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This was an amazing game. After his second move I thought, oh God, not again, but he soon proved that whatever his lack of knowledge of opening theory that he was no pushover. I thought I'd won a piece with my twenty-second move but overlooked his obvious reply so decided to sacrifice my queen. If I don't, he has the better position, but now with two rooks against his queen the position is even as long as I can coordinate the rooks and stop him grabbing pawns.

He was away ahead on time until my twenty-eighth move; he took 7 minutes 2 seconds for his reply. I thought he had abandoned the game but although he eventually lost on time, his position was hopeless when he was unable to stop my passed queen's bishop's pawn. An excellent game though.



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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. B-B4 | N-QB3 |
| 3. N-KB3 | P-QR3 |
| 4. O-O | P-K3 |
| 5. P-B3 | P-Q4 |
| 6. PxP | PxP |
| 7. R-K1ch | B-K2 |

8. B-B1	N-B3
9. P-Q4	PxP
10. NxP	O-O
11. NxN	PxN
12. B-N5	R-N1
13. P-QN3	P-R4
14. P-QR4	B-K3
15. N-Q2	Q-N3
16. R-N1	B-QB4
17. B-K3	B-B4
18. R-N2	BxB
19. RxB	B-N3
20. B-Q3	P-Q5
21. PxP	QxQP
22. R-N1	BxB
23. N-B3	QxR!
24. PxQ	BxR
25. QxR	P-B4
26. P-K4	P-B5
27. N-K5	RxP
28. Q-B2	R-N5
29. N-B6	P-B6!

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| 30. NxR | PxN |
| 31. P-K5 | N-Q4 |
| 32. Q-N3 | R-Q1 |
| 33. P-R5 | R-QB1 |
| 34. QxN | P-B7 |
| 35. Q-Q7 | P-B8=Qch |
| 36. K-B2 | Q-B4ch |

White lost on time.