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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club of Lansdale, PA - Winter 2014, Part 2

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This issue contains games played in the current 2014 NPCC Winter Robin. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Games from the NPCC 2014 Winter Robin Tournament:

Round: 4

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

White: Harry Hartman, (807)

Black: Jacqueline Brown, (1034)

Date: 1/31/2014

[C30: King's Gambit Declined] 1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bb5+ c6 5.Bc4 [D]



5...b5

6.Bb3 exf4 [6...Nf6!? and Black hangs on 7.c3 Nbd7=]
7.d4 Qa5+?? [Leads to further unpleasantness.
7...Bb6] **8.c3** [8.Bd2 keeps an even firmer grip 8...Qc7
9.dxc5 dxc5 10.c4] **8...Bg4** [8...Bb6 9.Bxf4 Bc7 10.Ng5]
9.0-0 [9.dxc5 Bxf3 10.Qd4 f6 (10...Bxg2?? the pawn is
indigestible 11.Qxg7 d5 12.Qxh8 Bxh1 13.Qxg8+ Kd7
14.Bxf4) 11.gxf3 dxc5 12.Qxc5 Ne7 13.Bxf4 Na6]
9...Bb6 10.Bxf4 Bc7 [D] (Next col.) [10...Nf6
doesn't change the outcome of the game 11.Bxd6 Bc7
12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Ne5+ Ke8 14.Nxg4 Bxd6 15.e5 Bxe5
16.Nxe5] **11.h3** [11.Bxf7+ makes it even easier for
White 11...Kd8 12.h3 Bd7] **11...Be6??** [Sad, but how
else could Black save the game? 11...Bh5 12.Qe1 Nf6]
12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Ng5 Nf6 [13...e5 cannot undo
what has already been done 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Qb3
Qb6+ 16.Kh1] **14.e5** [14.Nxe6!? might be the shorter
path 14...Nbd7 15.Nxg7+ Kf7] **14...dxe5** (Cont. next
col.)

Position after 10...Bc7 (From prev. col.)



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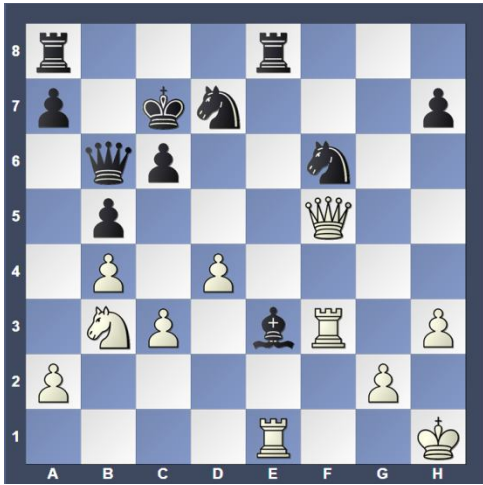
from prev. col.) **15.Nxe6** [15.dxe5 and White has
prevailed 15...Qb6+ 16.Kh1] **15...exf4 16.Nxg7+**
Kd8 17.Ne6+ Kc8 18.Nxf4 Re8 19.b4 [D]



[19.Nh5!?

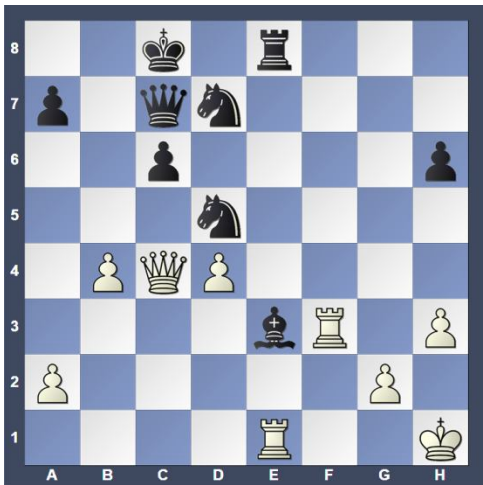
might be a viable alternative 19...Nd5 20.Rf7]
19...Qb6 20.Nd2 Nbd7 21.Qc2 Bxf4 22.Nb3??
[Causes even greater problems. 22.Rxf4 a5 23.Ne4
Nxe4 24.Rxe4] **22...Be3+ 23.Kh1 Ne4 24.Rf3**
Nef6 [24...Ng5!/? and Black can already relax
25.Rxe3 Rxe3 26.Qd2] **25.Qf5??** [Releasing the
pressure on the opponent. 25.Rff1 Nh5 26.Rf3]
25...Kc7 [25...Bh6 seems even better 26.a4+]
26.Re1?? [D] (p.2) [The position is going down the
drain. 26.Rxe3 Qb8 27.a4 bxa4 28.Rxe8 Qxe8 29.Qf4+
Kc8 30.Na5] **26...Nd5** [26...Bh6 and the rest is a
matter of technique 27.Ref1 Qa6 28.Qb1] **27.Nc5**
Rad8 [27...Nxc5?! 28.bxc5 Qb8 29.Qxh7+ Re7
30.Rf7] **28.Ne6+** [28.Qxh7 Kc8 29.Rf7 Qc7
(29...Nxc5 is much weaker 30.bxc5 Bf4 31.Rg1=
(31.cxb6?? mating quickly in 1 31...Rxe1#))]
28...Kc8 [28...Rxe6 nails it down 29.Qxe6 Bd2
30.Rd1 Bxc3 31.Qe4] **29.Nxd8 Qxd8** (Cont. p.2)

Position after 26.Re1?? (From p.1)



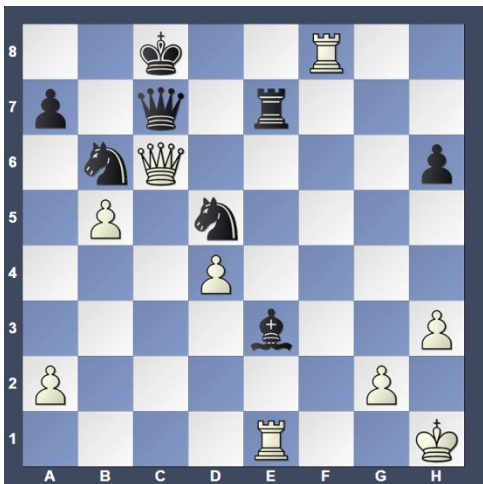
[29...Rxd8?!

30.Rfxe3 Nxe3 31.Rxe3; 29...Kxd8 30.Qxh7 N7f6
31.Qh4] **30.Qd3 h6** [30...Bf4!? keeps an even firmer
grip. 31.Re2] **31.c4** [31.Rfxe3 Rxe3 32.Rxe3 Nxe3
33.Qxe3] **31...bxc4** [31...Nxb4?! 32.Qg6 Rg8
33.Qe4 Bxd4 34.a3] **32.Qxc4 Qc7??** [D]



[Allows the

opponent back into the game. 32...Re6 seems even
better 33.Qa6+ Kb8 34.b5] **33.b5?** [33.Qd3]
33...N7b6 **34.Qxc6 Re7?** [34...Qxc6 and Black can
celebrate victory 35.bxc6 Re7] **35.Rf8+!** [D]



[35.Rf8+ Re8

36.Rxe8#] **1-0**

Round: 5

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

White: Amy Bland (1054)

Black: Harry Hartman (807)

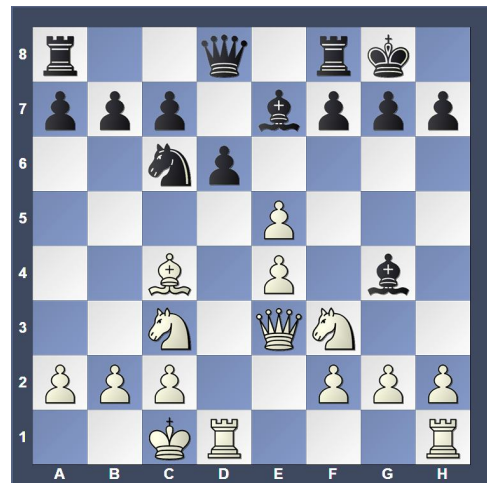
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[C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4
g3]1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be3
Be7 [D]



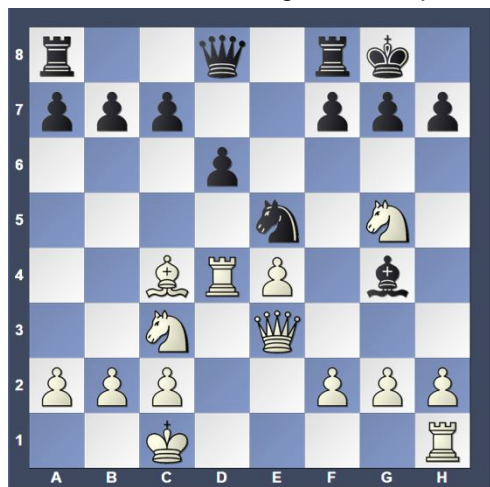
6.Bc4

Ng4 **7.Qd2** **Nxe3** **8.Qxe3** [8.fxe3 0-0] **8...Bg4**
9.0-0-0 [9.d5 Na5 10.Be2 c5] **9...0-0** [9...Nxd4!?
10.Kb1 0-0] **10.dxe5** [D]

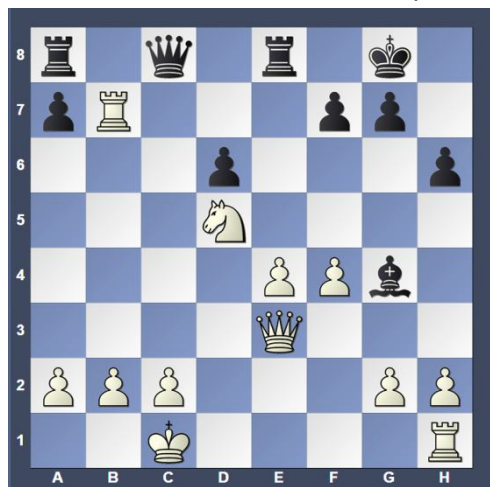


10...Nxe5?? [10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nxe5] **11.Rd4??**
[11.Nxe5!? Bxd1 12.Rxd1 c6] **11...Bg5** [11...Bxf3 it
becomes clear that Black will call all the shots 12.gxf3
c5] **12.Nxg5** [D] (p.3) **12...h6** [12...c5 13.Bxf7+! the
decision 13...Nxf7 14.Rd5 Nxg5 15.Rxg5] **13.f3** [13.Nxf7!?
Nxc4 14.Nxh6+ (14.Nxd8?! Nxe3 15.fxe3 Raxd8) 14...gxh6
15.Rxc4] **13...Qxg5** **14.f4** **Nxc4** **15.Rxc4** [15.fxg5? looks
tantalizing, but 15...Nxe3 16.gxh6 Be6 (16...gxh6?! 17.Re1;
16...Nxg2?! is no comparison 17.Rg1=)] **15...Qe7** [15...Qa5!?
16.Ra4 Qc5 17.Qxc5 dxc5] **16.Nd5** **Qd8** **17.Rxc7** **Re8**
18.Rxb7 **Qc8??** [D] (p.3) [An oversight. But Black was
lost anyway. 8...Bf5 19.Rb4 Qa5] **19.Ne7+** **Rxe7**
20.Rxe7 **Be6** [20...Qa6 a fruitless try to alter the
course of the game 21.Kb1] **21.Rxa7** **Qb8** **22.Qa3**
(Text cont. p.3)

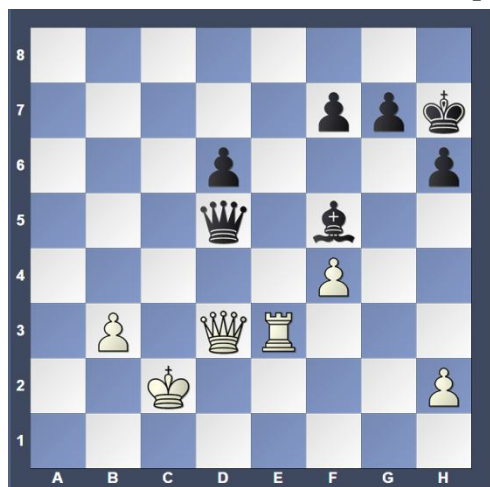
Position after 12.Nxg5 (From p.2)



Position after 18...Qc8?? (From p.2)



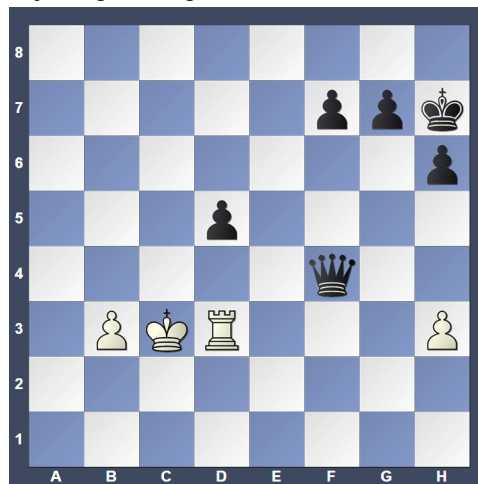
(Cont. from p.2) [22.Rxa8 and the result of the game is clear: White will win 22...Qxa8 23.a3] **22...Rxa7** [22...Qxa7?! 23.Qxa7 Rxa7 24.a3] **23.Qc3 Rxa2 24.b3** [24.Kb1 doesn't change the outcome of the game 24...Ra4 25.Re1 Qa8] **24...Qa8** [24...d5 and Black can already relax 25.Rd1 dxe4] **25.Kd2??** [The position was bad, and this mistake simply hastens the end. 25.Kb1] **25...Qxe4 26.Re1 Qxg2+ 27.Re2 Qd5+ 28.Qd3** [28.Kc1 is still a small chance 28...Qb5 29.Rd2] **28...Rxc2+!** [Hanging on to the material is worse.] **29.Kxc2 Bf5 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Re3** [D]



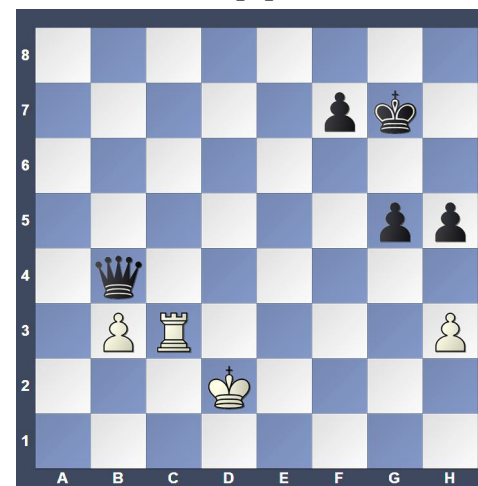
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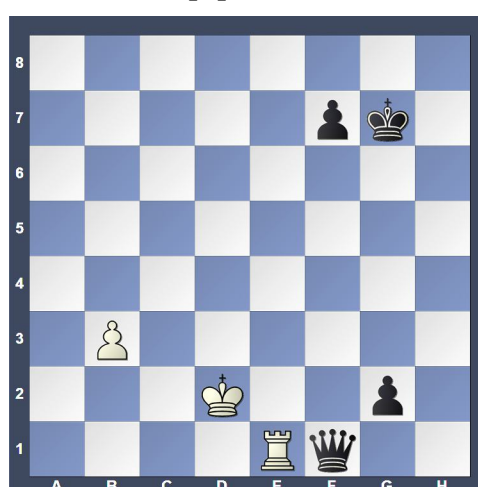
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[A convincing end] **35.Rxd5 Qe3+ 36.Rd3 Qc5+ 37.Kd2 g5 38.Rf3 Kg7 39.Rc3 Qd4+ 40.Rd3 Qb4+ 41.Rc3 h5** [D]

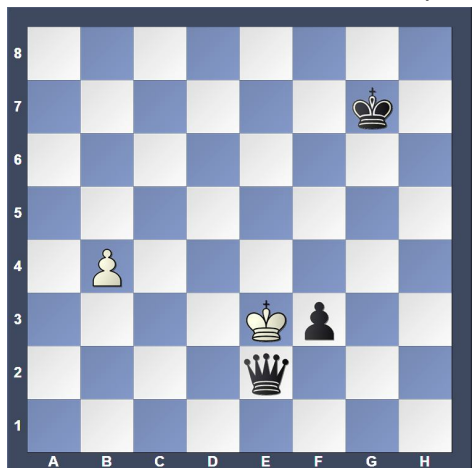


42.Kc2 g4 43.hxg4 Qe4+ 44.Rd3 hxg4 45.Kc3 Qe5+ 46.Kd2 Qf4+ 47.Re3 g3 48.Kd3 g2 49.Re1 Qf1+ 50.Kd2 [D]



50...g1=Q 51.Rxf1 Qxf1 52.b4 f5 53.Kc3 f4 54.Kd4 Qd1+ 55.Ke4 f3 56.Ke3 Qe2+ [D] (p.4) [56...Qe2+ 57.Kd4 f2 58.b5 f1Q 59.Kd5 Qc4+ 60.Kd6 Qff7 61.b6 Qcd5#]

Position after 56...Qe2+ (From p.3)



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Round: 2

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

White: Will Moyer (1466)

Black: Don Funk (1643)

Date: 1/17/2014

[D94: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3] **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 [D]**



9.b4 a6

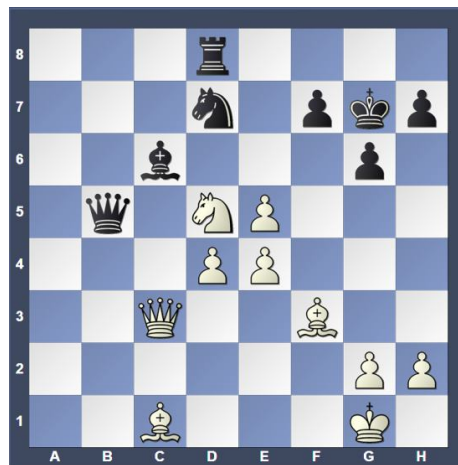
10.Qb3 c6 11.Bb2 b5 12.a4 Nb6 13.axb5 cxb5 14.Ne5 Be6 15.Ra5 Nc4 [15...Ne4 16.Rd1 Qc7=] 16.Rfa1?? [A transit from better to worse. 16.Nxc4 and White hangs on 16...bxc4 17.Qa3] 16...Nxa5 [16...Nxe5!? 17.dxe5 d4 18.Qa3 dxc3 19.Bxc3] 17.Rxa5 Qd6 [17...Ne4!? 18.Nd3 Nd2] 18.Qa3 Nd7 [18...Rfc8!? has some apparent merit] 19.Nxb5! [D]



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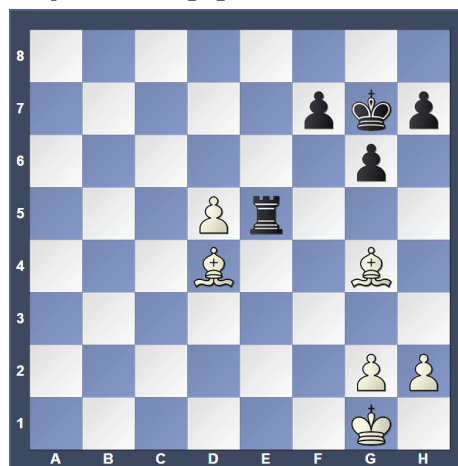
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(Cont. from prev. col.) **19...Qb6 20.f4 [20.Nxd7 Bxd7 21.Nc3 Bc6] 20...Nb8 [20...Rfb8!? must be considered] 21.Nc3 Rd8 22.b5 Bc8 23.Qa2 Bb7 24.Bf3 Qe6 25.bxa6 [25.Bg4!? Qb6 26.Be2] 25...Rxa6 26.Rxa6 [26.Bxd5? is no good 26...Rxd5 Deflection: a5 27.Rxa6 Nxa6 28.Nxd5 Bxd5] 26...Qxa6 [Weaker is 26...Nxa6 27.Qa5 Qd6 28.Nb5] 27.Qb3 Bxe5 28.fxe5 Bc6 29.Nxd5 Kg7 [29...Rxd5!? is an interesting idea 30.Qxb8+ Kg7] 30.e4 Qb5 31.Qc3 Nd7? [31...Bxd5 32.exd5 Nd7 33.Bc1] 32.Bc1?? [D]**



[Forfeits the

advantage. 32.e6 and the result of the game is clear: White will win 32...Bxd5 33.exd7 (33.exd5?! Nf6) 33...Qxd7 34.exd5] **32...Bxd5 33.exd5 Qb6 34.Qe3 Re8 35.Bg4 [35.Bd2] 35...Nxe5?? [35...f5 would save the game 36.Bf3 f4] 36.dxe5 Qxe3+ [36...Qb5 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 37.Qd4 Qb1 38.e6+ f6 39.Qc5] 37.Bxe3 Rxe5? [37...Kg8 38.Bd4 Ra8] 38.Bd4! [D]**



38...Kf6

[38...f6 is not much help 39.Bxe5 fxe5 40.Kf2] **39.Bxe5+ [39.d6 and White has prevailed] 39...Kxe5 40.Bf3 f5 41.Kf2 h5 42.h4 f4 43.Ke2 Kd4 44.d6 [D] (p.5)**

Round: 4

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

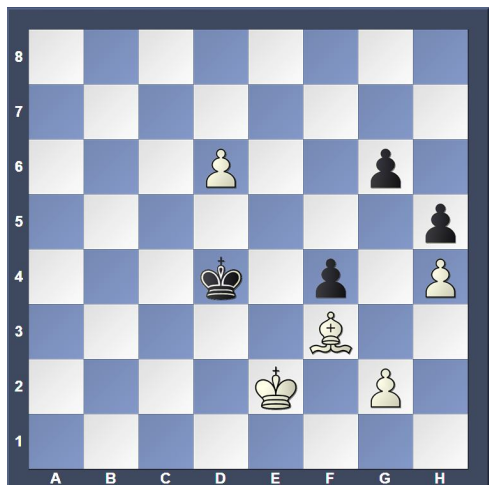
White: Greg Sulat (1358)

Black: Olin Mastin (1535)

Date: 1/31/2014

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Position after 44.d6 (From p.4)



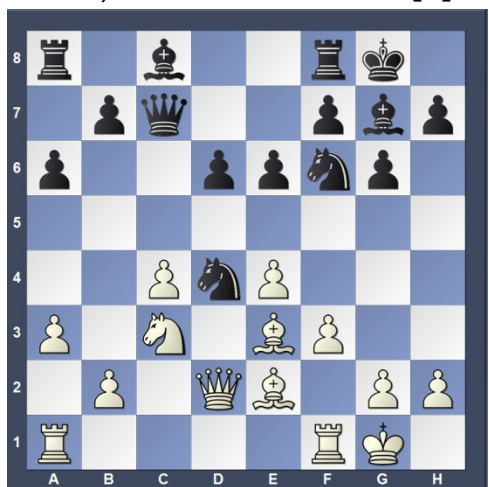
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(Cont. from prev. col.) [B38: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7 and 7...0-0] 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 a6 7.Be2 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Qc7 [D]



(Olin --

Evidently, it must have been "standard" book moves thus far.) 11.f3 e6 12.a3 Nxd4 [D]



13.Bxd4

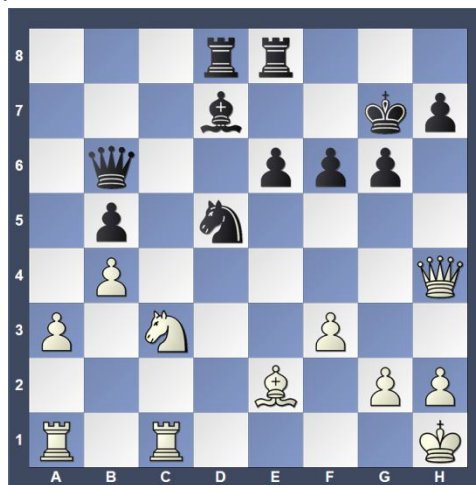
[Weaker is 13.Qxd4 Nd5 14.Qd3 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Qc5 16.Qxc5 dxc5] 13...b6 14.Na4 Rb8 15.b4 Bd7 16.Nc3 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Rfc1 Qb7 [D] (Next col.) 19.e5 [19.a4!? bxa4 20.b5] 19...dxe5 20.Bxe5 Rbd8 21.Qg5 [21.Qe3 Be8] 21...Nd5 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qe5+ f6 24.Qe4 Qb6+ (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 18...Qb7 (From prev. col.)



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prev. col.) 25.Kh1 Rfe8 26.Qh4 [D]



26...Ne3

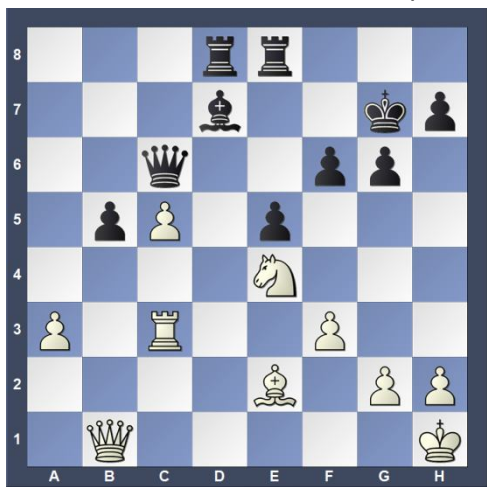
[26...Ra8 27.Qe1] 27.Ne4 [27.Qf2!? might be a viable alternative] 27...e5 28.Rc5 Nf5 29.Qe1 Nd4 30.Rac1 Nb3 [D]



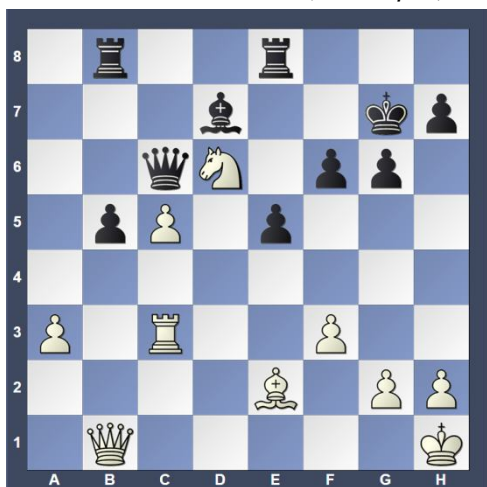
31.R1c3

Nxc5 32.bxc5 Qc6 (Olin -- 32...Qa6, as suggested by Fritz, does look better.) [32...Qa6] 33.Qb1? [D] (p.6) [33.Nd6 Qa8 34.Nxe8+ Bxe8] 33...Rb8 (Olin -- Fritz gives Bf5 -- this did cross my mind which may have been a better than what I played.) [33...Bf5!?] 34.Nd6 [D] (p.6) (Olin -- Was the text move necessary? I will interject other moves here to see how Fritz will respond.) (Text cont. on p.6)

Position after 33.Qb1? (From p.5)



Position after 34.Nd6 (From p.5)



34...Re6

[34...Re7 35.Qb4 Qa6 36.c6 Bxc6 (36...Rc8 37.Nxc8 Bxc8 38.Qxe7+ Kh6 39.Qf8+ Kg5 40.f4+ Kf5 41.g4+ Kxf4 42.Qh6+ g5 43.Qxf6+ Bf5 44.Qxf5#) 37.Nf5+ gxf5 38.Qxe7+ Kg6 39.f4 exf4 (39...Be8 40.Rg3+ Kh6 41.Qg7#; 39...Qa5 40.Rg3+ Kh6 41.Qxf6#; 39...Rb7 40.Rg3+ Kh6 41.Qxf6#; 39...Bxg2+ 40.Kxg2 Qa8+ 41.Kg1) 40.Bh5+ Kxh5 41.Rh3+ Kg4 42.Qg7#] (Olin -- Yes, otherwise White has all sorts of mate threats.)

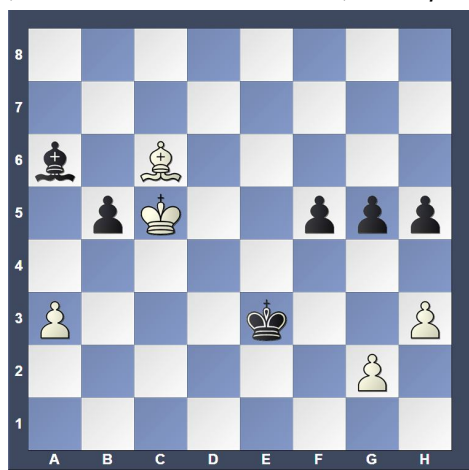
35.Qb3 (Olin -- Now the question is: Did I "really" have to give back the Exchange here? The answer is probably "yes" as Fritz made no comment otherwise.)

35...Rxd6 36.cxd6 Qxd6 37.Qd1 Qxd1+ [37...Rb6 38.Rd3; 37...Qe7 38.Rc7 Rd8 39.Bxb5 Bxb5 (39...Kf8 40.Bxd7 Rxd7 41.Rxd7) 40.Rxe7+; 37...Qe6 38.Rc7 Rd8 39.Bxb5] 38.Bxd1 Kf7 39.Bb3+ Ke8 40.Rc7?

[40.Kg1 Rc8 41.Re3 Kf8] 40...Rc8 41.Rxc8+ Bxc8 42.Kg1 Ke7 43.Kf2 Kd6 44.Ke2 Kc5 45.Kd2 h6 46.Bf7 g5 47.h3 Kd4 48.Be8 Ba6 49.Bd7 e4 50.fxe4 Kxe4 51.Kc3 Ke3 [51...Bb7 52.Bxb5 Kf4] 52.Bc6 f5 53.Kb4 h5 [Black prepares g4] 54.Kc5??

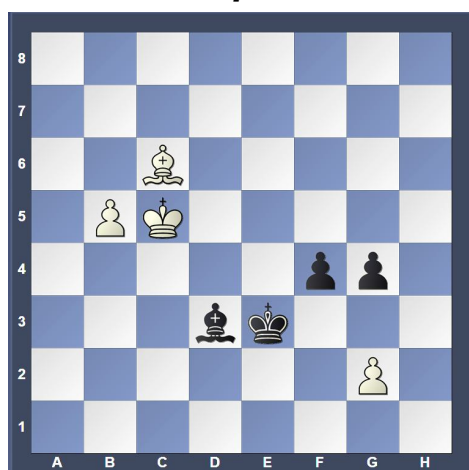
[D] (Next col.) [54.Ka5 would allow White to play on 54...Bc8 55.Kxb5= (55.Bxb5?? f4)] 54...g4 55.hxg4 [55.Bxb5?? taking the pawn is naive 55...Bxb5 56.hxg4 hxg4 57.Kxb5 f4] 55...hxg4 56.Kb6 (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 54.Kc5?? (From p.5)



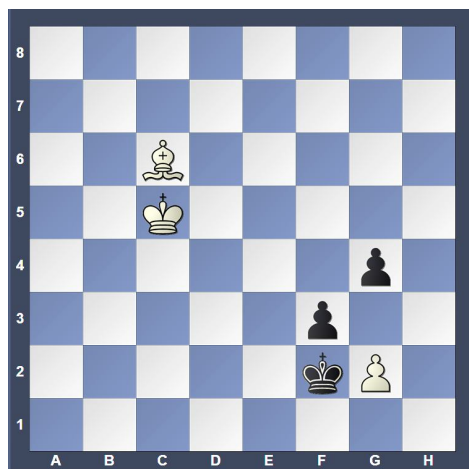
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prev. col.) [56.Bxb5?? White will not be able to digest the pawn 56...Bxb5 57.Kxb5 f4] 56...b4 57.axb4 [57.Kxa6?? White should leave the bishop alone 57...bxa3 58.Bd5 f4] 57...Bd3 58.Kc5 f4 59.b5 [D]



59...Bxb5

60.Kxb5 Kf2 [60...g3 61.Kc4 Kf2 62.Kd3 Kg1 63.Ke2 Kh2 64.Kf3] 61.Kc5 f3 [D]



[61...g3

62.Kd4] 62.gxf3 gxf3 [62...g3 63.f4] 63.Bxf3 Kxf3 1/2-1/2

Next issue of "En Passant" will feature more games from the Winter Robin.

(See Winter 2014 Part 1 for other places to play chess and offer from Allentown Ctr. City Chess Club)