

2019 Kansas Open

AMATEUR SECTION GAMES

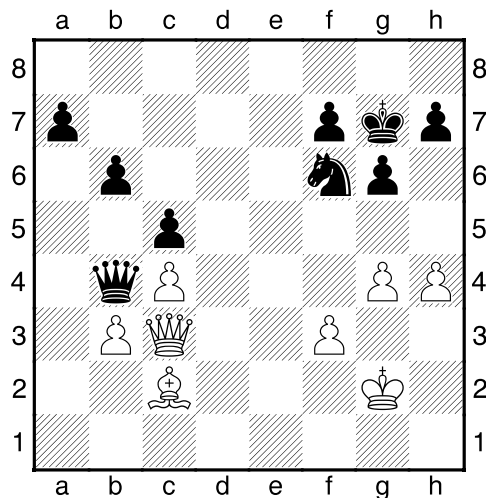
I finally got around to analyzing games in Amateur section of 2019 Kansas Open. I did not do so in 2018. Though there were more participants than in Reserve section (38 vs 28), there were more score sheets turned in the Reserve section than the Amateur section. Though the Amateur section had almost as many participants as the Open (38 vs 40) there were considerably less score sheets turned in versus the Open section. Reasons were probably two fold: more scholastic players using either score books or electronic devices or simply less scores sheets turned in. I only had about 40 score sheets turned in of which I could follow only 35. I picked out 10, though there were many errors often by both sides noted. On one game there was a missing move and I simply had to guess what the move was. But, the number of games I was able to follow was more than expected. Of score sheets turned in 15 of them were by 3 people meaning the 3 people turned in all their score sheets. There were more decisive game score sheets in the Amateur section turned in. The following is my list with games to follow. Once again I have a link to games posted on the web. Lastly, if no rating is indicated in a game, that person was unrated before event.

1. Todd Easton 0: Luke Seidl 1
2. Nathan Cox 0: Ravindra Sheshappa 1
3. Don Johnson 0: Shawn Treiber 1 (decided Amateur section winner)
4. Vinod Namboodiri 1: Leroy Asher 0
5. Sam Walker 0: Shirley Herman 1
6. Joey Shonkwiler 1: Liam McKinney 0
7. Liam McKinney 0: Nicholas Walker 1
8. Austin Tran 1: Nicholas Walker 0
9. Elliot Y Skyler II 0: Nathan Cox 1
10. Adelaide McDowell 0: Austin Tran 1

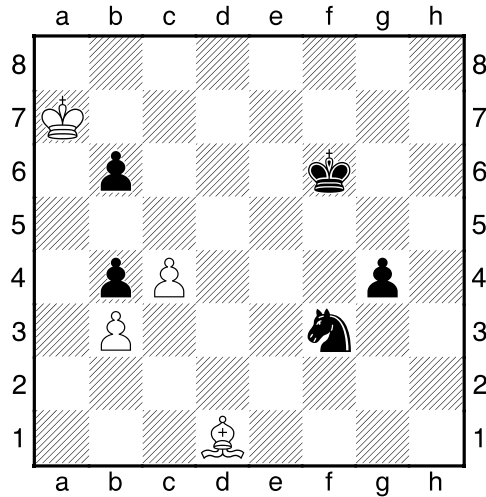
(1) Todd Easton (1217) – Luke Seidl (1034) [E11]

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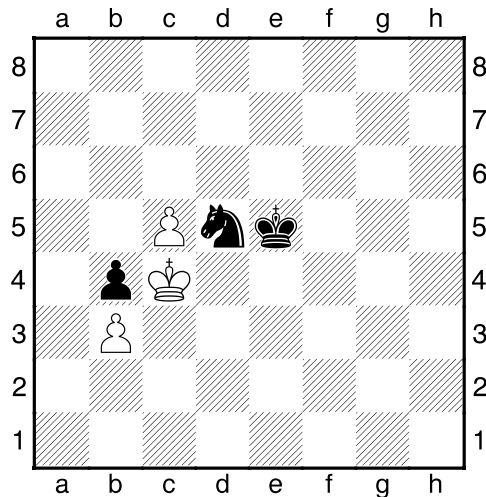
E11: Bogo–Indian 1.d4 e6 2.c4 Bb4+ 3.Bd2 Bxd2+ 4.Nxd2 Nf6
5.Ngf3 d5 6.e3 0-0 last book move 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 Re8 9.Re1 e5
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 d4
15.Rad1 c6 16.b3 Qa5 17.Bb1 dxe3 18.Rxe3 Rxe3 19.Qxe3 Re8
20.Qd3 Re1+ 21.Rxe1 Qxe1+= 22.Kh2 Qe5+ 23.g3 Qc7 24.Kg2 c5
25.g4 g6 26.Qf3 Nd7 27.Qe3 Nf6 28.f3 Kg7 29.h4 Qd6 30.Qc3 Qd4
31.Qd3 b6 32.a3? loses pawn 32...Qb2+ 33.Bc2 Qxa3 34.Qc3 Qb4
Diagram



35.Qxb4? best to leave queens on board 35...cxb4 36.Kg3 h6 37.g5
hxg5 38.hxg5 Nd7 39.Kf4 f6 40.gxf6+ Kxf6 41.Ke3 g5 42.Kd4
Nc5? [42...Ke6 better] 43.Kd5 Nd7 44.Kc6? drops f pawn and should
lose game 44...Ne5+ 45.Kb7 Nxf3 46.Kxa7 g4 [46...Nd4 better
47.Bd1 Nxb3! creates two passed pawns 48.Bxb3 (48.Kxb6 doesn't
help 48...Na1 49.Be2 Nc2 50.c5 b3 51.Bd1 Nd4 52.Bxb3 Nxb3 53.c6
Ke6 54.c7 Kd7 55.Kb7 Na5+ 56.Kb8 Nc6+ 57.Kb7 Ne7 stops c
pawn) 48...g4 49.Bd1 g3 50.Bf3 b3 can't stop both passed pawns]
47.Bd1 Diagram



47...Ne5? gives up black's advantage [47...Kf5 proper move, protect knight and then advance pawn 48.Kxb6 (48.Be2 better but still losing 48...Kf4 49.Kxb6 g3 50.Bf1 Nd2 51.Bg2 (51.c5 drops bishop 51...Nxf1 52.c6 g2 53.c7 g1Q+ once again queens with check) 51...Nxc4+! 52.bxc4 b3) 48...Kf4 49.c5 g3 50.c6 g2 51.c7 g1Q+ queen promoting with check] **48.Bxg4!** should draw now **48...Nxg4 49.Kxb6 Ne3 50.c5 Ke6 51.Kb5 Nd5 52.Kc4 Ke5** Diagram



53.Kb5?? losing move [53.c6! draws 53...Kd6 54.c7! Nxc7 (54...Ne7 55.Kxb4=) 55.Kxb4=] **53...Kd4 54.c6 Kc3 55.Kc5 Ne7 56.c7 Kxb3 57.Kd6 Nc8+ 58.Kd7 Na7 0-1**

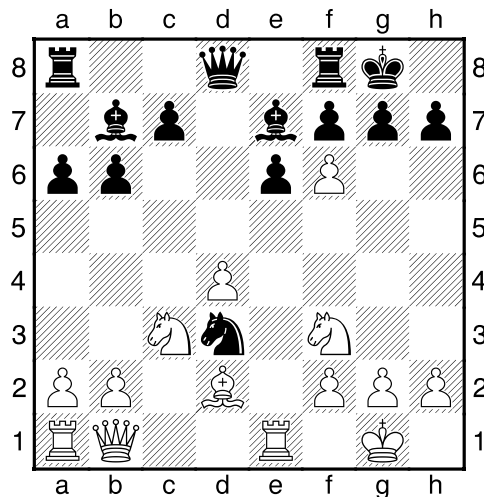
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(2) Nathan Cox (1068) – Ravindra Sheshappa (1295)

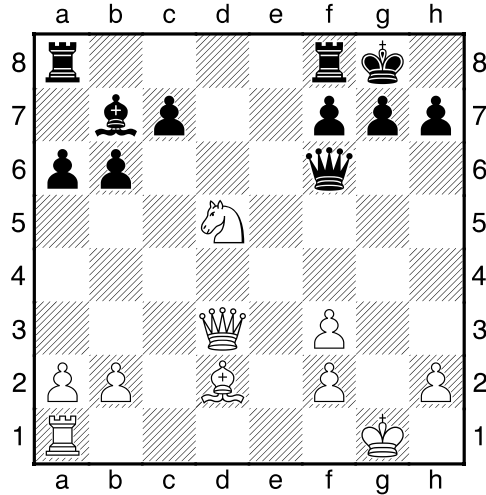
[D20]

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D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and 3 e4 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 e6 4.Bxc4 b6 5.Nf3 Bb7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.0-0 last book move 7...a6 8.Re1 Bb4 9.Bd2 Bd6 10.e4 Be7 11.Qc2 0-0 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.e5 Nb4 14.Qb1 Nxd3 15.exf6 Diagram



15...Nxe1= 16.fxe7? losing [16.Ng5! Nf3+ 17.gxf3 g6 18.fxe7 Qxe7=]
16...Nxf3+! inbetween check winning a piece 17.gxf3 Qxe7 18.Qd3
Qf6 19.d5? exd5 20.Nxd5? Diagram



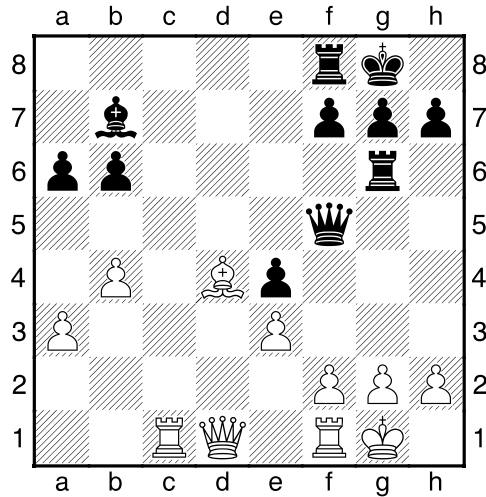
20...Bxd5! 21.Qxd5 Rad8 skewering queen and bishop. 22. Bg5 does not help as there follows 22.....Rxd5 23. Bxf6 gxf6 and black is a whole rook up **0-1**

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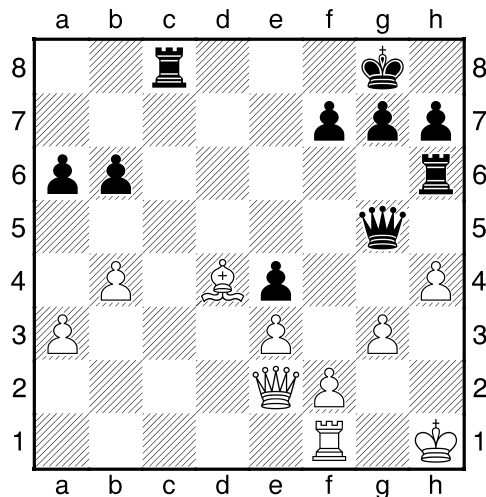
(3) Don Johnson (1367) – Shawn Treiber (1387) [E14]

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E14: Queen's Indian: Classical Variation (4 e3) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 b6 5.e3 Bb7 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0** last book move **7...c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 Rc8 11.Nb5 a6 12.Nbd4 0-0 13.b4 Bxd4 14.Nxd4 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Bb2 Ne5 17.Nf5 Qg5 18.Bxe5 Qxf5 19.Bd4 Rc6 20.Rc1 Rg6=** Diagram

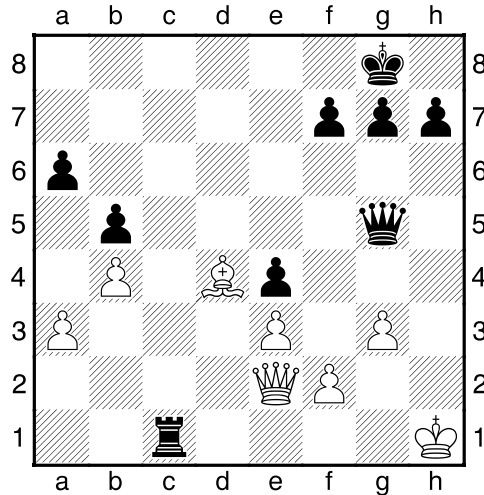


Fritz says equal but I would prefer black's position. White has to play very correctly **21.Kh1 Qg5 22.g3 Rh6 23.h4 Bc8 24.Rxc8?** [24.Rc6 nice trick. Black can't play 24....Rxc6 as he would lose his queen 24...Rxh4+ 25.gxh4 Qxh4+ 26.Kg1 Bg4 27.Bf6! these are moves picked by Fritz, which one would not necessarily expect in an Amateur section 27...gxf6 28.Qd6] **24...Rxc8 25.Qe2?** Diagram



[25.Bxb6 exposing a possible back row mate by white. Once again 25...Rxb6 not possible] **25...Rxh4+! 26.Kg2** [26.gxh4 Qxh4+ 27.Kg1 Rc6 28.f4 exf3 29.Rxf3 Rg6+ 30.Qg2 losing queen is only way to prevent mate 30...Rxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Qe4 preventing 32. Bxb6 as there

would follow 32...Qg6+ picking up the bishop on b6 -+ (-6.56)]
26...b5 27.Rh1? Rxh1 28.Kxh1 Rc1+ Diagram



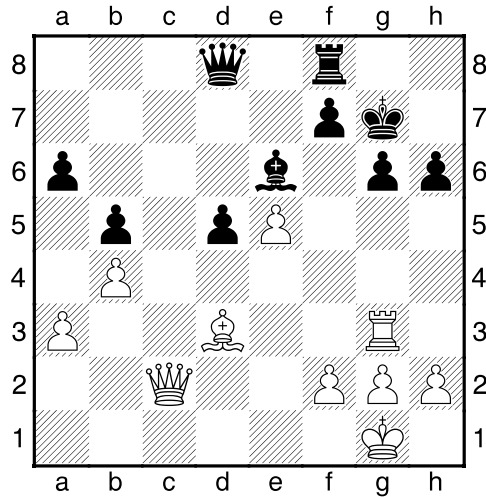
reason why 25. Qe2 was a mistake **29.Kg2 Qh6** only move to prevent possible mate is 30. Qf1 losing queen for a rook after 30...Rxf1 **0-1**

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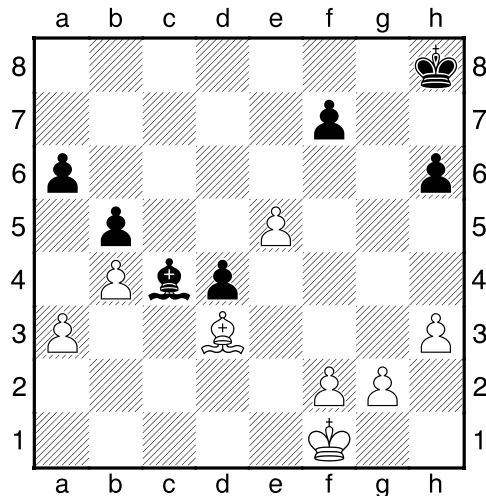
(4) Vinod Namboodiri – Leroy Asher (1070) [D15]

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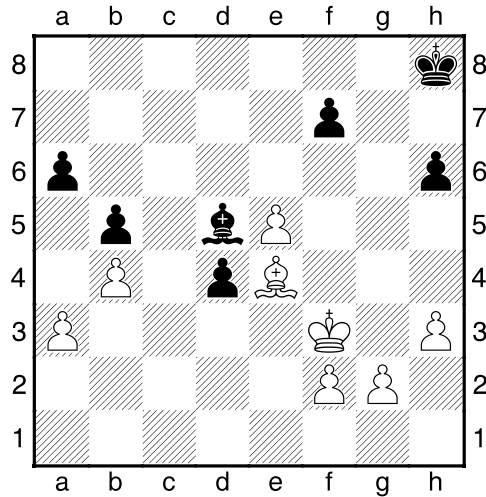
D15: Slav Defence: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7** last book move **5.Bf4 h6 6.e3 e6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.Qc2 a6 10.a3 b5 11.b4 Nb6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.e4 0-0 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Rfe1 Bd6 16.Re3 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Ng4 18.Rg3 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rc7 20.Qd2 Kh8 21.Qf4 Bc8 22.Rc1 Be6 23.exd5 Nxd5 24.Qe4 g6 25.Nxd5 cxd5 26.Qf4 Rxc1+ 27.Qxc1 Kg7 28.Qc2** Diagram



28...Qc8? may well be losing move [28...h5! 29.Bxg6 h4! difficult to see this sequence of moves 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7 31.Qg6+ Ke7 32.Qh7+ Ke8 33.Rg7 Bf7=] **29.Bxg6! Qxc2 30.Bxc2+ Kh8 31.Rc3 Rc8 32.Rxc8+ Bxc8 33.h3 d4** [33...Kg7 better, but still losing 34.f4] **34.Bd3 Be6 35.Kf1 Bc4?** Diagram



36.Ke2 [36.Bxc4! black's king is one square too far away from queening b pawn 36...bxc4 37.a4 c3 38.Ke2 Kg8 39.b5 c2 40.Kd2 axb5 41.axb5 Kf8 42.b6 Ke8 43.b7 Kd7 44.b8Q] **36...Bb3 37.Kf3 Bd5+ 38.Be4** Diagram



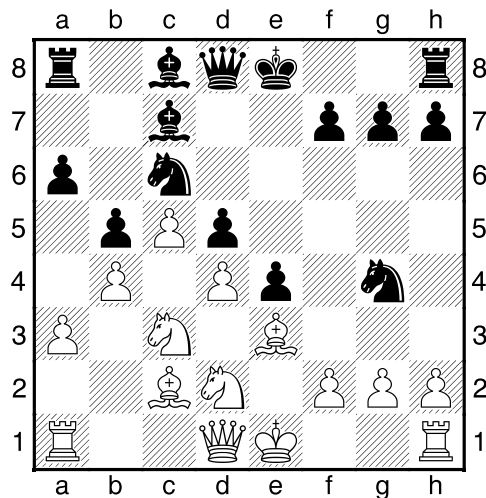
38...Bxe4+? [38...Bc4 better but still losing] **39.Kxe4 d3 40.Kxd3 h5 41.Ke4 Kg7 42.Kf5 Kh6 43.h4 Kg7 44.Kg5 1-0**

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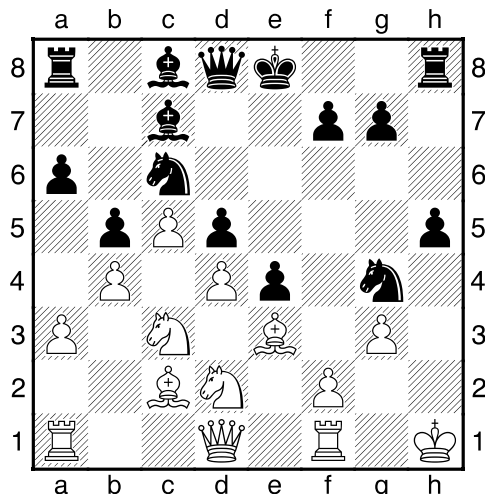
(5) Sam Walker (759) – Shirley Herman (989) [B14]

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B14: Caro–Kann: Panov–Botvinnik Attack with 5...e6 and 5...g6 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bd2 Nc6 last book move 8.a3 Ba5 9.b4 Bc7 10.c5 a6 11.Be3 b5 12.Bd3 e5 13.Bc2 e4 14.Nd2 Ng4** Diagram



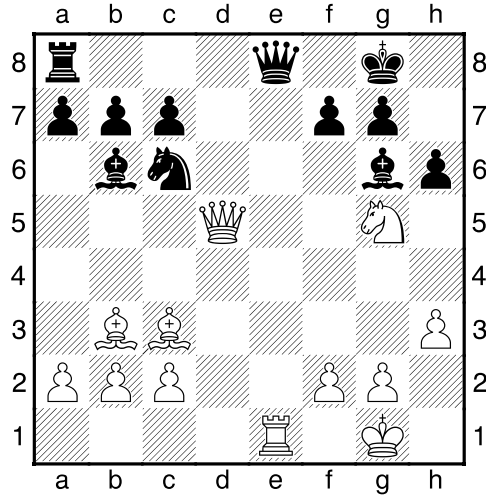
15.0-0? should lose [15.Nxd5! better 15...Qxd5 16.Bxe4 Qd7 17.d5 f5 18.Bf3 Nxe3 19.dxc6 Nxg2+ 20.Bxg2 Qe7+ 21.Qe2=] **15...Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bc7?** [16...Qh4! mate in 9] **17.g3 h5?** Diagram



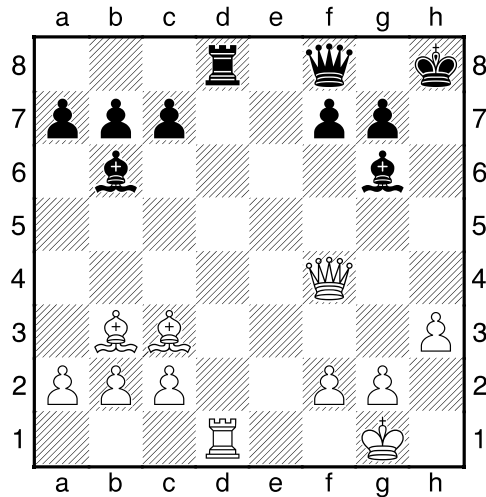
white resigns? It is very complicated but not completely lost yet. Black has to play correctly. In all the following variations black gets advantage, but it is the computer making moves, not someone rated about 1000[17...h5-+ 18.Nxd5 h4 (18...Qxd5 19.Bxe4 Qd7 20.Qf3 Bb7 21.d5 Nce5 22.c6 Bxc6 23.dxc6 Qd6 24.Qe2 h4 25.Kg1 hxg3 26.Rad1 Nxe3 27.Qxe3 gxf2+ 28.Qxf2 0-0-0 +(-3.13)) 19.Bxe4 hxg3+ 20.Kg2 Nxf2 21.Bxf2 (21.Rxf2 Rh2+ 22.Kf1 gxf2 23.Nxc7+ Qxc7 24.Bxf2 Bh3+ 25.Kg1 0-0-0 +(-3.65)) 21...Bh3+ 22.Kf3 gxf2 23.Kxf2 Qh4+ 24.Ke3 -+(-2.02); 17...Bxg3 actually better than 17...h5 18.fxg3 Nxe3 19.Qe2 Nxf1 20.Rxf1 0-0 21.Qe3 Re8 -+(-4.85)] **0-1**

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(6) Joey Shonkwiler (877) – Liam McKinney (1085) [C50]
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 C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.h3 0-0 7.d3 Be6 8.Bb3** last book move **8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Bxd5 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bd2 e4 13.dxe4 Bxe4 14.Ng5 Bg6 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Bc3 h6 17.Qd5 Bb6 18.Re1=** Diagram



18...Ne7? [18...Qd8=] **19.Qe5 Qf8 20.Qxe7 hxg5?** [20...Qxe7 21.Rxe7 hxg5 some advantage for white $\pm(1.35)$] **21.Qxg5 Kh8 22.Qh6+ Bh7 23.Qf4 Bg6 24.Rd1 Rd8??** Diagram



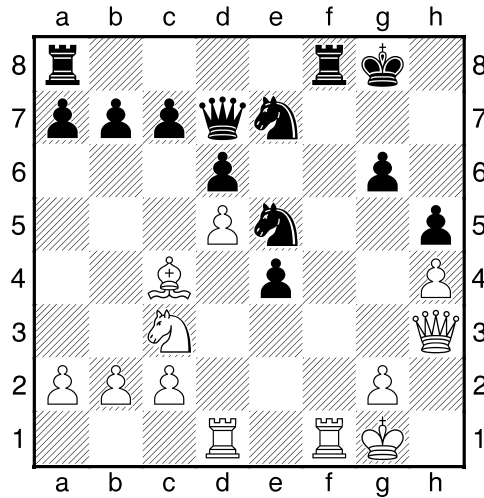
25.Rxd8! Black cannot play 25....Qxd8 as there follows 26. Qh6+ Kh8 and 27. Qxg7 mate. 25....Kh8 simply loses the queen to 25. Qe5 Kh7 and 26. Rxf8 **1-0**

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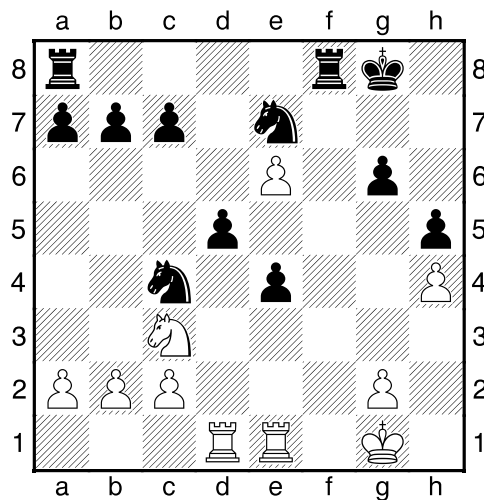
(7) Liam McKinney (1085) – Nicholas Walker (749) [B06]

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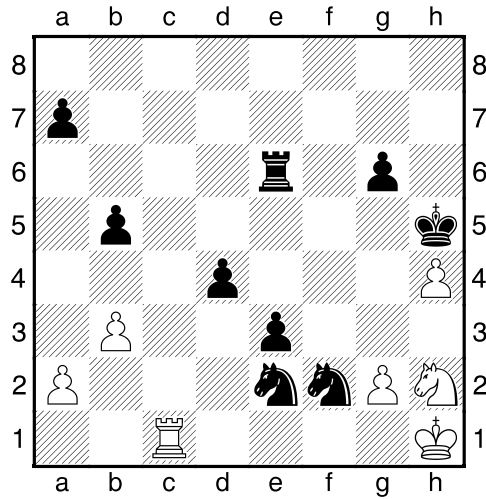
B06: Modern Defence 1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bc4 d6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d4
last book move 5...Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nf6 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rd1 e5
10.d5 Ne7 11.Bg5 Nd7 12.h4 f6 13.Bd2 f5 14.Bg5 Nf6 15.Qh3 h5
16.f4 Qd7 17.fxe5 Ng4 18.0-0 Bxe5 19.Bf4 fxe4 20.Bxe5 Nxe5
Diagram



21.Qe6+? losing move, drops piece [21.Qxd7 Nxd7=] 21...Qxe6
22.dxe6 Nxc4 23.Rfe1 d5 Diagram



24.Nb5? [24.Nxd5 better, though still losing 24...Nxd5 25.Rxd5 -+(-4.42)] 24...c6 25.Nc3 b6 26.b3 Nd6 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Nef5 29.Ne2 Kg7 30.Nf4 Ne3 31.Rf2 Ng4 32.Rf1 Nf5 33.Nxh5+ Kh6 34.Nf4 Ng3 35.Re1 Rf8 36.Nh3 e3 37.Ng5 Rf6 38.Nf3 [38.e7 doesn't help 38...e2 39.e8Q (39.Rxe2 Rf1#) 39...Rf1+ 40.Rxf1 exf1Q#] 38...Rxe6 39.Nh2 Kh5 40.Nf3 c5 41.c3 b5 42.Nh2 d4 43.cxd4 cxd4 44.Rc1 Ne2+ 45.Kh1 Nf2# Diagram



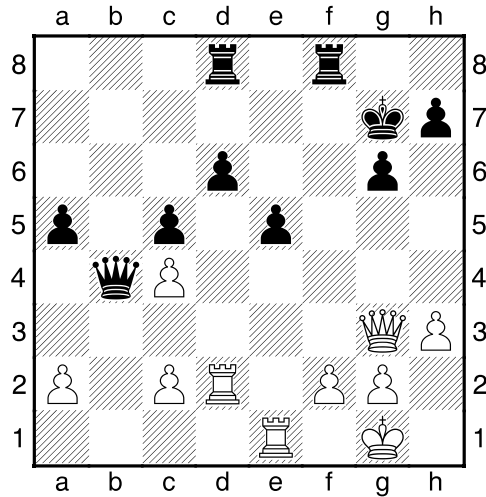
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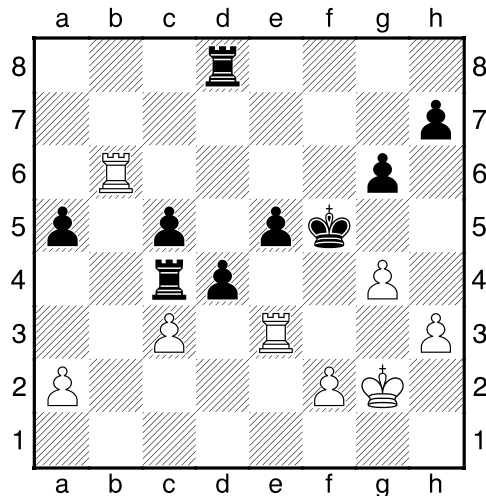
(8) Austin Tran (1249) – Nicholas Walker (749) [B08]

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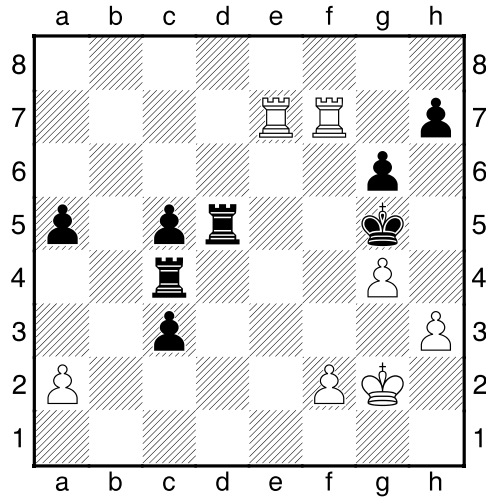
B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System 1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bd3 last book move 5...0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.Re1 Bb7 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 Re8 10.Bh6 Rc8 11.h3 e5 12.d5 a5 13.Bg5 c5 14.Bb5 Qc7 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.Qxg5 Kg7 18.Qg4 Nf6 19.Qf3 Rf8 20.Be2 Qd7 21.b3 Ng8 22.Rad1 f5 23.Qg3 Nf6 24.Bb5 Qf7 25.Rd2 Nxe4 26.Nxe4 fxe4 27.Bc4 Rcd8 28.Rxe4 b5 29.Bxb5 Bxd5 30.Bc4= Bxc4 31.bxc4 Qb7 32.Re1 Qb4 Diagram



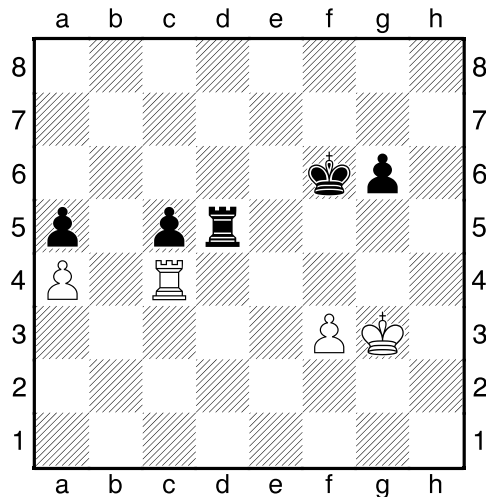
33.c3? drops a pawn, black with some advantage now [33.Red1 Rf6 34.Qh4=] **33...Qxc4 34.Kh2 Qf4 35.Qxf4 Rxf4 36.g3 Rc4 37.Re3** [37.Rxe5 another idea, though white still down a pawn 37...dxe5 38.Rxd8 Rxc3 $\mp(-0.75)$] **37...Kf6 38.Kg2 d5 39.Rb2 d4 40.Rb6+ Kf5 41.g4+** Diagram



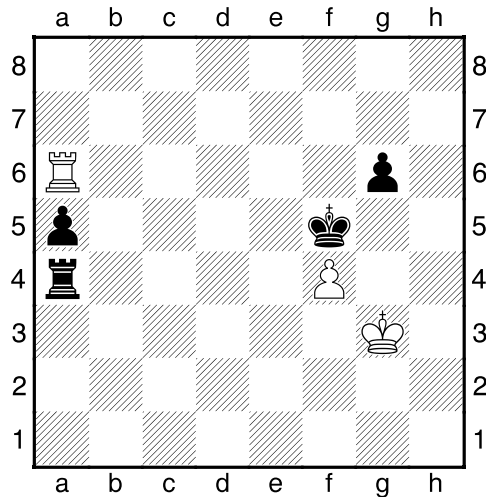
41...Kg5= giving away advantage [41...Kf4 42.cxd4 cxd4 43.Rf3+ Ke4 winning for black $\mp(-2.40)$] **42.Rxe5+ Kf4 43.Re7 dxc3? 44.Rf6+ Kg5 45.Rff7 Rd5** Diagram



46.h4+? white is now losing [46.Kg3 mate in 11] **46...Kxg4 47.f3+ Kxh4 48.Rxh7+ Kg5 49.Re1 Rd2+** (not on scoresheet, but it makes sense) **50.Kg3** there is a missing move on score sheet. I have to speculate that it is 49...Rd2+ as 50. Kg3 is played. Another rook move could have been made. With rook ending up on d5 on move 53 with Rd5, rook must have moved somewhere as it was originally on d5 on move 45 by black and had to have moved somewhere in order to end up back on d5 on move 53 by black **50...c2 51.Rhh1 c1Q?** throwing away almost all of advantage [51...Rcd4! 52.Rc1 Rd1 winning] **52.Rxc1 Rxc1 53.Rxc1 Rd5 54.a4 Kf6 55.Rc4** Diagram



55...Rd4? [55...Ke6 still with some advantage] **56.Rxc5 Rxa4**
57.Rc6+ Kg5 58.Ra6 Kf5 59.f4 Diagram



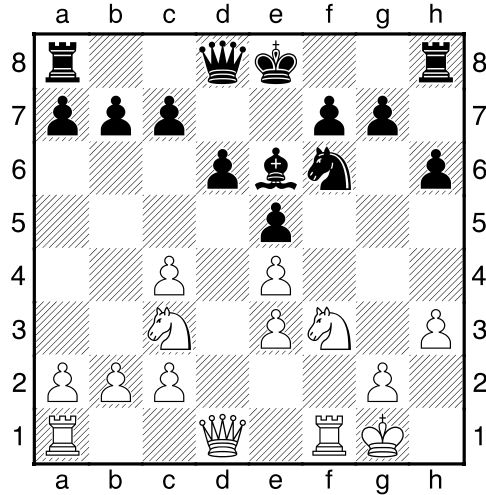
59...Rxf4?? loses the black rook and the game [59...Ra3+ advantage for black though rook and pawn endgames of often tricky to win. ; 59...Ra3+ still with some advantage] **60.Rxa5+ Ke4 61.Ra4+ 1-0**

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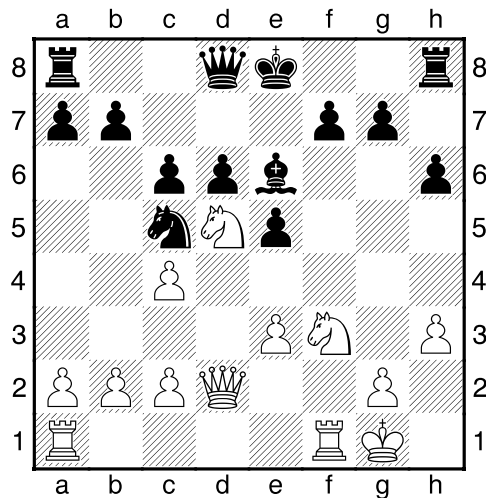
(9) Elliot Y Skyler II (752) – Nathan Cox (1068) [C50]

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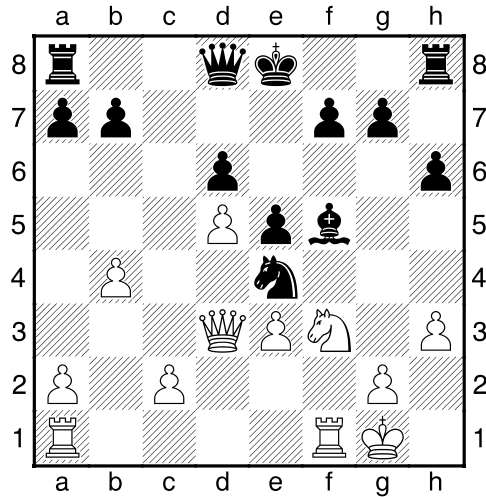
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6**
3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 Nf6 6.h3 h6 7.Be3 last book move
7...Bxe3 8.fxe3 Na5 9.0-0 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 Diagram



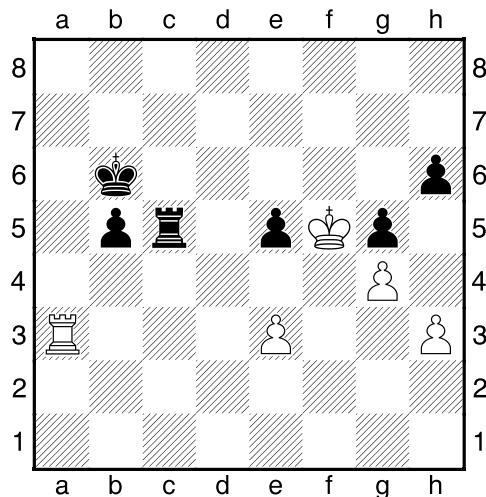
11.Nd5? simply drops a pawn **11...Nxe4 12.Qd3 Nc5 13.Qd2?** drops another pawn **13...c6** Diagram



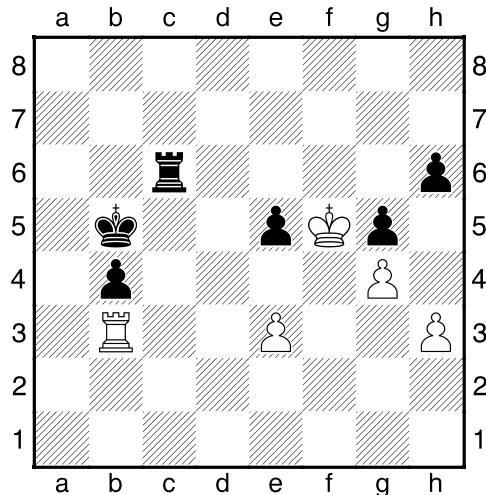
14.b4? drops another pawn [14.Nc3 what follows is a rather long sequence. It looks like white immediately loses pawn but with correct play he gets it back. 14...Bxc4 15.Rfd1 e4 16.Nd4 0-0 17.b3 Be6 18.b4 Na6 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Nxb4 22.Rb1 c5 23.a3 Nxc2 24.Rxb7 some advantage for black ♣ (-1.02)] **14...Ne4 15.Qd3 cxd5?** [15...Ng3 better then take knight] **16.cxd5 Bf5** Diagram



17.g4? [17.Nxe5! much better revealing discovered attack on bishop 17...Ng3 18.Qb5+ Bd7 (18...Kf8 better retaining advantage 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Rf3 Qc7 21.Rxg3 Rhf8 advantage for black -+(-3.19)) 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Qxd7+ Kxd7 21.Rxf7+= equal] **17...Bg6 18.Qb5+ Qd7 19.Qxd7+ Kxd7 20.Nh4 Ng3 21.Rf3 Ne2+ 22.Kf2 Nc3 23.Nxg6 fxg6 24.Rf7+ Kc8 25.Rxg7 Nxd5** [25...g5 better] **26.Rd1 Nxb4 27.Rxd6 g5 28.Rdg6?** [28.Rdd7 better with only slight advantage for black. Doubling up rooks on 7th rank is always a good idea $\mp(-1.07)$] **28...b5 29.c3 Nxa2 30.Kf3?** [30.Rc6+=] **30...Nxc3?** dropping a piece and most of advantage **31.Rc6+ Kd8 32.Rxc3 Rc8 33.Rxc8+ Kxc8 34.Rxa7= Rd8 35.Ra5 Rd5 36.Ke4** [36.Ra6=] **36...Rc5 37.Ra3 Kc7 38.Kf5 Kb6** Diagram



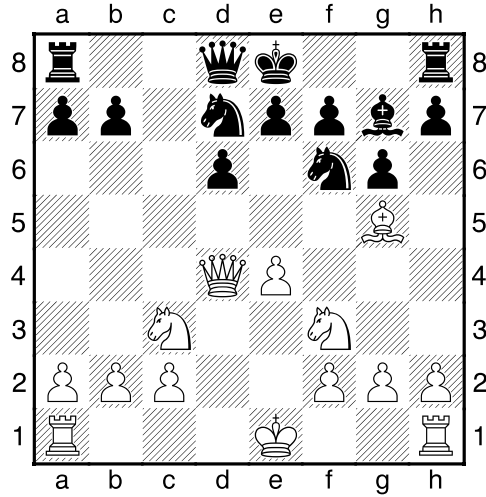
39.Kg6? white has no time to go towards kingside with black passed pawn [39.Rb3] **39...Rc6+ 40.Kf5 b4 41.Rb3 Kb5** Diagram



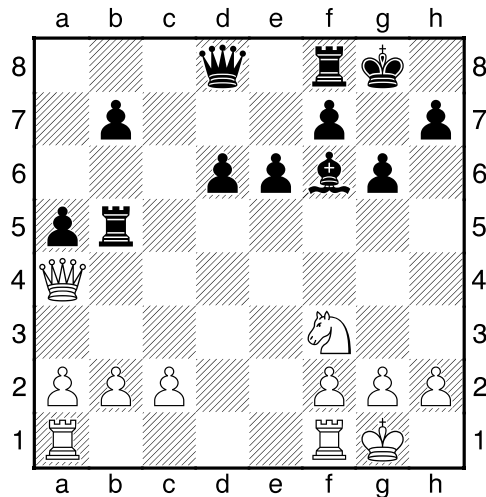
42.Kxe5? game is lost now **42...Rc3! 43.Rb2 Rxe3+ 44.Kd4 Rxh3 45.Rc2 Rg3 46.Rc5+ Ka4 47.Rc1 Rxc4+ 48.Kd3 b3 49.Ra1+ Kb4 50.Rh1 Rh4 51.Rf1 Rh2 52.Rf7 Rh3+ 53.Kd2 Kc4 54.Rc7+ Kd4 55.Rd7+ Ke4 56.Re7+ Kf4 57.Rf7+ Kg4 58.Re7 b2 59.Kc2 Rh2+ 60.Kb1 h5 61.Re4+ Kf3 62.Rb4 g4 63.Rb3+ Kf4 64.Rb4+ Kg3 65.Rb3+ Kh4 66.Rc3 g3 67.Rc4+ Kh3 68.Rc5 h4 69.Rc4 g2 70.Rc3+ Kg4 71.Rc4+ Kf3 72.Rc3+ Ke2 73.Rc2+ Kd1 74.Kxb2 g1Q 75.Rxh2 Qxh2+ 76.Ka3 Qb8 77.Ka4 Kc2 78.Ka5 Kb3 79.Ka6 Kc4 80.Ka5 Qb5# 0-1**

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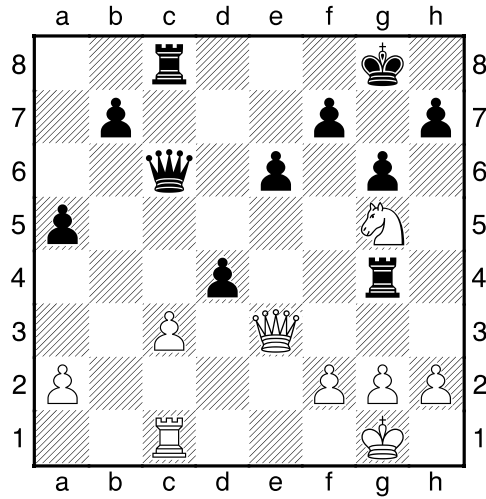
(10) Adelaide McDowell (669) – Austin Tran (1249) [B52]
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 B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.Bxd7+ Nbx7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Qxd4** last book move **7...g6 8.Bg5 Bg7** Diagram



9.Bxf6 never good idea to give up dark squared bishop against dragon formation **9...Bxf6 10.Qb4 0-0 11.0-0 a5 12.Qb3 Nc5 13.Qd5 e6 14.Qd2 Rc8 15.Nb5? Nxe4 16.Qf4 Rc5 17.Qxe4 Rxb5 18.Qa4?** Diagram



drops exchange [18.Rab1 better though losing a pawn] **18...Rb4! 19.Qa3 Bxb2 20.Qe3 Bxa1 21.Rxa1 Qb6 22.Qc1 Qc6 23.c3 Rg4 24.Qe3 Rc8 25.Rc1 d5 26.Ng5? d4!** Diagram



[26...d4+ threatens mate on g2 and queen 27.Qf3 only way to protect queen and prevent mate 27...Rxc6 wins knight 28.Qxc6 Rxc6 29.h3 dxc3] **0-1**

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