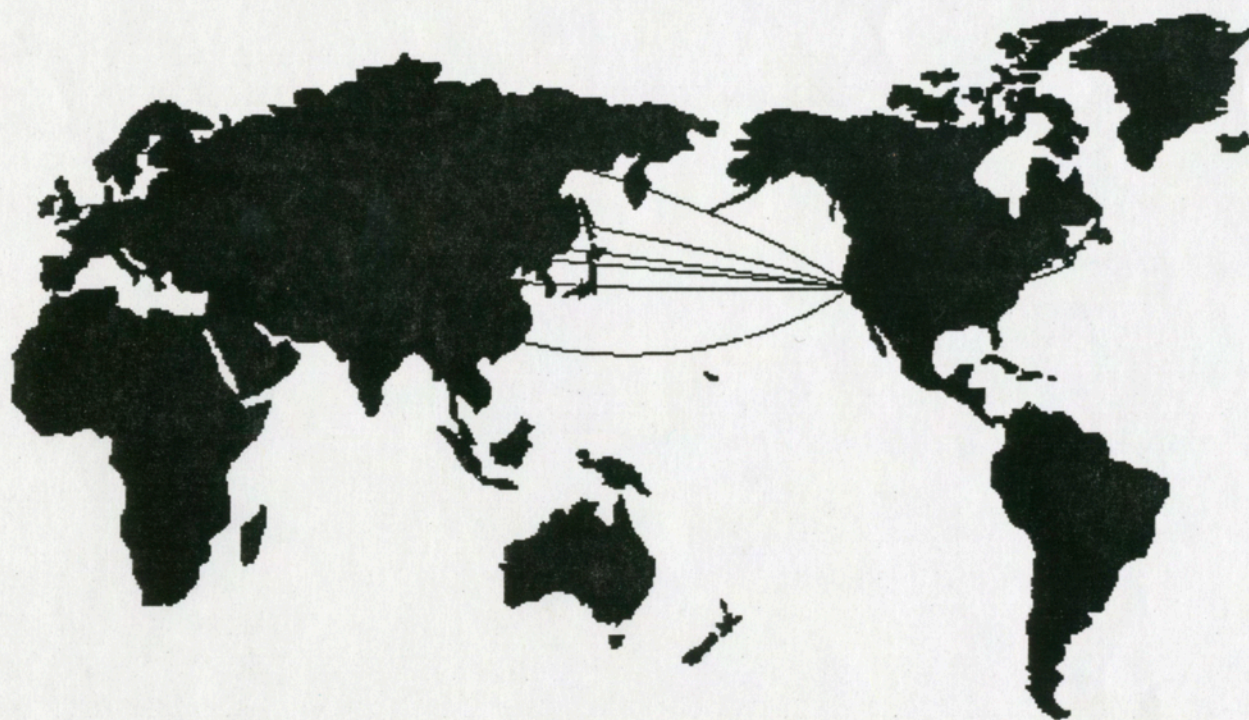


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Round One:

Gulko 1-0 Waitzkin

Polgar 0-1

Xie Jun 1/2 de Firmian

Browne 1/2 Huebner

Nunn 1-0 Tisdall

Ashley 0-1 Korchnoi

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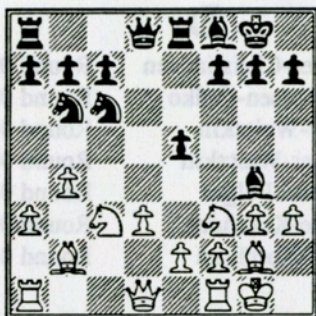
Gulko, Boris (2595)

Waitzkin, Joshua (2435)

1.c4 e5 2.♖c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5 5.cd ♘:d5
6.♗g2 ♘b6 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4 ♗e8 10.d3 ♗f8
11.♗b2

11...a5 is another popular dynamically equal position from practice.

11...♗g4 12.h3



12...♗h5

Bischoff, K-De Boer, G; Groningen 1990: 12...Bb5 13.Ne4 a5 14.b5 Nd4 15.Ned2 Nxf3+ 16.Nxf3 1/2, and 12...♗e6 13.♗e4 f6 14.♗c2 ♗d7 15.♗b2 a5 16.b5 ♗d4 17.♗d4 ed 18.♗d2 ♗d5 19.♗f3 ♗b5 20.♗d4 ♗c5 21.♗d5+ ♗d5 22.♗b3 a4 23.♗a2 f5; Timman, J-Petursson, M; Tilburg 1993 1-0 (46).

13.♗c1 ♗d7 14.g4 ♗g6 15.♗h4 a6 16.♗e4 ♗ad8 17.♗c2 ♗d5 18.e3 a5 19.ba ♗:a5 20.♗fd1 ♗b5 21.♗b1 ♗a6 22.♗:g6 ♗:g6 23.♗g3 ♗c6 24.♗:c6 ♗:c6 25.♗dc1 ♗a5 26.♗c2 c6 27.♗c1 ♗a8 28.♗d2 ♗ed8 29.♗e4 b6 30.♗c3 ♗:c3 31.♗:c3 ♗:d3 32.♗:b6 ♗c4 33.♗:c6 ♗:a3 34.♗b2 ♗e8 35.♗:e5 ♗:e5 36.♗b8 g6 37.♗cc8 ♗g7 38.♗:f8 h5 39.f4 ♗b5 40.♗g8+ ♗h7 41.♗h8+ ♗g7 42.♗bg8+ ♗f6 43.g5+ ♗f5 44.♗e8 1-0

[B32/7]

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

Christiansen, Larry (2570)

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cd 4.♗:d4 e5 5.♗b5 d6 6.♗1c3 a6 7.♗a3 b5 8.♗d5 ♗ge7 9.♗e3 ♗:d5 10.ed ♗e7 11.c4 ♗f5 12.♗d2 ♗e7 13.cb 0-0 14.ba e4 15.♗c2 ♗f6 16.♗b1 ♗h4 17.b4 ♗:a6 18.♗:a6 ♗:a6 19.b5 ♗:a2 20.♗b4 ♗a3 21.0-0 ♗d7 22.♗f4 ♗d8 23.♗g3 ♗f5 24.♗c1 ♗:g3 25.hg ♗a4 26.♗c6

♗a7 27.♗c2 ♗b6 28.♗e3 ♗:e3 29.b6 ♗:b6 30.♗:b6 e3 31.fe ♗g4 32.♗h2 ♗g6 33.♗b7 ♗:b7 34.♗:b7 f5 35.♗d7 h6 36.♗c1 ♗e8 37.♗c3 ♗e5 38.♗d8+ ♗h7 39.♗d3 ♗e4 40.♗f8 ♗g5 41.♗d8 ♗g6 42.♗f8 ♗e5 43.♗d8 h5 44.♗f8 ♗h6 45.♗h8+ ♗g5 46.♗g1 ♗f6 47.♗f2 ♗g4 48.♗d1 ♗g5 49.♗f3 g6 50.♗h7 ♗e4 51.♗d2 ♗a4 52.♗c2 ♗a5 53.♗d2 ♗b5 54.♗h8 ♗b3 55.♗f2 ♗f7 56.♗e8 ♗a7 57.♗e6 ♗a6 58.♗f3 ♗b5 59.♗f2 ♗h6 60.♗e7 ♗ab6 61.♗f3 ♗g5 62.♗e6 ♗b1 63.♗e2 ♗g1 64.♗f2 ♗h1 65.♗f3 ♗f1+ 66.♗e2 ♗a1 67.♗f3 ♗ba6 68.♗e2 ♗h6 69.♗c2 ♗g1 70.♗f3 ♗d1 71.♗c6 ♗a2 72.g4 fg+ 73.♗g3 ♗g5 0-1

[B90/5]

Xie, Jun (2555)

de Firmian, Nick (2590)

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.♗:d4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♗f3 ♗e7 8.♗c4 0-0 9.0-0 ♗e6 10.♗b3 b5 11.♗e2 h6 12.♗e1 ♗bd7 13.♗d3 ♗a5 14.a3 ♗fc8 15.♗f3 ♗d8 16.h3 ♗ab8 17.♗b4 ♗:b3 18.cb a5 19.♗bd5 b4 20.ab ab 21.♗:f6+ ♗:f6 22.♗d5 ♗:d5 23.ed ♗g5 24.♗a7 ♗c7 25.♗:c7 ♗:c7 26.♗c1 ♗e7 27.♗c6 ♗:e3 28.♗:e3 h5 29.♗e2 g6 30.♗c4 ♗g7 31.♗c7 ♗f6 32.♗a6 ♗d8 33.♗b6 ♗a8 34.♗c1 ♗a2 35.♗:b4 ♗:b2 36.♗f1 h4 37.♗c4 ♗d2 38.b4 ♗d4 39.♗b3 ♗d8 40.♗d1 ♗:d1+ 41.♗:d1 ♗b6 42.♗d2 ♗b5 1/2

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Browne, Walter (2560)

Huebner, Robert (2620)

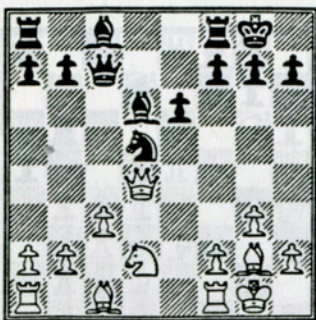
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[B22/13]

Nunn, John (2630)

Tisdall, Jonathan (2470)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♗f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.♗f3 e6 5.g3 d6 6.ed ♗:d6 7.♗g2 ♗c6 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 cd
Ubilava, E-Ochoa, F; Las Palmas "B" 1994 continued 9...Bd7 10.c4 Nf6 11.Nc3 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Qxd4 Qc7 was 1/2 (45).
10.♗:d4 ♗:d4
Keitlinghaus, L-Jansa, V; Czechoslovakia 1993: played 10...Bd7 11.c4 Nde7 12.Nb3 Be5 13.N1d2 Qc7 14.Nf3 Rad8 15.Qe2 Bf6 16.Nc5 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd5 18.Nb3 1/2. Rosentalis, E-Shirov, A; North Bay International 1994 went 9...Bd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nf3 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nd2 Qc7 14.Qe2 1/2.



12...c5

This position was reached twice in my DeJavu database. Maged Badals, J- Martin Gonzales; Spain Championship 1993 was 1-0 (26) after Black sillyed a pawn on his 19th move. Rozentalis, E-Wojtkiewicz, A; Godesburg 1994 continued 13...Bb5 14.Re1 Be7 15.Ng5 b6 16.Nf3 Rad8 17.a4 Ba6 1/2.

13. e4 b5 14.a4 ba 15. a4 d7 16. c2 ac8 17. e4 b6 18. g5 f6 19. e1 h6 20. f4 c5 21. e3 c7 22. e4 d5 23. b6 ab 24. b3 fd8 25. ec1 c6 26. d1 e7

Here Nunn offered a draw, but Tisdall didn't bear it, so the game went on.

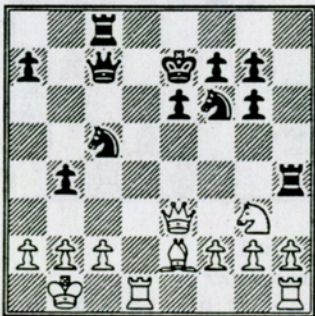
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[B18/10]

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

Korchnoi, Viktor (2635)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3. d2 de 4. e4 f5 5. g3 g6 6. f3 f6 7. e5 bd7 8. g6 hg 9. d3 c7 10. f3 e6 11. e3 c5 12. dc c5 13. c5 c5 14. b5+ e7 15.0-0-0 h4 16. e2 c8 17. b1 b5 18. e3 b4



19. d2?? e4 20. e4 e4 21. d4 c2+ 22. a1 d2 23. b3 b3+ 24. ab c5 0-1

Round Two:

Christiansen 0-1 Gulko

Huebner 1/2 Polgar

de Firmian 1/2 Browne

Korchnoi 1/2 Xie Jun

Tisdall 1/2 Ashley

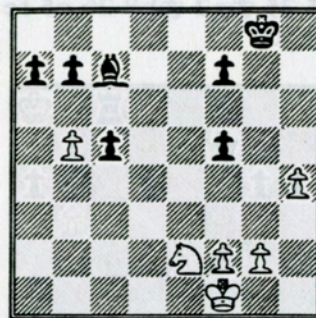
Waitzkin 1/2 Nunn

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Christiansen, Larry (2570)

Gulko, Boris (2595)

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31. c3 g7 32. e2 e5 33. d5 a5 34. d3 g6 35. c4 d4 36. f3 h5 37. e7 f4 38. f5 a4 39. d6 h4 40. b7 g3 41. d6 g2 42. b6 a3 43. b7 a2 44. b8 a1 45. d5 a2+ 46. c4 f3 47. c8 g2 48. d6 e3+ 49. c4 a2+ 50. b5 b3+ 51. a5 e6 52. f8 f3 53. f7 f2 54. g5 a2+ 55. b5 b1+ 0-1

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Huebner, Robert (2620)

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

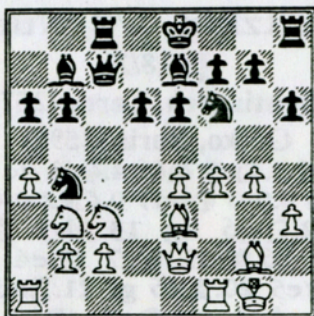
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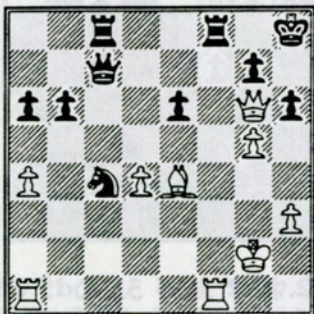
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11.f4 ♘c6 12.♖e2 ♗e7 13.♘b3 ♘b4 14.0-0 ♖c8
15.h3



15...d5 16.e5 ♘e4 17.♗:e4 de 18.c3 ♘d3 19.♘d2
♗:b2 20.♗:e4 ♘c4 21.♗d4 0-0 22.f5 ♗:e4 23.♗:e4
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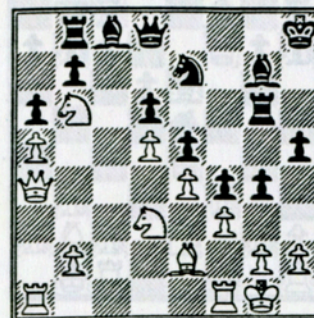
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40.hg ♖:g7 41.♖:e6 1/2

[E98/2]

Korchnoi, Viktor (2635)

Xie, Jun (2555)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 0-0
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20.♗:d6 cd 21.♘c4 g4 22.♘b6 ♖b8 23.♖a4!?



23...♘g8 24.♖ac1 gf 25.♗:f3 ♗g4 26.♘e1 ♗f6
27.♖c3 ♗h4 28.♗:g4 hg 29.g3 ♗g5 30.♖f2 ♖e7
31.♘g2 ♖f8 32.♖c2 ♖h7 33.♘e3 ♘h6 34.♖c7 ♖g7
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♘f7 39.♖g2 f3 40.♖c2 ♗h6 41.♖f1 ♖d8 42.♘e3
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Tisdall, John (2470)

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

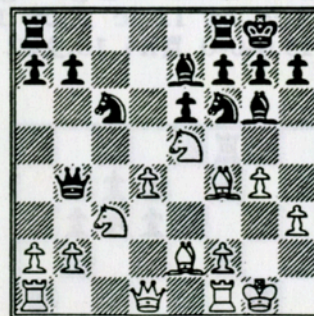
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♖e8 27.♘f6+ ♖f8 28.cd ♖:e1+ 29.♖:e1 ♖g7 30.dc
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Waitzkin, Josh (2435)

Nunn, John (2630)

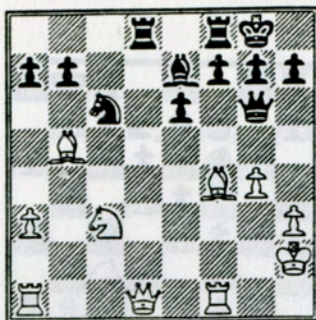
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♖d6 11.g4 ♗g6 12.♘e5 ♗e7 13.0-0 0-0 14.♗f4
♖b4



15.a3 ♖:b2! 16.♘a4

A calculated piece sacrifice!?

16...♖c2 17.♘:g6 ♖:g6 18.♗d3 ♘e4 19.f3 ♖f6
20.fe ♖:d4+ 21.♖h2 ♖ad8 22.♗b5 ♖:e4 23.♘c3
♖g6



24. ♖b1 f5 25. g4 ef 26. ♖a2+ ♕h8 27. ♖g2 ♕f6
28. ♖g6 hg 29. ♖ac1 g5 30. ♕e3 ♖d4 31. ♕c4 ♖fe8
32. ♕g1 a6 33. a4 ♕h7 34. ♕g2 g6 35. ♖d5 ♕g7
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40. ♕:e2 ♖:e2+ 41. ♕f3 ♖:c1 42. ♕:e2 ♖:d1 43. ♕:d1
♕h6 44. ♕e2 ♕h5 45. ♕f3 ♕h4 46. ♕g2 g4 47. ♕f2+
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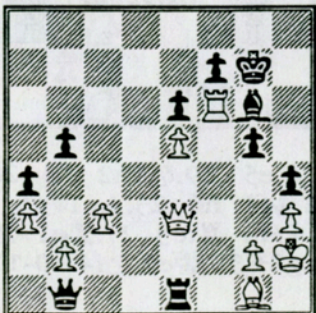
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Xie Jun (2555)

Tisdall, Jon (2470)

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cd 4. ♖:d4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 g6
6. ♕e2 ♕g7 7. 0-0 0-0 8. ♕g5 ♖c6 9. ♖b3 a6 10. f4 b5
11. ♕f3 ♕b7 12. ♕h1 ♖d7 13. ♖b1 ♖e8 14. ♖d5
♖b8 15. c3 a5 16. a3 a4 17. ♖c1 e6 18. ♖e3 ♖f6
19. ♖d3 ♖e7 20. ♖f2 h6 21. ♕h4 ♖c7 22. e5 de 23. fe
♖fd5 24. ♕:d5 ♖:d5 25. ♖:d5 ♕:d5 26. ♖g4 g5
27. ♕g3 ♖ad8 28. ♖e1 ♖c4 29. ♖f6+ ♕:f6 30. ♖:f6
♕e4 31. ♖c1 ♕g6 32. ♖f2 ♖d7 33. ♖f1 ♖ed8 34. h3
♖e4 35. ♖b6 ♖d2 36. ♖1f2 ♖d1+ 37. ♕h2 ♖b1
38. ♖f1 ♖8d5 39. ♖:d1 ♖:d1 40. ♕f2 h5 41. ♕g1 ♕g7
42. ♖c5 h4 43. ♖e3 ♖e1



44. ♖:g5

White now coolly sacrifices the Bishop and Rook to obtain a perpetual check.

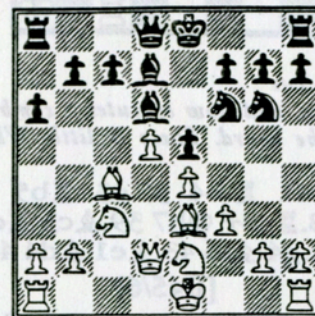
44... ♖:g1 45. ♖:f7+ ♕:f7 46. ♖f6+ ♕g8 47. ♖d8+
♕g7 48. ♖f6+ ♕h6 49. ♖f4+ ♕g7 1/2

[D20/7]

Ashley Maurice (2460)

Waitzkin Joshua (2435)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dc 3. e4 ♖c6 4. ♕e3 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 e5 6. d5
♖e7 7. ♕:c4 ♖g6 8. f3 a6 9. ♖d2 ♕d6 10. ♖e2 ♕d7



11. ♖c1

Ivanchuk, V.-Wolff, P.; Biel iz 1993 1/2 (72) continued here
11. Bb3 b5 12. a4 0-0 13. 0-0 Qe7 14. Rac1 Nb5 15. g3 b6 16. Bc2
Rab8 17. axb5 axb5 18. Ral Ra8 19. Bd3 Bb4 20. Rxa8 Rxa8
21. Qc2 Bc5 22. Nd1 Bd6. Beliausk, A.-Lautier, J.; Linares 1994
1/2 (34) continued: 11. Ng3 b6 12. 0-0-0 b4 13. Nf5 Bxf5
14. exf5 Ne7 15. g4 bxc4 16. bxc4 Rxb1 17. Rxb1 Nxf5 18. Bg5
Qd7 19. Bf1 Nd4 20. Rb8+ Bf8 21. Bb3 Qd6 22. f4 Nxd5.

11... ♖h5 12. 0-0 ♖hf4 13. g3 ♖h3+ 14. ♕g2 0-0
15. ♕d3 h6 16. ♖g1 ♖:g1 17. ♖:g1 ♖e7 18. ♖c2 ♖e8
19. ♕h1 ♖c8 20. ♖e2 f5 21. ef ♖:f5 22. ♖e4 ♖f7
23. ♖f1 ♕h8 24. ♖c5 ♖:e3 25. ♖:e3 ♕h3 26. ♖e4 g6
27. ♖ff2 b6 28. ♖e6 ♕:e6 29. de ♖:e6 30. ♕:a6 ♖cd8
31. ♖fe2 ♖f5 32. ♖g2 ♖f6 33. ♖cd2 ♖df8 34. ♕b7
♖e6 35. ♕d5 ♖e8 36. ♖d3 ♖b5 37. b3 ♖c5 38. ♖c4
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[B93/8]

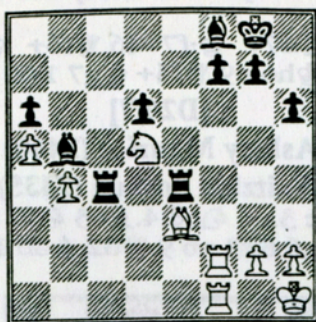
Polgar Sofia (2500)

de Firmian, Nick (2590)

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cd 4. ♖:d4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 a6 6. f4
e5 7. ♖f3 ♖bd7 8. a4 ♕e7 9. ♕d3 0-0 10. 0-0 ef
11. ♕h1 ♖c5 12. ♕:f4 ♕d7 13. ♕e3 ♖c8 14. ♖e1 ♖e8
15. a5 h6 16. b4 ♖:d3 17. cd ♕e6 18. ♖a4 ♕f8
19. ♖b6 ♖c7 20. ♖d2 ♖d7 21. ♖d4 ♖e5 22. ♖ac1
♖c6 23. ♖:c6 bc 24. d4!?

This weakens the e4-pawn - a calculated risk.

24... ♕g4 25. d5 cd 26. ♖:d5 ♕e2 27. ♖f2 ♕b5
28. ♖e1 ♖h4 29. ♖f5 ♖:e4 30. ♖:e4 ♖:e4 31. ♖d5
♖cc4 32. ♖ef1



32...♖:b4 33.♘:b4

Black is a pawn up, and now executes a combination designed to get pieces off the board. There is little White might do to prevent this.

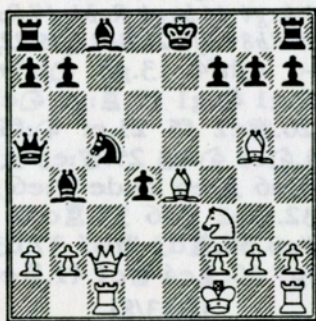
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[D45/6]

Browne Walter S (2560)

Korchnoi Viktor (2635)

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♖c2 ♗d6 7.♗d3 e5 8.cd cd 9.e4 de 10.♘:e4 ♗b4+ 11.♗f1 ♘:e4 12.♗:e4 ed 13.♗g5 ♖a5 14.♖c1 ♘c5



15.a3 ♖a6+ 16.♗g1 d3 17.♖c4 d2 18.♘:d2 ♖:c4 19.♖:c4 ♗:d2 20.♗:d2 ♘:e4 21.♖:e4+ ♗e6 22.♗c3 0-0 1/2

[D13/11]

Huebner Robert (2620)

Christiansen Larry (2570)

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.♘c3 a6 5.cd cd 6.♗f4 ♘c6 7.♖c1 g6 8.♘e5 ♗g7 9.e3 ♗e6 10.♘:c6 bc 11.♗e2 ♘d7 12.0-0 ♘b6 13.♘a4 ♘:a4 14.♖:a4 ♗d7 15.♖c5 0-0 16.♖a5 ♖:a5 17.♖:a5 f6 18.♗g3 ♖fd8 19.h3 ♗e8 20.♖d1 e5 21.de fe 22.e4 ♗f7 23.b3 h5 24.♗f3 ♗f6 25.h4 de 26.♗e2 ♖d5 27.♖d:d5 cd 28.♖:a6 ♖:a6 29.♗:a6 ♗f8 30.♗b7 ♗e7 31.a4 ♗d6 32.a5 ♗d8 33.b4 ♗e8 34.f4 ef3 35.gf ♗c6 36.♗:e5+ ♗:e5 37.♗:c6 ♗:h4 38.f4+ ♗:f4 39.♗:d5 1/2

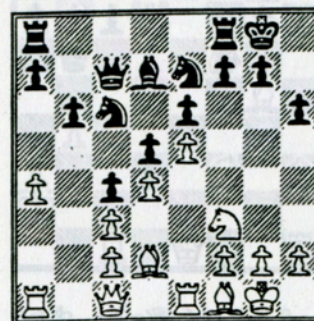
[C19/7]

Nunn John (2630)

Gulko Boris F (2595)

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♖c7 11.0-0 0-0 12.♖e1 b6 13.♗d3 h6 14.♖c1 c4 15.♗f1



15...♗h7

This position was reached in two games in my DeJavu database: Rogers,I- Nogueiras,J; Szirak 1986 drawn in 50 moves; Hellsten,J-Wiedenkiller,M; Sweden Championship 1992, won by Black in 42 moves. Both games continued with 15...f6.

16.♗f4 ♘g6 17.♗g3 ♖d8 18.♖d2 f5 19.ef ♖:f6 20.♘h4 ♘ge7 21.♗e2 g5 22.♘f3 ♘f5 23.♗e5 ♖f7 24.h3 ♖e7 25.♗h2 ♖af8 26.♘e5 ♘:e5 27.♗:e5 ♘h4 28.♗g3 ♘f5 29.♗e5 ♘h4 30.♗g3 1/2

Round Four:

Waitzkin 0-1 Xie Jun

Tisdall 1/2 Browne

Gulko 1-0 Ashley

Korchnoi 1-0 Polgar

de Firmian 0-1 Huebner

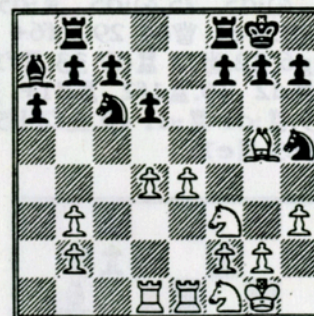
Christiansen 1/2 Nunn

[C53/7]

Waitzkin Joshua (2435)

Xie Jun (2555)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.♗b3 a6 8.♖e1 ♗a7 9.h3 ♗e6 10.♘bd2 ♗:b3 11.♖:b3 ♖b8 12.♘f1 ♘h5 13.♗g5 ♖d7 14.♖ad1 ♖e6 15.d4 ed 16.cd ♖:b3 17.ab



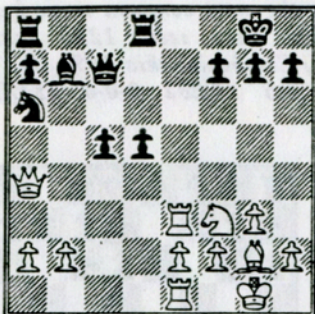
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[A30/5]

Tisdall Jonathan D (2470)

Browne Walter S (2560)

1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.♙g2 ♙b7
6.0-0 ♙e7 7.♚e1 d5 8.cd ed 9.d4 0-0 10.♙g5 ♘a6
11.♚c1 ♘e4 12.♙:e7 ♚:e7 13.dc ♘:c3 14.♚:c3 bc
15.♚a4 ♚fd8 16.♚e3 ♚c7



17.♚f4! ♚:f4 18.gf ♚ab8 19.♚b3 d4 20.♘e5 ♙:g2
21.♙:g2 ♚:b3 22.ab ♘b4 23.♚a1 1/2

[A29/1]

Gulko Boris F (2595)

Ashley Maurice (2460)

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♙c5 5.♙g2 d6
6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 h6 8.a3 a5 9.b3 ♙a7 10.♙b2 ♚e8
11.e3 ♙g4 12.h3 ♙h5 13.♚c2 ♚c8 14.♘d2 ♘e7
15.♘b5 ♙b8 16.c5!

White activates his b2-Bishop and creates weakness' on which to play in Black's Queenside.

16...dc 17.♙:e5 ♘d7 18.♙b2 c6 19.♘c3 f5 20.♘a4
♚d8 21.♘f3 b6 22.d4! ♚a7 23.dc



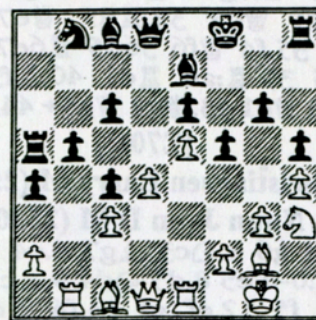
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31.♙d4 ♚a6 32.♚c2 ♚c7 33.♚fc1 ♚c8 34.♙d5
♚d6 35.♙:f7+ ♙:f7 36.♚f4+ 1-0

[D43/1]

Korchnoi Viktor (2635)

Polgar Sofia (2500)

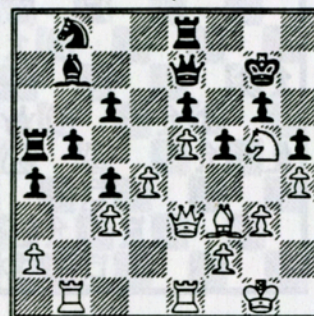
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b5 7.♘e5 ♘d5 8.0-0 f6 9.♘f3 ♙e7 10.e4 ♘:c3
11.bc a5 12.e5 f5 13.h4 a4 14.♘g5 g6 15.♚b1 ♚a5
16.♚e1 h5 17.♘h3+ ♙f8



18.♙g5

Having inticed all Black pawns to light squares, White now trades off the dark squared Bishops highlighting Black's dark square weakness'.

18...♙:g5 19.♘:g5 ♙g7 20.♚c1 ♚e7 21.♚e3 ♚e8
22.♙f3 ♙b7



23.d5! cd 24.♚b6 ♚a6 25.♘:e6+ ♙h8 26.♚:b5 ♙c6
27.♚:b8 ♚:b8 28.♚:b8+ ♙h7 29.♘d4 ♚c7 30.♚eb1
♚:e5 31.♚c8

White had to have seen this position in his pre-move planning to his 23rd move.

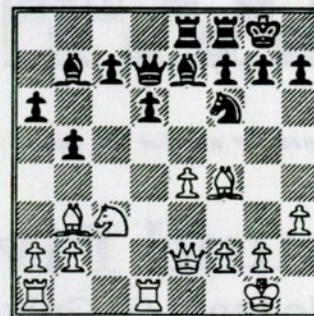
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35.♘:d6 ♚e1+ 36.♙g2 fg 37.♙:g3 g5 38.♘f7+ ♙g6
39.♘:g5 1-0

[C71/6]

De Firmian, Nick (2590)

Huebner Robert (2620)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 d6 5.d4 b5
6.♙b3 ♘:d4 7.♘:d4 ed 8.c3 dc 9.♚h5 ♚d7 10.♘:c3
♘f6 11.♚e2 ♙e7 12.0-0 0-0 13.h3 ♙b7 14.♚d1
♚ae8 15.♙f4?!



15...♘:e4

A nice combination which nets a pawn.

16.♘:e4 ♚f5 17.♙:d6 ♙:d6 18.♘:d6 cd 19.♚g4 ♚f6
20.♚d7 ♚e7 21.♚g4 ♚:b2 22.♚ac1 ♚f6 23.♙d5

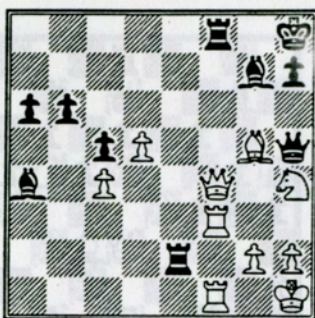
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 ♗c3 31.♚2d3 ♗c5 32.♚d5 ♗e7 33.♚d7 ♗f6
 34.♗g3 ♗e5 35.f4 ♗f6 36.f5 ♗6e7 37.♚7d5 ♚e5
 38.♚d6 ♗:f5 39.♚:a6 ♚e1 40.♚f3 ♗b1 41.♗f2
 ♚h1+ 42.♙g3 ♗c1 43.♗a2 ♗g5+ 44.♙f2 ♚f1+ 0-1

[E70/7]

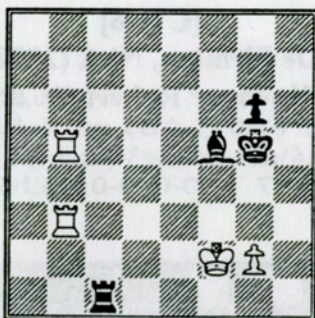
Christiansen Larry M (2570)

Nunn John D M (2630)

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 6.♘ge2 0-0 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 ♘d4 9.♙c2 ♘:c2 10.♗:c2
 ♘h5 11.♙e3 f5 12.ef gf 13.f4 ♙d7 14.♚ae1 ef
 15.♘:f4 ♘:f4 16.♙:f4 ♗f6 17.♙h1 ♚ae8 18.♚d1
 ♚f7 19.♚d3 ♙h8 20.♗d2 a6 21.a4 b6 22.b3 ♗h4
 23.♘e2 ♗g4 24.♚df3 ♚fe7 25.♘g3 ♗g6 26.♙g5
 ♚e5 27.♙g3 c5 28.♙f4 ♚5e7 29.b4 ♙:a4 30.bc dc
 31.♙g5 ♚e5 32.♘:f5 ♚e2 33.♗f4 ♚f8 34.♘h4!?
 ♗h5



35.♗:f8+ ♙:f8 36.♚:f8+ ♙g7 37.♙h6+ ♙:h6
 38.♚1f6+ ♗g6 39.♘:g6 hg 40.h4 ♚e4 41.♚h8+
 ♙g7 42.♚ff8 ♚:c4 43.♚fg8+ ♙f6 44.♚b8 b5
 45.♚b6+ ♙g7 46.♚c8 ♚:h4+ 47.♙g1 b4 48.♚c7+
 ♙h6 49.♚:a6 b3 50.♚b6 c4 51.♚b4 ♚d4 52.♚c:c4
 ♚:d5 53.♚c1 ♙d7 54.♚:b3 ♚d4 55.♚cb1 ♙f5
 56.♚1b2 ♙g5 57.♚b4 ♚d3 58.♙f2 ♚d1 59.♚b5
 ♚c1 60.♚2b3



60... ♚c4

This game continued for another 40 moves, but a draw was inevitable.

Round Five:

Xie Jun 1/2 Gulko
 de Firmian 1/2 Christiansen
 Huebner 0-1 Korchnoi
 Polgar 1-0 Tisdall

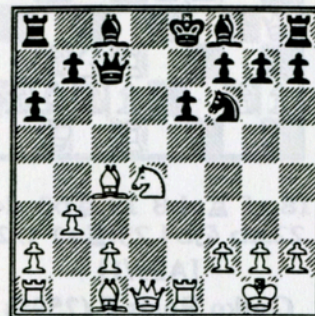
Ashley 0-1 Nunn
 Browne 0-1 Waitzkin

[C07/14]

Xie, Jun (2555)

Gulko, Boris (2595)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 c5 4.ed ♗:d5 5.♘gf3 cd
 6.♙c4 ♗d6 7.0-0 ♘f6 8.♘b3 ♘c6 9.♘b:d4 ♘:d4
 10.♘:d4 a6 11.♚e1 ♗c7 12.b3
12.Bb3 is by far the more common move here, but also 12.Bd3 and 12.Qe2 have been seen. 12.b3 was played between Mrva,M-Lipka,L; Czechoslovakia 1991 (0-1 in 40 moves) with 12...Bd7 13.a4 Bc5 14.Bb2 0-0-0 15.Qf3 b5 16.b3 Rb6 following.



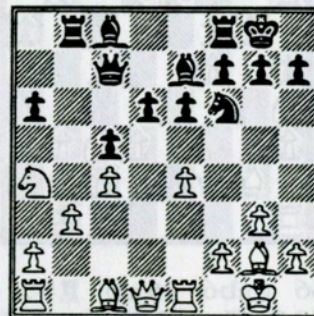
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 ♚ad8 17.♗e2 ♗c6 18.♗e3 ♙e7 19.♚ad1 h6
 20.♗f4 ♘h5 21.♗g4 ♘f6 22.♗f4 ♘h5 23.♗g4 ♘f6
 1/2

[B80/12]

de Firmian, Nick (2590)

Christiansen, Larry (2570)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.♘c3 a6 4.d4 cd 5.♘:d4 ♗c7
 6.g3 ♘f6 7.♙g2 ♘c6 8.0-0 d6 9.♚e1 ♚b8 10.♘:c6
 bc 11.♘a4 ♙e7 12.c4 c5 13.b3 0-0



14.♙b2 ♘d7 15.♗d2 ♙b7 16.♚ad1 ♚bd8 17.♙c3
 ♚de8 18.♗b2 e5 19.♙d2 f5 20.ef ♙:g2 21.♙:g2
 ♗c6+ 22.♙g1 ♚:f5 23.♘c3 ♘f6 24.♙e3 ♗f3
 25.♗e2 ♗:e2 26.♚:e2 g5 27.h3 h5 28.♙g2 ♙f7
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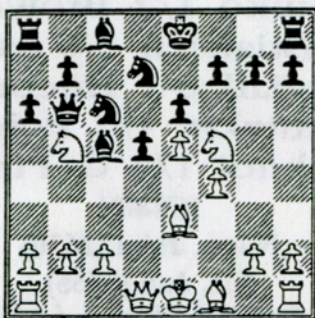
[C11/8]

Huebner, Robert (2620)

Korchnoi, Viktor (2635)

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 ♘c6 7.♙e3 cd 8.♘:d4 ♗b6 9.♘cb5 a6
9...Bc5 is more often played. 9...a6 by Lengyel,B-Zuger,B; First Saturday 1994 continued 9...a6 10.Nf5 Bc5 11.Nbd6+ Kf8

12.Qb5 Nd8 13.Nxg7 Bxe3 14.Nxe6+ fxe6 15.Qb6+ Kg8
16.Qg5+ Kf8 17.Qb6+ Kg8 18.Qg5+ drawn.
10.♖f5 ♗c5



11.♗:c5?! ♖:c5

As opposed to the Lengyel-Zuger game, White has one less defending piece.

12.♖bd6+ ♖f8 13.♖h5 ♖d8 14.♖:g7 ♖b4+ 15.c3
♖:b2 16.♗d1 ♖:c3+ 17.♗d2 h6!!

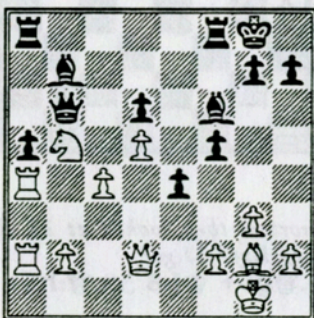
Now White's attack is just dead enough to allow Black to win.
18.♖ge8 ♖e4 0-1

[B91/4]

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

Tisdall, Jonathan (2470)

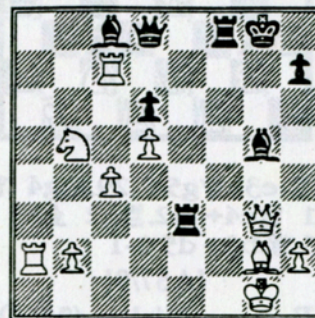
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♖:d5 11.ed ♗e7 12.a4 0-0 13.♗e3 ♖c7 14.♖d2
♗fc8 15.♗fc1 ♖b6 16.c3 ba 17.♗:b6 ♖:b6 18.♗:a4
f5!? 19.c4 a5 20.♖c3 ♗f8 21.♗ca1 ♗f6 22.♖b5 e4
23.♗1a2



23...f4

Black perceives aggression on the Kingside, but may have invested too much in the initiative gained on the Queenside by White. The White Rook penetration to the seventh rank is devastating.

24.gf ♗ae8 25.♖e3! ♖d8 26.♗:a5 ♗c8 27.♗a7 g5
28.♗c7 gf 29.♖:f4 e3 30.fe ♗g5 31.♖g3 ♗:e3



32.♗aa7!

White threatens mate in three.

32...♗f5 33.♗f3 ♗g6 34.♗g7+ ♖h8 35.♖h3 ♗h4
36.♖g4

Black's last four moves were all forced by White.

36...♖f6 37.♖d4 ♗d3

What else? But now White has a pretty finish.

38.♗:h7+ ♗:h7 39.♗:h7+ ♖:h7 40.♗e4+ ♖h6

40...Kb8 allows 41.Qb5+ Kg8 42.Bb7+ Kb7 (42...Kg7 43.Ne6+)

43.Bg6+ Kg7/g8 44.Qh7 mate.

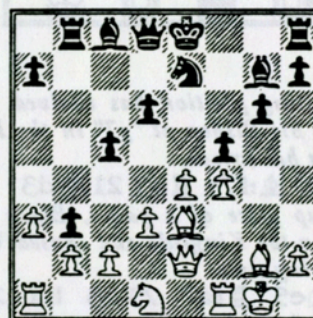
41.♖f5+ 1-0

[B26/5]

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

Nunn, John (2630)

1.e4 c5 2.♖c3 ♖c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.d3 d6
6.♗e3 ♗b8 7.♖d2 b5 8.♖ge2 b4 9.♖d1 ♖d4 10.0-0
e6 11.f4 ♖e7 12.g4 f5 13.gf ♖:e2+ 14.♖:e2 ef 15.a3
b3



16.c3

I'm sure this has all been seen before somewhere.

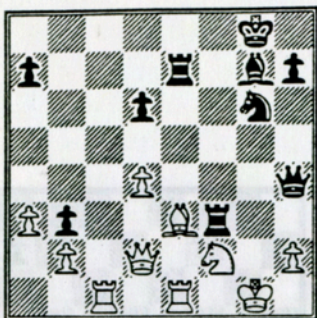
16...0-0 17.♗e1 g5!

...but I'm not so sure about this having been seen before.

18.♖f2 gf 19.♗:f4 ♖g6 20.♗d2 ♖h4? 21.d4?! cd
22.cd fe 23.♗:e4 ♗b7?

Thematically trading off the defender.

24.♗:b7 ♗:b7 25.♗e3 ♗e7 26.♖d2 ♗f3! 27.♗ac1



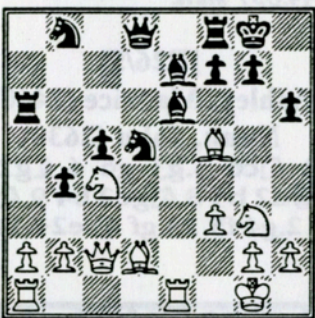
27...♖f:e3 28.♗:e3 ♖g5+ 29.♘g4 ♗:g4+ 30.♗g3
♙:d4+ 31.♙h1 ♗e4+ 32.♗g2 ♙e3 33.♗c8+ ♙f7
34.♗d1 ♘f4 35.♗:b3+ d5 0-1

[A57/9]

Browne, Walter (2560)

Waitzkin, Joshua (2435)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb a6 5.f3 ab 6.e4 ♗a5+
7.♙d2 b4 8.♘a3 d6 9.♘c4 ♗d8
9...Qc7 was Finegold,B-Adamson,R; Las Vegas 1994 (drawn in
25 moves), and 9...Qa7 was Torres,J-Larsen,K; Reno 1994 (0-1
in 32 moves).
10.♙d3 e6 11.de ♙:e6 12.♘e2 d5 13.ed ♘:d5
14.0-0 ♙e7 15.♗c2 h6 16.♙f5 ♗a6 17.♘g3 0-0
18.♗fe1



18...♘c6

This really interesting position has evolved. Normally, Black slavishly develops his Bishop at "g7" in the Benko, but here a more open position has arisen.

19.♙:e6 ♘d4 20.♙:f7+ ♗:f7 21.♗d3

For the very cheap price of a pawn, Black has developed a strong initiative on the Kingside and caused White to consume most of his remaining time.

21...♙h4 22.♘e5 ♗fa7 23.a3 ba 24.♗:a3 ♗:a3
25.ba ♙f6 26.♘h5

All this has produced a desired result - Browne (White) is now in tremendous time pressure.

26...♗e7 27.f4 ♗d6 28.♘:f6+ ♘:f6 29.a4 ♗d5
30.♙c3 ♘e6 31.g3 ♘d4 32.♙:d4 cd 33.♗c1 ♗e8
34.♗c4 ♗a8 35.♗:d5+ ♘:d5 0-1

Browne actually played 36.Rd1 on the board, but Joshue pointed out that White had exceeded the time limit, and Browne accepted the news gracefully.

Round Six

Nunn 1-0 Xie Jun

Gulko 1/2 Browne

Christiansen 1-0 Ashley

Tisdall 0-1 Huebner

Waitzkin 1/2 Polgar

Korchnoi 1/2 de Firmian

[C88/2]

Nunn, John (2630)

Xie, Jun (2555)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♙e7
6.♗e1 b5 7.♙b3 d6 8.a4 ♙d7

Xie Jun goes her own way early. 8...Bb7 is universally adopted here.

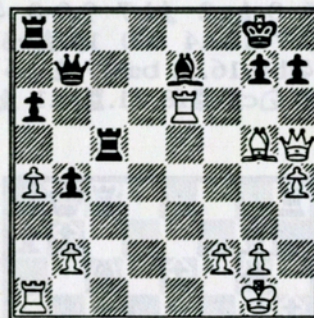
9.c3 0-0 10.d3 ♘a5 11.♙c2 c5 12.♘bd2 ♗c7
13.♘f1 b4 14.cb cb 15.♘e3

In the post-mortem, they looked primarily at 15.b3 as an alternative.

15...♙e6 16.d4 ♗fc8 17.h3 ♘c4 18.♙d3 ♘:e3
19.♙:e3 ♗b7

19...Qb7 may not be "the" move here, but what else?

20.de de 21.♘:e5 ♘:e4 22.♙:e4 ♗:e4 23.♙g5 ♗b7
24.♘:f7! ♙:f7 25.♗h5+ ♙g8 26.♗:e6 ♗c5 27.h4



27...h6

During the post-mortem they looked at 27...Rf8 28.Rael Bxg5 29.bxg5 Qf7 30.Qxf7 Rxf7 31.g6!

28.♗:h6 gh 29.♗g6+ ♙h8 30.♗:h6+ ♙g8 31.♗e6+
1-0

[A30/5]

Gulko, Boris (2595)

Browne, Walter (2560)

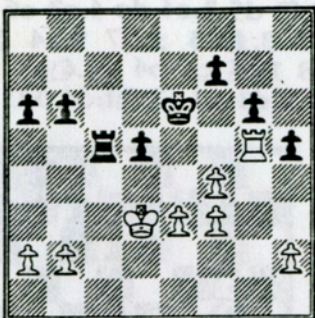
1.♙c5 2.c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.♙g2 ♙b7
6.0-0 ♙e7 7.♗e1 d5 8.cd ed 9.d4 0-0

The only other game I could find in my database which reached this position was now agreed drawn (Davies,N-Kindermann,S; Budapest Texta 1988).

10.♙f4 ♘a6 11.dc ♘:c5 12.♘d4 ♘fe4 13.♗c2 ♙g5
14.♙:g5 ♗:g5 15.♘:e4 ♘:e4 16.e3±

The advantage I suggest is only slightly more than that with which White started the game.

16...♖fc8 17.♗e2 ♜c5 18.♘b3 ♜c7 19.♞ac1 ♞ac8
20.♞:c7 ♞:c7 21.♞d1 g6 22.♘d4 h5 23.♗f3 ♙a6
24.♗f4 ♗:f4 25.gf ♘g7 26.♙f1 ♙:f1 27.♘:f1 a6
28.♘e2 ♘f6 29.♞g1 ♞c5 30.f3 ♘d6 31.♘d3 ♘f5
32.♘:f5 ♘:f5 33.♞g5+ ♘e6



34.f5+

33...Kf6 may have been slightly more accurate.

34...gf 35.♞:h5 ♞c1 36.♞h6+ f6 37.♞h8 ♞d1+
38.♘c3 ♞c1+ 39.♘d2 ♞b1 40.♘c2 ♞e1 41.♞b8
♞e2+ 42.♘c3 b5 43.♞b6+ ♘f7 44.♞:a6 ♞:e3+
45.♘d4 1/2

[A28/3]

Christiansen, Larry (2570)

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

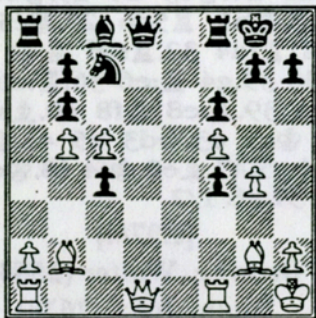
1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.e4 ♙b4 5.d3 d6
6.g3 ♘d7?!

Thirty-three games in my database reached this position, none of which continued with 6...Nd7. I suspect the Knight manoeuvre which follows is probably too elaborate and time consuming to be effective.

7.♙g2 ♘f8 8.♘h4 ♘e6 9.0-0 0-0 10.♘h1 ♙c5
11.♘d5 ♘cd4 12.b4 ♙b6 13.♘f5 c6 14.♘:b6 ab
15.f4 f6 16.♙b2 c5 17.b5 ♘:f5 18.ef ♘c7 19.g4+

Black is being outplayed.

19...ef 20.d4 d5 21.dc dc



22.cb

With the opening of the position, White is now all but winning.

22...♘:b5 23.a4 ♘d6 24.a5 ♞e8 25.♞:f4 ♗e7
26.♞d4 ♘f7 27.♞:c4 ♙d7 28.♞c7 ♞:a5 29.♞:a5

"Falling" for Black's combination is the fastest way of ending the struggle.

29...♗e1+ 30.♗:e1 ♞:e1+ 31.♙f1 ♞:f1+ 32.♘g2
♞e1 33.♞:d7 1-0

[E48/2]

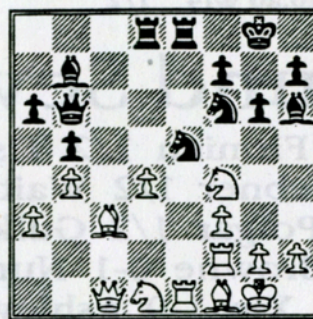
Tisdall, Jonathan (2470)

Huebner, Robert (2620)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♙b4 4.e3 0-0 5.♙d3 d5
6.cd ed 7.♘e2 ♞e8 8.0-0 ♙f8 9.f3 c5 10.♙d2

Icicki, W-Chandler, M; London (Lloyds) 1988 continued 10.Bc2
Nc6 11.a3 b6 12.Kb1 Ba6 13.Ba4 Rc8 14.Re1 Bd6 15.dc bc
16.Bxc6 Rxc6 17.Qa4 Rb6 18.Qc2?? d4 19.ed cd 0-1 (the
Knight is pinned to the e1-Rook, and can't prevent the pawn
fork ...d3 next. Russek, G-Gonzalez Mata, J; Mexico 1991 went
10.Qe1 Nc6 11.Qb4 cd 12.ed b6 13.Kb1 Be6 14.Qf2 Rc8 15.g4
Nd7 16.Nf4 g5 17.Nxe6 fe 18.Bg6 Re7 19.f4 gf 20.Bxf4 Qb6
21.Be3 Bg7 22.Bb5 Kb7 23.g5 bg 24.Bxg5 Rf7 25.Qxf7 Nf8
26.Rf3 1-0.

10...♘c6 11.♞c1 b6 12.a3 ♙b7 13.♞f2 g6 14.♗a4
a6 15.♞e1 b5 16.♗d1 ♗b6 17.♘f4 ♞ad8 18.dc
♙:c5 19.♗c1 ♘e5 20.b4 ♙f8 21.♙f1 ♙g7 22.♘d1
♙h6 23.♙c3 d4 24.ed



24...♞:d4 25.♙:d4 ♗:d4 26.♘e2 ♘:f3+ 27.gf ♙:c1
28.♘:d4 ♞:e1 0-1

[B47/6]

Waitzkin, Joshua (2435)

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

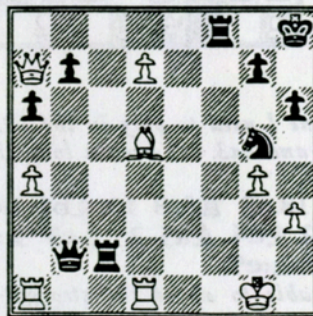
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6.g3 a6 7.♙g2 ♘f6 8.0-0 ♙e7 9.♙e3?!

White moves in to a position that has a less than 50% track record.

9...0-0 10.a4

10.f4, Qe2, b3, Nxc6, and Kb1 have all been played here. 10.a4 is less common.

10...d6 11.h3 ♙d7 12.♘de2 ♞ab8 13.g4 h6 14.f4
♘h7 15.♗d3 ♗d8 16.♞fd1 ♘h8 17.e5 d5 18.♘d4 f6
19.ef ♙:f6 20.♘b3 ♘a5 21.♘:a5 ♗:a5 22.♙d4
♞bc8 23.♗e3 ♙:d4 24.♗:d4 ♞c4 25.♗a7 ♗b4
26.f5 ♗:b2 27.fe ♞:c3 28.ed ♞:c2 29.♙:d5 ♘g5



30.♗e3 ♞c3 31.♞a2! ♘:h3+ 32.♘h1 ♗:a2 33.♙:a2
♞:e3 34.d8 ♗:d8 35.♞:d8+ ♘h7 36.♙b1+ g6
37.♞d7+ ♘g8 38.♙:g6 ♞a3 39.♞:b7 ♞:a4 40.♙f7+

♖f8 41.♖g2 ♘g5 42.♙h5 ♚e4 43.♚a7 ♚e6 44.♖f2
♜g8 45.♖f1 ♜h8 46.♖f2 ♜g8 47.♖f1 1/2

[A35/1]

Korchnoi, Viktor (2635)

de Firmian, Nick (2590)

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e5 4.e3 ♘f6 5.d4 cd 6.ed
e4 7.♘g5 ♙b4 8.d5 ♘e5 9.♙e2 0-0 10.0-0 ♙:c3
11.bc d6 12.♚d4 ♙f5 13.f3 ef 14.♘:f3 ♙g4

Both games in my database continued 14...Nxf3+, one was won
by Black, the other was a draw.

15.♙g5 ♙:f3 16.♙:f3 h6 17.♙h4 ♚e8 18.♚ab1 b6
19.♙d1 g5 20.♙g3 ♚c8 21.♙e2 ♘fd7 22.h4 ♜g7
23.♚f2 ♚e7 24.♚bf1 ♚f8 25.♚d2 ♘c5 26.♚d4 ♘d7
27.♙d3 ♚ce8 28.♚e4 ♘:d3 29.♚:d3 ♘e5 30.♙:e5+
♚:e5 31.hg hg 32.♚f5 ♚e3+ 33.♚:e3 ♚:e3
34.♚:g5+ ♜h6 35.♚gf5 ♚:c3 36.♚:f7 ♚:f7 37.♚:f7
♚:c4 38.♚:a7 ♚d4 39.♚a6 ♚:d5 40.♚:b6 ♚d1+
41.♜h2 ♜g5 42.a4 d5 43.a5 d4 44.♜g3 ♚d3+
45.♜f2 ♚a3 46.a6 ♜f4 1/2

Round Seven:

de Firmian 1/2 Tisdall

Huebner 1/2 Waitzkin

Polgar 1/2 Gulko

Browne 0-1 Nunn

Xie 1-0 Ashley

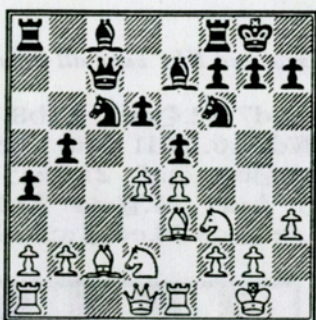
Korchnoi 1/2 Christiansen

[C99/6]

de Firmian, Nick (2590)

Tisdall, Jonathan (2470)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♙e7
6.♚e1 b5 7.♙b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 ♘a5 10.♙c2 c5
11.d4 ♚c7 12.♘bd2 cd 13.cd ♘c6 14.♘b3 a5
15.♙e3 a4 16.♘bd2



16...♙d7

This is an old line I used to play in the 1950s. Back then the
line went ...Nb4, and ...a3. It's been a long time since I've seen
it played.

17.♚c1 ♚b7 18.a3 ♚fe8 19.♙b1 h6 20.♚e2 ♙d8
21.de ♘:e5 22.♙d4 ♙a5 23.♙c3 ♙:c3 24.♚:c3 b4
25.ab ♚:b4 26.♘:e5

Black has been able to avoid the straight-jacket restrictions
usually experienced in these long lines of the 'Lopez.'

26...de 27.♘c4 ♙b5 28.♙d3 ♚ad8 29.♚c2 ♘d7
30.♙f1 ♘c5 31.♘e3 ♙:f1 32.♚:f1 ♘e6 33.♚c4 ♚b5

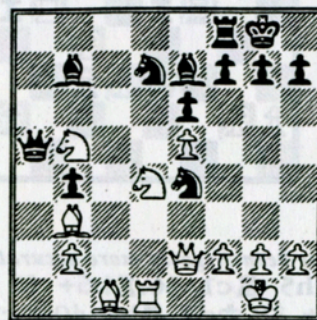
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♚:e7 38.♘:e7+ ♜h8 39.♚a5 ♚b8 40.♚e1 ♚b5 1/2

[D29/2]

Huebner, Robert (2620)

Waitzkin, Joshua (2435)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.c4 dc 4.e3 e6 5.♙:c4 c5 6.0-0
a6 7.♚e2 b5 8.♙b3 ♙b7 9.a4 ♘bd7 10.ab ab
11.♚:a8 ♚:a8 12.♘c3 b4 13.♘b5 ♚a5 14.e4 ♙e7
15.e5 ♘e4 16.♚d1 cd 17.♘f:d4 0-0



18.♘:e6± fe 19.♚:d7 ♚a1 20.♙:e6+ ♜h8 21.♚:e7
♚:c1+ 22.♚f1 ♚:f1+ 23.♜:f1 ♙a6 24.♙d7 ♚:f2+
25.♜e1 g6 26.♚e6 ♙:b5 27.♙:b5 ♚:b2 28.♚b6
♚b1+ 29.♜e2 ♘c3+ 30.♜d3 ♘:b5 31.♚:b5 ♜g8
32.♜c4 ♜f7 33.♜d5 ♚d1+ 34.♜e4 ♚d2 35.g4 ♚:h2
36.♚:b4 ♚g2 37.♚b7+ ♜e6 38.♚b6+ ♜f7 39.♜f4
h5 40.gh 1/2

[B17/1]

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

Gulko, Boris (2595)

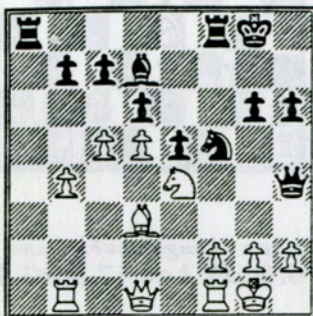
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♜d6 42.♜e2 ♜c5 43.♜d3 a5 44.♙e8 ♜d5 45.f3
♜e5 46.♙d7 ♙g5 47.♙e8 ♜f4 48.♜e2 ♜g3 49.♙d7
g6 50.♙e8 h5 51.gh 1/2

[E97/4]

Browne, Walter (2560)

Nunn, John (2630)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 0-0
6.♙e2 e5 7.0-0 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘d2 a5 10.a3 ♙d7
11.b3 ♘e8 12.♚b1 f5 13.b4 ab 14.ab ♘f6 15.c5 fe
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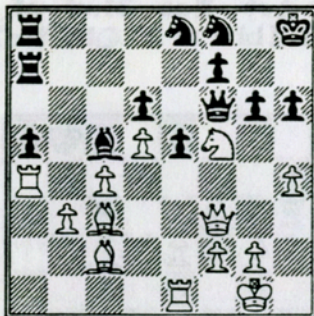
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♗g5 49.♖e6 ♗f4 50.♗e2 ♖a3 51.♖e8 ♖a2+
52.♗e1 d4 53.♖e7 ♖a1+ 54.♗d2 d3 55.♖f7+ ♗g4
56.♖f8 ♖a2+ 57.♗e1 ♖a5 58.♖g8+ ♗f4 59.♖f8+
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[B58/6]

Xie, Jun (2555)

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

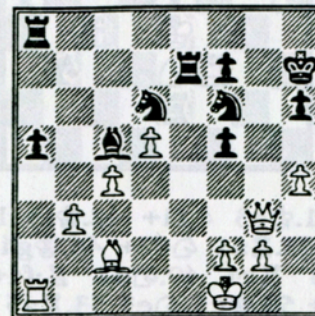
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11.♕f1 ♗b8 12.a4 ♗bd7 13.a5 a6 14.b3 ♗h8
15.♕b2 b5 16.ab ♖:b6 17.♗d5 ♕:d5 18.ed ♖b7
19.c4 ♖fe8 20.♕d3 ♗c5 21.♕c2 a5 22.♕c3 ♕d8
23.♖a3 ♖a6 24.♗d2 ♕b6 25.♗f1 ♗cd7 26.♖f3
♖ea8 27.♖ea1 ♗f8 28.♗g3 ♖6a7 29.♗f5 ♗e8
30.♖a4 ♖c7 31.♖e1 ♖d8 32.♖g3 ♖f6 33.h4 ♕c5
34.♖f3 g6



35.♖g3!?

A brave and exciting decision. Black will have a Rook and two Knights for the Queen and two pawns.

35...gf 36.♖:e5 de 37.♕:e5 ♗h7 38.♕:f6+ ♗h:f6
39.♖f4 ♗g7 40.♖a1 ♖e7 41.♗f1 ♗d6 42.♖g3+
♗h7



43.♖f4

To White's credit, on the surface of things the material is even, but in actuality all Black's pawns are weak and must fall.

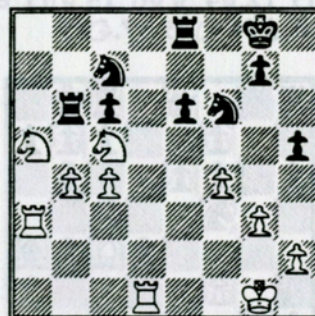
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[E00/3]

Korchnoi, Viktor (2635)

Christiansen, Larry (2570)

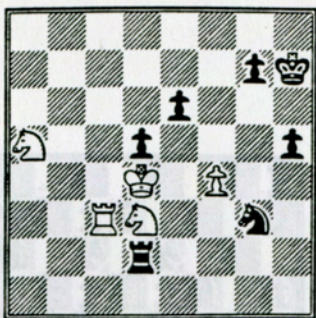
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ba 11.♖:a3 ♕d7 12.♗fd2 ♖fb8 13.♗c3 ♗c7 14.e4
♖f8 15.♖fd1 a5 16.e5 de 17.de ♖:a3 18.♖:a3 ♗g4
19.♗b3 ♕c6 20.♕:c6 bc 21.♗:a5 ♖a6 22.♗e4
♖ab6 23.f4 f5 24.ef ♗:f6 25.♗c5 h5 26.b4 ♖e8



27.♗d3!?

Korchnoi in the the post-mortem demonstrated that 27.Rad3 was far stronger.

27...♖d8 28.♖aa1 ♗g4 29.♗c5 ♖:d1+ 30.♖:d1
♖:b4 31.♖d8+ ♗h7 32.♖c8 ♖b1+ 33.♗g2 ♖b2+
34.♗f3 ♗d5 35.cd cd 36.♗d3 ♖d2 37.♖c3 ♗:h2+
38.♗e3 ♗f1+ 39.♗d4 ♗:g3



40. ♖a3 h4 41. ♜e3 ♘f1+ 42. ♜f3 h3 43. ♘f2 h2
44. ♘h1 ♖c2 45. ♖a1 ♘d2+ 46. ♜g4 ♘e4 47. ♘b3
♘f6+ 48. ♜h4 ♖c4 49. ♘d2 ♖:f4+ 50. ♜g3 e5
51. ♜:h2 ♘g4+ 52. ♜g3 ♘e3 53. ♖a5 ♘f5+ 54. ♜h2
♖h4+ 55. ♜g1 ♖d4 56. ♘f3 ♖d1+ 57. ♜h2 e4
58. ♘f2 ♖f1 59. ♘g5+ ♜g6 60. ♘f:e4 de 61. ♘:e4
♖f4 62. ♖a6+ 1/2

Round Eight:

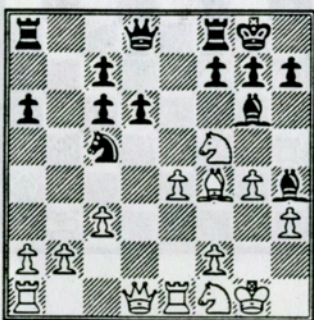
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Christiansen 1/2 Xie
Tisdall 0-1 Korchnoi
Waitzkin 0-1 de Firmian
Ashley 1/2 Browne

[C84/1]

Nunn, John (2630)

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

1. e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♖b5 a6 4. ♖a4 ♘f6 5. d3 d6
6. c3 ♖e7 7. 0-0 0-0 8. ♖e1 ♖e6 9. ♘bd2 ♘d7 10. d4
♖g4 11. h3 ♖h5 12. g4 ♖g6 13. ♘f1 ed 14. ♖:c6 bc
15. ♘:d4 ♖h4 16. ♖f4 ♘c5 17. ♘f5



17...d5 18. ed ♖:f5 19. gf 1/2

[A29/15]

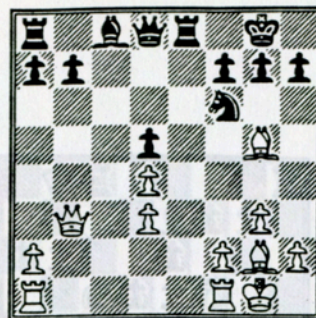
Gulko, Boris (2595)

Huebner, Robert (2620)

1. c4 e5 2. ♘c3 ♘f6 3. ♘f3 ♘c6 4. g3 ♖b4 5. ♖g2 0-0
6. 0-0 ♖:c3 7. bc ♖e8 8. d3 e4 9. ♘d4 ed 10. ed ♘:d4
11. cd d5 12. ♖g5 c6

Moskalenko, V-Stripunsky, A; Rostov Open 1993 (1-0 in 83
moves) continued: 12...Be6 13. Bxf6 gf 14. Qb5 c6 15. c5 b5 16. f4
f5.

13. cd!? cd 14. ♖b3

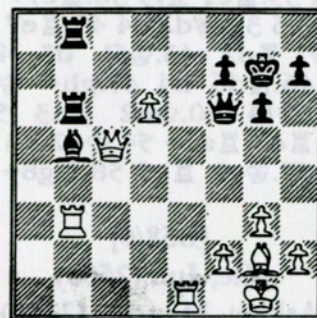


14...b6

White has won a pawn, though doubled and isolated.

15. ♖:f6 ♖:f6 16. ♖:d5 ♖a6 17. ♖fe1 ♖ad8? 18. ♖d7!
Of course!

18...♖f8 19. ♖:a7 ♖:d3 20. d5 ♖c4 21. ♖b7 ♖d6
22. a4 g6 23. ♖ac1 b5 24. ab ♖b6 25. ♖c7 ♖:b5
26. ♖b1 ♖fb8 27. ♖b3 ♖8b7 28. ♖c8+ ♜g7 29. d6
♖b8 30. ♖c5



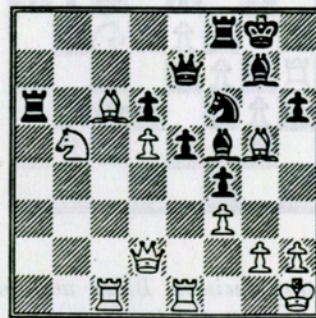
30...♖:d6 31. ♖:b5 1-0

[E70/7]

Christiansen, Larry (2570)

Xie, Jun (2555)

1. c4 ♘f6 2. ♘c3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 ♖g7 5. ♖d3 0-0
6. ♘ge2 ♘c6 7. 0-0 ♘d7 8. ♖e3 e5 9. d5 ♘d4 10. ♜h1
c5 11. ♖d2 a6 12. ♖ab1 b5 13. cb ab 14. ♘:b5 ♘:b5
15. ♖:b5 ♖:a2 16. ♘c3 ♖a8 17. b4 cb 18. ♖:b4 f5
19. f3 ♘f6 20. ♖c6 ♖a6 21. ef gf 22. ♖g5 ♖e7
23. ♖b8 ♖a7 24. ♖bb1 f4 25. ♘b5 ♖e7 26. ♖fe1 ♖f5
27. ♖bc1 h6

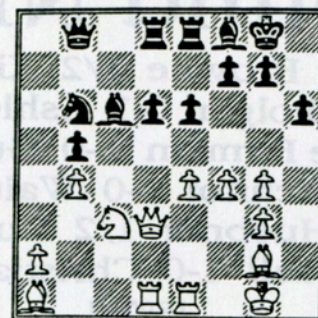
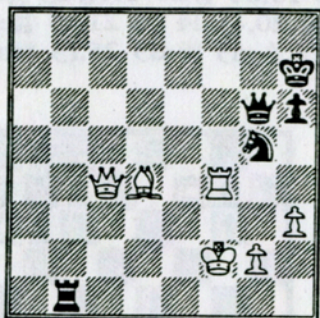


28. ♖:f4± ♜h7

Christiansen was visibly annoyed with himself after this game
by his failure to win this game.

29. ♘d4 ♖g6 30. ♘e6 ♖b8 31. ♖e3 ♖a3 32. ♘:g7
♖:g7 33. ♖a1 ♖d3 34. ♖f2 ♖f8 35. ♖a7 ♖f7 36. ♖:f7
♖:f7 37. ♖b5 ♖:d5 38. ♖c4 ♖a5 39. ♖d2 ♖a8

40. ♖:f7 ♖:f7 41. ♖:d6 ♖e8 42. ♖d2 ♖e6 43. ♖d3+ ♖g6 44. ♖c4 ♖e7 45. ♖h4 ♖g7 46. ♖f2 ♖f7 47. ♖e2 e4 48. ♖f1 ♖d7 49. ♖c3 ef 50. ♖:f3 ♖e4 51. ♖a1 ♖d2 52. ♖c1 ♖d7 53. ♖f8 ♖e6 54. ♖f1 ♖a7 55. ♖d4 ♖d7 56. ♖h8+ ♖g6 57. ♖g1 ♖h5 58. ♖e1 ♖e7 59. h3 ♖g6 60. ♖f8 ♖f7 61. ♖c8 ♖d5 62. ♖a6+ ♖h7 63. ♖d3 ♖f5 64. ♖f1 ♖g6 65. ♖f8 ♖e8 66. ♖f4 ♖g5 67. ♖b3 ♖e1+ 68. ♖f2 ♖b1 69. ♖c4



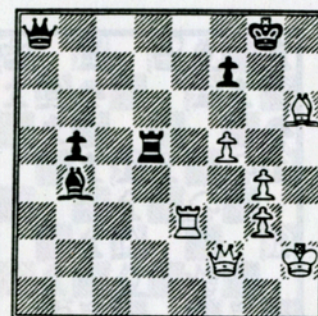
28. ♖a1 d5

In the Hedgehog, any time Black can play ...d5 he takes the superior position.

29. ed ♖:d5 30. ♖:d5 ♖:d5 31. ♖:d5 ♖:d5 32. ♖e3 ♖ed8 33. ♖:d5 ♖:d5 34. a3 ♖d8

Black has the much more solid game.

35. ♖f2 ♖e7 36. ♖h2 ♖a8 37. ♖b2 ♖a4 38. f5 e5 39. ♖:e5 ♖:a3 40. ♖:g7 ♖:b4 41. ♖e3 ♖a8 42. ♖:h6



69... ♖:h3+

Securing the draw by perpetual check.

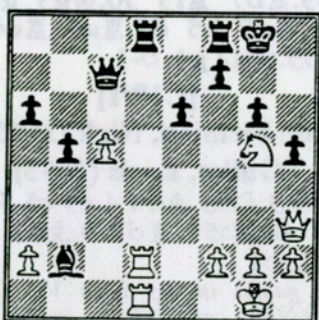
70. gh ♖g1+ 71. ♖f3 ♖f1+ 72. ♖e2 ♖e1+ 73. ♖d2 ♖d1+ 74. ♖e2 ♖e1+ 75. ♖d3 ♖d1+ 76. ♖e2 1/2

[D97/7]

Tisdall, Jonathan (2470)

Korchnoi, Viktor (2635)

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 d5 4. ♖f3 ♖g7 5. ♖b3 dc 6. ♖:c4 0-0 7. e4 a6 8. ♖e2 b5 9. ♖b3 c5 10. dc ♖b7 11. 0-0 ♖:e4 12. ♖:e4 ♖:e4 13. ♖d1 ♖c7 14. ♖e3 ♖c6 15. ♖d2 e6 16. ♖g5 ♖d5 17. ♖c2 ♖ad8 18. ♖f3 ♖b4 19. ♖d1 ♖:f3 20. ♖:f3 ♖d5 21. ♖ad1 ♖:e3 22. ♖:e3 ♖:b2 23. ♖h3 h5



24. ♖:e6?? ♖:d2 25. ♖:d2 ♖e5 0-1

[B44/8]

Waitzkin, Joshua (2435)

de Firmian, Nick (2590)

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 e6 3. d4 cd 4. ♖:d4 ♖c6 5. ♖b5 d6 6. c4 a6 7. ♖5c3 ♖f6 8. ♖e2 ♖e7 9. 0-0 0-0 10. b3 b6 11. ♖b2 ♖b7 12. ♖e1 ♖c7 13. ♖f1 ♖ad8 14. ♖a3 ♖fe8 15. ♖c2 ♖e5 16. h3 ♖b8 17. ♖d4 ♖ed7 18. ♖ad1 ♖f8 19. g3 h6 20. ♖g2 ♖a8 21. ♖e3 ♖c5 22. ♖g4 ♖:g4 23. hg b5 24. b4 ♖d7 25. cb ab 26. ♖d3 ♖c6 27. f4 ♖b6

42... ♖d2 43. ♖e2 ♖:e3 44. ♖:e3 ♖h7 45. ♖c3 ♖h8

...Kxb6 allows White to draw by perpetual check.

46. ♖c6 ♖e5 47. ♖f4 ♖e2+ 48. ♖h3 ♖e4 49. ♖h6+ ♖g8 50. ♖g5+ ♖f8 51. ♖h6+ ♖e7 52. f6+ ♖e6 53. g5 ♖d1 0-1

[E12/3]

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

Browne, Walter (2560)

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♖f3 b6 4. a3 ♖a6 5. ♖bd2 ♖b7 6. g3 c5 7. dc bc 8. ♖g2 ♖c7 9. 0-0 ♖e7 10. ♖b1 ♖e4

Two moves later, White decided to develop his Bishop via b2. It's an admission 10.Nb1 lost time.

11. ♖c2 0-0 12. ♖d1 d6 13. b3 ♖d7 14. ♖b2 ♖df6 15. ♖e1 d5 16. cd ed 17. ♖d2 ♖b6 18. ♖:e4 ♖:e4 19. ♖:e4

Not an easy decision.

19... de 20. ♖g2 ♖g5 21. ♖e3 ♖:e3 22. fe ♖fd8 23. ♖ac1 h6 24. ♖f2 ♖:d1 25. ♖:d1 ♖c8 26. ♖c3 ♖g6 27. ♖d7 ♖c6 28. ♖:a7 ♖f5+ 29. ♖e1 f6 30. a4 ♖d5 31. a5 ♖e6 32. ♖d2 ♖:b3 33. ♖d7 ♖c4 34. ♖b7 ♖c6 35. ♖b6 ♖c7 36. ♖c3 ♖d5 37. ♖a3 h5 38. ♖b5 ♖a7 39. ♖:c5 ♖:c5 40. ♖:c5 ♖:c5 41. ♖:c5 ♖c4 42. ♖d2 ♖f7 43. ♖c3 ♖:e2 44. ♖d4 ♖e6 45. ♖:e4 f5+ 46. ♖d4 g6 47. ♖f8 ♖f1 48. ♖h6 ♖e2 49. ♖f4 ♖f3 50. ♖c4 ♖g2 51. ♖b5 ♖d7 52. ♖b6 ♖f3 53. a6 ♖g2 54. a7 ♖e4 55. ♖c5 ♖g2 1/2

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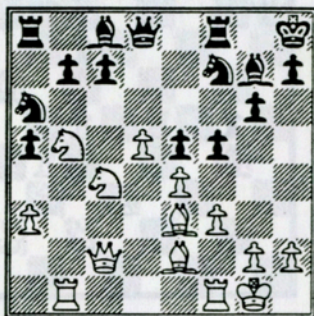
Browne 1/2 Xie
Polgar 0-1 Ashley
de Firmian 1-0 Gulko
Korchnoi 1-0 Waitzkin
Huebner 1/2 Nunn
Tisdall 1-0 Christiansen

[E97/4]

Browne, Walter (2560)

Xie, Jun (2555)

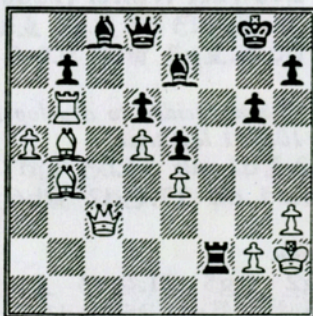
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6.♗e2 e5 7.0-0 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘d2 a5 10.a3 ♘d7
11.♗b1 f5 12.b4 ♗h8 13.f3 ♘g8 14.♗c2 ♘h6 15.c5!
Temporarily "investing" a pawn to open the Queenside for the White pieces.
15...dc 16.bc ♘:c5 17.♘b5 ♘a6 18.♘c4 ♘f7
19.♗e3



19...♘d6 20.♘b:d6 cd 21.♗b6?!

Browne and Xie spent considerable time during the post-mortem on 21.Nb6 Rb8 22.Rfc1±

21...fe 22.fe ♗:f1+ 23.♗:f1 ♗f8 24.♗f2 ♗g8
25.♘:a5 ♘c5 26.♗:c5 ♗:a5 27.♗b4 ♗a8 28.♗b5
♗e7 29.a4 ♗c7 30.a5 ♗g4 31.♗d2 ♗f8 32.♗c3
♗d8 33.h3 ♗c8 34.♗h2 ♗f2?



35.♗:d6!?

Browne is frightfully short of time here. The text move is good enough to draw, but Browne's time pressure causes him to miss a pretty win. With 35.a6!! Qxb6 36.Qxc8+ Kg7 37.axb7 Rf8 38.Qd7 Qd8 39.Ba6!+.

35...♗:d6 36.♗:d6 ♗:d6 37.♗:c8+ ♗f8 38.♗e6+
♗:e6 39.de ♗a8 40.e7 ♗f7 41.e8♗+ ♗:e8 42.♗:e8+
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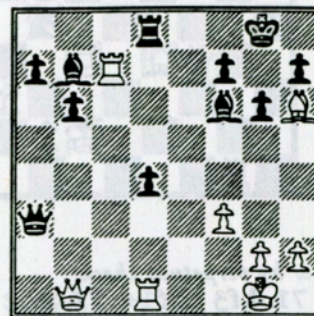
47.g3 ♗f6 48.♗f3 ♗e7 49.♗g4 ♗e6 50.♗f3 ♗d6
51.♗g4 ♗e6 1/2

[B14/17]

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.ed cd 4.c4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘f3
♗b4 7.cd ♘:d5 8.♗d2 0-0 9.♗d3 ♘c6 10.0-0 ♗e7
11.a3 ♗f6 12.♗e3 ♘:c3 13.bc b6 14.♗c1 ♗b7
15.♗b1 ♗c8 16.c4 ♗d6 17.♗d3 g6 18.♗fd1 ♗fd8
19.♗a2 ♘:d4! 20.♘:d4 e5 21.c5 ♗:c5 22.♗b3 ♗d5
23.♗b1 ed 24.♗:d5 ♗:d5 25.f3 ♗a5 26.♗h6 ♗:a3
27.♗c7



27...♗d5

Black needed to "see" this position in his pre-move analysis to 19...Nxd4!

28.♗d3 ♗a6 29.♗c2 ♗e6 30.g4 ♗b5 31.♗:a7 ♗c4
32.♗da3 d3 33.♗d2 ♗d5 34.♗g2 ♗g7 35.g5 ♗f8
36.♗a1 ♗b5 37.♗a2 ♗c4 38.♗d2 b5 39.♗e1 ♗f5
40.♗e4 ♗d5 41.♗ae7 ♗c6 42.♗a5 ♗c8 43.♗c3
♗d5 44.♗:d3 ♗:e4 45.♗:e4 ♗c2+ 46.♗:c2 ♗:c2+
47.♗f1 ♗:h6 48.gh ♗f8 49.♗e5 ♗:h2 50.♗:b5
♗:h6 51.♗g2 ♗h5 52.♗b7 ♗g5+ 53.♗f2 ♗g7
54.♗a7 h6 55.♗b7 ♗f5 56.♗g3 g5 57.♗b6 ♗f4
58.♗a6 f6 59.♗a8 h5 60.♗a5 ♗c4 61.♗b5 ♗c3
62.♗b8 ♗g6 63.♗g2 g4 0-1

[C19/1]

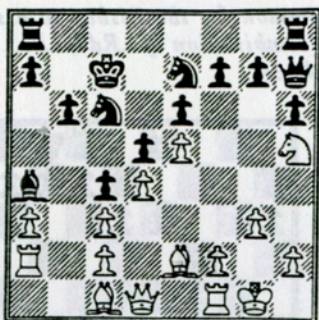
de Firmian, Nick (2590)

Gulko, Boris (2595)

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♘e7 7.♘f3 b6 8.♗b5+ ♗d7 9.♗d3 ♗a4 10.0-0 c4
11.♗e2 h6 12.♘e1

All three of the games in my Deja Vu database continued 12.Ng5 b6 13.Nb3 at which point Johansson-Kroll; Helsingborg 1990 (1-0 in 32 moves) and Plump,D-Marin,I; CalChess Labor Day 1993 (drawn in 30 moves) continued 13...Kd7, while Demarke,D-Komarov,D; France Team cb 1994 continued 13...Ng6 14.Bb5 Nce7 15.f4 0-0 16.g4 f5 17.gf Rxf5 18.Bg4 Nf8 and was drawn in 29 moves.

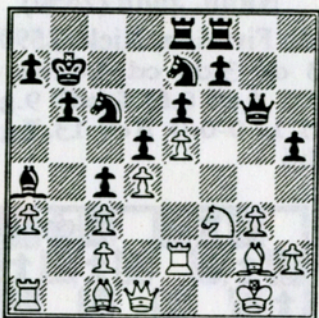
12...♘bc6 13.g3 ♘d7 14.♘g2 ♗g8 15.♘f4 ♗h7
16.♗a2 ♗c7 17.♘h5



17...♖af8

Withdrawing 13.g3 and substituting f2-f4 would be identical with the Plump-M Marin; CalChess 1993 game.

18.♗g4 ♘b7 19.♞e1 ♞e8 20.♙h3 ♞hf8 21.♞e2 ♞g6 22.♗f4 ♞h7 23.♗h5 ♞g6 24.♗f4 ♞h7 25.♞a1! h5 26.♙g2 g5 27.♗h3 g4 28.♗g5 ♞g6 29.f3 gf 30.♗:f3



30...f6

This is very dangerous, exposing weakness' in the Black position to direct attack.

31.e4 ♞:f6 32.♙f4 ♞f7 33.♞f2 ♞f8 34.♗h4 ♞f7 35.♙f3 ♞:f4?!

A rather nervous continuation, trying to resuscitate the Black attack.

36.gf ♞g8+ 37.♗g2 ♞:f4 38.♙:h5 ♞h6 39.♙g4 ♗c8 40.♞f3 ♗d6 41.♞e1 ♗d8 42.♙:e6 ♗:e6 43.♞:d5+ ♙c6 44.♞:d6 ♙:g2 45.♞d7+ ♙a6 46.♞:g2 ♞d2 47.♞c8+ ♙a5 48.♞e5+ b5 49.♞:g8 ♞d1+ 50.♙f2 ♞:c2+ 51.♞e2 ♞f5+ 52.♙g1 ♞b1+ 53.♙g2 ♗f4+ 54.♙f3 ♗:e2 55.♙:e2 ♞c2+ 56.♙e3 ♞:c3+ 57.♙e4 ♞d3+ 58.♙d5 ♞f3+ 59.♙c5 ♞:a3+ 60.♙c6 ♞f3+ 61.d5 c3 62.♞c7+ 1-0

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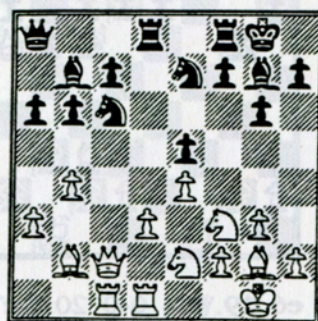
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Waitzkin, Joshua (2435)

1.c4 e5 2.♗c3 ♗f6 3.♗f3 ♗c6 4.a3 g6 5.g3 d5 6.cd ♗:d5 7.♙g2 ♗de7

Korchnoi, V-Tukmakov, V; Groningen 1993 (drawn in 58 moves) continued with 7...Nxc3 8.bc Bg7 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Be6 and Black has an easy game.

8.b4 ♙g7 9.♙b2 0-0 10.d3 a6 11.0-0 b6 12.♞c1 ♙b7 13.♞c2 ♞d7 14.e3 ♞ad8 15.♞fd1 ♞c8 16.♗e2 ♞a8 17.e4



17...♞d7

Black gets in a lot of trouble with this.

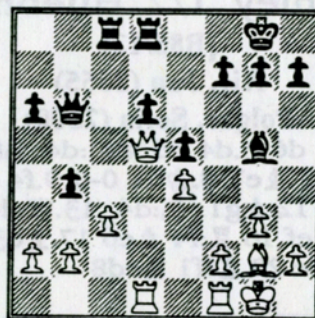
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[B33/17]

Huebner, Robert (2620)

Nunn, John (2630)

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cd 4.♗:d4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♗db5 d6 7.♙f4 e5 8.♙g5 a6 9.♗a3 b5 10.♗d5 ♙e7 11.♙:f6 ♙:f6 12.c3 ♙b7 13.♗c2 ♗b8 14.g3 ♙g5 15.♙g2 0-0 16.♞d3 ♗d7 17.♞d1 ♗b6 18.♗:b6 ♞:b6 19.0-0 ♞fd8 20.♗b4 ♞ac8 21.♗d5 ♙:d5 22.♞:d5 b4!



23.♞b3 ♞b8 24.c4 ♞dc8 25.♞d5 ♞c5 26.♞fd1 ♙e7 27.♙f1 g6 28.♞a4 ♞bc8 29.♞d7 ♙f8 30.b3 ♞:d5 31.♞:d5 ♞c5 32.♞d2 ♞c6 33.♞:c6 ♞:c6 34.c5 ♙g7 35.cd ♙:d6 36.♙c4 ♙f6 37.♙g2 ♙e7 38.♙d5 ♞c7?

This loses a pawn.

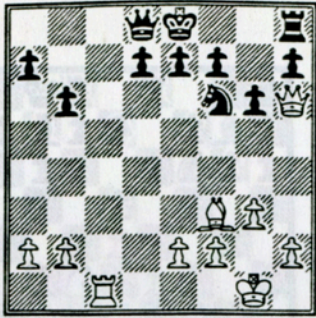
39.♙:f7 ♙c5 40.♙c4 ♞d7 41.♞c2 a5 42.♙d5 ♞c7 43.h4 ♙b6 44.♙c4 ♞d7 45.f4 ef 46.gf ♙e3 47.♙f3 ♞d2 48.♞c1 ♙d4 49.e5 ♞f2+ 50.♙e4 ♙c3 51.♞g1 ♞:a2 52.h5 ♞a1 53.♞g5 a4 54.hg hg 55.ba ♞:a4 56.♞:g6 b3 57.♙d3 b2 58.♞g7+ ♙d8 59.♞b7 ♙b4 60.♙c2 1/2

[A30/22]

Tisdall, Jonathan (2470)

Christiansen, Larry (2570)

1.♗f3 c5 2.c4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 b6 4.g3 ♙b7 5.♙g2 g6 6.0-0 ♙g7 7.d4 cd 8.♞:d4 ♗a6 9.♗d5 ♗c5 10.♞d1 ♞c8 11.♞h4 ♗ce4 12.♙h6 ♙:h6 13.♗:f6+ ♗:f6 14.♞:h6 ♙:f3 15.♙:f3 ♞:c4 16.♞ac1 ♞:c1 17.♞:c1



17...d5 18.h4 e6 19.♖f4 0-0 20.♞c7 ♞e8 21.♞:a7 e5 22.♞a4 e4 23.♙g2 ♞b8 24.♞a6 ♞c8 25.♙h3 e3 26.f4 ♞c1+ 27.♙g2 ♙g7 28.♞d4 ♞c6 29.b4 ♞e8 30.♞e5 ♞d8 31.♞a7 ♙f8 32.♞b7 ♞d6 33.g4 d4 34.g5 ♙g8 35.f5 d3 36.fg hg 37.ed e2 38.♙f2 ♞d5?? 39.♞:f7+ ♙:f7 40.♙e6+ ♙f8 41.♙:d5 1-0

Round Ten:

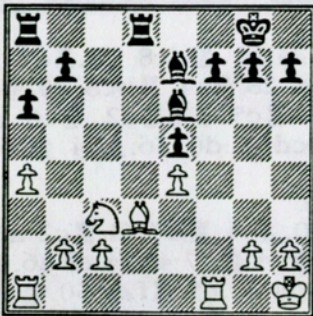
Xie 1/2 Polgar
Christiansen 1/2 Browne
Nunn 1/2 de Firmian
Gulko 1/2 Korchnoi
Waitzkin 1/2 Tisdall
Ashley 1/2 Huebner

[B85/13]

Xie, Jun (2555)

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.♘:d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♙e2 e6 7.0-0 ♙e7 8.♙h1 0-0 9.f4 a6 10.a4 ♞c7 11.♙e3 ♞e8 12.♙g1 ♘:d4 13.♞:d4 e5 14.♞b6 ♞:b6 15.♙:b6 ef 16.♞:f4 ♙e6 17.♙d3 ♘d7 18.♙d4 ♘e5 19.♙:e5 de 20.♞ff1 ♞ed8



21.♘d5!?

A cute idea wasted on a barren position.

21...♙:d5 22.ed ♞:d5 23.♙c4 ♞d4 24.♙:f7+ ♙h8 25.c4 a5 1/2

[A30/10]

Christiansen, Larry (2570)

Browne, Walter (2560)

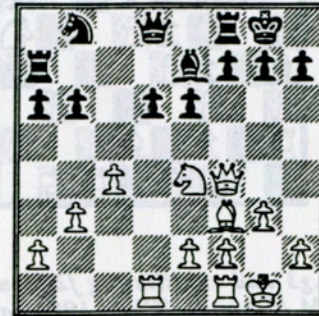
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Far more common in this position is 13.Rfd1, though I'm not sure there is any practical difference.

13...♙e7

It is far more common for the Bishop to assume a more active role here with a combination of ...Rd7, ...Be5.

14.b3 0-0 15.♘e4



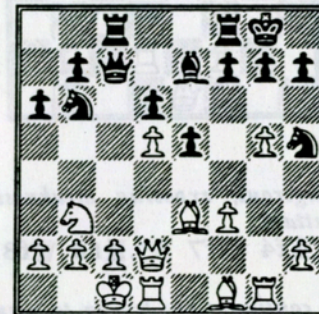
15...♞d7 16.a4 ♞c7 17.h4 ♘c6 18.♙g2 ♘b4 19.♞c1 d5 20.♞:c7 ♞:c7 21.cd ♞:c1 1/2

[B90/4]

Nunn, John (2630)

de Firmian, Nick (2590)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.♘:d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♙e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♙e6 8.f3 ♘bd7 9.g4 ♙e7 10.♞d2 0-0 11.g5 ♘h5 12.0-0-0 ♞c8 13.♞g1 ♞c7 14.♘d5 ♙:d5 15.ed ♘b6



16.♞g4!

A "Karpovian" rook lift. If now 16...Nxd5?? 17.Rc4+.

16...f5 17.♞b4 ♘d7 18.h4 g6 19.♙b1

Opinion was divided in the press room as to just who was slightly better here.

19...♞f7 20.♞c4 ♞b8 21.♞b4 ♙d8 22.♞:c8 ♞:c8 23.♞d3 ♞b8 24.♞c3 ♞f8 25.a4 ♘g3 26.♙d3 f4 27.♙f2 ♘f5 28.♙a5 ♘e3 29.♙:e3 ♙:a5!

An important "in between move".

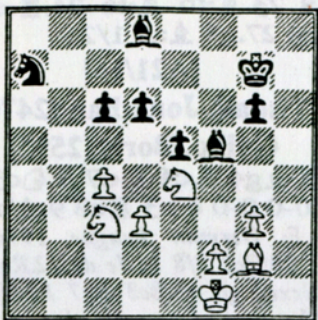
30.♞:a5 fe 31.♙e2 ♘c5 32.♞:e3 ♞f4= 33.b3 ♞:h4 34.♞b6 ♘d7 35.♞a5 ♘c5 36.♞b6 ♘d7 1/2

[A25/17]

Gulko, Boris (2595)

Korchnoi, Viktor (2635)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘c6 3.♙g2 g6 4.♘c3 ♙g7 5.e3 f5 6.♘ge2 ♘f6 7.d3 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.♞b1 a5 10.a3 ♘e7 11.e4 c6 12.b4 ab 13.ab ♙e6 14.ef ♘:f5 15.♙g5 ♞c7 16.♙:f6 ♙:f6 17.b5 h5 18.♞b3 h4 19.bc bc 20.♞b6 ♞ac8 21.♞:c7 ♞:c7 22.♞b6 hg 23.hg ♙d7 24.♞a1 ♙g7 25.♞aa6 ♘e7 26.♘e4 ♘c8 27.♞b8 ♙e7 28.♘2c3 ♙f5 29.♙f1 ♞d8 30.♞a5 ♞a7 31.♞:a7 ♘:a7 32.♞:d8 ♙:d8



33.g4!?

Secures the draw.

33...♙:g4 34.♚:d6 ♙e7 1/2

[B22/16]

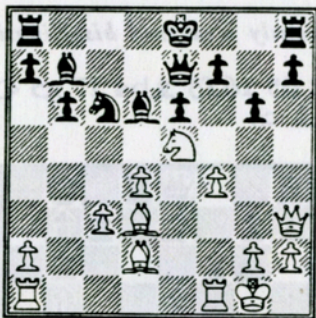
Waitzkin, Joshua (2435)

Tisdall, Jonathan (2470)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.d4 cd 5.♘f3 e6 6.cd b6 7.♘c3 ♘:c3 8.bc ♙b7 9.♙d3

Heidrich, M-Vetter, H; German League 1982 (0-1 in 40 moves) is the only game reference I could find for this line, which continued with 9.Be2.

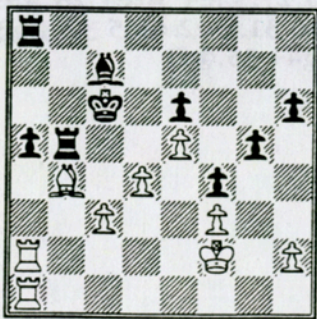
9...♙c7 10.♙d2 d6 11.0-0 de 12.♘:e5 ♘c6 13.f4 ♙d6 14.♙h5 g6 15.♙h4 ♙e7 16.♙h3



16...0-0-0 17.a4 ♙c7 18.♙e3 f5 19.♘c4 ♙he8 20.♙fe1 ♙d7 21.♙f1 h6 22.♘e5 ♘:e5 23.fe g5 24.♙b5 ♙d5 25.♙e2 ♙f8 26.♙a6 f4 27.♙:b7+ ♘:b7 28.♙f3 a6 29.♘f2 ♘c6 30.♙c1 ♙:f3+ 31.gf b5 32.♙a3 ♙g8 33.♙c5 ♙a8 34.♙a2 ♙gb8 35.♙b4!?

a5! Black makes a decision to sacrifice the exchange for a pawn. There are winning CHANCES here only.

36.ab+ ♙:b5 37.♙ea1



37...ab

Here it is, and it must have been excruciating to evaluate over the board.

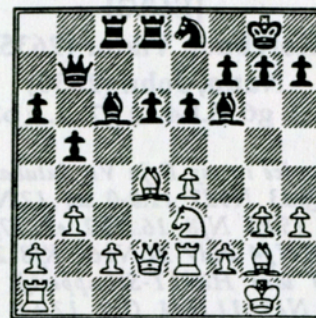
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[B80/10]

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

Huebner, Robert (2620)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cd 4.♘:d4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♙c7 6.g3 a6 7.♙g2 ♘f6 8.0-0 d6 9.b3 ♙e7 10.♙b2 0-0 11.♙d2 ♘:d4 12.♙:d4 ♙d7 13.♙fe1 ♙ac8 14.♙e2 ♙fd8 15.h3 ♘e8 16.♘d1 b5 17.♙d2 ♙c6 18.♘e3 ♙f6 19.♙d4 ♙b7



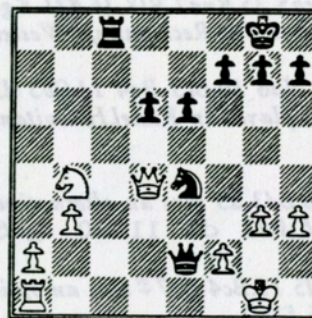
20.c4!

If now 20...Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Qxe4 22.Nd5 wins: 22...Qf3 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.Ne7+.

20...♙:d4 21.♙:d4 ♘f6 22.cb ♙:e4 23.♙:e4 ♘:e4 24.ba ♙:a6 25.♙c2!

25.Rb2?! Qa8 26.Kb2 Ng5 27.Qd1 g6 b4 ♣

25...♙:c2 26.♘:c2 ♙e2 27.♘b4 ♙c8



28.♙e3? ♙b2?

Much too cute. 28...Qxe3 29.fxe3 Rc3! 30.Re1 Nxe3 ♣ and Black should win.

29.♙d1 d5 30.♘c6 ♙:c6 31.♙:e4 ♙c1 32.♙e1 ♙:d1 33.♙:d1 ♙:a2 34.♙c1 h6 35.b4 d4 36.b5 ♙b3 37.♙c8+ ♘h7 38.♙d7 ♙b1+ 39.♘g2 d3 40.b6 ♙:b6 41.♙:d3+ g6 42.h4 ♙c6+ 43.♘g1 ♙d5 44.♙a3 g5 45.♙e7 ♘g6 46.hg hg 47.♙e8 ♙f3 48.♙h8 f6 49.♙c8 ♘f5 50.♙c5+ ♙d5 51.♙c2+ ♙e4 52.♙d1 ♘e5 53.♙d2 ♙d4 54.♙c2 ♘d6 55.♙e2 e5 56.♙a6+ ♘e7 57.♙b7+ ♘e6 58.♙c8+ ♘f7 59.♙b7+ ♘g6 60.♙a8 ♙c4 61.♙b7 e4 62.♙d7 ♙f7 63.♙c8 ♙d5 64.♘h2 ♘f7 65.♙c7+ ♘e6 66.♙c8+ ♘e5 67.♙e8+ ♘d4 68.♙e7 ♙c6 69.♙a3 ♙c3 70.♙d6+ ♘c4 71.♘g1 ♙d4 72.♙a3 ♘b5 73.♙b3+ ♘c5 74.♙a3+ ♘b6 75.♘g2 ♙e5 76.♙c1 ♙f5 77.♙c3 g4 78.♙b4+ ♘c6 79.♙c4+ ♘d6 80.♙d4+ ♘e7 81.♙d2 ♙e5 82.♙e3 ♘f7 83.♙h6 ♙f5 84.♙d2 ♙e6 85.♘g1 ♘g6 86.♙c2 ♙d5 87.♙c8 f5 88.♙e8+ ♘f6 89.♙h8+ ♘e7

90. ♖g7+ ♕d6 91. ♖a7 ♖c5 92. ♖b8+ ♕d7 93. ♖b3 ♕e7 1/2

Round Eleven:

Korchnoi 1/2 Nunn

Tisdall 0-1 Gulko

Waitzkin 1/2 Christiansen

Huebner 1-0 Xie

Polgar 0-1 Browne

de Firmian 1/2 Ashley

[E60/3]

Korchnoi, Viktor (2635)

Nunn, John (2630)

1. ♖f3 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. b4 ♖g7 4. ♖b2 0-0 5. e3 d6 6. d4 c5 7. a3

7.b5 was played twice in my Deja Vu database. 7...a6 8.a4 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 a5 12.Nbd2 b6 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.d5 Rfd8 15.b3 Nf8 16.Nb2 e5 17.f4 ef 18.ef Nb5 19.Bxg7 Nxd7 20.Ng4 Nd7 21.Nb6+ Kf8 22.Ne4 f6 23.Qc3 Ne8 24.Ng5 1-0 was Hickl,T-Schuppert,J. 7...cd 8.ed Nbd7 9.Be2 b6 10.d5 Nc5 11.Nd4 Qc7 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Nd2 e5 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.de d5 16.cd Nxd5 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxd5 Nc5 19.Qc4 Rad8 20.Rad1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rd5 Rxd5 23.Qxd5 Ne6 24.Bc4 Nd8 25.g3 Ne6 26.b4 b5 27.Qe4 Qd6 28.Bxe6 fe 29.Qc4 1-0 was Mikhalchishin,A-Ankerst,M. 7.bc dc 8.Be2 cd 9.ed Nb5 10.Qd2 Qc7 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.d5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.g3 Bg4 15.f4 Qf5 16.Bd3 Qd7 17.Ne4 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 e6 19.Qd4 Rfd8 20.0-0 ed 21.Ng5 dc 22.Qxd7 Rxd7 23.Bxc4 b6 24.Nxf7 Rxf7 25.Rub1 b6 26.f5 gf 27.Kg2 Rc8 28.Bxf7+ Kxf7 29.Rbc1 Kg6 30.Rc7+ Kg6 31.Rf2 f4 32.b3 fg 33.hg gf 34.gb+ Kxb5 35.Rxa7 Rf8 36.Kf1 Kg6 37.a4 b5 38.a5 ba 39.Rxa5 b4 40.Ra2 1/2 Rechmann,P-Westerinen,H. 7...cd 8.ed

8.Nxd4 a5 9.Nd2 Na6 10.Bc3 Bg4 11.Qb3 d5 12.b3 ab 13.ab Bc8 14.Be2 e5 was played in Kanel,H-Cvitan,O which was 0-1 in 44 moves.

8...e5

8...a5 9.b5 Nbd7 10.Bd3 d5 was an alternative.

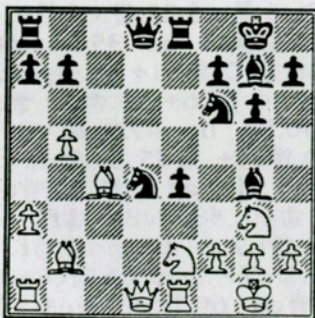
9. ♖e2 e4 10. ♖fd2 d5 11.0-0 ♖c6 12.b5 ♖e7 13. ♖c3 ♖e8

13...Bb6 14.cxd5 Bf5 15.Bc4 Qc7 = was an option.

14. ♖e1 ♖f5! 15. ♖f1

15.cxd5 Nxd4 16.Bc4 Qc7 17.d6 Qc5 18.Rac1 Bf5 19.d7 was interesting.

15...dc 16. ♖:c4 ♖:d4 17. ♖g3 ♖g4 18. ♖ce2



18...♖:e2+

This is probably the zenith of Black's positional advantage in this game.

19. ♖:e2 ♖:d1 20. ♖a:d1 ♖:e2 21. ♖:e2 ♖ad8 22. ♖:d8 ♖:d8 23. ♖:f6 ♖:f6 24. ♖:e4 ♖d2 25. ♖f1 ♖a2 26. a4 ♖c3 27. g4 ♖a5 1/2

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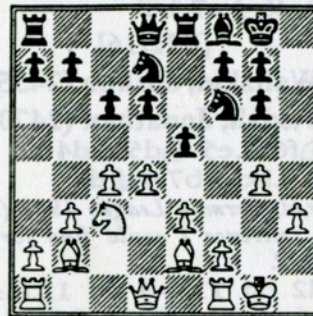
Tisdall, Jonathan (2470)

Gulko, Boris (2595)

1. d4 d6 2. ♖f3 ♖g4 3. c4 ♖d7 4. ♖c3 e5 5. e3 ♖gf6 6. ♖e2 ♖e7 7.0-0 0-0 8. b3 ♖e8 9. ♖b2 c6 10. h3

Pfleger,H-Lobron,E; German League 1994 (drawn in 51 moves) continued 10.Qc2 Bf8 11.de de 12.Rad1 e4 13.Nd4 Qc7 14.b3 Bxe2 15.Ncxe2 g6 16.Bc3 Bg7 17.Nf4 a6 18.Qb2 Re7 19.Rd2 Rae8. The line chosen in this game is much more optimistic - White wants a win!

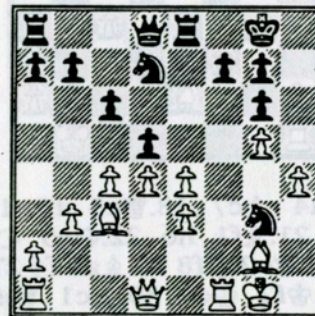
10...♖h5 11.g4 ♖g6 12. ♖h4 ♖f8 13. ♖:g6 hg



14. ♖f3

White has dangerously weakened his Kingside. Does he have compensation?

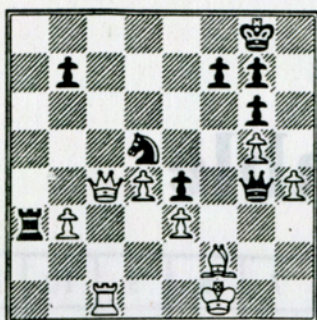
14...e4 15. ♖g2 d5 16.f3 ♖b4 17.g5 ♖h5 18.h4 ♖g3 19.fe ♖:c3 20. ♖:c3



20...♖:e4

Black has established the "dreaded Knight pair", and dominates the board.

21. ♖b4 a5 22. ♖a3 a4 23. ♖f4 ab 24.ab ♖c7 25.cd cd 26. ♖c1 ♖a5 27. ♖:e4 ♖:e4 28. ♖:e4 de 29. ♖d6 ♖f5 30. ♖f4 ♖b6 31. ♖e2 ♖d5 32. ♖g3 ♖h3 33. ♖f2 ♖a3 34. ♖c4 ♖g4+ 35. ♖f1



35...♙:e3+ 36.♙:e3 ♖f3+ 37.♙f2 ♜a2 0-1

[B07/8]

Waitzkin, Joshua (2435)

Christiansen, Larry (2570)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.g3 ♙g7 5.♙g2 0-0
6.♘ge2 ♘bd7 7.h3 e5 8.♙e3 a6 9.a4 b6 10.0-0
♙b7 11.g4

11.a5 b5 12.d5 Rc8 13.Na2 c6 14.de Rxc6 15.c3 Qb8 16.g4
Nc5 17.Ng3 Rcc8 18.Nb4 Rfd8 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.ed b6 was
Howell/J-Seret/J; Cappelle la Grande, 1991.

11...b5 12.ab ab 13.d5 b4 14.♘a2 ♘c5 15.f3 ♖d7
16.♖d2 b3 17.♘ac3 c6 18.de ♖:c6 19.g5 ♘h5
20.♘d5 ♘h8 21.♜:a8 ♜:a8 22.cb ♘:b3 23.♖b4
♘c5 24.♜c1 ♖a6 25.♖c4 ♖:c4 26.♜:c4 ♘d3 27.b4
♙:d5 28.ed h6! 29.gh ♙f6 30.b5 ♜a1+ 31.♙f1 ♘e1
32.♜c1 ♘:f3+ 33.♘f2 ♜:c1 34.♘:c1 ♘d4 35.b6
♙h4+ 36.♘g2 ♙d8 37.b7 ♙c7 38.♙:d4 ed 39.♘f3
♘f6 40.♘b3 ♘h7 41.♘:d4 ♘:h6 42.♘c6 ♘d7
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[C93/9]

Huebner, Robert (2620)

Xie, Jun (2555)

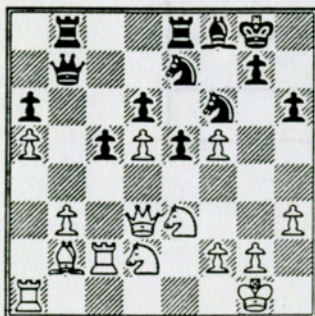
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6.♜e1 b5 7.♙b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 ♙b7 10.d4 ♜e8
11.♘bd2 ♙f8 12.a3 h6 13.♙c2 ♘b8 14.b3 ♘bd7
15.♙b2 c5

15...g6 is by far the more common move here.

16.d5

Kubach,G-Hanichen,M; Postal 1991 (1-0 in 49 moves)
continued: 16.de de 17.c4 Qc7 18.Qc2 b4 19.Nf1 Bc6 20.N3d2
Qb7 21.Qd3 Nb5.

16...♖c7 17.♙d3 ♘b6 18.♖e2 ♙c8 19.♘h2 ♙d7
20.c4 bc 21.♘:c4 ♙b5 22.♘d2 ♜ab8 23.♜ec1 ♖d7
24.♜c2 ♘h7 25.a4 ♙:d3 26.♖:d3 ♖b7 27.a5 ♘c8
28.♘hf1 f5 29.ef ♘e7 30.♘e3 ♘f6



31.♘dc4!

The start of an extremely clever resolution of the position.

31...♘e:d5 32.♘:d5 ♘:d5 33.♖e4 ♘f6 34.♖:b7
♜:b7 35.♜d1 ♜:b3 36.♘:d6 ♜d8 37.♙:e5 ♘e4
38.♘:e4 ♜:d1+ 39.♘h2 ♜d5 40.f4 ♜b4 41.♜e2
♙e7

This is fatal. The Bishop must defend the Kingside pawns.

42.♘g3 ♙d8 43.♘h5 ♜b7 44.g4 ♙:a5 45.♙:g7 ♜d2
46.♜:d2 ♙:d2 47.♙e5 ♘f7 48.h4 ♜e7 49.g5 hg
50.hg ♙a5 51.g6+ ♘e8 52.♘f6+ ♘d8 53.♘e4 1-0

[B90/3]

Polgar, Sofia (2500)

Browne, Walter (2560)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.♘:d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3
e6 7.g4

Is this the Keres Attack Deferred? My Deja Vu database has no
record of any games reaching this position.

7...d5 8.ed ♘:d5 9.♙d2

White is already constrained to defense.

9...♘c6 10.♘de2 e5 11.♙g2

This cannot be what Polgar prepared to play against Browne.
How did she get moved out of her pre-tournament planning?

11...♙e6 12.♘e4 ♙e7 13.0-0 0-0 14.c4 ♘f6
15.♘:f6+ ♙:f6 16.b3 h5 17.♘g3 hg 18.hg ♙g5
19.♙c3 ♖:d1 20.♜a:d1 ♙:g4 21.♜de1 ♜ad8
22.♙:c6 bc 23.♜:e5 f5 24.♜e6 ♜d3 25.♙e5 ♙f3
26.♜e1 ♙d2 27.♜b1 ♘f7 28.♜d6 ♜:d6 29.♙:d6
♜d8 30.♙e5 ♜e8 31.♙d6 ♜h8 32.b4 g5 33.♜b2
♙c1 34.♜c2 f4 35.♙e5 ♜h6 36.♜c3

36.Rxc1? fxg3 37.fxg3 (forced) Rb1+ wins the Rook.

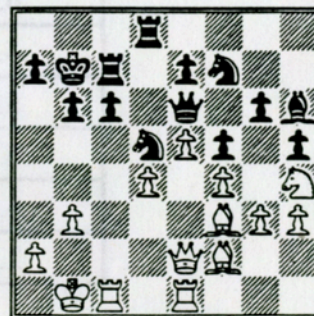
36...g4 37.♜:f3 gf 38.♘e4 ♜g6+ 39.♘f1 ♘e6
40.♙c7 ♘f5 41.♘d6+ ♘e6 42.♘e4 ♘f5 43.♘d6+
♘g4 44.♘f7 ♜g7 45.♙e5+ ♘f5 46.♙d6 ♘e4
47.♘:c6 ♙e3 0-1

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de Firmian, Nick (2590)

Ashley, Maurice (2460)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 c6 3.f4 d5 4.e5 ♘a6 5.♘f3 h5 6.♙e3
♘h6 7.♘bd2 ♘c7 8.g3 ♙f5 9.♙g2 ♖d7 10.h3 ♙g7
11.c3 ♜c8 12.♖e2 b6 13.♘h4 ♙e6 14.♙f2 ♜b8
15.b3 ♘f5 16.♘hf3 ♘h6 17.♘h4 ♘f5 18.♘hf3 ♘h6
19.♘g5 ♙f5 20.♘df3 ♘d8 21.♘h4 f6 22.♘:f5 ♖:f5
23.♘f3 ♖e6 24.0-0-0 ♘f7 25.♜he1 f5 26.♘b2 ♘c8
27.c4 ♜d8 28.cd ♘:d5 29.♘h4 ♘b7 30.♜c1 ♜bc8
31.♘b1 ♜c7 32.♙f3 ♙h6



33.♙g2

White has now re-aligned his Kingside pieces to force through
g3-g4.

33...g5

...so Black follows the adage that: "if you can't be best, at least
be first".

34. ♖:h5 gf 35. ♘:f4 ♖:f4 36. gf ♘:f4 37. ♖:f7 ♘:f7
 38. ♘f3 ♘d5 39. e6 ♘h7 40. ♘b2 ♖h8 41. h4 1/2

Final Crosstable

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Korchnoi 2635 Switzerland	X	.5	1	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	1	1
2	Nunn 2630 England	.5	X	.5	.5	.5	.5	1	1	.5	1	1	.5
3	Hübner 2620 Germany	0	.5	X	0	1	.5	.5	1	.5	1	.5	.5
4	Gulko 2595 USA	.5	.5	1	X	0	1	.5	.5	.5	1	1	1
5	de Firmian 2590 USA	.5	.5	0	1	X	.5	.5	.5	1	.5	.5	1
6	Christ'nsen 2570 USA	.5	.5	.5	0	.5	X	.5	.5	1	0	1	.5
7	Browne 2560 USA	.5	0	.5	.5	.5	.5	X	.5	1	.5	.5	0
8	Xie Jun 2555 China	.5	0	0	.5	.5	.5	.5	X	.5	.5	1	1
9	Polgar 2500 Hungary	0	.5	.5	.5	0	0	0	.5	X	1	0	.5
10	Tisdall 2470 Norway	0	0	0	0	.5	1	.5	.5	0	X	.5	.5
11	Ashley 2460 USA	0	0	.5	0	.5	0	.5	0	1	.5	X	.5
12	Waitzkin 2435 USA	0	.5	.5	0	0	.5	1	0	.5	.5	.5	X

Final Standings

8.0	Korchnoi
7.5	Nunn, Gulko
6.5	de Firmian
6.0	Huebner
5.5	Christiansen, Xie
5.0	Browne
4.0	Waitzkin
3.5	Polgar, Tisdall, Ashley