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

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This issue features March, April, May, and June 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

#### March Octagonal Tournament:

##### Round: 1

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

White: Edmund Kline (2075)

Black: Gary Marshall (1823)

Date: 3/24/2017

[B06 Modern Defense] 1.e4 g6 2.d4

Bg7 3.f4 c6 (Gary – I tried the Caro-Slav System against Ed) 4.c4 [D]



(Gary - First time I ever faced the Four Pawns Attack) [4.Nf3 d5 5.e5 Nh6 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Qc1 f6 8.c3 Bg4 etc... Van Dongen,P (2275)-Moskalenko,V (2525) Cannes 1990 0-1] 4...d5 5.cxd5 [5.e5 Nh6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 etc... Saladen Dulce,R (2229)-Fierro Baquero,M (2340) Buenos Aires 2005 0-1 (32)] 5...cxd5 6.e5 h5 [D] (Next Col.) (Gary - Gurgendidze System) 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Be3 Nh6 9.Qd2 Ng4 [D] (Next Col.) (Gary - Going after his "bad" bishop) 10.Rd1 a6 11.Bd3 Bf5 [D] (Next Col.) (Gary - Might as well hit his good bishop too.) 12.Nf3?? [Weakening the position.] [12.Bxf5 gxf5 13.Nf3 Nxe3 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 6...h5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 9...Ng4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 11...Bf5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 14.Qxe3 e6=] 12...Nxe3?? [Makes life more difficult.] [Better is 12...Bxd3 finishes off the opponent 13.Qxd3 Nb4] 13.Qxe3 Bxd3 (Gary - Trading off his good bishop.) 14.Rxd3 e6 15.0-0 b5 16.Rd2 Rc8 [D] (Next Col.) (Gary - taking the open file) 17.g3 Rc7 18.h3 Qc8 19.Ne2 Nb4 [D] (Next Col.) (Gary – The White Knight on e2 wants to redeploy to c5, i.e. Ne2 to c1 to d3 to c5; (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 16...Rc8 (From prev. col.)



Position after 19...Nb4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) Must stop that by placing the Black Knight on b4 to cover the d3 square.) 20.b3 0-0 [D]

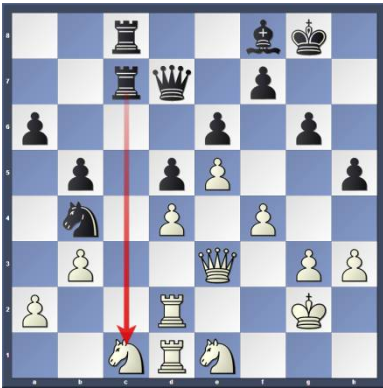


(Gary – Finally castling 20 moves later.) 21.Rfd1 Rd8 22.Ne1 Bf8 [D] (p.2) (Gary – The "Gurgendidze" bishop finally wakes up and decides to play in the game.) 23.Kg2 Qd7 24.Nc1 Rdc8 (Gary - Agreeing to a draw.) [D] (p.2) ½-½ (Olin -- End of game. I inserted some hypothetical moves of how the game could have continued.) (Text cont. p.2)

Position after 22...Bf8 (From p. 1)



Position after 24...Rdc8 (From p. 1)



(Cont. from p. 1) (Gary - if 25...Nd3, 26.Rxd3) (Olin - Only if 26.NexNd3 can the Rook go to c7. But if 26.NcxNd3 then the Rook on c7 is captured by the Knight on e1!) (Gary - I (happily) took the draw) ½-½

### Round: 1

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

**White: Michael O'Gara (1613)**

**Black: Matt Martello (1983)**

**Date: 3/24/2017**

[D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 [D]**

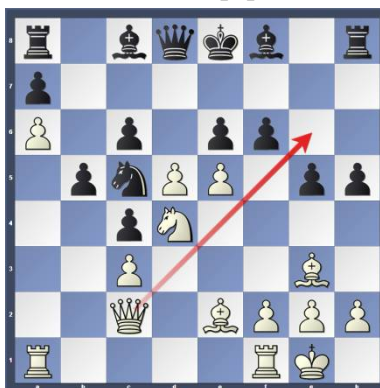


**7...dxc4** [Last book move.] **8.e3** [8.h4 g4 9.Ne5 b5 10.e3 h5 11.Be2 Bb7 12.f3 Bh6 13.fxg4 hxg4 -etc...Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2645)-Hooft,S (2345) Cappelle-la-Grande 2014 1-0] **8...b5 9.a3** [9.Ne5 Bb7= 10.Qf3 Qe7 11.0-0-0 Bg7 12.h4 Na6 - etc...Nurkiewicz,M (2397) (Text cont. next col.)

Cont. from prev. col.) - Krysztofiak,M (2427) Warsaw 2009 1-0 (42); 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Rg8 13.f4 Nd7 - etc...Kundrak,G (2229)-Budai,D (2214) Hungary 2002 1-0; 9.a4 Bb4 10.Nd2 Nd5 11.axb5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc3 13.Rb1 Qd5 - etc...Lalith,B (2457)-Manikandaswamy,S (2171) Chennai 2010 1-0 (36)] **9...Nbd7 10.Be2 Nd5 11.Qc2 Qa5** [11...Bb7 12.a4 a6 13.0-0=] **12.e4 Nxc3** [12...b4 13.exd5 bxc3 14.bxc3 cxd5 15.0-0=] **13.bxc3 Bb7 14.0-0 f6?** [D]



(Mike - Prevents intrusion to e5, but severely weakens the light squares.) [Better is 14...Qd8!? is worth consideration] **15.a4 Qb6** [15...Qd8 16.Rfb1 a6 17.Bxc4 Kf7] **16.a5??** [White threatens to win material: a5xb6. throwing away the advantage.] [16.Rfb1 keeps an even firmer grip 16...Kf7; 16.Rfb1 Kf7] **16...Qd8?** [Better is 16...Qa6 was a good chance to save the game; Better is 16...Qa6!?= and Black hangs on.] **17.a6 Bc8 18.d5** [(Mike - Time to open up the position.) **18...Nc5 19.Nd4 h5 20.e5** [D]



**20...cxd5??** [Another step towards the grave.] [Better is 20...f5 21.dxe6 Bxe6 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Qxf5 Qd7±] **21.Qg6+ Kd7 22.exf6 Qe8 23.Qxg5** [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

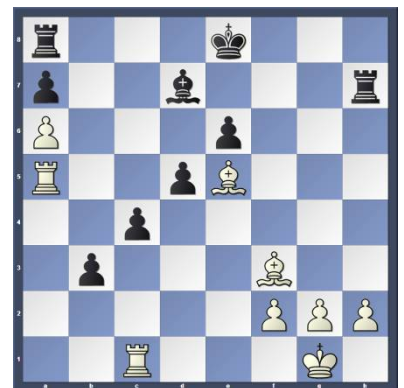
Position after 23.Qxg5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 23.f7 and White has triumphed 23...Qd8 24.Nxb5 Rh6] **23...Ne4 24.Qe5 Bd6??** [Shortens the misery for Black.] [24...Nxg3 a last effort to resist the inevitable 25.fxg3 Bd6+- 26.Qg5; 24...Nxg3 25.Qxg3 Kd8] **25.f7** [D]

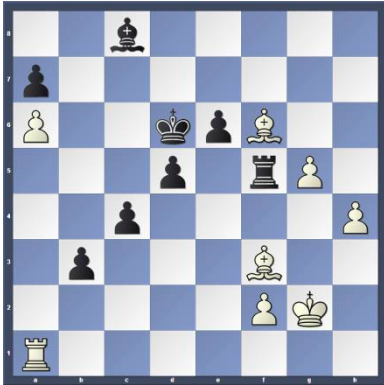


(Mike - A very fortuitous escape.) **25...Bxe5 26.fxe8Q+ Rxe8 27.Bxe5 Nxc3 28.Bxh5 Re7 29.Rfc1 b4 30.Ra5 Rh7 31.Bf3 Ke8 32.Nb5** [Better is 32.Nc6 and White can already relax 32...Rf7 33.Re1 Rf5; Better is 32.Nc6 and White has prevailed 32...Rf7 33.Bh5 Kd7 34.Bxc3 Kxc6 35.Bxf7 bxc3 36.Rxc3 Bd7] **32...Nxb5 33.Rxb5 b3 34.Ra5 Bd7** [D]

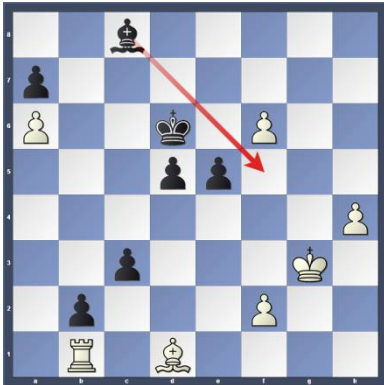


**35.Rc5** [Better is 35.Rxc4! and White has reached his goal 35...dxc4 36.Bxa8; Better is 35.Rxc4! and White has it in the bag 35...dxc4 36.Bxa8] **35...Rc8 36.Rxc8+ Bxc8** (Text cont. p.3)

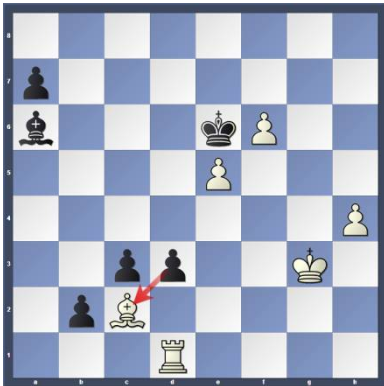
(Cont. from p.2) **37.Ra1 Kd7?** [Better is 37...Kf7!?±] **38.g4 Rf7 39.Kg2 Kc6?** [39...Ke7] **40.h4 Kc5 41.g5 Rf5 42.Bf6** [Better is 42.g6 secures victory 42...Rf8 43.g7; Better is 42.g6 makes sure everything is clear 42...Rf8 43.g7] **42...Kd6?** [D]



**43.Kg3** [Better is 43.Bb2 secures the point 43...Rf4 44.g6+-; 43.Bb2 makes it even easier for White 43...Rf4 44.g6 e5] **43...Rxf6??** [43...e5 44.Rd1 Be6=; Better is 43...e5 would be a reprieve 44.Rd1 Be6] **44.gxf6 b2 45.Rb1 c3 46.Bd1 e5??** [D]



(Mike - I thought this was a good move during the game, as it cuts off my King from the g3 pawn.) [A blunder in a bad position.] [46...Bxa6 47.Bc2 d4; Better is 46...Bxa6 47.Bc2 d4±] **47.Bc2 Ke6 48.Rd1 d4 49.f4 Bxa6 50.fxe5 d3** [D]



**51.Rxd3** [51.Bb3+ (Mike - The better continuation.) 51...Kxe5 52.f7 c2] [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Analysis Position after 52...c2



Analysis Diagram

(Cont. from prev. col.)

[53.f8Q c1Q 5

- a) 54.Rxd3 Bxd35;
- b) 54.Rxc1 bxc1Q 6 55.Qe7+ 6 Kd4;
- c) 54.Qc5+ Qxc52;
- d) 54.Qe7+ Kd4 55.Qd6+ Kc3 56.Qc5+ Kxb3
- e) 54.Qe8+ Kd6]

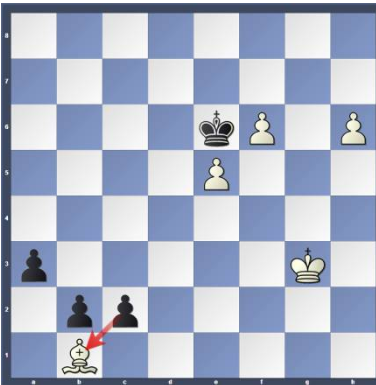
**51...Bxd3 52.Bxd3 a5 53.h5 a4**

**54.h6 a3 55.Bb1** [Better is 55.h7 nails it down 55...a2 56.h8Q] [D]



Analysis Diagram

**55...c2** [D]



(Mike - Black again has draw chances.) [Black threatens to win material: c2xb1Q] **56.Bxc2 Kxe5??** [Gives away a clear win] [Better is 56...a2 is the best chance 57.Bb3+ Kxe5 58.Bxa2 Kxf6=; Better is 56...a2 the only rescuing move 57.Bb3+ Kxe5 58.Bxa2 Kxf6=] **57.h7+- a2 58.h8Q a1Q 59.f7+ Kd5 60.Bb3+** [D] (Next col.) [60.Qd8+ (Mike - The first of many forced mates the computer finds. I removed the rest for brevity.) 60...Kc6 61.Qc8+ Kd5 62.Qd7+ Kc4 63.Qc6+ Kd4 (Text cont. next col.)

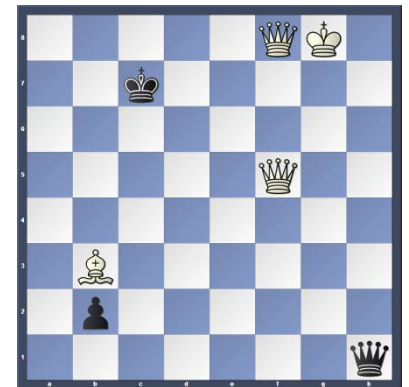
Position after 60.Bb3+ (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 64.Qe4+ Kc5 65.f8Q+ Kb6 66.Qb8+ Kc5 67.Qbb4#; 60.Qd8+ Kc6 61.Qc8+ Kd5 62.Qd7+ Ke5 63.Qf5+ Kd4 64.Qe4+ Kc5 65.f8Q+ Kb6 66.Qb8+ Ka5 67.Qea8#] **60...Kc6 61.Qe8+ Kc7 62.Qe7+ Kc6 63.Qe6+ Kc7 64.Qe5+ Kd7** (Olin - In post analysis, a bystander suggested 5.f8N+!?) **65.Qf5+** [D]



**65...Kc7** [65...Kc6 66.Ba4+! leaving no more doubts 66...Qxa4 67.f8Q Qb3+ 68.Kh2 Qc4 69.Q5c8+ Kb6 70.Qxc4 b1Q 71.Qcc5+ Ka6 72.Qa8#] **66.f8Q** (Mike - After struggling to find the proper mating attack, I came up with this idea to just walk my King to safety.) **66...Qg1+ 67.Kh4 Qh2+ 68.Kg5 Qg3+ 69.Kh6 Qh4+ 70.Kg7 Qg3+ 71.Kh8 Qh2+ 72.Kg8 Qh1** [D]



(Text cont. p.4)

(Cont. from p.4) 73.Qe7+ Kb6  
74.Qd8+ Ka6 75.Bc4+ Ka7 76.Qda5+  
Kb8 77.Qb6+ Qb7 78.Qf8#!! [D]



(Olin - I added the double exclaim. I thought it well deserved.) 1-0

### Round: 2

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

**White: Olin Mastin (1500)**

**Black: George Murphy (1402)**

**Date: 3/31/2017**

[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4] 1.d4 d5  
2.Nf3 c5 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.c3 e6 5.e3 Bd6 [D]



6.Bg3 Bxg3 7.hxg3 cxd4 8.cxd4

[White has new doubled pawns: g2+g3.]

8...Bd7 9.Nbd2 [D]



[Begins the maneuver Nb1-d2-b3-d4]

9...Nf6 10.Be2 (Olin - 10.Bd3 might be the better choice here. There does not seem to be in danger of an eventual Black pawn fork on e4.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 10...Qe7  
11.a3 e5 12.Nb3 b6 [12...e4!?  
13.Ng1 b6=] 13.dxe5 Nxe5  
14.Nbd4 [D]



[The knight likes it on d4] 14...0-0

15.Rc1 Rac8 (Olin - Was castling correct here? Maybe 16.NxNe5!? followed by Bd3.) 16.0-0 Rc5

17.Qd2 [Black has an active position.] [17.Nxe5!? Qxe5 18.Ba6=]

17...Ne4 18.Qb4 [D]



(Olin - An interesting pin on Black's rook.) 18...Rfc8 [18...Nxg3 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.Rxc5 bxc5 21.Qxc5 Nxf1 22.Bxf1 Qb8] 19.Nb3? [Better is 19.Ba6 Rd8 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Qe1] 19...Qd6?? [Gives the opponent new chances.] [Better is 19...Nxg3 20.fxg3 Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Qxe3+ 22.Kh2 R8c6] 20.Nxc5 Nxc5? [Better is 20...bxc5 21.Qe1 h6±] 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Qc3 [D]



22...Qe8 23.Qe1 f5 [23...Rd8 24.b4 Ne4 25.Qd1] 24.Qd1 Bc6

25.Bf3 Ne4 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 25...Ne4 (From prev. col.)



26.Bxe4 fxe4 27.Qd2 Qe6  
28.Rc3 Kf7?? [D]



[An oversight. But Black was lost anyway.] [28...Rd8] 29.Rfc1 Ke7 30.Qd4 [Better is 30.b4 seems even better 30...Bd7 31.Rxc8 Bxc8 32.Qc3+-] 30...Bd7 [30...Kf8 is one last hope.] 31.Rxc8 Bxc8 32.Qxg7+ [D]



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### Round: 3

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

**White: Will Moyer (1525)**

**Black: Olin Mastin (1500)**

**Date: 4/7/2017**

[A15: English Opening: 1...Nf6] 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 [D] (p.5) (Text cont. p.5)

Position after 5...0-0 (From p.4)



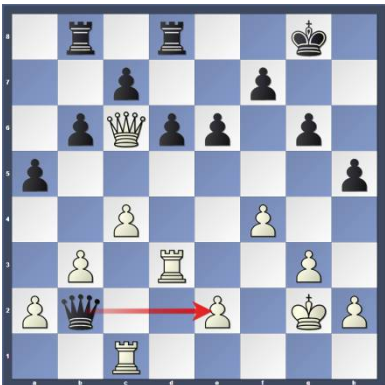
(Cont. from p.4) 6.Nd5 e6 7.Nxf6+ Bxf6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.g3 Nd7 10.Bg2 Rb8 11.0-0 b6 12.d4 Bb7 [D]



13.Qc1 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Qxd4 15.Rd1 Qg7 16.Qa3 a5 17.Qa4 Rfd8 18.Rac1 Ne5 19.Bg2 h5 20.f4 [D]



20...Ng4 21.Qc6 Ne3 22.Rd3 Nxc2 23.Kxc2 Qb2 [D]



24.Rcd1 Oxe2+ 25.Kh1 Qxa2 26.Qxc7 Qa3 [Better is 26...Qe2!?] 27.Rxd6 Rf8 28.Rxb6 Rxb6 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 28...Rxb6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 29.Qxb6 a4 30.bxa4 Qf3+ 31.Kg1 Qxd1+ 32.Kg2 Rd8 33.a5 Rd2+ [D]



[33...Rd2+ 34.Qf2 h4 35.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 36.Kf3 h3 37.a6 Qxh2 38.Ke3 Qxg3+ 39.Kd4 h2 40.Kc5 h1Q 41.Kb5 Qa8 42.a7 Qb7+ 43.Kc5 Qe3+ 44.Kd6 Qd4#] 0-1

**Game from the NPCC 2017 G100 Tournament: Round: 3**

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

**White: Robert Hepp (1225)**

**Black: Bill Champion (1588)**

**Date: 6/23/2017**

[B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous] 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 Be7 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.0-0 a6 8.Re1 Rb8 9.Nbd2 [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 9...b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.a4 Bc6 12.Qc2 Qc7 13.d4 [White prepares e5] 13...0-0 [13...c4 14.Ba2=] 14.e5 [14.d5!? c4 15.Ba2] 14...dxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5?? [Better is 15...c4 was possible 16.Ba2 Nd5 17.axb5 axb5=] 16.Bxd5 Bxg5 [16...Nxe5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Bxc6 Nxc6 19.axb5 axb5] 17.Nxc5 g6 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 [D]



19.Re3 [19.Qe4 seems even better 19...Qxe4 20.Ngxe4 c4 21.axb5 axb5]

19...Qd5 [19...h6 does not improve anything 20.Nge4] 20.Ndf3 [Better is 20.axb5 and White can already relax 20...axb5 21.Rd1 Qa8]

20...Rbd8 [20...Qb7 is still a small chance.] 21.Rd3 [D]



21...Qc6 22.Rd6 [Better is 22.Rad1 and White has reached his goal 22...Kg7 23.Qd2 h6 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Qxd7 Qxd7 26.Rxd7 hxg5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Nxc5 Kg8] 22...Qc7

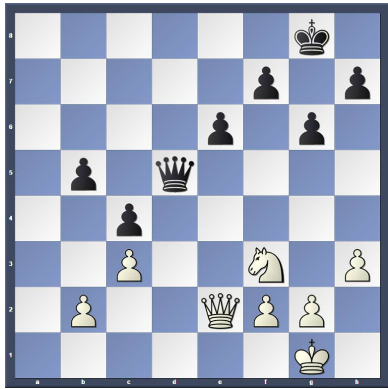
23.Rad1 [Better is 23.Rxa6 might be the shorter path 23...Rb8 24.Qe4 bxa4 25.R6xa4 Rb7] 23...Nxe5 24.Rxd8 Nxf3+ 25.Nxf3 Rxd8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.h3 Qd5

28.Qe2 [28.axb5 seems even better 28...axb5 29.Qe2 b4] 28...c4

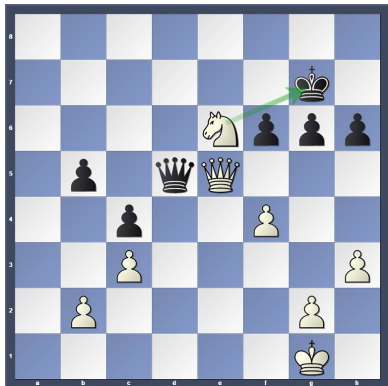
29.axb5 axb5 [D] (p.6) 30.Nd4 Kg7 31.f4 h6 32.Qe5+ f6 [32...Kf8 otherwise it's curtains at once]

(Text cont. p.6)

Position after 29...axb5 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) 33.Nxe6+ [D]



[33.Nxe6+ Qxe6 34.Qxe6] 1-0

**Game from the NPCC 2017 May Quads Tournament:**

**Round: 2**

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

**White: Le Roi Thompson (1498)**

**Black: Don Forest (1430)**

**Date: 5/19/2017**

[E14: Queen's Indian: Classical Variation (4 e3)] 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 b6 5.d4 Be7 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0 [D]



8.cxd5 exd5 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Ne4 11.Qc2 Ndf6 12.Ne5 Bb4 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Re8 15.Bb4 a5 [D] (Next col.) 16.Be1 Rc8 17.b4 c5 [D] (Next col.) 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Qa4 cxd4 [19...Ra8!? might be a viable alternative.] 20.Bxa5 Qd6 21.exd4 Nc3?? [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 15...a5 (From prev. col.)



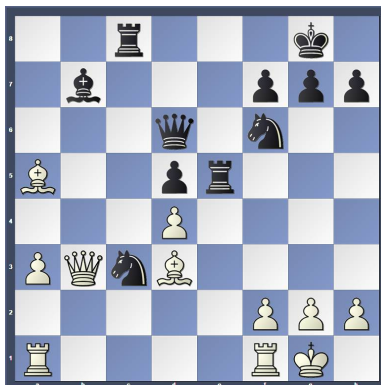
Position after 17...c5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 21...Nc3?? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Solves nothing.] [Better is 21...Ra8±] 22.Qb3 Rxe5 [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(From prev. col.) [22...Ba6 the only chance to get some counterplay 23.Bxa6 Qxa6 24.Bxc3 h6] 23.dxe5 Qxe5 24.Qxb7 Rb8 [24...Rf8 a last effort to resist the inevitable 25.Qc7 Ne2+ 26.Bxe2 Qxe2] 25.Bxc3 [D]



[25.Bxc3 Qe8 26.Qa7] 1-0

This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.

**Other places to play chess:**

The below are 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 Penridge 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. (Closed for summer, will resume after Labor Day.)

**Weekdays:**

8:00 to 4:00 Daily, Senior Center, 312 Alumni Ave, Harleysville, PA

**Friday Mornings:**

10:00 AM up to 2:00 PM Indian Valley Public Library, 100 E. Church Ave, Telford, PA

**Allentown Center City Chess Club**

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

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