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This and the next issue will feature games played in the 2016 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 2016 Winter

Robin Tournament:

Round: 3

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

White: Eric Funk (2070)

Black: Joe Mucerino (2064)

Date: 2/26/2016 (Makeup for 1/22/2016 Blizzard)



Joe Mucerino vs. Eric Funk

[A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation] 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nd5?! [D]



(Joe - More common are moves like 5.Be2, 5.d4.) 5...e4 6.Nxb4 Nxb4 7.a3 Nc6 8.Nd4 Ne5 [D] (Next col.) (Joe - Stockfish 7 preferred trading knights.) 9.f4 Ng6?! (Joe - The wrong way! (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 8...Ne5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) The computer says 9...Nc6.) 10.Be2 d5 11.cxd5 Qxd5 [White has a new backward pawn: d2. White has a cramped position. White's piece can't move: c1] 12.d3? [D]



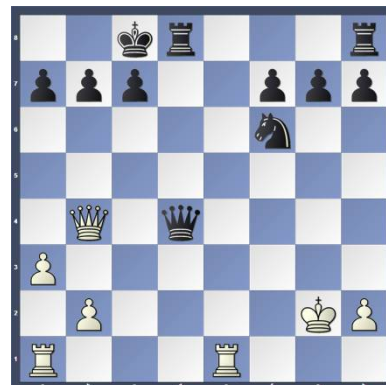
(Joe - Missing black's next move!) [12.0-0!?!= has some apparent merit.] 12...Nxf4! 13.dxe4?? (Joe - This move loses the game, because white's king becomes exposed. White can cut his losses to a single pawn by taking on f4.) [Better is 13.exf4 saving the game 13...Qxd4 14.dxe4 Qxd1+ 15.Bxd1 Nxe4 16.0-0] 13...Nxc2+ 14.Kf1 Qxe4 15.Bf3 Nxe3+ 16.Bxe3 Qxe3 17.Qa4+ [D] (Next col.) [17.Qe1 otherwise it's curtains at once 17...Bh3+ 18.Bg2 Bxg2+ 19.Kxg2] 17...Bd7 18.Qb4 Bh3+ 19.Bg2 Bxg2+ 20.Kxg2 0-0 [Better is 20...Qg5+ and Black wins 21.Kf1 0-0-0 22.Qc3] 21.Rhe1 Qxd4 [D] (Next col.) [21...Qxd4 22.Qxd4 Rxd4; 21...Rxd4?! 22.Rxe3 Rxb4 23.axb4]

0-1

Position after 17.Qa4+ (From prev. col.)



Position after 21...Qxd4 (From prev. col.)



Round: 3

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

White: Olin Mastin (1569)

Black: Don Funk, (1600)

Date: 2/26/2016 (Makeup Game for 1/22/2016 Blizzard)



Don Funk (About to move his Queen?) Photo taken by Olin.

[A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White] 1.Nf3 b6 2.g3 Bb7 (Olin - Don has played this type of defense before vs. my 1.Nf3.)

(Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 d5
5.d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.c4 [D]



(Olin - I had quite a debate with myself over this move. It was a choice between c4 and e4.) 7...0-0 8.b3 c5 9.Bb2 Qd7 [9...Nc6 10.e4] 10.Re1 Na6 11.a3 Ne8 12.Qc2 Bf6 13.Be5 [D]



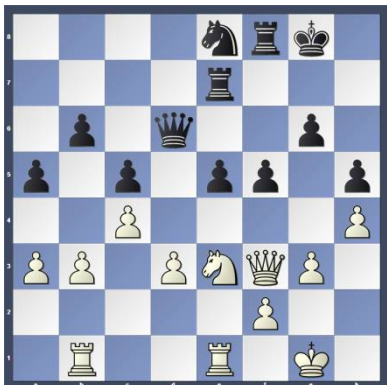
(Olin - My idea was not to play 13.Bxf6 Nxf6. I felt that if Black gets his knight on f6, it would be to his advantage.)

13...Bxe5 14.Nxe5 Qd6 15.Qb2 f6 16.Ng4 Rb8 17.h4 h5 18.Nh2 Nac7 19.Ndf1 e5 20.e3 Ne6 [D]



[Black intends d4] 21.Rad1 d4 22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Qe2 g6 24.exd4? Nxd4! [24...cxd4?! 25.b4=] 25.Qe4 (Olin - I liked the double attack on the Rook and the g6-Pawn, but alas, Don had a very simple antidote!) 25...Rg7! 26.Rb1 a5 [Better is 26...Nc7] 27.Nf3?? [Better is 27.Kg2 is just about the only chance.] 27...f5 28.Qe3 Nxf3+ [28...f4 29.gxf4 exf4 30.Qxd4 cxd4+- (30...Qxd4 31.Nxd4 cxd4 32.Nd2±)] 29.Qxf3 Re7 30.Ne3 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 30.Ne3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Olin - Oh, that weak backward d3-Pawn!!)

30...Nf6 31.Rbd1 Qe6 32.Rd2 Rd8 33.Qd1 Red7 34.Ng2? [34.Nf1] 34...Kg7? [34...Ne4 35.Re3 Nxd2 36.Qxd2 Kg7] 35.Qe2? [Forfeits the advantage.] [Better is 35.Rde2 and White can hope to survive 35...Rxd3 36.Nf4 exf4 37.Qxd3 (37.Rxe6?? White will choke on his greed 37...Rxd1 38.gxf4 Rxe1+ 39.Rxe1 Ne4) 37...Rxd3 38.Rxe6 fxe3 39.Rxb6=] 35...Ne4! [Deflection: d3] 36.Rc2 (Olin - I must have agonized for at least five minutes or more before I finally decided on this move!!) [36.dxe4 Rd4 Decoy Double attack (36...Rxd2 Deflection Pinning)] 36...Rxd3 37.Rec1 [37.Ne3 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game.] 37...Nf6?? [Better is 37...Rxb3 finishes off the opponent 38.Ne3 Rd4 (38...Rxa3 39.Rb2) 38.Nf4!!] [D]

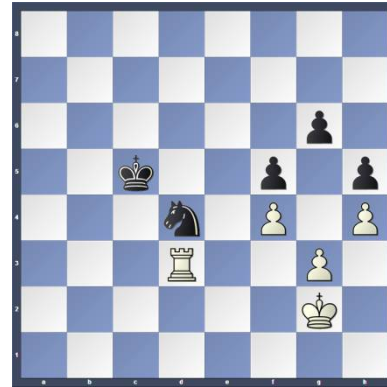


[Deflection: e5] (Olin - Don gave me a real break here!) 38...Qd6 [38...exf4 39.Qxe6 Deflection Pinning] 39.Nxd3 [39.Qxd3?! Qxd3 40.Nxd3 Rxd3=] 39...Qxd3 (Olin - I contemplated exchanging queens, but went for the pawn.) 40.Qxe5 Qd6 41.Qxd6 Rxd6 (Olin - So now I did go for the queen exchange.) 42.Kg2 Ng4 43.Re2 Rd3? [43...f4 44.gxf4 Nh6 45.Ree1] 44.Rb1 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) (Olin - I did mull over Ree1 ((or Rce1 as per Mr. Fritz's suggestion)), but opted to protect the b3-Pawn.) [44.Rce1 might be the shorter path 44...f4 45.gxf4 Rxb3 46.Re7+ Kf8 47.Re8+ Kg7 48.R1e7+ Kf6] 44...Kf6 45.Rbb2 Ne5 [45...Rc3 does not save the day 46.Rec2 Rxc2 47.Rxc2] 46.Red2 [Better is 46.Rbd2 seems even better 46...Rd4 47.Rxd4 cxd4] 46...Rxd2 [46...Rd4 does not solve anything 47.Rxd4 cxd4 48.f4] 47.Rxd2 [D]

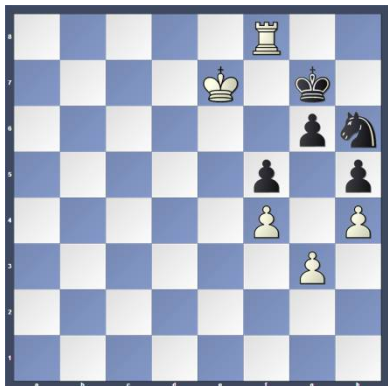


47...Ke6 48.Re2 Kd6 49.f4 Nc6 50.Rd2+ [Better is 50.Re8!? keeps an even firmer grip 50...a4 51.bxa4 Na5] 50...Nd4? [50...Kc7 51.Kf2] 51.Rd3 [Better is 51.b4 makes sure everything is clear 51...axb4 52.axb4 Ke6 53.Rxd4 cxb4 (53...cxd4?? 54.Kf2) 51...Kc6 52.b4 [Deflection: d4] 52...axb4?? [52...axb4 53.axb4 cxb4 54.Rxd4 Overloading Deflection; 52...cxb4 53.Rxd4 Deflection.] 53.axb4 b5 [53...Kc7 there is nothing else anyway 54.b5 Ne6] 54.cxb5+ Kxb5 55.bxc5 Kxc5 [D]

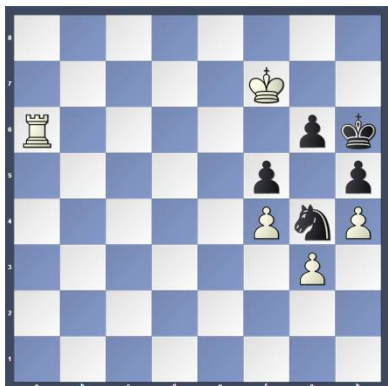


56.Rc3+ [56.Kf2!? makes it even easier for White 56...Kc4 57.Re3 Kd5] 56...Kd5 (Olin - Now is it a matter of technique? Just don't get caught in a fork!!) 57.Rc8 Nc6 58.Rg8 [Better is 58.Kf2 and the result of the game is clear: White will win.] 58...Ne7 59.Ra8 Ke6 60.Kf3 Kf7 (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) [60...Nd5 there is nothing better in the position.] **61.Ke3 Nd5+** [61...Ng8 is not much help 62.Ra7+ Ke6 63.Rg7] **62.Kd4 Nf6 63.Ke5** [Better is 63.Ra7+ and White can already relax 63...Kf8] **63...Ng4+ 64.Kd6 Kf6** [64...Nf2 a last effort to resist the inevitable.] **65.Rf8+ Kg7 66.Ke7 Nh6 [D]**



67.Ra8 Ng4 68.Ke6 Ne3 69.Ra7+ Kh6 70.Kf7 [70.Rf7 g5 71.fxc5+ Kg6 72.Ke7 Ng4 73.Kf8 f4 74.gxf4 Nh6 75.Rf6+ Kh7 76.Rxh6#] **70...Kh7 71.Ra8** [71.Kf8+ Kh8 72.Rf7 Nd5 73.Rg7 Nc3 74.Kf7 Nd5 75.Rxg6 Kh7 76.Rg5 Kh6 77.Rxf5 Ne3 78.Rg5 Nc4 79.f5 Nd6+ 80.Kg8 Nxf5 81.Rxf5 Kg6 82.Rf3 Kh6 83.Rf6#] **71...Ng4 72.Kf8 Nf6 73.Ra7+ Kh6 74.Kf7 Ng4** [74...Nh7 cannot undo what has already been done 75.Rc7 Nf8 76.Kxf8 g5 77.fxc5+ Kg6 78.Rg7#] **75.Ra6 [D]**



(Olin - As pointed out by my old friend, Deep Fritz 15, there were many more expedient ways to force the win. But, I finally got there!!) **Black resigned.** (Olin - that was a four and a half hour game!! We finished up at about 12:30 AM!) [75.Ra6 Kh7 ((Olin - Fritz gives 76.Ra8; However, Don and I both agreed that the immediate 76.Rxg6 looked just fine.)) ((Olin - Not 76...Ne5+?? 77.fxe5!)) 76.Ra8 (76.Rxg6 Ne3 21 ((76...Ne5+ 77.fxe5 16 f4 78.gxf4 Kh8 14 79.Rh6#)) 76...Ne3 77.Rg8 Nd5 78.Rg7+ Kh8 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 79.Rxg6 Kh7 80.Rg5 Kh6 81.Rxf5 Ne3 82.Rg5 Ng4 83.f5 Ne3 84.Kg8 Nxf5 85.Rxf5 Kg6 86.Rf8 Kh6 87.Rf6#; 75.Kg8 Nf6+ 76.Kh8 Nd7 77.Rxd7 g5 78.Rd6#] **1-0 Round: 4**

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

White: Will Moyer (1520)

Black: Olin Mastin (1569)

Date: 1/29/2016

[B22: Sicilian: 2 c3] **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 Bg7 6.a3 e6 7.Bc4 d6 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Bg5 0-0 10.0-0 [D]**

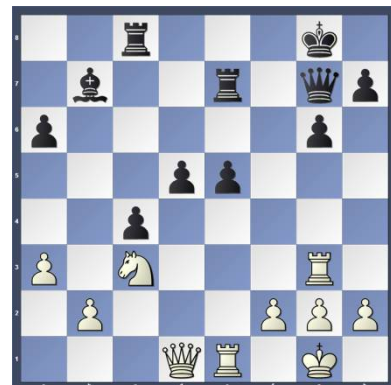


10...a6 11.Qc2 b5 12.e5 bxc4 13.exf6 [Better is 13.Ne4!? must definitely be considered 13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 dxe5 15.Bxf6 Qxd4 16.Rfd1=] **13...Bxf6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Rad1 d5 16.Rfe1 Re8?** [16...Rb8] **17.Qa4? [D]**

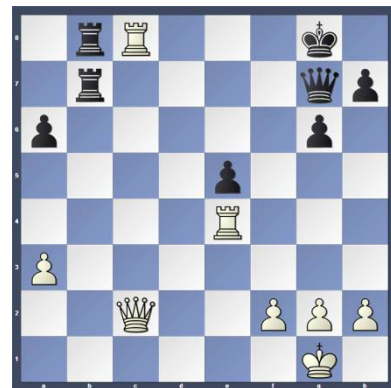


[With this move White loses his initiative.] [Better is 17.Nxd5 Qd8 18.Nc3] **17...Bb7** [17...Bd7 18.Qc2] **18.Ne5** [Better is 18.b3!? should be examined more closely.] **18...Nxe5 19.Rxe5 Re7 20.Rde1 Rc8** [20...Rb8 21.Rb1] **21.R1e3** [21.Qb4 Bc6 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 exd5 24.Rxe7 Qxd4] **21...Qg7** [21...Bc6 22.Qd1] **22.Rg3 f6 23.Re1 e5 24.dxe5?** [24.Rge3!]? **24...fxe5 25.Qd1 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

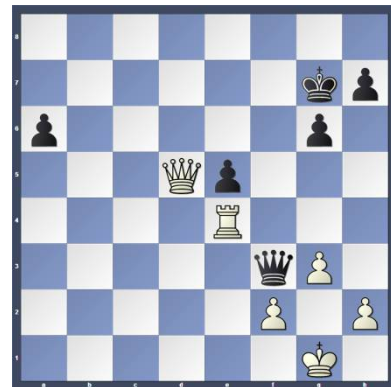
Position after 25.Qd1 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [25.Qb4 Re6] **25...d4 26.Ne4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4 Rb8 28.Qc2** [28.b4] **28...c3** (Olin - Poor move. Overly ambitious.) [Better is 28...Qf7 ends the debate 29.h4 Reb7 30.Rxe5 d3] **29.bxc3 dxc3 30.Rxc3 Reb7?** [Better is 30...Qf6 was necessary.] **31.Rc8+ [D]**



31...Rxc8 [31...Qf8 is one last hope 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8] **32.Qxc8+ Qf8 33.Qxb7 Qxa3 34.g3** [34.Qd5+ Kf8 35.Qxe5 Qc1+ 36.Re1 Qxe1+ 37.Qxe1 h6 38.Qe6 Kg7 39.Qxa6 Kf7 40.Qd6 Ke8 41.Qc7 g5 42.g4 Kf8 43.Qd7 Kg8 44.Qe7 Kh8 45.Qf7 h5 46.gxh5 g4 47.h6 g3 48.Og7#] **34...Qf3 35.Qd5+ Kg7 [D]**



[35...Qf7 is not much help 36.Qxe5 Qd7 37.Rd4 Qc8 38.Qf6 Qc1+ 39.Kg2 Qc8 40.Rd8+] **1-0**

Round: 4

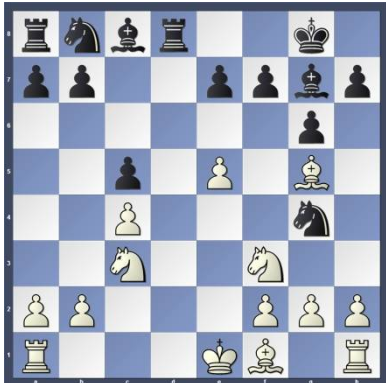
Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Joe Mucerino (2073)

Black: Mike O` Gara (1743)

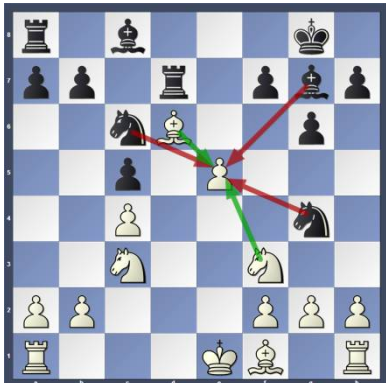
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[E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3] **1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 O-O 6.Bg5 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.e5 Ng4 [D]**



(Joe - Slightly better is 9...Nfd7, guarding the c5 pawn.) **10.Bxe7 Rd7 11.Bd6?**

(Joe - This wastes a tempo. I was trying to restrict black's pieces.) **11...Nc6 [D]**



[e5 becomes the focus of attention.]

12.Bxc5 Ncxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5

14.Nd5 [Here comes the goal-getter.] b6

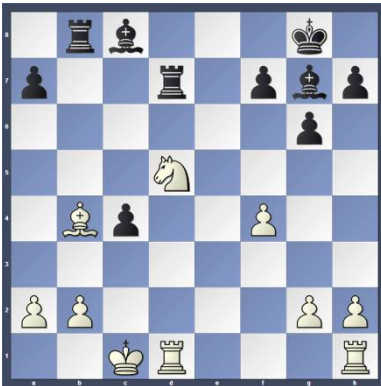
15.Bb4 b5 [D]



(Joe - Not bad, but perhaps black should just develop with 15...Bb7.). **16.f4?** (Joe - I should castle queenside.) [Better is 16.0-0-0!? Is noteworthy 16...a5 17.Bd2 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Nb6] **16...Nxc4** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **17.Bxc4**

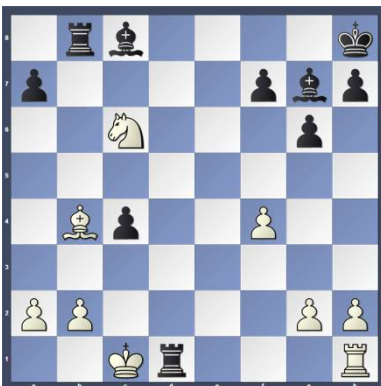
bxc4 [Black has the pair of bishops.][17...Bxb2!? 18.Bxb5 Rxd5] **18.0-0-0 Rb8 [D]**



(Joe - This gives white some good tactical possibilities.) [18...Kh8!?!= must be considered.] **19.Ne7+** (Joe - Even better is 19.Rhe1.) **19...Kh8**

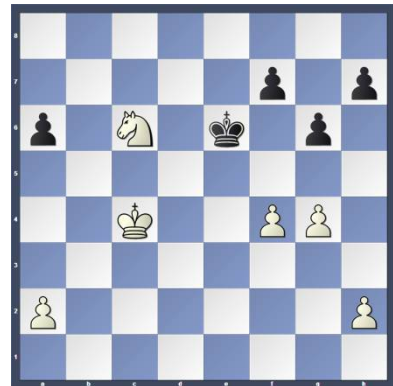
20.Nc6? (Joe - This throws away white's advantage. White had to capture the bishop.) [Better is 20.Nxc8 Rd3 21.Rxd3 cxd3 22.Bc3 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Rxc8 24.Kd2]

20...Rxd1+?? [D]

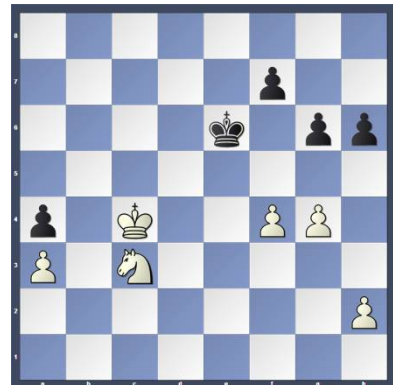


(Joe - Black simply had to play 20...Rb6. Now the rest of the game is a home run for white.). [An unfortunate move that relinquishes the win.] [Better is 20...Rb6 was necessary 21.Rxd7 Bxd7] **21.Rxd1 Bg4 22.Nxb8 Bxd1 23.Kxd1 Bxb2** [23...Bd4 doesn't do any good 24.Nc6 Bg1 25.Bc3+ Kg8 26.h3] **24.Kc2 Bd4** [24...Bg7 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 25.Nc6 a6 26.Bc3] **25.Bc3 Bxc3** [25...Bg7 what else? 26.Nc6 a6] **26.Kxc3 Kg7 27.Kxc4 Kf6 28.g4** [28.Nc6 makes it even easier for White 28...a6 29.a4 Ke6] **28...Ke6** [28...h5 cannot change destiny 29.gxh5 gxh5 30.Nc6] **29.Nc6 a6 [D]** (Next col.) **30.Nb4 a5 31.Nc6 a4 32.Nd4+ Kd6 33.a3 h6** [33...Ke7 the last chance for counterplay.] **34.Nb5+ Ke6 35.Nc3 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 29...a6 (From prev. col.)



Position after 35.Nc3 (From prev. col.)



[35.Nc3 Ke7 36.Nxa4] **1-0**

Round: 5

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

White: Alex MacFarlane (1848)

Black: Joe Mucerino (2064)

Date: 2/5/2016

[A11: English Opening: 1...c6] **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.e3 c6 4.b3 Nf6 5.Bb2 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Nc3 0-0 [D]**



8.Be2 Re8 9.Rg1 e5 10.g4 Nc5 11.g5 Nfe4 12.d3? [D] (p.5) (Joe - This pawn is a bit weak.) **12...Nxc3 13.Bxc3 e4** (Joe - 13...d4 is slightly better, but a lot more complicated!) **14.Nd4 Bxh2 15.Rh1 Be5** [15...Nxd3+?! 16.Bxd3 exd3 (Text cont. p.5)]

Position after 12.d3? (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) 17.Qxd3 dxc4 18.bxc4 15...Qxg5?! 16.0-0-0 exd3 17.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 18.Qxd3 dxc4 19.Qc2] 16.0-0-0 Nxd3+? [D]



(Joe - Throwing away all of black's advantage. There was no hurry for exchanges. The immediate 16...g6 is better.)

[Better is 16...g6] 17.Bxd3 exd3 18.Qxd3 g6 19.f4 Bg7 20.Nc2? (Joe - At the board, I was afraid of 20.Nxc6! It's not quite as devastating as I thought. Stockfish 7 (my new engine) gives 20.Nxc6 Bf5 21.Qxf5 gxf5 22.Nxd8 Bxc3 23.Nxb7 with a minimal edge.) [Better is 20.Nxc6!? is an interesting idea 20...Qb6 21.Ne5=] 20...Bf5 21.Qd2 Be4 (Joe - Hitting the h1 square to disrupt the rooks.) 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qd4+?! (Joe - Stockfish really did not like this move. Although the queen is on a nice central square, it does not coordinate with the rooks.) 23...Kg8 24.Rh4 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) 24...Qe7 (Joe - 24...Qa5 or 24...dxc5 were better.) 25.Rd2 Bf3? (Joe - The machine really does not like this move. It wants to play 25...c5 followed by 26...h5 27.gxh5. I did not want to worry about mate on g7, so I played the text.) [25...c5!? 26.Qa1 h5 27.gxh6 d4] 26.cxd5 cxd5 27.Rdh2 Bh5? (Joe - Again, the computer does not like this plan, and says the position is equal!) 28.Qxd5? (Joe - A poisoned pawn. Black now gains time against the queen.) [Better is 28.Nb4!? should be investigated more closely 28...Rac8+ 29.Kb2=] 28...Rac8 29.Kb2 Red8 30.Qg2? [D]



[The position is going down the drain]

(Joe - The last chance was 30.Qe5.)

[Better is 30.Qe5 Qxe5+ 31.fxe5]

30...Qc5 31.Qe4 [31.f5 Bd1 32.Qxb7 Qc3+ 33.Ka3 Qa5+ 34.Ra4 Qc5+ 35.Qb4 Bxc2 36.Qxc5 Rxc5 37.f6] 31...Qc3+ 32.Ka3 Rc5 33.Qb4 Ra5+ [D]



[33...Ra5+ 34.Qxa5 Qxa5+ 35.Kb2 Rd3] 0-1

Round: 6

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

White: Joe Mucerino (2064)

Black: Bill Campion (1577)

Date: 2/12/2016

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [D05: Colle System with ...e6] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.f4 c4 [D]



(Joe - Taking the tension out of the center does not seem like a good idea, although I could not find a way to exploit it right away.) 8.a4 a6 9.Be2 e6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Bf3 Nxe5? (Joe - This loses a pawn.) 12.fxe5 Nd7 13.Nxc4 dxc4 [D]



(Joe - Compounding the previous error. Now white's e pawn is free to move forward.) [Better is 13...0-0!?±] 14.Bxb7 Ra7 15.Be4 0-0 16.Qe2 Rc7 17.Bd2 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rf3 f6 20.exf6 [20.Ra8!? Rc8 21.Ra6 fxe5 22.Rxe6 Nf6] 20...Nxf6 21.Bc2 Bd6 22.Rh3 Rcf7 23.Rf1 Qd7 24.e4 e5 25.Rf5?? [D]



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(Cont. from p.5) (Joe - The game turns here. I realized that this was a critical position, and tried to play a safe, yet somewhat aggressive, move. White should just build up the pressure with 25.Rhf3.) [25.Rhf3!?] **25...Qa7** (Joe - Good move, but even stronger was 25...g6 26.Rff3 exd4 27.cxd4 Bc7 with an edge for black.) [25...g6 26.Rff3 exd4 27.cxd4 Bb8] **26.Be3 g6?** (Joe - Poor timing. Simply 26...Qa1+ and black regains his pawn.) [26...Qa1+ 27.Qd1 Qxd1+ (27...Qxb2? doesn't lead to anything significant 28.dxe5 Bxe5 29.Rxe5) 28.Bxd1 g6] **27.dxe5 Qa1+ 28.Rf1 Qxb2 29.exf6 [D]**



(Joe - Stockfish thought this was really bad, and preferred taking the bishop. I wanted to play it safe, and keep the f-file closed.) [Better is 29.exd6 nails it down 29...Qxc3 30.Qd1] **29...Qxc3 30.Qd2?** [Better is 30.Bg5 Qe5 31.Bh4] **30...Qa3? [D]**



[Black plans b4] (Joe - Black can still put up resistance after 30...Qxd2 and 31...Rxf6.) [Better is 30...Qxd2 would be a reprieve 31.Bxd2 Rxf6 32.Rxf6 Rxf6] **31.Bd4 Rd8** [31...Qb4 is one last hope 32.Qg5 Be5 33.Qxe5 Qa5] **32.Rxa3 Bxa3 33.Qa5 b4 34.Qxd8+ [D]** (Next col.) [34.Qxd8+ Rf8 35.f7#] **1-0**

Round: 5

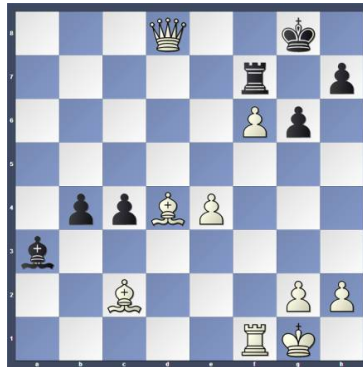
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White: Olin Mastin (1569)

Black: Greg Sulat (1469)

Date: 2/5/2016 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 34.Qxd8+ (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.)

[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 e5 7.e4 Nc6 8.Re1 h6 9.Nf1 [D]**



9...Be6 10.Bd2 Qd7 11.c3 Bh3 12.d4 [D]



12...Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Nh5 14.d5 Ne7 15.c4 f5 16.exf5 Qxf5

[White king safety dropped.] (Olin - A

fact of which I was well aware, but

became careless later!) **17.Ne3 [D]**

(Next col.) **17...Qf7 18.Ng4** [White

threatens to win material: Ng4xh6]

18...Kh7 [D] (Next col.) **19.Qc2??**

[Instead of simply winning the game.]

[Better is 19.Qe2= would save the

game] (Olin - This was definitely my

first choice. I knew that I had to play

19.Qe2. So what went wrong? I

thought about it too much! I thought

the queen would be better placed on

c2, completely forgetting about the

(Text cont. next col.)

Position after 17.Ne3 (From prev. col.)



Position after 18...Kh7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) danger Black's queen was menacing the f3 square!

19...Qxf3+! [D]



(Olin - Black resigns. The knight on g4 also goes. Playing one piece down is difficult, but two down is next to impossible!) [19...Qxf3+ 20.Kg1 Qxg4] **0-1**

This concludes this issue. More Winter Robin and other games in next issue.

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