



# CHESS OLYMPIAD

NORWAY 2014  
TROMSØ

## Bulletin

Round 1

02.03.14



The Minister of Culture Thorhild Widvey making the first move in the game GM Simen Agdestein vs IM Basheer Al Qudaimi  
Photo: Paul Truong

## Round One - Delay, drama and nerves

The first round of the Tromsø Olympiad got off to a slightly delayed start, one result of the teething pains expected when an event of this size actually goes live. Security measures for the record field meant that even with teams turning up early for play, not everyone could be processed by the scheduled 3 p.m. start.

*By GM Einar Gausel and GM Jonathan Tisdall*

Deputy Tournament Director Morten Sand said: "The security crew now understands the scope of the challenge, and the players as well. Entry to the hall will begin from an hour before play, and we all know from experience that things go smoother from day two. The tournament directors will oversee the work done at the entrance and cooperate closely with security personnel to make sure this is as efficient as possible."

### Unexpected excitement

With the field divided in half for the first round pairings, there were heavy mismatches, and spectators were on the lookout for upsets of any form. Fighting spirit in unexpected form erupted briefly in the playing hall - veteran journalist and Australian grandmaster Ian Rogers reported that a scuffle broke out that was apparently linked to a

serious disagreement related to FIDE politics, but order was quickly restored.

As play developed on the boards, there appeared to be an astonishing range of massive upsets in progress in the lower half of the women's event, but this was quickly traced to a glitch with the set-up of the game feed and the electronic boards, which caused some match results to be reversed.

But there was plenty of pure chess drama as well. The match of the day in the Open section had to be the inspired resistance given by team Japan against highly rated, and perennial Olympiad champions, Armenia. The final result was another 4-0 whitewash by a favorite - but at one point the match had the makings of a literal whitewash, with all players with the black pieces under heavy pressure. Most heartbreaking for the underdogs

was the missing of a forced mate by FIDE Master Shinya Kojima, who cracked in time pressure after a violent hunt for highly rated GM Sergei Movsesian's head.

### Home team drama

Norwegian fans could follow the fates of three local teams in both the Open and Women's events. These fans were doubtless a bit puzzled by the fact that the second and reserve teams in the Open section both posted better scores than the first team. Like many of the heavy first-round favorites, Norway rested their top board, anticipating that this would have little impact on the rating gap over their opponents. But Yemen produced one of the biggest sensations of Saturday's action, taking advantage of a Norway without their world champion. In fact, Norway narrowly escaped being held to a 2-2 draw thanks to GM Jon Ludwig Hammer surviving what appeared to be imminent defeat. The other two Norwegian teams, like very, very many of the favorites, recorded perfect scores.

The Women's event also featured a flood of brutal results. The Portugal team came closest to a sensational upset, with first board WFM Margarida Coimbra leading the charge with a win over WGM Guliskhan Nakhbayeva of Kazakhstan, and WCM Maria Ines Oliveira held WGM Dinara Saduakassova to a draw, but the favorites emerged victorious after managing to sweep the bottom two boards.

The women's teams from Syria, Turkmenistan and Lebanon lost their matches on forfeit, but organizers were not certain if they still might arrive late for the event.



WIM Silje Bjerke, Norway – Photo : Georgios Souleidis

### Women's section – Norway

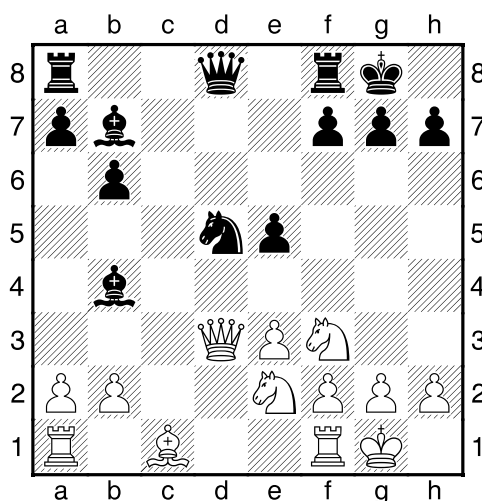
In the women's section Norway 1 faced off against South Korea. With an average rating advantage of nearly 600 points the home team was hoping to kick things off with a 4-0 shutout, and on board 2

WIM Silje Bjerke made short work of Hakyung Lim with the black pieces:

### Hakyung Lim (1567) - Silje Bjerke (2187)

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1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♘b4 4.♙c2 0-0 5.♗f3 c5 6.dxc5 ♗a6 7.e3 ♗xc5 8.♙d3 ♗xd3+ 9.♙xd3 b6 10.0-0 ♙b7 11.♗d4 d5 12.cxd5 ♗xd5 13.♗ce2 e5 14.♗f3?

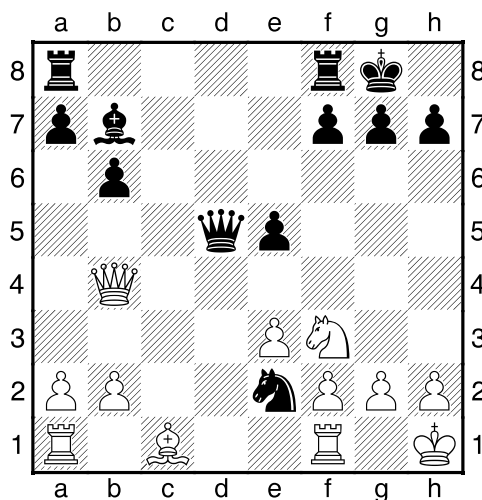


14...♗c3! A devastating blow which in the end leaves White unable to defend the knight on e2.

15.♙c4 15.♙xd8 ♗xe2+ 16.♙h1 ♗axd8 and Black is simply a piece up.

15...♙d5 16.♙xb4 Allows Black to wrap things up in spectacular fashion.

16...♗xe2+ 17.♙h1



17...♖xf3! 17...♗xf3 18.gxf3 ♜xf3#

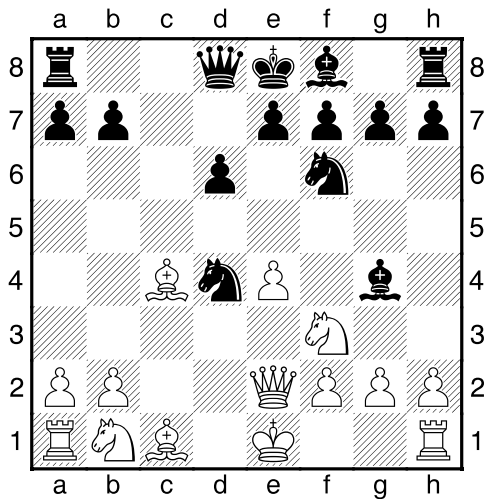
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### Other games

#### Alshouha Basil (2135) - Alexander Grischuk (2795)

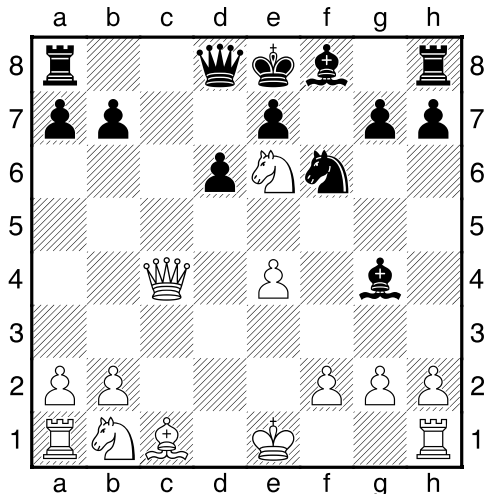
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1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞c4 ♜f6 5.♞e2  
♜c6 6.c3 ♞g4 7.cxd4 ♜xd4



8.♞xf7+? A tempting blow, but it turns out that Black has everything under control.

8...♜xf7 9.♞c4+ ♜e6 10.♜g5+ ♜e8 11.♜xe6



11...♞c8! Probably what Black missed when he sacrificed on f7.

12.♞a4+ ♞d7 13.♞xd7+ ♜xd7 Threatening to take on both e6 and c1 – White is losing a piece.

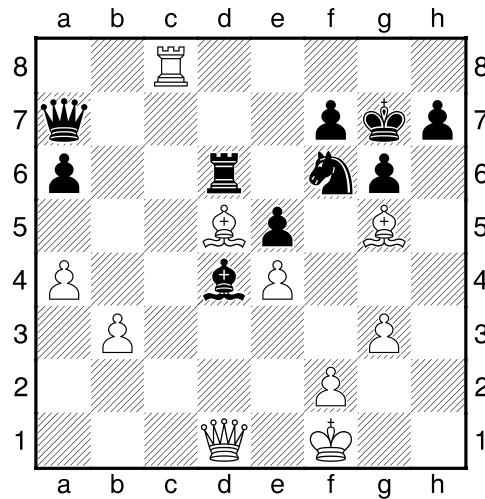
14.♜xg7+ ♞xg7 15.♜d2 ♜e5 16.f3 ♞d7

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#### Shinya Kojima (2373) - Sergei Movsesian (2672)

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1.♜f3 ♜f6 2.c4 g6 3.d4 ♞g7 4.g3 0-0 5.♞g2  
c6 6.♜c3 d6 7.0-0 ♞b6 8.h3 ♞a6 9.b3 b5  
10.cxb5 cxb5 11.a4 b4 12.♜b5 ♞b7 13.♜e1  
d5 14.♞f4 ♜bd7 15.♞c1 a6 16.♜c7 ♞a7  
17.♜d3 ♞b6 18.♜xd5 ♜xd5 19.♞xd5 ♞xd4  
20.♞h6 ♞d8 21.♜xb4 ♜f6 22.e4 ♞xh3 23.♜c6  
♞xf1 24.♜xf1 e5 25.♞g5 ♞d6 26.♜xa7 ♞xa7  
27.♞c8+ ♜g7

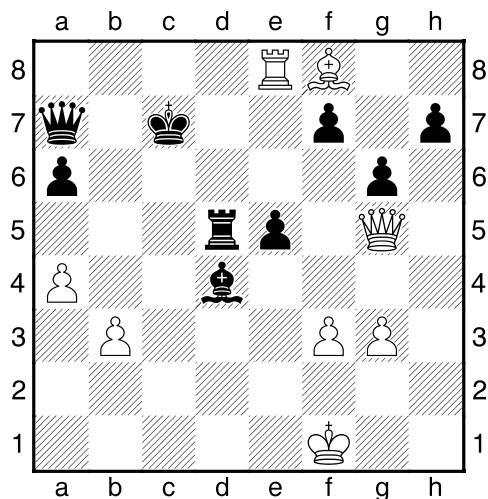


28.♞c1! ♜xd5 29.♞h6+ ♜f6 30.♞g5+ ♜g7  
31.♞h6+ ♜f6 32.exd5 White now threatens Qg5 mate. Under normal circumstances Black's position might warrant resignation, but at this stage White was in desperate time trouble.

32...♜f5 33.f3 Or 33.g4+ ♜e4 34.♜e2 ♜xd5  
35.♞c4+ ♜e4 36.f3#

33...♖xd5 34.♜g5+ The quickest way to seal the deal was 34.♖c6 threatening both Qg5 mate and g4 mate.

34...♙e6 35.♞e8+ ♔d6 36.♙f8+ ♙c7



37.♜c1+? 37.♜e7+ ♖d7 38.♜b4 threatening Qc4+ was fatal.

37...♙b6 38.♞c8? White should have settled for a draw with 38.♜c4 ♜d7 39.♜b4+ ♔c6 40.♜c4+

38...♜d7 39.♜c4? 39.♞b8+ ♙a7 40.♜c8 was the lesser evil, but Black's extra pawn should be enough to win the ending.

39...♜h3+ 40.♙e2 ♜g2+ 40...♜g2+ 41.♙d1 ♜xf3+ 42.♙c1 ♜h1+ 43.♙c2 ♜g2+ 44.♙c1 ♙e3+ 45.♙b1 ♖d1+

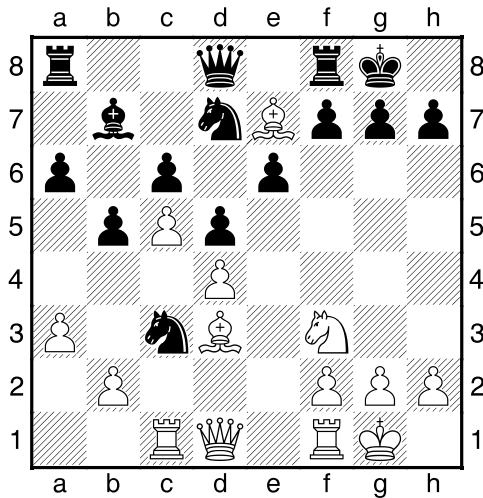
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# Blunders, upsets and knockouts

## Evgeny Postny (2651) - Melis Mamatov (2106)

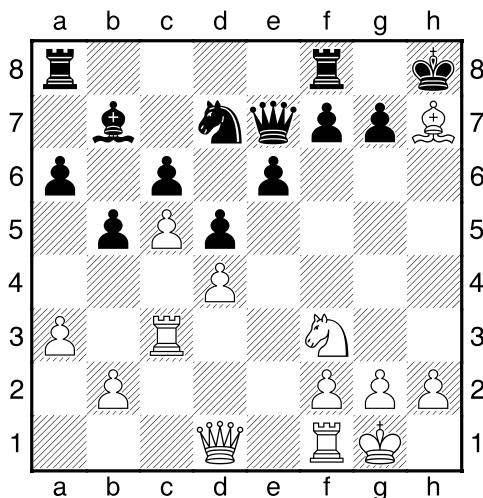
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♙e7 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.♞c1 a6 8.a3 b6 9.♙d3 ♙b7  
10.0-0 b5 11.c5 0-0 12.e4 ♘xe4 13.♙xe7  
♘xc3



14.♙xh7+! ♔h8 14...♔xh7 15.♘g5+ ♔g6  
(15...♔h6 16.♞xc3 ♞xe7 17.♞h3+ ♔xg5  
18.♞h5+ ♔f4 19.♞f3+ ♔e4 20.♞g4#) 16.♞d3+  
♘e4 17.♙xd8

15.♞xc3 ♞xe7



16.♘e5! ♘xe5 17.♞h3 g6 18.♙xg6+ ♔g7  
19.♞h7+! ♔g8 19...♔xg6 20.♞h5+

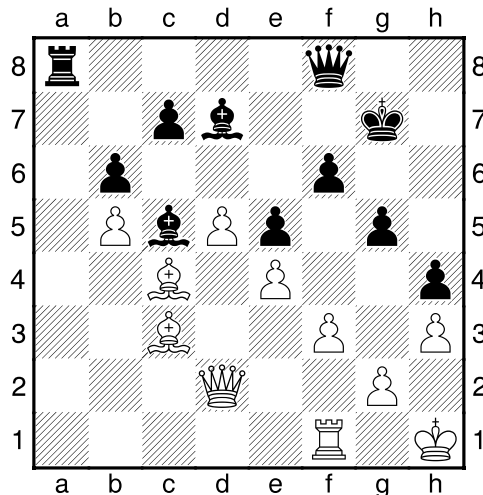
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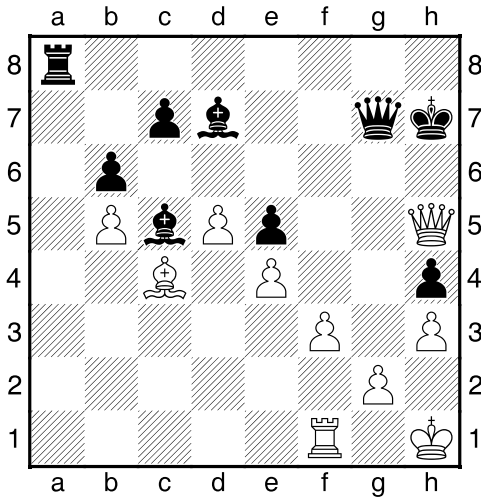
## Basher Iyiti (2263) - Parimarjan Negi (2645)

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♙g7 6.♙d3 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.b4 ♙b7 9.♞c2 dxc4  
10.♙xc4 ♘bd7 11.♞b1 ♞c8 12.b5 ♘d5  
13.♞b3 ♞e8 14.a4 ♘5f6 15.♙a3 ♘e4 16.♞fd1  
♘xd2 17.♞xd2 ♞f6 18.d5 e5 19.e4 ♙f8  
20.♙b2 ♙d6 21.♞e2 ♞a8 22.♘e1 ♘c5 23.♞c2  
a6 24.♘d3 axb5 25.♘xc5 ♙xc5 26.axb5 ♙c8  
27.♔h1 ♙d7 28.f3 h5 29.♞ee1 h4 30.♞f1 g5  
31.h3 ♞d6 32.♞d2 f6 33.♞a1 ♔g7 34.♙c3  
♞f8 35.♞xa8 ♞xa8



36. ♖xe5! fxe5 37. ♖xg5+ ♔h7 38. ♖h5+ ♖h6  
39. ♖f7+ ♖g7 40. ♖h5+



40... ♔g8? 40... ♖h6=

41. d6+- ♔f8 42. f4 cxd6 43. fxe5+ ♔e7  
44. ♖f7+? 44. ♖xh4+ ♔e8 45. ♖f7+-

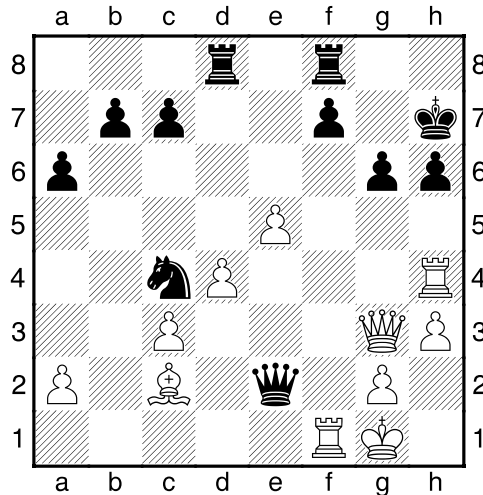
44... ♔d8 44... ♔d8 45. ♖xg7 ♖a1+ 46. ♔h2  
♖g1+ 47. ♔h1 ♖f2+=

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**Simen Agdestein (2630) -  
Basheer Al Qudaimi (2396)**

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1. c4 e5 2. ♖c3 ♖f6 3. ♖f3 ♖c6 4. e3 d5 5. cxd5  
♖xd5 6. ♖b5 ♖xc3 7. bxc3 e4 8. ♖e5 ♖d7  
9. ♖xd7 ♖xd7 10. f3 a6 11. ♖a4 ♖e6 12. 0-0  
♖d6 13. ♖c2 ♖h6 14. h3 exf3 15. ♖xf3 0-0  
16. d4 ♖ad8 17. e4 ♖h4 18. ♖e3 ♖a5 19. e5  
♖e7 20. ♖d3 g6 21. ♖f4 ♖h5 22. ♖af1 ♖g5  
23. ♖g4 ♖xe3+ 24. ♖xe3 ♖c4 25. ♖f4 h6  
26. ♖g3 ♔h7 27. ♖h4 ♖e2



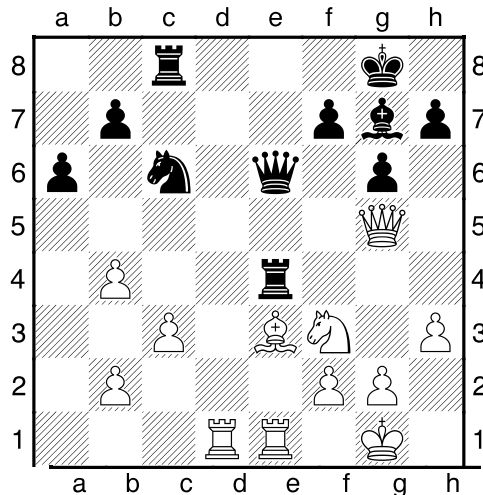
28. ♖xf7+! 28. ♖xf7+ ♖xf7 29. ♖xg6+ ♔h8  
30. ♖xh6+ ♖h7 31. ♖xh7#

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**Toms Kantans (2496) -  
Mariano Madrigal (2156)**

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1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 ♖c6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 g6  
5. ♖c3 ♖g7 6. ♖e3 ♖f6 7. ♖c4 ♖a5 8. 0-0 0-0  
9. ♖b3 d6 10. h3 ♖d7 11. ♖e1 ♖ac8 12. ♖f3 ♖a6  
13. ♖g5 ♖fd8 14. ♖d5 ♖e8 15. ♖xf6+ exf6  
16. ♖xd6 ♖e6 17. ♖e3 ♖ed8 18. ♖g3 ♖xb3  
19. axb3 ♖b5 20. ♖ad1 f5 21. ♖h4 ♖e8 22. exf5  
♖xf5 23. c3 a6 24. b4 ♖e4 25. ♖g5 ♖e6



26. ♖a5?? ♖xa5

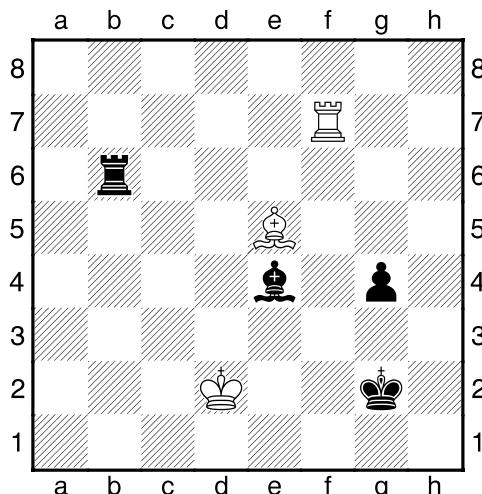
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**Matej Sebenik (2537) -**

**Fy Antenaina Rakotomaharo (2253)**

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 ♘bd7 6.♘bd2 ♗d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 dxe4  
 9.♘xe4 ♘xe4 10.♗xe4 h6 11.♗c2 b6 12.♖d3  
 ♘f6 13.♖c3 ♖e7 14.a3 a5 15.b3 ♗b7 16.♞e1  
 ♞fe8 17.♗b2 ♞ad8 18.h3 ♖f8 19.♖e3 ♗a8  
 20.♘e5 c5 21.dxc5 ♗xc5 22.♖f4 ♘h5 23.♖c1  
 ♖e7 24.♗e4 ♗xf2+ 25.♔xf2 ♖h4+ 26.♔g1  
 ♗xe4 27.♖e3 f5 28.♘g6 ♖g5 29.♖xg5 hxg5  
 30.♞ad1 ♔h7 31.♘e5 ♘f4 32.♘f7 ♞xd1  
 33.♞xd1 ♗xg2 34.♞d7 ♔g6 35.♘e5+ ♔h6  
 36.♘f7+ ♔h5 37.♗xg7 ♗c6 38.♞c7 ♗e4  
 39.♔h2 ♞g8 40.♘e5 g4 41.hxg4+ fxg4  
 42.♔g3 ♘e2+ 43.♔f2 ♘c1 44.♔e3 ♗b1 45.b4  
 axb4 46.axb4 ♞a8 47.♔d2 ♘d3 48.♘xd3 ♞d8  
 49.♗e5 ♞xd3+ 50.♔c1 ♞e3 51.♗d4 ♞e4  
 52.♗xb6 ♗a2 53.♗f2 ♗xc4 54.b5 ♗d5 55.b6  
 ♞b4 56.♔c2 ♔g5 57.♗c5 ♞b3 58.♞d7 ♞b5  
 59.♞g7+ ♔f5 60.♗d4 ♔f4 61.♔d2 ♔f3  
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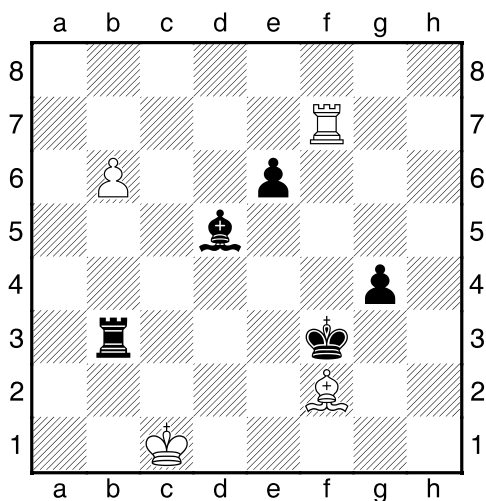


72.♞f2+ ♔xf2 73.♗d4+ ♔f1 74.♗xb6 ♗b7

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66...♔g2 66...♔e2!+ 67.♞f4 (67.♗d4 e5)  
 67...e5 68.♞f6 (68.♞xg4 ♔xf2) 68...♗e4

67.♗d4 e5 68.♞g7 ♔f3 68...exd4 69.♞xg4+  
 ♔f3 70.♞xd4=

69.♗xe5 ♞xb6 70.♔d2 ♗e4 71.♞f7+ ♔g2