

Looking back at the online competitions that were a regular event on the weekly timetable I came across a game involving a player who goes under the call sign of Finneb otherwise known as Finn Egglestone-Blundell from Lincoln who was paired against Steve Lewis from Scunthorpe, playing under the handle Westwind45, and we pick up the game after Steve, as black, has just played 10. ...Bxh4+ (see diagram) putting black a pawn to the good with check so Finn has it all to do.

Play continued 11. Kd2 Bg5 12. Ne2 Bxf4 13. Nxf4 Qf6 14. Nh5 Qg5+ 15. Ke2 Nf6 16. Nxf6 Qxf6 17. Qd2 Be6 18. Qa5 0-0 19. Qc7 Rfc8 20. Qxd6 Qxb2 and each queen takes a pawn within the opponents defences 21. Rag1 Bxb3 22. axb3 Rd8 23. Qf6 Qxc2+ (perhaps overlooking 23. ...Qxf6) 24. Ke3 Qxd3+ and another pawn falls 25. Kf4 Qd2+ 26. Kf5 Qd7+ 27. Kf4 Qd6+ 28. Qxd6 Rxd6 and queens are exchanged with white now having a 3 pawn advantage.

White wasn't ready to give up as he played 29. e5 Rd3 30. b4 Rd4+ 31. Kf5 Rxb4 now 4 pawns down 32. Rc1 Rc8 33. Rhd1 Rc4 34. Ra1 b4 35. Rxa7 b3 36. Rc7 Rf8 37. Rb7 Rc3 38. Rb1 Rxf3+ 39. Ke4 Rh3 40. R1xb3 Rxb3 41. Rxb3 winning back a pawn but black still has a 3 pawn advantage.

So to the endgame 41. ...g6 42. Rc3 h5 43. Rxc6 Kg7 44. Rf6 Rh8 45. Kd5 h4 46. Kd6 h3 47. Ke7 Rf8 48. e6 h2 49. Rxf7+ Rxf7 50. exf7 Kh6 (perhaps 50. ...h1(Q) was a better option) 51. f8(Q)+ and black resigned.

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