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I don’t often play the Scotch Game but I wanted a break from the Ruy Lopez. I’m glad I did play it, because this is a classic. I wasn’t quite sure about the pawn breakthrough on move 22, but if instead of K-R1 he plays P-N3 on move 24, there is an obvious but attractive queen sacrifice on the next move.



Final position

1. P-K4	**P-K4**
2. N-KB3	**N-QB3**
3. P-Q4	**PxP**
4. NxP	**B-B4**
5. B-K3	**NxN**
6. BxN	**BxB**
7. QxB	**N-B3**
8. B-Q3	**O-O**
9. O-O	**P-Q3**
10. P-B4	**B-K3**
11. N-B3	**P-B4**
12. Q-K3	**P-QN3**
13. P-KR3	**Q-Q2**
14. P-B4	**Q-B2**
15. R-B3	**KR-K1**
16. QR-KB1	**P-QR3**
17. P-B5	**B-Q2**
18. Q-N5	**P-R3**
19. Q-R4	**K-R2**
20. R-N3	**R-KN1**
21. R-B4	**P-QN4**
22. P-K5	**PxKP**

23. N-Q5 NxN

24. P-B6dis ch K-R1

25. RxP RxR

26. QxPch K-N1

27. QxR mate