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## Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club of Lansdale, Winter 2013 Part 2

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### Games from the NPCC 2013 Winter Robin Tournament:

#### Round: 1

Submitted by Greg Sulat with his comments.

White: Will Moyer (1498)

Black: Greg Sulat (1280)

Date: 1/4/2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.e4 0-0  
6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nd4 [D]



9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nb5 Nxe4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.f3  
Nf6 13.Bg5 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qd2 Qb6  
16.Be3 c5 17.Nb5 Bxb5 [D]

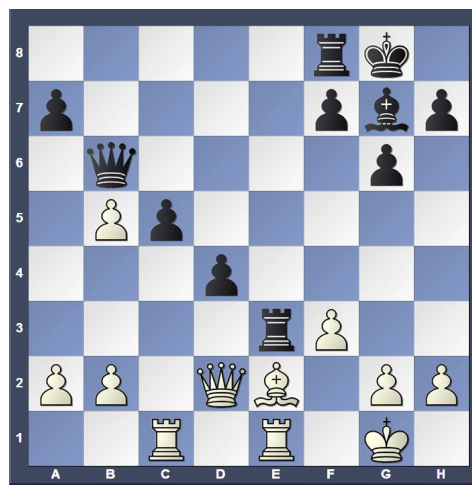


Things were fairly typical in the King's Indian for the first 15 moves or so. Bishop takes Knight on move 17 had some multi-purposes to it. If I don't take then he could attack the d pawn with the knight and queen. Also - by taking with the pawn it forces him to close off the diagonal for the White Bishop. My queen blockades the pawn nicely, puts pressure on the dark squared diagonal, and supports the d pawn.

Things are closing up for White's dark squared bishop as well. Would love to have gotten the Knight in there and forked both rooks but that wasn't going to happen.

The queen and rook lined up on the h6 diagonal was really juicy as well. I was hoping to get the knight to the e3 square, advance the bishop to h6 and then drop the knight back to f5 - Pins the queen and rook with the knight supporting.

18.cxb5 Rae8 19.Rad1 d5 20.Rc1 d4 21.Bf2  
Nd5 22.Rfe1 Ne3 23.Bxe3 Rxe3 [D]

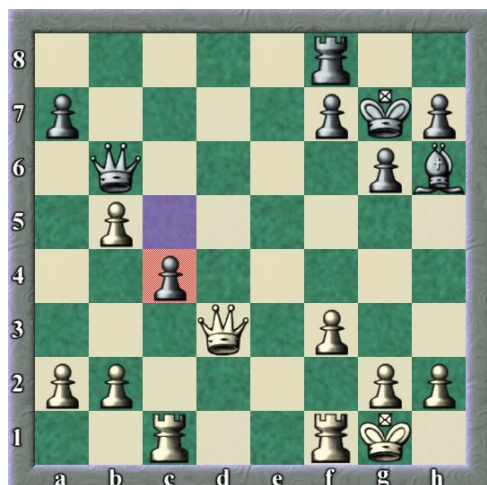


Pushing the pawn on move 26 was another multipurpose move. Advances the pawn and prevents the queen from checking. Originally thought he would take the c pawn and attack my Queen with the support of the rook. I was prepared to check the king with the Bishop and fork his queen at the same time.

Instead, he took the d pawn with the Bishop; I took the Bishop with the Rook and thought it was a free piece since he can't afford to take with the Queen.

Queen takes Rook and c4 advances with check, will take the queen and advance towards promotion.

27.Bxd3? Rxd3! 28.Qxd3 c4+! [D]



0-1 It was

a really good game with a fair amount of counter play on both sides.

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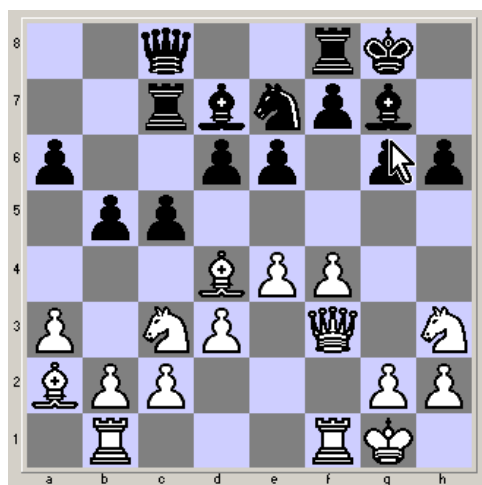
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White: John Russo (1450)

Black: Olin Mastin (1500)

Date: 1/4/2013

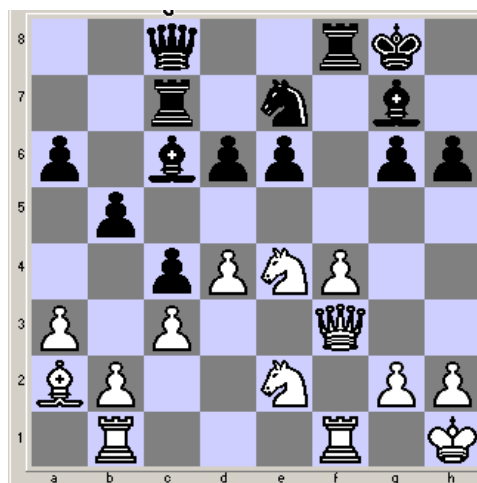
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6.Nc3 g6 7.a3 Bg7 8.Bb5 0-0 9.d3 Bd7 10.Bc4  
a6 11.Be3 b5 12.Ba2 Rc8 13.Rb1 Rc7 14.Ng5  
Qc8 15.Qf3 h6 16.Nh3 Nd4 17.Bxd4? [D]



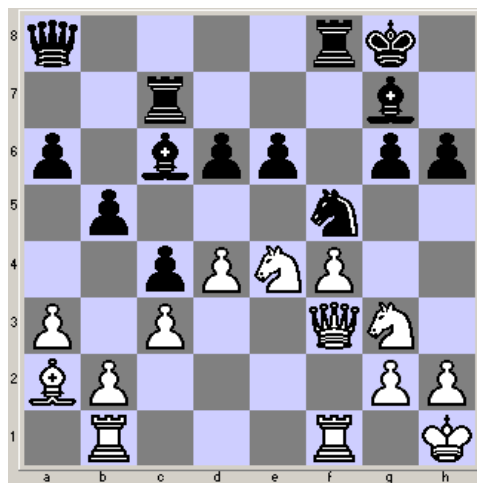
17...Bxd4+

18.Kh1 c4 19.Ne2 Bg7 20.d4 Bc6 21.c3 f5  
22.Nf2 fxe4 23.Nxe4? [D] (Next column)  
23...Qa8 24.N2g3 Nf5? [D] (next column) (I  
didn't play the best move here as Fritz points  
out) [24...e5 and Black has triumphed 25.Qg4  
Bxe4 26.Qe6+ Kh7 27.Nxe4 Qxe4 28.Qxd6 Qb7  
29.dxe5 Rd7] 25.Rbe1 Nxg3+26.hxg3 Rcf7  
27.Qe2 Bxe4 28.Qxe4 Qxe4 29.Rxe4 Re7  
30.Kg1 d5 31.Re2 Rfe8 32.Rfe1 Kf7 33.Kf2 Bf6  
34.Bb1 h5 35.Kf3 g5 36.Rh1 Rh8 37.fxg5 Bxg5  
38.Re5 Kf6 39.g4?? [D] (Next column)

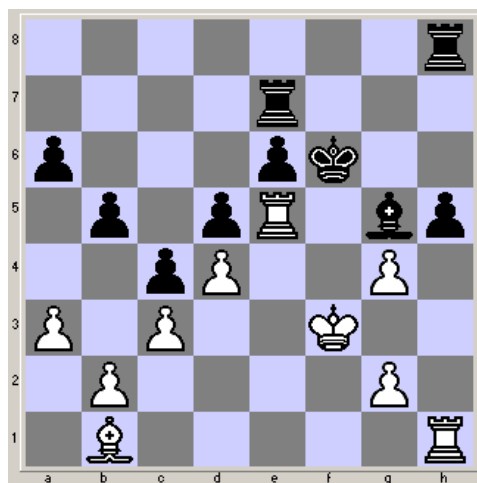
Position after 23. Nxe4? (From prev. column)



Position after 24...Nf5? (From prev. column)

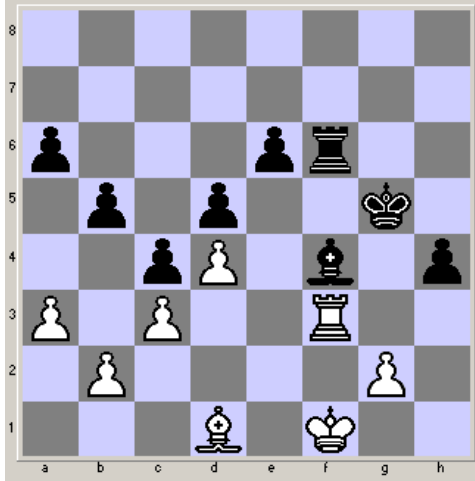


Position after 39.g4?? (From prev. column)



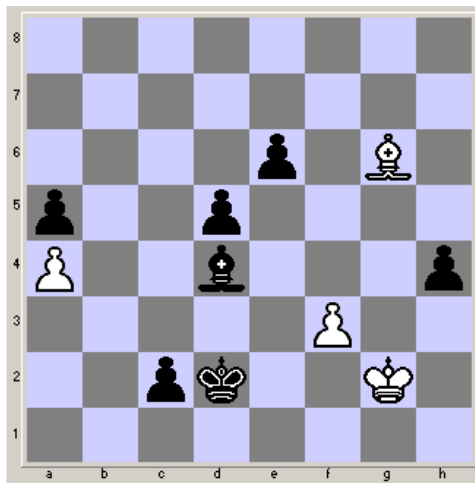
[What a pity, victory was in sight, 39.Rf1 Rg7]  
39...h4 (Once again I didn't play the best  
move) [39...hxg4+ and Black wins 40.Kxg4  
Rxh1 41.Rxg5 Rxb1] 40.Rh3 Rf7 41.Ke2 Bf4  
42.Rh5 Rxh5 43.gxh5 Kg5 44.Rf3 Kxh5 45.Bc2  
Rf6 46.Bd1 Kg5 47.Kf1?? [D] (Page 3)

Position after 47. Kf1?? (From p.2)



47...Bc1

48.b3 Rxf3+ 49.gxf3 Bb2 50.bxc4 bxc4 51.Kg2 Bxc3 52.a4 a5 53.Bc2 Bxd4 54.Bh7 c3 55.Bc2 Kf4 56.Bb3 Ke3 57.Bc2 Kd2 58.Bg6 c2 [D]



59.Bxc2

Kxc2 White resigns. 0-1

**Round: 2**

Submitted by Greg Sulat with his comments and brief selected comments by Fritz [shown thusly]

**White: Greg Sulat (1283)**

**Black: George Murphy (1366)**

**Date: 1/11/2013**

Interesting game. I definitely got a bit sloppy and it cost me a rook on move 29. Not sure why George didn't move his Rook and it kept me in the game.

Thought I could keep advancing my pawns with the Bishop aimed at the h8 queening square Moving the king to f1 was a total blunder. Kept thinking the Rook could trap me on a1 but forgot the Bishop was protecting that square When was the last time you saw mate with 2 knights?! Well done!

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nge7 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nf5 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 Bd7 10.Na4 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Nc5 b6 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.a3 b5 15.Qd3 Rac8 16.Rfc1 Na5 17.Bd2 Nc4

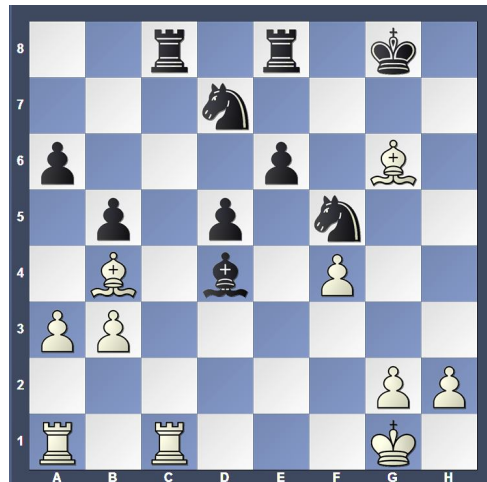
18.Bc3 f6 19.b3 Nb6 20.Ba5 Qb7 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Ne5 Nd7 23.f4 Qa7 24.Bb4 Rfe8?? [D]



[Forfeits the advantage, 24...Bxe5 25.fxe5 Nxe5 26.Qd1 Qxd4+ 27.Qxd4 Nxd4 28.Bd1]

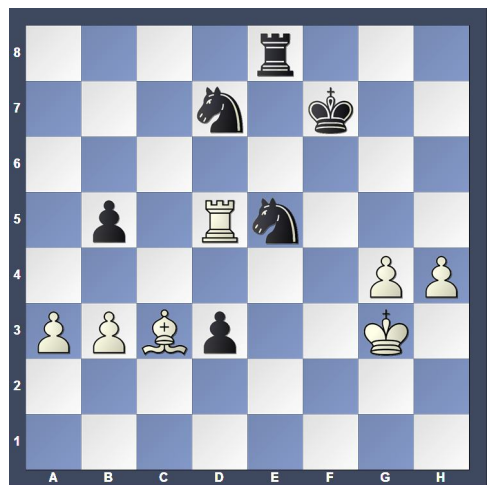
25.Bh5?? [25.Kh1 was possible] 25...g6+

26.Nxg6 hxg6 27.Bxg6 Qxd4+ 28.Qxd4 Bxd4+ [D]

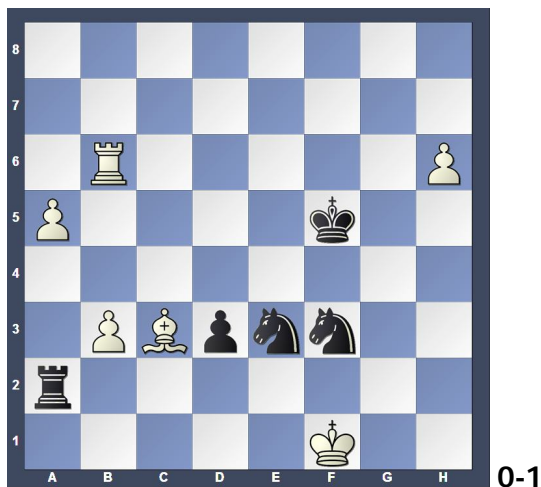


29.Kf1

Bxa1 30.Rxa1 Kg7 31.Bxe8 Rxe8 32.Rc1 Kf6 33.Kf2 Nf8 34.g4 Nh4 35.Kg3 Nhg6 36.h4 e5 37.Rc6+ Kf7 38.fxe5 Nxe5 39.Rxa6 d4 40.Rd6 d3 41.Bc3 Nfd7 42.Rd5?? [D]



[42.Kf4 and White is still in the game 42...Re6 43.Rd5] 42...Ke6 43.Rxb5 Rf8 44.h5 Rf3+ 45.Kg2 Re3 46.Kf1?? [Strolling merrily down the path to disaster, 46.h6 Re2+ 47.Kg3] 46...Nxb3 47.a4 Re2 48.a5 Ra2 49.Ke1 Nde5 50.Rb6+ Kf5 51.h6 Nf3+ 52.Kf1 Ne3# [D]



**Round: 2**

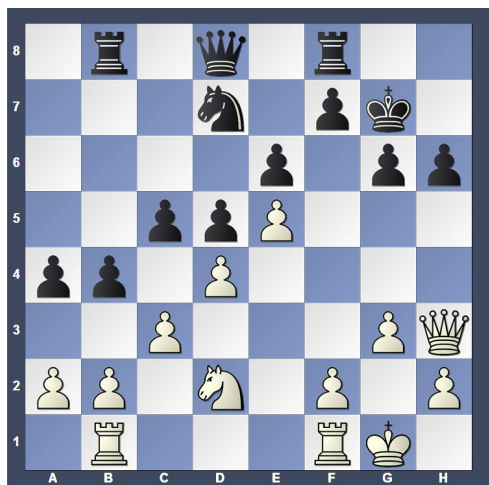
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**White: Olin Mastin (1500)**

**Black: Will Moyer (1550)**

**Date: 1/11/2013**

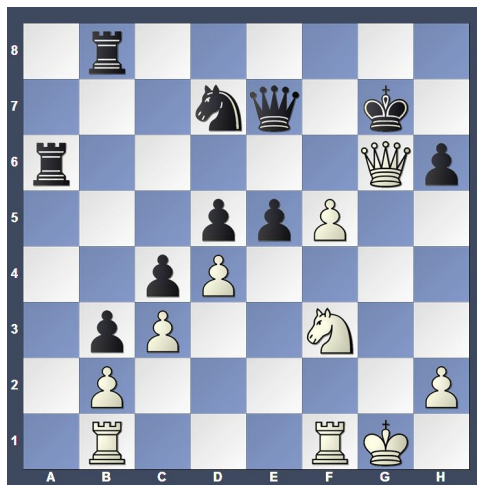
1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e6 4.d3 d5 5.Nbd2 Ne7 6.O-O O-O 7.Re1 Nd7 8.e4 c6 9.Rb1 b6 10.e5 Qc7 11.d4 Bb7 12.Nf1 c5 13.c3 a5 14.Bg5 Nf5 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.Bxe3 a4 17.Qd2 Ba6 18.Bh6 Rab8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Rxf1 b5 22.Qg5 h6 23.Qh4 Qd8 24.Qh3 b4 25.Nd2? [D]



[25.Kg2 bxc3 26.bxc3 a3] 25...c4?? [Black prepares the advance b3 releasing the pressure on the opponent. 25...bxc3!? 26.bxc3 Qa5 27.Qg4 Qxc3 28.Nf3] 26.f4 Rb6 27.Nf3 Qe7 28.Qg2 Rfb8 29.Qc2 b3 30.axb3 axb3 31.Qg2 Ra6 32.g4 f6 33.f5 exf5 34.gxf5 fxe5 35.Qxg6+?? [D] (Next column)

(Welcome to Blunderville!) [A weak move, ruining a winning position, 35.Nxe5 is the best chance 35...Nxe5 36.Rbe1] (Will asked me if I just captured the pawn with my queen check?)

**Position after 35.Qxg6+??: (From prev. col.)**



I said, "Yes". Then he said, "Well then I'll just take it with my rook!" Gee, what do you know?! Duh!) 35...Rxb6+ 36.fxb6 Kxb6 37.Kh1 Rf8 38.Rg1+ Kh7 39.Nd2 e4 40.Ra1 e3 41.Rge1 Rf2 42.Nf1 Qe4+ 43.Kg1 Qg2# 0-1

**Round: 3**

Submitted by Greg Sulat with his comments and brief selected comments by Fritz [shown thusly]

**White: Gary Stevens (1343)**

**Black: Greg Sulat (1283)**

**Date: 1/18/2013**

Gary seems to like the Stonewall. I had quite a few pawn moves in the beginning. While it held back development I thought it gave me a better position. The Bishop was a tempting target around move 10. Thought he would take the pawn on g6 to open up the king position c3 was a bit of a blunder. He tried to kick the Knight and instead set up a nice fork. After winning the Queen it was just a matter of trading pieces and picking off pawns.

1.d4 Nf6 2.f4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.Qe2 c5 8.Nc4?? [8.O-O is the best chance] b5 9.Ncd2 c4 10.Be4 [D]

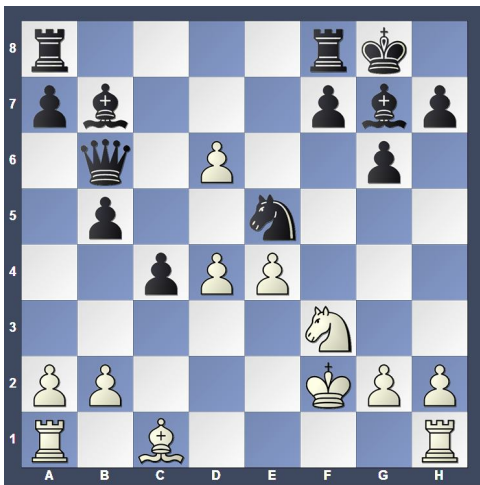


d5 11.Bxd5 Nxd5 12.e4 Nxf4 13.Qf2 Bb7 14.d5 Qa5 15.c3? [D]



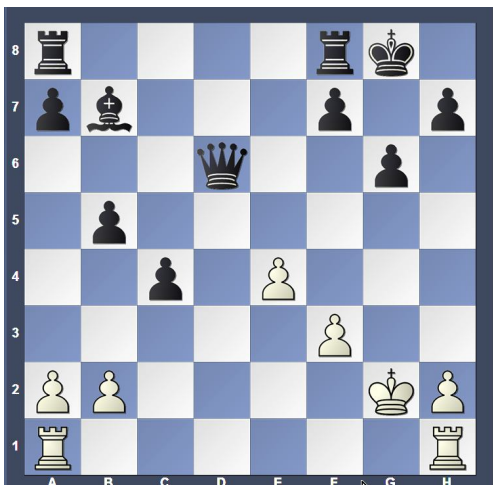
[15.0-0

there is nothing better in the position 15...f5 16.Kh1] 15...Nd3+ 16.Ke2 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 e6 18.d6 Qb6+ 19.Nd4 e5 20.N2f3 exd4 21.cxd4 Ne5? (not the best as per Fritz) [D]

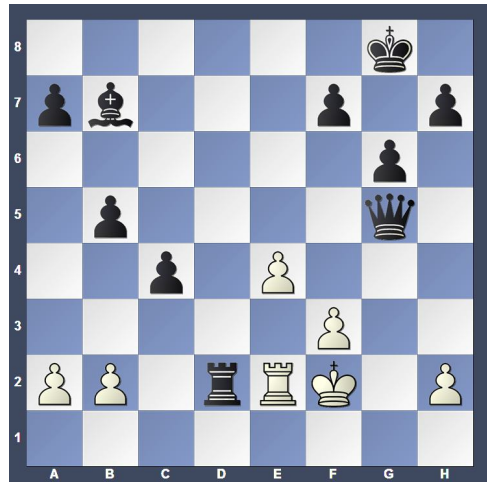


[21...Bxd4+

22.Ke2 Bxe4 23.Rf1 Bd3+ 24.Kd1 Bxf1 25.Bd2 Bxb2 26.Rc1 Rae8 27.Rb1 Bd3 28.Rxb2 Qf2 29.Rc2 Qf1+ 30.Be1 Rxe1+ 31.Nxe1 Re8 32.Kc1 Qxe1+ 33.Kb2 Qb4+ 34.Ka1 Bxc2 35.h3 Re1#] 22.Be3 Nxf3 23.gxf3 Bxd4 24.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 25.Kg2 Qxd6 [D] (Again not the best as per Fritz)



[25...Qxb2+ 26.Kf1 f5 27.d7 fxe4 28.Rg1 Rxf3+ 29.Ke1 Re3+ 30.Kd1 Rd3+ 31.Ke1 Qd2+ 32.Kf1 Rf8#] 26.Rhd1 Qe7 27.Rd2 Rad8 28.Re2 Qg5+ 29.Kh1 Rd2 30.Rae1 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Qc1+ 32.Kg2 Rd8 33.Kg3 Qg5+ 34.Kf2 Rd2 [D]



White

resigns. 0-1 [34...Rd2 35.Rxd2 Qxd2+ 36.Kg3 Qxb2 37.h3 c3 38.f4 c2 39.f5 c1Q 40.Kf3 Qg5 41.fxg6 Qbg2#; 34...Rd1 35.Re1 Qh4+ 36.Kg2 Rd2+ 37.Re2 Rxe2+ 38.Kg1 Qe1#] 0-1

### Round: 3

Submitted by Olin with my comments and brief selected comments by Fritz [shown thusly]

White: Don Edwards (1325)

Black: Olin Mastin (1500)

Date: 1/18/2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.e3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 dxe3 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Bxb4 exf2+ 8.Kxf2 Qd4+?? [D]



[Gives the

opponent new chances: 8...Qh4+ 9.g3 Qd4+ 10.Ke1 Qe4+ 11.Kf2 Qxh1] 9.Ke1 Qxb2 10.Bc3 Qc1+ 11.Qd1 Qe3+ 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.h3 Rd8 14.Qc2?? [Allows the opponent back into the game: 14.Qc1 White had this great chance 14...Qxc1+ 15.Nxc1 Rd1+ 16.Kf2 Rxc1 17.hxg4] 14...Bxe2 15.Bxe2 [D] (Page 6)

Position after 15.Bxe2 (From p.5)



[15.Qxe2??

Qg3+ 16.Qf2 Rd1+ 17.Kxd1 Qxf2--+] 15...Qg3+ 16.Kf1 Nge7 17.h4?? [A transit from better to worse, 17.Qe4 and White has the better game] 17...Qf4 18.Ke1 Qg3+ 19.Kf1 Qf4+ 20.Ke1 Qg3+ 21.Kf1 Qf4+ 22.Bf3 [D]



(Could have

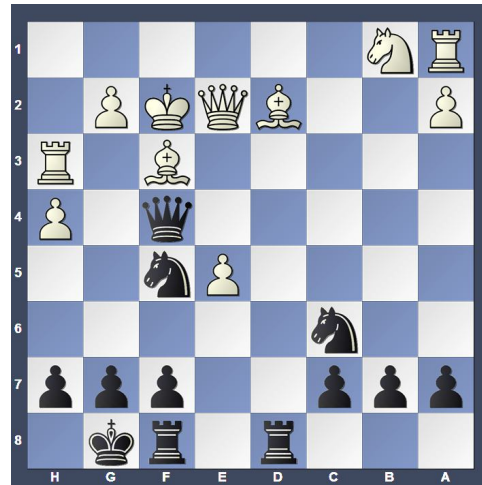
been a draw by threefold repetition but White broke it with this bishop move. He should have claimed the draw!) Qxc4+ 23.Qe2?? [Hands over the advantage to the opponent: 23.Kg1 Nd4 24.Qe4] 23...Qf4?? [D]



[There were

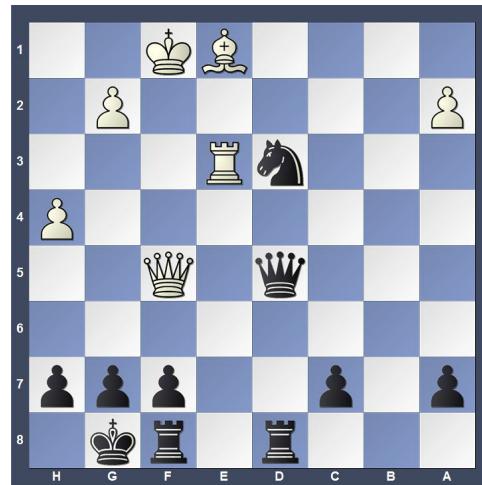
better ways to keep up the pressure: 23...Rd1+! 24.Be1 Rxe1+ 25.Kxe1 Qd4 26.Bxc6+ bxc6] 24.Kf2 Nf5 25.Rh3 0-0 26.Bd2?? [D] (Next col.)

Position after 26.Bd2?? (From prev. col.)



[Ruins a

clearly superior position: 26.Qe4 would have given White a clear advantage. 26...Qxe4 27.Bxe4] 26...Qd4+ 27.Kf1 Qxa1 28.Qf2 Qxb1+ 29.Be1 Nxe5 30.Bxb7 Qxb7 31.Qxf5 Qd5 [31...Qb5+ finishes off the opponent 32.Kg1 Rd1 33.Re3] 32.Re3 Nd3 [D]



[32...Nc4

and the result of the game is clear: Black will win 33.Qxd5 Nxe3+ 34.Ke2 Rxd5] 33.Qxd5 Rxd5 (White resigned) 0-1

**Round: 4**

Submitted by Greg Sulat with his comments and brief selected comments by Fritz [shown thusly]

**White: Greg Sulat (12803)**

**Black: John Russo (1420)**

**Date: 1/25/2013**

John was a bit tricky with his Sicilian. In the opening I thought about Nb3 but didn't want to retreat.

Didn't like the Knight to c3 at move 14 - kept the pawn from advancing but wanted the piece in the game.

Thought about taking with the pawn at move 17 but didn't want the queen trapped. Was expecting Nc8 at which point I had a few alternatives.

Liked the pressure the Bishop pair exerted thru most of the game.

I liked f4 at move 31 - Multipurpose move but more importantly it was opening up a file for my rook.

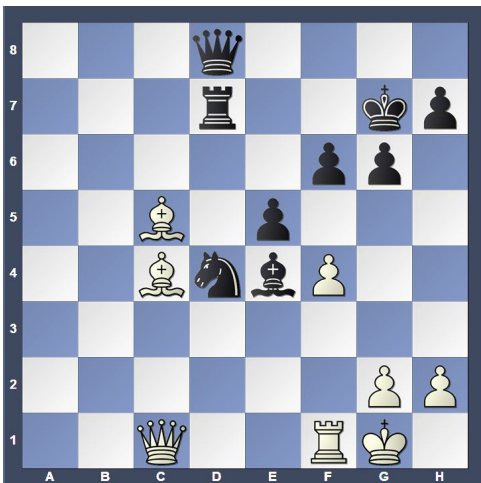
33.Bf8 was a bit gutsy. Thought I would pick up the Queen at the cost of a rook and bishop. Then trade down fast as I can.

Thought about Bh6 followed by Rf8 check but didn't want to give black a chance to get a move in.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 a6 6.Nd6+ Bxd6 7.Qxd6 Nge7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Bc4 Kh8 10.0-0 f6 11.Be3 Na5?? [D]

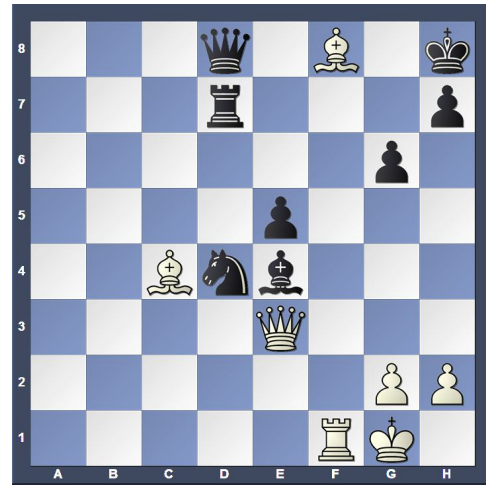


[Strolling merrily down the path to disaster. 11...f5!? 12.f3 Rf6] 12.Bd3 Nac6 13.b4 b5 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Bc5 Re8 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Rb8 18.Qf7 d6 19.Be3 Re7 20.Qb3 g6 21.c4 bxc4 22.Bxc4 Kg7 23.Rad1 Ba8 24.a3 a5 25.Qc3 axb4 26.axb4 Rxb4 27.Bc5 Rbb7 28.Rxd6 [28.Bxd6?! Red7 29.Qa3 Ra7] 28...Red7?? [28...Rbd7 29.Rd5 Re8] 29.Rxd7+ [29.Rxc6 secures the win: 29...Rb8 30.f4 Bxc6 31.fxe5] 29...Rxd7 30.Qc1 Nd4 31.f4 Bxe4?? [D]



[Throwing away the advantage. 31...Qa5 the only rescuing move 32.fxe5 Nf3+ 33.Kh1 Nxe5] 32.fxe5 fxe5 33.Bf8+ Kh8 34.Qe3 [D] (Next column)

Position after 34.Qe3 (From prev. col.)



Bf5??

[Causes more grief, 34...Qh4 35.Bh6 Nf5] 35.Qxe5+ [35.Qxe5+ Qf6 36.Qxf6+ Rg7 37.Qxg7#] 1-0

### Round: 5

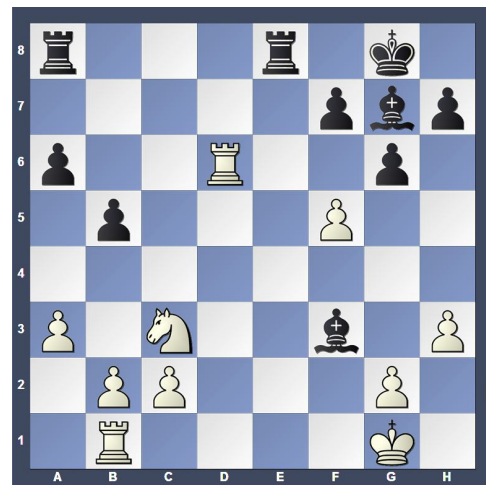
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White: Rich Briggs (1499)

Black: Olin Mastin (1500)

Date: 2/1/2013

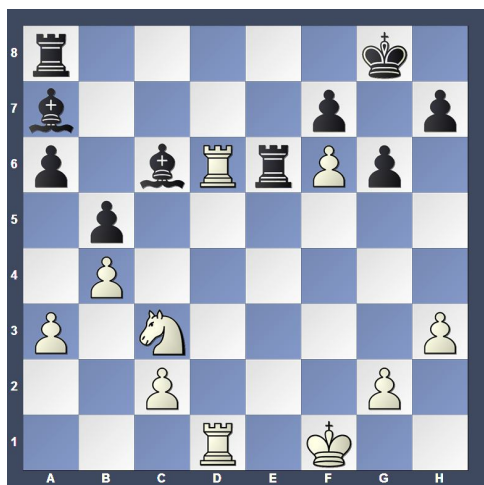
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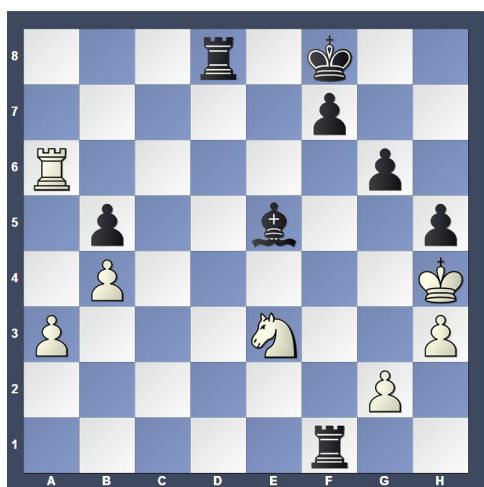
[23.gxf3

was a good chance to save the game 23...Bxc3 24.bxc3] 23...Bf8 24.Rd3 Bc5+ 25.Kf1 Bb7 26.b4 Ba7 27.Rd7 Bc6 28.Rd6 Re6 29.Rbd1 [D] (Page 8) 29...Rae8 30.Rxc6 Rxc6 31.Nd5 Rxc2 32.Ne7+ Kf8 33.Rd7 Bf2 34.Rd6 Bh4 35.Rxa6 Bxf6! 36.Nd5 Rc1+ 37.Kf2 Bd4+ 38.Kf3 Rf1+ 39.Kg4 h5+ 40.Kg3 Be5+ 41.Kh4 Rd8 42.Ne3 [D] (Page 8)

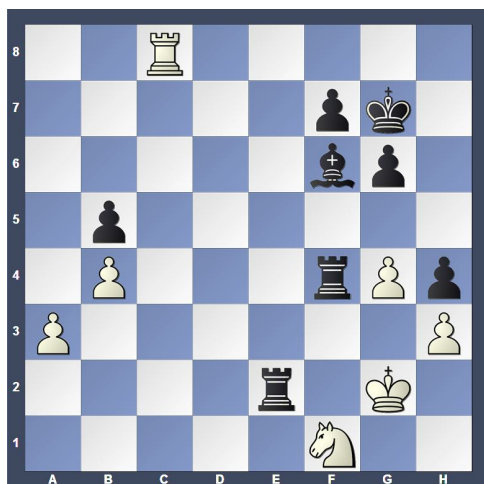
Position after 29.Rbd1 (From page 7)



Position after 42.Ne3 (From page 7)



42...Rd4+  
43.g4 Bf6+ 44.Kg3-- h4+ 45.Kg2 Rff4 46.Ra8+  
Kg7 47.Nf1 Rde4 48.Rc8 Re2+ [D]



[48...Re2+  
49.Kg1 Bd4+ 50.Ne3 Bxe3+ 51.Kh1 Rf1#] 0-1

This concludes this issue featuring NPCC 2013 Winter Robin games of what I have to date. There are several more Winter Robin games to be played which will be featured in future issues. Upon completion of the Winter Robin I will publish the completed cross table. Perhaps some of you are wondering why there

are so many of Greg Sulat's and my own games published? The answer is simple: No one else is submitting games! That is for Winter Robin games.

Hopefully, future issues will have more variety. I do have a few other games that are non Winter Robin; however, the next issue will feature the remainder of the Winter Robin games.

It will be several weeks until the next issue. In the meantime -- good chess to everybody!!

### Tournament Schedule

DATES	ROUNDS	EVENT & COMMENTS
2/15/2013	7 of 8 *	
2/22/2013 3/1/2013		Open Nights for Make-up games and speed chess.

**Note:** There will be additional open nights available for makeup games of which there are several.

More to be printed. Keep checking in. Thanks. You may also check the website:

[www.northpennchessclub.org](http://www.northpennchessclub.org)

\* **NOTE:** All rounds begin at 8 PM. Arrive 7:45 1<sup>st</sup> Round!

### 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

### 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!"

[www.freewebs.com/allentowncentercitychessclub](http://www.freewebs.com/allentowncentercitychessclub)