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This is the Fall edition of the Kansas PLAINS CHESS bulletin. It was going to be summer issue, but as I have been very busy setting up the Renaissance Festival as well as other pressing events, I am just now getting it published to our website and it is almost Fall.

This issue consists of Four parts.

- (1) Kansas Open Report**
- (2) Cross tables of Kansas Open**
- (3) Games**
- (4) Some extra pictures**

2014 Kansas Open Report

The 2014 Kansas Open was held July 18- 20, 2014 at the Holiday Inn at 87th and Reeder in Overland Park, KS. The event was well attended. I was the organizer receiving entries and answering questions and Brian Yang and CJ Armenta were tournament directors, CJ mainly assisting. There were basically four events: the **Bughouse tourney**, the **Blitz tourney**, and Main event split into **Open** and **Reserve** sections.

The **Bughouse event** was held first at 4 pm on Friday the 18. There were 8 teams. They played 4 rounds of 2 games each round. Final standings were

1. Zapata Hincapie-Patel 8.0 (out of 8 possible)
2. Dutiel-Gradsky 6.0
3. Schuh-Albright 4.0
4. Surish-Fitzpatrick 4.0
5. Brown-Brown 4.0
6. Nimkar-Mishra 3.0
7. Splitter-Splitter 2.0
8. Lee-Glashausser 1.0

The winners were the team of John Alexander Zapata Hincapie and Advait Patel (one from Oklahoma and the other from West Virginia). Pictured below-



The **Blitz** was a five round event with game in 10 minutes and no time delay. Abhishek Mallela from Missouri won with 4.5 points out of 5 upsetting top rated Michael Brooks in the third round. Michael Brooks and Michael Parkerson

finished tied for 2nd and 3rd with 4.0 points. The top Kansas player and the new Kansas Blitz champion was Jason Wawrzaszek with 3.0 points. He won on tie breaks over several Kansas players who all finished with 3.0 points. The Blitz tourney had 28 players, most from Kansas, but also 8 Missouri, 1 Iowa, 1 West Virginia, and 1 Oklahoma player entered.

There were scholastic prizes for Kansas players as part of the Blitz. Winning plaques were first place William Brown, second place Apramay Mishra, and third place Azeem Currah with 2.5, 2.0, and 1.0 points respectively.



Jason Wawrzaszek (highest finishing Kansas player in Blitz by tie breaks)

The main events took place July 19 and 20. There were two sections: Open (open to all players) and Reserve (open only to those rated either rated under 1800 or unrated)

The **Open section** with 35 players was won by Michael Brooks from Missouri with 4.5 points out 5 possible (4 wins and 1 draw). Finishing in 2nd place by himself was Oklahoma player John Alexander Zapata Hincapie with 4.0 points (3 wins and 2 draws). Then there was a log jam of six players at 3.5 points. Winning the Class A prize was Missouri player David Scott. The new Kansas champion by tie breaks, also at 3.5 points, is Joey Kelly.

Most players in the Open section were from Kansas, but out of 35 players there were players from other states: 9 Missouri, 4 Oklahoma, 3 Nebraska, 1 West Virginia, 1 Tennessee, and 1 Wisconsin.



Open section winner IM Michael Brooks playing Kansas player Kyle Camarda in the second round. (see game number 10)



New Kansas Chess Champion being presented plaque by tourney director Brian Yang.

The **Reserve section** was quite large with 76 total players. There was a two way tie at the top with Kiana Hajairbabi and Apramay Mishra finishing tied for 1st place, both with 4.5 points (they drew each other in the last round). By tie breaks Kiana is the new Kansas Reserve section champion. Apramay, who played as a scholastic player, won the 1st place scholastic plaque.

Finishing with 4.0 points were Les Kline, Adam Albright, Brandon Stich, C J Armenta, and Benjamin Hart.

As stated there were 76 players in **Reserve section**. Most were from Kansas, but there were 14 players from Missouri, 3 from Oklahoma, 3 from Arkansas, 1 from Iowa, 1 from Georgia, and 1 from Colorado.

There were over 35 scholastic players in the Reserve section who did not compete for money, but for plaques. As stated already Apramay Mishra won 1st place plaque. Joshua Fernandes was 2nd place at 3.5 points. Kyle Tran also had 3.5 points and won the 3rd place plaque.



Kiana Hajairbabi (Reserve Champion) with Brian Yang



Brian Yang with scholastic Reserve champion Apramay Mishra

Below is a link to photos from the event. Some of these pictures are posted at the end of this bulletin also.

https://picasaweb.google.com/108586918080555793271/2014KansasOpen?authkey=Gv1sRgClODzPfo5_30_gE#

It should be noted that the Kansas Chess Association annual meetings was held Sunday morning July 20th before the 4th round of the tourney. Following is a link to the minutes of this meeting.

<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/KCAMINUTES2014.pdf>

CROSS TABLES OF KANSAS OPEN at Holliday Inn in Overland Park July 18-20, 2014 (Blitz first followed by Open and Reserve sections of Main event)

2014 Kansas Open- Blitz tourney (game in 10) July 18, 2014

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	ABHISHEK MALLELA MO 12888811 / B: 2149 ->2191	4.5	W 18	W 11	W 2	D 4	W 6
2	MICHAEL A BROOKS MO 11045685 / B: 2433 ->2428	4.0	W 14	W 7	L 1	W 5	W 4
3	ANDREW HUTTON PARKERSON MO 13317378 / B: 1629P20->1726P25	4.0	W 26	L 6	W 15	W 10	W 9
4	ADVAIT PATEL WV 14472386 / B: 2230 ->2232	3.5	W 20	W 16	W 8	D 1	L 2
5	RONALD LUTHER MO 10365007 / B: 2213P10->2223P15	3.5	W 19	W 10	D 6	L 2	W 7
6	JOHN ALEXANDER ZAPATA HINCAPIE OK 15414666 / B: 2214P10->2207P15	3.5	W 21	W 3	D 5	W 8	L 1
7	BENJAMIN MICHAEL GRADSKY MO 12717265 / B: 2101P10->2098P15	3.0	W 25	L 2	W 9	W 16	L 5
8	TIM C STEINER KS 12520946 / B: 2101P15->2081P20	3.0	W 22	W 12	L 4	L 6	W 14
9	JASON WAWRZASZEK KS 12685755 / B: 1996P15->1955P20	3.0	W 15	W 23	L 7	W 12	L 3
10	BEN CLAYTON KS 12522572 / B: 1742 ->1743	3.0	W 17	L 5	W 20	L 3	W 19
11	KAUSTUBH SANJAY NIMKAR KS 14100882 / B: 1703P11->1687P16	3.0	W 28	L 1	W 22	L 14	W 23

12	ZACHARY LANDON SCHUH	3.0	W	27	L	8	W	18	L	9	W	16	
KS	13760474 / B: 1635 ->1666												
13	GABRIEL RICHARD MAURER	3.0	L	16	L	20	W	27	W	18	W	17	
KS	15024882 / B: 1085P22->1250												
14	SAM N UN	2.5	L	2	W	25	D	21	W	11	L	8	
KS	12571317 / B: 1701P10->1711P15												
15	WILLIAM BROWN	2.5	L	9	W	17	L	3	D	20	W	24	
KS	14462201 / B: 1215P15->1370P20												
16	DAN B HOLMES	2.0	W	13	L	4	W	19	L	7	L	12	
KS	13221068 / B: 1763P16->1741P21												
17	APRAMAY MISHRA	2.0	L	10	L	15	W	23	W	26	L	13	
KS	14100400 / B: 1609P15->1534P20												
18	BRANDON CARL STICH	2.0	L	1	W	28	L	12	L	13	W	26	
KS	12969971 / B: 1595P10->1531P15												
19	CJ ARMENTA	2.0	L	5	W	26	L	16	W	21	L	10	
MO	12650738 / B: 1510P11->1520P16												
20	RALPH E BOWMAN	2.0	L	4	W	13	L	10	D	15	D	21	
KS	12421156 / B: 1518P20->1508P25												
21	MARSHAL GUY LUSK	2.0	L	6	W	24	D	14	L	19	D	20	
KS	15180556 / B: 1391P5 ->1473P10												
22	BLAKE ANTHONY SPLITTER	2.0	L	8	W	27	L	11	L	23	W	25	
MO	15016154 / B: 1524P10->1467P15												
23	MATTHEW D MAURER	2.0	W	24	L	9	L	17	W	22	L	11	
KS	15327430 / B: 859P10->1042P15												
24	CHRISTOPHER M BOWMAN	1.0	L	23	L	21	L	26	W	28	L	15	
IA	12452609 / B: 1795P10->1596P15												
25	AUGUSTUS GLAZIER	1.0	L	7	L	14	L	28	W	27	L	22	
MO	14677001 / B: 1321P10->1252P15												
26	IMRAN GALEN CURRAH	1.0	L	3	L	19	W	24	L	17	L	18	
KS	12795544 / B: 1110P8 ->1186P13												
27	AZEEM ANWAR CURRAH	1.0	L	12	L	22	L	13	L	25	W	28	
KS	14004248 / B: Unrated-> 964P5												
28	LILLIAN BROWN	1.0	L	11	L	18	W	25	L	24	L	27	
KS	14462196 / B: 731P14-> 781P19												

2014 Kansas Open- OPEN Section (game in 2 hours, 5 sec delay) July 19 and 20, 2014

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1	MICHAEL A BROOKS MO 11045685 / R: 2429 ->2431	4.5	W	27	W	15	W	7	D	2	W	5	
2	JOHN ALEXANDER ZAPATA HINCAPIE OK 15414666 / R: 2214 ->2235	4.0	W	13	W	10	W	4	D	1	D	3	
3	ADVAIT PATEL WV 14472386 / R: 2268 ->2265	3.5	W	19	W	14	D	6	D	9	D	2	
4	TIM C STEINER KS 12520946 / R: 2118 ->2124	3.5	W	28	W	18	L	2	W	14	D	7	

5	ABHISHEK MALLELA		3.5	W	35 W	34 W	26 D	6 L	1
MO	12888811 / R: 2114	->2122							
6	BENJAMIN MICHAEL GRADSKY		3.5	W	20 W	16 D	3 D	5 H	
MO	12717265 / R: 2101	->2118							
7	JOEY MICHAEL KELLY		3.5	W	22 W	17 L	1 W	16 D	4
KS	14143543 / R: 2096	->2109							
8	DAVID W SCOTT		3.5	D	30 D	11 W	33 W	18 D	9
MO	12428134 / R: 2023	->2026							
9	ANTHONY D PAOLERCIO		3.0	D	11 D	30 W	23 D	3 D	8
OK	12889327 / R: 2173	->2158							
10	MICHAEL NUGENT		3.0	W	29 L	2 H	D	19 W	23
OK	12704397 / R: 1981	->1984							
11	MOHAMMADREZA HAJIARBABI		3.0	D	9 D	8 D	12 W	27 D	13
KS	14796427 / R: 1868	->1911							
12	SHAKTIPRASAD SHIMPI		3.0	L	34 W	35 D	11 W	30 H	
KS	14901082 / R: 1910	->1902							
13	JAMES S ELLIS		3.0	L	2 W	29 D	30 X	D	11
WI	10314372 / R: 1900	->1900							
14	ALEXANDER PATRICK WOLF		2.5	W	31 L	3 W	22 L	4 D	16
AR	12874780 / R: 1964	->1961							
15	KYLE CAMARDA		2.5	W	24 L	1 L	16 D	25 X	
KS	12399769 / R: 1960	->1941							
16	JAMES JOY		2.5	W	32 L	6 W	15 L	7 D	14
OK	12911399 / R: 1887	->1924							
17	HONGBIAO ZENG		2.5	W	25 L	7 H	D	21 D	22
KS	14675658 / R: 1928	->1917							
18	ANDY J MC GOWAN		2.5	W	33 L	4 W	20 L	8 D	21
KS	10356814 / R: 1913	->1910							
19	TONY DUTIEL		2.5	L	3 D	21 W	34 D	10 D	20
NE	12602486 / R: 1904	->1905							
20	HARPER EVAN SMITH		2.5	L	6 W	32 L	18 W	33 D	19
MO	14900910 / R: 1877	->1889							
21	ZACHARY LANDON SCHUH		2.5	L	26 D	19 W	28 D	17 D	18
KS	13760474 / R: 1794	->1816							
22	LOGAN WU		2.5	L	7 W	25 L	14 W	31 D	17
TN	14635610 / R: 1807	->1814							
23	DAVID SAYLER		2.5	B	D	26 L	9 X	L	10
MO	12616509 / R: 1717	->1721							
24	ABHINAV SURESH		2.0	L	15 L	27 D	35 W	34 D	25
NE	14319361 / R: 1790	->1771							
25	SHO GLASHAUSSER		2.0	L	17 L	22 B	D	15 D	24
KS	15326071 / R: 1646	->1649							
26	JASON WAWRZASZEK		1.5	W	21 D	23 L	5 F	U	
KS	12685755 / R: 2025	->2013							
27	TERRY L WRIGHT		1.5	L	1 W	24 H	L	11 F	
KS	12345700 / R: 1904	->1898							
28	JOSEPH FITZPATRICK		1.5	L	4 D	31 L	21 L	29 W	34
NE	12410349 / R: 1813	->1776							

29	ANDREW HUTTON PARKERSON	1.5	L	10	L	13	L	32	W	28	D	31	
MO	13317378 / R: 1773	->1761											
30	SAM N UN	1.5	D	8	D	9	D	13	L	12	U		
KS	12571317 / R: 1701	->1736											
31	SHEENA ZENG	1.5	L	14	D	28	H		L	22	D	29	
KS	14640432 / R: 1587	->1593											
32	RONALD LUTHER	1.0	L	16	L	20	W	29	F		U		
MO	10365007 / R: 2213	->2200											
33	STANLEY CROWN	1.0	L	18	B		L	8	L	20	U		
MO	12645643 / R: 1645	->1627											
34	BRYAN LIU JIANG	1.0	W	12	L	5	L	19	L	24	L	28	
KS	14097248 / R: 1603	->1607											
35	MARSHAL GUY LUSK	0.5	L	5	L	12	D	24	U		U		
KS	15180556 / R: 1818P4	->1752P7											

2014 Kansas Open- RESERVE section (U1800) (game in 2 hours with 5 second delay) July 19 and 20, 2014

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6					
1	KIANA HAJIARBABI KS 14796433 / R: 1768	->1783	4.5	W	32	W	35	W	27	W	17	D	2
2	APRAMAY MISHRA KS 14100400 / R: 1646	->1701	4.5	W	52	W	47	W	25	W	7	D	1
3	LES KLINE AR 12435900 / R: 1700	->1713	4.0	W	41	W	26	H		D	15	W	27
4	ADAM P ALBRIGHT KS 14243081 / R: 1584	->1621	4.0	W	59	W	50	W	28	D	8	D	9
5	BRANDON CARL STICH KS 12969971 / R: 1595	->1609	4.0	W	53	W	29	L	7	W	47	W	25
6	CJ ARMENTA MO 12650738 / R: 1560	->1561	4.0	W	67	L	37	W	63	W	30	W	28
7	BENJAMIN HART MO 14170962 / R: 1414	->1548	4.0	W	72	W	46	W	5	L	2	W	23
8	DAN B HOLMES KS 13221068 / R: 1761	->1741	3.5	D	36	W	31	W	37	D	4	D	16
9	JOHN REBHOLZ MO 12704026 / R: 1716	->1697	3.5	D	31	W	75	W	39	D	23	D	4
10	KAUSTUBH SANJAY NIMKAR KS 14100882 / R: 1701	->1691	3.5	W	51	D	12	D	24	W	38	D	18
11	GEORGE R VERHAGE JR KS 10368731 / R: 1684	->1665	3.5	W	65	L	25	W	52	W	26	D	17
12	ROBERT L PETTY JR AR 12937948 / R: 1634	->1643	3.5	W	64	D	10	H		D	14	W	37
13	JOSHUA JUDE FERNANDES KS 14355803 / R: 1632	->1630	3.5	W	62	D	39	W	20	D	16	D	15
14	PETER A BRADSHAW KS 12911486 / R: 1614	->1597	3.5	W	63	L	30	W	42	D	12	W	40

62	RITA MARY JOSEPH		1.5	L	13 W	72 H	L	36 U	
KS	14982768 / R: 1322	->1300							
63	LEROY E ASHER		1.5	L	14 W	73 L	6 D	64 L	39
KS	12537402 / R: 1101	->1074							
64	LILLIAN BROWN		1.5	L	12 L	42 W	55 D	63 L	41
KS	14462196 / R: 738	-> 834							
65	WEBB A MILLER		1.0	L	11 W	76 L	22 L	58 U	
MO	12077090 / R: 1234	->1194							
66	JERRY CLYDE DARK		1.0	L	20 L	67 H	D	60 L	58
OK	15439651 / R: 1527P2	->1045P6							
67	SHAHRZAD HAJIARBABI		1.0	L	6 W	66 L	19 L	33 L	61
KS	14796448 / R: 971	-> 946							
68	SAMUEL CARRILLO		1.0	L	25 W	51 L	26 L	42 L	54
MO	15138461 / R: 764P14-> 807P19								
69	SAMEETH SHESHAPPA		1.0	L	26 L	41 L	44 L	71 W	76
KS	15229560 / R: 805P23-> 776								
70	STEVEN DUAN		1.0	W	38 L	17 L	47 L	52 L	50
KS	15388611 / R: 706P12-> 771P17								
71	AUSTIN H TRAN		1.0	L	47 L	52 L	45 W	69 L	56
KS	15393077 / R: 622P6 -> 690P11								
72	YASHHIN GARLAPATI		1.0	L	7 L	62 L	59 B	F	
KS	15307525 / R: 625P19-> 615P22								
73	ROHAN KUMAR		1.0	L	39 L	63 B	L	44 L	51
KS	15307588 / R: 613	-> 601							
74	RAHUL KUMAR		1.0	L	30 B	L	40 L	59 L	60
KS	15307594 / R: 557	-> 545							
75	FLOYD E GEASLAND		0.5	D	18 L	9 L	34 L	48 U	
KS	12784387 / R: 881	-> 899							
76	LUKE M TRAN		0.0	L	15 L	65 L	53 L	55 L	69
KS	15393083 / R: 790P6 -> 720P11								

2014 Kansas Open Games—Overland Park, KS—July 19– 20

I had an amazing number of score sheets to go over this year. I have to admit there are a number of score sheets I did not look at especially the large number in the Reserve section. Criteria for selection is still being able to both read score sheet and being able to follow game. Two copies turned in for games are always helpful. I admit I looked more at decisive games as I only included two draws in the games listed. That means there were a lot of games in the Open section I did not include as there were more draws when compared to the Reserve section. I could have included more Open section games, but this year I split the number of games listed from each section. I admit I tried to include a lot of games of Kansas players, but after all, it was the Kansas Open (only one game does not have at least one Kansas player involved). I have two games by tourney overall winner Michael Brooks from Missouri, and I could have included more as Michael sent me copies of all the games he played. I am sure there were a lot of games that deserved to be included and I apologize if I did not include a game you thought worthwhile. Send comments to me (editor Laurence Coker) at wlcoker7@hotmail.com

OPEN SECTION

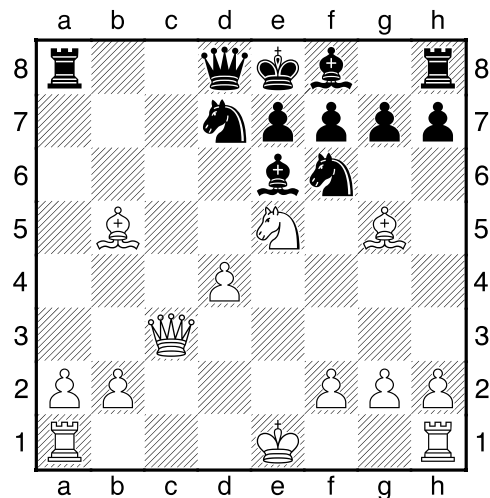
- (1) Jason Wawrzaszek 0– Abhishek Mallela 1**
- (2) Jason Wawrzaszek 1– Zach Schuh 0**
- (3) Andy McGowen 1– Stanley Crown 0**
- (4) Shakti Simpi 1– Marshall Lusk 0**
- (5) Marshall Lusk 0– Abhishek Mallela 1**
- (6) James Joy 0– Joey Kelly 1**
- (7) Sho Glashausser ½– Kyle Camarda ½**
- (8) Bryan Jiang 1– Shakti Simpi 0**

- (9) Abhishek Mallela 0– Michael Brooks 1
 (10) Michael Brooks 1– Kyle Camarda 0

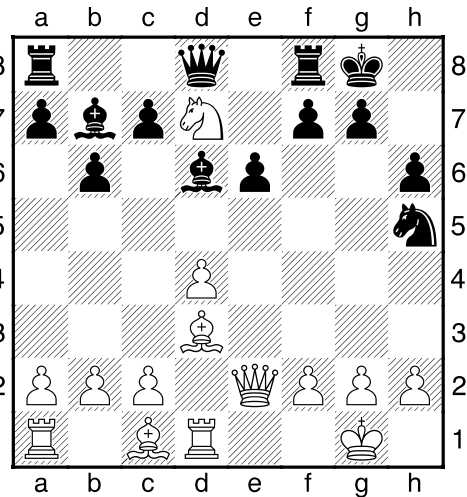
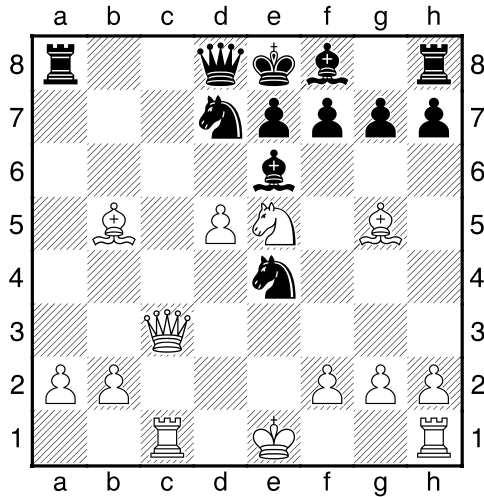
RESERVE SECTION

- (11) Kiana Hajairbabi 1– Gavin Kirchmer 0
 (12) George Verhage 1– Ralph Bowman 0
 (13) Eddie Wilson 0– Kiana Hajairbabi 1
 (14) Adam Albright 1– Ed Stith 0
 (15) Richard Forte 0– Apramay Mishra 1
 (16) Joshua Fernandes 1– William Brown 0
 (17) Richard Forte 0– Brandon Stitch 1
 (18) Eddie Wilson 0– Gabriel Maurer 1
 (19) Krishna B–Nair 1– Azeem Currah 0
 (20) William Brown ½ – Laurence Coker ½

(1) Jason Wawrzaszek
 (2025) – Abhishek Mallela
 (2114) [B22] 2014 Kansas
 Open (3), 19.07.2014 (very
 complicated short game)
 B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 1.e4 c5 2.c3
 a6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5
 5.exd5 Nf6 6.Nc3 last book
 move 6...b5 7.Qb3 Nbd7 8.Bg5
 Nb6 9.Nf3 Nbx d5 10.Ne5 Be6
 11.Nxb5 Nb6 12.Qc3 axb5
 13.Bxb5+ Nbd7= Diagram



14.Rc1? [14.0-0 Better with
 advantage. Avoids later check
 with the queen. 14...h6
 (14...Ne4 15.d5 Bf5 16.Qf3
 Nd6 +-(1.82)) 15.d5 Bf5
 16.Bd2 Ne4 17.Qf3 Nd6 +-(
 2.13)] **14...Ne4!** Black has
 advantage now. **15.d5** Diagram



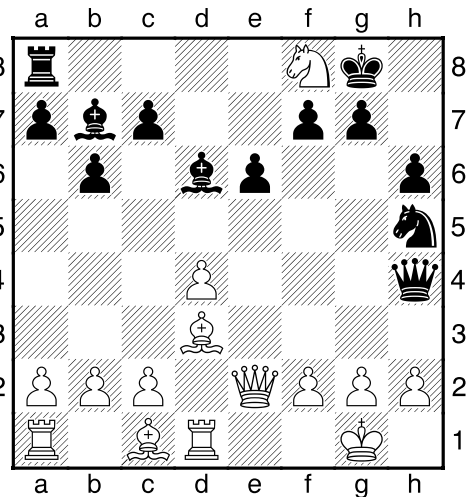
15...Bf5 [15...Nxc3? Not this. Follows 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Bxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Ne4 19.Nb6 Rxa2 20.Be3 ±(0.39)] **16.Qb3?** [16.Qb4 Better, though black still has advantage +(-2.01) 16...Nxc3 17.h4 Ne4 18.Bxd7+ Bxd7 19.Qxe4 +(-1.65)] **16...Nxc3** 17.h4 Ne4 18.d6 Nxd6 19.Rd1 Qa5+ This check could have been avoided with 14. 0-0 0-1

14.Bh7+ [14.Nxf8! This leads to greater advantage for white, but exposes white to an attack. The attack can be countered with proper defense. 14...Qh4 Diagram

(2) Jason Wawrzaszek (2025) – Zach Schuh

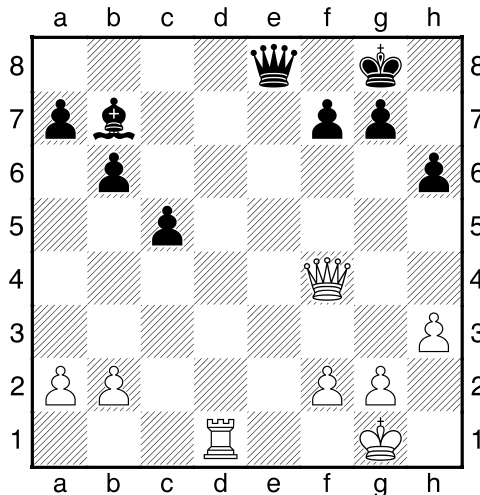
(1794) [C10] (Middle game tactics) 2014 Kansas Open (1), 19.07.2014

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7 5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Ng3 Bd6 last book move 9.Qe2 b6 10.Rd1 Bb7 11.Ne5 h6 12.Nh5 0-0 13.Nxd7 Nxh5 Diagram

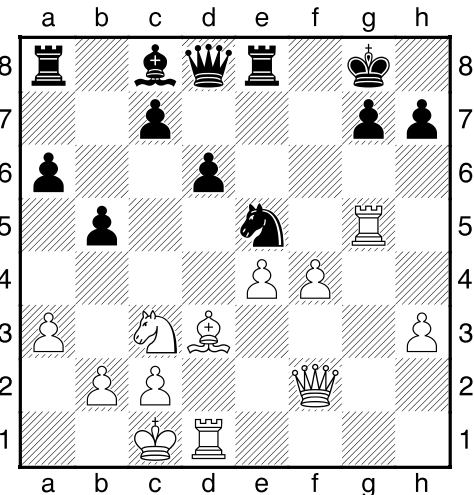


15.g3 Qh3 16.f3 Rxf8 17.Qg2 Qxg2+ 18.Kxg2 Nf6 +(-2.00)] **14...Kxh7** 15.Nxf8+ Qxf8 16.Qxh5 Qe7 17.c4 c5 18.d5

[18.Be3 Better] 18...exd5
 19.cxd5 Re8 20.Bf4 Bxf4
 21.Qf5+ Kg8 22.Qxf4 Bxd5
 ±(0.90) 23.h3 Bb7 24.Re1 Qd7
 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Rd1
 Diagram



8.h3 Na5 9.Bd3 d6 10.a3 Ba7
 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Be3 0-0 13.g4
 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Re8 15.0-0-0 b5
 16.Qf2 f6 17.Rhg1 Nf7 18.g5
 fxg5 19.Nxg5 Nxg5 20.Rxg5
 Ne5? Diagram



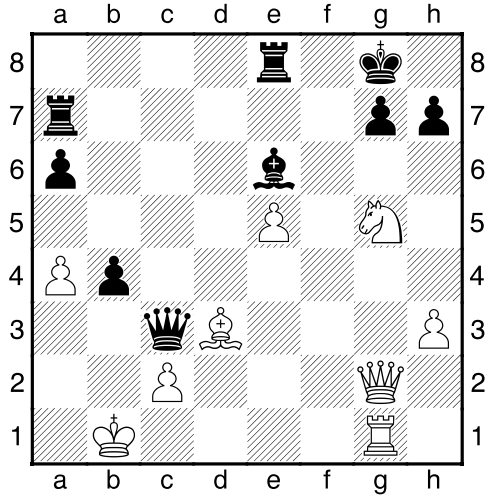
26...Qe4? Exchanging queens
 at this point leads to a lost
 endgame. 27.Rd8+ Kh7
 28.Qxe4+ Bxe4 29.Rd7 a5
 30.Rxf7 b5 31.Rc7 c4 32.Rc5
 Bd3 33.f4 a4 34.a3 Kg6 35.g4
 Kf6 36.Rxb5 Bc2 37.Kf2 Ke6
 38.Ke3 Kd6 39.Kd4 1-0

21.Rxe5 I am not sure why to
 play this move and then not
 follow up with 22. Bc4+
 [21.Rdg1 Nxd3+ 22.cxd3 g6
 23.f5 Be6 (23...Re7 24.Nd5 Rf7
 25.Qh4 Bb7 26.Rxg6+ Kh8
 27.Nf6 Rxf6 28.Rg8+ Qxg8
 29.Qxf6+ Qg7 30.Qxg7#)]
 21...dxe5 22.fxe5? [22.Bc4+!
 bxc4 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.f5 +-
 (3.11)] 22...Qg5+ Now it is
 black that has the advantage. -
 +(-2.24) 23.Kb1 Qxe5 24.Qg2
 Be6 25.Ne2 c5 26.Ng1 c4
 27.Nf3 Qc7 28.Be2 c3 29.Bd3
 cxb2 30.e5 Qe7 [30...Rad8 -+
 (-4.17)] 31.Kxb2 b4 32.a4 Qc5
 33.Rg1 Qc3+ 34.Kb1 Ra7
 35.Ng5 Diagram

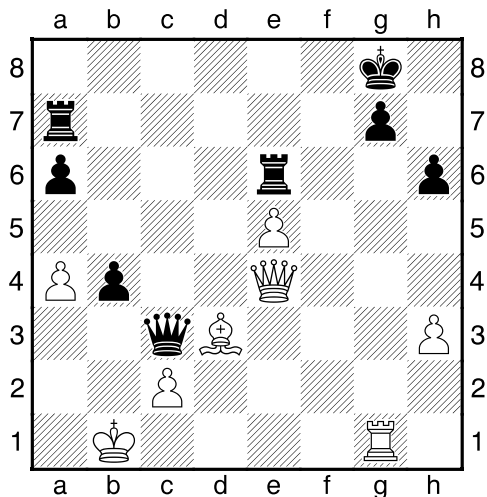
**(3) Andy McGowen (1913)
 – Stanley Crown (1645)
 [B00]**

2014 Kansas Open (1),
 19.07.2014 (back and forth
 game)

B00: Queen's Fianchetto
 Defence, Nimzowitsch Defence
 1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.dxe5 Nxe5
 4.f4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bc5 last book
 move 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bc4 Nh6



35...h6? [35...Ba2+! Long continuation. Difficult to see as it requires a bishop sacrifice. 36.Kxa2 b3+ 37.Kb1 Kh8 38.Ne4 bxc2+ 39.Qxc2 Qa3 40.Qc3 Rb8+ -+(-3.05)]
36.Nxe6 Rxe6 37.Qe4=
 Diagram



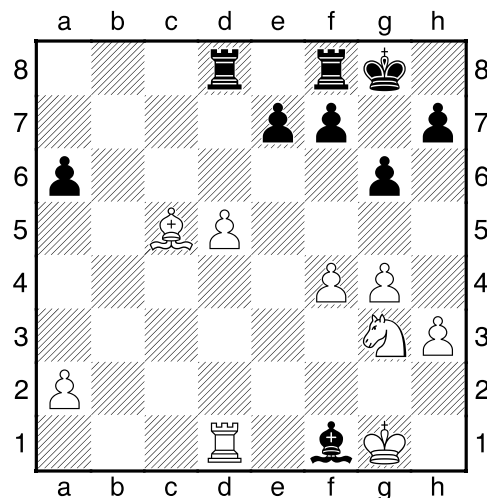
37...Ree7? Losing move. Mate in 10. [37...Rf7 38.Qa8+ Rf8 39.Qe4 Rf7=] **38.Qh7+ Kf8**

39.Qh8+ Kf7 40.Rxg7+ Ke6 41.Qxh6+ Kxe5 42.Rg5+ Kd4 43.Qh4+ Ke3 44.Rg3+ Kd2 45.Qf4+ Kd1 46.Qc1# 1-0

(4) Shakti Shimpi (1910) – Marshall Lusk (1818) [A43]

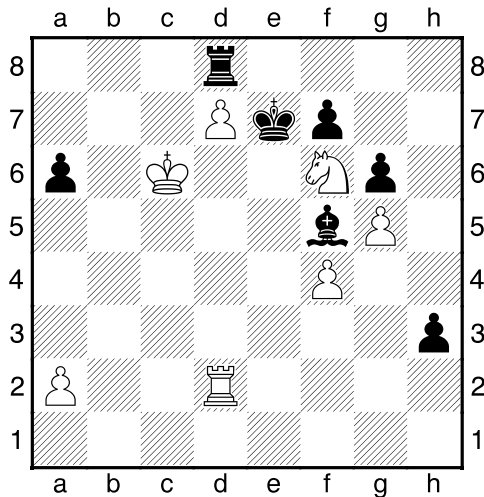
2014 Kansas Open (2), 19.07.2014

A43: Schmid Benoni 1.d4 g6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 last book move 5...Nd7 6.Ne2 Qb6 7.Nbc3 Ne5 8.f4 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 Nf6 10.h3 0-0 11.0-0 Bd7 12.g4 a6 13.e5 Ne8 14.exd6 Nxd6 15.b3 Rad8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Rad1 b5 18.Ng3 bxc4 19.bxc4 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 Nxc4 21.Qxc4 Bb5 22.Qxc5 Qxc5 23.Bxc5 Bxf1
 Diagram



24.Bxe7? = [24.Nxf1 Two pieces and a pawn for the rook and advantage for white.]

24...Rd7 25.Ne3 Rb7 26.Bd4 Rc8 27.g5 Kf8 28.Kf2 +-(2.27)]
24...Bxh3 25.g5 Rfe8 26.Bxd8 Rxd8 27.Ne4 Kg7 28.Kf2 Bf5 29.Nf6 h5 30.Ke3 h4 31.Kd4 h3 32.Rd2 Rc8 33.d6 Kf8 34.d7 Rd8 35.Kc5 Ke7 36.Kc6
 Diagram

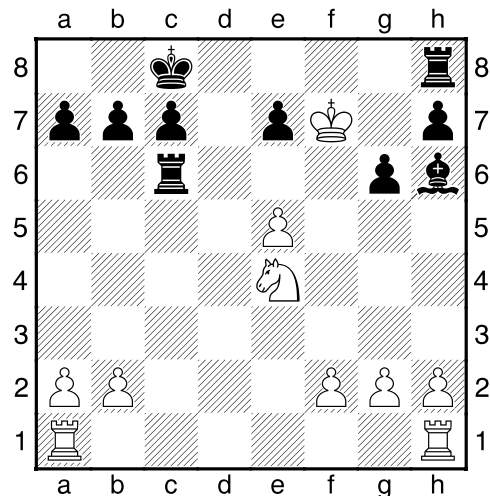


36...Rxd7? [36...Bxd7+! A very interesting endgame would have resulted after this move. Black's passed "h" pawn would have become a factor, but only with a rook behind it. 37.Nxd7 (37.Rxd7+?? Rxd7 38.Nxd7 h2 -+(-13.30)) 37...Rc8+ 38.Kb7 Rh8 39.Kc7 Ke6 (39...h2?? 40.Re2#) 40.Ne5 Kf5 41.Rd1 h2 42.Rh1 Kxf4 43.Nxf7 Rh7 44.Kb6 Kg3 (44...Rxf7 45.Rxh2 Kxg5 46.Kxa6 Rf6+=) 45.Ne5 Kg2 46.Rxh2+ Kxh2 47.Nxg6 Rg7 48.Ne5 Re7 49.Nc6 Re6 50.g6 Rxg6 51.Kxa6 Rxc6+ 52.Kb5 Rc2 53.a4=] **37.Nxd7**

Be4+ 38.Kc7 Bg2?? 39.Re2+
 Mate in one. 1-0

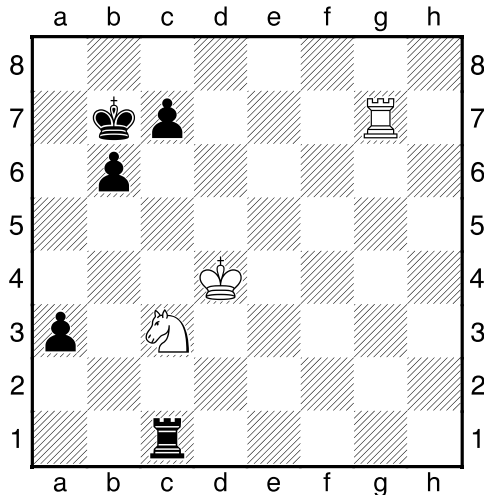
(5) Marshall Lusk (1814) – Abhishek Mallela (2114)
[B02] 2014 Kansas Open (1), 19.07.2014 (unfortunate blunder)

B02: Alekhine's Defence: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3 1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ng8 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 last book move 5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.c4 Nxe5 7.dxe5 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Bg4+ 9.Kc2 Bf5+ 10.Bd3 Bxd3+ 11.Kxd3 0-0-0+ 12.Ke4 f5+ 13.Kxf5 Rd4 14.Ke6 g6 15.Be3 Rxc4 16.Nd2 Rc6+ 17.Kf7 Nh6+ 18.Bxh6 Bxh6 19.Ne4 Diagram



19...e6? = [19...Rf8+! 20.Kxe7 Rf5 21.Nf6 (21.Rhe1 Bf8+ 22.Ke8 Re6#) 21...Rxe5+ 22.Kf7 Rf5 23.Kg8 Rxf6 24.Kxh7 Bf8 -+(-9.73)] **20.g3**

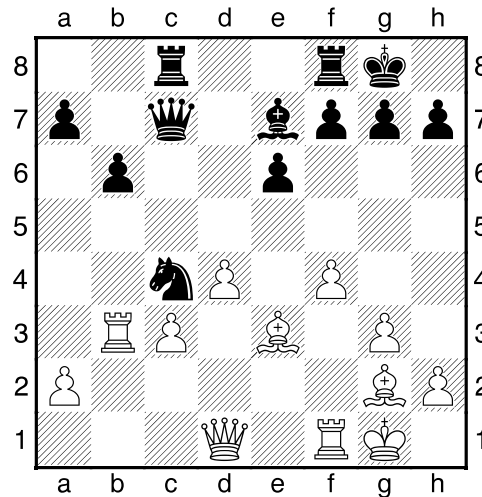
Rf8+ 21.Ke7 Rf5 22.f4 g5
 23.Rac1 Bf8+ 24.Ke8 Bb4
 25.Nf6 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 gxf4
 27.gxf4 Rxf4 28.Rd1 b6=
 29.Kf7 Rf2 30.a3 Bd2 31.Kxe6
 Bf4 32.Ng4 Rxb2 33.Kf5 Bxh2
 34.Rh1 Bg3 35.e6 Bd6
 36.Rxh7 Bxa3 37.e7 Bxe7
 38.Rxe7 Black has an
 advantage by having three
 connected passed pawns for
 the piece. 38...a5 39.Nf6 Rf2+
 40.Ke5 Rd2 41.Ne4 Rd3
 42.Rh7 Kb7 43.Nf2 Rd2
 44.Ne4 Rd1 45.Nc3 Rd6
 46.Nb5 Rc6 47.Kd4 Rc1
 [47...Rc5 Better] 48.Rg7 a4?!
 [48...Rc5 Better, but difficult to
 make progress 49.Nc3 Ka7
 50.Na4 Rc6 51.Nc3 Ka6
 52.Nd5 Kb7 ♯(-0.96)] 49.Nc3
 a3 Diagram



50.Kc4?? Loses right away
 [50.Rg2! c6 51.Ra2 Rf1
 52.Rxa3=] 50...a2 0-1

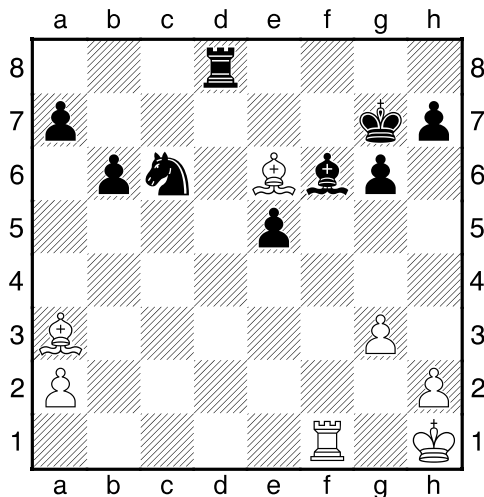
(6) James Joy (1887) –
 Joey Kelly (2096) [D00]

2014 Kansas Open (4),
 20.07.2014 (win by new
 Kansas Champion Joey Kelly)
 D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
 1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 last
 book move 3...Bg4 4.Ne5 Bf5
 5.g3 e6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.Nd3 0-0
 8.0-0 b6 9.Nb5 Be7 10.Bf4
 Ne8 11.f3 c6 12.Nc3 c5
 13.Be3 Nc6 14.dxc5 d4 15.f4
 dxc3 16.Bxc6 Rc8 17.Bg2
 Bxd3 18.exd3 cxb2 19.Rb1
 Bxc5 20.d4 Be7 21.Rxb2 Nd6
 22.Rb3 Qc7 23.c3 Nc4
 Diagram



24.Bc1? [24.Bd2=] 24...Na5
 25.Rb1 Qxc3 26.f5 Bf6 27.fxe6
 Qxd4+ 28.Kh1 fxe6 29.Qe2
 Qc4 30.Qxc4 Rxc4 31.Bh3
 Re8 32.Re1 e5 33.Ba3 Kh8
 34.Rbc1 Rd8 35.Bf5 g6

36.Be6 Rc6 37.Rxc6 Nxc6
38.Rf1 Kg7 Diagram

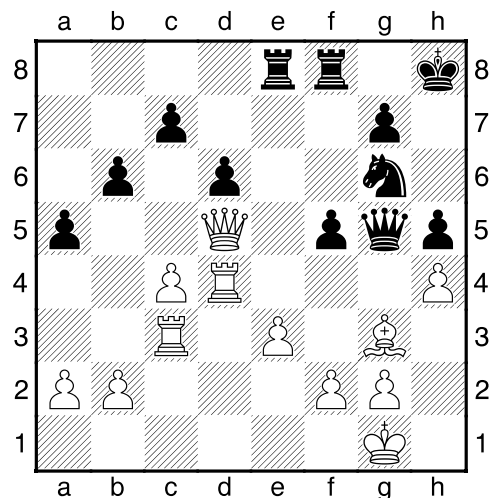


39.h4? Rd3 40.Bb3 Nd4
41.Rc1 [41.Bf8+ Better, but still
losing 41...Kxf8 42.Rxf6+ Ke8
43.Bg8 Rxc3 44.Bxh7 -+(-
4.20)] 41...Nxb3 42.axb3 Bd8
43.Kg2 Rxb3 44.Bd6 Kf6
45.Rc8 Be7 46.Bb8 a5 47.g4
Ke6 48.Rc6+ Kd5 49.Rc7
Bxh4 50.Rxh7 g5 51.Rd7+
Ke4 52.Re7 Rb2+ 53.Kh3 Rb5
54.Ra7 Rb3+ 55.Kh2 Bg3+
56.Kg2 Bf4 57.Bc7 Rb4
58.Rb7 Be3 59.Bd6 Bc5
60.Bc7 a4 61.Ra7 b5 62.Ra8
Rb2+ 63.Kh3 a3 64.Rd8 Bd4
65.Bd6 a2 66.Ra8 a1Q
67.Rxa1 Rb3+ 68.Kg2 Bxa1 0-1

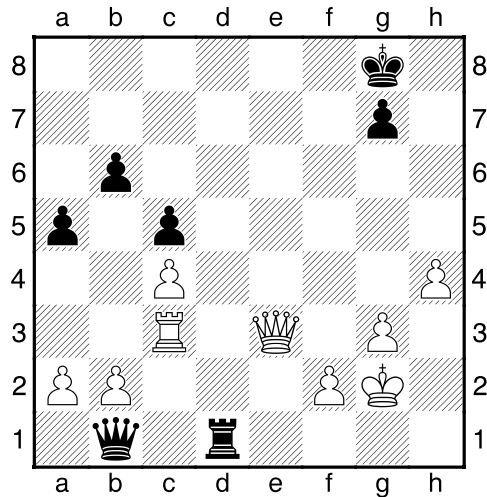
(7) Sho Glashausser
(1646) – Kyle Camarda
(1960) [A52] 2014 Kansas

Open (4), 20.07.2014 (Draw by
scholastic player Sho)

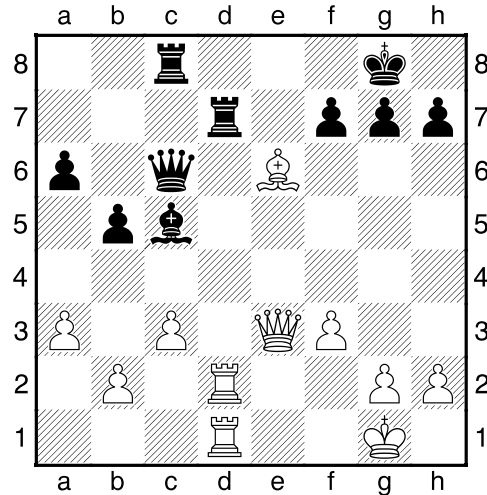
A52: Budapest Gambit 1.d4
Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4
Bb4+ 5.Nd2 Nc6 6.Ngf3 Qe7
7.e3 Ncxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5
9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Bxd2
11.Qxd2 d6 12.Rfd1 b6 last
book move 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.h3
Rae8 15.Bh5 Qh4= 16.Qe2
Ng6 17.Bg3 Qg5 18.Bf3 Bxf3
19.Qxf3 f5 20.Qd5+ Kh8
21.Rc3 h5 22.Rd4 a5 23.h4
Diagram



23...Qf6? [23...Qh6 Necessary
to prevent loss of "h" pawn.]
24.Qf3! c5? Unsure of the
reasoning in this move as it
simply drops another pawn.
[24...Re6 Better. ±(1.35)]
25.Qxh5+ Kg8 26.Rxd6 Re6
27.Rxe6 Qxe6 28.Qd1 f4
29.exf4 Nxf4 30.Bxf4 Rxf4
31.Qd2 Rd4 32.Qe3 Qf5 33.g3
Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Rd1? Diagram

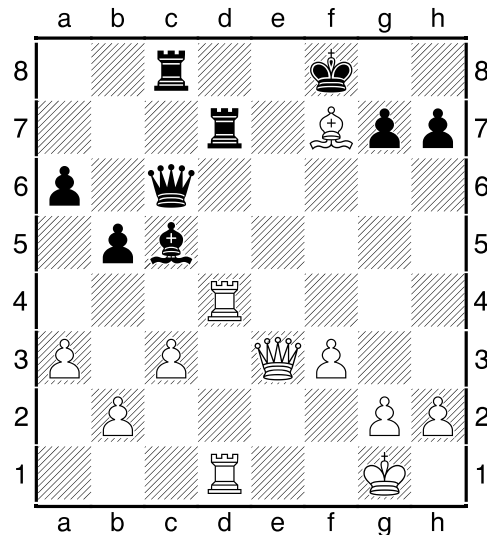


Rd8 12.Qf2 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5
 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Nxc6 Qxc6
 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Rd2 Rac8
 18.c3 Rd7 19.Rfd1 b5 20.a3?
 d4! 21.Bxe6 dxe3 22.Qxe3
 Bc5 Diagram



35.Qe8+?! [35.Qe6+ Winning
 35...Kh7 36.Re3 Qg6
 (36...Rg1+ 37.Kh3 Rh1+
 38.Kg4 Rh2 39.f4 +-(4.63))
 37.Qxg6+ Kxg6 38.Re6+ Kf7
 39.Rxb6 Ra1 40.a3 Rc1
 41.Ra6 Rxc4 42.Rxa5 Rc2
 43.Rb5 +-(5.08)] **35...Kh7**
36.Qh5+ White agrees to draw
 by repetition in a won position.
 Best is possible line 35....Kg8
 36. Qf3 Rg1 + 37.Kh2 Qd1 38.
 Qa8+ Kh7 39. Re3 Rf1 with
 advantage for white. (3.39) 1/2-
 1/2

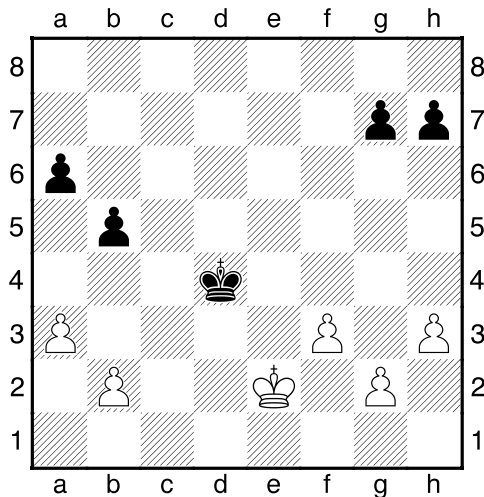
23.Bxf7+? [23.Bxd7 Better,
 though still losing 23...Bxe3+
 24.Kh1 Qc7 25.Rd3 Bb6
 26.Bxc8 Qxc8 -+(-2.97)]
23...Kf8 24.Rd4 Diagram



**(8) Bryan Jiang (1603) -
 Shakti Shimpi (1910)**

[B88] 2014 Kansas Open (1),
 19.07.2014 (First round upset)
 B88: Sicilian: Sozin Attack **1.e4**
c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0
Be7 last book move **8.f3 0-0**
9.Bb3 Nc6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Qd2

24...Kxf7?? Losing move
 [24...Bxd4 Winning for black
 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.Qxd4 Kxf7 +
 (-5.12) Now take bishop]
25.Rxd7+ Kg8 26.Rd8+ Rxd8
27.Rxd8+ Kf7 28.Rd4 Bxd4
29.cxd4 Qc2 30.Qc3 Qe2
31.h3 Qe6 32.Qc7+ Kf6
33.Qe5+?! Can't debate this.
 Game does go into a won king
 and pawn ending, but it gives
 up a pawn unnecessarily
 [33.Qf4+! Is better, not giving
 up the pawn. 33...Kg6
 (33...Ke7 34.Qe4 a5 35.Kf2 +-
 (5.48)) 34.Qe4+ Kf6 35.Qxe6+
 Kxe6 36.Kf2 Kd6 37.Ke3 +-
 (6.46)] **33...Qxe5 34.dxe5+**
Kxe5 35.Kf2 Kd4 36.Ke2
 Diagram



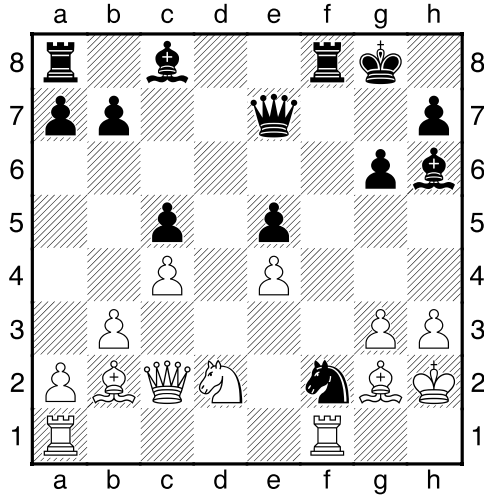
36...g5 [36...Kc4 Better, but still
 losing 37.Kd2 Kb3 38.Kc1 Kc4
 39.Kc2 a5 40.f4 h5 41.g4 hxg4
 42.hxg4 Kd4 43.Kb3 Ke4 44.a4

b4 45.Kc4 Kxf4 46.Kb5 +-
 (3.96)] **37.g3 Kc4 38.f4 gxf4**
39.gxf4 Kd4 40.Kf3 Kd5 41.f5
Ke5 42.Kg4 Kf6 43.Kf4 Kf7
44.Ke5 Ke7 45.f6+ Kf7 46.Kf5
a5 47.b4 a4 48.h4 Kf8 49.Ke6
Ke8 50.h5 h6 51.Ke5 Kf8
52.Kf5 Kf7 53.Ke5 Kf8 54.Ke6
 Black resigns. After 54. Ke8,
 white goes after black's b5 and
 a4 pawns. **1-0**

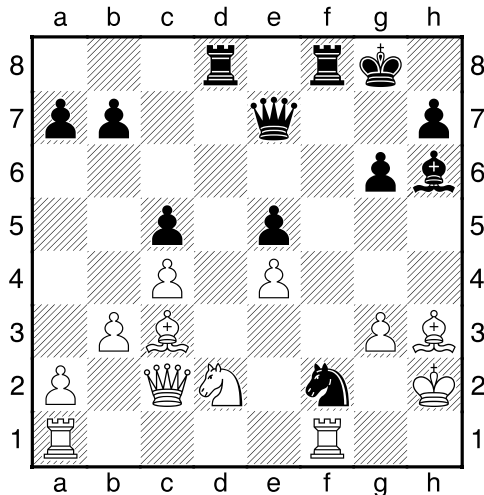
**(9) Abhishek Mallela
 (2114) – Michael Brooks**

(2429) [A01] 2014 Kansas
 Open O2 (5), 20.07.2014 (win
 by tourney champ Brooks)

A01: Nimzowitsch–Larsen
 Opening **1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 d6**
3.g3 f5 4.Bg2 Nf6 last book
 move **5.c4 Nbd7 6.d3 c6 7.Nf3**
g6 8.Nbd2 Bh6 9.Qc2 0-0
10.0-0 Qe7 11.e4 f4 12.d4
exd4 13.Bxd4 Ng4 14.Kh1 c5
15.Bb2 Nde5 16.Nxe5 dxe5
17.h3 fxg3 18.fxg3 [18.hxg4??
 This loses immediately
 18...Qh4+ Mate in 2] **18...Nf2+**
19.Kh2 Diagram

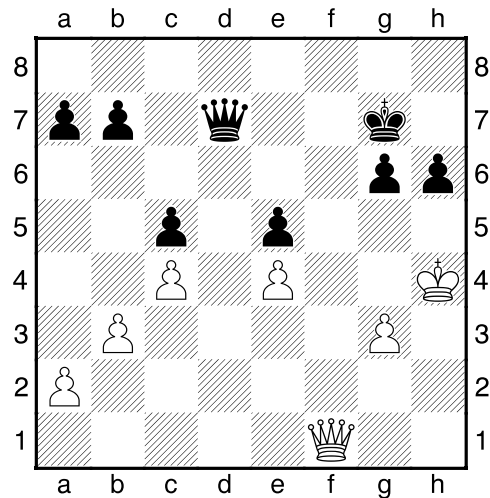


19...Bxh3! Winning a pawn.
20.Bxh3 Rad8 21.Bc3?
 Diagram



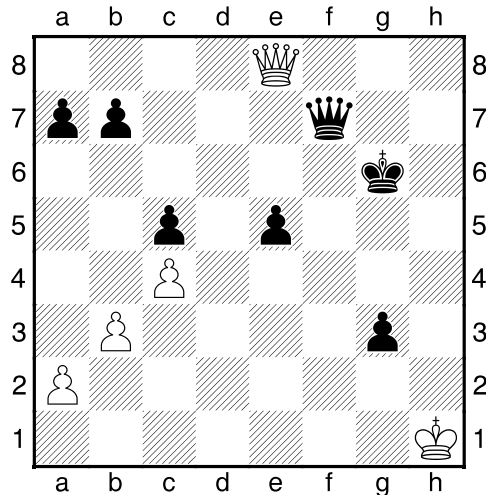
[21.Bc1 Fritz says this is better than 21. Bc3 $-(-1.56)$]
21...Nhx3?! [21...Qg5! Not a very obvious move. 22.Be6+ Kh8 23.Kg2 Rd3! $-(-4.07)$]
22.Kxh3 Now Qd7+ by black at the right moment is on the table [22.Rxf8+ Better 22...Kxf8

23.Rf1+ Kg8 24.Nf3 $\pm(-1.03)$
22...Bxd2 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8
24.Rd1 Bxc3 25.Rf1+
 [25.Rxd8+ Not much better
 25...Qxd8 26.Qxc3 Qd4!
 27.Qf3+ (27.Qxd4? $exd4 \pm(-10.29)$) 27...Kg7 28.Qe2 Qg1
 29.g4 Qc1 $\pm(-2.70)$] **25...Kg7**
26.Qxc3 Qd7+ 27.Kh4 Qe7+
28.Kh3 Qd7+ 29.Kh4 Qe6
30.Qf3? Qe7+ 31.Kh3 Rf8
32.Qd3 Rxf1 33.Qxf1 Qd7+
34.Kh4 [34.Kg2 Only slightly better, though white is still losing
 34...Qd2+ 35.Kh3 Qh6+
 36.Kg2 Qe3 37.Qb1 Qe2+
 38.Kg1 $\pm(4.00)$] **34...h6**
 Diagram



35.g4? This actually loses another pawn **35...Qd2!**
 Threatens mate **36.Kh3 Qe3+**
37.Kg2 Qxe4+ The rest is technique in a won game
38.Kh3 Qe3+ 39.Kg2 h5
40.gxh5 Qg5+ 41.Kh1 Qxh5+

42.Kg1 Qg4+ 43.Kh1 Qe4+
 44.Kg1 g5 45.Qc1 Kg6 46.Qa3
 Qe3+ 47.Kh1 Qe1+ 48.Kg2
 Qe2+ 49.Kh1 Qf1+ 50.Kh2
 Qf2+ 51.Kh1 g4 52.Qa4 g3
 53.Qe8+ Qf7 Diagram



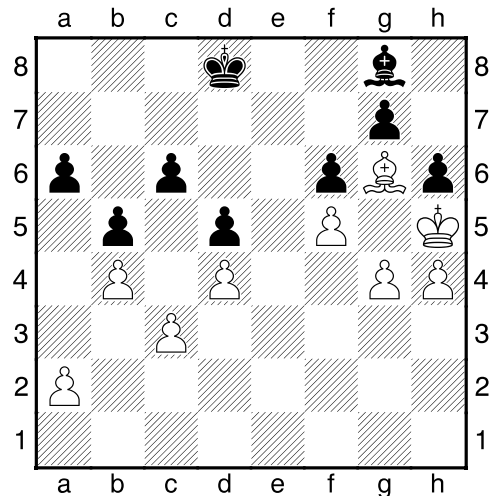
Forces exchange of queens. If white queen does not exchange, then 54... Qf1 mate 0-1

(10) Michael Brooks (2429) – Kyle Camarda (1960) [C01]

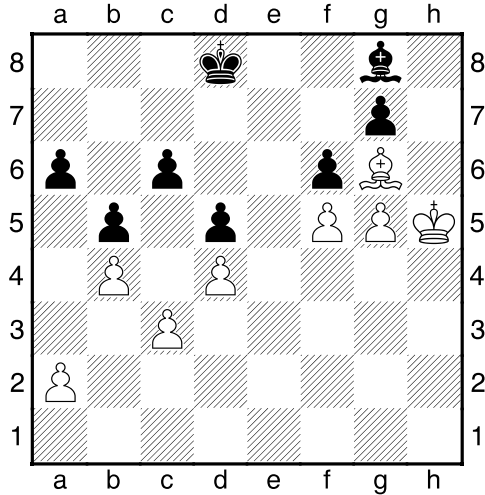
2014 Kansas Open O2 (2), 19.07.2014 (interesting endgame)

C42: Petroff Defense (This game shows a very interesting endgame in which Michael Brooks exhibits correct winning technique) 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d3 Nf6 6.d4 d5 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 h6 10.c3 c6 last book

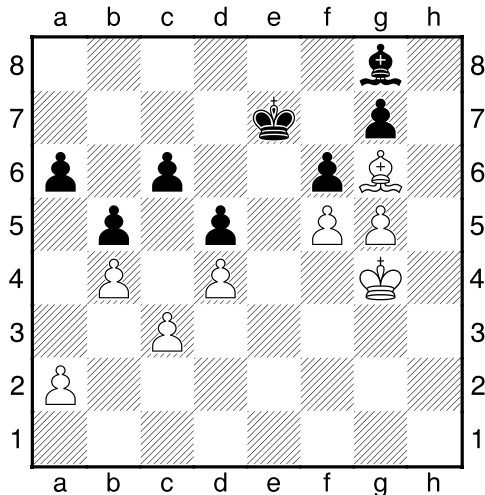
move 11.Ne5 Nbd7 12.Bf4 Qc7 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.Qf3 Re7 17.Rfe1 Rae8 18.Rxe7 Rxe7 19.Nf1 Ne4 20.Re1 Nd2 21.Qd1 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Nxf1 23.Kxf1 Kf8 24.Qe3 Be6 25.f4 f6 26.f5 Bf7 27.Kf2 a6 28.Qg3 Qxg3+ 29.Kxg3 Ke7 30.Kh4 Kd6 31.b4 b5 32.Be2 Ke7 33.Bh5 Bg8 34.Bg6 Kf8 35.Kh5 Ke7 36.h4 Kd7 37.g4 Kd8 Diagram



Black has disadvantage of having four pawns on the same color as his bishop plus having less room to maneuver, white having a better king position. Also note, white has one tempo to use with "a" pawn whenever he needs it. 38.g5 hxg5 39.hxg5 Diagram



39...Ke7?! [39...fxg5 Better
40.Kxg5 Ke7 41.Kf4 Kd7
±(0.60)] 40.Kg4 Diagram



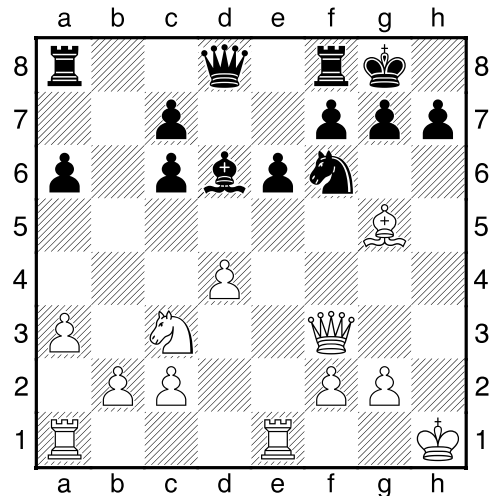
40...Kf8? Losing [40...fxg5
Better, but still white gets a
winning advantage if played
correctly. Should have played
fxg5 previous move. 41.Kxg5
Kd6 42.Be8 Bh7 +-(1.94)]
41.gxf6 gxf6 42.Kh5 Ke7
[42...Kg7? 43.Be8 Winning

easily] 43.Kh6 Kf8 44.Bh5 Bf7
45.Bxf7 Kxf7 46.Kh7 Kf8
47.Kg6 Ke7 48.Kg7 Black
resigns 1-0

(11) Kiana Hajairbabi
(1795) – Gavin Kirchmer

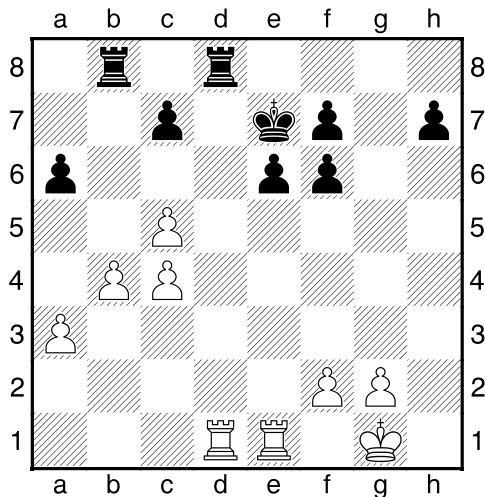
(1297) [B01] 2014 Kansas
Open (1), 19.07.2014 (Kiana
finished first in Reserve)

B01: Scandinavian Defence
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3
Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 last book
move 5...Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0
Be7 8.Ne5 0-0 9.Bf4 Qd8
10.Re1 a6 11.a3 Bd6 12.Bd3
Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nc6 14.Nxc6
bxc6 15.Bg5 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1
Bd6 17.Qf3 Diagram

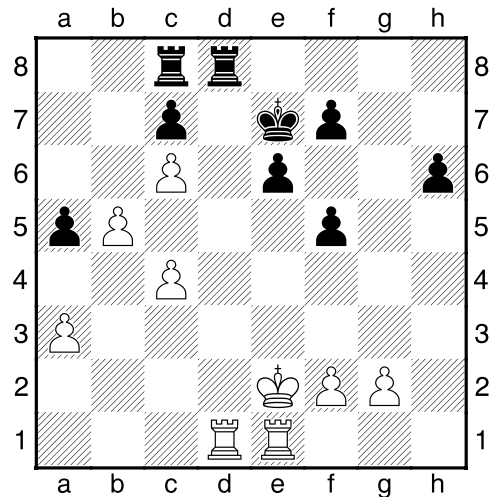


17...c5? This just gives up a
pawn and with it black's
advantage. [17...Be7 18.Rad1
Rb8 19.b4 Black has slight
advantage here. ±(-0.70)]
18.Ne4 Be7 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6

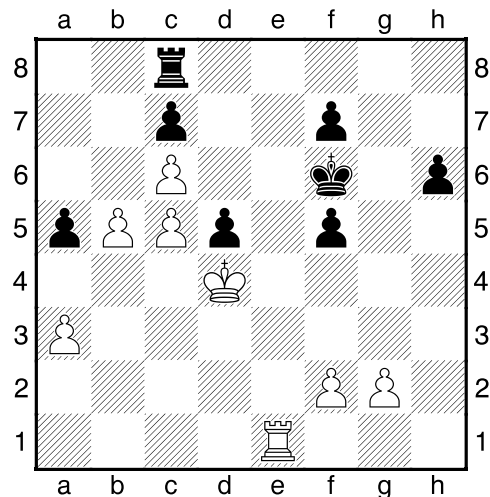
20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6
22.dxc5= Fritz says this position is equal, but it is white that takes advantage of the pawn advantage on the queen's side. **22...Rab8**
 [22...a5 Fritz says this is better]
23.b4 Rfd8 24.Rad1 Kf8
25.Kg1 Ke7 26.c4 Diagram



26...h6 No particular point to this move. [26...c6= Better]
27.Kf1 a5?! Should have played this earlier [27...c6 Better here. Minimal advantage for white.] **28.b5! Rbc8?** This really doesn't help black.
29.Ke2 Difficult to fault moving the king closer to the middle in an endgame [29.c6 Fritz prefers this right away] **29...f5** Difficult to find a plan for black in face of the passed pawns.
30.c6 Diagram



30...Rd6? [30...Re8 Better, but black is still losing $+-(-2.71)$]
31.c5! Rd5 This loses another pawn [31...Rxd1 Better, but still losing 32.Rxd1 Kf6 33.Rd7 $+-(-4.77)$]; 31...Rdd8 Not any better either 32.Rxd8 Kxd8 33.Rc1 Ke7 34.b6 cxb6 35.cxb6 Kd6 36.c7 Kd7 37.b7 Rxc7 38.Rd1+ Ke7 39.b8Q $+-(-15.51)$]
32.Rxd5 exd5 33.Kd3+ Kf6
34.Kd4 Diagram

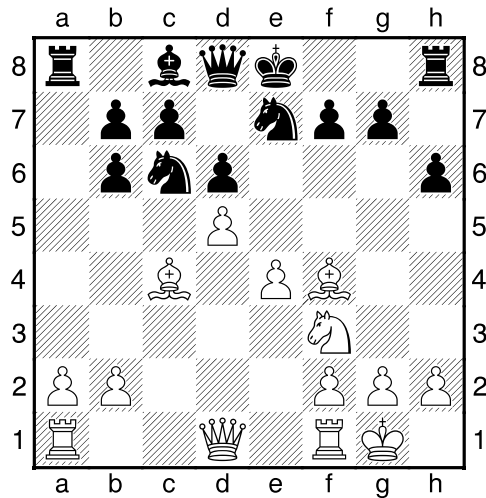


34...h5 35.Rb1 Rb8 36.b6
 There follows 36.....Ke6 37.
 bxc7 Rc8 38. Re1+ Kf6 39.
 Kxd5 Rxc7 40. Kd6 Rc8 41. c7
 h4 42. Kd7 winning **1-0**

**(12) George Verhage
 (1684) – Ralph Bowman**

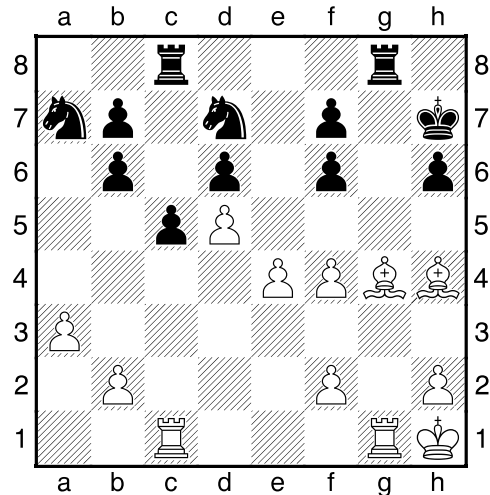
(1500) [C53] 2014 Kansas
 Open (4), 20.07.2014 (Game
 between two long time Kansas
 players)

C53: Giuoco Piano sidelines
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4
 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 Qe7 6.0-0 last
 book move 6...h6? [6...d3 Best]
 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.Nc3 d6 9.Nd5
 Qd8 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Bf4
 Nge7 12.d5** Diagram

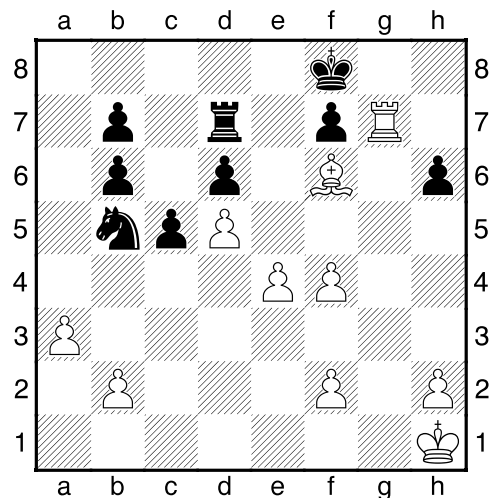


12...Na7? A knight on the rim is
 dim. [12...Ng6 Better 13.Be3
 Nce5 ±(1.14)] **13.Rc1 0-0 14.a3
 Ng6 15.Bg3 Bg4 16.Qd3 Qf6
 17.Qd4 Bxf3 18.Qxf6 gxf6
 19.gxf3 Ne5 20.Be2 Rac8**

**21.Kh1 Kh7 [21...Ng6 Better]
 22.Bh4 Nd7 [22...f5 Better]
 23.Rg1 c5 24.f4 Rg8 25.Bg4**
 Diagram



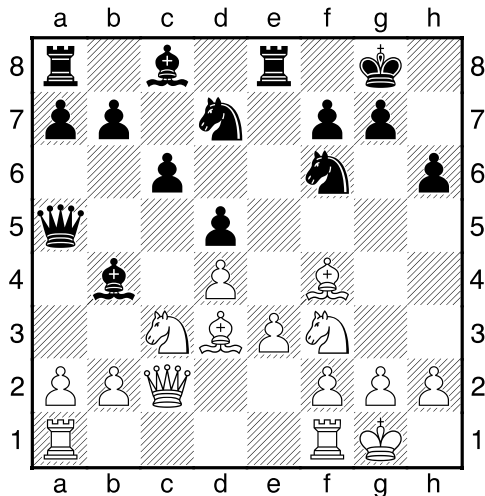
The knight is overloaded. The
 f6 pawn is going to drop
**25...Rcd8 26.Bf5+ Kh8
 27.Rxg8+ Kxg8 28.Rg1+ Kf8
 29.Bxd7 Rxd7 30.Bxf6 +-
 (4.18) 30...Nb5 [30...Nc8
 Necessary, but still losing, just
 not as quick] 31.Rg7** Diagram



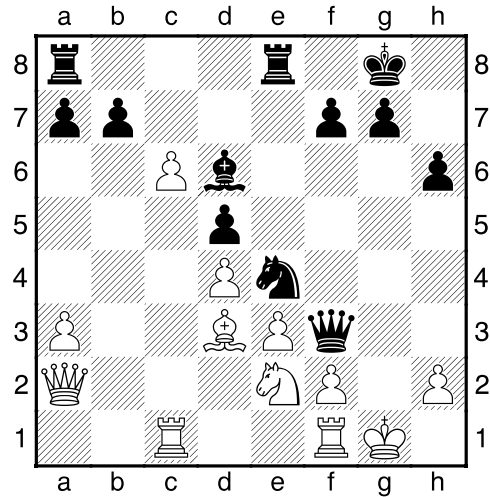
Threatened by white is 32. Rh7 with mating threats. Line could be 31...Re7 32. e5 dxe5 33. fxe5 Nd4 34. Rh7 Ke8 d6 Rxe5 Bxe5 1-0

(13) Eddie Wilson (1503) – Kiana Hajairbabi (1795) [D52]

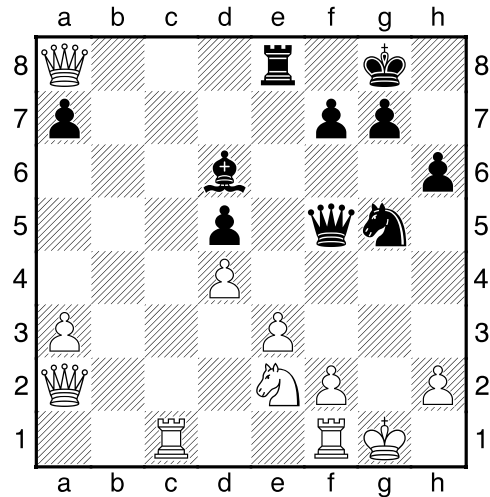
2014 Kansas Open (2),
19.07.2014 (another Kiana win)
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined:
Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Qa5
7.Bd3 Bb4 last book move
8.Qc2 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.cxd5
exd5 11.Bf4 h6 Diagram



12.a3 Be7 13.b4 Qd8 14.Qb3
Nh5 15.Ne2 Nxf4 16.Nxf4 Bd6
17.Ne2 Nf6 18.Rac1 Bg4
19.b5 Ne4 20.Qa2 Qf6 21.bxc6
Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qxf3 Diagram



23.cxb7? [23.Qxd5=] 23...Ng5
Threatening mate 24.Bf5 Qxf5
25.bxa8Q?? Diagram

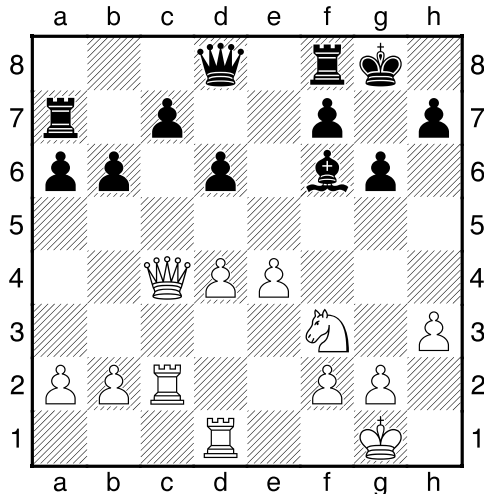


[25.f4 Necessary 25...Nh3+
26.Kg2 Rab8 27.Ng3 Qd7
28.Qxd5 Rxb7 -+(-1.92)]
25...Bxh2+! Mating pattern
26.Kh1 Qf3+ 27.Kxh2 Qh3+
28.Kg1 Nf3# 0-1

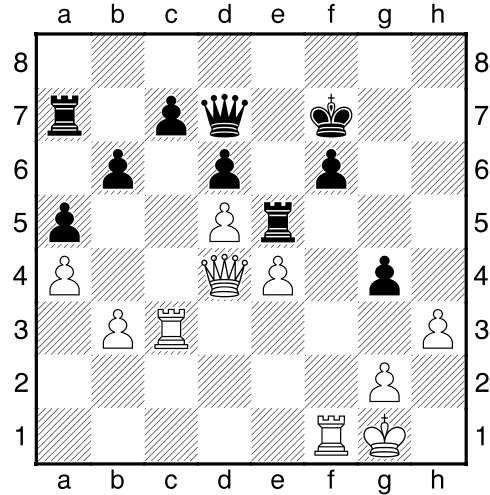
**(14) Adam Albright (1584)
– Ed Stith (1226) [C62]**

2014 Kansas Open (2),
19.07.2014 (pawns, rooks, and
queens)

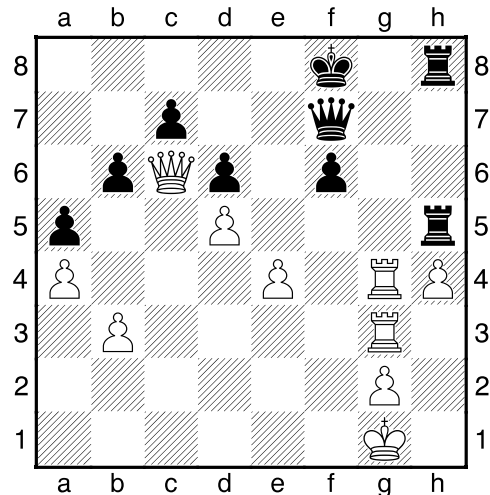
C62: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz
Defence 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Bb5 d6 last book move 4.h3
g6 5.c3 Nf6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d4
exd4 8.cxd4 Bd7 9.Nc3 0-0
10.Re1 a6 11.Ba4 Nb4
12.Bxd7 Nxd7 13.Qb3 Nd3
14.Rd1 Nxc1 15.Raxc1 b6
16.Nd5 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6
18.Qc4 Ra7 19.Rc2 Diagram



19...Qd7 20.d5 a5 21.Nd4
Bxd4 22.Qxd4 Re8 23.Rdc1
Re5 24.f4 Re7 25.Rc6 f6
26.Re1 Kf7 27.a4 h6 28.b3
[28.e5! fxe5 29.fxe5 Rxe5
30.Rxe5 dxe5 31.Qxe5+-
(8.00)] 28...g5 29.fxg5 hxg5
30.Rf1 Re5 31.Rc3 g4?
Diagram



32.h4?! [32.Qf2 Qe7 33.hxg4
Rxe4? (33...Ra8 34.Rf3 +-
(3.76)) 34.Rf3 +-(-9.93)]
32...Qe7 33.Rf4 Ra8 34.Rxg4
Rh8 [34...Rg8 Better. Better to
not give up "g" file] 35.Rcg3
Kf8 36.Rf4 Rh6 37.Rfg4 Rh8
38.Qc4 Reh5 39.Qc6 Qf7?
Diagram



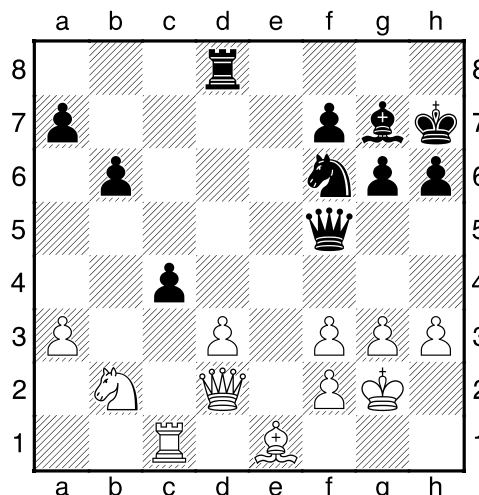
Loses quickly 40.Qa8+ Ke7
41.Qb7 Kd8 42.Rg7 Qxg7
43.Qb8+ Kd7 44.Rxg7# 1-0

**(15) Richard Forte (1500)
– Apramay Mishra (1646)**

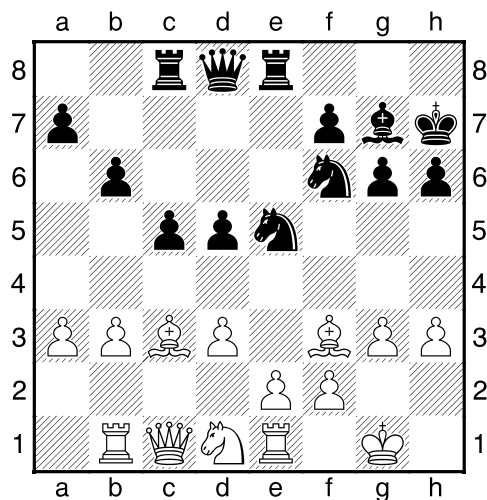
[A38]

2014 Kansas Open (3),
19.07.2014 (Mate in two by
Apramay, who was tied for first
in Reserve but lost on tie
breaks)

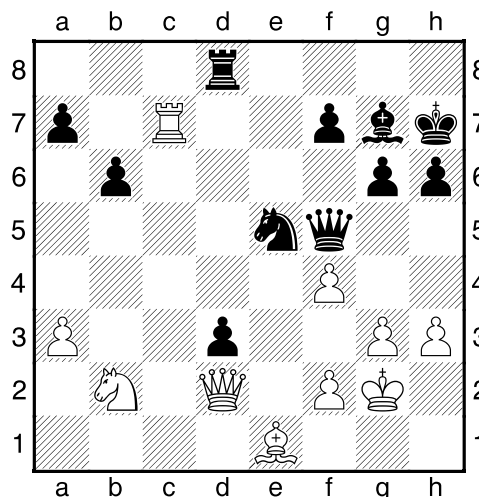
A38: Symmetrical English
vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 Nf3 Nf6
1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6
4.Bg2 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0
7.d3 last book move 7...e6
8.Bg5 h6 9.Bd2 d5 10.cxd5
exd5= 11.Qc1 Kh7 12.Nd1 b6
13.Rb1 Bd7 14.Re1 Re8 15.a3
Rc8 16.b3 Bg4 17.h3 Bxf3
18.Bxf3 Ne5 19.Bc3? Diagram



[26.Ne3! Qxd3 27.Nxc4 Qxd2
28.Nxd2 \bar{r} -0.37) Minimal black
advantage.] **26...cxd3 27.Rc3**
Nd7 28.Rc7? Ne5 [28...Bxb2
Better, but not easy to see
29.Qxb2 Ne5 30.Re7 Qxf3+
31.Kg1 d2 32.Bxd2 Nd3
33.Qa1 Nxf2 34.Qe1 Qxg3+
35.Kf1 Qxh3+ 36.Kxf2 Rxd2+
37.Qxd2 Qh4+ 38.Kg2 Qxe7 -+
(-7.65)] **29.f4?** Diagram



This gives white a weak "d"
pawn. 19. Bg2 is just fine.
19...Nxf3+ 20.exf3 Qd7
21.Kg2 Rxe1 22.Bxe1 Qf5
23.Qd2 c4 24.bxc4 dxc4
25.Rc1 Rd8 26.Nb2? Diagram

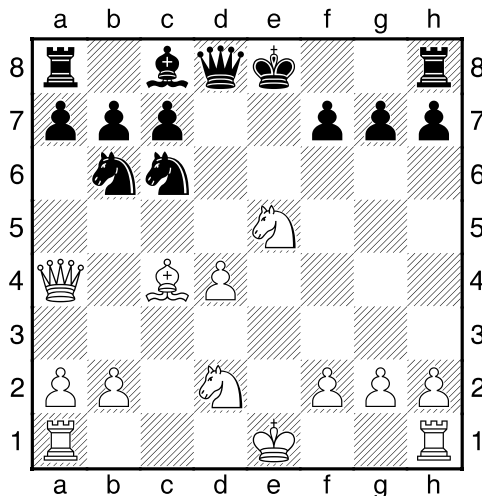


Loses very quickly [29.Qe3 Necessary] **29...Qe4+ 30.f3 Nxf3 31.Qb4** Nothing really much better than this. **31...Nh4+** Mate in two. **0-1**

(16) Joshua Fernandes (1632) – William Brown (1322) [C54]

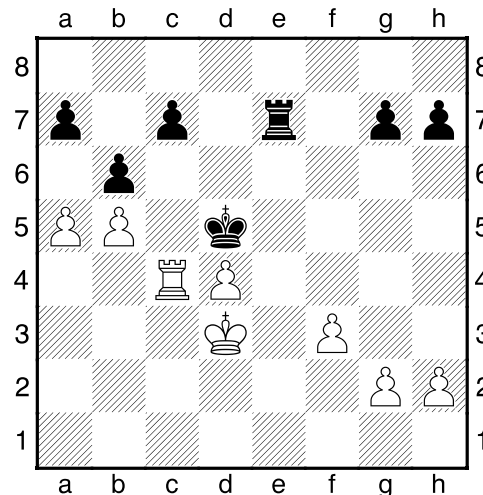
(Missed opportunity to equalize game) 2014 Kansas Open (3), 19.07.2014

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qb3 Na5 11.Qa4+ Nc6 12.Ne5 last book move **12...Nb6** Diagram



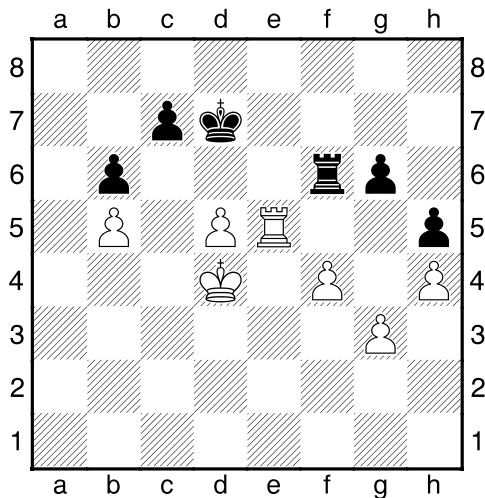
13.Nxc6?! Complicated position [13.Bxf7+ Fritz likes this better with advantage. 13...Kf8 14.Qa3+ Qd6 15.Nxc6 Qxa3 16.bxa3 Kxf7 17.Ne5+

±(1.18)] 13...Nxa4 14.Nxd8 Kxd8 15.b3 Re8+ 16.Kf1 Nb6 17.Bxf7 Re7 [17...Rf8 Possibly better 18.Bc4 Rf4 19.Nf3 (19.d5 Bf5 20.Rc1 Nxc4 21.bxc4 Bd3+ 22.Ke1 Kd7 23.f3 Re8+ 24.Kf2 Re2+ 25.Kg3 Rf6 26.Nb3 Rg6+= But, most would take black's position) **19...Nxc4 20.bxc4 c5 21.dxc5 Rxc4=] 18.Bc4 Nxc4 19.Nxc4 Bf5 20.Rd1 Ke8 21.f3 Rd8 22.Kf2 Red7 23.Rhe1+ Kf8 24.Re5 Bg6 25.Ke3 b6 26.b4 Bf7 27.Rf5 Kg8 28.Ne5 Re7 29.Rxf7 Rxf7 30.Nxf7 Kxf7 31.Rc1 Rd7 32.b5 Ke6 33.Rc4 Kd5 34.Kd3 Rf7 35.a4 Re7 36.a5?** Diagram



Key moment in the game **36...Rf7?** [36...Re3+! 37.Kxe3 Kxc4 38.axb6 axb6 39.f4 Kxb5 40.f5 Kc6 41.h4 Kd5 42.g4=] **37.axb6 axb6 38.Rc2 Re7 39.g3 h6 [39...g5 Better 40.Rc1**

Rf7 41.Rf1 Rf8 42.f4 Rf5
 43.Rf3 h5 ±(0.86)] **40.f4 Rf7**
 From here on out, white takes
 advantage of his kingside pawn
 majority. **41.Re2 Kd6 42.Kc4**
h5? [42...g5 Better according to
 Frtiz 43.Re4 Rf6 44.d5 Rf8
 45.Kd4 Kd7 46.h3 White still
 winning. Black putting up
 resistance. +-(1.49)] **43.h4 g6**
44.d5 Rf6 45.Kd4 Kd7 46.Re5
 Diagram



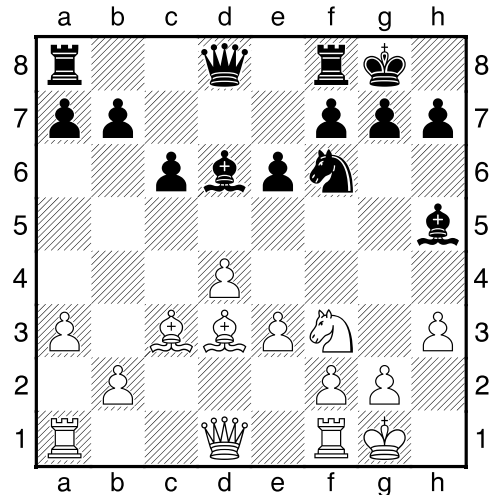
46...Kd6 47.Rg5 Kd7 48.Ke5
Ke7 49.f5 Kf7 50.fxg6+ Rxc6
51.Rxc6 Kxc6 52.Ke6 Kg7
53.Kd7 Kf7 54.Kxc7 Ke7
55.d6+ 1-0

(17) Richard Forte (1500)
- Brandon Stitch (1595)

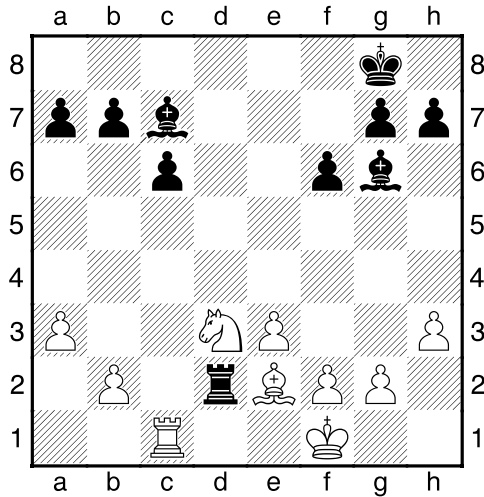
[D00]

2014 Kansas Open (5),
 20.07.2014 (Two bishops
 against a rook)

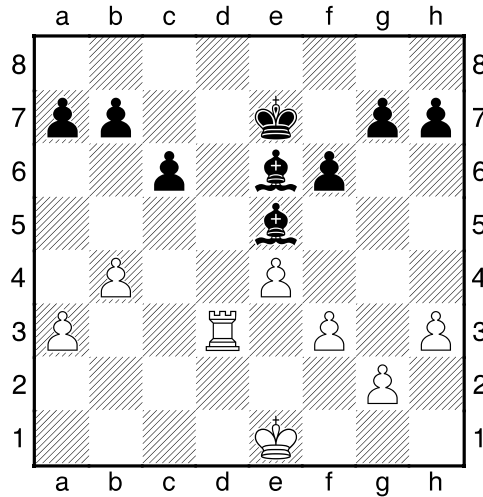
D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines
1.d4 d5 2.e3 Bf5 3.c4 last book
 move **3...Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5**
5.Bd2 e6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.a3 Nd7
8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 N7f6 10.Nc3
Nxc3 11.Bxc3 c6 12.Bd3 Bg4
13.h3 Bh5 Diagram



14.Be2 Ne4 15.Rc1 Nxc3
16.Rxc3 Bc7 17.Rc5 Bg6
18.Bd3 Bd6 19.Rc3 Bh5
20.Be2 Qb6 21.Qb3 Qxb3
22.Rxb3 Rab8 23.Re1 Bc7
24.Rc1 Rfd8 25.Kf1 f6 26.Ne1
Bf7= 27.Rd3 e5 28.dxe5 Bxe5
29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 30.Nd3 Bc7
31.Nc5 Rd2 32.Nd3 Bg6
 Diagram



33.Ke1? Probably the losing move. Black obtains an ending with two bishops against a rook. [33.Rc3= Bxd3 34.Rxd3 Rxb2 35.Bg4 In this position it should be noted that if white would exchange off rooks, despite being a pawn down, it would be a bishop of opposite color endgame and probably a draw. 35...g6 36.Rd7 Be5 37.Be6+ Kh8= (37...Kf8 38.Rf7+ Ke8 39.Rxh7=)]
33...Rxd3 34.Bxd3 Bxd3 35.Rd1 Bf5 36.f3 Kf8 37.e4 Be6 38.Rd3 Ke7 39.b4 Be5
 Diagram



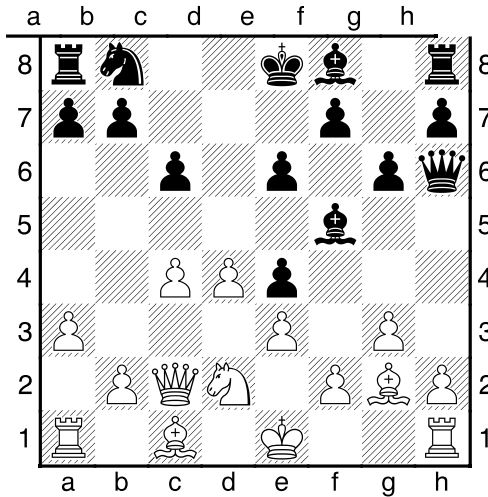
40.Kd2? The rook is now trapped. Black wins the exchange and the game.
40...Bc4! 41.a4 No place for rook to go. [41.Re3 Doesn't help 41...Bf4! The rook is pinned] **41...Bxd3 42.Kxd3** The game is essentially over here.
42...Kd6 43.Kc4 Bg3 44.Kd4 b6 45.Kc4 Bf2 46.f4 a6 47.Kd3 c5 48.bxc5+ Kxc5 49.e5 fxe5 50.fxe5 Kd5 51.e6 Kxe6 52.Kc4 Be1 53.Kd4 b5 54.axb5 axb5 55.Kd3 b4 56.Kc2 Kf5 0-1

(18) Eddie Wilson (1503) – Gabriel Maurer (1359)

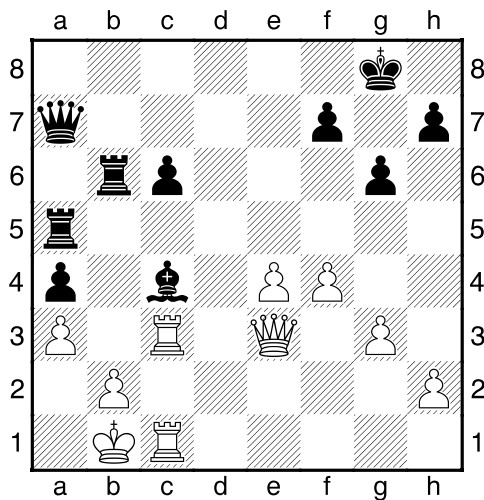
[D12]

2014 Kansas Open (4),
 20.07.2014 (a miscalculation)
 D12: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 Bf5 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.a3 last book move 6...Ne4 7.Nxe4

**dxe4 8.Nd2 g6 9.Qc2 Qh4
10.g3 Qh6 11.Bg2 Diagram**



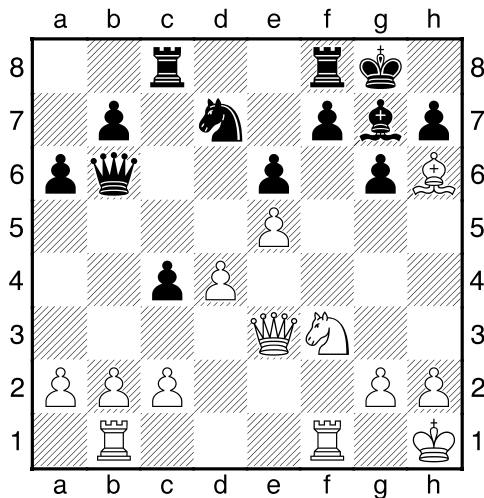
**11...Bg7 12.Bxe4 Bh3 13.c5
Nd7 14.Nc4 0-0 15.Bd2 e5
16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bxe5
18.f4 Bc7 19.Bf3 Be6 20.0-0-0
a5 21.Kb1 a4 22.Qd3 Rfd8
23.Qe2 Bb3 24.Rc1 Ba5
25.Bxa5 Rxa5 26.Qe1 Rda8
27.e4 Qf8 28.Qe3 Qb8 29.Be2
Qa7 30.Rc3 Rb8 31.Rhc1 b5
32.cxb6 Rxb6 33.Bc4 Bxc4
Diagram**



34.Qxb6?? Unnecessary. A miscalculation. [34.Rd1! An inbetween move before taking the bishop on c4. 34...Qb8 Have to cover back rank and protect rook at the same time. Wins the b2 pawn. **a)** 34...Kg7 35.Qd4+ Kh6 36.Qxc4; **b)** 34...Bb3 35.Rd8+ Kg7 36.Qd4+ f6 (36...Kh6 37.g4 Bc2+ 38.Kxc2 Rxb2+ 39.Kxb2 Qxd4 40.Rxd4 +-(-9.62)) 37.Rd7+ Qxd7 38.Qxd7+ Bf7 39.Rxc6 +-(-5.29); 35.Rxc4 Rxb2+ 36.Kc1 Black with slight advantage equal to the win of the pawn. Some might argue advantage greater than that for black based on the exposed white king. But certainly this line is better than the game continuation. $\mp(-1.00)$; 34.Rxc4?? A bad mistake, loses queen. 34...Rxb2+ 35.Kxb2 Qxe3 $-(-10.00)$] **34...Qxb6 35.Rxc4** Game is essentially over for white here. **35...Rb5 36.R1c2 Qg1+ 37.Ka2 Qe3 38.Rxc6 Qxe4 39.R6c4 Qd5 40.Ka1 Kg7 41.Rc7 Qh1+ 42.Ka2 Rh5 43.h4 Rd5 44.b4 axb3+ 45.Kxb3 Qf3+ 46.R2c3 Rd3 47.Kb4 Qxg3 48.a4 Qxf4+ 49.Kb5 Rd5+ 50.R3c5 Qxc7 51.Rxd5 Qb7+ 52.Kc4 Qc6+ 0-1**

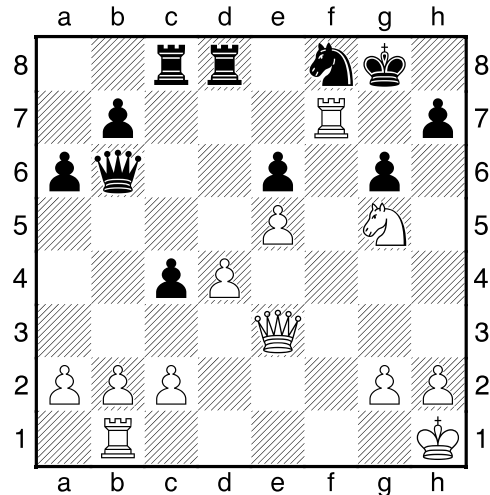
**(19) Krishna B-Nair
(1294) – Azeem Currah
(unrated) [B23] 2014**

Kansas Open (1), 19.07.2014
B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Bb5 Grand Prix attack variation with Bb5 4...Bd7 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.0-0 last book move 7...Nf6 8.d3 g6 9.Qe1 Thematic move in this variation 9...Qb6 10.Kh1 Bg7 11.e5= dxe5 12.fxe5 Nd7 13.Rb1 e6? [13...Bxf3! 14.Rxf3 Nxe5 15.Re3 (15.Rf4 \mp (-0.83)) 15...Nc6 16.Nd5? Qd8 17.c4 0-0 18.Nxe7+ Nxe7 19.Rxe7 Qxd3 20.Bd2 \mp (-2.29)] 14.Ne4= Bxe4 15.Qxe4 0-0 16.Bf4 Rab8 17.Qe3 c4 18.d4 Rbc8 19.Bh6 Diagram



19...Rfd8? [19...f5 Better than game continuation 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Ng5 Rcf8 23.Rxf6 Rxf6 \pm (1.34)] 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Ng5 Nf8? [21...Rf8

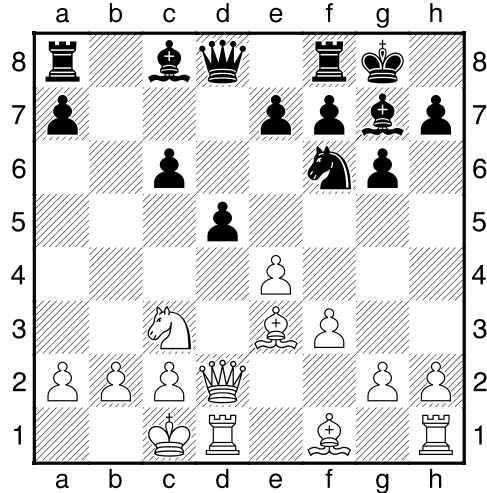
Necessary, though white is still winning. \mp (-2.26) 22.Rf3 h6 23.Ne4 Rc7 (23...c3 24.b3 f6 25.exf6+ Nxf6 26.Nxf6 Rxf6 27.Qe5 Rcf8 28.Rbf1 Qd8 29.h4 h5 \mp (-3.15)) 24.Rbf1 \mp (3.92)] 22.Rxf7+ Kg8 Diagram



23.c3 Not necessary. Go for 24.Qf4 right away 23...h6? [23...Rd7 Much better, but still losing 24.Qf4 Qc7 25.Rf6 h6 26.Ne4 Rh7 27.Rf1 Qe7 28.Nd6 Ra8 29.h3 Rb8 30.Nf7 h5 White has a real bind on the position 31.Nh6+ \mp (-8.64)] 24.Qf4! hxg5 What else is there to do 25.Qf6 Mate in one 1-0

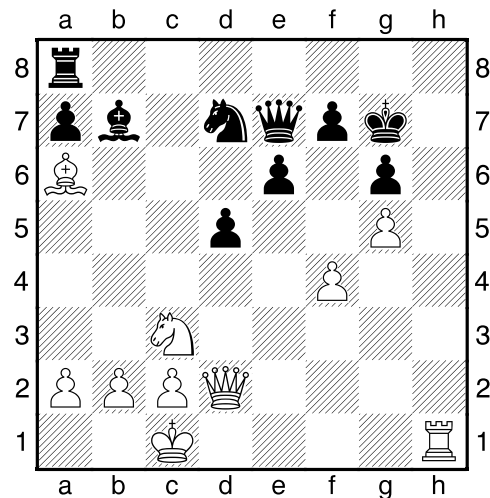
**(20) William Brown (1322)
– Laurence Coker (1599)
[B76] 2014 Kansas Open (2),
25.07.2014 (one of my games)
B76: Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav
Attack, 9 g4 and 9 0-0-0 1.e4
c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**

**Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3
Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 d5
10.Nxc6 bxc6 Diagram**



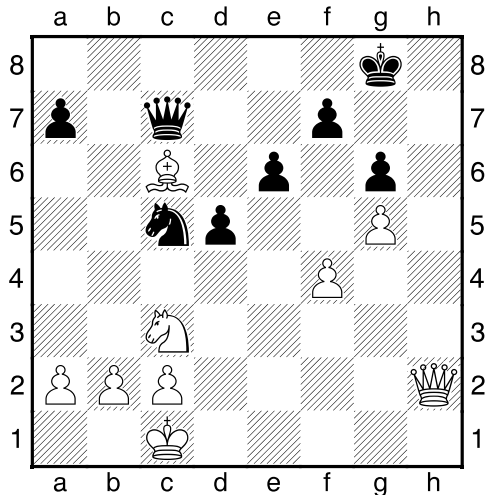
11.Bh6 I had never seen this move before in any of my games. In master level games apparently it is fairly common. I must have spent 15 minutes here trying to figure out what to do next. [11.exd5 I have faced this move several times. 11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5 (12.Bd4 This is the main line. I have played against it three or four times. 12...e5 13.Bc5 Be6 Rook sacrifice.) 12...cxd5 13.Qxd5 Qc7 14.Qc5 (14.Qxa8 I have only had this played against me once. I think the game ended in a draw. I can't remember. Black gets a queen against two white rooks. Black having two bishops helps. 14...Bf5 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.Rd2=) 14...Qb8 or 14...Qb7 with an

interesting game] **11...e6?! last book move [11...Bxh6 Better 12.Qxh6 Qb6 13.exd5 Rb8 14.b3 Qa5 15.Qd2 (15.Kb2 cxd5 16.h4=) 15...Rd8 16.Kb2 cxd5=] 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.h4 h6?! 14.g4 Rh8 15.Be2 Bb7 [15...Qc7 Better 16.exd5 cxd5 ±(0.67)] 16.g5 hxg5 [16...Nh5 Slightly better 17.f4 Ng3?! (17...dxe4 18.Qe3 Qb6 19.Qxe4 Qc7 20.Qd4+ e5 21.Qxe5+ Qxe5 22.fxe5 Ng3 23.Rhe1 Nxe2+ 24.Rxe2 hxg5 25.hxg5 Bc8 ±(0.93)) 18.Rhg1 Nxe2+ 19.Nxe2 Qe7 20.f5 hxg5 21.Rdf1 exf5 22.exf5 +-(2.71)] 17.hxg5 Nd7 18.f4 Qe7 19.exd5 Rxh1 20.Rxh1 cxd5 21.Ba6 Diagram**

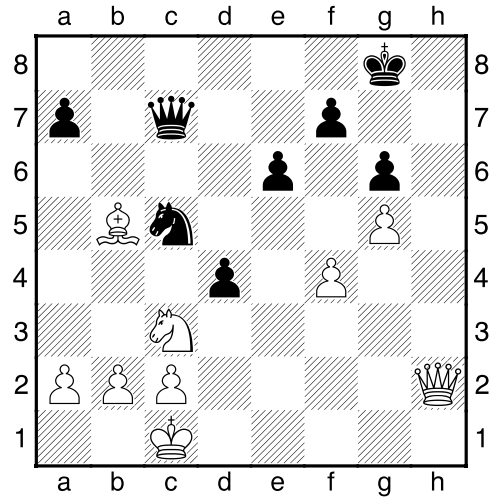


Clears "h" file for queen and attacks bishop at the same time. **21...Rh8?** [21...Qb4 I didn't even look at this 22.Qh2 Kf8 23.f5 gxf5 24.Qc7 Bxa6

25.Rh8+ Ke7 26.Rxa8 Qc4
 27.Qxc4 Bxc4 28.Rxa7 +-
 (2.34)] **22.Rxh8 Kxh8 23.Qh2+**
 Unnecessary check and allows
 tactic by black later in game.
 [23.Bxb7] **23...Kg8 24.Bxb7**
Nc5 25.Bc6 Qc7 Diagram



26.Bb5 [26.Bxd5! exd5
 27.Nxd5 Qa5 28.Nf6+ Kf8
 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Qe8+ Kd6
 31.c4 Qb6 32.Kc2 +-(6.63)]
26...d4 Diagram



27.Ne2? Lets me back in game
 [27.Nd1 or Nb1 Winning]
27...Qa5 Threatens mate and
 bishop **28.Qf2** [28.b4 Qxb4
 29.Bd3 (29.a4 Qe1+ 30.Kb2
 Qb4+ 31.Ka2 Qd2 32.Kb1
 Qb4+ 33.Ka2 Qd2 Draw)
 29...Qe1+ 30.Kb2 Qb4+ 31.Kc1
 Qe1+ 32.Kb2 Qb4+ Draw]
28...Qxb5 29.Nxd4 My
 opponent offered me a draw
 and I accepted it as I am a
 pawn down in a complex
 ending and we are both getting
 short on time. 1/2-1/2



George Verhage vs Ralph Bowman (see game number 12)



Reserve section view (Brian Yang standing directing)



Joey Kelly (red shirt) playing Tim Steiner in important match to decide Kansas Champion (game ended in draw, but Joey became Kansas Champion on tie breaks)



Shakti Shimpi (purple shirt) playing Sam Un in Open section. In background- Zach Schuh playing Hongbiao Zeng



Chris Bowman playing Krishna B-Nair



Bughouse action-Sho Glashausser and Adam Albright in foreground with Isaac Lee and Zach Schuh in background (left to right)



Michael Brooks vs Abhishek Mallela (see game number 9)



Background- Gavin Kirchmer vs Kiana Hajairbabi (see game 11)
Foreground Jon Wooldridge (back to you) vs Kustaubh Nimkar



Sheena Zeng playing Logan Wu in Open section



CJ Armenta- assistant tourney director (standing) with Advait Patel (Open player)



Hyung Ju Nam playing Floyd Geasland (back to you)



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THE END