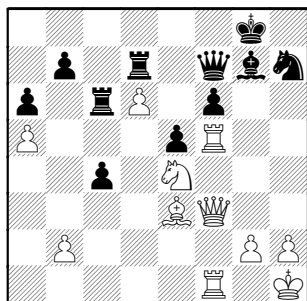
19.Ne4 Bxf5 20.Rxf5 Qb6+ 21.Kh1
Qg6 22.Qf3 Nh7 23.Be3



23...Rad8 24.d6 Re6 25.Rf1 Rd7 26.a5



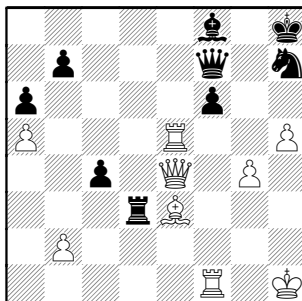
26...Re8 27.Qh3 f6 28.Qxh4 Rc8
29.Qh3 Rc6 30.Qf3 Qf7



31.h4
White will not let Black move !!

31...Kh8 32.h5 Rxd6
Tired of being squished, but it's not
enough.

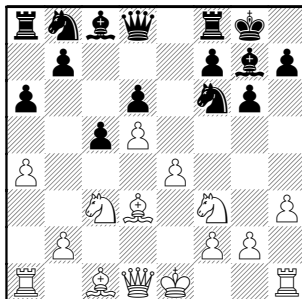
33.Nxd6 Rxd6 34.Rxe5 Rd3 35.Qe4
Bf8 36.g4



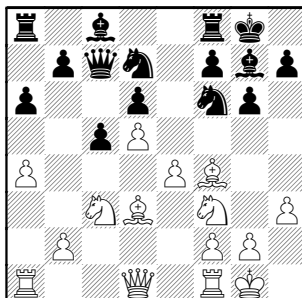
36...Qd7 37.Re6 Qc7 1-0

Fedorowicz, J (2600) –
Gulamali, K (2215) [A70]
World op (2), 07-02-2004

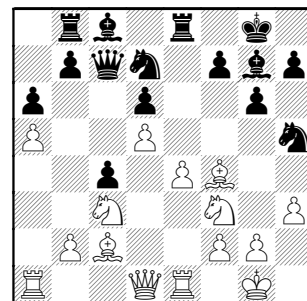
1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.c4 g6 4.e4 Bg7
5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.h3 e6 8.Nf3 a6
9.a4 exd5 10.cxd5



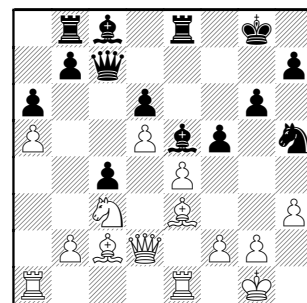
10...Qc7 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Bf4



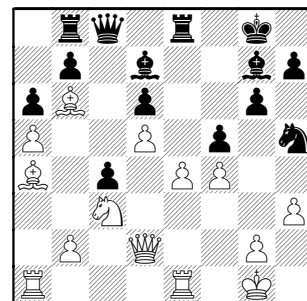
12...c4 13.Bc2 Rb8 14.Re1 Re8 15.a5
Nh5



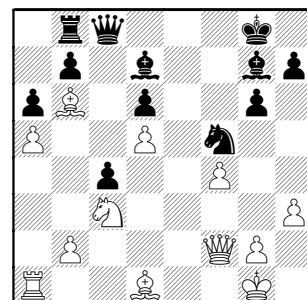
16.Be3 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Qd2 f5



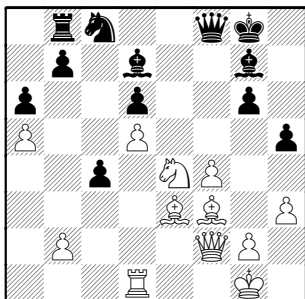
19.f4 Bg7 20.Ba4 Bd7 21.Bb6 Qc8



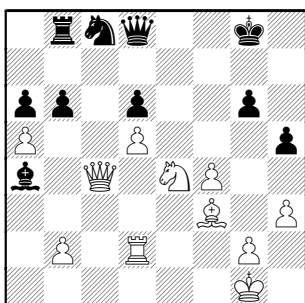
22.Bd1 Ng3 23.exf5 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1
Nxf5 25.Qf2



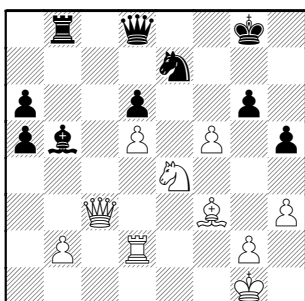
25...h5 26.Ne4 Qf8 27.Bf3 Ne7 28.Rd1
Nc8 29.Be3



29...Ba4 30.Rd2 Qd8 31.Bd4 b6
32.Bxg7 Kxg7 33.Qd4+ Kg8 34.Qxc4



34...Bb5 35.Qc3 bxa5 36.f5 Ne7

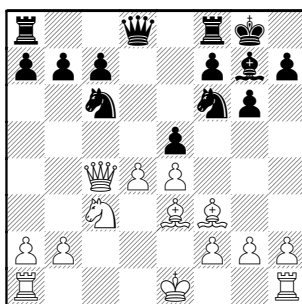


37.Nf6+ Kf7 38.fxg6+ Nxg6 39.Bxh5
1-0

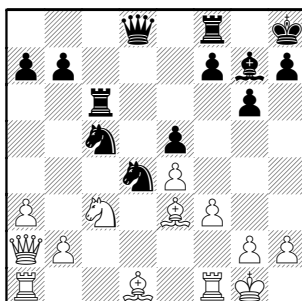
Shapiro,D (2272) –
Fedorowicz,J (2600)
World op (3), 07-02-2004

[D98]

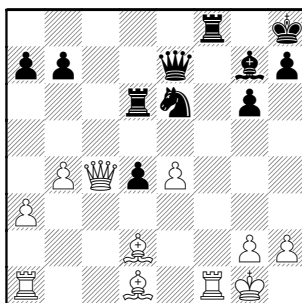
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7
5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Nc6
8.Be2 Bg4 9.Be3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 e5



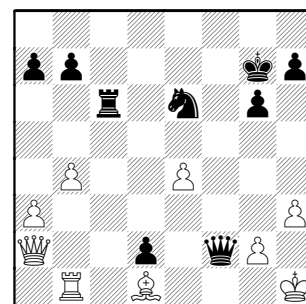
11.d5 Nd4 12.Bd1 c6 13.dxc6 Rc8
14.a3 Rxc6 15.Qa2 Nd7 16.0-0 Nc5
17.f3 Kh8



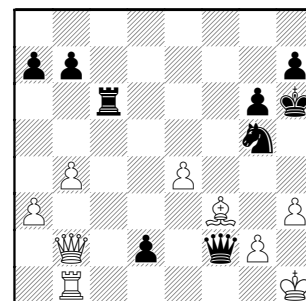
18.b4 Nce6 19.Ne2 f5 20.Qd5 Qe7
21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Bd2 Rd6 23.Qc4
fxe4 24.fxe4



24...d3 25.Rxf8+ Qxf8 26.Bc3 Rc6
27.Bxg7+ Qxg7 28.Qa2 Qd4+ 29.Kh1
d2 30.Rb1 Kg7 31.h3 Qf2



32.Qb2+ Kh6 33.Bf3 Ng5



34.Qh8 Rc1+ 35.Bd1 Rxb1 0-1

FALL BUSINESS MEETING has been scheduled !!

Wednesday, August 18th 7 PM
at Motorola

Each team should assure they are
represented.

Captains may designate a
representative.

Officers which give oral reports
should turn send them to the
President if not able to attend.