



White to move and win  
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**1. Nd5+ {!} Kf5**

(1. .. Ke4 2. Nxc3+ {! +-})

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**2. Nxe3+ Bxe3**

(2. .. Ke4 3. Rxg3 {!} Kd3 4. Rxd2+ {! -+})

**3. Rxc3 Bf4** (3. .. Be4+ 4. Kxg3 {!} Bf4+ 5. Kh4 {!} Bg5+ 6. Kxh5 {! +- no possibility for Black to threaten mate – Bd5 meets the pin with Rc4})

**4. Rxh5+ Kg4 5. Rh8 {!} Be4+ 6. Kf1**

(6. Kg1 {? Thematic Try} Be5 {!} 7. Rg8+ Kh3 {!} 8. Ra3 Bd5 {!} 9. Rg5 Bd4+ {!} 10. Kf1 Bc4+ {!} 11. Ke1 Bf2+ {! Draw})

**6. .. Be5 7. Rg8+ Kh3** (7. .. Kf5 8. Rc5 {! +-}; 7. .. Kh4 8. Rc4 {! +-})

**8. Re3 Bd5 9. Rg6**

(9. Rd8 {?} Bd4 {!} 10. Rd3 Kh2 {!} 11. Rxd5 g2+ {!} 12. Ke2 g1=Q {!} {Draw})

**9. .. Bc4+ 10. Ke1 Bf7 11. Rh6+ 1-0**

### Author Commentary

*Black's bishops—normally serene, long-range creatures—are here cast as wild animals, slashing diagonals in search of mating nets. White's rooks answer like artillery, cutting files and ranks with brutal finality. When Black tries 3...Bf4 or the audacious 3...Be4+ lines, the rook on h3 becomes the cold executioner: checks, pins, and deflections appear one after another without pause.*

*The sequence 4.Rxh5+ Kg4 5.Rh8! is a crisp moment of domination. The rook switches flank with surgical purpose, and suddenly the bishops find themselves juggling threats they cannot coordinate against. The thematic alternative 6.Kg1? is instructive: White's king, if placed even slightly off-script, invites a perfectly synchronized bishop dance—...Be5, ...Bd5, ...Bd4+, ...Bc4+—a miniature ballet that forces the draw. Black's pieces may be under pressure, but when they harmonize, the danger is real.*

*From 7...Kh3 onward, the fight becomes almost savage. White's rook maneuvers—Rg8+, then Re3!, then Rg6!—show a kind of tactical triangulation, tightening the noose with every tempo. Black's bishops try their hardest to counterattack through perpetual motifs on c4, f7, or the long a1–h8 diagonal, but each attempt crashes against a precise rook resource.*

*The final phase, 9.Rg6! Bc4+ 10.Ke1 Bf7 11.Rh6+, ends the saga with a clean verdict. The bishops are overwhelmed, the dark-squared net collapses. This is a study where rooks and bishops don't simply compete—they hunt each other across the board.*