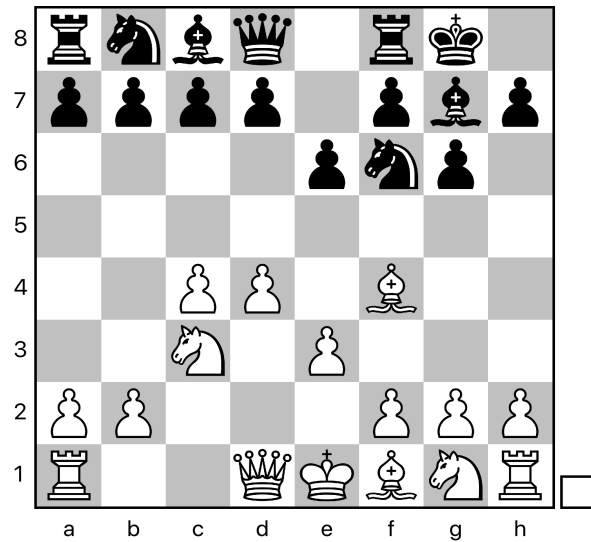


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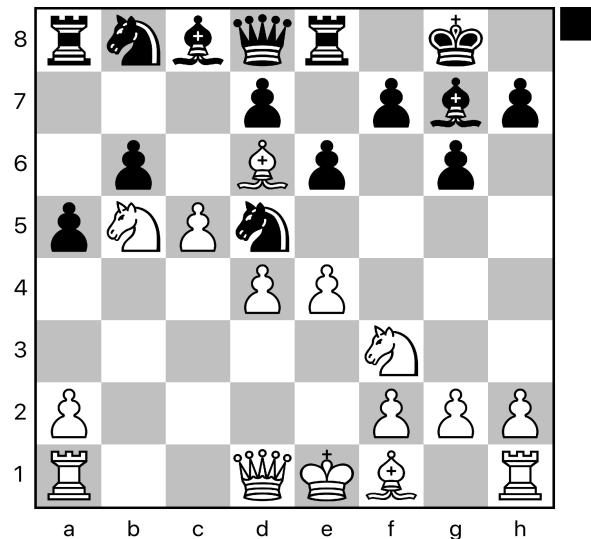
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A40: Modern Defence

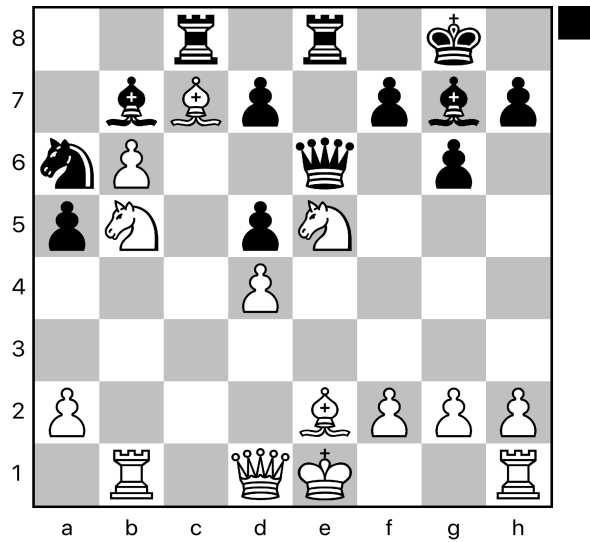
1.d4 g6 2.Bf4 Bg7 3.e3 Nf6 London System vs King's Indian Defence 4.c4 O-O 5.Nc3 e6



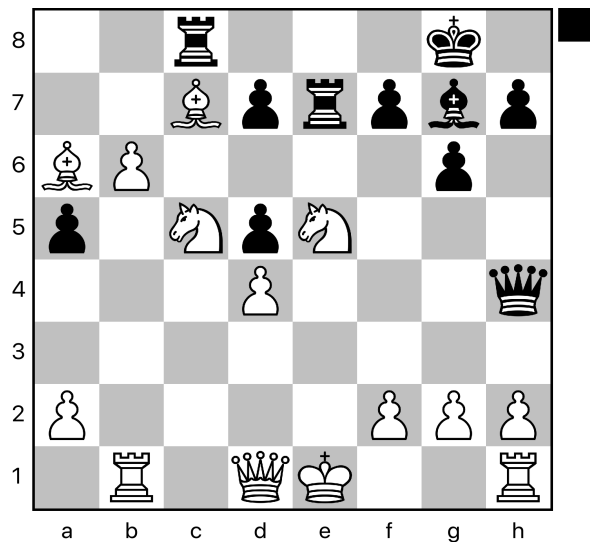
6.Nf3 c6 7.Bd6! The Bishop has found an outpost on d6 (soon to be supported by the c-pawn). 7...Re8 8.c5 b6 9.b4 a5 The 9...a5 push has created a potentially weak square on b5. 10.b5!? cxb5 11.Nxb5 ★ The Knight now has an outpost on b5 (threatening 12.Nc7, forking the Rooks) and supporting the Bishop. 11...Nd5 12.e4!



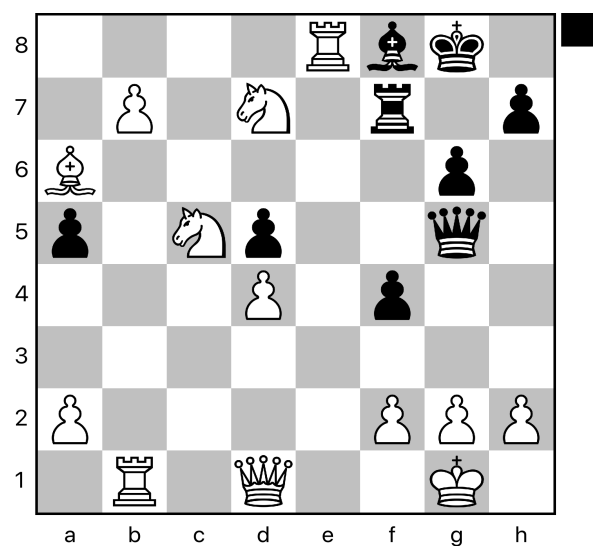
12...Na6 13.exd5 exd5+ 14.Be2 a brief intermezzo .. 14...Bb7 15.Rb1 ★ The Rook is moved from a1 to remove the threat of a discovered attack if the Bishop captures the weak d4 pawn and to prepare to attack the opponents b-pawn or support his own c-pawn following cxb6. 15...Qf6 16.cxb6 Qe6 ★ 17.Ne5 Here, the Knight on e5 is attacked by three Black pieces and defended by two. However, in this configuration, Black cannot profit from the advantage in the numbers. 17...Rac8 ★ Black is attempting to claim the open c-file. 18.Bc7!? ★



Stockfish 9: +5.65/36 **18...Qf5 19.Nd6 Qf6 20.Nxb7 Re7 21.Bxa6 Qh4 22.Nc5** ★ White has superb coordination of pieces, a supported passed pawn on b6, a three-piece advantage, and wonderful attacking opportunities. Even though Black may soon have doubled the Rooks on the e-file, the position is clearly winning for White. Stockfish 9 evaluates the position at +22.94/34. Time to tuck the King away and say goodnight.



**22...f5 23.O-O Rce8 24.Nexd7** " Olé!! " could be heard from the crowd as the matador missed the coy bull with his sword. **24...f5 25.Be5 f4 26.Bd6!? Qg5** There is nowhere for the Rook on e7 to go to avoid the exchange, other than to leave the e-file. **27.Bxe7 Rxe7 28.Re1 Rf7 29.Re8+ Bf8 30.b7**



30...f3 31.g3 h5 32.Rxf8+ Kg7 33.Rxf7+ Kxf7 34.Qxf3+ Kg7 35.Ne6+ Kh6 36.Qf8+ Kh7 37.Qg7# ★ 1-0