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This issue features NPCC Games from the NPCC 2024 Spring Swiss Tournament by J. Mucerino, and Nick DiGiuseppe.

The purpose of these newsletters is to include as many games as possible by NPCC players irregardless of the strength of the participants. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Game from the NPCC Spring Swiss Tournament

Round: 2

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thus].

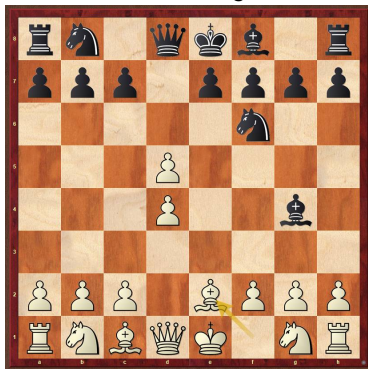
White: Cyrus Grazulis-Jacob, (1757)

Black: Joseph Mucerino, (1975)

Date: 4/12/2024

[B01: Scandinavian Defence] 1.e4 d5

2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Be2 [D]



4...Bxe2 5.Nxe2 (Joe - 5.Qxe2 is perfectly fine.) 5...Qxd5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c3 0-0 8.Nd2 [8.Qb3 Qxb3 9.axb3 a6 10.Bf4 e6 11.Nd2 Bd6 12.Nc4 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Rhe8 14.Rfe1 Nd5, etc... Socko,B (2651)-Laylo,D (2511) Bangkok 2014 1-0 (38)] 8...e6 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) 9.Nf4?!N (Joe - This does not look like a good square for the Knight.) [9.Nf3 e5 10.Qb3 exd4 11.Qxd5 Nxd5 12.Nexd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bc5 14.Nb3 Bd6, etc... Kraeussling,A (2355)-Luther,T (2505) Germany 2000 0-1] 9...Qf5 10.Qf3 [The position is equal.] 10...e5 11.Ne2 [11.Nd3= Qe6 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Qh3+ Kb8 15.Nf3] 11...Qg6?! (Joe - The computer preferred 11...Qd7, keeping pressure on d4.) [11...Qe6=+] 12.Nb3 [12.Nc4= might be stronger.] 12...Bd6 13.d5 Nb8 [D]



14.c4 Nbd7 15.Ng3 e4 16.Qe3 Kb8 17.Qg5 [D]

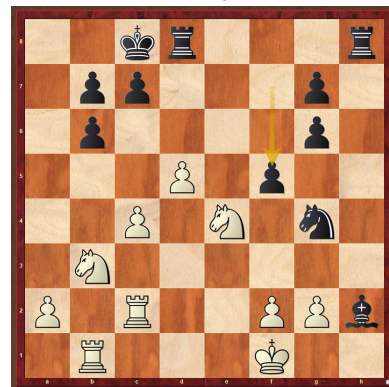


[17.Qc3=+] 17...Be5 [Black should play 17...Nb6!-+ 18.c5 Bxg3 19.cxb6 Bd6 20.bxa7+ Kxa7 21.Be3+ Kb8] 18.Qxg6 [Better is 18.Re1] 18...hxg6=+ [Reject 18...fxg6 19.Ne2=] 19.Bd2 Nb6 20.Rac1 Bxb2 21.Rc2 Be5 With initiative [D] (Next col.) [Black is pushing.] 22.Rb1 Kc8 23.Be3?? (Joe - Probably the game losing error. White had to play 23.h3 to prevent Black's next move.) [23.h3=+] 23...Ng4!-+ (Joe - White's attack basically runs out after this move.) 24.Bxb6 [Aiming for Bd4.] 24...axb6 (Text cont. next col.)

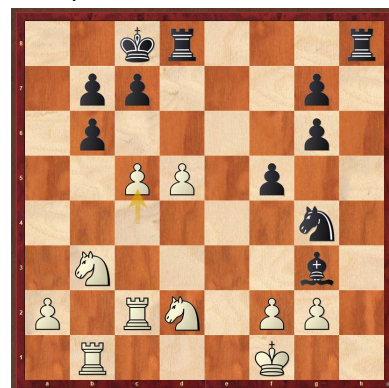
Position after 21...Be5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 25.Nxe4? (Joe - 25.h3 was still the way to go.) [25.h3++ Bxg3 26.fxg3] 25...Bxh2++ [Don't go for 25...Rxh2? 26.Ng5-+] 26.Kf1 f5? [D]

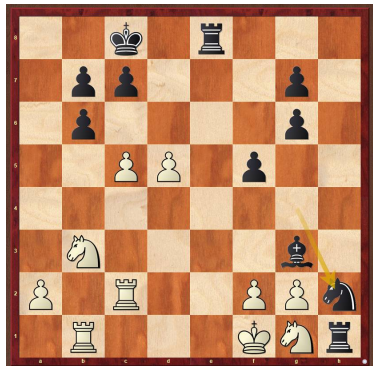


(Joe - The machine liked 26...Bf4 first.) [26...Bf4++ has better winning chances. 27.Kg1 Rh2] 27.Ned2? (Joe - Not taking advantage of Black's error. White should play 27.Ng5 and 28.Nh3.) [27.Ng5++ keeps fighting.] 27...Bg3 (Joe - Any Bishop move wins.) 28.c5? [D]



[28.Nd4 Bxf2 29.Ne6] 28...Rde8! (Joe - Cutting off the escape for White's King.) (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) **29.Nf3** (Joe - The only way to avoid mate is 29.Ne4 Rxe4 30.Kg1. Black now has a cute, smothered mate.) [29.Ne4 Rh1+] **29...Rh1+ 30.Ng1 Nh2#** [D]



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Game from the NPCC 2024 Spring Swiss Tournament Round: 4

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thus].
White: Joseph Mucerino, (1975)
Black: FM Karl Dehmelt, (2250)
Date: 4/26/2024

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[E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bf4 g6 4.c4 Bg7 5.Nc3 c6N** [D]



[5...Na6 6.e3 c5 7.h3 0-0 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Nc7 10.d5 a6, etc... Grigore, G (2496)-Mancescu, T (2284) Amara 2007 1-0 (31); 5...c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.cxd6 Ne4 8.Bd2 Nxc3 9.Qb3 exd6 10.Bxc3 Bxc3+, etc... Kalinin, A (2425)-Zaitsev, V (2325) Moscow 1997 1/2-1/2 (41)]
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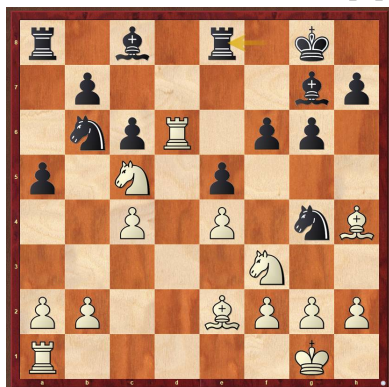
(Cont. from prev. col) **6.e4 Qa5** (Joe - Threatening 7...Nxe4.) **7.Qd2 Nbd7 8.Be2** [White is slightly better.] **8...e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 0-0 11.0-0 Ng4!** [D]



12.Bg5 f6 13.Bh4 Qc7 14.Rfd1 a5 15.Na4 Nb6 [D]

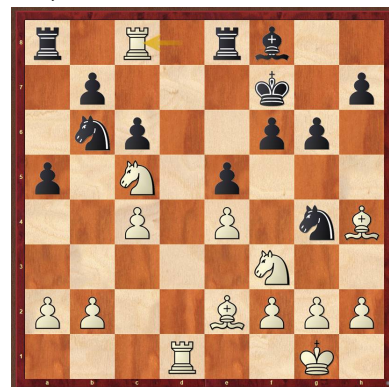


16.Nc5? (Joe - The Knight gets in trouble here. I should have traded Knights instead.) [16.Nxb6+= Qxb6 17.Qc3 (17.h3 Nh6=)] **16...Qe7= 17.Qd6?** (Joe - Compounding the previous error. The computer says 17.Nd3 is best, even though it loses the Pawn on c4.) [17.Nb3=] **17...Qxd6=+ 18.Rxd6 Re8!** [D]



19.Rad1 Bf8 20.Rd8 Kf7 21.Rxc8?? [D] (Next col.) (Joe - This should lose. White should just accept that he's worse with 21.Rxe8 Kxe8 22.Nb3) **21...Bxc5??** (Joe - This loses all of Black's advantage. White does not have much after 21...Rxc8 22.Nxb7.) [21...Rxc8-+ 22.Nxb7 Rc7 23.Nd6+ Kg7] **22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Bg3?** (Text cont. next col.)

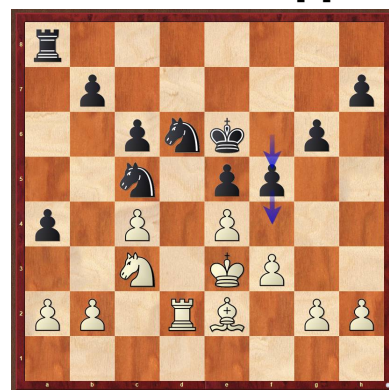
Position after 21.Rxc8?? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - A waste of time. White should attack the Knight with 23.Nd2.) [23.Nd2+= h5 24.Nb3] **23...Nh6= 24.Kf1 Ke6 25.Nd2** [25.b3=] **25...a4=+** [D]

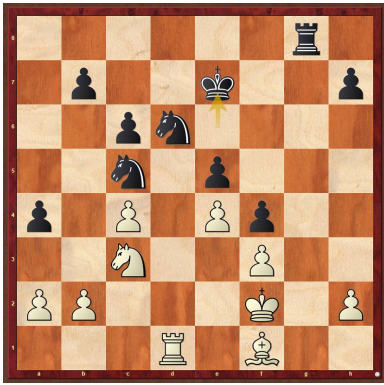


(Joe - Now White begins to get a cramped position.) **26.f3 Nf7 27.Nb1 Bd4 28.Bf2 Bxf2 29.Kxf2 Nd7 30.Nc3 Nc5 31.Rd2 Nd6 32.Ke3 f5** [D]

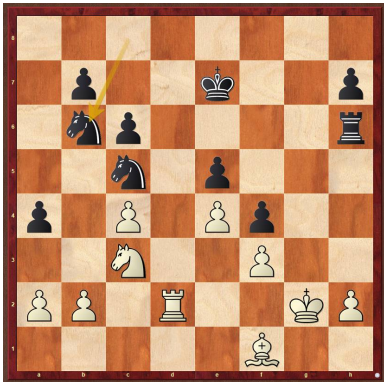


33.Rd1 f4+ 34.Kf2 g5 35.Rd2 g4 36.Rd1 gxf3 37.gxf3 Rg8 38.Bf1 [38.Rg1+= deserves consideration. 38...Rg1 39.Kxg1] **38...Ke7-+** [D] (p.3) **39.Be2 Rg6 40.Bf1 Rh6 41.Kg2 Nc8** [41...Nf7-+ 42.Ne2 b6] **42.Rd2 Nb6?** [D] (p.3) (Joe - Black loses a lot of his advantage here. The computer recommends 42...Rg6+, but after that the only thing it did was shuffle Black's pieces around and did not really make progress, even though it evaluates the position as winning for Black.) (Text cont. p.3)

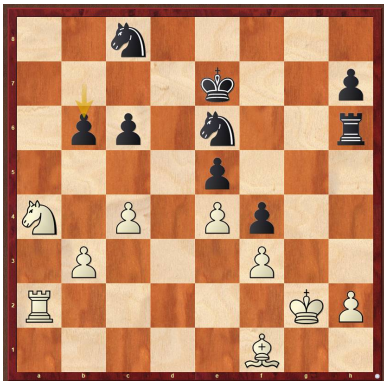
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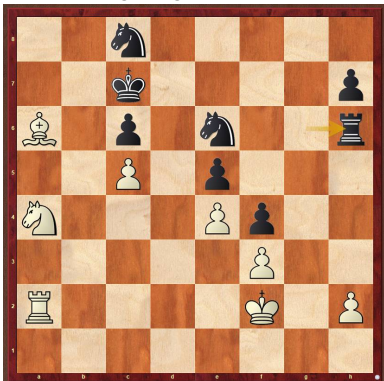
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(Cont. from p.2) [42...Rg6+++ 43.Kf2 Rh6] 43.b4 axb3 44.axb3 Ne6 [Don't play 44...Nxb3 45.Rb2 Nxc4 46.Bxc4+=] 45.Ra2 [The position is equal.] 45...Nc8 46.Na4 b6? [D]



(Joe - The only way for Black to maintain any advantage was to get ...c5 in. Now, the game is level.) 47.b4 Kd6 48.c5+ bxc5 49.bxc5+ Kc7 50.Ba6 Rg6+ 51.Kf2 Rh6 52.Kg2 Rg6+ 53.Kf2 Rh6 [D]



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Game from the NPCC Spring Swiss Tournament Round: 5

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thus].

White: Kenneth Horan, (1805)
Black: Joseph Mucerino, (2009)
Date: 5/3/2024

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[B01: Scandinavian Defence] 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 [D]

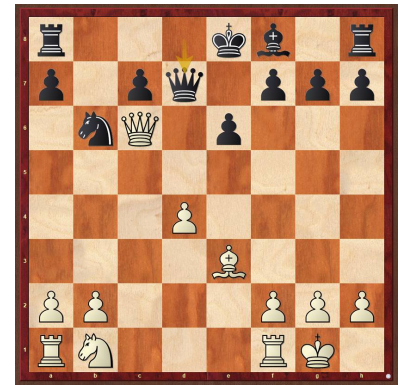


3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.c4 Nb6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3 [D]



8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nxc4 10.Qa4 Nb6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qxc6+ [The position is equal.] 12...Qd7 [D] (Next col.) 13.Qxd7+ (Joe - Theory says that Black has a slight advantage here. I'm not sure I agree with that.) [13.Qb7 Bd6 (Text cont. next col.)]

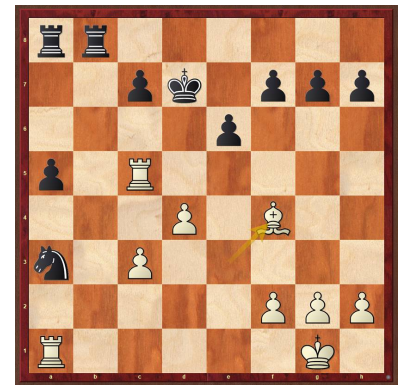
Position after 12...Qd7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 14.d5 0-0 15.Bxb6 Rfb8 16.dxe6 Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Qd3, etc... 0-1 (22) Malik, J (2301)-Simacek, P (2454) Czech Republic 2016] 13...Kxd7 14.Nc3 Bb4 15.a3N [15.Ne2=; 15.Ne4 f5 16.Nc5+ Bxc5 17.dxc5 Nd5 18.Bd4 Rhg8 19.Rac1 c6 20.Be5 a5, etc... De Eccher, S (2285)-Karaklajic, N (2460) Venice 1980 0-1 (46)] 15...Bxc3+= 16.bxc3 Nc4 (Joe - The Knight is better than the bishop because it is difficult to attack.) 17.Rfb1 a5 [Inhibits Rb4. (Joe - Preventing 18.Rb4, hitting the Knight.) 18.Rb5 Rhb8 19.Rc5? [D]

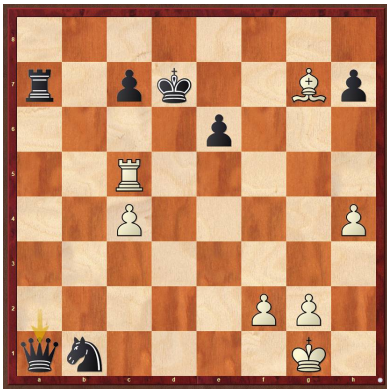


(Joe - Losing a Pawn and giving Black a passed Pawn.) [19.Rg5-+ g6 20.Bf4] 19...Nxa3!-+ 20.Bf4 [D]

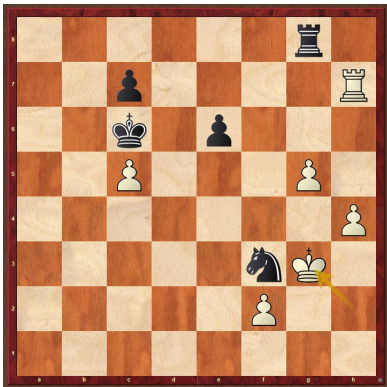


20...Ra7 [Strongly threatening ...Rb1+.] 21.d5 [21.Kf1 Rb1+] 21...Rb1+ 22.Rxb1 Nxb1 23.dxe6+ fxe6 (Text cont. p.4)

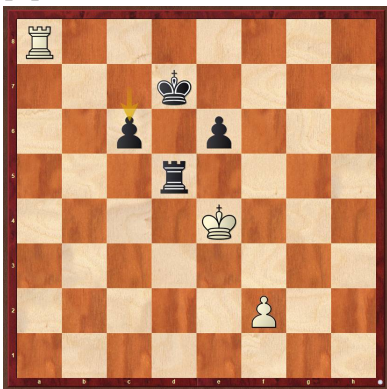
(Cont. from p.3) [Endgame aiming for ...a4. KRB-KRN] 24.Be5 a4 25.Bxg7 a3 26.c4 a2 27.h4 a1Q [D]



28.Bxa1 Rxa1 [KRN-KR] 29.Rh5 Nd2+ 30.Kh2 Ra8? (Joe - Black should simply capture on c4.) 31.Rxh7+ Kd6?! [31...Kc6-+ 32.g4 Nxc4] 32.g4? (Joe - White should have tried 32.c5+ Kc6 33.Re7.) [32.c5+-+ was forced. 32...Kc6 33.Re7] 32...Rg8? (Joe - Again, simply 32...Nxc4.) [32...Nxc4-+ 33.g5 c5] 33.c5+-+ Kc6 34.g5 Nf3+ [Reject 34...Kxc5?! 35.Rxc7+ Kd6 36.Rc2 Nf3+ 37.Kg3 Nxc5 38.hxc5 Rxc5+ 39.Kf4=; 34...Ne4-+ 35.Kg2 Nxc5] 35.Kg3= [D]

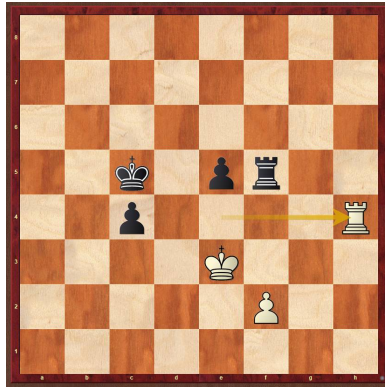


35...Nxc5 36.hxc5 Rxc5+ [KR-KR] 37.Kf4 Rxc5 (Joe - Although Black is a Pawn up, White had good drawing chances.) 38.Ke4 Rd5 39.Re7 Kd6 40.Re8 Kd7 41.Ra8 c6 [D]

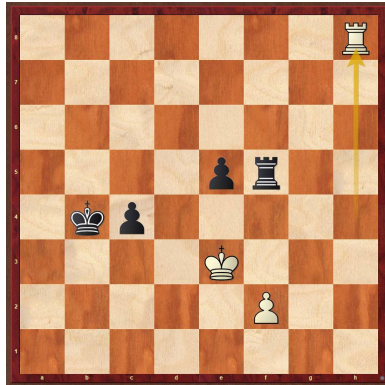


42.Ra4 Kd6 43.Rc4 Re5+ 44.Kd4 c5+ 45.Kd3 Kd5 46.Rh4 Rf5 47.Ke3 c4 [47...Kc6=+] 48.Rd4+?? (Joe - The best way to draw is 48.f4, followed up with either Rh6 or Rh8. (Text cont. next col.)

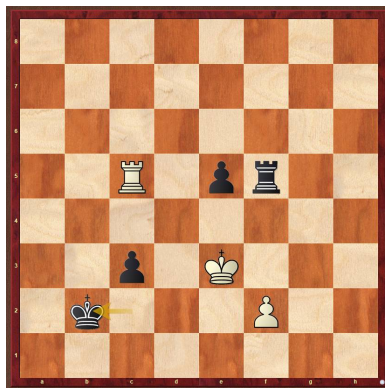
(Cont. from prev. col.) If there is a Pawn trade, the game should be drawn, because White should be able to get his King in front of the Pawn.) [48.f4!=] 48...Kc5-+ [(-> ...Rf3+!)] 49.Re4 e5 50.Rh4 [D]



50...Kb4! [...Kb3 is the strong threat.] 51.Rh8 [D]



51...Kc3?? (Joe - This should throw away the win. Black should have played 51...c3. Black's Rook is not able to assist in the queening of the Pawn. One line is 52.Rb8 Kc2 53.Ra8 c3 54.Ke4 Rh5 55.Ra7 Kd2 56.Rd7+ Kc1 57.Rc7 c2 58.f3.) [51...c3!-+ And now ...Rf4 would win. 52.Rb8+ Kc4 53.Rc8+ Kb3 54.Rb8+ Kc2] 52.Rc8 Kb3 53.Rb8+! Kc2 54.Rb5?? (Joe - White needed to play 54.Ra8 to maintain the balance.) [54.Ra8-+] 54...c3 55.Rc5 Kb2 [D]



[Threatens to win with ...c2.] 56.Rb5+ Kc1 57.Rc5 c2 [White must now prevent ...Rh5.] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 58.Rc8 e4 [Better is 58...Rf4 59.Kd3 Rd4+ 60.Ke2 Kb2 61.Rb8+ Kc3 62.Rh8 c1Q 63.Rc8+ Rc4 64.Rxc4+ Kxc4 65.Kf3 Qg5 66.Ke2 Qg4+ 67.f3 Qg3 68.f4 Qxf4 69.Kd1 Kd3 70.Ke1 e4 71.Kd1 Qf1#] 59.Rc4 Rf3+ [Better is 59...Kd1 Hoping for ...Rf3+. 60.Rd4+ Ke1] 60.Ke2 Kb2 61.Rxe4 Rc3 [D]



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Game from the NPCC 2024 Spring Swiss Tournament Round: 1

Submitted by Nick with selected Fritz comments [shown thus].

White: Karl Dehmelt (2070)
Black: Nick DiGiuseppe (1684)
Date: 4/5/2024

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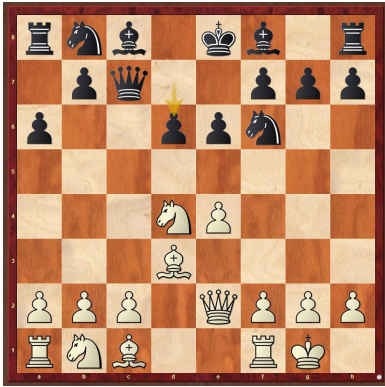
[B42: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Bd3]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 [D]

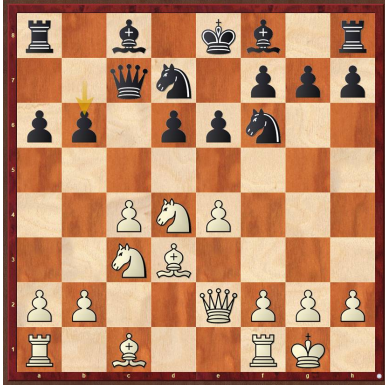


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(Cont. from p. 4) 3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6
5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 [D]



8.c4 Nbd7 9.Nc3 b6?! [D]



[9...Ne5+]=] 10.Be3 [Better is 10.f4!+- Bb7
11.Kh1 g6 12.f5 gxf5 13.exf5 e5 14.Ne6 fxe6
15.fxe6 Nc5, etc... Timofeev,A (2578)-Meijers,
V (2499) Cappelle-la-Grande 2004 1-0]
10...Bb7 11.Rac1 [White is slightly better.]
11...Be7 12.b4N [12.Bb1+; 12.Rfd1 0-0
13.f3 Rac8 14.Qd2 Qb8 15.Bf1 Rfe8
16.Kh1 Ne5 17.b3 Bd8 18.Nc2 Bc7 19.Bg1
Ng6, etc... Dervishi,E (2502)-Charbonneau,P
(2490) Mallorca 2004 0-1 (42)] 12...Ne5=
13.f3 Rc8 14.Nd5?! [D]



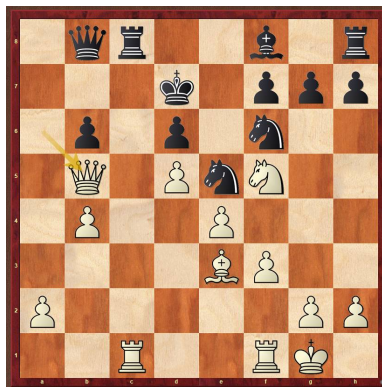
14...exd5 15.cxd5 Qb8 16.Nf5 [White should try
16.Bxa6= 0-0 17.Nf5] 16...Bf8?? [D] (Next col.)
[16...Rxc1+= keeps the upper hand. 17.Rxc1 g6
18.Nxe7 Kxe7 19.Bxa6 Bxa6 20.Qxa6 Nfd7]
17.Bxa6+- Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Kd7 [18...Rd8+- 19.Bxb6 Qa8
20.Qb5+ Nfd7 21.Bxd8 Qxd8] 19.Qb5+ [D]
(Next col.) White Won by resignation.

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Position after 16...Bf8?? (From prev. col.)



Position after 19.Qb5+ (From prev. col.)



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Game from the NPCC Spring Swiss Tournament Round: 2

Submitted by Nick with selected Fritz comments [shown thus].

White: Nick DiGiuseppe (1686)
Black: Willard G. Moyer (1400)
Date: 4/12/2024

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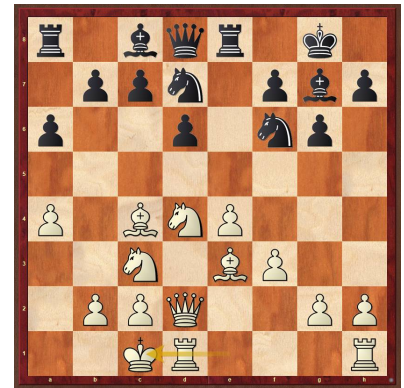
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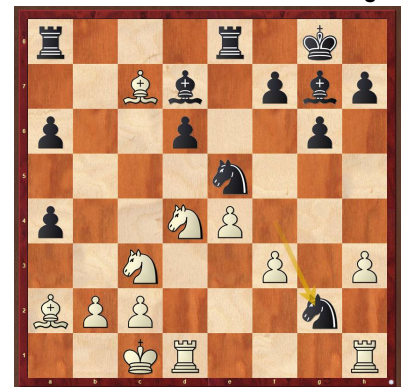


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6...Nf6 7.f3 [7.Bg5 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0-0 Qe7 11.h4 Be6 12.Bb3 Rfe8, etc... Bruedigam,M (2342)-Waldmann,H (2304) Germany 2014 1-0 (59)] 7...0-ON [7...c6 8.Bb3 0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.0-0-0 Kh7, etc... Shen,Y (2443)-Huang,Q (2394) Ningbo 2011 1-0 (31)] 8.Be3 a6 9.a4 [Inhibits b5. White is slightly better.] 9...Re8 10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.0-0-0?! [D]

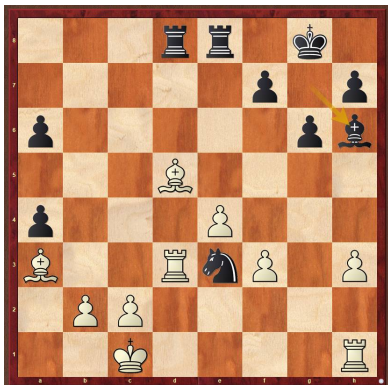


[11.0-0+=] 11...Ne5= 12.Ba2 Bd7? [12...c5= 13.Nde2 Be6] 13.h3 [13.Bg5+=] 13...b5! 14.Bg5 [14.f4= b4 15.fxe5 bxc3 16.Qxc3 Rxe5 17.Nc6 Bxc6 18.Qxc6] 14...bxa4?? [14...Qb8+= keeps the upper hand.] 15.Qf4? [15.f4+-] 15...Nh5 16.Bxd8+= Nxf4 17.Bxc7 Nxc2?! [D]

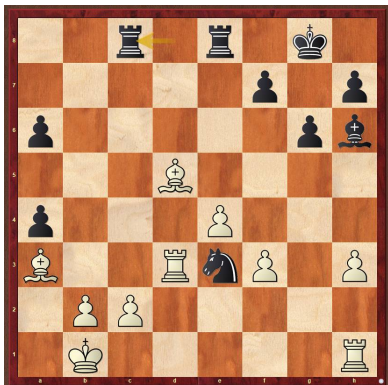


[17...a3!+- aiming for ...axb2+. 18.Rd2 (18.Bxd6 axb2+ 19.Kb1 Rac8+=; 18.bxa3? Rac8+-) 18...Bh6 19.Bxd6 Nxc2 20.bxa3 Nc6 21.Nxc6 Bxc6] (Text cont. p.6)

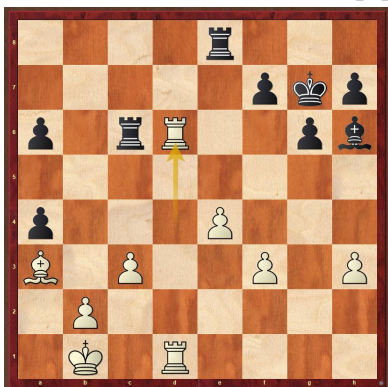
(Cont. from p.5) **18.Bxd6??** [18.Nd5=] **18...Nc6?** [18...Ne3+ and life is bright. White must now prevent ...Rac8. 19.f4 N5c4 20.Bxc4 Nxc4] **19.Nxc6+- Bxc6 20.Nd5?! 20...Bxd5 21.Bxd5 Rad8 22.Ba3** [22.Bg3+= might be stronger.] **22...Ne3?!** [22...Rb8=] **23.Rd3+= Bh6?! [D]**



24.Kb1! 24...Rc8 [D]

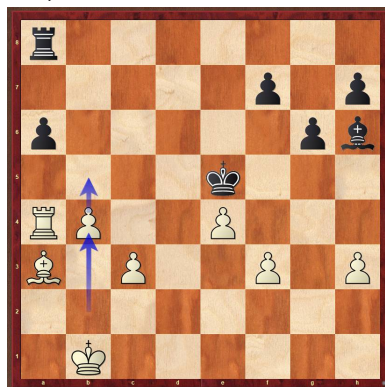


[Inhibits c4.] **25.c3! Nc4 26.Bxc4 Rxc4 27.Rhd1 Kg7?! [Better is 27...f5] 28.Rd4?! 28...Rc6 29.Rd6?! [D]**

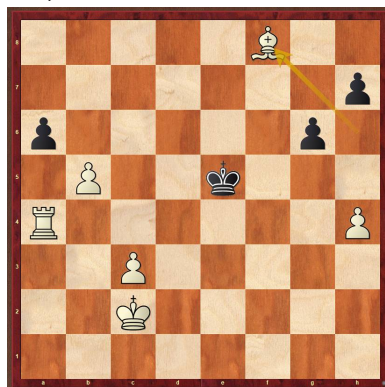


[Better is 29.Bd6] **29...Rxd6?! [Black should try 29...Rec8] 30.Rxd6+- [Endgame KRB-KRB] 30...Ra8 31.Rd4 Kf6 32.Rxa4 Ke5 33.b4 [D] (Next col.) 33...Kf4? [33...Be3+-] 34.Bc1+!+- 34...Kxf3 35.Bxh6 Kxe4 [KRB-KR] [Better is 35...Rc8 36.Kc2 Rc6] 36.Kc2 f5 37.h4 f4 38.b5+ Kf5 39.Rxf4+ Ke5 40.Ra4 Rf8 41.Bxf8 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)**

Position after 33.b4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 41.Bxf8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [White Won by resignation] [Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.83] **1-0**

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Game from the NPCC Spring Swiss Tournament

Round: 3

Submitted by Nick with selected Fritz comments [shown thus].

White: Nick DiGiuseppe (1686)

Black: Joe J. Faith (1483)

Date: 4/19/20204

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[B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System] **1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg4?**

5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 [D] (Next col.)

[Black must now prevent e5.] **6...Bg7?**

[6...Nc6+- 7.Bb5 (7.Be3 Bg7 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.g4 a6 10.e5 Nd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.Qe4 Rf6 13.d5 exd5, etc... Hansen,E (2587)-Ezat,M (2439) Reykjavik 2014 ½-½ (36)] **7...Nd7**

8.Be3 Bg7 9.0-0-0 a6 10.Bxc6 bxc6

(Text cont. next col.)

Position after 6.Qxf3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **11.h4 h5 12.g4 e6 13.Bg5 Bf6, etc... Barlov,D (2439)-Gagunashvili,M (2625) Benidorm 2007 ½-½ (35)] **7.e5!+- Nfd7N [D]****



[7...dxe5 8.dxe5 Nfd7 9.Qxb7 Nb6 10.Bb5+ N8d7 11.f4 0-0 12.Be3 e6, etc... 1-0 (16)

Dejkalo,S (2410)-Woda,J (2390) Warsaw 1990] **8.Qxb7 [White is clearly better.]**

8...Nb6 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Qxa8 Nb4

11.Qe4 [Threatens to win with d5.]

11...0-0 12.d5 c5 13.a3 N4a6

14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.Bf4 [D]



15...Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qb5 17.Bc3 Nc7 18.a4 Qb7 19.0-0 Qxd5 [D]

(p.7) **20.Qxd5 Nxd5 21.exd6 Nxc3**

22.bxc3 exd6 [Endgame KRR-KRB]

23.Rad1 Rd8 24.c4 Kf8 25.Rd5 Ke7

26.Re1+ Kd7 [D] (p.7) 27.Red1 Bf8

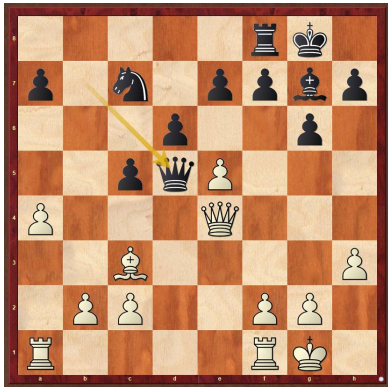
[27...Kc6 is a better defense. 28.R5d3 Bd4]

28.Rxc5 Rc8 29.Rxc8 Kxc8 [KR-KB]

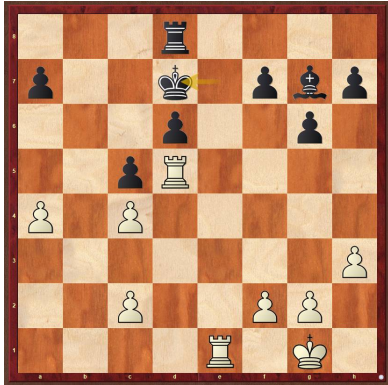
30.g4 Kc7 31.Kg2 Kc6 32.Rd5 Bg7

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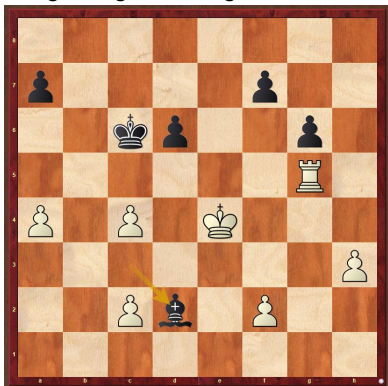
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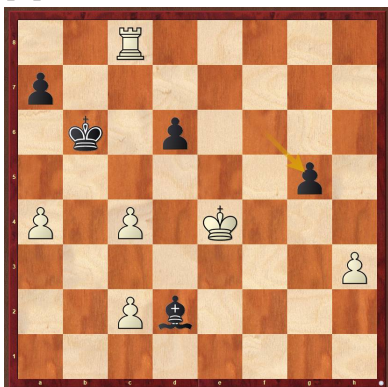
Position after 26...Kd7 (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.6) 33.Kf3 Bc3 34.Ke4 h6
35.g5 hxg5 36.Rxg5 Bd2 [D]



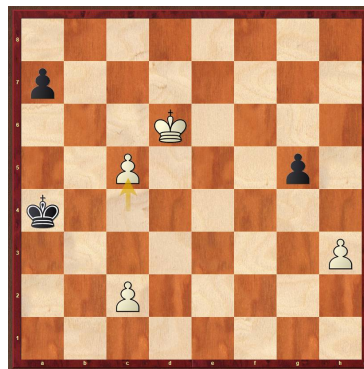
37.Rd5 Bc3 38.Rb5 f6 39.Rb8 g5
40.Rc8+ Kb6 41.f4 Bd2 42.fxg5 fxg5
[D]



43.Kd5 Bf4 44.Rc6+ Ka5 45.Rxd6
Bxd6?! 46.Kxd6 Kxa4 47.c5 [D] (Next
col.)

(Text cont. next col.)

Position after 47.c5 (From prev.
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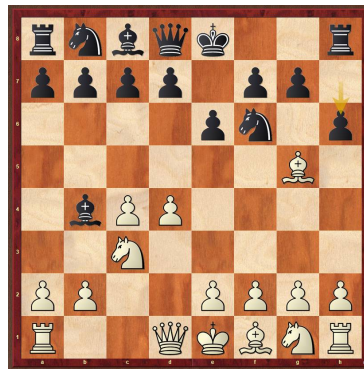
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Game from the NPCC 2024 Spring Swiss Tournament Round: 4

Submitted by Nick with selected Fritz
comments [shown thus].

White: Bernard Williams (1755)
Black: - Nick DiGiuseppe (1686)
Date: 5/3/2024

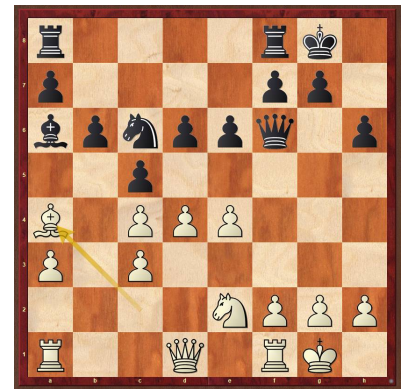
[E30: Nimzo-Indian: Leningrad Variation]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 h6
[D]



5.Bxf6 Qxf6 6.e4?! [Better is 6.Rc1;
6.Qd2 c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.a3 Bxc3
10.Qxc3 d6 11.Be2 e5 12.d5 Ne7, etc...
Muranyi,K (2359)-Naumann,A (2532) Os-
terburg 2006 ½-½ (36)] 6...d6N [6...e5
7.d5 Qg6 8.f3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Na6 10.Qd2
Nc5 11.Ne2 d6 12.Nc1 f5, etc...Gongora
Montes,B (2281)-Mahjoob,M (2507) Dres-
den 2008 0-1 (48)] 7.a3?! [7.Nf3= is su-
perior.] 7...Bxc3+!+= 8.bxc3 [Black is
slightly better.] 8...0-0 9.Bd3 c5
10.Ne2 Nc6 11.Bc2?! b6
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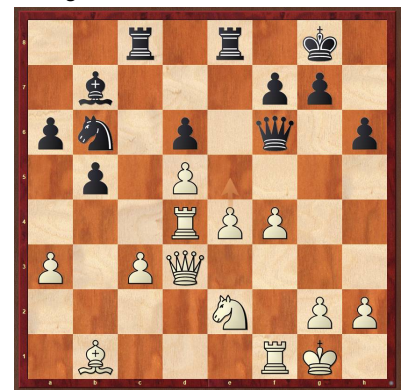
(Cont. from prev. col.) 12.0-0 Ba6
13.Ba4 [D]



13...Na5 14.Bb5! 14...Bb7 15.Qd3!
Rac8? [15...a6+= 16.Ba4 Nxc4! 17.Qxc4 b5
18.Bxb5 axb5] 16.d5! = 16...exd5
17.cxd5 c4 18.Qe3 Nb3 19.Rad1
[19.Rab1+=] 19...Nc5? [19...Rc5= 20.a4
a6] 20.Bxc4+- [D]

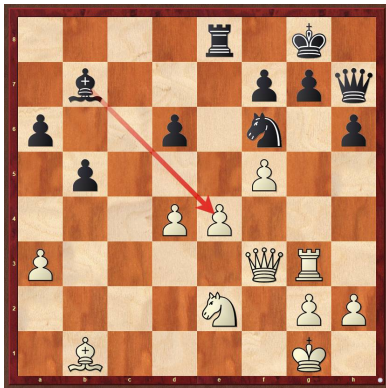


20...Na4 21.Rd4 21...a6?! [Better is
21...Rc7] 22.Ba2 b5 23.f4 Rfe8
24.Bb1?! 24...Nb6 25.Qd3 Qg6?!
[25...g6+-] 26.Qf3 [White should play
26.Ng3+-] 26...Qf6 27.Qd3?! [D]

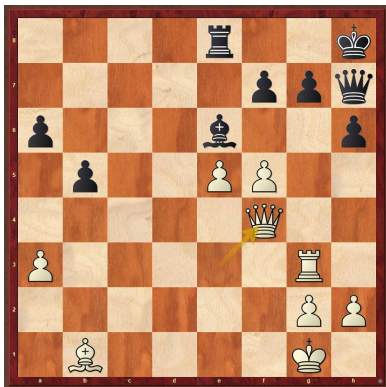


27...Qg6?! 28.Rf3?! [Better is 28.Ng3!]
28...Rc4 [Better is 28...Rc5] 29.Rg3 Qh7
30.Qf3? [Better is 30.Rxc4 Nxc4 31.Qd4]
30...Rxd4?! 31.cxd4 [White should try
31.Nxd4+- aiming for Nf5. 31...Bxd5 32.f5]
31...Nxd5!+= 32.f5? [Better is 32.Qb3+=
Rxe4 33.Qc2] 32...Nf6= [D] (p.8) 33.Nc3
Kh8 34.Qe3 Nd5? 35.Nxd5+- Bxd5
36.e5 [36.Qf4+-] 36...dxe5+- 37.dxe5
Be6? 38.Qf4!+- [D] (p.8) [Black must
now prevent Be4.] (Text cont. p.8)

Position after 24...Nf6? (From p.7)



Position after 38.Qf4!+- (From p.7)

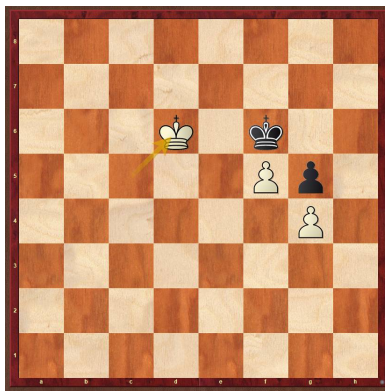


(Cont. from p.7) 38...Rd8 39.Bd3 Bc4
40.Qe4 [40.Bxc4+- bxc4 41.h3]
40...Rxd3= 41.Rxd3 Bxd3 42.Qxd3
[Endgame next Qd8+ is good for White. KQ-
KQ] 42...g5? [42...Qg8= and Black has
nothing to worry.] 43.g4 [Hoping for Qd8+.]
43...Qg7 [D]



44.Qd6 f6?? [Better is 44...a5 45.Kf2
(45.Qb8+ Qg8+-) 45...Kh7] 45.Qxf6?
[45.exf6+- Qa7+ 46.Kf1] 45...Qxf6
46.exf6+- [KP-KP] 46...a5! 47.Kf2 b4?
[47...a4= 48.Ke3 b4] 48.axb4 axb4
49.Ke3 Kg8 50.Kd4 Kf7 51.Kc4 Kxf6
52.Kxb4 [White mates.] 52...h5 53.h3! [
And not 53.gxh5 Kxf5 54.h3 Kf6=]
53...hxg4 54.hxg4 Kf7 55.Kc5 Kf6
56.Kd6 [D] (Next col.)
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Position after 56.Kd6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [White Won by
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Game from the NPCC Spring Swiss Tournament

Round: 5

Submitted by Nick with selected Fritz
comments [shown thus].

White: Nick DiGiuseppe (1686)

Black: Ajay Patel (1237)

Date: 5/10/2024

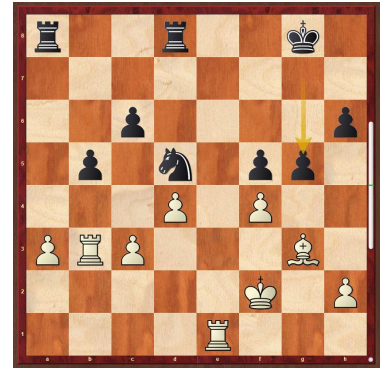
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Scandinavian Defence] 1.e4 d5 2.exd5
Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.f3 Bf5 5.Bb5+ c6
6.dxc6 Qa5+ 7.Nc3! bxc6 8.Bd3 e6
9.Bxf5 Qxf5 10.g4 Qa5 11.a3?!
Be7?! 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.Nge2 Qxb2
14.Na4 Qb5 15.c3?! Bd6? 16.Rb1
Qd5 17.Nf4 Bxf4 18.Bxf4 0-0 19.0-0
[D]



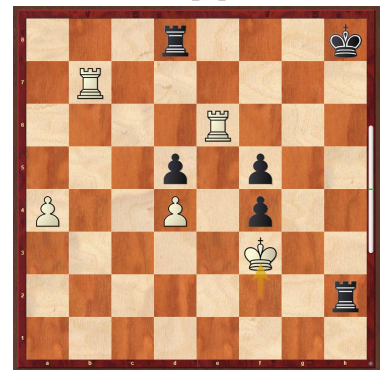
19...Nbd7 20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.Rxb3=
Nd5 (Text cont. next col.)

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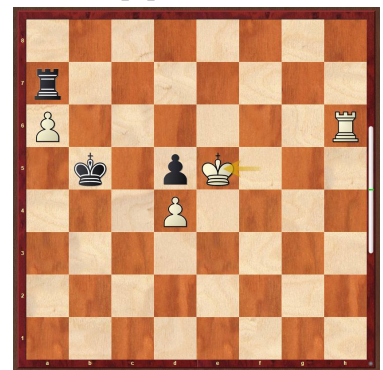
22.Bd6 Rfd8 23.Rfb1 N7b6 24.Nxb6
axb6 25.Bg3 b5 26.Kf2 h6?! 27.f4? f5
28.gxf5?! exf5 29.Re1 g5? [D]



30.Re6 gxf4 31.Bh4 Rdc8 32.Rxh6
Kg7 33.Re6 Rh8 34.c4 Rxh4 35.cxd5
cxd5 36.Rxb5 Rd8 37.Rb7+ Kh8 38.a4
Rxh2+ 39.Kf3 [D]



39...Rh7 40.Rxh7+ Kxh7 41.Re1 Ra8
42.Ra1 Kg6 43.Kxf4 Kf6 44.a5 Ke6
45.a6 Ra7 46.Rg1 Kf6 47.Ra1 Ke6
48.Rh1 Kd6 49.Kxf5 Kc6 50.Rh6+ Kb5
51.Ke5! [D]



51...Kc4 52.Rc6+ Kb5 53.Kxd5 Rd7+
54.Rd6 Ra7 55.Ke6

[White Won on time] [Weighted Error
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