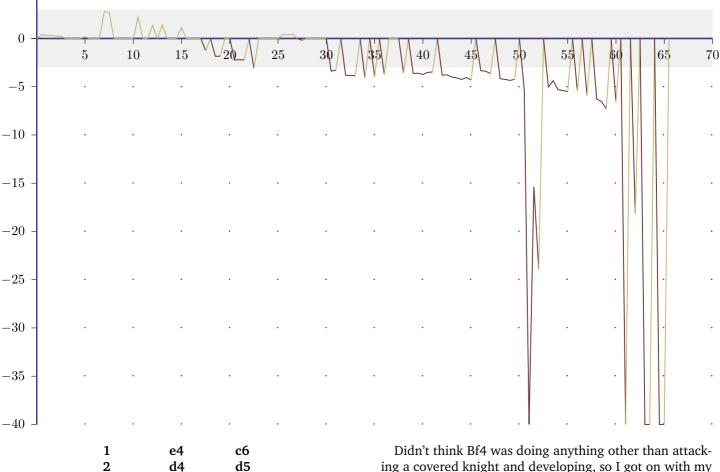
White: Vincent Denard (1003)Black: Mark Dennehy (1019)

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Result: 0-1 Analysis Scoregraph:



Wait, what? That's not in the exchange variation. It's not in any of my basic opening books, or in the MCO... -0.01

 $e \times d5$ **②c3** 

 $c \times d5$ 

4 **≜**f5

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Well, if he won't block me from doing it with Bd3, I'll go ahead and play the natural move here... +0.23

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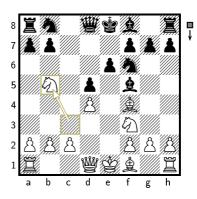
> > **遺f4**

Hummed and hawed a bit here wondering if I should do this or e6 first, but couldn't see a reason not to and didn't think bringing out the queen so early if he played Nxd was the best approach. +0.13

**e6** 

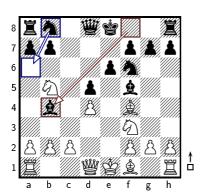
ing a covered knight and developing, so I got on with my development. +0.44

> 7 **�**b5

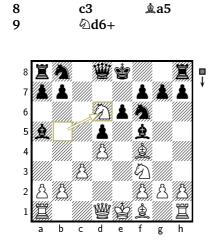


Wallop. That was unpleasant. Obvious threat is now Nc7++0.63

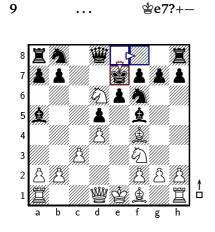
7 **≜b4+?**± And I'm toast. For some reason, that Knights-on-the-rim-are-dim phrase stuck in my head and I was thinking that Na6 wasn't the better move here and I could go round the knight with the bishop to defend the c7 square; but it sooooo is. This damn near lost me the game in 15 moves. +2.65 / +0.63



7... ②a6 8 c3 \$ e7 9 ③e5 ③d7 10 g4 \$ e4 11 f3 \$ g6 12 § <math>> xg6 h×g6 13 \$ gd3 \$ gh4+ 14 § f1 § f6 15 \$ gd6 \$ gg5 16 § g2 \$ e3 17 § e2 § mh4\$



And there it is, the move I missed. That's castling rights gone and a pawn to boot. +2.75

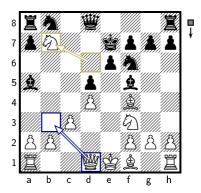


The engines strongly disagree here and for good reason; I'm looking to let the rook out before hiding behind an undisturbed pawn wall, but I've missed some nastier tactics the engines are seeing. +5.26 / +2.75

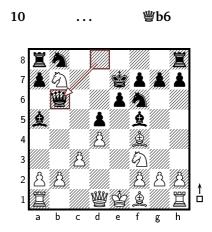
9... **∲**f8±

## 10 ⟨∆×b7?+−

And another lucky escape for me there. +3.17 / +5.26



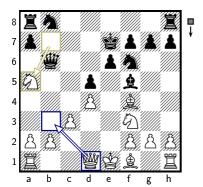
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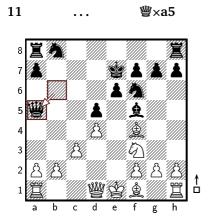
Only place for the queen to go. +3.41

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Wasn't expecting that, but I'll take it. And it's a very very lucky escape - the only other game I could find with this opening was Huesemann v Schulz, in round 3 of BEM-ch U16/18, 1998 and there white played Bd6+and the natural Ke8 was followed by Qa4+ and the game ended in resignation on move 15 after some utter mangling of black by white: http://www.365chess.com/game.php?gid=912554+2.23/+3.41

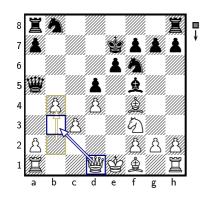


11 豐b3 豐×b3 12 a×b3 魚b6 13 魚d6+ 営d7 14 公e5+ 営c8 15 公×f7 罩g8 16 公c5 魚×c5 17 d×c5 営b7+-



12 b4?!±

I didn't see the Qb3 move here that the engine's talking about, but it's right, it's better. Keeps the pressure up on me and eventually wins material but more, keeps me frazzled. +1.42 / +2.23



12 豐b3 ②bd7 13 a4 曾f8 14 豐b7 豐d8 15 魚a6 曾g8 16 O-O h6 17 豐c6 曾h7 18 魚b7 罩c8 19 魚×c8 豐×c8 20 豐b5 罩g8±

12 ... **豐b**6

And somehow I've escaped with only the loss of a pawn. Not sure how... +1.34

Firstly I'm thinking of hiding my king away and secondly of pointing the rook at his king. There was some very vague idea of using this in a tactic, but it was too nebulous to pin down. +1.48

14 **②d2 ②bd7** 

And that's the opening formally over. Down one pawn, castling rights lost, bishop pair lost, queenside in utter disarray, and still lucky that's all that was. What a mangling of an opening! +1.50

15 **⊘**b3

I'm guessing Nc5 here, but beyond it being good positionally, I don't see any real plan behind it. +1.39

15 ... ②e4

Attacking the weak c3 pawn. +1.47

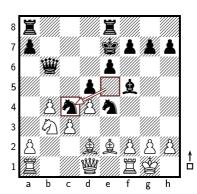
16 **≜d2 ②e5** 

Knight's perfectly safe, dxN leads to Qxf2# +1.41

17 0-0

Natural move. +1.39

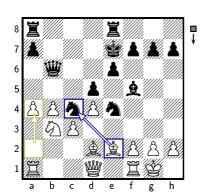
17 ... **公c4** 

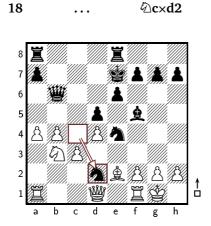


The skittles room thinks all I get from this is an exchange (BxN, dxB) that leaves the c4 pawn trapped. But in the game, I saw the loss of the bishop pair and thought that wasn't the worst outcome ever given how mangled I'd just been. +1.41

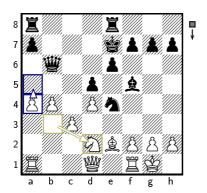
18 a4?

I don't know what he was doing here. I mean, it's not a horrible move on its own, it gets the queenside push rolling, but I didn't see any plan for it. Worse yet, it opens him up to a tactic with NcxB, NxN, Nxc3 and the queen must move to Qe1, leaving two pawns hanging) -1.18 / +1.41





I'd missed this nice move by the engines, attacking the queen with a5 - I still get the pawn from the opening back but it's nowhere near as comfortable. -1.79 / -1.26



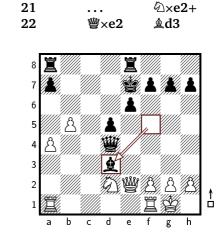
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Taking the center pawn when given the choice between b and d pawns. -1.77

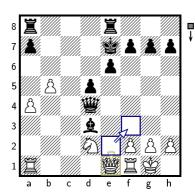
21 b5

Again, this makes sense on its own, but leaves him open to a tactic, in this case NxB+ and either QxB, Bc3 pinning the queen to the rook, or Kh1 and the knight leaps away and we're up the same amount of net material. -2.10

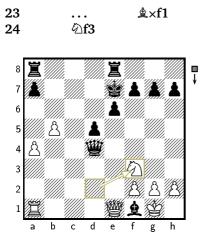


23 響e1?!--+

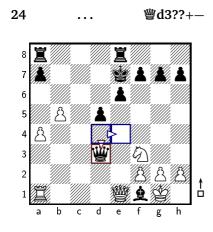
I didnt' think I'd see Qe1 here, I didn't even consider it. I thought I'd see either Qe3 to swap off the queens or Qf3 to save them - which the engines prefer. -3.06 / -2.23



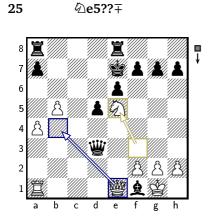
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Didn't see that coming, but it's sound enough. How I reacted to it was not. -3.07



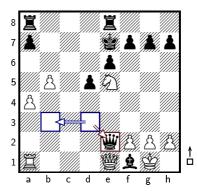
So I'm thinking I can save the bishop. Greed, pure greed. Qc4 leads to the Nd2 fork, so I come in to Qd3. The skittles room thought this bizzare, and suggested Qe4 to swap off the queens, and the engines think it's out-and-out losing, but they're seeing something six moves away which he blundered in the game. This was a pretty heinous mistake and a lesson for me to learn... +11.53 / -3.07



A very lucky escape for me, as he misses the early Qb4+ attack and goes after the queen again. -2.25 / +11.53

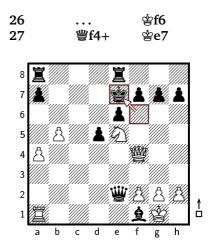
25 ... 響e2?=

And again chasing after lost material in a greedy way that leads to self-destruction. +0.36 / -2.25

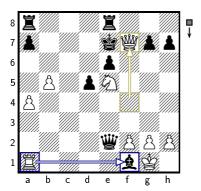


26 **≝b**4+

And this time he doesn't miss it, though it's now been blunted. I'm thinking Kd8 is mate in only a few moves, so it has to be Kf6, he'll come round the Knight in attack and I'll loop back the way I came to escape. I'll lose the f-pawn, but I have chances of escaping - and losing here with my Queen sitting on his King would just be embarressing. +0.36

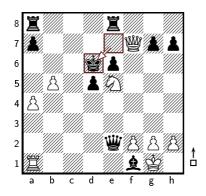


The engine's right btw, and I saw this in the game - that bishop's just hanging here. -0.41 / +0.44

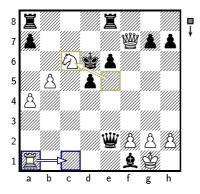


## 28 罩×f1 e4=

28 ... \\$d6



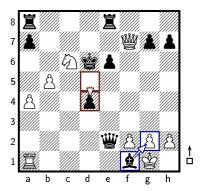
29 **⊘**c6?∓



I was expecting Rc1 here and the pressure stepping up. -2.33 / -0.20

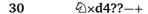
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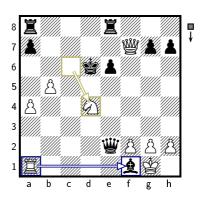
29 ... d4??±



I did see Bxg2 in the game, but I couldn't see a clear way out of the mating net he was working on, so I moved d4 to gain some breathing room around the king. +0.70 / -2.33

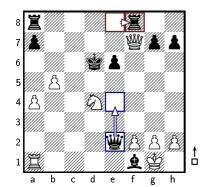
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And that was a mistake - I didn't think he'd think the pawn was worth taking the pressure off. Up to now, that queen was annoying because without it, Rf8 was mate in two (Qxf2+, Kh1, Qxg2#) but if the rook came off defending the e7 square, it was mate in one with Qe7# -4.19 / +0.70

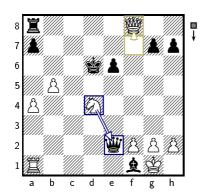
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Don't need to watch e7 anymore with the Knight away. The engines point out what I missed though - Qe4 threatens mate in one and that forces RxB which gives QxN and gives me a healthier position. -1.15 / -4.19

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I don't mind swapping off here either. Yes, I lose material in the exchange, but I'm far enough ahead that I come out better off overall and with more actual pieces as well as with the higher total analysis score. It's messy, but it works. -3.29 / -1.15



31 ②×e2 罩×f7 32 增×f1 增c5 33 g3 e5 34 ②c3 罩af8 35 罩a2 h6 36 ②e4+ 曾d5 37 ②c3+ 曾d4 38 ②d1 罩f3 39 罩d2+ 曾c4 40 罩e2 曾b4 41 罩e4+ 曾a5 42 罩g4 g5 43 罩e4

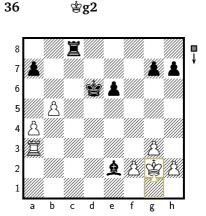
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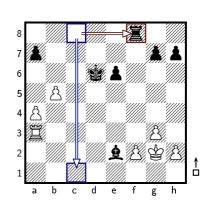
And that's us into a R+5 v R+B+4 endgame. It gets scraggly in here because I didn't have a great overall plan - or even a plan at all initially - but I felt happy with it and on time we were down to about 25 mins apiece here. -3.48

Threatening a back-rank mate. -3.83

35 g3 <u>\$e2</u>

Skittles room notes that Bd5 threatens a back-rank mate here too, and probably wins a pawn in the process. -3.76





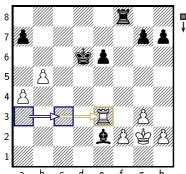
罩f8?!-+

Lack of a plan showing here. -3.10 / -3.97

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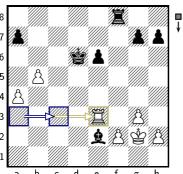
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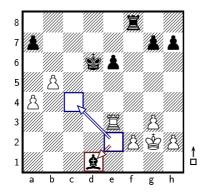
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-3.75 / -3.10

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Hiding away was the natural reaction here, but the skittles room was fast to point out that Kc5 is better overall because the King isn't doing any good for anyone by hiding away in this phase of things. -2.88

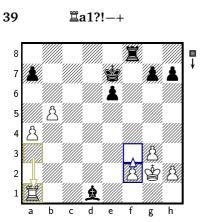
And this was a heinous blunder. Bc4 was far far better, this just hangs the bishop leaving me in a much less winnable endgame.

+1.36 / -3.75

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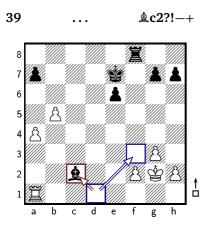
> 38 **罩a3??**−+

As soon as his hand came off the piece, he saw Rd3+ and so did I and we both were disgusted with ourselves! -3.24 / +1.36



-3.58 / -2.88

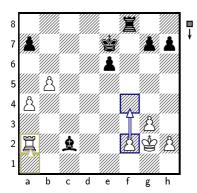
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And again overly timid play is castigated in the skittles room. Bf3+ is stronger here - Kf1, Rd8 leaves him in trouble and at worst leaves me swapping off rooks and being a bishop up. -3.01 / -3.58

39... **≜**f3+ 40 **\\ \exists**f1 **\( \)**c8−+

**40 □ a2?!**-+

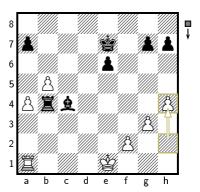


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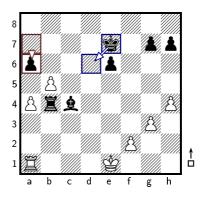
Finally getting some semblance of a plan in my head to go after the a and b pawns while the king holds things down on the kingside. -3.47

43	≌b1	≌c4
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46	h4	



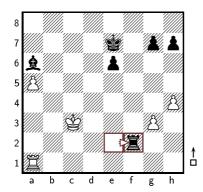
46 ... a6?!-+

Following my plan here, but the engine thinks I'm using too much material for it and the king would have sufficed instead of sacrificing the a-pawn, but I wanted the king over there to hold down that side of the board. -3.31/-4.29

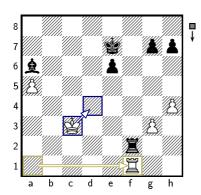


The a and b pawns are taken care of now, so putting pressure on the other side. -3.78



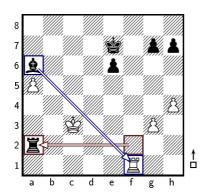


51 罩f1??—+



I think I was asleep, I didn't even see this until the engine spat it out at three in the morning. Skittles room missed it completely as well. I don't see why I didn't take with either the bishop or the rook, that was game over in one go. I think we might both have been fixated on the a-pawn, but I didn't think we were that afflicted with tunnel vision! -57.83 / -4.25



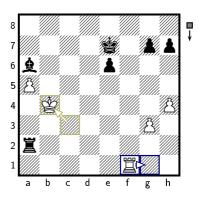


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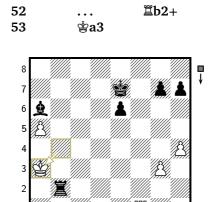
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52 **\$\ddot{b4??-+** 

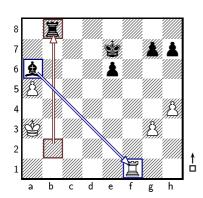
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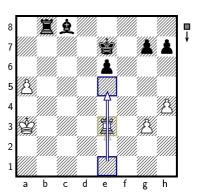


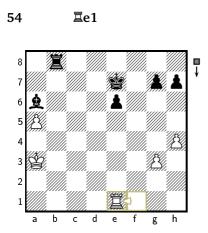
52 罩g1 罩×a5 53 含b4 罩b5+ 54 含c3 身b7 55 罩a1 身d5 56 罩a7+ 含f6-+



Oh suffering cats, I did it twice as well... -4.78 / -23.92

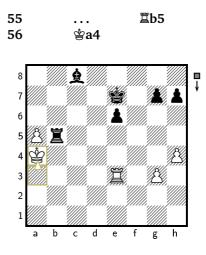


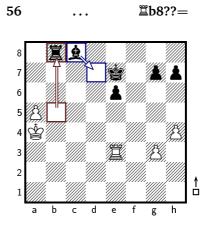




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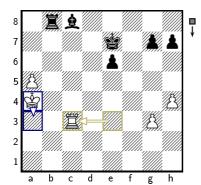
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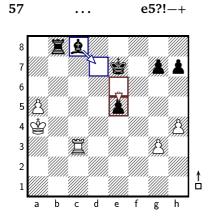


And that's the third major blunder there, missing the bishop pin... +0.00 / -5.52

56... 单d7 57 罩c3 罩b1+ 58 增a3 罩a1+ 59 增b4 e5 60 罩a3 罩×a3 61 增×a3 h5 62 a6 单c6 63 a7 增d6 64 增b4 增d5 65 增b3 增c5 66 增c2 增b6 67 增c3 增×a7—+

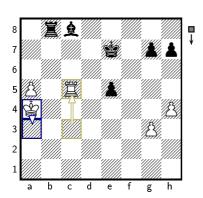


-5.43 / +0.00 57 **\$**a3 **\( \)**a8=



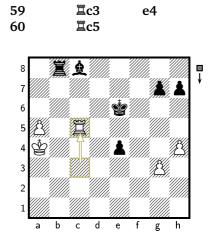
Saw the check, ignoring it for the new plan of pushing that e pawn to promotion. A plan! An actual plan! Seized on like it was water in the desert. -4.90 / -5.43

57... \( \)



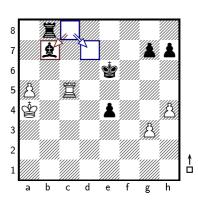
58 営a3 单d7 59 営a2 営d6 60 罩a3 営c7 61 a6 営b6 62 営b2 魚c6 63 営c3 罩a8 64 罩b3+ 魚b5 65 営d2 営c5 66 罩e3 営d4 67 罩b3 魚×a6 68 罩a3-+ 58 ... **ģ**e6

Should have been Kd6 to attack the rook. Too timid. -5.53



60 ... **≜**b7−+

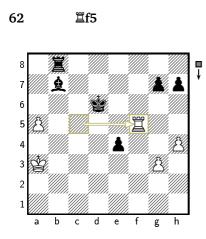
Maybe I was over-seized of that plan, the check here is actually pretty good. -5.98 / -7.27

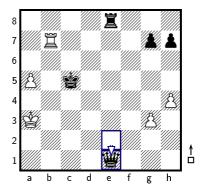


60... \( \)

61 \( \psi a3 \) \( \psi d6 \)

Better late than never this time I guess. -6.14

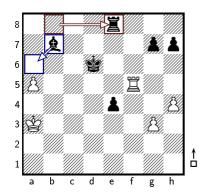




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62 ... **\(\beta\)e8−+** 

I see what the engine's saying but it doesn't matter, with the rook behind it, that pawn's promoting. -8.17 / -48.95



62... 魚a6 63 罩f2 e3 64 罩c2 e2 65 罩c1 罩f8 66 罩b1 罩f1 67 罩b6+ 含e5 68 罩b8 魚c4 69 含b4 罩b1+ 70 含×c4 罩×b8-+

Sacrificing the bishop I destroyed my middlegame for so that a pawn can promote and win the game. There's a lesson in there somewhere under all that irony... -18.25

Bit of a spite check that, really. -48.81

65 ... 含c5 66 罩b7 e1豐

And white resigned as it's mate in six here. -327.44