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I lost a game on time this morning, an ending in an absolutely won position – a rook up – so I had to finish the day on a high note. He took a long time over his thirtieth move so I was surprised that he blundered into a mate.



Final position

1. P-K4 N-KB3

2. P-K5 N-Q4

3. P-QB4	N-N3
4. P-Q4	P-Q3
5. N-KB3	N-B3
6. PxP	BPxP
7. P-Q5	N-Q4
8. NxN	PxN
9. B-K2	P-K3
10. PxP	QxQch
11. BxQ	BxP
12. P-QN3	O-O-O
13. O-O	B-K2
14. B-K3	B-B3
15. BxN	PxB
16. N-R3	B-K2
17. N-N5	B-Q2
18. N-B3	B-K3
19. B-B3	P-B4
20. P-N3?	P-K5?
21. B-K2	B-B3
22. QR-B1	R-Q7
23. KR-K1	KR-Q1
24. K-B1	BxN

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| 25. RxB | RxP |
| 26. P-B5 | PxP |
| 27. RxPch | K-N1 |
| 28. QR-N1 | R(1)-Q7 |
| 29. B-B4 | RxPch |
| 30. K-K1 | RxP |
| 31. BxB?? | R-R8 mate |