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Canada’s National Team Places 34th at 37th Chess Olympiad

This tournament was played May 20 – June 4 in Turin, Italy. There were 150 National teams registered (Canada was ranked 47th), and 108 Women’s teams (Canada was 51st). Canada’s National team had an average rating of 2450 and was composed of GM Pascal Charbonneau, Canadian Champion, GM Mark Bluvshstein, IM Igor Zugic, IM Tomas Krnan, IM Thomas Roussel-Roozmon, and IM Ron Livshits. The Women’s team averaged 2108, and was composed of WIM Natalia Khoudgarian, Canadian Women’s Champion, WIM Nava Starr, former Canadian Women’s Champion, WIM Dinara Khaziyeva, former Canadian Women’s Champion, and WFM Hazel Smith.

At the start of the tournament, the top 5 teams were :

National

Women

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| 1. Russia – 2730 | 1. Russia - 2497 |
| 2. India – 2688 | 2. Ukraine - 2441 |
| 3. Armenia – 2682 | 3. Georgia - 2430 |
| 4. Ukraine – 2680 | 4. Hungary - 2426 |
| 5. France – 2665 | 5. USA – 2414 |

When the smoke cleared after 13 rounds, the top finalists were :

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National

Standings after thirteen rounds

Rk.	Sd	Team	Gms	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	3	Armenia	13	10	3	0	36.0	397.0	23
2	12	China	13	8	1	4	34.0	393.0	17
3	7	USA	13	9	3	1	33.0	392.5	21
4	6	Israel	13	9	3	1	33.0	380.5	21

USA took the bronze medal on tie-break. China is flexing its chess muscles, now that it is out of its past isolation. Russia finished 6th/10th with 32 points (Vladimir Kramnik, Russia, 2000 Classical World Champion, recovering from his recent illness, played first board, and finished with the highest performance rating in the Olympiad : 2847; this may give Veselin Topalov, 2005 FIDE World Champion, some food for thought, given their upcoming World Championship match this September !). India finished 30th/35th with 29.5 points (Anand lost to Charbonneau !)

Women

Standings after thirteen rounds (Women)

Rk.	Sd	Team	Gms	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	2	Ukraine	13	12	1	0	29.5	299.0	25
2	1	Russia	13	9	3	1	28.0	306.0	21
3	6	China	13	8	3	2	27.5	307.5	19

China has dominated the FIDE Women's World Championship the past few years, and also did well as a team. USA finished 4th/7th with 24.5 points.

Canada's National team

It had 7 wins and 6 losses, and ended in 30th/35th place (34th on tie-break), with 29.5 points (originally ranked 47th) – a very creditable showing (especially the win against India) ! Canada's results were as follows (# in brackets = finishing position) :

Wins

- (#30) India 2.5:1.5 (Rd. 12)
- (# 40) Indonesia 3.5:.5 (Rd. 11)
- (# 63) Dominican Republic 2.5:1.5 (Rd. 9)
- (# 85) Iraq 3.5:.5 (Rd. 7)
- (# 87) Japan 4:0 (Rd. 1)
- (# 89) Tunisia 3.5:.5 (Rd 10)
- (# 105) Angola 3.5:.5 (Rd. 3)

[four of Canada's wins were against relatively weak teams; India was originally ranked # 2]

Losses

- (# 15) Germany .5:3.5 (Rd. 2)
- (# 18) Moldova 1.5:2.5 (Rd. 13)
- (# 27) Switzerland 1.5:2.5 (Rd. 4)
- (# 50) Portugal 1.5:2.5 (Rd. 5)
- (# 57) Columbia 1:3 (Rd. 8)
- (# 80) Malaysia .5:3.5 (Rd. 6)

[3 of the losses were to teams finishing higher; 3 to teams finishing lower]

Here are the individual performance results :

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Performance Rtg</u>
Charbonneau (2510)	4.5/11	41%	2450
Bluvshtein (2531)	7.5/11	68%	2576
Zugic (2466)	5/9	56%	2472
Krnan (2409)	3.5/8	44%	2265
Roussel-Roozmon (2419)	7.5/10	75%	2459
Livshits (2364)	1.5/3	50%	2122

[4 players scored 50% or better !]

Women's Team

Canada's Women's team had 6 wins, 1 draw and 6 losses, and finished in 33rd/41st place (41st on tie-break), with 21 points (originally ranked 51st). This also is a good showing for Canada ! Here are their results:

<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
(# 37) Italy A 2.5:.5 (Rd. 9)	(# 22) Slovakia .5:1.5 (Rd. 10)
(# 48) Columbia 2:1 (Rd. 13)	(# 33) Estonia 1:2 (Rd. 3)
(# 51) Azerbaijan 2:1 (Rd. 8)	(# 35) Argentina .5:2.5 (Rd. 4)
(# 74) Tajikistan 2.5:.5 (Rd. 7)	(# 46) Ecuador 1:2 (Rd. 2)
(# 77) Sri Lanka 3:0 (Rd. 12)	(# 55) Denmark 1:2 (Rd. 6)
(# 93) Surinam 3:0 (Rd. 1)	(# 60) Peru .5:1.5 (Rd. 11)
[didn't defeat any teams finishing with more points]	[lost to 1 team finishing with more points and 5 with the same or slightly fewer]

Draws

(# 59) Norway (Rd. 5)

Here are the individual performances :

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Performance Rtg</u>
Khoudgarian (2123)	4.5/10	45%	2094
Starr (2169)	5.5/10	55%	2110
Khaziyeva (2103)	5.5/10	55%	2130
Smith (2035)	5.5/9	61%	2081

[3 players scored over 50%]

In Rd. 5, the Canadian Women's team split 1.5-1.5 with Norway. Hazel Smith had a nice win on Bd. 3, ending with a smother mate. Here it is :

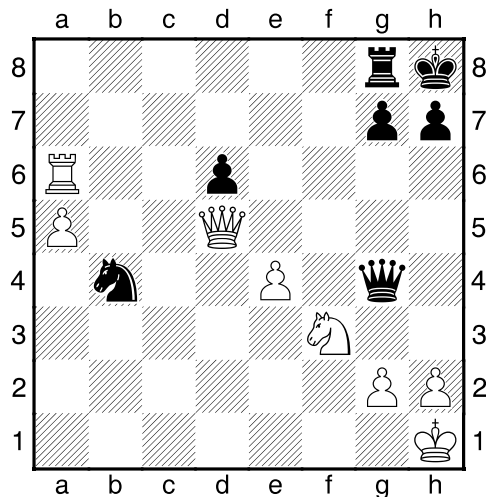
Smith, H (2035) – Hagesaether, T (2007) [C45]

36th Olympiad w Turin ITA (5), 25.05.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 Nge7 7.Bc4 Ne5 8.Be2 Qg6 9.0-0 d6 10.f3 0-0 11.Kh1 Bb6 12.a4 N5c6 13.Bc4 Kh8 14.b4 f5 15.Nd2 fxe4 16.fxe4 Bg4 17.Be2 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Rae8 19.a5 Bxd4 20.cxd4 Nxb4 21.Rab1 Rxf1+ 22.Qxf1 Nc2 23.Bg1 Nc6 24.Rxb7

N2xd4 25.Rxc7 Qf6 26.Qc4 Qd8 27.Qf7 Rg8 28.Bxd4 Nxd4 29.Rxa7 Nc6 30.Ra6 Qg5 31.Qd5 Qg4 32.Nf3 Nb4

Position after 32.....Nb4



33.Ng5 Rc8 34.Nf7+ Kg8 35.Nh6+ Kh8 36.Qg8+ 1-0

In Rd. 10, the Canadian National team beat Tunisia 3.5 : .5. Here is GM Mark Bluvshstein's win over FM Doghri Nabil:

Nabil, D (2364) – Bluvshstein, M (2531) [A00]

36th Turin Olympiad Turin, Italy (10), 31.05.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7 11.e5 Bb7 12.Qg3 Nxe5 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.f4 Bc8 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Rhe1 0-0 17.Qxe5 Qxe5 18.Rxe5 Bd6 19.Re2 Bxh2 20.Nxe6 Re8 21.Bf4 Bxe6 22.Bxh2 Bg4 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Rd4 Re1+ 25.Kd2 Rf1 26.Ke3 Bf5 27.Ke2 Rh1 28.Be5 Rc1 29.Rd2 Kf7 30.b4 Ke6 31.Bf4 Rxc2 32.Rxc2 Bxc2 33.Kd2 Be4 34.g3 Kf5 35.Ke3 g5 36.Bb8 h5 37.Kd4 Bc6 38.Kc5 Bf3 39.Bc7 Nd7+ 40.Kd4 Bc6 41.Bd6 Kg4 42.Ke3 Nf6 43.Be5 Ng8 44.Kd4 Ne7 45.Ke3 Nf5+ 46.Kf2 h4 47.gxh4 gxh4 48.Nd1 Ng3 49.Ne3+ Kh3 50.Bc7 Ne4+ 51.Ke1 Nc3 52.Kd2 Ne4+ 53.Ke2 Bd7 54.Kd3 Ng3 55.Kd4 Kh2 56.Kc5 Kg1 57.Bd8 h3 58.Kd6 h2 59.Bb6 h1Q 0-1

In Rd. 12 Charbonneau defeated the # 2 player in the world, India's Viswanathan Anand (2003) ! Here is their game :

Charbonneau, P (2510) – Anand, V (2803)

2006 Turin Olympiad Turin, Italy (12), 03.06.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.Qd2 Ne5 13.f3 Qc7 14.Rac1 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Qb8 16.Kh1 Rfe8 17.Bf1 Kh8 18.Be3 Ba8 19.Bg1 Rg8 20.Qe3 Ned7 21.Nab1 g5 22.Nd2 Bd8 23.b4 Bc7 24.Qe1 Rg6 25.Bd3 Ne5 26.Be2 Rcg8 27.Be3 Rh6 28.Nf1 Rgg6 29.Qd2 Qg8 30.a4 Bb7 31.c5 dxc5 32.bxc5 bxc5 33.Rb1 Bc6 34.Bxc5 g4 35.f4 g3 36.fxe5 Nxe4 37.Nxe4 Bxe4 38.Bd3 Bxg2+ 39.Qxg2 gxh2 40.Bxg6 Rxg6 41.Ng3 Rxg3 42.Qe4 Rg4 43.Be7 1-0

FIDE Presidential Election – Ilyumzhinov Elected

The election is over. Delegates from more than 150 national chess federations cast their ballots on Friday, June 2, in Turin, Italy, to elect the president of the International Chess Federation. The result was a clear victory for the incumbent president Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, who collected 96 votes, compared to 54 for his challenger Bessel Kok (whom the CFC supported).

Junior Wins Computer Chess World Championship

The Israeli program Junior – authors Amir Ban and Shay Bushinsky – won the 14th World Computer Chess Championship, which was held as a side event of the Chess Olympiad in Turin. Junior scored 8/11. Second was Shredder with 7.5/11, third Rajlich with the same score.

SCC Spring Swiss

On Thursday, April 27, SCC started the Spring Swiss, an 8 round, one-section swiss. 28 players registered. After 5 rounds, there is a two-player tie for the lead with 4.5 pts.: Rick Garel and your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong. There is a four-way tie for 3rd /6th, a full point behind : Bryan Lamb, last year's club champion, Sascha Rapoport, this year's club co-champion, Joe Bellomo, and Silvano Mesiti.

In Rd. 4, Rick Garel defeated Maurice Smith to continue being tied for first. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz; RG = Annotations by Rick Garel):

Garel, R (1873) – Smith, M (1601) [B76]

SCC Spring Swiss SCC (4), 01.06.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 [6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bg5 Bg7 8.0-0 Nc6=] **6...Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6??±** [8...b6=] **9.0-0-0 Nxd4** [9...Qa5 10.Kb1 Bd7 11.g4 Rfc8±] **10.Bxd4 Be6 11.h4?±** [11.g4 Qa5 12.Kb1 Rfc8 13.g5 Nh5±] **11...h5 12.Bd3** According to the chess database of ChessBase, this is a novelty. The previously played moves were Be2, Kb1, Nd5 and g4. **12...Qa5** [12...Rc8 13.Rhe1 a6 14.Qg5 Qd7=] **13.Kb1** [13.Qg5 Qb4 14.Be3 Nh7 15.Qxe7 Rfe8 16.a3 Qxb2+ 17.Kxb2 Rxe7=] **13...Rac8??±** wrong rook ! [13...Rfc8 14.Bxf6 Rxc3! 15.Qxc3 Qxa2+ 16.Kc1 Bxf6 17.Qa3 Qxa3 18.bxa3 Rc8=] **14.Nd5 Qxd2 15.Nxe7+ Kh7 16.Rxd2 Rce8 17.Bxf6** [17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.exd5 Bxd5±] **17...Bxf6 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Bxh4 20.c4??±** [20.Rdd1±] **20...Re1+ 21.Rxe1 Bxe1 22.Re2 Bh4** RG: I believe that the sequence beginning at move 13....Rac8 is almost forced.! So now at move 23 we arrive at a critical position. How should both players play ? **23.g4?±** RG: this was a very dubious move. It hands Bl. an outside passed P on a silver platter. [23.b4 Rc8 24.a4 a5 25.bxa5 Bf6 26.Kc2 Rc5 27.Kb3 Rxa5±; RG: Fritz likes 23.Kc2 Bf6±] **23...Kh6 24.gxh5 gxh5 25.b4 b6 26.Kc2 Bf6 27.f4 h4 28.Bf5** RG: I was trying to keep Bl's K out **28...Rg8 29.Kb3??±** for the first, and only, time in the game, Maurice gets a slight advantage [29.Kd3=] **29...Rg3+ 30.Ka4 Rc3?±** [30...Rf3 31.Re4 h3 32.Re2 Rxf4 33.Bxh3 Rxc4 34.Kb5 Rc3 35.Bd7 Rc7 36.Bh3 Kg6±] **31.Kb5 a6+ 32.Kxb6 Rxc4 33.Re4 Rc3??±** [33...Bd4+ 34.Kxa6 Rxb4 35.a3 Rb6+ 36.Ka5 Bc5=] **34.a4 h3?±** [34...a5 35.Kxa5 Rd3 36.Bd7 Rxd5+ 37.b5 Rc5±] **35.Kxa6??±** [35.Re2 Bd4+ 36.Kxa6 Bg1 37.Bxh3 Rxh3 38.b5 Ra3+–] **35...Bh4??±** [35...h2 36.Re1 Ra3 37.Kb5 Bh4 38.Rf1 Re3 39.a5 Bg3 40.a6 Bxf4 41.Rh1 Kg5±] **36.Bxh3!** [36.Re2 Rf3 37.Kb5 Kg7 38.a5 Bf6 39.a6 Bd4 40.Rh2 Rxf4 41.Bxh3 Ba7+–] **36...Rxh3 37.b5 Bf2 38.b6 Rg3** [38...Kg7 39.a5 Rh8 40.Kb7 Rh3 41.Rb4 Bc5 42.Rb5 Rd3 43.a6 Bxb6 44.Rxb6 Re3 45.a7 Re7+ 46.Ka6 Re8 47.Rxd6 Ra8 48.Kb7 Rh8+–] **39.Kb7**

[39.b7 Rb3 40.a5 Kg6 41.Re8 Kf5 42.b8Q Rxb8 43.Rxb8 Kxf4+-] **39...Rb3 40.a5 Rb5 41.Kc6??±**
 [41.Ka6+-] **41...Rxa5 42.b7 Ba7 43.Kxd6?±** Rick's advantage has now totally slipped away.
 [43.Re8 Rc5+ 44.Kxd6 Rb5 45.Re7 Kg6 46.Rc7 Kg7 47.f5 Kf6 48.Kc6 Rb6+ 49.Kd7 Kxf5 50.d6
 Ke5 51.Rc5+ Kf6±] **43...Bb8+??+-** But Maurice errs, and puts the game back within Rick's reach.
 [43...Rb5 44.Re7 Kg6 45.f5+ Kf6 46.Rd7 Bb8+ 47.Kc6 Rb1=] **44.Kc6 Ra6+** [44...Ra3 45.Kd7 Rc3
 46.Rb4 Kh5 47.d6 Kg4 48.Rd4 f5 49.Rd5 Rh3 50.Rd2 Kxf4 51.Kc6 Rc3+ 52.Kd5 Ke3 53.Rd1
 Rb3 54.d7 Bc7 55.Rc1 Ba5 56.Rc3+ Bxc3 57.d8Q Rxb7+-] **45.Kd7 Rb6 46.Kc8 Bd6 47.Rc4
 Rb5?+-** the final error [47...Kg7 48.Rc6 Rxb7 49.Kxb7 Bxf4 50.d6 f5 51.d7 Bg5 52.Kc7 Kf7
 53.Rh6 Bf4+ 54.Kc6 Bxh6 55.d8Q f4+-] **48.Rc6** Maurice resigned. The game could have
 continued **48...Kh5 49.Rxd6 Kg4 50.Rc6 Rxd5 51.b8Q+- 1-0**

In Rd. 5, Rick continued his winning ways, defeating Joe Bellomo, and remaining in a tie for first place. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bellomo, J (1619) – Garel, R (1873) [C19]

Spring Swiss SCC (5), 08.06.2006

1.e4 e6± 2.d4= [2.Nf3±] **2...d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Nf3 Nbc6 8.a4 Qa5
 9.Bd2** [9.Qd2=] **9...c4** [9...0-0=] **10.g3 Bd7 11.Bh3?±** [11.Bg2=] **11...0-0-0?±** [11...Nd8 12.Bg5
 Bxa4 13.0-0 Ndc6 14.Bxe7 Nxe7±] **12.0-0 Ng6 13.Ng5 Rdf8 14.f4 h6 15.Nf3 f6 16.exf6?±**
 [16.Bg2=] **16...Rxf6?±** [16...gxf6±] **17.Ne5 Ngxe5 18.dxe5?±** [18.fxe5 Rxf1+ 19.Bxf1 Rf8 20.Bg2
 g5=] **18...Rf7 19.Qe1?±** [19.Qh5 Rhf8 20.Rfb1 Nd4 21.Kh1 Nf5±] **19...Rhf8** [19...h5?±] **20.Be3**
 [20.Qe2? Ne7 21.Rfb1 Nf5 22.Rb4 g5 23.fgx5 hxg5 24.Bxg5 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 a5 26.Rbb1 Rh7
 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.Bf4 Bc6-+] **20...Ne7??±** Rick, who has had an advantage much of the time so
 far, loses it. The game goes back to equal. [20...g5 21.Qd2 gxf4 22.Bxf4 h5 23.Rab1 h4 24.gxh4
 Qxa4 25.h5 Qa3±] **21.Bd4** [21.Qb1 b6 22.Qb4 Nc6 23.Qd6 Re8 24.Ra3 Nd8=] **21...Nf5**
22.Bxf5?± an exchange that is an error. Rick gets back his " clear " advantage [22.Qc1 b6
 23.Qa3 g5 24.fgx5 hxg5 25.Bxf5 exf5 26.Qd6 Re8=] **22...Rxf5 23.Qe3 b6 24.Rfb1 Kc7 25.Rb4
 g5 26.Rf1** [26.fgx5 hxg5 27.Kg2 Be8 28.Qe2 Kc8±] **26...gxf4 27.Rxf4 Rxf4 28.gxf4 Bxa4
 29.Qe2?+-** for some unknown reason, Joe gives up his fP [29.Qc1 Rf5 30.Rb1 Kc8 31.Ra1 a6
 32.Qe3 Kb7±] **29...Rg8+?+-** But for some unknown reason, Rick refuses to capture the fP
 [29...Rxf4-+] **30.Kf2 Be8 31.Rb1 Qa2 32.Qd1 Bg6?±** [32...Kb8-+] **33.Ra1 Qb2 34.Rxa7+ Kb8
 35.Ra1 Bxc2 36.Qc1 Qxc1 37.Rxc1 Be4 38.Rg1 Rxg1?±** Rick is letting his advantage slip away
 [38...Rf8 39.Ke3 Kc7 40.Ra1 Kb7 41.Ra2 Kc6±] **39.Kxg1 Kb7 40.Kf2 Ka6 41.Kg3 b5 42.Kh4??-
 +** Joe comes up with a losing plan. He needs to play defensively. The opposite coloured B's, and
 the positions of the P's, help him to get a draw. [42.Kf2 b4 43.cxb4 Kb5 44.Bc3 Bf5 45.Ke2 Bg4+
 46.Ke3 Bh3 47.Kd2 h5±] **42...Bg6** [42...Ka5 43.Bc5 Ka4 44.Kh5 Kb3 45.Bd4 Kc2 46.Kxh6 Kd3
 47.Bf2 (47.Kg7? b4 48.Bc5 b3-+) 47...Kxc3-+] **43.Kg3 Ka5 44.Bc5 Ka4 45.Bf8 Kb3 46.Bxh6
 Kxc3** [46...Bf5 47.Bf8 d4 48.Bc5 d3 49.Be3 Kxc3 50.h4 b4 51.h5 b3 52.h6 b2 53.h7 Bxh7-+]
47.Kf2 b4 48.Ke2 b3 49.f5 Bxf5 [49...Bh5+ 50.Kf2 b2 51.h3 b1Q-+] **50.Bd2+ Kc2 0-1**

Also in Rd. 5, your intrepid editor continued to defy the odds by defeating the second highest rated player in the club, John Hall (though I should have lost). Here is our game (my own Annotations, using Fritz):

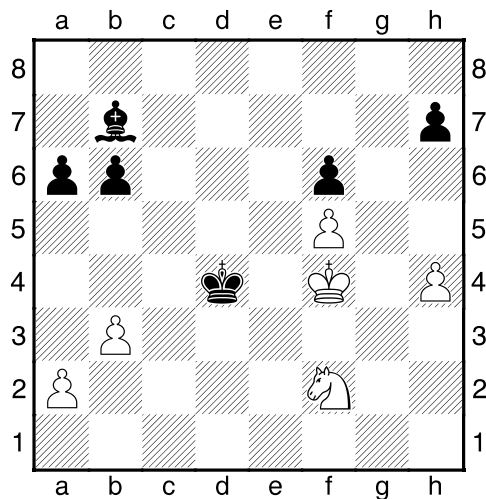
Armstrong, R (1678) – Hall, J (2058) [D30]

SCC Spring Swiss SCC, Toronto (5), 08.06.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bd3 a6 6.cxd5 exd5 [6...Nxd5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nc3 cxd4 9.exd4
 Be7 10.Nxd5 Qxd5=] **7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3** According to the chess database of
 ChessBase, this is a novelty. The previously played move was 9.h3. [9.h3=] **9...Nc6 10.Bb2 Bg4
 11.Nbd2 d4 12.exd4?±** I analyzed both lines, and then chose the wrong one ! [12.e4 Re8 13.Qb1
 Rc8 14.a3 Ba7 15.Rc1 Qe7=] **12...Bxd4 13.Bxd4 Nxd4 14.Be2** [14.Re1 Rc8 15.h3 Bh5 16.g4
 Rc3 17.Ne5 Bg6±] **14...Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Re8 16.Qc4 Rc8 17.Qb4 Qe7?±** [17...b6±] **18.Qxe7**

Rxe7 19.h3 Be6 20.Rac1 Rec7 21.Rxc7 Rxc7 22.Nd4 [22.Rd1 Rd7 23.Rc1 Kf8 24.Kf1 Ke7 25.a4 b5=] **22...Bd5 23.Re1 Kf8 24.Kf1 Rc3 25.h4??** [25.N2f3 Bxf3 26.Nxf3 b5 27.Nd4 Nd5 28.g3 Rd3 29.Nc6 Rd2=] **25...g6? =** [25...b5 26.N2f3 Bxf3 27.Nxf3 b4 28.Ne5 h5=] **26.N2f3 Nh5 27.Re5??** for the first time John gets a " clear " advantage [27.Rd1 Bxf3 28.Nxf3 b5 29.Ne5 Rc2 30.a4 Nf6=] **27...Rc1+?? =** But he fails to hold it ! [27...Bxf3 28.Nxf3 Nf4 29.Ne1 Rc1 30.Re3 Nd5 31.Rd3 Nb4 32.Rd2 Ra1 33.a4 Rb1 34.g4 Rxb3=] **28.Re1 Rxe1+ 29.Nxe1** [29.Kxe1?? Nf4 30.Kf1 Ke7 31.a3 Kd6 32.g4 Kc5=] **29...Ke7 30.g3 Kd6 31.Nd3 Be4 32.Ke2 b6** [32...f5 33.a3 h6 34.Ke3 Nf6 35.f3 Nd5+ 36.Kd2 Bxd3 37.Kxd3 f4=] **33.Ke3 Bb7 34.Nf3 f6** [34...Bxf3 35.Kxf3 f5 36.a3 h6 37.Nf4 Nxf4 38.Kxf4 Ke6 39.b4 b5=] **35.g4 Ng7 36.Nd4 Ne6 37.f4 Nc7 38.f5 Nd5+ 39.Kd2 Ne7 40.Ke3 gxf5 41.Nxf5+ Nxf5+ 42.gxf5 Kd5 43.Kf4** [43.h5 Kd6 44.Kf4 Bd5 45.h6 a5 46.Ke3 Bb7=] **43...Kd4 44.Nf2??** -+ I thought I could go to g4 with my N, and win John's f6P. Only after I moved did I see he had h5! to keep my N out. This should have lost me a well-played game (much of the game had been equal, or sometimes he had only a slight advantage) ! [44.Nc1 Bd5 45.Ne2+ Kc5 46.Ke3 Kd6 47.Kd4 Bf3 48.Ng3 Ke7=]

Position after 44. Nf2



44...Kc3?? -+ John had only 5 min. left, and I had 34 min.. In the time pressure, he misses the defensive move 44...h5 ! He's now lost, after the game being equal, or him having the advantage, the whole game ! This is the first time I have gotten the advantage, and it is winning ! [44...h5 45.Nd1 Bd5 46.Ne3 Bf7 47.Nd1 b5 48.Nf2 Bd5 49.Nd1 a5 50.Ne3 Bf7 51.Nd1 a4 52.bxa4 bxa4 53.a3 Kc4=+] **45.Ng4 Kb2 46.Nxf6 h6 47.h5 Kxa2 48.Ng8 Bd5 49.Nxh6 Kxb3 50.f6 a5 51.f7 Bxf7 52.Nxf7 a4 53.h6 a3 54.h7 Kb2 55.h8Q+ Kb1 56.Qc3 a2 57.Qb3+ Ka1** [57...Kc1 58.Qxa2 b5 59.Ke3 b4 60.Kd3 b3 61.Qa1#] **58.Ne5** [58.Qc2! b5 59.Qc1#] **58...b5 59.Nd3** John resigned with his flag hanging. Mate comes next **59...b4 60.Qb2# 1-0**

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