

2018 NEW YEAR BASH GAMES

I am a little late presenting games from the New Year Bash that was held January 6 in Olathe, KS. One can make a case for publishing a few games to the web early and then posting other games later. I thought about that as I had a couple of games I could have posted sooner but I didn't follow up. I posted results, pictures, and cross tables to the web and then worked on games very slowly. It is hard work reading all those score sheets.

There were **three sections** in the **New Year Bash**. This is like we have now for the Kansas Open. This is new for the New Year Bash this year. I have mostly games from **Open section** to post. There are several reasons for that. First, I had more games from the Open section that I could follow. Also, I was able to correspond with a couple of Open players via e-mail to get clarification on moves. I have only one game from the **Reserve section** to present. The main reason: I only had five total score sheets turned in from Reserve section with 13 players playing 4 rounds. I probably had as many score sheets turned in for the **Amateur section** as the Open section (though the Amateur section had almost twice as many players). In the Amateur section I was not able to follow the moves in most games (some missing important moves for instance) and many were illegible often at very important junctures in the games. Then, there were blunders in many games that I could follow.

Thus, here is my list. Also, this year I mainly used Stockfish program to analyze games. (Stockfish is the new world computer champion)

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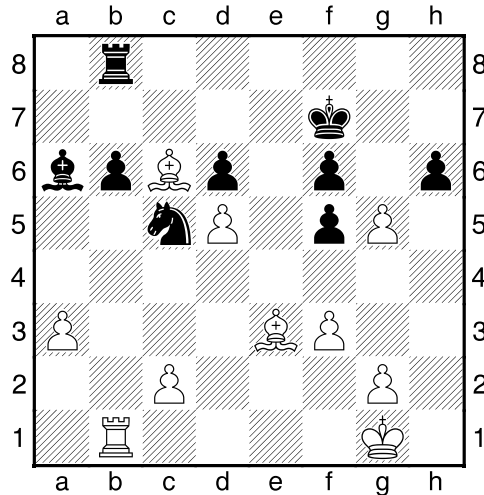
OPEN SECTION

(1) Eddison Chen (1836) – Bob Holliman (2205) [C15]

2018 New Year Bash (3), 06.01.2018 [C15: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Unusual White 4th moves]

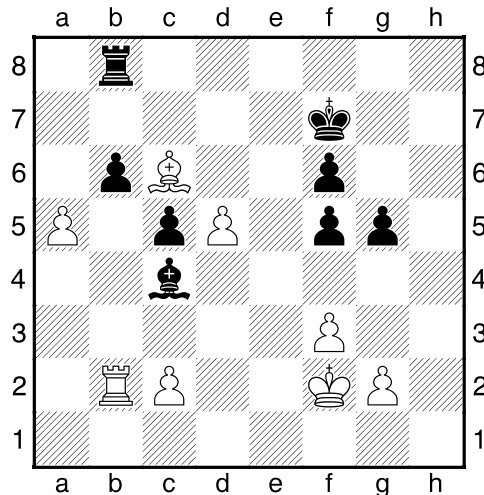
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 [last book move]

6...Qf6 7.Qxe4 Qf5 8.Qxf5 exf5 9.Nf3 Nf6 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Nc6 12.c4 Bd7 13.d5 Nd8 14.Ne5 Bc8 15.Bb2 Ne4 16.Bd4 b6 17.Rfe1 Nd6 18.c5 bxc5 19.Bxc5 f6 20.Nc4 N8b7 21.Nxd6 cxd6 22.Be3 Kf7 23.Bb5 Nc5 24.Rad1 Rd8 25.Bc6 Rb8 26.Rb1 Ba6 27.Rb4 Rb6 28.Rxb6 axb6 29.Rb1 Rb8 30.f3 g5 31.h4 h6 32.hxg5 hxg5



33.Kf2?! [33.a4 Better 33...f4 34.Bd4 f5 35.Bxc5 dxc5 36.d6 Bb7 loses exchange but wins "a" pawn and "d" pawn (36...g4 Not much better 37.d7 Ke6 38.Re1+ Kd6 39.Re8 Kxc6 40.Rxb8 Kxd7 41.Rxb6 Bc8 42.a5) 37.Rxb6 Bxc6 38.Rxb8 Bxa4 39.Rc8 Bd7 40.Rxc5 Ke6 41.c4 Kxd6 42.Rd5+ Ke7 43.Rxd7+! Kxd7 44.Kf2 Kd6 45.Ke2 Kc5 46.Kd3 white is winning with outside passed pawn]

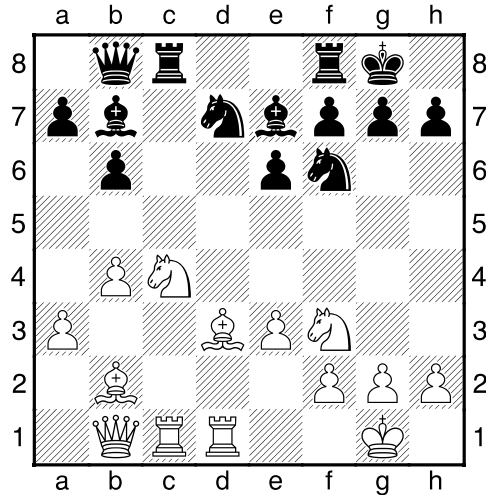
33...Bc4 34.a4 Ba2? [Losing move] [34...Na6 better according to stockfish 35.f4 (35.Rxb6 f4 36.Bd4 Rxb6 37.Bxb6 Nb4 38.Bb5 Bxd5 39.c3 Nc2 40.a5 Na3 41.Bd3 $\hat{\uparrow}_{\text{Plus}}^{\text{Soft}}\check{S}(1.36)$ slight advantage for white) 35...Ba2 36.Rb2 Bc4 37.fxg5 fxg5 38.Bxg5 Nc7 slight advantage for white $\hat{\uparrow}_{\text{Plus}}^{\text{Soft}}\check{S}(1.27)$] **35.Rb2 Bc4 36.Bxc5 dxc5 37.a5**



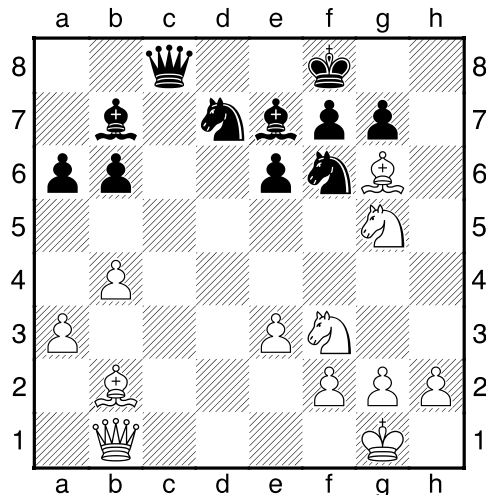
Black lost on time (the pawn on b6 is pinned and lost) and 37...b5 allows 38.a6] **1-0**

(2) Joey Kelly (2258) – Sho Glashausser (1841) [E11]

2018 New Year Bash (4), 06.01.2018 [E11: Bogo-Indian] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.a3 Be7 6.e3 d5 7.Bd3 c5 8.dxc5 [last book move] 8...dxc4 9.Nxc4 Bxc5 10.b4 Be7 11.Bb2 b6 12.Qc2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.Qb1 Qb8?



[16...Bxf3 better move. eliminates Ng5 latter 17.gxf3 Qb7 only slight advantage for white ±(0.38)]
17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Bd3 Qa8 [18...Bxf3 once again best] **19.Ncd2 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Qxc8 22.Ng5! Kg8 23.Ndf3 a6?** [23...Bd6 better, gives escape square for king and moves bishop out of harms way] **24.Bh7+ Kf8 25.Bg6!**



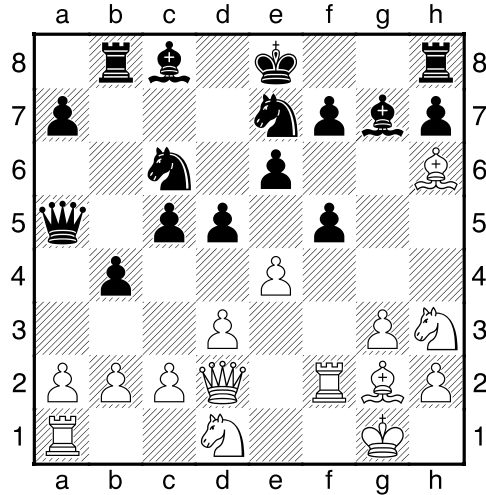
25...Bxf3 26.gxf3 fxf6? [26...Nd5 best, though still losing 27.Nxf7 Bf6 28.Bxf6 gxf6 29.h4 +- (2.94)] **27.Qxg6 Kg8** [27...Qe8?? 28.Nxe6+ Kg8 29.Qxg7#] **28.Qf7+ Kh8 29.Qxe7** [white wins piece back] **29...e5 30.Nf7+ Kg8 31.Nxe5 Nxe5 32.Qxe5** [white is three pawns up] **1-0**

(3) Ron Luther (2236) – Joey Kelly (2258) [B26]

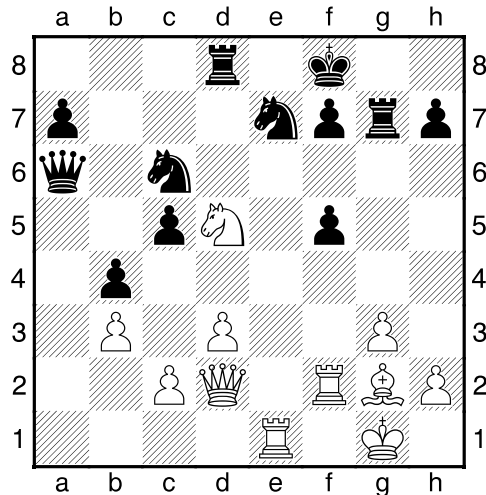
2018 New Years Bash (1), 06.01.2018 [B26 Closed Sicilian: 3.g3 lines with early Be3]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Rb8 7.f4 [last book move]

7...e6 8.Nh3 Nge7 9.0-0 b5 10.Qd2 b4 11.Nd1 Qa5 12.Rf2 d5 13.f5 gxf5 14.Bh6=

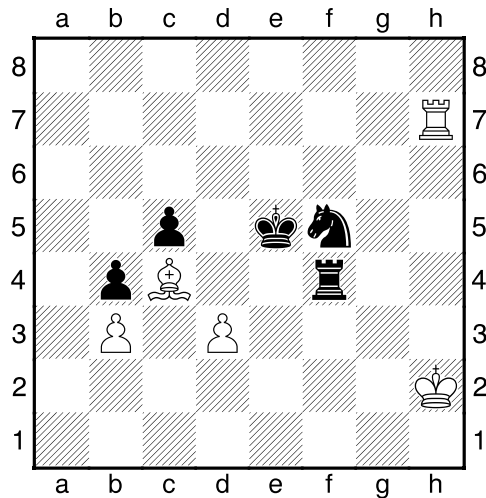


14...Rg8? [14...Bd4=] 15.exd5 [15.Bxg7 Rxg7 16.Qh6! (16.Ne3)] 15...exd5 16.Bxg7 Rxg7
17.Ne3?! [17.Qh6! Better 17...Rg6 18.Qxh7 Re6 19.Nf4 Re1+ 20.Rf1 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Be6 +-(1.87)] 17...Be6 18.Nf4 Rd8 19.Re1 [19.Nh5 better 19...Rg6 20.Bh3 Ne5 21.Nxf5 +-(2.38)]
19...Qxa2 20.b3 Qa6 21.Nexd5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Kf8



23.Rfe2? [23.Qe3! winning 23...Rg6 24.Nxe7 Re6 25.Nxc6 Rxe3 26.Rxe3 A rook, knight, and bishop for the queen. +-(4.24) Stockfish evaluation; 23.Qh6 Ng8 24.Qh4 Qc8 +-(1.76) (24...Rg4 better 25.Qh3 ±(0.85))]

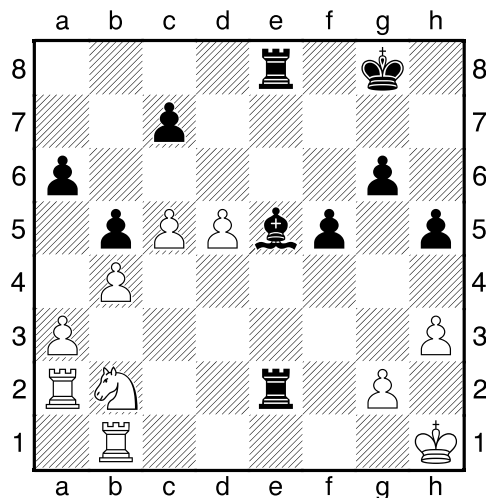
23...Nxd5 24.Bxd5 Nd4 25.Re5 Rg4 26.Qe3 Qf6= 27.Re8+ Kg7 28.Rxd8 Qxd8 29.Qe5+ Qf6
 30.Qxf6+ Kxf6 31.Ra1 Ke5 32.Bc4 f4 33.Kf2 f5 [33...fxg3+ better 34.hxg3 Rg6 35.Rxa7 Rf6+
 36.Kg1 Nf3+ 37.Kg2 Ne1+ 38.Kh2 Kd4 -+{-1.53}] 34.Rxa7 fxg3+ 35.hxg3 f4 36.gxf4+ Rxf4+
 37.Kg2 Nxc2 38.Rxh7 Ne3+ 39.Kg3 Nf5+ 40.Kh2



40...Rf2+? [40...Rh4+ is winning 41.Rxh4 Nxh4 42.Kg3 Nf5+ 43.Kf2 Kd4 44.Be6 Nd6 45.Ke2 Kc3
 Stockfish says is mate in 26] 41.Kg1 Rf4= [The game went on for several more moves] [41...Rf3
 better] 1/2-1/2

(4) Veronika Vancsa (1692) – Ron Luther (2236) [B06]

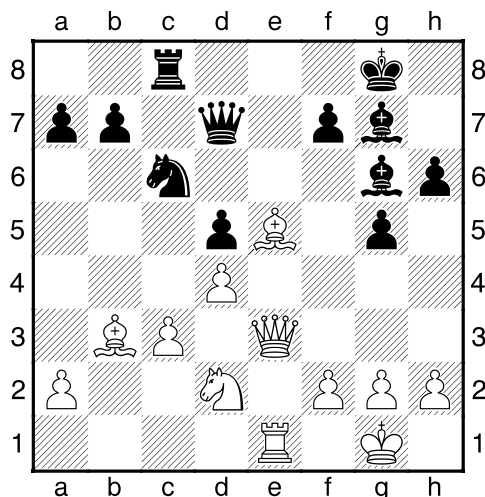
2018 New Years Bash (1), 06.01.2018 B06: Modern Defence] 1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Nc3
 a6 5.Bc4 e6 [last book move] 6.a3 h6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qd2 Kh7 10.Rad1 d5 11.Bb3 dxe4
 12.Nxe4 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Nc3 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.f3 Rad8 17.Kh1 Nf5 18.Ne2 Nxe3
 19.Qxe3 Rfe8 20.c3 Qb5 21.c4 Qh5 22.Ng3 Qh4 23.Ne2 e5 24.d5 f5 25.Nc3 Bf8 26.Qe1 Qh5
 27.Bc2 Bd6 28.h3 Bc8 29.Qe2 Rf8 30.f4 Qh4 31.Qf2 Qxf2 32.Rxf2 Rde8 33.fxe5 Bxe5 34.Rf3
 Bd7 35.b4 Bd6 36.Rdf1 Kg8 37.Ba4 Bxa4 38.Nxa4 Re4 39.Rc3 Be5 40.Rc2 [40.Rcc1 better]
 40...Re3 41.Ra2 Re8 42.Rb1 Bg3 [threatens mate] 43.Raa1 h5 44.c5? [losing move] b5! 45.Nb2
 Be5 46.Ra2 Re2



The game went on for several more moves, but white is going to lose a piece as there is no way to break pin on knight. **0-1**

(5) Sameeth Sheshappa (1739)– Kaustabh Nimkar (1820) [B22]

2018 New Year Bash (4), 06.01.2018 [B22: Sicilian: 2 c3] 1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.0-0 [last book move]8...Nc6 9.Be3 e6 10.Qd2 d5 11.exd5 exd5 12.Bb3 Ne4 13.Qe2 Be6 14.Rad1 [14.Rac1 better] 14...Nxc3 15.bxc3 Rc8 16.Bg5 Qd7= 17.Rfe1 h6 18.Bf4 Rfe8 19.Rd3 Bf5 20.Re3 Rxe3 21.Qxe3 g5 22.Bg3 Be4 23.Nd2 Bg6 24.Nf3 Be4 25.Nd2 Bg6= 26.Be5?

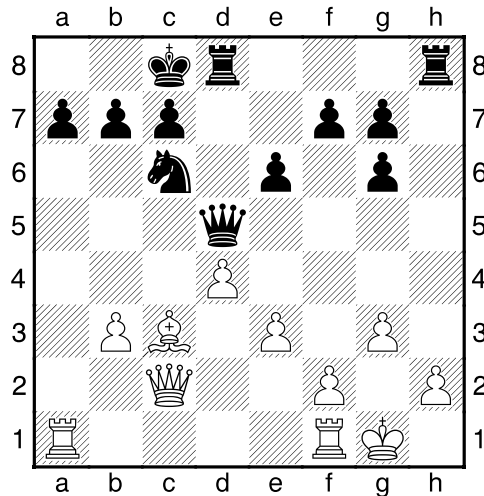


It is uncertain what happened here. Maybe Sameeth offered a draw and Kaustabh accepted it. 26.Be5? should lose. Maybe after Sameeth made the move he realized he made a mistake and that is why he offered the draw. Or, maybe he did not know it was a mistake. It is uncertain. Winning for black is 26...f6 followed by 27...Re8. After that the white queen is unable to protect the rook on e1 as there is no escape square that will also protect rook on e1. After 26...f6, the light square bishop on g6 is now protecting the black rook after it moves to e8. 27.Bg3 does not work because of 27...Re8 attacking queen which cannot protect rook on e1 if the queen moves. White's best response to 26...f6 is simply to play 27.Bxf6 and black is a whole piece for a pawn up. There could follow 27...Bxf6 28.Ne4 (pawn on d5 is pinned after 26...f6) Be7 and 29.Qf3 --+(-3.00)] ½-½

(6) Joseph Abousharkh (1647) – Ankith Sheshappa (1804) [A06]

2018 New Year Bash Overland Park (3), 06.01.2018 [A06: Réti Opening:1 Nf3 d5]

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bf5 5.Bg2 [last book move] 5...e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6
8.c4 Qd7 9.d4 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.e3 Nd5 12.Bxd5 Qxd5 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 cxb3
15.axb3 0-0-0 16.Qc2? [losing move]

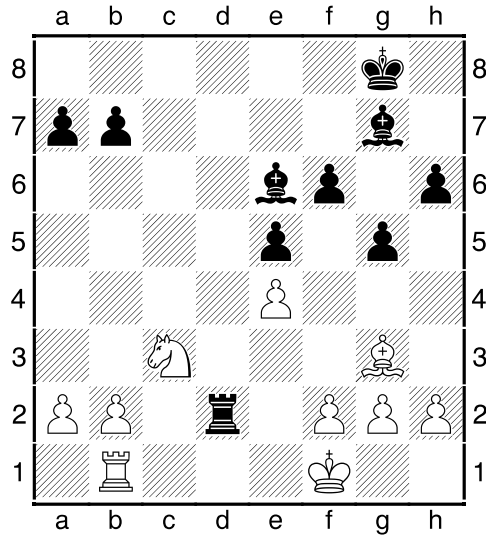


[16.f3 Necessary and then black only has mild advantage. $\mp(-1.35)$] 16...Rxh2! 17.e4 Qh5
18.Rfd1 Qh3 19.f4 [19.f3 doesn't change anything anymore 19...Qxg3+ 20.Kf1 Qxf3+ 21.Qf2
Qxf2#] 19...Qxg3+ 20.Kf1 Qf3+ [20...Qf3+ 21.Qf2 Qxf2#] 0-1

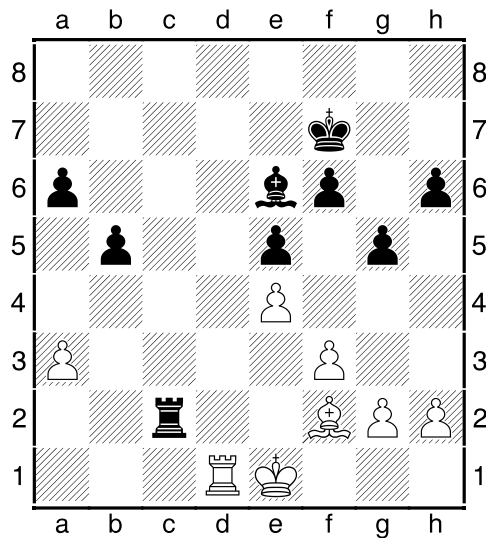
(7) Sho Glashausser (1841) – Rahul Mepparambath (2098) [D92]

2018 New Year Bash (3), 06.01.2018 [D92: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bf4]

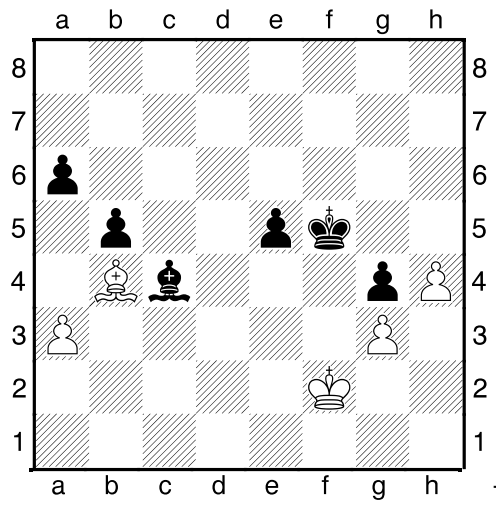
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Rc1 dxc4 7.e3 c5 8.Bxc4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nbd7
[last book move] 10.Ndb5 e5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Nc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nc7 Rb8 15.N7d5 g5
16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Bg3 Be6 18.Be2 Nd3+ 19.Bxd3 Rxd3 20.0-0 Bg7 21.Rfd1 Rbd8 22.Rxd3
Rxd3 23.e4 Rd2 24.Rb1 f6 25.Kf1



25...Bf8?! [Good idea to get other bishop involved but timing could be better] 25...Bc4+ better
 26.Ke1 Rc2 27.Kd1 Bd3 28.Ke1 f5 29.Rd1 fxe4 30.Rd2 Rc1+ 31.Rd1 Rxd1+ 32.Nxd1]
 26.Ke1 Rd8 27.Rd1 Rc8 28.a3 Kf7 29.f3? Bxa3! 30.bxa3 Rxc3 31.Ra1 Rc2 32.Bf2 a6 33.Rb1
 b5 34.Rd1?



34...Bc4 [34...Ra2! winning another pawn. 35.Bc5 Rxc2 36.Rd2 Rxd2 37.Kxd2 Black has a two
 pawn up opposite colored bishop endgame+(-1.98)] 35.Rd2 Rc1+ 36.Rd1 Rxd1+ [maybe
 mistake for black to exchange rooks to go into opposite color endgame even though a pawn up.
 Little chance to win then.] 37.Kxd1 Bf1 38.g3 Ke6 39.Bc5 f5 40.Bb4 h5 41.h4 g4 42.fxg4
 hxg4 43.exf5+ Kxf5 44.Ke1 Bc4 45.Kf2=

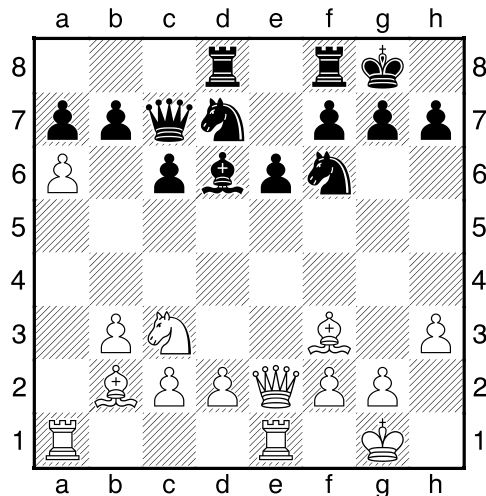


(drawn opposite color bishop endgame) ½-½

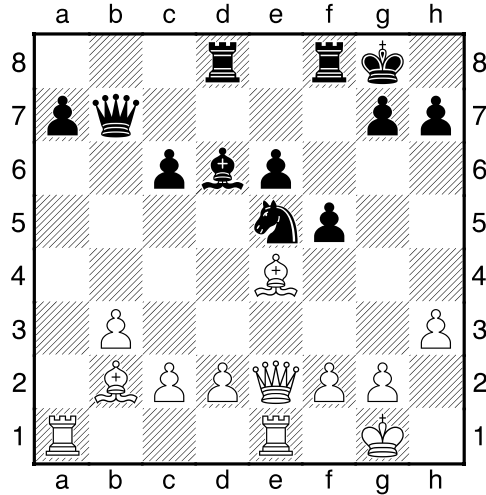
(8) Ron Luther (2236) – Ankith Sheshappa (1804) [B01]

2018 New Years Bash (1), 06.01.2018 [B01: Scandinavian Defence]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 [last book move] 4.Be2 c6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 Nf6
8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Re1 e6 10.a4 Be7 11.b3 Qc7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Qe2 Rad8 14.a5 Bd6 15.a6



]15...Ne5 [15...b6 necessary to keep "a" file closed] 16.axb7 [Now black has weak c6 and a7 pawn. This one mistake leads to problems. White has bishop bearing down on c6 pawn and rook on file opposite weak a7 pawn.]16...Qxb7 17.Ne4 Nxe4 [17...Nxf3+ better with weak c6 pawn to get rid of bishop on f3 18.Qxf3 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Rfe8 ±(1.36)] 18.Bxe4 f5

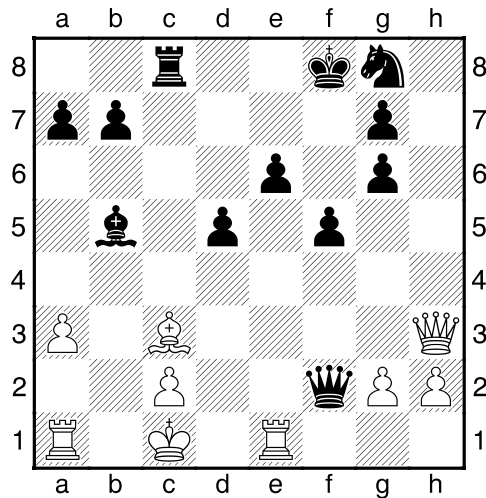


loses pawn] [18...Ng6 better] **19.Bxe5! Bxe5 20.Bxc6 Qxc6 21.Qxe5 Rxd2?** [21...Rf6 better though white still with advantage 22.Rxa7 (22.c4 better 22...Rg6 23.g3 h5 24.h4 Qf3 ±(1.09)) 22...Rg6 threatening mate and pawn on c2. Best to create threats when down material 23.g3 Qxc2 24.Re7 Qxb3 ±(0.84)] **22.Rxa7** [threatening mate] **22...Rd7 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxe6+** [winning another pawn] **1-0**

(9) Andrew Bledsoe (1788) – Joseph Aboushark (1647) [C18]

2018 New Year Bash (2), 06.01.2018 [C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4]

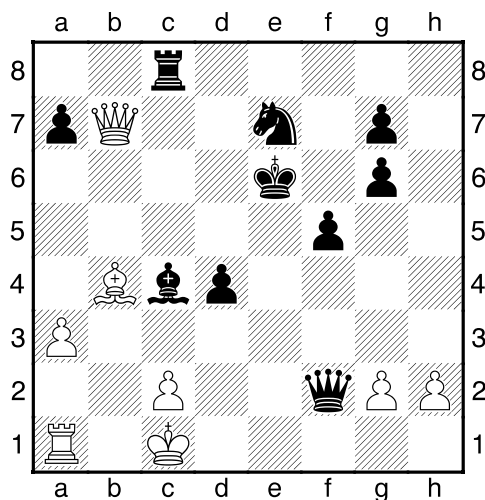
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Bd2 Nc6 8.Nf3 [last book move]
8...Bd7 9.Bb5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxb5 11.Qg4 f5 12.Qh5+ Kf8 13.Ng6+ hxg6 14.Qxh8 cxd4
15.Qh3 Qe5+ 16.Kd1 dxc3 17.Bxc3 Qe2+ 18.Kc1 Rc8 19.Re1 Qxf2 [



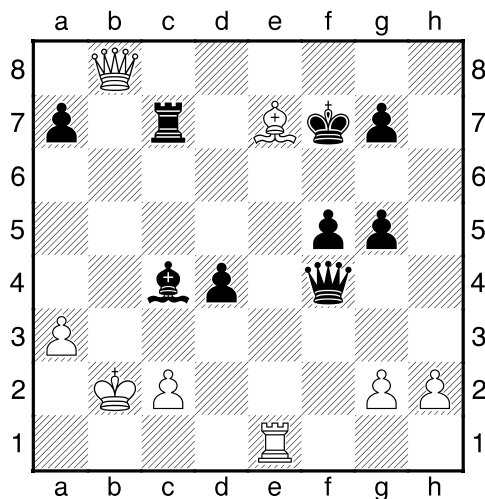
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20.Rxe6? [no real time to make this move with the threats black has. The rook ends up being lost.] [20.Rb1 best a6 etc.]

20...d4! 21.Bb4+? [This doesn't help. simply moves king to where it can attack rook. And, then in order to avoid mate, the bishop has to move to d2 to avoid mate.] 21...Kf7 22.Bd2 Kxe6 23.Qb3+ Bc4 24.Qxb7 Ne7 25.Bb4



25...Qf4+? [This throws away advantage.] [25...Re8 best. guards knight on e7 from check by white rook on e1 26.Kb2 Bd5 -+(-5.64)] 26.Kb2 Rc7 [26...Qc7 best] 27.Re1+ Kf6? [This should lose] [27...Kf7 28.Rxe7+ Rxe7 29.Qxe7+ Kg8=] 28.Bxe7+ Kf7 29.Qb8 g5



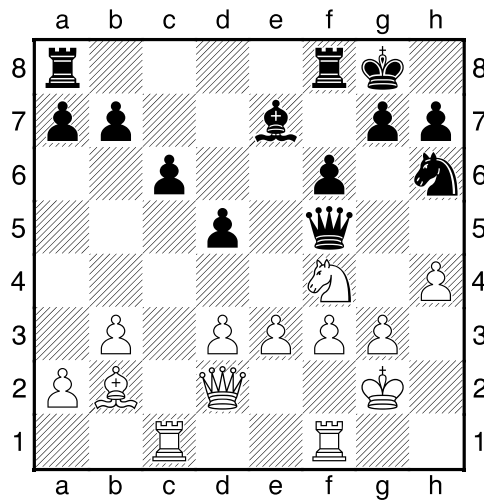
30.Qf8+? [Throws away win] [30.Bxg5! Winning on the spot. If bishop is not taken (some move of queen) it is mate after Qe8++ If queen takes the bishop, white's queen takes rook on c7 with check and then picks up bishop on c4 leaving white a whole rook ahead. 30...Qxg5 (30...Qxh2 31.Qe8#; 30...Qd6 31.Qe8#) 31.Qxc7+ Kg6 32.Qxc4 white is a whole rook ahead.] 30...Kg6 31.Qe8+ Kh6 [31...Bf7? would be mistake 32.Re6+! winning] 32.Qh8+ [nothing better than perpetual. Stockfish says position is 0.00]½-½

RESERVE SECTION

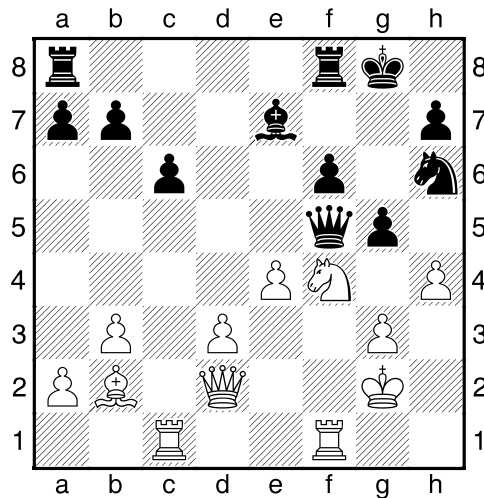
(10) Chad Kern (1552) – Shams Shaikh (1560) [A17]

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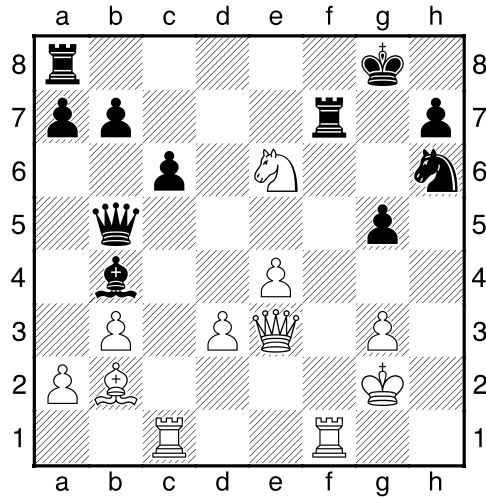
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg2 c6 6.d3 [last book move] 6...Be6 7.e3 Qd7
8.Nge2 Bd6 9.b3 Na6 10.Bb2 Nc7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.0-0 Bh3= 13.Nf4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Ne6 15.Nce2
Be7 16.Qd2 Ng4 17.h3 Nh6 18.Nh5 Ng5 19.Nef4 f6 20.h4 Ne6 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Nf4 Qf5
23.f3=



23...g5? [first mistake] 24.e4! dxe4 25.fxe4



]25...Qb5? [second mistake] [25...Qg4 26.hxg5 fxg5 27.Nh3 white with advantage though slight
+-(1.66)]26.Ne6 Bb4 [26...Qb4 better but still losing 27.Qxb4 Bxb4 28.Nxf8 Rxf8 29.Rxf6 Rxf6
30.Bxf6 gxh4 31.gxh4 white is the exchange and a pawn up] 27.Qe3 Rf7 [27...Ng4 better but still
losing 28.Qe2 Ne5 29.Rcd1 Rf7 30.hxg5 fxg5? 31.Qh5!]
28.hxg5 fxg5 (last mistake)



29.Qd4! [it is mate in 5] 1-0

AMATEUR SECTION

(11) Samuel Walker (unrated) – Alex Glashausser (1160) [A16]

2018 New Year Bash– Amateur (1), 06.01.2018 [A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5]

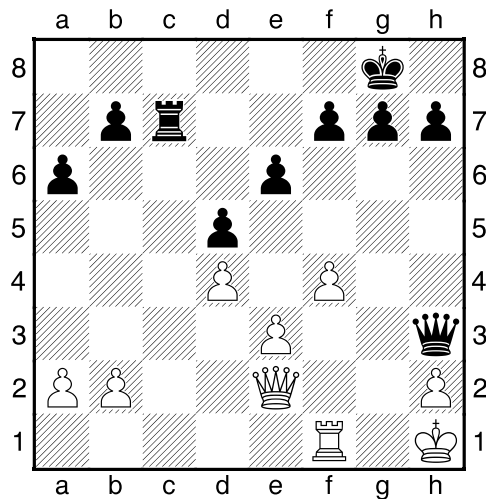
1.c4 c6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.d4 e6 7.Qb3 [last book move]

7...Qc8 8.Ne5 Be7 9.Bg5 0-0 10.e3 a6 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Na4 Rab8 14.0-0 Ne4

15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qd1 Rfc8 17.Nb6 Rc7 18.Rc1 Qd6 19.Na4 Rbc8 20.Rxc7 Rxc7 21.f3 Nf6

22.Nc5 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.g4 Bg6 25.Bd3 Bxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd8 27.f4 Qh4 28.Kg2? [28.Qd1]

28...Qxg4+ 29.Kh1 Qh3 30.Qe2? [loses quickly]

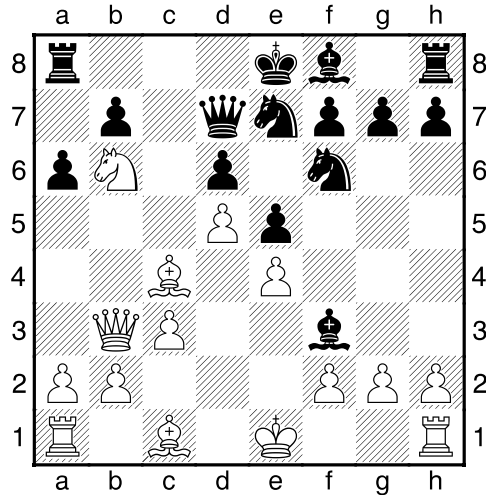


[30.Kg1; 30.Rd1] **30...Rc2!** [Attacks queen. It can't be taken as then Qxf1 mate. Also, this move indirectly attacks h2 with mate there if queen moves off 2nd rank] 31.Rf2? Rxe2 32.Rxe2 Qf1# 0-1

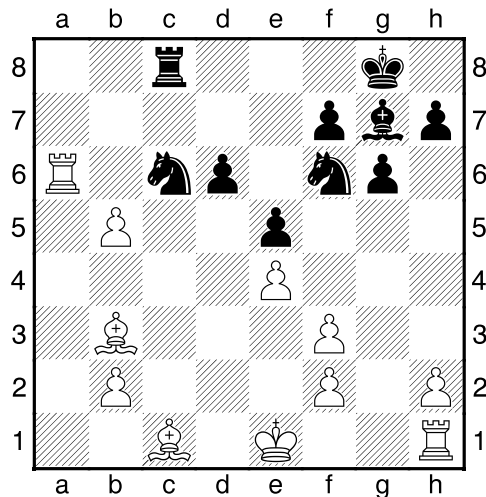
(12) Cole McMillen (1019) – Swarup Kesarkar (818) [C44]

2018 New Year Bash= Amateur (1), 06.01.2018 [C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4 d6 5.d5 [last book move] 5...Ne7 6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.Qa4+ Qd7
8.Qb4 c5 9.Qb3 a6 10.Nc4 Bxf3 11.Nb6 c4 12.Bxc4



12...Qd8? [12...Qg4 interesting idea 13.gxf3 Qxf3 14.Rf1 Qxe4+ 15.Be3 Rd8] 13.Nxa8 Qxa8
[13...Bxg2 14.Qxb7 Bxh1 15.Nc7+ Kd7? (15...Qxc7 16.Qxc7 Bxe4) 16.Nxa6+ mate in 8] 14.gxf3
g6 15.Qb6 Nc8 16.Qc7 b5 17.Bb3 Bg7 18.Qc6+ Qxc6 19.dxc6 0-0 20.a4 Ne7 21.axb5 axb5
22.Ra6 Rc8 23.c4? Nxc6 24.cxb5? =

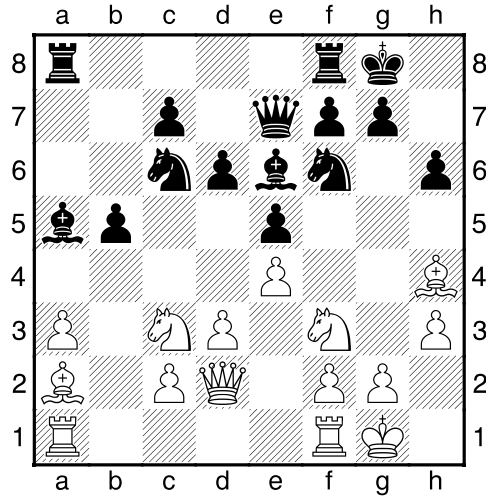


[24.Bd2 better; 24.0-0 better] 24...Nb4? [24...Nd4! threatens 25..Nxb3 and 25...Rxc1+ It wins a
piece] 25.Be3! [white sacrifices exchange for powerful passed pawn] 25...Nxa6 26.bxa6 Ra8
27.a7 Bf8 28.Ba4 Rc8 29.Bc6 Rxc6? 30.a8Q Rc2 31.0-0 Rxb2 32.Ra1 Nd7 33.Bh6 Rb8
34.Qa7 Rd8 35.Qc7 Be7 36.Ra7 f6 37.Qc4+ Kh8 38.Qf7 Bf8 39.Rxd7 Rxd7 40.Qxf8#
1-0

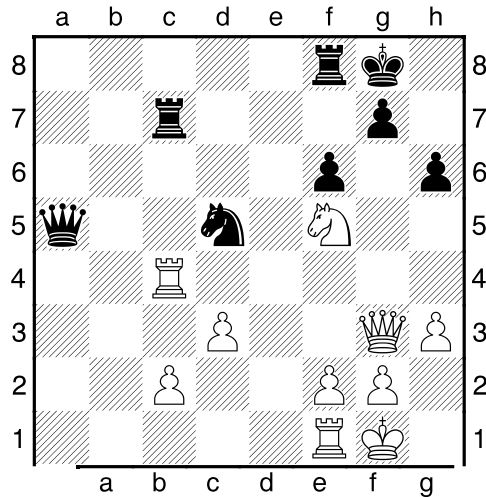
(13) Austin Tran (1053) – Patrik Nolan (758) [C50]

2018 New Year Bash– Amateur (4), 06.01.2018[C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco
Pianissimo]1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 [last book move]

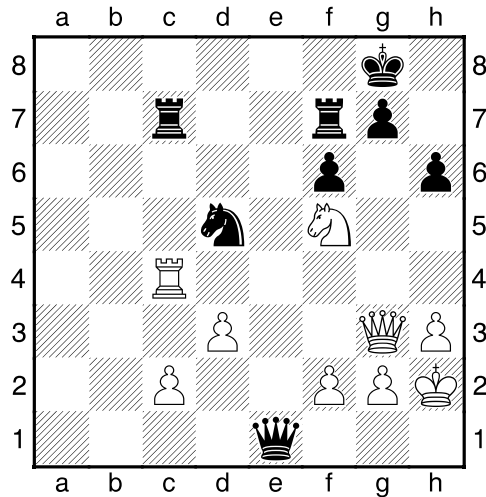
6.a3 b5 7.Ba2 0-0 8.b4 Bb6 9.Bg5 d6 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a5 12.bxa5 Bxa5 13.Qd2 Qe7 14.0-0
Be6



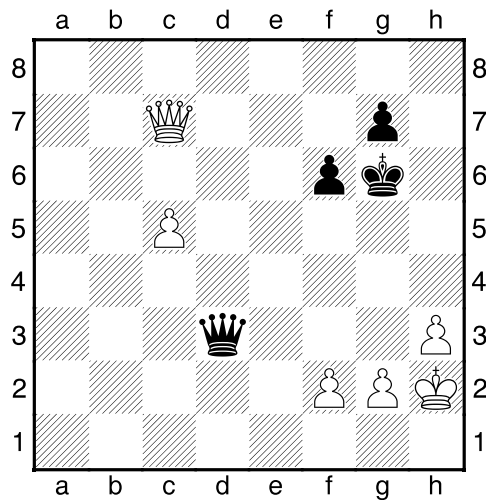
15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.a4 bxa4 17.Ra3 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 d5 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.exd5 Ne7 21.Qxc7 Nxd5
22.Qxe5 Qc6 23.Nd4 Qc5 24.Nf5 f6 25.Qg3 Ra7 26.Rxa4 Rc7 27.Rc4 Qa5



28.Re1? [simply drops a rook][28.Qg6! Kh8 29.Rh4 +-(8.69)]28...Qxe1+ 29.Kh2 Rff7?



30.Nxh6+ [simple tactic] 30...Kf8 31.Nxf7 Kxf7? [31...Rxc4 32.dxc4 Nc3 33.Nh8=]
32.Rxc7+ Nxc7 33.Qxc7+ Kg6 34.Qg3+ Kf7 35.c4 Qc3 36.Qc7+ Kg6 37.c5 Qxd3?



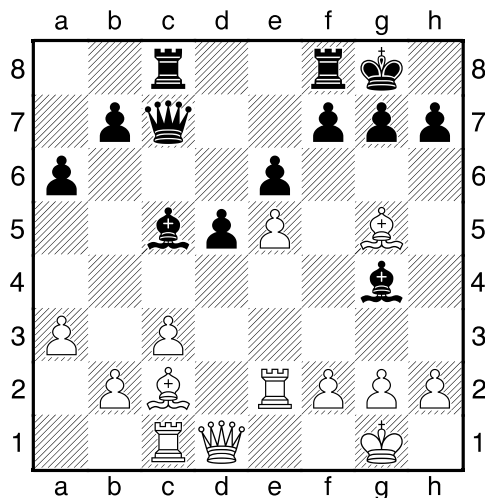
not a free pawn] 38.Qg3+ [forcing trade of queens going into won king and pawn endgame]
38...Qxg3+ 39.Kxg3 Kf7 40.Kf4 Ke7 41.Kf5 Kd7 42.Kg6 Kc6 43.Kxg7 f5 44.h4 Kxc5 45.h5 f4
46.h6 f3 47.g3 Kd4 48.h7 Kd3 49.h8Q Ke2 50.Qh2 Ke1 51.g4 Ke2 52.Kf6 Ke1 53.g5 Ke2
54.g6 Ke1 55.g7 Ke2 56.g8R Kf1 57.Kf5 Ke1 58.Kf4 Ke2 59.Re8+ Kf1 60.Qh1+1-0

(14) Xueyi Chen (1380) – Alex Glashausser (1160) [B12]

2018 New Year Bash– Amateur (3), 06.01.2018 [B12: Caro–Kann: Advance Variation] (this is only score sheet turned by Xueyi, one of co–winners of Amateur section)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.0-0 [last book move]

6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bg6 8.Bb5+ Nd7 9.Re1 Bc5 10.Nc3 Ne7 11.Bg5 0-0 12.a3 a6 13.Ba4 Rc8 14.Re2 Nb6 15.Bb3 Re8 16.Na4 Nxa4 17.Bxa4 Rf8 18.c3 Qc7 19.Rc1 Nf5 20.Nxf5 Bxf5 21.Bc2 Bg4 [black thinks he going to win exchange as f3 is not possible because of pin]

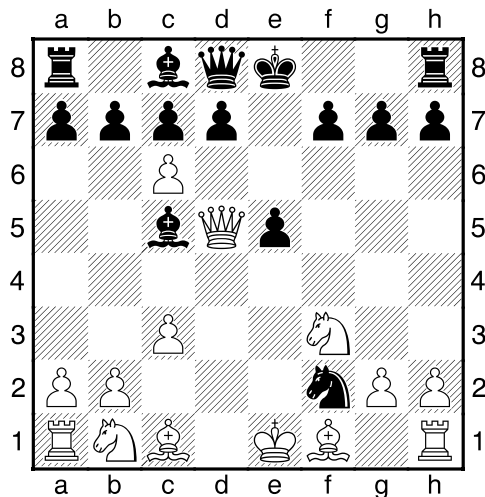


22.Qd3 [White has a mate threat] 22...Bxe2 [Looking to win exchange and ignoring mate threat 22. Bf5 best)] 23.Qxh7# 1-0

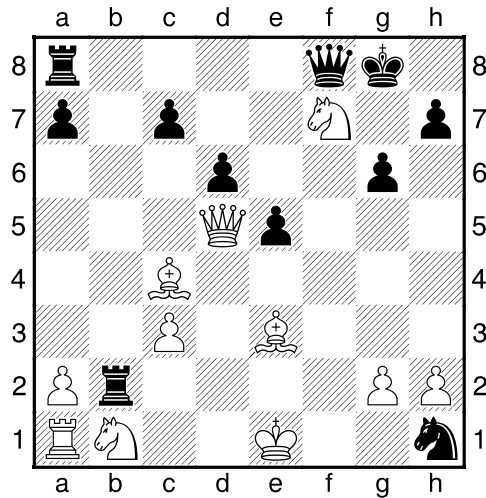
(15) Cole McMillen (1019) – John Burgess Ely (939) [C44]

2018 New Year Bash– Amateur (4), 06.01.2018 [C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit]

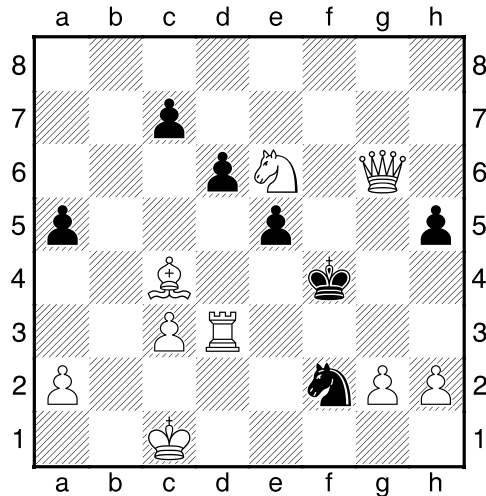
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4 Nxe4 5.d5 Bc5 6.dxc6 [last book move] 6...Nxf2 7.Qd5



7...Nxf1 [7...Qe7 better 8.cxb7 Bxb7 9.Qxb7 0-0 only slight advantage for white ±(0.66)]
 8.Qxc5 d6 9.cxb7! Bxb7 10.Qb5+! Qd7 11.Qxb7 0-0 12.Be3 Rfb8 13.Qd5 Qd8 14.Ng5! Qf8
 15.Bd3 g6 16.Bc4 Rxb2? [no time for this] 17.Nxf7



17...Kg7 [no really good moves here] 18.Bh6+! Kg8 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Ng5+ Kg7 21.Ne6+ Kf6
 [mate in four but at this point black is very lost] 22.Nxf8 Kf5 23.Nd2 a5 [uncertain what this move
 is. It is left off score sheet. From the rest of the moves that follows it would appear to be a pawn
 move but that is guessing] 24.0-0-0 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 h5 26.Qe6+ Kg5 27.Qxg6+ Kf4 28.Rd3 Nf2
 29.Ne6#



interesting mate] 1-0

THE END