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This was a real classic. I resisted the temptation to try to emulate Morphy in that famous game, by recapturing the bishop with the pawn on move 5.



Final position

1. P-K4 P-K4

2. N-KB3 P-Q3

3. P-Q4 B-N5

4. PxP BxN

5. PxB P-QR3

6. PxP BxP

7. B-QB4 N-KB3

8. Q-K2 KN-Q2

9. N-B3 P-QB3

10. B-K3 O-O

11. O-O-O Q-B2

12. K-N1 B-B5

13. QR-N1 BxB

14. QxB N-K4

15. B-N3 P-KN3

16. P-B4 KN-Q2

17. P-B5 N-K4

18. PxP PxP

19. Q-R6 QN-Q2

20. RxPch NxR

21. QxNch K-R1fcd

22. Q-R6ch And although Black still had 8 minutes 13 seconds left on his clock, he lost on time, but it's mate in 2 anyway.