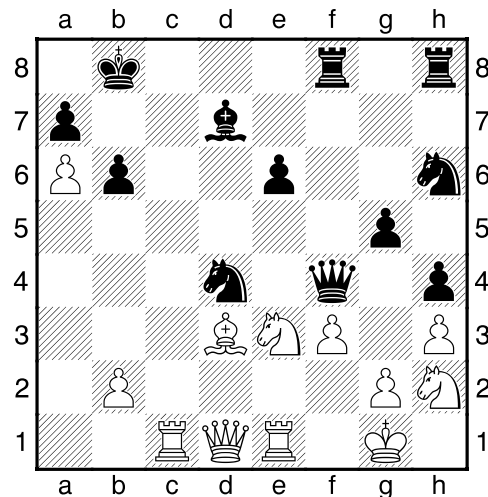


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(1.1) GM Duda,Jan-Krzysztof (2723) - Hoffmeister,Frank (2175) [C02]

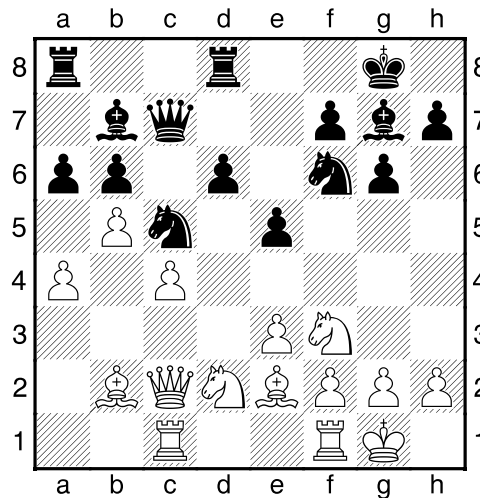
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♟f3 ♕d7 6.♙e2 ♜ge7 7.♜a3 ♜f5 8.♜c2 ♙e7 9.0-0 h5N 9...cxd4 10.♜cxd4 ♜fxd4 11.cxd4 a5 is the theoretical continuation, but it promises White a long-term space advantage. Black prefers to "throw the GM out of the book". 10.♙d3 g6 11.dxc5 ♙xc5 12.♙g5 ♙e7 13.♙xe7 ♜xe7 14.♜d2 0-0-0 15.♜fe1 h4 Threatens 15... h3 and plans ... g5 at the appropriate moment. 16.h3 ♜dg8 17.♜h2 ♜h6 18.a4 g5 19.♜e2 f6 20.exf6 ♜xf6 21.♜e3 ♜f4 22.a5 d4 23.cxd4 ♜xd4 24.♜d1 ♜b8 25.a6 b6 26.♜c1 ♜f8 27.f3



27...♜c8 At this point, Black had at least equalized, but missed a nice tactics. 27...♙a4! 28.b3 ♙xb3 29.♜d2 ♜c8 30.♜hg4 ♜xc1 31.♜xc1 ♜xg4 32.fxg4+. White cannot take 28. Qxa4? because of 28.... Nxf3+. 28.♜c3 ♜hf5?? 28...♙c6=. 29.♙xf5! exf5 30.♜d5! Black had missed this simple and very effective move which wins a piece and the game. 30...♜d6 31.♜xd4 ♙c6 32.♜e5! ♜xe5 33.♜xe5 ♙xd5 34.♜xc8+ ♜xc8 35.♜xd5 ♜c1+ 36.♜f1 ♜b1 37.♜xf5 ♜xb2 38.♜xg5 ♜a2 39.♜g8+! ♜c7 40.♜g7+ ♜c6 41.♜xa7 Any hope to have some chances with the connected pawns on the queenside is gone. The b-pawn alone is no danger for White. 41...b5 42.♜h7 b4 43.♜xh4 ♜b5 44.♜d4! Reactivates the knight. 44...b3 45.♜d2 ♜a1+ 46.♜h2 b2 47.♜d8 ♜b4 48.♜e4 ♜xa6 49.♜b8+ ♜a3 50.♜c5 ♜d6 51.♜a4 and Black resigned as 51...Kxa4 52. Rxb2 is completely lost (1-0).

(1.2) Mathieu Collin, Antoine - GM Duda (2723) [A00]

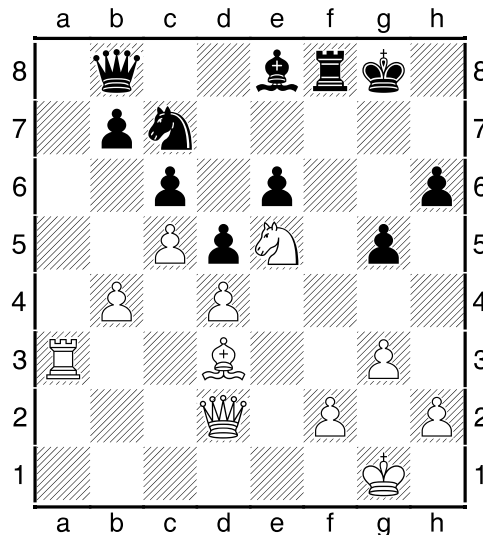
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11.♘bd2 ♘bd7 12.0-0 ♖c7 13.♗c2 a6 14.a4 ♜fd8 15.♞ac1 e5 16.♙b2 ♘c5



After an unusual opening, the position is roughly equal. While Black's weakness on d6 is hard to attack, White has to protect c4. **17.g3?** 17.♞fd1 ♘fd7 18.♞a1 a5 maintains the non-aggression pact. White's plan is to attack on the kingside, but the opening of the long diagonal is double-edged. **17...♗d7 18.♘h4 ♗h3 19.♙f3 ♘g4! 20.♙xg4 ♗xg4** After having conquered the white-squared bishop, Black is clearly better. **21.f3 ♗h3 22.e4 ♙h6 23.♞f2?** This move loses the exchange and the position collapses. 23. Ng2 is the only defense. **23...♙e3 24.♞cf1 axb5 25.axb5 ♞a2 26.♘b3 ♘a4 27.♞b1 ♞c8** Duda plays like Bent Larsen, whose motto was: "All pieces attack". **28.♗e2 ♙xf2+ 29.♗xf2 ♞xc4 30.♘g2 ♞b4 31.♗c2 ♞xb2 32.♞xb2 ♘xb2 33.♗xb2 ♗e6 34.h4 ♗xb3 35.♗d2 ♗xf3 36.♗xd6 ♞b1+ 37.♘h2 ♗xe4 38.♗d8+ ♘g7 39.♗d2 ♞e1 40.h5 h6** White resigned (0-1).

(1.3) GM Duda (2723) - Matzek-Lichtenstein, David (1900) [A80]

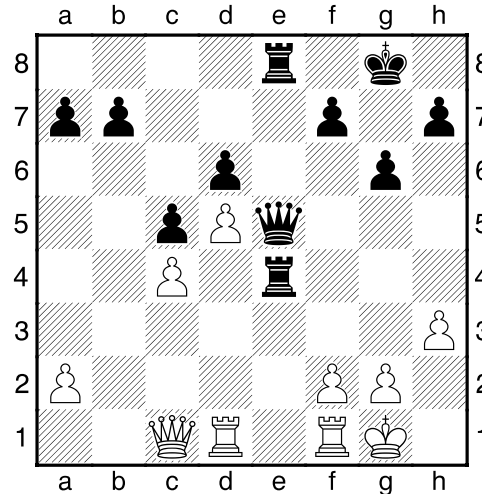
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28.h4! Played like Alekhine who showed in many games that attacking on both wings may overcharge the opponent. 28...♘b5 Tantamount to resignation. But 28...♚d8 29.hxg5 ♚xg5 30.♚xg5+ hxg5 31.♖a7 also dies a - somewhat slower - death. 29.♙xb5 cxb5 30.hxg5 ♚d8 31.gxh6 ♙h5 32.♖a8! ♚f6 32...♚xa8 33.♚g5+ ♘h8 34.♚g7#. 33.♘d7! Black resigned. An impressive win from White. He first dominated the game on the dark squares to play for a positional win on the queenside and then switched in the right moment to a deadly attack on the kingside! (1-0).

(1.4) Molson, Eric (1500) - GM Duda (2723) [B22]

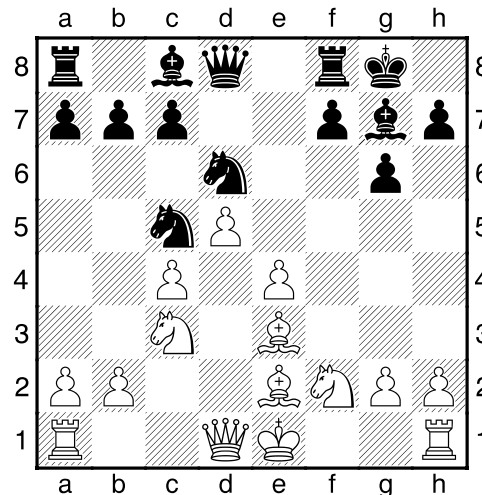
1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.d4 d6 5.h3 5...♘f3 cxd4 6.cxd4 ♘c6 is the main continuation. 5...♘c6 6.c4 ♘c7 7.d5? [The compensation for this pawn sacrifice is not sufficient. 7...♘xe5 8.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 9.♙xf3 g6 10.♘c3 ♘g7 11.♙e2 0-0 12.0-0 e5! 13.dxe6 ♘xe6 14.♙f4 ♖e8 15.♙d1 15...♙d3 is a better square for the bishop. 15...♘xf4 16.♙xf4 ♙xc3 17.bxc3 ♖e5 18.♙f3 ♙e7 19.♙d5 ♙e6 20.♖ad1 ♙xd5 21.cxd5 ♖e8 22.c4 ♖e4 23.♙c1 ♙e5



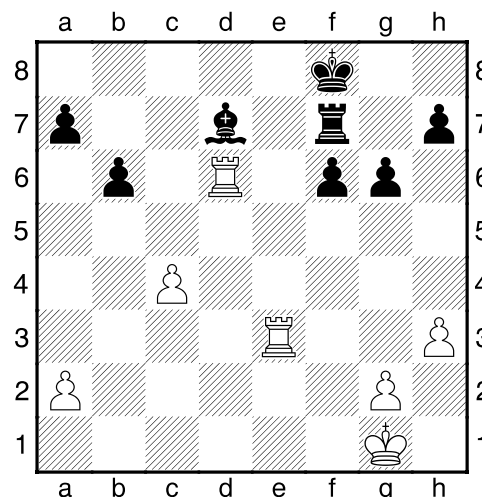
After the over-optimistic 7th move, White put his hope to hold an ending. But the centralisation strategy of Black is hard to counter. White does not find the right plan and falters in a few moves. 24.f3? 24.♙d3 ♖e1 25.♙d1 ♖xf1+ 26.♙xf1 b6 is still very difficult, but the game would continue. 24...♖e2 25.♙f2 ♙g3! 26.♙d2? ♖e1+ White resigned (0-1).

(1.5) GM Duda (2723) - WIM Movileanu, Daniela (2239) [E60]

1.d4 ♖f6 **2.c4** g6 **3.f3** An Anti-Gruenfeld move. White does not play 3. Nc3 which allows Black to exchange on c3 after 3. ... d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 bxc3, leading to a main variation. **3...♗c6** 3...d5 4.cxd5 ♗xd5 5.e4 ♗b6 6.♗c3 ♗g7 7.♗e3 is playable, but leads to a less known set-up for Black. **4.d5** ♗e5 **5.e4** d6 **6.♗c3** ♗g7 **7.f4** ♗ed7 **8.♗h3!** White transposes the knight to f2, keeps the c8-bishop out of the game. After 8. Nf3 Black can develop the latter to g4 once the d7-knight moves. **8...0-0** **9.♗e2** ♗c5 **10.♗f2** e5?! 10...e6 11.0-0 exd5 12.cxd5 c6 is playable for Black. **11.fxex5** ♗e8! 11...dxe5 12.♗e3 b6 13.b4 ♗b7 14.0-0 gives White a huge positional advantage on the queenside, whereas Black's counterplay on the kingside is nowhere. **12.exd6** ♗xd6 **13.♗e3**

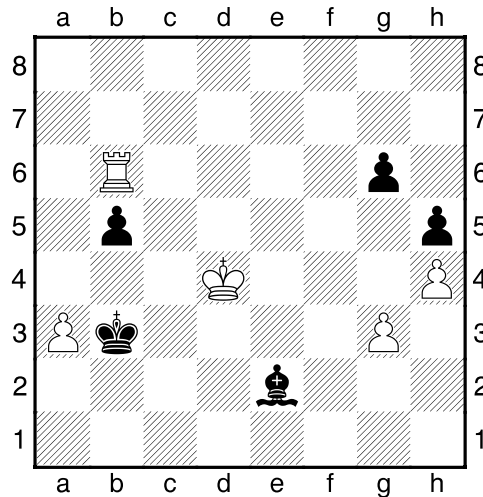


13...♗xc3+ A committal decision. Black regains material, but weakens the black squares around her king. 13...♗cxe4 14.♗cxe4 ♗xe4 15.♗xe4 ♗e8 16.♗g5 f6 17.♗d2 ♗xe4 was more prudent. **14.bxc3** ♗cxe4 **15.♗xe4** ♗xe4 **16.0-0** ♗xc3 **17.♗d2** ♗xe2+ **18.♗xe2** ♗e7? 18...♗e8 19.♗f2 ♗f5 keeps the balance. On e7 the queen is badly placed, as White can attack with Bc5 or Re1 after his next move. **19.♗f2!** b6 **20.♗ae1** ♗d6 **21.♗h6** ♗d7 21...♗f5 was more active. **22.♗d4** f6 **23.♗xf6** ♗xf8 **24.♗e3** ♗g7 **25.♗fe1** ♗f7 **26.h3** c6 **27.♗d1** ♗f8 **28.dxc6** ♗xd4 **29.♗xd4** ♗xc6 **30.♗d6** ♗d7



White has transposed into an ending with a rook for a bishop and a pawn. His endgame technique is crystal clear, reminding of the great Rubinstein. **31.♗a3!** ♗f5 **32.♗d8+** ♗g7 **33.♗a8** ♗e6 The best try. After 33. ...a5 White will pick up both Black pawns. 33...a5 34.♗b3 ♗e6 35.♗xb6 ♗xc4 36.♗xa5. **34.♗3xa7** ♗xc4 **35.♗xf7+** ♗xf7 **36.a3** ♗e6 **37.♗f2** b5 **38.♗c8** ♗d7? Black should keep the king next to his pawns

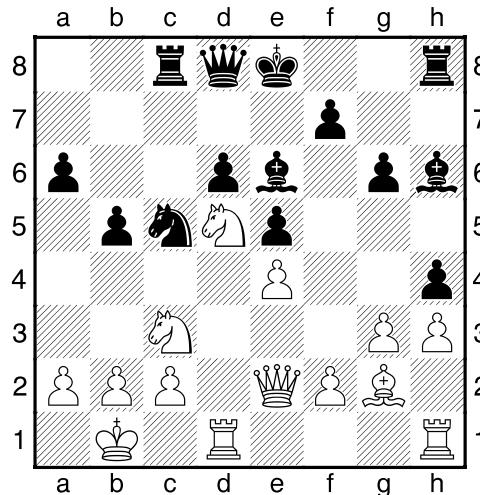
with 38...h5 39.♖c6+ ♔e5 and try to build a passed pawn on the kingside. After this mistake she loses another pawn after a precise rook maneuver from White. 39.♖h8 h5 40.♖h6 ♕d3 41.♔e3 ♕f5 42.♖h7+ ♔d6 43.♖f7! Black cannot defend f6 and b5 at the same time. The game is decided. 43...♔c5 44.♖xf6 ♔c4 45.♖b6 ♔c5 46.♖b8 ♕e6 47.h4 ♕f5 48.g3 ♔c4 49.♔f4 ♕d3 50.♖b6 50.♔g5 ♔b3 51.♖a8 ♕c2 was also possible but less precise. 50...♔b3 51.♔e3 ♕c4 52.♔d4 ♕e2



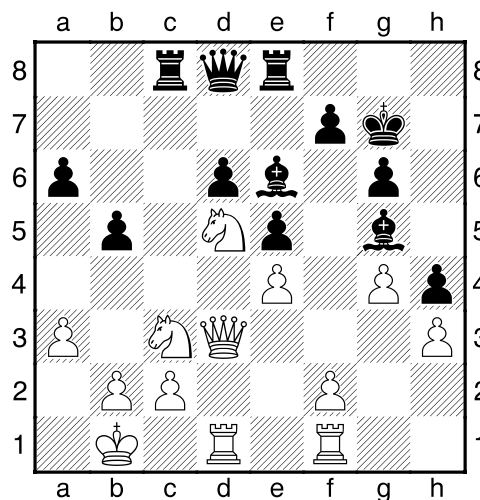
53.♖e6! White finds the most forcing sequence. Equally winning, but more complicated were 53.♖a6 b4 54.♖e6 ♕g4 55.♖e3+; 53.♖xg6 ♔xa3 54.♖e6 ♕d1 55.♔c5 b4 56.♖a6+ ♔b2 57.♔xb4. **53...♕g4 54.♖xg6 ♔xa3 55.♖xg4 hxg4 56.h5** and Black resigned. After the promotion of both pawns White exchanges the queens and wins with the g-pawn (1–0).

(1.6) Ouaki,Mark (2083) - GM Duda (2723) [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 A topical line against the Najdorf Variation.
6...e5 7.♘de2 h5 8.♙g5 ♙e6 9.♙xf6 ♖xf6 10.♘d5 ♗d8 11.♗d3 ♘d7 12.0-0-0 ♖c8 13.♘ec3 g6
14.♙b1 ♙h6 15.g3 ♘c5 16.♗e2 h4 17.♙g2 b5



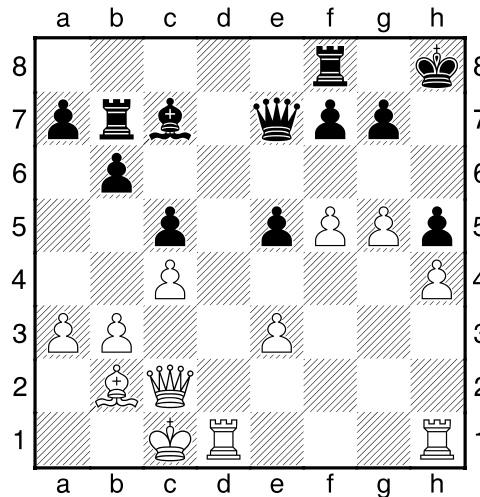
Both players have followed a long theoretical sequence. White wishes to put pressure on d6 and expose the king in the center, while Black gains ground on the queenside. **18.a3** 18.f4 hxg3 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.h4 ♙g7 21.♗f3 ♖xh4 22.♗xg3 was another plan **18...♙d7** Prepares a5 and b4 and clears the square e6 for the knight. **19.♙f3!** White trades his bad bishop via g4. **19...♘e6** **20.♙g4** ♙f8 **21.♙xe6** 21.♗d3 ♘c5 (21...♘d4? 22.♙xd7 ♗xd7 23.♘b6) 22.♗f3 keeps a slight edge for White. **21...♙xe6** **22.g4** ♙g7 **23.♗hf1** ♖e8 **24.♗d3** ♙g5



White has treated the middlegame very well and should have continued with 25. Ne3 in order to place the other knight to d5 and then push f4. However, he misses a slight tactics. **25.f4 exf4** **26.♘xf4?** 26.♗d4+ ♙f6 27.♘xf6 ♗xf6 28.♗xf6+ ♙xf6 29.♖xf4+ ♙e7 was the proper sequence. **26...♙c4** **27.♗xd6??** One mistake is often followed by another one. A (too) short end for an otherwise great game from White. **27...♗xd6** **28.♖xd6** ♙xf1. White resigned (0-1).

(1.7) GM Duda (2723) – Pein, Milan (1727) [A17]

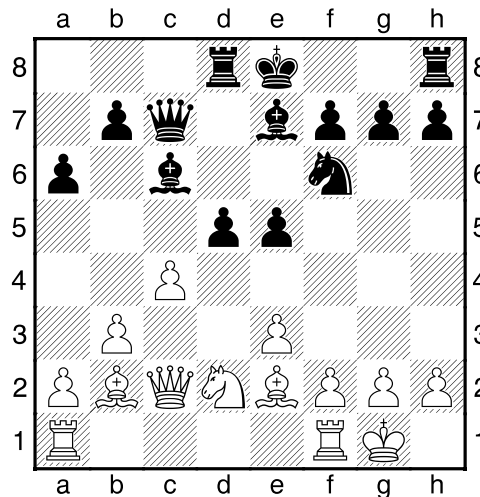
1. f3 e6 2. c4 f6 3. c3 d5 4. e3 c5 5. cxd5 xd5 6. c2 e7 7. a3 0-0 8. d3 h6 9. b3 f6 10. b2 xc3 11. dxc3 e7 12. h4 c6 13. 0-0-0 b6? 13... e5 14. c4 g4 should not pose a problem for White. The fianchetto in this position is not effective as it gives White the time to push forward his pawns on the kingside. 14. g4 e5 15. xe5 xe5 16. f4 c7 17. h7+ h8 18. e4 b8 19. g5 h5 20. c4 e5 21. f5 b7 22. xb7 xb7



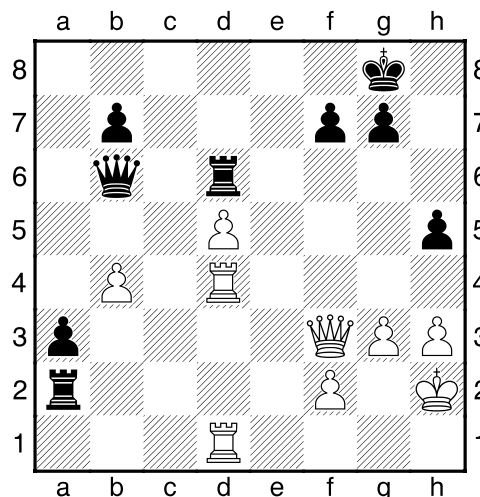
Black's position is passive, but still stable, so it seems. But Duda finds a strong attacking path for his queen. How does she travel from c2 to c6. 23. e2! Attacks h5. g6 24. f3! Attacks Rb7. bb8 25. c6! With the double threat 26. Rd7 and 26. f6 . 25... fd8 26. f6! d6 27. fxe7 xc6 28. xe5+! h7 29. xc7 xc7 30. d8 xe7 31. xb8 xe3 32. f1 e7 33. d1 and Black resigned (1-0).

(1.8) Pozimski,Szymon (2019) - GM Duda (2723) [A06]

1.♟f3 d5 2.e3 c5 3.b3 a6 4.♙b2 ♘c6 5.d4 cxd4 6.♘xd4 ♙d7 7.♙e2 ♚c7 8.0-0 ♜f6 9.♘d2 ♜xd4 10.♙xd4 10.exd4 e6 11.c4 looks more natural. Now Black gains some space. 10...e5 11.♙b2 ♞d8 12.c4 ♙c6 13.♚c2 ♙e7



14.♞ac1 14.♘f3! d4 15.exd4 ♙e4 16.♚c3 exd4 17.♘xd4 would pose White problems. 14...d4 15.exd4 exd4 16.♙f3 0-0 17.♚d3 ♙b4 18.♘e4 ♙xe4 19.♙xe4 ♞fe8 20.♙f3 a5 21.♞cd1 ♙c5 22.♞fe1 ♞e6 23.♙c1 ♞de8 24.♞f1 24.♞xe6 fxe6 25.♞e1 e5 26.♙g5 was more accurate. 24...h6 25.g3 ♚b6 26.♙b2 ♞d8 27.♚f5 a4 28.♞d3 ♞de8 29.♙c1 a3 30.♙d2 ♞e5 31.♚h3 ♙b4 Otherwise White plays 32. b4! Bxb4 33. Rb3. 32.♚g2 ♙xd2 33.♞xd2 ♞e7 34.h3 ♞e1 35.♙h2 h5 36.♚h1 ♞1e6 37.♞fd1 ♞d7 38.♙d5 ♜xd5 39.cxd5 ♞e5 40.♞xd4 ♞e2 41.♚f3 ♞xa2 42.b4 ♞d6

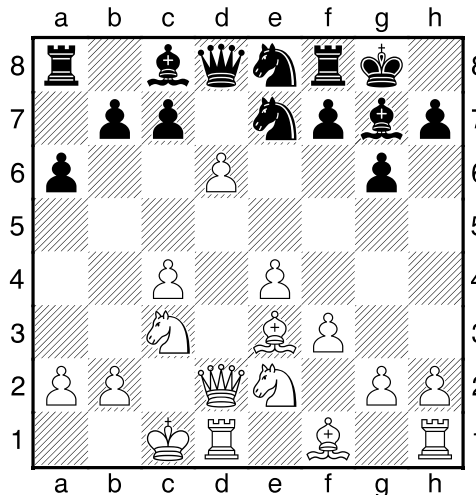


White is fine and just needs to guard the f2-spot. For that 43. Kg2 looks best. 43.♙g2 ♞f6 44.♙f4 ♞xf4 45.♚xf4 with a slight advantage. 43...♚c7 The computer finds the impossible variation 43...h4! 44.♞xf7 hxg3+ 45.♙xg3 ♞g6+ 46.♙h2 ♚d6+ 47.♙h1 ♞g2 48.♙xg2 ♚g6+ 49.♚g4 ♚xg4+ 50.hxg4 ♙xf7 with equality. 44.♚b3 ♚c2 45.♚xc2? White needs to keep the queen on the board. Now the a-pawn becomes too strong. After 45.♚f3 Black has nothing better than 45. ... ♚c7 with repetition of moves! 45...♞xc2 46.♙g2 a2 47.♞f3? ♞xd5 48.♞a1 g6 49.♞a3 ♞f5 50.♞f1 b5 51.♞a5 ♙g7 52.g4

hxc4 53.hxc4 ♖f4 54.♖xb5 ♖xc4+ 54...♖xf2+ wins on spot. 55.♗f3 ♖xf2+ 56.♖xf2 a1♚ 57.♗xc4 ♚d4+ 58.♖f4 ♚d7+ 59.♖bf5 gxf5+ 60.♗g5 f6+ 61.♗h4 ♚e8 and White resigns (0–1).

(1.9) GM Duda (2723) - Gkionis,Thanos (1734) [E85]

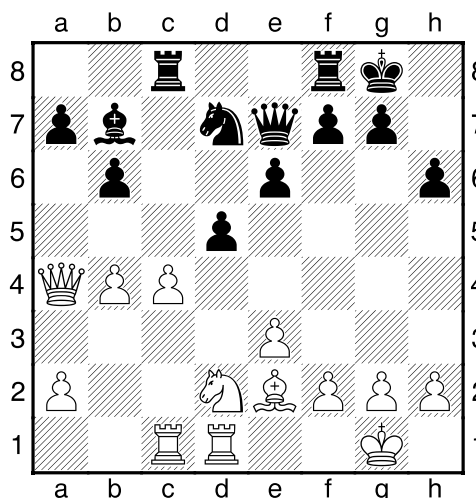
1.c4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.e4 d6 4.♖c3 ♖f6 5.f3 0–0 6.♗e3 e5 7.♖ge2 ♖c6 8.♚d2 ♖e7 8...exd4 9.♖xd4 ♖xd4 10.♗xd4 a6 should be playable for Black. 9.0–0–0 a6?? 9...♖d7 10.h4 h5 and White is only slightly better. 10.dxe5 ♖e8 11.exd6



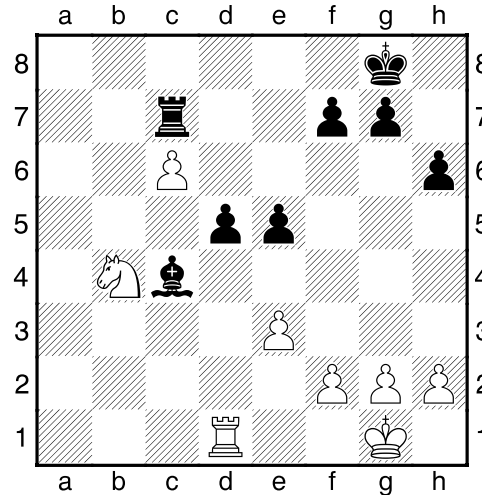
11...♖xd6? 11...♚xd6 12.♚xd6 ♖xd6 13.♖f4 is also difficult, but the text moves loses a full piece, ending the game prematurely. 12.c5! ♗e6 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.♚xd6 ♖c6 15.♚xd8 ♖fxd8 16.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 17.♖f4 ♗xc3 18.♖xe6 fxe6 19.bxc3 b5 20.♗e2 ♖e5 21.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 22.♗xd1 ♗f7 23.♗c2 ♗e7 24.♗b3 ♗d6 25.a4 ♗c6 26.axb5+ axb5 27.♗b4 ♖d7 28.♗xb5+ ♗c7 29.♗xd7 ♗xd7 30.♗b5 and Black resigned (1–0).

(1.10) GM Duda (2723) - Russian,Carlo (2072) [D30]

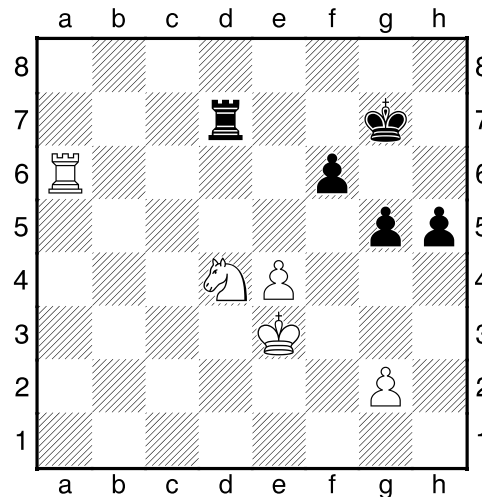
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17...a5?! 17...a6 18.cxd5 Bxc1 19.Bxc1 b5 20.Wa5 Qxd5 keeps full equality as White cannot take on a6. **18.bxa5 Ba8 19.Qb3 bxa5 20.c5** [20.Qxa5? Qa6! 21.Wc2 Bfc8 and Black regains the pawn. **20...Qe5 21.Qb5 Bfc8 22.c6 Qa6 23.Wxa5 Qc4! 24.Qxc4 Qxc4 25.Wb6 Bxa2 25...Bab8! 26.Wd4 Bxc6 27.Qa5 Bc5 28.Qxc4 Bb4** eliminates the dangerous c6–pawn. **26.Qd4 Wf6 27.Bc2 Bxc2 28.Qxc2 e5 29.Qb4 Wd6 30.Wb7 Wc7 31.Wxc7 Bxc7**



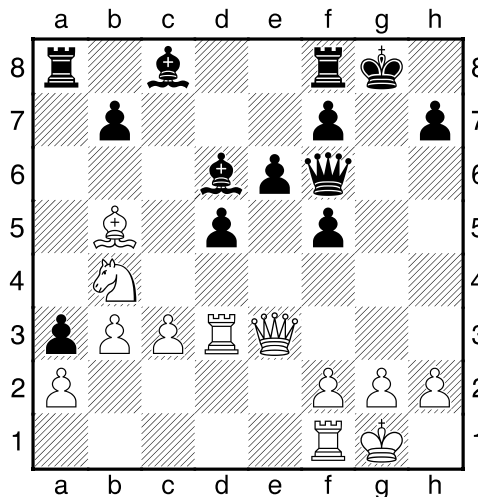
Black has survived the complications and would have hoped for a draw after 32. Nxd5 Bxd5 33. Rxd5 Rxc7 in a 4:3 rook ending. White finds an interesting way to continue the pressure. **32.e4! dxe4 32...d4 33.f4 f6 34.Bc1 Qe6 35.Qd5** and White is winning. **33.Bd7 Bc8 34.c7 Qh7 35.Be7 Qg6 36.Qc6 Qa6 37.Bd7 37.Qa7? Ba8. 37...Qf6 38.Bd6+ Qg5 39.h4+ Qxh4 40.Qxe5 Bxc7 40...Qb7 41.Bd7; 40...f6 41.Bxa6 fxe5** should be a draw. **41.Bxa6 e3? 41...f6** would make it more difficult for White. But at this point in time, Carlo was the last player and Duda could fully concentrate on this final game in the first series. **42.Qf3+ Qg4 43.Ba4+ Qf5 44.fxe3 g5 45.Qd4+ Qg6 46.Ba6+ f6 47.Qf2 h5 48.e4 Bd7 49.Qe3 Qg7**



50.e5! fxe5 51.Qe6+ Qf7 52.Qxg5+ Qg7 53.Qf3 Qh7 54.Qxe5 Bg7 55.Qf3 Bg5 56.Ba7+ Qg8 57.Qd3 Qf8 58.Qf4 Qg8 59.Bd7 Qh8 60.Bd5 Bxd5 61.Qxd5 and Black resigned (1–0).

(1.11) Zaimis,Nikos (1566) - GM Duda (2723) [A45]

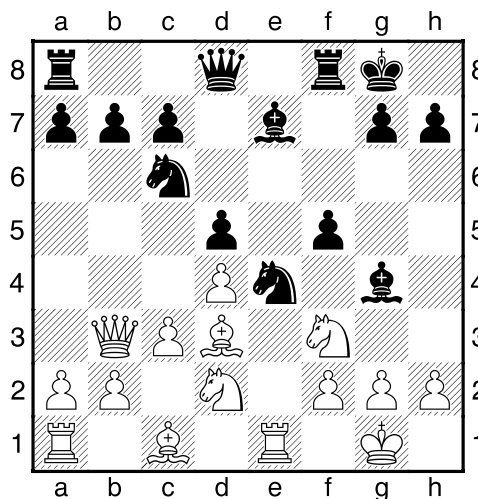
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White's pieces on the queenside are not well coordinated. GM Duda immediately takes profit by 22...♞a5! 23.♜b6? 23.♗a4 b5 24.♘c6 was a better attempt to save the bishop. 23...♜d8! 24.♜xd8 ♞xd8 25.♘d5 exd5 26.♞xd5 ♗xh2+ and White resigned (0-1).

(2.1) GM Duda (2723) - Alberola Mulet,Benjamin (2001) [C42]

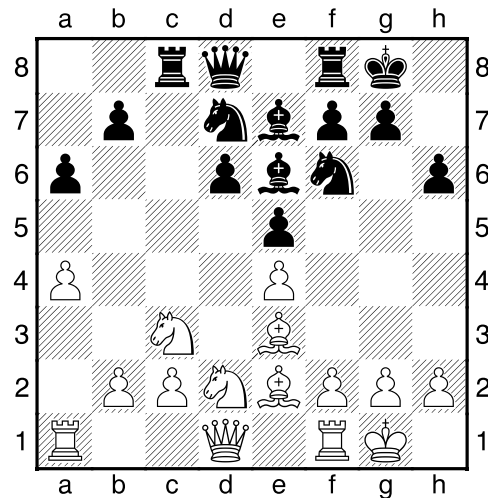
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♗e7 7.0-0 ♘c6 8.♞e1 ♗g4 9.c3 f5 10.♘bd2 0-0 11.♜b3



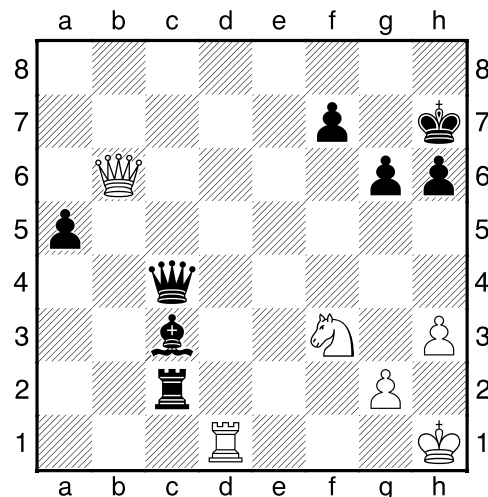
11...♗h8 A sharp continuation. More prudent is 11. ... Na5. 12.♜xb7 ♞f6 13.♜b3 ♞g6 14.♗f1 a5 15.♜c2 ♗d6 15...♜d6 looks more flexible as Black can bring his rook to the kingside if appropriate. 16.♜d3 a4 17.g3! ♗e7? 17...♞e6 18.♗g2 ♜d7 keeps harmony in Black's camp. 18.♗g2 ♘a5?? 19.♘e5 With the triple threat Nf7+, Nxg6+ and Nxg4. 19...♞f6 20.♘xg4 fxg4 21.♘xe4 dxe4 22.♜xe4 and further material loss is unavoidable. A sudden death in an otherwise interesting fight (1-0).

(2.2) Barta,Jozsef (2071) - GM Duda (2723) [B92]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♙e2 e5 7.♘f3 ♙e7 8.0-0 ♙e6 9.♙g5 ♘bd7 10.a4 h6 11.♙e3 ♖c8 12.♘d2 0-0



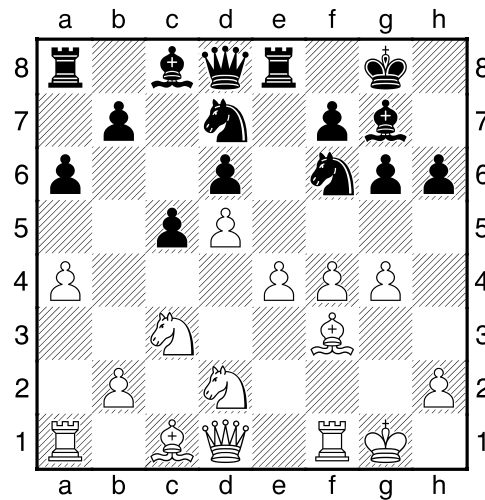
13.f4? A typical move in such Sicilian patterns, but premature here. **13...exf4 14.♙xf4?** 14.♖xf4 is slightly better continuation, but 14. ... d5! 15.exd5 ♖xc3! is also good for Black. **14...♗b6+ 15.♔h1 ♗xb2 16.♘d5 ♘xd5 17.exd5 ♙xd5 18.♙d3** [White has not sufficient compensation for the missing two pawns. GM Duda now takes the full point by simplifying the ending and converting his material advantage. **18...♘f6 19.♗e1 ♖fe8 20.♗f2 ♗c3 21.♖ad1 ♗c6 22.♖fe1 ♘h5! 23.♙g3 ♘xg3+ 24.♗xg3 ♙g5 25.♘f3 ♖xe1+ 26.♖xe1 ♙f6 27.♖f1 ♙e4!** As the White bishop is much more dangerous Black changes this piece rather than the knight. Moreover, the c2-pawn will fall as well. **28.♙xe4 ♗xe4 29.♗xd6 ♖xc2 30.h3 ♗xa4 31.♗b8+ ♔h7 32.♗xb7 ♗c4 33.♗b1 g6 34.♖e1 34.♘d2 ♗c7!** and Black has 35. ... Rc1 if White takes 35. Rxf6. **34...a5 35.♗b6 ♙c3 36.♖d1**



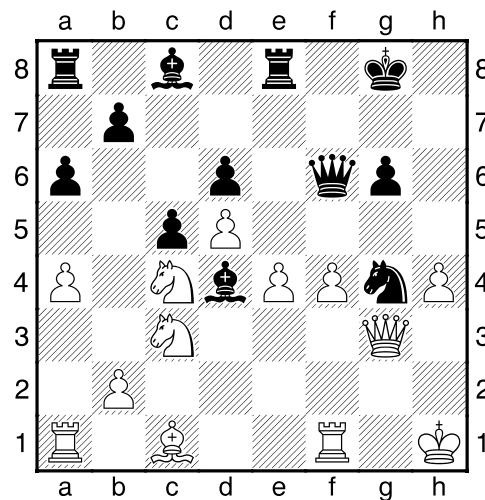
36...♖xg2! A nice way of further simplification by trading rooks! **37.♔xg2 ♗e2+ 38.♔g3 ♗xd1 39.♗c7 ♙e1+ 40.♔f4 ♙d2+ 41.♔g3 ♗b3 42.♗d7 ♙c3 43.h4 ♙f6 44.h5 ♗e6 45.hxg6+ ♔xg6 46.♗d3+ ♔g7 47.♗b5 ♗d6+ 48.♔g2 ♗b4 49.♗c6 a4 50.♗c7 a3 51.♗g3+ ♔h7 52.♗c7 ♗b2+ 53.♔g3 ♗b3 54.♗f4 ♗e6 55.♗d2 a2 56.♗c2+ ♔g7** Impeccable technique from Black. White resigned (0-1).

(2.3) GM Duda (2723) - FM Bednarich, Jan (2202) [A67]

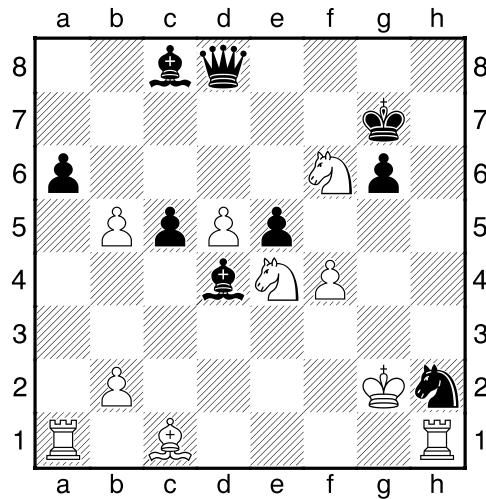
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.♘c3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 ♙g7 8.♙b5+ ♘fd7 9.a4 ♚h4+ 10.g3 ♚d8 11.♘f3 0-0 12.0-0 a6 13.♙e2 ♞e8 14.♘d2 ♘f6 15.g4 h6 16.♙f3 ♘bd7



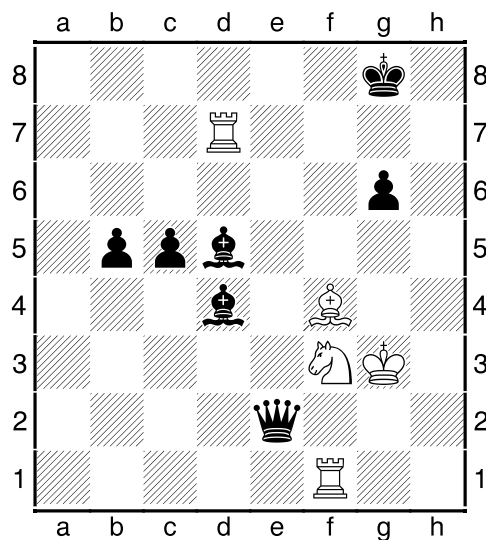
17.h4?! White has a space advantage and pushes on the kingside. But Black's Ben-Oni formation has some hidden attacking potential as well. **17...h5! 18.g5** Not 18.gxh5 ♘xh5 19.♙xh5 ♙d4+ 20.♔g2 gxh5 21.♚xh5? ♘f6! and Black has the attack! **18...♘g4 19.♙xg4 hxg4 20.♚xg4 ♙d4+ 21.♔h1 ♘f6 22.♚f3 ♘g4 23.♘c4 23.♘b3 f5! 23...f5 24.gxf6 ♚xf6 25.♚g3**



25...b5! White is a pawn up, but still underdeveloped and with a vulnerable king. Black finds an ingenious way to bring his reserves à tempo. **26.axb5 ♞a7!** with the obvious idea 27. ... Rh7. **27.e5 dxe5 28.♘e4 ♚d8 29.♘cd6 ♞h7 30.♘xe8 ♞xh4+ 31.♔g2 ♞h2+ 32.♚xh2 ♘xh2 33.♘8f6+ ♔g7 34.♞h1**



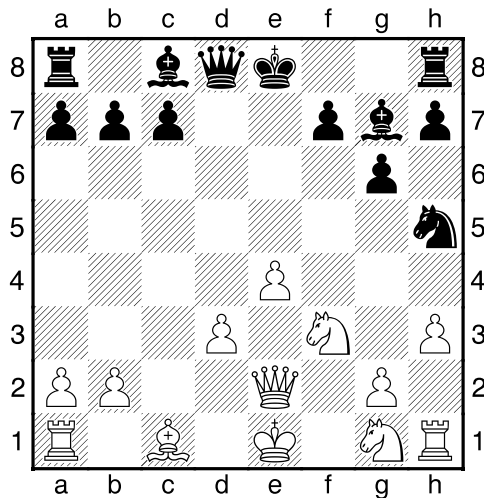
A messy situation, but Black finds the best move! **34...exf4!** and the knight on f6 is hanging. **35.♙xf4 ♜xf6 36.♔xh2 ♜d4 37.♔g3 ♜xd5 38.♞ae1** Black should be winning now, but White finds an option to fight on. **38...axb5 39.♘g5! ♜b3+ 40.♘f3 ♜e6 41.♞a1 ♜d5 42.♞a7+ ♔g8 43.♞f1 ♜xb2 44.♞d7 ♜e2**



45.♞d8+ ♔g7? 45...♔f7 46.♞d7+ ♔e8 wins. 46.♞d7+ ♔g8 46...♔f6?? 47.♜g5+ ♔e6 48.♞e7+ 47.♞d8+ ♔g7 47...♔f7 is still possible. 48.♞d7+ ♔g8 and draw by 3-fold repetition! (½–½)

(2.4) Berends,Gijs - GM Duda (2723) [A45]

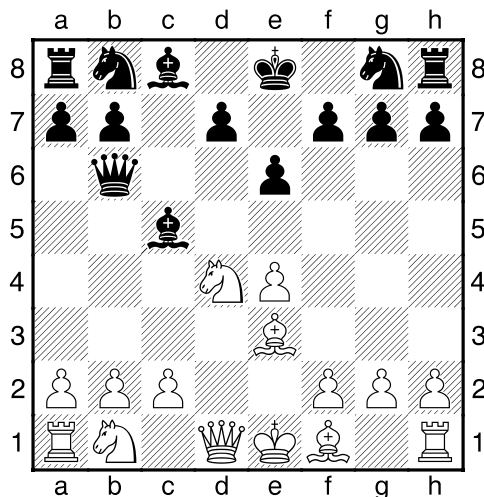
1.d4 ♘f6 2.e3 g6 3.♙d3 d6 4.♘d2 ♙g7 5.f4? 5...♘gf3 is more solid. 5...e5! 6.fxe5 dxe5 7.dxe5 7...♘gf3 was necessary. 7...♘g4 8.♘df3 ♘c6 9.♚e2 ♘cxe5 10.h3 ♘xd3+ 11.cxd3 ♘f6 12.e4 ♘h5



White is already under pressure. With 13. Qc2 he could play on, but after the text, the position collapses. 13.♚f2? ♚xd3 14.♘e2 ♚xe4 15.0-0 0-0 16.♙e3? ♜e8 17.♞ae1 ♚xe3 18.♘c1 ♚xf2+ 19.♙xf2 ♙d7 20.♘d3 ♙b5 21.♞d1 ♞ad8 22.♞fe1 ♞xe1 23.♘fxe1 ♘f4! 24.♙e3 ♘xd3 25.♘xd3 ♞xd3+ 26.♞xd3 ♙xd3 27.♙xd3 and White resigned (0-1).

(2.5) GM Duda (2723) - Bertram,Johannes (1926) [B40]

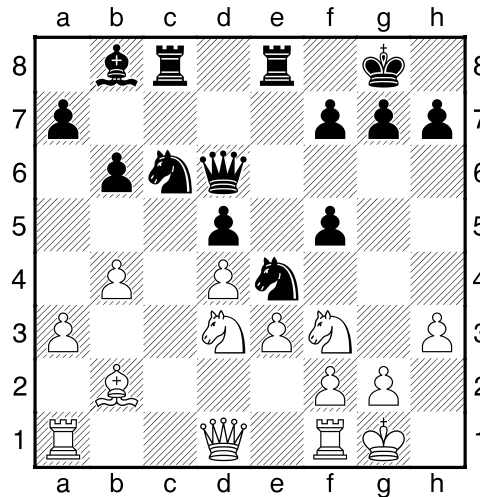
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♙c5 5.♙e3 ♚b6



6.♘a3! A rare, but strong continuation which Black was not aware of. 6...♚a5+ 7.♙d2 ♚a4?? 7...♚d8 is necessary. 8.♘b3 ♙xa3 9.bxa3 ♘c6 with an unbalanced position. 8.♘ab5! ♙xd4 9.b3! and the queen is trapped. 9...♙xf2+ 10.♙xf2 and Black resigned as even 10. ... Qxe4 is impossible because of 11. Nd6+ (1-0).

(2.6) Black, Leslie - GM Duda (2723) [D10]

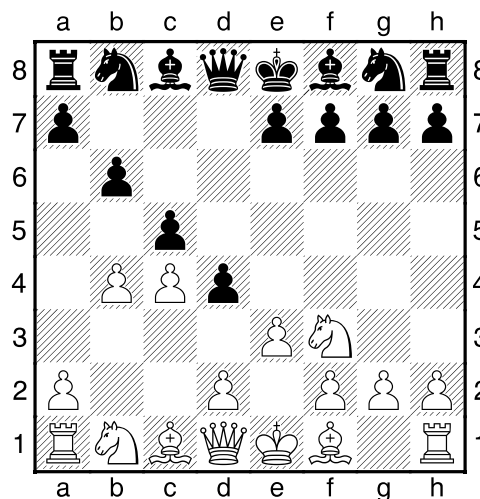
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.h3 ♘c6 6.a3 White should play 5. Bf4 and 6. e3 instead.
6...♙f5 7.e3 e6 8.♙d3 ♙d6 9.♙xf5 exf5 10.b4 0-0 11.♘f3 ♖e8 12.0-0 ♖c8 13.♘a4 ♙b8 14.♘c5 b6
15.♘d3 ♘e4 16.♙b2 ♗d6



White has a passive but stable position. However, in a few moves, he loses material and the game.
17.♘de5 f6 18.♖c1?? 18.♘d3 g5 19.♖c1 ♘e7 gives Black the advantage, but was better than the text.
18...fxe5 19.dxe5 ♗e6 20.♙d4 ♘xe5 21.♙xe5 ♙xe5 22.♘xe5 ♗xe5 23.f4 ♖xc1 24.♗xc1 ♗c3 25.♗d1
♗xe3+ 26.♙h1 ♘g3+ and White resigned (0-1).

(2.7) GM Duda (2723) - Dedobbeleer, Vladymyr (1659) [A09]

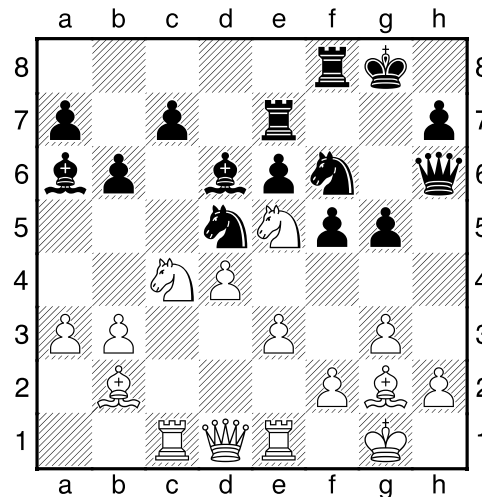
1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 b6 4.e3 c5?



4...dxe3 5.fxe3 ♙b7 6.d4 e6 with a normal position for Black should be played. 5.♘xd4! cxd4 6.♗f3
♙b7 7.♗xb7 ♘d7 8.exd4 White has won two pawns after 8 moves, which will prove decisive. 8...e6
9.a3 ♘gf6 10.♘c3 ♙e7 11.♙b2 0-0 12.♙e2 ♘e8 13.♗f3 ♘d6 14.0-0 ♙f6 15.♘e4 ♘xe4 16.♗xe4 g6
17.♖ab1 ♙g7 18.d5 After some preparation White undoubles one of his extra-pawns. 18...♘f6 19.♙xf6
♗xf6 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.c5 ♖ad8 22.♗e3 e5 23.♙f3 ♖d4 24.c6 ♗e6 25.♙e4 ♗a2 26.d3 ♗xa3 27.b5 ♗d6
28.♖a1 ♗c7 29.h4! ♖f4 30.g3 30...♖g4 Not a good square for the rook as it weakens the back-rank.
31.♖fc1 ♙f6 32.♖xa7! ♖dx4 33.♗xe4! ♖xe4 34.♖xc7 ♖b4 35.♖d7 Black resigned (1-0).

(2.8) FM Buhr,Carl - GM Duda [A90]

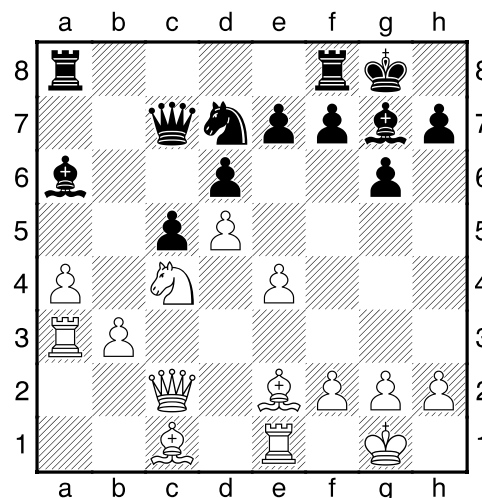
1.d4 e6 2.♘f3 f5 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♙g2 d5 5.0-0 ♙d6 6.c4 0-0 7.b3 b6 8.♖c2 ♗e7 9.cxd5 ♘xd5 9...exd5 10.♘c3 ♙b7 11.♘b5 ♘e4 12.♙b2 was the alternative. 10.♘bd2 ♙a6 11.♞e1 ♘d7 12.a3 ♞ae8 13.♙b2 ♘7f6 14.♘c4 ♗f7 15.♘fe5 ♗h5 16.e3 g5 17.♗d1 ♗h6 18.♞c1 ♞e7



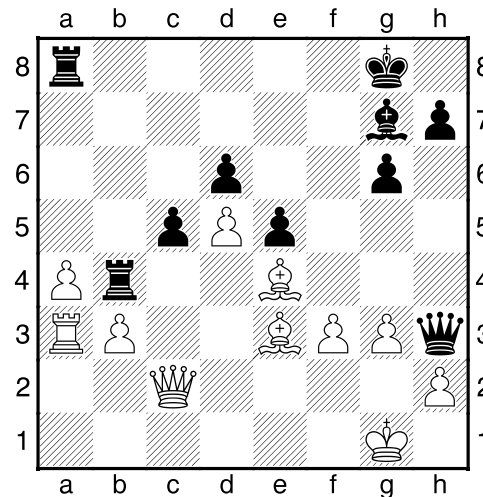
White has placed his pieces on good squares, while Black could start an offensive on the kingside over the g-file. White now finds a good plan to counter this with active play. 19.f3! ♘h5? 19...g4 20.f4 ♗h5 gives White only a slight edge. 20.e4 ♘df4 20...♘df6 21.♘c6 ♞d7 22.e5 is worse. 21.♘xd6! cxd6 22.♘c6 ♞g7 23.exf5 ♞xf5 23...♘xg2 24.♞xe6! 24.gxf4 gxf4 25.♞c2! ♞fg5 26.d5! ♘f6 26...e5 27.♘xe5 dxe5 28.♞xe5 and White's d5-pawn is unstoppable. 27.♙xf6 ♗xf6 28.♞xe6 ♗f7 29.♗e1 h5 30.♗e4 ♘h8 31.♞h6+ ♘g8 32.♞xd6 ♞xg2+ 33.♞xg2 ♞xg2+ 34.♘xg2 and Black resigned. GM Duda's only loss in the simul (1-0).

(2.9) GM Duda (2723) - FM Garcia-Cuenca,Victor (2366) [A58]

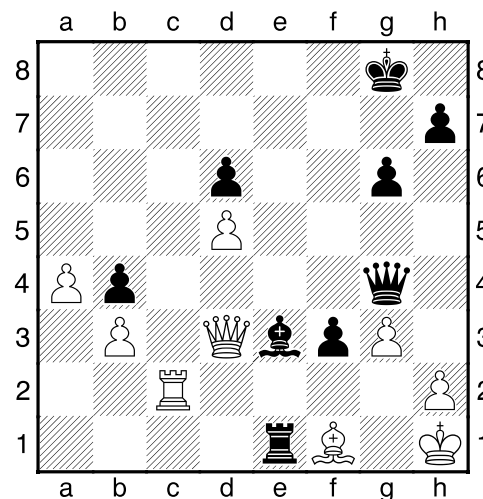
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19.♔g5 A typical Benkő-position. White is a solid pawn up, but Black has some pressure on the queenside. The question for White is how to generate some play himself. GM Duda choses to question the e7–pawn, which turns out to be questionable exercise. **19...♖fb8! 20.♕xe7? ♕xc4 21.♕xc4 f6 22.e5 ♜xe5 23.♞xe5? 23.f4 ♞xe7 (23...♜g4? 24.♞e6!)** 24.fxe5 fxe5 is about equal. **23...fxe5 24.♔g5** White has liberated the bishop, but is now an exchange down for his pawn. From now on Black plays for a win. **24...♞f7 24...e4!** would avoid the following blockade. White cannot take as Black wins quickly over the e-file, and the a3–rook cannot come back to the back rank. **25.♕e3 ♞f5 26.♕d3 ♞g4 27.♕e4 ♞b4 28.f3 ♞h4 29.g3 ♞h3**

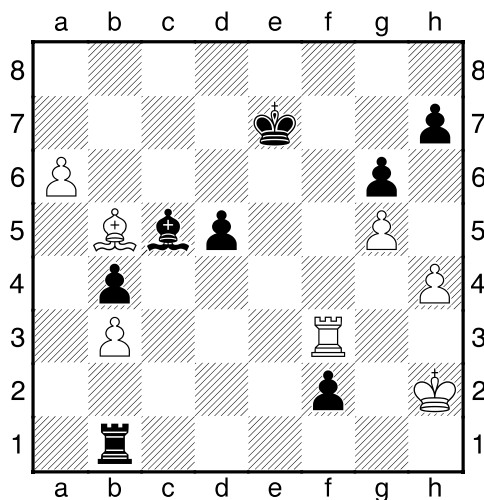


30.♕d2 ♕h6! The winning move. After the exchange of the dark-squared bishop Black dominates the game and 31. Bxb4? loses after 31... Be3+. GM Duda tries to save his skin by avoiding the trade of his good bishop **31.f4?! exf4! 32.♕g2 ♞g4 33.♕xb4 cxb4 34.♞a2 f3 35.♕f1 ♕e3+ 36.♜h1 ♞c8 37.♞d3 ♞c1 38.♞c2 ♞e1!**



With a number of best moves, Black has achieved a winning position. White tries to escape with a counter-attack. **39.♞b5 ♞e4 39...♕c5!!** shuts off the rook and prepares **40... Qh3**, after which White could resign. **40.♞c8+ ♜f7? 40...♜g7 41.♞d7+ ♜f6!! 42.♞f8+ ♜g5 43.h4+ ♜h6 44.♞h8 ♞xf1+ 45.♜h2 ♞c2+ 46.♜h3 ♞h1+ 47.♜g4 ♞e4#.** Hard to calculate, of course. **41.h4!** cuts off the g5–square and gives the king and escape square. **41...♜g7 42.♜h2 ♕c5?** Too late. Now **42...♕g1+! 43.♜h3 (43.♜xg1 ♞e2!)** 43...♞f5+ 44.g4 ♞xc8 finishes the game. **43.♞d7+ ♞e7 43...♜h6 44.♞c7 ♞c2+ 45.♜h3 ♞f5+** was still much better for Black. After the exchange of queens, the game starts anew. **44.♞xe7+ ♞xe7 45.g4 ♞e1 46.♞c7+ ♜f8 47.♕b5 f2 48.♞c8+ ♜e7 49.♞c7+ ♜f6 50.g5+ ♜e5 51.♞f7** Through a Lasker-like miracle

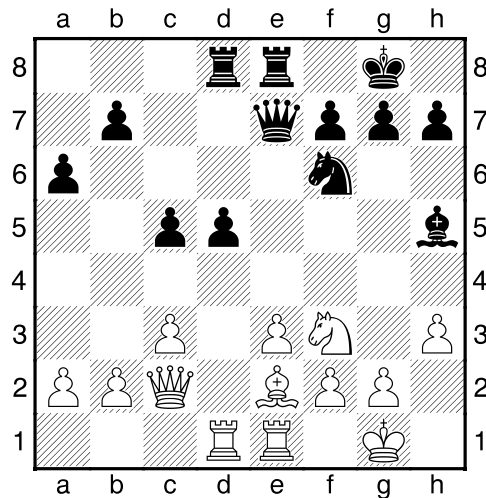
White kept the promotion square under control. GM Duda showed extremely well-developed defensive skills here. **51...♖xd5 52.a5 ♖e6 53.♟f6+ ♖e7?** 53...♖e5 54.a6 ♟b1 maintains the winning chances. On e7, the king becomes cut off. **54.a6 ♟c1 55.♖g2 ♟g1+ 56.♖h2 ♟b1 57.♟f3 d5**



58.♖g2 ♟g1+ 59.♖h3 ♟a1 60.♖g2 ♖d6? 60...♖e6 keeps an eye on f7. **61.♟f7 ♟e3 62.♟xh7 ♖c5 63.♟e2 ♖d4 64.h5! ♟xg5??** Loses the bishop and the game. 64...gxh5 65.♟f1 (65.g6 ♟g1+) 65...♟xg5 should be a draw. **65.hxg6 ♟f6 66.g7 ♟xg7 67.♟xg7 ♖c3 68.♟g3+ ♖c2 69.♖xf2 d4 70.♟c4** and Black resigned after this nerve-racking fight, probably a bit disappointed as the victory was so near (**1–0**).

(2.10) Garzotti, Paolo (1701) - GM Duda (2723) [D02]

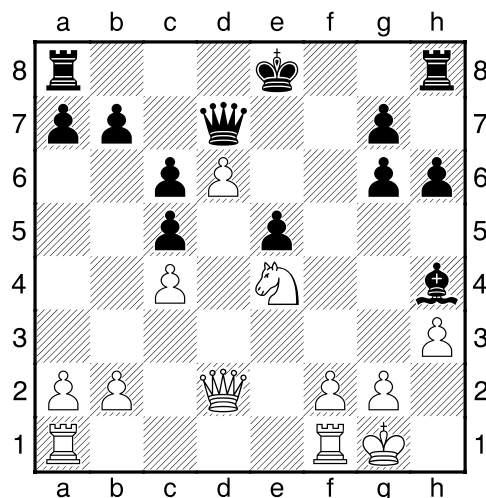
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f3 d5 3.♙f4 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 ♘c6 6.♙d3 ♙d6 7.♙g3 ♗e7 8.♙xd6 ♗xd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.♗bd2 e5 11.dxe5 11...dxc5 ♗xc5 12.e4 is the alternative, but White plays for simplification. 11...♗xe5 12.♗xe5 ♗xe5 13.♗f3 ♗e7 14.♗c2 ♙g4 15.♙e2 ♗fe8 16.♗fe1 ♗ad8 17.♗ad1 ♙h5 18.h3 a6



Playing White, the Italian player has kept equality with the Colle system - invented in Belgium. 19.♗d2 ♙g6 20.♙d3 ♙e4 21.♙xe4 dxe4 22.♗f1 h5 23.♗xd8 ♗xd8 24.♗d1 h4 25.♗d2! A good way to fight for the d-file. 25...g6 26.♗d1 ♗e8 27.♗h2 ♗g7 28.♗g4 b5 29.♗xf6 ♗xf6 30.♗d6 ♗e6 31.♗d5 ♗e5 32.♗d6 32.a3 should lead to a drawn queen's ending. 32...♗g5 33.♗g4 ♗e7 34.♗d7 ♗xd7 35.♗xd7 ♗e6 36.♗f1 c4 37.♗e2 g5 38.♗d4 ♗g6 39.f3 exf3+ 40.♗xf3 f6 41.e4 ♗f7 42.♗g4 ♗g6 43.♗f3 ♗b6 44.♗d5 b4 45.cxb4 45.e5! fxe5 46.♗xe5 bxc3 47.bxc3 and Black can make no progress as 47... Rb2 runs into 48. Re6+ Kg7 49. Rxa6 Rc2 50. Ra3. 45...♗xb4 46.♗d2 ♗a4 47.a3 c3 48.bxc3 ♗xa3 49.♗c2 a5 50.♗g4? White is perfectly fine after 50. Ke3, and the c-pawn may become even dangerous if Black's king does not come back with 50... Kf7. 50...a4 51.c4?? ♗g3# White ruined with this last two moves a perfect game over 50 moves with full equality! (0-1).

(2.11) GM Duda (2723) - Gentchev, Galin [B12]

1.d4 c6 2.♗f3 d6 3.e4 ♙g4 4.h3 ♙h5 5.♙e2 ♗c7 6.c4 e5 7.♗c3 ♙e7 8.♙e3 h6 9.♗d2 ♗d7 10.d5 ♗gf6 11.0-0 ♙g6 12.♙d3 ♗c5 13.♙xc5 dxc5 14.♗h4 ♗xe4? wins a pawn, but at the cost of an inferior long-term position. 14...♙h7 is a better choice. 15.♙xe4 ♙xh4 16.♙xg6 fxg6 17.d6 ♗d7 18.♗e4



This untouchable monster knight gives White a lasting advantage. **18...0-0-0?** The king is not safe on the queenside. The game is practically over as Black cannot defend his monarch against White's combined forces. 18...b6 19.a3 0-0 is much better than the text. **19.♖e3 b6 20.a4 ♕f6 21.a5 ♖b7 22.axb6 axb6 23.♗xc5+ bxc5 24.♗b3+** and Black resigned before being mated (1-0).

ⁱ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan-Krzysztof_Duda
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ⁱⁱⁱ <http://szachy.ct8.pl/historia-szachow/>

^{iv} <https://historia.org.pl/2011/08/10/szachy-rozrywka-sredniowiecznych-monarchow/>

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^{xxvi} David Shenk.