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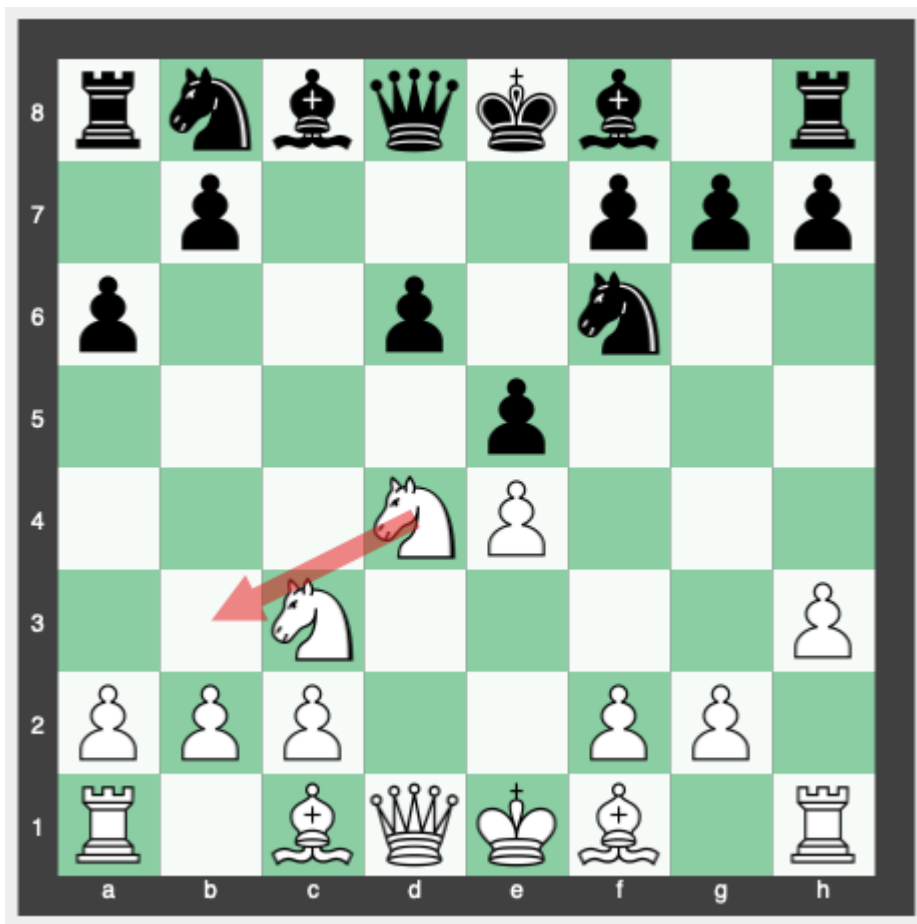
Australia's Open team scored a match win over Zimbabwe, on day two of the Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary today.

The Women's team, paired with number six seeds, Azerbaijan, scored two draws from four games.

The Open team, paired with Zimbabwe, saw the appearance of Temur Kuybokarov on board one.



Kuybokarov (White) met a Sicilian Najdorf Defence from Farai Mandizha, arriving at the same position after 7. Nb3 as Nepomniachtchi-Carlsen, Legends of Chess Rapid, 2020



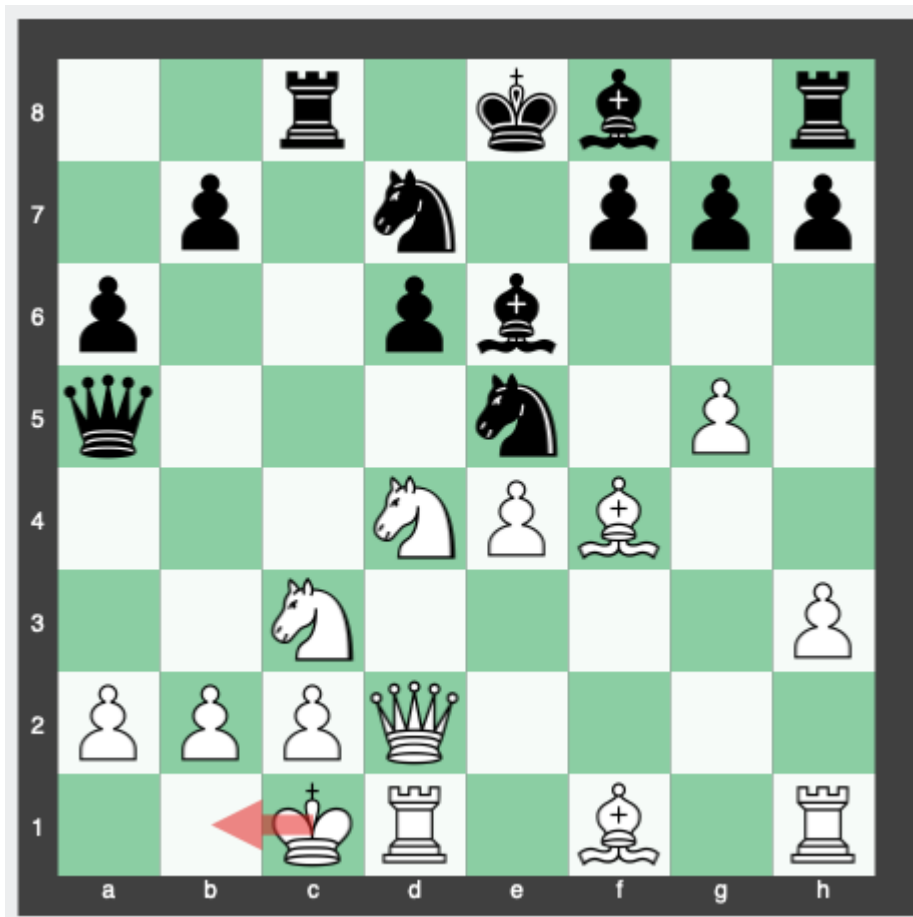
where Carlsen continued 7... Be7; Mandizha chose 7... Be6

Kuybokarov replied with the strongly aggressive 8. f4

There followed 8... Qc7 9. g4 exf4 in an attempt to partially liquidate White's advancing pawn phalanx, but gifting White a tempo and Black's isolated backward d6 pawn.

Better is defence with 9... h6 10. f5 (10. g5 hxg5 11. fxg5 Nh5 is ok for Black) 10... Bc4 11. Bxc4 Qxc4 12. Qe2 Qxe2+ 13. Kxe2

A critical position arose after 15. Kb1



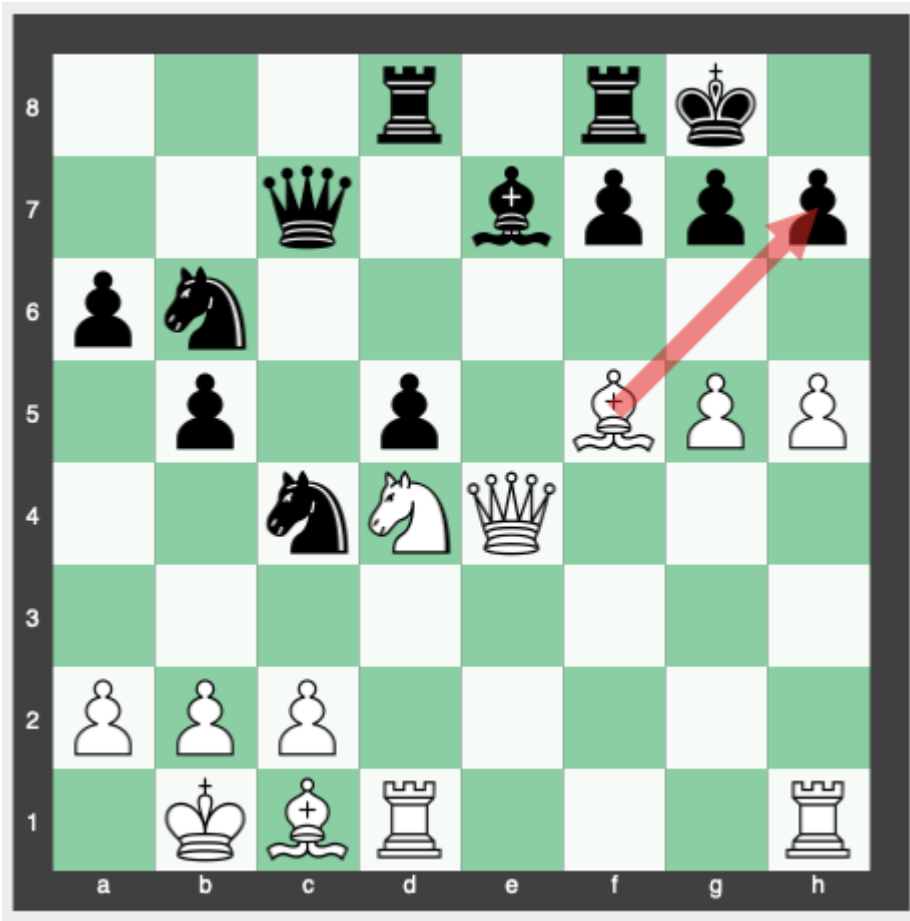
where White has a safely Castled King, a space advantage and aggressive setup on the King-side and a ready made plan should Black Castle.

Here, Black gifted White another tempo 15... Bc4

Black, already behind in development, needs to play 15... g6 with a view to ... Bg7

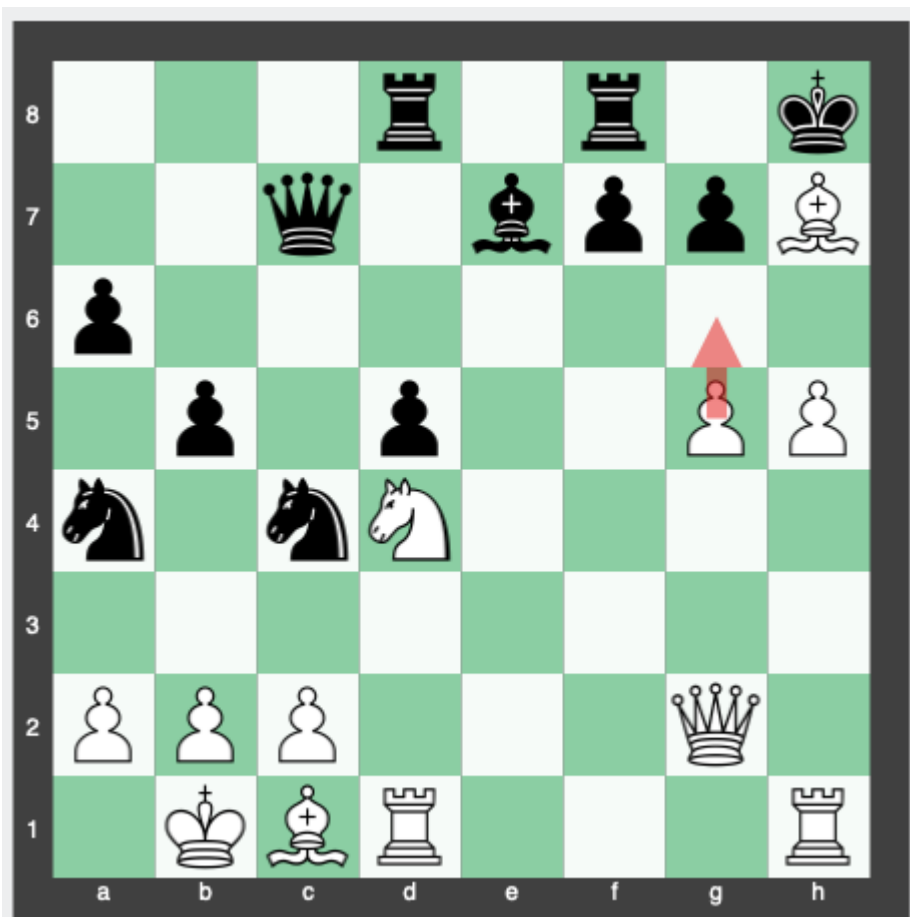
There followed 16. Nb3 Qc7 17. h4 b5 18. Bh3

By move 26, White has prosecuted the advance against Black's Castled King and, after 26... d5



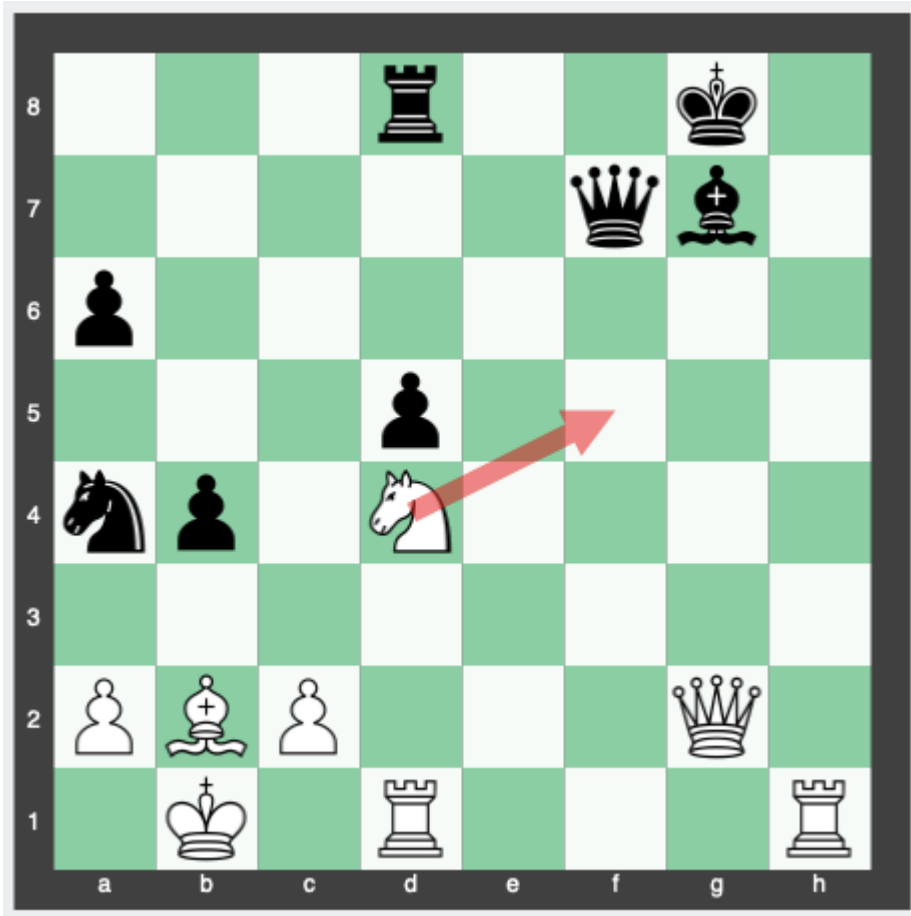
picks off Black's h-pawn.

There followed 27... Kh8 28. Qg2 Na4 (On 28... Kxh7 29. g6+ Kg8 30. h6) 29. g6



And, although the plan is clear, it requires accurate prosecution, which Kuybokarov delivers, advancing g- and h-pawns, opening the g- and h-files and exposing Black's King

Black resigned at 36. Nf5



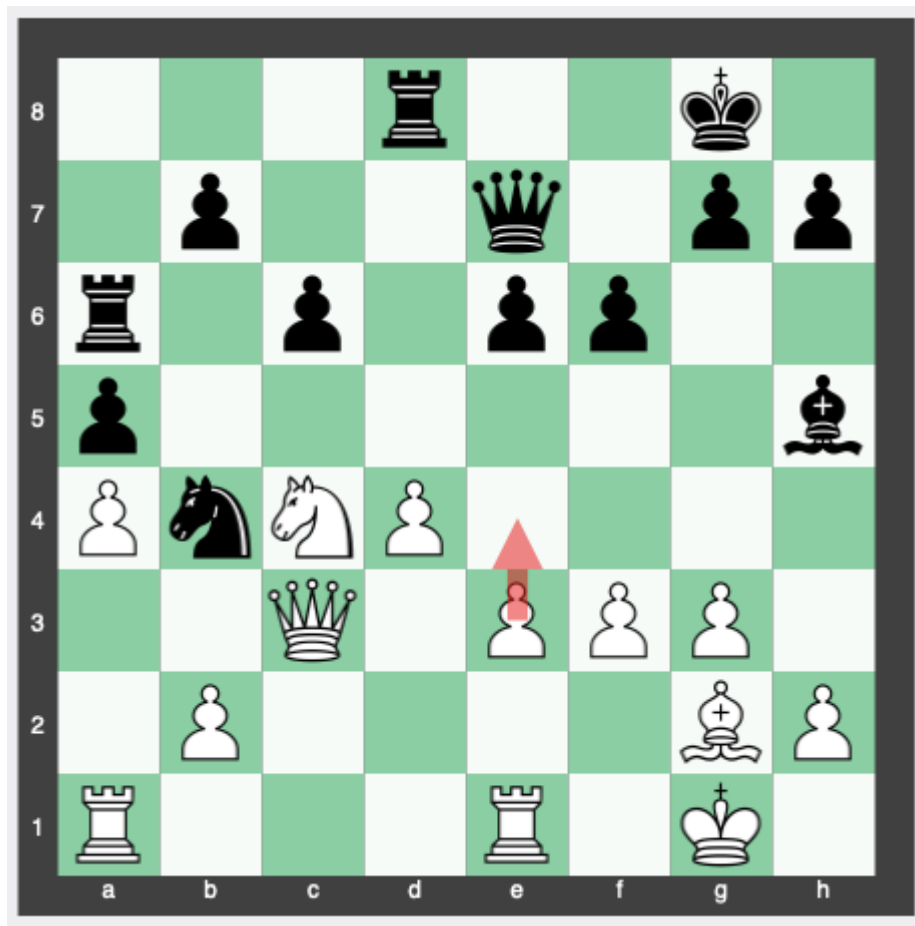
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On the Women's board 1, Julia Ryjanova (White)



faced a Slav defence from higher ranked Gunay Mammadzada of Azerbaijan.

A pivotal point in an equal game came after 27... f6



where 28. e4 keeps White's Centre strong, controlling the important d5 square.

But, instead, White played the retrograde 28. Nd2

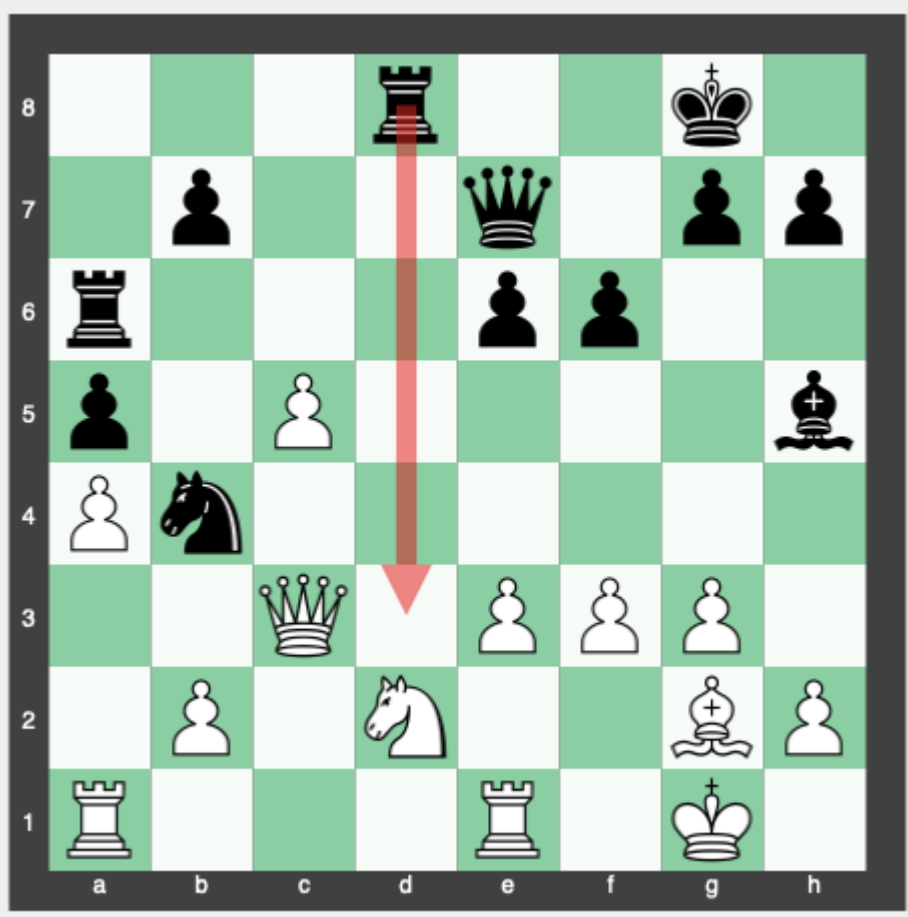
There followed 28... c5, inducing 29. dxc5

(Better was 29. Rad1 cxd4 30. exd4 Rc6 31. Nc4 Qc7 and, although White is on the back foot, can hold with 32. Bf1

If 32... Nd5 33. Qb3 Bf7 (33... Rc8 34. Na3) 34. Na3)

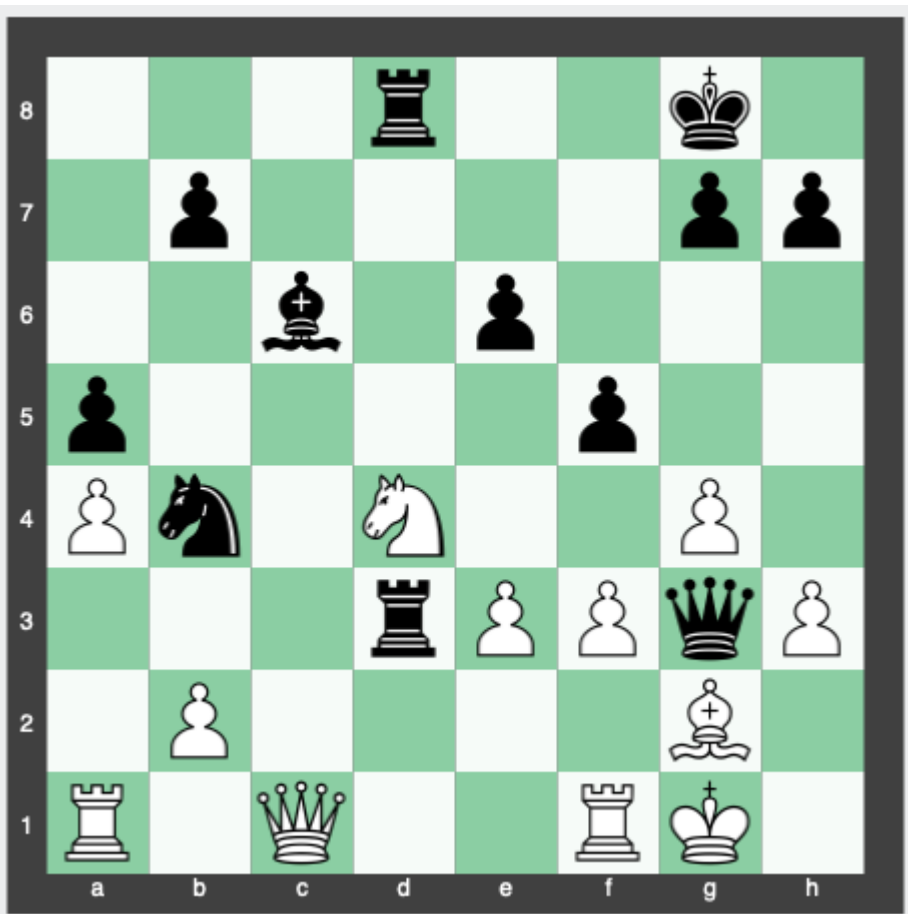
(or on 29. Nc4 cxd4 30. exd4 Bg6 31. Red1 and the Knight on c4 can be supported by b3)

But now, with 29... Rd3



White is in trouble.

Black made further inroads and a critical position was reached at 39. Rf1



Black has a space advantage and the aggressive setup.

According to Lasker's Principle of Attack, the player with the advantage must attack or risk losing the advantage.

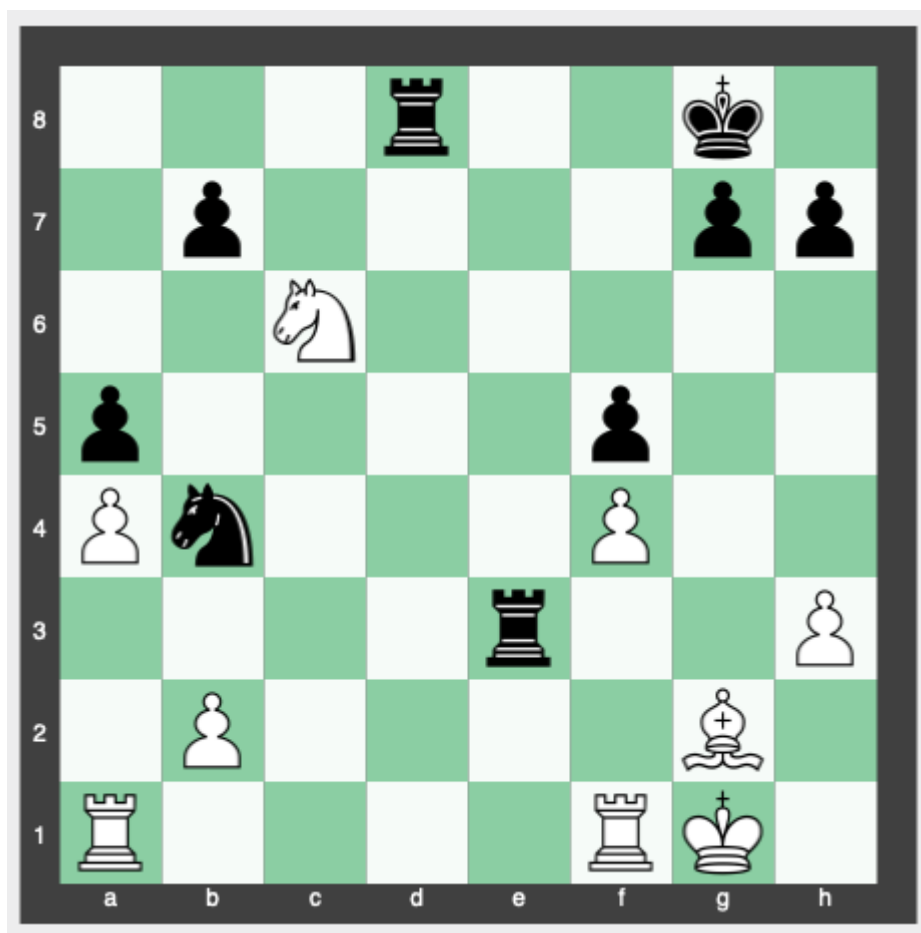
How must Black attack?

The most evident is the Exchange sacrifice on d4.

So, on 39... R3xd4 40. exd4 Nd3 41. Qc2 Nf4 42. Kh1 f3 43. Qf2 Qxf2 44. Rxf2 Nxf2 45. d5 Rxd5 46. Kxg2 gxf3+ 47. Kg3 Rd4 Black's passed pawns, +3 pawns and "monster Bishop" should be winning.

But, instead, Black played the retrograde 39... Qe5

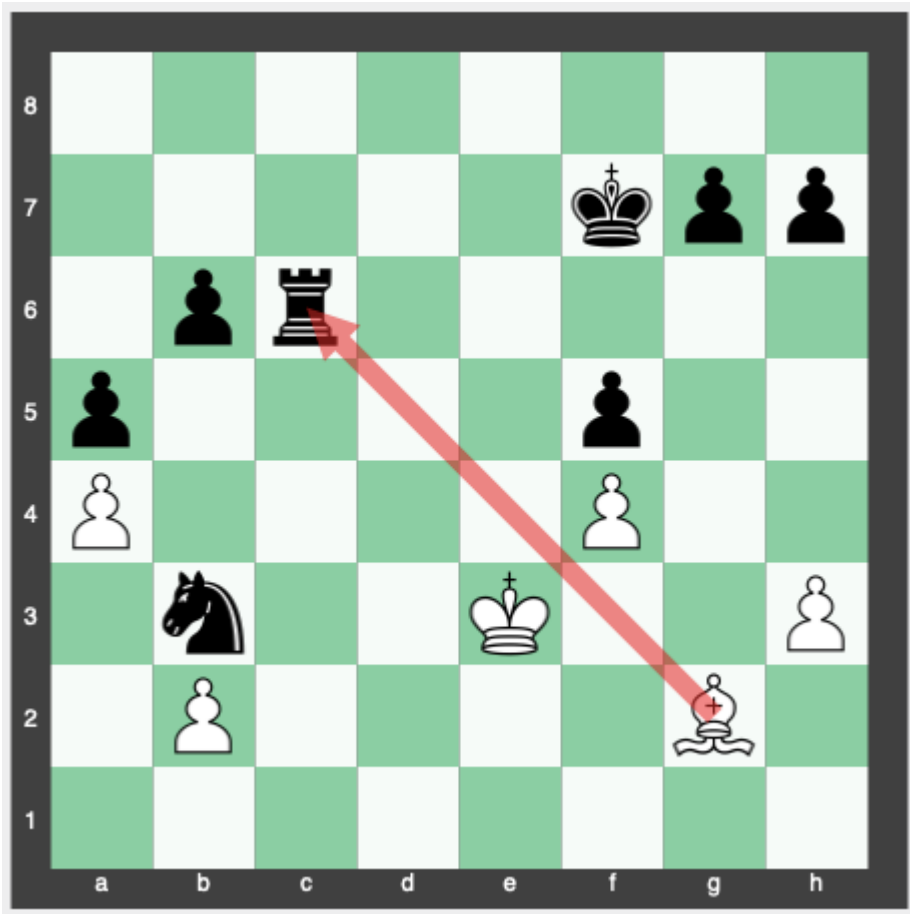
There followed 40. gxf5 exf5 41. f4 Qxe3+ 42. Qxe3 Rxe3 43. Nxc6



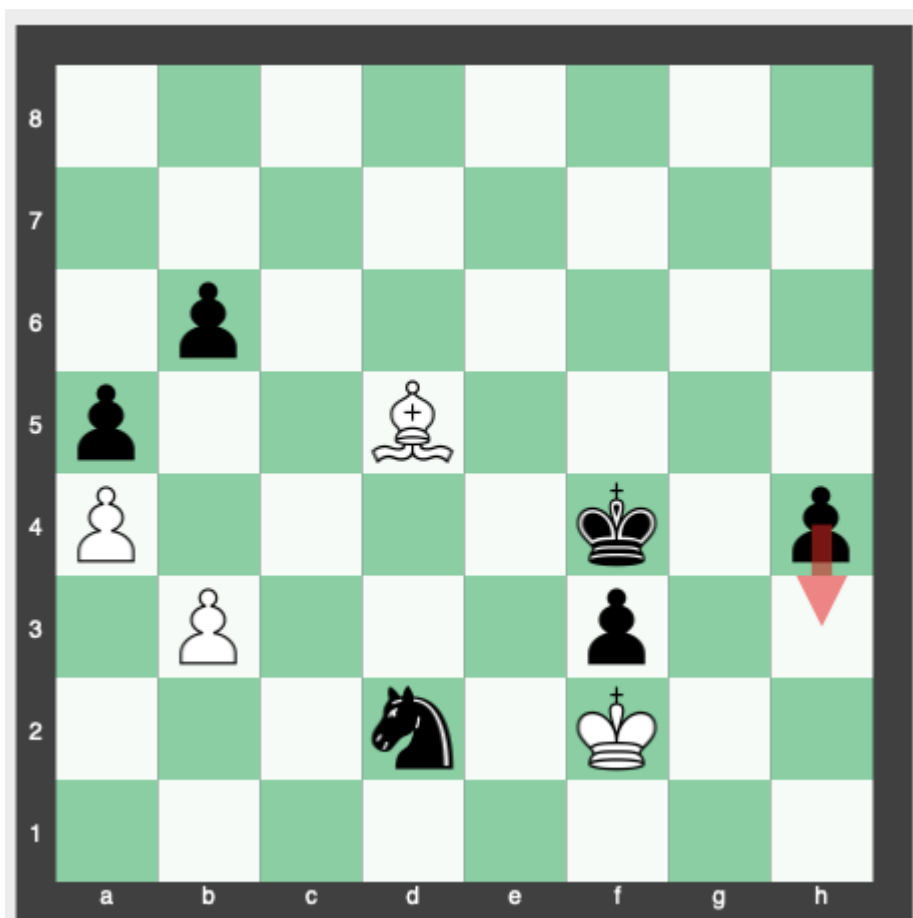
and Black's advantage has been largely reduced.

Now Black must work hard to win the ending.

But, after the exchange of Rooks, the proportional advantage in favour of Black had grown.



This and the superiority of the Knight over the Bishop in the Ending proved too much for White.



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Australia's results round 2

Open

37	Australia	-	Zimbabwe
●	Kuybokarov Temur	1-0	● Mandizha Farai
●	Sardana Rishi	0-1	● Makoto Rodwell
●	Zhao Zong-Yuan	1-0	● Mwadzura Roy
●	Smerdon David C	1-0	● Mushore Emarald Takudzwa

Women's

7	Australia	-	Azerbaijan
●	Ryjanova Julia	0-1	● Mammadzada Gunay
●	Zhang Jilin	1/2-1/2	● Beydullayeva Govhar
●	Nguyen Thu Giang	0-1	● Balajayeva Khanim
●	Shen Zhiyuan	1/2-1/2	● Mammadova Gulnar

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