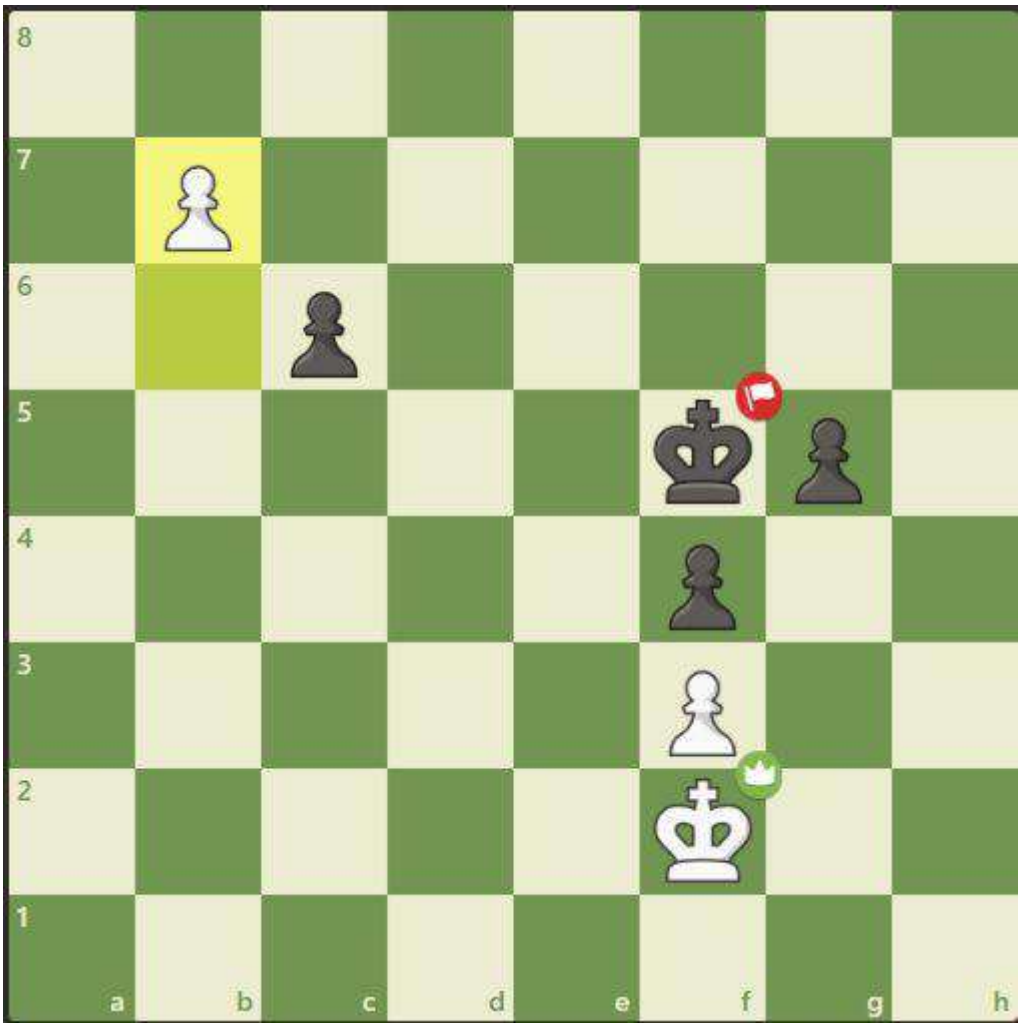
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I keep coming up against this defence in the Lopez. While it is solid, it requires precise play, by both sides. This guy made two mistakes: R-Q3 on move 13 which allowed me to saddle him with a backward queen's pawn, and a brave but failed exchange sacrifice in the endgame. An excellent effort though, by both of us.



Final position

1.	**P-K4**	**P-K4**
2.	**N-KB3**	**N-QB3**
3.	**B-N5**	**P-Q3**
4.	**P-Q4**	**PxP**
5.	**QxP**	**B-Q2**
6.	**BxN**	**BxB**
7.	**P-B4**	**N-B3**
8.	**N-B3**	**B-K2**
9.	**O-O**	**O-O**
10.	**B-N5**	**N-N5**
11.	**BxB**	**QxB**
12.	**P-KR3**	**N-K4**
13.	**NxN**	**QxN**
14.	**QxQ**	**PxQ**
15.	**QR-Q1**	**KR-Q1**
16.	**P-B3**	**R-Q3?**
17.	**RxR**	**PxR**
18.	**R-Q1**	**R-Q1**
19.	**P-B5**	**K-B1**
20.	**PxP**	**P-B3**
21.	**K-B2**	**K-B2**
22.	**P-QN4**	**K-K3**

23.	**P-N5**	**B-K1**
24.	**P-QR4**	**RxP**
25.	**N-Q5**	**K-Q2**
26.	**R-QB1**	**RxN!?**
27.	**PxR**	**B-B2**
28.	**P-R5**	**BxP**
29.	**P-N6**	**PxP**
30.	**PxP**	**B-B3**
31.	**R-Q1ch**	**K-K2**
32.	**K-K3**	**P-B4**
33.	**P-N3**	**P-N4**
34.	**P-R4**	**P-B5ch**
35.	**PxP**	**PxPch**
36.	**K-B2**	**P-R3**
37.	**PxP**	**PxP**
38.	**R-KN1**	**K-B3**
39.	**R-QB1**	**K-B4**
40.	**RxB!**	**PxR**
41.	**P-N7**	**Black resigns**