

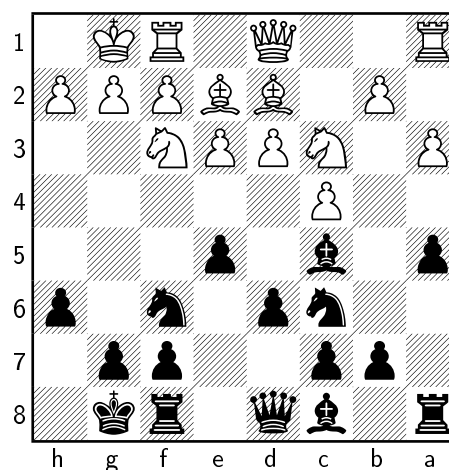
Chess game

Pretty Law vs Me

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This is a rematch. This time I play black, she plays white. I had to resign. This game was played again on chess.com (I play with the mobile app, indeed, and access the site to download PGNs).

1. c4 e5
2. ♘c3 ♘f6
3. d3 ♙c5
4. e3 ♘c6
5. ♘f3 d6
6. ♙e2



Let's start to fight.

Honestly I didn't remember which opening **c4** was. It was the English Opening. I tried to play as if I'd have been the white, and up to ... ♘f6 we played a known variation.

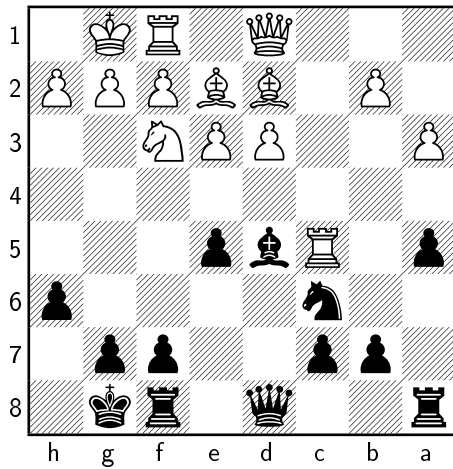
Then we continued taking our positions.

6. ... O-O
7. O-O h6
8. a3 a5
9. ♙d2

9. ... d5
10. cxd5 ♘xd5
11. ♙c1

GNU Chess suggests **11. ♘xe5, ♘xe5 12. d4**, a fork attacking my bishop and knight. According to GNU Chess, it continues like ... ♙xd4, then **exd4**, and of course white gains a piece.

11. ... ♙e6?
12. ♘xd5 ♙xd5
13. ♙xc5

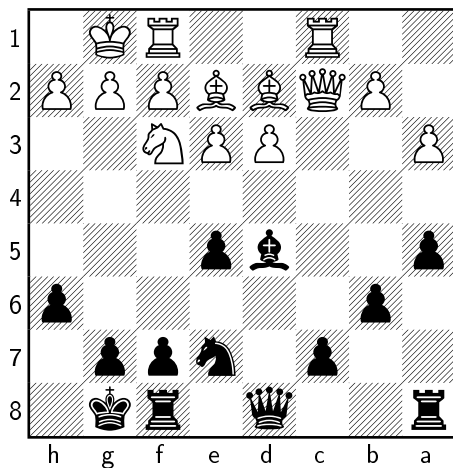


Anyway white found a combination that worked well.

13. ... b6?

GNU Chess gives a bad score to this one. I think it's because I have left my knight defended by a bishop which is more suited to attack, being near the enemy line.

14. ♖c1 ♗e7
15. ♕c2

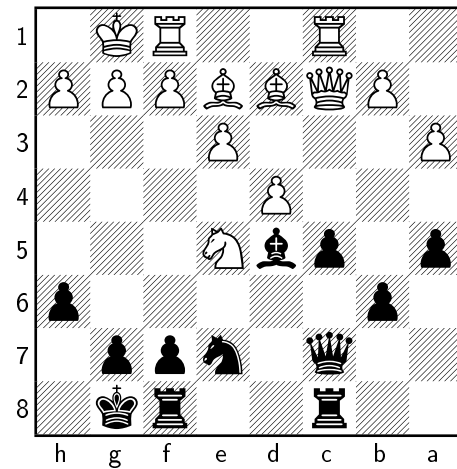


White power is ready to explode. Black should play very smart and/or brave. But black it's me, and I am a bad amateur player.

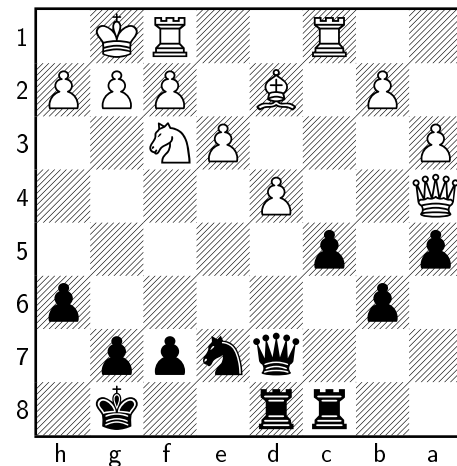
15. ... c5?

According to GNU Chess, 15...., ♕xf3
16. ♕xf3, ♖a7 17. ♕c3, ♗g6.

16. ♗xe5 ♕c7
17. d4 ♖ac8



18. ♕f3 ♕xf3
19. ♗xf3 ♖fd8
20. ♕a4 ♕d7



It seems I was in the mood of provoking exchanges.

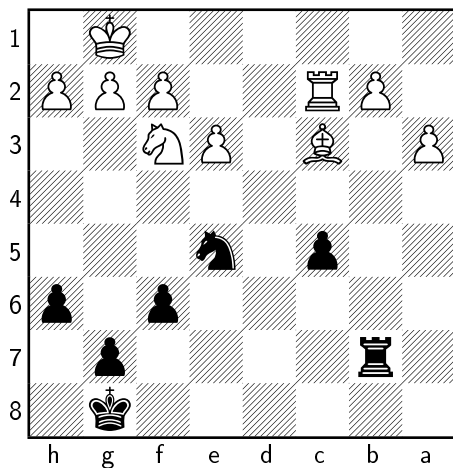
- 21. ♔xd7 ♖xd7
- 22. dxc5 ♖xc5
- 23. ♖xc5 bxc5
- 24. ♗xa5

According to GNU Chess, I had to play 24. ♗xa5, ♖b7 to threaten her b2-pawn. Instead I wanted to avoid ♗e5, so...

- 24. ... f6
- 25. ♖c1

Then I decide to threaten the b2-pawn, at last. Sometimes it seems to me I am always one move behind.

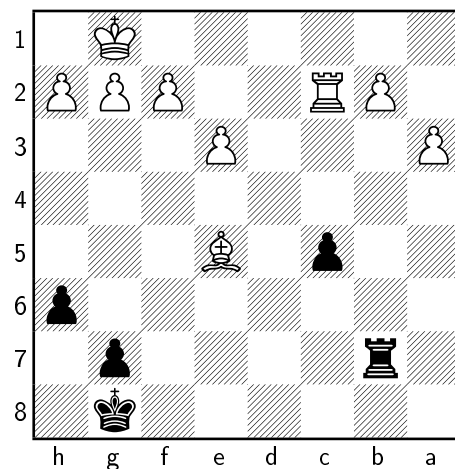
- 25. ... ♖b7
- 26. ♖c2 ♗c6
- 27. ♗c3 ♗e5?



Again I am searching to exchange pieces. What a pity I miss my bishop, and with this last move I lose another pawn, tearing it apart from its chain fellows.

- 28. ♗xe5 fxe5
- 29. ♗xe5

At this point I've realized I have no chances; maybe it could be a hard fight iff I do no mistakes, which is unlikely. Hence **I resign**. I dreamed a checkmate throwing my rook on the first rank, maybe through the d-file. It would have been too easy to avoid it, by advancing one of the pawns in front of the king.



GNU Chess suggests: 29. ♗xe5, ♖b5 30. ♖c4, ♗f7 31. ♗f1, ♖a5 32. ♗c3, ♖a7 33. ♖xc5, ♖d7 34. e4, ♗e6 35. ♗e2, but it is clear that even GNU Chess can't save me.