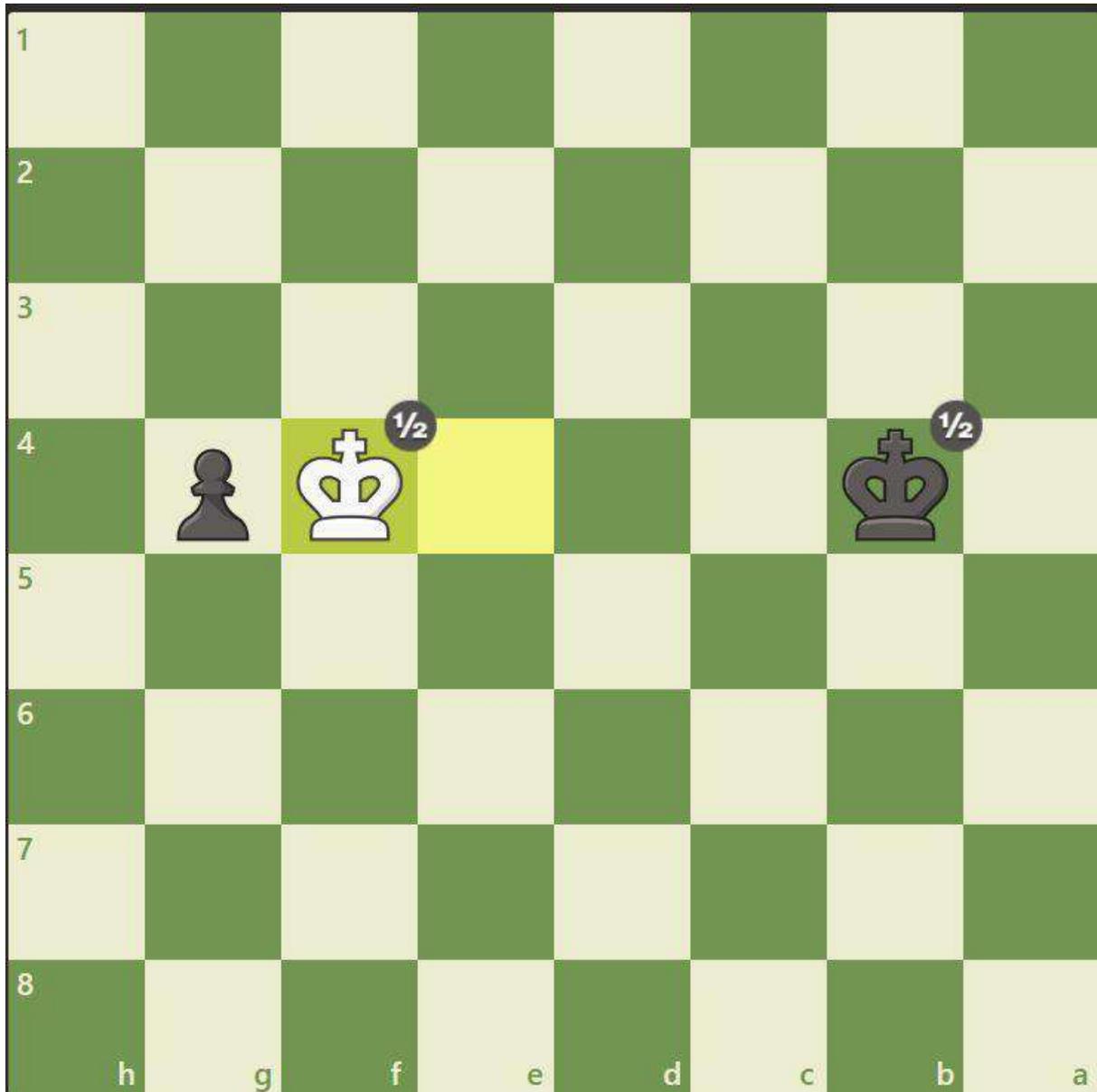


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An amazing game and one that was deservedly drawn.



Final position

1. P-Q4 N-KB3

2. P-K3 P-QN3

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| 3. B-K2 | B-N2 |
| 4. B-B3 | P-Q4 |
| 5. B-Q2 | P-K3 |
| 6. N-K2 | B-K2 |
| 7. N-B4 | QN-Q2 |
| 8. B-R5 | O-O |
| 9. B-KB3 | P-B4 |
| 10. PxP | NxP |
| 11. B-QN4 | R-B1 |
| 12. P-B3 | P-QR4 |
| 13. BxN | PxB |
| 14. O-O | |

I didn't think he was very good after the bizarre way he played the opening, but I could have played it better too.

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| 14. | Q-N3 |
| 15. P-QN3 | KR-Q1 |
| 16. Q-K2 | P-K4 |
| 17. N-R5 | NxN |
| 18. BxN | B-KB3 |
| 19. B-B3 | P-Q5 |
| 20. BxB | QxB |
| 21. BPxP | BPxP |
| 22. N-R3 | PxP |

23. QxP Q-N5
24. N-B4 KR-K1
25. QR-Q1 R-B3
26. Q-K4 Q-B4

Not a great move but I couldn't see what else I could play. He could now play NxRP or even better R-Q5 with a big advantage.

27. P-KR3 P-R5
28. R-Q7 PxP
29. PxP R-B2
30. KR-Q1 RxR
31. RxR P-N3
32. Q-N7 R-KB1
33. N-Q6 B-R5
34. P-N3?? BxP
35. Q-N2 Q-B3??

I realised at once what I had done and was ready to resign, but incredibly...

36. RxP??

The joys of 10 minute chess!

36. QxN
37. RxRch QxR
38. QxB Q-QB4
39. K-N2 Q-Q4ch

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| 40. Q-B3 | P-K5 |
| 41. Q-K3 | K-N2 |
| 42. P-B3 | PxPch |
| 43. QxP | QxQch |
| 44. KxQ | K-B3 |
| 45. K-K4 | K-K3 |
| 46. K-Q4 | K-Q3 |
| 47. P-N4 | K-B3 |
| 48. K-B4 | K-N3 |
| 49. P-R4 | P-R3 |
| 50. K-Q4 | K-N4 |
| 51. K-B3 | P-N4 |
| 52. PxP | PxP |
| 53. K-Q4 | P-N5 |
| 54. K-K4 | KxP |
| 55. K-B4 | drawn |