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I don't know how to play against this line but anything named after Alapin can't be good. Clearly he knows it inside out. I looked at the bishop sacrifice on KN5 after P-KN4 but needed more time to analyse it.



Final position

1. -K4 P—QB4

2. P-QB3 P-Q4

3. PxP	QxP
4. P-Q4	N-KB3
5. N-KB3	B-N5
6. B-K2	PxP
7. PxP	P-K3
8. N-B3	B-N5
9. O-O	BxQN
10. PxB	O-O
11. P-KR3	B-R4
12. P-B4	Q-K5
13. B-N5	N-B3
14. BxN	PxB
15. R-K1	KR-Q1
16. P-KN4	B-N3
17. B-Q3	Q-B5
18. BxB	RPxB
19. P-Q5	QxP
20. P-Q6	Q-QB5
21. P-Q7	Q-B2
22. Q-N3	RxP
23. QR-N1	QR-Q1
24. KR-Q1	Q-B5

25. RxR	RxR
26. R-Q1	RxRch
27. RxR	N-K4
28. NxN	QxN
29. Q-N3	P-QN4
30. Q-R3	Q-B2
31. Q-N2	P-R3
32. QxBP	P-R4
33. Q-N2	P-N5
34. Q-N3	Q-B6
35. Q-R4	Q-K8ch
36. K-N2	Q-K4
37. Q-K8ch	K-N2
38. Q-R4	Q-Q4ch
39. K-N1	Q-K4

I offered a draw and he accepted. I had 48 seconds left; he had only 25 seconds left but I felt he deserved the draw. At slowplay and master level, this is probably a win for black, but I felt this was a fair result.