

2015 Winter Plains Chess Bulletin Games

Most of the games I have for the Winter bulletin come from the New Year Bash (January 3rd). I have one game from the Lindsborg Open (December 20th and one game from the recently completed February ICCC tournament. With the New Bash it was rather obvious that many more carbonless score sheets were submitted from the Open section. Reserve section had much fewer score sheets submitted even though it had more players (23 in Reserve vs 16 in the Open). As before some score sheets not used were difficult to read or hard to follow. I had a couple of games in the Open section I had to guess on a couple of moves as the moves were simply left out. Helpful was submission of games from communication by e-mail. Thus, one reason I have three games by Bryan Jiang who finished second in the Open section with 3.5 points. I also have two games submitted by e-mail from Ethan Bui's mother, Ethan winning the Reserve section with 4 points. My one game from the Lindsborg Open was also obtained via e-mail communication. The game I obtained from the February ICCC was from a score sheet I just found left after the fourth round. It was just sitting on the table, abandoned, not picked up after the game (soon to be trash). I looked at it, decided to go over the game later, and found it interesting. Neither in the February ICCC nor the Lindsborg Open were carbonless score sheets submitted.

In the future if you have an interesting game in an event please feel free to e-mail me at wlcoker7@hotmail.com or snail mail me at my address on the contacts list. My address is also listed on the recently posted 2015 Kansas Open flier.

All my analysis is by Fritz 12. Advantages are marked as value of pawns (+1 is the value of the pawn). Usually a piece is + 3 and a rook is +5, but obviously not all advantages are just in terms of material but of positional advantages. For instance, the loss of a pawn in a bishop of opposite color game, such as one listed, may not be the value of a whole pawn. A game with a mating net may have rather large numbers despite only having only a slight material advantage. A passed pawn may be worth quite a bit.

GAMES in Order

New Year Bash- Open Section

- (1) Ron Luther 0- Abhishek Mallela 1
- (2) Bryan Jiang 1- Joey Kelly 0
- (3) Kaustaub Nimkar 1- Sam Un 0
- (4) Kyle Camarda 0- Bryan Jiang 1
- (5) Shams Shaikh 0- Kaustabh Nimkar 1
- (6) Shakti Shimpi 0- Bryan Jiang 1

New Year Bash- Reserve section

- (7) Laurence Coker ½ -Bill Qian ½
- (8) Caroline Jiang 0- C J Armenta 1
- (9) Ethan Bui 1- Peter Doran 0
- (10) Veronika Vanska ½ -Karen Camarda ½
- (11) Gavin Kirchmer 0- Ethan Bui 1
- (12) Dave Kearns ½ - Caroline Jiang ½

Lindsborg Open

- (13) Sho Glashausser 1- Braden Johnson 0

February ICCC

- (14) Gabriel Maurer 0- Brycen Parker 1

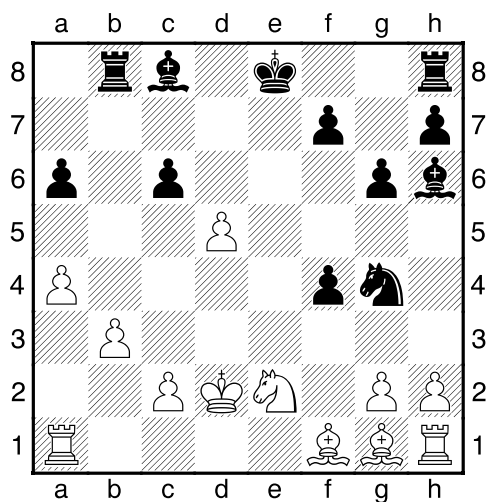
(1) Ron Luther (2216) – Abhishek Mallela (2114)

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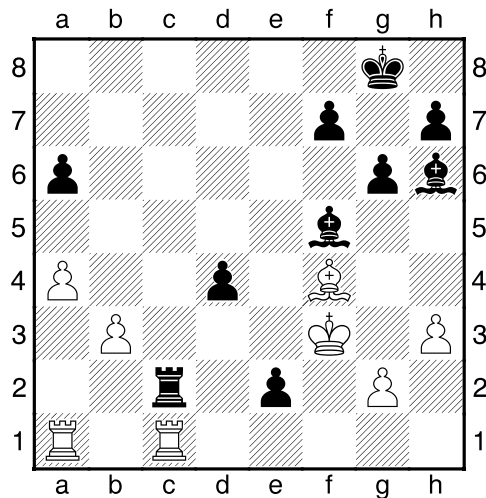
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This game decided first place in Open division with Abhishek winning and finishing first. B93 Sicilian Defense **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.f4 g6 7.a4 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Be3 Qa5= 10.Qd2 Rb8 11.b3 Ng4 12.Bd4?! -+(-1.79) 12...e5 13.Bg1 d5 [13...Bh6 Slightly**

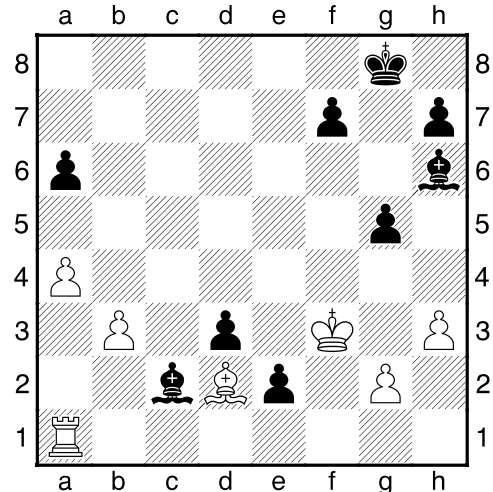
better] **14.Ne2 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 exf4 16.exd5 Bh6** Diagram



17.Kc3 cxd5 18.Bd4 0-0 19.h3
 [19.Kb2 Better for white, though Fritz says black with advantage. -+(-1.69)] **19...Ne3**
20.Be5 Bf5 21.Bxb8 [21.Nd4 Slightly better] **21...Rc8+** Better just to take bishop [21...Rxb8 Can play 22....Rc8 next move -+(-3.41)] **22.Kd2 f3 23.Bf4 Nxf1+**
24.Rhxf1 Rxc2+ **25.Ke3 fxe2 26.Rfc1 d4+** **27.Kf3**
 Diagram



27...g5?! [27...e1Q 28.Rxe1 Rc3+ 29.Re3 Rxe3+ 30.Bxe3 dxe3 31.b4 Be6 Two bishops and a passed pawn against a rook looks like a winner. 32.Ke4 Bc4 33.Rg1 e2 34.Kd4 Bb3 35.Re1 Bd1 36.Kd3 Bf8 37.b5 Bxa4 38.Kxe2 Bxb5+ 39.Ke3 a5 -+(-5.94)] **28.Rxc2 Bxc2 29.Bd2 d3** Diagram

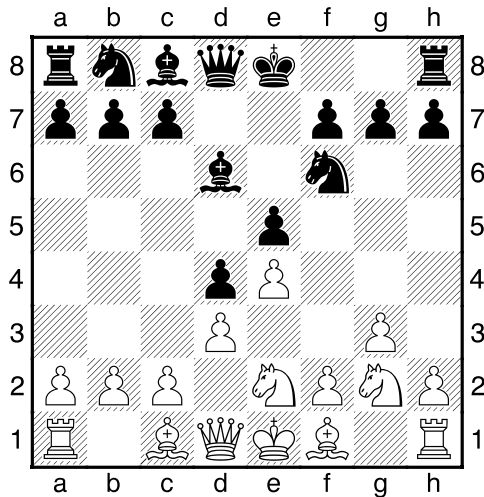


30.b4?? Loses right away. Uncertain if Luther had time troubles at this point. [30.g4 Necessary, though black still has a significant advantage. -+(-2.10)] **30...g4+** **31.hxg4 Bxd2 32.b5 Bd1** Fritz says mate in 12 **0-1**

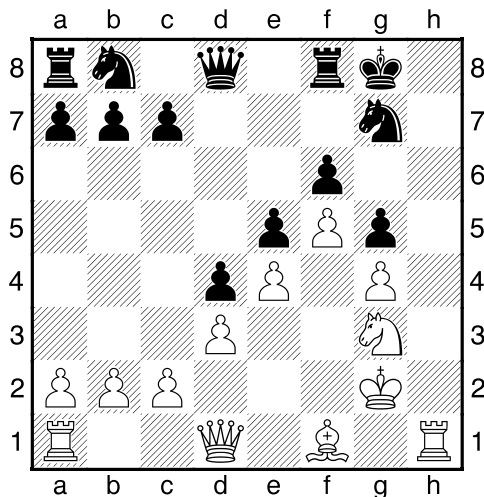
(2) Bryan Jiang (1673) – Joey Kelly (2109) [A00]

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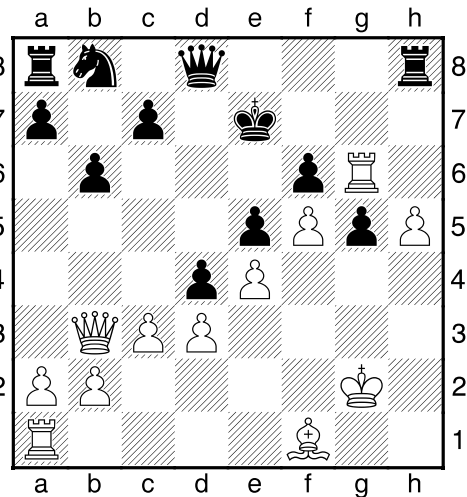
A00: Irregular Openings **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d3** last book move **3...Bf5 4.Nh4 Bc8 5.e4 d4 6.Ne2 e5 7.g3 Bd6 8.Ng2**
 Diagram



(Odd looking opening. I doubt this has ever happened before)
8...0-0 9.f4 Bg4 10.h3 Bf3 11.Kf2 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Ne8 13.f5 g6 14.g4 Ng7 15.Ng3 Be7 16.Qd2 g5 17.h4 h6 18.hxg5 Bxg5 19.Qd1 f6? 20.Bxg5 hxg5 Diagram



21.Rh6 [21.c3 Better] **21...Kf7** [21...a5 Better] **22.c3 b6 23.Qb3+ Ke7** [23...Ke8 Better, but still loses] **24.Nh5 Rh8 25.Rg6** [25.Rxh8 Actually a slightly better as it wins a rook, though is not obvious to quick analysis. 25...Qxh8 26.Nxg7 Qxg7 27.Qe6+ Kf8 28.Qc8+ Kf7 29.Qb7 Winning the rook.] **25...Nxh5 26.gxh5** Diagram

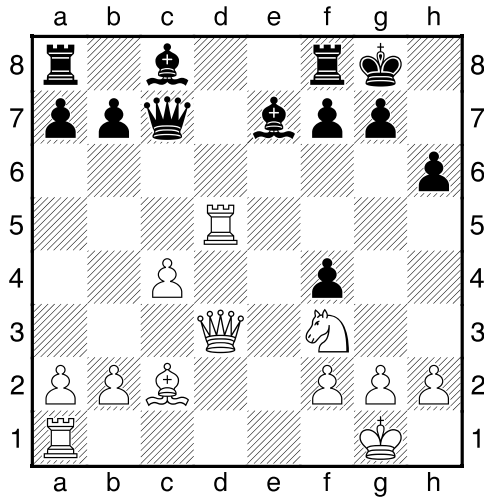


26...Nd7? This loses rather quickly. **27.Rg7+** Mate in one **1-0**

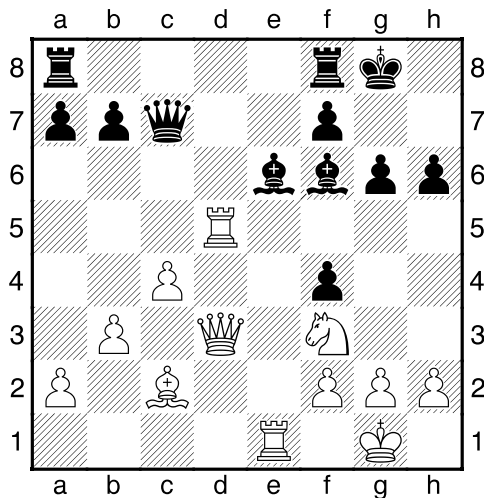
(3) Kaustabh Nimkar (1776) – Sam Un (1768) [D05]

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 D05: Colle System with ...e6
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nbd2 d5 4.e3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.0-0 0-0 7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 last book move **9...h6**

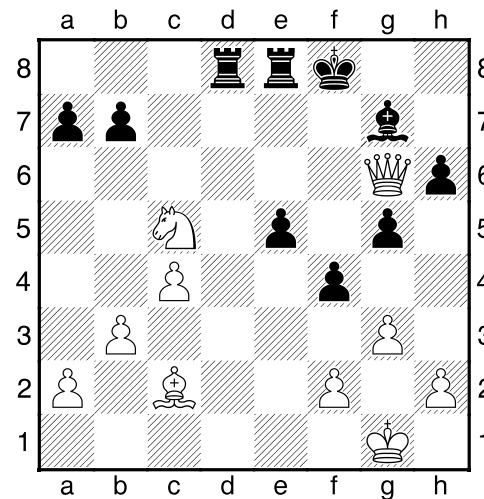
10.c4 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Bc2
 Qc7 13.Qe2 e5 14.Be3 Ne6
 15.Rfd1 Be7 16.Rd5 Nf4
 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Qd3 Diagram



18...g6 This move not recorded on score sheet. In fact no move for black recorded on score sheet by Kaustabh. But, it seems logical and fits with the rest of the moves in the game. Black has to prevent mate on h7 19.Re1 Bf6 20.b3 Be6? Diagram



Losing move. [20...Bg4 21.h3 Bxf3 22.Qxf3=; 20...Bf5 ? Does not work 21.Rxf5! gxf5 22.Qxf5 Rfe8 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Qxf6 +-(4.11)] 21.Rxe6! fxe6 22.Rd7 Qxd7 What else. Otherwise, black gets mated. 23.Qxd7 Rfe8 24.Qd3 g5 25.Qg6+ Bg7 26.g3 [26.Ne5 Better] 26...e5 27.Nd2 Rad8 28.Ne4 Kf8 29.Nc5 Diagram

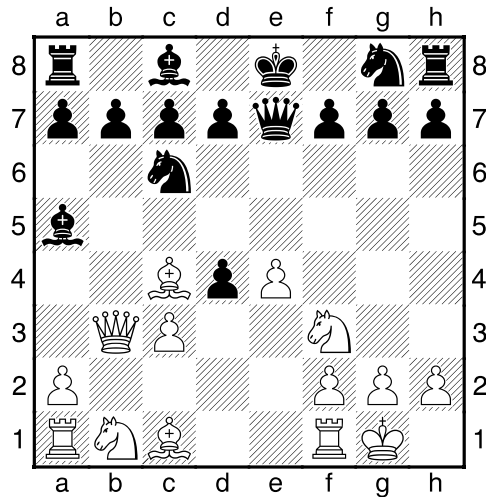
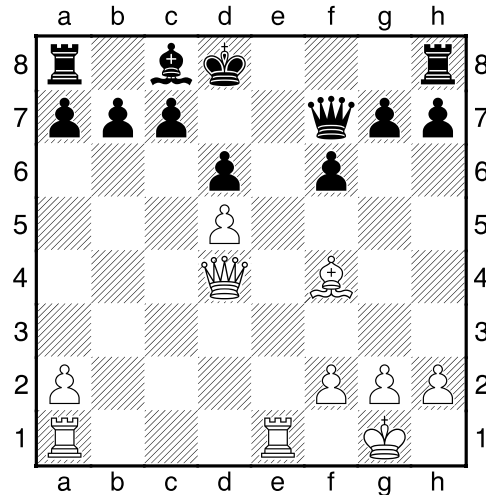


29...b6 This move is not recorded. In fact at this point Kaustabh again records no move at all. So, I am just guessing what black's move is Whatever the move, 30. Ne6+ follows with the win of the exchange. 30.Ne6+ Rxe6 31.Qxe6 Rd2 32.Qf5+ [32.Bg6 Better Mate in 3] 32...Ke7 33.h3 1-0

(4) Kyle Camarda (1914) – Bryan Jiang (1673) [C52]

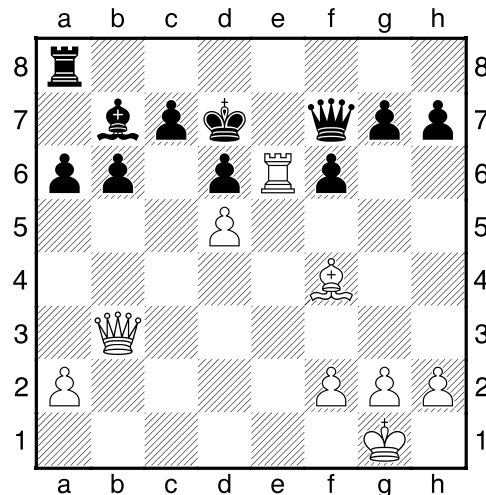
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C52: Evans Gambit Accepted:
5.c3 Ba5 One of those old time
openings. People still play
these. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6**
3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5
6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0
Diagram



last book move **8...Bxc3** Doubt
you will find this move in any
databases. **8...Bb6** or even
8...Nf6 better **9.Nxc3 dxc3**
10.Bg5 Qf8 11.Qxc3 f6 12.Bf4
d6 13.Bd5 Nge7= 14.Nd4
Nxd5 15.exd5 Nxd4 16.Qxd4
Exchange of pieces in this
opening is usually good for
black. **16...Qf7 17.Rfe1+= Kd8**
Diagram

18.Re3 [18.Rac1 Slightly better]
18...Re8 19.Rae1 Rxe3
20.Rxe3 b6 21.Qc4 [21.f3
Better 21...Bb7 22.Re6 Kd7?
23.Qa4+ Kd8 ♞(-0.38)] **21...Bb7**
22.Re6 [22.Rd3 Better, but at
this point black is losing -+(-
2.24)] **22...a6 23.Qb3 Kd7**
Diagram



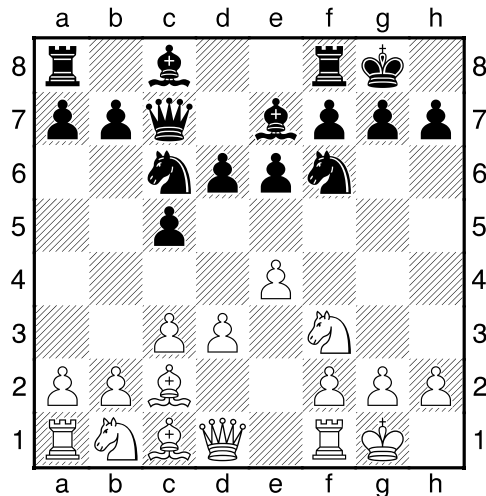
24.Bxd6? This loses rather
quickly. It is only good if black

plays 24.....cxd6 [24.Qh3 Better, though black is still winning. -+(-2.50)] **24...Bxd5** [24...cxd6? 25.Qxb6 Kc8 26.Qxd6= Qd7 27.Qc5+ Kb8 28.Qf8+ Ka7 29.Qc5+ Perpetual] **25.Qxd5 Qxe6 26.Qxe6+ Kxe6 27.Bxc7 b5 28.Kf1 Rc8 29.Bf4 Rc2 30.a3 Rc3 0-1**

(5) Shams Shaikh (1568) – Kaustabh Nimkar (1776) [B50]

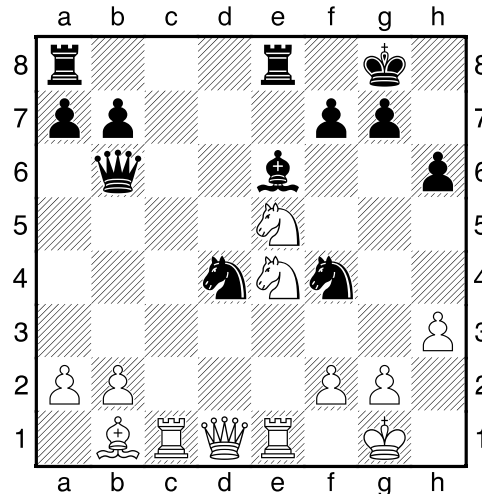
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B50: Sicilian: 2...d6,
Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Nc6 5.c3 e6 6.Bb3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0** last book move **8.Bc2 Qc7** Diagram

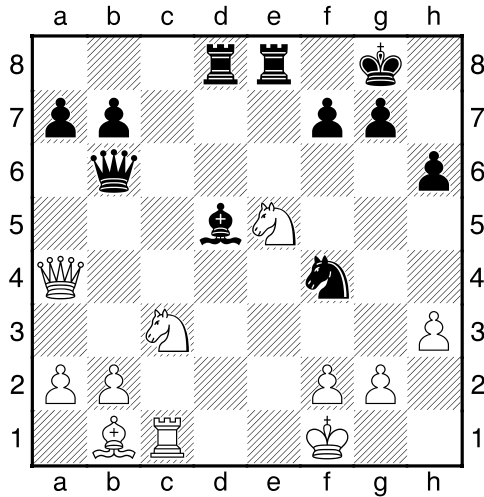


9.Re1 This move left out in notation. It is the logical move by the sequence of moves after this, but it is a guess as to what

the correct move was. **9...Re8 10.h3 e5 11.Be3 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.Nxg5 h6 15.Ne4 Nf4 16.Nbd2 Ne7 17.Nf3 Nf5= 18.Rc1 Qb6 19.d4 cxd4 20.cxd4 Be6 21.Nxe5 Nxd4 22.Bb1** Diagram



22...Rad8 Difficult to read this move. Could be 22....Red8, but this move would be less logical. [22...Bxh3 Better 23.Nf3 Nxg2 24.Rf1 Nf5 -+(-3.47)] **23.Qa4?** [23.Nd3 Necessary.] **23...Nde2+ 24.Kf1 Nxc1 25.Rxc1 Bd5** [25...Qxb2 Better. On rook on c1 and knight on e5. Double attack 26.Nf6+ gxf6 27.Qxf4 fxe5 28.Qxh6 Qd2 -+(-8.41)] **26.Nc3** Diagram

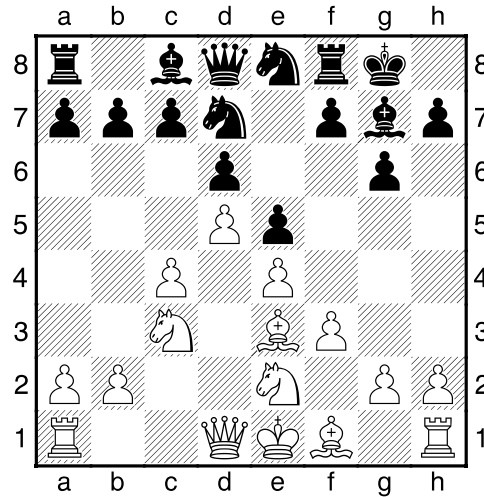


[26.Nd7 Better, but white still losing] **26...Bxg2+** There follows 27. Kg1 Nxf3+ 28. Kh2 Rxe5 29. Qh4 Rg5 etc. **0-1**

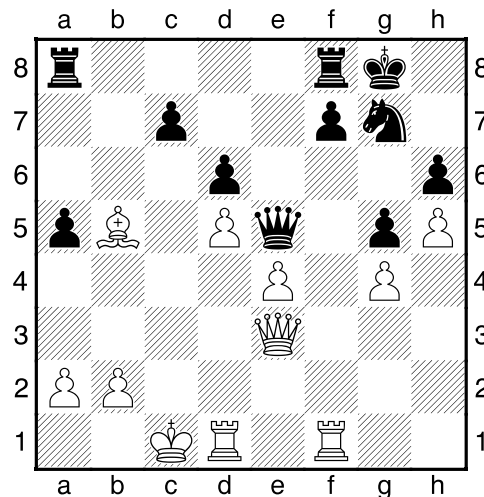
(6) Shakti Shimpi (1909) – Bryan Jiang (1673) [E85]

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E85: King's Indian: Sämisch:
6...e5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Nge2 e5 8.d5 Ne8**
Diagram

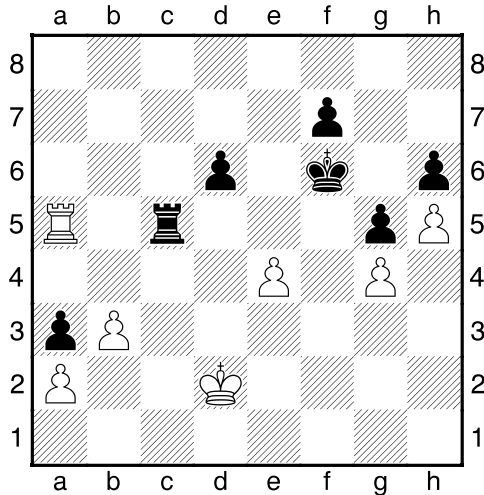


9.g4 last book move **9...Bh6 10.Qd2 Bxe3 11.Qxe3 a5 12.h4 Nc5 13.Ng3 Ng7 14.0-0-0 Bd7 15.h5 Qf6** Looking at **16...Qf4 16.Nce2 b5 17.cxb5 Bxb5 18.f4= Bxe2 19.Nxe2 exf4 20.Nxf4 g5 21.Nd3 Nxd3+ 22.Bxd3 h6 23.Rhf1 Qe5 24.Bb5** Diagram

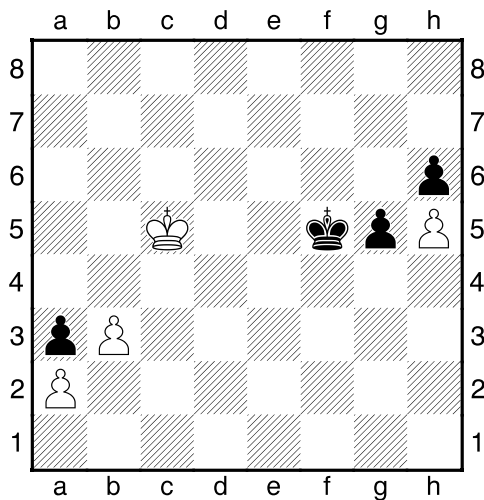


24...a4?! [24...f5 Better]
25.Qd4 Qxd4 26.Rxd4 a3 27.b3 Ne8 28.Ra4 Rxa4

29.Bxa4 Kg7 30.Bxe8 Rxe8
 31.Re1 c6 32.dxc6 Rc8
 33.Kd2 Rxc6 34.Rc1 Ra6
 White is better here. ±(1.10)
 35.Rc4 Kf6 36.Ra4 Rc6
 37.Ra5 Rc5 Diagram



38.Rxc5? Now black has advantage -+(-2.92) [38.Rxa3 Better 38...Ke5 39.b4 Rc8 40.Ke3 d5 41.b5 +-(1.49)]
 38...dxc5 39.Kd3 Ke5 40.Kc4 Kxe4 41.Kxc5 f5 42.gxf5 Kxf5 Diagram

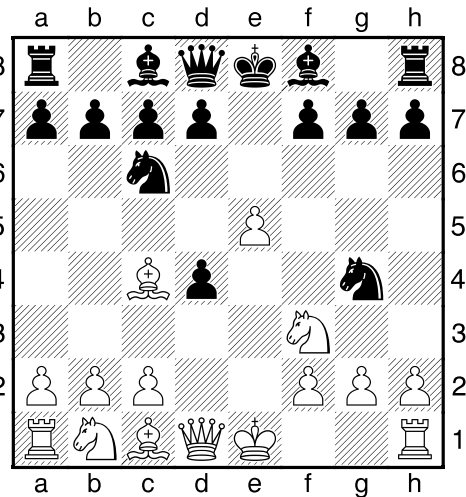


43.b4? 43. Kd4 better, but black is still winning 43...g4
 44.b5 g3 45.b6 g2 46.b7 g1Q+
 47.Kc6 Qc1+ 48.Kb6 Qb2+
 49.Ka7 Qd4+ 50.Ka8 Qa4+
 51.Kb8 Ke6 52.Kc8 Qc6+
 53.Kd8 Qd7# 0-1

**(7) Laurence Coker (1588)
 – Bill Qian (1539) [C56]**

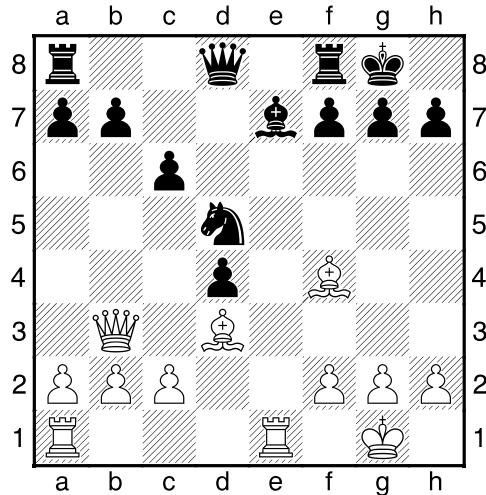
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 03.01.2015 (Missed opportunity for white)

C56: Two Knights: 4 d4 exd4 5 0-0 Nxe4 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 Ng4 Diagram

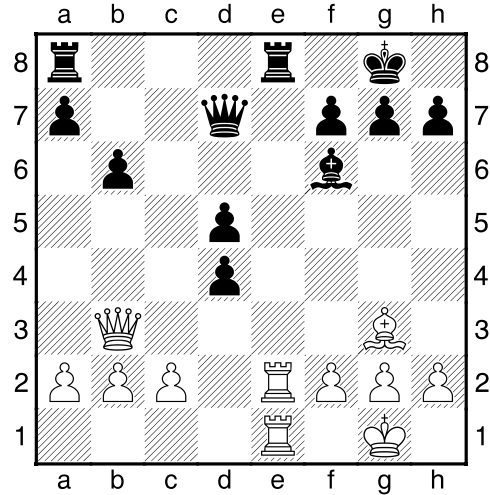


[5...d5 More common 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bc5= (7...Bd7=)]
6.0-0 [6.Qe2 Roman Dzindzihashvili in his tape on Two Knights says this is better 6...Qe7 7.Bf4 d6 8.exd6 Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 Bxd6 10.Bxd6 cxd6=]
6...Be7 [6...d6 Best 7.exd6 Bxd6 8.Re1+ Kf8=; 6...Ngxe5?

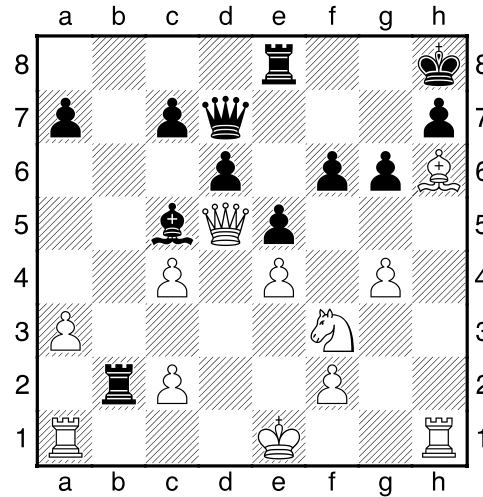
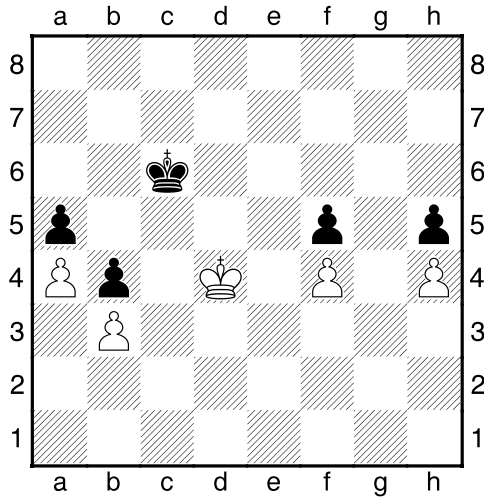
Not this 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Re1 d6
 9.f4 Be7 +-(1.80)] 7.Re1 d6
 [7...d5 Not as good] 8.exd6
 Qxd6 last book move 9.Nbd2
 0-0 10.Ne4 Qd8 11.Bb5 Nge5
 12.Bf4 Bg4 13.Ned2 Bxf3
 14.Nxf3= Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Nb4
 16.Qb3 c6 17.Bd3 Nd5
 Diagram



18.Bg3 [18.Qxb7 Better
 18...Nxf4 19.Rxe7 Rb8
 20.Qxa7 Rxb2=] 18...b6
 19.Be4 Qd7 20.Bxd5 cxd5
 21.Re2 Bf6 22.Rae1 Rfe8??
 Diagram



23.Be5?? [23.Qxd5! Wins on
 the spot. I didn't even look at
 this, but it exposes black's
 weak back rank. It attacks both
 the queen and the rook on a8
 23...Rxe2 (23...d3 24.cxd3 Qa4
 25.b3 Rac8 26.Qb7 Bc3
 27.bxa4 Bxe1 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8
 29.Qxa7 +-(9.42)) 24.Qxa8+
 Bd8 25.Rxe2 +-(9.37)]
 23...Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Re6 25.Kf1
 Rae8 26.R5e2 Qd6 27.Qb5
 Rf8 28.g3 Qc6 29.Qd3 Rxe2
 30.Rxe2 Qc4 31.Rd2 Rd8
 32.b3 Qxd3+ 33.Rxd3 Kf8
 34.Rxd4 Ke7 35.Ke2 Ke6
 36.Kd3 Rc8 37.c3 a5 38.a3 h6
 39.c4 dxc4+ 40.Rxc4 Rxc4
 41.Kxc4 Kd6 42.Kb5 Kc7
 43.f3 f5 44.h3 g5 45.Kc4 Kc6
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 h5 49.h4 b5 50.a4 b4 51.Kc4
 Kc6 52.Kd4 Diagram



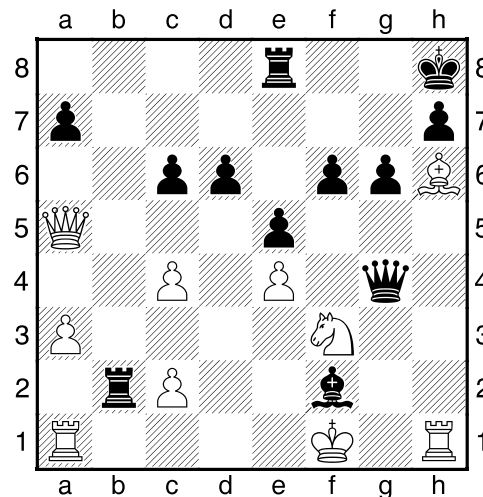
52...Kd6 Draw agreed. I had very little time left on my clock.
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**(8) Caroline Jiang (1165)
- C J Armenta (1499)
[C50]**

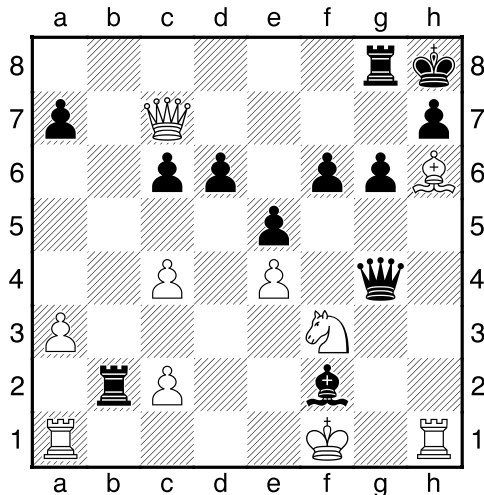
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C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo (A game with many missed opportunities for both sides. Interesting tactics in game, though.)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg5 last book move
6...d6 7.Nd5 Bg4 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.Bh6 Re8 10.h3 Bh5 11.g4 Bg6 12.h4 Na5 13.h5 Nxc4 14.dxc4 Qd7 15.hxg6 fxc6 16.Qd5+ Kh8 17.Qxb7 Rab8 18.Qd5 Rxb2 19.a3 Diagram

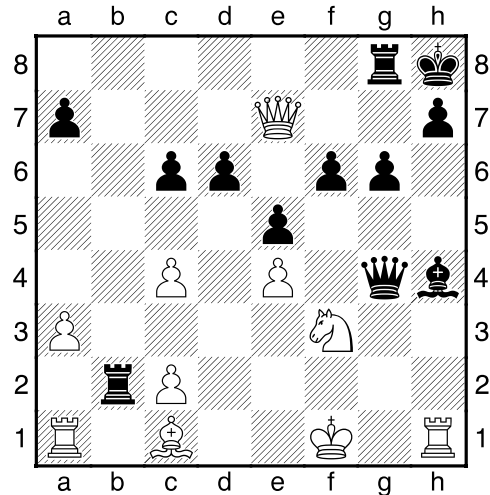
19...Bxf2+? An unsound sacrifice [19...Rxc2= 20.g5 Bxf2+ 21.Kf1 f5 22.Rh2 fxe4 23.Qxe4 Bd4 24.Rxc2 Qh3+ 25.Ke1 Bxa1=] **20.Kf1?** [20.Kxf2 Why not? 20...Rxc2+ 21.Bd2 c6 22.Qd3 Rb2 23.Rab1 Rxb1 24.Rxb1 Kg7 +- (5.95) White is winning]
20...c6= 21.Qa5? [21.Qd3 Bc5=] **21...Qxg4?** Diagram



Fritz says it is now mate in 8 for white **22.Qc7! Rg8** Diagram

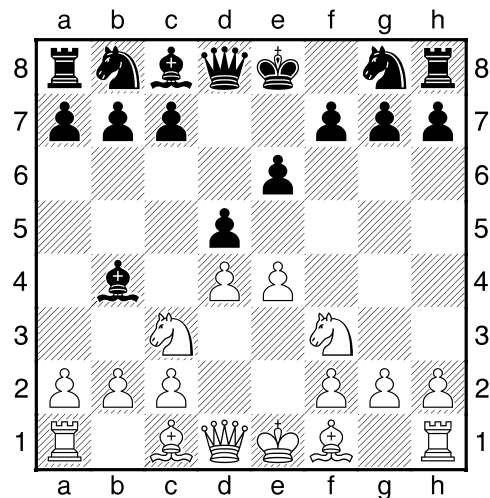


23.Bc1? [23.Bg5! Mate in 4]
23...Rg7? [23...Bh4 24.Rxh4 Qxf3+ 25.Ke1 Qc3+ 26.Kf1 Qxc4+ 27.Ke1 Qc3+ 28.Kf1 Qf3+ 29.Ke1 Qg3+ 30.Kf1 Qxh4 31.Bxb2 Qh1+ 32.Kf2 Qh2+ 33.Ke1 Qg1+ 34.Kd2 Qf2+ 35.Kd1 Qf1+ 36.Kd2 Qf4+ 37.Kd1 Fritz says black has an advantage here with extra pawns for piece, but white's queen is well placed. -+(-1.95)]
24.Qd8+ Rg8 25.Qe7? [25.Qxf6+! mate in 3 25...Rg7 26.Qf8+ Rg8 27.Rxh7+ Kxh7 28.Qh6#] **25...Bh4** Diagram

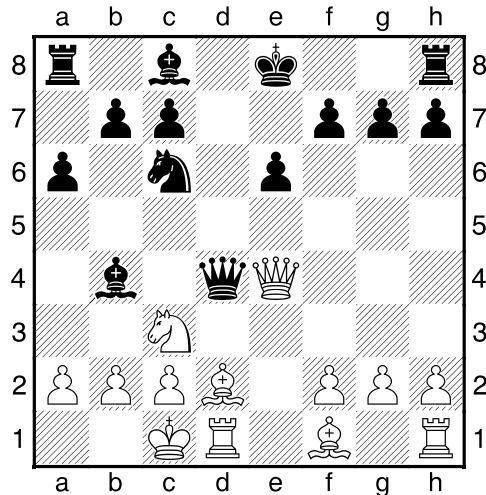


26.Bxb2?? Qxf3+ 27.Kg1 Qf2# 0-1

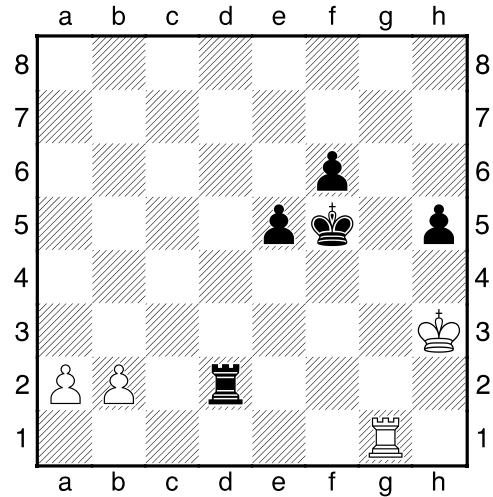
(9) Ethan Bui (1237) – Peter Doran (1333) [C15]
 2015 New Year Bash (3),
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 C15: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Unusual White 4th moves **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4** last book move **4.Nf3?** Diagram



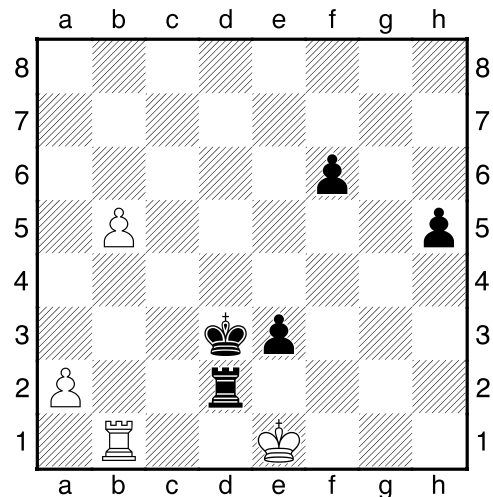
[4.exd5 Better 4...exd5 ±(0.35);
 4.e5 Better ± (0.48)] **4...dxe4**
5.Ng5 Nf6 6.Qe2 [6.f3 Better]
6...Qxd4 7.Bd2 Nc6 8.0-0-0 a6
 [8...Qe5 Better] **9.Ngxe4 Nxe4**
10.Qxe4? Diagram



This loses a piece **10...Qxe4?**
 This does not win the piece
 [10...Bxc3! 11.Qxd4 Bxd4 -+
 (-5.57)] **11.Nxe4 Bxd2+**
12.Rxd2 0-0 13.Bd3 Ne5
14.Re1 Nxd3+ 15.Rxd3 f6=
16.Nc5 e5 17.Red1 b6 18.Ne4
Bf5 19.f3 Rf7 20.g4 Bxe4
21.fxe4 Kf8 22.Rd7 Rxd7
23.Rxd7 Rc8 24.Kd2 h6
25.Ke3 g5 26.Kf3 Kg8 27.Kg3
c5 28.Rd6= Kg7 29.Rxb6 Rd8
30.Rxa6 Rd2 31.Ra7+ Kg6
32.h4 gxh4+ 33.Kxh4 Rxc2
34.Rb7 Rc4 35.Rc7 Rxe4
36.Rxc5 h5 37.Rc3 Rxg4+
38.Kh3 Rd4 39.Rg3+ Kf5
40.Rg1 Rd2 Diagram



41.Rb1? [41.Rf1+ Drive black
 king back before moving to Rb1
 41...Kg6 42.Rg1+ Kf7 (42...Kh6
 43.Rb1 ♣) 43.Rb1 ♣] **41...e4**
42.Kg3 Rd3+ 43.Kf2 e3+
44.Ke2 Ke4 45.b4 Rd2+
46.Ke1 Kd3= 47.b5? Diagram



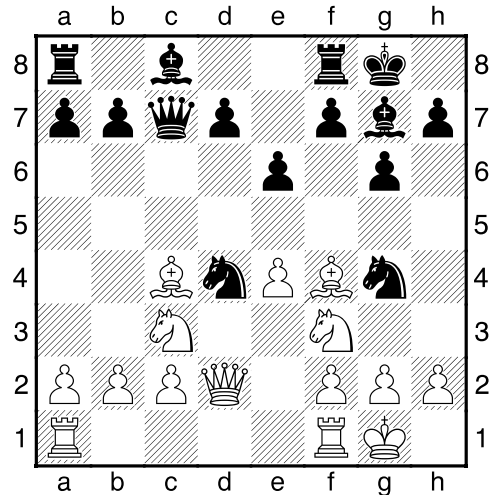
This should lose. But, it is not
 obvious right away. [47.Rb3+
 Kd4 48.b5=] **47...e2??**
 Throwing win away [47...h4
 48.Rb3+ (48.b6 h3 49.Rb3+

Ke4 50.Rb4+ Kf3 51.b7 h2
 52.Rh4 Rb2 53.Rh3+ Kg2
 54.Rh7 h1Q+ 55.Rxh1 Mate in
 21 55...Kxh1) 48...Ke4 49.Rb4+
 Kf3 50.Rxh4 Rxa2 51.Rh3+
 Ke4 52.Rh7 Rb2 53.Kf1 f5
 54.b6 f4 55.b7 Rb1+ 56.Kg2
 f3+ 57.Kg3 f2 58.Rf7 Rg1+
 59.Kh2 Rg8 60.Rg7 Rh8+
 61.Kg2 Kd3 62.Rf7 Rg8+
 63.Kh2 Ke2 64.Rg7 Rh8+
 65.Kg3 f1Q Mate in three]
48.b6 [48.Rb3+ Also works
 48...Kc2 49.Rb2+ Kxb2
 50.Kxd2 Kxa2 51.b6 +-(13.67)]
48...Kc2 49.Rb2+ Kxb2
50.Kxd2 1-0

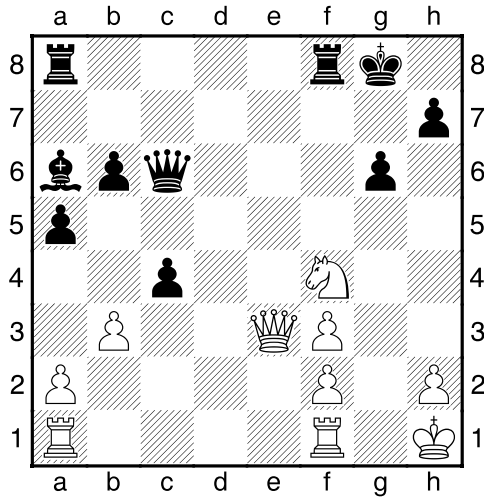
(10) Veronika Vanska
(1107) – Karen Camarda
(1268) [B35]

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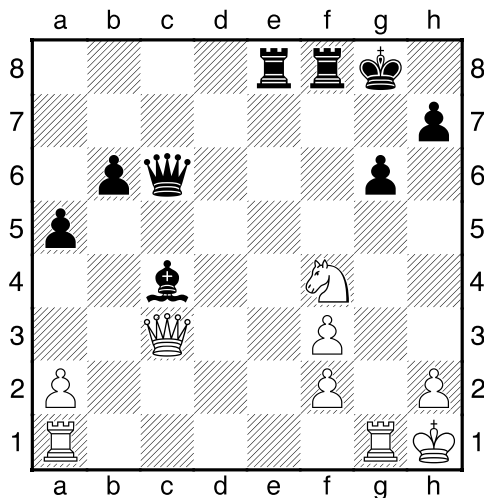
B35: Sicilian: Accelerated
 Dragon with 5 Nc3: main line
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4
Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.0-0 last book
 move **8...e6 9.Qd2 Ng4 10.Bg5**
Qc7 11.Nf3 Nd4! 12.Bf4
 Diagram



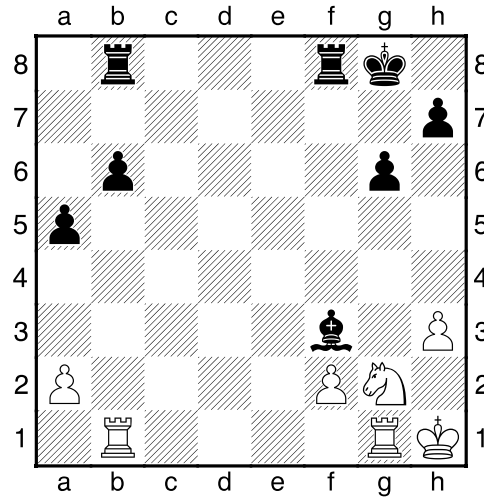
12...Nxf3+? [12...Qxc4 Black
 wins a piece 13.Nxd4 (13.b3
 Doesn't work 13...Qxc3
 14.Qxc3 Ne2+ 15.Kh1 Nxc3
 Black is now up two pieces. -+
 (-9.62)) 13...Qxd4 14.Qxd4
 Bxd4 -+(-3.47)] **13.gxf3 Ne5=**
 [13...Nxf3! 14.Kxh2 (14.Bxc7?
 Loses a piece 14...Nxf3+!
 15.Kg2 Nxd2 -+(-3.87))
 14...Qxc4 ∓(-1.14)] **14.Be2 Qb6**
15.Na4 Qc6 16.Nc3 b6 17.Bh6
Nc4 18.Bxc4 Qxc4 19.Bxg7
Kxg7= 20.b3 Qc6 21.Kh1 f5
22.Qe3 f4 23.Qd3 a5 24.Ne2
Ba6 25.c4 d5 26.exd5 exd5
27.Qd4+ Kg8 28.Nxf4 dxc4
29.Qe3? Diagram



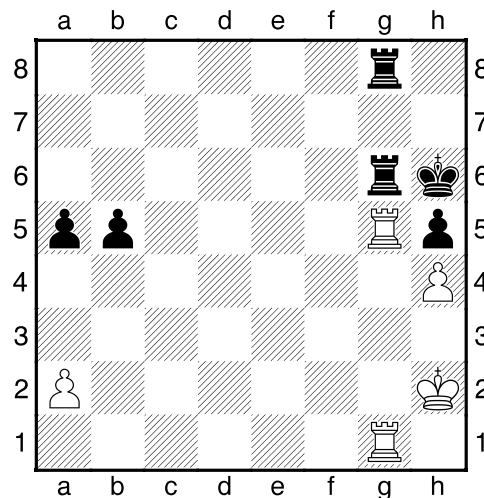
Loses at least the exchange
29...cxb3? [29...Rae8 30.Qd4
 cxb3 31.axb3 Bxf1 32.Rxf1 Rd8
 33.Qe3 Rfe8 34.Qc1 Qxf3+
 35.Ng2 -+(-11.80)] **30.Rg1**
Rae8 [30...b2 Better] **31.Qxb3+**
Bc4 32.Qc3 Diagram



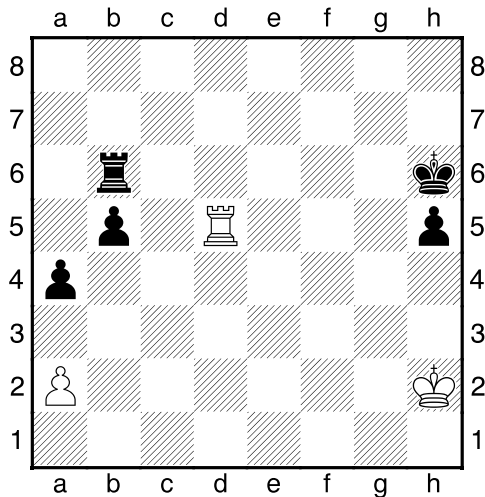
32...Bd5? The knight on f4 is
 hanging [32...Rxf4! Take the
 knight] **33.Qxc6 Bxc6 34.Ng2**
Bxf3 35.Rab1 Rb8 [35...Re2
 Better] **36.h3** Diagram



36...Bxg2+ Not a good idea to
 exchange off black's good
 bishop for this knight not doing
 much and is also pinned. And,
 with pawns on both sides of
 board, black's bishop is much
 better than knight. $\mp(-1.38)$
37.Kxg2 Kg7 38.h4 h5 39.Rb5
Kh6 40.Rg5 Rf6 41.Kh2? Rd8
 [41...Rxf2+ 42.Kh3 Rf6 Back to
 protecting pawn after win of
 pawn] **42.f4 Rg8 43.f5 b5**
44.fxg6 Rfxg6 Diagram



45.Rc1? Simply losing pawn [45.Rxg6+ Rxg6 46.Rf1 Rule of thumb. In rook and pawn ending if down material, don't trade off rooks.] **45...Rxg5 46.hxg5+ Rxg5 47.Rc6+ Rg6 48.Rc5 Rb6 49.Rd5 a4** Diagram

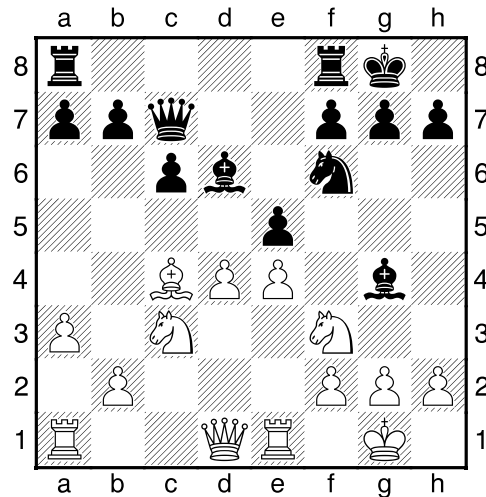


Draw here. Black is winning, two pawns up. She will get passed pawns on both sides of board with correct play. It is possible that black was short of time and white offered a draw and black accepted it. 1/2-1/2

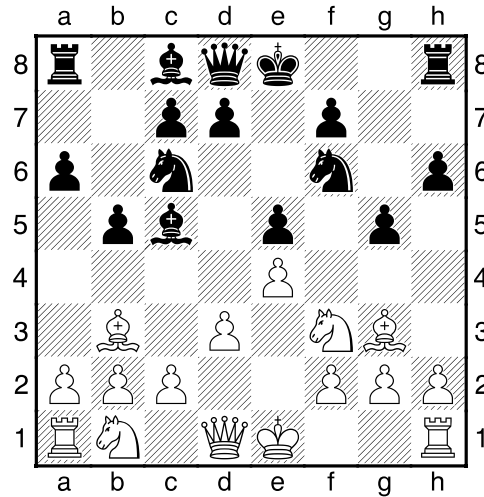
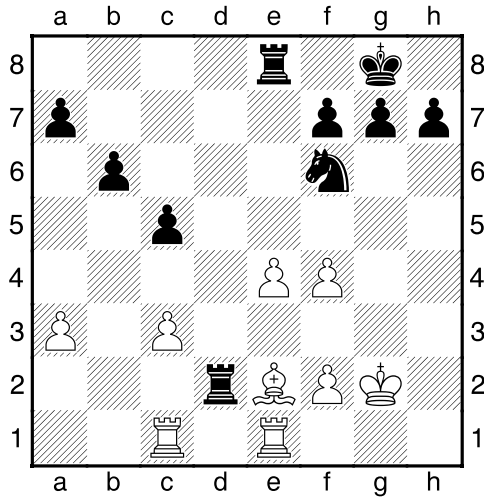
(11) Gavin Kirchmer (1309) – Ethan Bui (1237) [D51]

2015 New Year Bash (4), 03.01.2015 (This game in round 4 won by Ethan decided winner of the Reserve section of New Year Bash)

D51: Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Nbd7 sidelines **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.a3 c6 6.e3** last book move **6...Qa5 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Bxc4 Bd6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.e4 e5= 13.Re1 Bg4** Diagram



14.Be2? [14.d5 cxd5 15.Bxd5 Rfd8 16.h3 Bh5 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.Qd3=] **14...Bxf3 15.Bxf3 exd4 16.Qxd4 Bxh2+ 17.Kf1 Be5 18.Qd3 Rad8 19.Qe2 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Qh2 21.Qe3 Qe5 22.Rac1 b6 23.g3 Qb5+ 24.Be2 Qe5 25.Bf3 c5 26.Kg2 Rfe8 27.Qf4 Rd3 28.Be2 Qxf4 29.gxf4 Rd2** Diagram

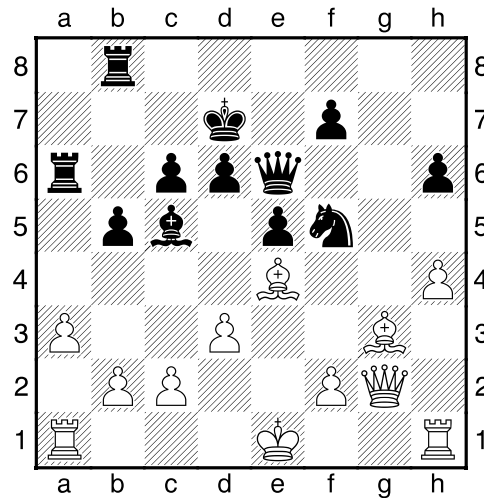


30.Bb5? Probably losing move as white drops second pawn [30.e5 Best 30...Nd5 31.Kf3; 30.Bf3 Ok, but not as good as 30. e5] **30...Rxe4 31.Rxe4 Nxe4 32.Kf3 Nxf2 33.Rf1 [33.Re1 Better, though still losing 33...h5 34.Re7] 33...Nd1 34.Re1 g6 35.c4 Rd4 36.Ba4? Nb2 37.Bb3 Rd3+ 38.Re3 Rd4 39.Bc2 Nxc4 40.f5? Nxe3 0-1**

9...d6 10.h3 g4 11.Nh4 gxh3 12.gxh3 Qe7 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 0-0-0 16.Qf3 Nd4 17.Qa8+ Kd7 18.Qxa6 Ra8 19.Qb7 Rhb8 20.Qg2 Nxf5 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Bxd5 Ra6 23.a3 c6 24.Be4 Qe6 25.h4? Diagram

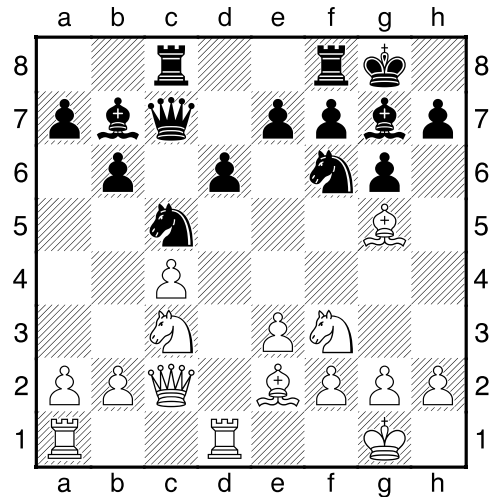
(12) Dave Kearns (1439) – Caroline Jiang (1165) [C77]

2015 New Year Bash (2), 03.01.2015
 C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Nf6 6.d3 Bc5** last book move **7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3** Diagram



Draw agreed apparently, but h4? is a mistake that drops a piece or the exchange. The analysis by Fritz is complex. 25.c3 would have kept the game equal. It prevents

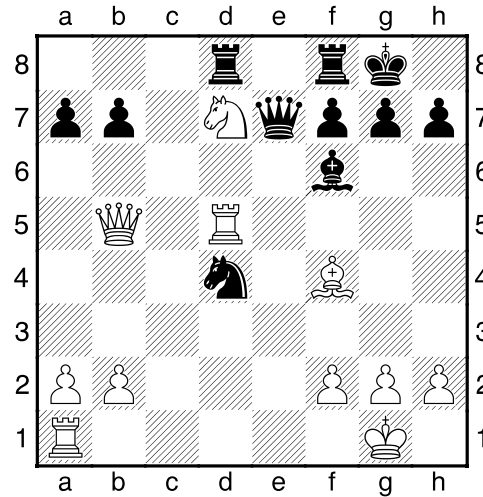
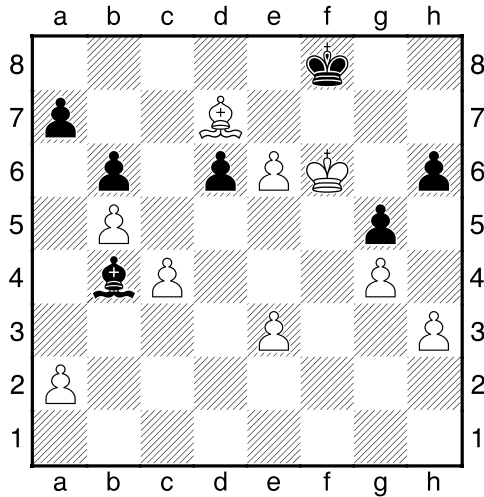
25...Nd4!. After 25.h4? black plays Nd4! and threatens Nxc2+. Black can ignore it with 26.0-0 or play 26.Kd2 to hold onto pawn, but both lose a piece. There follows 26....f5 after each of these moves. The bishop is forced to f3 where it is attacked by the knight. 27.....f4! follows The bishop is forced to move and then comes 28...Rg8 causing all the problems for white. After 26.0-0 the f4 move does not allow Bg3 to move as Rg8 skewers the queen and king. After 26.Kd2 line played and 28...Rg8 is played the queen can't move without dropping the f3 bishop that is attacked by knight on d4. Also, 26.Rc1 doesn't help, but that is more analysis. 1/2-1/2



**(13) Sho Glashausser
(1620) – Braden Johnson
(1439) [E61]**

2014 Lindsborg Open (2),
20.12.2014 (I have one game from the Lindsborg Open sent to me by Alex Glashausser)
E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 d6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2** last book move **7...b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Qb3 c5 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Qc2 Rc8 12.Rfd1 Qc7** Diagram

[12...Nfe4 Slightly better
13.Nxe4 Bxe4 ♣-0.91)] **13.Nb5 Be4 14.Qd2 Qb7 15.Rac1 Bf5 16.Nbd4 Nfe4 17.Qe1 Nxcg5 18.Nxcg5 Bd7 19.Bf3 Qb8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Rc7 22.b3 Qc8 23.Nb5 Bxb5 24.cxb5 Bb2 25.Rxc7 Qxc7 26.Bc6 Qc8 27.Qd2 Bf6 28.Qb4 Qc7 29.Qg4 Qc8 30.Qxc8 Rxc8 31.f4 Rd8 32.Kf2 h6 33.Rc1 g5 34.g3 Kg7 35.Rc4 Rc8 36.f5 Bb2 37.g4 Be5 38.h3 f6 39.Bd7 Rxc4 40.bxc4 Bc3 41.Ke2 Bb4 42.Kd3 Kf8 43.Ke4 e6?!
Apparently, according to Sho's dad both players were having clock problems and moving very fast. **44.fxe6 Ke7 45.Kf5 Kf8? 46.Kxf6** Diagram**



Black resigned here, but all is not lost. With bishops of opposite color, black can hold on for a while and certainly make it difficult for white to win 46...Bc3+ 47. Kg6 Bd2 48. e4 Ke7 49. Kxh6 1-0

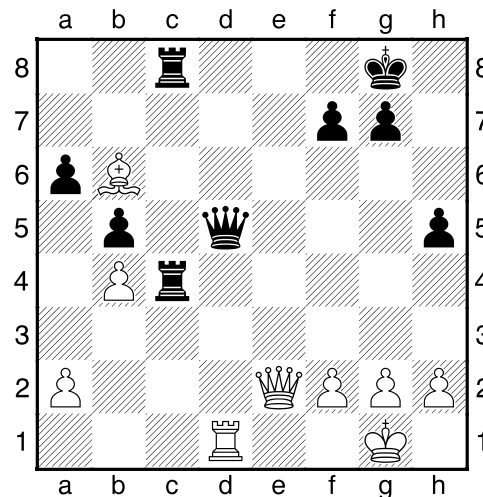
21.Nxf6+? Loses exchange [21.Rxd4 Necessary 21...Bxd4 22.Nxf8 Kxf8 ♣-0.40)] **21...Qxf6 22.Rxd4 Qxd4 23.Be3 Qd5 24.Qa4 a6 25.Qg4 Qe6 26.Qb4 Qd5 27.Qg4 h5 28.Qa4 b5 29.Qc2 Rc8 30.Qe2 Rfd8 31.b4 Rc4 32.Bb6 Rdc8 33.Rd1??** Diagram

(14) Gabriel Maurer (1418) – Brycen Parker (944)

[C67]

2015 February ICCC (4),
07.02.2015 (One game from
ICCC February tourney)

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin
Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0
Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6
7.Nxe5 Be7 8.d4 0-0 last book
move 9.c3 Be6 10.Qe2 Bd5
11.c4 Be6 12.Nc3 Nf5 13.d5
cxd5 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Rd1 c6
16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.Qb5 Bf6
18.Rxd5 Qe7 19.Bf4 Rad8
20.Nd7 Nd4 Diagram



Loses very quickly [33.Bc5
Better, though black is still
winning] **33...Rc1 0-1**