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## Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Spring 2016, Part 2

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This issue will feature games played in the 2016 NPCC April Open games.

Once again I must reiterate the purpose of these newsletters is to include as many games as possible played at NPCC irregardless of the strength of the participants.

Thanks to all for submitting games!

### Games from the NPCC 2016 April Open Tournament:

#### Round: 1

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

**White:** Olin Mastin (1500)

**Black:** Alex MacFarlane (1874)

**Date:** 4/1/2016

[A08: King's Indian Attack] 1.Nf3 d5

2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 e5 5.d3 Nf6

6.Nbd2 [D]



6...h6 7.e4 d4 8.Re1 b5 [White has a cramped position.] 9.Nf1 Be6 10.h4

[10.a4!? a6 11.N1d2] 10...Bd6

11.N1h2 Rc8 12.Qe2 c4 13.Bd2 Nd7

14.h5 cxd3 15.cxd3 Bb4 16.b3 [D]



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(Cont. from prev.col.) 16...Qa5

[16...Bc3 17.Nh4] 17.Rec1

[17.Bxb4!? should be examined more

closely 17...Qxb4 18.Nh4] 17...0-0

18.a3 Bxd2 19.Nxd2 Qd8

[19...Ne7 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.b4] 20.b4

Nb6 21.Rc2 Na4 [D]



22.Rac1? [Better is 22.Nhf3!?!]

22...Nc3 23.Qf1 a5 24.Nb1 axb4

25.Nxc3 [25.axb4 Nxb4 26.Rb2 Qa5]

25...bxc3 26.Rb1 Qa5 27.Qc1

Qa4 28.f4 f6 29.f5 Bf7 30.Bf3

Na5 [30...b4!? keeps an even firmer

grip 31.axb4 Nxb4 32.Rxb4 Qxb4

33.Qf1] 31.Ng4 [D]

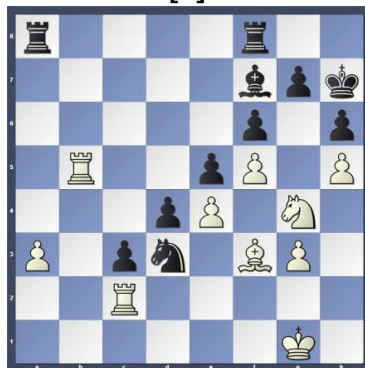


31...Kh7 32.Rb4 Nb3 3.Rxa4

[33.Qd1 Qxa3 34.Rxb5 Rb8 35.Rxb8

Rxb8] 33...Nxc1 34.Rb4 Nxd3

35.Rxb5 Ra8 [D]



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(Cont. from prev.col.) [Better is

35...Ne1 finishes off the opponent

36.Bd1 Nxc2 37.Bxc2] 36.Be2 Nb2

[Better is 36...Bc4 and Black can

already relax 37.Rb1 Rfb8 38.Rd1]

37.Nf2 Rxa3 38.Nd1 Nxd1

39.Bxd1 Ra1 [D]



[39...Ra1 40.Kf2 Rxd1] 0-1

#### Round: 1

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

**White:** Robert Hepp (1541)

**Black:** Dave Hamalian (1123)

**Date:** 4/1/2016

[C00: French: Unusual White 2nd

moves] 1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3

(Robert - This was a bad choice of

moves, Knight to c3 followed by

Knight to b5. My opponent didn't

capitalize on this error, but

nonetheless, still very poor moves.

Better would have been Knight to e2,

though this is not ideal because of

blocking in my White Bishop;

however, it would have covered my

d4 square.) 3...d4 4.Nb5 a6 [D]



[Better is 4...c5!?!= must be

considered.] 5.Nbxd4 Bc5 [5...c5

6.Nb3] 6.c3 Bd7 7.Nc2 Nc6 (Text

cont. p.2)

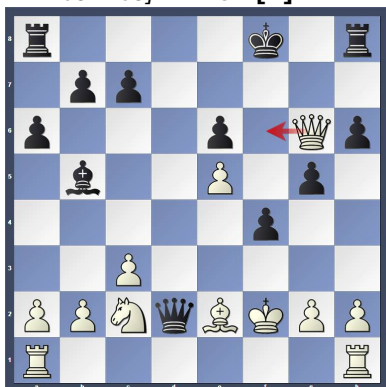
(Cont. from p.1) **8.d4 Ba7 9.Be2 Nf6 10.Bg5 [10.e5!? Nd5] 10...h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 [D]**



**[12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Rg8] 12...Nxe4 13.Qd3 [13.Be5 Nf6] 13...f5** (Robert - Though if he was going to keep pushing his King side Pawn forward, I could try for a check where he would have to move his King and lose ability to Castle. That's why I moved my Knight to e5 so my Queen could also protect the threatened Bishop on g3. I did not want to take back with one of my Pawns if the Bishop were taken.) **[13...Nxg3!? must definitely be considered 14.hxg3 Qe7] 14.Ne5 Nxg3 15.Qxg3 f4 [15...Nxe5 16.Qxe5 0-0 17.h4] 16.Bh5+ Kf8 17.Qd3?? [Weakening the position.] [Better is 17.Ng6+ Kg7 18.Nxf4] 17...Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bb5 19.Qg6 [D]**

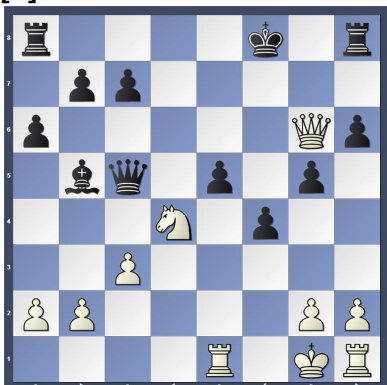


**19...Bxf2+??** Letting the wind out of his own sails.] [Better is 19...Be8 the rescuing straw 20.Qxe8+ Qxe8 21.Bxe8 Rxe8] **20.Kxf2 Qd2+ [20...Be8 21.Qxe8+ Qxe8 22.Bxe8 Kxe8] 21.Be2 [D]**

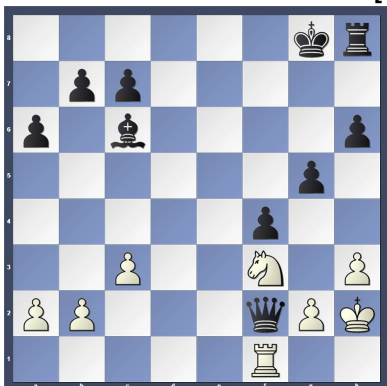


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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Robert - This was the move that cost me a chance of winning the game. I should have moved my King to g1 instead keeping pressure on his King. His only saving move would have been Queen to d2 or possibly Bishop to d8. It would have remained a good game for both of us.) [Better is 21.Kg1 and White has prevailed 21...Qd7 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Rd1] **21...Qxe2+ 22.Kg1 Qxe5 [22...Be8 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Nd4 Qe3+ 25.Kf1] 23.Re1 Qc5+?? [Gives the opponent new chances.] [Better is 23...Qf5 and Black is on the road to success 24.Qxf5+ exf5] 24.Nd4 e5 [D]**



**25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Rxe5 Qd6 [Better is 26...Qf8 would save the game 27.Qg6+ Qg7] 27.Re6 Qf8 28.Qg6+ Qg7 29.Re8+?? [Instead of simply winning the game.] [Better is 29.Qe4 secures victory 29...Qd7 30.h4] 29...Rxe8 30.Qxe8+ [30.Qxg7+ the only chance to get some counterplay 30...Kxg7 31.Kf2] 30...Bxe8 31.h3 Qe5 32.Nf3 Qc5+ 33.Kh2 Qf2 34.Rf1 Bc6 [D]**



(Robert - After losing the Bishop, I made several fast moves, most of which had no good reason. Losing the Bishop seemed to affect me in a negative way. This is my own self-analysis.) [34...Bc6 35.Rxf2 Kg7; 34...Qxf1 35.Nd2 Qe2 36.Nf3 Bc6 37.Kg1 Bxf3 38.gxf3 Kh7 39.c4 Rd8 40.b3 Rd1#] **0-1**

### Round: 3

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

**White: Olin Mastin (1500)**  
**Black: Bob Kampia (1752)**  
**Date: 4/15/2016**

[A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems] **1.Nf3 Nc6 2.g3 e5 3.d3 h6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 d5 6.Nbd2 Bc5 7.h3 0-0 8.e4 [D]**



**8...dxe4 9.dxe4 Qe7 10.c3 Rd8 11.Qc2 Be6 12.Re1 [12.b4 Bd6=] 12...Nh5 [12...Bb6!?] 13.Nf1 Bc4 14.Be3 [D]**

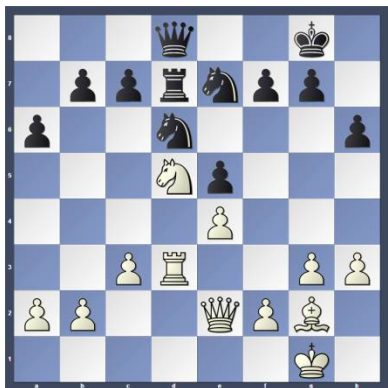


**14...Bxf1 [14...Bd3 15.Qb3 Bb6 16.Nh4=] 15.Bxf1 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Qc5 17.Qe2 a6 18.Nh2 Nf6 19.Ng4 Ne8 20.Qc4 [D]**

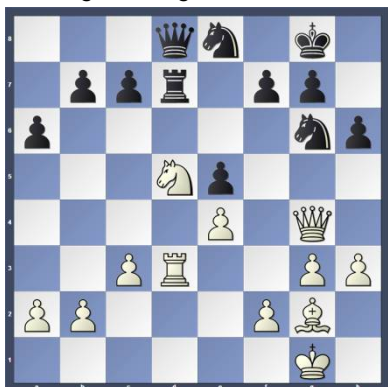


**20...Qe7 21.Qe2 Rd7 22.Rd1 Rad8 23.Rxd7 Rxd7 24.Rd3 Nd6 25.Bg2 Qd8 26.Ne3 Ne7 27.Nd5 [D] (p.3)(Text cont. p.3)**

Position after 27.Nd5 (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) [27.Qd1 Qe8]  
27...Ng6 28.Qg4 Ne8?? [D]



[Better is 28...Nf8=] 29.Rf3 [Better is 29.Ne7+! (Olin - Wow! Did I ever miss this move! [D]



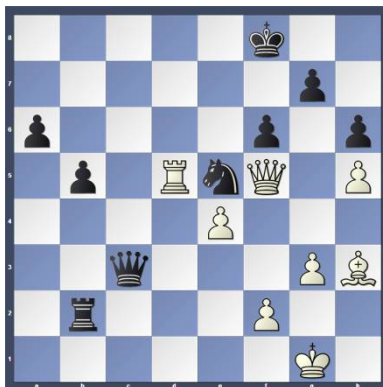
Analysis Diagram

[Secures the win 29...Qxe7 30.Rxd7]  
29...c6 30.Ne3 Nf6 [30...Rd2 31.Nc4 Rd1+ 32.Kh2] 31.Qf5 [31.Rxf6!? gxf6 32.Bf1=] 31...Qc7 32.Ng4 Nh7 [Better is 32...Nxc4!? 33.Qxc4 Rd2] 33.h4 Rd2 [33...Rd6=] 34.Bh3 [Better is 34.Bf1±] 34...Rxb2 35.a4 [D]

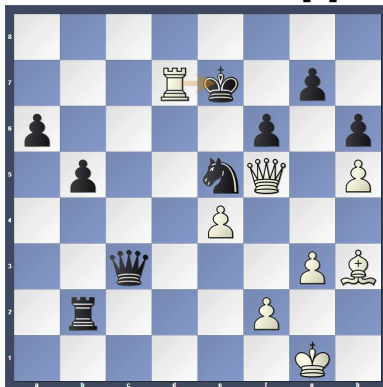


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(Cont. from prev. col.) 35...Nhf8 [35...Ra2!? is noteworthy 36.Rd3 Ngf8 37.Nxe5 Nf6] 36.h5 Nh8 37.Nxe5 f6 (Olin - I did consider 38.Nd3) [37...Ra2 38.Rd3] 38.Nd7 [Better is 38.Nd3 Ra2 39.e5±] 38...Nf7?? [There were better ways to keep up the pressure] [Better is 38...Nxd7!? might be a viable alternative 39.Qxd7 Qxd7 40.Bxd7 Nf7] 39.Nxf8 [39.Nxf6+ gxf6 40.Qxf6 Rb1+ 41.Kg2] 39...Kxf8 40.Rd3 Ne5 41.Rd4 [41.Rd1 Qb8] 41...b5 [41...Rc2 42.Kg2 Qb8 43.a5] 42.axb5 cxb5 43.Rd5 Qxc3 [D]



44.Rd8+ Ke7 45.Rd7+!! [D]



(Olin - Assures a draw!) Nxd7 46.Qxd7+ Kf8 47.Qd8+ Kf7 [Black has a mate threat.] 48.Qd7+ Kf8 49.Qd8+ [D]



½-½ (Olin – Drawn by forced perpetual check by White.)

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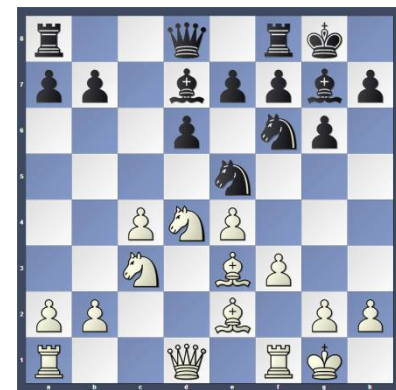
Submitted by Alex with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Alex MacFarlane (1874)

Black: Dennis Baluk (1949)

Date: 4/22/2016

[B38: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7 and 7...0-0] 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 d6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.f3 Bd7 10.0-0 Ne5 [D]



11.Rc1 Bc6 12.b4 a6 13.Qc2 [13.f4 Bh6±] 13...Bd7 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.Nc2 Ne5 16.c5 dxc5 17.Bxc5 Re8 [Better is 17...Be6!? is an interesting idea 18.Qe3 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Bxc4] 18.f4 Nc6 19.e5 [D]



19...Ng4 20.h3 Nh6 21.g4 [21.Bf3 Be6 22.Qf2 f6±] 21...Be6 22.Qe3 Qc8 [22...f6 23.Rcd1 Qb8 24.Na4±] 23.Bb6 [23.Na4 Qb8] 23...Bxg4? [Better is 23...f6 24.Nd4 Nxd4 25.Bxd4 Qb8±] 24.hxg4 Nxg4 25.Qh3 [25.Qf3 h5] 25...h5 26.Rfd1 Qe6 [26...Nh6 27.Kg2 Qxh3+ 28.Kxh3 Nf5] 27.Bxg4?? [Forfeits the advantage.] [Better is 27.Nd5 ends the debate.] 27...hxg4 28.Qe3 Bh6 [28...g5 29.fxg5 Nxe5 30.Kg2±] 29.Nd4 [29.Nd5!?] 29...Nxd4 30.Qxd4 [D] (p.4) [Better is 30.Bxd4 Rac8 31.a3±] 30...g3? [30...Bxf4 31.Qxf4 Qxb6+ 32.Kg2 Rad8 33.Qxc4 Rxd1 34.Rxd1 Kg7±] (Text cont. p.4)

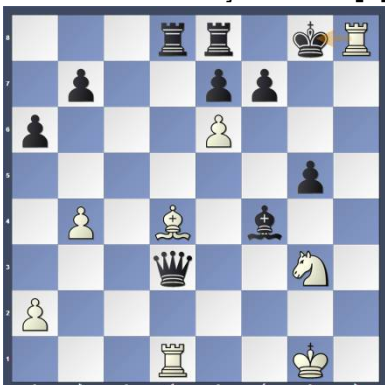
Position after 30.Qxd4 (From p.3.)



(Cont. from p.3) **31.Rc2??** [Black has a cramped position. allows the opponent back into the game.] [31.Kg2 g5 32.Kxg3 gxf4+ 33.Kf2 f3 34.Rg1+ Kh8] **31...Qg4??** [There were better ways to keep up the pressure.] [Better is 31...Rec8 and Black has air to breath 32.Rf1 Rc4=] **32.Rg2** [Better is 32.Nd5] **32...Bxf4??** [Black falls apart] [Better is 32...Qxf4 33.e6! Decoy: e6 33...Qxd4+ 34.Bxd4 Rad8 35.Rxg3 Bg7 36.exf7+ Kxf7 37.Rf1+ Bf6] **33.Ne2 g5 34.Nxg3 Qf3** [34...Qh3 35.Rd3 Kf8 36.Ne2] **35.Qd3** [35.Rf1 keeps an even firmer grip 35...Qxg3 36.Rxg3 Bxg3] **35...Qc6??** [D]



[Shortens the misery for Black.] [35...Qxd3 36.Rxd3 Kf8] **36.Bd4 Rad8 37.Rh2** [37.Ne2 Qh6 38.Nxf4 Kf8] **37...Qg6 38.e6!** [Deflection: g6] **38...Qxd3** [38...fxe6 39.Qxg6+ Mate attack Decoy Deflection; 38...Qxe6 39.Rh8# Mate attack Clearance Pinning; ...38...-- 39.Rh8# Mate threat] **39.Rh8#** [D]



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### Round: 3

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

**White: Mike O` Gara (1736)**

**Black: Doug Kern (1951)**

**Date: 4/15/2016**

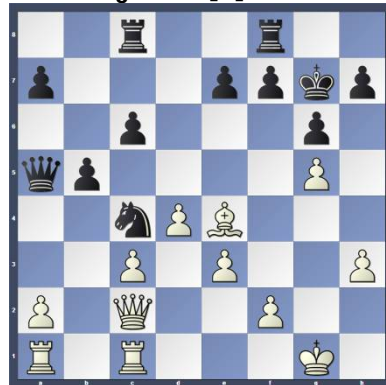
[D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5] **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bf4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Nd7** [D]



(Doug - Bg7) **7.Nf3** (Doug - cxd5) [7.cxd5 Nf6] **7...c6** [7...Nf6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2] **8.e3 Bg7 9.Be2 Qa5 10.Qc2 Nf6 11.Be5 0-0 12.0-0 dxc4 13.Bxc4 b5** [13...Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3] **14.Bd3 Bg4 15.Ng5** [15.a4 Bxf3 16.axb5 Qb6 17.gxf3 cxb5] **15...Nd5** [D]



**16.Bxg7 Kxg7** [Black king safety dropped.] **17.h3 Bd7 18.Ne4 Bf5 19.Rfc1 Nb6 20.g4** [20.Nc5 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Na4] **20...Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Rac8 22.g5 Nc4** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Doug - Rh8) **23.Bd3 Nd6 24.h4 c5 25.a4 b4 26.Qb2 c4** (Doug - bxc3) [26...bxc3!? 27.Rxc3 c4] **27.cxb4!** [D]



**27...Qd5 28.Bf1 f6** [28...Qe4 29.d5+ f6 30.gxf6+ Rxf6 31.Rc2=] **29.Bg2 Qf5 30.d5 c3?** [30...Qg4=] **31.gxf6+??** (Doug - Rxc3) [Forfeits the advantage.] [Better is 31.Rxc3 Qe5 32.gxf6+ Qxf6 33.Rac1+] **31...Rxf6** [31...Qxf6!? 32.Qc2 Rc4] **32.Qe2 Rc4 33.b5?** (Doug - Maybe e4) [33.f4!?= should not be overlooked.] **33...Rxh4 34.Rxc3?** [Better is 34.f4!? g5 35.Rc2] **34...Qe5 35.Rcc1??** [An oversight, but White was lost anyway.] [35.Rca3] **35...Ne4 36.f4** [D]



**36...Ng3?** (Doug - Rxf4). **37.Qf2** (Doug - if fxe5, Nxe2#) **37...Ne2+??** [Better is 37...Rhxf4 was necessary 38.exf4 Ne2+ 39.Kf1 Nxf4=] **38.Qxe2 Rxf4 39.Rf1??** [Forfeits the clear win.] [39.Qe1 keeps an even firmer grip 39...Rxa4 40.Rxa4 Rxa4] **39...Rxf1+??** (Doug - Rfg4). [Not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game.] [Better is 39...Rfg4 was a good chance to save the game 40.Qf3 Rxg2+ 41.Qxg2 Rh5] **40.Rxf1 Qh2+ 41.Kf2 Qe5** [41...Rb4 42.Rd1] **42.Rh1** [42.Qd1!? and White can already relax 42...Qf6+ 43.Kg1 Qd6] **42...Qf5+** (Text cont. p.5)

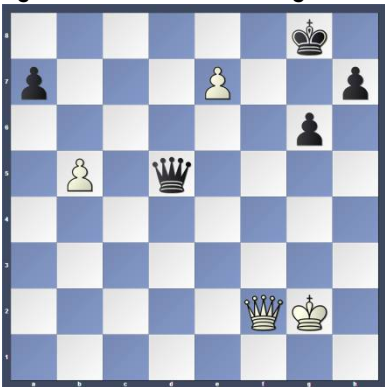
(Cont. from p.4) [42...Rb4 43.Qf3 Rxa4 44.Rf1] **43.Kg1 Rxa4** [43...Rb4 44.e4 Rb1+ 45.Bf1 Qg5+ 46.Kf2 Of6+ 47.Of3] **44.Qb2+ Kg8 45.d6!** [D]



(Olin - If 45...exd6?? 46.Qb3+! wins the Black Rook) [Better is 45.Rh3!? makes it even easier for White 45...Rc4 46.Rf3 Qg4] **45...Qe6 46.dxe7??** [White loses the upper hand.] [Better is 46.Rh3 with excellent chances for White 46...exd6 47.Rf3] **46...Qxe3+ 47.Qf2 Ra1+ 48.Kh2** [D]



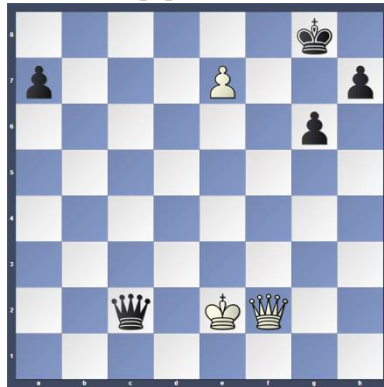
[White has a mate threat.] **48...Qh6+** (Doug - if Qxf2, e8=Q+) **49.Bh3??** [White is ruining his position.] [Better is 49.Kg3 and White can hope to survive 49...Qg5+ 50.Kh2 Qe5+ 51.Qg3 Qh5+ 52.Qh3 Qe5+ 53.Qg3 Qh5+ 54.Qh3 Qe5+ 55.Qg3=] **49...Rxb1+ 50.Kxb1 Qxb3+ 51.Kg1 Qg4+ 52.Kf1 Qd1+ 53.Kg2 Qd5+** [D]



**54.Kf1?** [Better is 54.Kh2 Qe5+ 55.Kg2 Qg5+ 56.Kh3 Qxe7 57.Qg2] **54...Qxb5+ 55.Ke1** [55.Kg2 Qg5+ 56.Kh1 Qxe7]

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(Cont. from prev. col.) **55...Qb1+ 56.Ke2** [56.Kd2 desperation 56...Qb4+ 57.Kd1 Qd6+ 58.Kc1 Qxe7 59.Qg3 Qc5+ 60.Kd1] **56...Qc2+** [D]



(Olin - 57.Ke3, f3, e1, or f1, the only possible moves, then 57...Qxf2+ 58.Kxf2 Kf7) **0-1**

### Round: 5

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

**White: Shawn Curtis (1721)**

**Black: Mike O'Gara (1736)**

**Date: 4/29/2016**

[B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves] **1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 g6 3.Qf3 Nf6 4.Bxf7+** [D]



[Better is 4.e5!? and White hangs on 4...d5 5.Bb5+ Nfd7 6.Qxd5=] **4...Kxf7 5.e5 Nc6 6.exf6 exf6 7.Qd5+ Kg7 8.h4** [8.Ne2 Nb4 9.Qb3 d5] **8...Qe8+** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 8...Nb4!? 9.Qb3 d5 10.Ne2] **9.Kd1 Nb4 10.Qf3 d5 11.a3 Nc6** [11...h5 12.Qe2 Qa4 13.b3] **12.h5 Qe5 13.Ne2 Bf5 14.d3 c4 15.Ng3 cxd3 16.Nxf5+** [D]



**16...gxf5 17.Qxd3 Re8 18.Bd2** [18.Nc3 d4 19.h6+ Kf7] **18...Re7 19.Rh3 Kf7 20.Nc3** [Exerts pressure on the isolated pawn. White threatens to win material: Nc3xd5] [20.Re3 Qd6 21.Qxf5 Re5 22.Rxe5 Qxe5 23.Qxe5 fxe5=] **20...d4 21.Qc4+** [D]



**21...Ke8** [Better is 21...Qe6!? is noteworthy 22.Qxe6+ Rxe6=] **22.Nd5 Re6?** [Better is 22...Rd7 23.Nf4 Qe7] **23.Nc7+!** [Deflection: e6] **23...Qxc7 24.Qxe6+ Be7 25.Rg3 d3 26.Rxd3** [D]



**26...Qe5** [26...a6 the last chance for counterplay] **27.Qc8+ Bd8** [27...Nd8 otherwise it's curtains at once 28.Bb4 Kf7 29.Bxe7 Re8] **28.Re3** [D] (p.6)

Position after 28.Re3 (From p.5)



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**Round: 5**

Submitted by Doug by copy of score sheet. Selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

**White: Doug Kern (1951)**

**Black: Alex MacFarlane (1874)**

**Date: 4/29/2016**

[D13: Slav Defence: Exchange variation without ...Bf5] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 [D]

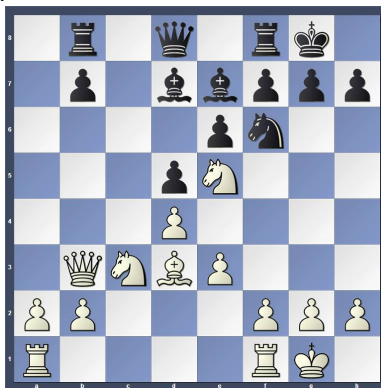


4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 Bf5 6.Qb3 Bc8 7.Bf4 e6 8.e3 a6 [D]

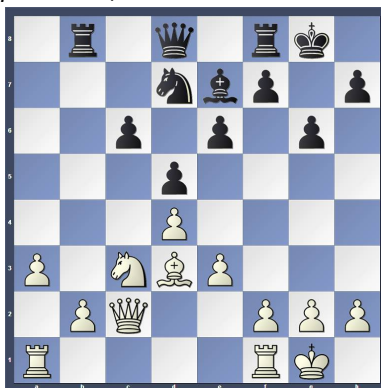


[8...Bd6 9.Bb5+ Ke7 10.0-0 a6 Gavrikov,V (2545)-Chernikov,O (2425) Debrecen 1988 ½-½ (60)] 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Bxa6 Bd7 [10...Bd6 11.Bb5+ Kf8 12.0-0 Kahn,E (2240)-Milonjic,M (2225) Budapest 1990 ½-½ (37)] 11.Bd3 Be7 12.Ne5 0-0 13.0-0 [D] (Next col.) 13...Bc6 14.Qc2 g6 15.a3 Nd7 16.Nxc6 bxc6 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 13.0-0 (From prev. col.)



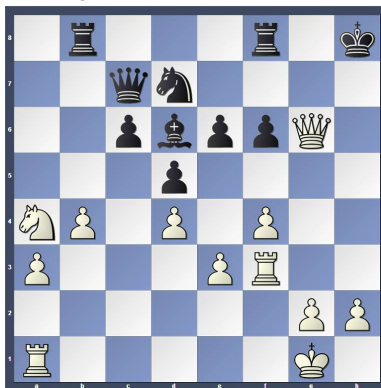
Position after 16...bxc6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 17.Na4 Qc7 18.b4 Bd6 [18...Qb7 19.Rfb1] 19.f4 [Better is 19.Rfc1] 19...f6? [Better is 19...Ra8!?] 20.Bxg6! [D]



[Mate attack] 20...hxg6?? [Leading to a quick end.] [20...Nb6 21.Bd3] 21.Qxg6+ Kh8 22.Rf3 [D]



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This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.

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**Other places to play chess:**

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

**Monday evenings** about 6:00 to 10:00 PM, "Starbucks", 10 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.

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

<http://www.freewebs.com/allentowncentercitychessclub>