

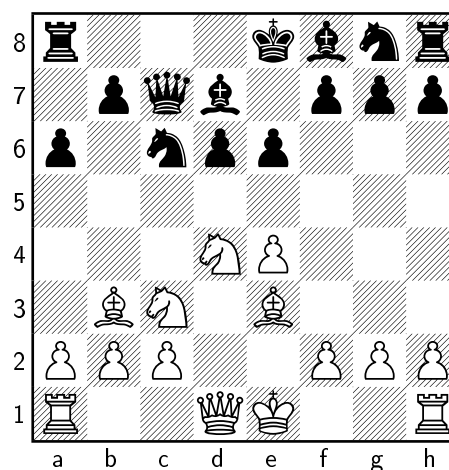
Chess game

Me vs Ruaudeleric

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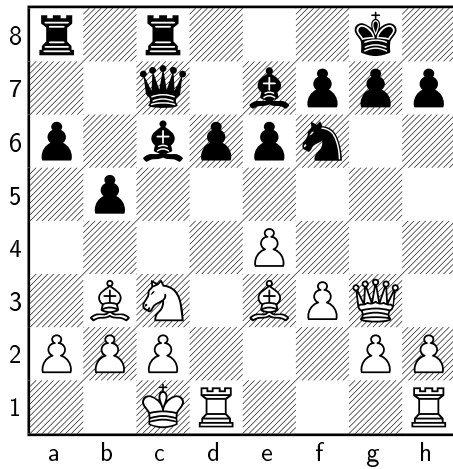
This is the story of a quick defeat. By checkmate! It didn't happen since eons: it used to happen at the very beginning, when I've started to play chess in my teen age. Then, even an amateur unskilled player like me can look forward for at least two moves ahead and see if there's a checkmate coming without any hope to avoid it. You usually resign; unless you don't see it coming because of a carelessness blunder. What a shame!

Lesson learned: do not move in the morning, nor when you take your time to check the smartphone just before you are again pulled in your job session to fulfil a request or whatever.



Everything's fine. I believed this one couldn't be too tough: he was slower in developing the pieces (two are in their initial spot still). Maybe I wasn't good at exploiting this.

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| 1. | e4 | c5 | | |
| 2. | ♘c3 | e6 | | |
| 3. | ♘f3 | d6 | | |
| 4. | ♙c4 | a6 | | |
| 5. | d4 | cxd4 | | |
| 6. | ♘xd4 | ♖c7 | | |
| 7. | ♙b3 | ♙d7 | | |
| 8. | ♙e3 | ♘c6 | | |
| 9. | | ♘xc6 | ♙xc6 | |
| 10. | ♖e2 | ♘f6 | | |
| 11. | f3 | ♙e7 | | |
| 12. | O-O-O | O-O | | |
| 13. | ♖f2 | b5 | | |
| 14. | ♖g3 | ♖fc8 | | |



He prepared the c-file to be his gun. I was keeping my eye on the g7-pawn.

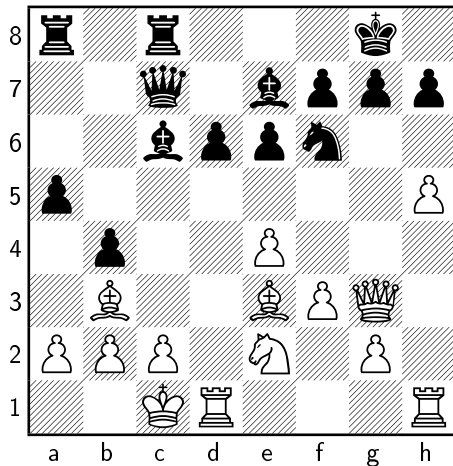
15. h4

The idea was to make ineffective ...g6: I was planning ♖h6. A weak plan, indeed.

15. ... b4

16. ♘e2 a5

17. h5



I've underestimated those two advanced pawns. Unluckily I was too focused on my simple plan for the g7-pawn and almost forget to analyse deeper what could happen on the other side of the board.

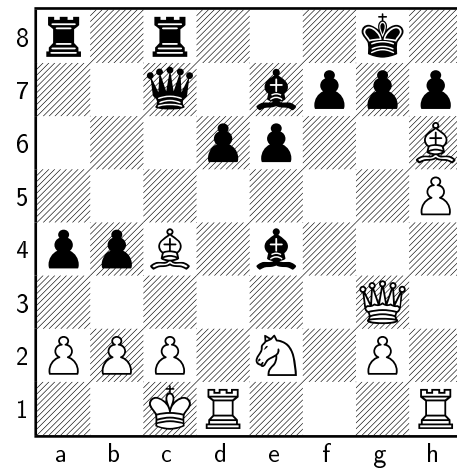
17. ... a4

18. ♙c4 ♘xe4??

My self-confidence increased. This didn't look as a sacrifice at all. It was simply a blunder. Wasn't it?

19. fxe4 ♙xe4

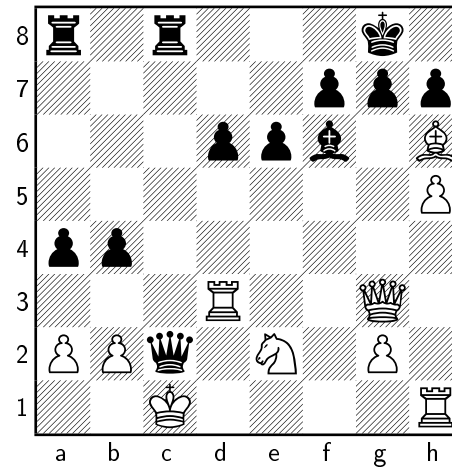
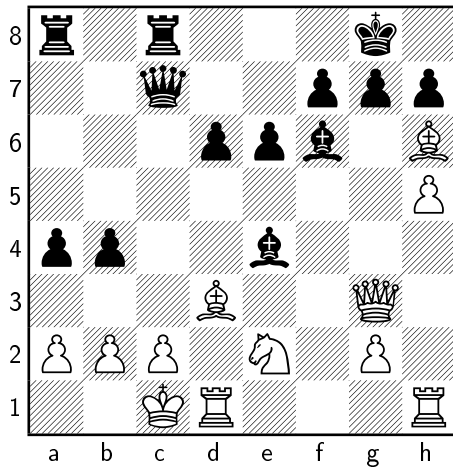
20. ♙h6?



Nonetheless something was happening against me and I decided to ignore it, and made a risky move. It was risky since it depended on my queen, who had to stay in the g-file, and on his king, who had to stay there, too. It was enough he moved the king, and I would have needed to lose a move to save the bishop. Not a good plan, after all; but I was bold also because of his blunder, and he had to respond to the threat, anyway. He did, of course:

20. ... ♙f6

21. ♙d3



I did the move ♕d3 yesterday (2016-06-03) and I was already enjoying the moment when I would have driven his bishop away from defending the g7-pawn, likely with ♖hf1 to begin with. But he was threatening my bishop and a checkmate: 21. ♖hf1, ♕xc4 22. ♗xf6, ♕xc2# was in fact blind. So I had to defend my c2-pawn: ♕d3 was necessary.

Without this blunder, the game would have lasted a lot longer, in my opinion. But of course in another universe. In this one it must count as a shameful defeat!

I saw 21. ♕d3, ♕xd3 22. ♕xd3, g×h6. It was the failure of my simple plan, but in the same time I wasn't wasted: he had just regained the lost piece back. My position wasn't good, but I thought I could handle it easily. I went to bed. And in the day after I've found his obvious move:

21. ... ♕xd3

Disregarding totally what I've reasoned about the day before, I moved the rook instead of the queen. Terrible blunder!

22. ♖xd3?? ♕xc2#