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Wow, this is one Morra Gambit I really should not have won. I actually won on time with 4.1 seconds on my clock, but he had been ahead until the last few moves. He won the exchange at one point but instead of accepting the exchange of queens and going into a won endgame, he went for the attack and blundered badly. Even then, with queen and four pawns against rook, bishop and five there was a lot of play left in the ending.

A big problem with the Morra is that if you can't get a strong attack going you end up chasing the pawn, and when you win it back you find not only that you have lost the initiative but that you have an inferior position.



Final position

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 3. P-QB3 | PxP |
| 4. NxP | P-QR3 |
| 5. B-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 6. N-B3 | N-QB3 |
| 7. O-O | KN-K2 |
| 8. B-KN5 | P-Q3 |

9. R-B1	Q-Q2
10. Q-K2	N-N3
11. KR-Q1	B-K2
12. P-QR4	O-O
13. P-R4	P-R3
14. P-KR5	KN-K4
15. NxN	NxN
16. BxB	QxB
17. B-N3	B-Q2
18. Q-Q2	B-B3
19. QxQP	Q-N4
20. Q-B7	QR-B1
21. Q-N6	QxP
22. Q-K3	N-N5
23. Q-N3	Q-N4
24. P-B4	Q-B4ch
25. K-R1	N-B7ch
26. K-R2	NxR
27. RxN	Q-R4ch
28. Q-R3	Q-QB4
29. Q-B3	Q-N5
30. B-B2	QxNP

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| 31. Q-Q3 | P-B3 |
| 32. P-K5 | P-B4 |
| 33. R-QN1 | Q-R6 |
| 34. B-N3 | QR-K1 |
| 35. N-K4!? | BxN |
| 36. BxPch | RxB |
| 37. QxQ | BxR |
| 38. Q-QN3 | B-K5?? |
| 39. QxRch | K-R1 |
| 40. Q-K7 | R-KN1 |
| 41. P-K6 | R-N1 |
| 42. Q-KB7 and black lost on time. | |