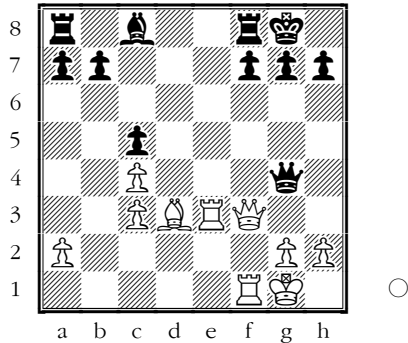
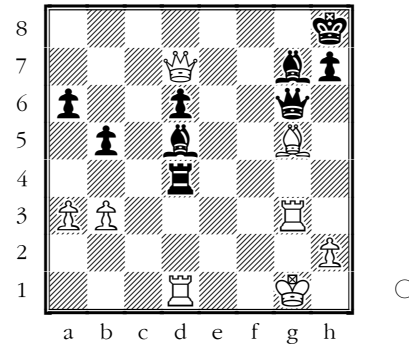


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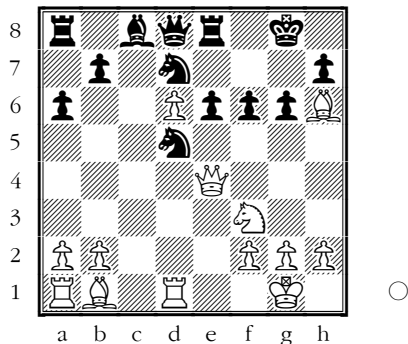


**Steinberg (2486) – Svidler (2748)**  
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White would have won, had he found the line 36.♔d2! ♖f7 37.♖d8+ ♔g8 38.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 39.♗xg7 ♖xg7 40.♔c3, but Peter got a bit lucky:  
**36.♖d8+? ♔g8 37.♗f1 ♔d3 38.♗g2 ♔d4+ 39.♖h1 ♗f3! 40.♗d1 ♖f7 41.♗dg1 ♔xg1 42.♔f6+ ♗xf6 43.♗xg8+ ♖xg8 44.♖xf6+ ♖g7 1/2-1/2**

**Ceschia (2257) – Sl. Peric (2168)**  
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Caruana won a nice game:

**Caruana (2827) – Batchimeg (2390)**  
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*The Queen's Gambit Accepted; D25*

**1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 a6 5.♔xc4 e6 6.0-0 (D)**



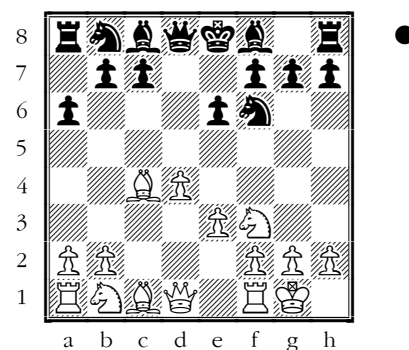
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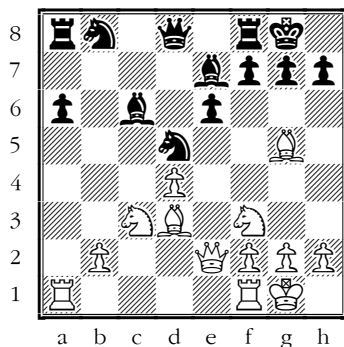
**1-9.** GMs Adams (ENG, 2751), Zvjaginsev (RUS, 2679), Vitiugov (RUS, 2724), Shankland (USA, 2674), Iturrizaga Bonelli (VEN, 2652), Sutovsky (ISR, 2628), Lagarde (FRA, 2594), Piorun (POL, 2651) and Ju Wenjun (CHN, 2583) – 3, etc.

Not many 2700+ players are on 3/3. Some of them are on 2/3 – and for some things could be even worse!

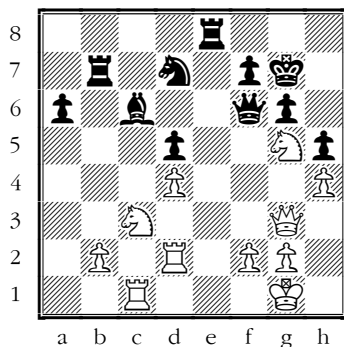


**6...b5** This move is usually used when Black wants to avoid theory and get a complex game. Unfortunately, it has drawbacks too. The main line is 6...c5.  
**7.♔d3 ♔b7 8.a4 bxa4 9.♗xa4 9.♘c3!? c5 10.♘e5 ♘bd7 11.♖xa4 ♔d6?! 12.♘c4 ♖c7 13.♘xd6+ ♖xd6 14.dxc5 ♖xc5 15.e4±** Khenkin–Sulava, San Marino 1998.

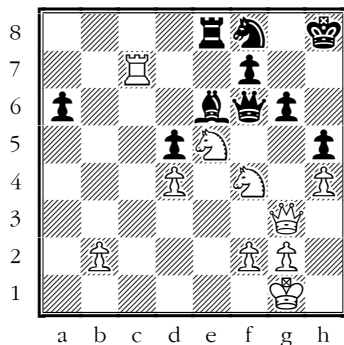
9...c5 10.♟c3 cxd4 11.exd4 ♖e7  
12.♜e2 0-0 13.♙g5 ♘c6 14.♞a1  
♜d5 (D)



15.♜e4 g6 16.♜h4 ♙xg5 17.♜xg5  
h5 18.♜g3 ♜f6 19.♞ac1 ♞a7  
20.♞fd1 ♜g7 ○ 20...♞b7.  
21.♙e4 ♞b7 22.♙xd5 exd5 23.♞d2  
♞e8 24.h4 ♜d7 (D)

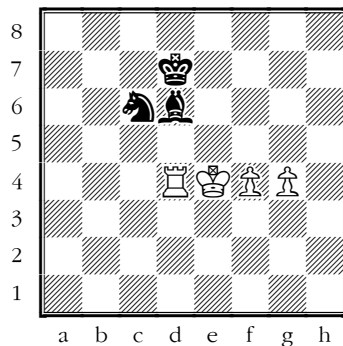


*Komodo* evaluates this position as only +0.62, but holding this position against one of world's best players isn't easy: 25.♜e2! ♜f8?! 26.♜f4 ♜h8 27.♞dc2 ♙a4 28.♞c7 ♞xc7 29.♞xc7 ♙d7 30.♜f3 ♙e6 31.♜e5+- (D)



31...♞e7 32.♞c6 ♜f5 33.♞xa6 ♞b7  
34.b3 ♜g7 35.♞d6 ♞c7 36.♜h2  
♞b7 37.♞c6 ♞e7 38.b4 ♞b7  
39.♜fd3 ♜e4 40.♜c5 1-0

Zvjaginsev (2679) – Lagno (2530)  
Gibraltar Masters (3) Caleta 26.01.2017



According to Lomonosov 7–chessmen database, with best play White checkmates in 28 moves.

54.♞c4 ♜d8 55.♜f5 ♜e7 56.♜g6  
♜e6 57.♞e4 ♜d7 58.♜f5 ♜c7  
59.g5 ♜d5 60.g6 ♙f8 61.♞d4 ♜d6  
62.♜e4 1-0

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20.♜xf7+! 1-0

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18.♞xd5! exd5 19.♜xd5+ ♜h8  
20.♜f7 ♞g8 21.♙c2 ♜e8 22.♙g7+  
1-0

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