

## **2017 KANSAS OPEN GAMES**

To choose games this year to put in my game file I had to look at a lot of score sheets especially with over 140 players playing this year. I tried to choose games from all three sections. Weeding games out that had obvious mistakes in notation, left out moves, score sheets that were not readable, and score sheets with no names on them (I am sure I looked at over more than 200 score sheets) I came up with 80 games I could analyze the game's entirety. This included mainly decisive games and usually one's that had either one Kansas player or some player who finished near the top of their respective section. There were many draws I didn't look at, especially if they were short draws. From the 80 games I came up with the following. (note on games- +1 [white] or -1 [black] equals value of a pawn; +3 or -3 a piece value or a simply a bad position., etc.)

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1. Advait Patel 1; Michael Brooks 0
2. Ben Gradsky 1; Sheena Zeng 0
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4. Jack Easton ½; Advait Patel ½
5. Joseph Serwadda ½; Ben Gradsky ½
6. Nick Shearer ½; Wayne Hatcher ½
7. David Blair 1; Zile Cao 0
8. Ron Luther 1; Kaustabh Nimkar 0
9. Ron Luther 1; Raul Manohar Mapparambath 0
10. Ron Luther 0; Advait Patel 1

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11. Randy Merrell 0; Michael Schoenhoffer 1
12. Rick Hodges 1; Adam Porth 0
13. Jesse Erb 1; Charles Carlson 0
14. Joseph Stanga 0; John McDowell 1
15. Joseph Stanga 1; Rita Joseph 0
16. Joseph Abousharkh 0; William Brown 1
17. Rick Hodges 1; Naren Pullela 0
18. Edward Nathan Perry 1; Samuel Musil 0
19. Micheal Schoenhofer 1; Sam Un 0
20. CJ Armenta ½; Joseph Stanga ½

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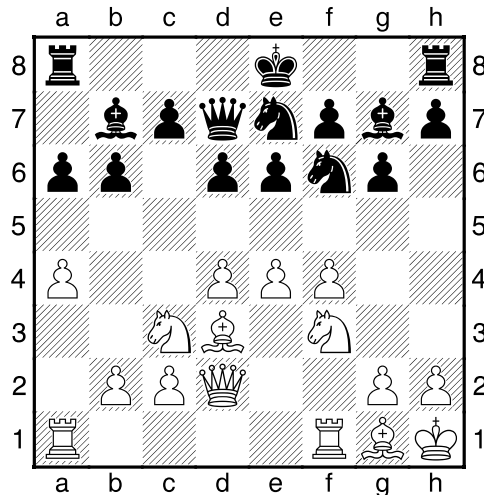
21. Don Johnson 0; Joshua Sugg 1
22. Gergely Chikan 0; Don Johnson 1
23. Don Johnson 1; Randall Engelby 0
24. Lear Eicher 0; Arlie Cummings 1
25. Daryl Fouard 0; Gergely Chikan 1
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27. Robert Kendrick II 1; Ryan Amburgy 0
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## OPEN SECTION

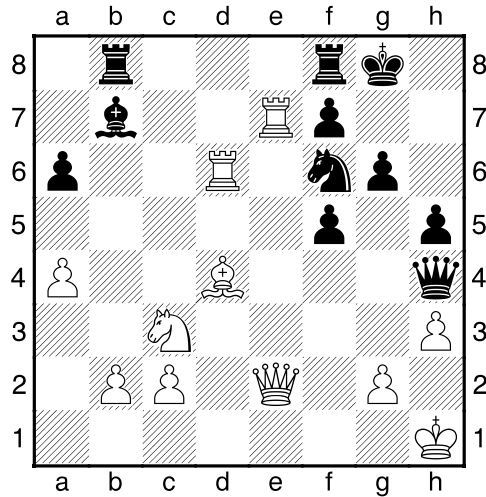
### (1) Advait Patel (2520) – Michael Brooks (2390) [B06]

2017 Kansas Open (4), 23.07.2017

B06: Modern Defence **1.e4** This game basically decided first place. Brooks withdrew after losing this game. **1...d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Be3 Nd7 5.Qd2 a6 6.a4 b6** last book move **7.f4 e6 8.Nf3 Ne7 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Kh1 Qd7 12.Bg1**



**12...Bh6 13.Ng5 c5 14.Rae1 0-0 15.Qf2 Bg7 16.e5 Ng4 17.Qh4 h5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.exd6 Nf5 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.Re7 Qc6 22.Qh3 Rab8 23.Rd1 Bd4 24.Qf3 Qb6 25.Qe2 Qxd6 26.Nf3 Qxf4 27.Nxd4 cxd4 28.Rxd4 Qc1** slight advantage for white [28...Qg5 better, with slight advantage for black  $\bar{r}$ -0.67] **29.h3 Nf6 30.Rd6 Qg5 31.Be3 Qh4?** +(2.96) [31...f4 Much better. position is equal] **32.Bd4**

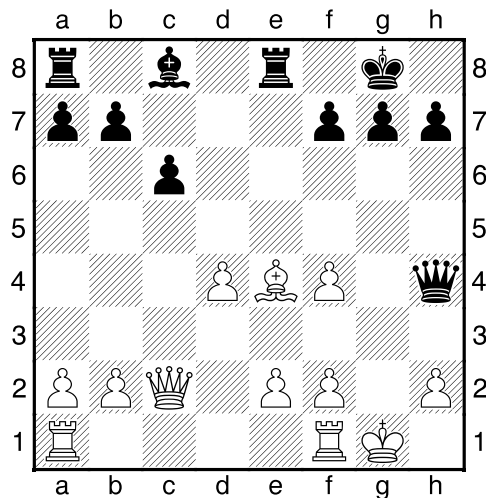


**32...Ne8?** black is now definitely losing  $\pm(12.31)$  [32...Qxh3+ 33.Kg1 Bxg2 34.Qxg2 Qxg2+ 35.Kxg2 Ng4 36.Rxa6 advantage for white  $\pm(3.06)$ ] **33.Rxg6+! Kh7 34.Bf2 Qxh3+ 35.Kg1 Bf3** [35...Bxg2 better but still losing] **36.Qe3** 36. Qe6 slightly better **1-0**

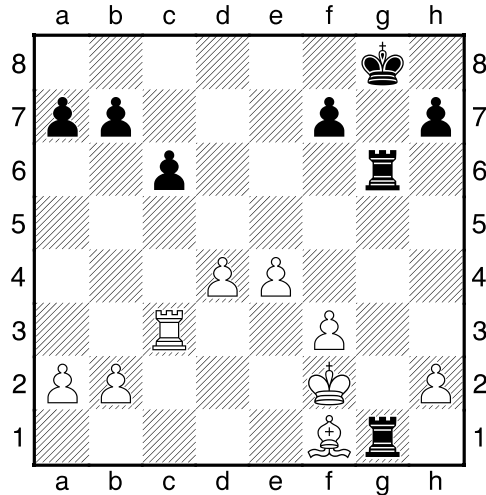
## (2) Ben Gradsky (2104) – Sheena Zeng (1936) [D35]

2017 Kansas Open (2), 22.07.2017 (Interesting endgame with both players in time trouble according to Ben)

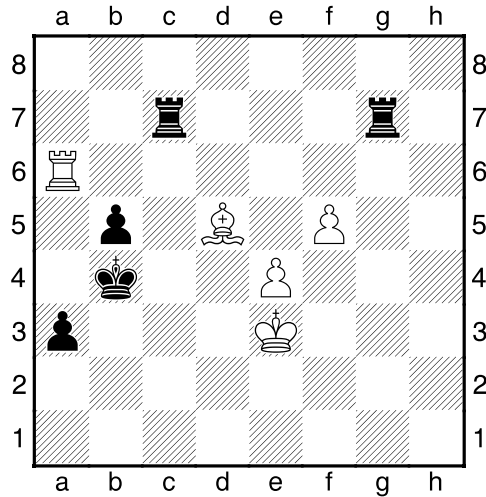
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.g3 c6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8** last book move **10.Bf4 Bxf4 11.gxf4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Ng5?! [13.Ne5=] 13...Nf6 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qh4**



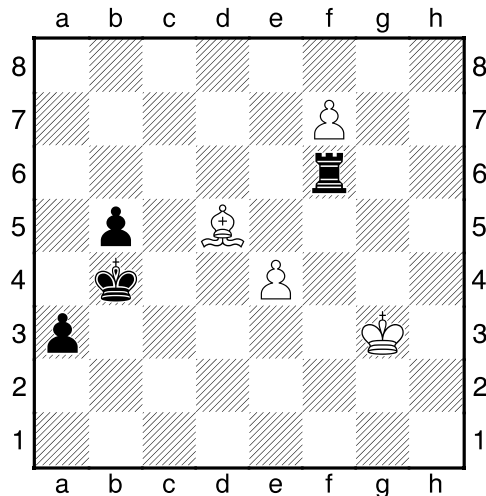
16.e3? loses exchange 16...Bh3! 17.f3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Re7 19.Qf2 Qxf2+ 20.Kxf2 Rae8 21.Re1 Re6 22.f5 Rd6 23.Rc1 g6 24.Rc3 gxf5 25.Bxf5 Rd5 26.Be4 Rg5 27.Bd3 Re6 28.Bf1 Reg6 29.e4 Rg1



30.Rc2? loses pawn [30.Rb3 b6 31.f4 Rh1 32.Rh3  $\bar{\bar{r}}(-0.46)$ ] 30...Rh1 31.Bg2 Rxh2 32.Kg1 Rh5 33.Kf2 Rhg5 34.Bf1 Rd6 35.Ke3 Rg1 36.Bc4 Rd1 37.d5 cxd5 38.Bxd5 Rd7 39.Rg2+ Kf8 40.Rh2 f6 41.Kf4 Rf1 42.Ke3 Rc7 43.Rh6 Kg7 44.Rh2 Re1+ 45.Kf4 Rg1 46.Ke3 b6 47.Bb3 h6 48.Rd2 Rg5 49.Rd8 Re7 50.Kf4 Kg6 51.Rg8+ Rg7 52.Rf8 h5 53.Be6 Re7 54.Bf5+? [54.Bh3 better, covering g2 square] 54...Kg7 55.Rd8 Rg2 56.Rd1 Rxb2 57.Rg1+ Kf7 58.Rh1 Rxa2 59.Rxh5 Rg2 60.Bg4 Kg7 61.Bf5 Rf7 62.Rh1 Kf8 63.Rb1 Rgg7 64.Be6 Rc7 65.Bd5 Ke7 66.Rh1 b5 67.Ra1 Kd6 68.Ra6+ [68.Kf5 better] 68...Kc5 69.Rxf6 a5 70.Ke3 a4 71.Ra6 Kb4 72.f4 a3 73.f5



**73...Ra7?** [73...Rc3+ 74.Kf4 Rg2 75.f6 Rf2+ 76.Ke5 Rcf3 77.Bg8 Kc5 78.Be6 Rxf6 79.Rxa3 b4 80.Ra5+ Kb6 81.Ra4 Kb5 82.Ra7 -+(-2.17)]  
**74.f6! Rg3+** [74...Rxa6 75.fxg7 Rg6 76.g8Q Rxg8 77.Bxg8 Kc3 78.e5 b4 79.Ke2 b3 80.Bxb3 Kxb3 81.e6 a2 82.e7 a1Q 83.e8Q=] **75.Kf4 Rxa6 76.f7 Rf6+ 77.Kxg3**

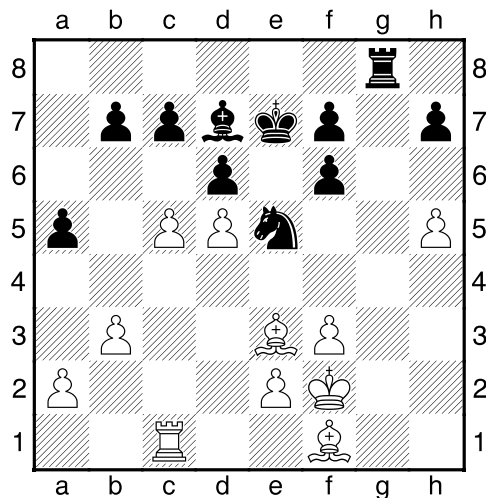


**77...Kc5?** [77...Rxf7 78.Bxf7 Kc3 79.e5 b4 80.e6 a2 81.e7 a1Q 82.e8Q=] **78.e5! Rf1??** loses right away **79.Bf3! a2 80.f8Q+ Kd4 81.Qb4+ Kxe5 82.Qxb5+ Kd4 83.Qxf1 1-0**

### (3) Jack Easton (2248) – Sara Herman (1945) [E33]

2017 Kansas Open (2), 22.07.2017

E33: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...Nc6 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 last book move 6.g4 Nxg4 7.Rg1 e5 8.d5 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qxb4 dxc3 12.Qxc3 Qf6 13.Qxf6 gxf6 14.h3 Ne5 15.b3 Bf5 16.h4 0-0-0 17.f3 Rhg8 18.Rxg8 Rxg8 19.Kf2 Kd7 20.h5 Ke7 21.Be3 Bd7 22.c5 a5 [22...a6 better ±(0.99)] 23.Rc1

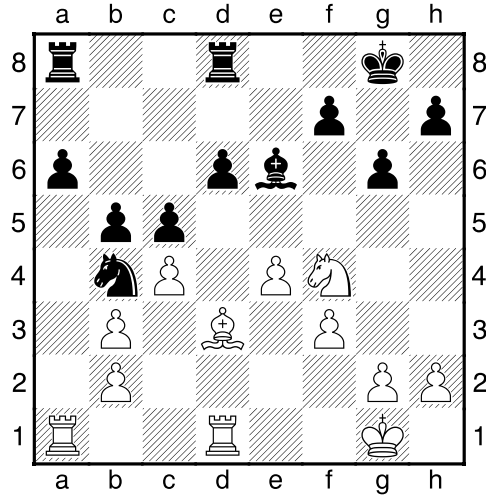


23...Bb5? [23...f5 Better, though with white advantage +-(-1.56)]  
24.cxd6+ Kxd6 [24...cxd6 not any better 25.Rc7+ Bd7 26.Rxb7 +-  
(3.08)] 25.Bc5+ Kd7 26.Bh3+ Kd8 27.Bb6 Nd7? [27...Bc4 better, but  
still losing +-(-2.88) 28.Bxa5 b6 29.Bxb6 cxb6 30.bxc4 +-(-3.04)]  
28.Bxc7+ Ke8 29.Bxa5 Kf8 30.a4 1-0

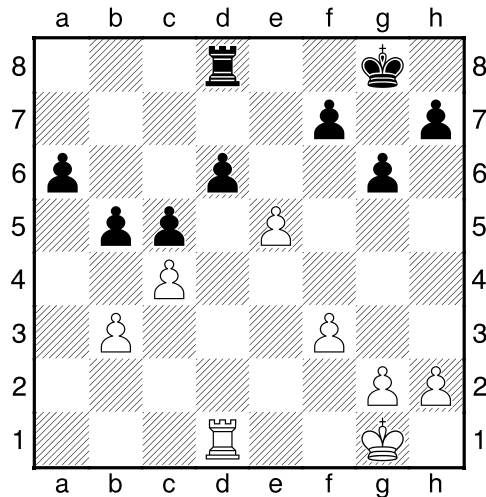
### (4) Jack Easton (2248) – Advait Patel (2520) [E83]

2017 Kansas Open (5), 23.07.2017

E83: King's Indian: Sämisch Panno (6...Nc6): Lines without either  
Nge2 or Qd2 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 a6  
7.Qd2 Nc6 8.Nge2 last book move 8...Na5 9.Nc1 Nd7 10.Nb3 Nxb3  
11.axb3 e5 12.Be2 exd4 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Nc5 15.Ra3 Ne6  
16.Qe3 c5 17.0-0 Nd4 18.Bd3 Be6 19.Ne2 Nc6 20.Ng3 Qf6 21.Rf2  
Qd4 22.Qxd4 Nxd4 23.Ne2 Nc6 24.Ra1 Rfd8 25.Rff1 Nb4 26.Rfd1  
b5 27.Nf4



**27...Nxd3 28.Nxe6 Nxb2 29.Nxd8 Nxd1 30.Rxd1 Rxd8 31.e5**



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**(5) Joseph Serwadda (1818) – Ben Gradsky (2104) [D74]**

(with this draw in the fifth round Joseph won U1900 prize)

2017 Kansas Open (5), 23.07.2017

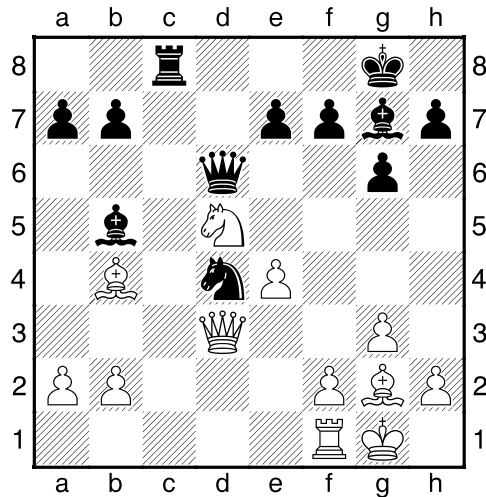
D74: Fianchetto Grünfeld: Main Line (5 Nf3 0-0 6 cxd5 Nxd5 7 0-0)

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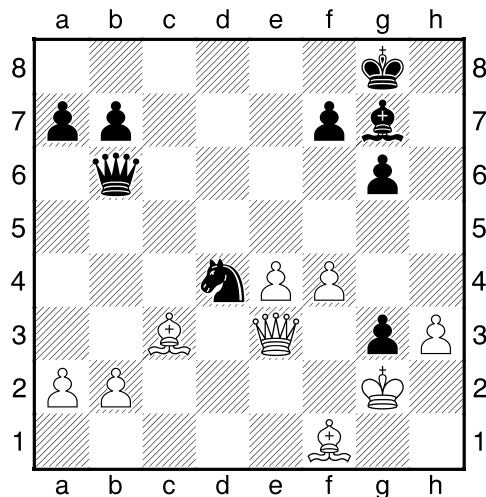
**8.0-0 dxc4 9.Qd4 last book move 9...Ng4 10.Qxc4 Be6 11.Nd5 Nc6**

**12.e4 Rac8 13.Bd2 Nge5 14.Qe2 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Qxc5 16.Rac1**

**Qd6 17.Bg2 Nd4 18.Qd3 Bd7? [18...Bxd5 19.exd5 Rfd8=] 19.Bb4! Bb5 20.Rxc8 Rxc8**

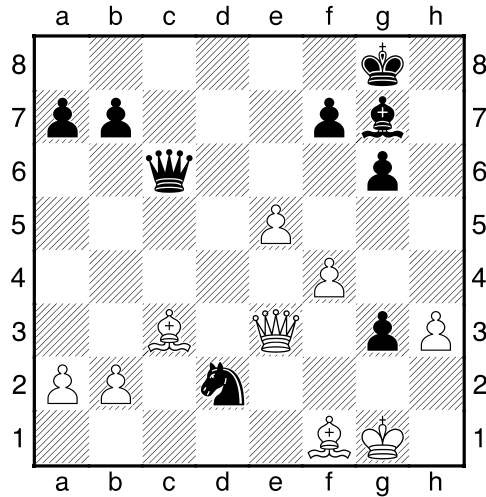


**21.Qb1?** [21.Bxd6! Bxd3 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Nxc8 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 +- (7.91)] **21...Qd7 22.Nxe7+** white still has some advantage here, but not as much if he had played 21.Bxd6! **22...Kh8 23.Nxc8 Bxf1 24.Bxf1 Qxc8 25.Qd3 h5 26.h3 Qe6 27.Bc3 Qb6 28.Kg2 Kg8 29.f4** [29.Qe3 better] **29...h4 30.Qe3 hxg3**



**31.e5?** now black has the advantage [31.Bd3 slight advantage for white ±(1.12)] **31...Qc6+ 32.Kg1 Nf3+ 33.Kg2 Nd2+ 34.Kg1**



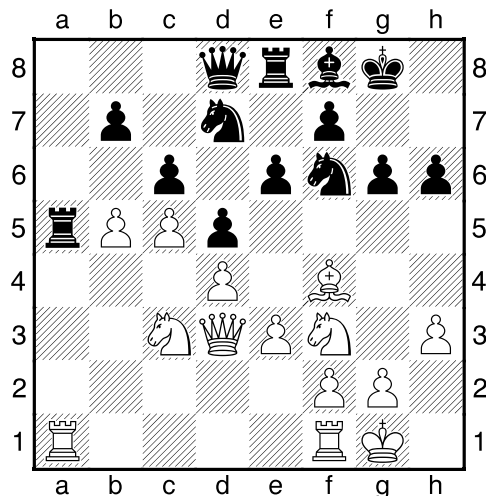


34...Nf3+? 35....Nxf1 should win 1/2-1/2

### (6) Nick Shearer (1631) – Wayne Hatcher (1939) [D11]

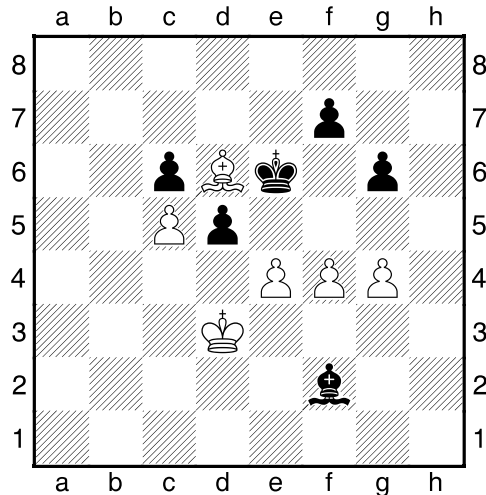
2017 Kansas Open (5), 23.07.2017 (Nick sent this game to me, plus I had a nice score sheet from Mr. Hatcher)

D11: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bf4 a6 5.e3 Bf5 6.Nc3 e6 7.c5 Nbd7 8.b4 h6 9.h3 Be7 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 last book move 12.a4 Bf8 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 g6 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 Ra5



17.bxc6 [17.Bc7! Qxc7 18.b6 Rxa1 19.bxc7 Ra7 20.e4 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Rc8 22.Ne5 Rxc7 white with advantage +-(1.52)] 17...bxc6 18.Qb1

Qa8 19.Rxa5 Qxa5 20.Qa1 Ra8 21.Qxa5 Rxa5 22.Ne5 Nxe5  
 23.Bxe5 Nd7 24.Bg3 Bg7 25.Rb1 Nxc5 26.Bc7 Ra8 27.Nxd5 exd5  
 28.dxc5 Ra1 29.Rxa1 Bxa1 30.Kf1 Kg7 31.Ke2 Bc3 32.Kd3 Be1  
 33.f3 Kf6 34.e4 Ke6 35.g4 Bf2 36.Bd6 h5 37.f4? hxg4 38.hxg4

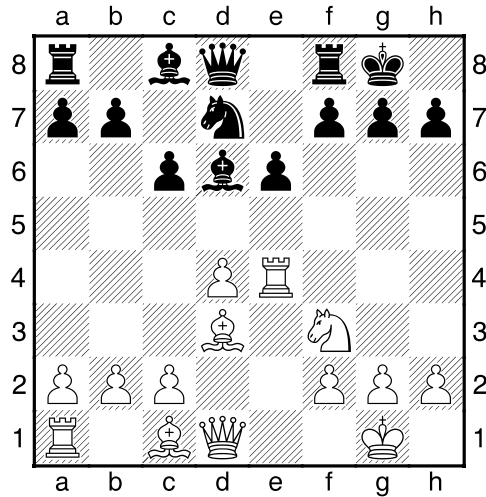


**38...f5?** [38...dxe4+! Black wins pawn and should win game 39.Kxe4 f5+! 40.Kf3 (40.gxf5+ gxf5+ 41.Kf3 Be1 42.Ke3 Kd5 43.Be7 Bb4 44.Bf6 Bxc5+ -+(-2.80)) 40...Be1 41.Be5 Bb4 42.gxf5+ (42.g5; 42.Bd6 Kd5 -+(-3.09)) 42...gxf5 -+(-2.52)] **39.exf5+ gxf5 40.g5 Kf7 41.Ke2 Bg1 42.Kd3 Bf2 43.Kc3 Ke6 44.Kd3 Kf7** three fold repeat not called **45.Kc3 Kg6 46.Kd3 Kh5 47.Kc3 Kg6 48.Kd3 Kf7** three fold repeat once again not called not called **49.Kc3 Ke6 50.Kd3** another three fold repeat not called **50...Be1 51.Be5 Bh4 52.Bd6 Be1 53.Be5 Kf7 54.Bc3 Bg3 ½-½**

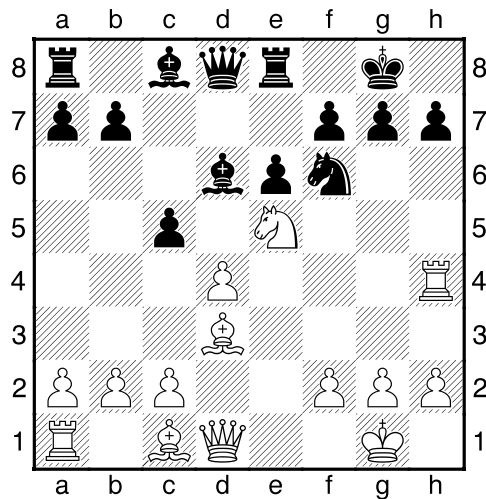
### (7) David Blair (1961) – Zile Cao (1698) [D05]

2017 Kansas Open (2), 22.07.2017

D05: Colle System with ...e6 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.Bd3 last book move 4...Nbd7 5.Nbd2 e6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Re1 0-0 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Rxe4



**10...Nf6?!** [10...h6 11.Rh4 may not be best place for rook as it is subject to attack there 11...Re8 12.Be3 e5 13.Qd2 Be7 14.Rh5 e4 15.Bxe4 Nf6 16.Re5 (16.Rh4 Nd5 17.Rh5 Bg4 18.Re5 f6 19.h3 fxe5 20.hxg4 Bf6 21.Bg6 slight advantage for black  $\mp(-0.75)$ ) 16...Ng4 17.Re1 Nxe5 18.Nxe5=] **11.Rh4 Re8?** [11...Be7 12.Bg5 g6 13.Qd2  $\mp(-1.53)$ ] **12.Ne5 c5?!**



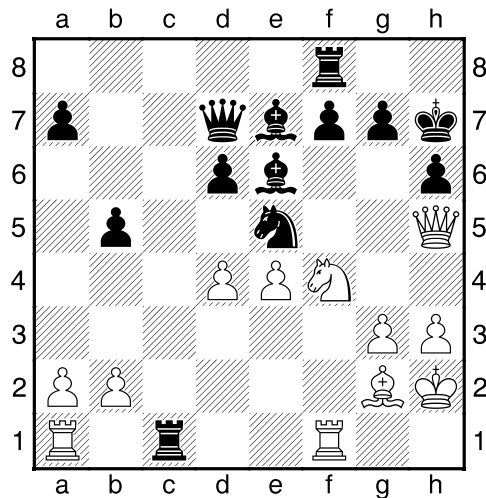
[12...g6 probably best though white with still significant advantage  $\mp(2.39)$ ] **13.Bxh7+! Nxh7 14.Qh5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Kf8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Qxh7 Qxe5 18.Rh5 [18.Rd1 b6 19.Bf4 Qxf4 nothing better to do] 18...f5 19.Rd1 Kf7 20.Rg5 Rg8? 21.Qg6+ Ke7 22.Rxf5 Qxf5**

23.Bg5+ Qxg5 24.Qxg5+ Kf7 25.Rd3 b6 26.Qh5+ Ke7 27.Qg5+ Kf7  
28.Rf3+ Ke8 29.Qg6+ Kd8 30.Qf7 1-0

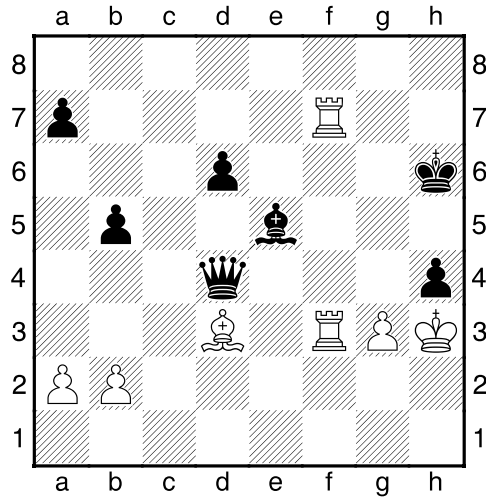
### (8) Ron Luther (2225) – Kaustabh Nimkar (1831) [B24]

2017 Kansas Open (1), 22.07.2017

B24: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3 sidelines 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6  
4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 e5 6.h3 Be7 7.Nge2 last book move 7...Be6 8.f4  
exf4 9.Nxf4 Qd7 10.0-0 h6 11.Ncd5 0-0 12.c3 Rac8 13.Kh2 b5  
14.Nh5 Nxh5 15.Qxh5 Ne5 16.Nf4= Kh7 17.d4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rxc1



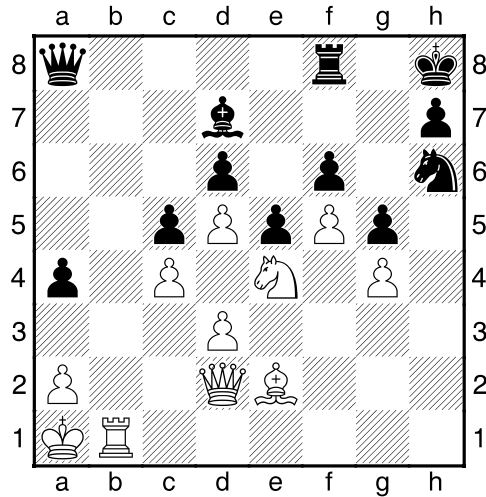
an idea started with idea of trapping whites queen. Fritz says idea leads to advantage for white **19.Rfxc1?** wrong rook capture [19.Raxc1 Ng4+ 20.hxg4 g6 21.Nxe6 gxh5 22.Nxf8+ Bxf8 23.gxh5 Fritz likes this position better +-(1.88)] **19...Ng4+ 20.hxg4 g6 21.Nxe6 gxh5 22.Nxf8+ Bxf8 23.gxh5** White has lost his queen, but has two rooks for it after the dust has settled **23...Qg4 24.Rc7 Qxh5+ 25.Kg1 Kg6 26.Rf1 Bg7 27.e5 Qg4 28.Rcxf7?** [28.Rf4 Qxg3 29.Rxf7 Bh8 30.Rf8= perpetual by black] **28...Qxd4+ 29.Kh2 Bxe5 30.R1f3 h5 31.Bf1 h4 32.Kh3 Kh6 33.Bd3**



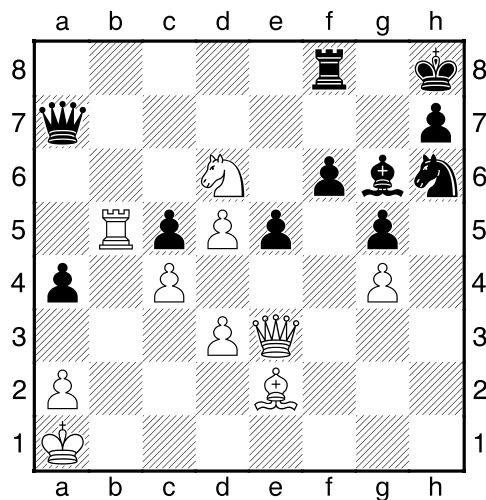
33...Bg7? black is losing now, this is losing move [33...hxg3= 34.Rh7+ Kg5 35.Rf5+ Kg6 36.Rf3+ no mate here, only perpetual]  
 34.gxh4 Qg1? [34...Qe5 better, but black is still losing +-(6.35)]  
 35.R3f6+ mate in four 1-0

**(9) Ron Luther (2225) – R Mepparambath (2180) [B26]**

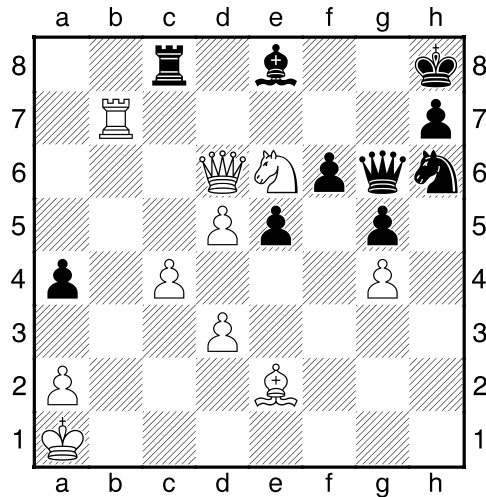
2017 Kansas Open (5), 23.07.2017 B26: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3, lines with early Be3 1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Bh6 0-0 9.h4 f6 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 last book move 11.h5 g5 12.h6+ Kh8 13.f4 Ng6 14.0-0-0 e5 15.f5 Nge7 16.g4 Bd7 17.Nd5 a5 18.c3 b5 19.Ne2 b4 20.Ng3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Nxd5 22.exd5 Ne7 23.Kb1 Rb8+ 24.Ka1 a4 25.Rb1 Qa5 26.Be4 Ng8 27.Bf3 Rxb1+ 28.Rxb1 Nxb6 29.Ne4 Qa6 30.Be2 Qa8 31.c4



**31...Bxf5? 32.Nxd6** [32.gxf5 Nxf5 difficult to access. Black has connected passed pawns and three pawns for the piece. Fritz says white has advantage  $\pm(-1.82)$ ] **32...Bg6?** [32...Bxg4 better 33.Bxg4 Nxf4 slight advantage for black  $\mp(-0,86)$ ] **33.Rb5 Qa7 34.Qe3=**



**34...Qd7?** [34...Rd8 35.Nb7 Rb8 36.Nxc5 (36.Qxc5 Rxb7 37.Qc8+ Ng8 38.Rxb7 Qd4+ 39.Kb1 Bxd3+ 40.Bxd3 Qxd3+ 41.Kc1 Qc3+ 42.Kd1 Qd3+ 43.Ke1 Qc3+ 44.Kd1 Qd3+ 45.Kc1 Qc3+ 46.Kb1 Qd3+ 47.Ka1 Qc3+= 48.Rb2 not possible because of 48...a3) 36...Rxb5 37.cxb5 Qa5 38.Qc1 Qxb5  $\mp(-0.53)$ ] **35.Qxc5 Rd8 36.Nb7 Rc8 37.Qd6 Qg7 38.Nc5 Be8?** [38...Ng8 better, though white still with advantage  $\pm(-2.50)$ ] **39.Rb7 Qg6 40.Ne6**

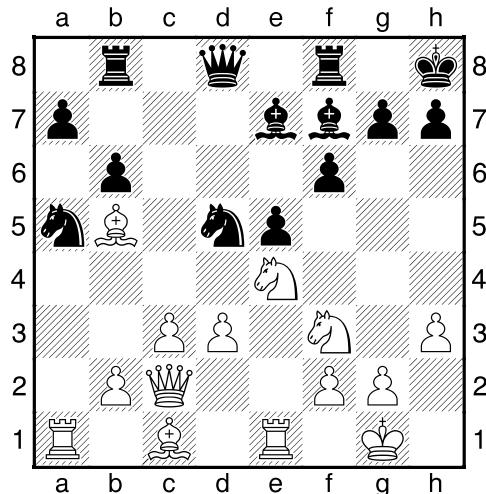


**40...Ng8?** [40...Bf7 better, though still losing] **41.Nf8 Qh6 42.Rxh7+ Qxh7 43.Nxh7 Kxh7 44.Bf3 1-0**

### (10) Ron Luther (2225) – Advait Patel (2504) [C55]

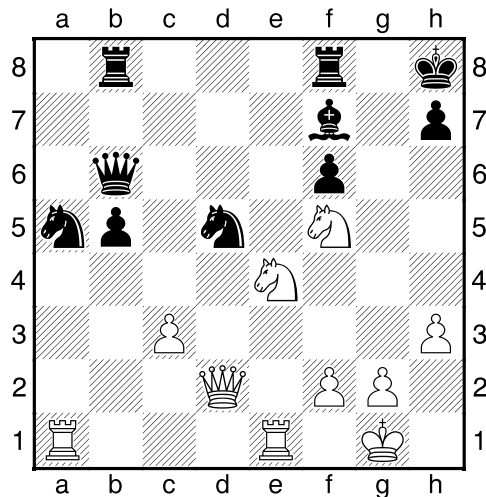
2017 Kansas Open (3), 22.07.2017

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.a4 0-0 6.0-0 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.a5 Bg4 9.c3 Rb8 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Re1 f6 last book move 13.Ne4 Bf7 14.Qc2 b5 15.axb6 cxb6 16.Bb5 Na5**

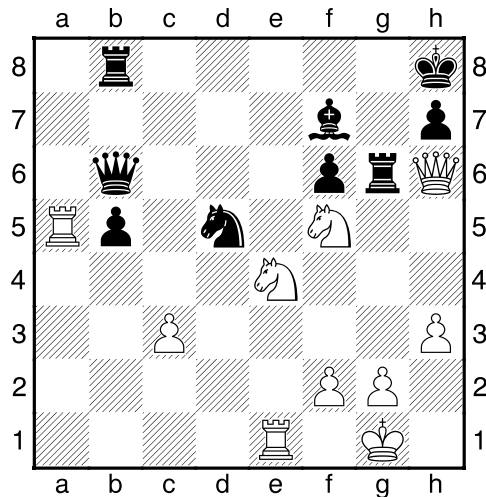


**17.b4?!** [17.d4 better 17...Nc7 18.Bd3 advantage for white +-(1.71)]  
**17...a6 18.Bxa6 Bxb4 19.Qb2** [19.cxb4?! Nxb4 20.Qa4 Nxa6=]

19...Be7 20.d4 b5 21.dxe5 Qb6 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Bh6 Rg8 24.Nd4?  
 [24.Neg5 better, but with complications. A move probably only a  
 computer would make. 24...Bh5 25.Re6 Qc7; 24.Qxb5 much better,  
 with advantage for white 24...Qxb5 25.Bxb5 Rxb5 26.Nd4 Nb3  
 27.Nxb5 Nxa1 28.Rxa1 +-(2.06)] **24...Qxa6 25.Nf5 Bf8 26.Bxf8**  
**Rgxf8 27.Qd2 Qb6?**



**28.Qh6?** [28.Ned6! Bg6 29.Qxd5 +-(3.00)] **28...Rg8 29.Rxa5 Rg6**



**30.Qd2?** white is losing [30.Ned6! Rxh6? (30...Qxa5 better 31.Nxf7+  
 Kg8 32.Qh4=) 31.Nxf7+ Kg8 32.N7xh6+ Kf8 33.Raa1 advantage for  
 white ±(0.82)] **30...Qxa5 31.Ned6 Bg8 32.Nh6 Qc7 0-1**

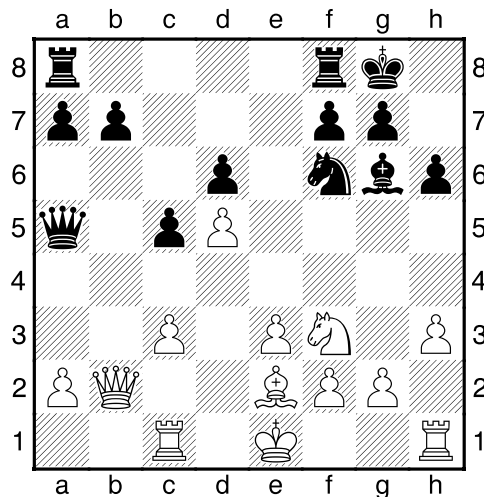


## RESERVE SECTION

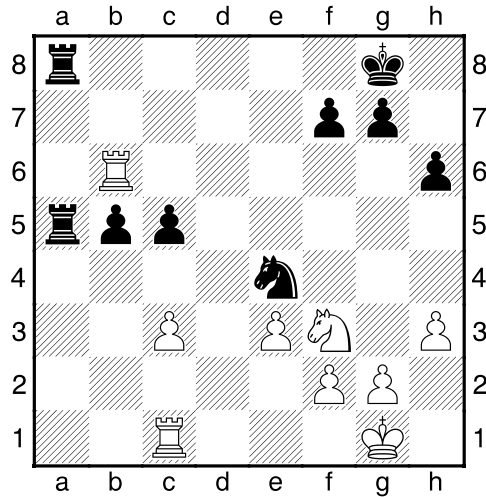
### (11) Randy Merrell (1580) – Michael Schoenhofer (1177) [E32]

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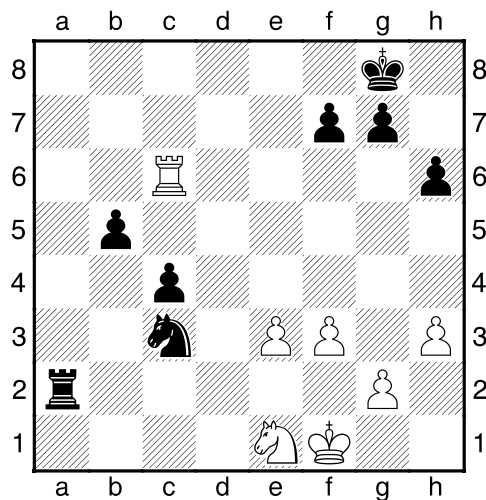
E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2): 4...0-0 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 0-0 5.Qc2 c5 6.d5 d6 7.Nf3 h6 8.Bh4 last book move 8...exd5 9.cxd5 Bg4 10.e3 Nbd7 11.Be2 Qa5 12.h3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bh5 [13...Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 c4 16.Qxc4 Nxd5 17.0-0 Nxc3 ♠(-1.20)] 14.Rd1 Bg6 15.Qb2 Ne4 16.Rc1 Ndf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6



18.Qb3? [18.0-0 Nxd5 19.Rfd1 Nf6 20.Rxd6=] 18...Be4 19.Bc4?  
[19.0-0 better 19...Bxd5 20.c4 Bc6 21.Nh4 g6 22.Bf3 Ne4 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Rfd1 ♠(-1.29)] 19...Rab8 20.a4 a6 21.0-0 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Qa2 Ra8 24.Qxa5 Rxa5 25.Bb3 Bxd5 [25...Ra3 better 26.Nd2 Bd3 27.Rfe1 c4 28.Bc2 Rxc3 29.Bb1 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Bxb1 31.Rxb1 c3 32.Nb3 b4 -+(-3.13)] 26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Rfd1 Nf6 28.Rxd6 Ne4 29.Rb6 Rfa8



**30.Kf1?** [30.Rc2  $\bar{=}$ (-0.61)] **30...Ra1!** **31.Rxa1 Rxa1+** **32.Ne1 Nxc3**  
**33.Rc6 c4 34.f3** [34.Rb6 better though still losing] **34...Ra2**



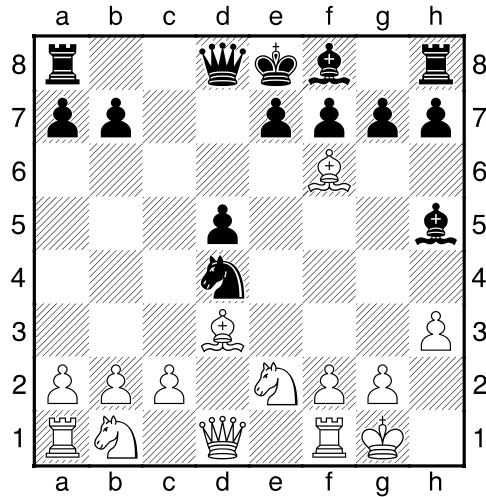
**35.Nd3?** **Nd1?!** [35...cxd3! wins faster 36.Rxc3 Ra1+ 37.Kf2 d2 -+(-21.00)] **36.Nf4 Nxe3+** **37.Kg1 b4 38.Rc8+ Kh7 39.Rc7 b3 0-1**

**(12) Rick Hodges (1792) – Adam Porth (1493) [B13]**

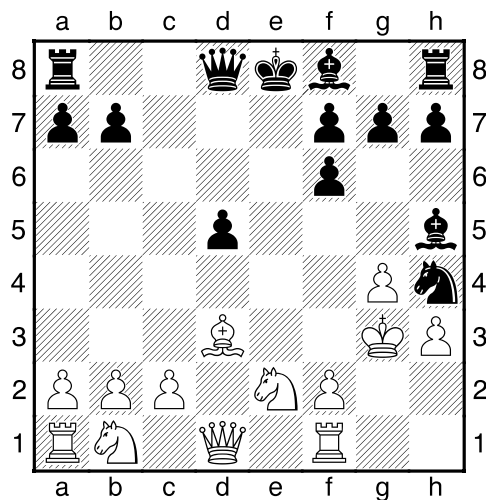
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B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack

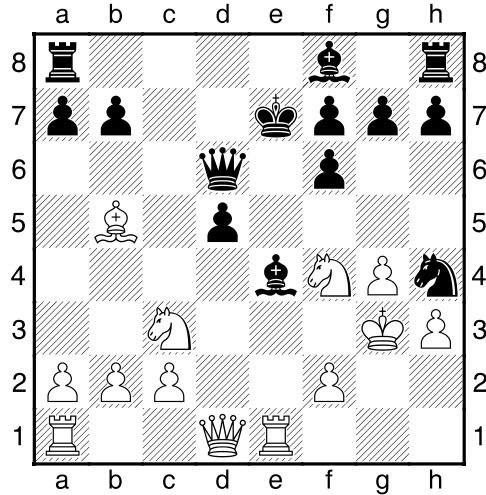
**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Ne2** last book move  
**5...Nc6 6.0-0 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Bg5 Nxd4 9.Bxf6**



9...exf6? [9...Nxe2+ 10.Bxe2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 (11.Bxe7?? Qxe7) 11...gxf6=; 9...gxf6 doesn't work 10.Nxd4 Bxd1 11.Bb5+! Qd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.Rxd1 +--(2.98)] **10.g4 Nf3+ 11.Kg2 Nh4+ 12.Kg3=**



[12.Kh1 actually better 12...Bg6 13.Bb5+ Ke7 14.Nbc3 +--(1.55)] **12...Bg6?** white is winning now [12...Bd6+ 13.f4 f5 14.gxh5 Qg5+ 15.Kf2 Bc5+ 16.Ke1 Ng2+ 17.Kd2 Qe7 18.Kc1=] **13.Bb5+! Ke7 14.Nf4 Qd6 15.Re1+ Be4 16.Nc3**

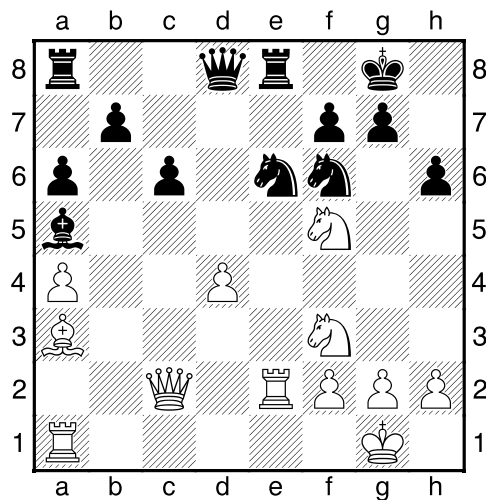


**16...g5? 17.Ncxd5+ Kd8 18.Rxe4 Nf5+ 19.gxf5 gxf4+ 20.Nxf4 Rg8+ 21.Kf3 Kc7 22.Nd5+ Kd8 23.Re8# 1-0**

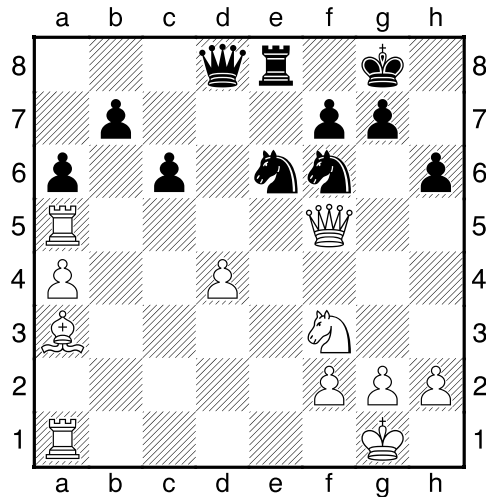
**(13) Jesse Erb (1669) – Charles Carlson (1472) [C01]**

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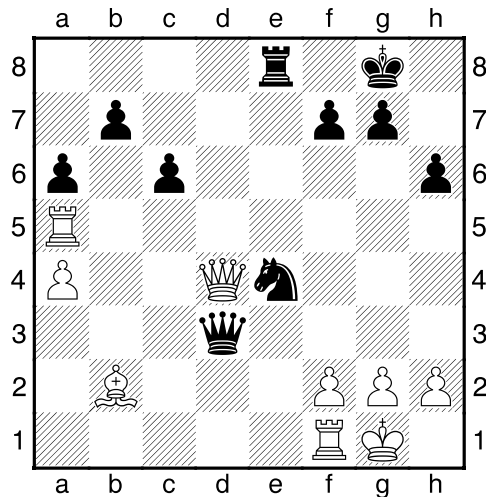
C01: French: Exchange Variation 1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 last book move 4...Be6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.0-0 h6 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nb5 Bb4 10.c3 Ba5 11.a4 a6 12.Na3 Bb6 13.b3 Bf5 14.Bxf5 Nxf5 15.Qd3 Nd6 16.c4 Ba5 17.Re2 c6 18.Nc2 dxc4 19.bxc4 Nd7 20.c5 Ne8 21.Ne3 Nxc5 22.Qc2 Ne6 23.Nf5 Nf6 24.Ba3 Re8



25.Nd6 Qd7 26.Nxe8 [26.Ne5 better 26...Qc7 27.Nexf7 Nf4 28.Re3 Rf8 29.Ne5 ±(1.10)] 26...Rxe8 27.Qf5 Qd5 28.Re5 Qd8 29.Rxa5?



29...Nxd4? [29...g6! over worked queen guarding rook on a5 30.Be7 (30.Qe5 Ng4 31.Qg3 Qxa5 32.Qxg4=) 30...Qxe7 very slight advantage black  $\mp(-0.48)$  31.Qd3 ] 30.Nxd4 Qxd4 31.Rf1 Qc3 32.Qc5 Qb3 33.Qb4 Qd3 34.Bb2 Ne4 35.Qd4

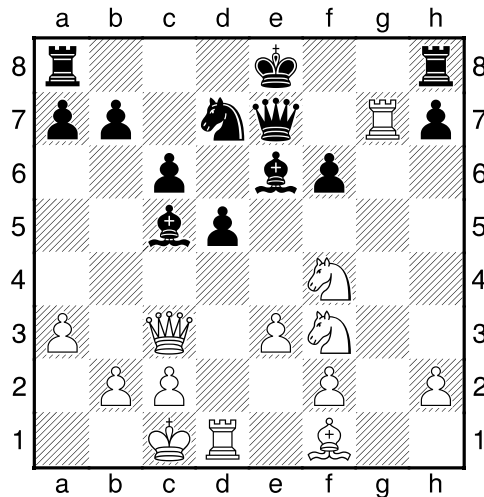


White with advantage, but black wins exchange back. 35..... Qxd4 36. Bd4 Nd2! 37.Be3 Nxf1 38. Kxf1. If 37. Rd1 then 37...Nb3 forking bishop on d4 and rook on a5 winning exchange that way after 38. Bc3 Nxa5 **1-0**

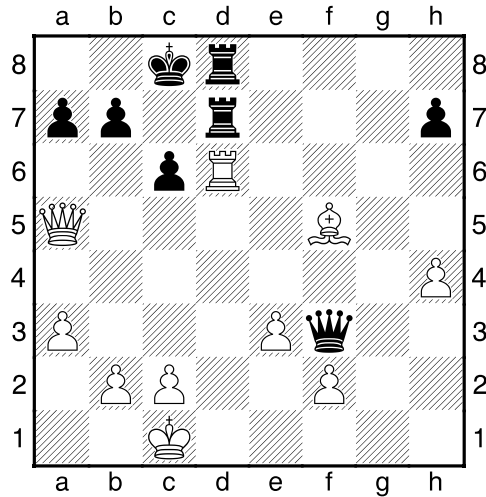
## (14) Joseph Stanga (unrated)– John McDowell (1653)

[A00] 2017 Kansas Open–Reserve (5), 23.07.2017

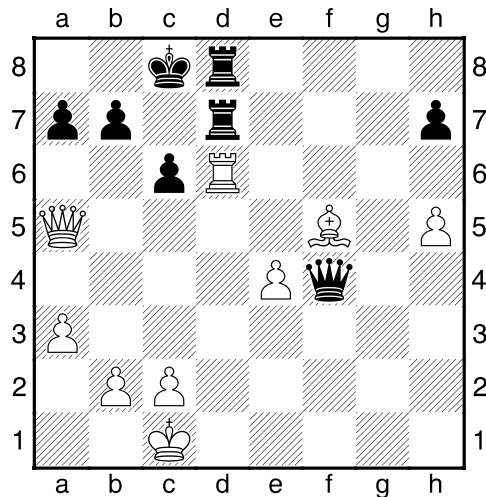
A00: Irregular Openings White gets a tremendous advantage in game with excellent play in an unusual opening only to throw game away at the end **1.g4 d5 2.g5 e5** last book move **3.a3 Qxg5** white gets quite a bit of development for the sacrificed pawn **4.d4 Qe7 5.Nc3 c6 6.dxe5 Qxe5 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.Qd4 Be6 9.Rg1 Nf6 10.Bf4 Qd8 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.e3 Bc5 13.Qd2 Nh5 14.Ne2 Qe7 15.Qc3 Nxf4 16.Nxf4 f6 17.Rxg7**



[17.Nxe6 better 17...Qxe6 18.Rxg7 +-(1.55)] **17...Bf7?** **18.h4?**  
[18.Bh3 better] **18...0-0-0?** [18...Qf8 better 19.Rg3; 18...Rg8 better]  
**19.Bh3 Bd6?** [19...Kb8 necessary, though white still with advantage  
20.Bxd7 Rxd7 21.Rxf7 Qxf7 22.Qxc5 +-(2.89)] **20.Nxd5 Qf8 21.Rxf7**  
**Qxf7 22.Nxf6 Kc7 23.Nxd7** [23.Rxd6 better 23...Kxd6 24.Bxd7  
threatens mate if 24....Rxd7 25.Qe5 mate. Black had nothing better  
than to take the knight on f6 with the queen 24....Qxf6] **23...Qxf3**  
**24.Qa5+ Kc8 25.Bf5 Rxd7 26.Rxd6 Rhd8**



**27.h5?** waste of time allowing black back into game. [27.Qe5 winning. White is threatening 28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.Qe8+picking up the rook 27...Qh1+ 28.Kd2 Qxh4 29.Kc3 c5 30.Kb3 a6 31.Rd5 b5 32.Rxc5+ Kb7 33.Be4+ Qxe4 34.Qxe4+ +-(19.64)] **27...Qxf2 28.e4?** [28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.Bxd7+ Kxd7 30.Qd2+ Qxd2+ 31.Kxd2 king and pawn endgame a pawn up, probably enough to win. +-(2,45)] **28...Qf4+**

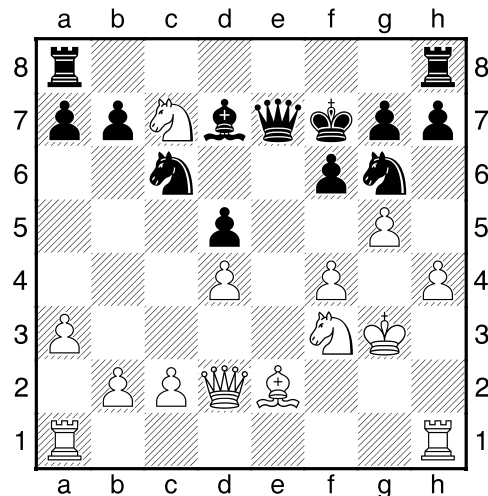


**29.Rd2??** throwing game away. It is now mate in 2 for black. Disappointing for white losing after playing so well [with 29.Qd2 instead White has lost all advantage, but not the game 29...Qxf5 30.exf5 Rxd6 31.Qe1 Rd1+ 32.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 33.Kxd1=] **29...Qf1+ 0-1**

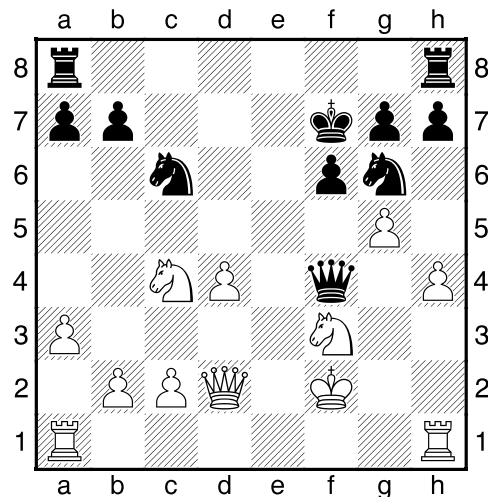
## (15) Joseph Stanga (unrated) – Rita Joseph (1534) [A00]

2017 Kansas Open-Reserve (3), 22.07.2017

A00: Irregular Openings Very complicated middle game with neither side castling **1.g4 d5 2.g5 e5** last book move, already **3.a3 Be7 4.h4 f6 5.d4 e4 6.f4 exf3 7.Nxf3 Nc6 8.Bf4 Bd6 9.e3 Qe7 10.Kf2 Bg4 11.Be2 Bxf4 12.exf4 Qd6 13.Nc3 Nge7 14.Qd2 Ng6 15.Kg3 Bd7?** [15...Qd7=] **16.Nb5! Qe7 17.Nxc7+ Kf7**

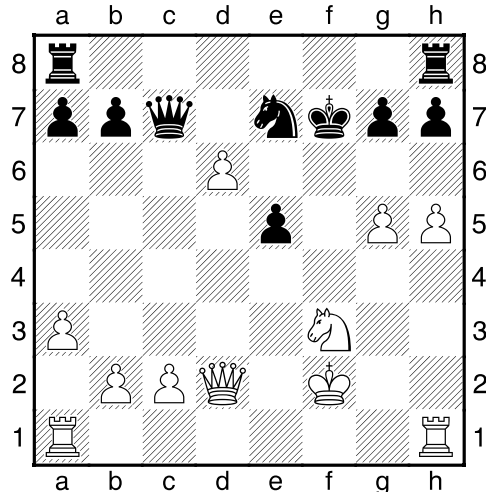


**18.Nxd5** interesting that white chooses to open up center instead of winning exchange. I think many chess players would simply choose to win exchange [18.Bd3 Fritz likes this move better 18...Qd6 19.Nxa8 Rxa8 +-(4.44)] **18...Qd6 19.Bc4 Be6 20.Ne3?** allows 20.Qxf4+ letting black back in game [20.Nb6 axb6 21.d5 +-(3.14)] **20...Qxf4+ 21.Kf2 Bxc4 22.Nxc4**





**22...Qc7?** better is 22....Qxd2 [22...Qxd2+ 23.Ncxd2 better for white but only slightly so  $\pm(1.40)$ ; 22...Rad8 also better] **23.h5 Nge7** [23...Nf4 better] **24.d5 Ne5 25.Ncxe5+ fxe5 26.d6**

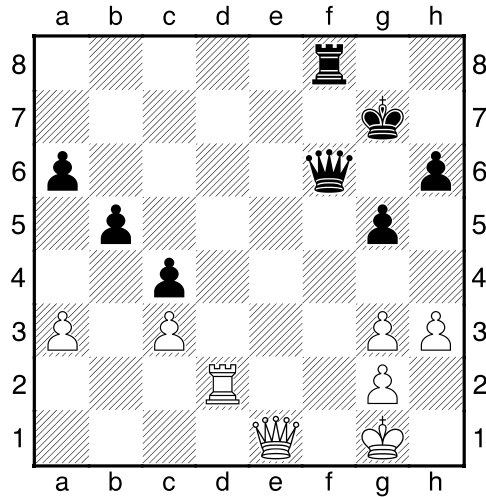


**26...Qb6+?** [26...Qc5+ better as it protects e5 pawn] **27.Kg2 Nf5** [27...Rhd8 not any better 28.g6+ Ke6 29.Ng5+ Kd7 30.dxe7+ +- (6.16)] **28.Nxe5+ Ke6 29.Rae1! Qb5 30.c4! Qb6 31.Qd5# 1-0**

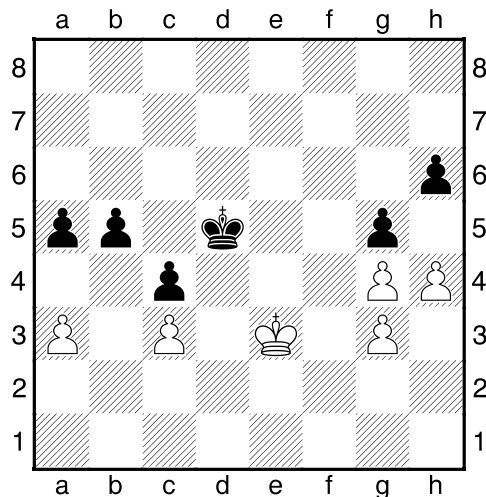
**(16) Joseph Abousharkh (1411) – William Brown (1666)**  
**[C06]**

2017 Kansas Open-Reserve (3), 20.09.2017

C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Nc3 a6** last book move **13.a3 0-0 14.Be3 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.h3 h6 17.Rc1 Qf7 18.Nd4 Nh5 19.Be2 Nf6 20.Bf4 Bd7 21.Bg3 Rae8 22.Bh4 g5 23.Bg3 Nc4 24.Bxc4 Bxg3 25.fxg3 dxc4 26.Nf5 Bxf5 27.Rxf5 Qe6 28.Qf1 b5 29.Rc2 Ne4 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8 31.Qe1 Qb6+ 32.Kh2 Nxc3 33.bxc3 Qd6 34.Rd2 Qf6 35.Kg1 Kg7**



**36.Rf2?** losing move. White goes into lost endgame whereby black has essentially a pawn majority on the queenside. Black's two pawns on the kingside are going to stop white's three pawns. [36.Re2= Qd6 black could win pawn on a3, but taking it would be a terrible mistake, exposing black to a winning attack. 37.Kh2 Qxa3?? (37...Rf6 38.Re7+ Kf8) ] **36...Qxf2+ 37.Qxf2 Rxf2 38.Kxf2 Kf6 39.Ke3 Ke5 40.g4 Kd5 41.g3 Ke5 42.Kf3 Kd5 43.Ke3 a5 44.h4 Ke5 45.Kf3 Kd5 46.Ke3**

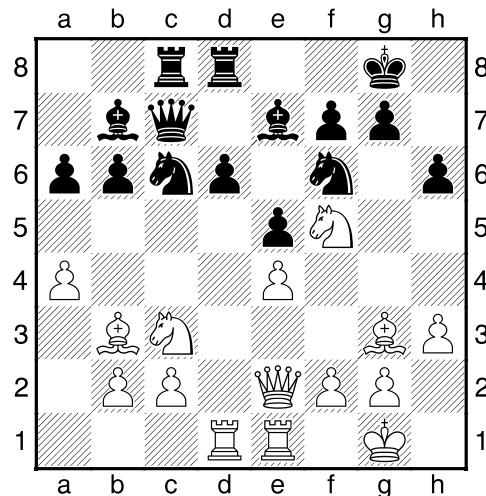


**46...Kc5** Black finally gets right plan to win **47.Kd2 b4 48.cxb4+ axb4 49.axb4+ Kxb4 50.Kc2 c3 51.hxg5 hxg5 52.Kb1 Kb3 53.Kc1 c2 54.Kd2 Kb2 55.Kd3 c1Q 56.Ke4 Qf1 0-1**

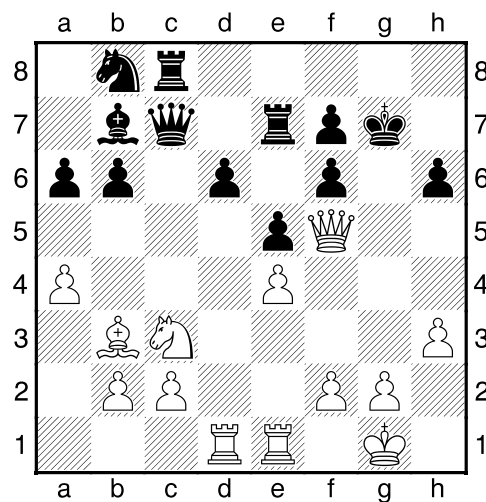
### (17) Rick Hodges (1792) – Naren Pullela (1585) [B53]

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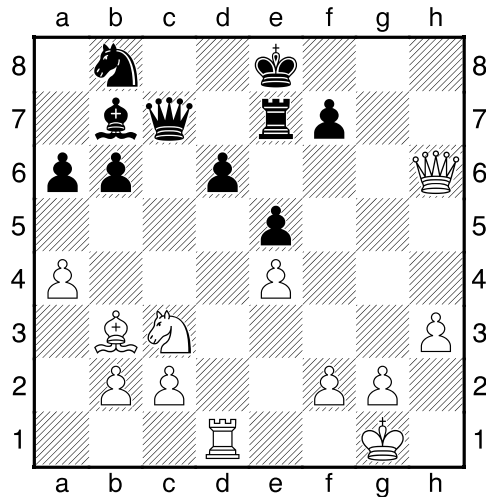
B53: Sicilian: 2...d6: Lines with Qxd4 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Bc4 e6 last book move 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 a6 7.a4 Nc6 8.Nxd4 Nf6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.h3 Qc7 11.Bb3 Rd8 12.Bg5 b6 13.Nf3 Bb7 14.Qe2 h6 15.Bh4 Nb4 16.Bg3 e5 17.Rad1 Rac8 18.Nh4 Nc6 19.Nf5 Diagram



19...Nb8? [19...Na5 better 20.Ba2 Kf8 21.Rd3 Nc4 22.b4 ±(1.27)]  
20.Bh4! Rd7? weakens kingside [20...Kf8 better] 21.Nxe7+ Rxe7  
22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qh5 Kh7 24.Qf5+ Kg7 Diagram



**25.Re3** the old rook lift **25...Rg8** **26.Rg3+ Kh8** **27.Qxf6+ Kh7**  
**28.Rxg8 Kxg8** **29.Qg6+ Kf8** **30.Qxh6+ Ke8** Diagram

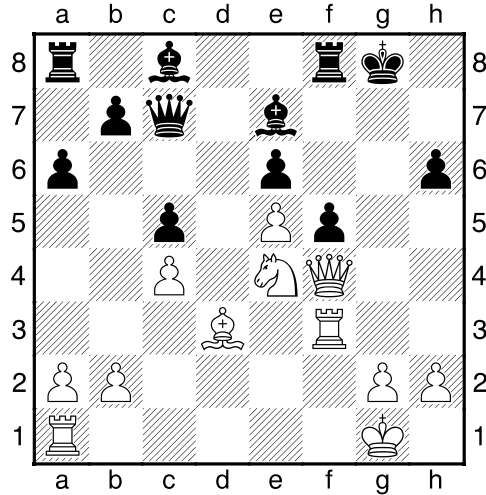


**31.Rxd6** threatening **32. Qh8** mate **31...Rd7** [31...Re6 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Rd3 Nd7 34.Bxe6 Nc5 35.Rf3 Nxe6 36.Qf6+ Ke8 37.Nd5 Bxd5 38.exd5 Nf4 39.d6 Qd8 +-(20.43); 31...Re6 not much better 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Rd3 +-(11.64)] **32.Qh8+ Ke7** **33.Qxe5+ Kf8** **34.Qh8+ Ke7** **35.Qf6+ Ke8** **36.Qh8+ Ke7** **37.Rf6 Bxe4?** I put question mark here, but there really aren't any good moves for black. **38.Rxf7+ Kd6** **39.Qf6+ Kc5** **40.Nxe4+ Kb4** **41.Rxd7 Nxd7** **42.Qe7+ Qc5** **43.Nxc5 bxc5** **44.Qxd7 c4** **45.Qd6+ Ka5** **46.Qc5# 1-0**

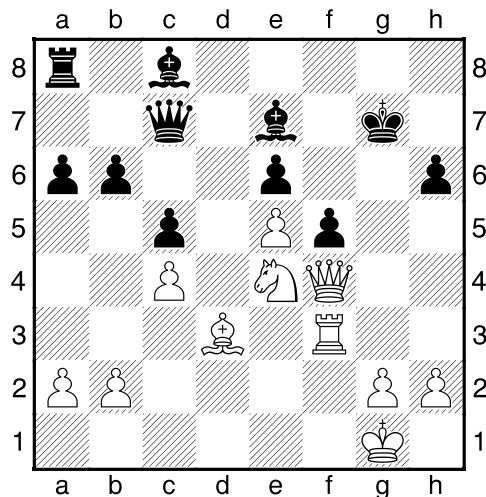
**(18) Edward Nathan Perry (1469) – Sam Musil (1609)**

**[B40]** 2017 Kansas Open–Reserve (2), 22.07.2017

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines **1.e4 c5** **2.Nf3 e6** **3.d4 cxd4** **4.Nxd4 Nf6** **5.Bd3 Nc6** **6.Nxc6 dxc6** **7.0-0** last book move **7...Be7** **8.Bf4 0-0** **9.c4 Qb6** **10.Qc2 c5** **11.Nc3 h6** **12.e5 Nh5** **13.Be3 g5** **14.Qd2 a6** **15.Ne4 Qc7** **16.f4 gxf4** **17.Bxf4 Nxf4** **18.Qxf4 f5** **19.Rf3!**



**19...Rf7?** [19...fxe4 black accepts sacrifice offer and with correct play black should be able to hang on, but needs correct play 20.Qg4+ Bg5 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Rf1+ Ke7 23.Qxe4 Kd8 24.Rf8+ Kd7 25.Rf7+ Be7 equal, though it certainly looks like white has a winning attack. Fritz says equal] **20.Rg3+ Rg7 21.Rxg7+ Kxg7 22.Rf1** white again leaves knight attacked by pawn [22.Rd1 fritz says this is better] **22...b6** [22...Qd8 best with slight advantage for white  $\pm(1.05)$ ; 22...fxe4 black can't take knight as it is mate in for white] **23.Rf3**



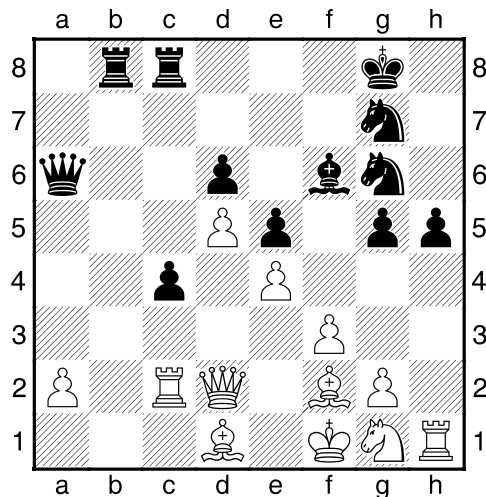
**23...Bb7?** losing move, best is 23.Qd8 [23...Qd8  $\pm(2.12)$  black is losing but possibly staying in game] **24.Rg3+ Kf7 25.Qxh6 Qxe5?**

last mistake, but there really isn't a better move that doesn't prevent possibility of mate **26.Qg6+** mate in 1 **1-0**

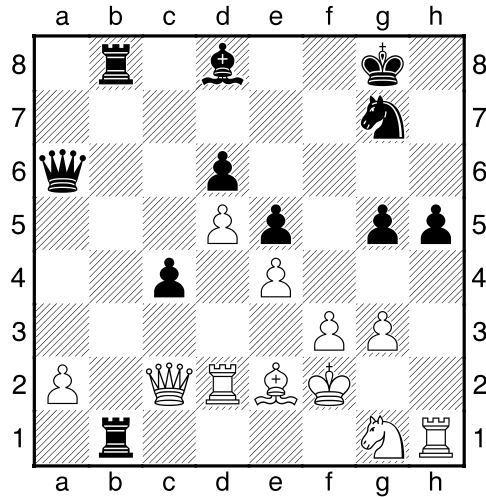
### (19) Michael Schoenhofer (1177) – Sam Un (1714) [E10]

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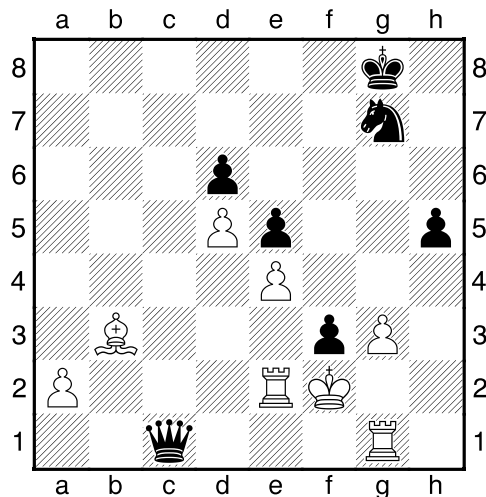
E10: Blumenfeld Gambit This might qualify as biggest upset of Reserve section. Maybe yes, maybe no. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 e5 6.e4 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0** last book move **8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nbd7 11.Be2 Ne8 12.Bd3 g6 13.Bh6 Ng7 14.Qg4 Re8 15.Be2 Bf8 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bh4 Nh5 18.Qf3 Ng7 19.Qe3 a6 20.Bg4 g5 21.Bg3 h5 22.Be2 Be7 23.f3 Nf8 24.h4 Ng6 25.hxg5 fxg5 26.Bd1 Rf8 27.Ne2 b5 28.b3 Bf6 29.Bh2 Qd7 30.Kf2 Rab8 31.cxb5 axb5 32.Rh1 Bd8 33.Qd2 Qf7 34.Ng1 c4 35.Rb1 Qa7+ 36.Kf1 Bf6 37.Bg3 Ra8 38.Rb2 Rfc8 39.bxc4 bxc4 40.Rc2 Rab8 41.Bf2 Qa6**



fritz says only slight advantage for black at this point, but looking at it, white's pieces are cramped in on kingside and black has a space advantage on queenside. Black has all the play in this position  $\bar{r}$ (-0.67)**42.Qc3?** [42.Ne2 better 42...Nf4 43.g3 Nd3 44.Be3 Nb4= fritz says equal here, though does not look equal] **42...Rb1 43.Rd2? Nf4?** [43...Qa4 wins piece 44.Ke1 doesn't work to save piece 44...Bd8!] **44.g3 Nd3 45.Kg2 Nxf2 46.Kxf2 Bd8 47.Qc2 Rcb8 48.Be2?**



**48...Qb6+** [48...Ba5! winning big 49.Bxc4 Qa7+ 50.Kg2 Bxd2 51.Bb3 Ra1 52.Qxd2 Rxb3! 53.axb3 Ra2! -+(-9.84)] **49.Kg2 Qe3 50.Bf1 R8b2 51.Qxb2 Rxb2 52.Rxb2** dust has cleared. Black has two rooks for queen, but other than queen his pieces aren't helping much **52...Bb6 53.Bxc4 g4** [53...h4 better] **54.Re2 Qc1 55.Bb3 Bxg1?** white trade blacks most active piece other than queen for a knight that is not doing much on the back rank. After this move, the position is equal **56.Rxg1 gxf3+ 57.Kf2**



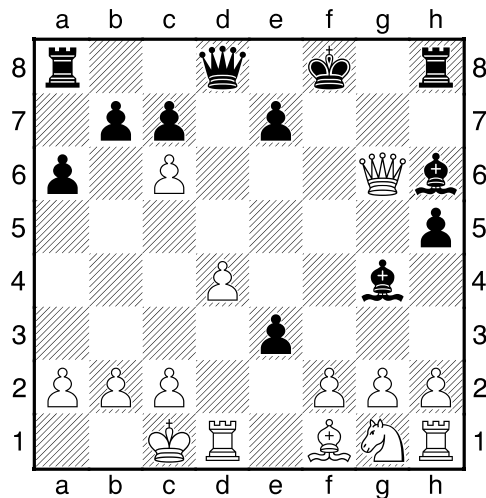
**57...Qxg1+?** losing move probably. Black gets two rooks for queen, but white's passed a pawn is going to win the game. It is going to queen on a light square, the same color as bishop and knights are

very poor at blocking a and h pawns. Position is not accessed correctly by black. Black may have been short of time. Not known. Keeping queen on the board is best 57.Qh6 after which position is equal [57...Qh6=] **58.Kxg1 fxe2 59.Kf2 Ne8 60.Kxe2 Kg7 61.a4 Kf6 62.a5 Kg5 63.Kf3 h4 64.gxh4+ Kxh4 65.a6 Nc7 66.a7 Na8 67.Ba4 Nb6 68.Bc6 Kg5 69.a8Q Nxa8 70.Bxa8 Kh4 71.Bc6 Kg5 72.Bd7 Kh5 73.Bg4+ Kg5 74.Kg3 1-0**

**(20) CJ Armenta (1542) – Joseph Stanga (unrated) [B00]**

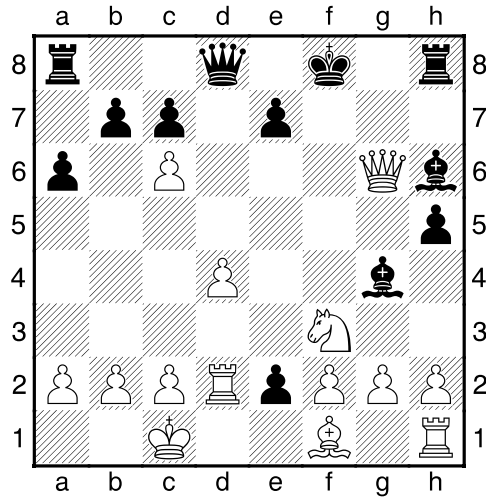
2017 Kansas Open–Reserve (1), 22.07.2017

B00: Queen's Fianchetto Defence, Nimzowitsch Defence **1.e4 g5 2.d4** last book move **2...g4 3.Nc3 a6 4.Qxg4 d5 5.Qf3 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.0-0-0 Bg4 8.Qf4 h5 9.Nxd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Bh6 11.Qe4 f5 12.Qe6 f4 13.Qg6+ Kf8 14.dxc6 fxe3**



white has advantage here **15.Nf3?** [15.fxe3 best, with advantage for white 15...Bxe3+ 16.Kb1 Bxd1? 17.Bc4 e6 18.Bxe6 Ke7 19.Qf7+ Kd6 20.Bb3 Rh6 21.cxb7 Rb8 22.Qd5+ Ke7 23.Qe5+ Kd7 24.Qxe3 +- (4.66)] **15...e2+** advantage black **16.Rd2**





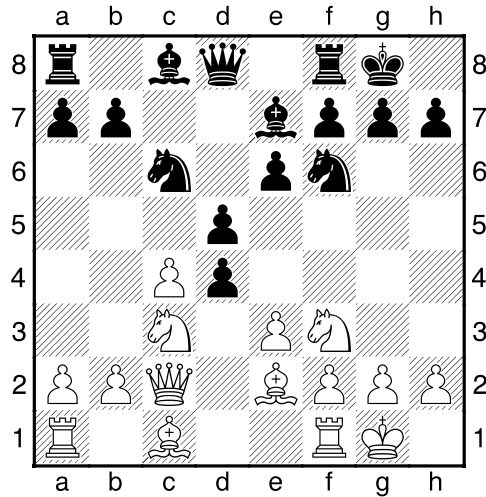
**16...Bxf3?** black throws away win. White now has perpetual check  
 [16...exf1Q+ 17.Rxf1 Qd5 18.cxb7 Rb8 19.Qxa6 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Bxd2+  
 21.Kxd2 Rxb7 -+(-3.01) Black is winning] **17.Qf5+ Kg7 18.Qe5+ Kg6**  
**19.Qe6+ Kh7 20.Qf5+ Kg8 21.Qe6+ Kh7** [21...Kf8 22.Qf5+ Ke8  
 23.Qg6+ Kf8 no way to escape checks] **22.Qf5+ Kg7 23.Qe5+ Kg6**  
 1/2-1/2

## AMATEUR SECTION

### (21) Don Johnson (1386) – Joshua Sugg (1243) [D40]

2017 Kansas Open–Amateur (4), 23.07.2017

D40: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Tarrasch with 5 e3 This game decided winner of Amateur section. White makes simple tactical error, but it decides the game. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0** last book move **8.Qc2 cxd4**

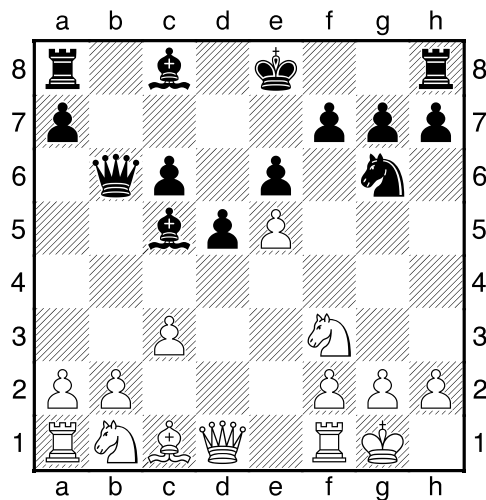


9.cxd5? losing move [9.exd4 dxc4 10.Be3= (10.Rd1=) ] 9...Nb4  
 10.Qd1 dxc3 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.bxc3 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Nbd5 14.Bb2  
 Rac8 15.Rac1 Ne4 16.c4 Nb6 17.Nd4 Bxc4 18.Bxc4 Rxc4 19.Rxc4  
 Nxc4 20.Nf5 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Nd6? Rd8 0-1

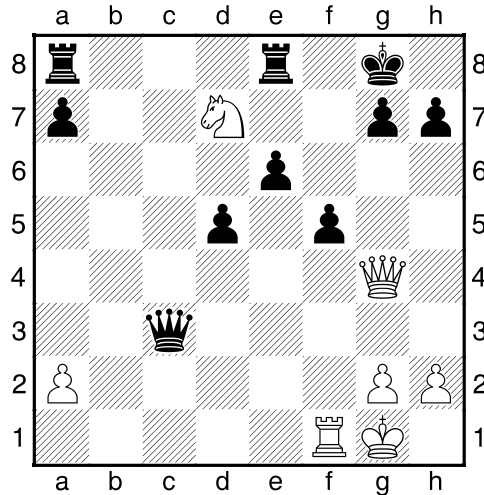
**(22) Gergely Chikan (1070) – Don Johnson (1386) [C02]**

2017 Kansas Open–Amateur (3), 22.07.2017

C02: French: Advance Variation 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6  
 5.Nf3 Nge7 last book move 6.dxc5 Ng6 7.Bb5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Qb6  
 9.Bxc6+ bxc6



**10.Qe1?** loses exchange [10.Nbd2 better] **10...Ba6!** **11.Be3?** just makes things worse [11.Nbd2 better 11...Bxf1 12.Qxf1 0-0 -+(-2.32)]  
**11...Bxe3 12.fxe3 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Qxb2 14.Nbd2 Qxc3 15.Kg1 Qa5 16.Qe2 0-0 17.e4 Qc3 18.Rf1 Nxe5 19.exd5 Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 cxd5 21.Ne5 f6 22.Nd7 Rfe8 23.Qg4 f5**



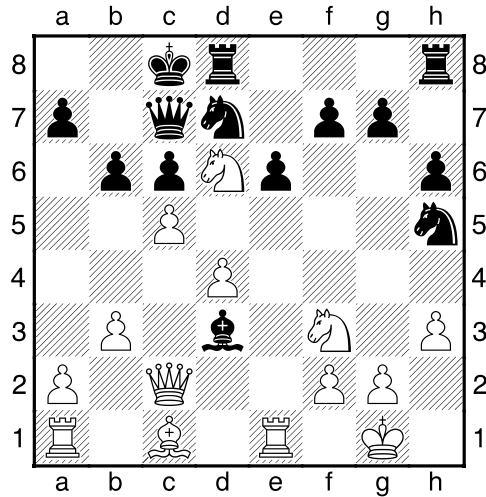
**24.Qg5?** [24.Qf4 necessary] **24...Rad8** the knight is trapped 0-1

**(23) Don Johnson (1386) – Randall Engleby (1234) [D31]**

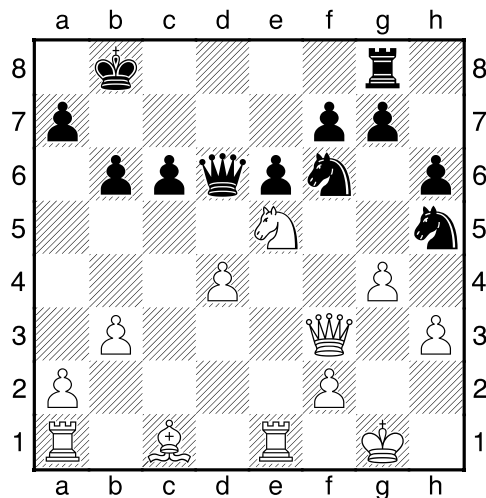
2017 Kansas Open–Amateur (2), 22.07.2017

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi–Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bd3 b6 6.Nf3 last book move 6...Bd6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.Qc2 Ba6 10.b3 0-0-0 11.Re1 h6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nh5 14.c5 Bxd3 15.Nxd6+**



**15...Kb8?** losing move [15...Qxd6 necessary 16.Qxd3 bxc5 17.Qa6+ Kb8 18.Be3 Qc7 +-(1.64)] **16.Qxd3 Ndf6 17.Ne5 Rhg8 18.Qf3! Rxd6 19.cxd6 Qxd6 20.g4**



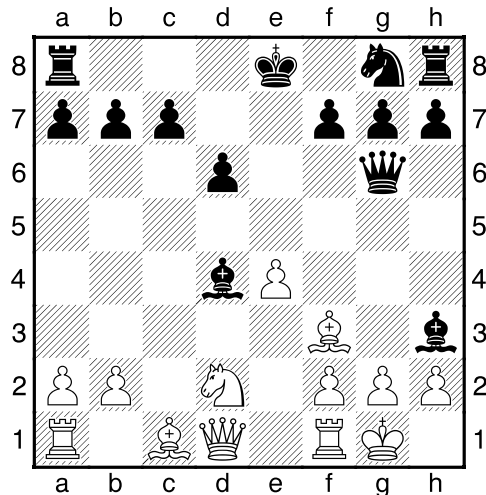
knight on h5 is trapped **20...Nd5 21.gxh5 f5 22.Be3 Kc7 23.Rac1 c5 24.b4 Nxe3 25.fxe3 Rf8 26.dxc5 Qxe5?** [26...Qd5 better but still losing] **27.cxb6+ Kxb6 28.Qc6# 1-0**

**(24) Lear Eicher (unrated) – Arlie Cummins (1033) [C44]**

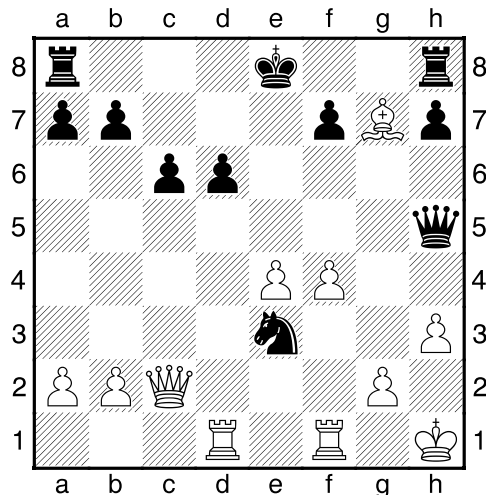
2017 Kansas Open–Amateur (3), 22.07.2017

C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit **1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.Bc4 d6 6.0-0 Bg4** last book move **7.cxd4 Nxd4**

**8.Nbd2 Qf6 9.Be2 Qg6?** loses a piece [9...Nxe2+ 10.Qxe2 0-0-0 slight advantage for black  $\mp(-1.03)$ ] **10.Nxd4 Bh3 11.Bf3 Bxd4**



**12.Kh1?** throwing away white's advantage. Position now equal [12.Qa4+! Bd7 13.Qxd4  $\pm(3.96)$ ] **12...Be6?** [12...Bd7 necessary, now position equal] **13.Nb3?** [13.Qa4+ still there. Win piece] **13...Be5 14.Be3?** [14.Bh5 better] **14...Nf6 15.Qc2 c6 16.Rad1 Bg4 17.Nd4 Qh5 18.h3 Bxd4 19.Bxg4 Nxg4 20.Bxd4 Ne5? 21.f4! Ng4 22.Bxg7 Ne3**



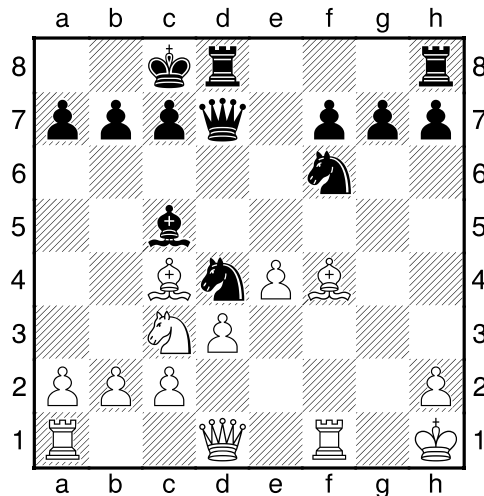
**23.g4?** losing move [23.Qd3 Qg6 (23...Nxf1? 24.Qxd6 Qxd1 25.Qxd1 Rg8 26.Bc3 Ng3+ 27.Kh2 Nxe4 28.Qe2 f5 29.Qh5+ Ke7 30.Qxh7+

Ke6 31.Qxb7 +-(4.67); 23...Nxd1 24.Bxh8 0-0-0 25.Bd4 c5 26.Bf6 Nxb2 27.Bxb2 +-(4.06)) 24.Qxe3 Qxg7? (24...Rg8 better, though white with some advantage 25.Rf2 Rxg7 26.Rd3 b6 27.Qd4 c5 28.Qd5 Rd8 29.f5 Qf6 30.Qb7 Qe5 31.Ra3 a5 32.Ra4 +-(2.12)) 25.Rxd6 +-(2.62)] **23...Qxh3+ black is winning 24.Qh2 Qxh2+ 25.Kxh2 Nxf1+ 26.Rxf1 Rg8 27.Bc3 Rxg4 28.e5 0-0-0 29.f5 Rdg8 30.exd6 Rh4# 0-1**

## (25) Daryl Fouard (1293) – Gergely Chikan (1070) [C30]

2017 Kansas Open–Amateur (2), 22.07.2017

C30: King's Gambit Declined **1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 last book move 6.0-0 Nd4 7.fxe5 Bxf3 8.gxf3 dxe5 9.d3 Bc5 10.Kh1 Qd7 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 0-0-0=**

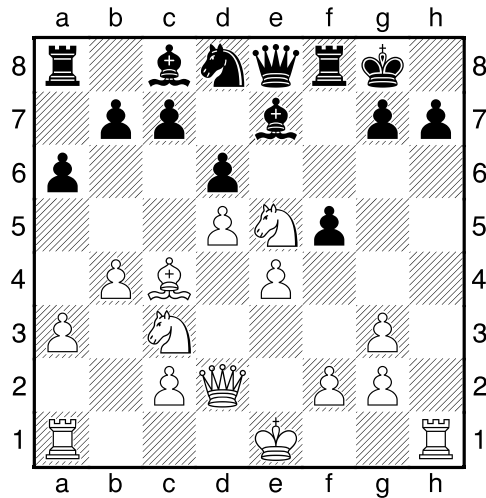


**13.e5?** white needed to keep a8–h1 diagonal closed [13.a4=] **13...Qc6+ 14.Nd5?** this loses a piece [14.Ne4 better though still with advantage to black 14...Nxe4 15.Qg4+ Kb8 16.dxe4 Nxc2 17.Rac1 Qxe4+ 18.Qg2 Qxc4 19.Rxc2 Qb5 -+(-1.73)] **14...Nxd5 15.Qg4+ Kb8** [15...Ne6 better] **16.Qg2 Nxf4 17.Qxc6 Nxc6 18.Rxf4 Nxe5 19.Bxf7 Rhf8 20.Raf1 Rxf7 21.Rxf7 Nxf7 22.Rxf7 Bd4** the dust has settled and white is a whole bishop down in a lost position **23.c3 Bf6 24.d4 b6 25.Kg2 Kb7 26.Kf3 Re8 27.Kf2 Kc6 28.Kf1 Kd6 29.Kf2 Rc8 30.d5 Kxd5 31.Rd7+ Kc6 32.Rd3 Rd8 33.Rh3 0-1**

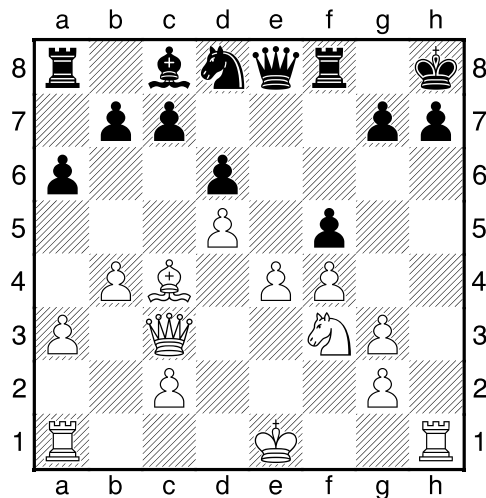
## (26) Rudy Collazo (802) – Jon Wooldridge (1149) [A80]

2017 Kansas Open–Amateur (2), 28.09.2017

A80: Dutch Defence: Unusual White second moves 1.d4 f5 2.Bf4 Nf6  
3.Nf3 e6 last book move 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Qd2 0-0 6.e3 a6 7.a3 Nc6  
8.b4 Nh5 9.Bg3 d6 10.Bc4 Nxd3 11.hxg3 Qe8 12.d5 Nd8 13.e4= e5  
14.Nxe5



hoping for 14...dxe5 15. d6+ 14...Bf6 [14...fxe4 better with advantage for black 15.0-0-0 -+(-1.78)] 15.f4 Kh8? [15...dxe5 16.d6+ Nf7 17.0-0-0 cxd6 18.Qxd6 b5 19.Bd5 Ra7 advantage for black -+(-2.96)] 16.Nf3 Bxc3? trading black's best piece for a knight that was not doing much and putting white's queen on a very good square, all to win a pawn that should not be taken 17.Qxc3

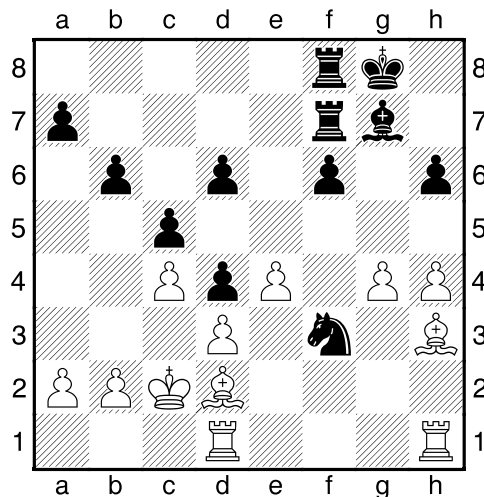


17...Qxe4+? losing. Black's queen is now in danger of being trapped.  
 18.Kf2 Qe8 otherwise trapped 19.Ng5 Kg8 [19...Qg6 better 20.Nxh7  
 Qxh7 21.Rxh7+ Kxh7 22.Bd3 c6 23.Qd4 Kg8 +-(7.31)] 20.Rxh7 Qg6  
 21.Rah1 Nf7 22.Ne6 Bxe6 23.dxe6 Nh6 24.R1xh6 gxh6 [24...Qxh7  
 not much better, though there is no immediate mate 25.e7+ Kh8  
 26.Rxh7+ Kxh7 27.exf8Q Rxf8 28.g4 fxg4 29.Bd3+ g6 30.Qxc7+ +-  
 (24.49)] 25.Qh8# 1-0

## (27) Robert Kendrick II (1269) – Chris Amburgy (1178)

[A35] 2017 Kansas Open– Amateur (4), 28.09.2017

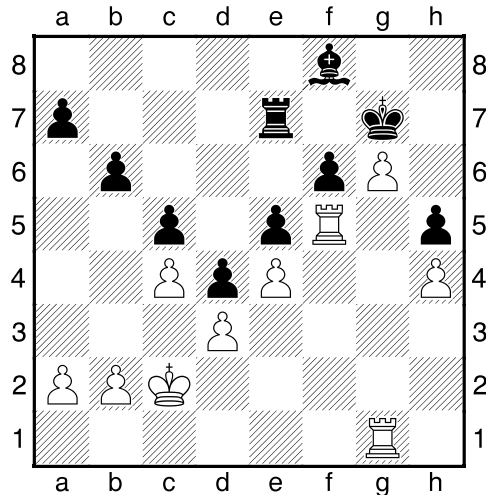
A35: Symmetrical English: 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Nf3 1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 last  
 book move 3.d3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bd2 Nf6 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 d6 8.e4  
 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nd4 11.Bg2 e5 12.Ne2 Qe7 13.Nxd4 exd4  
 14.Bg5 Rae8 15.Qa4 b6 16.0-0-0 h6 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.Qxd7 Nxd7  
 19.f4 Re7 20.g4 f6 21.h4 Ref7 22.f5 Ne5 23.fxg6 Nxg6 24.Kc2 Ne5  
 25.Bh3 Nf3



[25...Re8 better, anticipating Be6. White still with slight advantage  
 with this±(0.88)] 26.g5! h5? with this black gets no compensation for  
 the loss exchange and eventually loses the h5 pawn on top of that.  
 [26...hxg5 better 27.Be6? (27.hxg5! better for white. Black gets only  
 one pawn and bishop for piece 27...Nxg5 28.Bxg5 fxg5 29.Be6 Re8  
 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7) 27...Nxh4 28.Rdf1 Ng6 29.b4 Ne5 30.b5 Rb8 31.Bd5  
 Rbb7 32.Rh2 Rbe7 33.Rh3 (33.Bxf7+ white could actually put this  
 move off until after the pin is broken by black 33...Rxf7 34.Rh3= black  
 has two pawns and a very well placed knight for the piece. True his



dark squared bishop is bad, but it is a good defensive piece) ;  
 26...fxg5 27.hxg5 Nxg5 28.Bxg5 hxg5 29.Be6 Re8 30.Bd5 Kf8  
 31.Bxf7 Kxf7 32.Rdf1+ Kg6 33.Rf5 a6 34.a4 ±(1.33)] **27.Be6 Kh8**  
**28.Bxf7 Rxf7 29.g6 Re7 30.Bf4 Ne5 31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.Rdf1 Bf8**  
**33.Rhg1 Kg7 34.Rf5**

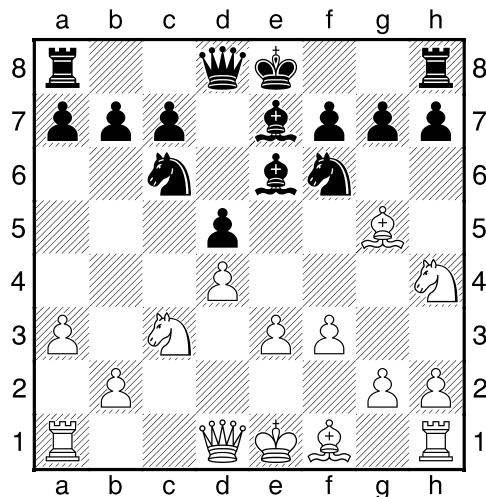


Hopeless position for black with a bad bishop to boot **34...Re6**  
 [34...Kh6? 35.Rxf6] **35.Rxh5 a5 36.Rh7+ Kg8 37.g7 1-0**

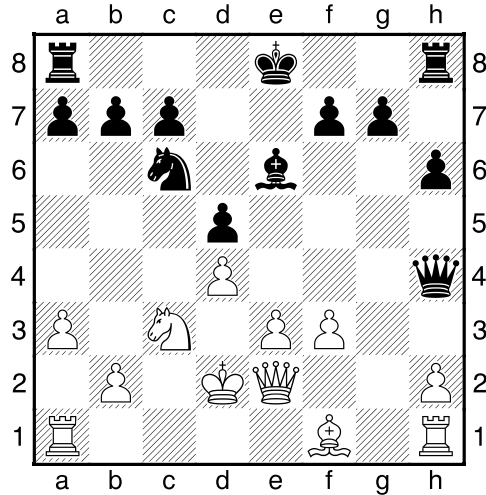
### (28) Ryland O'Hanlon (1054) – Robert Kendrick II (1269)

[D35] 2017 Kansas Open–Amateur (3), 29.09.2017

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6**  
**3.Nc3 e6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Bf5** last book move **7.Nf3**  
**Nc6 8.Nh4 Bg4 9.f3 Be6 10.a3**



[10.Bd3 necessary, need square for h4 knight 10...h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nf5 only slight advantage for black  $\mp(-0.59)$ ] **10...h6! 11.Bxf6** [11.Bf4? Nh5! 12.g3 Nxf4 13.gxf4 Bxh4+  $-+(-5.69)$ ] **11...Bxf6 12.g3** only way to protect knight **12...Bxh4 13.gxh4 Qxh4+ 14.Kd2 Qf2+** waste of time [14...f5 better 15.f4 0-0-0  $-+(-1.76)$ ] **15.Qe2 Qh4**



**16.e4??** loses as it leaves d4 unprotected and results in the loss of a rook. [16.Qe1 Qe7 17.Rg1 0-0 18.Qg3 f5  $\mp(-0.86)$ ] **16...Nxd4 17.Qe3 Nb3+ 18.Ke2 d4 19.Qd3 Nxa1** [19...dxc3 little better 20.Rd1 cxb2  $-+(-12.68)$ ] **20.Qxd4 0-0 21.Bg2 Nb3 22.Qb4 Rad8 23.Qxb7? Rd2+ 24.Ke3 Qf2+ 25.Kf4 g5+ 26.Ke5 Qd4# 0-1**

**THE END**