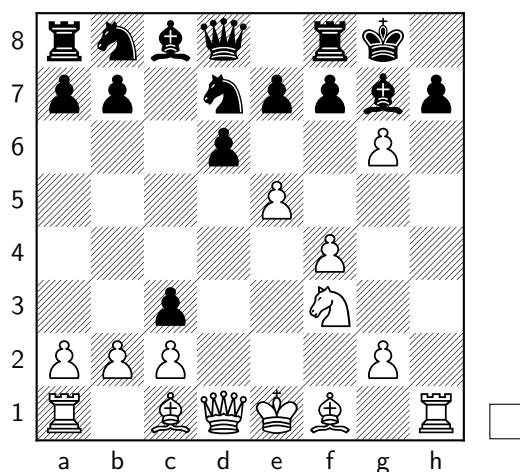


Nakamura-Smirin,2005

1 e4 g6 2 d4 ♘g7 3 ♖c3 d6 4 f4 ♘f6 5 ♘f3 O-O 6 e5 ♘fd7 7 h4 c5 8
h5 cxd4 9 hxg6 dxc3



10 gxf7 ♜xf7 11 ♙c4 ♘f8 12 ♘g5

White can already force a draw here with

12 ♙xf7 ♖xf7 13 ♘g5 ♖g8 14 ♜h5 h6 15 ♜f7 ♖h8 16 ♜b3 ♜a5 17
♘f7 ♖h7 18 ♘g5 ♖h8 19 ♘f7 ♖h7

White gives perpetual check. Hikaru wants more!

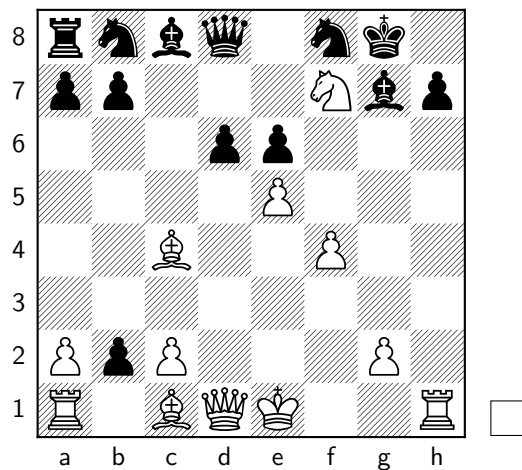
12...e6 13 ♘xf7 cxb2?!

The main defence is 13... ♖xf7 14 ♜h5+ ♖g8 15 ♙d3 h6 16 ♜h4 dxe5
17 ♜g4 e4 18 f5 exf5

(18...exd3 19 ♜xg7+ ♖xg7 20 ♙xh6+ ♖g8 21 ♜g4+ ♖f7 22 ♜g7+ ♖e8
23 ♜xf8+ ♖d7 24 fxe6+)

19 ♜xg7+ ♖xg7 20 ♙xh6+ ♖g8 21 O-O-O ♙e6 22 ♙c4 cxb2 23 ♖b1
♜f6 24 ♙xe6 ♘xe6 25 ♜e8+ ♘f8 26 ♙xf8 ♜f7 27 ♜c8 ♘d7 28 ♜xa8
♘xf8 29 ♜xa7 White should win.

Now we go back to the main game.



14 ♖xb2 ♗a5+ 15 ♘f1 ♙xf7 16 ♗h5+ ♙g8 17 ♕d3 ♗b4 18 ♖b1 ♕d7 19 c4 White protects ♖b1, frees the ♕b2 and at the same time cuts the black queen off from the king side [1].

19... ♗d2 20 ♕xh7+ ♘xh7 21 ♗xh7+ ♙f8 22 ♖h4

There is nothing more that can be done against 23 ♖g4 therefore Black resigned.

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