

2019 Kansas Open Games

OPEN SECTION

I was able to follow many games from score sheets from 2019 Kansas Open, Open section. Also, I received pgn files via emails from Marshal Lusk, Jack Easton, Luke Tran's father, and Frank Smith. Thus, I was able to analyze 48 games from Open section. My selection of games was difficult. My own preference is to select games that are decisive as opposed to draws. That may or may not be a good thing. I ended up selecting 16 games. I am sure I have left out some good games. Most analysis is either by Fritz or Stockfish. Comments are made by Luke Tran in Tran- Herman game and by Frank Smith in Smith-Mousa game.

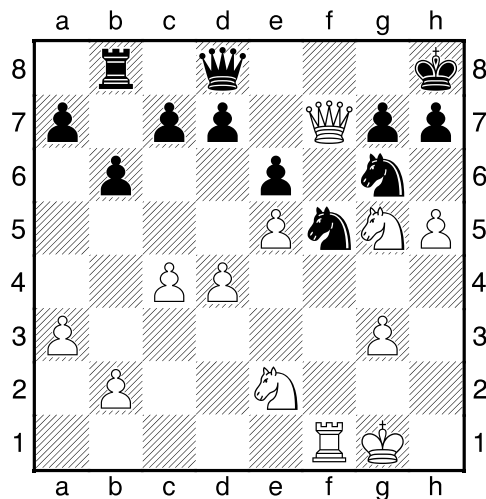
1. Bob Holliman $\frac{1}{2}$: Marshal Lusk $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Ankith Sheshappa 0: Jack Easton 1
3. Joseph Serwadda 0: Jack Easton 1
4. Tony Bergida 1: Jason Wawrzaszek 0
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6. Luke Tran 1: Zach McGinty 0
7. Daniel Herman 1: Kyle Camarda 0
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9. Edward Nathan Perry 1: Cael Province 0
10. Kyle Camarda 1: Josh Fernandes 0
11. Kyle Camarda 1: Vladimir Iglesias 0
12. Griffin Thomas McConnell 0: Brycen Parker 1
13. Neil Naputo 1: Oscar Wang 0
14. Joseph Serwadda 1: Vladimir Iglesias 0
15. Frank Smith $\frac{1}{2}$: Alaa-Adin Mousa $\frac{1}{2}$
16. Ron Luther $\frac{1}{2}$: Ben Gradsky $\frac{1}{2}$

At the end of each pdf version of each game there is a link to view game on the web. As far as I know games can only be seen by link provided. Games published to web by Chessbase 13.

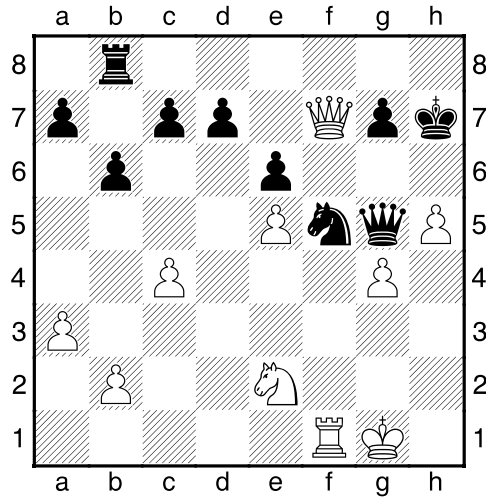
(1) Bob Holliman (2200) – Marshal Lusk (1735) [A80]

2019 Kansas Open (Rd. #4), 21.07.2019

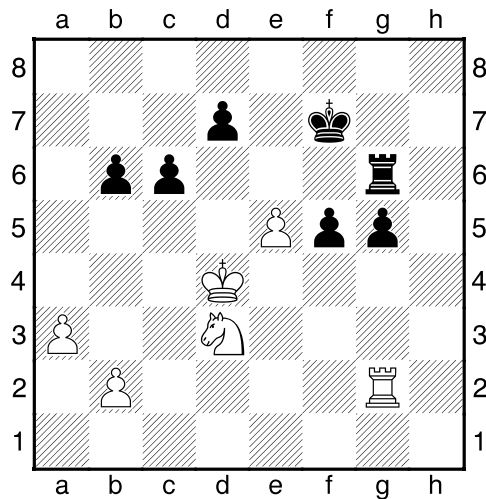
A80: Dutch Defence: Unusual White second moves 1.d4 f5 2.Qd3 e6 3.g4 fxg4 4.h3 last book move 4...Qh4 5.Bg2 g3 6.fxg3 Qd8 7.e4 Nf6 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.c3 Be7 10.e5 Nd5 11.0-0 Bg5 12.Nd2 [12.Qf3! better, winning 12...Qe7 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qxg5 Qxg5 15.Bxg5] 12...b6 13.Ne4 Bxc1 14.Raxc1 Bb7 15.a3 Rf8 16.c4 Nde7 17.Rxf8+ Kxf8 18.Rf1+ Kg8 19.Ng5 Ng6 20.h4 Rb8 21.Be4 [21.Nf4 better] 21...Nce7 22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Qf3 [23.Qe4 better 23...Rb8 24.h5 Qe8 25.hxg6 Qxg6 26.Qf4 +-(3.45)] 23...Rb8 24.Qf7+ Kh8 25.h5 Nf5



26.Nxh7? [26.Rxf5! exf5 27.Qxf5 Qf8 28.Qg4 Nxe5 29.dxe5 h6 30.Nf3 +-(2.57); 26.Qxf5 another choice, though Rxf5 is better 26...exf5 27.Nf7+ Kg8 28.Nxd8 Ne7 29.g4 Rxd8 30.gxf5 +-(1.64)] 26...Nxe5 27.dxe5 Kxh7 28.g4 Qg5?



29.Qg6+! Qxg6 30.hxg6+ Kxg6 31.gxf5+ exf5 32.Kg2?! [32.Rd1! Rd8 33.e6 Kf6 34.exd7 c5 35.Nf4 g5 36.Nh3 a6 37.Kf2 Ke7 38.Nxg5] 32...Re8 33.Nf4+ Kf7 34.Nd3 g6 35.Rh1 Kg7 36.Kf3 g5 37.Rh2 Kg6 38.Rg2 Kh6 39.Re2 Kh5 40.c5 Kg6 41.cxb6 axb6 42.Nb4 c6 43.Nd3 [43.Rd2 Rxe5 44.Rxd7 Re6] 43...Kf7 44.Rg2 Rg8 45.Ke3 Rg7 46.Kd4 Rg6



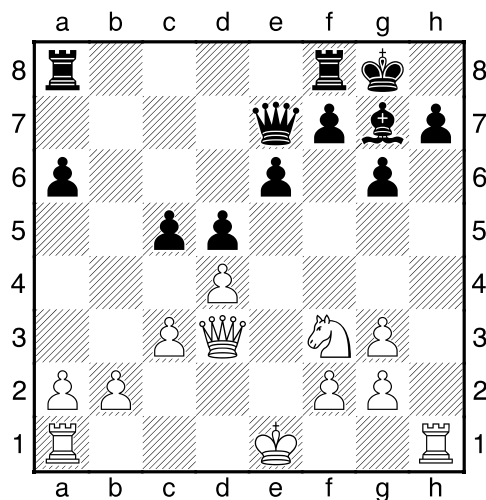
47.Nf2?! [47.b4 better, anticipating c5] 47...Ke6 48.Nh3 c5+ 49.Ke3 [49.Kc4 maybe slightly better] 49...Kxe5 50.Nxg5 f4+ 51.Kf3 Kf5 52.Nh3 Rxg2 53.Kxg2 Ke4 54.Kf2= 1/2-1/2

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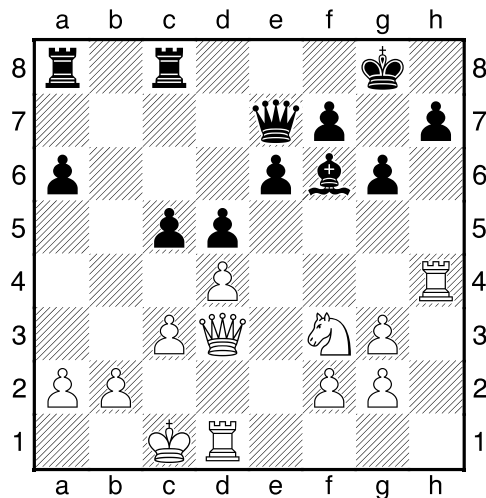
(2) Ankith Sheshappa (1951) - Jack Easton (2326) [D02]

2019 Kansas Open (Rd. #1), 20.07.2019

D02: 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3.g3 and 2...Nf6 3.Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 e6 6.Nbd2 Nh5 last book
move **7.Bg3 Nxg3 8.hxg3 g6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Qe2 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6**
12.Ne5 cxd4 13.Qf3 Qe7 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.exd4 Bg7= 16.Qd3 c5
17.Nf3 0-0



18.0-0-0?! risky with open "b" file [18.0-0 better] 18...Rfc8 19.Rh4 Bf6



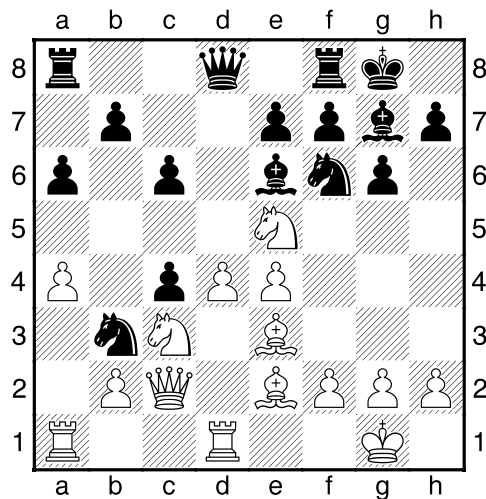
20.Rh6? Stockfish thinks this is the losing move. Leaves possibility of Bg5+ picking off rook, especially if after blacks next move cxd4, white takes back with knight on f3 [20.Rhh1 much better, though black still with some advantage (-1.37)] **20...cxd4! 21.Rdh1 dxc3 22.Rxh7 cxb2+ 23.Kd2 Qb4+ 24.Ke2 b1Q** [24...Rc3 stockfish likes this move better] **25.Rxb1 Qe4+ 0-1**

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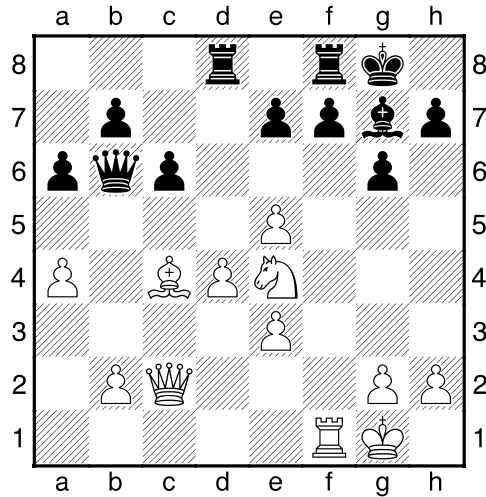
(3) Joseph Serwadda (1999) - Jack Easton (2326) [D24]

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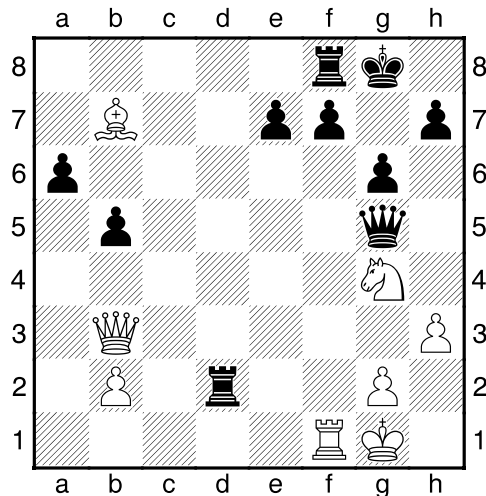
D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Nc3 a6 5.a4 Nc6 6.e3 Na5 7.Ne5 Be6 last book move 8.Qc2 c6 9.Be2 g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.e4 Nb3 black with advantage 13.Be3



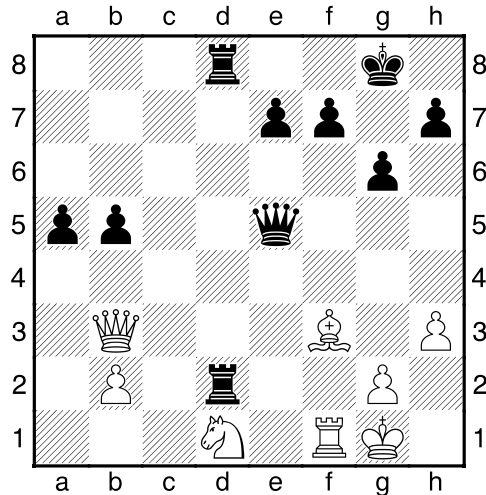
[13.Ra3 if white tries to save loss of exchange things just get worse 13...Nxd4 14.Qd2 Nxe4 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.Rxd4 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bxe5 - +(-3.45) black is winning] **13...Nxa1 14.Rxa1 Qc7 15.Nxc4 Bxc4 16.Bxc4 Ng4 17.e5 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Rad8 19.Ne4 Qb6 20.Rf1**



20...Bxe5 an attempt to destroy white's center **21.dxe5** [21.a5 stockfish likes this in between move better 21...Qxa5 22.dxe5 Qxe5 23.Re1 ^{Soft}_{Plus} (-1.27) black with advantage] **21...Qxe3+** **22.Nf2** **Qxe5** **23.h3** **Qg5** **24.Qb3** **b5** **25.axb5** **cxb5** **26.Be2** **Rd4** [26...Qe5 stockfish likes this move better] **27.Bf3** **Rfd8** **28.Bb7** **Rd2** **29.Ng4** **Rf8**



30.Ne3? [30.Qc3 Stockfish likes this move better though still with some advantage for black] **30...Qe5** **31.Nd1** **a5** **32.Bf3** **Rfd8**



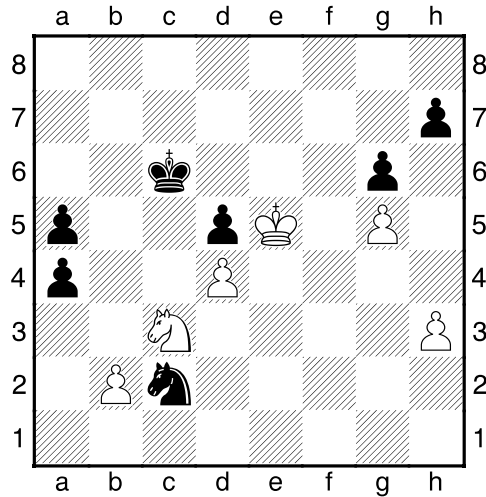
33.Be2? loses a piece, white gets in a check but it is not worth it [33.Bc6 Stockfish likes this better, though still does not avoid loss of a piece by Qc5+; 33.Kh1 getting away from queen check on c5 or d4 does not help 33...R8d3 34.Nc3 b4!] **33...Rxe2 34.Qxf7+ Kh8 35.Nf2 Re1 36.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 37.Kh2 Qe5+ 38.Kg1 Rc8 39.Nd3 Qd4+ 40.Nf2 Qf6 0-1**

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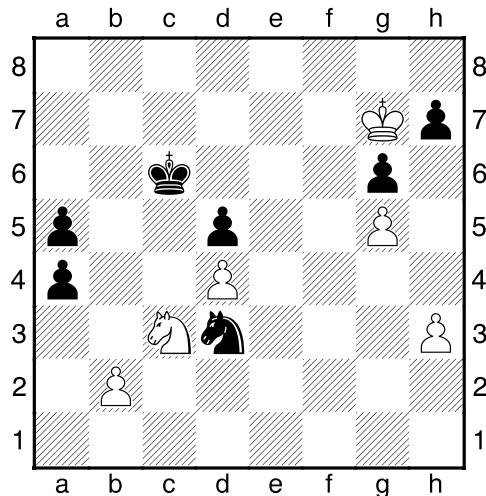
(4) Tony Bergida (1897) – Jason Wawrzaszek (1986)

[B27] 2019 Kansas Open (Rd. #2), 20.07.2019

B27: Sicilian: 2 Nf3, unusual Black 2nd moves **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.e5 Bg4 7.Bb5+ Nd7 8.0-0 e6** last book move **9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Qd3 f6 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.Nd2 Nc6 17.Qe3 Raf8 18.Rac1 Rf4 19.Nb3 Qf7 20.f3 Qf6 21.Rcd1 Re8 22.g3 Rf5 23.f4 Rf8 24.Nc5 Rf7 25.Qxe6 Qxe6 26.Nxe6 Re7 27.g4 Rf6 28.Nc5 b6 29.Nb3 Re2 30.g5 Rf7 31.Rf2 Rxf2 32.Kxf2 Rxf4+ 33.Kg3 Re4 34.Kf2 Kf7 35.Rc1 Re6 36.Rc2 a5 37.a4 Ke7 38.Rc3 Kd7 39.Re3 Rxe3 40.Kxe3= Ke6 41.Kf4 Nb4 42.Nc1 Nc2 43.Ne2 Kd6 44.Kf3 Kc6 45.Kf4 b5= 46.Ke5 bxa4** Interesting endgame with black having slight advantage **47.Nc3?**



[47.Kf6 better 47...Ne1 48.Kg7 Nf3 49.h4 Nxh4 50.Kxh7 Kb5 black still with advantage, but less so $\pm(-1.58)$] **47...Nb4?** [47...Ne1! winning according to Stockfish 48.Nxd5 Nf3+ 49.Ke4 Nxg5+ 50.Ke5 Nf3+ 51.Ke4 Nd2+ 52.Ke5 Nc4+ $-(-2.48)$] **48.Kf6 Nd3** white now with slight advantage **49.Kg7**



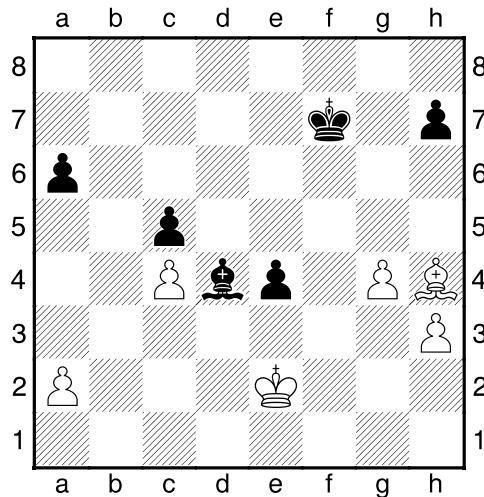
49...Nxb2? losing now [49...Nf4 50.Kxh7 Kd6 51.h4 Ke6 52.h5 Kf5 53.hxg6 Nxg6 54.Kh6 Nf4 slight advantage for white $\pm(0.75)$] **50.Kxh7 a3 51.Kxg6 Nd1 52.Na2 Nf2 53.h4 1-0**

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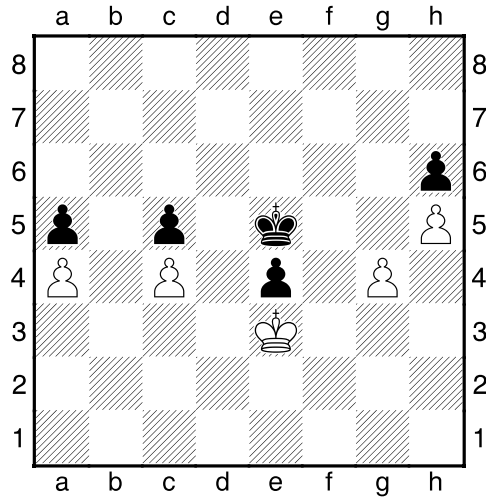
(5) Jason Wawrzaszek (1986) – Tony Dutiel (1813) [C50]

2019 Kansas Open Overland Park (Rd. #3), 20.07.2019

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo 1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4 d6 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Ne5 last book move 9.Bb3 c5 10.Nf3 Be6 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qe2 Qe8 14.Qc4 Qc6 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 Rad8 17.Rad1 a6 18.e5 Nd5 19.Bc1 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Re8 22.Rf1 Rf8 23.Rd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Bxd8 25.Qg3 Qd7 26.Bh6 Bc7 27.Kh2 b5 28.b3 Qf7 29.c4 Kh8 30.Qf4 Qxf4+ 31.Bxf4 g5 32.Bxg5 Bxe5+ 33.Kg1 bxc4 34.bxc4 Bd4+ 35.Kf1 Kg7 36.g4= Kg6 37.Be7 e5 38.Ke2 Kf7 39.Bh4 e4?



first mistake. Black must keep this pawn on e5 **40.Bf2! Bxf2?** loses faster [40...Ke6 loses also 41.Bxd4 cxd4 42.h4 white to get passed pawns on two wings; 40...Bb2 best to lose pawn but keep bishop on board 41.Bxc5 Ke6 42.Be3 Bf6 43.Bd2 +-(1.49)] **41.Kxf2 Kf6 42.h4 h6 43.Ke3 Ke5 44.h5 a5 45.a4**



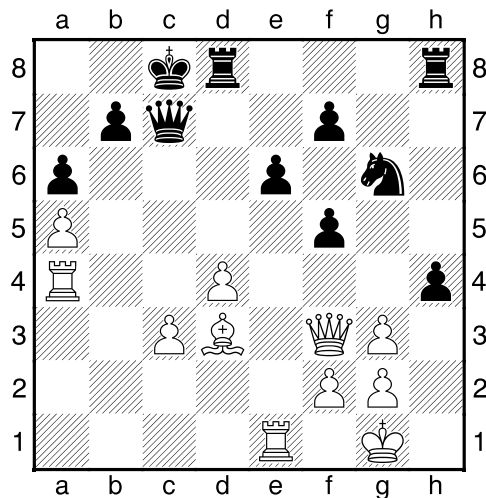
zugswang 45...Kf6 46.Kxe4 Ke6 47.Kf4 Kf6 48.g5+ hxg5+ 49.Kg4 Kf7 50.Kxg5 Kg7 51.Kf5 1-0

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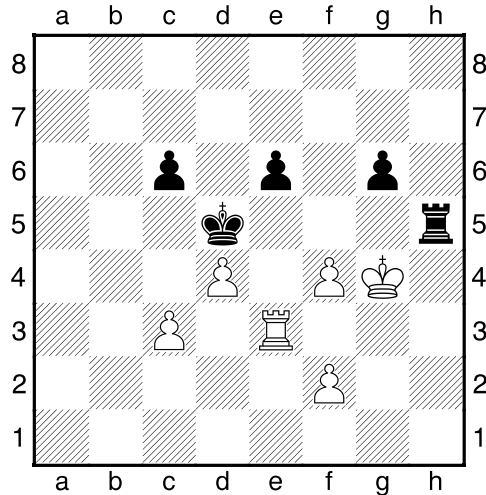
(6) Luke Tran (1953) – Zach McGinty (1613) [C10]

2019 Kansas Open (Rd. #1), 20.07.2019 (one comment by Luke)

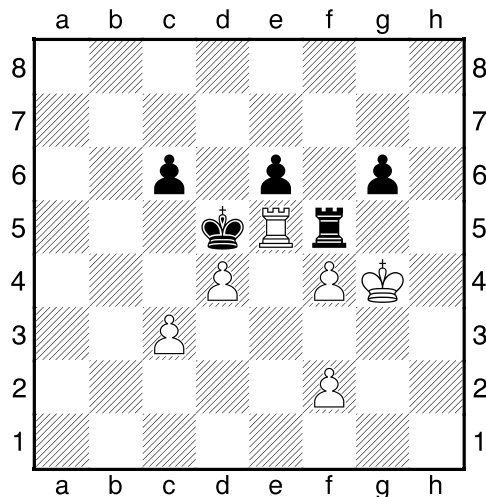
C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Nf3 Bd7 last book move 7.Bf4 Bc6 8.c3 Bd6 9.Bg3 Nd7 10.Bd3 Nf8 11.0-0 Bxg3 12.hxg3 Ng6 13.Re1 Qd6 14.b4 0-0-0 15.b5 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 f5 17.a4 h5 18.a5 h4 19.b6 a6 20.bxc7 Qxc7 21.Ra4



21...Rd6? [21...Ne7 better 22.Rc4 Nc6 23.Rc5 hxg3 24.Bxa6 Rd5 25.Rxd5 exd5 26.Bd3 gxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qxa5 28.Bxf5+ Kc7 ±(0.80)]
22.Rc4 Rc6 23.Rxc6 Qxc6 24.Qxc6+ bxc6 25.Bxa6+ Kc7 26.gxh4 Ra8 27.Be2 Rxa5 28.Bh5 Kd6 29.g3 f4 30.Bxg6 fxg6 31.gxf4 Rh5 32.Kg2 Rxh4 33.Kg3 Rh5 34.Re3 Kd5 35.Kg4



(Luke) When I played Kg4, I saw I missed Re5. If he played Kd6, I would repeat with Kg3 and after he "repeats again" I would have played Re5 **35...Rf5?** This allows white to go into won pawn and king endgame. Better to avoid exchange of rooks being a pawn down. [35...Kd6 36.Re5 Rh2 37.Kg3 Rh1 38.Rc5 Rg1+ 39.Kh3 Rh1+ 40.Kg2 Rc1 only slight advantage for white ±(0.39)] **36.Re5+**



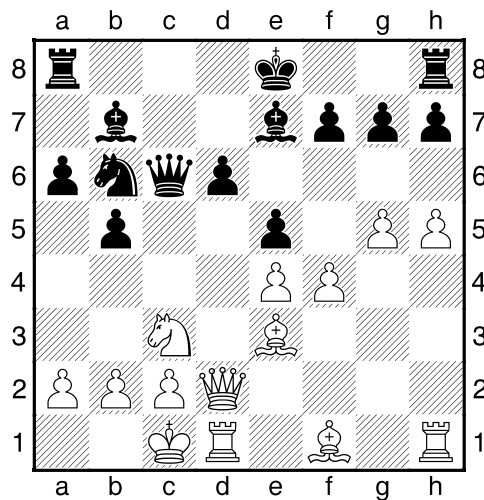
36...Rxe5? this just makes things worse [36...Kc4 best but still losing 37.Rxe6 Kxc3 38.Rxc6+ Kxd4 39.Rxg6 Ra5 40.f5 more difficult for white to win, though should win for white; 36...Kd6 saves e6 pawn but allows white to go into won king and pawn endgame after exchange of rooks 37.Rxf5 gxf5+ 38.Kg5] **37.dxe5 Kc4 38.Kg5 Kxc3 39.Kxg6 Kd4 40.f5 exf5 41.e6 1-0**

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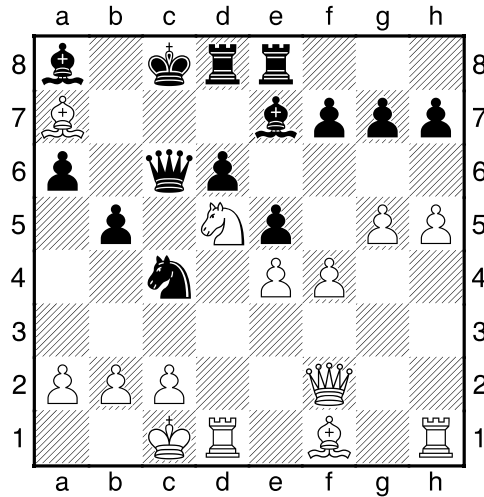
(7) Daniel Herman (2151) – Kyle Camarda (1954) [B81]

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B81: Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Be7** last book move **8.g5 Nfd7 9.h4 Nc6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.h5 b5 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Qd4 e5 14.Qd2 Nb6** [14...Nc5 stockfish thinks this is better] **15.f4 Bb7 16.0-0-0**



16...0-0-0? Stockfish considers this a mistake. Probably losing mistake, though white needs to play properly [16...Qc7 better, though white still with some advantage 17.Kb1 Rd8 +-(1.97)] **17.Qf2 Nc4** [17...b4 better though white still with significant advantage] **18.Nd5 Rhe8 19.Ba7 Ba8**



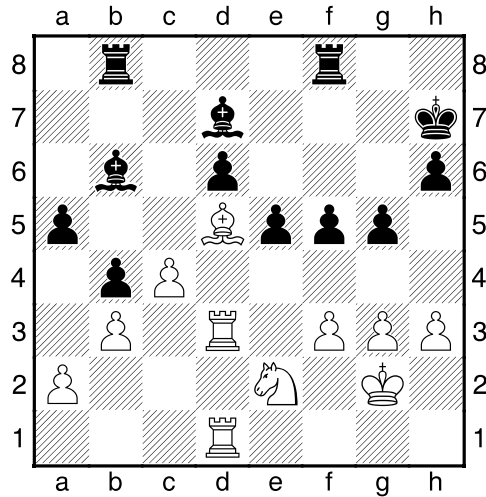
20.b3 Na3 21.Kb2 [21.Rh3! better, threatens Rc3 pinning queen against king] **21...Rd7 22.Nb6+ Kb7 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qb6+** mate in one **1-0**

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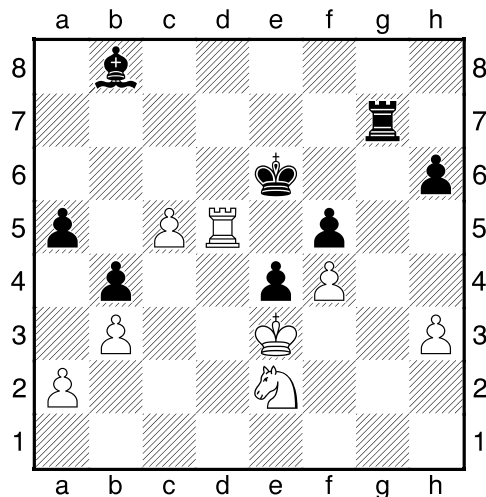
(8) Luke Tran (1958) - Daniel Herman (2151) [B41]

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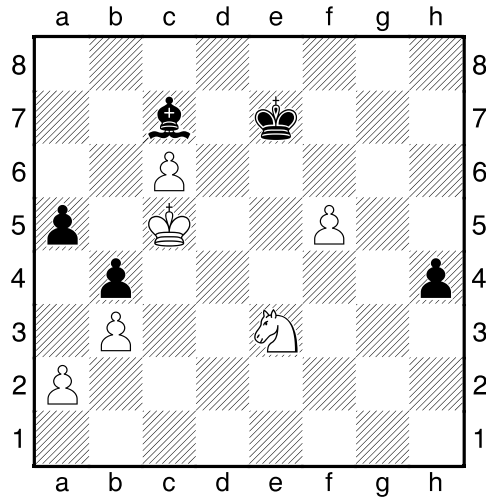
Comments by Luke Tran. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Qc7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Qc2 Qe5 9.Be3 Qxe4 10.0-0 Qxc2 11.Nxc2 Be7 12.Rad1 d6 13.Bf3 Nbd7 14.Bf4 e5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Ne3 0-0 18.Ned5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5?! [19.Nxd5=] 19...Kh7 20.b3 f5 21.Rfe1 Rb8 22.Re2 b5 23.Red2?! [23.cxb5 axb5 24.Bc6 b4 25.Nd5 Bg5] 23...b4 24.Ne2 Bd7 25.g3 a5 26.Rd3 g5 27.f3 Bd8 28.Kg2 Bb6 29.h3**



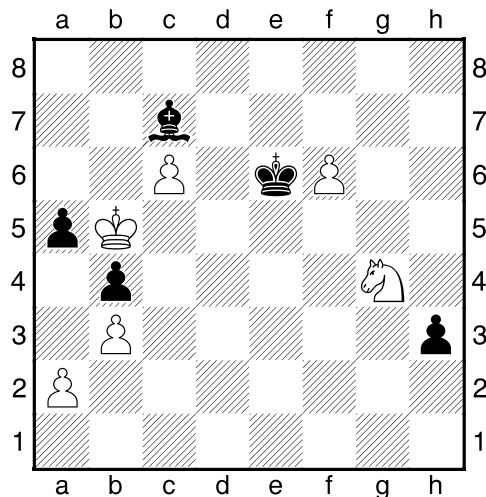
now I set a trap... **29...Rbe8?** and he falls right for it! [29...Kg7♣]
30.Bg8+ Kxg8 31.Rxd6 Re6 32.Rxd7 e4 33.f4 Be3 34.Kf1= Rf7
35.Rd8+ Kg7 36.Ra8 Bb6 37.Rd5 Rg6?! [37...Rc6♣] **38.Ra6!?**
 [38.fxg5 hxg5 39.c5 Bc7 40.Nd4!♣] **38...Kh7 39.c5 Bc7 40.Rxg6**
Kxg6 41.Kf2 gxf4 42.gxf4 Kf6 43.Ke3 Ke6 44.Rd1 Rg7 45.Nd4+
Kf6 46.Ne2= Bb8? trying to play for the win is a mistake! **47.Rd5?!** I
 was just trying to play for a draw the entire game, because I thought
 after I dropped a pawn in the opening, that I had a worse position. So
 here I am still trying to play for a draw, even though I have Rd8. Now
 I set ANOTHER trap... and guess what? [47.Rd8! Bc7 48.Rh8 Rd7
 49.Nd4 Bxf4+ 50.Kxf4 Rxd4 51.Rxh6+ and the computer says I am
 slightly better!] **47...Ke6?**



He steps right into it. Now I wasn't sure whether to play for the win or to just get a draw with Rd1. I decided, of course... [47...Bc7 48.Rd1=] **48.Rd8! Bc7 49.Nd4+ Kf6 50.Rf8+ Ke7 51.Rxf5 Rg3+ 52.Kxe4 Rxh3** [52...Rg2 I thoght he had, but it's nothing. 53.Rh5 Rxa2 54.Rxh6+-] **53.Nf3 Rh1 54.Rd5 Ra1 55.c6 Bb6 56.Rd2 Rc1 57.Ne5 Ke8 58.Nc4 Re1+ 59.Kd5 Bc7 60.Rf2 Ke7 61.Kc5 Ke6 62.f5+ Kf6 63.Rd2 h5 64.Rd7 Re7 65.Rxe7 Kxe7 66.Ne3 h4**



67.Ng4?? [67.Nd5+ Kf7 68.Nxc7 h3 69.Nb5 h2 70.Nd6+ Ke7 71.c7 h1Q 72.c8Q I saw this line, but we both had 30 seconds left, so I tried to play it "safe" and blundered away the win.] **67...h3 68.f6+ Ke6 69.Kb5**



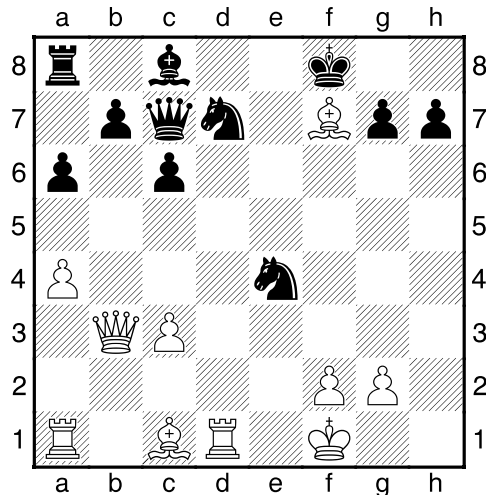
69...h2 haha! now I got my win back! 70.Nxh2 Bxh2 71.Kxa5 Kxf6
72.Kxb4 Ke7 I forgot the rest of the moves, but I was able to sacrifice
the c pawn and play b7 and win. 1-0

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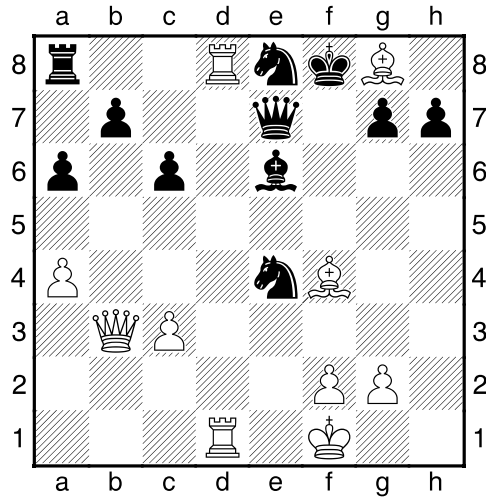
(9) Edward Nathan Perry (1590) – Cael Province (1874)

[D46] (big upset) 2019 Kansas Open (Rd. #3), 20.07.2019

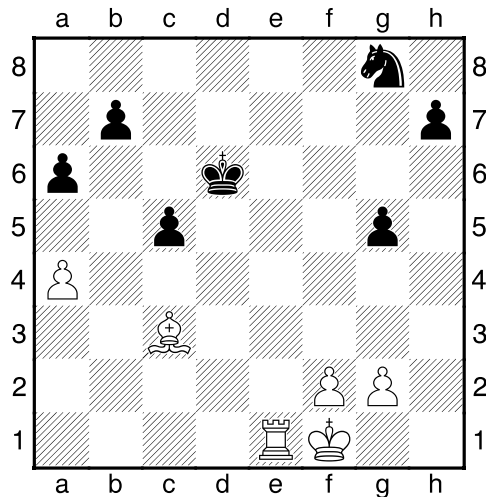
D46: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3, Black avoids the Meran 1.d4 d5
2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 a6 last
book move 8.a4 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.e4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 e5
13.Ng5 Re7 14.Nxf7 Rxf7 15.Qb3 exd4 16.Bxf7+ Kf8 17.Rxd4
Bxh2+ 18.Kf1 Be5 19.Rd1 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nxe4?



21.Bg8 Ndf6 22.Bf4 Qe7 23.Rd8+! overloaded queen 23...Ne8
24.Rad1 [24.Re1 better] 24...Be6?



[24...g5 better though is still losing] **25.Qxe6 Rxd8 26.Rxd8 g5 27.Qxe7+ Kxe7 28.Rd4 N8f6 29.Bc1** [29.Bxh7 better, white knight on f6 is overloaded] **29...c5 30.Rd1 Nxc3 31.Re1+ Kd6 32.Bb2 Nxc3 33.Bxc3**



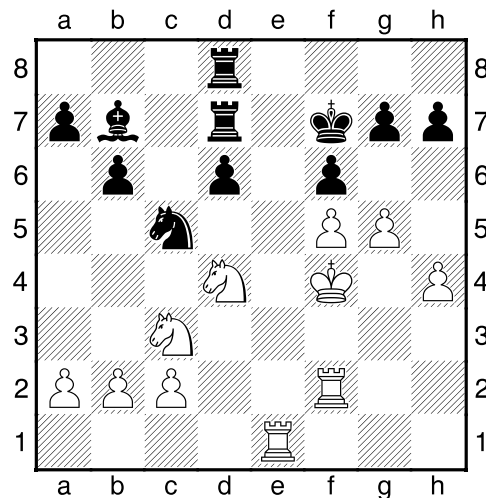
the dust has cleared and white is a rook for two pawns up **33...Ne7 34.Bf6 Nd5 35.Bxg5 b5 36.axb5 axb5 37.Ke2 c4 38.Kd2 Kc6 39.f4 b4 40.Re4 Kc5 41.Be7+ Nxe7 42.Rxe7 1-0**

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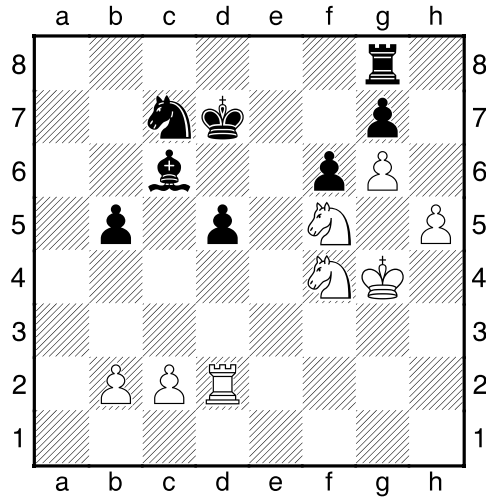
(10) Kyle Camarda (1952) – Josh Fernandes (1777) [B63]

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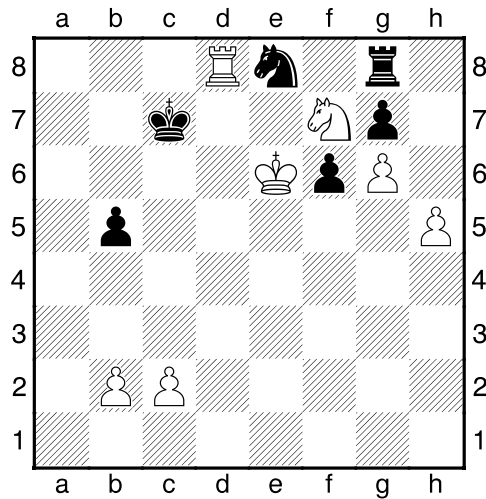
B63: Sicilian: Richter–Rauzer: 7...Be7 and unusual Black 7th moves
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2
Be7 8.f4 last book move 8...Qb6 9.Nb3 Ng4 10.Bxe7 Kxe7 11.h3
Qe3+ 12.Qxe3 Nxe3 13.Kd2 Nxf1+ 14.Rhxf1 Rd8 15.Rad1 b6
16.Ke3 Bb7 17.g4 Nb4 18.Rf2 Na6 19.f5 Nc5 20.g5 exf5 21.exf5 f6
22.h4 Rd7 23.Kf4 Rad8 24.Nd4 Kf7 25.Re1



25...Re7? [25...Rc8 better $\pm(0.73)$; 25...d5 better $\pm(0.77)$] 26.g6+
hxg6 27.fxg6+ Kf8 28.Rxe7 Kxe7 29.Re2+ Kd7 30.Nf5 Ne6+
31.Kg4?! [31.Rxe6! Stockfish likes this move better 31...Kxe6
32.Nxg7+ Kd7 33.Nf5 d5 34.g7 d4 35.Ne4 Ke6 36.Ned6 Bd5 37.h5
and the "h" pawn runs down the board] 31...d5 32.h5 Rg8 33.Rd2
[33.Nxd5 slightly better winning a pawn 33...Bxd5 34.Rd2 Kc6?
(34...Kc7 35.Rxd5!) 35.Ne7+!] 33...Nc7 34.a4?! [34.Nxd5! better
according to Stockfish 34...Nxd5 35.c4 Bc8 36.cxd5 $+-(-6.02)$] 34...a6
35.Ne2 b5 36.axb5 axb5 37.Nf4 Bc6



38.Re2 [38.Nxg7! faster 38...Rxc7 39.h6 Rg8 40.h7 Rh8 41.g7 Rxh7 42.g8Q] **38...Kd8** **39.Kg3** **Bd7** **40.Nd6** **Ne8** **41.Nf7+** **Kc7** **42.Nxd5+** **Kb7** **43.Re7** **Kc6** **44.Nb4+** **Kc7** **45.Na6+** **Kb6** **46.Rxd7** **Kxa6** **47.Kf4** **Kb6** **48.Kf5** **Kc6** **49.Rd8** **Kc7** **50.Ke6** (black is in a bind)



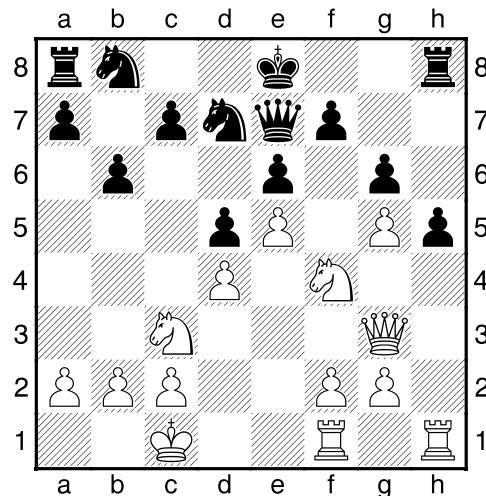
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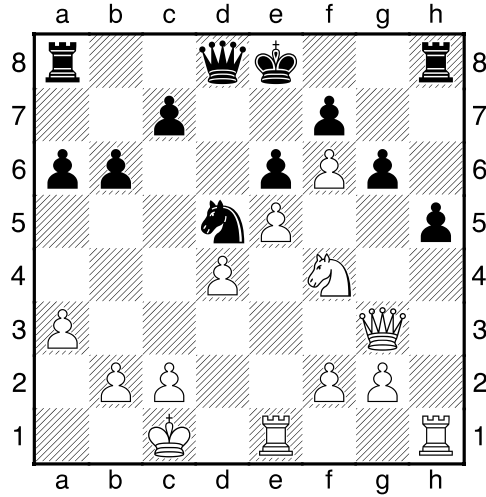
(11) Kyle Camarda (1954) – Vladimir Iglesias (1892) [C14]

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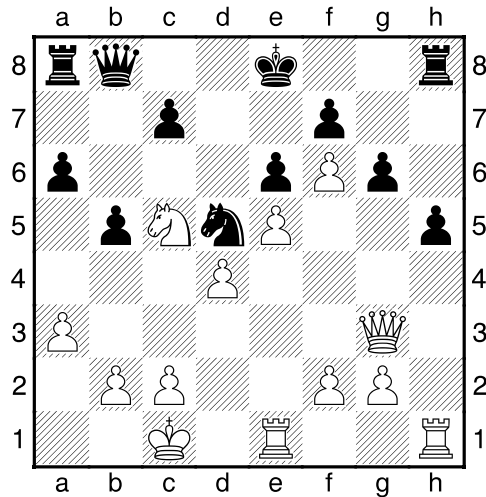
C14: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7 main line 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 last book move 6...b6 7.Qg4 h5 8.Qg3 Bxg5 9.hxg5 g6 10.Nh3 Ba6 11.0-0-0 Qe7 12.Nf4 Bxf1 13.Rdxf1



13...a6? black is now losing [13...Nc6 much better with only slight advantage for white $\pm(0.52)$] **14.Re1 Nc6?** one move too late **15.Ncxd5! Qd8** [15...exd5 not much better 16.Nxd5 Qd8 (16...Qe6?? 17.Nxc7+!) 17.e6 Nde5 18.Nf6+ Kf8 19.dxe5 Qe7 20.Nd5 Qc5 21.Qf4 f5 22.exf6 $+-(-7.58)$] **16.Nf6+** [16.Qc3 better 16...exd5 17.Qxc6 0-0 18.g3 Re8 19.e6 Nf8 20.e7 Rxe7 21.Rxe7 Qxe7 22.Qxa8 $+-(-8.58)$] **16...Nxf6 17.gxf6 Nb4 18.a3 Nd5**



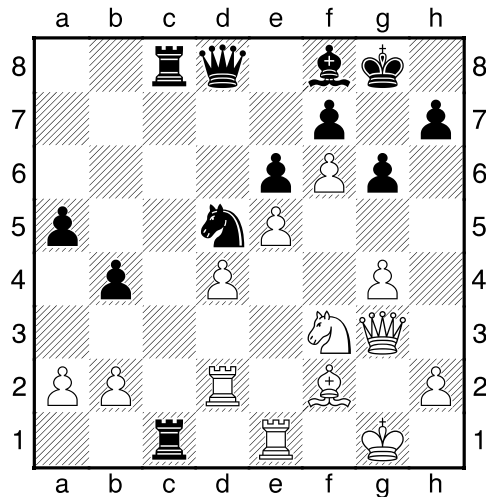
19.Nd3?! [19.Nxe6 better 19...fxe6 20.Qxg6+ Kd7 21.Qf7+ Kc8 22.Qxe6+ Qd7 +-(2.76)] **19...b5?** to prevent c4 and maybe prepare b4 but allows Nc5 [19...Qd7 better] **20.Nc5 Qb8?**



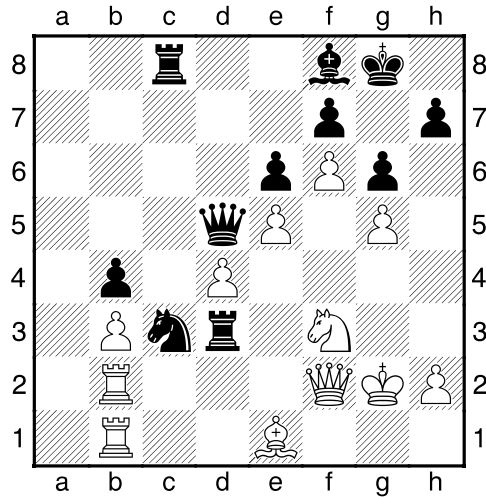
21.Nxe6! fxe6? [21...c6 better but still losing] **22.Qxg6+ Kd7 23.Qf7+ Kd8 24.Qg7 1-0**

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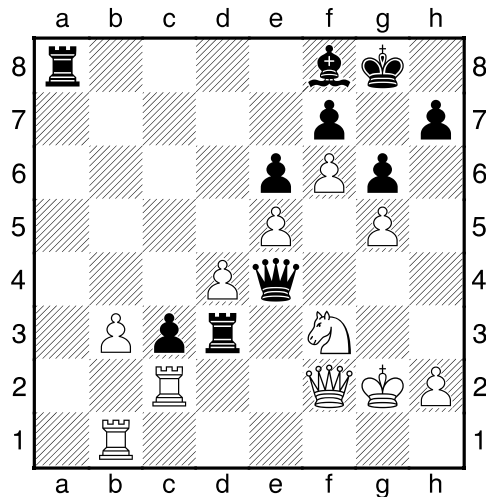
(12) Griffin Thomas McConnell (2021) – Brycen Parker (1717) [B23] 2019 Kansas Open (Rd. #1), 20.07.2019 (Big upset in first round!) B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 last book move 4...g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 d6 7.Nd5 e6 8.Ne3 Nge7 9.0-0 0-0 10.c3 d5 11.d3 b5 12.e5 Bb7 13.Nc2 Qb6 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Bf2 b4 16.g4 Nfe7 17.Qd2 a5 18.Qe3 Ba6 19.Rfd1 d4 20.cxd4 Nd5 21.Qd2 c4 22.dxc4 Bxc4 23.Ne3 Nxe3 24.Bxe3 Bd5 25.Ne1 Rfd8 26.Bxd5 Rxd5 27.Nf3 Qd8 28.Qf2 Ne7 29.Rd2 Rd7 30.Qg3 Nd5 31.Re1= Rc8 32.f5 Rdc7 33.f6 Rc1 34.Bf2 Bf8=



35.Kg2?! [35.h4 slightly better] **35...a4** **36.b3?!** [36.h4 only slightly better] **36...axb3** **37.axb3 R1c3** **38.Rb1 Qd7** **39.Rdb2 Qb5** **40.g5 Rd3** [40...Qd3 better] **41.Be1 Nc3** **42.Qf2? Qd5**



[42...Nxb1 better] **43.Rc2 Qe4** [43...Ne4! much better 44.Qe2 Rxf3 45.Rxc8 Nxc5 46.Rd8 Qxd8 47.h4 Qd5 48.hxg5 Re3+ (-+23.83)] **44.Rbb2** [44.Rbc1 slightly better though black still with significant advantage -+(-3.04)] **44...Ra8 45.Bxc3 bxc3 46.Rb1?**



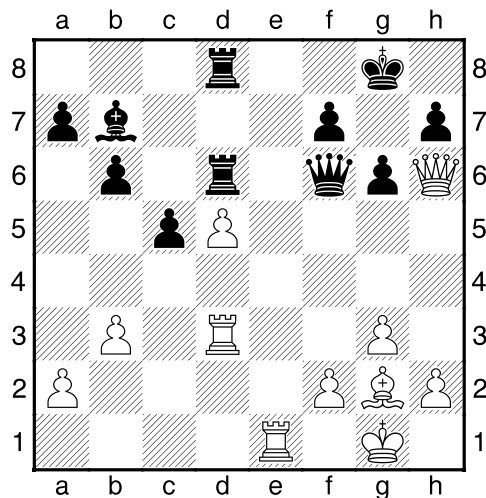
losing right away [46.Ra2 better though black still with significant advantage] **46...Rxf3 47.Qg1 Rf4+** mate in three. 48.Kh3 Qf3+ 49.Qg3 Rh4+ 50.Kxh4 Qh5++ **0-1**

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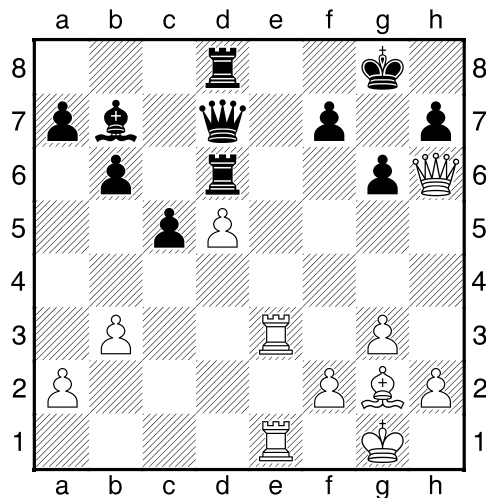
(13) Neil Naputo (1944) – Oscar Wang (1787) [A48]

2019 Kansas Open Overland Park (Rd. #5), 21.07.2019

A48: 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6: Torre, London and Colle Systems 1.d4 Nf6
2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.b3 0-0 6.Bb2 last book move 6...b6
7.c4 Bb7 8.Ne5 c5 9.e3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Nd2 Rfd8 12.Qe2
Nxe5 13.dxe5 Ne4 14.cxd5 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Bxe5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5
17.Rad1 e6 18.e4 exd5 19.exd5 Rd6 20.Rfe1 Qf6 21.Qh6 Rad8
22.Rd3



22...Qf5? [22...Rf8 better, slight advantage for white $\pm(0.50)$] **23.Rde3**
Qd7?



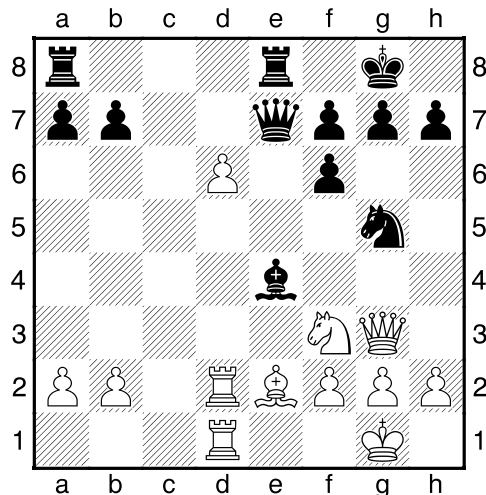
[23...Qc8 better though still losing 24.Bh3 Qa8 25.Re4 Bxd5 26.Rh4 Be6 27.Qxh7+ Kf8 28.Qh6+ Ke7 29.Rf4 +-(7.17)] **24.Bh3! Qc7?** loses right away, mate in 2 [24...g5 better though still losing 25.Qh5 g4 26.Re7 Qxe7 27.Rxe7 Bxd5 28.Qxg4+ Kf8 29.Rxa7 +-(9.33)] **1-0**

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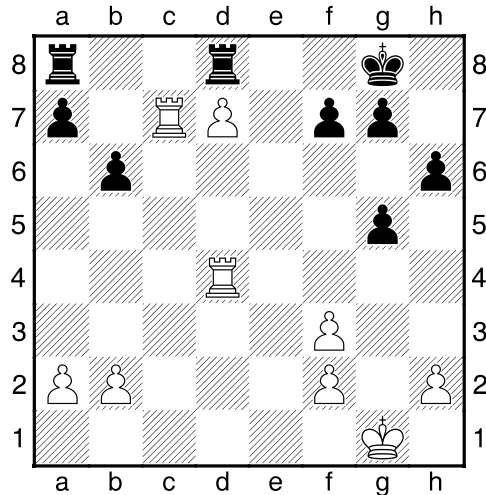
(14) Joseph Serwadda (1957) – Vladimir Iglesias (1892)

[B15] 2019 Kansas Open (Rd. #2), 20.07.2019

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Nf3 Bf5
7.Be2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Re8 last book move 10.c4 Bb4 11.Bd2
Bxd2 12.Qxd2 Na6 13.Rad1 Nc7 14.Qf4 Bc2 15.Rd2 Ne6 16.Qg3
Be4 17.Red1 Qe7 18.d5 cxd5 19.cxd5 Ng5 20.d6



20...Qd8? [20...Qd7 better] **21.Nxg5 fxg5 22.d7 Rf8 23.Qe5 Bc6**
24.Bf3 Bxf3 25.gxf3 h6 26.Rc1 Qb6 27.Rd6 Qb4 28.Qd4 [28.Kg2
better 28...Qf4 (28...Rad8 29.Rc7 g4 30.f4) 29.Qxf4 gxf4 30.Rc7]
28...Qxd4 29.Rxd4 Rfd8 30.Rc7 b6?



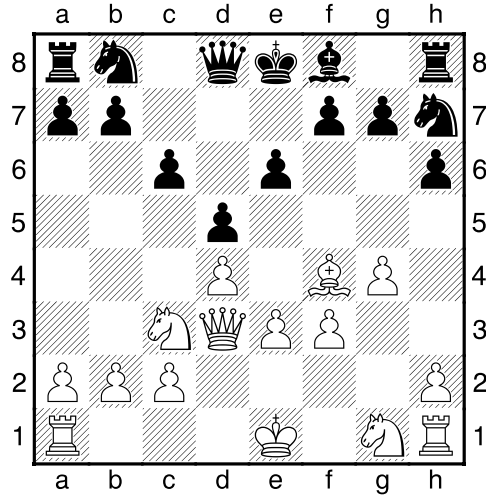
losing move [30...b5 better, though white still with advantage. prevents Rc4. Loses pawn but allows black's king to get over to d7 pawn 31.Rd5 Kf8 32.Rxb5 Ke7 33.Rd5 f6 34.b3 a5 35.Kg2 Ra6 36.Kg3 g6 37.f4 gxf4+ 38.Kxf4 Ke6 39.Ke4 +-(1.99)] **31.Rdc4 Kf8 32.Rc8 Ke7 33.Rxa8 1-0**

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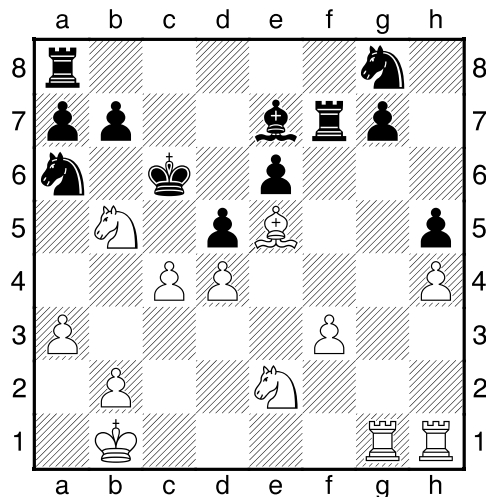
(15) Frank Smith (2002) – Alaa –Adin Mousa (2116) [D00]

2019 Kansas Open (Rd. #4), 21.07.2019

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3** A very rare move which provides extreme flexibility for both sides. This ensures an original game of ideas and not a game who can remember the most theory. Black has many ways to play against this and can equalize with a few ideas but it can be very tricky **2...d5 3.Bf4 c6** Black picks a very logical move, and this is one of the main tries. I personally think this is already a slight mistake because black wants to play c5 in one move if he wants to fight for a win. This moves leads to positions where white can comfortably play for a win **4.e3 Bf5** last book move **5.f3 h6 6.g4 Bh7 7.Bd3 e6 8.Bxh7 Nxh7 9.Qd3**

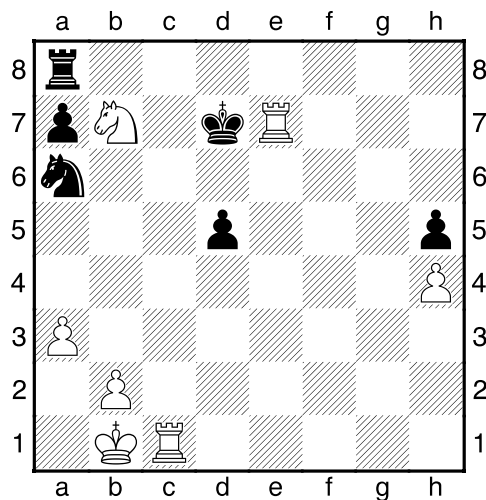


9...Na6!? Even though black had a solid position up to this move, he was starting to lag in development and needed to develop a piece towards the center. **10.a3 Nf6 11.Nge2 c5?!** Now black is in serious trouble. His position was playable because it he didn't have any holes or weaknesses, but when you are behind in development like this you can't open the position. **12.Qb5+ Qd7 13.0-0-0 cxd4 14.exd4 Be7 15.h4 Qxb5 16.Nxb5 Kd7 17.Kb1 Rhc8 18.g5 Ng8 19.Rdg1 h5 20.g6 Rf8 21.gxf7 Rxf7 22.Be5 Kc6 23.c4!?**

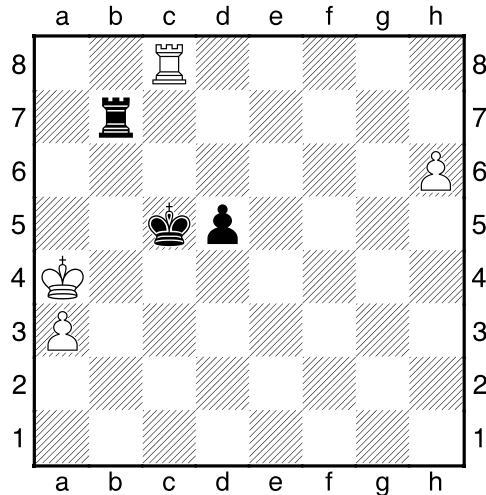


White tries to open up the position and play against the black king. The position may be equal but black has to walk a fine line to get out of this. The computer says a4! was the best way to keep the

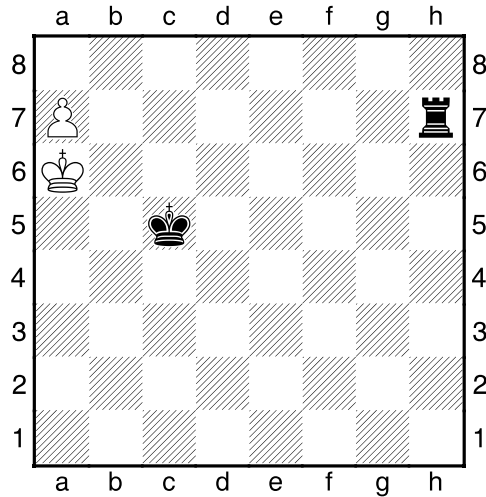
advantage but I believe c4 is also pushing for a win. **23...Bf6?** Black had to play dxc4, now his position is very close to collapsing. [23...dxc4=] **24.Nd6!** The right plan, white is pushing here. **24...Rff8 25.cxd5+ exd5 26.Rc1+ Kd7 27.Nxb7 Bxe5 28.dxe5 Rxf3 29.Rhg1 Re3** Black has done a good job of at least playing quickly. No matter how much time he took his position would be almost losing so it makes sense to play quickly and push white to find the win quickly. At this point I got down to about 20 minutes and felt I needed to find something concrete. **30.Rxg7+** A fine move that keeps white's advantage, but the computer shows that Nd4!! would have put another piece around white's king and that position would not be defendable [30.Nd4! better 30...Rxe5 31.Rg6 Re4 32.Rd6+ Ke8 33.Nf5 Kf8 34.Rf1 Nf6 35.Rxa6 +-(4.58)] **30...Ne7 31.Nf4 Rxe5 32.Ng6 Re6 33.Nxe7 Rxe7 34.Rxe7+**



As the clock was ticking this inaccuracy gives black some hope. Rg5! just keeping up the pressure would have been a great move. The ability to assess the upcoming rook endgame was crucial here. I thought this was clearly winning as I would pick off the h pawn, but black's central king placement makes things very unclear [34.Rg6 Fritz says this is best] **34...Kxe7 35.Rc6 Rb8 36.Rxa6 Rxb7 37.Rh6 Rb3 38.Rxh5 Kd6 39.Kc2 Rh3 40.Rh7 a5 41.h5 Kc5 42.h6 Rh2+ 43.Kb3 a4+ 44.Kxa4 Rxb2 45.Rh8 Rb7 46.Rc8+**



White misses the win here. It is not completely obvious, but the move h7!! wins because white can slowly march his king and a pawn up the board. The point is that black has nothing to do. If he ever opens his king up to a check from the rook the the h pawn will queen on the next move of course, but if he does nothing then the a pawn will run. After Rc8+ the game is a draw [46.h7! Kd4 47.Ka5 Kd3 48.Ka6 Re7 49.Kb6 d4 50.a4 Ke3 51.Kc5 d3 52.Kd6 The point of the line, which is hard to understand from far away. If black moves his rook away from the e file then Re8+ followed by h8=Q wins, but if he moves the rook along the e file then white can play Rg8 and then h8=Q again 52...Re4 53.Rg8 d2 54.Rg3+ Kf2 55.Rd3 Rh4 (55...Ke2? 56.Rxd2+! Kxd2 57.h8Q) 56.Rxd2+ Ke3 57.Rd1 Rxh7 58.a5 Ra7 59.Ra1 Kd4 60.a6 Kc4 61.Kc6 Kd4 62.Kb6 Ra8 63.Ra4+ Kd5 64.a7 Kd6 65.Kb7 Re8 66.a8Q+- (7.99)] **46...Kd4 47.Rc1 Rh7 48.Rh1 Kc3 49.Rh3+ Kc4 50.Ka5 d4 51.a4 d3 52.Rh2 Kc3 53.Kb5 d2 54.Rxd2 Kxd2** Black's advanced king and passed "d" pawn proved to be a powerful force. I had to calculate that I could run my a pawn down and force him to sacrifice his rook for it with less than 2 minutes on my clock. It certainly was not a comfortable situation, especially since I had been trying to win the game up to this point and now I'm trying to lock in a draw **55.a5 Kd3 56.a6 Kd4 57.Kb6 Rxh6+ 58.Kb7 Kc5 59.a7 Rh7+ 60.Ka6!**



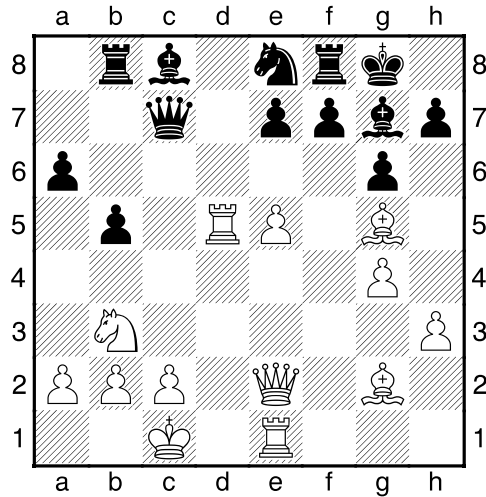
It might seem weird to put a ! after this move, but with less than 10 seconds on my clock I found the ONLY move that secures the draw. The losing option is shown in the variation here... [60.Kb8 Kb6 Threatening Rh8# 61.a8N+ Of course promoting to a queen allows Rh8# but promoting to a knight doesn't help either. After Kc6 white would be forced to give up his knight anyway 61...Kc6! wins knight] **60...Rh8 61.Kb7** And the game ended in a draw. Disappointing that I did not land the knock out blow in this game, but with the clock ticking and no concrete forcing wins you just have to press as much as you can and hope you're opponent crumbles. My opponent fought hard and played the endgame well to earn the draw. 1/2-1/2

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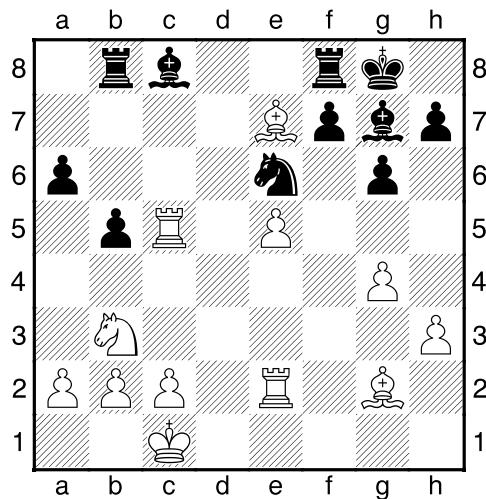
(16) Ron Luther (2226) – Ben Gradsky (2070) [B90]

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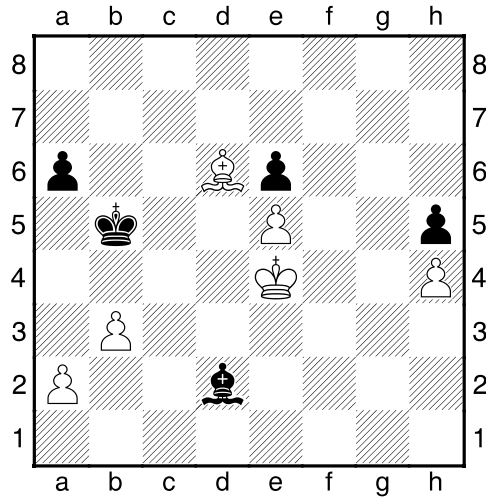
B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Qe2 g6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.0-0-0 Bg7** last book move **9.f4 Qa5 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.h3 0-0 12.g4 b5 13.Bg2 Rb8 14.Rhe1 Nb6 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Ne8 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Rxd5**



18...Qc4? [18...Bb7 better] 19.Bxe7 Nc7 20.Rc5 Qxe2 21.Rxe2 Ne6



22.Bd6? [22.Bxf8! Nxc5? (22...Bxf8 23.Rc3 advantage to white +- (2.25)) 23.Bxc5 +-(6.14)] 22...Nxc5 23.Nxc5 Rb6 24.Bc7 Re6 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Bd6 Rf7 27.c3 Bb7 28.Bxb7 Rxb7 29.Rf2 Bh6+ 30.Kc2 Rf7 31.Rxf7 Kxf7 32.Kd3 Ke8 33.c4 Kd7 34.b3 Kc6 35.Ke4 Bd2 36.h4 h5 37.gxh5 gxh5 38.cxb5+ Kxb5



39.a4+?!= [39.Kd4] 39...Kc6 40.Be7 a5? 41.Kd3 Be1 42.Kc4 Bg3
43.Kd4 Be1 44.Bg5 Bf2+ 45.Ke4 Be1 46.Be7 Bc3 47.Bd8 Be1
48.Kd4 Bf2+ 49.Kc4 Be1 50.Bg5 Kb6 51.Bd8+ Kc6 52.Kd4 Bf2+
53.Ke4 Be1 54.Be7 Bd2 55.Bg5 Be1 56.Kd4 Bf2+ 57.Kc4 Be1
58.Be7 Bf2 59.b4 axb4 60.Kxb4 Be1+ 61.Kc4 Bd2 62.Kd3 Be1
63.Ke4 Bd2 64.Bd8 Be1 65.a5 Kb5 66.Kd4 Bf2+ 67.Kd3 Be1
68.Ke3 Bg3 69.Ke4 Be1 70.Kf3 Bc3 71.Kf4 Bd2+= surprising there
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