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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Spring 2016, Part 1

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This issue will feature games played in the 2016 NPCC Winter Robin and other games.
Thanks to all for submitting games!
Games from the NPCC 2016 Winter Robin Tournament:
Round: 7

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly].*
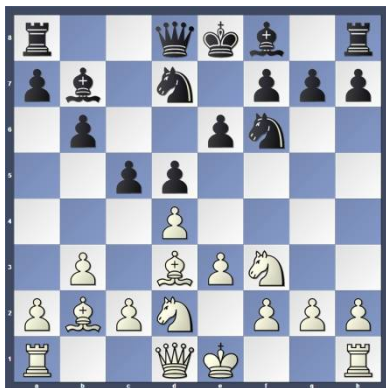
White: Tony Durkin (1787)
Black: Joe Mucerino (2064)
Date: 2/19/2016

Joe Mucerino vs. Tony Durkin with Don Funk and Mike O`Gara looking on.

 *[D05: Colle System with ...e6]* **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 b6 7.Bb2 Bb7 [D]**

8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.f4 0-0-0 12.Qe2 Kb8 [D] *(Next. Col.)* (Joe - To avoid the trade of bishops after Ba6.) **13.Rfc1?** (Joe - If it's white's intention to play c4, he can do so right away.) *(Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 12...Kb8 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev.col.) [13.a4 f5] **13…f6 14.Bb5 fxe5 15.Bxd7 Qxd7** (Joe - Capturing with the rook was better, so black can double the rooks faster.) **16.Bxe5+ Bd6 17.Nf3 Bxe5 18.Nxe5** (Joe - The knight is wonderfully placed!) *[A comfortable square for the white knight]* **18…Qc7 19.c3?!** (Joe - Trying to stop ...d4, but the computer recommends 19.h4, stopping my next move.) **19…g5 20.Qh5 Rhg8? [D]**
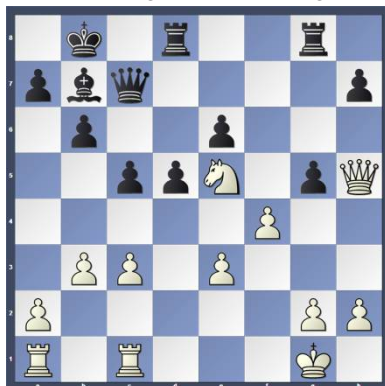
 (Joe - I had an idea in mind that apparently does not work. I was willing to give up the exchange to open up lines after 21.Nf7 gxf4 22.Nxd8 Qxd8, but missed the simple 23.Qe5+.) **21.Rc2?** (Joe - White misses his opportunity to punish black as seen in the note above.) **21…gxf4 22.exf4 d4 23.cxd4 Rxd4** *[An ideal square for the black rook]* **24.Rf2 Qg7?** (Joe - Missing 24...c4, which the computer says is winning. Black puts his queen on c5 and exploits the pin on the diagonal down to g1.) **25.g3 Rgd8 26.Re1 Qc7 27.Qf7** *[27.Rfe2!?=]* **27…Qd6** *(Text cont. next col.)*

(Cont. from prev.col.) **28.Qh5** *[28.Qxh7?? the pawn contains a lethal dose of poison 28...Rd1 29.Qb1 Rxb1 30.Rxb1 Qd5]* **28…Re4 [D]**

 (Joe - The computer says black was up about a pawn prior to this move, but says that 28...Ka8 is the best move. That gives me doubts about how good black's position really is.) **29.Rxe4 Bxe4 30.Nf7 Qd1+ 31.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 32.Rf1 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1** *[A minor pieces endgame occurred]* **33…Bb1 [D]**

 (Joe - This is what I was aiming for when I played 28...Re4. I wanted my bishops to hassle the queenside pawns.) **34.a3 Kc7?!** [(Joe - The computer says black should try to win a pawn with 34...a5, but I wanted to make sure my e-pawn was guarded.) **35.Ke2 Bc2 36.b4 Kc6 37.Kd2 Bf5 38.g4 cxb4 39.axb4** (Joe - White can safely capture the bishop. 39.gxf5 bxa3 40.Ne5+ Kd5 41.f6 a2 42.f7 a1Q 43.f8Q with an equal position.) *[39.Ne5+!? Kd5 40.gxf5 (40.axb4 Bb1=) 40...bxa3 41.f6]* **39…Bb1 40.Ne5+** *[Menacing]* **40…Kd5 41.Ke3 a5 42.bxa5 bxa5 [D]** *(p.2) (Text cont.p.2)*

Position after 42...bxa5 *(From p.1)*
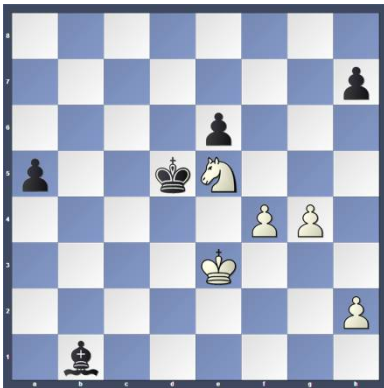
. *[Black has a new passed pawn: a5.]*
43.Nf3?? (Joe - The computer deems this the losing move. White had to play 43.Nd7.) *[Better is 43.Nd7 saving the game].* **43...a4 44.Kd2** *[44.Nd2 cannot undo what has already been done 44...Bg6 45.h4 a3]* **44...Ke4 45.Ng5+ Kxf4 46.Nxe6+ Kxg4 47.h3+ [D]**

[47.Kc3 does not win a prize 47...a3 48.Ng7 Bg6] **47...Kh4** (Joe - Of course not 47...Kxh3?? 48.Ng5+ draws instantly, with a king, rook pawn, and wrong color bishop ending.) **48.Kc1** *[48.Nf4 doesn't change the outcome of the game 48...a3 49.Kc3 Kg3 50.Nh5+ Kxh3]* **48...Bf5 49.Ng7** *[49.Nd4 praying for a miracle 49...Bxh3 50.Ne2]* **49...Bxh3 50.Kb2 Bd7 [D]**
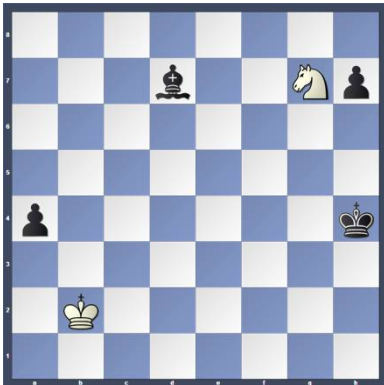
(Joe - The knight is dominated.) *[50...Bd7 51.Ka2 Kg5 52.Ka3 Kg6 53.Ne6 Bxe6 54.Kxa4 h5 55.Kb4 h4 56.Kc5 h3 57.Kd6 Kf5 58.Kc5 h2 59.Kd4 h1Q 60.Kd3 Qe1 61.Kd4 Qc1 62.Kd3 Kf4 63.Ke2 Qe3+ 64.Kd1 Bb3#]* **0–1**

Round: 6

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

White: Bob Pisciotta (1469)
Black: Olin Mastin (1569)
Date: 4/3/2016
[D08: Albin Counter Gambit] **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c4 e5 4.dxe5 d4 5.e3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 [D]**

6...dxe3 7.fxe3 Bg4 *[White is behind in development]* (Olin - Lamford in his book on the ACG ((1983)) recommends 7...Bxd2+ followed by 8.Nbxd2 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6) **8.Be2 Bxf3 9.Bxf3** *[Not 9.gxf3 Qh4+ 10.Kf1 0–0–0]* **9...Qh4+ 10.g3 [D]**

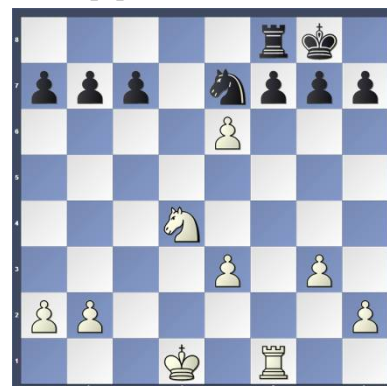**10...Qxc4** *[Black traps the enemy king in the center]* **11.Bxc6+ Qxc6 [D]**

12.Rf1 Rd8 13.Qb3 Bxd2+ 14.Nxd2 [D] *(Next col.)*
(Text cont. next col.)

Position after 14.Nxd2 *(From prev. col.)*

[White has a mate threat] **14...Qd5** *[14...Nh6 15.Rf4]* **15.Rd1 Qxb3** *[Black has a mate threat]* **16.Nxb3 Rxd1+ 17.Kxd1 Ne7 18.Nd4 0–0 19.e6 [D]**

19...Nd5 20.Kd2 fxe6 *[20...Nf6!?= might be a viable alternative]* **21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Nxe6+ Kf7 23.Nd8+ [D]**

23...Ke7 24.Nxb7 Ke6 25.a3 Ke5 26.Nc5 Kd6 *[26...Nf6!?]* **27.Ne4+ Ke5 28.Nf2 c5 29.Kd3 c4+ 30.Kd2** *[30.Kxc4 Nxe3+ 31.Kb5 Kd4]* **30...a5?** *[Better is 30...h5!? is a viable option]* **31.e4 Nb6 [D]** *(p.3)* **½–½**
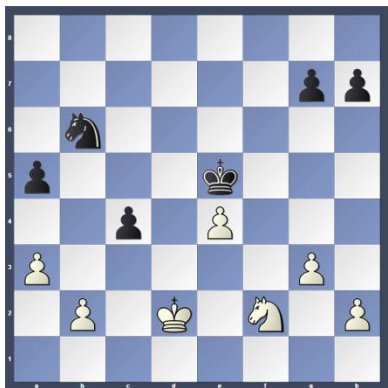
Round: 7

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

White: Olin Mastin (1569)
Black: George Murphy (1375)
Date: 2/19/2016 *(Text cont. p.3)*

Position after 31...Nb6 *(From p.2)*

(Cont. from p.2) *[A04: Unusual lines after 1 Nf3 and King's Indian Attack]*
1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 e5 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nbd2 Nbc6 7.e4 0-0 [D]

8.Re1 d6 9.Nf1 f5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.Ne3 Be6 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.Nxe6 Qxe6 14.c4 Rad8 *[14...Qd7 15.Nd5=]*
15.Nd5 *[15.Bd5!? Nxd5 16.cxd5± (16.Nxd5 Nd4)]* **15...Qd7 16.Bg5 Rf7 17.Qd2 Rdf8 18.Re2** *[18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Nxe7+ Rxe7 20.Bd5+ Kh8=]* **18...Nd4** *[Better is 18...Nxd5!? is interesting 19.Bxd5 Nd4]* **19.Nxe7+ Rxe7 20.Bxe7 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Qxe7** *[Opposite colored bishops appeared]* **22.Bd5+ [D]**
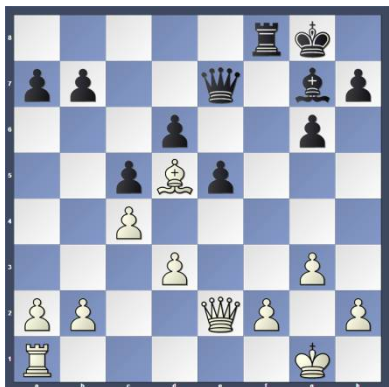

[An ideal square for the white bishop.]
22...Kh8 23.Rb1 b6 24.b3 a5 25.Re1 Qg5 26.Qe3 Qxe3 27.fxe3 Bh6 28.d4 *[28.h4 Bg7=]* **28...Kg7** *[Better is 28...exd4 29.exd4 cxd4]*
29.dxe5 dxe5 30.e4 Rf3 31.Kg2 Re3 32.Rf1 Re2+ 33.Kh3 Rxa2 34.Rf7+ Kh8 *(Text cont. next col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **35.Rb7 a4 36.bxa4 Rxa4 37.Rxb6 Be3 38.Rb8+ Kg7 39.Rb7+ Kh6 [D]**

[39...Kh8 40.Rb3 Bd4 41.Rb8+ Kg7 42.Rb7+ Kh8 43.Kg4=] **40.Bg8** *[Better is 40.Re7 Kg5 41.Kg2]*
40...Kg5?? *[hands over the advantage to the opponent]* *[40...Ra8 41.Rxh7+ (41.Bxh7 Rh8) 41...Kg5 42.Bd5=]* **41.Rxh7??** *[Lets it slip away.]* *[Better is 41.Kg2 and White has prevailed 41...Ra6 42.Kf3]*
**41...Ra2 42.Rh4 Bg1 [D]**
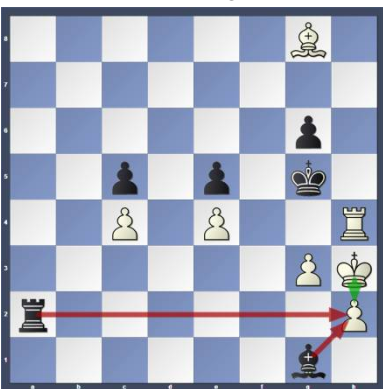
[Exerts pressure on the backward pawn. Black has a mate threat]
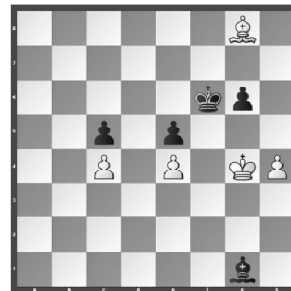**43.Rg4+ Kf6 44.Rf4+?? [D]**

[Ignoring the path to victory] [Better is 44.Rh4= [D] (Next col.) [The only rescuing move. 44...Rxh2+ 45.Kg4 Rxh4+ 46.gxh4] (Olin – Of course!! I erroneously thought that checkmate was inevitable, and the only way to avoid checkmate was to give up my Rook). [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 44.Rh4= (From prev. col.)
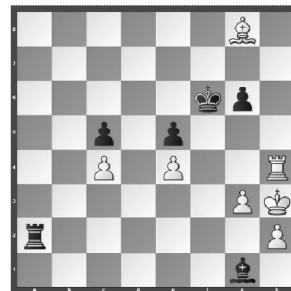
Position after 46.gxh4(From prev. col.)

(Olin – And I am out of the woods, with most likely a drawn game!)
(Cont. from prev. col.) **44...exf4 45.gxf4 Rxh2+ [D]**

[Better is 45...Bxh2 and Black has it in the bag 46.Kg4] (Olin –Even though Fritz says 45...Bxh2 is better, it doesn't make much difference with Black being up a whole Rook!)
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Game from the NPCC March 2016 Quick Chess Tournament:
Round: 3
Submitted by Bill for Bob with selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly]*.
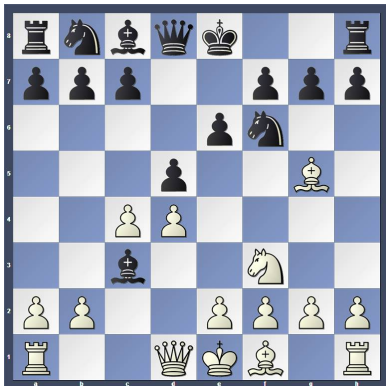
White: Bob Pisciotta (1377)
Black: Bill Campion (1532)
Date: 3/18/2016
[D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defense (4 Nf3 Bb4)]
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(Cont. from p.3) **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Bxc3+ [D]**
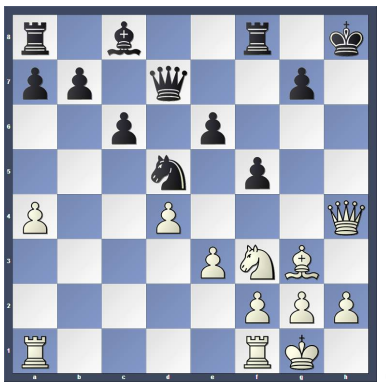

6.bxc3 c6 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Qc7 *[9...h6 10.Bh4]* **10.Bf4 [D]**

10...Qd8 11.cxd5 Nxd5 *[11...exd5 12.Nd2±]* **12.Bg3 Nxc3 13.Qc2 Nd5 14.Bxh7+ Kh8 15.Be4 N7f6 16.Bh4 Qc7** *[Better is 16...Qd6±]* **17.Bg3 [D]**

17...Qd7 *[17...Qd8!?= is an interesting idea]* **18.a4** *[18.Ne5!? Qd8 19.Bf3±]* **18...Nxe4 19.Qxe4 f5** *[Better is 19...f6!?² looks like a viable alternative]* **20.Qh4+ [D]**


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(Cont. from prev. col.) **20...Kg8 21.Ng5 g6?** *[21...Nf6±]* **22.Be5 Nf6 23.Qh6** *[Better is 23.Bxf6!? Rxf6 24.Ne4]* **23...Qg7 24.Qh4 b6??** *[Not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game.]* *[24...Qd7 25.Bxf6 Rxf6]* **25.Rac1 Bb7?** *[Better is 25...Bd7]* **26.Nxe6 [D]**

26...Qf7 *[26...Qe7 cannot undo what has already been done 27.Nxf8 Rxf8 28.f3]* **27.Nxf8 Rxf8 28.g4!** *[Deflection: f6]* **28...Ne4** *[28...fxg4 29.f3 Combination; 28...Nxg4 29.Qh8# Mate attack Deflection Pinning]* **29.Qh8# [D]**
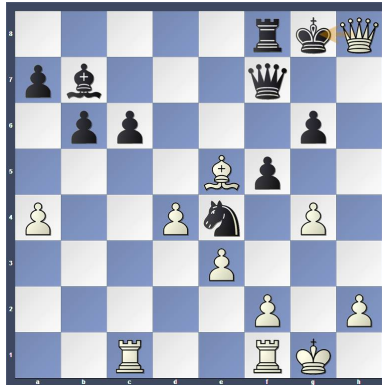

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Game from the Allentown Center City Chess Club, Random Pairings Tournament (G/40)
Round: 2

Submitted by Greg with his comments and selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly]*.

White: Greg Sulat (1538)
Black: Ramon Quezada (1920)
Date: 3/20/2016
[B75: Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack, Miscellaneous]
(Greg wrote: "Olin, Thought you might like this one. I played at Allentown last week in a "Random Pairing Swiss". Basically they put all the names in a hat and pull them
*(Text cont. next col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) out one by one for the pairing. I was the lowest rated player that day.") (Greg - A '?' by my moves indicate I had doubts about it but thought it was a good move.) **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Nc3 [D]**
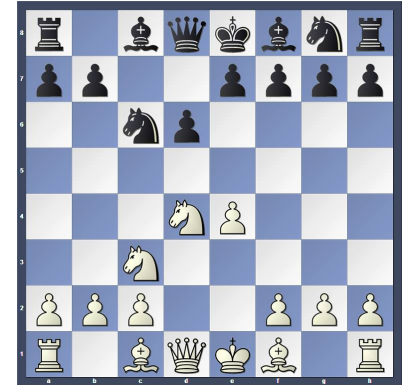
(Greg - '?' Thought about the Maroczy Bind, but not as comfortable with that line as I am with some others.) **5...a6 6.Be3 g6 7.Qd2** *[7.Nd5 Rb8 8.Bxa6 Bg7±]* **7...Bg7 8.0-0-0 Nf6** *[Black should quickly conclude development.]* **9.f3 Bd7 10.Bc4** *[10.g4 0–0]* **10...Rc8 [D]**


[10...Ne5 11.Bb3=] **11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 b5** *[12...h5 13.Kb1=]* **13.h5** *[13.Bh6 Rg8]* **13...Nxh5 14.Bh6 Nc4** *[14...Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Rxc3 16.bxc3=]* **15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Bxg7 Nxg7 17.Qh6 Kf8 18.f4 Qb6 19.Nf3 Bg4** *[White has an active position]* *[Better is 19...Qe3+ 20.Kb1 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Qxc3=]* **20.Ng5?? [D]**
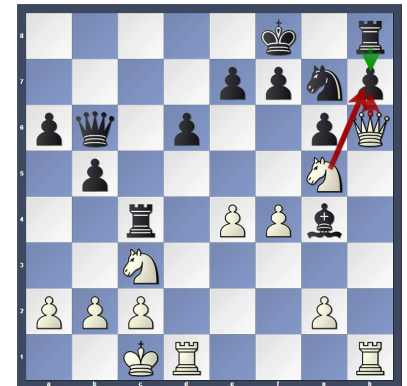

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(Cont. from p.4) (Greg -?) *Exerts pressure on the backward pawn. releasing the pressure on the opponent.] [Better is 20.Nd5 Qa7 21.f5±]* **20…Bxd1** (Greg - '?' Wanted to attack the h7 pawn and did have a plan to open it up.) **21.Nxh7+** (Greg - '?') **21…Ke8??** (Greg - Getting gutsy and thinking I'd at least be up the exchange.) *[Letting the wind out of his own sails.] [Better is 21…Rxh7 22.Qxh7 Qe3+ 23.Kb1 Bxc2+ 24.Kxc2 e5 25.Qh8+ Ke7µ]* **22.Nf6+!** (Greg - '?') *[Decoy: f6]* **22…exf6** (Greg - Committed at this point.) **23.Qxh8+ Ke7??** (Greg - '?!' Can't believe he moved in to the fork*!!)* *[Leading to a quick end.] [Better is 23…Kd7 24.Rxd1 Ne8]* **24.Nd5+ [D]**
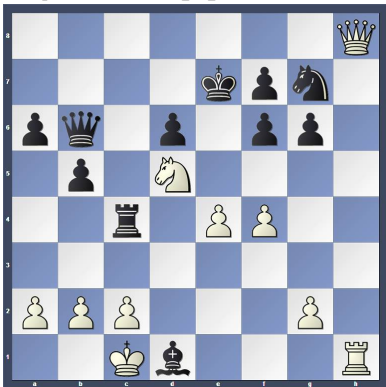
(Greg - '!!') **24…Ke6** *[24…Kd7 does not solve anything 25.Nxb6+ Kc7 26.Rxd1 Ne8 27.Qxe8 Kxb6 28.Qb8+ Ka5 29.Rxd6 Rc6 30.Rxc6 f5 31.Qb6+ Kb4 32.a3+ Ka4 33.Qxa6#]* **25.Nxb6 Rxc2+** (Greg - '?') *[25…Ke7 does not help much 26.Nd5+ Kd7 27.Qa8 Nh5 28.Rxd1 Ng3 29.Qb7+ Kd8 30.Qb8+ Kd7 31.Nxf6+ Kc6 32.Rxd6+ Kc5 33.Qc7+ Kb4 34.Nd5+ Ka4 35.Rxa6#]* **26.Kxd1 Rc6** *[26…Rc4 cannot change destiny 27.Qd8 Rd4+ 28.Kc2 f5 29.Re1 fxe4 30.Rxe4+ Kf5 31.Re5+ dxe5 32.Qg5+ Ke4 33.Qxe5#]* **27.Nd5** (Greg - '!!') *[27.Qh3+ Nf5 28.exf5+ Ke7 29.Re1+ Kd8 30.Qh8+ Kc7 31.Nd5+ Kb7 32.Re7+ Rc7 33.Rxc7#]* **27…Nh5** (Greg - '??' Secured the knight but missed the mate on e8 !?!) *[27…Rc4 does not solve anything 28.Qxg7 Rxe4 29.Nxf6 Rd4+ 30.Kc2 Rc4+ 31.Kb1 Rc5 32.Re1+ Kf5 33.Qxf7 Rc1+ 34.Kxc1 g5 35.Ne4+ Kg4 36.Qg6 Kxf4 37.Qxg5#]* **28.Rxh5 [D]** *(Next col.)* (Greg - '?') *[28.Qe8#]* **28…gxh5** (Greg - Missed the mate but are there really any bad moves here?) *[28…Kd7 is not the saving move 29.Rh7 Rc1+ 30.Kxc1 b4 31.Qa8 g5 32.Rxf7+ Ke6 33.Qe8#]* **29.Qxf6+** *[29.Qe8#]* **29…Kd7** (Greg - Take the Pawn with check, drive the King into the corner, pick off the Rook - Just don't do *(Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 28.Rxh5 *(From prev. col.)*
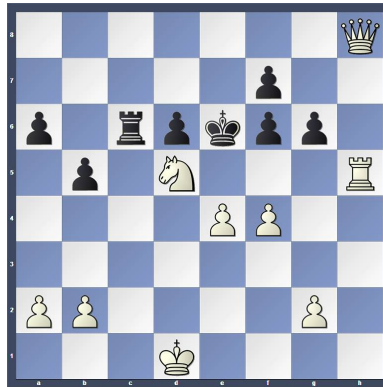
(Cont. from prev. col.) anything stupid. LOL!) **30.Qxf7+** *[30.Qe7+ Kc8 31.Qe8+ Kb7 32.Qd7+ Kb8 33.Qxc6 h4 34.Qc7+ Ka8 35.Nb6#]* **30…Kc8** *[30…Kd8 is no salvation 31.Qe7+ Kc8 32.Qe8+ Kb7 33.Qd7+ Kb8 34.Qxc6 h4 35.Qc7+ Ka8 36.Nb6#]* **31.Qe8+ [D]**
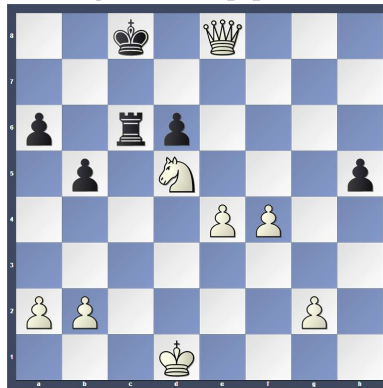
(Black resigns.) *[31.Qe8+ Kb7 32.Qd7+ Kb8 33.Qxc6 h4 34.Qc7+ Ka8 35.Nb6#]* **1-0**

Game from the NPCC 2016 April Swiss Open Tournament:
Round: 2

Submitted by Bill with his comments and selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly]*.

White: Bill Campion (1603)
Black: Dennis Baluk (1949)
Date: 4/8/2016
[A45: Trompowsky Attack] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 [D]** *(Next col.)* (Olin - There it is: Bill's favorite opening!) **2…Ne4 3.Bh4 c5 4.f3 Nd6 5.dxc5 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Nb5 7.Qd2 Nxc3 [D]** *(Next col.)* **8.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 9.bxc3 e6 10.Bf2 Na6 11.e4 Nxc5 12.Bc4 b6 13.Ne2 Bb7 14.0-0** *[14.a4 a6=]* **14…Rc8 15.Bb3 [D]** *(Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 2.Bg5 *(From prev. col.)*

Position after 7…Nxc3 *(From prev. col.)*

Position after 15.Bb3 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Bill - Made this move with hopes of undoubling pawns.) **15…Be7 16.a4 Bf6 17.Bd4** (Bill - Still trying to undouble pawns.) **17…Ba6 18.Bxf6** (Bill - Will give Black a doubled pawn; which later becomes fatal.) *[18.e5 Bh4 19.c4 Nb7]* **18…gxf6 19.Rf2 Nxb3 20.cxb3 Bxe2 21.Rxe2 Rxc3 22.Rb2 a6 23.Rd1 Ke7 24.Kf2 Rhc8 25.Rdd2 [D]** *(p.6)* **25…R8c5 26.h4** *[26.Kg3 Rg5+ 27.Kh3 d6]* **26…b5** *[26…f5 27.exf5 Rxf5 28.Rd4]* **27.axb5 Rxb5 28.b4 Rc4 29.Ra2 Rb6** *[30.Ra5 Rcxb4 31.Kg3 R4b5] (Text cont. p.6)*

Position after 25.Rdd2 *(From p.5)*

[Chess diagram]

(Cont. from p.5) **30.b5** *[30.Ra5 Rcxb4 31.Kg3 R4b5]* **30…axb5 31.Ra7 Rd6 32.Rb2 b4 33.Rb7 Rdd4 34.Ke3 Kf8 35.g4** *[35.Rb8+ Kg7]* **35…e5** *[35…Kg7 36.Rb5]* **36.h5 [D]**

[Chess diagram]
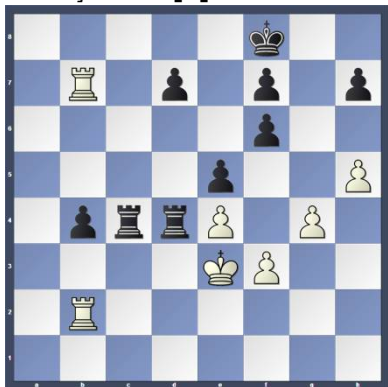
[36.Rb3 Kg7] **36…Kg7 37.Kf2** *[37.Rb3 Kh6]* **37…Kh6** *[37…Rc3 38.R7xb4 Rdd3 39.Kf1]* **38.Rb8?** *[Better is 38.Kg3]* **38…Kg7 39.Rb7 Rc3 40.R7xb4 Rdd3 41.Rb7** *[41.Kg2 Rxf3 42.Rd2 Rg3+ 43.Kf2 d6]* **41…Rxf3+ 42.Kg2** *[42.Kg1 Rcd3]* **42…Rg3+ 43.Kh2 Rgd3** *[43…Rxg4 and Black can already relax 44.Rxd7 Rxe4 45.Rg2+ Kf8 46.Rf2]* **44.R7b6 [D]**

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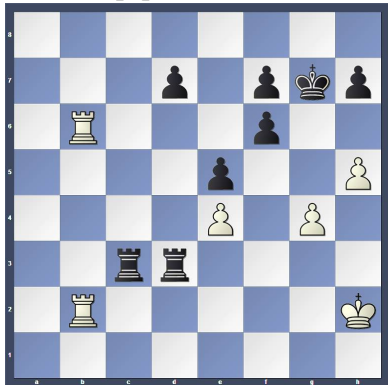
[44.Rg2 Rc4 45.Re2 d5] **44…Rc4** *[44…Rh3+ keeps an even firmer grip 45.Kg1 Rce3 46.Rf2]* **45.h6+** *[45.Rf2 d6 46.Re2 h6]* **45…Kg6 46.Rf2 [D]** *(Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)*
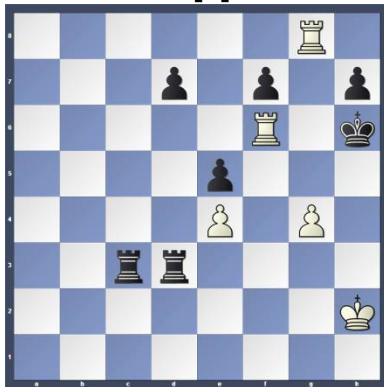
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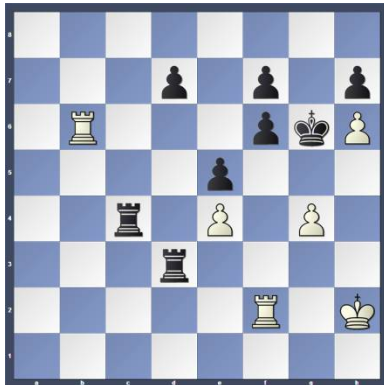
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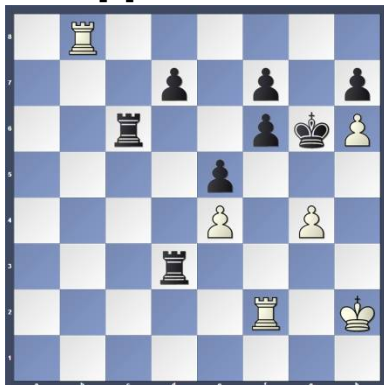
47…Rcc3 *[Better is 47…Kxh6 and Black wins 48.Rd8 Rd4]* **48.Rg8+ Kxh6 49.Rxf6# [D]**

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