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This issue will feature more games played in the 46th Susquehanna Valley Open (SVO).

The purpose behind these newsletters is to include as many games as possible played among NPCC members and others irregardless of the strength of the players. We want to include everyone's games, not only the most challenging. Of course, some will be more instructive than others; however, they all will be permanently recorded for your review. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Games from the 46th Susquehanna Valley Open (SVO):

Round: 3

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (2122)

Black: Kenneth Horan (1889)

Date: 7/18/2015

[B00: Queen's Fianchetto Defense, Nimzowitsch Defense] (Joe - Horan was coming off a huge upset win over co-Pennsylvania State Champion Peter Minear.) **1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nbd2 b6**

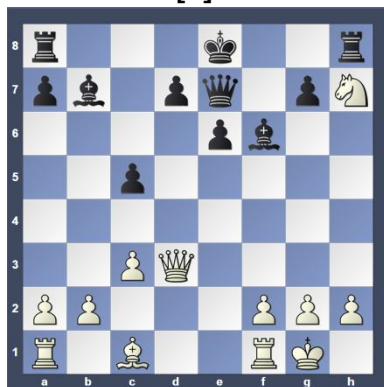
(Joe - I'm not crazy about black's move order. Had he not played 1...e6, he could now play 3...Bb7, and prevent white from playing e4 in one move.)

4.e4 c5 5.c3?! (Joe - White should dive straight in with 5.e5.) 5...Nc6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0-0 Be7 8.e5 Nd5 9.Ne4 [D]

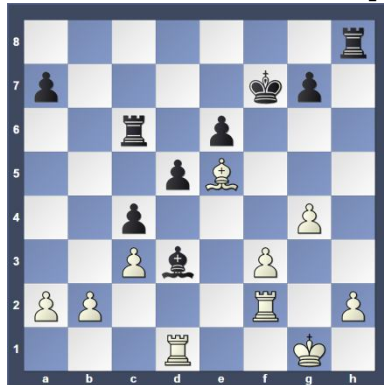


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(Cont. from prev. col.) **9... f5** (Joe - This weakens black's position. Black should have given white a backward d-pawn by trading on d4.) **10.exf6 Nxf6 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Nfg5 Ne5 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Nxh7 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Qe7 [D]**



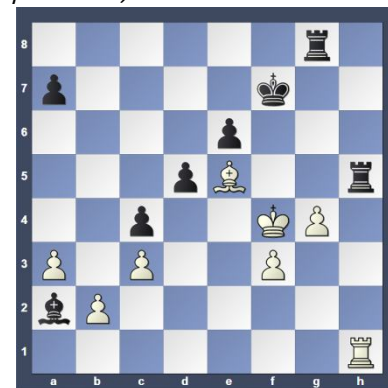
16.Qg6+?! (Joe - Rybka did not like my idea, and preferred either 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 ((which I rejected because it opened lines to my king)) or simply 16.Be3.) 16...Qf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Ng5+ Bxg5 (Joe - I suppose Horan gave up the bishop pair because he is a pawn down and wanted a bishop of opposite color ending. Rybka suggests keeping the bishops with 18...Kg6 instead.) [18...Ke7!?] 19.Bxg5 Be4 20.Rad1 d5 21.f3 Bg6 22.g4 c4 23.Bf4 Rac8 24.Be5 Rc6 25.Rf2 Bd3 [D]



26.Kg2 (Joe - It is also possible to play 26.b4. That move can be played in any of the next few moves.) 26...Rb6 27.Kg3 Rh7 28.h4 g6 29.Rdd2 Bb1 30.a3 Rb7 31.Rh2 Rd7 [31...Bd3 32.Rh1] 32.Kf4 Rd8 33.Rd1 Ba2 34.Rdh1 Rg8? [Better is 34...Bb3] 35.h5 gxh5 [35...g5+ 36.Kg3 a5] 36.Rxh5 [D] (Next col.)

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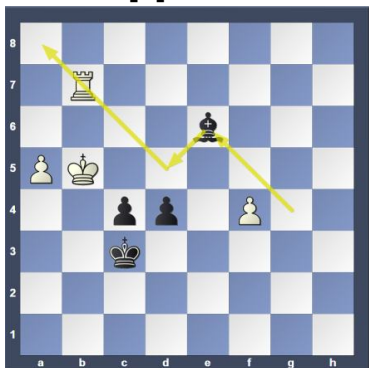


(Cont. from prev. col.) **36.. Rxh5 37.Rxh5 [Better is 37.gxh5 and the result of the game is clear: White will win 37...Rf8 38.Ke3 d4+ 39.Bxd4] 37...Bb1 38.Bd4 a5 39.Ke5 Bc2 [39...a4 40.Rh6 Bg6 41.f4] 40.Rh2 Bd3 41.Bb6 [41.Rh6!? Bg6] 41...a4 42.Bc5 Bg6 43.f4 Be4 44.Rh6 Rxg4 45.Rxe6 Rg2 [45...Rg8 46.f5 Re8 47.Rxe8 Kxe8 48.Ke6] 46.Ra6 [Better is 46.f5 makes it even easier for White] 46...Rxb2 47.Rxa4 Re2 48.Ra7+ Kg6 49.Ra6+ Kf7 50.Kd6 Kf6? [50...Rh2 51.Ra7+ Ke8 52.Re7+ Kd8 53.Bb6+ Kc8] 51.Bd4+ Kf5 52.Be5 Rd2 53.Kc5 [D]**



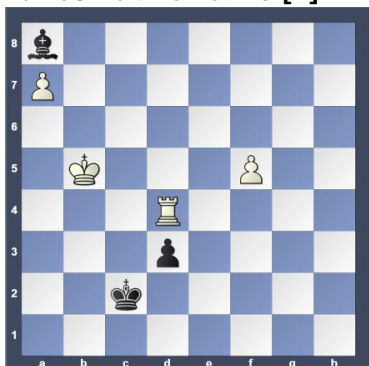
53...Bf3 (Joe - Perhaps better was 53...d4. If 54.Bxd4 Kxf4 or if 54.cxd4 black gets a passed pawn.) [53...d4 54.Bxd4 Kxf4 55.a4] 54.a4 Ke4 55.a5 Ra2 56.Ra7 (Joe - This is a much safer square for the rook than a8. You never know when black might be able to play ...d4 and get a discovered attack on the rook if it was on a8.) 56...Kd3 [56...Rg2 hardly improves anything 57.a6 Ra2 58.Bd4] (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p. 1) **57.Kb6?!** (Joe - Stronger is 57.f5! Ke4 58.f6! and black cannot capture the bishop because the pawn queens.) [Better is 57.f5 and the rest is a matter of technique 57...Re2 58.Kd6 Bh5] **57...Rb2+ 58.Ka6 Bg4!** (Joe - Played in time pressure. The threat of 59...Bc8+ is nasty!) **59.Rb7?** [Better is 59.Rg7] **Rb3 60.Ka7 Rxc3?** (Joe - A good practical chance in time pressure, but this simply does not work.) **61.Bxc3 Kxc3 62.Kb6** [Better is 62.a6 d4 63.Kb8] **62...d4 63.Kb5** [Better is 63.Rg7 seems even better 63...Bf5 64.a6] **63...Be6?** [D]



[The bishop intends Bg4-e6-d5-a8. gives away a clear win] [Better is 63...d3 was necessary 64.Rc7 Be6=]

64.a6? (Joe - This looks like a pretty serious inaccuracy. White is still winning, but Rybka says white's advantage plummeted from +6.48 down to +2.25. The correct move is 64.f5. If 64...Bxf5 only now 65.a6. Or, if 64...Bd5 again white plays 65.a6, but now the f pawn is farther down the board, and also white can now play Rd7 after black plays ...d3.) **64...d3 65.a7 Bd5?** (Joe - Very natural, but black's best chance was to go into 65...d2 66.a8Q d1Q 67.Qa3+ Qb3+ 68.Qxb3 Kxb3 69.Kc5 c3 70.Kc4 c2 71.Kd3 Bf5+ 72.Kd2 and white will win in the long run.) [65...d2 doesn't improve anything 66.a8Q d1Q 67.Qa5+ Kd3 68.Qd8+ Kc2 69.Qxd1+ Kxd1] **66.Rc7 Ba8?** [Better is 66...d2 was a good chance to save the game 67.a8Q Bxa8 68.Rxc4+ Kd3=] **67.Rxc4+ Kb2 68.Rd4 Kc2 69.f5** [D]



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Round: 3

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

White: Olin Mastin (1539)
Black: Sharvil Trifale (Age 12) (1838)

Date: 7/18/2015

[A05: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 Nf6] **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d3 d6 6.Nbd2 c5 7.e4 Nc6 8.Re1 Qc7 9.c3 e5** [D]



10.Nf1 Bg4 11.Bd2 b5 12.Qc1 Rfc8 13.Bh6 a5 [D]



[Black prepares b4] **14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Ne3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 b4** [D]

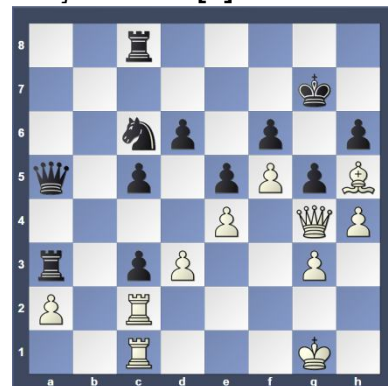


[This push gains space] **17.Ng4 [17.Nf5+!? Kg8 18.Qh6=]** (Olin - Too bad I didn't see 17.Nf5+ during the game!) **17...Nxxg4 18.Bxg4 Re8 19.f4 f6 20.f5** [White wins space] **20...g5 21.Bh5 Rec8 22.Qd1 a4** [D] (Next col.) **23.Qg4 [23.a3!? deserves consideration.] 23...a3 24.Re2?** [Causes more grief.] (Text cont. next col.)

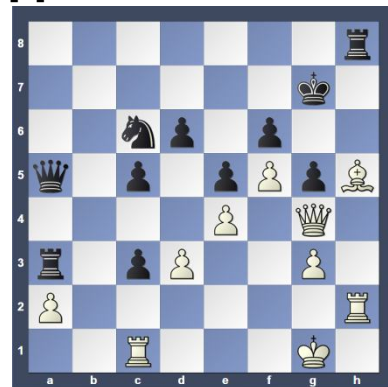
Position after 22...a4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 24.b3 bxc3 25.h4] **24...axb2 25.Rxb2 bxc3 26.Rc2 Ra3 27.Rac1** [27.h4 h6 28.Rac1] **27...Qa5** [Better is 27...Nd4 and Black takes home the point 28.Rxc3 Rxa2] **28.h4 h6** [D]

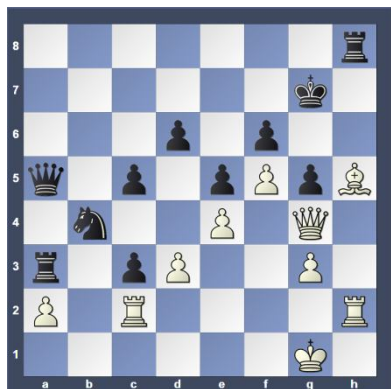


29.hxg5 [Better is 29.Be8! is a viable option 29...Rxe8 30.Qh5 Ne7] (Olin - I played out possible continuations with Fritz: 31.Qxe8 Qa7 32.hxg5 hxg5 ((32...fxg5 33.Rf2 Ng8 34.f6+ Nxf6 35.Rxf6 Kxf6 36.Rf1+ Kg7 37.Rf8 Kh7 38.Rh8+ Kg7 39.Qf8+ Kg6 40.Rxh6#)) 33.Rh2 c4+ 34.Kh1 Ng8 35.Qg6+ Kf8 36.Rh7 Qxh7+ 37.Qxh7 Ne7 38.Rb1 Ra8 39.Qh8+ Kf7 40.Qxa8) **29...hxg5 30.Rh2?** [30.Bf7 Rh8 (30...Kxf7?! 31.Rh2 Ke8 32.Qh5+ Kd7 33.Qf7+ Ne7 34.Qe6+ Kc6 35.Rh7) 31.Bc4 Qb6] **30...Rh8** [D]

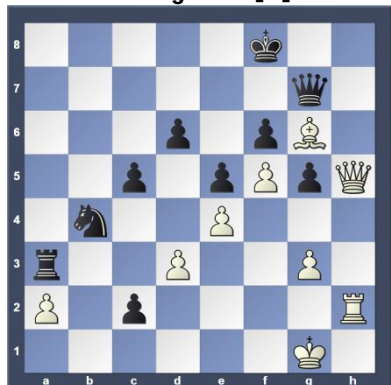


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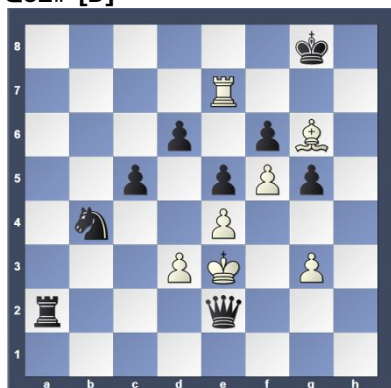
(Cont. from p.2) [Better is 30...Rxa2 makes it even easier for Black 31.Rxa2 Qxa2] **31.Rcc2?** [31.Be8 c2 32.Rxh8] **31...Nb4 [D]**



[Better is 31...Nd4 makes sure everything is clear 32.Bg6 Qa8 33.Bh7] **32.Bg6** [32.Bf7 the last chance for counterplay 32...Rxh2 33.Rxh2] **32...Qa7 33.Rxh8 Kxh8 34.Rh2+ Kg8 35.Qh5 Qg7 36.Bh7+ [36.Be8 otherwise it's curtains at once 36...c2 37.Rxc2 Nxc2 38.Ba4] 36...Kf8 37.Bg6 c2 [D]**



[37...Nxd3?! is easily refuted 38.Qe2 c2 39.Qxc2=] **38.Qh8+ Qxh8 39.Rxh8+ Kg7 40.Rh7+ Kg8 41.Re7 c1Q+ 42.Kg2 Rxa2+ 43.Kf3 Qd1+ 44.Ke3 Qe2# [D]**



[44...Qxd3#] **0-1** (Olin – I missed a couple good moves that may have led to victory.)

Round: 4

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

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White: Eric Mark (1866)

Black: Edmund Chong (1921)

Date: 7/19/2015

[B02: Alekhine's Defense: Chase Variation] **1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Bc4 c6 5.Qe2 [D]**



(Edmund - A move I have never seen before. More common is 5. Qf3,d4, or Nf3) **5...e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nd7 10.Re1 Re8 11.Bf4 b6 [D]**



(Edmund - I had lost my focus on the opening as this line was foreign to me. As usual I saw this sac right after I played 11...b6. I immediately became worried and sure enough my opponent played this sac. This is actually a common type sac as Black is underdeveloped and it appears my pieces are poorly placed. Black gets 3 pawns for the piece and still has the initiative so it appears worth it. I like 11...Nf6 better but White still has the better game.) **12.Bxe6** (Edmund - Interesting how White was about a half pawn ahead but now is considered equal after this Bishop sac per my engine. After thinking about what do to consolidate, I didn't see a clear plan for White. I felt some hope.) **12...fxe6 13.Qxe6+ Kf8 14.Qxc6 Ba6 15.Rxe7 Rxe7 16.Bd6 Rc8 17.Qe4 [D]** (Next col.) (Edmund - 17.Qa4 and the game is still even. (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 17.Qe4 (From prev.col.)

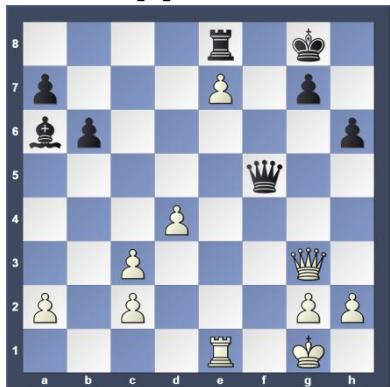


(Cont. from prev. col.) My engine now thinks that Black is better. I need to trade off some pieces, gain the initiative and win some pawns.) [Better is 17.Qa4!? is interesting 17...Nb8 18.Bxe7+ Qxe7 19.Re1=] **17...Nf6 18.Qe5** [18.Qe6 Ke8 (18...Rxc3 19.Re1 Rcc7 20.Ne5=) 19.Bxe7 Qxe7] **18...Ke8 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Qf5 Qd7 21.Re1+ Kf8 [21...Kd8 22.Qg5 Rxc3] 22.Qf4?** [Better is 22.Re6 is a viable option 22...Qb5 23.Rxf6+ gxf6 24.Qxf6+ Ke8 25.h4 Qb1+ 26.Kh2 Qxa2 27.Qe5+ Kd7 28.Qg7+ Kc6 29.Qxh7=] **22...Qc7 23.Qe3** [23.Qf5 Qxc3 24.Qe6 Re8 25.Qd6+ Kg8 26.Rxe8+ Nxe8 27.Qd5+ Kh8] **23...Re8** [Better is 23...Bb7!? and Black can already relax] **24.Ne5 Kg8 25.Qh3 Qc8 26.Qg3 [D]**

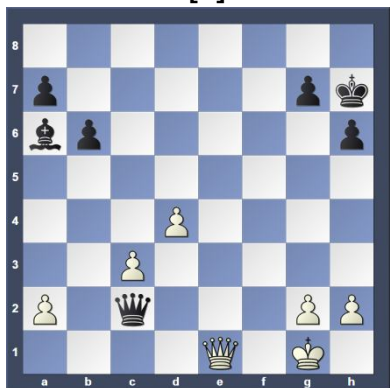


(Edmund - At this point I am considered almost 2 pawns ahead per my engine.) **26...Ng4** (Edmund - A poor move. Not sure what I was thinking. 26...Nd5 was better to attack the pawns rather than to try trading pieces which White clearly avoids. By continuing to try to take the initiative, you make it desirable for your opponent to trade pieces.) [26...Qf5 27.f3] **27.f4** [27.h3 Nxe5 28.Rxe5 Rxe5 29.Qxe5 Bc4] **27...Nxe5** (Text cont.p.4)

(Cont. from p.3) 28.fxe5 Qf5 29.e6 h6 30.e7? [D]



(Edmund - This just loses a pawn and makes things easier.) [30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.Rxe5] 30...Rxe7!! [Deflection: f1.] 31.Qb8+ [31.Rxe7 Qf1# Mate attack Deflection] 31...Kh7 32.Qg3 Rxe1+ 33.Qxe1 Qxc2 [D]



[33...Qxc2 34.a3 Bb7] 0-1

Round: 4

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

White: Rodion Rubenchik (2317)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (2122)

Date: 7/19/2015

[D61: Queen's Gambit Declined: Classical: 7 Qc2] [(Joe- I was in clear first after Saturday, but that did not last long.)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6

5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 0-0

8.0-0-0 Qa5 9.Kb1 dxc4 [D]



(Joe- Yes, I know I should wait for white to move his bishop on f1 before capturing, but I really could not think of any useful moves for black.) (Text cont. next col.)

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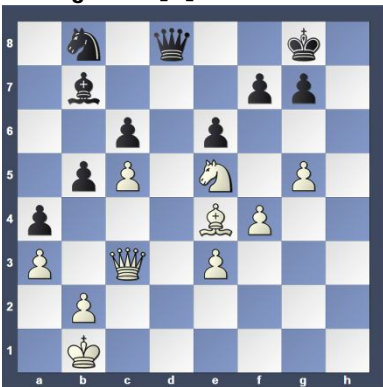
10.Bxc4 b5 11.Bd3 h6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Ne4 Nd5 15.Nc5 Nb4 [D]



16.Qb3 Bxc5 [Not 16...Nxd3 17.Nxb7 (<17.Ncxd3 c5; 17.Qxd3?! Bxc5 18.dxc5 Rad8=) 17...Qc7 18.Qxd3 (18.Rxd3?! Qxb7 19.Rc1 Rac8=) 18...Qxb7 19.Qe4] 17.dxc5 Na6 18.Rc1 Rad8 19.Be4 Qc7 20.f4 Nb8 21.Rhd1 a5 22.a3 Rfe8 (Joe- White has had an advantage, but black has been holding on, despite his ugly position.) 23.g4! [D]

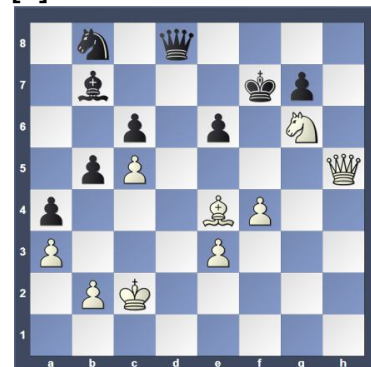


(Joe- This is white's best chance to win the game.) 23...Qe7 24.Qc3 Qc7 (Joe- Not 24...a4? when 25.Qa5 infiltrates the black position.) 25.h4 [White prepares the advance g5] 25...Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.g5 hxg5 29.hxg5 a4? [D]



(Joe- Relatively best, but still losing, is 29...f6.) [29...f6 30.Qb3 fxe5 31.Qxe6+ Kf8 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont from prev. col.) 32.Qf5+ Ke7 33.Qxe5+ Kf8 34.Qf5+ Ke7] 30.Kc2 [30.Qc2!? might be the shorter path 30...Kf8 31.g6 f6] 30...Kf8? [Better is 30...Na6] 31.g6 fxg6? (Joe- Black can resist a bit longer with 31...f6.) [31...f5 32.Bf3 Na6] 32.Nxg6+ Kg8 33.Qe5 Kf7 [33...Qe8 hoping against hope 34.Qd6 Nd7] 34.Qh5 [D]



[34.Qh5 Qf6 35.Ne5+ Ke7 36.Qd1] 1-0

Round: 1

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

White: Don Funk (1675)

Black: Lawrence Tremmel (1500)

Date: 7/19/2015

[A45: Trompowsky Attack] 1.d4 d6 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 Nbd7 4.f4 (Don -- This surprised him as his first move did me.) 4...e5 5.Nc3 [D]



(Don -- Better would be Nd2.) 5...c6 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.0-0 Be7 8.e4?? exd4! 9.Nxd4? Qb6! [D]



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(Cont from p.4) (Don -- From here on it is complicated for both of us.) **10.Be3 Nc5** (Don -- Better was Ng4.) **11.Nb3** (Don -- Better was Qe2.) **11...Ng4** [Better is 11...Qc7] **12.Bxc5?** (Don -- Better was Qe2.) [White lets it slip away] [Better is 12.Bd4 Qd8 13.Be2 (13.Bxg7?! Nxb3 14.axb3 Qb6+ 15.Kh1 Rg8-) 13...Nxb3 14.axb3±] **12...dxc5 13.Bc4?** [D]

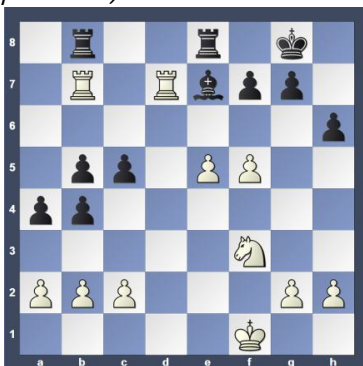


[Better is 13.Kh1 Ne3 14.Qf3 Nxf1 15.Rxf1] **13...0-0?** [Black castles and improves king safety. Stumbles just before the finish line.] (Don -- Could have won the Exchange with Ne3.) [Better is 13...Ne3 a pity that Black didn't try this 14.Qd3 Nxc4 15.Qxc4 Be6] **14.Qf3 a5 15.f5?** [Better is 15.a4= would save the game] **15...Ne5 16.Qe2 Nxc4** [Better is 16...a4-+ and Black has it in the bag] **17.Qxc4 Qb4** [D]

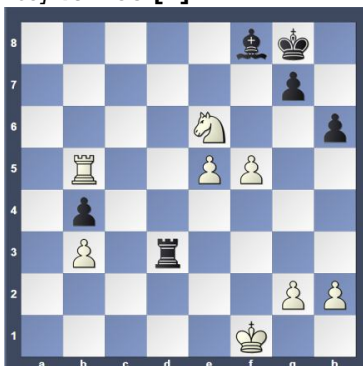


18.Qxb4 cxb4 [18...axb4!? 19.Nd1 Rd8] **19.Na4 b5** [19...Bd8!? 20.Kh1 Re8] **20.Nb6 Ra6 21.Nxc8 Rxc8 22.Rfd1 a4** [This push gains space] **23.Nd2 Bf6 24.Rab1 Rd8** [24...Re8 25.Re1 Ra7 26.Re2] **25.Kf1** [25.Nf3 Raa8 26.e5 Be7=] **25...Ra7** [Better is 25...Raa8!?] **26.Nf3 Re8 27.e5 Be7 28.Rd2 h6 29.Rbd1 c5 30.Rd7 Raa8 31.Rb7 Rab8 32.Rdd7** [D] (Next col.) **32...Bf8?** (Don -- Kf8 better.) [Better is 32...Rxb7 33.Rxb7 b3 34.axb3 axb3 35.cxb3 b4±] **33.Rxf7 c4 34.b3 axb3 35.axb3 cxb3 36.cxb3 Rxb7** [36...Rbc8 37.e6 Rc3 38.Nd2] **37.Rxb7 Rc8 38.Rxb5 Rc3** [38...h5 is not the saving move 39.Rb7] **39.Nd4** [Better is 39.Rb8 and White can already relax (Text cont. next col.)

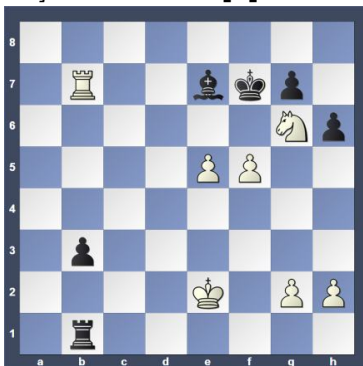
Position after 32.Rdd7 (From prev. col.)



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40...Kf7 41.Nf4 [41.Rb7+ Be7 42.Nf4 Rd8 43.e6+ Kf6 44.Nh5+ Kxf5 45.Rxe7 Rd1+ 46.Ke2 Rd5 47.Nxg7+ Kg6] **41...Rxb3** [41...Rd8+- the only chance to get some counterplay] **42.Ng6 Rb1+ 43.Ke2 b3** [43...Rb2+ otherwise it's curtains at once 44.Kf3 Rd2 45.Rb7+ Ke8 46.Rb8+ Rd8 47.Rxd8+ Kxd8 48.Nxf8 b3 49.Ne6+ Kc8] **44.Rb7+ Be7** [D]



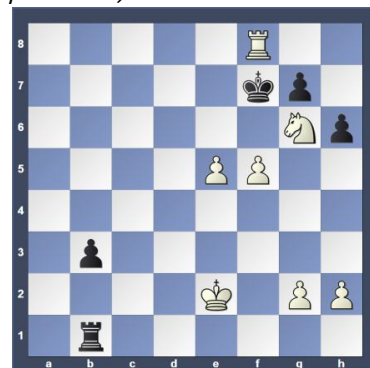
45.Rxe7+ Kg8 46.Re8+ Kf7 47.Rf8# [D] (Next col.)

Round: 5

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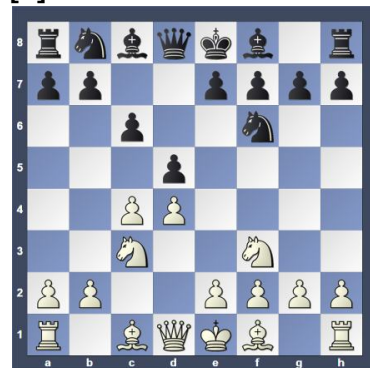
White: Edmund Chong (1921)
Black: Rodion Rubenik (2331)
Date: 7/19/2015
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Position after 47.Rf8# (From prev. col.)



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 [D18: Slav Defense: 5 a4 Bf5 6 e3]
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 [D]



4...dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.h3 a5 (Edmund - The Slav. We now leave the book. 9...0-0 is the most common move.) **10.Bd3** [D]



10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 0-0 12.Bd2 Qe7 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.Ne4 Nd5 15.Qb3 e5 [D] (p.6) **16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Ng3 g6 20.Ne2 h5 21.Nd4 Qe4 22.Rac1 Rd5** [D] (p.6) **23.Nf3 Rad8 24.Rxd5 Qxd5 25.Qxd5 Rxd5 26.Kf1 Rd3 27.Ke2 Rb3 28.Rb1 Na6 29.Nd2 Rb4 30.b3 Nc5 31.f3 h4 32.Kd1 Kg7 33.Kc2 Kf6 34.Kc3 Ke6 35.Rb2** (Edmund - Up to this point my engine considered this game basically equal.) **35...Rb6** [D] (p.6) (Text cont. p.6)

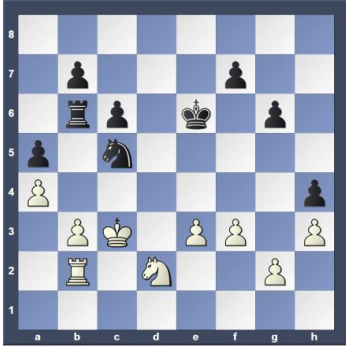
Position after 15...e5 (From p.5)



Position after 22...Rd5 (From p.5)

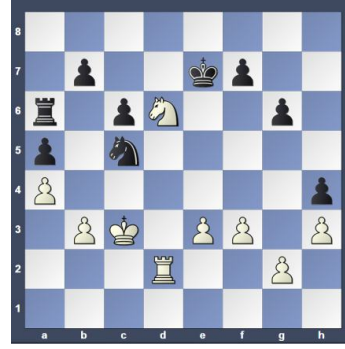


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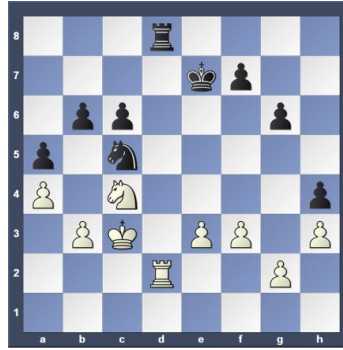


(Cont. from p.5) (Edmund - Black is looking to activate his Rook. My engine gives this move a -.5 pawn disadvantage and now White has the better game. The engine liked 36...Rxa4 37.bxa4 Nxa4+ 38.Kc2 Nxb2 39.Kxb2 b5 with an equal game. It's probably an easy decision for a computer, but a difficult one for a human to sac a Knight for 2 pawns in this case. 35...Kd5 36.Nb1 with the idea of Na3/Nc4 attacking the a5 pawn. Or Na3/Nc2/Nd4 protecting the b3 pawn and freeing up the Rook was also considered equal.) **36.Nc4 Ra6 37.Rd2 Ke7 38.Nd6 [D]** (Next col.) (Edmund - The position is now considered equal due to this inaccurate move. My engine prefers 38.Rd4. Time was getting short and I did not have a clear plan.) **38...Ra8 39.Kc4 b6 40.Kc3** (Edmund - I now realized the problem with 38.Nd6. Black will pin my Knight to my Rook and be able to trade off his once inactive Rook. With 40.Kc3 I get a place to (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 38.Nd6 (From prev. col.)



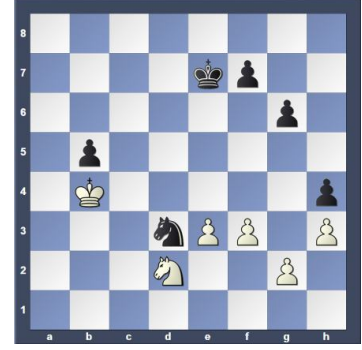
(Cont. from prev. col.) retreat my Knight.) **40... Rd8 41.Nc4 [D]**



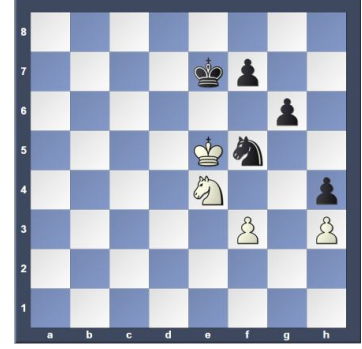
41...Rxd2 42.Nxd2 b5 43.axb5 cxb5 44.b4 axb4+ 45.Kxb4 Nd3+ [D] (Next col.) **46.Kxb5 Ne1** (Edmund - The position is equal per my engine.) **47.Ne4** (Edmund - At this point I believe I had about two minutes left. And I blundered!! Of course now after 47...Nxb2 the e-pawn cannot get out of the way or be protected. 46...Kc4 or Kc5 and the game is still equal.) **47...Nxb2 48.Kc5 Nxe3 49.Kd4 Nf5+ [49...Nc2+!?** (Edmund - Or 49...Ng2)) **50.Ke5 Ne1 51. Kf4 f6 52. Nd2 Ke6 53. Kg4 Ng2 54. f4 Ne3+ 55. Kf3 Nf5] 50.Ke5 [D]** (Next col.) **Ng3** (Edmund - Position considered about equal.) **51.Nf2?** (Edmund - Another mistake by White. 51.Nf6 followed by 52.Nd5 and I can get to f6 and g5, so Black must retreat his King to f8.) **51...Ne2 52.f4 Ng3** (Edmund - A mistake by Black. 52...f6+ driving the King back was better.) **53.Ng4 Ne2 54.Ne3? [D]** (Next col.) (Edmund - A blunder by White. Either 54.f5 or Nf2 was better with an equal game.) **54...f6+ 55.Ke4 Ng3+ 56.Kf3 Ke6 57.Ng2 g5 58.fxg5 fxg5 [D]** (Next col.) **59.Kg4 Ne4 60.Nxh4 Nf2+ 61.Kxg5 Nxh3+ [D]** (Next col.) ½-½

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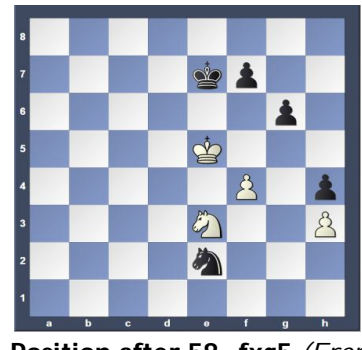
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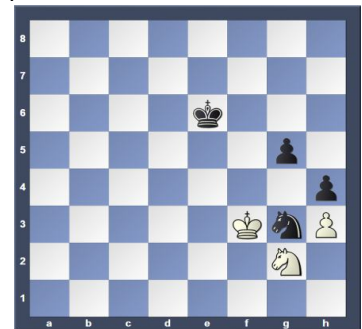
Position after 50.Ke5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 54.Ne3? (From prev. col.)



Position after 58...fxg5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 61...Nxh3+ (From prev. col.)

