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I played this excellent game this morning; he defended well but played on to mate. For some reason I keep facing the Philidor or in this case the Steinitz Defence, and so far have done very well against both. If he accepts the rook sacrifice at move 21 there follows Q-B6 and mate is unavoidable.



Final position

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	P-Q3
4. P-Q4	PxP
5. QxP	B-N5
6. N-B3	BxN
7. BxNch	PxB
8. PxB	P-QB4
9. Q-K3	N-B3
10. P-K5	PxP
11. QxPch	B-K2
12. N-K4	NxN
13. PxN	O-O
14. R-KN1	B-B3
15. Q-B5	P-N3
16. Q-B3	B-K4
17. P-B3	BxP?
18. R-R1	B-Q3
19. B-Q2	Q-Q2
20. O-O-O	QR-N1
21. RxP!	Q-N4

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| 22. P-N3 | P-B5 |
| 23. QR-R1 | B-K4 |
| 24. Q-R3 | KR-K1 |
| 25. Q-R6 | P-KB3 |
| 26. QxPch | K-B1fcd |
| 27. Q-B7 mate | |