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# Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club of Lansdale, PA – Winter 2015, Part 1

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This and the next few issues will feature games played in the 2015 NPCC Winter Robin. I intend to publish the games in a chronological sequence as much as possible.

Thanks to all for submitting games!

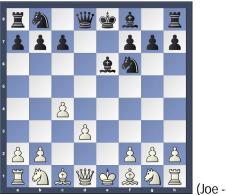
# Games from the NPCC 2015 Winter Robin Tournament: Round: 1

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

White: Wiktoria Strauss (1664) Black: Joseph Mucerino (2064)

Date: 1/9/2015

[B01: Scandinavian Defense] 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6 Bxe6 5.d3?! [D]



More common is 5.d4.) 5...Qe7 6.Be2
Nc6 7.a3 [White is behind in development] 7...Qe7 0.00 8.Nf3? Bxc4 9.Qe7 9.00
Be6 10.Bf4 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Be3
Bg7 13.Rb1 (Joe - 13.Qa4 right away would have been better.) 13...Bf5 (Joe - Rybka liked 13...Ng4 and 13...Nd5 better, but I wanted to keep an eye on the isolated pawn.) 14.Ne1 [14.b4 Ng4 15.Bc5 Qe6=]14...Rd7 [14...Kb8 15.Rc1]
15.Qa4! [D] (Next col.) (Joe - Rybka, to my surprise, liked 15.b4 better, but I think the text is a much more direct way to attack.) [15.b4 Ng4 16.Bxg4 Bxg4 17.Qxg4 Bxc3 18.b5=] 15...g4? (Joe - I was start-

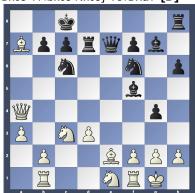
ing to get really worried around here. My

goal was (Text .cont. next col.)

Position after 15.Qa4! (From prev.col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) to prevent Bf3. I thought that if white got Bf3 in, I was toast, because white could capture the knight on c6, the main defender of my king. The computer suggests 15...Nd5, which is better, but after 16.Nxd5 ((if white does not capture, then black has 16...Nb6)) black must play 16...Rxd5 17.Bf3 Ra5, and he should be okay.) [Better is 15...Nd5!? is a viable option 16.Bf3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Nxc3] 16.Bxa7 [D]



16...h5?? (Joe - This should lose. The move was designed to protect the pawn on q4, so I could move my knight on f6, more than to pawn storm the white king.) [16...Qe5!? is worth consideration] 17.Be3 Nb8? (Joe - The computer says 17...Rd5 or 17...Rd6, both of which lose an exchange. Black also must worry about 18.Qa8+ Nb8 19.Ba7, winning the knight.) [17...Rd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5] 18.Bg5? (Joe - I am not sure what this was trying to accomplish. Still best is 18.Qa8. Rybka easily refuted my intended 18...c6 with the idea of 19...Qe5 simply with 19.Bf4! (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) After 18.Qa8, black must lose an exchange.) [18.Qa8 Qe5 19.Ba7] 18...Qe6 19.Bh4?! [Better is 19.Nc2!? Nd5 20.Nxd5 Rxd5 21.Ne3] 19...Nd5 (Joe - White's last two moves lost time and let black back into the game.) 20.Ne4 (Joe - White need to exchange knights.) [Better is 20.Nxd5 would keep White alive 20...Qxd5 21.Bd1=] 20...Nf4! 21.Bd1 Rd4? [D]



(Joe - Now its black's turn to throw away the advantage! I think I rejected the immediate 21...Nxd3 because after 22.Nxd3 Rxd3, at some point white will be able to free her position with Re1 or Bc2. I wanted to keep white's pieces bottled up.). [21...Nxd3 22.Ng5 Qg6 23.Bc2 Nxb2 24.Qb3] 22.Qc2 (Joe - Rybka says that 22.Nc5 and 23.b4 was the best way to continue.) 22...Nxd3 23.f3? [Another bit of territory lost] [23.Nq3 Bq6 24.Qc3 Be5] 23...Ne5?! (Joe - The immediate 24...gxf3 is better, but the text still wins.) [23...qxf3 and Black can already relax 24.gxf3 Rxe4 25.fxe4 Bd4+ 26.Kh1 Bxe4+ 27.Bf3 Nf2+ 28.Bxf2 Bxc2 29.Bxd4 Bxb1 30.Bxh8] 24.b3? [Better is 24.Rc1 Nbc6 25.Nc5] 24...qxf3 25.Bxf3? [25.gxf3 is still a small chance 25...Nxf3+! Decoy: q4 26.Bxf3 Rxe4 27.Qq2 Bd4+ 28.Kh1 Rxh4 29.Bxb7+ Kd7 30.Nf3 Bxb1 31.Nxh4] 25...Nxf3+ 26.Nxf3 Bxe4 27.Qc5 Bxf3 [D] (p.2) 28.Rxf3 Rxh4 29.Rc1 Bd4+ 30.Qxd4 Rxd4 31.Rcf1 Rh7 32.a4 Rg7 33.Rc3 Rd2 34.g3 Qe2 [D] (p.2)

## Position after 27...Bxf3 (From p. 1)



Position after 34...Qe2 (From p. 1)



0-1 <u>Round: 1</u>

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

White: Olin Mastin (1546) Black: Bill Campion (1594)

Date: 1/9/2015

[B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.b3 Nc6 4.Bb2 e6
5.d3 Nf6 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 Bd7
8.0-0 Qc8 9.Nbd2 e5 10.Re1 Bh3
11.Nf1 h5 12.Ne3 b5 13.Nh4 g6
14.Rf1 Bxg2 15.Nexg2 a5 16.f4 [D]



16...exf4 [16...Qh3 17.Nf3 Ng4 18.Qd2]
17.gxf4 Ng4?? [Better is 17...a4 is the best chance] 18.Bxh8 Bxh4 19.Qf3
[Better is 19.Nxh4 keeps an even firmer grip 19...Ne3 20.Qd2 Nxf1 21.Rxf1 Qg4+ 22.Ng2 Kd7] 19...Be7 20.f5 [20.h3 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6] 20...gxf5 21.exf5
[21.Qxf5 Qxf5 22.Rxf5 Kd7] 21...f6? [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 21...f6?** (From prev.col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) [21...Kd7 22.Bb2 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Nxf6] ) 22.h3?? [Allows the opponent back into the game] [Better is 22.Nf4 and White is on the road to success 22...Kd7 23.Bg7] 22...Nge5 23.Qxh5+ Kd7 24.Bg7 Qg8 25.Qh6 Nf7 26.Qg6 Nce5 27.Qg3 Bf8 28.Nf4 Qxg7 29.Qxq7 Bxq7 [D]



30.Ne6 [Better is 30.Rae1!?]
30...Bh6 31.Rae1 Rg8+ 32.Kh1
Ng5 33.Rg1?? [A blunder in a bad
position] [Better is 33.Nxg5 Bxg5
34.Re4] 33...Nef3 34.h4 Nxh4
[34...Nxe1!? and Black can already
relax 35.hxg5 Nf3 36.Rf1 Nxg5
37.Nf4] 35.Rg4 Nxf5 36.c3 Re8
[Better is 36...Rh8 makes it even easier for Black 37.Nxg5 Bxg5+ 38.Kg1
Rh3] 37.Rf4 Rxe6 38.Rxe6 Kxe6
[D]



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#### Round: 1

Submitted by Michael with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly]. White: Michael O'Gara (1645) Black: Shawn Curtis (1575)

Date: 1/9/2015

[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nc6 4.e3 Ne4 5.c4 Bg4 [D]



6.Bf4? [Weakening the position. 6.Bh4= was necessary] 6...e5! 7.h3? [7.dxe5 Bb4+ Decoy Double attack; 7.Nxe5 Bxd1 Deflection Pinning; 7.Bxe5 Bb4+ Decoy Double attack] 7...Bb4+ 8.Ke2 exf4 9.hxg4 Ng3+? [Better is 9...Qe7 Black would have gained the upper hand 10.Qc1 dxc4] 10.fxg3 fxe3 11.a3 Be7 12.Qb3 dxc4 13.Qxb7 Nxd4+ 14.Nxd4 [D]



14...0-0? 15.Qe4 g6 16.Kf3 [Better is 16.Nc6 and White can celebrate victory 16...Qd3+ 17.Qxd3 cxd3+ 18.Kxe3 Rfe8 19.Kxd3 Bf6] 16...Re8? [Better is 16...Bc5 had to be tried to avoid defeat 17.Nc3 Bxd4] 17.Bxc4 Bd6 18.Bxf7+! [Mate attack.] 18...Kxf7 19.Rxh7+ Kf8 20.Qxg6 [D] (p.3)

# Round: 1

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

White: Steven Drummond

(1200)

Black: Jackie Brown (947)

Date: 1/9/2015 (Text cont. p.3)

#### Position after 20.Qxg6 (From p.2)



[20.Qxg6 Qd7 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Qh8#] **1-0** (Cont. from p.2) [C50: Hungarian Defense and Giuoco Pianissimo] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 h6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nbd2 Nge7 6.0-0 d6 7.Nb3 Be6 [D]** 



[7...Bb6 8.a4=] **8.Nxc5 dxc5 9.Bxe6** fxe6 10.Be3 b6 11.c3 0-0 12.Qd2 Ng6 13.Rad1Nf4? [Black loses the upper hand] [Better is 13...Rxf3!? 14.gxf3 Nh4]14.g3 [14.Nxe5!? is an interesting alternative 14...Nh3+ 15.gxh3 Nxe5 16.f4] 14...Qxd3 [D]



15.gxf4 Qxe4 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Qg4+ 18.Kh1 Qf3+ 19.Kg1 Qg4+ 20.Kh1 [Twofold repetition] 20...Qf3+ 21.Kg1 [D] (Next col.)

Round: 1

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

White: Don Funk (1707) Black: Doug Kern (1966)

Date: 1/9/2015 (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 21.Kg1** (From prev. col.)



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(Cont. from prev. col.)
[D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines]
1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 d5
4.Nd2 Bg7 5.c3 Nc6 6.f4 0-0
7.Ngf3 Bg48.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6
10.e4 [D]



10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nd5 12.0-0 b6 13.Bd2 Nce7 14.Rae1 Nc8 15.Nf2 Nd6 16.g4 c5 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Re2 Rb8 19.Bc1 c4 20.Bb1 [D]



[20.Bc2!?= must definitely be considered] 20...Nxc3! [Deflection: b2] 21.bxc3 [21.bxc3 Rxb1 Deflection Pinning; With the idea 21... Nxe2+ Wins material] 21...Rxb1 22.Rd1 Qb6 23.Kh2 Qa6 24.Red2 Rb6 25.Rc2 Re8 26.Be3 Rc6 27.Ne4 Nxe4 8.Qxe4 Rc7 29.Bd4 e5 30.fxe5 Rce7 [D] (Next col.) 31.Re1? [Terrible, but what else could White do to save the game?] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 30...Rce7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 31.Rf2 Bxe5+ 32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Qd4] 31...Bxe5+ 32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Qxe5 Rxe5 34.Rxe5 Qd6 [D]



[34...Qd6 35.Rce2 f6] **0-1** 

#### Round: 1

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

White: Bob Kampia (1738)
Black: Alex MacFarlane (1874)
Date: 1/9/2015

[B06: Modern Defense] 1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bc4 a6 5.Ng5 Nh6 6.h3 0-0 7.a3 b5 8.Bd5 Ra7 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Bxb7 Rxb7 11.Be3 Kh8 12.0-0 [D]



12...Nd7 13.Rb1 Nb6 14.b3 e6 15.Qc1 Ng8 16.Ne2 Qc8 17.f4 f6 18.Nf3 [D] (p.4) [White prepares the advance e5] 18...f5 19.e5 Nd5 20.Bd2 dxe5 (Text cont. p.4)

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Position after 18.Nf3 (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) 21.fxe5 c5 22.c4 bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rc7 24.dxc5 Rxc5 25.Qd3 [D]



25...Rd8 [25...Nh6!?= is worthy of consideration] 26.Ned4 Nc3 27.Rbc1 Ne4 28.Rxc5 Nxc5 29.Qc4 Ne4 30.Qxc8 [30.Nxe6?! Qxc4 31.bxc4 Rxd2 32.Nxd2 Nxd2=] 30...Rxc8 31.Nxe6 [Better is 31.Rc1!? Ne7 32.Rxc8+ Nxc8 33.Bf4] 31...Nxd2 [D]



32.Nfg5? [Better is 32.Nxd2 would bring relief 32...Bxe5 33.Nc4] 32...Ne7
33.Rd1 Rc2 34.Nd4 Rb2 35.b4 Kg8
36.Ngf3 Rb1 [36...Bh6!? seems even better 37.Nxd2 Bxd2 38.Nf3 Be3+ 39.Kf1 Rf2+ 40.Ke1] 37.Rxb1 Nxb1 38.Nc2
Nc6 39.e6 Kf8 40.a4 Ke7 41.b5 axb5 42.axb5 [D] (Next col.)
42...Nb8 [42...Nd8 and Black can already relax 43.Ncd4] 43.Kf1 Nc3
44.Ncd4 Nd5 45.Ke2 Nf4+ 46.Kf2
Bf6 47.h4 h6 48.g3 Nxe6 49.Nb3
Kd6 50.Ke3 Nd7 51.Nfd2 [D] (Next col.) 0-1

Position after 42.axb5 (From prev. col.)



**Position after 51.Nfd2** (From prev. col.)



Round: 1

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

White: Craig Gerland (1482) Black: Michael Strauss (1575) Date: 1/9/2015

[E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Kh8 [D]



7.0-0 8.Be3 b6 9.Qd2 Qf8 10.h3 Bb7 11.e5 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bf3 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 f6 16.Rfe1 Nd7 17.Bf4 [D] (Next col.) 17...Qc8? [Better is 17...e5!? 18.dxe5 fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Qf7] 18.Rxe7 Bf8 19.Re2 Qb7 20.d5 Rd8 [20...g5 21.Bg3] 21.Nd4 Nb8 [21...Ra8 22.Rae1 g5 23.Bh2] 22.Qc3 [Better is 22.Rae1 keeps an even firmer grip 22...Qc8 23.Qc3 Bg7] (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 17.Bf4** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.)
22...g5 23.Bxc7 [D]



23...Rd7? [Better is 23...Qxc7 24.Ne6 Qe7 25.Nxd8 Qxd8] 24.Bg3 Rg6 25.Rae1 [Better is 25.Re8] 25...Rf7 [25...Rd8 26.Bc7! Decoy: c7 26...Rc8] 26.Re8 Nd7 27.Nf5 [D]



[27.Nf5 Rg8 28.Bd6] 1-0

#### Round: 2

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

White: Doug Kern (1966) Black: Matt Martello (1970)

Date: 1/16/2015

[C45: Scotch Game] 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nxc6 Qf6 6.Qf3 dxc6 7.Bc4 Qxf3 8.gxf3 Ne7 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 f5 [D] (p.5) (Doug - Matt and I had played this same opening 2 or 3 weeks prior up to this point. (Text cont. p.5)

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#### Position after 10...f5 (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) I got crushed, so I figured development was better this time.) 11.Nc3 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Bf5 13.Nc5 **0-0-0** [13...b6!? 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.Bxe6 Rf8=] **14.e4 Bh3** [Traps the king in the center] 15.Rg1 [D]



(Doug - Fritz says white has a winning advantage, but the position is messy. Black is better developed, but has weaknesses.) 15...Rd4 16.Bb3 Ng6 17.c3 [D]



(Doug - 17. Rg3 is better, as 17... Nf4 is answered by 18.Rxh3 Nxh3 19.Be6+) [Fritz: Better is 17.Rg3!? b6 18.Nd3 (18.Rxh3 bxc5 19.Kf2 c4)] 17...Rd6 18.Rd1(Doug - White can't let Black double rooks uncontested.) 18...Rhd8 [18...Rf6!? 19.Rg3 b6]**19.Rxd6 Rxd6** [Better is19...cxd6!? 20.Ne6 Bxe6 21.Bxe6+ Kb8] **20.Rq3 Bd7 21.Nxd7** [Better is 21.h4!? h5 22.Bf7] 21...Kxd7 22.Bg8 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

## Position after 22.Bg8 (From prev.col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Doug - The knight will have to move, and with it, the q7 pawn falls.) 22...h6? [Better is 22...Ke8 and Black hangs on] 23.Bh7 Ne5 24.Rxg7+ Kd8 25.Ke2 Nd3 26.Rg8+ Ke7 27.Bf5 Nxb2 28.e5 Rd5 29.f4 (Doug -White has connected passed pawns, so they must be pushed whenever possible.) 29...Nc4?! [29...Na4 30.c4 Rd4| 30.Rq7+ Kf8 31.Rxc7 Rd2+ **32.Ke1** (Doug - Fritz prefers Kf3, probably rightfully so.) [32.Kf3 Rd1 33.e6 Rf1+ 34.Ke2 Rg1 35.Rf7+ Ke8] 32...Rxh2 33.e6 Rg2? [D]



(Doug - 33... Nd6 is probably best, as it covers e8. The text move allows White to win the knight or rook.) [33...Nd6 34.Bg6 Rh1+ 35.Ke2 Rh2+ 36.Kf3 Rh3+ 37.Kg4 Re3] **34.e7+ Kf7** (Doug - If 34... Ke8, 35. Bd7+ Kxe7 36. Bh3+ and White wins the rook after another check by the rook.) **35.Be6+!! [D]** (Next col.) 35...Kxe6 36.e8Q+ Kd5 37.Rd7+ Kc5 38.Qe7+ Kb5 39.Qb4+ Ka6 40.Qxb7+ Ka5 41.Qxa7+ Kb5 **42.a4# 1-0 [D]** (Next col.)

## Round: 2

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

White: Jackie Brown (947) Black: Ray Costanzo (Unr) Date: 2/16/2015

(Text cont. next col.)

## Position after 35.Be6+!! (From prev.col.)



Position after 42.a4# (From prev.col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [C01: French: Exchange Variation] 1.e4 q6 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 c5 4.c3 Bg7 [4...cxd4 5.cxd4 Ne7 6.Bf4] **5.e5** [D]



[5.dxc5 Nf6 6.e5 Ng4] 5...d6 6.Bg5 Ne7 7.Bf6 0-0 [7...Bxf6!? 8.exf6 Nd5] 8.Bxq7 Kxq7 9.Be2 Qb6 10.b3 [D]



(Text cont. p.6)

(Cont. from p.5)

10...d5 [10...cxd4!? should be examined more closely 11.Qxd4 dxe5 12.Qxe5+ f6]
11.0-0 Nd7 12.Na3 Nf5 13.Nb5 f6
14.Nd6 [14.exf6+ Nxf6 15.Rc1]
14...Qc7 [Better is 14...Nxd6!? 15.exd6 Qxd6]15.Nxc8 [15.Nxf5+!? exf5 16.Bb5 fxe5 17.Bxd7 Bxd7 18.Nxe5] 15...Raxc8
16.c4 [16.Bb5 fxe5 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Nxe5 Qd6] 16...Nxd4 [Better is 16...fxe5!? 17.cxd5 Nxd4 18.dxe6 Nxe6] 17.exf6+ Nxf6 18.Nxd4 cxd4
19.Qxd4 h5 20.cxd5 exd5 21.Rac1 [21.Qxa7 Rf7] 21...Qd6 [D]



[21...Qxc1 22.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 23.Bd1] 22.f3 [22.Qxa7 Qb4] 22...Kg8 [22...Qa3!? 23.Qd2 Qd6] 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Qxa7 b6 25.Qa6 Qc5+ 26.Kh1 Qe3? [Better is 26...Re8 would save the game] 27.Qxc8+ Kf7 28.Qb7+ Kf8 29.Qa6 [Better is 29.Bb5 seems even better 29...g5] 29...Nd7 30.Qd3 [D]



30...Qe6 31.f4 Nc5 32.Qd1 Ne4 33.Bf3 Nc3 34.Qd2 Qc6 35.Rc1 Qb5 36.Qxc3 [D]



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#### 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, PA **Tuesday mornings** 9:30 AM to Noon at the Pennridge Community Senior Center in Silverdale, PA. 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. (Note: Temporarily closed until after Easter because of Wednesday evening Lenten services.)

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