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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club of Lansdale, PA – Winter 2015, Part 3

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This issue is a continuation featuring games played in the 2015 NPCC Winter Robin. As previously stated, I intend to publish the games in a chronological sequence as much as possible. A word about that: Some of the rounds and games were played out of the sequence as set up by the pairing software. Therefore I decided to show the actual date and round the game was played and note what the scheduled round was (or vice versa). When I send the games into the USCF for rating the software will, of course, use the scheduled sequence.

Thanks to all for submitting games!

Games from the NPCC 2015 Winter Robin Tournament: Round: 2 (As Scheduled)

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

White: Michael Strauss (1575)

Black: Michael O'Gara (1645)

Date: 1/16/2015 (Date as scheduled)

[C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defense (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5] 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.d3 Nf6 5.a3 [5.d4 Be7 (<5...Nxe4 6.Qe2 Nf6 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Nxe5)] 5...Be7 6.b4 Bg4 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.c3 a6 9.Ba4 d5 [D]

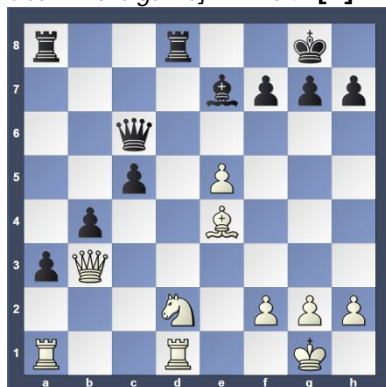


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(Cont. from prev.col.) 10.Qc2 b5 11.Bb3 d4 12.Bb2 a5 13.0-0 dxc3 14.Qxc3 axb4 [Better is 14...Nd4 is the best option Black has 15.Bd1 Qd6=] 15.Qxc6+- Bxf3? [Better is 15...bxa3 16.Bxe5 Qxd3] 16.Nxf3 [16.gxf3?! bxa3 17.Bxe5 Qxd3] 16...bxa3 17.Bxe5 Qxd3 [D]



18.Bc2 [Better is 18.Bxf7+! and White can already relax 18...Kxf7 19.Bxc7 Kg8 20.Qe6+ Kh8 21.Qxe7 Rfe8] 18...Qd7 19.Qc3 [19.Nd4 Qxc6 20.Nxc6 Bc5 21.Bxf6 gxf6] 19...b4 20.Qb3 c5 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.e5 Be7 23.Rfd1Qb5 [23...Qe6 24.Qd3 Qg6 25.Qxg6 hxg6 26.Bb3] 24.Bd3 [24.Qd5 Rfd8 25.Qe4 g6] 24...Qa4 25.Bc2 Qc6 26.Nd2 Rfd8? [Better is 26...Rad8 and Black is still in the game] 27.Be4 [D]



[Mike O' Gara - Pretty much thought the game was lost here as there is no way to make progress on the Queen side after losing the Rook.] 27...Qa4 28.Qh3 g6 29.Bxa8 Rxa8 [29...Qxa8 30.Qb3] 30.Nc4 Qc6 31.Qb3 [31.Qd7 seems even better 31...Qxd7 32.Rxd7 Kf8] 31...Qe6 32.Ra2 f6 [32...Rd8 33.Rxd8+ Bxd8 34.f4] 33...fxe5 34.fxe5 Bg5 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) 35.Re1 Rd8 [D]



36.Qc2 [36.Rf2!? keeps an even firmer grip 36...Rd4 37.Qa4 Bh4+- (37...Rxc4?? leads to mate in 4 38.Qa8+ Bd8 39.Qxd8+ Qe8 40.Qxe8+ Kg7 41.Qf8#; 37...Qxc4?? is refuted decisively by mate in 2 38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qf8#)] 36...Rd4 37.Na5?? [gives the opponent counter play] [Better is 37.Re4+- White has a promising position] 37...Rd2= 38.Qc1?? [Better is 38.Qxd2 this is the best way to fight back 38...Bxd2 39.Rxd2=] 38...Rxc2+!! [D]



[Discovered attack: d2, g5-c1] [38...Rxa2?! 39.Qxg5 Qd5 40.Nc6 Qxc6 41.Qd8+ Kg7 42.Qe7+ Kh6 43.Qh4+ Kg7 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qd8+ Kg7 46.Qe7+=; 38...Qxa2 is a useless try 39.Qc4+ Qxc4 40.Nxc4] 39.Kxg2 [39.Rxc2 Bxc1 Discovered attack; 39.Kxg2 Qd5+ Double attack (39...Bxc1 Discovered attack; 39...Qxa2+ Zwischenzug Decoy)] 39...Bxc1 [39...Bxc1 40.Rae2 Bb2] 0-1

Round: 3 (Scheduled was Round 2)

Submitted by Joe with his comments (Text cont.p.2) Page 1 of 6

(Cont. from p. 1) and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Matt Martello (1968)

Black: Joe Mucerino (2064)

Date: 1/31/2015 (Scheduled

Date: 1/16/2015)

[B02: Alekhine's Defense: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3] **1.e4 d5**

2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Bc4 Nb6

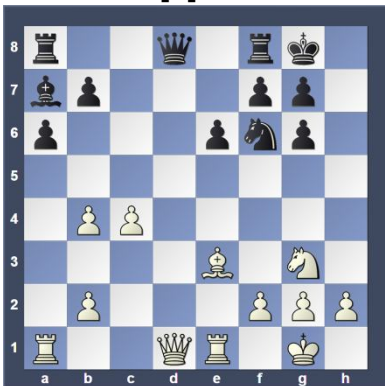
5.Bb3 Nc6 6.Nf3 [D]



(Joe - Not 6...Bg4?? 7.Bxf7+! Kxf7 8.Ng5+ wins a pawn and pretty much the game for white. I must confess I blundered into that when I was a teenager.) **6...Bf5 7.d3 e6 8.0-0 Na5 9.Re1 Nxb3 10.axb3 Be7 11.Bf4 a6 12.Ne4 Nd5 13.Bd2 0-0 14.Ng3 Bg6 15.Ne5 Bc5 [D]**



(Joe - Now if 16.Nxg6, I was considering recapturing with 16...fxg6 to open lines down to f2.) **16.c3 Bb6 17.d4 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.b4 Ba7 20.Nxg6 hxg6 (Joe - 20...fxg6 is still possible, but I think white is fine after 21.Ne4.) 21.c4 Nf6 22.Be3?![D]**



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(Cont. from prev.col.) (Joe - It appears that white is trying to trade down to a draw ((and I thought the game would be drawn too)), but black gets control of the d file.)

22...Bxe3 23.Rxe3 Qb6 24.Qe1

Rad8 25.Ra5?! (Joe - It's difficult to suggest a good move for white.

Rybka says 25.b5 axb5 26.Rb3 Qc7

27.Rxb5 Qxc4 is best.) [25.b5 axb5

26.Rb3 Qc6 27.Rxb5 Qxc4 28.Rxb7

Rb8 29.Rxb8 Rxb8] **25...Rd4 26.b3**

Rfd8 27.Nf1? (Joe - 27.Ra1 is better.)

27...Ng4 (Joe - A bit stronger is 27...Rd1.)

28.Rf3 [Better is 28.c5 Qc7

29.Rg3] **Rd1 29.Qc3 Qd6** (Joe -

Another second best move. Better is 29...R8d3!

with the idea of 30.Rxd3 Qxf2+.)

30.Rg3?? [D]



30...Rxf1+! [an unexpected blow]

31.Kxf1 Qd1+ 32.Qe1 Nxh2+

33.Kg1 Qxe1+ 34.Kxh2 Qxf2

35.Rc5 Qf4 36.Kh3 Rd1 (Joe - I

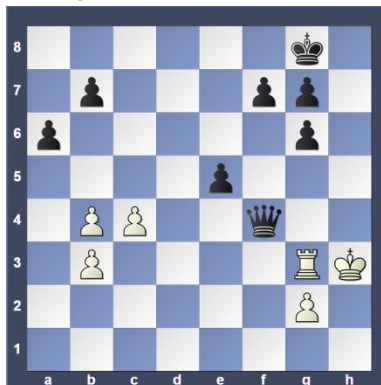
missed a mate in five beginning with

36...Qh6+.) [36...Qh6+ 37.Kg4 Rd4+

38.Rf3 Qf4+ 39.Ke2 Rd2+ 40.Ke1

Qf2#] **37.Kh2 Rd3 38.Rcg5 Rxc3**

39.Rxc3 e5 40.Kh3 [D]



(Joe - Now I missed a mate in two with 40...Qh6+ 41.Kg4 Qh5 mate. I had this mate for a few moves.)

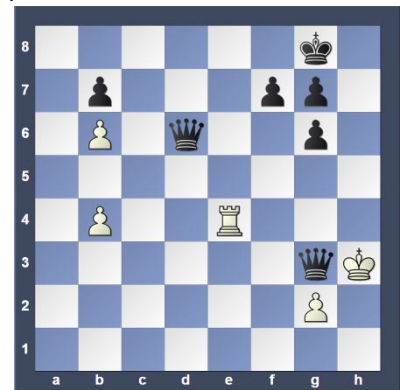
40...Qd2 41.b5 axb5 42.cxb5 e4

43.Rg4 e3 44.b6 e2 45.Re4

Qd7+ 46.Kh2 e1Q 47.b4 Qd6+

48.Kh3 Qeg3# [D] (Next col.) 0-1

Position after 48...Qeg3# (From prev. col.)



Round: 3 (As Scheduled)

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

White: Greg Sulat (1550)

Black: Michael O'Gara (1645)

Date: 1/23/2015 (Date as

scheduled)

[C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4**

exd4 4.Bc4 Bb4+ 5.c3 Bc5? [D]



(Mike - Ugh, had this defense prepared for Sulat's Scotch and just missed the fact I had already taken on d4.) [Better is 5...dxc3 and Black could well hope to play on 6.bxc3 Bd6=] **6.cxd4 [6.Nxd4?! Ne5 7.Bb3 d6=] 6...Be7 7.0-0 Na5 8.Bxf7+? [D]**



[Better is 8.Be2 and White has prevailed 8...d5 9.exd5] (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) **8...Kxf7 9.Ne5+ Kf8 10.Qf3+ Nf6 11.Ng4** [11.Nd3!? looks like a viable alternative 11...d6 12.e5] **11...Nc6 12.Be3** [12.Rd1 h5 13.Nxf6 gxf6μ (13...Bxf6?! 14.e5 d6 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Qxf6+ gxf6 17.Nc3=)] **12...d6-+ 13.Nxf6 Bxf6** [13...gxf6?! 14.Bh6+ Ke8 15.Qh5+ Kd7 16.Qf5+ Ke8 17.Qh5+ Kd7 18.Qf5+ Ke8 19.Qh5+=] **14.Rd1 Qe8 15.Nc3 Qg6 16.h3 Qf7 17.e5?** [Better is 17.Qe2] **17...dxe5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Bc5+ [D]**



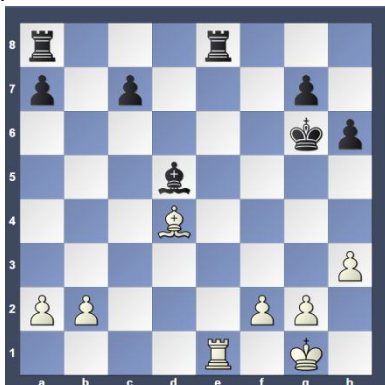
19...Kg8 20.Qe4 Bd7 21.Qxb7 Bc6 22.Qb4 Qg6 23.Nd5 Bh4! [Decoy: h4] **24.Kf1? [D]**



[24.Qxh4 Nf3+ Decoy Double attack] **24...Nd3?** [what a pity, victory was in sight] (Mike - Was sweating after this move as I saw Qb3 or Qc4 after the fact. King is way too vulnerable.) [Better is 24...h6 keeps an even firmer grip 25.Qxh4 Bb5+ 26.Kg1 Nf3+ 27.Kh1 Nxh4 28.Ne7+ Kf7 29.Nxg6 Kxg6] **25.Rxd3?** [an unfortunate move that relinquishes the win] [Better is 25.Qc4 White would have gained the upper hand 25...Qf7 26.Rxd3 (26.Qxd3?! Rd8 27.Qe4 Rxd5 28.Qxh4 h5+- (28...Rxc5?? the bishop is taboo 29.Rd8+ Be8 30.Re1+-) 26...Bxd5 27.Qxd5 (27.Qxh4?! is much weaker 27...Bc4 28.Qd4 h5=) 27...Qxd5 28.Rxd5] **25...Qxd3+ 26.Kg1 Bxd5** [Better is 26...Qxd5 and Black has it in the bag 27.f3 Bf6] **27.Qxh4 h6 28.Bd4 Kh7 29.Qg4 Qg6 30.Qxg6+ Kxg6 31.Re1 Rhe8[D]** (Next col.)

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Position after 31...Rhe8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [31...Rhe8 32.Ra1 Re2] **0-1**

Round: 3 (As scheduled)

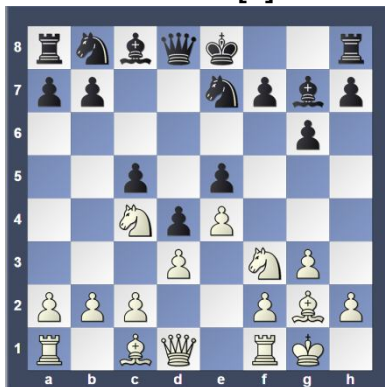
Submitted by Olin with my comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Olin Mastin (1546)

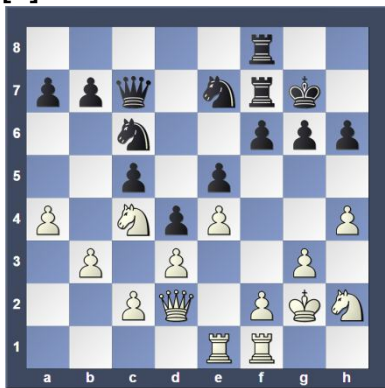
Black: Curtis, Shawn (1472)

Date: 1/23/2015 (As scheduled)

[B27: Sicilian: 2 Nf3, unusual Black 2nd moves] **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 e5 5.d3 d5 6.0-0 d4 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.Nc4 [D]**



8...Nbc6 9.a4 0-0 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 Be6 12.b3 Qd7 13.Qc1 Bh3 14.Bh6 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Rf7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qd2 Raf8 18.Rae1 h6 19.h4 Qc7 20.Nh2 [D]

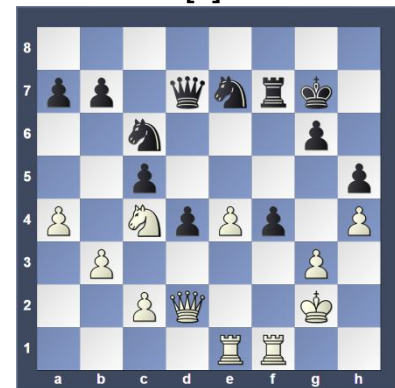


20...f5 21.f4? [Better is 21.Qe2] **21...h5?** [Black lets it slip away] [Better is 21...fxe4 (Text cont. next col.)

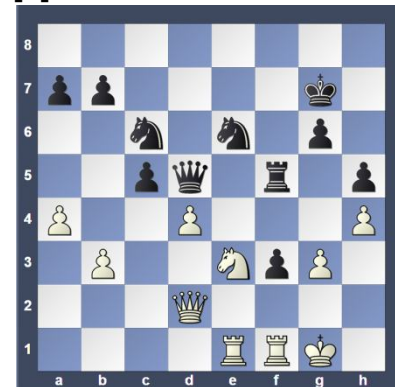
(Cont. from prev. col.) and Black can look forward to a comfortable game **22.Rxe4 exf4 23.Rexf4 Rxf4 24.Rxf4 Rxf4 25.gxf4 Nd5] 22.Nf3 fxe4 23.dxe4 exf4 24.Ng5 [D]**



[White plans e5] **24...Qd7** [Better is 24...Nd8 25.Nxf7 Rxf7 26.Rxf4 Nec6] **25.Nxf7 Rxf7 [D]**

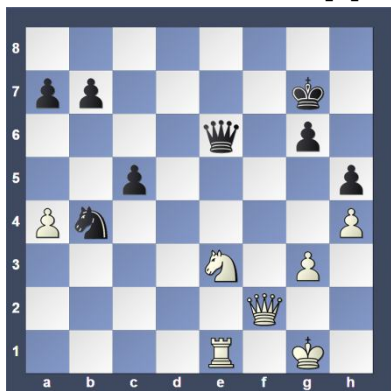


26.e5? [Loses material. gives the opponent counter play] [Better is 26.Rxf4 a shame that White overlooked this excellent chance 26...Ng8 27.Rxf7+ Qxf7 28.Qg5] **26...Qd5+ 27.Kg1 f3** [A strong pawn] **28.e6 Rf6 29.Qg5 Rf5 30.Qd2 Nd8 31.c3 Nxe6 32.cxd4 Nc6?** [Not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game] [Better is 32...cxd4 and Black can hope to survive 33.Qb4 Nc8] **33.Ne3 [D]**

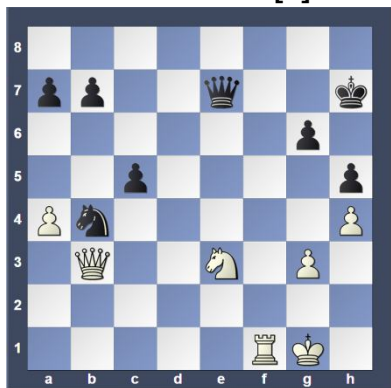


33...f2+? [Better is 33...Qxd4 34.Qxd4+ Nxd4 35.Nxf5+ gxf5] **34.Rxf2 Rxf2 35.Qxf2** [35.Nxd5?] (Text cont. p.4) Page 3 of 6

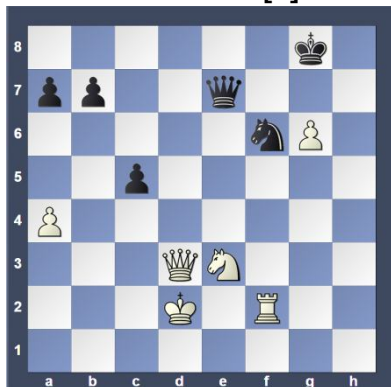
(Cont. from p.3) looks very tantalizing, but 35...Rxd2 36.Rxe6 Nxd4-+; 35.Kxf2?! Qxd4 36.Qxd4+ Nxd4] 35...Qxb3 36.d5 Nb4 37.dxe6 Qxe6 [D]



38.Rf1? [Better is 38.Nf5+! and White has prevailed 38...Qxf5 39.Qb2+ Kf7 40.Rf1 Qxf1+ 41.Kxf1] 38...Qe7 39.Qb2+ Kh7 40.Qb3 [D]

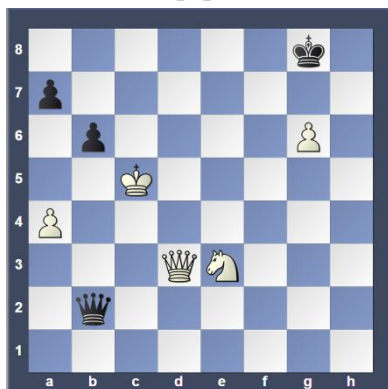


40...Kh6 41.Qc3 [Better is 41.Rf7 and White wins 41...c4 42.Rxe7 cxb3 43.Rxb7 Nd3 44.Rxb3 Nc5] 41...Kh7 42.g4 Qc7 43.Rf2 Qg3+ 44.Kf1 Qh3+ 45.Ke1 Qxh4 46.Ke2 [Better is 46.Kf1 and the rest is a matter of technique 46...Qe7 47.gxh5 gxh5] 46...Qe7 47.gxh5 Nd5 48.hxg6+ Kg8 49.Qd3 Nf6 50.Kd2? [D]

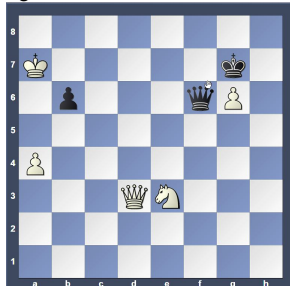


(Olin - Bad blunder!) [50.Kf1 Qd7 51.Qxd7 Nxd7 52.Nf5] 50...Ne4+! 51.Ke2 Nxf2? [instead of simply winning the game] [51...Nf6 52.Qf5 Kg7] 52.Kxf2 [(Olin - Now can I win with the extra piece? The knight is not the strongest minor piece with which to fight.) 52...Qh4+ 53.Kf3 Qh3+ 54.Ke4 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [54.Kf4 keeps an even firmer grip 54...Qh2+ 55.Kg5 Qg3+ 56.Kf6 Qh4+ 57.Ke6 Qh3+ 58.Kd6 Qg3+ 59.Kd5 c4] 54...Qh1+ [54...Qh4+ 55.Ke5 Qg3+ 56.Kd5 c4] 55.Ke5 Qh2+ 56.Kd5 Qb2 57.Kxc5 b6+ [D]



(Olin - I agreed with Shawn's earlier draw offer. It was very late and I was really getting tired as evidenced of blundering away the rook.) 1/2-1/2 (Olin - The following moves I played out with Fritz, which proves I could have won.) 58.Kc6 Qf6+ 59.Kb7 Kg7 60.Kxa7 [D]



(Olin -

Fritz resigned here.)

Round: 3 (As scheduled)

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

White: Art Martella (1167)

Black: Jackie Brown (947)

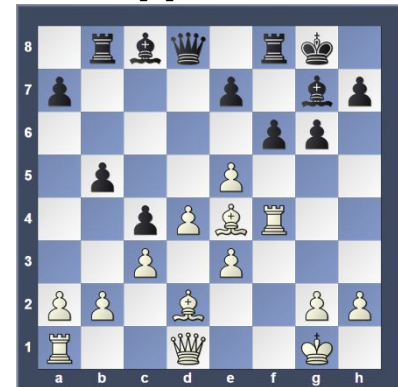
Date: 1/23/2015 (As scheduled)

[D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] 1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d5 3.Bd3 Nbd7 4.Nd2 c5 5.c3 c4 6.Bc2 g6 7.f4 b5 8.Ngf3 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) 8...Ne4 [Better is 8...Bb7= and Black has air to breathe] 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Rb8 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Bg7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Bd2 f6 15.Rf4 [D]

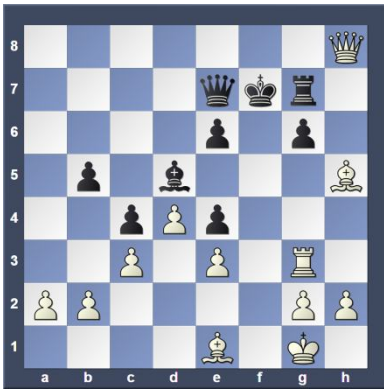


[15.a4!?] 15...fxe5 16.Rh4 [16.Rxf8+ Bxf8 17.Be1 Be6] 16...e6 [16...Rb6 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Qe2] 17.Qe1 Bb7 18.Bc2 Bf6 19.Rh6 e4 20.Qg3 Bg5 21.Rh3 Bd5 [The bishop likes it on d5] 22.Qe5 [D]

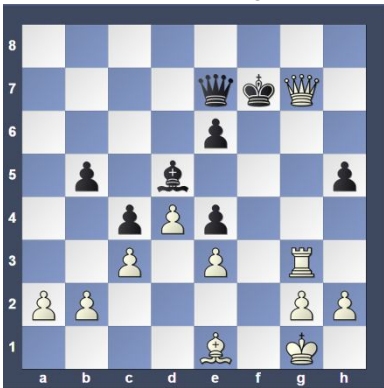


[Attacks the isolani on e4] 22...Bf6 23.Qg3 Rf7 24.Rf1 Rbb7 25.Bd1 Rg7 26.Qf4 Rbf7 27.Qg4 h5 28.Qg3 Qf8 [28...e5 29.Bc2] 29.Rf4 Be7 30.Be2 Bd6 31.Qh4 [31.Rxf7 Kxf7 32.Qf2+ Kg8 33.Qxf8+ Kxf8=] 31...Rh7 [31...Bxf4!? 32.exf4 a5] 32.Rxf7 [32.Rxe4? simply loses 32...Be7 33.Qe1 Bxe4] 32...Qxf7 33.Be1 Be7 34.Qg3 Qg7 35.Qb8+ Bf8 [35...Qf8 36.Qxf8+ Kxf8 37.Bh4=] 36.Rg3 [Better is 36.g4] 36...Kf7?? [Better is 36...Qf6= and Black can hope to survive] 37.Qxa7+ [Better is 37.Qxb5!? Bd6 38.Qd7+ Be7] 37...Kf6 38.Qb8 Qc7? [terrible, but what else could Black do to save the game?] [Better is 38...Qh6] 39.Qxf8+ Qf7 40.Qd8+ Qe7 41.Qg8 Rg7 [41...Qg7 there is nothing else anyway 42.Qb8 Qh6] 42.Qh8 Kf7 43.Bxh5! [D] (p.5) [Deflection: g6] 43...gxh5 44.Oxg7+ [D] (p.5) [44.Oxg7+ Ke8 45.Qh8+ Kd7 46.Rg7 e5 (Text cont. p.5)]

Position after 43.Bxh5! (From p.4)



Position after 44.Qxg7+ (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) 47.Rxe7+ Kxe7
48.Qxe5+ Kf8 49.Qxd5 Kg7 50.Qd7+ Kf6
51.Bh4+ Kg6 52.Qxb5 Kh7 53.Qxh5+ Kg8
54.Bf6 Kf8 55.Qh7 Ke8 56.Qe7#; 44.Rxg7+
Kf6 45.Bh4+ Kf5 46.Qh7#] 1-0

Round: 3 (Scheduled was Round 2) Submitted by Alex with his comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Donald Funk (1707)
Black: Alexander MacFarlane IV (1874)

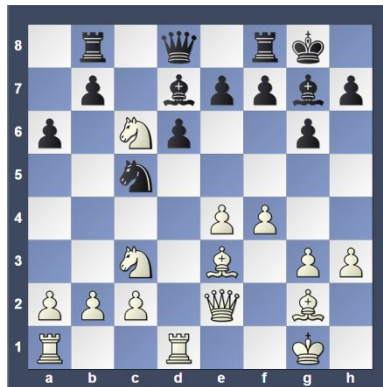
Date: 1/23/2015 (Scheduled Date was 1/16/2015)

[B07: Pirc Defense: Miscellaneous Systems] 1.d4 d6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7
4.Nf3 Nf6 5.O-O O-O 6.Nc3 Nbd7
7.e4 Rb8 [D]

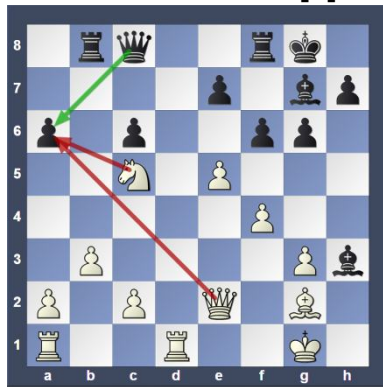


8.Qd3 c5 9.Rd1 [9.e5!?! is worth consideration 9...dxe5 10.dxe5 (10.Nxe5 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Nh5)] 9...cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nc5
11.Qc4 Be6 12.Qe2 (Alex - This (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) is the only move that saves the e pawn since Qb4 is answered by a5.) 12...Ng4
13.Nd4 Bd7 14.h3 Ne5 15.Be3
a6 16.f4 Nc6 17.Nxc6 [D]

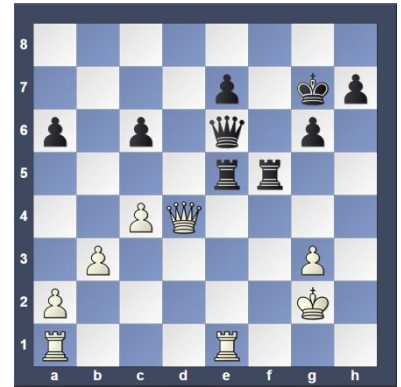


17... bxc6 (Alex - Bxc6 loses a piece because the d pawn is pinned.)
18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.e5 (Alex - Threatening Qxa6 and Bxc6, but Black can parry both and make 2 threats at the same time.) 19...Qc8 20.Na4
Bxh3 21.b3 f6 22.Nxc5 [D]

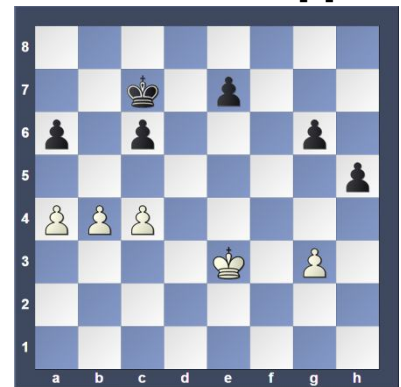


22... Rb5? [forfeits the advantage] [22...fxe5 23.fxe5 Qg4 24.Qxg4 Bxg4=] 23.Nd3? [weakening the position] [Better is 23.Qc4+ White clearly has the better chances 23...Kh8 24.a4 Rxc5 25.Qxc5 fxe5 26.fxe5] 23... fxe5 24.Nxe5 Bxg2
25.Kxg2 Qe6 (Alex - Blocking the check and pinning the Knight to its Queen.) [25...Bxe5!?! 26.Qc4+ Kg7 27.fxe5 Rd5 28.Rxd5 cxd5] 26.c4
Ra5 27.Re1 (Alex - From here the Rook hits g3 and a2 and has good prospects for activity in the end game.) 27...Bxe5 28.fxe5 [Better is 28.Rad1!?! = is an interesting idea]
28...Rf5 29.Qd2 Rxe5 30.Qd8+ [30.g4!?! Rh5 31.Kg3] 30...Kg7
31.Qd4 [D] (Next col.) (Alex - Pinning the Rook to its King.)
31...Kf7 [31...c5 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 (32...cxd4?? a tasty morsel with a slight problem... 33.Rxe6 Kf8 34.Rxa6; 32...Qxe5?! 33.Qxe5+ Rxe5 34.Kf3)] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 31.Qd4 (From prev.col.)

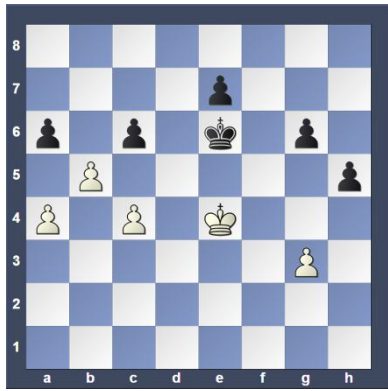


(Cont. from prev. col.) 32.Rxe5 Qxe5 (Alex - Rxe5 might have been better, but I wanted to get the Queens off of the board to avoid the possibility of perpetual check.) 33.Qxe5 Rxe5 34.Rf1+ Rf5 35.b4 (Alex - I was surprised that he offered this King and Pawn ending, and decided to go for it.) [Better is 35.Rd1 is the best chance] 35...Rxf1 36.Kxf1 Ke6 37.a4 (Alex - I came up with the wrong plan here. Somehow I thought my King and 2 pawns could prevail against his 3 pawns by a frontal assault.)
37...Kd6 (Alex - The correct move was Ke5 with the threat of winning the pawns after Kd4. The King can still stop the runner from queening from either e5 or d4.) [37...Ke5 38.b5 (38.Ke2 Kd4 39.b5 cxb5 40.cxb5 axb5 41.a5 Kc5 42.a6 Kb6) 38...cxb5 39.cxb5 axb5 40.a5 Kd6 41.a6 Kc7 42.a7 Kb7] 38.Ke2 Kc7 39.Ke3 h5 [D]

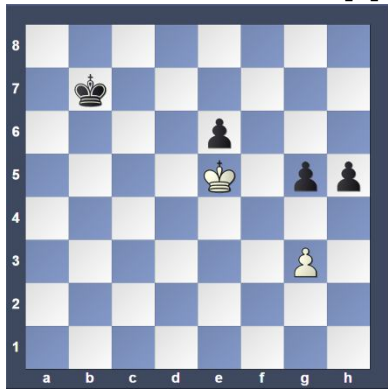


[39...a5 makes it even easier for Black 40.b5] 40.Kf4 [40.Ke4 a5! forces the win 41.b5 Kd6] 40... Kd6 [Better is 40...a5 and the rest is a matter of technique 41.bxa5 Kb7 42.Ke5] 41.Ke4 Ke6 42.b5? [D] (p.6) (Alex - This loses immediately but there isn't anything better. (Text cont. p.6)

Position after 42.b5? (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) Over the board I thought it may be possible for White to salvage a draw by moving the King back and forth between f4 and e4 because the pawns can't make progress on their own and the Black King has to remain and guard against a breakthrough on the queen side. Here is the variation I saw during the game: (42. Kf4 Kd6 43. Ke4 e5 44. Ke3 g5 45. Kf3 h4 46. gxh4 gxh4 47. Kg4 e4 48. Kxh4 e3 49. Kg3 e2 50. Kf2). But in the post- game analysis the computer found a win for Black with the surprising tactical shot a5!) [42.Kf4 Kd6 43.Ke4 a5 (43...e5 44.Ke3 a5 (45.bxa5) 44.bxa5 (44.b5 cxb5 45.cxb5 e5 46.Ke3 Kd5 47.b6 (47.Ke2 g5) 47...Kc6 48.b7 Kxb7 49.Ke4 Kc6 50.Kxe5 g5) 44...Kc7 45.Kd3 Kb7 46.Ke3 Ka6] 42...cxb5 43.cxb5 axb5 44.axb5 Kd6 45.Kd4 g5 46.b6 Kc6 47.b7 Kxb7 48.Ke5 e6 [D]



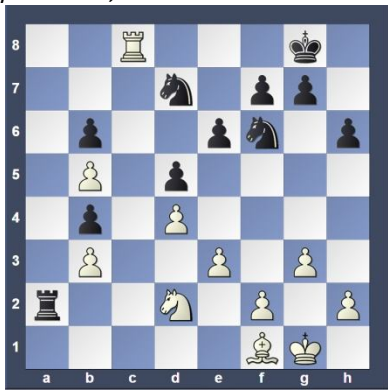
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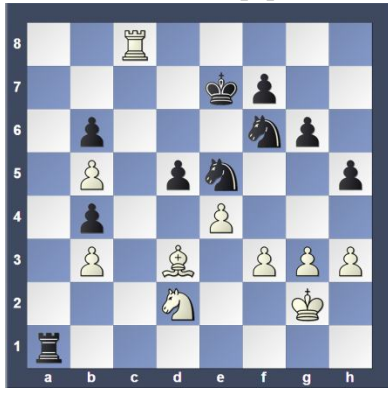
Submitted by Craig with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Craig Gerland (1482)
Black: Willard Moyer (1474)
Date: 1/23/2015 (As scheduled)
 [D15: Slav Defense] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 h6 5.e3 Bf5 6.Qb3 b6 7.Bd2 e6 8.g3 Nbd7 9.Bg2 a5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.a4 Bb4 12.Nb5 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2 0-0 14.Rc1 Qe7 15.0-0 Rfc8 16.Rc3 Rxc3 17.Qxc3 Qb4 18.Qxb4 [18.Ra1!?] 18...axb4 19.b3 Bd3 20.Rc1 Bxb5 21.axb5 Ra5 22.Bf1 Ra2 23.Rc8+ [D] (Next col.)
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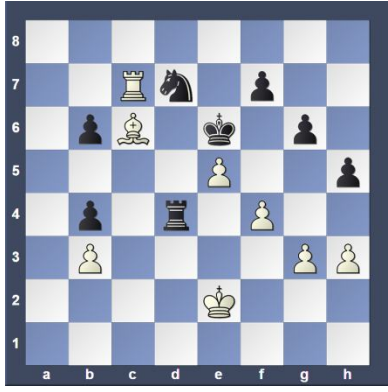
Position after 23.Rc8+ (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 23...Kh7 [23...Nf8!? 24.Nf3 Rb2] 24.Bd3+ g6 25.Rc2 Ra1+ 26.Kg2 h5 27.f3 Kg7 28.h3 Kf8 29.e4 e5 30.Rc8+ Ke7 31.dxe5 Nxe5 [D]

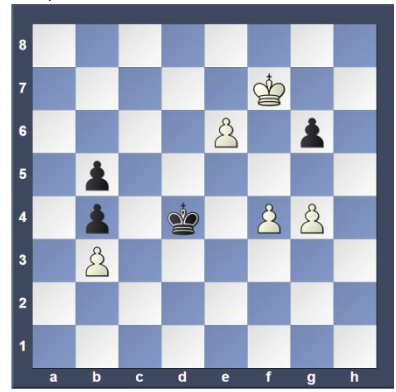


32.Bc2? [White has lost his nerve] [32.Bb1 dxe4 33.Bxe4 Nxe4 34.Nxe4 (34.fxe4?? Ra2)] 32...Ra5 33.f4 Ned7 34.e5 Ne4 [34...Ne8!? 35.Nf3 Rxb5=] 35.Nxe4 dxe4 36.Bxe4 Rxb5 37.Bc6 Rc5 38.Rc7 Rc2+? [38...Kf8=] 39.Kf1 Rd2 40.Ke1 Rd4 41.Ke2 Ke6 [D]



42.Bxd7+ Rxd7 43.Rxd7 Kxd7 44.Kd3 b5 [44...Ke6 the only chance to get some counter play 45.Ke4 f6] 45.Kd4 Kc6 46.g4 hxg4 47.hxg4 Kb6 48.Kd5 Kb7 49.Kd6 Kb6 50.Ke7 Kc5 51.Kxf7 Kd4 52.e6 [D] (Next col.) [50.f5 gxf5 51.gxf5 Kb7 52.e6 fxe6 53.fxe6 Kb6 54.e7 Kb7 55.e8Q Kb6 56.Qb8+ Ka6 57.Kc6 Ka5 58.Qxb5#]

Position after 52.e6 (From prev. col.)



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