

White

Black

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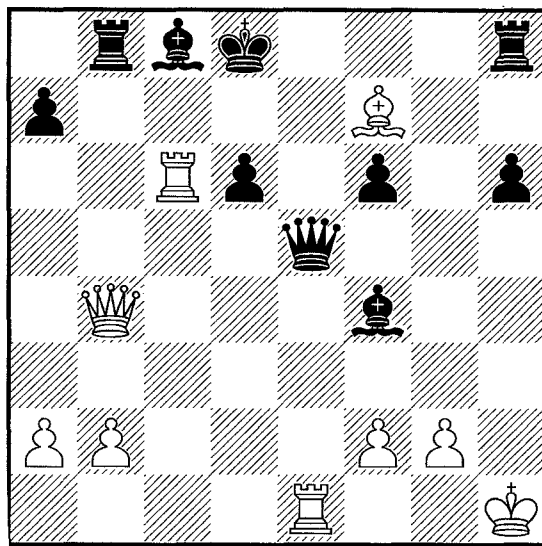
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(Opening: Sicilian Defence, Morra Gambit, Imperial College v Athenaeum 4 2011)

1.e4 c5; 2. Nf3 Nc6; 3 d4 cxd4; 4 c3 (The Morra Gambit) 4 dxc3 5 Nxc3 e6;
6. Bc4 Nf6; 7 0-0 Qc7; 8 Qe2 Ng4; 9 Rd1 Bc5; 10 ...Nd5?! (A speculative sacrifice
which helps to gain a better position for white) 10 exd5 11 exd5+ Ne7 12 d6 Bxd6;
13. ...Bxf7+! Kd8 ? (if 13 Kxf7 14 Ng5+ Kf8 15 Qxg4 may have been better for
Black) 14. Bg5 Nf6; 15 Rac1 Nc6; 16 Nd4?! (16 Re1 threatens mate!) 16 Bxh2+
17 Kh1 Qe5! (A brilliant move by black-I spent nearly half an hour on my reply)
18 Nxc6+ bxc6; 19 Qd2 h6; 20 Bxf6 gxf6; 21 Rxc6! d6; 22 Re1 Bf4; 23 Qb4 Rb8!?

(See diagram)



I spent a lot of time on this move: ...24 Rxc8+! Rxc8? (Better is Kxc8 25 Qc4+ Qc5
26 Qxf4 with drawing chances)
25 Rxe5 Bxe5? (This move loses the Bishop) 26 f4 Rc1+ 27 Kh2 Ke7 28 Qb7+ Kf8
29 fxe5 Rh7 30 e6 Rd1 31 Qc8+ Resigned 1-0