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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Fall 2017, Part 1

This issue features July and August games.

The purpose of these newsletters is to include as many games as possible by NPCC players irregardless of the strength of the participants. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Games from the NPCC 2017 July Swiss Open Tournament:

Round: 5

Submitted by Terance with his comments and selected Fritz/Stockfish comments *[shown thusly].*

White: Terance Hall (1823)
Black: Michael O'Gara (1706)
Date: 8/4/2017
[D51: Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Nbd7 sidelines] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7** [Terance: I was expecting Bg4 going into a Slav.] **5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Bg5** [Terance: Trying to transpose to a QGD Exchange but best is the Bf4 variation eyeing e5 and c7 in this position.] *[Stockfish 8: 6.Bf4 e6 7.e3 Be7 8.h3 a6 9.Bd3 b5 10.0–0 Bb7, etc...]* **6…e6 7.e3 Bd6 [D]**

[Terance: Better is Be7 removing the pin as at d6 the Bishop is hanging and can be attacked as we shall see.] *[Stockfish 8: 7...Be7 8.Bd3 a6 9.0–0 b5 10.Ne2 Bb7 11.a4 b4 12.Qb3 0–0 13.Rfc1 h6, etc...]* **8.Bd3 Qa5** [Terance: I was surprised at this move, as I didn't know the purpose of it. I felt I have an advantage here as I can start to harass the queen.] **9.0-0 0-0 10.Nb5 [D]** *(Next Col.) (Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 10.Nb5 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev.col.) [Terance: Here I was thinking of a3 and then b4 to gain space on the queenside while at the expense of Black's Queen. I choose Nb5 to gain a move by trying to hold off Black's pawn to h6 and to see if I can move my Bishop to f4.] **10…Be7?!** [Terance: What I was hoping for this as it gives me a nice advantage. Black's Bishop moves into a pin and less active, better was Bb8, but now Be7 gives me the dark squares on h2 to b8 when h6 comes.] *[Better is 10...Bb8!?= is noteworthy. Stockfish 8: 11.Qc2 a6 12.Nc3 h6 13.Bf4 Bxf4 14.exf4 Nb8, etc...]* **11.Qc2 [D]**

11…h6 12.Bf4 Ne8 [D]

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(Cont. from prev.col.) [Terance: Good move as any other would give me a huge advantage.] **13.a3 Qb6 14.Rac1** [Terance: Slightly better is Rfc1] *[Stockfish 8: 14.Rfc1 a6 15.Nc7 Nxc7 16.Bxc7 Qa7, etc...]* **14…Nd6** *[Stockfish 8: 14...Bd8 15.Nc3 Be7 16.h3 Nd6 17.Na4 Qd8 18.Nc5 Kh8, etc...]* **15.Nxd6 Bxd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qc7 [D]**

[Terance: I wanted to trade on c7 to have a rook on the 7th rank for a long-term advantage.] **17…Qb6** [Terance: Nice move keeping the Queen active.] **18.Qc2** [Terance: I was thinking of moves like b4 or Rc2 but I changed my mind about trading down on c7.] *[18.Rc2!? Qxc7 19.Rxc7 Rb8±; Stockfish 8: 18.b4 Nf6 19.Ne5 Ne8 20.Qc5 Nd6]* **18…Nf6** *[18...Qd6!?=]* **19.Ne5 [D]**


19…a6 *[19...Nd7 20.Qc7 Nxe5 21.dxe5±]* **20.Qe2** [Terance: The reason behind this move is to put my Rooks in front on the c file.] *[20.Qc7!? Qxc7; Stockfish 8: Not 20...Qxb2 21.Rc3 a5 22.Rb1 Qa2 23.Qe7 Ne4 , etc...]* **20…Bd7 [D]**
*(p.2) (Text cont. p.2)*

Position after 20…Bd7 *(From p.1)*

(Cont. from p.1) [Terance: The bad Bishop is finally free. Now if I can unhinge the Knight so I was thinking of moves like g4, h4, and g5 to do this.] **21.Rc5 Rac8 22.Rfc1 Rxc5 23.Rxc5 Ba4 24.f3 Qd6 25.Qd2 Nd7 26.Nxd7 Bxd7 27.Qc1** [Terance: Qc2 was slightly better.] **27…Bc6? [D]**
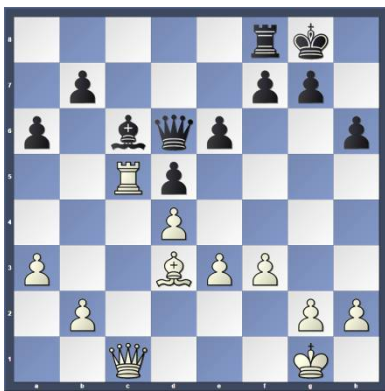
*[Better is 27…Ra8!?= and Black can hope to live Stockfish 8: 28.Qc3 Bc6 29.a4 h5 30.a5 Qe7, etc…]* **28.Bxa6! [D]**
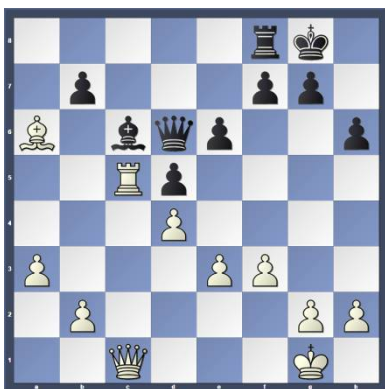
[Deflection: c6] **28…Ra8** *[28…bxa6 29.Rxc6 Overloading Deflection]* **29.Bb5** [Terance: Also playable was Bd3, but I wanted to trade down now that I gained a pawn advantage.] *[Stockfish 8: 29.Bd3 g6 30.g3 h5 31.f4 Kg7m etc…]* **29…Bxb5 30.Rxb5 Qa6 [D]** *(Next col.)* [Terance: Best for counter play.] **31.Rc5 b6 32.Rc7 Qe2 33.Rc8+** [Terance: It was necessary to kick the Queen out of the 2nd rank first with Rc2 to keep an advantage. The reason I went with Rc8 is that I thought after *(Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 30…Qa6 *(From prev. col.)*

Cont. from prev. col.) Rc2 that Michael would go back with Qa6 covering the c8 square. If I played Rc2 then after the queen moves I can put my King on f2 a better square.] *[Better is 33.Rc2!? Qb5 34.h3±]* **33…Rxc8 34.Qxc8+ Kh7 [D]**
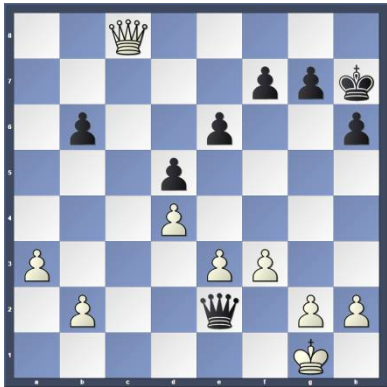

[Terance: After the game Michael suggested Qc1 to prevent the Qd1+ check. I choose Qc3 as I felt my Queen had more options on that square in that it prevents the black Queen access to the d3 square since the king is going to f2 anyway. Stockfish 8 showed that both moves are equal even though it had Qc3 as its top move.] **35.Qc3** *[Stockfish 8: 35.Qc1 g5 36.h3 b5 37.Qc3 Kg7 38.Kh2 h5 39.Kg1 Kf6, etc…]* **35…Qd1+** [Terance: Better was g6 or g5.] *[35…g5 36.h3]* **36.Kf2 Qh1** *[Stockfish 8: 36…g5!? 37.Qe1 Qc2+ 38.Qe2 Qc1 39.Qd3+ Kg7 40.Qc3 Qh1, etc…]* **37.Kg3** [Terance: Even though this move is fine h3 was a better choice to avoid complications that Kg3 led to. I was getting low on time.] **37…h5 38.Qc2+ Kh6 39.Qd2** [Terance: Stronger was h4.] *[Stockfish 8: 39.h4!? g5 40.hxg5+ Kxg5 41.f4+ Kf6 42.Qd2 h4+, etc]* **39…h4+** *[39…g5 40.f4 f6 41.Qe2]* **40.Kh3 [D]** *(Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 40.Kh3 *(From prev. col.)*
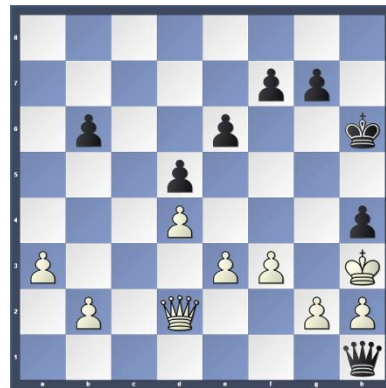
(Cont. from prev. col.) **40…g5 41.Qf2 Qb1** *[41…f5 42.g4=; Stockfish 8: 42…fxg4+ 43.Kxg4 Qd1 44.Kh3 Kg6, etc…]* **42.e4 [D]**
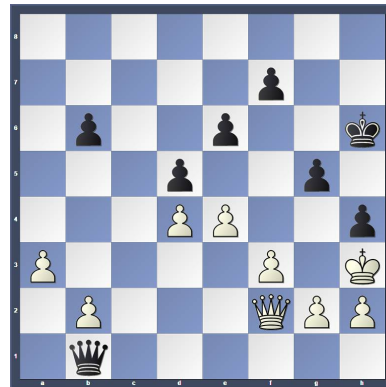

[Terance: I rejected f4 as I could not see much letting the Qf5 check on my King leading to any advantage. I thought the cute e4 move would open things up to my advantage.] *[42.f4 Qf5+ 43.g4 hxg3+ 44.Kxg3 Kg7]* **42…dxe4 43.fxe4 Qd3+ 44.g3 Kg6** [Terance: Best.] *[Stockfish 8: 44…Qxe4 45.Qf6+ Kh5 46.Qxf7+ Kh6 47.Qf6+ Kh5, etc…]* **45.e5 hxg3?? [D]**
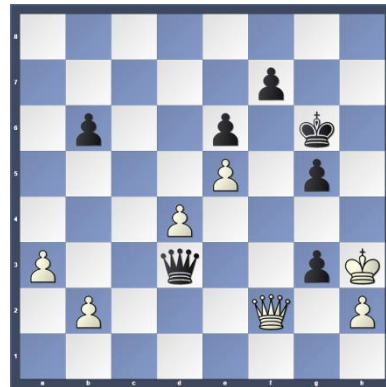

[Black lets it slip away] [Better is 45…f5 was a good chance to save the game 46.exf6 Kh5=] **46.Qf6+** [Terance: White is winning here, but being human it is hard to find the winning sequence with the time left that I had.] **46…Kh5 47.Qxf7+ Kh6 48.Qxe6+ Kh7 49.Qf7+ Kh6 50.Qf6+ [D]** *(p.3) (Text cont. p.3)*

Position after 50.Qf6+ *(From p.2)*
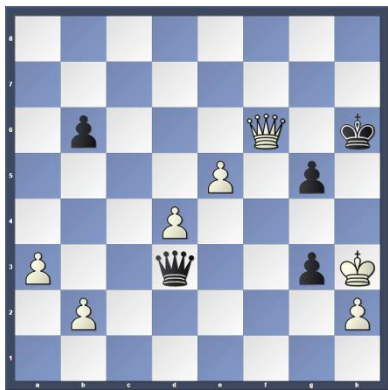
(Cont. from p.2) [Terance: I knew that there should be a winning sequence to find but I did not find it and time was counting down. I was hoping to find an advantage. Yes, hxg3 wins!] *[Better is 50.hxg3 secures the win; Stockfish 50...Qd1 (If 50...Qxd4 51.Qf6+ Kh5 52.Qf5 Kh6 53.Qe6+ Kg, etc...7) 51.Qe6+ Kh7 52.Qf5+ Kh6 53.Qe4 Qf1+]* **50…Kh5 51.hxg3?? [D]**
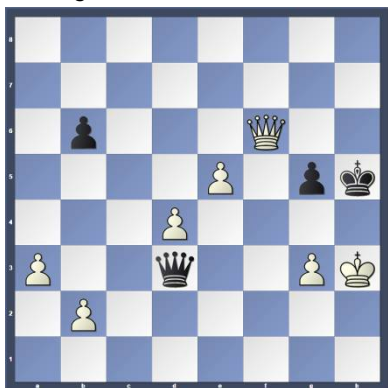

[White has let it slip away.] [Terance: Now the game is a draw!] *[Better is 51.Qh8+ ends the debate. 51...Kg6 52.Qg8+ Kh6 53.Qf8+ Kh5 54.Qe8+ Kh6 55.Qc6+ Kh5 56.Qc3 gxh2+ 57.Kxh2 Qe2+ 58.Kg3 Qg4+ 59.Kf2 Qh4+ 60.Ke2 Qh2+ 61.Kd3] [D]*

(Analysis Diagram)
51…g4+ 52.Kg2 Qe4+ 53.Kf1 *[53.Kh2 Qe2+ 54.Kg1 Qe1+ 55.Qf1 Qxg3+ 56.Kh1 Qh4+, etc...]* **53…Qd3+= 54.Ke1 Qe3+ 55.Kd1 Qxd4+ 56.Kc2 Qc4+ 57.Kd2 Qd4+ 58.Kc2 [D]** *(Next col.)* *(Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 58.Kc2 *(From prev. col.)*
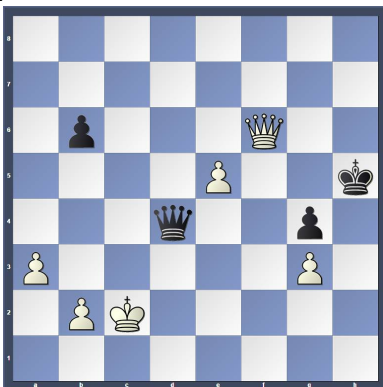
(Cont. from prev. col.) **½–½**

Round: 5
Submitted by Olin with selected Fritz/Stockfish comments *[shown thusly].*
White: Olin Mastin (1577)
Black: Bob Pisciotta (1410)
Date: 8/4/2017
[D04: Colle System] **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.Bd3 Bg4 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.0-0 e6 7.c3 Bd6 8.Re1 0-0 [D]**

9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Nf6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qe2 h6 14.Bd3 [D]

14…Bxf3 15.Qxf3 *[Inferior is 15.gxf3 Re8]* **15…Nd5 16.Bd2 Qf6 17.Qxf6** *[17.Qe4!? Rfe8 18.Qh7+ Kf8 19.g3±]* **17…Nxf6 18.Re2 Rad8 19.Rae1 c5 20.dxc5 Bxc5 21.Bc2 a5 22.b4 [D]** *(Next col.)* *(Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 22.b4 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 22.a4 would keep White in the game] **22…axb4 23.cxb4 Ba7** *[Better is 23...Rxd2!? 24.bxc5 Rxe2 25.Rxe2 Rc8]* **24.a4 Rc8 25.Bb3 Rfd8 26.b5 Rd3 [D]**


27.Bd1?? *[White is ruining his position] [Better is 27.Rb1= saving the game]* **27…Rcd8 28.Ba5 Rxd1 [D]**


[28...b6!? 29.Bc2 bxa5 30.Bxd3 Rxd3 31.Rc2] **29.Bxd8 Rxd8 30.a5 b6** *[30...Ra8!? 31.Ra2 Bb6]* **31.a6 Nd5** *[31...Rc8 32.f4 Kf8 33.f5 exf5 34.g4=]* **32.Rd2 Rc8 33.Red1?** *[Better is 33.f4!? should be investigated more closely 33...Bb8 34.f5=]* **33…Kf8 34.g3 Ke8 35.Kg2 Nc3 [D]** *(p.4)* **36.Rd7??** *[Better is 36.Rc1 Rc5 37.Rb2]* **36…Nxd1 37.Rxa7 Nc3 38.Rb7 Nxb5 39.Rxb6 Na7 40.Rb7 Ra8 [D]** *(p.4)* **41.Rc7 Nb5 42.Rb7 Na7 43.Rc7 Nb5** *(Text cont. p.4)*
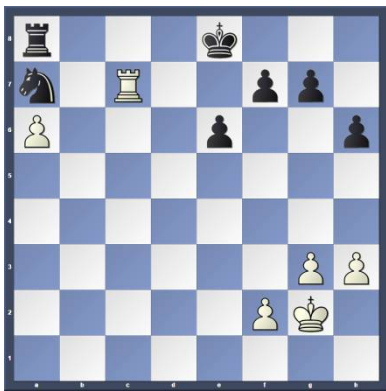
Position after 35…Nc3 *(From p.3)*
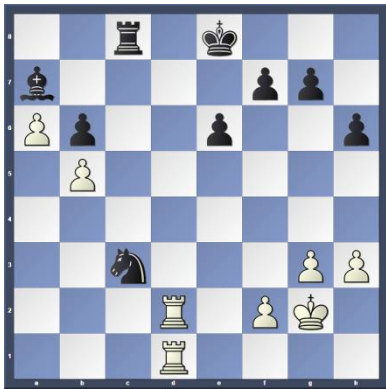
Position after 40…Ra8 *(From p.3)*
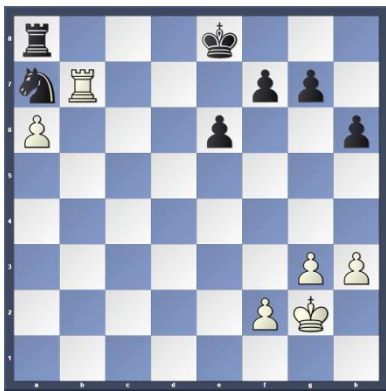
(Cont. from p.3) [Twofold repetition]
44.Rb7 Na7 *[Better is 44…Nd6 and Black can celebrate victory 45.Rb6 Nc8]* **45.Rc7 [D]**

½–½

Games from the NPCC 2017 August Quads Tournament:
Round: 1
Submitted by Steve with Fritz/Stockfish comments *[shown thusly].*

White: Steve Atlee (1165)
Black: Ira Siegel (1186)
Date: 8/11/2017
[A53: Old Indian Defense without Nf3]
1.d4 c6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Nd7 4.Nf3 Ngf6 5.Bf4 h6 6.Qc2 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.e4 [D] *(Next col.)* **8…Nxg3 9.hxg3 Bg7 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.c5** *[Better is 11.Be2!? and White could well hope to play on] (Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 8.e4 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **11…dxc5 12.Bc4** *[12.Ne2 cxd4 13.Nexd4 Nb6]* **12…Nb6** *[Better is 12…g4!? 13.Nh4 Bxd4]* **13.Be2 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bd7 [D]**

15.Ncb5 Qc8 *[Better is 15…Qe5 16.Na3 0–0–0]* **16.Nf5??** *[Better is 16.Nc3 the only rescuing move.]* **16…0-0 [D]**

[Better is 16…Bxf5 finishes off the opponent 17.exf5 cxb5 18.Bxb5+ Kf8] **17.Nxe7+ [D]**

[17.Nxe7+ Kh8 18.Nxc8 Bxc8 19.Nd6] **1-0**

Round: 1
Submitted by Bill with selected Fritz/Komodo comments *[shown thusly].*

White: Bill Campion (1565)
**Black: Tom DiMarco (1445)**
Date: 8/11/2017
[D00:1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] **1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 Nf6 [D]**

3.Bxf6 gxf6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e3 Bg4 *[5…Rg8 6.Qd3 h6 7.Qh7 Rg7 8.Qxh6 Bf5 9.c3 Qd7 0–1 (9) Staflin,S (2020)-Lindgren,F (2205) Stockholm 1996; 5…a6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Na5 8.Be2 e6, etc… Bryan Vissi,G-Petevis,N Cyprus 2012 1–0 (34)]* **6.Nbd2 Qd7 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qb3** *[8.Bb5 Kb8=]* **8…a6** *[8…e5 9.h3 Be6 10.0–0–0]* **9.c4 [D]**

[9.h3 Bh5=] **9…e5 10.cxd5 Qxd5 11.Bc4 Qa5 12.0-0 e4??** *[Releasing the pressure on the opponent.]* *[Better is 12…exd4 would keep Black in the game 13.Bxf7 dxe3 14.Qxe3 h5]* **13.Nxe4 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qh5 [D]**
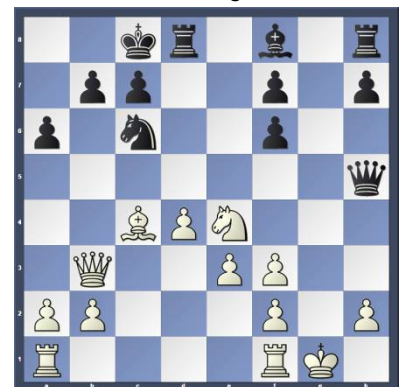
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(Cont. from p.4) **15.f4** *[15.Ng3!? Qxf3 16.Bxf7±]* **15…Rg8+ 16.Kh1??** *[Ignoring the path to victory.]* *[Better is 16.Ng3 the only rescuing move 16…Na5 17.Qc3 Nxc4 18.Qxc4]* **16…Qf3# !! [D]**

0-1

Round: 1

Submitted by Olin with selected Fritz/Stockfish comments *[shown thusly].*

White: Olin Mastin (1510)
Black: Will Moyer (1482)
Date: 8/11/2017
[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2…Nf6 3 g3 and 2…Nf6 3 Bf4] **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.c3 [D]**

5…e6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg3 Ne7 8.Bd3 c5 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Qc2 c4 [D]

11.Be2 b5 12.Bh4 Nf5 13.Ndf3 *[13.Bg5!?³ looks like a viable alternative]* **13…Nxh4 14.Nxh4 Ne4 15.Nhf3??** **[D]** *(Next col.) [Causes more grief] [15.g3 f6 16.Ng4 f5]* **15…Bb7 [D]** *(Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 15.Nhf3?? *(From prev. col.)*
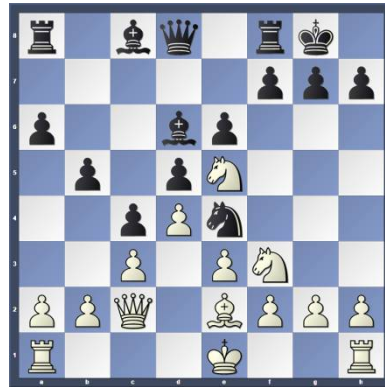
Position after 15…Bb7 *(From prev. col.)*
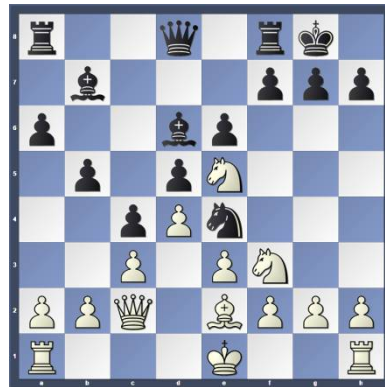
(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 15…f6 and Black can celebrate victory 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Nxc4 dxc4 18.Qxe4 Rb8] **16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Qa5 18.0-0 Qc7 19.Nf3 f5 20.h3 Rf6 21.b3** *[21.a4 bxa4 22.Rxa4 h6=]* **21…Raf8 22.bxc4 dxc4 23.Rfe1** *[23.a4 f4]* **23…f4 [D]**


24.Qd1?? *[Solves nothing.]* *[Better is 24.e4 Bxe4 25.a4]* **24…fxe3 25.fxe3** *[25.Rf1 is not much help 25…exf2+ 26.Rxf2]* **25…Bg3 [D]** *(Next col.) [Better is 25…Rg6 and Black wins 26.Kh1 Bh2]* **26.Rf1 Qc6 27.a4 e5 28.axb5 axb5 29.d5 [D]** *(Next col.) [29.Rb1 Kh8+]* **29…Qxd5 30.Qxd5+ Bxd5 31.Rfd1 Be4** *[31…Bxf3?! 32.Bxf3 Kh8 33.Rab1]* **32.Ra5 Bc6 [D]** *(Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)*
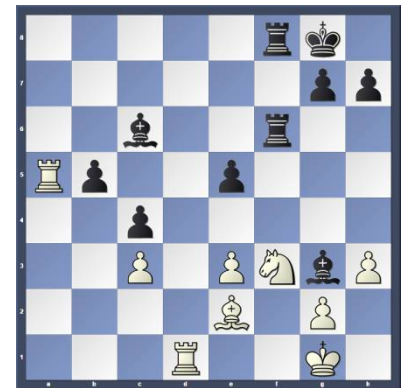
Position after 25…Bg3 *(From prev. col.)*
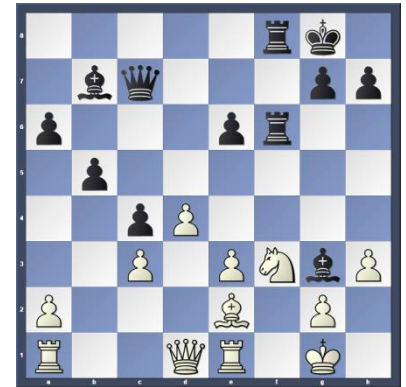
**Position after 29.d5** *(From prev. col.)*
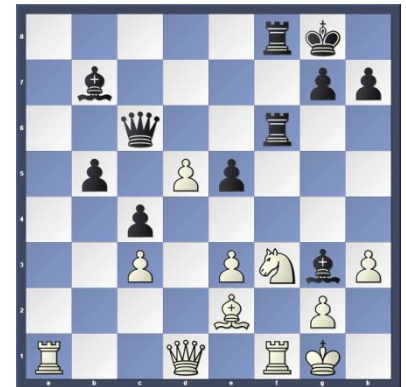

Position after 32…Bc6 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) [32…Bxf3?! 33.gxf3 e4 34.f4=] **33.Ra6??** *[Simply worsens the situation. [33.Rb1 h6 (33…Bxf3?! 34.Bxf3 Kh8 35.Raxb5=)]* **33…h6** *[33…Bxf3 34.Rxf6 Bxe2 (34…gxf6?! 35.Bxf3 Rb8 36.Bd5+ Kg7 37.Kf1=) 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8]* **34.Rf1 Kh7 35.Nd2?** **[D]** *(p.6) [35.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 36.Bxf1 Bf2+ 37.Kh2 Be4]* **35…Bf2+** *[Better is 35…Rxf1+ might be the shorter path 36.Nxf1 Bf2+ 37.Kh1]* **36.Kh2 Bxe3** *[Better is 36…Kg8 37.Bf3 Bxf3 38.Rxf6 gxf6 39.Rxf2 Bc6]* **37.Rxf6??** **[D]** *(p.6) [The position was bad, and this mistake simply hastens the end.] [Better is 37.Rxc6 Bxd2 38.Rcxf6 gxf6 39.Rb1]* *(Text cont. p.6)*
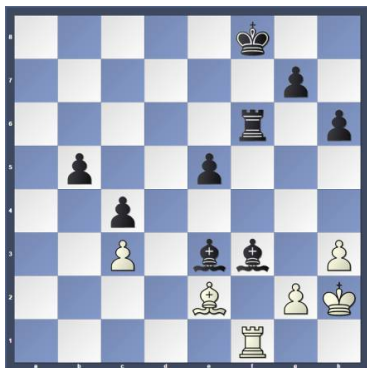
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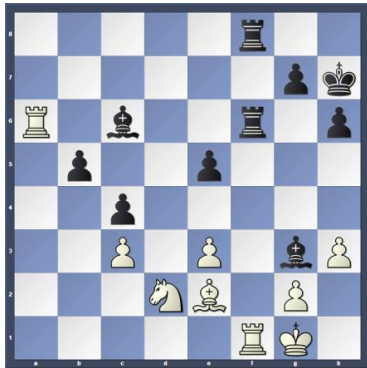
Position after 37.Rxf6?? *(From p.5)*
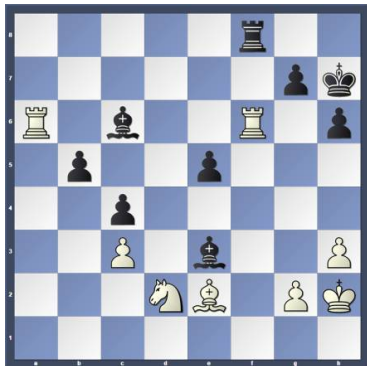
(Cont. from p.5) **37...Rxf6** *[Less advisable is 37...gxf6 38.Nf1 Bf4+ 39.g3]* **38.Nf3 Kg8** *[Better is 38...Bxf3 and Black has it in the bag 39.Ra2 Bc6 40.Bf3 Bf4+ 41.Kg1]* **39.Ra1 Kf8** *[39...e4 keeps an even firmer grip 40.Ne1 Bd2 41.Nc2]* **40.Rf1 Bxf3** *[D]*
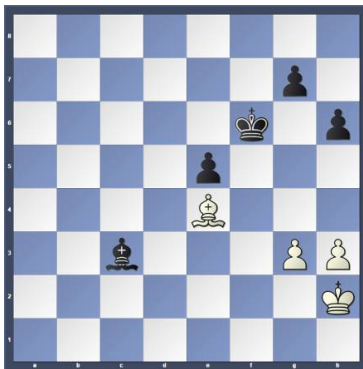

[Better is 40...e4 secures the win 41.Nh4 Rxf1 42.Bxf1 Bd2+] **41.Rxf3 Rxf3** *[Better is 41...Bf4+ and the result of the game is clear: Black will win 42.g3 Bd2]* **42.Bxf3 Bd2 43.Bc6** *[D]*
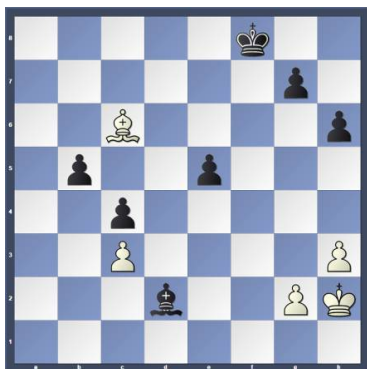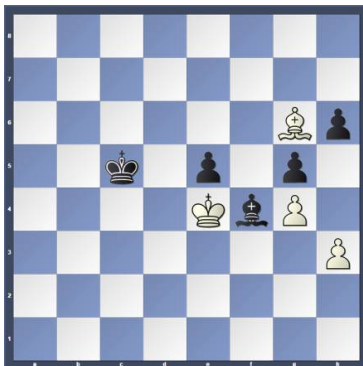

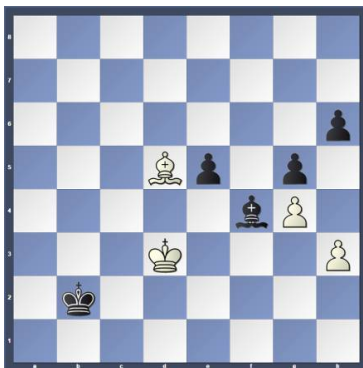
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(Cont. from prev. col.) [The bishop likes it on e4] **43...Bxc3 44.Bxb5 Ke7 45.Bxc4 Kf6 46.Bd3 Kg5 47.g3 Kf6 48.Be4** *[D]*

48...Ke6 49.Kg2 Kd6 50.Kf3 Kc5 51.g4 g5 52.Bg6 Bd2 53.Ke4 Bf4 *[D]*

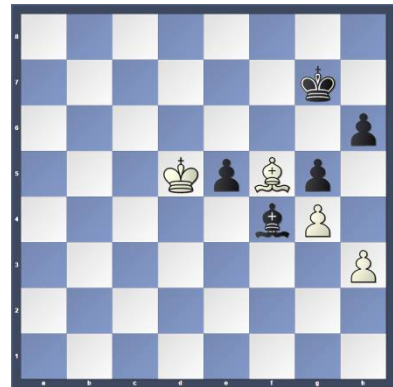*[A classical outpost]* **54.Bh5 Kb4 55.Kd3 Kb3 56.Bf7+ Kb2 57.Bd5 Kc1 58.Bf3 Kb2 59.Bd5** *[D]*

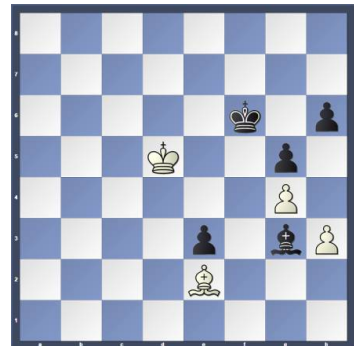*[Twofold repetition]* **59...Ka3 60.Kc3 Ka4 61.Kc4 Ka5 62.Bc6 Kb6 63.Bd5** *[D]*

[The bishop aims for Bc6–d5–e4–f5–d3–e2. (Text cont. next col.)
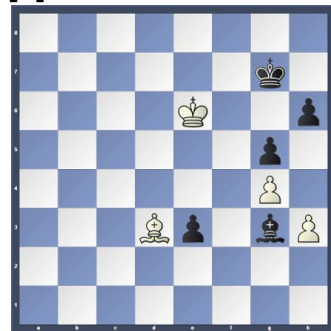
(Cont. from prev. col.) The idea is Bc6–d5–e4–f5] **63...Kc7 64.Be4 Kd6 65.Bd5 Ke7 66.Be4 Kf6 67.Kd5 Kg7 68.Bf5** *[D]*

[The bishop is the bishop!] **68...Kf6 69.Kd6 e4+ 70.Kd5 e3** *[White has to watch this pawn.]* **71.Bd3 Bg3 72.Be2** *[D]*

[Locks the pawn on e3] **72...Kg7 73.Ke4 Bf2 74.Ke5 Be1 75.Ke6 Bh4 76.Kf5 Bf2 77.Ke6 Kg6 78.Bd3+ Kg7 79.Ke7 Bg3 80.Ke6** *[D]*

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