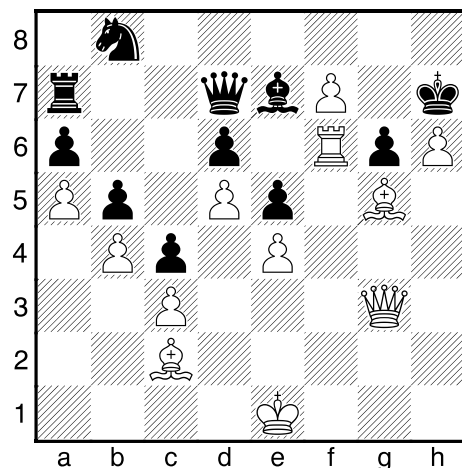




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47. ♖e6

Completely winning, as is the flashier: 47. ♖xg6! e.g. 47... ♔xg6 48. ♕xe7+ ♔xf7 49. ♖g7+ ♔e8 50. ♖f8#.

47... ♕xg5 48. f8 ♖

The first time in 25 moves that White has had a piece in front of her pawns.... and that's only because the ♖f8 was a pawn a move ago!

48. f8 ♖+ would be overkill.

48... ♕h4 49. ♖xh4 ♖c6
50. ♖hf6 ♖b7 51. ♖xg6#

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OREGON OPEN

Victoria Jung-Doknjas+

The 66th Oregon Open was held in Portland over the Labour Day long weekend from September 3-5, 2016. The event was sponsored by the Portland Chess Club and the Oregon Chess Federation and directed by Gregori (Grisha) Alpernas. There was a guaranteed prize fund of \$10,000, which helped to attract 179 players from 9 different States (OR, WA, MA, NY, MI, NV, TX, CO, and ID) and 1 Canadian province (BC). There were 3 sections: Open, which was the only section that was both FIDE and USCF rated (top prize of \$2,000), U2000 (top prize of \$1,000), and U1600 (top prize of \$500), which offered 2-day and 3-day options that merged on Round 4.

There was less than a handful of Canadians at this event – 3 of these players were John Doknjas, Joshua Doknjas, who played in the Open section; and Neil Doknjas who played in

the U2000 section. They travelled from BC and got caught up in the long weekend traffic that stretched what should have been a 4.5 hour drive to 8 hours. Fortunately, they planned ahead and arrived a day before Round 1 started. However, planning or prepping for each round proved to be more difficult as pairings often were posted only 5-10 minutes before the round started, making it almost impossible to prepare for a specific opponent.

Many US tournaments still use a time control with a 5 sec delay. This tournament was no different and used 40 moves/120 mins, SD/30 mins with delay 5 seconds which meant that even though games could last over 6 hours, it was still very possible to lose on time or cause fatal decisions under time pressure. For example, Neil played for over 5½ hours with at least 2 opponents who thought it was dead draw, e.g., Q+N vs. Q; but, Neil continued to press until they either blundered

into mate or blundered a piece in the endgame. Neil's tenacious play resulted in a 5.5/6 score and **Neil winning the U2000 section and \$1,000 USD.**

John scored 4.5/6 tying for 3rd Place overall and winning the **1st U2200** prize of \$500; and **Joshua** won the distinction of being **the only player to score on the top seed GM James Tarjan (draw).** **FM Chris Chase**, who travelled from Massachusetts, won overall. He also writes for the *Boston Globe*, and mentions Joshua's game with GM Tarjan in his report:

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2016/09/17/chess-notes/wztIWJyn5WvpA9obVcwbEI/story.html?event=event12>



Tarjan defeats Kramnik! While laying out this issue, JT defeated Vladimir Kramnik at the 2017 Isle of Man Open!



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Notes by Joshua Doknjas Doknjas, Joshua Tarjan, James

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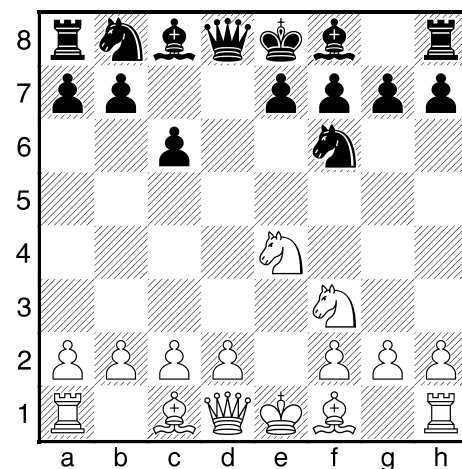
My opponent, [GM James Tarjan](#), played on Team USA at five Chess Olympiads from 1974-1982, and earned four team and three individual medals. In 1984, he stopped playing chess and became a librarian. Then, in 2014, GM Tarjan started playing in tournaments again. He has competed in many events since 2014 including the 2014 U.S. Open, the 2015 Gibraltar Masters, and the 2016 Canadian Open.

I wasn't able to prepare for this game as they posted the pairings only a few minutes before the round. However, I was able to guess that I might be facing a Caro-Kann, so I decided to check a few of the lines there.

1.e4 c6 2.♘c3 d5 3.♘f3 dxe4 3...♙g4 4.h3 ♙xf3 5.♙xf3 e6 is what I had mainly reviewed

before the game.

4.♘xe4 ♘f6



5.♙e2

5.♘xf6+ is another option, but as White has already brought his Knight to f3, I think Black is completely fine here. 5...exf6 6.d4 (6.♙c4 ♙e7+ 7.♙e2 ♙c7 8.d4 ♙d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 ♙d8 11.♙e3 ♘d7 12.c4 ♘f8 13.♙d3 ♘g6 14.♙c2 ♙e6 15.♙fe1 ♙d7 16.♙d2 ♙xh3 was [Karjakin, S – Jobava, B](#) Tashkent UZB 2014 and Black won with a Kingside attack.) 6...♙d6 7.♙d3 (7.♙e2 0-0 8.0-0 ♙e8 9.♙e3) 7...0-0 8.0-0 ♙g4.

5...♙f5

5...♙g4 6.h3 ♙h5 7.♘xf6+ gxf6

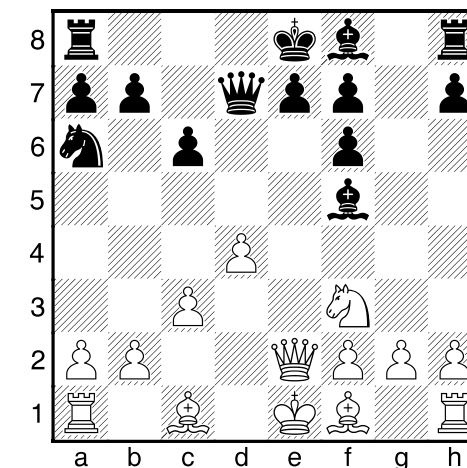
8.g4 ♙g6 9.d3 With ♘h4 and f4-f5 ideas. White will also likely go ♙d2 and castle Queenside.

5...♘xe4 6.♙xe4 ♘d7 7.♙c4 ♘f6 8.♘e5 e6 9.♙e2 I was hoping for something like this because White has a slight edge and the position is easy to play.

6.♘xf6+ gxf6 7.d4 ♘a6!?

7...♘d7 was the only line I was familiar with. After: 8.g3 e6 9.♙g2 ♙g7 10.♘h4 White has an advantage.

8.c3 ♙d7



9.g3

9.♘h4!? I only briefly considered this move as I was used to the g3 ideas in this line. 9...♙g4 (9...♙e6 10.♙c2; 9...♙g6 10.♙f3 ♘c7 11.♙c4) 10.f3 (10.♙e4!?)





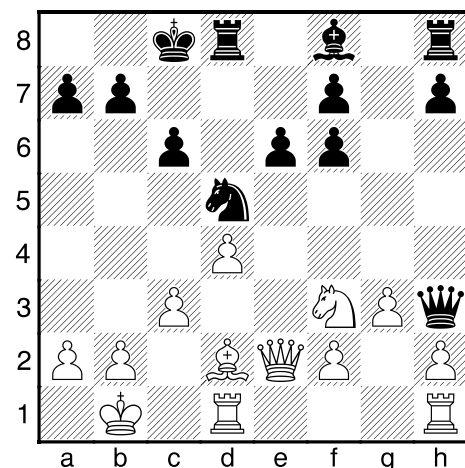
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♘c7 11.h3 ♙e6 12.♙d3) 10...♙e6
here I didn't look any further and
I just felt that Black was fine.
11.♙c2 ♘c7 12.f4!?±.

9...♙h3 10.♙xh3 ♙xh3
11.♙f4?!

11.♙e3 I think the Bishop is
better placed here because now
White doesn't have to move
the Bishop if it is attacked with
...♘c7-d5. 11...0-0-0 12.♘h4
♘c7 13.0-0-0 ♘d5 14.c4 ♘xe3
15.♙xe3 and I like White's
position because he has ideas
with d4-d5.

11...0-0-0 12.0-0-0 ♘c7
13.♙b1 ♘d5 14.♙d2 e6



15.♘h4

During the game I was pretty

happy with my position here
because I thought I was a bit
better. However, Black can
equalize with 15... ♘e7.

15...♙d6

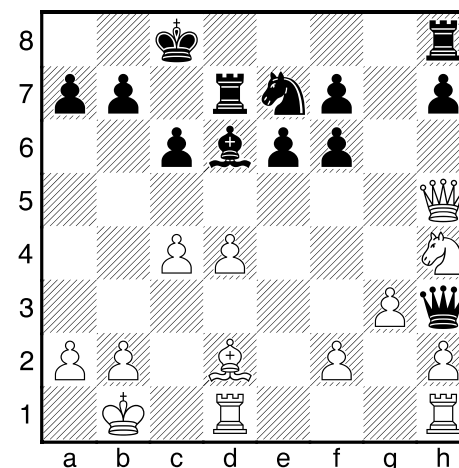
15...♘e7! followed by ...♘g6
looks roughly equal: 16.♙e4 ♘g6
17.♘f3 ♙d6.

16.♙h5?!

16.♙f3! is much better than
16.♙h5 as White's Queen can
help support c4-d5. 16...f5 17.c4
♘c7 (17...♘e7 18.♙g5 ♙he8
19.d5 and White is much better.)
18.♙g5 ♙d7 19.♙e3 White will
likely put his rooks on the d and
e files and then has ideas with
f4 and ♙f6-e5. 19...♙b8 20.♙he1
♙e8 21.f4 Black has no real plan

here and I would definitely prefer
this position over the one in the
game.

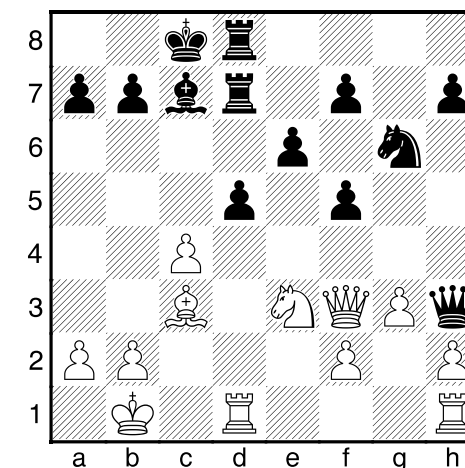
16...♙d7 17.c4 ♘e7



On the next few moves I didn't
play very well and went from a
slightly better position to a worse
position.

18.♙f3 f5 19.♙c3
19.♙g5 ♙g8 20.♙e3.

19...♙hd8 20.♘g2?! ♘g6
21.♘e3 ♙c7 22.d5 cxd5



23.cxd5

23.♙f6!? ♙f8 24.cxd5 f4 25.♙g4
♙xg4 26.♘g4 h5 (26...♙xd5
27.♙xd5 exd5 28.♙d4) 27.♘h6
exd5 28.♘f5 White is down a
pawn, but his pieces are much
more active so White should be
fine.

23...f4! 24.dxe6?!

24.♙g4 ♙xg4 25.♘g4 ♙xd5
26.♙xd5 ♙xd5 27.♘f6=.

24...♙xd1+ 25.♘xd1 ♙f5+
26.♙a1

Draw!

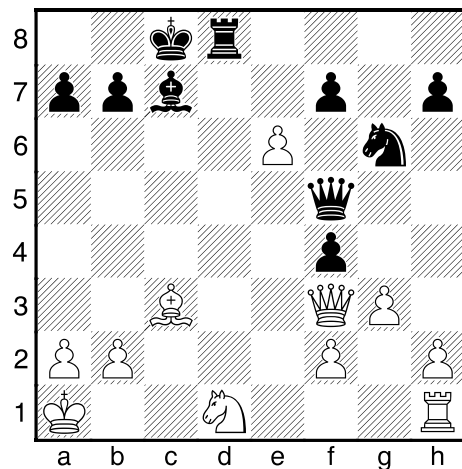
(Boston Globe photo)



Josh does what no one in Oregon (or Kramnik) could do: not lose to this retired librarian with Olympiad gold.



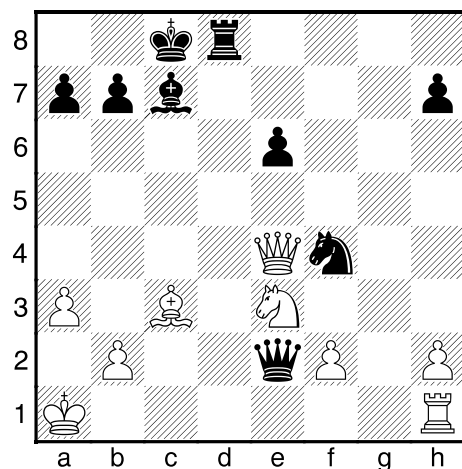
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26...Kc2

26...fxe6 27.gxf4 Kxf4 28.Kxf4
Nxf4 White has an unpleasant
endgame but he should likely
hold.

27.a3 fxe6 28.gxf4 Nxf4
29.Ne3 Ke2 30.Ke4



I didn't calculate anything after
30...Kxf2 during the game but I

didn't see a good alternative to
30. Ke4 so I went with it.

30...Kd3

30...Kxf2:

31.Kd4 Kd2 32.Rd1 (32.Kxa7
Kd3 33.Ka4 Ka6=) 32...Ka5
33.Kxh7=;
31.Rf1 Kh4 32.Kd4 Kg5
33.Rc1 Ne2 34.Kxe6+ Kb8
35.Rxc7!? Nxd4 36.Ke7=.

31.Ka4 Ka6 32.Kc2 Kd3

32...Kc6 Black could try to play
on with this but White shouldn't
have any problems after 33.Rg1
or Rd1.

33.Ka4

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Notes by FM John Doknjas
Sherrard, Jerry
Doknjas, John

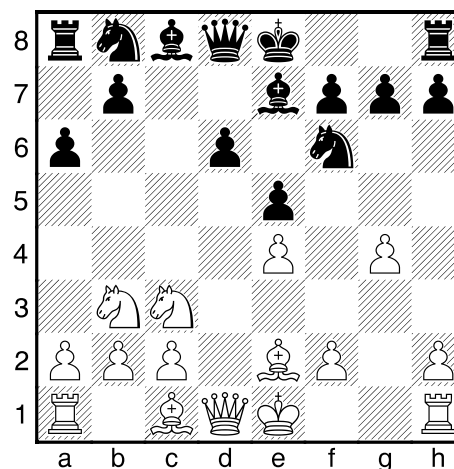
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Oregon Open (2), 03.09.2016

This was my second game in
the tournament and I played it
against Candidate Master Jerry
Sherrard.

Sherrard - John Doknjas

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Ke2
e5 7.Nb3 Ke7 8.g4



This move gives White some
advantages and disadvantages.
It gains space on the Kingside
and constantly puts Black under

the threat of a breakthrough.
On the other hand, it severely
weakens the dark squares and,
if the centre is opened, the pawn
on g4 could prove to be a major
weakness.

8...h6 9.Ke3 Ke6

Preparing to develop normally
and possibly aiming for ...d5

10.Nd5

This move makes sense. Playing
normally here would most likely
allow Black to free himself in the
centre and subsequently get an
easy game; e.g. 10.Kd2 Nc6
11.Rg1 d5↑.

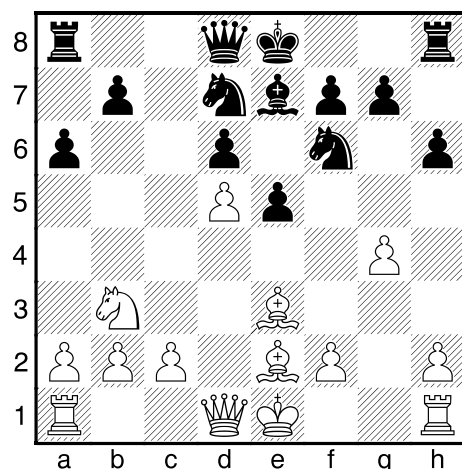




10...♙xd5?!

10...♘bd7 may have been better. The idea is to delay capturing on d5 so that the e4-pawn is under attack. This would force White to play a move like f3, which he did not have to play in the game. 11.f3 ♙xd5 12.exd5 Now Black is just a tempo up compared to the game, and the pawn on f3 restricts White's e2-Bishop.

11.exd5 ♘bd7



At this point I am still trying to keep my options open. Black has a couple of potential plans. The first one is to set up a Queenside blockade with ...b6 and ...a5, and to then take advantage of White's weak dark squares all over the board. The second plan

would be launching a Queenside attack with ...b5 if White castles Q-side.

12.♙d2 ♘h7?!

I wanted to start immediately playing for the dark squares and to stop White from starting an attack with h4. However, this move gives up far too much control over the centre, and at this point I should still be developing my pieces.

12...♙c7! is natural and better:

13.h4 ♘b6 14.♙xb6 ♙xb6 15.f3 0-0 16.0-0-0 ♖ac8∞ 17.g5 ♘h5 18.gxh6 g6∞;
13.0-0-0 ♖c8 14.c3 ♘b6 15.♙xb6 ♙xb6.

13.♙b4

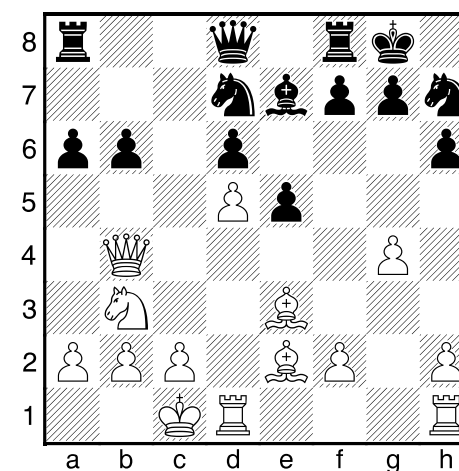
This move is good – it tries to weaken Black's Queenside structure and allows the Queen to transfer to the centre or kingside at any time.

13...b6

Black needs to play dynamically in order to get a satisfactory position, so better was 13...0-0 14.♙xb7 ♙g5 15.0-0-0 ♙xe3+

16.fxe3 ♘hf6.

14.0-0-0 0-0



15.♙b1

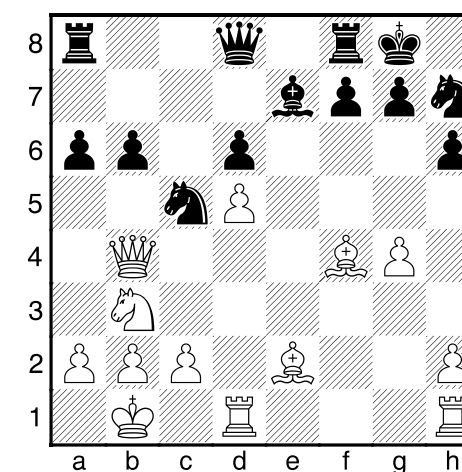
This move was played so that when White plays f4, Black cannot exchange the dark-squared Bishops. However, h4 may have been stronger.

15.h4! with the threat of g5. After that Black either has to take and open up the h-file and g-file, or give up his h-pawn. So, taking on h4 now is necessary, 15...♙xh4 16.♙xd6± and the passed d-pawn and Bishops will give White a long lasting advantage.

15...♘c5 16.f4!

Opening the position is correct. White's two Bishops get activity and Black's strongest pawn is eliminated.

16...exf4 17.♙xf4



17...♘xb3!?

I was concerned of White moving his Knight to c6 or f5 via d4. However, taking on b3 does give up my best piece. Objectively, it was probably better to not take, but this move gives me some practical chances as I'm able to start pushing my Q-side pawns in an attack.

17...♙g5 18.♙xg5 ♘xg5 19.♘d4±.

18.♙xb3?!

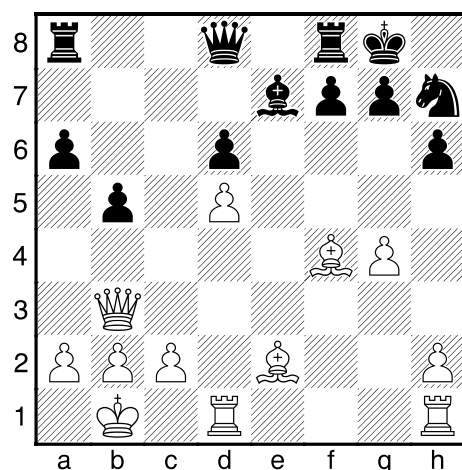
An inaccuracy. It was important



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to keep the Queen on b4 so that White could push his pawn to h4: 18.axb3! b5 19.h4 ♖xh4 20.♗xd6± is similar to the game, except for the fact that Black is not able to exchange dark squared Bishops. This factor gives White a large edge.

18...b5



19.h4?!

This allows Black to untangle. Since Black cannot even do much at this point (the two Q-side pawns cannot advance quickly), it was better to prepare the h4 advance.

19.♖g3! pressuring d6 and preparing to play h4. This move would have given White a

comfortable advantage.

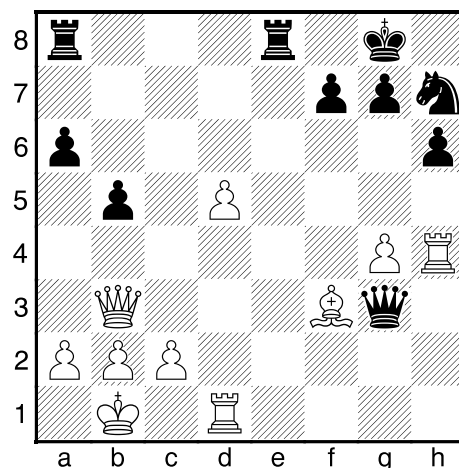
19...♗xh4 20.♗xd6

20.♖a3 would have been better. White loses his h-pawn, but at least he has opened the file. White would have good compensation, e.g. 20...♗e7 21.♗d3 ♖g5 22.♖de1.

20...♖xd6 21.♖xh4 ♖fe8

Now Black has an edge. White's Bishop has very little scope and g4 and d5 are weaknesses.

22.♗f3 ♖g3



Trying to take advantage of the temporary discoordination of White's pieces.

23.♖h5?

This allows Black to win the exchange.

23.♖hh1 ♖g5 24.♖hf1 ♖ad8 25.a3 ♖d6 Black has some unpleasant pressure, but White is holding the position at the moment.

23...♖g5 24.♖xg5 hxg5-+

Now Black is winning. The rest mainly just requires some technique.

25.d6 ♖e1

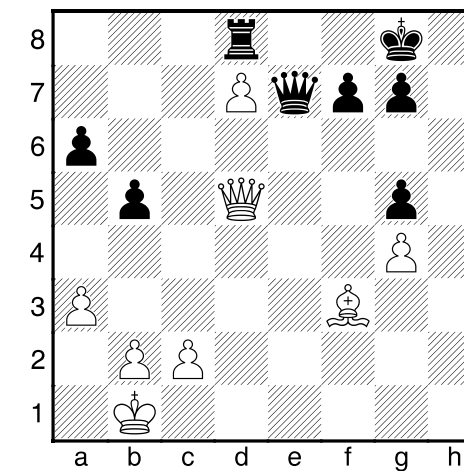
A way to exchange off a pair of Rooks and simplify things. However, Black could have started with ...♖ad8 as well: 25...♖ad8 26.♖d5 ♖e1.

26.♖d5 ♖d8

27.d7 ♖xd1+

28.♗xd1 ♖e1 Preparing to transfer to e7 "with tempo", because White has to deal with the pressure on the back rank.

29.a3 ♖e7 30.♗f3



30...♖xd7

30...♖xd7?! 31.♖a8+ ♖h7

32.♖xa6 Black is still winning, but there is a potential danger of White's Q-side pawns becoming a major threat.

30...♖h7 removes the threat of



Cashing FM John Doknjas wins \$500 US with Organizer Mike Morris.



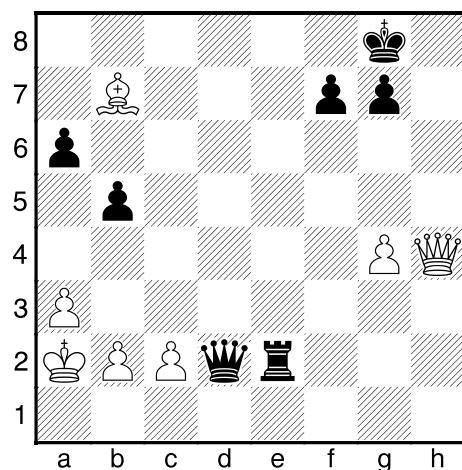
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♔a8+, 31.♔c6 ♖xd7 32.♔xa6 But this leads to the same position as the above variation.

31.♔xg5 ♔d2 32.♔c5 ♔d6

Using the threat of a Queen exchange to improve the position of my Queen.

**33.♔g5 ♖e8 34.♔h4 ♔d2
35.♔b7 ♖e2 36.♔a2**



36...♔d7

36...♔xc2!? would have made things quicker, but since I was already winning I decided not to take any risks. 37.♔d8+ ♔h7 38.♔h4+ ♔g6 39.♔h5+ ♔f6 40.♔h4+ (40.♔f5+ ♔xf5+) 40...♔e6 with mate to follow soon.

37.♔b1 g6?!

Removing the threat of ♔d8+, because now I can move my King to g7. However, there was a way to win the Bishop:

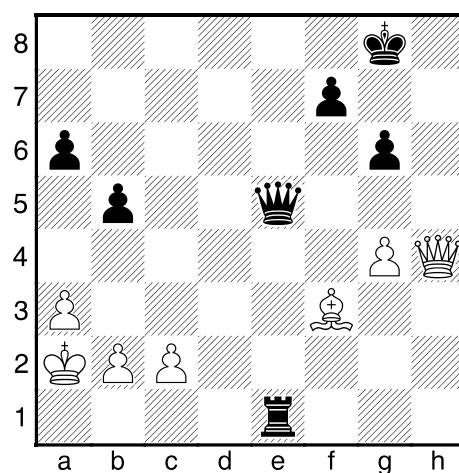
37...♔xb7?? 38.♔d8+ ♔h7 39.♔h4+ ♔g6 40.♔h5+ ♔f6 41.g5+ ♔f5 42.♔xe2+;

37...♔c7! threatening c2. 38.c3 ♖h2 39.♔g5 ♔xb7 40.♔d8+ ♔h7 and now ♔h4+ is not possible.

38.♔f3 ♔e7 39.♔g3 ♔e5

Once again using the threat of a Queen exchange to improve my Queen's position.

40.♔h4 ♖e1+ 41.♔a2



41...♔e6+

Provoking b3 so that White's King will be exposed.

**42.b3 ♔e5 43.♔d8+ ♔g7
44.♔d1 ♔f6 45.♔d2 ♔f1
46.♔d4+?**

The ♔ has no safe squares so this loses on the spot. White could have played ♔c3+ and kept the game going on for a little while longer: 46.♔c3+ ♔h7 47.♔f3.

46...♔h7

I scored 4.5pts./6 games, losing only to the eventual overall winner, FM Chris Chase. This was good enough for me to tie for 3rd place overall, as well as take the \$500 USD prize for best U2200.

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**Notes by Neil Doknjas
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Murray, David**

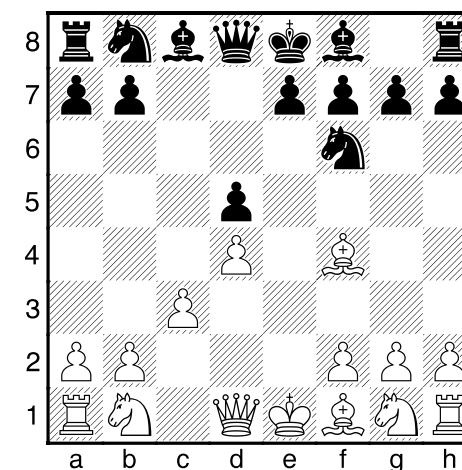
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Oregon Open (4), 05.09.2016

Going into the fourth round, there

were only 4 players, including myself, with a perfect score (my opponent David Murray, Brent Baxter, and Moshe Rachmuth) so I knew this would be one of my most difficult rounds.

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5
4.♔f4 ♔f6 5.c3**



This leads to a Carlsbad pawn structure. White aims to attack on the King-side mainly with his pieces. Black's main plan is to start a minority attack on the Queen-side and give White pawn weaknesses.

5...♔c6 6.♔d3 a6

Controlling the b5 square and preparing to push the b-pawn.



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6...♗g4 is the main line of the Caro-Kann, 7.♖b3 ♖d7 8.♘d2 e6 9.♘gf3.

7.♘d2

7.h3 is more accurate. Now Black's light squared Bishop doesn't have a good square to go to. 7...g6 8.♘f3 ♗f5 9.♗xf5 gxf5 10.♘bd2 ♖g8 11.0-0 e6 12.♖b3.

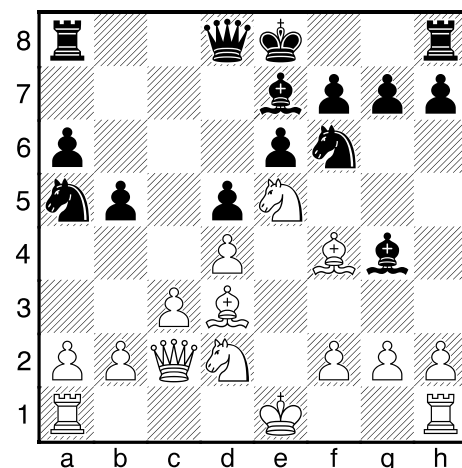
7...♗g4 8.♖b3 ♘a5

8...♘h5! 9.♗e3 e5.

9.♖a4+?!

Trying to provoke Black's pawns forward. However, this mainly just helps Black quicken his attack.

9...b5 10.♖c2 e6 11.♘gf3 ♗e7 12.♘e5



12...♖c8

12...♗h5 was probably better, preserving the Bishop and planning to defend the K-side on g6.

13.♘df3

13.a4:

13...bxa4 14.♖xa4+

13...♖b8 14.♘xg4;

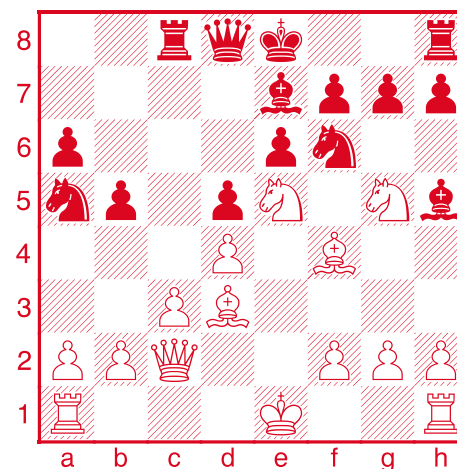
13...♖b6 14.axb5 axb5 15.0-0 and Black's pawns are weak.

13...♗h5

13...♗xf3 14.♘xf3 ♘c4 would have been better for Black.

14.♘g5!?

Sets a trap...



14...h6?

14...♘c6 was better, removing

the attacker on e5. 15.♘xc6 ♖xc6

15.♘gxf7?

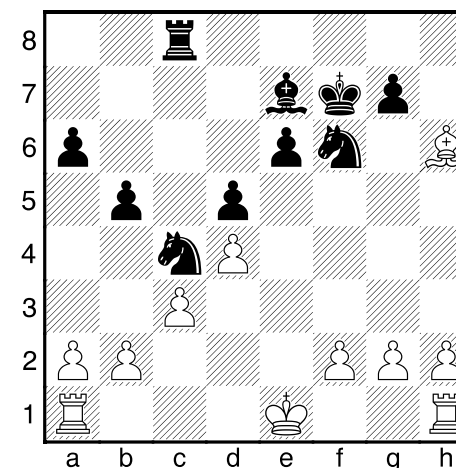
♘15.♘xe6!! The same idea, but prevents Black from castling. 15...fxe6 16.♗g6+ ♖f8 (16...♗xg6? 17.♖xg6+ ♖f8 18.♖f7#) 17.♘f7 ♖e8 18.♘xh8 ♗xg6 19.♘xg6+-+.

15...♗xf7 16.♗g6 0-0!

Now White is just worse.

17.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 18.♖g6 ♖f8!

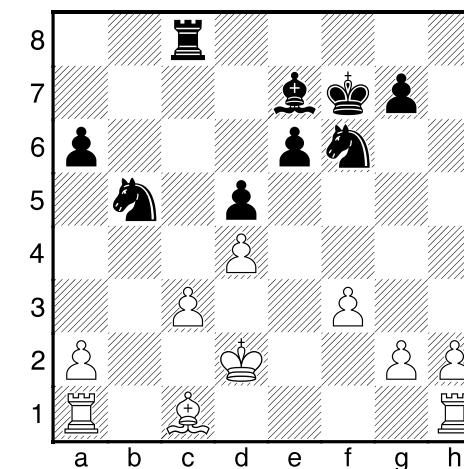
19.♗xh6 ♘c4 20.♘xf7 ♖xf7 21.♖xf7+ ♖xf7



Black's active pieces give him an advantage.

22.♗c1 b4 23.f3 bxc3

24.bxc3 ♘a3 25.♗d2 ♘b5



26.♗b2

26.a4 sets up a trap if Black were to capture the c3 pawn. 26...♘xc3 27.♗a3 ♗d8 28.♗b4 ♘ce4+ 29.fxe4.

editor – White is up the exchange, but Black has excellent comp with active pieces, targets on d4 and g2, and an initiative against White's exposed ♖; e.g. 29...♘xe4+ 30.♗e3 ♗g5+!? 31.♗f3 ♖c2 with loads of activity and the chance for a quick finish like this: 32.h4?? ♖f2+ 33.♗g4 ♖f4+ 34.♗h5 g6#.

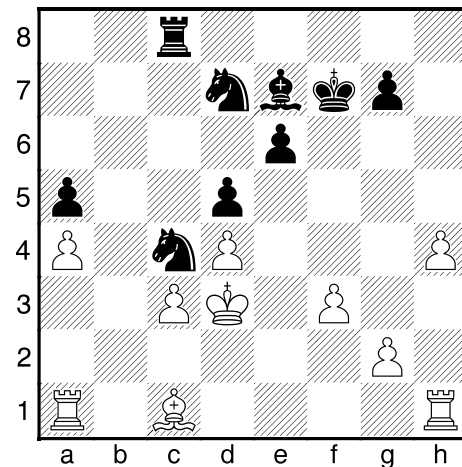
26...a5 27.a4 ♘d6

Preparing to bring the Knight to c4.



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28.♔d3 ♖c4 29.♙c1 ♘d7
30.h4



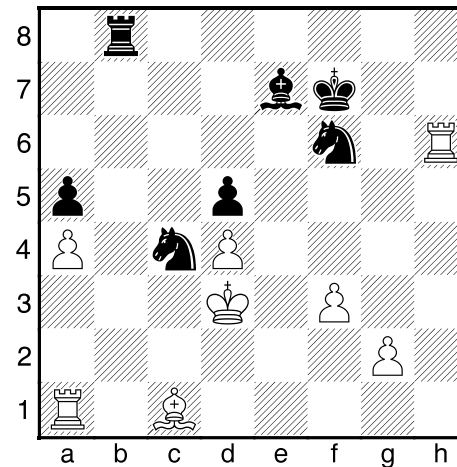
Trying to eventually create a passed pawn and use the K-side majority.

editor – A funny position: move 30 and White's only developed piece is his ♔.

30...e5!?

Loosening the pawn structure but trying to take advantage of White's King's position.

31.h5 exd4 32.cxd4 ♖b8
33.h6 gxh6 34.♖xh6 ♘f6

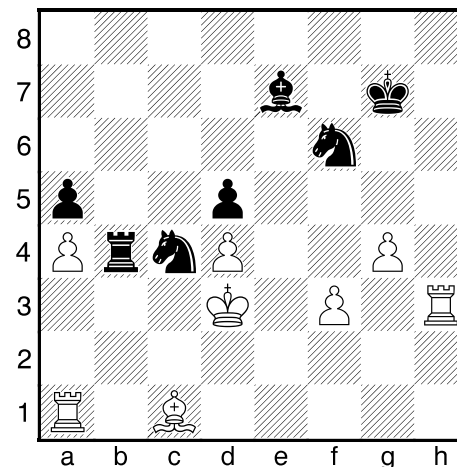


35.♖h3?

Allows future traps Black can do with ...♘e4 or ...♘g4 followed by ...♖b3+.

♙35.g4 ♖b3+ 36.♔e2.

35...♖b4 36.g4 ♔g7



37.g5?

37.♔c2± stopping ...♖b3.
37...♘b6 38.g5 ♘e8 39.f4.

37...♘e4!

Now White's position is weak – his K-side pawns are targets and his King feels uncomfortable.

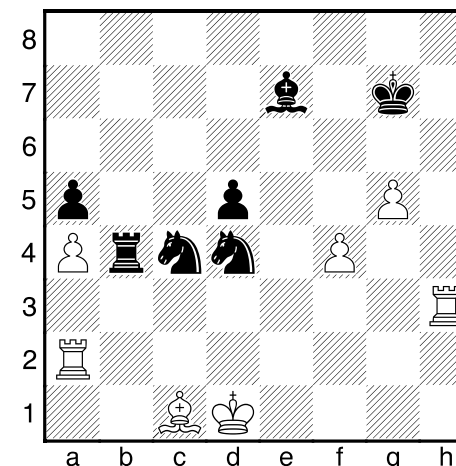
38.♔c2

38.fxe4 ♖b3+ 39.♔c2 ♖xh3-+.

38...♘ed6 39.♖a2 ♘f5

Blocking the Kingside pawns and attacking d4.

40.♔d1 ♘xd4 41.f4

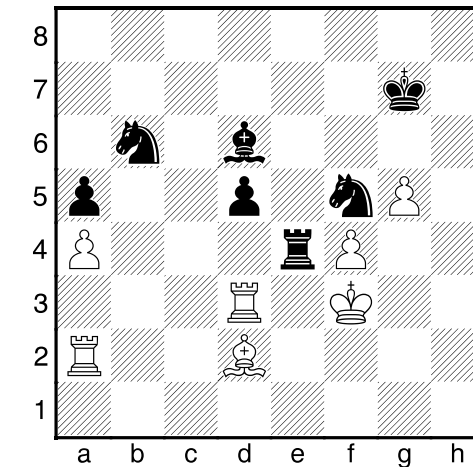


41...♘f5

41...♖b1-+ 42.♖c3 ♘b3 Black threatens to take on c1 which will give him a winning position.

42.♖d3 ♙d6 43.♔e2 ♘b6

44.♙d2 ♖e4+ 45.♔f3



45...♘d4+?

45...♘c4 maintains the pressure on White.

46.♖xd4! ♖xd4 47.♙c3 ♔g6?

47...♙e5 48.♙xd4 ♙xd4 and Black has some drawing chances.

48.♙xd4 ♘c4 49.♔g4

Black resigned. After this round, only Brent Baxter and I had 4pts./4 games. However, we had to wait until the final 6th round to play each other due to us both having just played 2 consecutive games as White; therefore, we could not be paired in the 5th round.

I beat my Round 5 opponent (H. G. Pitre) and Brent drew



his Round 5 opponent (Moshe Rachmuth), which led to us playing in the final and deciding Round 6, with me being 1/2 pt ahead of Brent (4.5pts./5 games). There were 4 other players close to us with 4 pts./5 games.

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Notes by Neil Doknjas

**Baxter, Brent
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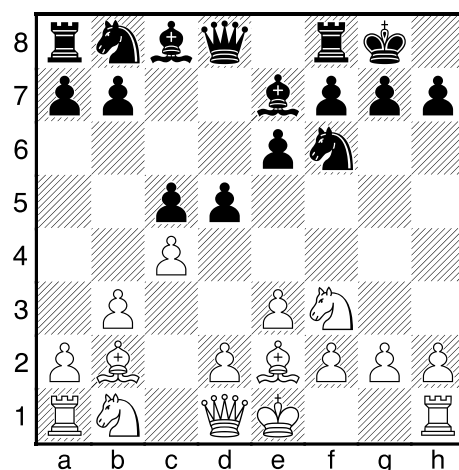
Oregon Open (6), 06.09.2016

This was the final round of a very long tournament. All of my 5 games had gone over 4 hours and 2 of them were back-to-back 5.5 hours+.

I needed a draw or win playing with Black pieces to win overall; whereas, my opponent Brent Baxter needed to beat me to win the U2000

championship. Prior to our game, the players on boards #2 and #3 (all having 4 pts./5 games) "encouraged" me to beat Brent so this would increase their chances for the 2nd Place prize of \$600 USD.

1.b3 d5 2.♘b2 ♘f6 3.e3 e6
4.♗f3 ♙e7 5.c4 0-0 6.♙e2 c5



Black's pawns control the center but White's pieces influence it



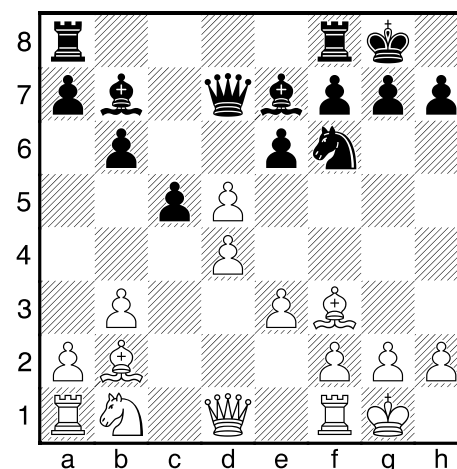
from a distance.

7.0-0 b6 8.♗e5 ♘b7 9.♘f3
♗bd7 10.d4 ♚c7

White's plan to attack on the Kingside – Black's is to open the centre quickly and use his development advantage.

10...cxd4 11.exd4 ♘e4 is probably better than 10... ♚c7.

11.♗xd7 ♚xd7 12.cxd5?!



Opening the centre is a slight mistake because an open position favours Black's more active pieces. My opponent needed a win in this game so that's possibly why he tried to open the position.

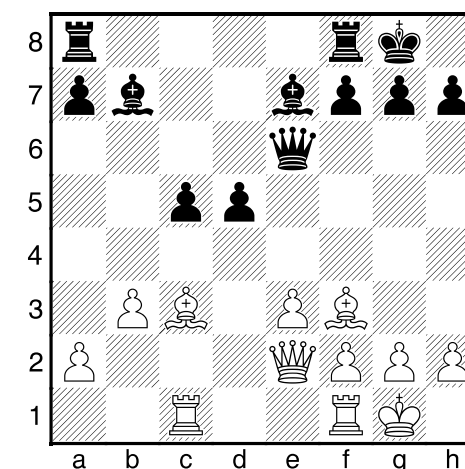
12...exd5

12...♗xd5 Keeping the position more open was a good alternative.

13.♗c3 ♗e4?!

Now Black gets weak pawns. 13...c4! 14.bxc4 dxc4∞ White has a strong centre majority while Black has a good Q-side majority. Black's majority is easier to advance but White's is more dangerous.

14.dxc5 ♗xc3 15.♙xc3 bxc5
16.♚e2 ♚e6 17.♖ac1



17...♙a6

It was better to make sure the centre was secure first. 17...♖fd8 18.♖fd1 ♖ac8.



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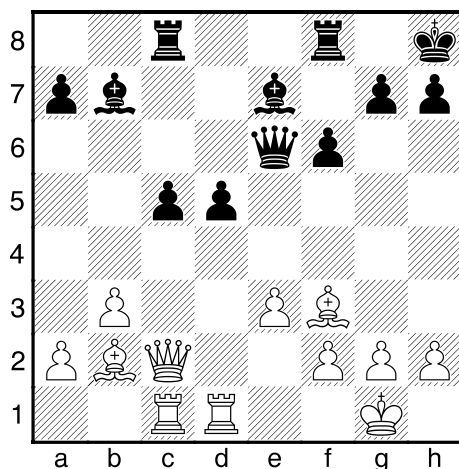
18. ♔d2 ♖ad8

18... ♟xf1? 19. ♟xd5 ♔d6 20. ♟xa8 ♔xd2 21. ♟xd2 ♟d3 22. ♟f3 the net result has Black losing a pawn.

19. ♖fd1 ♟b7 20. ♔b2

White is trying to create a weakness for Black.

20... f6 21. ♔c2 ♔h8 22. ♟b2 ♖c8



23. ♔e2

23. ♖d3 ♖fd8 24. ♖cd1 ♖d7 25. ♟c3± White can attack d5 and prepare b4. Black in the meantime cannot do much due to the centre pawns needing defense.

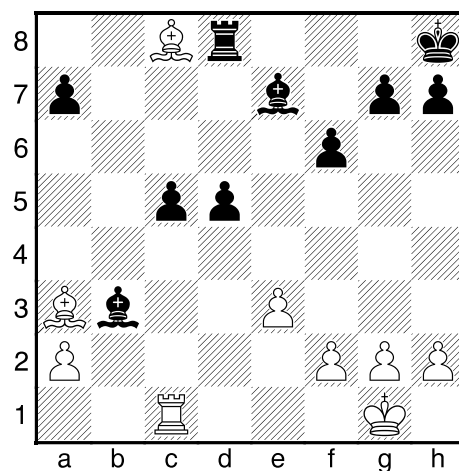
23... ♖fd8 24. ♟a3 ♟a6

25. ♟g4?

White is trying to open up the position and trade Queens, but this results in losing the b3 pawn.

25. ♔d2 would have maintained the tension and given a roughly equal game.

25... ♟xe2 26. ♟xe6 ♟xd1 27. ♟xc8 ♟xb3



At this point, Brent and I had been playing for 2-3 hours. By forcing him to trade Queens, it results in me winning a pawn.

28. axb3 ♖xc8 29. ♔f1 ♔g8

I offered a draw, knowing that a draw would guarantee a first place win for me. Brent replied, "Well, I guess I have to accept"

as he knew that it would be very difficult and a long struggle for him to have chances of winning the endgame down a pawn. I won the 2016 Oregon Open U2000 Championship and \$1,000 USD (30% was withheld for taxes) with 5.5pts./6 games, and Brent Baxter tied for second with 5/6 and won \$550 USD.

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USCF Results:

<http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201609058512.1>

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