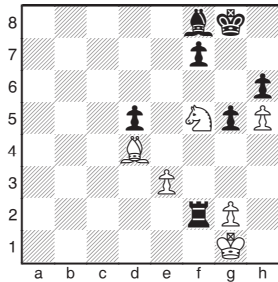


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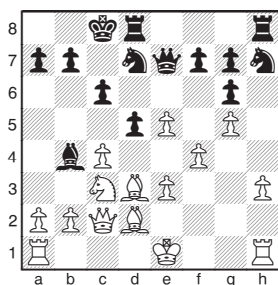
48...Rxf5 49.g4 Bg7

Bryant simplifies into an easily won king and pawn ending.

50.gxf5 Bxd4 51.exd4 Kg7 0-1

Kaufman,R (2420)
Perunovic,M (2627)
National Open (3.7)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6
4.e3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.Nc3
e6 7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 Nbd7
9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Bd3 Bb4
11.Bd2 Qe7 12.g5 Nh7
13.f4 0-0-0 14.Qc2 e5
15.dxe5

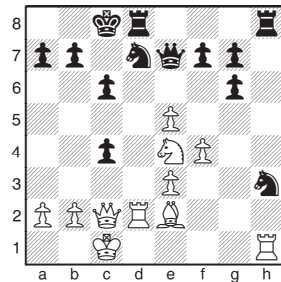


15...Nxg5 16.0-0-0

My computer calmly accepts the sacrificed piece but it can be hard to calculate for a human so Kaufman rejects it, 16.fxg5 Nxe5 17.0-0-0 dxc4 18.Be2 Nd3+ 19.Bxd3 Rxd3 20.a3 with a very small edge according to the silicon beast. I'd personally call it unclear.

16...dxc4 17.Be2 Nxh3
18.Ne4 Bxd2+ 19.Rxd2?

19.Qxd2 was necessary.

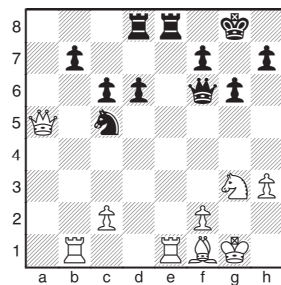


19...Nx4! 0-1

19...Nx4 20.Rhd1 Nxe2+
21.Rxe2 Nxe5 and Black is 4 pawns to the good.

Bryant,J (2432)
Gelashvili,T (2693)
National Open (4.3)

30.Ng3 Qxf6 31.Qxa5



Black has 3 pawns for a piece but it is hard to say that one player has a better position than the other.

31...h5 32.Bg2 Ra8
33.Qb4 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1
d5 35.Qc1 b5 36.Qh6 Qe5
37.f4 Qe3+ 38.Kh2 Ne6
39.Rf1?!

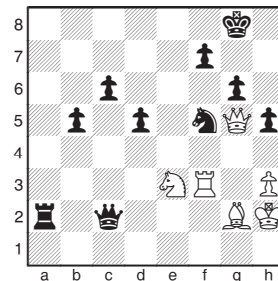
39.Nf5 Qc5 (39...gxf5
40.Rb3 Qxf4+ 41.Rg3+
Ng5 42.Qxg5+ Qxg5
43.Rxg5+=) 40.Re1 gxf5
41.Rxe6 fxe6 42.Qg6+ Kf8
43.Qf6+ Ke8 44.Qxe6+
Kd8 45.Qg8+ Kc7 46.Qxa8
Qxc2=

39...Ng7 40.Rf3?! Qd2-+
41.Qg5 Qxc2 42.f5 Ra2
43.Nf1 Nxf5

Now Black has 5 pawns for

the piece and it is clear he has a winning position.

44.Ne3



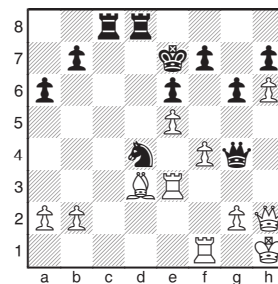
44...Qe4!

44...Nxe3?? 45.Qd8+ Kg7
46.Qf6+ Kh6 47.Qf4+ and
it is mate in a few moves.

45.Rxf5 Rxc2+ 46.Qxc2
Qxc2+ 47.Kxc2 gxf5
48.Kf3 b4 49.Kf4 f6 50.h4
b3 51.Nd1 c5 52.Kxf5 c4
0-1

Perunovic,M (2627)
Lenderman,A (2656)
National Open (4.1)

31.Rf1 Rhd8 32.Kh1



32...Nf5 33.Be2 Nxe3
34.Bxc4 Nxf1 35.Qh4+
Ke8 36.Qf6

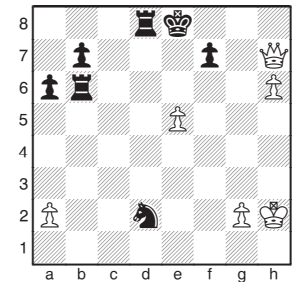
36.Bxe6 fxe6 37.Qf6 Ng3+
38.Kh2 Nf5 39.Qxe6+ Ne7
40.Qf6 Kd7 41.Qd6+ Ke8
42.Qf6=

36...Ng3+ 37.Kh2 Ne4
38.Qh4 Rc2 39.Qe1 Nd2
40.Qf2 Rxb2 41.f5?

41.Qc5 Rxa2 42.Qb6=

41...exf5 42.Bxf5 gxf5

43.Qxf5 Rb6 44.Qxh7



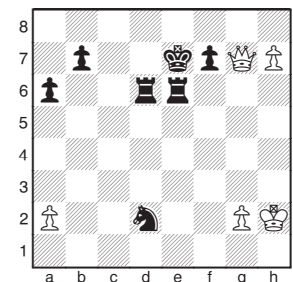
44...Ke7!-+

This simple king move wins the game. Leaving the king on e8 allows White to hold by giving a check to get his queen back in the game. 44...Rg6 45.e6! Rxe6 46.Qg8+ Ke7 47.Qg5+=

45.e6 Rxe6 46.Qg7 Rdd6

46...Rd5 was more precise, 47.h7 Rh5+ 48.Kg1 Rh6-+

47.h7



47...Nf3+! 48.Kg3

48.gxf3?? Rh6+ 49.Kg3 Rdg6+

48...Rg6+ 49.Kxf3 Rdf6+
50.Ke3 Rxc7 51.h8Q
Rg3+ 52.Kd4 Rxc2 0-1

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