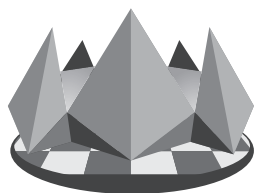


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KEY TO SYMBOLS

=	Equality or equal chances
±	White has a slight advantage
∓	Black has a slight advantage
±	White is better
∓	Black is better
+-	White has a decisive advantage
-+	Black has a decisive advantage
∞	unclear
∞̄	with compensation
↔	with counterplay
↑	with initiative
→	with an attack
Δ	with the idea
□	only move
N	novelty
!	a good move
!!	an excellent move
?	a weak move
??	a blunder
!?	an interesting move
?!	a dubious move
+	check
#	mate

EDITORIAL PREFACE

DR. ELMAN RUSTAMOV

PRESIDENT OF THE AZERBAIJAN CHESS FEDERATION

Azerbaijan, the Land of Fire with a history of chess, will play host to the World Chess Olympiad this year. The “Pearls of Azerbaijan” digest, which represents a collection of chess combinations of both contemporary and earlier Azerbaijani chess players, will be of interest to chess fans all over the world.

The digest provides an insight into hundreds of chess games by renowned Azerbaijani chess players and reflects stages in the development of chess intellect. Therefore, from the standpoint of its contribution to the development of a generation of chess players, diversification of chess analysis and promotion of chess heritage, I do hope that this edition will earn itself a place among lovers of chess.

MAHIR MAMMEDOV

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AZERBAIJANI CHESS FEDERATION
HEAD OF THE BAKU CHESS OLYMPIAD OPERATING COMMITTEE (BCOOC)

Chess has always been one of Azerbaijan's favorite sports. The presence of information about chess in the writings of Nizami Ganjavi and Khurshidbanu Natavan suggests that chess in Azerbaijan has a long history. From this point of view, the fact that combinations by Azerbaijani chess players are being published together in one edition is particularly important.

The edition, titled "Pearls of Azerbaijan", describes combinations played not only in the modern period, but also in the previous century. The publication of nearly 600 combinations in one book will allow chess amateurs to easily study them.

In addition to Azerbaijani chess amateurs and coaches, the "Pearls of Azerbaijan" edition, being published on the eve of the 42nd World Chess Olympiad, will be a useful aid to the broader chess community around the world. It will also provide children with the opportunity to study Azerbaijan's chess history and traditions.

FAIK HASANOV

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AZERBAIJANI CHESS FEDERATION
CHIEF ARBITER OF THE 42ND CHESS OLYMPIAD

It is certainly commendable that this publication appears in the run-up to the 42nd World Chess Olympiad. The edition contains many interesting combinations by Azerbaijani chess players — not only of the contemporary period, but also those who played in the early 20th century.

The valuable information available in the book describes the different stages in the development of chess in Azerbaijan and shows that this game has a long history in our country. The publication examines chess combinations — all of which are played by Azerbaijani chess players.

The fact that combinations from the ancient game of chess are grouped together in one volume will prove extremely helpful to chess players, coaches and amateurs alike. I am sure that the “Pearls of Azerbaijan” edition will contribute a huge amount to the development of the younger generation of chess players.

INTRODUCTION

The idea of creating this book came to me 4 years ago, following my analysis of Azerbaijani chess players' games. I discovered a huge amount of combinational motifs which they created during their play.

Why not combine the most interesting combinations of our current generation with those of our past masters into one volume, I thought to myself? And so I began a collection of the most beautiful Azerbaijani combinational masterpieces.

Acknowledging the fact that in 2016 our country will host the 42nd World Chess Olympiad, a decision was taken to finalise and produce the current book with the help of World Chess Olympiad Operating Committee.

In this volume you will find the brightest and most sparkling selection of tactical masterpieces from our Azerbaijani chess players, which have been carefully selected and designated into 3 categories: easy, medium and difficult, in order to attract not only the professional player but also to share the joy with all chess lovers.

I am absolutely sure that the current collection of chess masterpieces which we have titled „The Pearls of Azerbaijan” will inspire our current chess players to produce even more combinational beauties - and of course it will be a good handbook for our trainers and chess players across the country.

Djakhangir Agaragimov,
Baku 28.06.2016

HERE ARE YOUR FOUR BIGGEST HELPERS



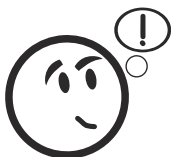
– if you see this face, then there are two ways to victory.



– try to find a silent move, which is usually based on a tactical idea



– Your intuition is requested now. When it is impossible to calculate the lines until the end, you should try to feel that things must work out well for you.



– it is really the time to have a deep thought. It might be, that the most obvious move is not the right one or the “main” move of the line is not the first one.

In case You see a puzzle without a “smiley”, you need to find the right moves on your own.

Each chapter has its own solution part.

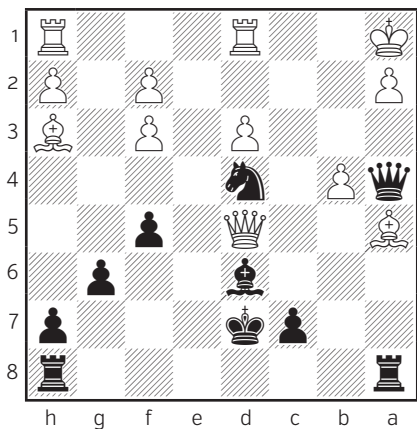
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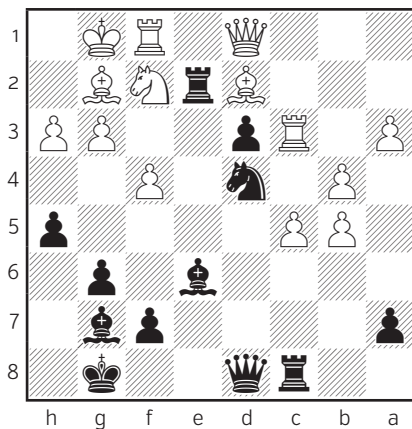
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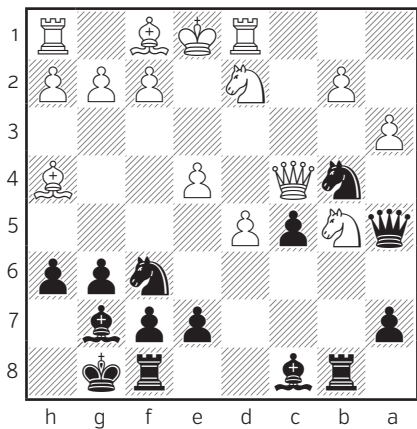
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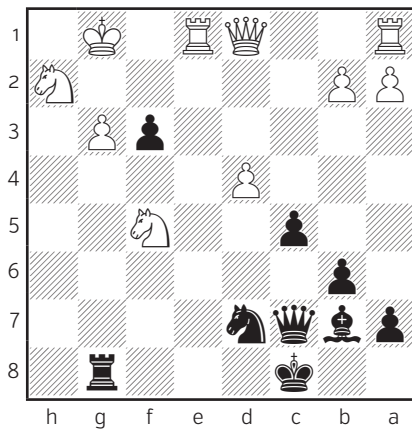
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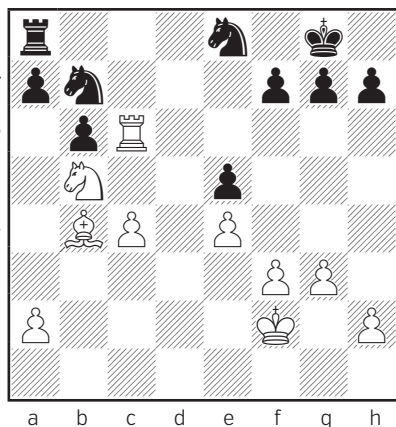
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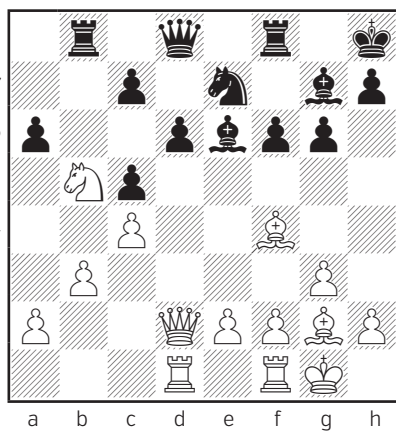
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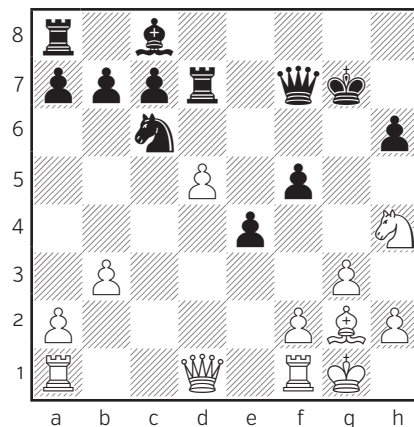
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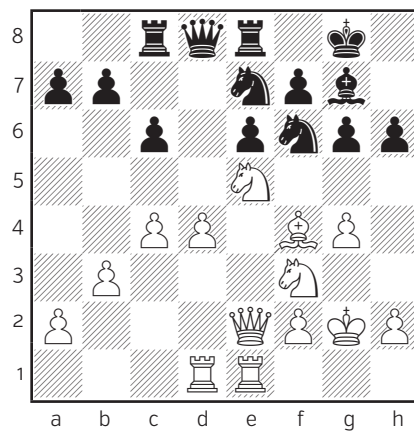
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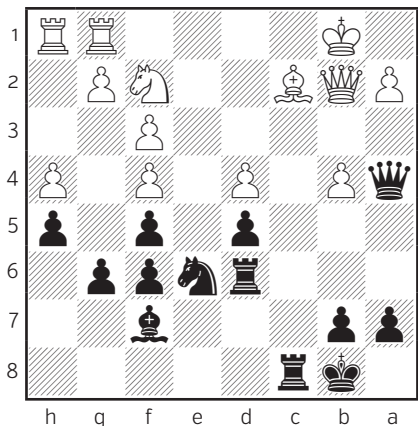
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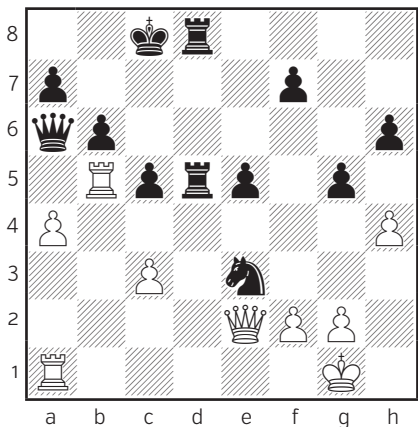
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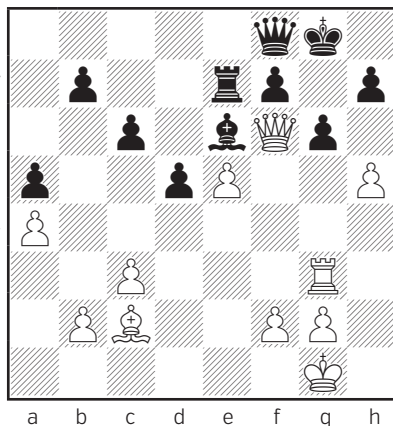
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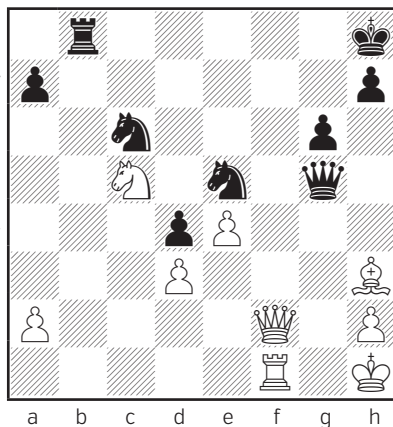
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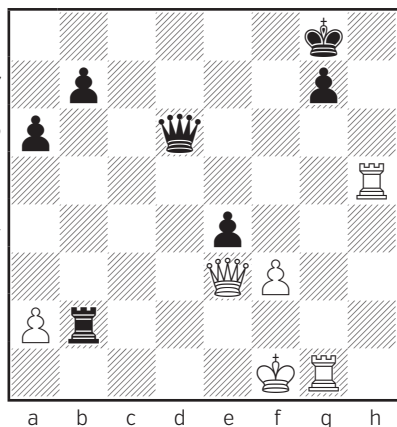
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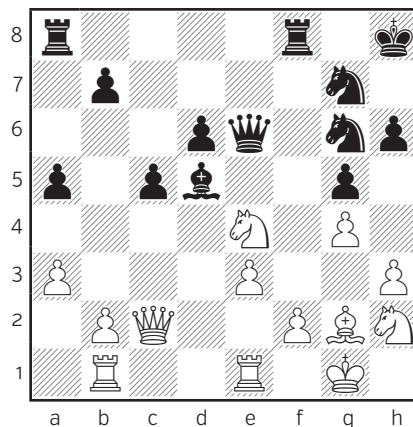
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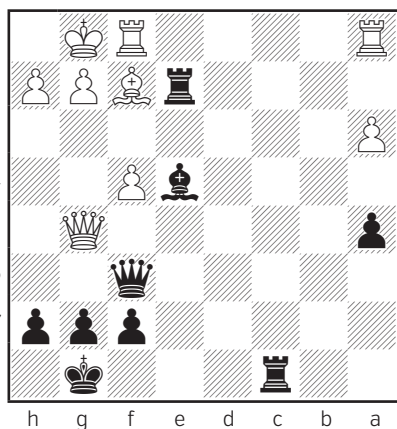
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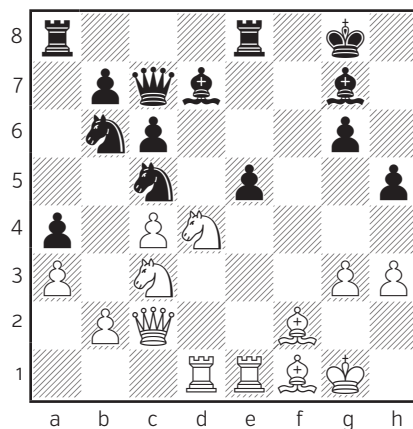
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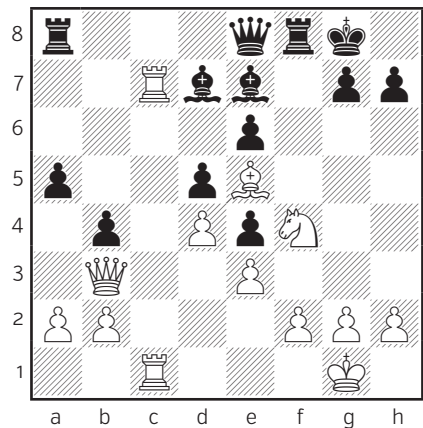
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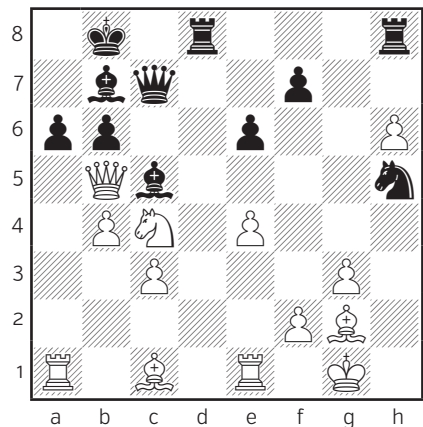
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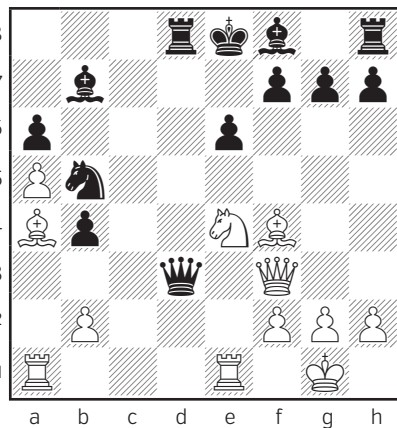
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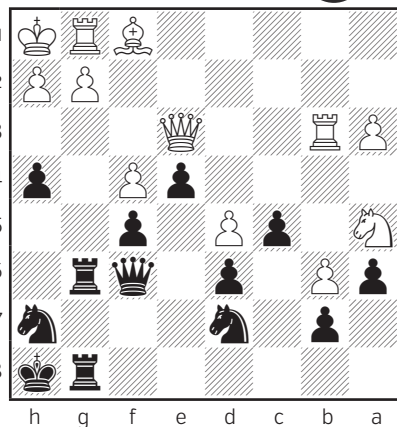
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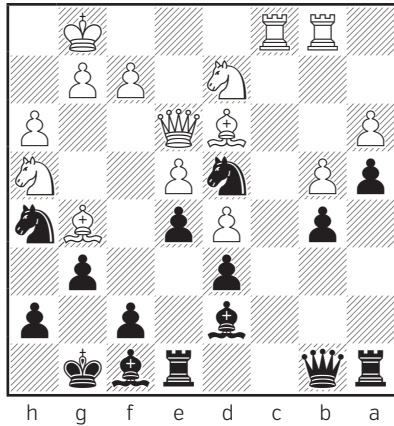
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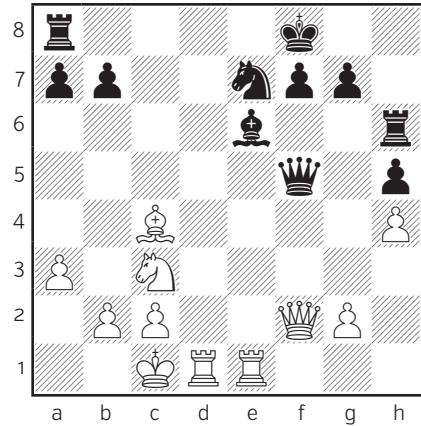
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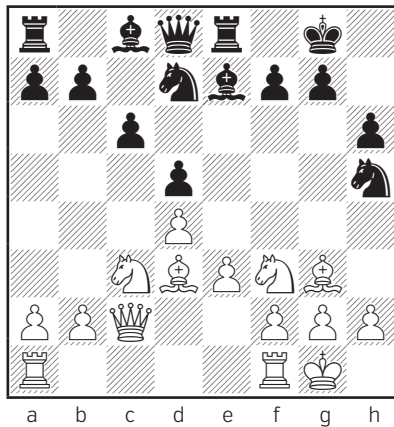
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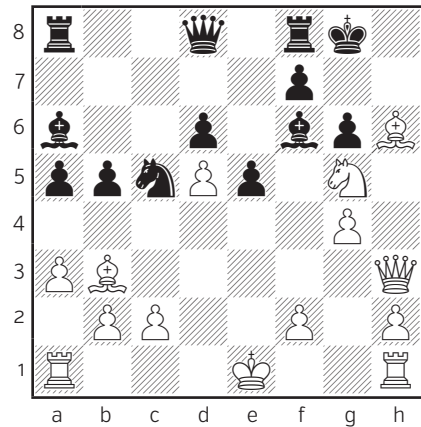
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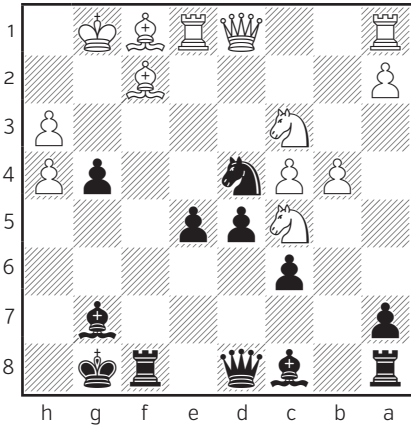
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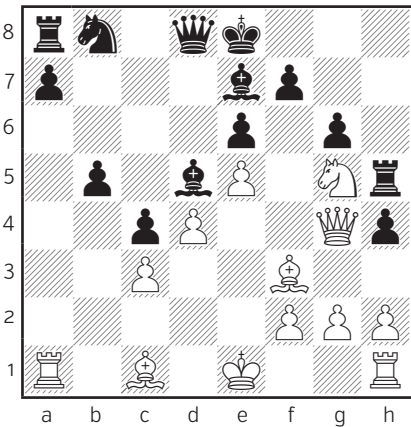
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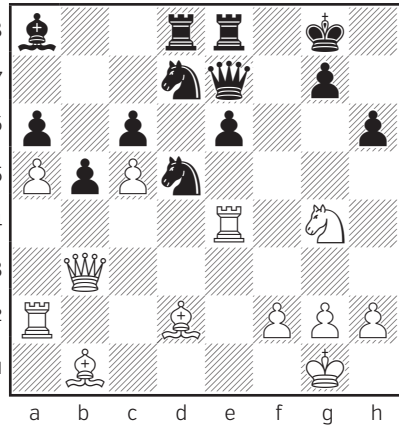
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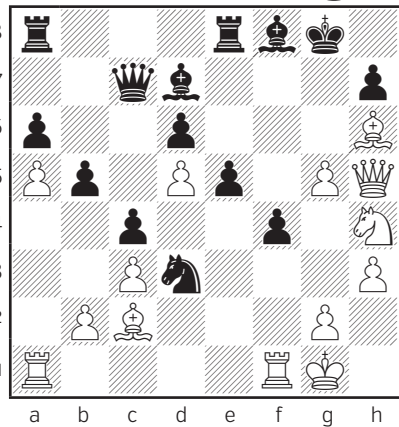
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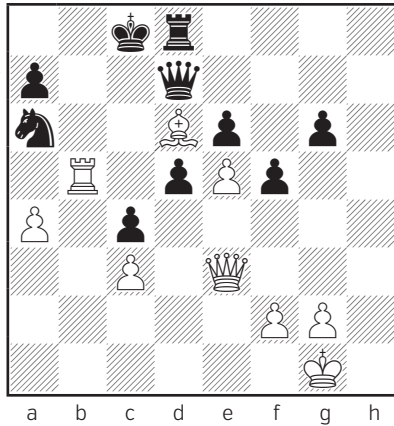
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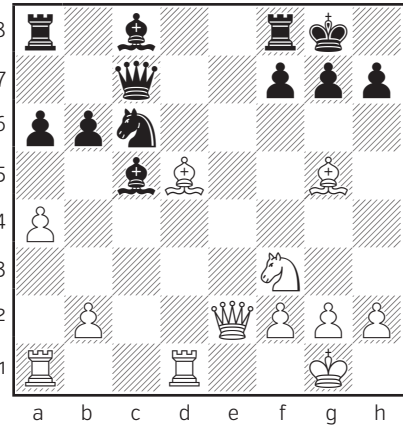
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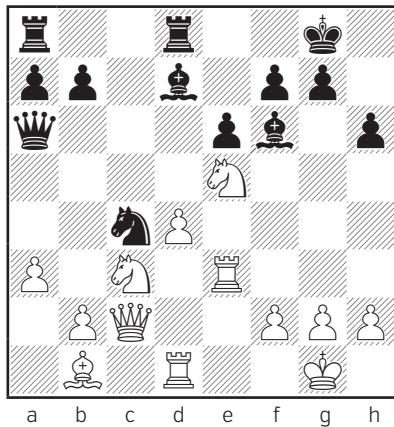
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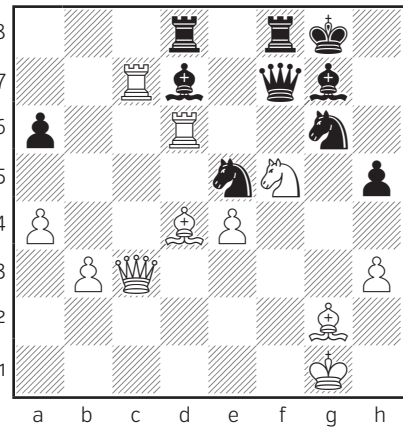
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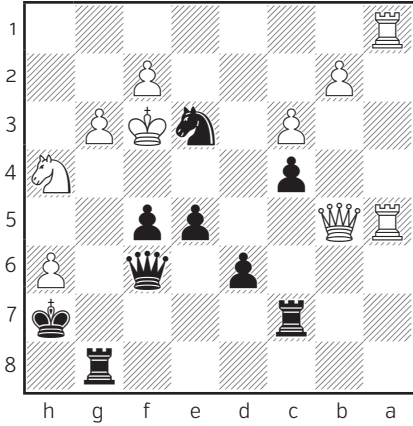
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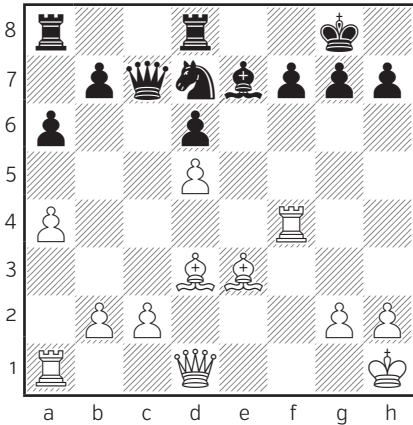
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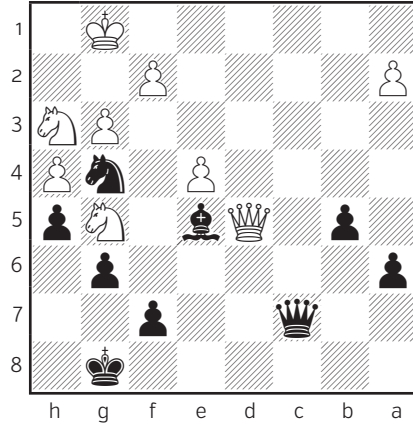
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