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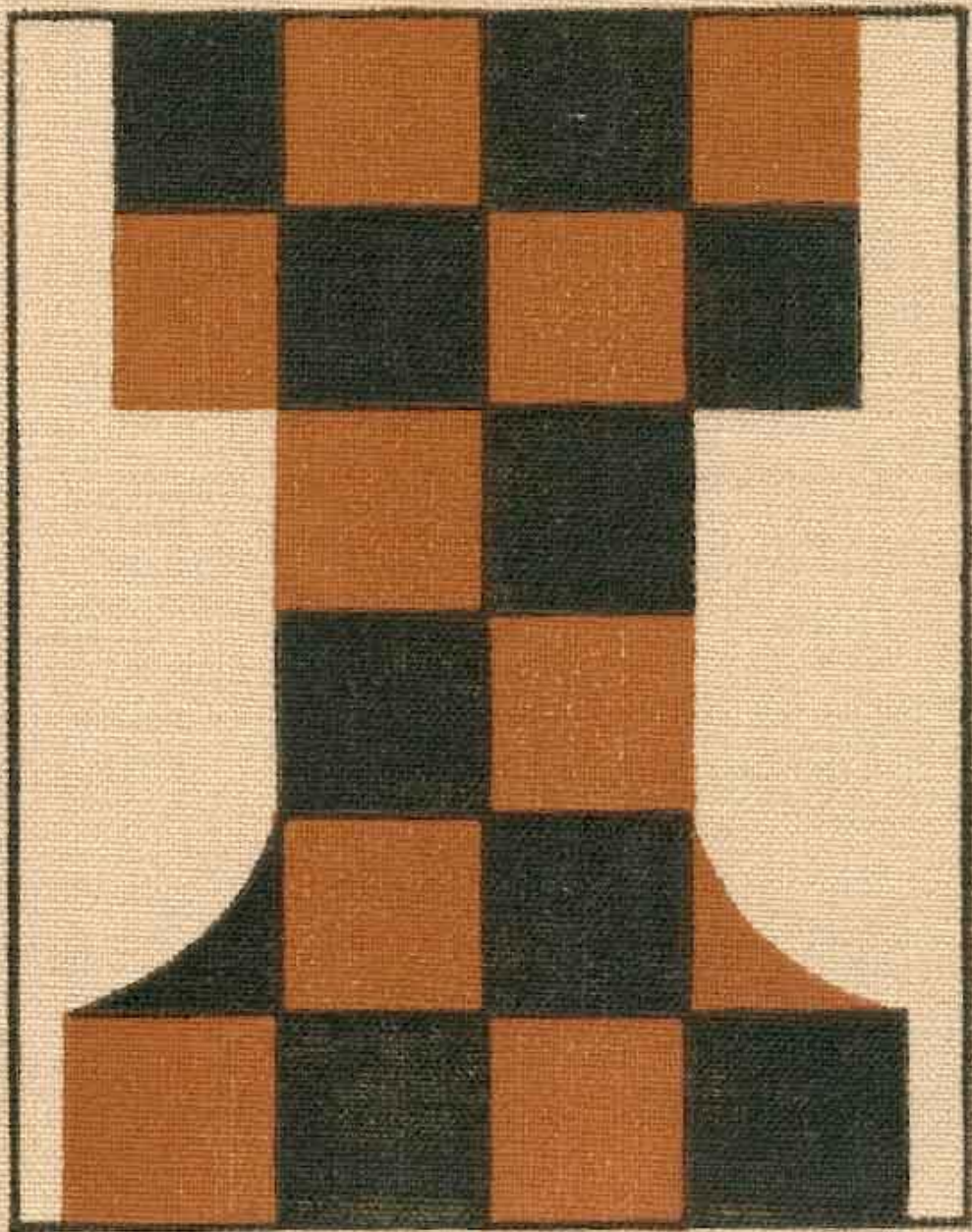


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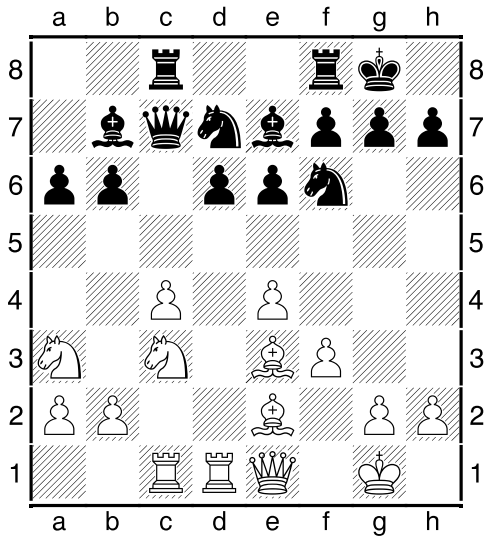
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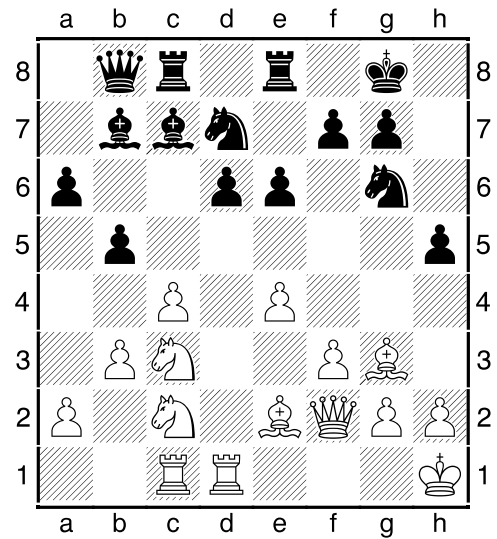
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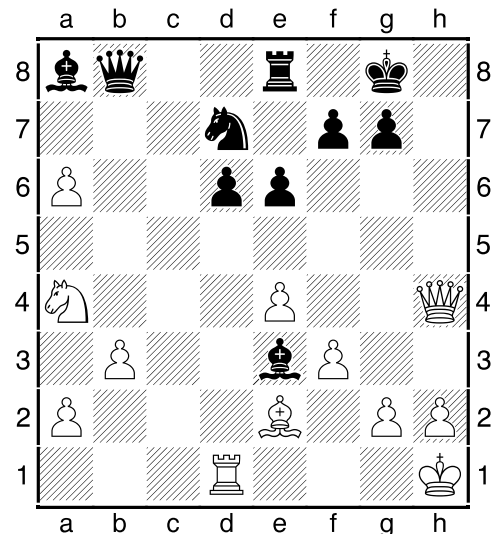
(01) Zherebukh, Yaroslav (2632) - Macieja, Bartlomiej (2614) [B44]
 4th Grandmasters Tournament Lublin 2012
 (3), 05.2012
[IM Sitnikov, A]
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6
 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 b6
 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Be7 11.Be3 Nb8 12.f3
 Nbd7 13.Qd2 0-0 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Rac1
 Rac8 16.Qe1



A rare move [Usually prefer to 16.Bf1 Qb8 17.Kh1 Rfe8 18.Nc2, guns pawn d6 and maintaining the further possibility of pieces maneuvers] 16...Qb8 17.Kh1 Rfe8 18.Nc2 Bd8 19.Bg1 h5 20.Bf2 Ne5 21.b3 Ng6 22.Qg1 Nd7 23.Bg3 Bc7 24.Qf2 b5?!

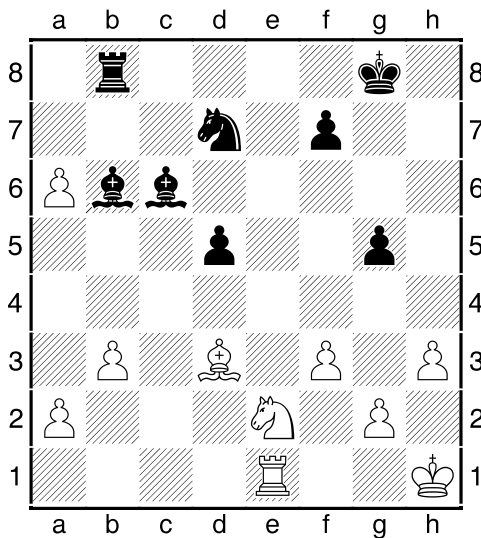


How much white stay in one place, but their position is still quite good. Strong center and the space advantage even «nobody has canceled». But the black believe they have already armed to the teeth, and pass to decisive action... 25.Ne3? the Ukrainian grandmaster suddenly «believe on the word» his vis-a-vis. [After prose 25.cxb5 h4 26.Bxh4 Bb6 27.Qe1 Nxh4 28.bxa6 Ba8 29.Nb5 Nxc2 30.Kxc2 d5 31.Qg3 white got a decisive material advantage;] 25...h4 26.Bxh4 Bb6 27.cxb5 Nxh4 28.bxa6 Ba8 29.Na4 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Ba7 31.Qxh4 Bxe3 32.Rd1

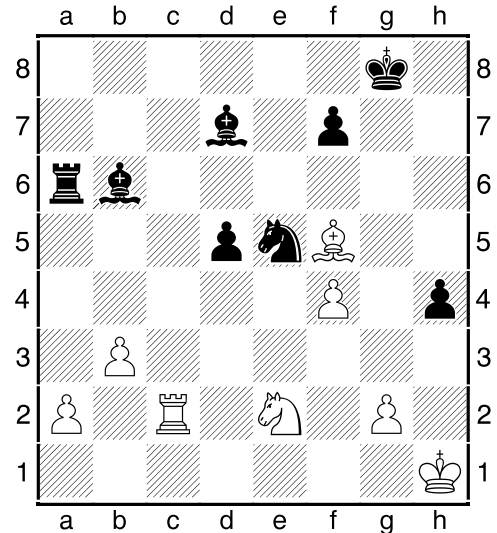


Formally here is the material balance,

however, the potential energy of the white pawns and black pieces are incomparable. Not far off the opening of Central highways. **32...d5 33.Bd3 g6** [Perhaps, it was easier and better 33...Ne5] **34.exd5 exd5 35.Nc3 Kg7 36.h3 Nf6 37.Ne2 Bc6 38.Qg3 Qd8 39.Nf4 Qb8 40.Ne6+ Kg8 41.Qxb8 Rxb8 42.Re1 Bb6** For some reason for a long time black refrain from d5-d4. Perhaps they do not want to give an opponent the square c4, however, the power of the Central pawn, supported by the pieces, was to «negate» the rest of the factors. **43.Nf4 g5 44.Ne2 Nd7**



Gradually emerged the idea of black: pre-ensuring the integrity of square e5, they send knight, and hosting bishop starts to «stagger» **45.Rc1 Ne5 46.Bf5 Ra8 47.h4 Rxa6 48.Rc2 gxh4 49.f4 Bd7**



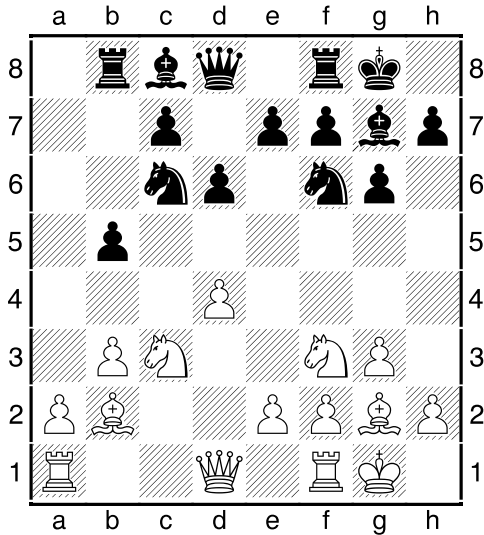
That's it! Black calmly took the material and managed to secure its hanging pieces, after which the outcome of a game of a foregone conclusion. However, the Polish grandmaster yet had the opportunity to show the technique of checkmate by bishop and knight. **50.Bxd7 Nxd7 51.Rc6 Rxa2 52.Nc3 Rc2 53.Nxd5 Rxc6 54.Ne7+ Kg7 55.Nxc6 Bc7 56.Ne7 Bxf4 57.Nf5+ Kf6 58.Nxh4 Ne5 59.g4 Kg5 60.Nf5 Kxg4 61.Nd6 f5 62.b4 Nd3 63.Nxf5 Kxf5 64.b5 Bc7 65.Kg2 Ke4 66.Kh1 Kf3 67.Kg1 Ne1 68.Kf1 Nc2 69.b6 Ne3+ 70.Kg1 Bxb6 71.Kh1 Nf5 72.Kh2 Ng3 73.Kh3 Bg1 74.Kh4 Ne4 75.Kh3 Ng5+ 76.Kh4 Kf4 77.Kh5 Kf5 78.Kh4 Bf2+ 79.Kh5 Bg3 80.Kh6 Ne6 81.Kh5 Ng7+ 82.Kh6 Kf6 83.Kh7 Kf7 0-1**

(02) Miton, Kamil (2622) - Korobov, Anton (2678) [E63]

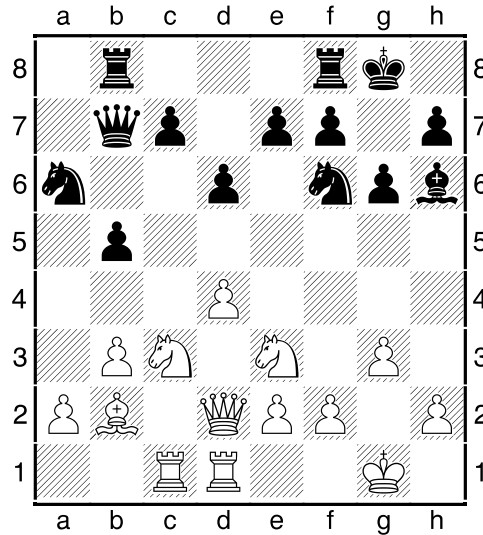
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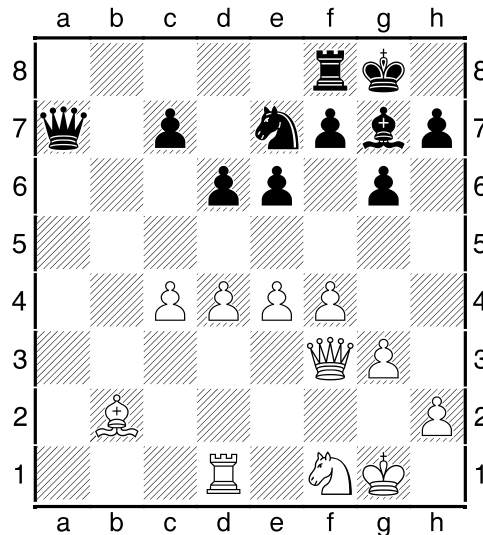
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6 8.b3 Rb8 9.Bb2 b5 10.cxb5 axb5



11.Qc2 Why drive away the dark knight such a strange way? [In the vast majority of games grandmasters selected natural 11.Rc1 and then, for example, 11...b4 12.Nb1 Na7 13.Ne1 Bb7 14.Bxb7 Rxb7 15.Nd3 Qd7 16.e3 Qf5 17.Qe2 Ra8 18.Rc4 and white are better. White exert pressure on the weaknesses and can prepare the promotion of e3–e4, while his opponent deprived of active counter–play. Roman–ishin, Oleg M (2580) – Vaganian, Rafael A (2550) / Yerevan zt 1982] **11...Nb4 12.Qd2 Bb7 13.Rfd1** [White could try to capture the center, however, after the 13.e4 Na6 14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Bxf3 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Bxf3 Nd7 18.e6 Ne5 19.Be2 Nd3 20.Bxd3 Rxd3 21.exf7+ Kxf7 22.Rac1 c5 23.Ba1 c4 24.bxc4 bxc4 with active pieces and strong pawn black has all chances for success] **13...Na6** Undercutting the ability to e3–e4 **14.Ne1 Bxg2 15.Nxg2** Now the white king will feel not so comfortable **15...Qc8 16.Rac1 Qb7 17.Ne3?!** [After 17.d5 e6 in view of the threat b5–b4 white not able to keep the Central reference point. Perhaps it was sense to build defensive redoubts by 17. f2–f3] **17...Bh6**

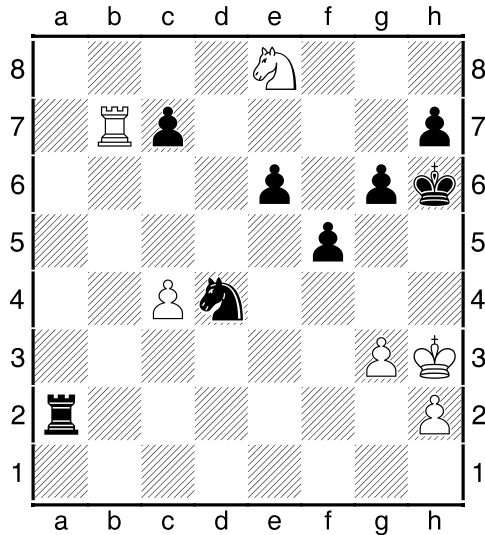


18.f4 Not wanting to put up with passive defenses, white radically solve the problem of the knight. However, after this the calm days of their monarch are numbered. **18...e6 19.Qe1 Bg7 20.Qf1 Nb4 21.Qf3** Don't want to go into endgame? Still a pawn d4 was weak... **21...Nbd5** Not a chance! **22.Nf1 Qa7 23.a3 b4 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.axb4 Rxb4 26.e4 Ne7 27.Rc4 Rxc4 28.bxc4**



White exchanged a few pieces, have corrected the pawn structure and seemed to have captured the space. But only compounded the problem. **28...Rb8 29.Bc3** [Even after relatively better 29.Ba1 Qa2 30.Ne3 Rb3 the position of the whites don't envy] **29...Rb3** Now under cross–fire falls

item d4 and the game soon comes to the logical completion **30.e5 dxe5 31.fxe5 Bxe5 32.Kg2 Bg7 33.Nd2 Ra3 34.Rb1 Nf5 35.Qc6 Qa8 36.Qxa8+ Rxa8 37.Ne4 Bxd4 38.Bxd4 Nxd4 39.Rb7 Ra2+ 40.Kh3 f5 41.Nf6+ Kg7 42.Ne8+ Kh6**



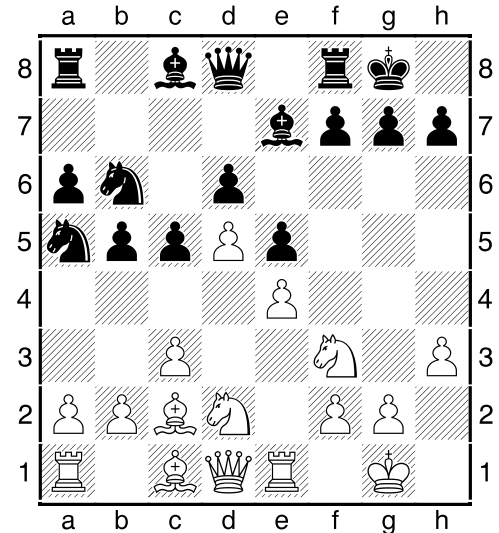
In conclusion – a nice mate net. From the threat of Nf3 there is no protection **0-1**

(03) Kryvoruchko, Yuriy (2676) - Bartel, Mateusz (2677) [C96]

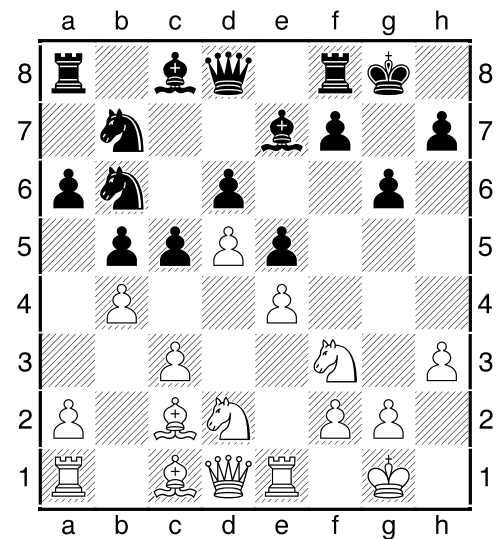
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7 12.d5 Nb6 13.Nbd2

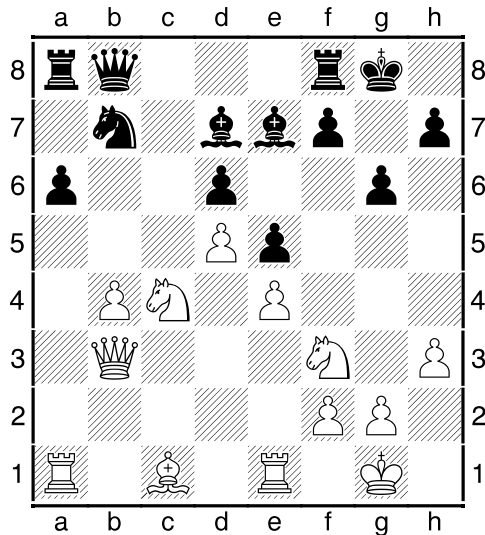


13...g6 [More often here prefer to 13...f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Bxf5 Rxf5 16.Ne4 White has to its credit the Outpost on e4, but their Central pawn looked up from the base, to the same black got a little air on the king-side. Further it is possible 16...Qe8 17.Nfg5 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 Nb7 19.Qg4 Qd7 20.Rad1 Raf8 21.b3 Cheparinov, Ivan (2713) – Koneru, Humpy (2612) / Corus–B 2008. Here black passed interesting chance 21...Qf7 22.f3 h5 23.Qh4 Nxd5 24.Ng3 Nxc3 25.Rd3 Nxa2 26.Nxf5 Qxf5 27.Rd2 Nb4 with the reciprocal play] **14.b4 Nb7**

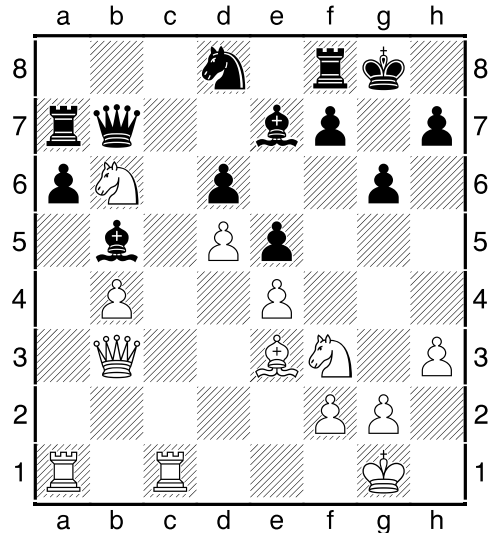


As often happens in this opening, the black knight is doomed to a bleak existence and introduces confusion in their

military ranks [However, even after the 14...cxb4 15.cxb4 Nac4 16.Nxc4 Nxc4 17.Bb3 Nb6 18.Be3 Bd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8 Bxc8 21.Qc2 Bd7 22.Rc1 Na8 23.Qd2 white has a clear advantage. Anand, Viswanathan (2779) – Carlsen, Magnus (2690) / Morelia–Linares 24th 2007] **15.a4 cxb4 16.cxb4 Nxa4 17.Bxa4 bxa4 18.Qxa4 Bd7 19.Qb3 Qb8 20.Nc4**



20...Bb5 Bad and inconsistent! [It was necessary to use the last chance 20...Nc5, and white must be great to work hard, so as not to release the lion's share of the benefits. First of all it is desirable to prevent the walking horse c5–a4–b6, which is achieved by 21.Qc2! Qxb4 22.Ba3 Qb8 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.Nfxe5 Bb5 25.Rad1 Re8 Central Marines should sweep away everything in its path. It is possible, and a vibrant solution: 26.d6 Bxd6 27.Nxd6 Rxe5 28.Qc3 Re7 29.e5 Bc6 30.Qxc5 Rc7 31.Rb1 Qd8 32.Rec1 Qg5 33.g4 Qh6 34.Rb6 Qxh3 35.Rxc6 Qxg4+ 36.Kf1 Qh3+ 37.Ke1 Qh1+ 38.Kd2 Rxc6 39.Qxc6 Qxc6 40.Rxc6 a5 41.Rc7 a4 42.Kc2] **21.Nb6 Ra7 22.Be3 Nd8 23.Rec1 Qb7**



[Figures too little of the last two rows, not helping and sharing the rooks: 23...Rc7 24.Rxc7 Qxc7 25.Rc1 Qb7 26.Rc3 f5 27.exf5 gxf5 28.Qc2 Rf7 29.Rc7 Qb8 30.Rc8 Qb7 31.Ng5 and white wins] **24.Ra2 f6** [Forfeited the opportunity to free movement on the 13th move, black is not the power to make it to the end of the party. Now it's strictly punished: 24...f5 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Nc4 Ra8 27.Ncxe5] **25.Rac2 Nf7** What else to do... **26.Nc4 Raa8 27.Ncxe5 fxe5 28.Rc7 Rfb8 29.Nh2 Bd7 30.Rxb7 Rxb7** White easily implemented a material advantage **31.Qa3 Bb5 32.Ng4 Kg7 33.Bd2 Rf8 34.Rc3 h5 35.Ne3 Ng5 36.f3 Rxf3 37.Nf5+ gxf5 38.gxf3 fxe4 39.Bxg5 Bxg5 40.fxe4 Rf7 41.Rf3 Bf4 42.Qc3 Kg6 43.Qc8 Be2 44.Rf2 1-0**

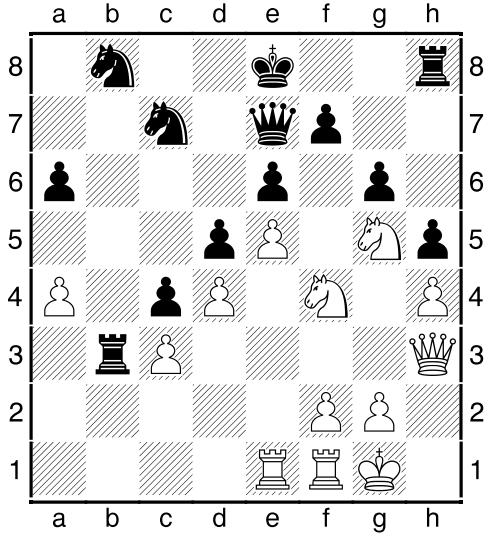
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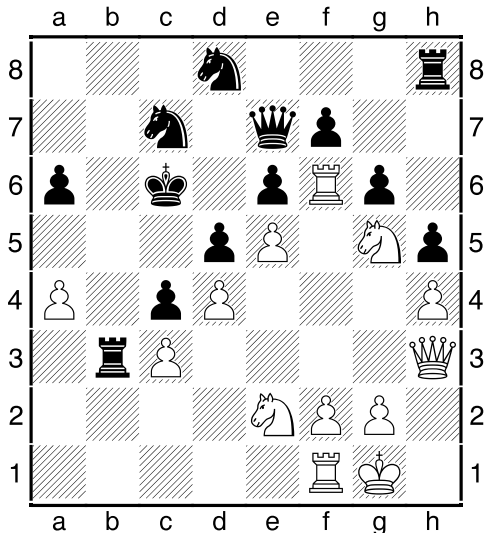
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16.bxc4 bxc4 17.Nf3 Rb8 18.Ba3 Bxa3
19.Rxa3 Qe7 20.Raa1 Rb3 21.Ng5 Nb8
22.Rae1

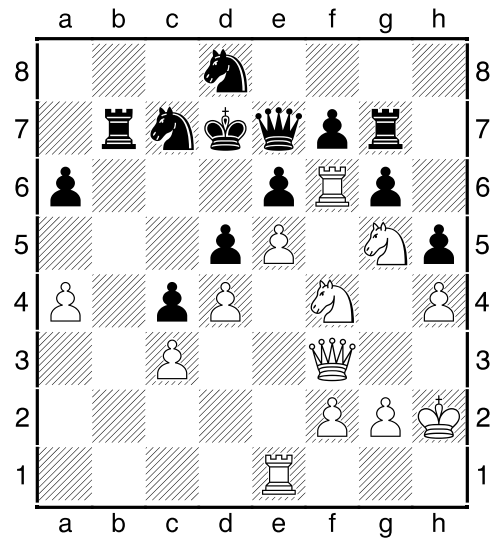


White thrown all forces to attack the king-side. This idea met even in the famous party Kotov – Taimanov (Zurich 1953), where the white systematically cleared from their pieces the space around the fixed circuit d3–c4–b5, and decided to game by a direct attack on the opposite side of the board. 22...Nc6 23.Re3 Kd7 24.Rf3 Nd8 25.Ne2 Kc6 26.Rf6

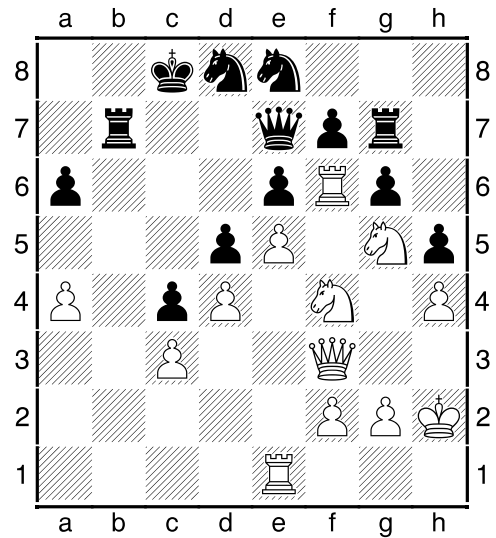


26...Rb7 [Be not afraid of ghosts, drive the rook: 26...Ne8 27.Nxf7 Nxf6 28.Nxh8 Ne4 29.Qe3 Qh7 30.f3 Nxc3 31.Nxc3 Qxh8 and the position is full of life] 27.Nf4 Rf8 28.Qf3

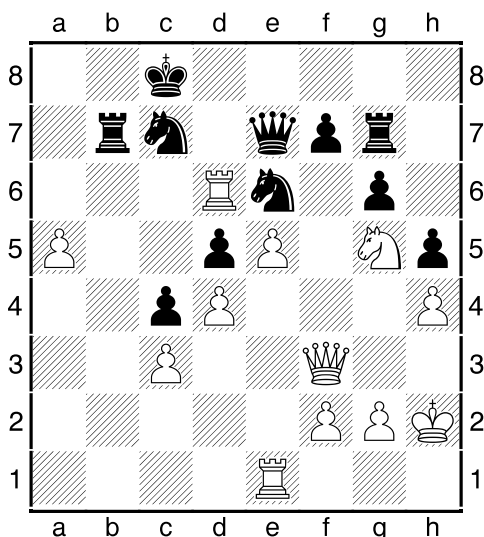
Rg8 29.Re1 Rg7 30.Kh2 Kd7



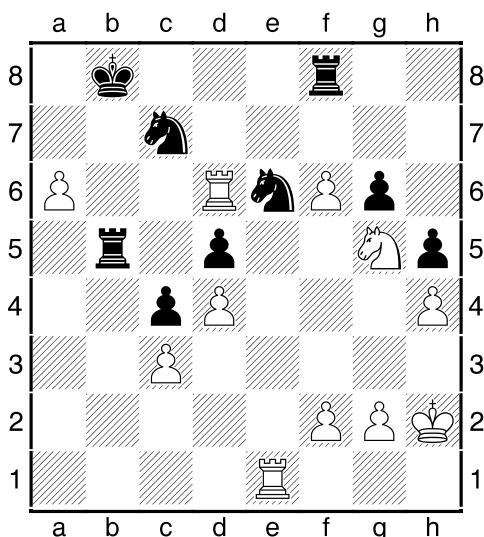
Attacking the resources of the white exhausted, the continuation is not visible. This means that we must wait for the mistakes of the opponent... 31.Re3 Kc8 32.Re1 Ne8



33.Nxd5 The only chance to exacerbate the situation 33...exd5 34.Rxa6 Nc7 35.Rd6 Nde6 36.a5



36...Rb5?! [To draw led 36...Nxc5 37.hxc5 Qxc5 38.a6 Rb2 39.Qf6 Qxf6 40.exf6 Rg8 41.Re7 Rd8 42.Rc6 Rd7 43.Re8+ Rd8 44.Re7] **37.a6?!** [White was winning after 37.Qf6 Qxf6 38.exf6 Rg8 39.Nxf7 Rf8 40.Ng5 Nxc5 41.hxc5 Rxa5 42.Re7] **37...Kb8?** [37...Nxc5 38.hxc5 Qxc5 39.a7 Ra5 40.Rxd5 Rxa7 41.Rc5 Qf5 42.Qc6 Qe6 43.Qb5 Rb7 44.Qa5 Qb6 45.Qa4 Kd8 46.Qxc4 with the advantage of the white, but still had to struggle] **38.Qf6 Qxf6 39.exf6 Rg8 40.Nxf7 Rf8 41.Ng5**



When the material equivalent of a black has no good move – the outcome of the battle no doubt **41...Nd8 42.Re7 Kc8 43.f7 Ra5 44.Rxc6 Nxf7 45.Nxf7 Nxa6 46.Rc6+ Kb8 47.Rb6+ Ka8 48.Ne5 Nb8 49.f4 Ra3**

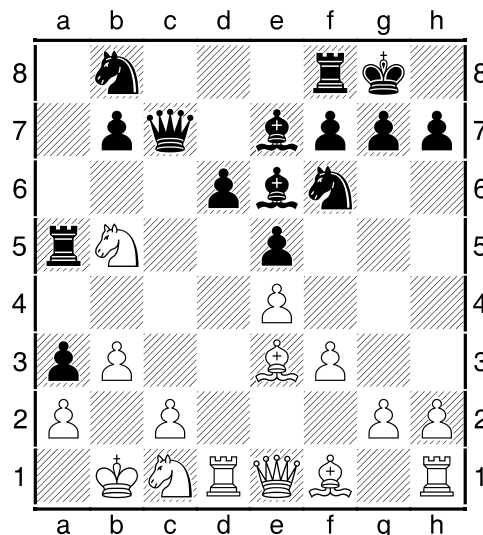
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(05) Akopian, Vladimir (2697) - Xiu, Deshun (2494) [B90]

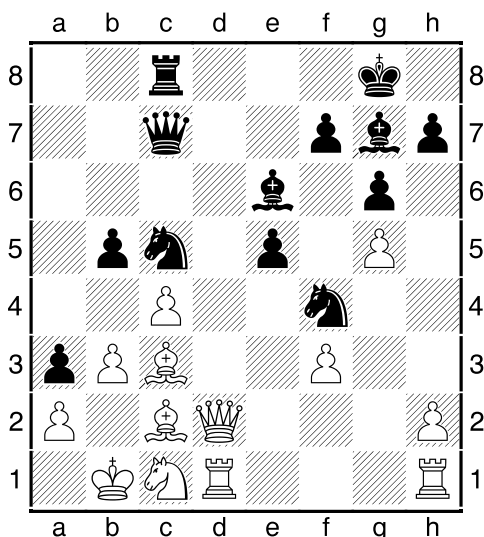
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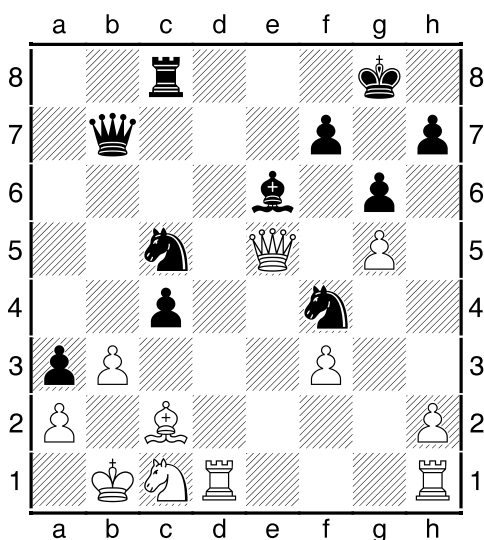
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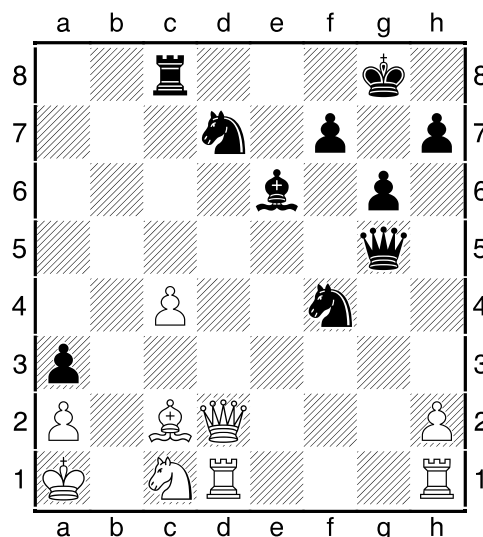
15...Rxb5! Black give sacrifice, but their remaining pieces are developing a frenzied activity. Pawn a3 – white as bone in the throat, they are deprived of clear benchmarks and soon forced to leave in the middle of the defense. **16.Bxb5 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bd2 Rc8 19.Bd3 Na6 20.c4 Nf4 21.Bc3 Bf6 22.g4** With the clear intention of g4–g5 **22...Nc5 23.Bc2 g6! 24.g5 Bg7 25.Qd2 b5**



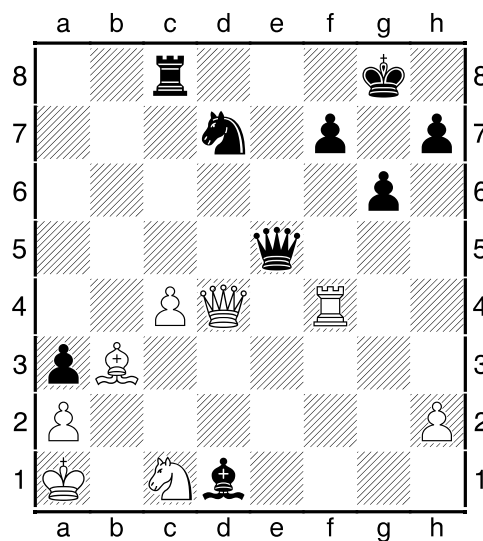
The signal for the assault! **26.Qd6 Qb7**
27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Qxe5 bxc4



Like white do everything right: opened lines for the rooks, knocked out the Central pawn and the terrible enemy of the bishop – but the position is still hard. Alarming is the situation of the king does not give them breathe. **29.Ka1 Qxf3 30.bxc4 Nd7**
31.Qa5 Qg2 32.Qd2 Queen white as shepherd dog on a leash: barks but doesn't bite. And this is a merit of modest pawn a3.
32...Qxg5

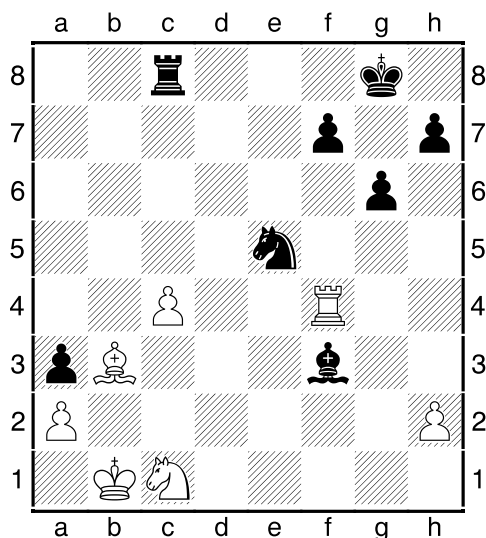


33.Bb3?! [33.Rhg1 Qh4 34.Bb3 Nc5
35.Rgf1 Nh5 36.Qd4 Qxh2 37.Rd2 Qh3
38.Rfd1 Ng7 39.Nd3 Nf5 40.Qe5 Nd7
41.Qa5 Bxc4 and black have excellent chances for success, combining the attack to the march of pawns] **33...Bg4 34.Rhf1**
Qe5+ 35.Qd4 Bxd1 36.Rxf4

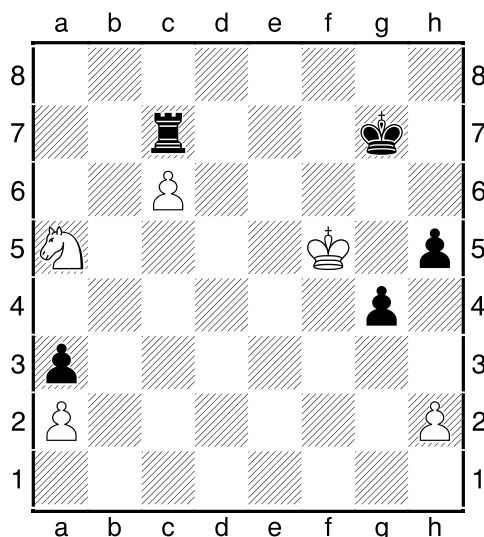


36...Bf3 [Here already it was possible to solve a game with a spectacular 36...Qb8!
37.Rxf7 Kxf7 38.Qxd7+ Kf8 39.Qd4 Bxb3
40.Qh8+ Ke7 41.Qxh7+ Kf6 42.Qh4+ Kf5
43.Qh3+ Kg5 44.Qe3+ Kf6 45.Qf2+ Kg7
46.axb3 Qe5+ 47.Ka2 Rf8 48.Qd2 Rd8
49.Qc2 Qe1 50.Nd3 Qe3 . Although it should be recognized that such variations are rarely at the board, especially in conditions of an acute shortage of time] **37.Qxe5**

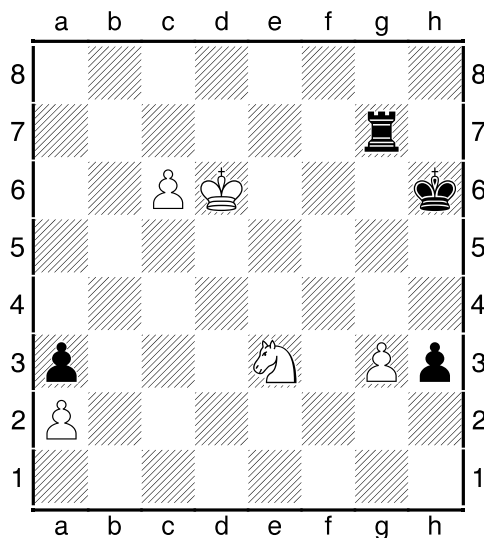
Nxe5 38.Kb1



38...f5?! This is not a critical error – but already some of the confusion. How sorry looked play whites in the first half of the game – so now they cheered and all the forces trying to reverse the adverse course of the struggle. [Do not leave the opponent a chance for the salvation of the obvious 38...g5 39.Rd4 Bc6 with the strong threat Nf3 and prosaic march of paired pawns] **39.Nd3 Be4?!** [Again stronger was easy 39...Nxd3 40.Rxf3 Nc5 41.Bc2 Ra8 42.Kc1 Kg7 43.Kd2 Kf6 44.h3 Ke5 and the black are to win] **40.Rxe4 fxe4 41.Nxe5 Re8 42.c5+ Kg7 43.Nc4 e3 44.Bd1 e2 45.Bxe2 Rxe2 46.c6 Re7 47.Kc2 Rc7** [More energetic 47...Re6 48.Na5 Kf6 49.Kb3 Re3+ 50.Kb4 Ke6 51.Nc4 Rh3 52.Kb5 Rxh2 53.Nxa3 Rxa2 54.Nc4 h5 and black wins] **48.Na5 g5 49.Kd3 h5 50.Ke4 g4 51.Kf5**



51...Kh6?! [51...Rf7+ 52.Kg5 Rf2 53.Nc4 Rc2 54.Nxa3 Rc5+ 55.Kh4 Kg6+] **52.Ke6 h4 53.Kd6 Rg7 54.Nc4 g3 55.hxg3 h3 56.Ne3**



56...Rg6+ It seems that this impulsive move definitely miss the victory [Still better 56...h2 57.Nf5+ Kg6 58.Nxg7 h1Q 59.c7 Qh3 60.Ne6 Qxg3+ 61.Kd7 Qd3+ 62.Kc6 Qe4+ 63.Kd6 Qa8 64.Nf4+ Kf7 65.Nd5 Qb7 and the main enemy is neutralized] **57.Kc5 Rg5+ 58.Kd6 Rg6+ 59.Kc5 h2 60.c7 h1Q 61.c8Q Qc1+ 62.Nc4 Qg5+ 63.Kb4 Qe7+ 64.Qc5 Qb7+ 65.Qb5 Qf3 66.Qe5 Qf8+ 67.Kb3 Qf3+ 68.Kb4 Qb7+ 69.Kc3 Qc8 70.Kb4 Qf8+ 71.Kb3 Rf6 72.Qe3+ Kh5 73.Qe2+ Rf3+ 74.Ka4 Qa8+ 75.Kb4 Qb8+ 76.Ka4 Qa7+ 77.Kb4 Qb7+**

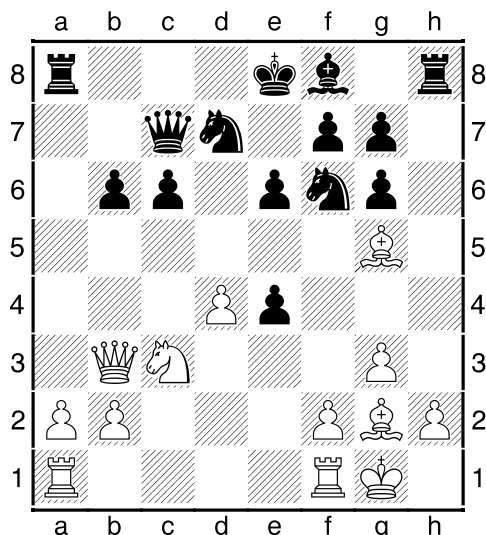
78.Ka4 Qc6+ 79.Kb4 Kh6 80.Qd2+ Kh7
81.Nxa3 SS

**(06) Gabuzyan,Hovhannes (2457) -
Petrosian,Tigran L (2657) [D12]**

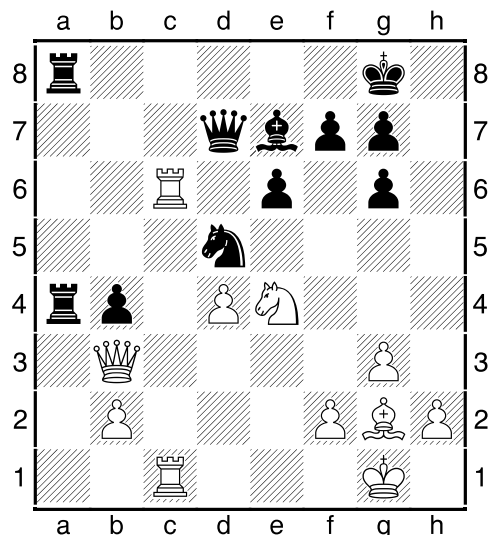
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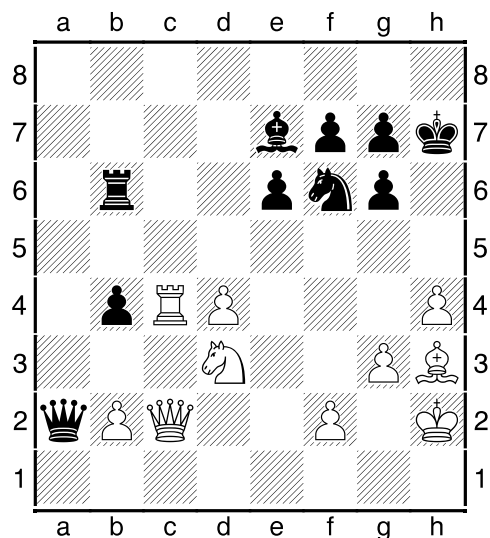
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3
e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.g3 Nbd7
9.Qb3 Qc7 10.Bg2 Nb6 11.c5 Nbd7 12.0-0
[Another good alternative: 12.Qa4 b6
13.cxb6 Qxb6 14.0-0 Be7 15.e4 0-0
16.Rb1 Rac8 17.Be3 Rfd8 18.exd5 cxd5
19.Bf3 Qc6 20.Rfc1 and white is better.
Akesson, Joel (2338) – Johansson, Gun-
nar (2272) / SWE–chB 2007] 12...b6
13.cxb6 axb6 14.e4 dxe4 15.Bg5



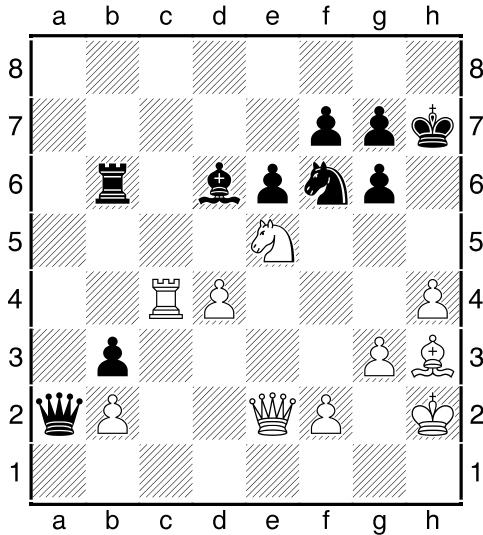
White decide that black-squared bishops is not needed, and all the strength left to attack the enemy pawn c6. Even if at this time the opponent gets to the weakness of the d4, in an asset white will remain formidable pawn on the queenside. 15...Ra5 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Nxe4 Nd5 The only way to close the diagonal g2–c6. 18.Rac1 Be7 19.a3 0-0 20.Rc4 b5 21.Rc2 b4 22.a4 Rfa8 23.Rfc1 Rxa4 24.Rxc6 Qd7



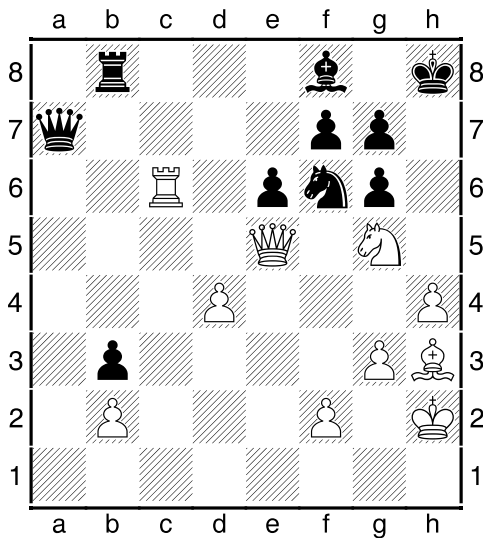
Black made the maximum possible and shall be entitled to be happy with results of the debut. A pawn advantage of white on the queenside neutralized, and the game is entering the phase of maneuvering around the outposts of the c5 and d5. 25.h4 Ra1 26.Kh2 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Qa4 28.Qc4 Qa2 29.Qe2 Rd8 30.Nc5 Nf6 31.Bh3 Rd6 32.Rc4 Rb6 33.Qc2 Kh7 34.Nd3



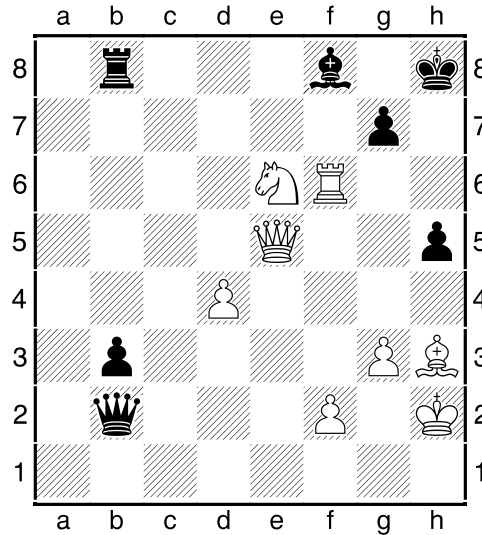
34...Bd6 [Curious draw could be completed the fight after 34...b3 35.Qe2 Qa6 36.Ne5 Rb4 37.h5 Nxh5 38.Qf3 Rxc4 39.Qxf7 Nf6 40.Qxg6+ Kh8 41.Nf7+ Kg8 42.Ng5 Rc2 43.Bxe6+ Kh8 44.Nf7+ Kg8] 35.Ne5 b3 36.Qe2



Little by little white quietly beat his formidable opponent. The black king of the gathering clouds... **36...Qa7 37.Nf3 Rb8 38.Ng5+ Kh8 39.Rc6 Bf8 40.Qe5**



40...Nd5? [After 40...Kg8 41.Rc7 Rb7 42.Rc8 Re7 43.Qb8 Qxb8 44.Rxb8 e5 45.dxe5 Rxe5 46.Rxb3 white still had yet to prove its advantage in the endgame with an extra pawn] **41.h5! gxh5 42.Nxe6 Nf6 43.Rc7 Qa1 44.Rxf7 Qxb2 45.Rxf6**



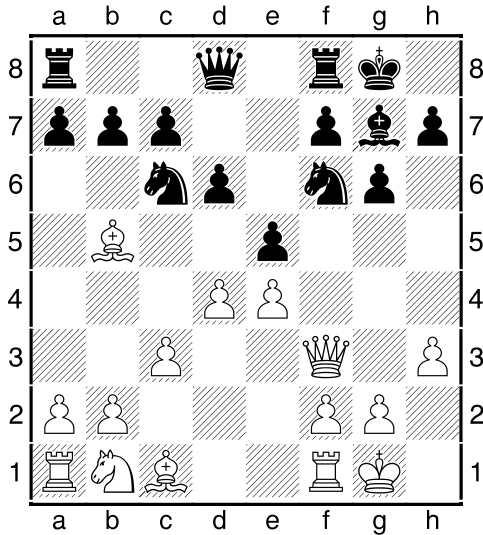
For a few moves from the black bastions there was not a stone upon a stone **45...gxf6 46.Qxb8 Qxf2+ 47.Bg2 1-0**

(07) Solak, Dragan (2586) - Cheparinov, Ivan (2673) [B06]

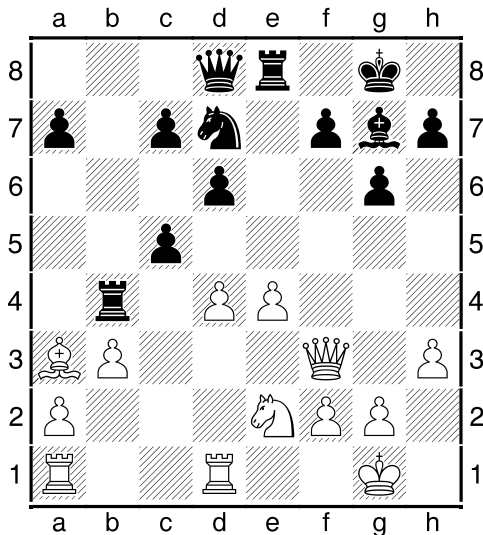
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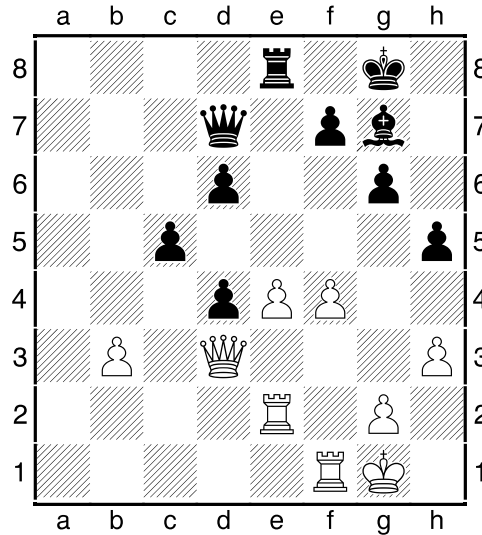
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Qe2 0-0 6.0-0 Bg4 7.h3 [Skillfully using a pair of bishops, white got good position after 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.c3 e5 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Be3 Re8 14.Qd2 Qd6 15.Rad1 Nce7 16.Bg5 c6 17.Rfe1 Nf5 18.g4 Nfe7 19.Bh4 Nb6 20.Bb3 Ned5 21.Bg3 Qb4 22.Qxb4 Nxb4 23.Ne5 N4d5 24.f4 Rad8 25.Kf2 Bh6 26.Kf3 Kramnik, Vladimir (2785) – Korytylev, Alexey (2600) / Wch Blitz 2007] **7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.c3 e5 10.Bb5**



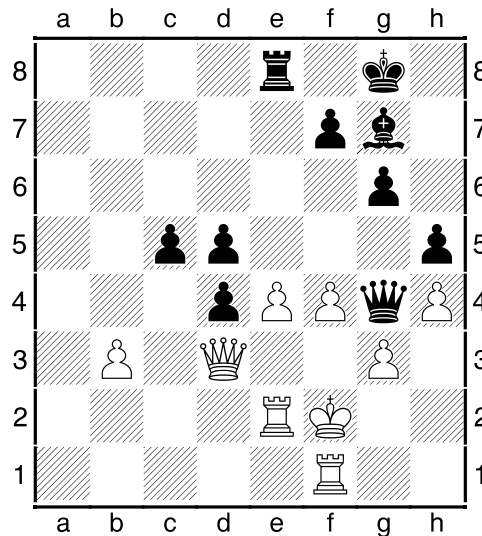
Not wanting to the bishops close the center, white wants to deprive the compactness of the pawn mass of black on the queenside. However, the statistics does not confirm the correctness of this decision... **10...exd4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.cxd4 Re8 13.Nc3 Rb8 14.b3 Rb4 15.Rd1 Nd7** [Don't bring special dividend immediate 15...c5 16.e5 Nd7 17.dxc5 Nxe5 18.Qg3] **16.Ne2 c5 17.Ba3**



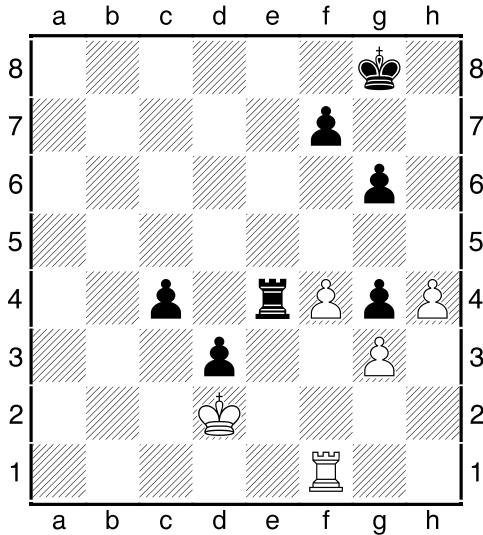
17...Rxd4 This rook only waited for the moment, to offer himself as a sacrifice **18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Re1 c5 20.Bc1 Ne5 21.Qg3 a5 22.Bf4 h5 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.f4 Bg7 25.Qd3 Qd7 26.Re2 a4 27.Rf1 axb3 28.axb3**



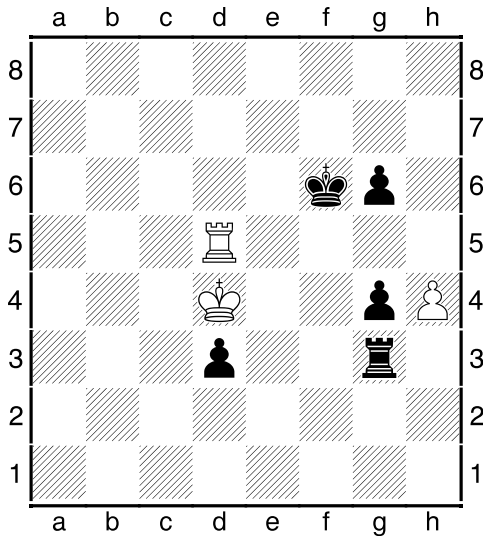
Black got rid of the last of weakness and their position is very strong. Although accurate opponent's play they can hardly make more than a draw. **28...Qe6 29.h4 Qg4 30.g3 d5 31.Kf2?**



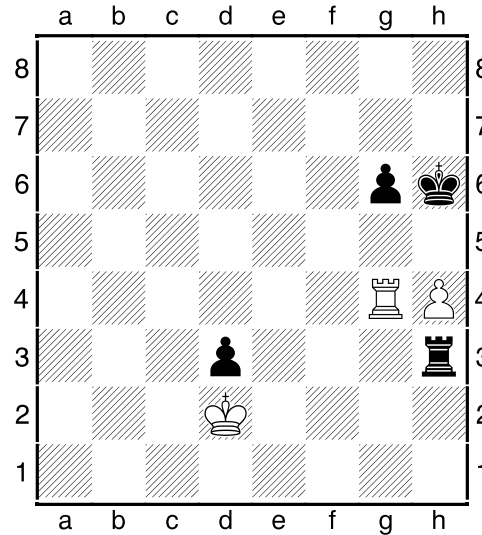
[After careful 31.Kh2 g5 32.hxg5 h4 33.gxh4 Qxh4+ 34.Kg1 dxe4 35.Rxe4 Qg4+ the game came to a peaceful harbor] **31...c4! 32.bxc4 dxc4 33.Qf3?!** [After taking bold 33.Qxc4! Rc8 34.Qa2 Rc3 35.Kg1 Rxc3+ 36.Rg2 d3 37.e5 Bf8 38.Rxc3 Qxc3+ 39.Qg2 Bc5+ 40.Kh1 Qxh4+ 41.Qh2 Qd8 42.Qd2 direct win is not visible] **33...d3 34.Rd2 Bc3 35.Qxg4 hxg4 36.Ke3 Bxd2+ 37.Kxd2 Rxe4**



It is hard to believe that blacks don't win that position... **38.Kc3 Kg7** [Well looked immediately fix the enemy pawns by 38...f5] **39.f5 Re3 40.fxg6 fxe6 41.Rg1 Kf6 42.Kd4 Rf3 43.Kxc4 Ke5 44.Re1+ Kf5 45.Kd4 Rxe3 46.Re5+ Kf6 47.Rd5**



47...Rg1? [Without the help of the king not to do, so the only way to the victory was 47...g5! 48.hxe6+ Kg6 49.Ke4 Rf3 50.Ra5 d2 51.Rd5 Rf2 52.Ke3 g3 53.Rxd2 Rxd2 54.Kxd2 Kxe6 55.Ke2 Kf4] **48.Ke3 Rf1 49.Rg5 Rf3+ 50.Kd2 g3 51.Kc3 Kf7 52.Kd2 Kf6 53.Kc3 g2 54.Rxe6 Rh3 55.Rg4 Kg7 56.Kd2 Kh7 57.Kc3 Kh6 58.Kd2 Rf3 59.Kc3 Rh3 60.Kd2**



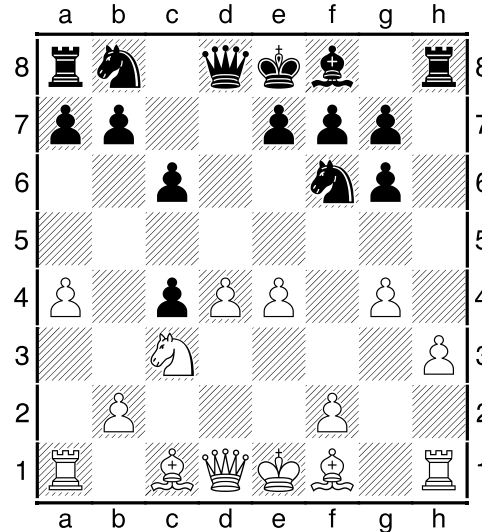
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(08) Petrosian, Tigran L (2657) - Carlsson, Pontus (2531) [D17]

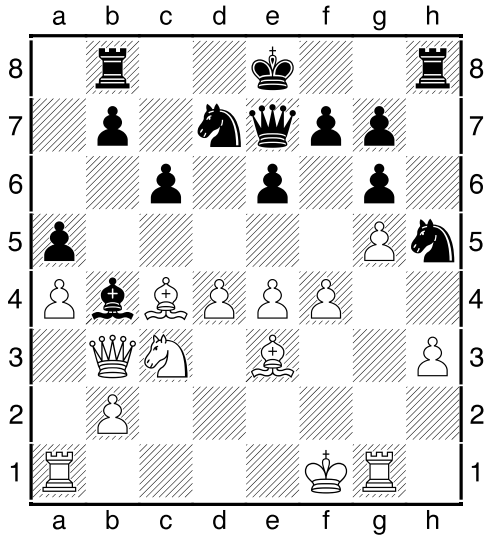
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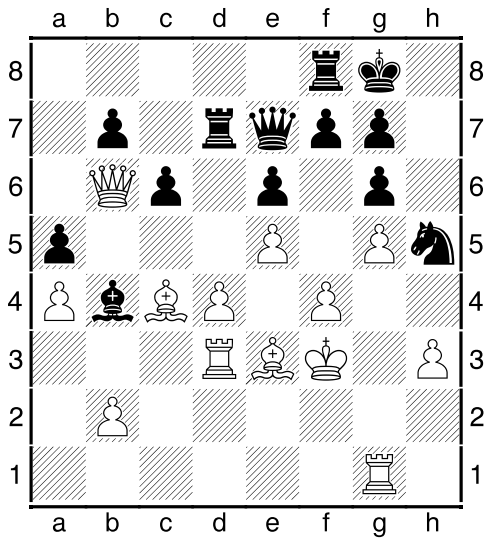
1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Nh4 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nxe6 hxg6 10.e4



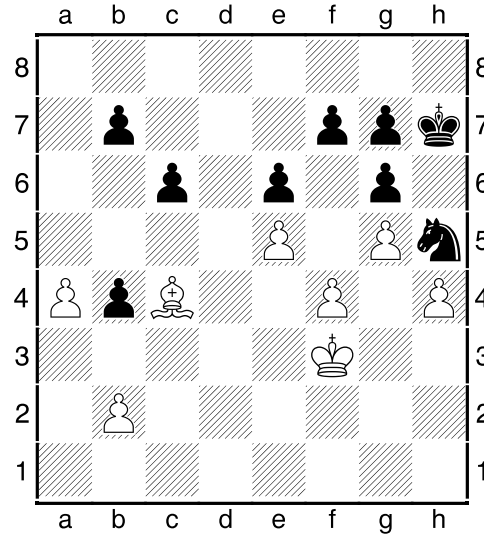
10...e6 [To the far-reaching complications leads 10...e5 11.Bxc4 exd4 12.e5 Bb4 13.exf6 dxc3] **11.g5 Nh5?!** [In order not to keep the horse on the outskirts, should prefer 11...Nfd7] **12.Bxc4 Bb4 13.Be3 Nd7 14.Qb3 a5 15.Kf1 Rb8 16.Rg1 Qe7 17.f4**



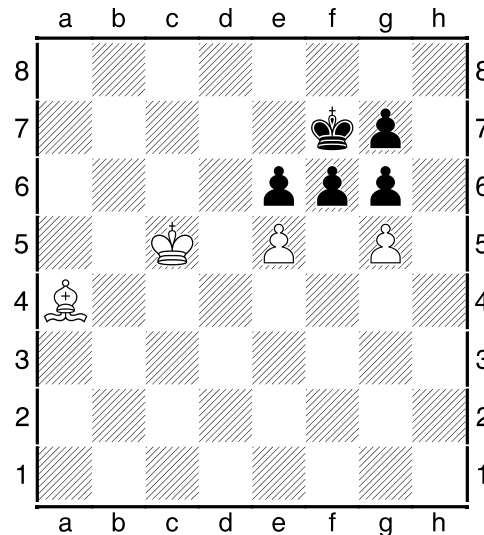
With every move the black is becoming increasingly difficult to breathe. **17...Bd6 18.e5** Perhaps white shouldn't have to hurry to determine the structure, so prefer flexible N \varnothing . **18...Bc7 19.Ne4 Nb6 20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.Qxb6 Bb4 22.Kf2 Rd8 23.Rad1 Rd7 24.Rd3 0-0 25.Kf3**



His Majesty personally takes care to not let the dark horse from the stables. However, here there is a risk of falling under the cross-enemy fire. **25...Kh7 26.Rb3 Rfd8?!** [Black miss a great chance to: 26...f6 27.gxf6 gxf6 28.Bd3 Nxf4! 29.Kxf4 fxe5+ 30.Kg4 exd4 31.Bg5 Qd6 and white guska] **27.h4 Ra8 28.Rc1 Rad8 29.Rxb4 Qxb4 30.Qxb4 axb4 31.Be2 Rxd4 32.Bxd4 Rxd4 33.Rc4 Rxc4 34.Bxc4**



As a result we have a case study on pushing off some pieces from the play. **34...Kg8 35.Ke3 Ng3 36.Kd4 b6 37.Ba6 Nf5+ 38.Kc4 Nxh4 39.Bb7 Ng2 40.Bxc6 Nxf4 41.Kxb4 Nd3+ 42.Kb5 Nxb2 43.Kxb6 f6 44.Bb5 Nxa4+ 45.Bxa4 Kf7 46.Kc5**



The black king was not able to get through the fence of the white marines 1-0

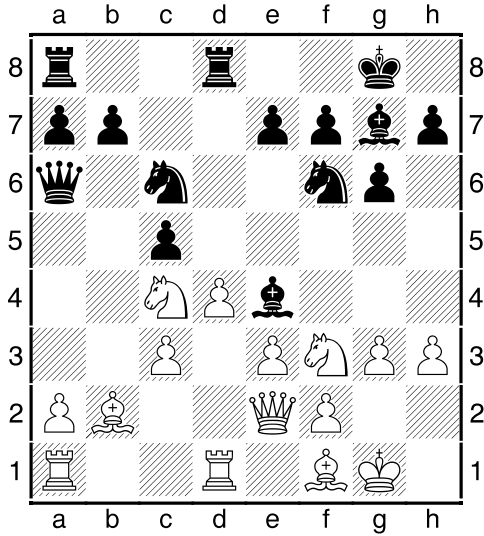
(09) Petrosian, Tigran L (2657) - Cheparinov, Ivan (2673) [D77]

Albena op (9), 03.06.2012

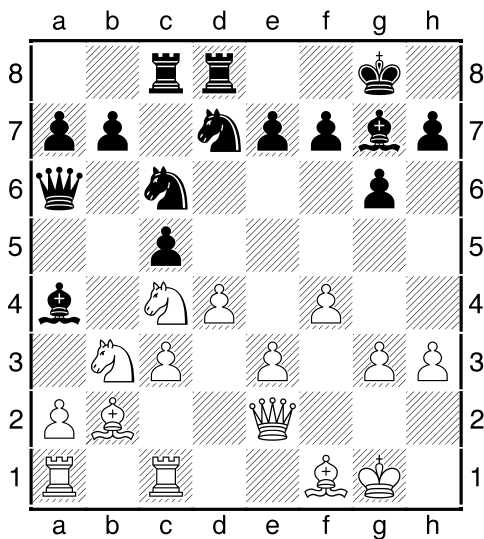
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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d4 d5 6.c4 dxc4 7.Na3 c3 8.bxc3 c5

9.e3 Nc6 10.Bb2 Bf5 11.Qe2 Qb6 12.Rfd1 Rfd8 13.h3 Be4 14.Nc4 Qa6 15.Bf1

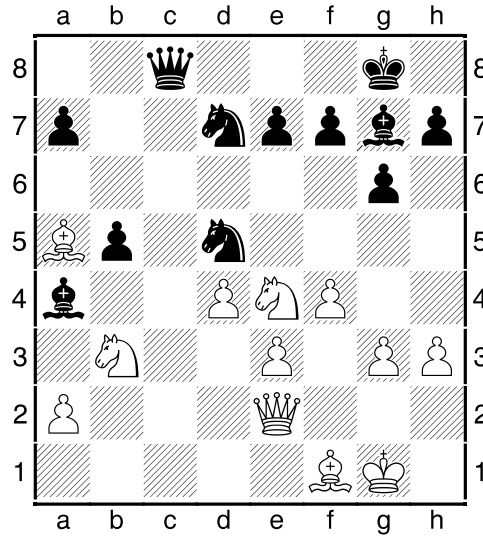


15...Rac8 [Previously played 15...cxd4 16.cxd4 Rac8 17.Ng5 Na5 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Nxa5 Qxa5 20.Bg2 Nd6 21.Rd3 Rc4 22.Ra3 Qc7 23.Qd3 Rc8 24.Rb3 b6 25.e4 e6 26.Re1 Qd7 27.e5 Nf5 28.d5 exd5 29.Bxd5 R4c5 30.Rd1 Qe8 31.f4 Ne7 32.Be4 Nc6 33.Qd7 and paired bishops say their weighty words. Movsziszian, Karen (2531) – Teran Alvarez, Ismael (2402) / Calvia op 4th 2007] 16.Nfd2 Bc2 17.Rdc1 Ba4 18.Nb3 Nd7 19.f4

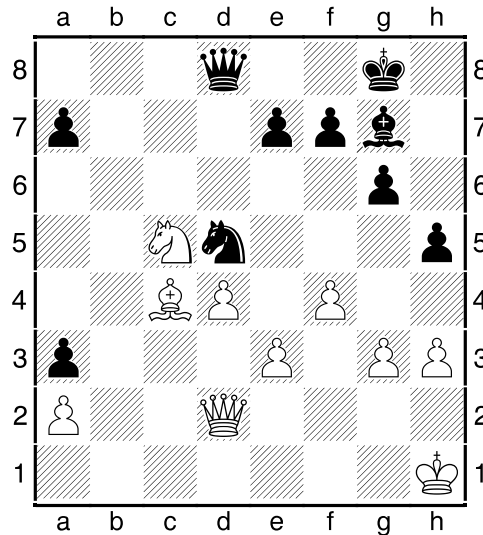


White take in their hands the center, but some time later in their Royal Palace may appear a very cold wind. 19...b5 20.Ncd2

cxd4 21.cxd4 Nb4 22.Bc3 Nd5 23.Ba5 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Qxc8 26.Ne4



26...N7b6 [Good idea was to ensure knights strong points by 26...f5 27.Nec5 Bxb3 28.Nxb3 a6 29.Bg2 e6 30.e4 fxe4 31.Bxe4 N7b6 with the handy play for black] 27.Nec5 h5 28.Bd2 Nc4 29.Nxa4 Nxd2 30.Qxd2 bxa4 31.Nc5 Qd8 32.Kh1 a3 33.Bc4



The white advantage in the center is not critical in view of the dangerous position of their king. Stand a white pawn on f2, the position would have to evaluate another way... 33...e6 34.Bb3 h4 35.g4 Qd6 36.Nd3 Qc6 37.Kh2 g5 38.Ne5 Qd6

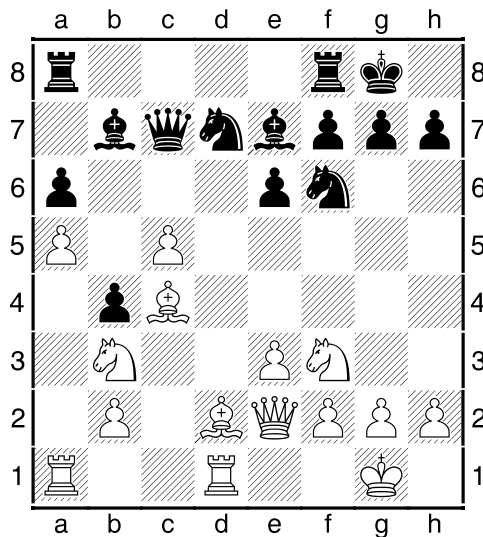
39.Bxd5 Qxd5 40.Qg2 Bxe5 41.Qxd5 Bxf4+ 42.exf4 exd5 43.fxg5 Kg7 44.Kg2 Kg6 45.Kf3 Kxg5 46.Ke3 f5 47.gxf5 Kxf5 48.Kf3 Kg5 49.Ke3 Kf5 50.Kf3 $\frac{1}{2}$: $\frac{1}{2}$ S

(10) Melkumyan, Hrant (2642) - Nabaty, Tamir (2553) [D25]

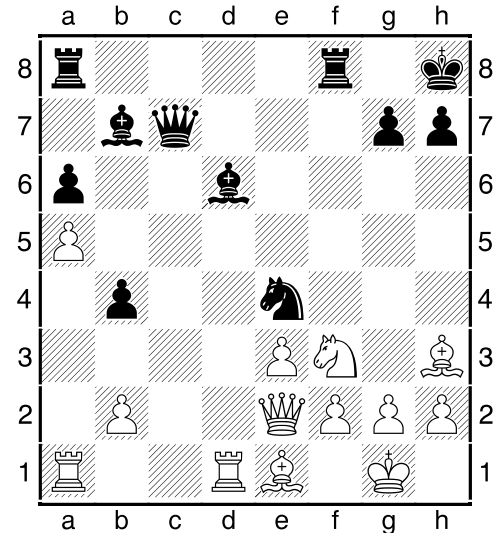
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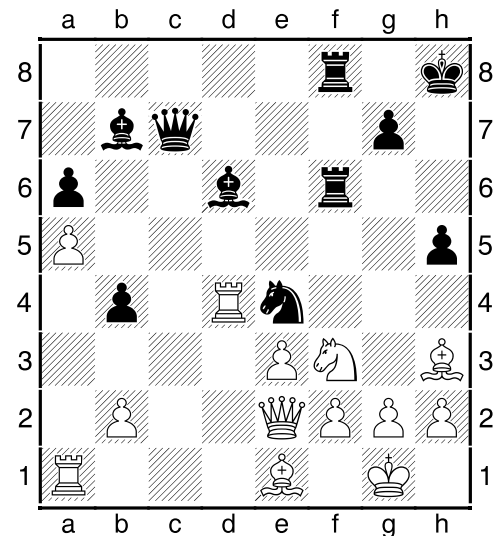
To understand the status of the opponents and the complexity of the problems facing them, it is necessary to note, that the game was played in the last round and has had a direct impact on the distribution of three prize-winners. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 b5 5.a4 b4 6.Bxc4 e6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Nbd2 Be7 Rare variation 9.a5 a6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 c5 12.dxc5 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nbd7 14.Bd2



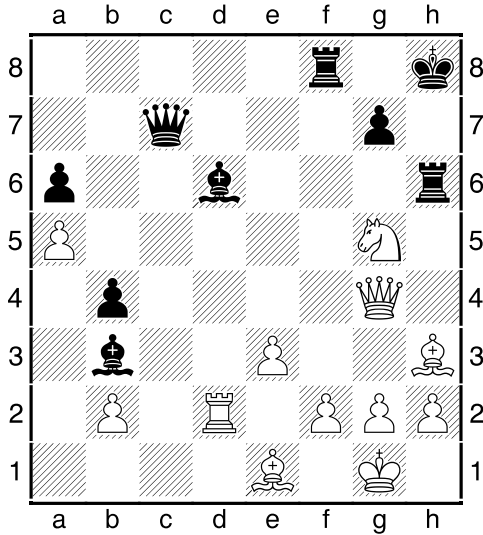
14...Ng4 [Weak was 14...Nxc5 15.Bxb4 Nxb3 16.Bxe7 Nxa1 17.Bxf8 Rxf8 18.Rxa1 Ng4 19.e4 Qc5 20.h3 Nxf2 21.b4 Nxh3+ 22.Kh2] 15.c6 [Easy 15.Nbd4 also preserved the white advantage] 15...Bxc6 16.Nbd4 Bb7 [16...Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Rfd8 18.Rac1! Qxa5 19.Nd4 Nde5 20.h3 Nf6 21.f4 Nxc4 22.Nc6 Qc7 23.Nxd8 Rxd8 24.Qxc4 and black has no compensation] 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Bxe6+ Kh8 19.Bxg4 Nf6 20.Bh3 [White could minimize the risk: 20.Nd4 Nxg4 21.Qxg4 Qe5 22.f4 Qe4 23.Qf3] 20...Ne4 21.Be1 Bd6



22.Bg4 White, of course, are to win, but much stronger looked B6, having in view the further Bd5 or Q4. 22...Rf6 23.Rd4 h5 24.Bh3 Raf8



25.Rxe4?! The opponent has developed a serious pressure, and white raise the alarm. [Better was 25.Bxb4 Nxf2 26.Kxf2 Bxb4 27.Rxb4 Bxf3 28.gxf3 Rxf3+ 29.Qxf3 Qc2+ 30.Kg3 Qg6+ 31.Bg4 Rxf3+ 32.Kxf3 hxg4+ 33.Rxg4 Qf5+ 34.Rf4 Qd5+ 35.Ke2 Qb5+ 36.Ke1 Qxb2 37.Rd1 Qc3+ 38.Ke2 Qxa5 with the likely draw] 25...Bxe4 26.Ng5 Bd5 27.Rd1 Bc4 [Better immediately 27...Bb3 28.Rd4 Rh6 29.g3 Be7 30.Bxb4 Bxb4 31.Rxb4 Qxa5 32.Rxb3 Qxg5 with mutual chances] 28.Qxh5+ Rh6 29.Qg4 Bb3 30.Rd2?



[30.Rd3 and the struggle is still ahead]
30...Qxa5?? [After 30...Bxh2+ 31.Kh1 Be5
32.Qxb4 Rb8 33.Qe4 Bf6 34.Nf3 Qxa5
black is better] **31.g3??** Here it is, a nerv-
ous overstrain [Simple tactics 31.Rxd6
Rxd6 32.Qh5+ Rh6 33.Nf7+] **31...Be7**
32.Rd3 Qa1 33.Kf1 Qxb2 34.Bg2 Bxg5
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