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This issue will be devoted to games played in the **NPCC 2013 Membership Drive Tournament**. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Round: 1

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

White: Rich Briggs (1578)

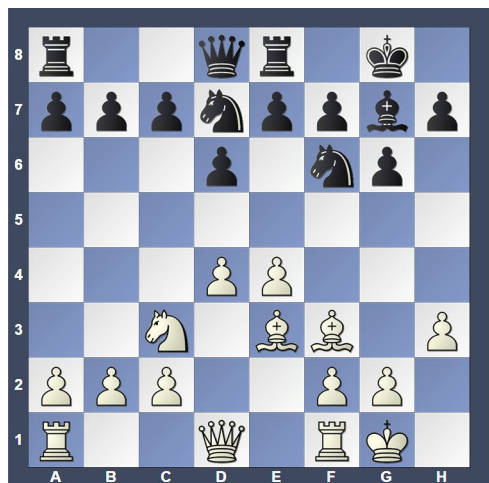
Black: Amy Bland (1022)

Date: 9/6/2013

[B08: Pirc Defense: Classical System] 1.e4 d6 2.d4

Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 O-O 6.O-O Bg4

7.Be3 Re8 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nbd7 [D]



10.Qd2 c6

11.Bh6 [11.a4 Qc7] 11...Bf8 [11...Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Qb6

13.Qd2] 12.Rad1 [12.Bg5 Bg7] 12...Nb6 [12...Bxh6

13.Qxh6 e5 14.g4] 13.Bxf8 Rxf8 14.Qh6 e6

[14...Qc7!?] 15.e5 Nfd5? [15...Ne8!?] 16.Ne4 f6

17.exf6 [17.Nxd6!? fxe5 18.Nxb7] 17...Nxf6

18.Ng5 Qe7 19.Rfe1 e5 20.b3 Qg7?? [D] (Next

col.) [Another bit of territory lost. 20...Nbd7]

21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Ne6+ Kh8 23.Nxf8 Rxf8

24.dxe5 Nfd5 [24...dxe5 otherwise it's curtains at

once 25.Rxe5 Rf7] 25.Bxd5 Nxd5 26.c4 Nb6

27.exd6 Nd7 28.Re7 Rd8 29.b4 Nf6 30.d7 Ng8

[30...Kg8, the last chance for counter play] 31.Re8 [D]

(Next col.) [31.Re8 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 b5 33.Rf8 a6 34.cxb5

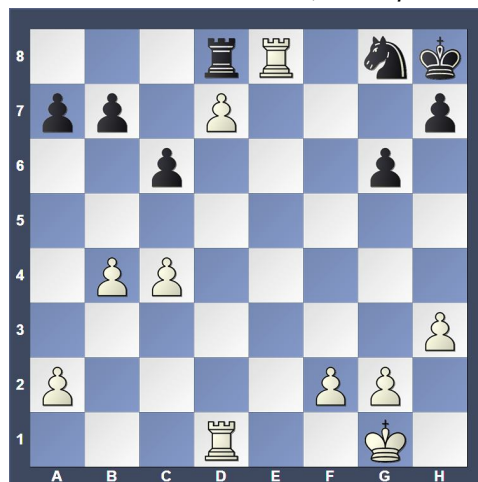
cxb5 35.Rff7 Nh6 36.Rxh7+ Kg8 37.Rxh6 a5 38.bxa5 b4

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Position after 20...Qg7?? (From prev. column)



Position after 31.Re8 (From prev. column)



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from prev. col.) 39.a6 g5 40.a7 Kf8 41.a8Q#] 1-0

Round: 1

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

White: Arthur Martella (UNR)

Black: Olin Mastin (1512)

Date: 9/6/2013

[D06: Queen's Gambit: Symmetrical and Baltic Defenses] 1.d4 d5 2.e3 Bf5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.c4 e6

5.Ne5 (Olin -- I was not sure about my opponent's object with this move as he violated the principle of not moving a piece twice before completing development.) 5...Nbd7 6.Qb3 [D] (Page 2)

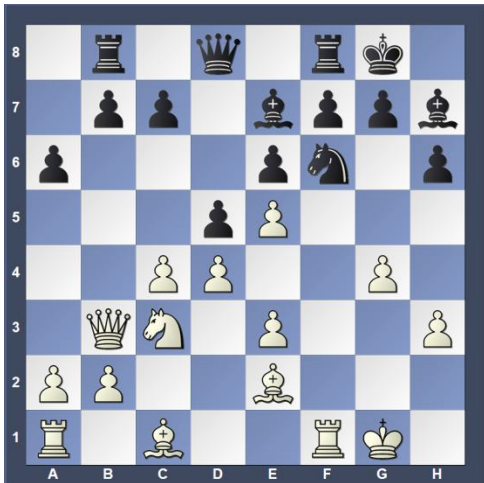
(Olin -- Here my debate was 6...Qc1 which is an awkward placement of the queen, or 6...b6 which I simply did not like the looks of my pawn placement. I finally decided 6...Rb8 suited me best.) (Cont. p.2) Page 1 of 6

Position after 6.Qb3 (From page1)



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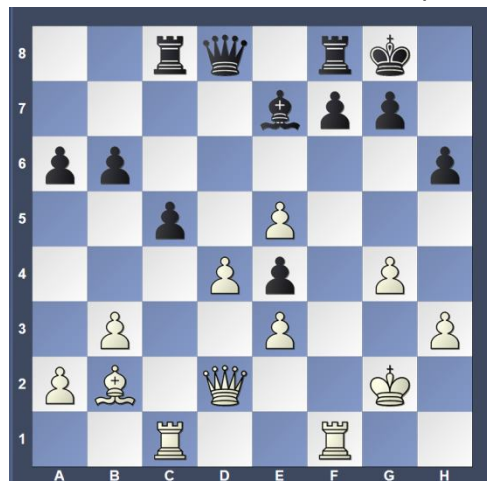
page 1) 6...Rb8 7.Nc3 a6 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0
10.h3 [10.cxd5 exd5 11.f4 Nb6] 10...h6 11.g4
(Olin -- My opponent is weakening his kingside
with this attack on my bishop.) 11...Bh7 12.f4
[12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qxd5 Nxe5
15.Qxd8 Rbx d8 16.dxe5 Be4] 12...Nxe5 13.fxe5
[D]



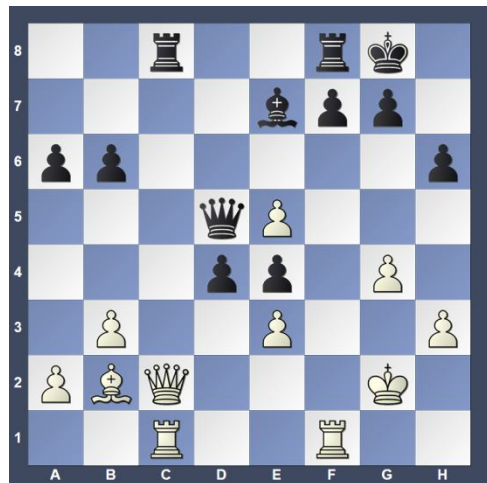
13...Ne4

[13...dxc4 14.Qxc4 Nd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qc3]
14.Kg2 [14.cxd5 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qxd5] 14...Bh4
[14...dxc4!? 15.Bxc4 Nxc3 16.bxc3 b5μ] 15.cxd5
Nxc3 (Olin -- This capture must come first.)
16.Qxc3 exd5 17.b3 c6 (Olin -- Consolidates my
queenside pawn chain.) 18.Ba3 Be7 19.Bb2 Rc8
20.Rac1 c5 21.Qd2 Be4+ 22.Bf3 b6 [22...Bxf3+
would allow Black to play on 23.Kxf3 Rc6]
23.Bxe4 dxe4 [D] (Next col.) 24.Qc3?? [Fritz -
Hands over the advantage to the opponent.
Better is 24.d5!?] 24...Qd5 [24...b5 25.Qc2 Qd5
26.Ba3] 25.Qc2 [25.Qc4 Qxc4 26.bxc4 cxd4
27.exd4 Rc7] 25...cxd4 [D] (Next col.) [25...b5]
26.Qf2?? [Fritz - An unfortunate move that
relinquishes the win. Better is 26.Qxc8 which
would be a reprieve. 26...Rxc8 27.Rxc8+ Kh7
28.Bxd4 (28.exd4?? e3+ 29.Rf3 Qe4)] 26...dxe3
[D] (Next col.) 27.Qxe3? (Olin -- Loses the
Exchange.) [27.Qe2 there is nothing else anyway
27...Qd3 28.Rfe1] (Cont. next col.)

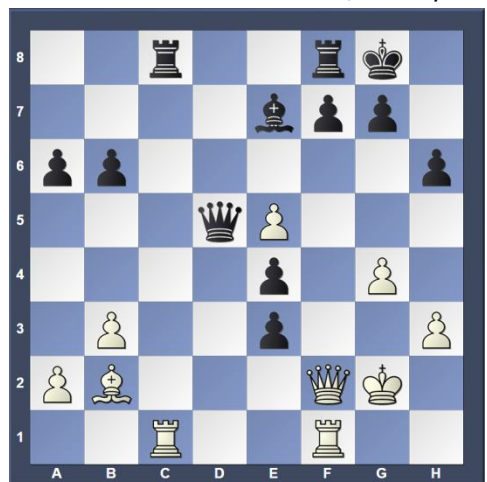
Position after 23...dxe4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 25...cxd4 (From prev. col.)



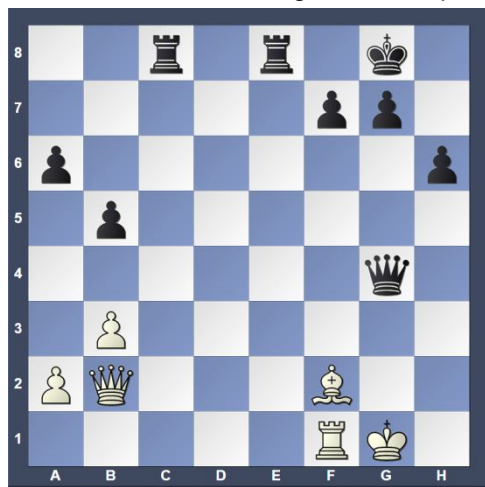
Position after 26...dxe3 (From prev. col.)



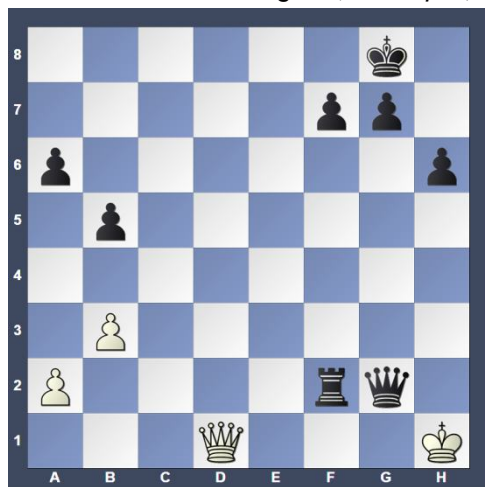
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from prev. col.) 27...Bg5 28.Qe2 Bxc1 29.Bxc1
e3+! 30.Kg1 Qxe5 31.Bxe3 Qg3+ 32.Kh1
Qxh3+ 33.Kg1 Qg3+ 34.Kh1 b5 [34...Rfe8 and
Black can already relax 35.Qf3 Rxe3 36.Qxg3
Rxc3] 35.Bf2 Qh3+ 36.Kg1 Rfe8 37.Qb2
Qxg4+ [D] (Page 3) 38.Kh2 [38.Kh1 Qh3+
39.Kg1 Rc6 40.Bg3 Rg6 41.Qg2 Rxc3 42.Qxg3
Qxg3+ 43.Kh1 Re4 44.Rf4 Rxf4 45.b4 Rf1#]
38...Re2 39.Qb1 Rcc2 [39...Rc3!] 40.Qd1
Rxf2+ 41.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 42.Kh1 Qg2# [D] (p.3)

Position after 37...Qxg4+ (From p.2)



Position after 42...Qg2# (From p.2)



42...Qxd1#]

0-1

Round: 2

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

White: Bob Kampia (1787)

Black: Rich Briggs (1578)

Date: 9/13/2013

[C01: French: Exchange Variation] 1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5

3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bb4 5.Bd2 Nf6 6.Bd3 0-0

7.Nge2 a6N 8.0-0 b6 [8...h6 9.a3 Bd6 10.Nf4] 9.h3

Bb7 10.Ng3 Bd6 [10...Re8 11.Re1] 11.Bg5 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [11.Nf5 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5]

11...Nbd7 [11...h6!? should be investigated more

closely 12.Be3 c5] 12.Nf5 Be7 13.Re1 Re8

14.Qd2 [14.Rxe7?! Rxe7 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7] 14...c5

15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.a3 [16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Nxg7 Kxg7

18.Bxf6+ Nxf6 19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Qxf6] 16...Qc7?

[16...Re6] 17.Bf4?? [17.Nxg7 secures the win

17...Rxe1+ 18.Rxe1] 17...Qc6 18.b4?? [18.Bf1 Ne4

19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Nd6 Bxd6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Bxd6]

18...d4 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 Rxe4 21.f3

Rxf4! [D]



22.Qxf4

[22.Qxf4 Bf8 Combination; ...22.-- Rxf5 Threat 23.Bxf5

d3+ 24.bxc5 (24.Qe3 Bxe3+ Combination; 24.Qf2

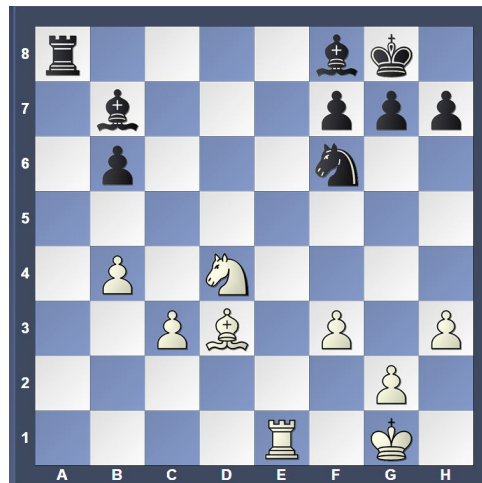
Bxf2+ Combination; 24.Kf1 Qf6 Combination; 24.Kh1

Qf6 Combination; 24.Kh2 Qd5 Combination)

24...Qxc5+ Double attack(24...Qd5 Decoy)] 22...Bf8

23.Nxd4 Qf6 24.Qxf6 Nxf6 25.Re1 a5 26.c3

axb4 27.axb4 [D]



27...Nd5

28.Be4 Rb8 29.Rc1 g6 30.g3 f5 31.Bd3 Rc8

32.Ne2 Kg7 33.Kf2 Be7 34.h4 h6 35.Bb5 Bc6

36.Bc4 Bf6 37.Ba6 Rc7 38.b5 Bb7 39.c4 Nb4

40.Nf4 Kf7 41.Bxb7 Bd4+ 42.Kg2 Rxb7 43.Rb1

Bc5 44.Rd1 Nc2 45.Kh3 Ne3 46.Rc1 Ra7

47.Nd3 Rc7 48.Ne5+ Kf6 49.Nc6 Rd7 50.Nb8

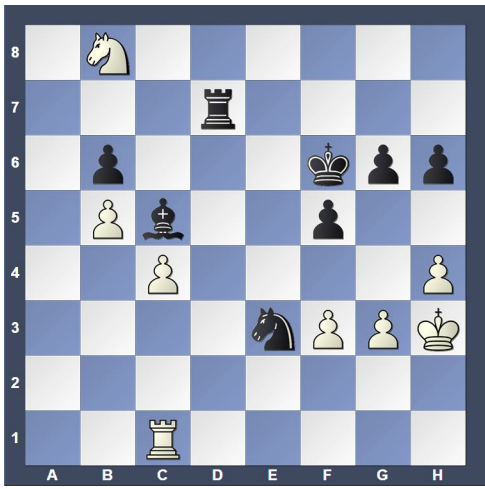
[D] (p.4) [50.Re1 Rd2 51.Nb4 Nd1 52.Nd5+ Kg7]

50...Rd4 [50...Rd2 51.Rh1 g5 52.Nd7+ Rxd7 53.g4

fxg4+54.Kg3 Nf5+ 55.Kxg4 Rd4+ 56.Kh3 Rxb4+

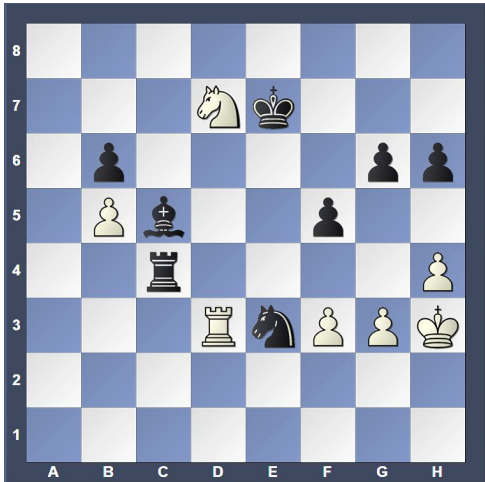
57.Kg2 Ne3+ (Cont. on p.4)

Position after 50.Nb8 (from p.3)



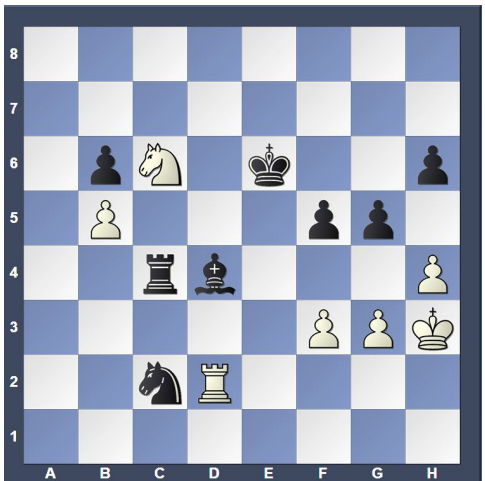
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p.3) 58.Kg1 Nxc4+ 59.Kg2 Ne3+ 60.Kg1 Nd5+ 61.Kf1 Rxb1+ 62.Ke2 Rc1 63.Kd3 Rc3+ 64.Ke2 Rc2+ 65.Kf1 Be3 66.Ke1 Nf4 67.Kd1 Rc1#] 51.Rc3 Rxc4 52.Nd7+ Ke7 53.Rd3 [D]



[53.Rxc4 is no

salvation 53...Nxc4 (53...Kxd7?! succumbs to 54.Ra4) 54.Nb8 Ne5] 53...Bd4 [53...Rc2 54.Rxe3+ (54.Nxc5?? is impossible because of the following mating combination 54...Nf1 55.Rd7+ Ke8 56.Rd8+ Kxd8 57.Ne6+ Ke7 58.Nc5 Rh2#) 54...Bxe3 55.Ne5] 54.Nb8 Ke6 55.Nc6 Nc2 56.Rd2 g5 [D]

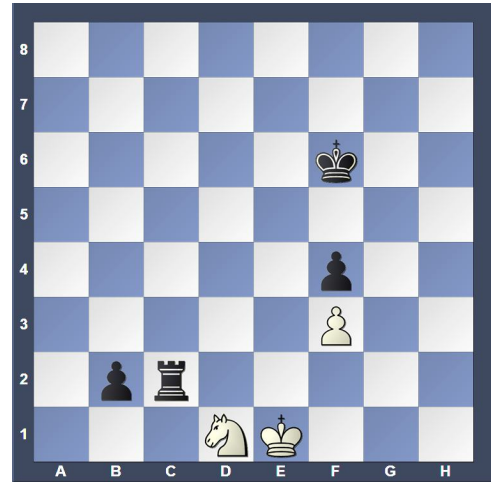


57.Re2+??

[57.Rxc2 is the best chance 57...Bc3 58.Nd4+ Rxd4 59.Rxc3] 57...Kf6 58.Rxc2 Rxc2 59.Nxd4 Rc5 (Cont. next column)

(Cont. from prev. col.)

60.hxg5+ hxg5 61.Kg2 Rd5 62.Ne2 Rxb5 63.Kf2 Re5 64.Nc3 b5 65.Nd1 b4 66.Nb2 f4 67.gxf4 gxf4 68.Nd3 [68.Na4 cannot change what is in store for White 68...Ra5 69.Nb6 b3 70.Kg1 b2 71.Kf2 b1Q 72.Nd5+ Rxd5 73.Kg2 Rh5 74.Kf2 Rh2#] 68...b3 69.Nb2 [69.Kf1 doesn't change the outcome of the game 69...Re3 70.Nb4 b2 71.Kg1 b1Q+ 72.Kg2 Re2+ 73.Kh3 Qf5+ 74.Kh4 Rh2#] 69...Rc5 70.Ke1 Rc2 71.Nd1 [71.Na4 cannot undo what has already been done 71...b2 72.Nxb2 Rxb2 73.Kd1 Ke5 74.Ke1 Rb1+ 75.Kd2 Kd4 76.Kc2 Rf1 77.Kb2 Rf2+ 78.Kb3 Rxf3+ 79.Kb4 Rc3 80.Kb5 f3 81.Kb6 f2 82.Kb5 f1Q+ 83.Kb4 Qb1+ 84.Ka4 Qb7 85.Ka5 Ra3#] 71...b2 [D]



White

resigns. (Olin -- Outstanding performance by Rich!) [71...b2 72.Nc3 Rxc3 73.Kd2 Rc1 74.Kd3 Kf5 75.Kd4 b1Q 76.Kd5 Qd3#] 0-1

Round: 3

Submitted by Amy with her comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Amy Bland (1022)

Black: Greg Sulat (1429)

Date: 9/27/2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxe4 5.fxe4

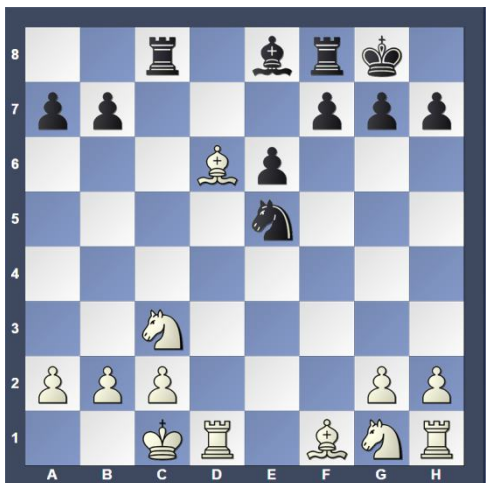
Nxe4 ?? 6.Nxe4 Qh4+ ?! An attempt to recover the lost knight on e4, assuming white will move g3? 7.Ng3 [D]



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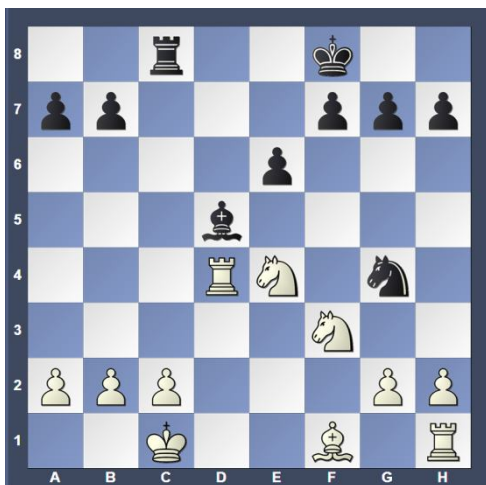
(Cont. from p.4) 7...Qxd4?? Just shocking..

8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Qc3 ?! A better move would have been Qe3, but I wanted to leave e3 for my Bishop and wanted to move that out next. 9...Bd7 10.Bf4 [10.a3 finishes off the opponent] 10...Bb4 Reasons to avoid Qc3..... 11.Ne4 [11.Bxc7!? keeps an even firmer grip 11...Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Ne7] 11...Bxc3+ ?! Not the best move. Even with the white queen off the board, white will still be up when it takes Black's dark bishop. This is advantageous for White, since it is poised for 0-0-0. 12.Nxc3 0-0 [12...e5 13.Be3] 13.0-0-0 Be8 14.Bxc7 Rc8 15.Bd6 Ne5?? [D]



[15...e5 does

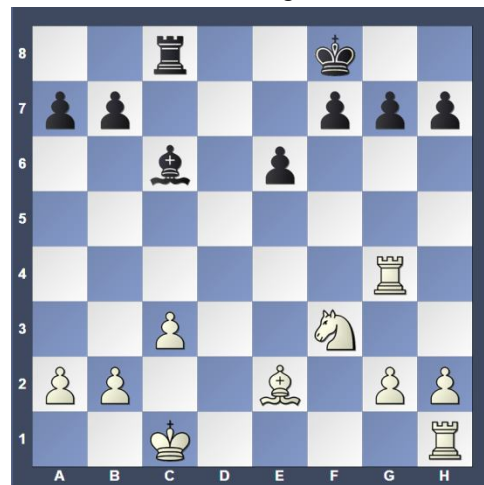
not solve anything 16.Nf3 f6 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Bd3] 16.Bxf8 [16.Bxe5 makes sure everything is clear 16...f6 17.Bd6 Rf7] 16...Kxf8 17.Nf3 Ng4 18.Ne4 White spies the attempt to fork her rooks with a potential Nf2. Nice change of pace for White.... 18...Bc6 19.Rd4 [19.Nd6 and White can already relax 19...Rc7 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Ne3 (21...Nf2 22.Rd8+ Ke7 23.Re8+ Kf6 24.Rf1 Ng4 25.Kd2 g6 26.Nd4+ Kg7 27.h3 Ne5 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Nxe6+)] 19...Bd5 [D]



Did not

understand this move. Is black tempting the rook? Why would White ever trade here? The thought with Rd4 was to prepare for lining up her rooks without blocking the white bishop, but thinking it a bit more aggressive than Rd2. [19...Bxe4 does not improve anything 20.Rxe4 Nf2 21.Rb4 Nxb1 22.Rxb7] 20.Be2 Bxe4 21.c3 Bc6 22.Rxg4 [D] (Next col.)

Position after 22.Rxg4 (from prev. col.)



Black

resigns. 1-0

Amy wrote:

"I finally went through the game. I must say it was fun. The game is a classic example of underestimating a less experienced opponent. I have played him before in the skittles room. Those skittles games were a significant factor in this game. For one, I have exactly one opening and he knows it. But I changed it.

I never move 3. f3... -- it is always 3. Nf3 or if necessary, 3. Nc3. I decided a change was in order and thought f3 would help me hold the center. I know he will take at e4--he always does. Knowing my opening, he often pushes king side and is usually able to force me into trading queens, which he knows I hate. I thought f3 might prevent that.

My annotations explain how I ended up losing my queen. I looked hard, opted to use my knight to recapture to preserve my pawn structure because I like to castle queen side. Recognizing that I was still up and in fine shape, and then reminding myself that having beaten him before (in skittles) I could do it again, allowed me to keep my composure and not lose tempo. I absolutely believe that his later blunders occurred because he saw that I was still confident, even when people started watching."

Round: 3

Submitted by Joe with Fritz comments [shown thusly].

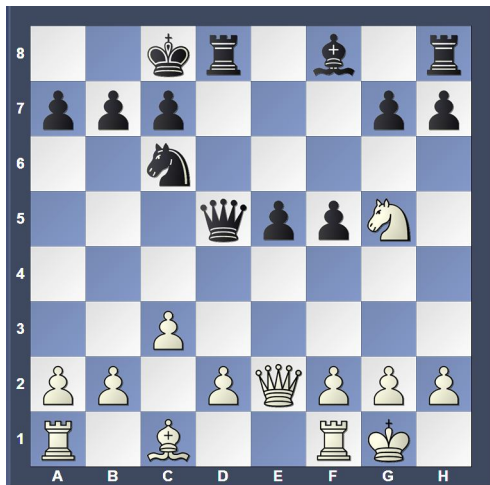
White: Matt Martello (1813)

Black: Joe Mucerino (2084)

Date: 9/20/2013

[B02: Alekhine's Defense: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3] 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 0-0-0 8.c3 e5 9.Ng5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 f5 [D] (p.6) 11.b4 h6 12.Nh3 [12.Nf3 e4 13.Ne1 Bd6] 12...g5 13.Qh5 [13.b5 Na5 14.f3 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 e4] 13...Kb8 [13...g4!? 14.Qxf5+ Qd7 15.Qxd7+ Rxd7 16.d4 gxh3 17.b5] 14.Nxg5 Rg8 15.Nf3 e4 16.Nh4? [16.Ne1] 16...Rg5 17.Qe2 [17.Qd1 Rg4 18.g3 Rxh4] 17...Rg4 18.g3 Ne5 [18...Rxh4 19.gxh4 Ne5] 19.Ng2?? [D] (p.6) (Text cont. p.6)

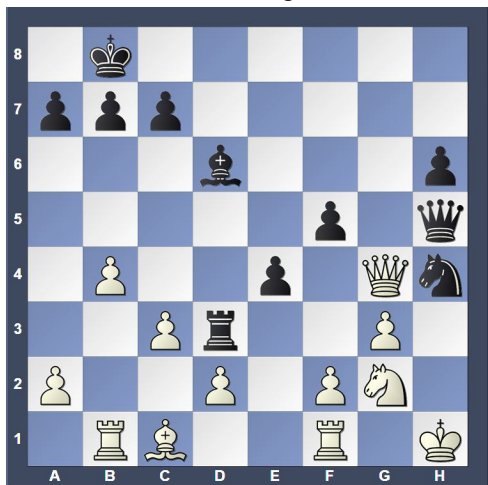
Position after 10... f5 (From p.5)



Position after 19.Ng2?? (From p.5)

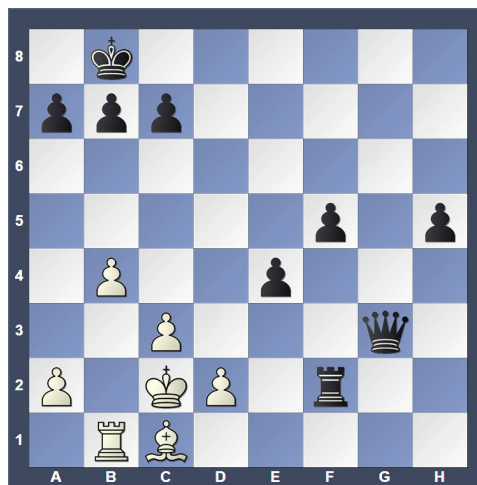


(Cont. from p.5) [The pressure is too much, White crumbles. 19.f4 Nd3 20.Ng2 Bxb4 21.a4 Bc5+ 22.Kh1] **19...Nf3+ 20.Kh1 Qf7 21.h4 Qh5 22.Qe3 Rd3 23.Qe2 Bd6 24.Rb1** [24.Ba3 is not much help 24...Nxf4! Deflection: h4 25.Kg1 Nf3+ 26.Qxf3 exf3 27.Rae1 fxe2 28.Re8+ Qxe8 29.Re1 Qxe1+ 30.Kxg2 Bxg3 31.f3 Rxd2+ 32.Kh3 Qf1#] **24...Nxf4!** Deflection: h4 **25.Qxg4** [D]

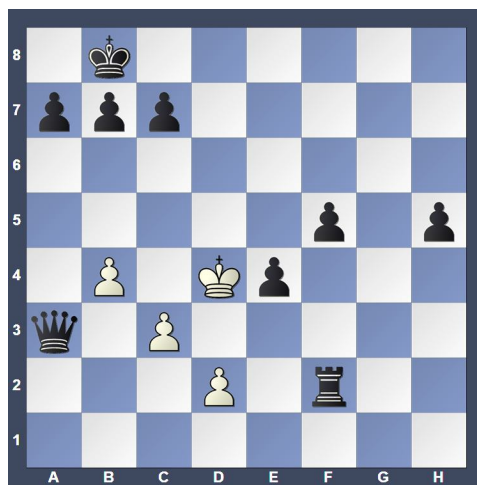


[25.Nxf4 Rxh4+ Mate attack Deflection; 25.gxf4 Qxh4+ Mate attack; ...25.-- Nf3+ Mate threat] **25...Qxg4 26.Nxf4 Qh3+** [26...Bxg3 27.fxe3 Rxe3 28.Nf3 Qh3+ 29.Nh2 Qg2#] (Cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **27.Kg1 Bxg3!** Decoy: g2 **28.fxe3** [28.fxe3 Rxe3+ Decoy Double attack; ...28.-- Qh2#] **28...Rxe3+ 29.Kf2 Qxh4 30.Ke2 Qg4+ 31.Ke1 Rg2 32.Rf2 Qg3 33.Kd1 Rxf2 34.Kc2 h5** [D]



[34...Qd3+ 35.Kb2 e3 36.b5 exd2 37.Kb3 Qxb1+ 38.Bb2 d1Q+ 39.Kb4 Qxa2 40.c4 Qd3 41.Bd4 Qdxc4#] **35.Ba3** [35.Kb3 e3! 36.d3 Rf1 37.Kc2 Qg2+ 38.Kb3 e2 39.b5 e1Q 40.Kb4 Qd5 41.Ka4 Qxa2+ 42.Ba3 Qexb1 43.d4 Qbb3+ 44.Ka5 Qaxa3#] **35...Qd3+ 36.Kb3 Qxb1+ 37.Kc4 Qxa2+ 38.Kd4 Qxa3** [D]



[38...Qxa3 39.Kd5 Rxd2+ 40.Ke5 Qxc3+ 41.Ke6 Qc6+ 42.Kxf5 Rd5+ 43.Kxe4 Qc4+ 44.Kf3 Rd3+ 45.Kg2 Qc2+ 46.Kf1 Rd1#; 38...Qxd2+ 39.Kc4 c6 40.Kb3 Qd1+ 41.Kc4 Qd5#] **0-1**

This concludes the first issue of the coverage of the 2013 NPCC Membership Drive. More to follow in the next issue.

NPCC's next tournament commences Friday, November 8, 2013. November Octagonal. Three round Swiss on successive Fridays at 8 PM.

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