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# Bulletin

## Round 6 -08.08.14



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Fabiano Caruana and Magnus Carlsen before the start of round 6  
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Norway 1 entertained the home fans with a clean 3-1 over Italy, and with Magnus Carlsen performing some of his patented minimalist magic to defeat a major rival. GM Kjetil Lie put the Norwegians ahead with the kind of robust aggression typical of his best form on board four, and the teams traded wins on boards two and three. All eyes were fixed on the Caruana-Carlsen clash, where Magnus presumably pulled off an opening surprise by adopting the offbeat variation that he himself had faced as White against Nikola Djukic of Montenegro in round three.

*By GM Jonathan Tisdall*

Caruana appeared to gain a small but comfortable advantage in a queenless middlegame, but as Carlsen has shown so many times before, the quieter the position, the deadlier he is. In typically hypnotic fashion, the position steadily swung Carlsen's way, and suddenly all of White's pawns were falling like overripe fruit. Carlsen's pleasure with today's work was obvious, as he stopped to high-five colleague Jon Ludvig Hammer on his way into the NRK TV studio.

Norwegian TV host Ole Rolfsrud asked Carlsen how it felt to beat young Caruana, and got a detailed answer.

**Carlsen:** Well, he's not that young anymore either. He's been around for a few years. But when Wei Yi from China comes up, he will be fun to beat! But

Caruana is number 3 in the world and someone I've lost against a few times, so it feels incredibly good to beat him.

On top board Azerbaijan continues to set the pace, clinching another match victory thanks to two wins with the white pieces, Mamedyarov beating Jobava in a bare-knuckle brawl, and with GM Rauf Mamedov nailing GM Gaios Nigalidze with a steady technical performance. Radjabov's draw with black on board two provided the Azeris guaranteed match points, and on board four Eltaj Safarli finished the rout with his queen finally overcoming Konstantine Shanava's rook and bishop in 101 moves.

Serbia-Bulgaria ended 2-2, with former world champion Veselin Topalov tying things up for

Bulgaria on board one in the final game to finish. The match also marked the end of Valentin Iotov's perfect run, after he drew as Black against GM Robert Markus.

The Uzbekistan-Russia match did indeed turn into a win with White contest. After Kasimdzhanov's win over Kramnik was answered by Grischuk's demolition of Filippov, the favorites completed their pair of White wins when Ian Nepomniachtchi beat IM Jahongir Vakhidov on board four.

*"I don't think the Uzbek team has any targets. We just show up and we fight"*  
- Rustam Kasimdzhanov on Uzbekistan Fighting chess

The match would be decided by whether GM Marat Dzhumaev could complete the set by converting his advantage against the formidable Peter Svidler. In the end the Russian escaped, and his team took the hard-earned match points.

There were a number of lopsided results, and several favored teams soared up the points table. Cuba nearly blanked Kazakhstan 3.5-0.5, China did the same to Egypt, as did India to Moldova. Croatia, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Latvia all won 3-1 today.

Highly seeded teams that got back to business were #2 Ukraine 3.5-0.5 over Switzerland, #4 Armenia 2.5-1.5-1 vs. 10th seed England, and #6 USA 3-1 against Paraguay. Third seeds France had to settle for four draws against 42nd ranked Bosnia & Herzegovina, and ninth ranked Israel split 2-2 with a tough Canadian team. One of the positive surprises of the event so far, Qatar, ranked only 57th, won again, this time 2.5-1.5 over Greece.

### Tomorrow's highlights:

The only teams with 11 match points face off on top board - Cuba will play white on the odd-numbered boards against Azerbaijan. There are 10 teams on 10 match points - including second seeded Russia, who meet the Czech Republic, and defending Olympiad champions Armenia, who meet the fifth seeds, Hungary.

### Sanitation update:

The Tromsø organizers have again responded to criticism of the toilet facilities at the Olympiad.

Press Chief Morgan Lillegård said:

*"The 56 portable toilets are of the highest standards in porcelain, and have been shipped from Malmö in Sweden. Based on the feedback,*

*we realized we had to do something more. We have now doubled the number of cleaning staff - for the second time - and have also made sure that all toilets are much better marked and easier to find."*

### Women

The first news bulletin is that corrected results revealed that Iran did not in fact lose in this round - though a 2-2 result against lower ranked Greece was probably a disappointment for the over-performing Iranians.

The rest day seemed to have rejuvenated the top teams, and they won in style. China was all business, 3-1 and two white wins against Hungary, Russia deflated Serbia 3.5-0.5, third seed France downed Slovakia 3-1, 8th ranked Poland defeated Netherlands 3-1, 6th seed Romania bounced back with 4-0 over Switzerland, and number 7 USA beat Estonia 3-1 by winning both games with the black pieces.

The only 'perfect perfect' score in the Women's event also ended today, as Peruvian WGM dropped her first half point in six rounds, to English IM Jovanka Houska.

Tomorrow's pairings feature the showpiece of the event - Russia and China clash at last, and the second seeded Russians will have white on the odd numbered boards, possibly a crucial factor when thinking about how to handle the Chinese number one, Yifan Hou, who is in range of catching the formerly untouchable Judit Polgar on the women's rating list.

## Annotated games

By GM Einar Gausel

**Fabiano Caruana (2801) -  
Magnus Carlsen (2877)**  
WCO2014 Tromso (6.29), 08.08.2014

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♗c3 ♚d8!?**  
Carlsen faced this slightly unusual move in round 3 against Montenegro's GM Nikola Djukic. I expect 3...Qd8 will be getting some serious attention after the present game.

**4.d4 ♗f6 5.♗f3 ♙g4 6.h3 ♙xf3 7.♗xf3 c6  
8.♗e2 e6 9.g4!? ♚d5 10.♙g2 ♗bd7  
11.♗g3 ♗c4 12.♗b3 ♗xb3 13.axb3 ♙d6  
14.c4 a6 15.♙e3 0-0-0 16.0-0-0** White's bishops must give him a slight plus here.

**16...♗he8 17.♗g3 ♗f8 18.♙f3** Grabbing more space with 18.g5 ♗g8 19.h4 also looked tempting.

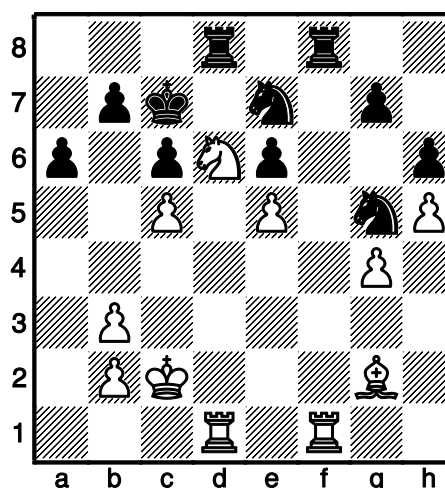
**18...♗g6 19.h4 ♙f4 20.h5 ♙xe3+ 21.fxe3  
♗e7 22.e4?! White can probably still claim a small edge after either 22.h6 or; 22.g5 ♗d7 23.♙g4**

**22...h6** Securing a future outpost on g5 for one of Black's knights.

**23.e5 ♗h7 24.♗e4 ♗f8 25.♗d6+** This knight might look impressive, but it's actually not doing a whole lot once Black manages to break with f7-f6.

**25...♙c7 26.♙g2 ♗g5 27.♗hf1!?** In retrospect 27.♗e4 looked like a better idea. Black now slowly, but surely takes control over the proceedings.

**27...f6 28.♙c2 fxe5 29.dxe5 ♗c8 30.c5  
♗e7**

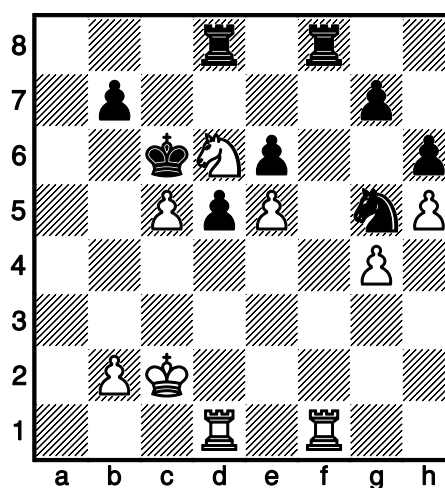


**31.b4?** 31.♙d3 ♗d5 32.♙h1 looked like a better try for White.

**31...♗d5 32.♙xd5 32.♙b3 ♗e3 33.♗xf8  
♗xf8 34.♗d2 ♗xg4** and White has no compensation for the missing pawn.

**32...cxd5** Now Black's simple idea is Nf3 followed by Nxe5.

**33.b5 axb5 34.♗xb5+ ♙c6 35.♗d6**



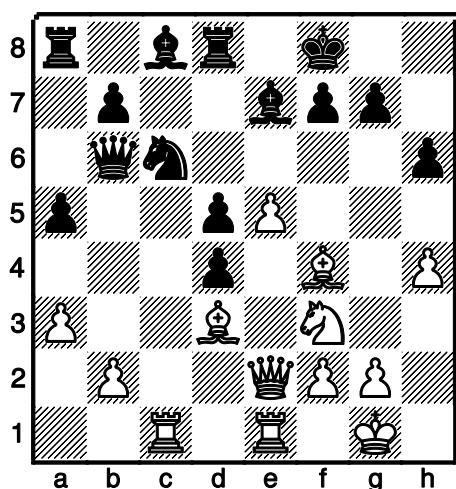
**35...♗f3** Carlsen converts his advantage to a full point with trademark precision.

36.b4 ♖a8 37.♖a1 ♖xa1 38.♖xa1 ♜xe5  
 39.♖a7 ♖b8 40.♖a3 b6 41.♖a7 bxc5  
 42.♖a6+ ♔c7 43.bxc5 ♜d7 44.♖a7+ ♔c6  
 45.g5 ♜xc5 46.♜f7 d4 47.♜e5+ ♔d5  
 48.♜d7 d3+ 49.♔c1 ♜xd7 50.♖xd7+ ♔e4

0-1

Alexander Grischuk (2795) –  
 Anton Filippov (2615)  
 WCO2014 Tromsø (6.6), 08.08.2014

1.d4 ♜f6 2.c4 e6 3.♜f3 ♙b4+ 4.♜bd2 0-0  
 5.a3 ♙e7 6.e4 d5 7.e5 ♜fd7 8.♙d3 c5  
 9.♞c2 h6 10.0-0 ♜c6 11.♜b3 cxd4  
 12.♖e1 ♞b6 13.♙f4 a5 14.♖ad1 ♜c5  
 15.♜xc5 ♞xc5 16.♞e2 ♖d8 17.h4 ♔f8  
 18.♖c1 ♞b6 19.cxd5 exd5



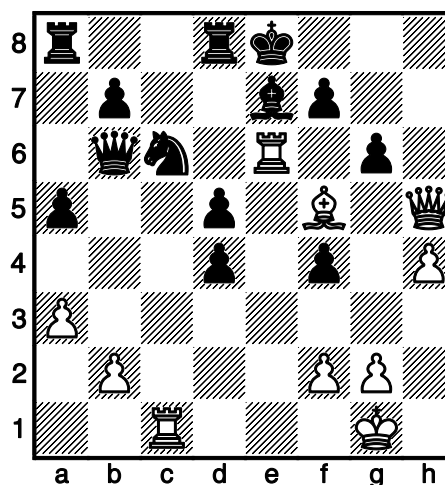
20.♜g5! White unleashes the dogs of war.

20...hxg5 21.♞h5 ♔e8 22.e6! Renewing the threat of mate on h8. Black has no choice but to take on e6.

22...♙xe6 23.♖xe6 gxf4 23...g6 24.♖xg6 fxc6 25.♙xg6+ ♔d7 26.♞g4#

24.♙f5! This seemingly quiet move seals the deal. White now threatens Qh8+ followed by Rexc6 mate.

24...g6



25.♖xg6! ♞c7 25...fxg6 26.♞xg6+ ♔f8  
 27.♙e6 and White delivers mate on f7.

26.♖e1! White brings his last piece into the attack.

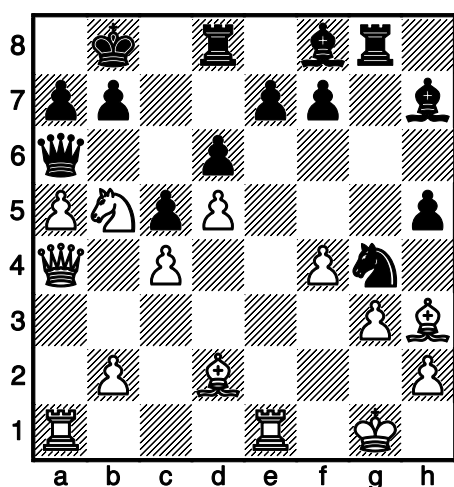
26...fxg6 27.♞h8+ ♔f7 28.♙e6#

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**Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (2743) – Baadur Jobava (2713)**

WCO2014 Tromso (6.25), 08.08.2014

1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 c6 4.♘c3 ♗f5  
5.d5 h6 6.g3 c5 7.♘h4 ♗h7 8.f4 ♖g8  
9.♘f3 ♘e4 10.♖c2 ♗a5 11.♗d2 ♘g5  
12.♗b3 ♘xf3+ 13.exf3 ♘d7 14.♗h3 0-0-0  
15.♘b5 ♗a6 16.0-0 g5 17.♖fe1 ♔b8  
18.a4 ♘f6 19.a5 g4 20.fxg4 ♘xg4 21.♗a4  
h5



**22.b4** Both players are flinging pawns forward to open up lines against the enemy king.

**22...h4** Black may have been able to put up more of a fight with 22...e6, but he was already in serious trouble.

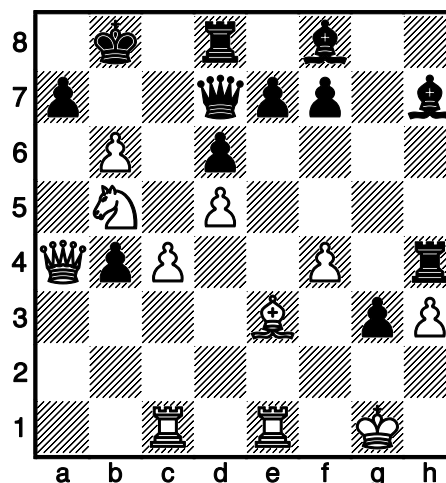
**23.♖ac1!** Now White simply threatens Nc7 followed by b5 trapping the black queen.

**23...cxb4 24.♗xg4 ♖xg4 25.♗e3 b6 25...hxg3 26.♗xa7+ ♔c8 (26...♔a8 27.♘c7+)** 27.c5 and White's forces come crashing through.

**26.♗d1** A tempting alternative was the brutal 26.♘c7 ♗b7 27.axb6 axb6 28.♘a6+ ♔c8 29.c5 bxc5 30.♗xc5+-

**26...♗c8 27.axb6 hxg3 28.h3** Keeping the kingside closed just long enough for White to finish the job on the other side of the board.

**28...♖h4 29.♗a4 ♗d7**



**30.c5 ♖xh3 30...dxc5 31.bxa7+ ♔a8 32.♖xc5 ♖c8 33.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 34.♘c7+ ♗xc7 35.♗e8+ ♔b7 36.a8♗#**

**31.f5 ♗xf5 32.c6 a5 33.♗xa5**

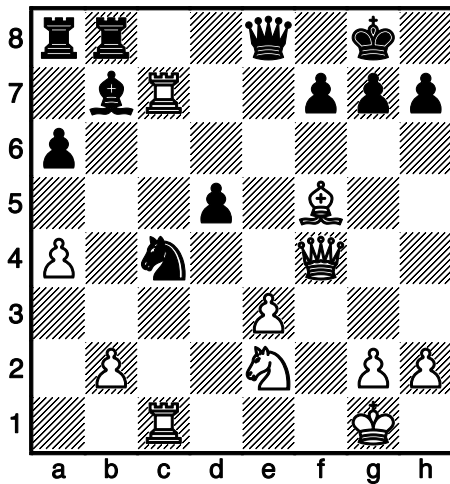
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**Rustam Kasimdzhanov (2700) – Vladimir Kramnik (2760)**  
WCO2014 Tromso (6.5), 08.08.2014

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♗c3 ♗bd7  
5.♙f4 dxc4 6.e3 ♙d6 7.♙xd6 cxd6 8.♙xc4  
a6 9.a4 d5 10.♙d3 b6 11.0-0 0-0 12.♖b3  
♗e7 13.♙ac1 ♙b7 14.♙c2 ♙fc8 15.♙fc1  
♗d6 16.♗e5 ♗xe5 17.dxe5 ♗xe5  
18.♗xb6 ♙cb8 19.♗e2 ♗d7 20.♗d4 ♗d6  
21.f4 e5 22.fxe5 ♗xe5 23.♗f4 ♗e7 24.♙c7  
♗e8 25.♙f5 ♗c4

29.♙xf7! ♗xf7 30.♙xh7+ ♗e8  
(30... ♗e7 31.♗e5+) 31.♙g6+ ♗d7  
32.♗c7+ ♗e6 33.♗xb6+ ♗d6 (33... ♗e5  
34.exd4+ ♗d5 35.♗c3#) 34.♗f4+ ♗e7  
35.♙c7+ ♗xc7 36.♗xc7+ ♗f6 37.♗d6+  
♗g5 38.♗e5+ ♗h6 39.♗h5#

1-0



26.♙d7! ♗f8 26...♗xe3+ 27.♗xe3 ♗xe3  
28.♗d4 a5 (28... ♗c4 29.♗c6 ♙xc6  
30.♙xc6) 29.b3 h5 30.h3 and the trapped  
knight on e3 will perish in enemy territory.

27.b3 ♗b6 28.♙f5 d4

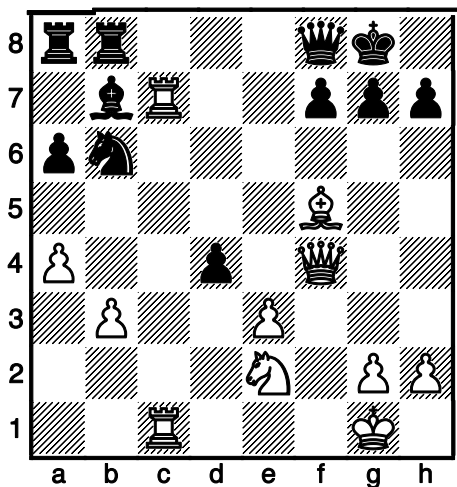




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Blitz action on the rest day in the Polaria Museum next to the Olympiad venue.

## Blitz and chess playing seals

Many Olympiad participants were unable to stay away from chess even though it was a rest day. The Arctic experience centre Polaria hosted over 90 players at yesterday's blitz – and showed off some chess-playing seals!

*Text and Photos: Daniel Skog*

If you're hooked, you're hooked – and several Olympiad participants and locals attended the chess day at Polaria, just a stone's throw away from the Olympiad arena.

One of them was Sigurd Rushfeldt, a Norwegian football legend, chess enthusiast and official COT 2014 ambassador.

In the first round, Rushfeldt lost to Israeli GM Victor Mikhalevski. However, he got back on his feet in the second round and won his game against Wendell Meusa from Barbados. In the final standings Rushfeldt ended up with 3/9, while Jahongir Vakhidov from Uzbekistan won the whole event with 8/9, half a point ahead of GM Maxim Turov and FM Ulugbek Tillyaev.

The two chess-playing seals were also quite an attraction – demonstrating amazing chess prowess!



Photo: Daniel Skog / COT2014





Boris Gelfand, Israel. Photo: David Martinez / [chess24](http://chess24)

## Gelfand: “Media attention is a tool to get people to chess”

Boris Gelfand is one of the true legends of the game. In Round 2 yesterday the 46-year-old made his Tromsø 2014 Olympiad debut. It was a success, and his win against GM Farrukh Amonatov (2590) helped Israel to victory against Tajikistan 3.5-0.5. Afterwards he gave an interview to the official website.

*Interviewed by Tarjei Joten Svensen*

We got a chance to ask the friendly world title challenger a few questions shortly after his game:

**Tarjei J Svensen: Boris, what has been your impression of the event so far?**

Boris Gelfand: It's my eleventh Olympiad! It's always good to be back. It's not just a big tournament. I'm sure that on the chess board whatever happens I'll play the strongest opposition. But it's also a unique opportunity to meet friends from all over the world who you may meet only once in two years.

**You were here in August for the World Cup as well. How do you like Tromsø?**

Tromsø is very nice! Last year I liked walking in the forest – it was incredible! From the Scandic Hotel to the forest. The forests, mountains and lakes are really unbelievable natural beauty. And the view

from my room – breathtaking! OK, that was last year, and now the construction of my room is a bit strange.

**So what do you do in-between the games, do you get to see the city?**

Yes, but I feel that the central part of the city I more or less know already from last year. I rest and have a walk, chat with my friends mostly.

**What are the expectations for the Israeli team in this event?**

I don't know! We are rated ninth, we were very successful in the Olympiads in Dresden and Khanty-Mansiysk and we have a good team. We'll do our best.

As you probably know, the media attention for chess in Norway now is enormous - what do you think about that?

It's good, very good! But I think it's important to focus on chess, the game itself and not on the glamour and things, which I think in this sense can never compete with our activities. But in the public here I know more and more people are buying chess sets and that people are following

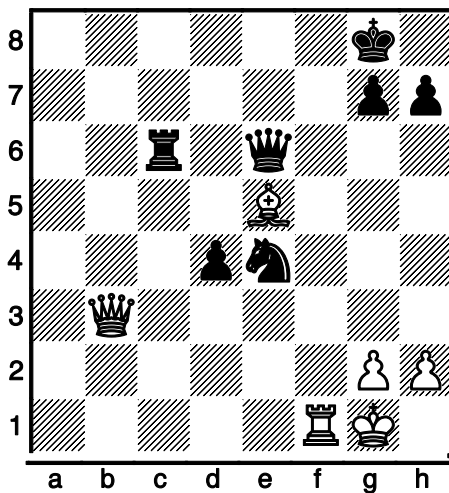
the games everywhere. This is really an achievement.

I have my ideas. It's not important if chess is mentioned if it doesn't have consequences. The consequences are important. Media attention in my opinion is a tool – to get people to chess, to show the beauty of our game, to show the advantages for people, and especially children, in life. This is the key. Attention for the sake of attention has no meaning for me.

## Puzzles of the day

By GM Einar Gausel

White to move and win

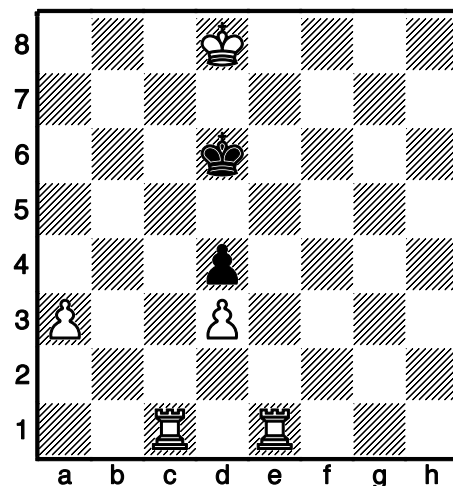


1. ♔d6!! ♖xd6

1... ♘xd6 2. ♕xe6+; 1... ♗xb3 2. ♖f8 mate

2. ♗b8+ and White mates. 1-0 (N.N. 1911)

White mates in 3 moves

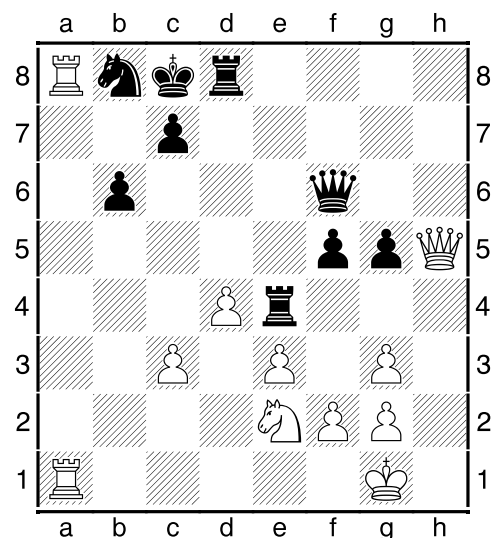


1. ♖c8! ♔d5 2. ♔c7! ♔c5 3. ♖e5 mate. 1-0  
(Abbott 1890)

# Blunders, upsets brilliances

By GM Einar Gausel

**Michael Webb –  
Geoffrey Mwanyika (1922)**  
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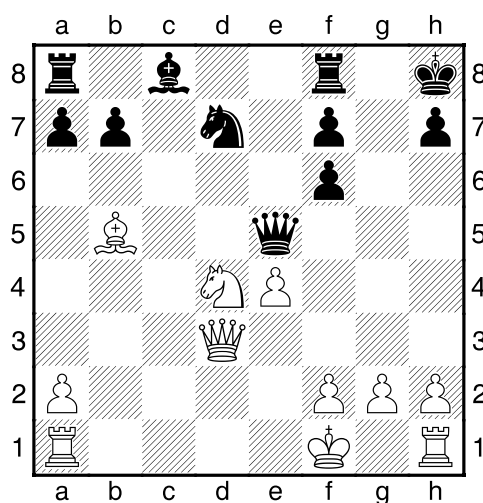
**28. ♖a7?** White must surely be winning after  
28. ♗c1

**28... ♖h8 29. ♖f3 g4** Now White's unfortunate  
queen finds herself trapped.

**30. ♖f4 ♖xf4 31. ♗xf4 ♖h6 32. ♖f1 ♖c6 33. ♖a3  
♖c4+ 34. ♖e1 ♖h1+ 35. ♖d2 ♖f1 36. ♖8a7  
♖d1#**

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**Frode Urkedal (2500) –  
David Navara (2716)**  
WCO2014 Tromso (6.5), 08.08.2014

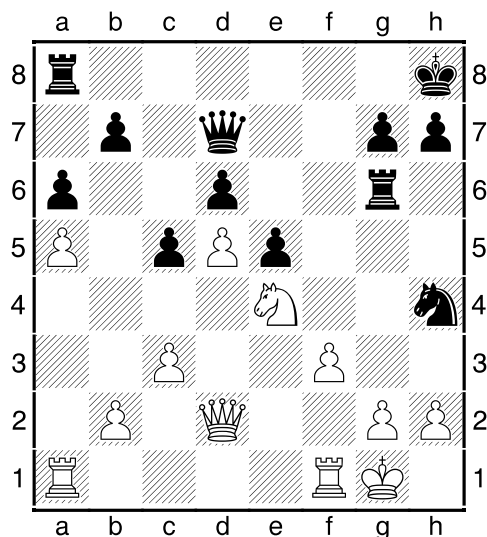


**16. ♖e1?** This slip loses a piece.

**16... ♗c5 17. ♖e3 ♗e6 17... ♗e6 18. ♗xe6  
♖xb5+ 19. ♖g1 ♗xe6+**

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**Galina Melnik (2017) –  
Tiumi Yashora (1715)**  
WCO2014 Tromso (6.15), 08.08.2014



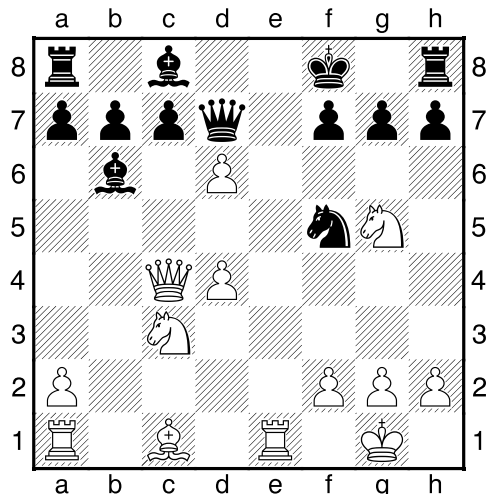
**20. ♖f2? ♖xg2+! 20... ♖xg2+ 21. ♖h1 (21. ♖xg2  
♗xf3+ 22. ♖h1 ♗xd2) 21... ♗xf3+**

**0-1**

**Enrico Grassi (2020) – Joseph Caluag**  
WCO2014 Tromso (6.12), 08.08.2014

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♙c5 4.b4 ♙xb4 5.c3 ♙c5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 d6 8.cxd4 ♙b6 9.♘c3 ♘ge7?! 10.♘g5 d5 [10...0-0 11.♙h5+]

11.exd5 ♘a5 12.d6! ♘xc4 13.♙a4+ ♙d7 14.♙xc4 ♘f5 15.♞e1+ ♜f8



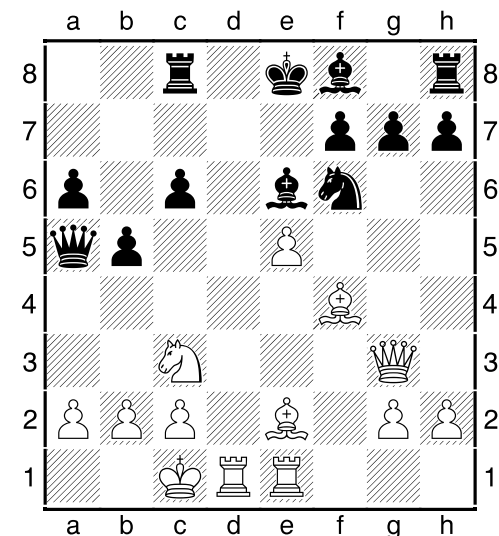
16.♞e7! ♘xd6 16...♘xe7 17.♙xf7#

17.♞xd7 ♘xc4 18.♞d8+ ♜e7 19.♞xh8 The smoke has cleared, and White is up a rook.

19...♙xd4 20.♘d5+ ♜d6 21.♞d8+ ♜c5 22.♘e4+

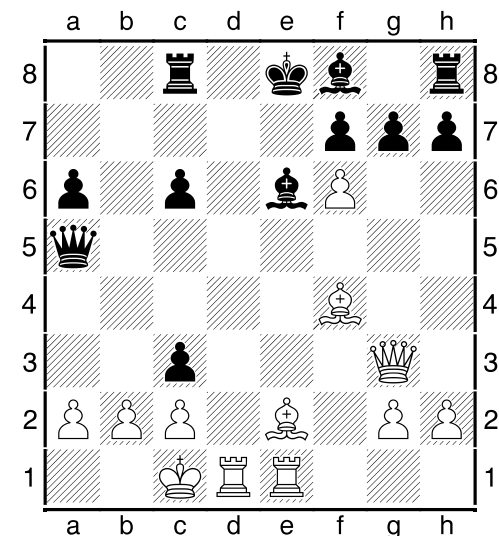
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**Kjetil A. Lie (2528) – Sabino Brunello (2560)**  
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15...b4? Not surprisingly, allowing White to open the center spells disaster for Black's king. 15...♘d5

16.exf6 bxc3



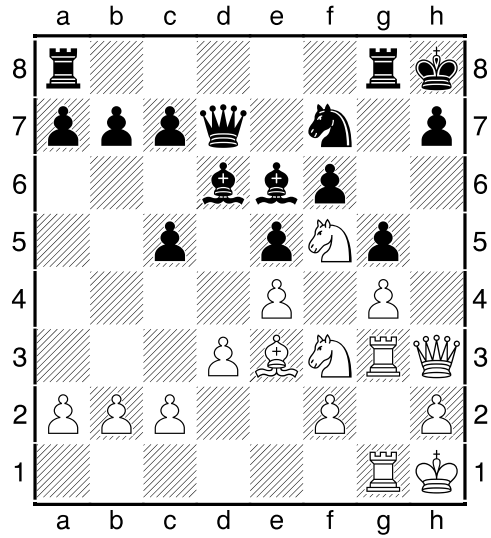
17.♙c4! Now there's no saving Black's king.

17...gxf6 18.♙g4 18.♙g4 ♙e7 (18...f5 19.♞xe6+! fxe6 20.♙h5+ ♜e7 21.♙g5#) 19.♞xe6! fxe6 20.♙xe6 cxb2+ 21.♜b1 ♞f8 22.♙d7#

1-0

**Parimarjan Negi (2645) –  
Viktor Bologan (2654)**

WCO2014 Tromso (6.21), 08.08.2014



**24. ♖g2!** White prepares to open the h–file with a pawn break on h4.

**24... ♗a4 25. h4 gxh4 26. ♘5xh4 ♙e7 27. ♘f5 ♚d7 28. ♗h2 ♙xf5 29. gxf5 ♘g5 (29... ♙d6 30. ♗xh7+! ♚xh7 31. ♖h3+ ♘h6 32. ♖xh6#) 30. ♙xg5 fxg5 31. ♘xe5+-**

**1-0**