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## Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Winter 2018, Part 2

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This issue, for the most part, features 2018 Winter Robin 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 2018

#### Winter Robin Tournament:

##### Round: 3

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

White: Bill Champion (1434)

Black: Knox Bickford (1380)

Date: 1/19/2018

[D03:1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bg5, including Torre Attack with early ...d5] 1.d4 d5

2.Bg5 Nd7 3.Nf3 Ngf6 4.e3 e6

5.Nbd2 Be7 6.Bd3 O-O 7.c3 Re8

8.Qc2 g6 9.0-0-0 [D]



9...Nb6 10.Ne5 Bd7 11.Ndf3 [D]



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(Cont. from prev.col.) 11...Ng4??

[Better is 11...Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7

13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Qxe4

c6±] 12.Bxe7+- Qxe7 13.Nxg4

Rac8 14.h4 c5 15.h5 c4 16.Be2

[Better is 16.hxg6 and White can celebrate victory

16...f5 17.Bxf5 exf5

18.Rxh7 fxg4 19.Rxe7 Rxe7 20.Ne5+-]

16...Ba4 17.b3 [Better is 17.Od2

seems even better 17...Bxd1

18.Bxd1+-] 17...Qa3+ 18.Qb2 [D]



Qxb2+ 19.Kxb2 cxb3 20.Nf6+

Kg7 21.Nxe8+ Kf8 [21...Bxe8 what else? 22.axb3 gxh5 23.Rxh5 f6+-]

22.Nd6 Rc7 [22...Rc6 doesn't change anything anymore 23.Nxb7

bxa2 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Ra1+-]

23.axb3 Bd7 24.hxg6 [D]



[24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Rh7+-] 1-0

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##### Round: 2

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

White: Terance Hall (1836)

Black: Anthony Durkin (1738)

Date: 1/12/2018

[D15: Slav Defense: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4] 1.d4

d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6

[D]



(Terance - The a6 Slav!) 5.e3

(Terance - One of the main lines, other moves are c5, a4, and cxd4.)

5...Bg4 (Terance - More common is Bf5.) 6.h3 (Terance - Putting the "?"

to the Bishop intentions I think is the most practical. I was following the advice of a recent game by GM Wesley So who played this and followed it up with g4.] 6...Bh5 (Terance - The Strongest chess engines like Bxf3

here.) 7.g4 [D]



(Terance - This is considered the strongest move with a nice advantage. Normally I would not like to extend my Kingside pawns creating weaknesses, but it is about gaining space on the kingside (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) and I was thinking about the Wesley So game (Highlighted in a recent past Chess Life magazine.) **7...Bg6 8.a4 [D]**



(Terance - Here is a case of loss of confidence, as I knew I should have followed up with Ne5 which was best to keep an advantage. I had mixed feelings about starting an offensive on the Queenside and prevent b5. I was indecisive and played a4 which equalizes the game.) **8...e6 9.Qb3 Qc7 [D]**



[Stockfish: 9...Nbd7 10.Qxb7?! Only leads to a well-known draw. 10...Rb8 11.Qxa6 Ra8 12.Qxc6 Rc8 13.Qb7 Rb8 14.Qa6 Ra8 15.Qb5 Rb8 16.Qa6] **10.Ne5** (Terance - Now or never.) **10...a5 [D]**



(Terance - I thought this was a great move which keeps Black's options open.) **11.Bg2 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance - I thought this was necessary as after Nxc6 h1 Rook is pinned and Black has shot like Nxc6! In addition, White cannot take back as Rxh1 loses.) (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 11.Bg2** (From prev. col.)

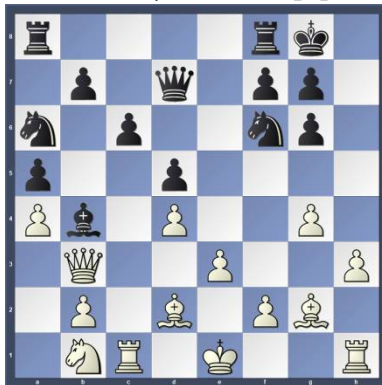


(Cont. from prev. col.) [Stockfish: 11.h4 Bb4 12.Rh3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nbd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.h5 Be4 16.f3 Bd5 17.e4 Bxc4, etc...] **11...Bb4** [An ideal square for the black bishop.]

**12.Nxc6 hxc6 13.cxd5** (Terance - Trying to implement my plan of opening the c file and put a Rook there to harass the Queen and d5 for an advantage.) **13...exd5 [D]**



(Terance - Out of the choices Black had I think this is best in my opinion. Bxc3?! would be bad as after bxc3 White can play Ba3 and have pressure down the b file.) **14.Bd2 0-0 15.Rc1 Qd7** (Terance - Qe7 was slightly better.) **16.Nb1** (Terance - Qd1 was best; Nb1 gives Black the initiative now.) **16...Na6 [D]**

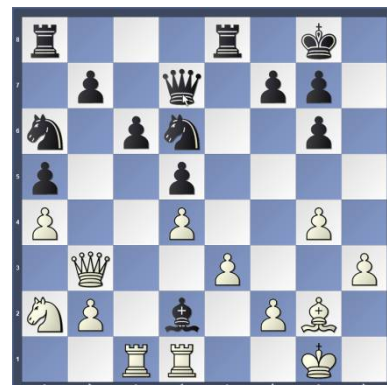


(Terance - Black is letting White make the (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) decision to trade his bad Bishop and allow Nb4.] **17.0-0** (Terance - I thought it safe now to castle now that black has castled.) **17...Rfe8 18.Rfd1** (Terance - I wanted to shore up d2 if the Knight came to e4, but Bc3 was better.) **18...Ne4 [D]**



(Terance - Best.) **19.Nc3** (Terance - Bxe4 was slightly better. I figured I rather have an exchange where my Knight was on a better square and threaten to take on e4.) [Stockfish: 19.Bxe4 Rxe4 20.Bxb4 Nxb4 21.Nd2 Ree8 22.Rf1 b6 23.Qd1 Rac8 24.Rc3 c5, etc...] **19...Nd6** (Terance - I didn't expect this as I thought Black was going to take on d2 or f5 (which I feared the whole game) which was the engines top 2 moves. Nd6 is a fine move in that it keeps a slight advantage.) [Stockfish: 19...f5 20.Be1 Nd6 21.Rd3 Nc4 22.Rdd1 Qf7 23.Qc2 Nd6 24.b3 g5, etc...] **20.Na2?!** (Terance - Holding out with Rc2 was best as now Black gets a nice advantage with taking on d2 and playing f5.) [Stockfish: 20.Rc2 Re6 21.Bc1 Rae8 22.Re2 Qd8 23.f3 f5 24.Rf1 f4 25.e4 g5 26.Rd1 Nf7, etc...] **20...Bxd2! [D]**

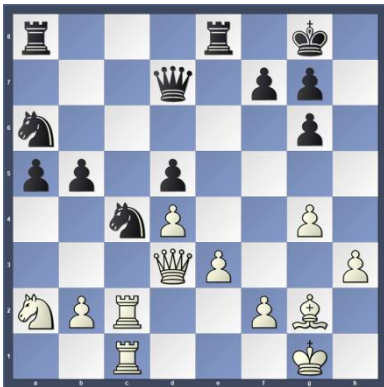


**21.Rxd2 Nc4** (Terance - Now was the time to play f5 with a nice advantage.) **22.Rdc2** (Terance - I wanted to play Re2 but I didn't like having an unprotected piece, but this was slightly better.) **22...b5 [D]** (p.3) (Terance - Engines like Nd6 but f5 is very interesting (Text cont. p.3) Page 2 of 8

Position after 22...b5 (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) as White can sac the Rook on c4 with compensation driving the d pawn down and dominating the center (see the analysis). b5 I think equals the game with a very slight initiative to White now.] 23.axb5 (Terance - I played this as it weakens the d5 pawn.) 23...cxb5 24.Qd3 [D]



(Terance - I felt this to be the strongest as it eyes f5 but it allows me to play b3 to push the Knight out.] 24...Nb4?! (Terance - Now White has a nice advantage.) [24...a4!?= deserves consideration] 25.Nxb4± axb4 26.b3 Ra3 27.Rb1 Nd6? [D]

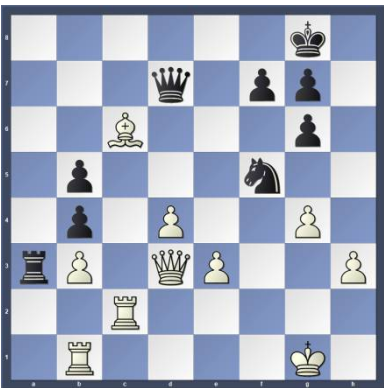


(Terance - With this move White gets a decisive advantage. Unbelievably, Ra6 is the move as it would be too dangerous to take the Knight on c4 and create two past pawns. This would leave White with a nice advantage, but Black could play on.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 27...Ra6!?!] 28.Bxd5 Nf5?? [D]



[The final mistake, not that it matters anymore] [28...Nc4 29.Bxc4 bxc4 30.Rxc4 Qd5+~] 29.Bc6 (Terance - This nails it!) 29...Rxe3 30.fxe3 [D]



[30.fxe3 Qe6 31.gxf5 gxf5 32.d5 Qg6+ 33.Rg2+~] 1-0

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### Round: 2

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

White: Alexander Macfarlane (1866)

Black: Craig Gerland (1595)

Date: 1/12/2018

[B38: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7 and 7...0-0] 1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 g6 6.e4 [D]



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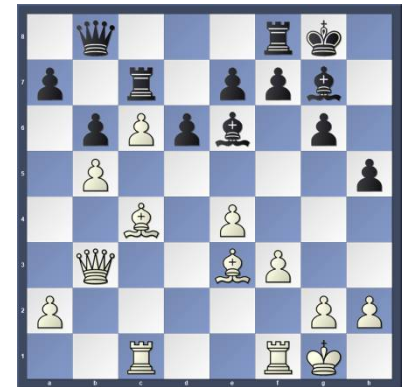
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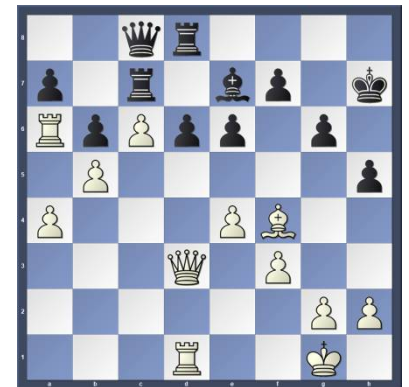
10...Ne5 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.b4 b6 13.b5 Rc8 14.Qb3 Rc7 15.Nd5 [D]



15...Nxd5 16.cxd5 Qb8 17.Nc6 Nxc6 18.dxc6 Be6 19.Bc4 [D]



19...Bxc4 20.Rxc4 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 Kh7 22.Ra4 e6 23.Rd1 Bf8 24.Ra6 Rd8 25.Bf4 Be7 26.a4 Qc8 27.Qd3 [D]

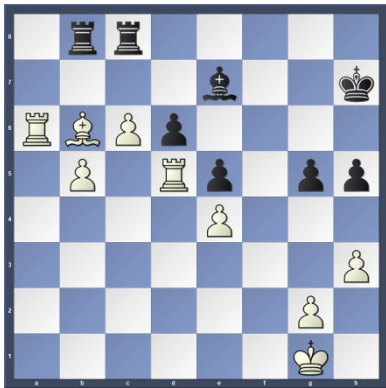


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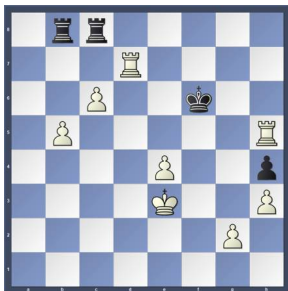
(Cont. from p.3) **27...e5?** [27...d5 28.Bxc7 Qxc7 29.exd5 Bc5+ 30.Kh1 exd5+--] **28.Be3 f5** [28...h4 cannot change destiny 29.a5 bxa5 30.Rxa5+--] **29.h3** [29.a5!? keeps an even firmer grip 29...fxe4 30.fxe4 bxa5 31.Bxa7 Rf8+--] **29...fxe4 30.fxe4 Qe6 [D]**



[30...d5 a last effort to resist the inevitable 31.exd5 Bd6+--] **31.Qd5 Qxd5** **32.Rxd5 g5** [32...Rdc8+-- is the last straw] **33.a5 Rb8** [33...Rf8 does not improve anything 34.axb6 axb6 35.Bxb6+--] **34.axb6 axb6 35.Bxb6 Rcc8 [D]**



[Komodo 11: 36.Ra7 Rxb6 37.Rxe7+ Kg8 38.Rd7 Kf8 39.R7xd6 Ke8 40.Rxe5+ Kf7 41.Rxg5 h4 42.Kf2 Rbb8 43.Ke3 Ke7 44.Rd7+ Kf6 45.Rh5] [D]



(Analysis Diagram)

[45...Rxb5 46.Rxb5 Rxc6 47.Kf4 Kg6 48.Rbd5 Re6 49.e5 Kh5 50.Rh7+ Kg6 51.Rxh4] **1-0**

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## Round: 2

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

**White: Olin Mastin (1500)**  
**Black: Bill Champion (1434)**  
**Date: 1/12/2018**

[D02: 1 d4 d5 2.Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4]

**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bg4**  
**4.e3 c5 5.c3 a6 6.Be2 [D]**



**6...Nh5 7.Bg3 Nhg3 8.hxg3** [Black has the pair of bishops] **8...Nd7**  
**9.Nbd2 g6 10.Rh4 [D]**



**10...Nf6 11.Ng5 [D]**



[The backward pawn on h7 becomes a target] **11...Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qb6**  
**13.Ndf3 h6** [Better is 13...Bg7!?! = is noteworthy] **14.Ne5 [D]** (Next col.)  
**14...Bg7 15.Ngxf7 Rh7?** [Better is 15...Rf8!? 16.Nxh6 Ne4±] **16.0-0-0 Ne4 17.Qf3 Bf6 18.Rxh6 [D]** (Next col.)  
**18...Rxh6 19.Nxh6 0-0-0 20.Nhf7 Rf8 21.Qg4+ e6**  
**22.Oxg6 Nxf2** (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 14.Ne5** (From prev. col.)



**Position after 18.Rxh6** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [22...Bxe5 23.dxe5 Qc7 24.Nd6+ Nxd6 25.Qxe6+ Kb8 26.exd6+--] **23.Rf1 [D]**



[Better is 23.dxc5 it becomes clear that White will call all the shots 23...Qxc5 24.Qxf6 Nxd1 25.Qxe6+ Kc7 26.Nd7 Qxe3+ 27.Qxe3 Nxe3 28.Nxf8+--] **23...Nd3+** [23...Bxe5 24.Rxf2 Bc7+--] **24.Nxd3 [D]**



[24.Nxd3 Be7 25.Nf4+--] **1-0**  
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## Round: 2

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

**White: Joseph Mucerino (2040)**

**Black: Robert Kampia (1770)**

**Date: 1/12/2018**

[D04: Colle System] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6

3.e3 Bg4 4.c4 [D]



(Joe - When black plays a move such as 3...Bg4, it leaves his b-pawn unprotected. White tries to attack it ASAP.)

4...e6 (Joe - Equally as good is 4...c6.)

5.Qb3 Oc8 [D]



(Joe - This is better than 5...b6 which weakens some squares.)

6.Nc3 (Joe - Putting pressure on d5.)

6...Bxf3 7.gxf3 c6 8.Bd2 g6 9.Rc1 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - White lines up the rook to black's queen.)

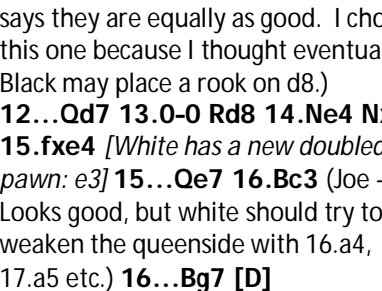
9...Nbd7 10.Bh3 [D]



(Joe - White lines up the bishop to black's queen.) 10...dxc4 11.Qxc4 Nb6 12.Qb3 (Joe - I was deciding between this and 12.Qd3. The computer says they are equally as good. I chose this one because I thought eventually Black may place a rook on d8.)

12...Qd7 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Ne4 Nxe4

15.fxex4 [White has a new doubled pawn: e3] 15...Qe7 16.Bc3 (Joe - Looks good, but white should try to weaken the queenside with 16.a4, 17.a5 etc.) 16...Bg7 [D]



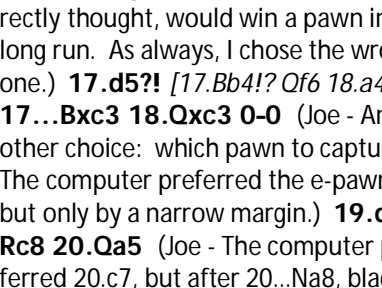
(Joe - Now white has two options. Either 17.Bb4, trying to prevent black from castling, or 17.d5, which, I incorrectly thought, would win a pawn in the long run. As always, I chose the wrong one.) 17.d5?! [17.Bb4!?! Qf6 18.a4±]

17...Bxc3 18.Qxc3 0-0 (Joe - Another choice: which pawn to capture? The computer preferred the e-pawn, but only by a narrow margin.) 19.dxc6 Rc8 20.Qa5 (Joe - The computer preferred 20.c7, but after 20...Na8, black is going to round up the pawn anyway.) 20...bxc6 [D] (Next col.) (Joe - Black can capture back with the rook. If 20...Rxc6 21.Qxa7 Ra8.) 21.Rc3 Rc7 22.Rfc1 Rfc8 (Joe - The computer says this is dead equal, 0.00. I thought at the time that I was slightly better (Text cont. next col.)



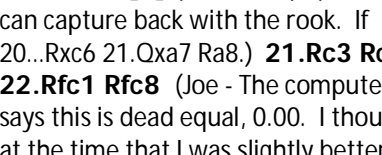
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24.Bg2 Na4 25.Qd6?! [D]



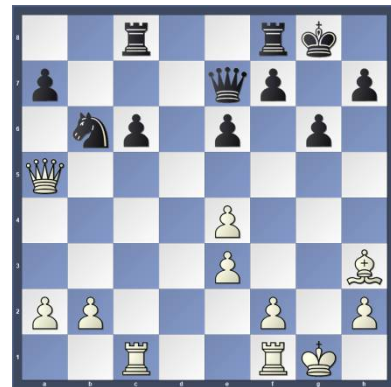
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24.Bg2 Na4 25.Qd6?! [D]



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**Position after 20...bxc6 (From prev. col.)**



(Cont. from prev. col.) because I had some chances to win the isolated pawn. One idea was 23.Bf1 and 24.Ba6. However, after 23.Bf1 c5 24.Ba6 Qg5+ 25.Kh1 Rd8 26.Rxc5 Rxc5 27.Qxc5 Rd1+ and black wins the queen. I didn't see that exact line at the board, but I did see that my back rank was a bit suspect.) (Joe - Basically any reasonable move by white keeps equality. The computer recommends 23.Rc5. However, I played...) 23.Qc5?? (Joe - Whoops! I really wanted to blockade the c-pawn and keep it on the same colored square as my bishop. However, I forgot that...) [Better is 23.Rc5= was much better] 23...Qh4+- [D]

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23...Qh4+- [D]

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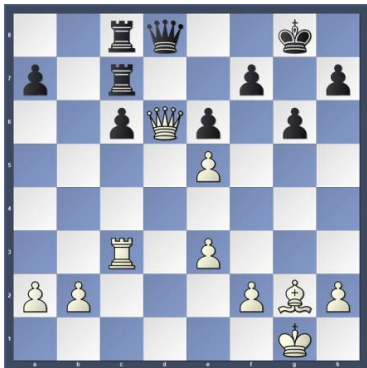
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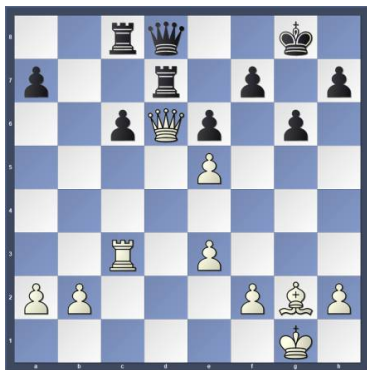


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(Cont. from p.5) [Just waiting for the end.] [25.Qc4 Nxc3 26.Qxc3-+] 25...Nxc3 26.Rxc3 Qd8 27.e5?? [D]



(Joe - This loses instantly, although Black should win in the long run anyway. Best was 27.Rd3 and after the trade of queens, struggle on the exchange down.) [27.Qxd8+ Rxd8 28.a3-+] 27...Rd7 [D]



(Joe - White must lose the queen. If 28.Qb4, for example, 28...Rd1+ 29.Bf1 Qg5+ will mate shortly.) [27...Rd7 28.Rxc6 Rxd6 29.exd6 Rxc6 30.Bxc6 Qxd6-+] 0-1

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### Round: 3

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

**White: Dennis Baluk (1999)**  
**Black: Joseph Mucerino (2040)**  
**Date: 1/19/2018**

[A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation] 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - Normally I play 5...Bc5, but I decided to vary the treatment.) 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Re8 9.Be2 g5 [D]



(Joe - Not a pretty move, but Black gains a slight advantage.) 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Rc1 Qf6? 12.0-0? [D]



(Joe - We both missed the point that after 12.Ndb5! Ba5 white can still play 12.Nxc7 Bxc7. I saw that 13.Bxc7?? loses to 13...Oxf2 mate, but missed that white can play 13.Nxe4 first and only then play 14.Bxc7.) [Better is 12.Ndb5!? d6 13.Nxc7±] 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxg3 [D]



14.hxg3 (Joe - Stronger is 14.fxg3, when white has follow moves such as Nf5 and Bh5.) 14...d6?! (Joe - This should lose a pawn. The computer's top choice is 14...Rb8.) 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bf3 d5 17.Qa4 g4 18.Be2? [D] (Next col.)

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Position after 18.Be2? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - It's safe to chop the pawn on d5, which would leave white with a huge edge. Now slowly but surely white's advantage diminishes and the game peters out into a draw.) 18...Bf5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Rfd1 c6 21.Rd4 h5 22.c4 [D]



26.Qf4 Be4 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Qc6 Qf5 25.Qh6 Re6 [D]



26.Qf4 Qg6 27.Qc7 Qf5 28.Qf4 Qg6 29.Qc7 Qf5 30.Qf4 [D]



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### Round: 3

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

**White: Michael O'Gara (1677)**

**Black: Alexander MacFarlane (1863)**

**Date: 1/19/2018**

[D08: Albin Counter Gambit] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nge7 [Last book move] 6.e3** (Mike - I confused my Albin gambit prep with the Budapest and allowed some opportunities in the opening.) [6.g3 Ng6-] **6...Ng6 7.a3 [D]**



**7...Nxf4 8.exf4± f6 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Qd7 12.Qh5+ [D]**



(Mike - I wanted to go into this end game confident in the extra pawn and King side majority, despite the passed pawn on d4.) **12...Qf7 13.Qxf7+ Kxf7 14.exf6 Re8+ 15.Kd1** (Mike - Preserving d2 for the Knight.) **15...gxf6 16.Nd2 a5 17.Kc2 Bd6 18.g3 h6 19.Rae1 b6 20.Ne4 [D]** (Next col.) (Mike - Black's pieces are having a hard time coordinating.) [20.Rxe8 might be the shorter path 20...Kxe8 21.Nf3 Bc5+-] **20...Bf8 21.Re2** [Better is 21.c5!? keeps an even firmer grip.] (Text cont. next col.)

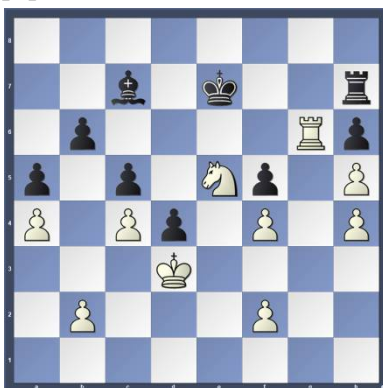
**Position after 20.Ne4** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [21...Rd8 22.cxb6 cxb6 23.Bc4+ Kg6 24.Nxf6 d3+ 25.Kd2 Nd4+-] **21...f5 22.Nd2 Rxe2 23.Bxe2 Nd8 24.Bh5+ Kf6 25.Nf3 Ne6 26.Rd1** [Better is 26.Ne5!+-] **26...Ng7 [D]**



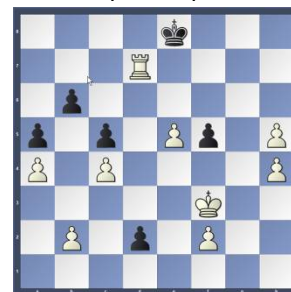
(Mike - Oops! Somewhat missed all the Knight activity while try to grab pawns.) **27.g4 Nxe5 28.gxe5 c5?** [Better is 28...Rg8 would keep Black alive] **29.Rg1 Bd6 30.Rg6+ Ke7 31.Ne5 Rh7 32.Kd3 Bc7 33.h4** [33.Rc6 Bd8+-] **33...Bd6 34.a4 Bc7 [D]**



(Mike - Draw offered by Black. Nearly accepted even though White has a better position. Finally found a reasonable plan forward.) **35.Ke2 Bd6 36.Kf3 Bc7 37.Nc6+** [37.Rc6 Bd8+-] **37...Kf7** (Mike - On Ke8, I was considered offering the draw back, (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) Fritz comes up with this continuation for White:

**37...Ke8 38.Rf6 d3 39.Ne5 Bxe5 40.fxe5 Rd7 41.Rxh6** If Black pushes too soon: **41...d2 42.Rh8+ Ke7 43.Rh7+ Ke8 44.Rxd7** White is in time to stop the promoting pawn and Black cannot stop both White's passed pawns.) [D]



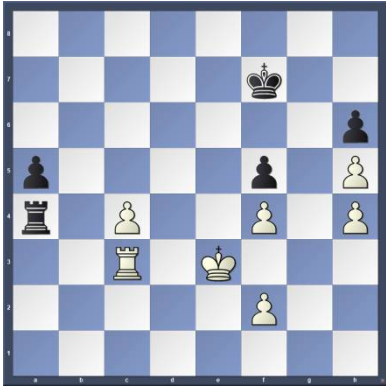
(Analysis Diagram)

**38.Na7 Rh8?** [Better is 38...d3 39.Ke3 Rg7+-] **39.Nb5 Bb8 40.Nd6+ [D]**

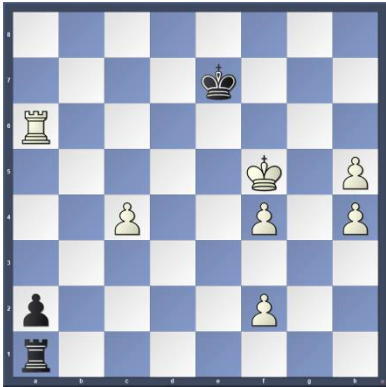


[Better is 40.Rxb6] (Mike - Secures the win, just did not see the Knight able to retreat to c3 if Rd8 and d3 along with the Black Bishop requiring the protection of the Rook. Decided not to get into any troublesome complications and just be up two pawns.) [40...d3 (40...Rd8 41.Rxh6 d3 42.Rb6 d2 43.Nc3 Bc7 44.Rb7 Rd7 45.Ke2) 41.Nd6+ Bxd6 42.Rxd6+-] **40...Bxd6 41.Rxd6 Re8?** [Better is 41...Rb8+-] **42.Rxb6 d3** [42...Rd8 43.Ke2 d3+ 44.Kd2+-] **43.Rd6 Re4 44.Rxd3 Rxc4 45.b3** [45.Rd7+ seems even better 45...Kg8 46.Rd5 Rxa4 47.Rxc5 Rb4 48.Rxa5 Rb3+ 49.Kg2 Rxb2 50.Rxf5 Kg7+-] **45...Rb4 46.Rc3 c4? 47.bxc4 Rxa4 48.Ke3 [D]** (p.8) [48.c5 makes it even easier for White 48...Rb4 49.c6 Rb8+-] **48...Ke7 49.Kd4 Kd6 50.Rg3 Ra1 51.Rg6+ Ke7 52.Rxh6 a4 53.Ra6 a3 54.Ke5** [54.h6 and White can already relax 54...Kf7 55.Ke5 a2 56.Kxf5 Kg8+-] **54...a2 55.Kxf5 [D]** (p.8) (Mike - With the King well hidden, there are no Rook checks followed by a1Q issues.) **55...Kf7 56.h6 Rh1 57.Rxa2 Rxh4 58.Ra7+** (Text cont. p.8)

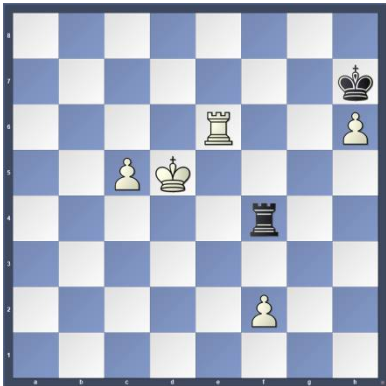
Position after 48.Ke3 (From p.7)



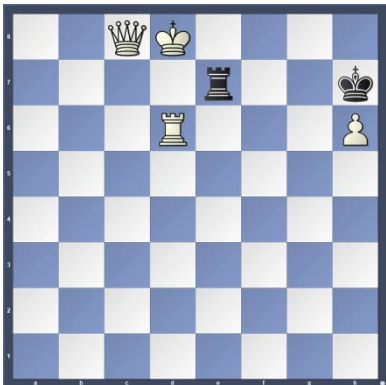
Position after 55.Kxf5 (From p.7)



(Cont. from p.7) [Better is 58.Kg5 secures the point 58...Rh2 59.Ra8 Ke7+–] 58...Kg8 59.Rg7+ Kh8 60.Rg6 Kh7 61.Re6 Rh5+ 62.Ke4 Rc5 63.Kd4 Rf5 64.c5 Rxf4+ 65.Kd5 [D]

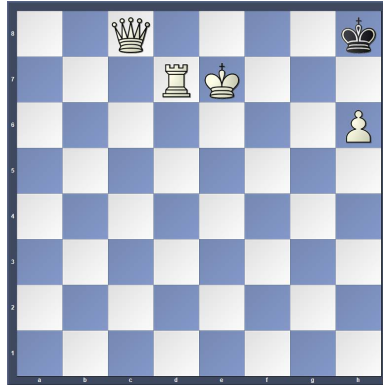


65...Rxf2 66.Kd6 Rd2+ 67.Kc7 Rc2 68.c6 Rd2 69.Rd6 Ra2 70.Kd7 Ra7+ 71.c7 Rb7 72.Kd8 Ra7 73.c8Q Re7 [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Mike - One last attempt for a stalemate if Kxe7?? Fritz announces mate, but getting well into the 5th hour of the game, didn't feel like calculating too much.) 74.Rd7 [74.Qf5+ Kg8 75.Kxe7 Kh8 76.Rd8#] 74...Kh8 75.Kxe7+ [D]



(Mike - Missed a chance to provide potential mate on a King move.) [75.Rxe7 Kg8 76.Kd7#] 1-0

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Alex MacFarlane vs. Michael O' Gara, Club VP, with Bob Kampa looking on.



Joseph Mucerino, Club President, in intense concentration in his game. Dennis Baluk.

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 9:00 PM, "Starbucks," 10 North Main Street, and / or "Nonno's Italian Coffee Parlor," 6 E. State St., 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. (Temporarily closed during Lenten Season)

**Weekdays:**

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

**Friday Mornings:**

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

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Mike O'Gara vs. Alex MacFarlane. Joe Mucerino in background.