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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club of Lansdale, Spring 2013 Part 3

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Game played at the Allentown Center

City Chess Club:

(U1700 Section of the Tom Volkert Memorial Tournament, Game/30 Time Control).

Round:4

Submitted by Matt (with comments by Olin) and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Sterling Wells (1336)

Black: Matt Martello (1597)

Date: 3/16/2013

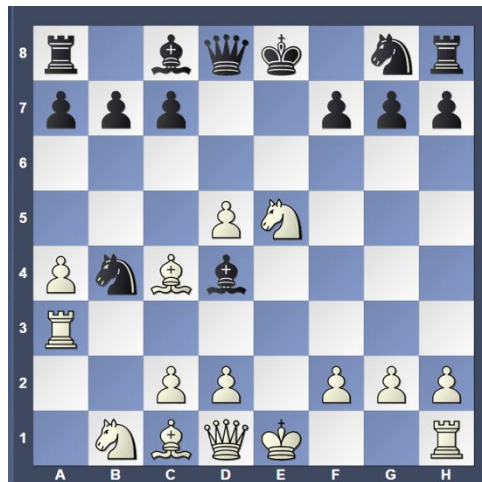
[C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5] 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 [D]



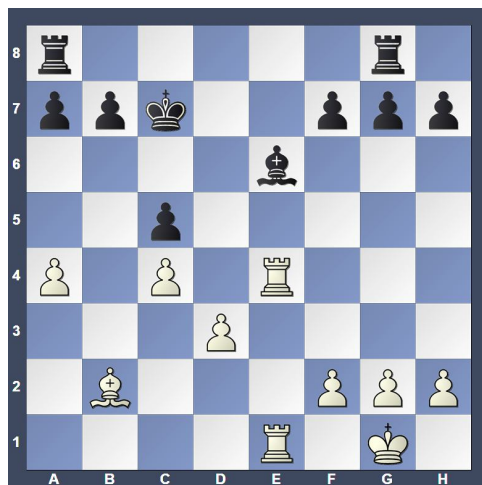
(White

plays the Evans Gambit) 4...Bb6 5.a4 Nxb4 6.Nxe5?? [White is ruining his position. 6.a5 Bc5 7.0-0 Nc6] 6...d5?? [Not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game. 6...Qf6 would have made live much easier for Black 7.0-0 Qxe5] 7.exd5 Bd4 8.Ra3 [D] (next col.) 8...Qf6?? [throwing away the advantage. 8...Ne7 is a viable option 9.Nxf7 Kxf7] 9.Nf3 Bf5 10.Nxd4 [10.d3 and the scales tip in favor of White. 10...Qe7+ 11.Kf1] 10...Qxd4 11.Re3+ Kd8 12.d3 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Qxd5 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Rfe1 Be6 16.c4 Qd4 17.Qb3 Qb6 18.Qb2 c5 19.Nc3 Qxb2 20.Bxb2 Rg8 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.Rxe4 Kc7 [D] (next col.)

Position after 8.Ra3 (From prev. column)



Position after 22... Kc7 (From prev. column)



Matt wrote: I don't have all of the moves because I was in time trouble near the end of the game and I was just focusing on moving my pieces. I remembered how I won the game during the endgame, but there is a huge gap (about 3-6 moves) between the ending of the middle-game and the beginning of the endgame. 0-1

Two Games of NPCC Members Playing Grandmasters!

Bill Champion Wrote:

"Attached are two games which I extracted from ChessBase's Mega Database.

One is a game in which club member Joe Mucerino played Arthur Bisguier and won. (Continued on p.2)



Matt proudly holds the trophy he won at the tournament. He placed first in the under 1700 section. Congratulations to Matt!

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In the other game Joe Kennedy played GM Joel Benjamin and lost. This game was played in 2008 at the US Amateur Team Championship in Parsippany, NJ. Joe playing first board ended up with Benjamin. George Murphy on fourth board played Joel's wife. Anyway when Joe sat down he did not realize he was playing Joel Benjamin the Grandmaster. Joe lost fairly quickly and after the game asked Joel if he was related to Joel Benjamin the Grandmaster. Joel got a surprised look on his face and after removing his baseball cap, quickly responded in a loud voice: "I am Joel Benjamin the Grandmaster." When the other chess players in the vicinity got past the interruption the games continued. Needless to say Joe got a lot of ribbing during the remainder of the tournament. There was never a dull moment when you traveled with Joe. Bill"

2004 World Open (Round 1)

Submitted with selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly]*.

White: Joseph Mucerino (2019)

Black: Arthur Bisquier (2281)

Date: 7/1/2004

[D12: Slav Defence] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.c5 Qc7 8.Bd2 Nbd7 9.Rc1 Be7 [D] (next col.) 10.Be2 h6 *[Covers g5]* 11.Qa4 0-0 12.0-0 Bg4 13.b4 Ne4 14.Rfd1 f5 15.Qb3 Rf6 16.a4 *[White prepares b5]* 16...Rg6 17.b5 [D]] (next col.) *[Nimzovich: attack the chain at its base]* 17...Kh7 18.a5 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Ng5 20.Kf1?? [D] (next col.)

Position after 9...Be7 (From prev. column)



Position after 17.b5 (From prev. column)



Position after 20.Kf1?? (From prev. column)



[White loses the upper hand. 20.Bh5 Nh3+ 21.Kf1] 20...Qxh2 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Ke2 Rb8 23.Qa2? [23.Qa4 Nxf3 24.gxf3] 23...Nxf3 24.gxf3 Rg2 25.Rf1 e5 26.Qc2 Rf8 27.Nxd5 Bh4 [27...cxd5?! is much weaker. 28.c6 Nc5 29.dxc5] 28.Be1 cxd5 29.c6 exd4 30.c7?? [D] (p.3) [the pressure is too much, White crumbles] [30.cxd7 dxe3 31.Kxe3 Bg5+ 32.Ke2 Bxc1 33.Qxc1] 30...dxe3 31.c8Q exf2 (Continued p.3)

Position after 30.c7?? (From p.2)



(cont. from p.2) [31...Bxf2 and Black can celebrate victory] 32.Bd2 Qe5+ 33.Kd1 Rg1 [33...Rxc8 and the result of the game is clear: Black will win 34.Qxc8 Rg1] 34.Qa6 Re8 35.Qcd3? [D]



[35.Qad3 Qg3 36.Qxf5+ Kg8 37.Qxd5+ Kh8 38.Qcd3 Rxf1+ 39.Qxf1] 35...Nb8 [35...Rxf1+ and Black has reached his goal 36.Qxf1 Qd4] 36.Qab5 [36.Qxa7? would be great except for 36...Nc6 37.Rxg1 Nxa7] 36...a6 37.Qbb1 Rxf1+ 38.Qxf1 Qe1+?? [38...Qf6 39.Qb6 Re1+ 40.Bxe1 fxe1Q+ 41.Qxe1 Bxe1 42.Qxf6 gxf6 43.Kxe1 Kg6] 39.Bxe1! [D] (next col.) [Mate attack] 39...fxe1Q+ 40.Qxe1 Rxe1+ [40...Bxe1?? 41.Qxf5+ Kh8 42.Rc8] 41.Kd2 Re8 [41...Re5 desperation 42.Qxb8 Bg3] 42.Qxf5+ Kg8 43.Rc8 [D] (next col.)

USA-Team Amateur East (Round 3)

Submitted with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

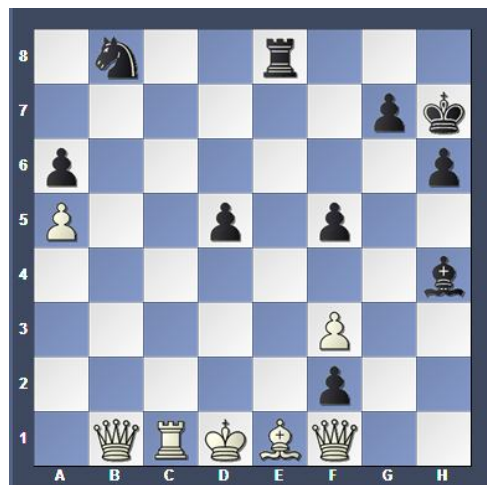
White: Joseph J. Kennedy (1626)

Black: Joel Benjamin (2576)

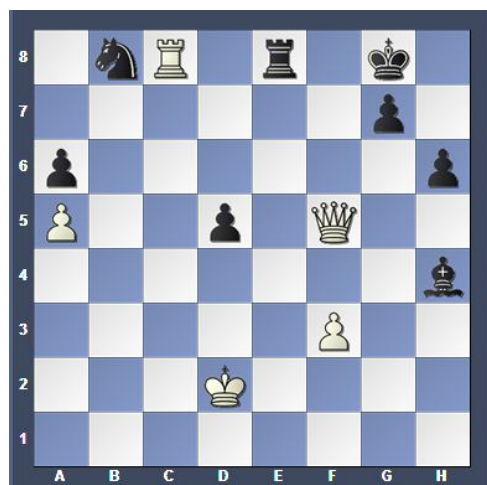
Date: 2/17/2008

[D03: Torre Attack with early ...d5] 1.d4 Nf6 (Continued middle next col.)

Position after 39.Bxe1! (From prev. col.)



Position after 43.Rc8 (From prev. col.)



[43.Rc8 Rxc8 44.Qxc8+ Kh7 45.Qxb8] 1-0

(cont. from prev. col.) 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 Nbd7 6.c3 0-0 [D]



[last book move] 7.Qc2 c6 [Consolidates b5] 8.Bd3 Re8 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 e5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Nb3 Qb6 13.h4 Ndx5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 [D] (p.4)

Position after 14...Nxe5 (From p.3)



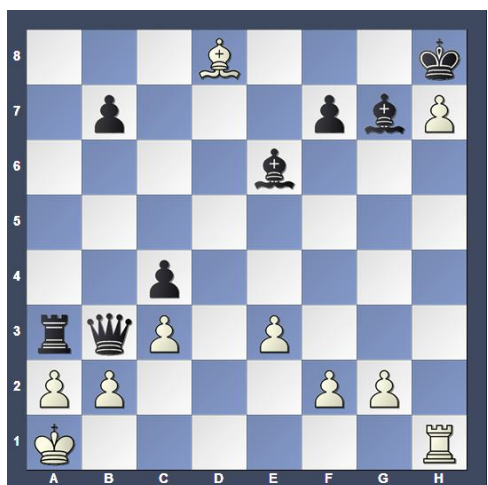
[14...Rxe5?!]

15.Bf4=; 14...Bxe5 15.h5 Bg7 16.h6=] 15.Ka1 a5
16.h5 a4 17.Nd4? [17.Nc1!?] 17...c5 18.Nb5
Nxd3 19.Qxd3 c4 20.Qxd5 Be6 21.Qd6 Qxb5
22.hxg6 a3 23.gxh7+ [D]



[23.Qd2 is

no salvation 23...hxg6 24.Rc1 Qxg5] 23...Kh8
24.Qxa3 Rxa3 25.Rd8 Rxd8 26.Bxd8 Qb3! [D]



[26...Qb3

27.Kb1 Rxa2 28.Kc1 Qxb2+ 29.Kd1 Qd2#] 0-1

Games from the NPCC 2013 March

Swiss Tournament:

Round: 2 (Continued next col.)

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Submitted by Olin with Fritz comments [shown
thusly].

White: Olin mastin (1500)

Black: John Russo (1420)

Date: 3/8/2013

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3 Bc5 5.O-O O-O
6.Nbd2 Ng4 7.e3 f5 8.h3 Nf6 9.a4 d5 [D]



10.Re1?

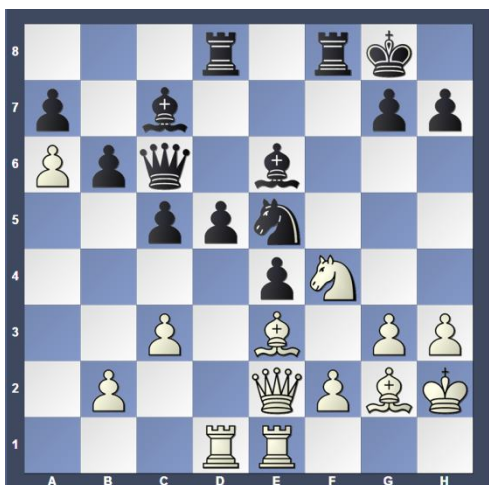
[10.Nxe5!?! and White can hope to live 10...Nxe5
11.d4] 10...e4 11.dxe4 fxe4 12.Nd4 Nxd4
13.exd4 Bxd4 14.Nb3 Be5 15.Be3 b6 16.c3 Be6
17.Qc2 Qd7 18.Kh2 Rad8 19.a5 Bd6 20.a6? c5
21.Rad1[D]



21...Qc6

[21...Qf7!?! keeps an even firmer grip 22.Bg5-+]
22.Nc1 Nd7 23.Ne2 Ne5 24.Nf4 Bc7 25.Qe2 [D]
(p.5) 25...g5?? [Black threatens to win material:
g5xf4. Black has let it slip away. 25...Bf5 26.b4
c4] 26.Nh5?? [26.Nxe6 saving the game
26...Qxe6 27.Bxg5] 26...Nf3+ 27.Bxf3 exf3
28.Qd2 [D] (p.5) 28... h6?? [throws away a nice
position. 28...Bc8 29.Bxc5 bxc5 (29...Qxc5??
30.Qxg5+ Kh8 31.Og7#) 30.Qxg5+ Qg6 31.Rxd5
Bf5 (31...Bxa6?! is the weaker alternative 32.Re7
Qxg5 33.Rxg5+ Kh8 34.Rxc7=) 32.Qxg6+ hxg6]
29.Bxg5! hxg5 30.Qxg5+ Kf7 31.Qf6+ Ke8
32.Rxe6+ Qxe6 33.Qxe6# [D] (p.5)

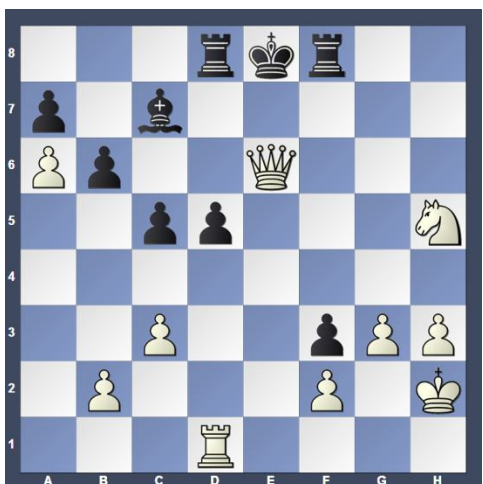
Position after 25.Qe2 (From p.4)



Position after 25.Qd2 (From p.4)



Position after 33.Qxe6# (From p.4)



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Round: 3

Submitted by Will with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Bill Champion (1646)

Black: Will Moyer (1498)

Date: 2/15/2013

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1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 Nc6 3.e3 Qd6 4.Nd2 e5 5.c3 Nf6
6.Ne2 [White has a cramped position.] 6...Be7
7.Nf3 Bg4 [7...e4!? and Black could well hope to
play on 8.Bf4 Qd8] 8.dxe5± Nxe5 9.Bf4 Bxf3
10.gxf3?? [D]



[10.Bxe5 is the best chance 10...Qxe5 11.gxf3] 10...Nxf3#!! 0-1

Round: 3

Submitted by Olin with Doug's and my comments with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Olin Mastin (1500)

Black: Doug Kern (1862)

Date: 2/15/2013

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3 (To defend e4)
Nf6 5.Nbd2 Bc5 [D]



(Eyeing up the f2 square.) 6.0-0 (In post game discussion, Doug thought I should have played 6.e4 here to beat him to the punch. Perhaps so; however, I always liked to castle first before the thematic king pawn thrust.) [Fritz gives: 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4] 6...e4!? (Doug presses the point) [D] (p.6)

Position after 6...e4!? (From p.5)

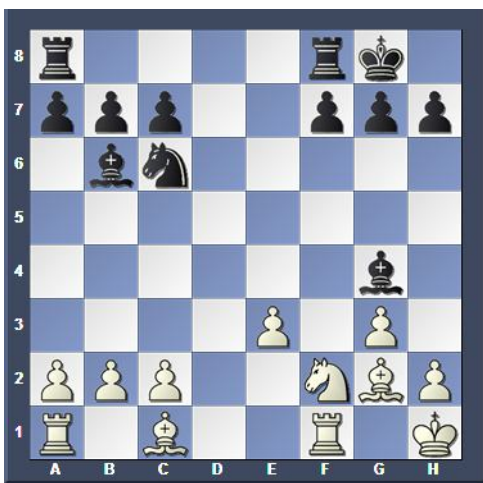


7.dxe4 dxe4 8.Ng5 e3 9.Nde4 exf2+ [D]



10.Nxf2

may have been OK here, but I didn't like my king being exposed on f2 after 10...Bxf2+ Kxf2. So I elected to move my king out of the line of fire.) 10.Kh1 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bb6 13.e3 Bg4 14.Rf1 0-0 15.Nxf2 [D]



(Finally

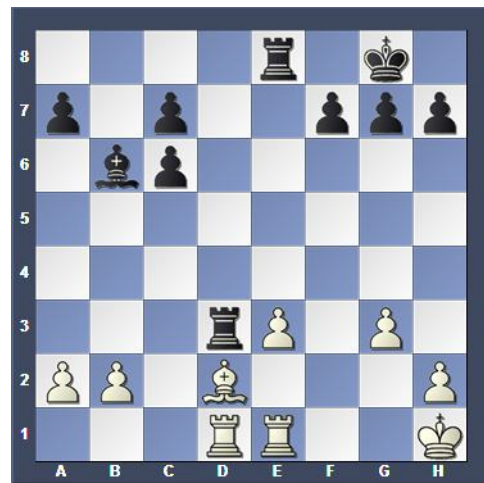
eliminating that pesky pawn and with tempo.) (Doug: This is what I had pushed e4 to achieve. White has no targets. Black has files for his rooks and an isolated e-pawn to target.) 15...Be6 (Continued next col.)

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16.Bd2 Rad8 17.Rad1 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Bf5 [D]

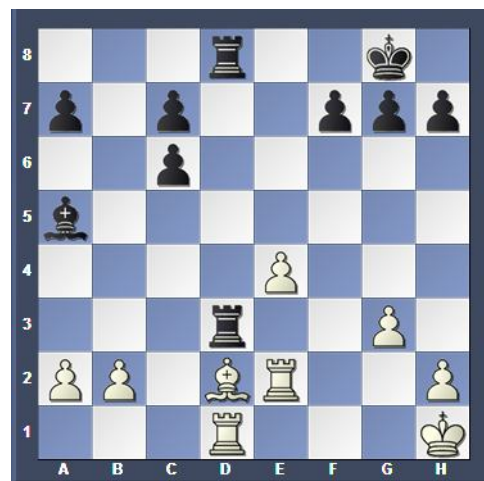


(Doug: White's position falls apart. 19. e4 is no good as the Nf2 is hanging.) 19.Nd3 Bxd3 20.cxd3 Rxd3 21.Bxc6 bxc6 [D]



22.e4?

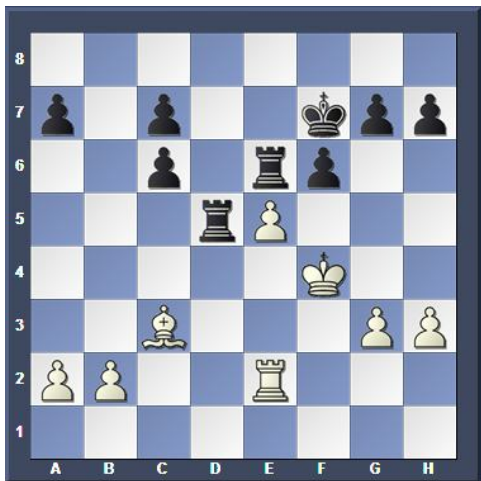
[22.Bc1 Rd5 23.Kg2] 22...Red8+ 23.Re2 Ba5!! [Deflection: d2] [D]



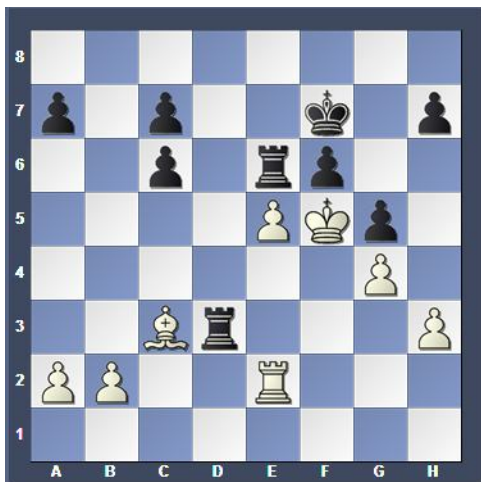
24.Bxa5

(What else? I had to give up the Exchange) Rxd1+ 25.Kg2 R8d7 26.e5 R1d5 27.Bc3 Re7 28.Kf3 Re6 29.Kf4 f6 30.h3 Kf7 [D] (p.7)

Position after 6...Kf7 (From p.6)



31.g4? (After the game, Doug suggested I should have played 31.h4 to ward off 31...g5+) **g5+!**
32.Kf5 Rd3[D]



33.Rh2? (A useless move, Doug had no interest in the h3 pawn!) (Doug: I was planning Rf3+ 34. Ke4 Rf4+, but noticed the bishop was the only piece preventing Rxe5 mate, and so...) [33.Ke4 no good, but what else? 33...Rxh3 34.Rg2]
33...Rxc3!! (Great move by Doug!) [Mate attack: 33...Rxc3 34.Ke4 Rxe5+ 35.Kd4 Rc1] **34.White resigns. 0-1**

The following game was played in Old Town, Maine. Darrell Butler is a good friend of NPCC emeritus member Glenn Snyder who re-located to the state of Maine several years ago. Darrel, at age 75, had only played USCF tournament chess for a little over a year at the encouragement of Glenn. Just goes to show "it's never too late"!

14th Annual MLK Tournament

White: Maxwell Berube (1827)
Black: Darrell Butler (1489)
Date: 1/21/2013

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Round: 1

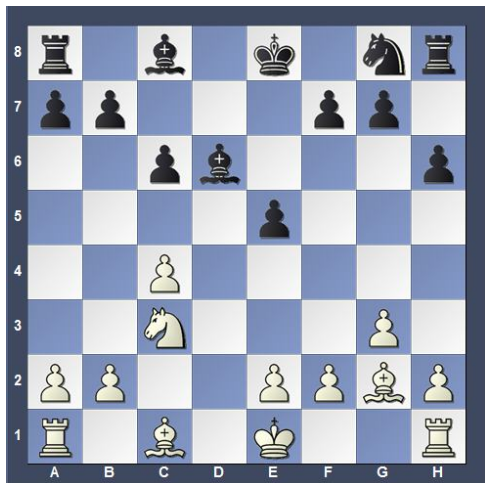
Submitted by Olin with comments by Maxwell with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

[Fritz: A41: 1 d4 d6: Tartakower System and Modern Defence] **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Nxd4 6.Qxd4 [last book move] 6...h6[D]**



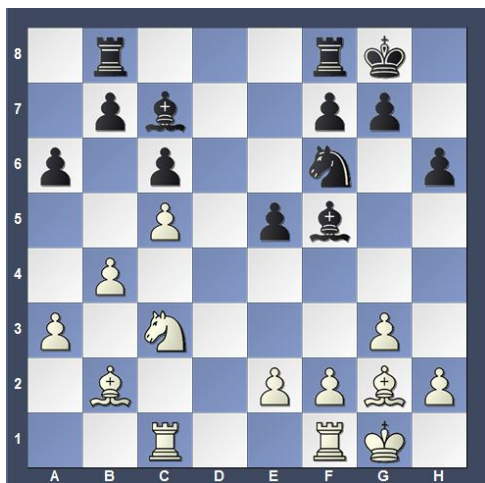
[Fritz: Consolidates g5] (Max: "This is the first deviation from my openings book. It seems a little bit slow and it is probably better to develop a piece.") **7.g3** (Max: "I decided to adopt a light square strategy to strongly discourage any eventual ideas of d6-d5 freeing your bishop. I don't think the bishop has any better square than on g2.") **7...Qf6** (Max: "7...Qf6 This is a very interesting move that I had not considered. Obviously taking the queen is not so good for me since it gives you free development, I should have just played something simple like Qd3 when your queen hinders your knight a little.") **8.Qe4+** (Max: "8.Qe4+? Let's you activate the Queen and free the f6 square, I should have just pulled the queen back again.") **8...Qe5** (Max: "8...Qe5 9.Qxe5+? Now I've helped you activate your bishop too. This move was based on a miscalculation, I thought that after ((9...dxe5 10.Nd5 Bd6 I would have 11.c5 which I supposed was winning but this is easily countered by either Ne7 or Be6 which I realized later)") **9.Qxe5+ dxe5** (Max: "9...dxe5 10.Nd5 Bd6 11.Bg2 c6 Unfortunately for me I also overlooked this good move since I had really only considered the 11.c5 variation in any depth. My knight becomes somewhat dominated by the pawn.") **10.Nd5 Bd6 11.Bg2 c6 12.Nc3 [D]** (p. 8) (Max: "12.Nc3 Nf6 13. 0-0 0-0 14.a3? This was another mistake on my part. My plan was to use my queenside pawns to weaken your queenside hopefully exploiting the placement of the pawn on c6 and to use my Bishop on g2 to create serious threats.") (Continued on page 8)

Position after 12.Nc3 (From p.7)



(Continued. from p.7)

12...Nf6 13.0-0 0-0 14.a3 Controls b4 **14...Be6** (Max: "14...Be6 This pretty much ruins my whole plan exploiting the weakness I created on my light squares by playing a3.") **15.b3** [Fritz: Covers c4] (Max: "15.b3 a6 16.Bb2 Bf5 17.b4 Bc7 18.c5 Rab8 I think this must be a mistake, it is probably best to play for control of the d-file since even if you can liquidate the backward b-pawn you'll be left with two real weaknesses on a6 and c6 instead of one "weakness" on b7 which cannot be attacked ((so it's not really a weakness.))") **15...a6** Prevents intrusion on b5 **16.Bb2 Bf5 17.b4 Bc7 18.c5 Rab8 19.Rac1** [D]

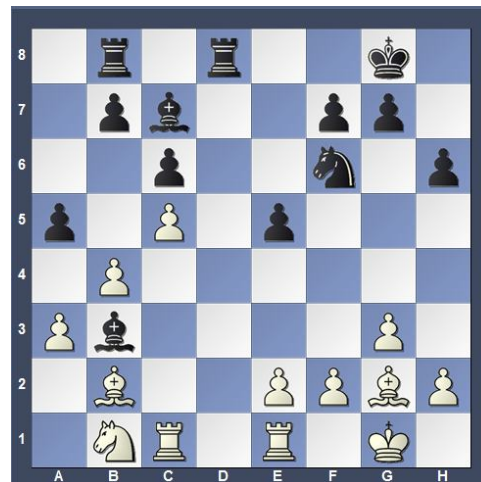


(Max:

"19.Rac1 Trying to let my rook come into d1 without getting attacked. But this is too slow and an invasion on the light squares cannot really be stopped.") **19...Be6** (Max: "19... Be6 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.Nb1?! I did this trying to hold the d2 square, but I must admit that it just doesn't look right. My computer says I should just take the rooks off.") **20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.Nb1 Bb3** (Max: "21... Bb3 22.Re1? Here I should just play Rd2 instead of giving up the important d-file. (Continued next col.)

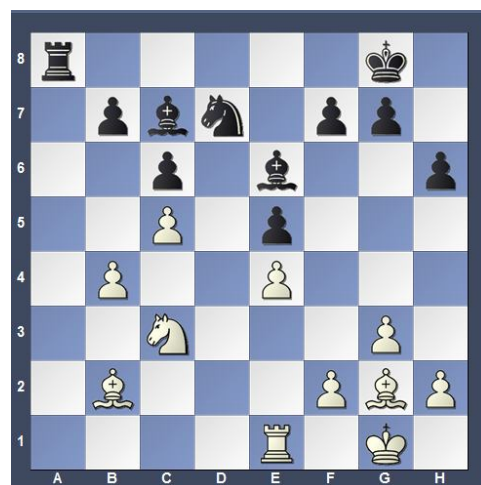
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My computer gives the line ((22. Rd2 Rxd2 23.Nxd2 Ba4 24. Nc4 with pressure on e5 if you play moves that try to hold the d1 square and exchange on move 22.)) **22.Re1 a5** [D]



(Max: 22...

a5 Another good move on your part I think. This starts to loosen my queenside.") **23.Rc3** (Max: "23.Rc3 Bd5 24.e4? This was a mistake for a tactical reason. My computer found ((24...axb4 25.axb4 Bxe4! 26.Bxe4 Nxe4 27. Rxe4 Rd1+ picking up a pawn.))") **23...Bd5 24.e4 axb4** (Max: 24... axb4 25.axb4 Be6 26.Ra3 Ra8 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Nc3 This I felt must be played to deny your rook play down the a-file.") **25.axb4 Be6 26.Ra3 Ra8 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Nc3 Nd7** [D]

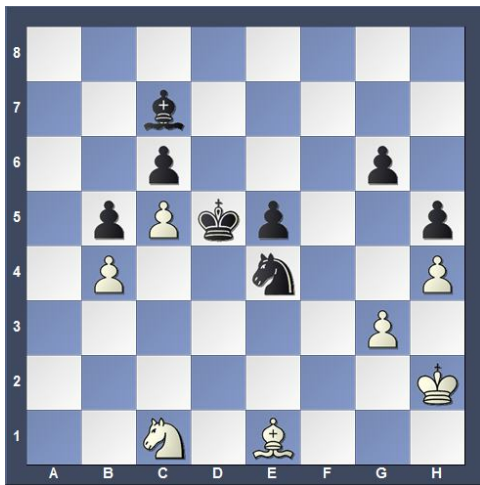


(Max: "28...

Nd7 29.Ra1 Rxa1+ 30.Bxa1 b6 31.Na4 f6 32.h4 With the idea that I should trade my bad g2 bishop for your good e6 bishop and then I might be able to have something in the endgame. This was not a good idea though since you can by exchanging on c5 my computer points out force my knight to be tied down to the weak pawn on c5.") **29.Ra1 Rxa1+ 30.Bxa1 b6 31.Na4 f6 32.h4 h5** (Max: "32... h5 33.Kh2 Kf7 34. Bh3 g6 35.Bxe6+ Kxe6 36.Bc3? This was the most
Continued p.9)

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extreme error of the game. c3 is an extremely important square as it turns out.") **33.Kh2 Kf7**
34.Bh3? [Fritz: 34.cxb6 Nxb6 35.Nc5 Bc4=]
34...g6 [Fritz: 34...bxc5!? 35.Nxc5 Nxc5 36.bxc5 Bxh3 37.Kxh3 Ba5μ] **35.Bxe6+= Kxe6 36.Bc3 f5**
[D] (p.9) (Max: "36...f5 The computer also points out that you can win right away with ((36...b5 37.Nb2 f5 when you either win a pawn or take a very large advantage due to your more active king.)") **37.f3** (Max: "37.f3 fxe4 38.fxe4 b5! 39.Nb2 Nf6 40.Nd3 Nxe4 41.Be1 Kd5 42.Nc1")
37...fxe4 38.fxe4?? [Fritz: 38.cxb6 is a viable option 38...Nxb6 39.Nxb6 exf3 40.Na4] **38...b5**
39.Nb2 Nf6 40.Nd3 [Fritz: 40.Nd1 Nxe4 41.Kg2-+] **40...Nxe4 41.Be1 Kd5 42.Nc1 [D]**



(Remainder

of moves not available as players were in the last 5 minutes time scramble.) **0-1**

Maxwell had written to Darrell: "Hi, here's the game score I recorded it up to move 42 and then I had under 5 minutes left so I stopped, but there's still enough so that you can see up to the point where you won. I also went over the game with my computer (Rybka) so I put an annotated version of the game below (*now it's above, Olin*) if you're interested.

Thanks for the game I learned quite a bit going over it!"

Allentown Center City Chess Club Offer

(from Eric C. Johnson): "For any of our events -- if three or more Lansdale players carpool together -- the driver plays for free!"



Darrell Butler



Glenn Snyder

Other places to play chess:

The below are for friendly off hand non-rated games (clocks optional). Bring chess set.

Monday evenings about 6:00 to 10:00 PM, "House of Coffee", (formally Saxby's) 22 North Main Street, Doylestown.

Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM to Noon at the Pennridge Community Senior Center in Silverdale. Located on route 113 near route 152.

Wednesday evenings 7:30 to 10:00 PM, "Christ Reformed Church at Indian Creek" located at 171 Church Road (intersection with Cowpath Road), Telford, PA.

Keep checking the website for latest schedule.

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