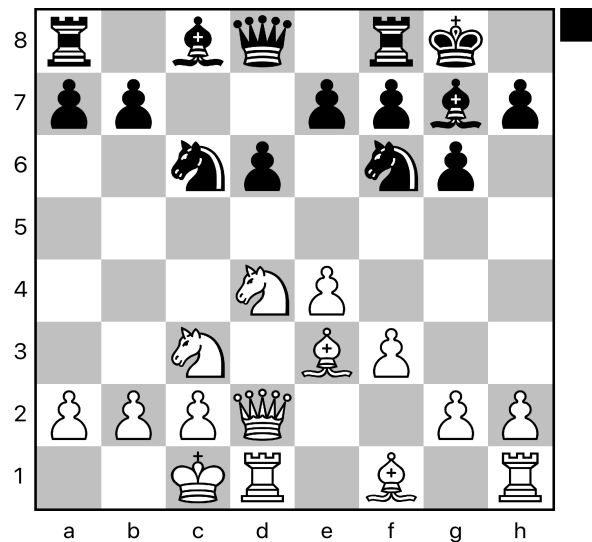


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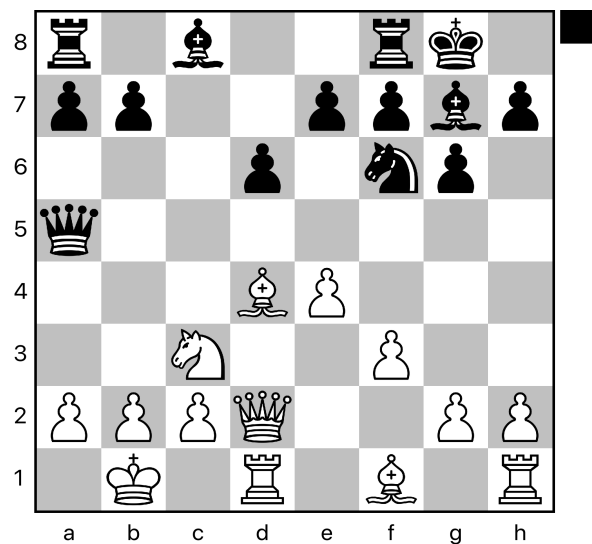
USSR Championship ("Safe Outpost"), Moscow (13), 1956.02.01

B76: Sicilian, Dragon, Yugoslav Attack, Rauser variation

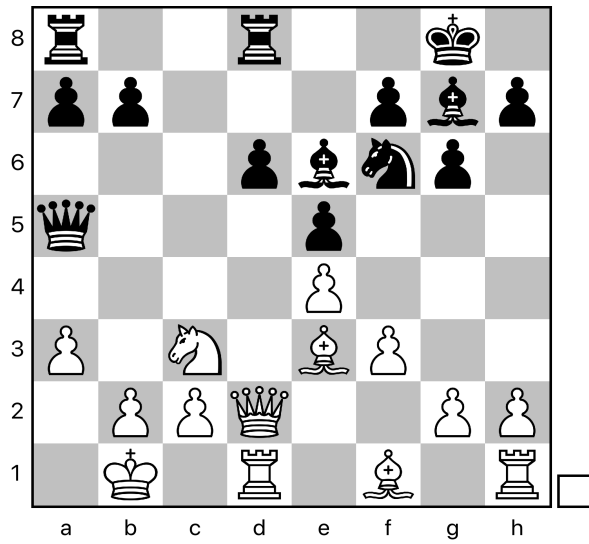
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.O-O-O



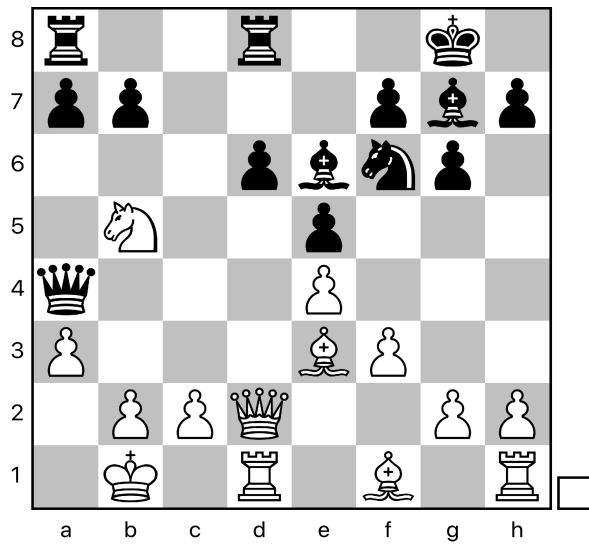
9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Qa5 11.Kb1



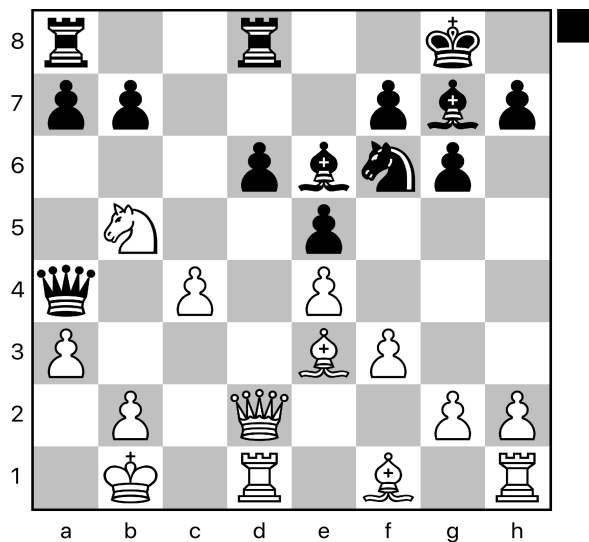
11...e5? weakens the d5 square 12.Be3 Be6 13.a3 Rfd8



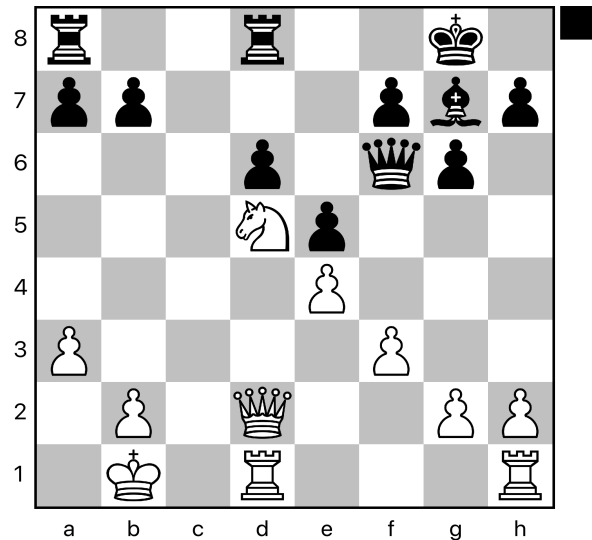
There are three pieces guarding the d5 square. Boleslavsky now sets about methodically removing the guardians. **14.Nb5! Qa4?** Stockfish 9: +2.55/40



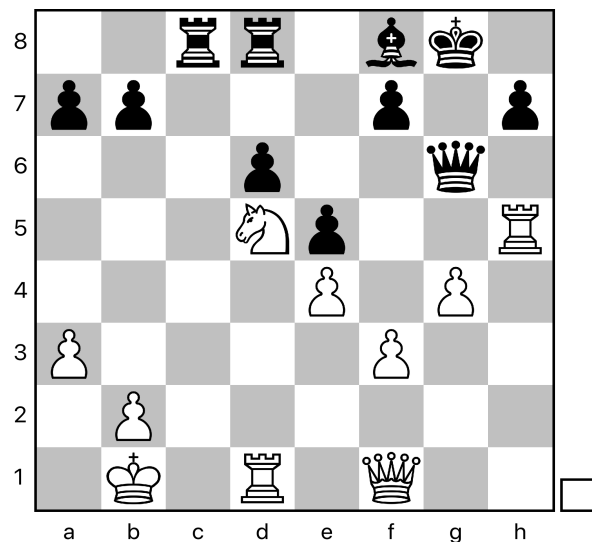
14...Qxd2 (+0.57/40) exchanging the Queens is much stronger **15.c4!?** Stockfish 9: +0.37/46



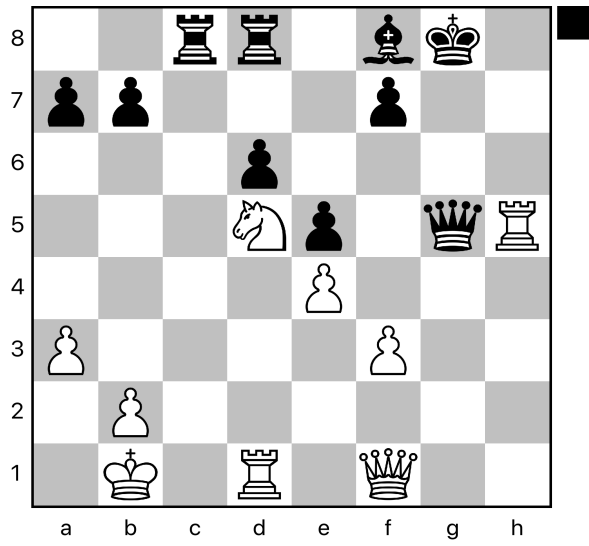
brilliantly creative sacrifice threatening 15...d5, which would free the position for Lissitzin, and also threatening to establish d5 as an outpost for the Knight. 15.Nc7 is stronger (+2.76/32). **15...Bxc4 16.Nc3 Qb3 17.Bxc4** getting rid of the Lissitzin's Bishop protecting the d5 square **17...Qxc4 18.Bg5!** pinning the Knight ensuring that the last threat to Nd5 can be eliminated (if desired) **18...Qe6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6?! Stockfish 9: +0.78/36 19...Bxf6** is better (+0.45/42) **20.Nd5**



successfully placing the Knight on d5. Boleskavsky sacrificed the c-pawn to reach this outpost. **20...Qh4 21.Qe2! Bf8?** Stockfish 9: +1.45/37 21...Kh8 is stronger (+0.27/41) according to the engine **22.Qf1** preventing ... Qh3, blocking the h-pawn, after 23.g3 **22...Rac8?** Stockfish 9: +2.22/35 22...Rcd8 is much stronger (+0.76/34) making room for the Queen's retreat after 23.g3 **23.g3 Qg5?! Stockfish 9: +2.92/40** engine prefers 23...Qh6 (+1.88/36) **24.h4!** another nice move here pushing the pawns on the Kingside **24...Qh6** 24...Qxg3? 25.Rh3 (+7.54/40) and Lissitzin loses the Queen **25.g4!** threatening to push the g-pawn to g5 making it difficult for Lissitzin to protect his Queen **25...g5?** Stockfish 9: +8.98/38 The pressure is getting to Lissitzin. 25...Qg7 (+2.53/40) is stronger. **26.hxg5 Qxg5 27.Rh5 Qg6?! Stockfish 9: +10.78/39**



Stockfish 9: +10.78/39 **28.g5!** threatening 29.Nf6+ forcing the exchange of Lissitzin's Queen after 30.Rxh7+ **28...h6?! Stockfish 9: +13.80/32 28...Kh8** is stronger (+7.79/33) **28...Qxh5?? 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Nxh5** losing Lissitzin's Queen **28...Bg7?? 29.Ne7+** also loses the Queen **29.Rxh6! Qxg5 30.Rh5!**



Lissitzin resigns (#15/51 according to Stockfish 9 – starting with 30...Qxh5, losing the Queen for a Rook) **1-0**