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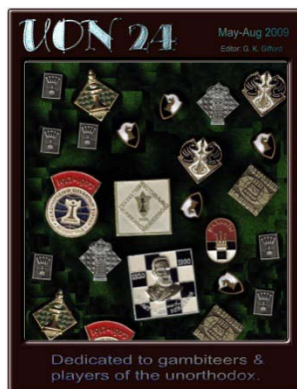
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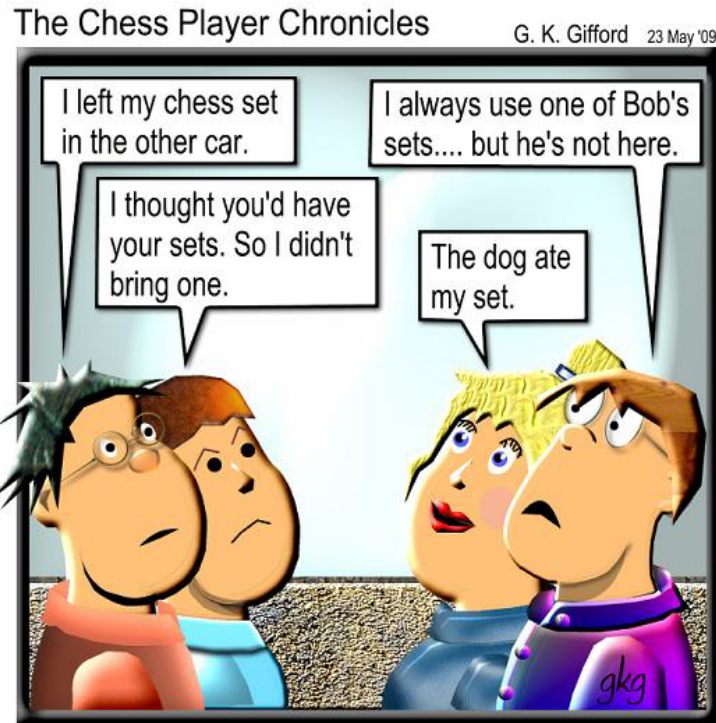


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### Disaster at the Chess Club

I hope everyone is having a good summer and perhaps getting a lot of chess in. I have been playing a good bit on-line, at local chess clubs, in a few coffee shops, and on the porch with a gentleman who is getting coached by the state champ.

Getting back to UON, this was to be a *Zilbermints Gambit* issue... but that issue is not ready yet. It will be presented in two parts, in two separate UONs. Part one requires an updated cover and a little more editing. I now expect it to be posted in August.

Tomorrow Martin Frere Hillyer (author of *Thomas Frere and the Brotherhood of Chess*) and I will conduct a dual-chess-simultaneous exhibition by the county courthouse. Marty will make all White moves, then as I approach each opponent, he or she will move as Black, and I will make a move for each. Then Marty will come by for move 3, me for move 4, etc. And we cannot talk to each other during the 4 hour event. Hopefully it will go well. On a mini practice run we went 4-0. At another attempt we won 7, drew 1, and lost 2.... I suspect that the 2 losses might have been wins had not players demanded that Marty take a pawn he touched (that cost us a Queen and thus the game in that position)... being upset he moved our King to the wrong square in another game. That move made the difference between the win and the loss. Tomorrow we are to have 15 opponents.

Well, best regards and best chess to all,

Sincerely,

*Gary K. Gifford*

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# Sometimes even strong players play 1.a4

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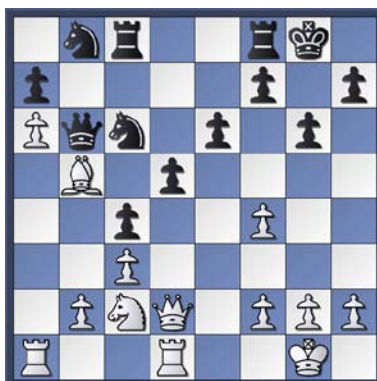
**Rogers,Jo (2340) – Ward,C (2467) [A00]**

4NCL 2005-06 Birmingham ENG (10), 30.04.2006

1.a4?! or perhaps !? ☺ 1..d5 2.♘f3 ♘g4 3.d4 [3.♘e5] 3...♙xf3 4.exf3 e6 5.c3 ♘d7 6.a5 c6 7.a6 Diagram



7...b6 8.♙d3 g6 9.♙f4 ♙g7 10.0-0 ♘e7 11.♖d2 0-0 12.♙h6 ♙xh6 13.♗xh6 c5 14.♙d1 ♘c6 15.♙b5 ♖c8 16.♘a3 ♘db8 17.♘c2 ♗f6 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.♘e3 ♗g7 20.♗f4 c4 21.♘c2 ♗e5 22.♖d2 ♗c7 23.f4!? ♖fd8 [23...♗b6!? See Diagram



24.♙xc6 (24.♙a4? ♘xa6) 24...♘xc6] 24.♗e3 ♘e7 25.♘d4 ♗b6 26.f5 gxf5 27.♗g5+ ♘f8 [27...♘g6 28.h4 ♗c7 29.h5 ♗f4=] 28.♗h6+ ♘g8 29.♖e1 ♘g6 30.♖e3 ♘d7 31.♙xd7 ♖xd7 32.♖ae1 e5 33.♘xf5 f6 34.♖g3 [34.h4!? ♗e6 (34...♗xb2??? 35.h5+-) 35.♖f3] 34...♗e6 35.♘h4 ♖g7 36.♘xg6 hxg6 37.♖xg6 ♖xg6 38.♗xg6+ ♘f8 39.h4 ♘e7 40.♗h7+ ♗f7 41.♗c2 ♗h5 42.g3 ♘e6 43.♗a4 ♗e8 44.♗a5 ♖d8 45.♗a4 ♗e8 46.♖d1 ♗g6 47.b3 cxb3 48.♗xb3 ♗d3 49.♖d1 ♗f3 50.♖c1 ♖g8 51.♗c2 f5 52.♖e1 f4 53.♗h7 ♖xg3+= [53...♗g4 54.♗c7 e4 (54...♗g7 55.♗c6+-) 55.♗c6+ ♘e5 56.c4! e3 (56...♗e6 57.♗c7+ ♘f6 (57...♗d6 58.♗f7+-) 58.♗xf4+) 57.♗xd5+-] 54.fxg3 [54.♘f1?? ♗g2+ 55.♘e2 ♖e3+ 56.♘d1 ♗f3+-] 54...♗xg3+ 55.♘f1 ♗f3+ 56.♘g1 ♗g3+ 57.♘f1 ♗f3+ 1/2-1/2

# The White Hippo

By Ben Spink

## (1) Castro, Oscar H (2410) – Gipslis, Aivars (2535) [A01]

Budapest Tungsram Budapest HUN, 1977

[Ben Spink]

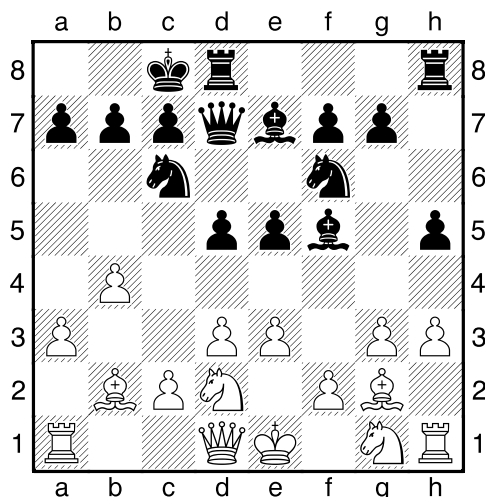
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.e3 Bg4 7.Qc1 There is nothing wrong with 7.Ne2 and if 7..Qd7 8.h3 7...0-0 8.a3 a5 9.h3 Be6 10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ne2 Bb6 12.0-0 Qc8 13.d4 This seems poor – White ends up with an exchange French structure! 13.Kh2 is much more sensible defending the h3 pawn and thinking in terms of a later c4 thrust. 13...exd4 14.exd4 Nf6 15.Kh2 Rd8 16.Nf3 a4 17.b4 Ne7 18.Ne5 c6 19.Re1 Nf5 20.g4?! This is too loosening but Whites position is worse 20...Nh4 21.Bh1 Ne4 22.Qe3 Re8 23.f3 Nd6 24.Qf2 Ng6 25.Nd3 Qc7 26.Ng3 f5 27.Bc1 Just look at White's poor unhappy Bishops here... 27...Bd7 28.Bf4 Nxf4 29.Nxf4 Nb5 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Nfe2 Qd6 32.g5 f4 33.Nh5 Qg6 34.Nexf4 Bc7 35.Qg3 Qxc2+ 36.Bg2 Nxd4 37.Kh1 Ne2 38.Qh4 Nxf4 39.Nxf4 Qc4 Good play by Black and a good example of how not to play the Hippo 0-1

## (2) Gonzalez, Juan Carlos (2485) – Mellado Trivino, Juan (2465) [A01]

Manresa Open Manresa, 1998

[Ben Spink]

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d5 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 h5 6.h3 The standard defensive retort 6...Bf5 7.d3 Qd7 8.Nd2 0-0-0 9.a3 Be7 10.b4



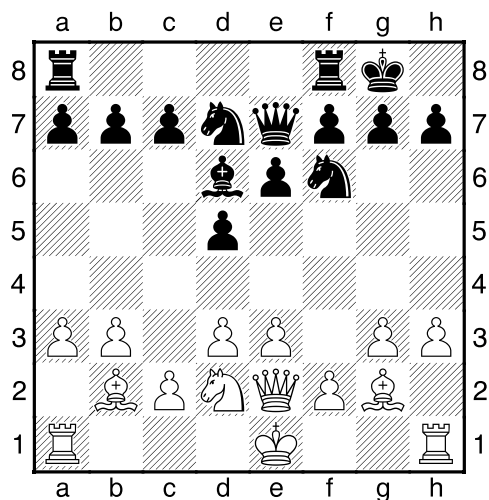
White expands on the queenside which seems reasonable as there is a knight on c6 and well as the Black Kings position to aim at. 10...a6 11.Ne2 Nh7 12.Nc3 Nf6 13.b5 Nb8 14.bxa6 Nxa6 15.Nf3 Bd6 16.d4 e4 17.Nd2 c6 18.Ne2 Qe6 19.c4 dxc4 20.Qa4 Nd5 21.Nxc4 g5 22.Rb1 Nac7 23.Na5 Nb5 24.Qb3 Bc7 25.Nc4 Nd6 26.Nxd6+ Rxd6 27.Bc3 Nxc3 28.Qxb7+ Kd7 29.Nxc3 Rb8 30.Qa6 Rxb1+ 31.Nxb1 Qb3 32.0-0 c5 33.Nd2 Rxa6 34.Nxb3 Bd6 35.dxc5 Be5 36.Rd1+ Kc6 37.Nd4+ Bxd4 38.Rxd4 Kxc5 39.Bxe4 Be6 40.a4 Bb3 41.Bf3 Bxa4 42.Rd5+ 1-0

**(3) Hickl,Joerg (2582) – Lukacs,Peter (2459) [A01]**

Tch-AUT 2000-01 Fuerstenfeld AUT (9), 16.03.2001

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Ne2 e6 5.h3 Bh5 6.d3 Bd6 7.Nd2 Bxe2 Black gets worried about the Bh5 being pushed back by a pawn wave on the kingside. 8.Qxe2 Qe7 9.a3 0-0 10.g3 Nbd7 11.Bg2



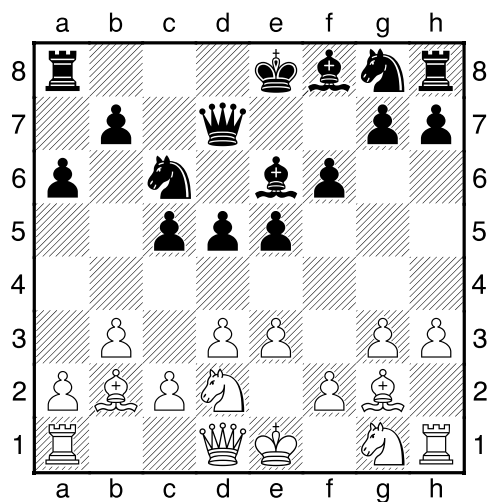
White has a pleasant position which is easier to play than normal thanks to the freeing exchange on e2. 11...c6 12.0-0 e5 13.e4 dxe4 14.dxe4 b5 15.a4 a6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Nf3 Ne8 18.h4 Nef6 19.Ne1 h5 20.Bf3 g6 21.Qe3 Nc5 22.Rxd6! A nice tactic. 22...Qxd6 23.Ba3 Qd4 24.Qxd4 exd4 25.Bxc5 Re8 26.axb5 1-0

**(4) Blatny,Pavel (2475) – Bonin,Jay R (2370) [A01]**

New York Masters 60th New York (3), 03.06.2003

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 c5 3.e3 a6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e5 6.d3 Be6 7.Nd2 Qd7 8.h3 f6



Black has a samisch setup verses whites hippo...9.Ne2 Nh6 10.e4 d4 11.Nc4 Bxc4!? A surprising move, giving up the better Bishop but Black intends the 12..b5 thrust as a follow up.. 12.bxc4 b5 13.cxb5 axb5 14.h4 c4 15.Bh3 Qd6 16.0-0 g5 17.hxg5 fxg5 18.Bc1 Qg6 19.c3 Qh5 20.Be6 Nd8 21.Bf5 Nxf5 22.exf5 Ra6 23.Nxd4 Qxd1 24.Rxd1 exd4 25.dxc4 dxc3 26.cxb5 Rd6 27.Bxg5 Nb7 28.Re1+ Kf7 29.Rac1 Rd3 30.Re6 Nd6 31.b6 Rg8 32.Bh4 Rg4 33.Kg2 Rb4 34.Bf6 Nxf5 35.Rc6 Bc5 36.Bxc3 Rc4 37.b7 1-0

### (5) Blatny,Pavel (2451) – Steigman,AJ (2242) [A01]

National op Las Vegas (6), 18.06.2004

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 c5 2.Bb2 d5 3.e3 e6 4.Ne2 White is in a real Hippo mood with this move. 4.f4 or 4.Bb5+ would have been very tempting for some... 4...Nc6 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nd2 Be7 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 b6 9.h3 Bb7 10.g4 b5 11.a4 a6 12.g5 Nd7 13.h4 Rc8 14.axb5 axb5 15.Nf4 Nce5 16.Nh5 c4 17.dxc4 bxc4 18.Nxc4 Nxc4 19.bxc4 g6 20.Nf4 Qb6 21.Bd4 Qb4+ 22.c3 Qxc4 23.Ra7 Rb8 24.h5 e5 25.Rxb7 Rxb7 26.Bxd5 Qa6 27.hxg6 hxg6 28.Rh6 Kg7 29.Nh5+ Kg8 30.Nf6+ Nxf6 31.Rxg6+ Kh7 32.Rh6+ Kg7 33.Bxe5 Rb2 34.gxf6+ Bxf6 35.Rxf6 Qxf6 36.Qg4+ Kh6 37.Bxf6 Rb1+ 38.Ke2 Rb2+ 39.Kf3 1-0

### (6) Blatny,Pavel (2451) – Karklins,Andrew (2300) [A01]

Chicago open (3), 2004

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.e3 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.Nd2 0-0 6.g3 Re8 7.Bg2 Bf8 8.Ne2 Nbd7 9.h3 Nc5 10.g4 Black has played a very slow setup and so this thrust seems less risky than it might otherwise 10...a5 11.Ng3 Be6 12.g5 Nd5 13.h4 a4 14.Nde4 c6 15.Nxc5 Qa5+ 16.Qd2 Qxc5 17.Ne4 Qb6 18.h5 a3 19.Bc1 Qd8 20.h6 Nc7 21.hxg7 Bxg7 22.Qb4 d5 23.Nf6+ Bxf6 24.gxf6 Qxf6 25.Bxa3 e4 26.d4 Bf5 27.Qd6 Re6 28.Qxc7 Rxa3 29.Qxb7 Qd8 30.Qb4 Qa8 31.Bh3 Bxh3 32.Rxh3 Rg6 33.Kd2 Rxa2 34.Rxa2 Qxa2 35.Qb8+ Kg7 36.Rh5 Qa5+ 37.b4 Qa6 38.Rf5 Qc4 39.Rh5 h6 40.Rf5 Qa6 41.Qc7 Rf6 42.Qe5 c5 43.dxc5 Qe6 44.Qxf6+ Qxf6 45.Rxf6 Kxf6 46.b5 Ke6 47.c3 1-0

### (7) Granados Gomez,Manuel (2428) – Lacasa Diaz,Jose Antonio (2321) [A01]

ESP Ch op–A Cala Mendia (3), 19.11.2001

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nd2 Bd6 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 Re8 8.Ne2 a5 9.a3 Bf8 10.h3 h6 11.0-0 g6 12.Kh2 Bg7 13.e4 Be6 14.Rb1 Qd7 15.f4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Qxd7 Rxd7 19.f5 gxf5 20.exf5 Bd5 21.Rfd1 Red8 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.Rxd5 Rxd5 24.Bc3 e4 25.f6 Bxf6? This doesn't work 26.Bxf6 Rf5 27.Bd4 e3 28.Re1 1-0

### (8) Blatny,Pavel (2458) – Firman,Nazar (2505) [A01]

Philadelphia World open (3), 2003

*[Ben Spink]*

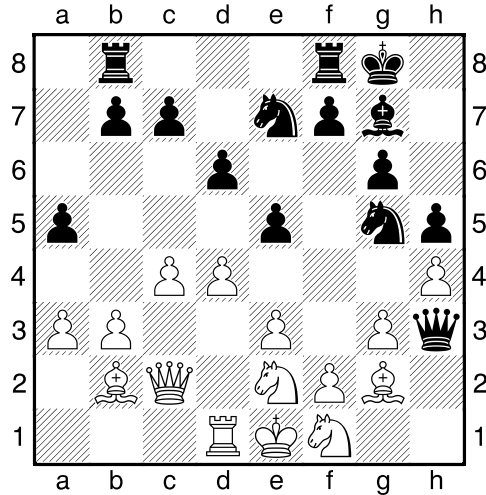
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Be6 6.d3 Qd7 7.h3 g6 8.Ne2 Bg7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.a3 a5 11.Nf3 h6 12.e4 Rad8 13.c4 So White now has a Botvinnik English setup with 3 minor peices on the wrong squares and a couple of lost tempi as well 13...Nh7 14.d4?! This must be wrong, opening up the centre for Blacks better development 14...exd4 15.Nexd4 a4 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bxg7 Qxg7 18.b4 Ne5 19.0-0 Nxc4 20.Nd4 Qf7 21.Rc1 e5 22.Qd3 Nb6 23.Nb5 c6 24.Nc3 Kg7 25.Qd1 Qb3 26.Qxb3 axb3 27.Rb1 Nc4 28.Rfd1 Ng5 29.Rd3 Ne6 30.Rxb3 Nd4 31.Rxd4 exd4 32.Ne2 c5 33.Nf4 Rfe8 34.bxc5 dxc5 35.Rxb7+ Kf6 36.Nd3 Nd6 37.Rb6 c4 38.Nb4 d3 39.Nd5+ Ke5 40.Ne3 c3 41.Rc6 Rc8 0-1

**(9) Blatny,Pavel (2503) – Haub,Thorsten-Michael (2397) [A01]**

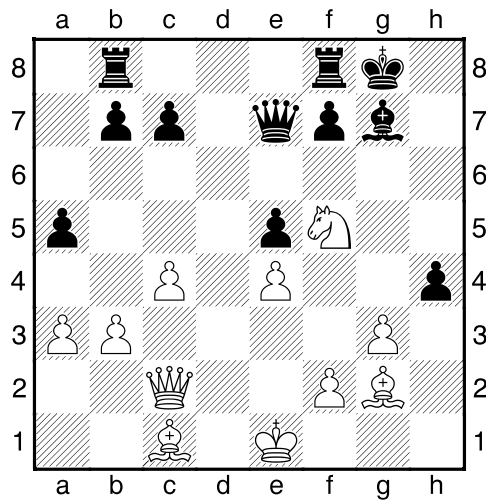
Pardubice open (9), 2003

[Ben Spink]

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e3 Nf6 6.d3 0-0 7.Nd2 Nc6 8.Ne2 Be6 9.a3 Qd7 10.h3 a5 11.c4 h5 12.Qc2 Rab8 13.Rd1 Nh7 14.Nf1 Ne7 15.d4 Ng5 16.h4 Bh3 17.Rxh3 Qxh3!



The Queen is immune due to the smothered Knight mate on f3. 18.Nf4 Qf5 19.e4 Qc8 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Nxh5 gxh5 22.hxg5 Qg4 23.Ne3 Qxg5 24.Rd7 h4 25.Bc1 Qf6 26.Rxe7 Qxe7 27.Nf5 Diagram



White has made a double exchange sacrifice and as the Rooks lack scope the minor pieces are going to be a good match for them. 27...Qf6 28.gxh4 Rfe8 29.Qe2 Rbd8 30.Bg5 Qg6 31.Bxd8 Qxg2 32.Bxc7 a4 33.b4 Re6 34.Qd3 Kh7 35.c5 Bh6 36.Ke2 Qg4+ 37.Kf1 Qf4 38.h5 Qc1+ 39.Kg2 Qg5+ 40.Ng3 Qc1 41.Qd7 Qf4 42.Bd8 Kg8 43.Qxb7 Qc1 44.Qc8 Bf8 45.Qa8 Qxa3 46.c6 Rxc6 47.Qxc6 Qxb4 48.Bf6 a3 49.Bxe5 Be7 50.Qc8+ 1-0

**(10) Fries Nielsen, Jens Ove (2385) – Hansen, Mads Smith (2245)**

Esbjerg–B Esbjerg (11), 07.1988

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.e3 c5 6.d3 Be7 7.Ne2 Nc6 8.Nd2 e5 9.h3 0-0 10.0-0 d4 11.e4 Bd7 12.f4 Ne8 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Nf4 Nd6 15.Qh5 f6 16.a4 b6 17.Nc4 Ndf7 18.Qe2 a6 19.Nd5 Rb8 20.a5 Nxc4 21.bxc4 bxa5 22.c3 Bd6 23.cxd4 Bxg3 24.dxc5 Rc8? Black misses the tactic on f6. 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Nxf6+ 1-0

**(11) Fries Nielsen, Jens Ove (2385) – Hickl, Joerg (2500) [A01]**

Bundesliga 8889 Germany, 10.1988

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 d6 2.Bb2 e5 3.e3 Nd7 4.g3 Ngf6 5.Bg2 d5 6.Ne2 Bd6 7.d3 c6 8.Nd2 0-0 9.0-0 a5 10.a3 Re8 11.h3 Qe7 12.Kh2?! The h pawn does need to be defended so the immediate 12.Nc3 could be better. 12...Bc7 13.Nc3 Nf8 14.e4 dxe4 15.Ndxe4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bf5 17.Re1 Ne6 18.Nd2 f6 19.Nf3 Bb6 20.Nh4 Bg6 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.Qd2 Bd4 23.c3 Bb6 24.d4 exd4 25.cxd4 Qd6 26.Qd3 Nxd4 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Rd1 Rd8 29.Qxg6 Qe7 30.Be4 Qf7 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 Qg8 34.Qh5 Ne6 35.b5 Rxd1 36.Qxd1 Ke7 37.bxc6 bxc6 38.Bxc6 Qc8 39.Ba3+ Bc5 40.Bxc5+ Nxc5 41.Qd5 Ne6 42.Ba4 Ng5 43.h4 Nf7 44.Qe4+ Kd6 45.Qb4+ Qc5 46.Qb8+ Qc7 47.Qf8+ Ke5 48.Qxg7 Qb6 49.f4+ Ke6 50.Qg4+ Ke7 51.Qe2+ Kf8 52.Bd7 Qd4 53.Bh3 Nd6 54.Bg2 Kf7 55.Qa2+ Kg7 56.Qe6 Nc4 57.Qe7+ Kh6 58.Qf8+ Kg6 59.h5+ Kxh5 60.Qg7 Qd3 61.Bf3+ 1-0

**(12) Blatny, Pavel (2452) – Lau, Ralf (2497) [A01]**

AUT–chT20 0304 Austria (7), 10.2003

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.e3 Nc6 3.Bb2 d6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d3 Nge7 7.Nd2 Be6 8.Ne2 Qd7 9.Nf4!? A surprising freeing move! 9...0-0 10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.a3 a5 12.Qe2 f5 13.h4 h6 14.Kf1 Rae8 15.Kg1 Qf7 16.Bh3 d5 17.Rh2 Bf6 18.Kh1 Kg7 19.Rg1 g5 20.f3 Rh8 21.e4 gxh4 22.gxh4+ Kh7 23.f4 Reg8 24.Rxg8 Rxg8 25.Nf3 fxe4 26.Nxe5 Nxe5 27.fxe5 Bxh4 This may well be a win on time as white is only a bit better after 28.dxe4 1-0

**(13) Blatny, Pavel (2437) – Kahn, Aaron E (2201) [A01]**

Foxwoods op 09th Connecticut (1), 04.04.2007

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Ne2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 c6 7.d3 Be6 8.Nd2 0-0 9.h3 a5 10.a3 Na6 11.g4 Bd5 12.e4 Be6 13.Nf1 a4 14.b4 Qb6 This intends 15..c5 attacking the b pawn. 15.c4 White is alert to the 15..c5 move and renders it a bad idea on account of 15.c4 c5 16.b5. 15...d5 16.Qc2 Rfd8 17.exd5 cxd5 18.c5 Qc7 19.d4 Nd7 20.Ne3 Qc6 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.f4 Nd3+ 23.Qxd3 Bxb2 24.Rb1 Bg7 25.f5 Bc8 26.Nxd5 Kh8 27.0-0 Rf8 28.fxg6 Be6 29.Nd4 Qd7 30.Nxe6 fxe6 31.Nf4 1-0

**(14) Blatny, Pavel (2447) – Dvoirys, Semen I (2557) [A01]**

Pardubice Synthesia op rapid Pardubice (4), 18.07.2007

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 a6 4.g3 d5 5.d3 Bb4+ This check doesn't really do much for either side 6.Nd2 Be6 7.Bg2 Qd7 8.h3 f6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ne2 Nh6 11.d4 Here 11.b4 looks reasonable. 11...Nf5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nf3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bf7 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Qf5 17.Qd1 Rd8 18.Bg4 Qe4 19.Bf3 Qe6 20.Kf1 Bg6 21.Kg2 0-0 22.Qe2 Be4 23.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 24.f3 Qe6 25.Qd3 c5 26.a4 Rfe8 27.Rhe1 c4 28.Qd2 Bc5 29.Bd4 Qc6 30.b4 Bxd4 31.Qxd4 The weak pawns on e3 and d5 balance out the position and prospects remain even. 31...Re5 32.c3 Rde8 33.a5 Qe6 34.Rad1 g5 35.g4 Kg7 36.Kf2 Qf7 37.f4 gxf4 38.exf4 Rxe1 39.Rxe1 Rxe1 40.Kxe1 h5 41.Kf2 hxg4 42.hxg4 Kg8 43.Kf3 Qe6 44.Qe3 Qd6 45.Qb6 Qe7 46.Qe3 Qd6 47.Qa7 Qe7 48.Qd4 Qe6 49.Qe3 Qd6 50.g5 fxg5 51.fxg5 Kg7 52.Qf4 Qe6 53.Qc7+ Kg6 54.Qxb7 Qe4+ 55.Kf2 Qc2+ 56.Kf1 ½-½

**(15) Blatny,Pavel (2483) – Polasek,Jaroslav (2292) [A01]**

CZE–chT 0506 Czechia (10), 25.03.2006

*[Ben Spink]*

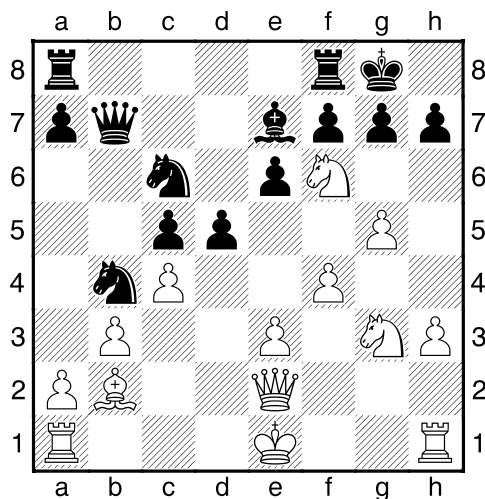
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6 4.Ne2 Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.g3 Be6 7.Bg2 Qd7 8.h3 Bd6 Black adopts a 150 attack type of setup 9.Nd2 0-0-0 10.a3 Rhe8 11.b4 a6 12.c3 Bf5 13.Qc2?! I prefer 13.Nb3 here, white can meet 13...e4 by 14.d4 locking the centre up and giving an interesting game 13...Kb8 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nb3 h5 16.g5 e4 17.gxf6?! The lesser evil must be to block the centre with 17.d4 17...exd3 18.Qd2 dxe2 19.Qxd5 Qc8 20.Na5 Nxa5 21.Qxa5 Bd3 22.Qxh5 Rxe3 23.Qxf7 gxf6 24.Qb3 Re7 25.Bc1 Qf5 26.Qd5 Qxd5 27.Bxd5 Be5 0-1

**(16) Blatny,Pavel (2449) – Hasanova,Elmira (2340) [A01]**

Pardubice op–A Pardubice (2), 22.07.2006

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 e6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.e3 Nc6 6.Ne2 b6 7.d3 Bb7 8.Nd2 0-0 9.h3 Qc7 10.g4 d6 11.Ng3 Ne5 12.Bxb7 Qxb7 13.Qe2 b5 14.f4 Nc6 15.g5 Nd5 16.c4 bxc4 17.dxc4 Ndb4 18.Nde4 d5 19.Nf6+!



A nice tactic! 19...Bxf6 20.gxf6 g6 21.0-0 dxc4 22.Qg4 Nb8 23.f5 Nd5 24.Qg5 Kh8 25.fxg6 Black is just getting mated. A cute "mini Hippo" 1-0

**(17) Blatny,Pavel (2449) – Lettieri,Giuseppe (2295) [A01]**

Mitropa Cup Brno (4.2), 10.09.2006

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.e3 Nc6 4.Ne2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nd2 Bg4 9.a3 Qd7 10.h3 Be6 11.c4 This gives the game an English opening flavour but with White having played some slow moves. 11...a5 12.Ne4 h6 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 f6 16.Qd2 Here I would like 16.a4 and if black doesn't go 16..Nc6 17.Bc3 Nb4 then 17.Ra2 is a useful idea. 16...Nc6 17.Bb2 a4 18.b4 f5 19.Bxg7 Qxg7 20.Nc3 Bxc4 21.Bd5+ Bxd5 22.Qxd5+ Kh7 23.Rc1 Ne5 24.0-0 c6 25.Qxd6 Rad8 26.Qe6 Rfe8 27.Qa2 Rd2 28.Qa1 b5 29.Rfd1 Red8 30.Rxd2 Rxd2 31.Rd1 Qd7 32.Qc1 Rxd1+ 33.Nxd1 Nf3+ 34.Kh1 Ng5 35.h4 Qd5+ 36.Kg1 Nf3+ 37.Kf1 Qd3+ 38.Kg2 Ne1+ 39.Kg1 Qc2 40.Qa1 Nf3+ 41.Kg2 Qe4 42.Kf1 Qc4+ 43.Kg2 Qd5 44.Kf1 Nd2+ 45.Ke2 Nc4 46.Qc3 Nd6 47.Qf6 Ne4 48.Qe7+ Kg8 49.Qe8+ Kg7 50.Qe7+ Kg8 51.Qe8+ Kg7 52.Qe7+ ½-½

**(18) Blatny,Pavel (2447) – Azarov,Sergei (2566) [A01]**

CZE–chT 0607 Czechia (5.2), 16.12.2006

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.d3 Be7 5.Nd2 b6 6.g3 Bb7 7.Bg2 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 Blacks setup is often used by French defence players when faced by the King's Indian Attack. 9.h3 Qc7 10.g4 0-0-0 11.a4 Rhe8 12.Nc3 a6 13.g5 Nd7 14.Qh5 Nde5 15.f4 Ng6 16.Qg4 d4!? I would prefer the safer 16..Kb8 move. 17.Nd5 Rxd5 18.Bxd5 dxe3 19.Nc4 Nxf4? 19..Qxf4 was the way to go. 20.Bxc6 Bxc6 21.Be5 Qd8 22.0-0 White is now safely in the driving seat now... 22...Ng6 23.Rxf7 Bd5 24.Bg3 e2 25.h4 Rf8 26.Rxf8 Nxf8 27.Re1 b5 28.axb5 axb5 29.Ne3 Bc6 30.Rxe2 Kb7 31.Qf4 h6 32.Qf7 Kb6 33.Nf5 exf5 34.Qxe7 Qd4+ 35.Kf1 Nd7 36.Qd6 Qa1+ 37.Re1 Qa7 38.b4 f4 39.Bxf4 1-0

**(19) Blatny,Pavel (2449) – Netusil,Miroslav (2339) [A01]**

CZE–chT 0607 Czechia (9.2), 11.03.2007

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.Ne2 Qd7 7.h3 Bf5 8.d3 h5 9.Nd2 0-0-0!? Well Blacks play will not win any awards for subtlety. White of course doesn't have to worry about kingside castling in the Hippo. 10.a3 Bd6 11.b4 d4 12.b5 Nb8 13.exd4 Rhe8 14.a4 e4 15.dxe4 Nxe4 16.Kf1 The White King makes a sensible side step. 16...Re7 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 Rxe4 19.Nc3 Ree8 20.Qxh5 Rh8 21.Qf3 Rxh3 22.Kg2 Rdh8 23.Ne4 White is just a healthy pawn up. 23...f6 24.c4 Be7 25.c5 f5 26.Rxh3 Rxh3 27.Kxh3 fxe4+ 28.Qg4 Qxg4+ 29.Kxg4 Nd7 30.Kf5 1-0

**(20) Blatny,Pavel (2437) – Kociscak,Jiri (2200) [A01]**

CZE–ch Prague (6), 11.02.2007

*[Ben Spink]*

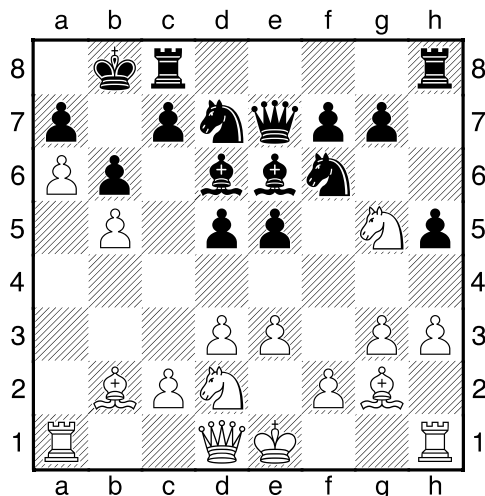
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.Ne2 0-0 7.d3 Re8 8.Nd2 a5 9.a3 Be6 10.h3 Ne7 11.c4 c6 Black supports the d5 pawn because otherwise White gets a Open Sicilian style pawn centre. 12.Qc2 Nf5 13.e4 Nd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.c5 Bc7 16.0-0 Qd7 17.Kh2 dxe4 18.dxe4 Rad8 19.Nf3 d3 20.Qc3 d2 21.Rad1 Qd3 22.Nd4 Qxc3 23.Bxc3 Be5 24.Nxe6 Bxc3 25.Nxd8 Rxd8 26.f4 Rd4 27.e5 Ne4 28.Bxe4 Rxe4 29.Rf2 Re3 30.Rfxd2 Bxd2 31.Rxd2 Kf8 32.Rd8+ Ke7 33.Ra8 Rxb3 34.Rxa5 Rb2+ 35.Kg1 Ke6 36.Ra8 Kd5 37.Rf8 Ke4 38.Kf1 Ke3 39.h4 Rd2 40.Rxf7 Rd1+ 41.Kg2 b5 42.e6 Rd2+ 43.Kh3 Kf3 44.Rd7 1-0

**(21) Kamsky,Gata – Ponomariov,Ruslan [A00]**

World Blitz Championship 2007 Moscow (36), 2007

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.b3 e5 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.d3 h5 6.h3 Bb4+?! 7.Nd2 Be6 8.a3 Bd6 9.e3 Qe7  
 10.b4 0-0-0 11.b5 Nb8 12.a4 Nbd7 13.Ngf3 White doesn't play the standard 13.Ne2 but tries to  
 exploit the early ..h5 and weakening of g5. 13...Kb8 14.a5 Rc8 15.a6 b6 16.Ng5



White is aiming for long term play on the light squares. 16...c6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.bxc6 Rxc6 19.0-0 Rc7 20.c4 Rhc8 21.Qe2 Bb4 22.Rfc1 Qd6 23.Nf3 e4 24.dxe4 dxe4 25.Nd4 Qe7 26.Nb5 Rc6 27.Rc2 e5 28.Ra4 Bc5 29.Nc3 R6c7 30.Nxe4 Nxe4 31.Bxe4 Nf6 32.Bg2 e4 33.Bxf6 gxf6 34.Qxh5 Rd7 35.Ra1 Rcd8 36.Qf5 Re8 37.Rcc1 Qe6 38.Qxe6 Rxe6 39.Rd1 Kc7 40.Rxd7+ Kxd7 41.Rd1+ Kc6 42.g4 b5 43.cxb5+ Kxb5 44.Bf1+ Kb4 45.Rb1+ Kc3 46.Rc1+ Kb4 47.Rc4+ 1-0

**(22) Kauppala,Pekka (2615) – Fries-Nielsen,Niels Jorgen (2645) [A00]**

NOR jub50 corr Norway, 1994

*[Ben Spink]*

This is a long grind of our Hippo which happens due to White putting the Queen is the wrong square 1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 e6 3.d3 d5 4.Nd2 Bc5 5.e3 e5 6.Ne2 c6 7.b3 Qe7 8.a3 Bf5 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.h3 h5 11.b4 11.Nf3 looks reasonable 11...Bb6 12.e4 Bg6 13.c4 a5 14.c5 Bc7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Qc2?! The Queen would be better on b3 16...Rfe8 17.Nc3 dxe4 18.dxe4 h4 19.g4 b6 20.Na4 b5 21.Nc3 Nf8! This knight aims for the much happier square of e6 with lots of nice holes to look at ! 22.Rfe1 Ne6 23.Ne2 Nd5 24.Qb3 a4 25.Qc2 Bh7 26.Nf1 Ng5 27.Nd2 Rad8 28.Rad1 Nf6 29.Bc3 Rd7 30.f3 Red8 31.Nf1 Nd5 32.Bd2 Nf4 33.Bxf4 exf4 34.Nc3 Qe5 35.Nh2 Rxd1 36.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 37.Nxd1 Qd4+ 38.Kh1 Be5 39.Qc1 f6 40.Nf1 Bg6 41.Nd2 Bf7 42.Bf1 Bb3 43.Bg2 Qd3 44.Bf1 Qc2 45.Qxc2 Bxc2 46.Be2 Nxf3 47.Kg2 Ng5 48.Kf1 h3 49.Kg1 Bd4+ 50.Kh2 Kf7 51.e5 fxe5 0-1

**(23) Haub,Thorsten-Michael (2315) – Blauert,Joerg (2390) [A00]**

Giessen IM Giessen (9), 1994

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.d3 e5 4.Nd2 Bc5 5.e3 h5 6.h3 Qe7 7.a3 a5 8.b3 c6 9.Ne2 Bf5 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.Nf3 e4 12.Nfd4 Bh7 13.Nf4 exd3 14.cxd3 Ne5 15.0-0 h4 16.Nde6 fxe6 17.Bxe5 hxg3 18.fxg3 Bxe3+ 19.Kh2 0-0 20.Qe2 Bxf4 21.Bxf4 Nd7 22.d4 Rae8 23.Rfe1 White is a pawn down but manages to put up enough obstacles in Blacks way. 23...Nf6 24.Qd2 Qd8 25.Be5 Be4 26.Bxf6 Qxf6 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Ra2 Qf5 29.Qg2 Qd5 30.Rxe4 Qxb3 31.Rb2 Qxa3 32.Rxb7 Re7 33.Rxe7 Qxe7 34.Qa2 Ra8 35.Rxe6 Qf7 36.Qe2 a4 37.Re7 Qf5 38.Re5 Qf7 39.Re7 Qf5 40.Re5 Qd7 41.Re7 Qd6 42.Re6 Qf8 43.Rxc6 a3 44.Rc2 Qf7 45.Qg2 Rd8 46.Rc3 Qd5 47.Qxd5+ Rxd5 48.Rxa3 Rxd4 ½-½

**(24) Haub,Thorsten-Michael (2345) – Lytchak,Alexander (2225) [A00]**

NRW-Liga I 9596 GER, 1995

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 e5 4.Nd2 Nc6 5.a3 Bc5 6.e3 Bg4 7.Ne2 a5 8.b3 Qd7 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Nf3 d4 12.e4 Qe7 13.0-0 Ne8 The game now has the feeling of being a Reversed Pirc. 14.Bc1 Bd6 15.Ng5 Bd7 16.f4 f6 17.Nf3 a4 18.b4 Na7 19.c4 I would prefer to go for a classical Kings indian style pawn storm with 19.f5. 19...dxc3 20.Nxc3 c5 21.Nd5 Qd8 22.fxe5 fxe5 23.Bg5 Nf6 24.bxc5 Bxc5+ 25.Kh2 Nc6 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Nh4 Nd4 28.Ra2 Be6 29.Qh5 Bxd5 30.exd5 Ra6 31.Be4 Qe7 32.Rc1 Bd6 33.Nf5 Nxf5 34.Qxf5 Raa8 35.Rb1 Rac8 36.Rb6 Rc7 37.Qe6+ Qxe6 38.dxe6 Bc5 39.Rxb7 Rxb7 40.Bxb7 Rd8 41.Be4 Rb8 42.Bc6 Kf8 43.Bxa4 Ra8 44.Bb5 Rxa3 ½-½

**(25) Haub,Thorsten-Michael (2345) – Remmler,Hans-Peter (2310) [A00]**

Wiesbaden Open 15th Wiesbaden GER (9), 1996

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.Nd2 Nc6 5.e3 Bc5 6.a3 a5 7.b3 0-0 8.Ne2 Bf5 9.Bb2 Re8 10.h3 Qd7 11.g4 Bg6 12.Ng3 h6 13.0-0 Ra6 14.Nf3 Bh7 15.Nh4 Nd8 16.b4 An unnecessary pawn sacrifice when there are decent other moves available. 16.Qd2 connecting the rooks when the b pawn push could be prepared as well as 17.Kh1 intending Rae1 and perhaps f4. 16...axb4 17.axb4 Bxb4 18.Rxa6 bxa6 19.Qa1 Qe6 White just looks to be a pawn down for nothing here..possibly Black just wanted a draw. ½-½

**(26) Zuse,Klaus-Peter (2345) – Ivanov,Mikhail M (2440) [A00]**

BL2-S 9798 GER, 1998

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.d3 Bg4 4.h3 Bf5 5.Nd2 e5 6.a3 c6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Ne2 h5 9.b3 a5 10.Bb2 Bd6 11.e4 Be6 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 dxe4 14.dxe4 A strange hippo indeed – one that has a pawn centre! 14...Bc5 15.Bd4 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 Nc5 17.Nxe6 Nxe6 18.Qf3 Qd4 19.0-0-0 This is risky when the mundane 19.c3 is possible. 19...Qa1+ 20.Nb1 Nd4 21.Qe3 0-0-0 22.e5 Ne8 23.Rhe1 Nc7 24.Qc3 Ne2+ 25.Rxe2 Rxd1+ 26.Kxd1 Qxb1+ 27.Kd2 Nb5 28.Qxa5 Rd8+ 29.Ke3 Qc1+ 30.Kf2 Qxf4+ 31.Kg1 Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.Kg1 Qd4+ 34.Kh2 Nc3 35.Re1 Kb8 36.e6 fxe6 37.Qxh5 Qf4+ 38.Kh1 g5 39.Qh6 e5 ½-½

**(27) Summermatter, Daniel (2315) – Huss, Andreas (2355) [A00]**

Ambassador Open Bern SUI (4), 28.12.1999

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.d3 e5 4.Nd2 Nf6 5.a3 Bc5 6.e3 Bg4 7.Ne2 0-0 8.h3 Be6 9.b4?! This pawn becomes a target because Black has played a pawn to c6 rather than a Knight. Of course, 9.b3 would be fine. 9...Bd6 10.Bb2 a5 11.0-0 Qb6 12.Nb3 axb4 13.axb4 Nbd7 14.c3 Rfd8 15.Qc2 h6 16.Nd2 Nf8 17.Rfb1 Rxa1 18.Bxa1 Qa6 19.Nc1 Qa8 20.Kh2 h5 21.e4 Ng6 22.Nf3 dxe4 23.dxe4 Bc4 24.Nd2 Be6 25.Nd3 h4 26.c4 Rd7 27.Bc3 Qd8 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.bxc5 Nh5 30.Rg1 hxc3+ 31.fxc3 Qg5 32.Nf1 Qe7 33.Bf3 Nf6 34.Bb4 Rd4 35.Ne3 b6 36.Nf5 Bxf5 37.exf5 Nf8 38.Bc3 Rxc4 39.cxb6 Qc5 40.b7 N8d7 41.Rc1 e4 42.Bg2 Nd5 43.Qb2 Rxc3 44.b8Q+ Nxb8 45.Qxb8+ Kh7 46.Rf1 Rc2 47.Kh1 Rxc2 0-1

**(28) Blatny, Pavel (2475) – Heberla, Bartłomiej (2389) [A00]**

TCh-CZE 2002-3 Czech Rep CZE (7), 16.02.2003

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 d5 5.e3 Bd6 6.d3 0-0 7.Nd2 Ne7 8.Ne2 c6 9.h3 Ng6 10.a3 Re8 11.c4 b6 12.b4 Bb7 13.Qb3 e4 14.dxe4 Nxe4 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.0-0 Rad8 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Nc3 c5 19.Nb5 Qb8 20.Nxd6 Rxd6 21.bxc5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 bxc5 23.Rd7 Ba6 24.Qxb8 Rxb8 25.Bc3 Bxc4 26.Bxe4 White has an active Bishop pair and Black back rank is also weak. 26...Be6 27.Rxa7 Bxh3 28.a4 Nf8 29.a5 1-0

**(29) Ardaman, Miles (2307) – Stefansson, Hannes (2572) [A00]**

Reykjavik Open (2), 08.03.2004

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nd2 e5 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.e3 Re8 8.Ne2 Nbd7 9.h3 Nf8 This Ruy Lopez style knight move works well – If White tries to expand on the kingside ..Ng6 will look good. 10.a3 b5 11.0-0 Rb8 12.c4 bxc4 13.dxc4 Bf5 14.Re1 Ng6 15.b4 Be6 16.Nb3 Qd7 17.Kh2 Ne4 18.Rf1 h5 19.Rc1 h4 20.g4 Ng5 21.f4 Bxc4?! 21...exf4 is stronger opening up a diagonal and file. 22.fxc4 e4+ 23.Kg1 Bxh3 24.Nf4 Bg4 25.Qe1 h3 26.Bh1 dxc4 27.Rxc4 Be6 28.Nc5 Qd8 29.Ncxe6 h2+ 30.Kf2 fxe6 31.Nh3 Be5 32.Bxe4 Qd6 33.Kg2 Rf8 34.Rxf8+ Rxf8 35.Rxc6 Qd7 36.Rc2 Qf7 37.Rf2 1-0

**(30) Wohl, Aleksandar H (2461) – Arkell, Keith C (2481)**

BCF-ch 87th Millfield (10), 31.07.2000

*[Ben Spink]*

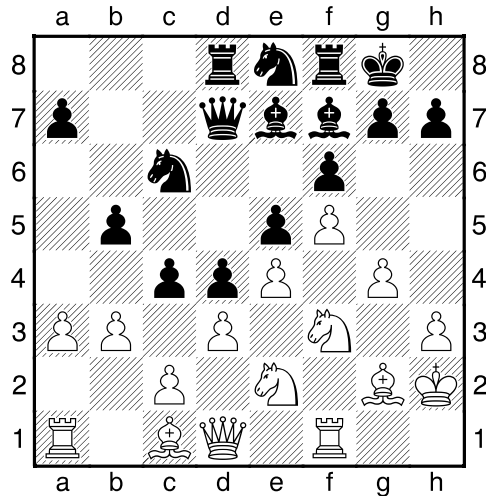
1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.b3 c5 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.d3 e5 6.Nd2 Bd6 7.e3 0-0 8.Ne2 Re8 9.h3 h5!? It looks like an odd decision to play this pawn thrust after castling kingside. 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 h4 12.gxh4! White decides not to react with the automatic 12.g4 12...Nh5 13.Nc4 Bc7 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.Bf3 g6 16.Bxh5 gxh5 17.Ng3 Be6 18.Ne3 Nd4 19.0-0-0 Nf3 20.Nxh5 Nxh4 21.Nd5 Bd6 22.Rdg1+ Ng6 23.Nhf6+ Kg7 24.h4 Kh6 25.h5 Nf4 26.Nxf4 exf4 27.Rh4 Bc7 28.Bc3 b5 29.Ng4+ Bxc4 30.Rhxg4 Rd7 31.Bg7+ Kh7 32.h6 Rg8 33.e5 Rd5 34.Rxf4 Bxe5 35.Rxf7 Bxc7 36.hxc7 a6 37.f4 1-0

**(31) Maiwald, Jens Uwe (2510) – Zaragatski, Ilja (2315)**

Dresden ZMD op Dresden (4), 18.07.2002

[Ben Spink]

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 e6 4.b3 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Ne2 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nd2 e5 9.h3 Be6 10.0-0 Qd7 11.Kh2 Rad8 12.a3 d4 13.e4 Ne8 14.f4 f6 15.Nf3 b5 16.Bc1 c4 17.f5 Bf7 18.g4



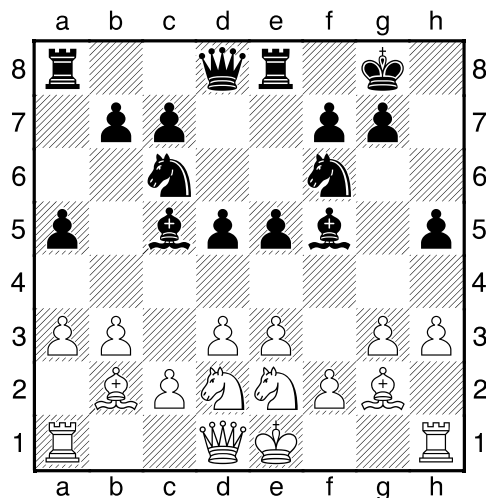
We now have a classical Kings Indian battle to look forward to. 18...cxb3 19.cxb3 Nd6 20.g5 Rc8 21.Ng3 Na5 22.g6!? A standard pawn sacrifice to open up the light squares. 22...hxg6 23.fxg6 Bxg6 24.b4 Nc6 25.Nh4 Bh7 26.Bf3 Rc7 27.Bg4 Qe8 28.Bh5 g6 29.Qg4 f5 30.exf5 Bxh4 31.fxg6 Bxg3+ 32.Qxg3 Rxf1 33.gxh7+ Kxh7 34.Bxe8 Nxe8 35.Qh4+ Kg8 36.Ra2 Nxb4 37.Rg2+ Kf7 38.Qh5+ Ke7 39.Bg5+ 1-0

**(32) Harutjunyan, Gevorg (2380) – Mkrtchian, Lilit (2413)**

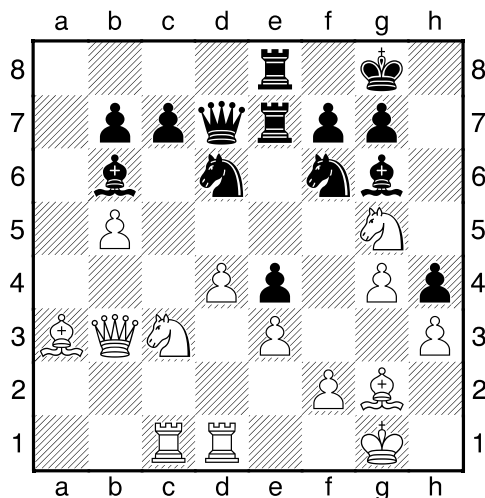
ARM-ch 63rd Yerevan (5), 16.09.2003

[Ben Spink]

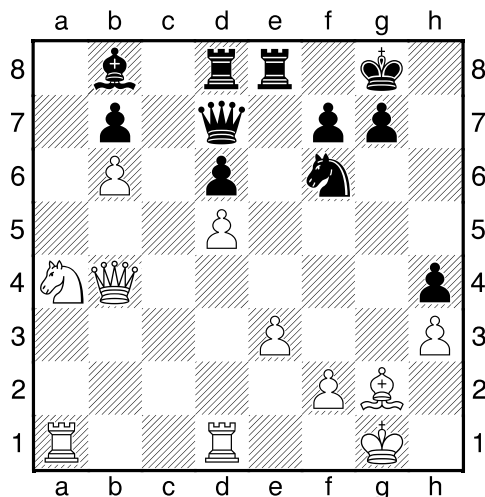
1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.b3 e5 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.d3 Bc5 6.e3 0-0 7.Ne2 Re8 8.Nd2 Bf5 Black develops the Bishops in Fred Reinfeld style. 9.h3 h5 10.a3 a5



Black prevents expansion on both sides of the board. 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.0-0 Rad8 13.Ng5 Bg6 14.Qc1 Nd7 15.Nf3 Nf6 16.Rd1 Bb6 17.c4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 White has a kind of reversed Open Sicilian formation. 18...Qd6 19.Ng5 Re7 20.d4 e4 21.Nc3 h4 22.g4 Rde8 23.Rac1 Qd7 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Na7 26.b5 Nc8 27.Ba3 Nd6 28.Qb3



An interesting position with Black over protecting the spearhead pawn on e4. 28...Ra8 29.Bc5 Ree8 30.Ra1 Rad8 31.Qb1 Qe7 32.Qb4 Nxc4 33.Bxd6 cxd6 34.Ngxe4 Bxe4 35.Nxe4 Nf6 36.Nc3 Qd7 37.Na4 Bc7 38.b6 Bb8 39.d5



The poor Black Bishop has been completely squeezed out of the game. 39...g5 40.Rd4 Rc8 41.Nc3 Qf5 42.Ne4 Rc2 43.Rf1 Rec8 44.Nxd6 Bxd6 45.Qxd6 Rc1 46.Rdd1 Rxd1 47.Rxd1 Rc2 48.Rf1 g4 49.hxg4 Nxc4 50.Qd8+ Kg7 51.Qxh4 Rb2 52.Qg3 Qg6 53.d6 Rxb6 54.Rd1 Rb1 55.Bf3 Rxd1+ 56.Bxd1 Nf6 57.Qxg6+ fxg6 58.e4 Kf8 59.e5 Ne4 60.Bc2 Ng5 61.Kg2 Nf7 62.f4 g5 63.Kf3 b5 64.Bb3 b4 65.d7 Nd8 66.fxg5 Ke7 67.g6 1-0

**(33) Blatny,Pavel (2475) – Shahade,Michael (2274) [A00]**

New York Masters 52nd New York (1), 15.04.2003

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Nd2 Nc5 8.Qb1 White defends against any tactical shots on d3. 8...a5 9.a3 h5 10.h3 b5 11.Ne2 Bd6?! Black falls asleep! 11...Rc8 defends the c6 pawn. 12.Nd4 Qc7? 12..Rc8 would at least prevent the tripling of Blacks pawns. 13.Nxf5 exf5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.h4 sensibly prevents 15..h4. 15...Bxg3? 16.fxg3 Qxg3+ 17.Kf1 Rg8 18.Bf3 0-0-0 19.Qe1 Ne4 20.dxe4 dxe4 21.Qxg3 Rxg3 22.Kf2 Rgg8 23.Rad1 exf3 24.Nxf3 Kc7 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rg1 1-0

**(34) Blatny,Pavel (2503) – Chytilek,Roman (2406) [A01]**

Pardubice KB Czech op Pardubice (5), 22.07.2003

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Be6 6.d3 Qd7 7.Nd2 g6 8.h3 Bg7 9.Ne2 0-0 10.a3 a5 11.c4 h6 12.Qc2 Rae8 13.e4 Nh7 14.Nf3 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.0-0-0 a4 17.b4 b5 18.Nd2 bxc4 19.dxc4 Rc8 20.Rhe1 Nf6 21.Qxa4!? White decides to snaffle up the a pawn. 21...e4 22.Qc2 Qf7 23.Nf4 Ne5 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.Nxe6 Qxe6 26.g4 Ra8 27.gxf5 Qxf5 28.a4 Qxf2 29.Nxe4 Qxc2+ 30.Kxc2 Rxa4 31.Kb3 Ra6 32.b5 Rb6 33.Nxf6+ Rbx6 34.Rd7 Kh8 35.Bd5 Rg6 36.Rxc7 Rf2 37.Re3 Rg1 38.Be4 1-0

**(35) Blatny,Pavel (2503) – Saidy,Anthony Fred (2332) [A01]**

North American op Las Vegas (2), 27.12.2003

*[Ben Spink]*

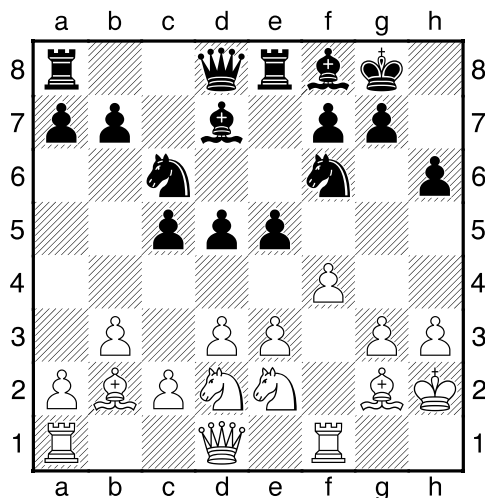
1.e3 e5 2.b3 Nf6 3.Bb2 d6 4.Ne2 Nc6 5.d3 Be6 6.g3 Qd7 7.h3 Be7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nd2 a5 10.a3 Rfe8 11.g4 h6 12.Ng3 d5 13.Qe2 Bd6 14.Kf1 Rad8 15.Kg1 Nh7 16.Ndf1 f6 17.Qd2 Bf7 18.Rd1 Bf8 19.h4 Be6 20.Nh2 b6 21.Bf3 Ne7 22.Qe2 c5 23.Qf1 a4 24.bxa4 Qxa4 25.Rd2 Qa5 26.Qd1 b5 27.c3 c4 28.Be2 Nc6 29.dxc4 bxc4 30.g5 fxg5 31.hxg5 Nxg5 32.Nf3 Nxf3+ 33.Bxf3 e4 34.Bh5 Re7 35.Rh2 Ne5 36.Nxe4 Nd3 37.Ng5 hxg5? A time trouble blunder perhaps? 38.Bg6 Bf5 39.Rh8+ 1-0

**(36) Feustel,Bernd (2375) – Pflieger,Helmut (2500) [A00]**

Bundesliga 8182 Germany, 1981

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 c5 4.Nd2 Nc6 5.e3 e5 6.Ne2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 Re8 9.Bb2 Bf8 10.h3 h6 11.Kh2 Bd7 12.f4



White undermines the Black centre with this rare thrust. 12...d4?! 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.exd4 Neg4+ 15.hxg4 Nxc4 16.Kg1 Ne3 17.Qe1 Nxc2 18.Kxg2 Bg4 19.Nf3 cxd4 20.Qd2 Bb4 21.Qd1 Qd5 22.Bxd4 Re7 23.c3 Bd6 24.Qd2 Rae8 25.Rae1 f5 26.Neg1 f4 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.gxf4 Re6 29.Be5 Rg6 30.Kf2 Be7 31.Qe3 Bf5 32.Rd1 Kh7 33.Ne2 Qd8 34.Ng3 Bg4 35.f5 Ra6 36.a4 Bf6 37.Bxf6 Rxf6 38.Qd4 1-0

### (37) Feustel,Bernd (2365) – Schussler,Harry (2485) [A00]

Bundesliga 8182 Germany, 1982

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.d3 e5 4.Nd2 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Ne2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.h3 Be6 9.b3 Qd7 10.Kh2 Qc7 11.Bb2 Rad8 12.Qe1 perhaps 12.a3 first 12...Nb4 13.Qb1 d4 14.a3 Nc6 15.e4 Nd7 16.f4 f6 17.f5 Bf7 18.c4 dxc3 19.Nxc3 Nd4 20.a4 Nxb3 21.Nxb3 Bxb3 22.Nb5 Qb8 23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxb3+ Rf7 25.Rad1 Rxd3 26.Qe6 a6 27.Rxd3 Nxd3 28.Rd1 c4 29.Nc3 Qe5 30.Nd5 Bd6 31.Nf4 Nxf4 32.gxf4 Qxe6 33.fxe6 Bxf4+ 34.Kh1 Rf8 35.e5 Re8 36.Bd5 Kf8 37.exf6 gxf6 38.Bxc4 Rc8 39.Be2 Rc1 40.Kg2 Rxd1 41.Bxd1 This is now just drawn.. 41...Ke7 42.Bb3 b5 43.axb5 axb5 44.Kf3 Bc7 45.Ke4 Kd6 46.h4 Bd8 47.h5 Kc5 48.Ba2 Be7 49.Bb1 Kd6 50.Ba2 Kc5 51.Bb1 Bd8 52.Kf4 Kd5 53.Bxh7 ½-½

### (38) Blatny,Pavel (2460) – Kaufman,Larry C (2364) [A01]

World op 32nd Philadelphia (5), 03.07.2004

*[Ben Spink]*

1.e3 d5 2.b3 e5 3.Bb2 Nd7 4.d3 Ngf6 5.Nd2 Bd6 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 c6 8.Ne2 Re8 9.a3 Nc5 10.h3 Bf5 11.b4?! This looks so wrong 11...Na4 12.Bc1 a5 13.e4 dxe4 14.dxe4 Be6 15.c3 b5 16.0-0 Qd7 17.g4 Bc7 18.Qc2 Red8 19.f4 exf4 20.Nf3 Bc4 21.Ned4 Bxf1 22.Bxf1 Re8 23.Bd3 Rad8 24.e5 Rxe5 25.Bxf4 Rd5 26.Be3 Re8 27.Bf2 Nxc4 28.Bxh7+ Kh8 29.Bf5 Rxf5 30.Nxf5 Nxf2 31.Kxf2 Nxc3 32.Re1 Rxe1 33.Kxe1 axb4 34.axb4 Qe6+ 35.Kf1 Qc4+ 36.Kg2 Qa2 37.N3d4 Qxc2+ 38.Nxc2 Nd5 39.Kf3 g6 40.Nfd4 Ne7 41.Ke4 Kg7 42.Nb3 Bd6 43.Na5 f5+ 44.Kd4 Kf6 45.Nb7 Bg3 46.Ke3 Ke5 47.Kf3 Bh2 48.Nc5 Kd5 49.Ne3+ Kd4 0-1

### (39) Blatny,Pavel (2519) – Vokac,Marek (2445) [A01]

CZE–cht 0506 Czechia (2), 16.10.2005

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 g6 6.Ne2 Bg7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nd2 Re8 9.h3 Be6 10.g4 This could be delayed, 10.Nf3 perhaps. 10...h5 11.g5 Nh7 12.h4 f6 13.gxf6 Bxf6 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.Nh2 Be6 16.d4 Bf7 17.Qd2 Although Black has managed to undermine the white kingside pawn push White keeps the balance by castling queenside and playing actively. 17...a5 18.d5 Ne7 19.e4 a4 20.0-0-0 axb3 21.axb3 c6 22.dxc6 Nxc6 23.Nf3 Qb6 24.Nc3 Nb4 25.Bh3 d5 26.exd5 e4 27.Nd4 Na2+ 28.Kb1 Nxc3+ 29.Qxc3 Rad8 30.Qe3 Rxd5 31.c4 Rdd8 32.Nb5 Qxe3 33.fxe3 Rxd1+ 34.Rxd1 Bxh4 35.Rd7 Re7 36.Rd8+ Re8 37.Rd7 Re7 38.Rd8+ Re8 39.Rd7 ½-½

### (40) Blatny,Pavel (2449) – Votava,Jan (2555) [A01]

Pardubice op–A Pardubice (6), 26.07.2006

*[Ben Spink]*

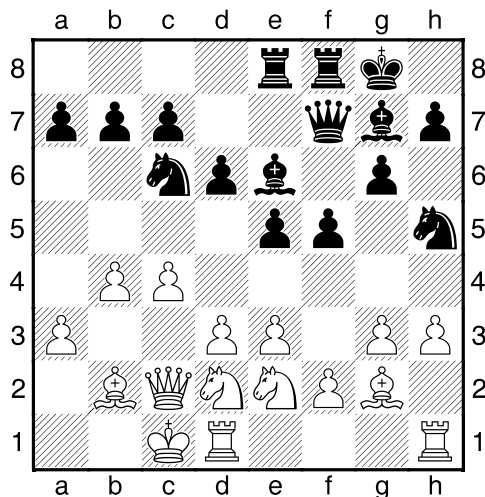
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.d3 Qe7 7.a3 h5 8.h3 d4 9.e4 h4 10.g4 Nh7 11.Nd2 Nf8 12.Nc4 Be6 13.Nxd6+ Qxd6 14.Ne2 g5 15.Qd2 f6 16.b4 Ng6 Black has played the opening phase very well.White is facing the bleak prospect of being positionally outplayed and so decides to break out whilst it is still possible! 17.b5 Nd8 18.c3 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Bd7 20.a4 Ne6 21.Ba3 c5 22.bxc6 Qxc6 23.Qb4 a5 24.Qd2 Ngf4 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 26.0-0 Qe6 27.Rfc1 Bc6 28.Bf1 Kf7 29.Qe3 Rhc8 30.Rcb1 Kg6 31.Bc5 Rd8 32.f3 Qd7 33.Bb6 Rdc8 34.d4 Bxa4 35.dxe5 fxe5 36.Rb2 Rc2 37.Qa3 Qc6 38.Rbb1 Qd7 39.Rb2 Qc6 40.Rd1 Rg2+ 41.Bxg2 Bxd1 42.Bc5 Ne6 43.Rb6 Qc8 44.Bf1 Kh7 45.Be3 Ng7 46.Bxg5 Qc7 47.Rh6+ 1-0

**(41) Zielinska,Marta (2414) – Calotescu,Ana-Cristina (2290) [A01]**

5. ch-EURw Dresden GER (4), 24.03.2004

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6 4.Ne2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 f5 7.d3 Nf6 8.Nd2 0-0 9.a3 Be6 10.b4 Qd7 11.c4 Rae8 12.Qc2 Nh5 13.h3 Qf7 14.0-0-0



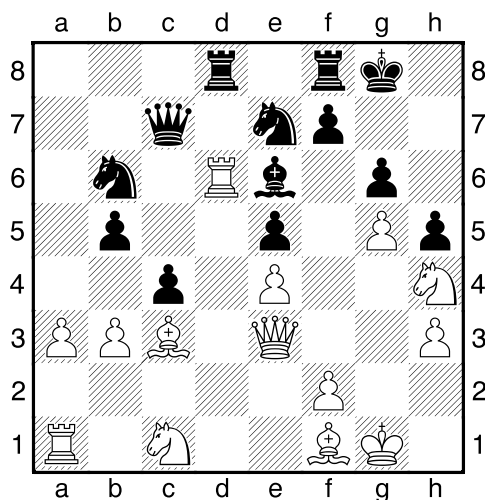
A tense looking position with opposite side castling. 14...Nb8 15.Rhf1 c5 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.Nf3 Bd7 18.Nc3 h6 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.cxb5 Nd7 21.Nd2 Nb6 22.Kb1 Qe7 23.g4 Nf6 24.Nc4 Nxc4 25.Qxc4+ Kh8 26.gxf5 gxf5 27.Rg1 Nd7 28.Qd5 b6 29.Bf3 Nf6 30.Qc4 Rd8 31.Rg6 Rd6 32.Qh4 Rf7 33.Rdg1 Ne8 34.Qh5 Rxc6 35.Rxc6 Nc7 36.Bd1 Rf6 37.Rxf6 Qxf6 38.Bb3 Kh7 39.f4 Qg6 1-0

**(42) Zielinska,Marta (2402) – Medvegy,Nora (2407) [A00]**

HUN-POL Women's Match Szeged HUN (2), 07.07.2004

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nd2 e5 5.e3 Bd6 6.Ne2 Be6 7.b3 a5 8.a3 b5 9.Bb2 Nbd7 10.h3 Qb6 11.Nf3 h6 12.g4 Rd8 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Bc3 Ra8 15.Qc1 Rb8 16.Nh4 h5 17.g5 Ng8 18.e4 Ne7 19.Bd2 g6 20.0-0 dxe4 21.dxe4 a4 22.Qb2 axb3 23.cxb3 Nc5 24.Nc1 0-0 25.Bc3 Nd7 26.Qd2 Nb6 27.Rd1 Rbd8 28.Qe3 c5 29.Bf1 c4 30.Rxd6!?



An interesting exchange sacrifice which leads to lively play. 30...Qxd6 31.Nf3 cxb3 32.Bxe5 Qc6 33.Nd4 Qb7 34.Nxe6 fxe6 35.Qxb3 Nc6 36.Qxe6+ Qf7 37.Qxf7+ Rxf7 38.Bf6 Rd1 39.Kg2 Nc4 40.a4 Ra7 41.axb5 Rxa1 42.Bxc4+ Kf8 43.Bxa1 Rxc1 44.Bd5 Ne7 45.Bd4 Nxd5 46.exd5 Rb1 47.Kf3 Rxb5 48.Ke4 Kf7 49.Ke5 Rb8 50.Kd6 Rd8+ 51.Kc6 Rc8+ 52.Kd7 Rc1 53.d6 Rd1 54.Bf6 Rd3 55.h4 Rd2 56.f4 Rd1 57.Be5 Rd5 58.Bf6 Rd1 59.Bc3 Rd3 60.Bf6 Rd1 61.Be5 Rd5 62.Kd8 Ke6 63.Ke8 Rd1 64.Kf8 Rb1 65.Kg7 Kf5 66.Bf6 Rb7+ 67.Be7 Ra7 68.Kh6 Rb7 69.Bd8 Rd7 70.Be7 Rb7 71.Kg7 Ra7 72.Kf7 Rb7 73.Ke8 Ke6 74.f5+ gxf5 75.g6 Rb8+ 76.Bd8 Rb7 77.Bc7 Ra7 78.g7 1-0

#### (43) Zielinska,Marta (2395) – Zhao Xue (2487) [A00]

36. Olympiad women Calvia ESP (8), 23.10.2004

*[Ben Spink]*

1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nd2 Bd6 5.e3 Nc6 6.Ne2 Be6 7.b3 Ne7 8.Bb2 h5 9.h3 Nd7 Black wastes 2 moves with the Knights. 10.a3 c6 11.e4 h4 12.Nf3 Ng6 13.Qd2 Be7 14.Bc1 dxe4 15.dxe4 Qb6 16.Ng5 Ndf8 17.Qc3 Bc5 18.Qf3 Rd8 19.0-0 hxg3 20.Qxg3 Qc7 21.Bf3 Nh4 22.Nxe6 Nxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Nxe6 24.Qg3 Qe7 25.b4 Bb6 26.Kg2 Rh5 27.Rh1 Rd6 28.h4 Qd7 29.Qf3 Rh8 30.Bb2 Nd4 31.Bxd4 Bxd4 32.Nxd4 exd4 33.Rad1 Rhh6 34.h5 Kf8 35.e5 Rd5 36.Rh4 Re6 37.h6 Rxh6 38.Rxh6 gxh6 39.Qh5 Qe6 40.f4 Qg6+ 41.Qxg6 fxxg6 42.Kf3 g5 43.fxxg5 hxg5 44.Ke4 Kf7 45.Rf1+ Ke7 46.Rg1 a5 47.Rxg5 axb4 48.axb4 Rb5 49.Rg4 Ke6 50.Rg6+ Kf7 51.Rd6 Rxb4 52.Rxd4 Rb2 53.Kf5 b5 54.Rh4 Rxc2 55.Rh7+ Kf8 56.Rb7 Rh2 57.Rc7 Rh6 58.e6 Rh1 59.Ke5 Re1+ 60.Kd6 Rd1+ 61.Kxc6 Re1 62.Kd7 Rd1+ 63.Kc8 Ke8 ½-½

#### (44) Zielinska,Marta (2414) – Pogonina,Natalija (2382) [A01]

5. ch-EURw Dresden GER (6), 26.03.2004

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Ne2 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nd2 Be6 9.a3 a5 10.c4 Qd7 11.h3 Rab8 12.Qc2 d5 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Ne4 Qe6 Now 15.Nc5 with 16.e4 and 17.Nxe6 would be a reasonable with to play. 15.Ng5 Qd6 16.Ne4 Qe6 17.Ng5 Qd6 18.Ne4 ½-½

#### (45) Zielinska,Marta (2411) – Socko,Monika (2408) [A01]

POL Ch women Warsaw POL (4), 29.04.2004

*[Ben Spink]*

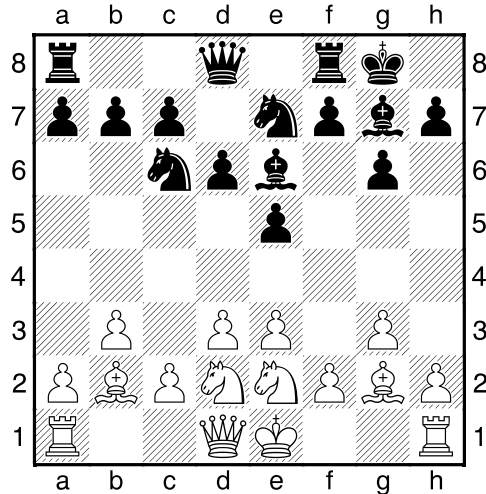
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.a3 d5 5.d3 a5 6.Nd2 Bc5 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 Be6 9.h3 Re8 10.Ne2 Qd7 11.Nf3 Bf5 12.Nh4 Be6 13.Nf3 Bf5 14.Nh4 Be6 15.Nf3 Bf5 White could have played 14.g4 and if 14..Be6 15.Ng5 14..Bg6 15.Nh4 amongst other ideas... ½-½

**(46) Zielinska,Marta (2419) – Demina,Julia (2346) [A01]**

6. ch–EURw Chisinau MDA (8), 18.06.2005

[Ben Spink]

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Ne2 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nd2 Be6



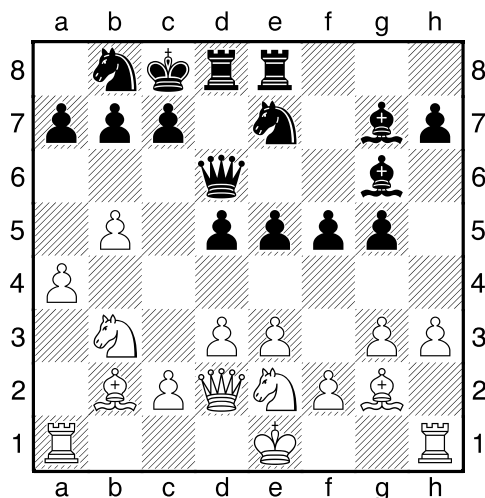
Black adopt a closed Sicilian setup used by Smyslov as White and also used by Black against the English Opening. 9.a3 a5 10.Nf3 h6 11.d4 Qc8 12.h3 exd4 13.Nfxd4 Bd7 14.Nxc6 Nxc6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nf4 The position is very even but I like Whites minor peices more than Blacks. 16...Qe8 17.0-0 Rc8 18.Qd2 b6 19.Nd5 Nd8 20.Rad1 Bc6 21.Qc3+ Qe5? Black should stay in the middle game with 21.f6. After the exchange of Queens black gets pushed off the board in fine endgame style. 22.Qxe5+ dxe5 23.Ne7 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Ra8 25.Rd7 Ne6 26.Nc6 e4 27.Rfd1 Kf6 28.R1d5 Rac8 29.b4 axb4 30.axb4 Ra8 31.Rd2 Rfe8 32.c4 Ra1 33.Nd4 Re7 34.Nxe6 fxe6 35.Rxe7 Kxe7 36.Rd4 c6 37.Rxe4 Ra4 38.Rg4 Rxb4 39.Rxg6 Rxc4 40.Rxh6 b5 41.Rh7+ Kf6 42.Rb7 b4 43.f4 e5 44.h4 c5 45.h5 exf4 46.exf4 Kf5 47.h6 Rc2+ 48.Kh3 Rc1 49.h7 b3 50.Rxb3 Rh1+ 51.Kg2 Rxh7 52.Kf3 Ke6 53.Ke4 Rd7 54.Rb6+ Kf7 55.Rc6 Rd4+ 56.Ke5 Rd3 57.g4 Rc3 58.g5 c4 59.Kd4 Rd3+ 60.Ke4 Rc3 61.Kf5 Rc1 62.g6+ Ke7 63.g7 Rg1 64.Rg6 1-0

**(47) Zielinska,Marta (2398) – Mack,Wolfgang (2224) [A01]**

Hamburg GER, Open A 2005 Hamburg GER (6), 06.10.2005

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d6 4.g3 Bf5 5.Bg2 Qd7 6.h3 0-0-0 7.d3 g5 8.Nd2 Nge7 9.a3 Bg7 10.b4 d5 11.Nb3 Qd6 12.b5 Nb8 13.a4 Rhe8 14.Qd2 Bg6 15.Ne2 f5



A big row of pawns but its not going to crash into white's solid position.16.Qa5! Qb6 Avoiding the Queen exchange with 16..a6 was possible. 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.f4 d4 19.fxe5 dxe3 20.a5 bxa5 21.Nxa5 c6 22.Nc4 Nd5 23.bxc6 bxc6 24.Ra7 Re7 25.Nb6+ Nxb6 26.Rxe7 Bf8 27.Ra7 Rd7 28.Rxd7 Kxd7 29.Bd4 Nd5 30.Bxd5 cxd5 31.Bxe3 Nc6 32.Bxg5 Nxe5 33.Kf2 Bc5+ 34.Be3 1-0

**(48) Blatny,Pavel (2483) – Predojevic,Borki (2553) [A01]**

EU-ch 7th Kusadasi (4), 07.04.2006

*[Ben Spink]*

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Ne2 d5 5.d3 Bd6 6.Nd2 Qe7 7.a3 h5!? A very interesting and original idea 8.h3 h4 prevents 9.g3 9.c4 White steers the game into an open Sicilian structure where 7..h5 and 8..h4 may amount to a loss of a move and squares. 9...a5 Is 9..d4 a possibility here? 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Ne4 Be6 12.Nxd6+ I prefer 12.N2c3 and only if Black takes on c3 should White on d6 before recapturing on c3 with the Bb2 12...cxd6 13.Nc3 f5 14.Be2 0-0 15.Bf3 Nf6 16.Rb1 d5 17.d4? This results in White having a very difficult looking French defence style of position 17...e4 18.Be2 Qf7 19.Qd2 Qg6 20.Bf1 Nh5 21.Rc1 f4 22.Nd1 f3 23.gxf3 Rxf3 24.Qe2 Raf8 25.Kd2 Ne7 26.Qe1 a4 27.Rc7 Nf5 28.Be2 Nd6 29.Bc3 Qe8 30.Bb4 Qd8 31.Rc3 Nf6 32.Qf1 axb3 33.Kc1 Rf7 34.Kb2 Nc4+ 35.Rxc4 dxc4 36.Bxf3 exf3 37.Nc3 Qd7 38.Qg1 Bxh3 39.Qg5 Qg4 40.Qxg4 Nxc4 41.Nd1 Bg2 42.Rxh4 Nf6 43.d5 Nxd5 44.Rxc4 Nf6 45.e4 Rd7 46.Ne3 Rd3 47.Nf5 Bh3 48.Ne7+ Kf7 49.Nd5 Nxd5 50.exd5 g5 51.d6 Be6 52.Rc7+ Kg6 53.Re7 Kf5 54.Rxb7 g4 55.Rb5+ Kf6 56.Bc5 Rd2+ 57.Kc1 Rc2+ 58.Kd1 g3 59.Bd4+ Kg6 60.fxg3 Bg4 61.Ke1 f2+ 62.Bxf2 b2 63.Rb6 Rc1+ 64.Kd2 b1Q 65.d7+ Qxb6 66.Bxb6 Rd1+ 0-1

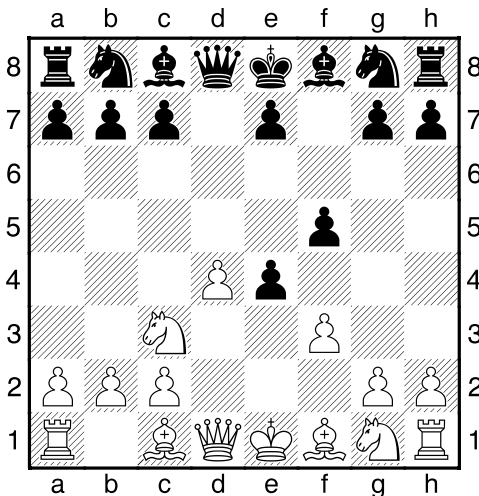
# Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Revisited

By Gary K. Gifford

I recently decided to revisit the swash-buckling days of the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. Results follow. Variations pointed out are compliments of Fritz 6.

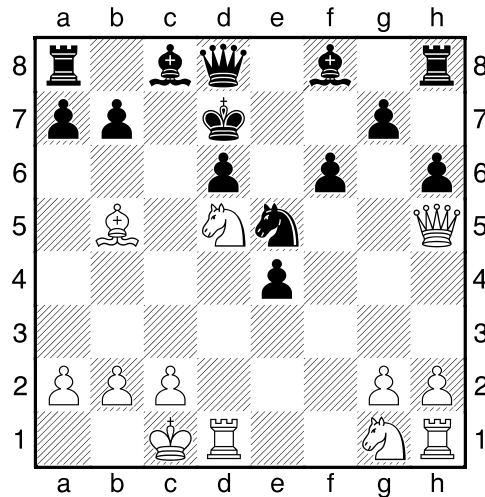
Game 1. **Gifford,G – combsfortune [D00]**  
12 m + 5 sec 08.03.2009

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.♘c3 f5 4.f3=

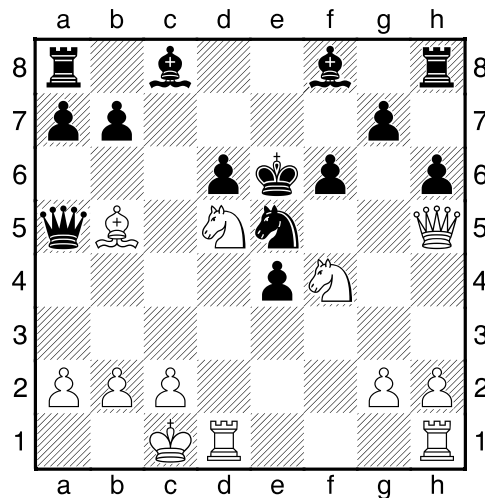


Fritz 6 considers the position to be equal at this point. 4...♗f6 5.♙g5 h6 6.♙xf6 exf6 7.fxe4 fxe4 8.♖h5+ ♔e7 9.0-0-0 [9.♗xe4 ♖xd4 10.♗c3 ♗e5+ 11.♗xe5+ fxe5=] 9...♗c6 [9...f5 10.g4 ♗d7 11.♙g2±] 10.d5 [10.♗ge2!? ♔d7 11.♗b5±] 10...♗e5= 11.d6+ [11.♗xe4? fails because of 11...♙g4 12.d6+ cxd6+] 11...cxd6 12.♗d5+ The knight feels good on d5 [12.♗xe4?? the pawn is safe and cannot be captured without dire consequences 12...♙g4 13.♗h4 ♙xd1 14.♗xd1 ♗b6+] 12...♔d7 [♟12...♗e6!? would keep Black

in the game 13.♗e2 g6 14.♗ef4+ ♔f7 15.♗xg6 ♔g7 16.♗xh8 ♙g4±] 13.♙b5±



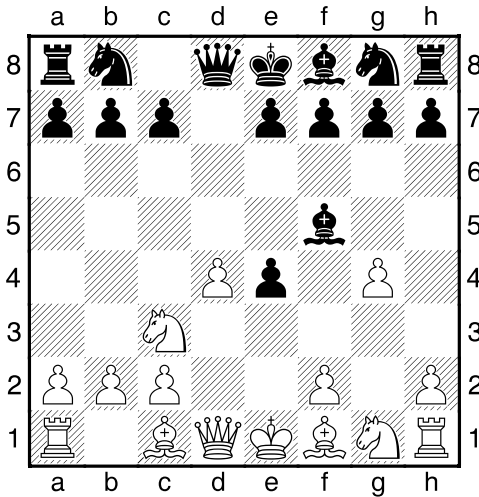
The Black king gets a bit of harassment. 13...♔e6 14.♗e2 Do you see the mate threat? 14...♗a5?? Black overlooks the mate threat. [♟14...g6 15.♗ef4+ ♔f7 16.♗xg6 ♗xg6±] 15.♗ef4# 1-0



Final Position

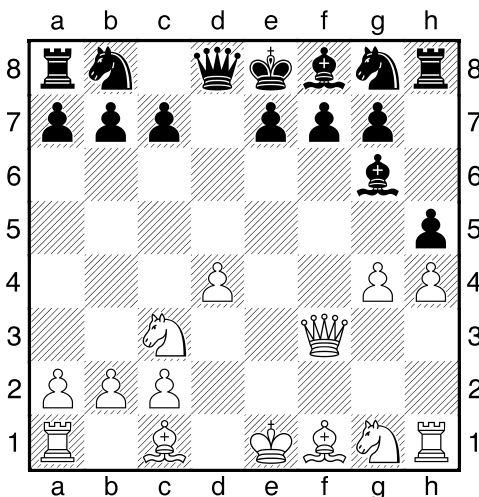
Game 2. **Gifford,G – combsfortune**  
12 m + 5 sec, 08.03.2009

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.♘c3 ♙f5 4.g4



It looks like a Blackmar–Diemer Grob Opening. I will need to study this position. 4. f3 might be more appropriate. I do not know at this point. 4.f3 exf3 5.♘xf3 e6

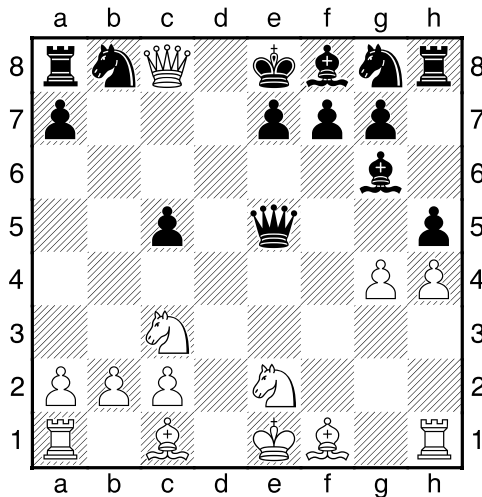
4...♙g6 5.h4 h5 6.f3 exf3 7.♙xf3



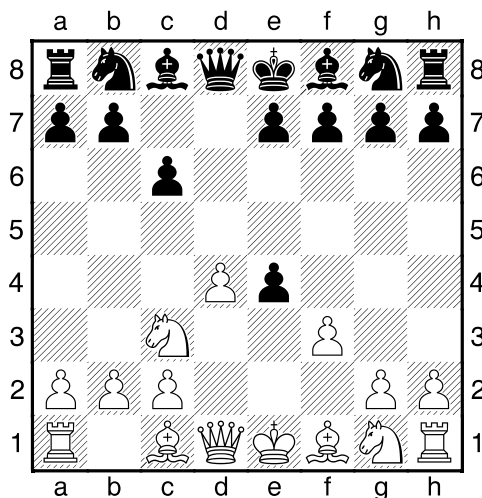
Having played several Ryder Gambits recently, I was used to Qxd4 and Be3 to chase her away.

But in this position I won't play the bishop to e3 because now the d4 pawn is rather poisonous and there is a much better response should Black consume the deadly meal.

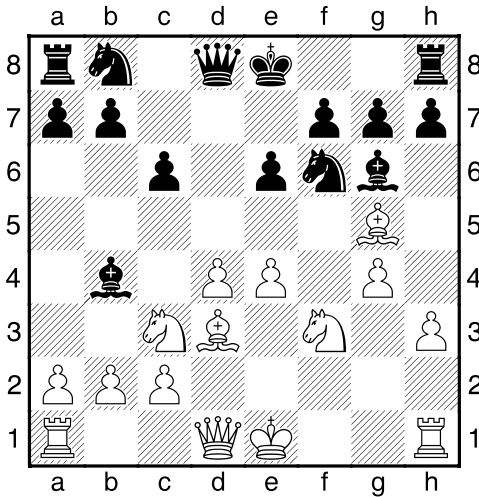
7...♙xd4?? Black is perhaps expecting Be3. [♘7...c6+] 8.♙xb7+- ♙e5+ [Fritz comments that 8...e6 does not save the day because of 9.♙xa8 ♙b6 10.♘a4 ♙b4+ 11.♘c3+-] 9.♘ge2 c5 A terrible error. Fritz points out the following: [9...♙d6 what else? 10.♘f4 c6+-] 10.♙c8# 1-0



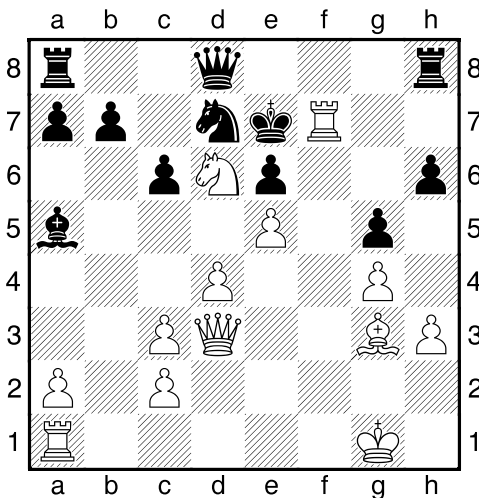
Game 3. **Gifford,G – soccerknight3000**  
1.d4 d5 2.e4 c6 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.f3



Black's idea of having a typical Caro-Kann gets disrupted. [4. ♖xe4 ♜d5 5. ♘c3 ♜d6±] 4... ♗f6 [4... exf3 5. ♗xf3 ♙g4 6. ♙e2±] 5. fxe4= ♙g4 6. ♗f3 e6 7. h3 ♙h5 [7... ♗xf3 8. gxf3 ♗h5 9. ♙e3=] 8. g4 ♙g6 9. ♙d3 ♙b4 10. ♙g5



Fritz states, "White gets deadly initiative" 10... ♗bd7 [10... h5 11. gxh5 ♙xh5 12. a3 ♙xc3+ 13. bxc3=] 11. e5± ♙xd3 12. ♜xd3 h6 13. ♙h4 g5 14. ♙g3 ♗d5 15. 0-0 ♗xc3 16. bxc3 ♙a5 17. ♗d2 From here the knight can move to the center and then on to d6 or f6, depending on what Black does. -gkg 17... ♗b6? [♗17... ♜e7!± and Black could well hope to play on] 18. ♗e4+- ♗d7?? [♗18... ♗c8+-] 19. ♗d6+ ♗e7 [19... ♗f8 cannot undo what has already been done 20. ♙xf7+ ♗g8 21. ♜g6#] 20. ♙xf7# 1-0

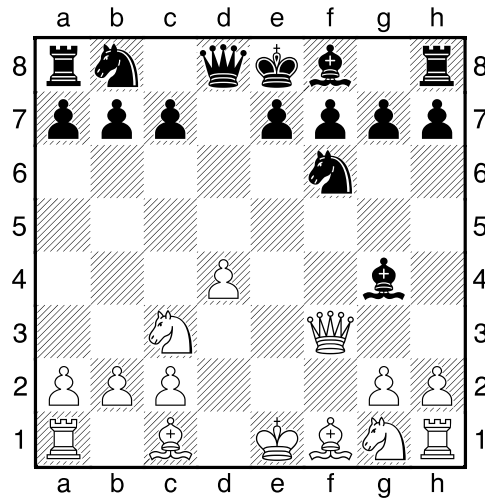


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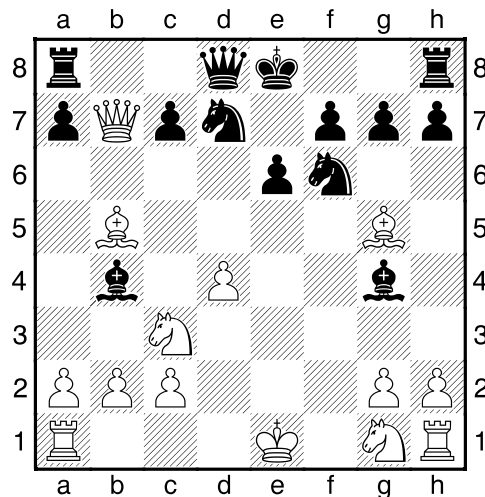
Game 4. Gifford, G – rspr676 [D00]

12 min + 5 sec, 17.03.2009

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4± 3. ♗c3 ♗f6 4. f3 exf3 5. ♜xf3 ♙g4?? [♗5... ♜xd4 6. ♙e3 ♜b4±]



6. ♜xb7± ♗bd7 7. ♙b5 Here I am wondering if I should have played 7. Nb5 instead. [7. ♗b5 ♜c8±] 7... e6 8. ♙g5 ♙b4??

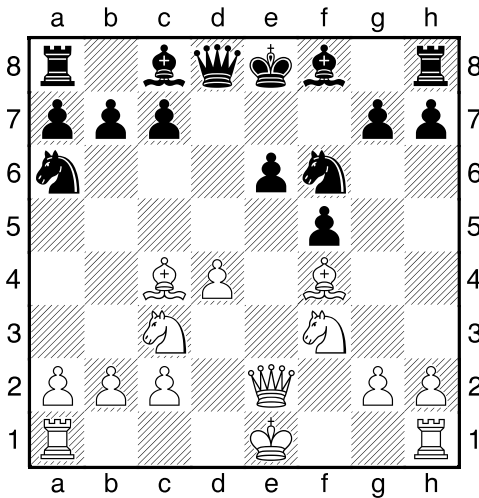


9. ♙xd7+- This obvious check exposes the bishop on b4. Also, if Qxd7 there is Qxa8 check. 9... ♗xd7 10. ♜xb4 ♗d5 11. ♜a4+ c6 12. ♙xd8 Here Black abandoned the game... making me wait 10 minutes for his flag to fall. 1-0

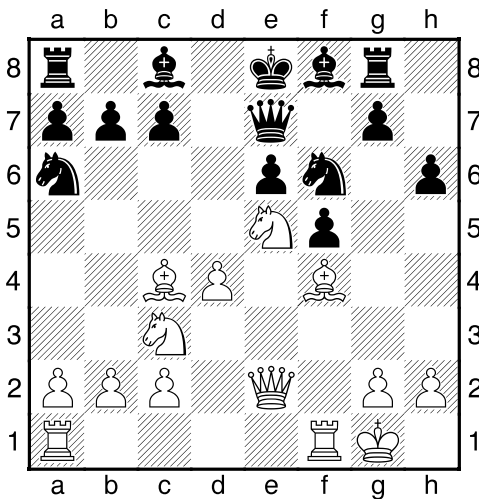
Game 5. **Gifford,G – internet\_caffe2005**

12m + 5s, 22.03.2009

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.♘c3 f5 4.f3= exf3 5.♗xf3 e6 6.♙f4 ♗a6 [6...♗f6!?!] 7.♙c4 ♗f6 8.♞e2

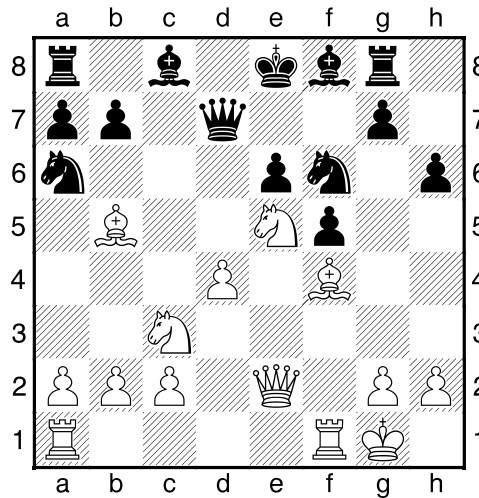


Exerts pressure on the backward pawn 8...♞e7 [8...♙d6 9.♗e5±] 9.0-0± h6 Black is behind in development. [♞9...♗b4!?!] 10.♗e5+- ♞g8?

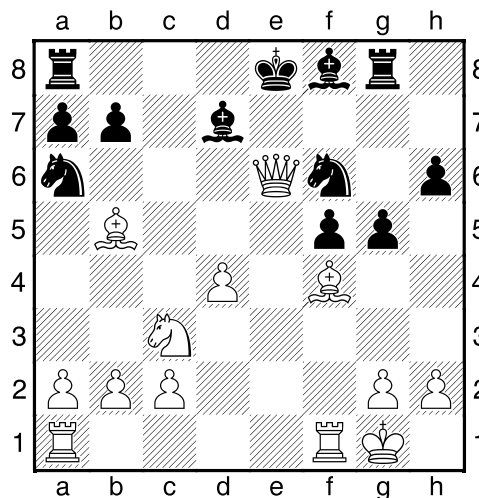


Black steps out of the knight-fork (Ng6) and threatens to push g7-g5. Fritz suggests that Rh7 is better... [10...♞h7 11.♙b5+ ♙d7 12.♗xd7 ♗xd7 13.♞ae1+-]

11.♙b5+ [11.♙xa6 keeps an even firmer grip 11...bxa6 12.♞f3 ♞b8+- Now after 13. Nc6 Bb7 14. Nxe7 Bxf3 15. Nxcg... and thus the earlier comment about 10. Rh7.] 11...c6? [♞11...♗d7+-] 12.♗xc6! Demolishes the pawn shield 12...♞d7 [12...bxc6 13.♙bxc6 A double attack] 13.♗e5 Black must part with his queen.



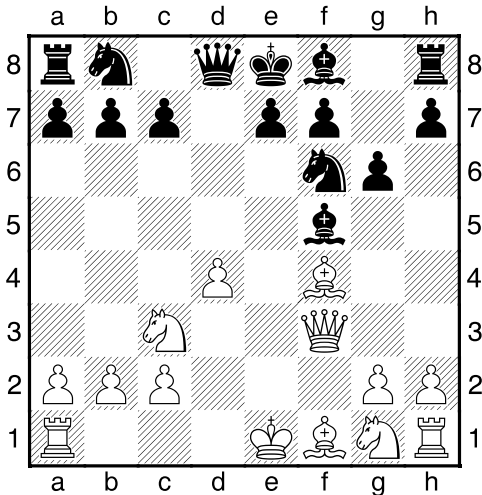
13...g5 [13...♞xb5 praying for a miracle 14.♞xb5+ ♗e7+-] 14.♗xd7 ♙xd7 15.♞xe6+ 1-0



Final Position

**Game 6. Gifford – Mr. Unfadeable**  
12 m + 5 sec; internet, 05.04.2009

1.d4.d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.f3 exf3 5.♚xf3 [5.♘xf3 ♙g4] 5...g6 [5...♚xd4!? 6.♙e3 ♚b4] 6.♙f4 ♙f5??

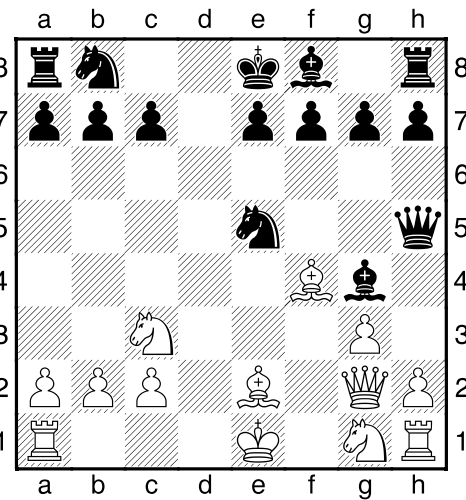


Black has overlooked the b7 pawn capture. In this quick game he likely expected me to castle long at this point. [♖6...♙g7 saving the game-Fritz] 7.♚xb7+- ♘bd7 8.♘b5 ♚b8 [8...♚c8 there is nothing else anyway 9.♚xa8!! a forceful blow to the opponent 9...♚xa8 10.♘xc7+ ♙d8 11.♘xa8 ♙e4+- Fritz] 9.♘xc7+ ♚xc7 10.♚xc7 ♚xb2?? It just gets worse. [10...♘d5 is one last hope 11.♚xb8+ ♘xb8 12.♙xb8 ♘e3 13.♙b5+ ♘d8+-] 11.♚c8# 1-0

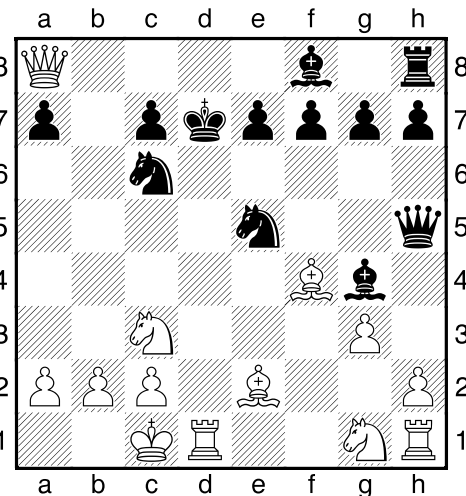
**Game 7. Gifford – CAISSA**  
game in 30 / internet, 05.04.2009

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.f3 exf3 5.♚xf3 [♖5.♘xf3!? should be considered 5...♙g4 6.h3] 5...♚xd4 6.♙e3 ♚h4+ 7.g3 ♚h5 Here MEPHISTO played 7...Qg4 as Black against Diemer in 1990. Diemer won on move24. [7...♚b4 8.0-0-0] 8.♚g2 [8.♚xh5 ♘xh5 9.♘d5 ♘d8] 8...♘g4 [8...♘c6 9.♙e2 ♚e5 10.♙f2+] 9.♙f4 [♖9.♚e2] 9...♘e5?? letting the wind out of his own sails [♖9...e5 a pity that Black didn't try this 10.♚e2 ♙c5+- Fritz]

10.♙e2= ♙g4??



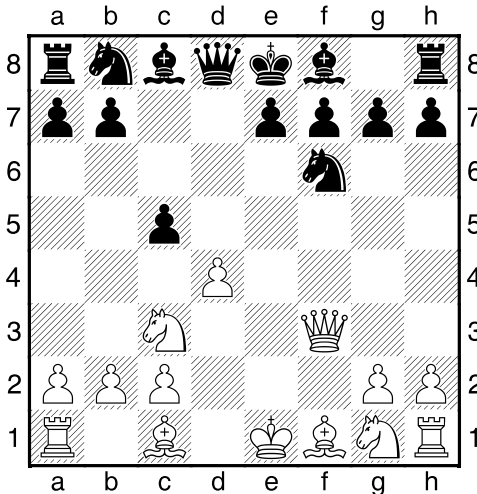
Throws away a nice position [♖10...♚f5 was a good chance to save the game 11.♘d5 ♘d8=Fritz] 11.♚xb7+- ♘bc6 [11...♘ec6 doesn't do any good 12.♙b5 ♚c5 13.♚xa8+-Fritz] 12.♚xa8+ ♘d7 13.0-0+ 1-0



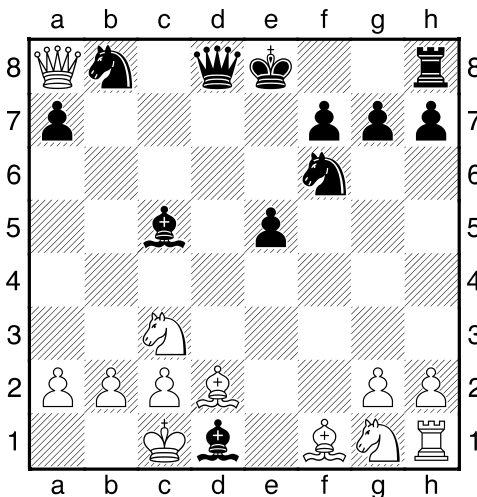
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**Game 8. Gifford – Dr. Hossam 258**  
12m +5s IOTech, 06.04.2009

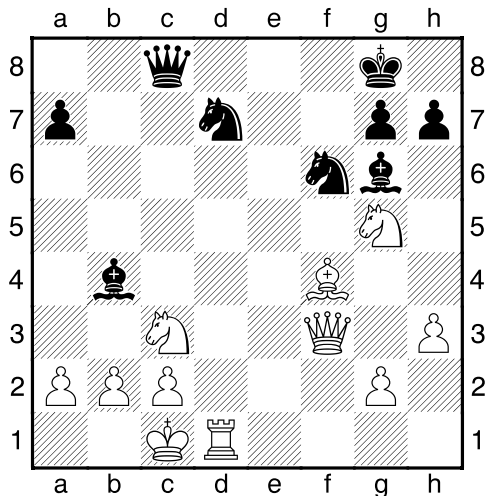
**1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.f3 exf3 5.♙xf3**  
[5.♘xf3 ♙g4 6.h3=] I recalled reading that this upcoming c5 move was a BDG player's nightmare. But I did not recall why. And I did not recall what White's best reply was. **5...c5**



[♞5...♙xd4 6.♘b5 ♙b6+-] **6.dxc5 e5 7.♙d2**  
[7.♙b5+!? looks like a viable alternative 7...♘bd7  
8.c6 bxc6 9.♙xc6=] **7...♙xc5 8.0-0 ♙g4**  
**9.♙xb7 ♙xd1** [9...♘bd7 10.♙e2=] **10.♙xa8=**

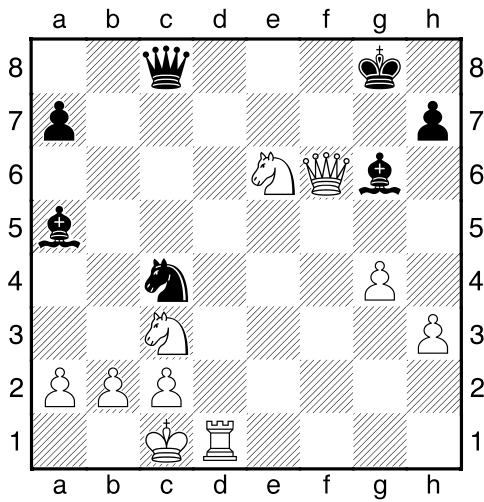


Fritz states the position is equal. In contrast to most BDG games, in this one Black has more pieces out and won't have to put up with a typical BDG attack. **10...♙g4 11.♙b5+** [11.♘e4 ♙e7 12.♘f3=] **11...♘f6** [11...♙d7 12.♙xd7+ ♘bxd7 13.♙xd8+ ♘xd8 14.♘f3=] **12.♘f3** [12.♙e4!? ♙e6 13.♙xe5±] **12...0-0= 13.♙d1 ♙b6 14.♙e4 f5??** In advancing the f pawn Black has protected his bishop on g4 and has gained space in the center, but he has weakened his position. e5 and f7 are troublesome. [♞14...♙h5= was necessary] **15.♙d5+- ♙f7** [15...♘h8 16.♙xd7 ♘xd7 17.♙xd7+-] **16.♙c4** Threatening mate... how? **16...♙h5** [16...♙f6 17.♘g5 (17.♙xf7+?! ♙xf7 18.♙xf7+ ♘xf7±) 17...♙h5 18.g4+-] **17.♘g5** [17.♘e5 makes it even easier for White 17...♘xe5 18.♙xe5 ♙f8 19.♙xf5 ♙c6+-] **17...♘f6** [17...♙c6 18.♙d3 ♘f6+-] **18.♙xe5 ♘bd7 19.♙xf7+** [19.♙xf5 might be the shorter path 19...♙d4+-] **19...♙xf7 20.♙xf5 ♙g6 21.♙f3** [21.♙e6+ and White can already relax 21...♘h8+-] **21...♙c7 22.♙f4 ♙c8 23.h3 ♙b4**



Notice that bad play here by moving the c3 knight to e2, for example, would allow Black to win with Qxc2#. **24.g4 ♘b6 25.♙e5 ♘c4** [25...♙e7 the last chance for counterplay 26.♙d6 ♙d8+-] **26.♙xf6 gxf6 27.♙xf6 ♙a5** [27...♘d6 is still a small chance 28.♘e6 ♘e8+-]

28. ♖e6 1-0



Black resigns due to the nasty threat of mate and the need to give up his queen to stop it. Fritz provides this possible conclusion: [28. ♖e6 ♜xe6 29. ♜xe6+ ♔f7 30. ♜f6 ♘d6 31. ♞xd6 ♔e8 32. ♞e6 ♔g6 33. ♞e7 ♔xc3 34. ♞g7+ ♔h8 35. ♜f8#]

# Myers vs. Lamarche

Santo Domingo 1987

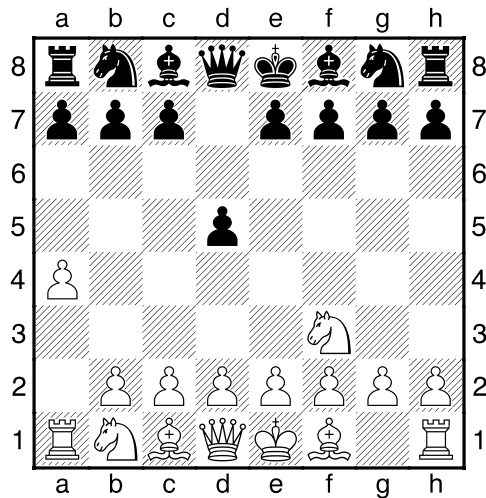
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## Myers,H – Lamarche,R [A05]

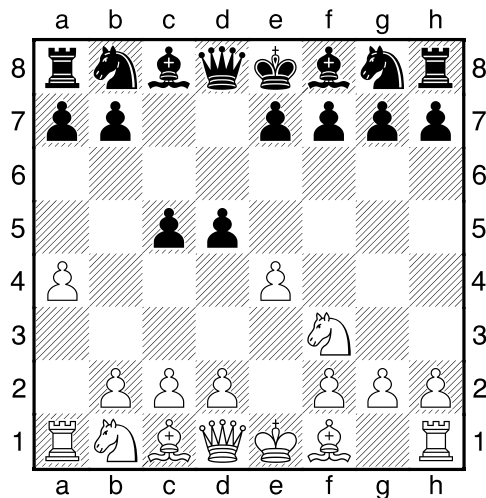
Santo Domingo, 1967

[Myers]

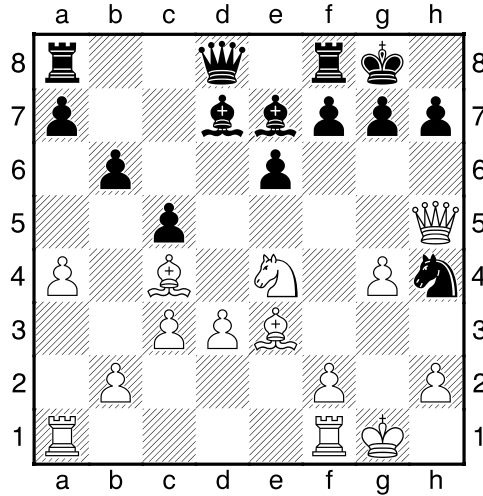
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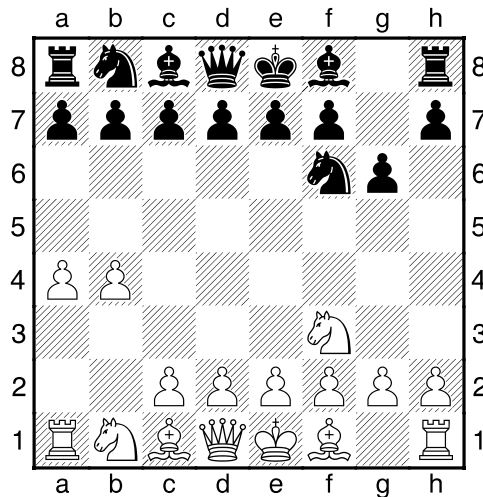
2...c5 **a)**2...Nf6 3.b4 (**a)**3.d3 e6 --> 2..e6) 3...e6 (**a)**3...a5 4.b5 g6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.c4 Nbd7 8.d4±) 4.b5 a6 5.Bb2 axb5 6.axb5 Rxa1 7.Bxa1 c6 8.e3; **b)**2...Nc6! 3.e3 e5 4.Nc3 d4 (**b)**4...Nf6 5.Bb5 Bd6 6.d4 e4 7.Ne5) 5.Ne4 f5 6.Ng3 Nf6 7.Bb5; **c)**2...e6 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nbd2 (**c)**4.Bg5 Nbd2..,e4..) 4...Be7 5.e4 c5 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Re1 b6 10.c3 Ba6 11.e5 Nd7 12.Qe2 Nf1..,Bf4..,h4..,h5..,N1h2..,Ng4..; 3.e4!?



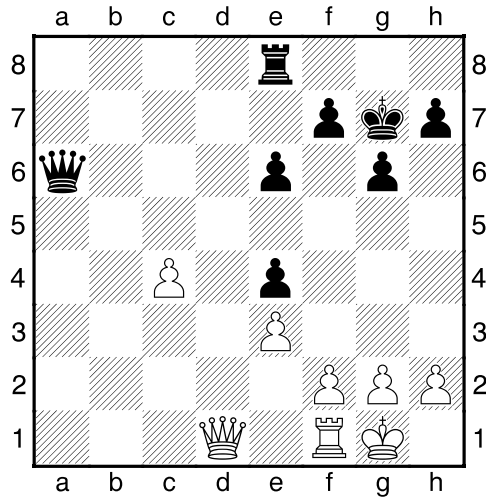
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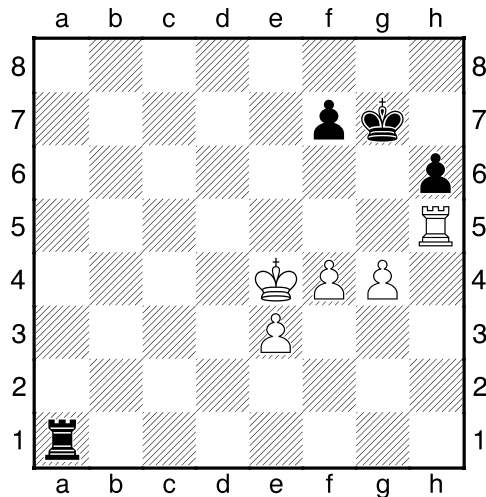
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3...Bg7 4.Bb2 d6 5.c4 b6 6.d4 Bb7 7.e3 0-0 8.a5 c5 9.b5 bxa5 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.Nb3 Re8 12.Nxa5± Qc8 13.Be2 a6 14.0-0 Qc7 15.Nd2 e6 16.Nxb7 Qxb7 17.Bf3 d5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Bd4 Nfe4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.bxa6 Rxa6 22.Rxa6 Qxa6 23.Nxe4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 dxe4



25.Qd4+ Kg8 26.Qxe4 Qa3 27.Qe5 Rc8 28.Qd4 e5 29.Qxe5 Rxc4 30.Qa1 Qxa1 31.Rxa1 Kg7 32.Kf1 Rc2 33.g4 h6 34.Kg2 Rc5 35.h4 Rc2 36.Ra5 Rc4 37.f4 Rc2+ 38.Kg3 Rc1 39.h5 gxh5 40.Rxh5 Rg1+ 41.Kf3 Rf1+ 42.Ke4 Ra1



43.Rd5 Ra6 44.Re5 Rg6 45.Kf3 Ra6 46.Re7 Kf6 47.Rd7 Kg7 48.f5 Ra4 49.e4 Kf6 50.Kf4 Rb4 51.Rd6+ Kg7 52.Rd8 f6 53.Rd7+ Kg8 54.Re7 Ra4 55.Kg3 Ra3+?⊕ 56.Kh4 Ra1 57.Kh5 Rg1 58.Kg6 Rxg4+ 59.Kxf6 h5 60.Re8+ Kh7 61.e5 h4 62.e6 h3 63.e7 Re4 64.Rd8 h2 65.Rd1 Kg8 66.Rh1 Re2 67.Rxh2 Re3 68.Rg2+ Kh7 69.Kf7 1-0

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# Mike Surtees

and the  
*Revolutionary Opening Theory* (R.O.T.)

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by Davide Rozzoni [ricettario@fastwebnet.it](mailto:ricettario@fastwebnet.it)

Early in the year 2008 my chess friend Gerard Welling, who knows my interest for Unorthodox Chess Openings (UCO), told me about an English chess player who plays original openings: Mike Surtees. Gerard also shared with me a link to Mike's web page <http://www.shop-hop.com/chessrot/> While reading about his chess ideas I felt the desire to learn more on this subject. But as it often happens, I have been too involved in many other things, until Gerard kindly sent me the game Surtees – Houska played at the British Championship 2008. Here it is for your pleasure:

### **Surtees,M (2182) – Houska,J (2405) [B10]**

95th ch-GBR Liverpool ENG (7), 04.08.2008

1.e4 c6 2.Ne2 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4 5.d4 Nc6 6.a3 e6 7.axb4 Bxb4+ 8.c3 Ba5 9.Ng3 Nge7 10.Nh5 0-0 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Rxa5 Qxa5 13.Nxg7 f5 14.Nh5 Ng6 15.Nf6+ Kh8 16.Nxh7 Qc7 17.Nxf8 Nxf8 18.Bf6+ Kg8 19.g4 f4 20.Bd3 b5 21.g5 b4 22.Qh5 Ne7 23.g6 1-0

While I was looking at this exciting game, I knew I wanted to get in touch with Mike to propose him an interview for UON as I know that Mike's uncompromising and original playing style is appreciated in the unorthodox chess openings world. Unfortunately Surtees' e-mail address, as indicated at his web page doesn't seem to work any more. At this point, I asked the UCO list help. N. Earl Roberts was very helpful to suggest me to contact Surtees's chess club. Finally, the Bolton Chess Club helped me through Joanna Ramelize and they allowed me to get in touch with Mike. My gratitude goes to both of them. And to Gerard Welling for being such a great source of inspiration.

Questions and answers of the following interview have been sent by e-mail. Here we go!

*First of all thank you for the opportunity I have to interview you. As your web page doesn't say much about you, do you want to introduce yourself to UON readers?*



Mike Surtees

I was born in 1950 at Twickenham near London. I learnt to play chess when I was 8 but not seriously until about 14. Around 1990 I began to modify some opening variations, either to find improvements or to find alternative lines. I eventually realised that many of these lines involved pawn moves with delayed development of the pieces. By 2000 I was working on building a very major modification to conventional opening theory and by 2002 I could see a general picture that it was viable but difficult to get right and there were still many gaps in the puzzle. At present I think my new openings are on average about 90% of full potential. It should be remembered that conventional opening theory has taken hundreds of years with thousands of players contributing to evolve.

*What are the main characteristics of R.O.T. if we compare it to traditional chess theory?*

Both ROT and conventional theory recognize that it is important to control central squares, that pieces should be developed and that the safety of the king is also important.

However there is a difference in the method employed by ROT to achieve these aims.

In general, conventional theory is biased towards a rapid development of pieces, moving few pawns and castling relatively early.

In contrast ROT develops both pawns and pieces. In some cases all the pawns are developed before a piece is moved. There is a consequent delay in the full deployment of pieces and castling. In fact castling is less likely to occur in ROT.

The logic behind the ROT method is:--

- a) pawns are best at controlling squares, being more expendable, and it follows that a centre of pawns supported by pawns is stronger than a centre consisting of pawns supported by pieces.
- b) the pawns can be used to halt the advance or block the action of enemy pieces.
- c) as the pawns are advanced they gain control of more space and allow more activity for friendly pieces. In fact many of these pieces are considered to be developed without moving and also relatively safer on the back rank.
- d) when the pieces are fully developed the delay often results in finding better positions.
- e) the king also has more options to escape attack by castling either side or to help defend weak central squares or pawns. It could also be well placed in the centre for some endings.
- f) surprisingly it may be possible to attack with pawns without piece development, driving enemy pieces to inferior squares or opening up an enemy king position..

*- Have there been any forerunners of R.O.T. before you or have there been any players who have inspired you to explore R.O.T. ?*

I do not know of any fore-runners of ROT. Steinitz sometimes retreated his pieces to the back rank after development and achieved playable positions and in some other games his king got chased around after accepting a sacrifice and he still won many of these games.

*- How are your R.O.T. games treated by your opponents ? Are there any juicy anecdotes you can tell us?*

When I play ROT on the internet some players think I might be a beginner at first and cannot understand how they can end up with bad positions. I have had players even refuse to play me. However many are pleased or surprised to see something different. There are even players who can quickly see the potential of ROT and have played it themselves, though not usually very well.

*- When are you planning to publish your e-book on R.O.T. openings?*

I intend to publish a book on ROT in two parts and hope to finish part 1 at the end of this year. I have almost worked out all of the main lines of my own openings.

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At the end of this interview I want to thank Mike and I wish him all the best while he is working on his R.O.T. book. People interested in Mike's opening system should check his site <http://www.shop-hop.com/chessrot/> at the end of this year in order to find out when his work will be ready.

To conclude the article, you can find a ROT game annotated by Mike Surtees:

### Mike Surtees (2182) - Dagne Ciuksyte (2440)

European Individual Championship -- Liverpool ENG (Round 3), 08.09.2006  
Sicilian Alapin

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.d3** (more common is 3.e5 but the text does not over-extend the centre pawns and Black's knight is not allowed into d5) **3..Nc6 4.f4** (consistent with ROT, controlling the centre with pawns) **4..d6 5.Na3** (preventing 5...c4 and 5...b5. 5 Nf3 is playable but blocks the queen from g4 and h5.) **5...e5** (5...g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.Ne2 Rb8 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Nc2 b5 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 b4 13.e5 14.fe with advantage White was MS---Van der Weide round 5.) **6.f5!?** (typical ROT; It blocks in Black's QB and forms part of a pawn storm against the kingside even though Black has not castled there).



← See diagram

**6...d5** (a critical line is 6...Ne4 7.dxe4 Qh4+ 8.Kd2 Qxe4 9.Qf3 Bf5 10.Bc4 when White seems to retain the advantage by holding up Black's d5.) **7.Qf3** (the queen is well placed here to support e4,f5 and g4. It also exerts pressure on d5 and 7...c4 can simply be answered by 8.ed.)

**7.. h6** (This prevents 8.Bg5 and delays my intended g4-g5.) **8.g4 Be7 9.h4 dxe4** (allowing White's KB activity, probably better was 9...d4). 10.dxe4 Nd7 (hoping to stop g5 and threatening Bh4 but...) **11.g5!?** (maintaining the momentum of the charge. Note that White does not wait to develop pieces but attacks with the pawns and even sacrifices a pawn to quickly break through enemy lines.)

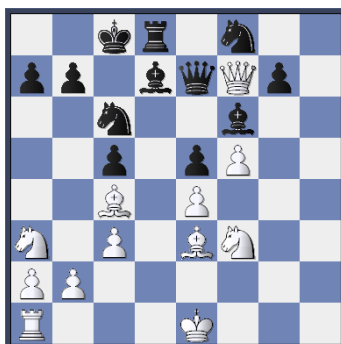


← See Diagram

**11...hgx5?** (it was safer to play 11...a6 intending b5 and Bb7. White now obtains more than adequate compensation for the pawn.) **12.hxg5 Rxh1 13.Qxh1 Bxg5 14.Qh8+ Nf8 15.Nf3** (better than 15.Qg7 which allows 15...Bc1 16.Rc1 Qh4+) **15... Bf6** (if 15...Bc1 16.Rc1 Qf6 17.Nb5 Rb8 18.Rd1 threatening Nc7+ and Nd5+.)

**16. Bc4 Qe7 17. Qg8 Bd7 18.Be3** (according to the tournament bulletin, computer analysis dredged up 18...Nd4?! which neither player looked at---but this can be met by 19.cd ed 20.e5 de 21.ef Qf6 22.Nb5 with a winning advantage; or 20...Bc6 21.0-0-0 Bf3 22.ef Qe3 23.Kb1 0-0-0 24.fg7 Qe7 25. f6 winning. It is instructive to see how White's pieces find good safe and aggressive positions; for after the pawn structure has been determined it is more clear where the pieces need to be. In contrast Black's pieces are poorly placed.) **18....0-0-0** (returning the pawn to exchange queens and weaken White's attack; the alternative was very passive defence which in the long run is probably not sufficient. However White's pieces remain more active). **19.Qxf7** ( Black threatened Ne6).

See Next Diagram



**19...Na5** (it is not clear that another pawn sacrifice was necessary; 19...Qf7 looks more resilient).  
**20.Qxe7 Bxe7 21.Nxe5 Nxc4 22.Naxc4 Bb5 23.Kf2 b6 24.Rh1 Kb7 25.Rh8 Rd1 26.Rg8 Nd7 27.Rxg7 Bf6**  
**28.Rf7 Bxc4 29.Nxc4 Kc6 30.a4 Ra1 31.e5!** (the final blow. If 31...Ra4 32,Rf6+ wins.) **31.. Bxe5**  
**32.Rxd7 Kxd7 33.Nxe5+ Kd6 34.f6 Rh1 35.f7 Ke7 36.Bg5+ Kf8 37.Kf3 a6 38.Ke4 b5 39.a5 b4 40.c4 b3**  
**41.Kd5 Rh5 42.Be3 1-0**

# Basman's Chess Inheritance

by Davide Rozzoni

IM Mike Basman is well known among UCO fans because of his original style and unimpeachable games, not to mention his books. In the 1980's he advocated either an early a6 and b5 move set for Black as well as 1.g4 (for White) and 1..g5 for Black. In the following game, Basman mixes the two above-mentioned opening systems.

## Erwich,F (2175) – Basman,M (2360) [A40]

Donner Memorial Open Amsterdam NED (3), 1996



1.d4 h6 2.e4 a6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 g5 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Be2 b5

(Diagram)

7.h4 g4 8.Nd2 Nc6 9.Nf1 e5 10.dxe5 Bxe5 11.Bxc8 Nf6  
12.Qxc8 Qxc8 13.f3 Qb7 14.Qd3 0-0-0 15.a4 Nb4 16.Qe2  
d5 17.Bc5 Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 Nc6 19.axb5 Qxb5 20.Qxb5  
axb5 21.Nd2 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.fxe4 Rhe8 24.0-0  
Rxe4 25.Rxf7 Rxh4 26.Rf6 Nb8 27.Bd4 1/2-1/2

A few years ago Basman gave up playing serious chess. I feared that his chess contributions were forgotten forever. I realized I was wrong when I saw the following game

## Dargan,P (2207) – Williams,S (2494) [B00]

4NCL/Div2a/PPA1 vs. JUTK Sunningdale ENG (2.1), 05.10.2008



1.e4 a6 2.d4 b5 3.Bd3 Bb7 4.Nf3 h6 5.Qe2 e6 6.0-0 g5!?

See diagram

7.c4 bxc4 8.Bxc4 Bg7 9.d5 Ne7 10.Nc3 Ng6 11.Rd1 Qf6 12.Be3 0-0  
13.d6?! [13.Rac1!?, 13.h3!?] 13...cxd6 14.Rxd6 g4 15.Ne1 Qh4 16.g3  
[16.Rc1] 16...Qh5 17.Rad1 Ne5 18.Bd4 Nbc6 19.Rxd7? [19.Bxe5  
Nxe5 20.Bxa6 Bc6=] 19...Nxd4 [19...Nxd7 20.Bxg7 Rfd8 21.Bd4 Nxd4  
22.Rxd4 Ne5=] 20.R7xd4 Nf3+! 21.Nxf3 gxf3 22.Qe3 Bxd4 23.Rxd4  
Rfd8 24.Bf1 [24.h4] 24...Rac8 [24...Qg5 25.Qxg5+ hxg5 26.Rb4  
Rab8=] 25.h3 [25.Rb4!? Rc7 26.h3=] 25...Rxd4= 26.Qxd4 Bc6  
27.Qf6 Bb5 28.g4 Qg5 29.Qxf3 [29.Qxg5+ hxg5 30.Nxb5 axb5  
31.Bxb5 Rc2] 29...Bxf1 30.Kxf1 Qc1+ 31.Kg2 Qxb2 32.Ne2 Qxa2  
33.Nf4 [33.Ng3] 33...Qb2 34.Nh5 Qe5 35.Nf6+ Kg7 36.Nh5+ Kf8  
37.Qa3+ Kg8 38.Qxa6 Qxe4+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.Kg2 Rd8 41.Qb6 Rd1 42.Ng3 Qd5+ 43.Kh2 Qf3 44.Qc5  
Rd2 45.Kg1 Kh7 46.Qb6 Rd1+ 47.Kh2 e5 48.Qc5 Rd2 49.Kg1 Kg6 50.Qb6+ Kg5 51.Nf1 Rd1 52.h4+  
Kxg4 53.Qxh6 Kh3 54.Qg5 Rxf1+ [54...Rxf1+ 55.Kxf1 Qd1#] 0-1

Links of interest regarding Mike Basman:

<http://www.chessville.com/UCO/CN/BasmanMichael.htm>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael\\_Basman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Basman)

<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessplayer?pid=27319>

## Taylor Opening [C44]

Games provided by **Peter Bieker**  
Text and diagrams from **G. Gifford**

Peter sent three "Tyler Opening" games to me. He wrote, "I slipped though my databases and found three games which started with 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Be2 Ne7."

In a brief search for additional Taylor Opening games [which I have seen some refer to as "Taylor"] I came across its more descriptive name, i.e., the **Inverted Hungarian Opening**; named such because the White Bishop on e2 gives us an essential invert of the Black one on e7.

1. e4 e5
2. Nf3 Nc6 *Hungarian Defense*
3. Bc4 Be7

1. e4 e5
2. Nf3 Nc6 *Inverted Hungarian Opening*
3. Be2 ... *(Taylor Opening)*

I am not familiar with the Inverted Hungarian opening and have never played it.

Wikipedia states that the opening  
 "... may appeal to White players who wish to avoid extensively analyzed double king pawn openings such as the Ruy Lopez and to those who favor defensive positional maneuvering battles as also often result from the Hungarian Defense."

Here is a link to the complete write up:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inverted\\_Hungarian\\_Opening](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inverted_Hungarian_Opening)

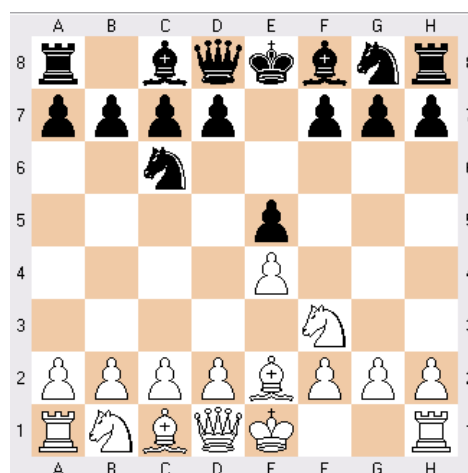
I would not mind having a larger article on this opening in a future UON. Players can send games to me at [penswift@yahoo.com](mailto:penswift@yahoo.com); please put "Taylor for UON" in the subject line.

And now for the games...

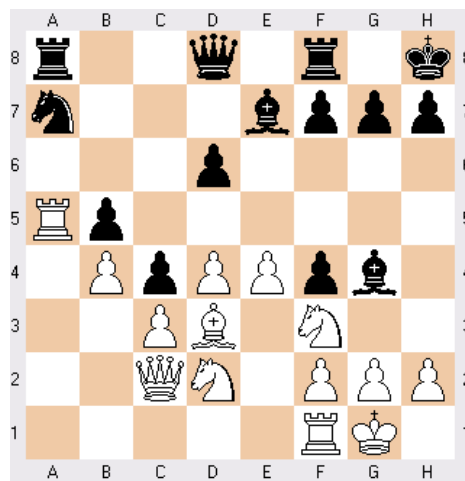
### Game 1

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 [Site "Germany"] [Date: 1992]  
 [White "Buecker, Stefan" ELO 2365]  
 [Black "Schoene, Ralf" ELO 2340]  
 Result "1-0"

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Be2 ...

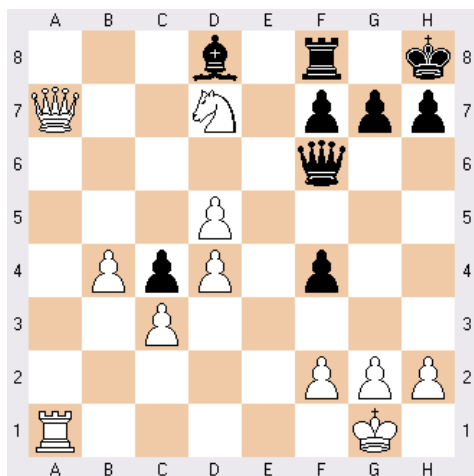


3...Nge7 4.O-O Ng6 5.c3 d6 6.d4 Be7 7.Na3 O-O  
 8.Be3 Kh8 9.Qb3 Nf4 10.Bxf4 exf4 11.Bd3 a6  
 12.Nc4 b5 13.Ncd2 Na5 14.Qd1 Bg4 15.b4 Nc6  
 16.a4 Na7 17.Qc2 c5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Ra5 c4

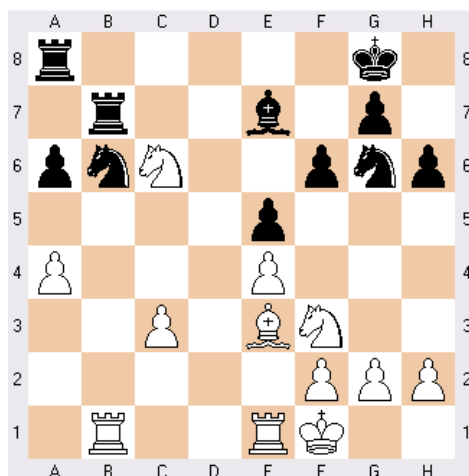


After 19. ... c4

20.Bxc4... This must have come as a surprise.  
 20. ... bxc4 21.Rfa1 Bxf3 22.Nxf3 Qd7 23.Qa2 d5  
 24.Ne5 Qd6 25.exd5 Bd8 26.Rxa7 Rxa7 27.Qxa7  
 Qf6 28.Nd7 1-0



Final Position

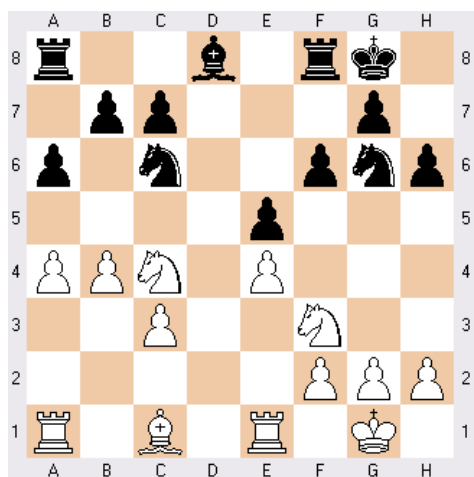


Final Position

**Game 2**

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 [Site "Manresa"][Date "1997"][Round "3"]  
 [White "Garcia Cano, Antonio" ELO 2215]  
 [Black "Martin Capitan, Feliciano"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.e4 e5 3.Be2 Nge7 4.O-O Ng6 5.d4  
 d6 6.c3 Be7 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Bxd8 9.b4  
 O-O 10.a4 h6 11.Re1 Be6 12.Na3 a6 13.Bc4 Bxc4  
 14.Nxc4 f6



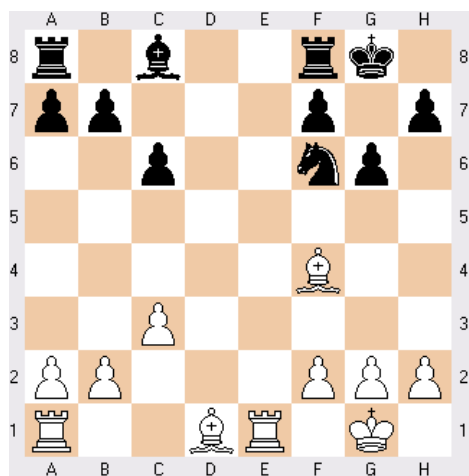
After 14. ... f6

15.Be3 Be7 16.Kf1 Rfd8 17.b5 Nb8 18.b6 c6  
 19.Na5 Nd7 20.Nxb7 Rdb8 21.Na5 Nxb6  
 22.Nxc6 Rb7 23.Rab1 1-0

**Game 3**

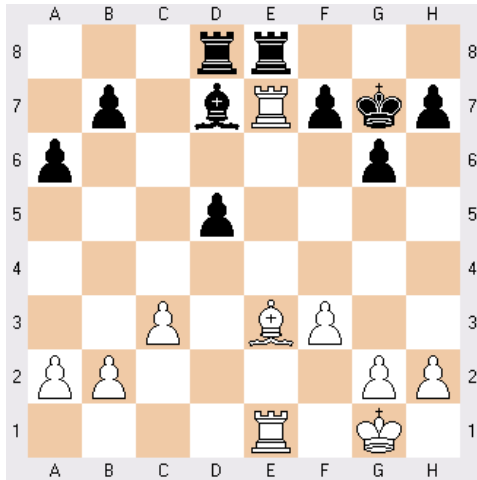
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 [Site "Zadar"] [Date "2002.12.16"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "Jurkovic, Ante" Elo 2340]  
 [Black "Yemelin, Vasily" Elo 2534]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Be2 Nge7 4.O-O g6 5.c3 d5  
 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.d4 Bg7 8.dxe5 Qxd1 9.Bxd1  
 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.Re1 Bf6 12.Bf4 c6  
 13.Nd2 O-O 14.Ne4 Nd5 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6

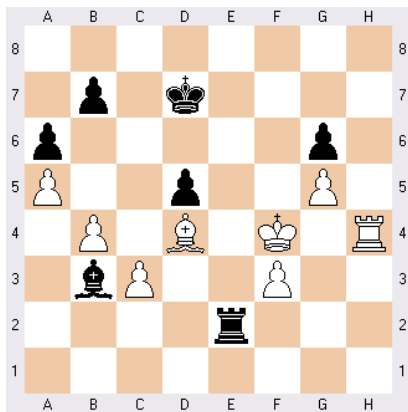


After 15.... Nxf6

16.Bb3 Bd7 17.Bg5 Kg7 18.Re7 Rad8 19.Rae1  
 Nd5 20.Bxd5 cxd5 21.Be3 a6 22.f3 Rfe8



23.Bb6 Rc8 24.Kf2 Rxe7 25.Rxe7 Bc6 26.Bd4+  
 Kf8 27.Bc5 Kg7 28.h4 Kf6 29.g4 h6 30.g5+ hxg5  
 31.hxg5+ Kg7 32.Re1 Re8 33.Rh1 f5 34.Bd4+ Kf8  
 35.Rh7 Re6 36.Bf6 f4 37.Rh4 Bb5 38.Rxf4 Re2+  
 39.Kg3 Ke8 40.a4 Bc4 41.b4 Ra2 42.a5 Kd7  
 43.Bd4 Re2 44.Rh4 Bb3 45.Kf4...



After 45. Kf4

45. ... Re1 46.Be5 Ke6 47.Rh8 Rf1 48.Re8+ Kd7  
 49.Rg8 Bd1 50.Rg7+ Kc8 51.Ke3 Re1+ 52.Kd4  
 Bxf3 53.Bg3 Re4+ 54.Kd3 Rc4 1/2-1/2