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 2020 Tournament of Senior State Ch. (4)

Kyle Camarda Game: This game was my best effort from the 2020 Tournament of Senior Champions, held online over two weekends in late July and early August. The online format certainly had challenges, especially for the seniors. Players were required to run two cameras, broadcasting via Zoom to tournament directors, and had to operate the chess.com interface. One international master had shaky hands and didn't manage his mouse very well, and failed to castle in two games, with the move registering each time as Kf8. There was also a full server crash during round 6. I had significant problems with internet connectivity, and shifted to playing from a room at the University of Kansas for rounds 4-6. This served me well in round 4, when I played the following game.

King's Indian Defense (by transposition)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.e4 e5

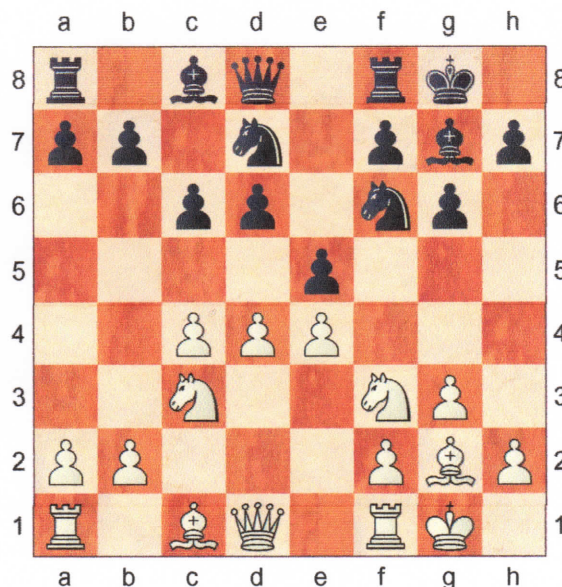
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This position is a standard King's Indian Fianchetto Variation. White has a very slight edge, but Black doesn't have any significant weaknesses.

9.dxe5 9. h3 is the main line here, to limit the scope of Black's light-squared bishop. Now Black is equal.

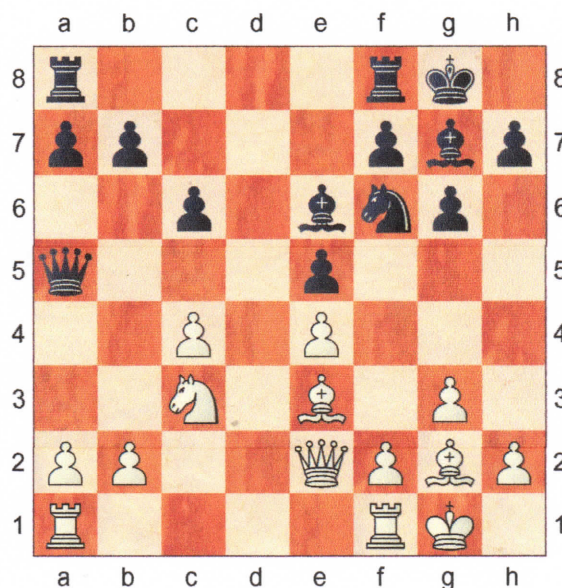
9...Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Be3

11. b3 was perhaps stronger here, since



c4 is undefended.

11...Be6 12.Qe2 Qa5



13.h3?! Now h3 is a mistake, since the c4 pawn falls. White spent 10 minutes on this move, making an interesting plan.

[13.Rfd1 (Laurence -was necessary)]

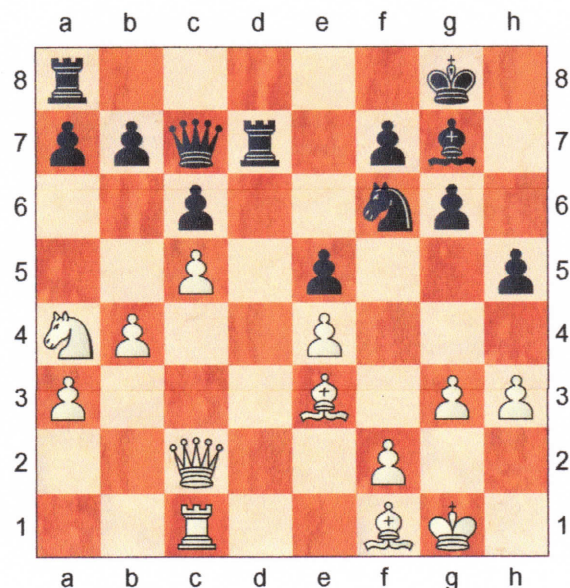
13...Qb4 (Laurence-should win pawn at least) **14.c5** And here's the idea: an exchange sacrifice. White is counting on the limited options for the Black queen,

and on the securing of an outpost on d6, to provide compensation for the exchange.

14...Bc4 15.Qc2 Bxf1 16.Bxf1 Rfd8 17.a3 Qa5 18.b4 Qc7 Black's plan is simple: trade pieces, especially the dark-squared bishops, and then pick off White's queenside pawns.

19.Rc1? This passive move doesn't help White achieve the goals of the original sacrifice.

19...Rd7 20.Na4 h5



Black wishes to place his bishop on h6, trading it off. His king will be safe on h6.

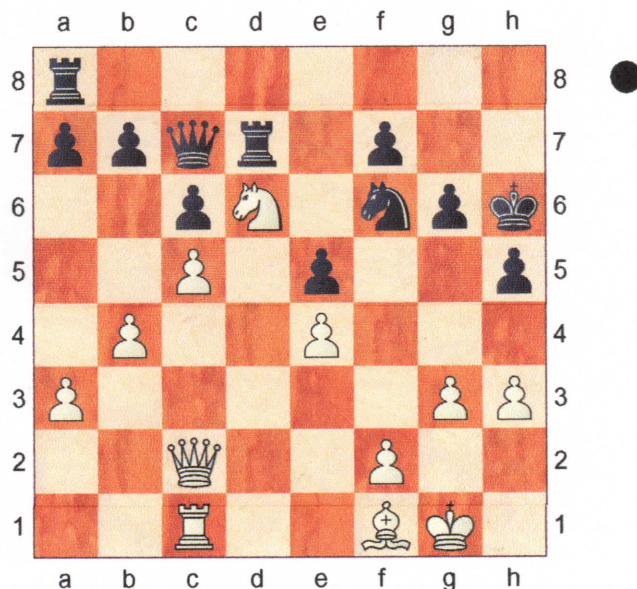
21.Nb2 Heading for d6.

21...Kh7 22.Nc4 Bh6 23.Bxh6 Kxh6 24.Nd6

(Diagram)

Ne8 25.Nc4 If this is necessary, then the entire plan of occupying d6 is flawed. The problem is that **25. Qe2+ Kh7 26. Re1 Rad8** just wins the c-pawn and takes over the d-file.

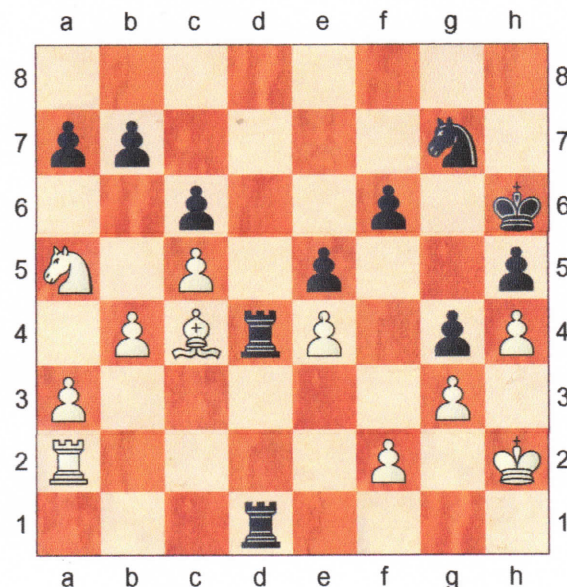
25...Rad8 26.Re1 Rd4 27.Bg2 Qe7



28.Re3 Qe6 29.Rc3 White is limited to passive defense now

29...f6 30.h4 Qg4 31.Kh2 Qd1 32.Na5 Qxc2 33.Rxc2 R8d7 34.Re2 g5 35.Bh3 White doesn't really have any targets, and so he just shuffles his pieces around.

35...g4 36.Bf1 Rd1 37.Bg2 R1d3 38.Ra2 Ng7 39.Bf1 Rd1 40.Bc4 R7d4



41.Kg2? Now Black wins more material.

**41...b6 42.Bb3 bxa5 43.Bxd1 Rxd1
44.bxa5 Rc1 45.Rd2 Rxc5 46.Rd6
Kg6 47.f4 gxf3+ 48.Kxf3 Rxa5
49.Rxc6 Rxa3+ 50.Kg2 a5**

The a-pawn can run unhindered down
the board.

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