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This was played in the small hours. I have no idea what defence this is; the program called it some kind of Pirc. Whatever it is, it can't be good, but playing against the Pirc, the Modern, the Alekhine and especially the French, white must be careful not to over-reach himself, which is what I did here, because regardless of his knowledge of opening theory or lack thereof, this guy was no muppet, and but for my brilliant twenty-eighth move I would have lost. Such modesty.



Final position

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q3 |
| 2. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-QR3 |
| 4. P-B4 | P-R3 |
| 5. N-B3 | P-QN4 |

6. B-Q3	B-N2
7. Q-K2	B-K2
8. O-O	N-KB3
9. K-R1	P-N5
10. N-Q1	O-O
11. B-Q2	N-B3
12. P-B3	P-K4
13. P-Q5	N-N1
14. PxNP	P-B3
15. PxBP	NxBP
16. P-QR3	R-K1
17. P-B5	N-Q5
18. NxN	PxN
19. R-B3	P-Q4
20. P-K5	B-Q3
21. P-K6	PxP
22. PxP	N-K5
23. BxN	PxB
24. R-B7	RxP
25. RxB	Q-R5
26. P-KN3	BxP
27. Q-N2	R-KN3

28. B-K1!! the only move

28. BxB

29. QxR Q-N4??

The only move was Q-B3

30. RxPch K-B1

31. Q-B7 mate