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This issue will be devoted to more games played in the NPCC 2013 Membership Drive Tournament. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Round: 3

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

White: Doug Kern (1919)

Black: Janos Fucsko (1770)

Date: 9/20/2013

[B22: Sicilian: 2 c3] **1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Bf5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 c4 [D]**

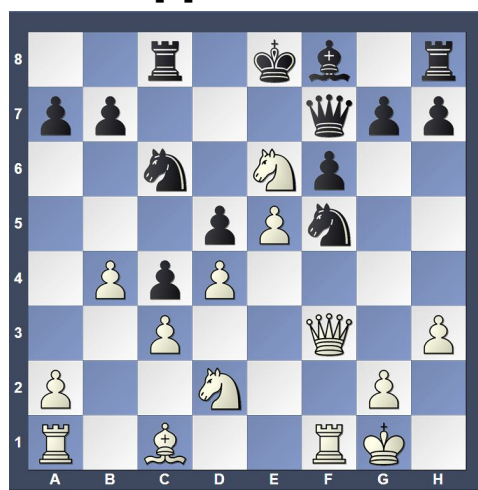


(This move seems anti-positional, but it does control central light squares.) **7.Qg3 Qd7 8.Ne2 f6 9.f4 Nh6 10.0-0 Qf5 11.Qf3 [D]**

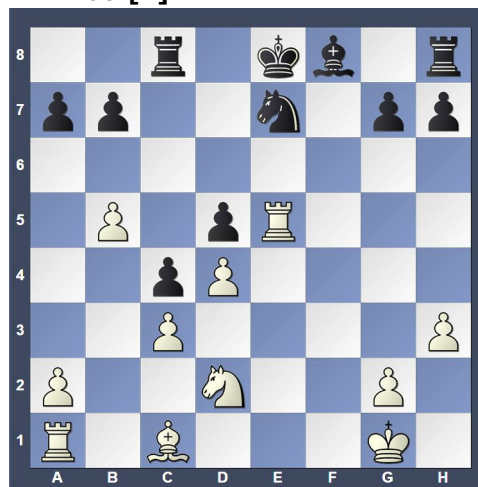


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(Cont. from prev. column) (This is my time to play 11.b3 and develop my bishop, but I felt I should play on the kingside.) **11...e6 12.h3 Qg6 13.b3 Na5 [13...0-0-0 14.bxc4 dxc4 15.Nd2] 14.Nd2 Rc8 15.b4** (Not a good move, but I wanted to open the kingside and felt I should close the queenside first.) *[15.exf6!? Nf5 16.fxg7 Bxg7 17.Qf2]* **15...Nc6 16.f5 [D]** (This looks like it drops a pawn, but I'm trying to clear f4 for the knight.) **16...Nxf5 17.Nf4 Qf7 18.Nxe6?! [D]**



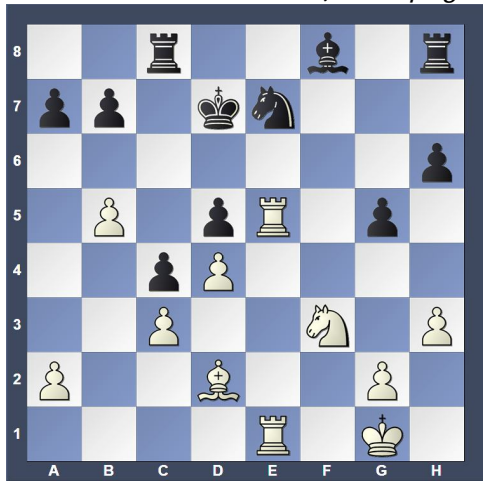
[18.exf6 Qxf6 19.Bb2 Bxb4 20.Nxe6] **18...Qxe6 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.Rxf5 fxe5 21.b5!** *[Less advisable is 21.dxe5 g6 22.Rg5 Be7]* **21...Ne7 [21...g6 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.bxc6 e4 (23...bxc6 24.dxe5 Rb8 25.Ba3; 23...Rxc6 24.dxe5 Rf4 25.Nf3) 24.cxb7 Rb8] 22.Rxe5 [D]**



(White will unravel first and should have the initiative.) **22...Kd7 23.Nf3 h6 24.Bd2 g5 25.Rae1 [D]** (p.2)

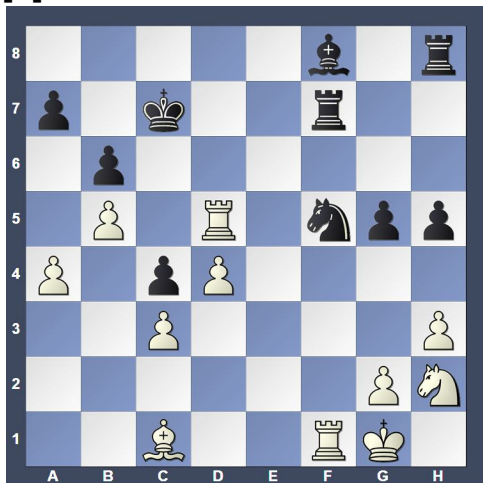
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Position after 25.Rae1 (From page1)



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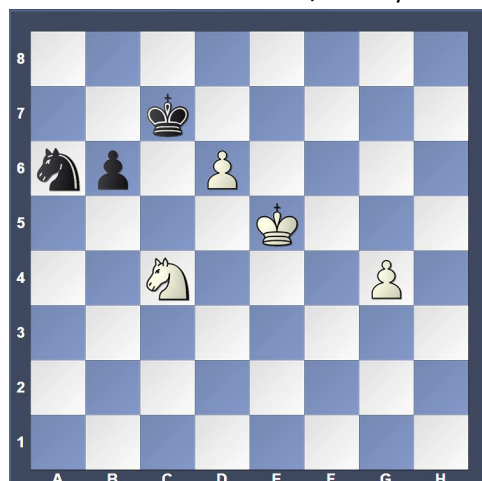
page 1) (We were both in time trouble here, and the moves get sloppy.) 25...Rh7 26.Nh2 [26.Bc1!?] 26...Rf7 27.Ng4 Bg7 28.Re6 Rh8 [28...Nf5 29.R6e2 Rcf8 30.Ne5+ Bxe5 31.Rxe5] 29.a4 Nf5 30.Bc1 b6? [30...h5!? 31.Nf2 Bf6] 31.Ba3 [31.R6e5!?] 31...h5 32.Nh2 Rf6? [32...Bf6 would keep Black alive] 33.R6e5 Rf7 34.Rxd5+ Kc7 35.Rf1 Bf8 36.Bc1 [D]



[Instead of

36.Rdxf5 Rxf5 37.Rxf5 Bxa3 38.Rxg5 Bb2; 36.Rxf5?! Rxf5 37.Rxf5 Bxa3 38.Rxg5 Bb2] 36...Nh6 [36...Nd6 37.Rxf7+ (37.Rxg5?! Rxf1+ 38.Nxf1 Bh6 39.Rxh5 Be3+ 40.Nxe3 Rxh5) 37...Nxf7 38.Bxg5 Nxg5 39.Rxg5] 37.Rxf7+ [37.Bxg5!? and White can already relax 37...Rxf1+ 38.Nxf1 Nf7] 37...Nxf7 38.Rf5 [38.Bxg5 keeps an even firmer grip 38...Nxg5 39.Rxg5 Bh6] 38...Rh7 39.Bxg5 Bd6 40.Bf4 Bxf4 41.Rxf4 Nd6 42.Nf3 Re7 [42...Kd7 43.Kf2] 43.Ne5 Rh7 [43...Kb7 does not solve anything 44.Rh4] 44.Kf2 Re7 45.Rh4 [45.Kf3 might be the shorter path 45...Rg7] 45...Rh7 46.d5 Re7 47.Nxc4 Re4 48.Rxe4 Nxe4+ 49.Ke3 Nxc3 50.Kd4 Nxa4 [50...Ne2+ is one last hope 51.Ke5 h4] 51.g4 hxg4 [51...h4 52.g5 Kd8 53.g6] 52.hxg4 Nc5 53.Ke5 [White plans d6] 53...a5 54.bxa6! Nxa6 55.d6+ [D] (Next col.) [55.d6+ Kd7 56.g5] 1-0

Position after 55.d6+ (From prev. col.)



Round: 4

White: Matt Martello (1810)

Black: Doug Kern (1919)

Date: 9/27/2013

[C14: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7 main line] 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 a6 8.Nf3 c5 9.dxc5 Qxc5 [D]



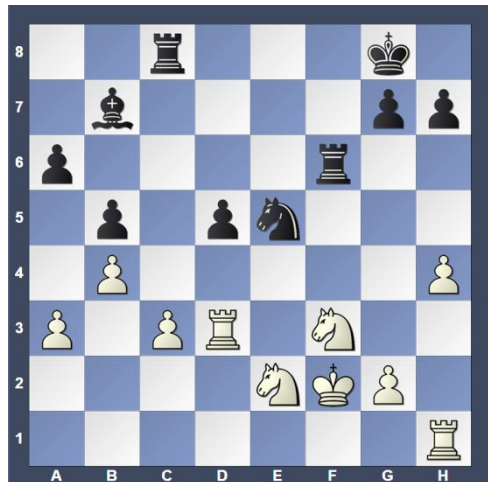
(Nc6 is

much better here; white can't keep the pawn on c5; black can take it next move.) 10.Qd4 Nc6 11.Qxc5 Nxc5 12.a3 b5 13.b4 Nd7 14.Bd3 Bb7 [D]

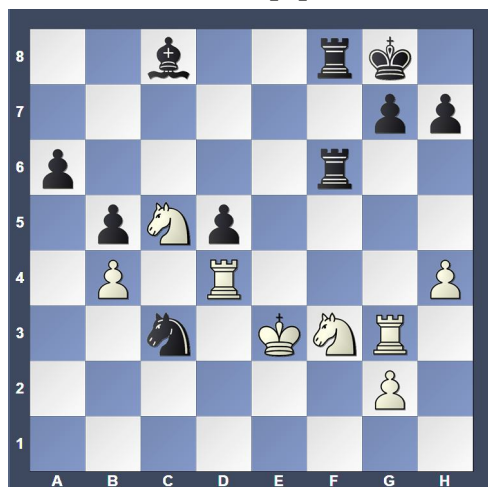


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(Cont. from p.2) (Looks like black is all tied up after the smart a3 and b4 from white. I wasn't sure where my counterplay would come from. The backward pawn on c2 may be a target later, but not now. My only plan is to play f6 and open up the center.) **15.Kf2** (! 15.0-0 is much better. No reason to put the king in danger on the f-file. White loses the right to castle.) **15...Rc8 16.Ne2 0-0 17.h4 f6 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.c3 e5 20.fxe5 Ndx5 21.Rad1 Nxd3+ 22.Rxd3 Ne5 [D]**

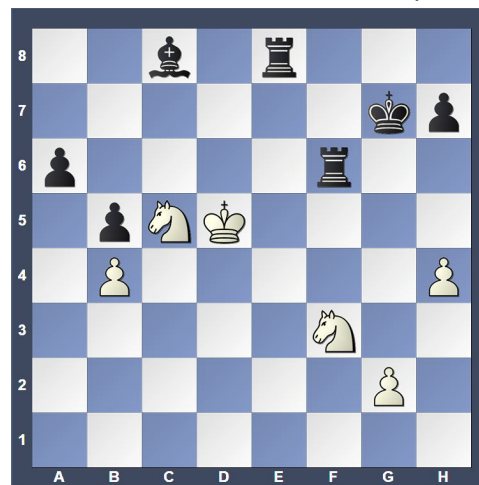


(Black is back in the game at this point, and white needs to get his king off the f-file.) **23.Rd4 Rcf8 24.Rh3 Nc4 25.Nc1 Nxa3 26.Nb3 Nb1 27.Nc5 [27.Rd3 Bc8 28.Rh1 Bf5] 27...Bc8 28.Rg3??** (The pressure is too much, White crumbles) **[28.Rh1 Nxc3 29.Rc1 Ne4+ 30.Nxe4 dxe4 31.Rxe4] 28...Nxc3 29.Ke3? [D]**

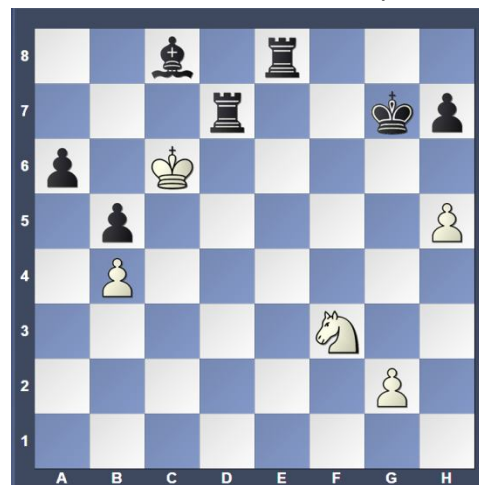


(The rook now comes to the e-file with check and the knight fork decides the game.) **[29.Rg5 is no salvation 29...Re8] 29...Re8+ 30.Kd3 Ne2 31.Rxg7+ [31.Rg5 a last effort to resist the inevitable] 31...Kxg7 32.Rxd5 Nf4+ 33.Kd4 Nxd5 34.Kxd5 [D] (Next col.)** (I now do my best to complicate matters, instead of simplifying. ((Rg2 Ng5 Rxg2 Nge4)) **34...Rf5+ 35.Kc6 Rg6+ Kc7 35...Rf7** (Kxc8 Kh8) **[35...Rf4 seems even better] 36.Nd7 Rxd7** (Kxd7 Rg4 Nc5 Rxb4 Nxa6 Rxh4 Nc5 Rd4+ Ke6) **37.h5 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)**

Position after 34.Kxd5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 37.h5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **(Ke5 Rc4 Nb3 h4 Nd2 h3 Nf3 Rc2 Kd4 h2 Nxh2 Rxh2 Kc3 Rh4.) [37.Ng5 is not the saving move 37...h6 38.h5 hxg5 39.h6+ Kh8 40.Kc5 Re6 41.g4 Bb7 42.h7 Rd5#] 0-1**

Round: 4

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

White: Joe Mucerino (2112)

Black: Eric Funk (2075)

Date: 9/27/2013

Eric wrote: "Here's my Round 4 game against Joe. I took a ½-point bye for Round 1 so while Joe wanted the win, I needed the win. I pressed as hard as I could under the circumstances but the game ended in a hard-fought draw."

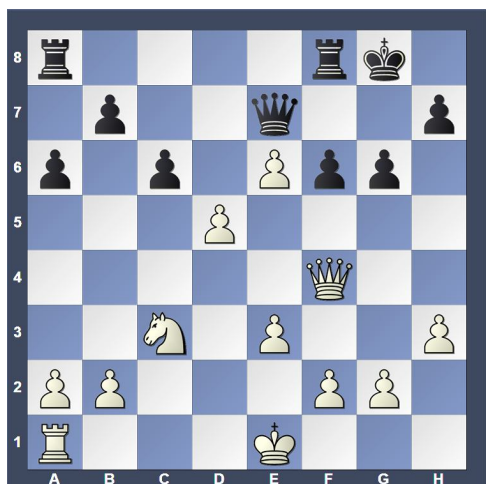
[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bf4 Bg4 (Eric - My intent was to steer the game into "out-of-book" territory. Joe comes out of the opening with a big edge.) **4.e3 f6 5.Bb5 e6 6.c4 Nge7 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 a6 9.Bxc6+ Nxc6 [D] (p.4) 10.cxd5 [10. Qxd5 is a viable option Qxd5 exd5]** (Eric - 10...exd5 11.Nc3 Ne7 is passive for Black, so I *(Text cont. on p.4)*

Position after 9... Nxc6 (from p.3)



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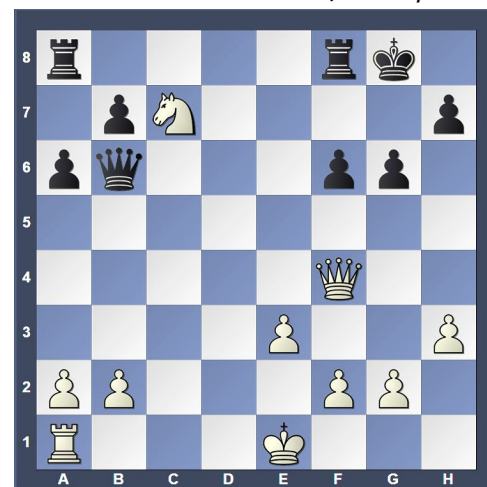
p.3) try to complicate things.; "I thought about the Fritz line first away from the board and then with my analysis set. Fritz is right: {10... Qxd5 is a viable option 11.Qxd5 exd5 =}; 12. Bxc7 Nb4 13.Kd2 Rc8 14.Rc1 does let white keep the extra pawn, but 12.Bxc7 Rc8 13.Bg3 Nb4 gives black enough threats ((14... Nc2+, 14... Rc1+, 14... Nd3+, 14... Rc2)) that he will easily recover the pawn. I still wouldn't have chosen the line 10... Qxd5 though it is objectively better than either 10... Ne7 ((my analysis line)) or 10... Nb4 ((the move I actually played)). I felt I needed to complicate things in order to create practical winning chances and 10... Nb4 best served that purpose.) 10...Nb4? 11.dxe6 Nc2+? [11...Qd5 12.Qxd5 Nxd5] 12.Kd2 Nxa1 13.Nc3 [13.Qxb7 and White has triumphed 13...Be7 14.Bxc7] 13...Bd6 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qh6 Bxf4 [15...Qe7 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Rxa1 Qxe6 18.Ke2] 16.Qxf4 0-0 17.Rxa1 Qe7 18.d5 c6 19.Ke1 [D]



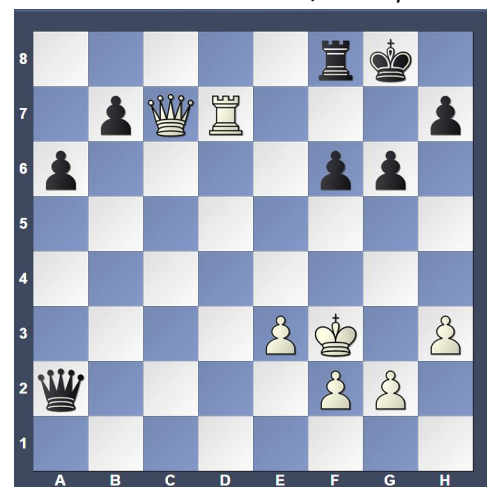
19... cxd5

[19...Rad8 20.dxc6 bxc6] 20.Nxd5 Qxe6 21.Nc7 Qb6 [D] (Next col.) 22.Nxa8 Qxb2 23.Qc4+ Kh8 24.Rd1 Rxa8 25.Qf7 Qb4+ 26.Kf1 Rf8 27.Qc7 Kg8 28.Rd7 Qb1+ 29.Ke2 Qxa2+ 30.Kf3 [D] (Next col.) [White has a mate threat] 30...Rf7 31.Qb8+ Kg7 32.Qxb7 a5 33.Qc8 a4 34.Rd4 Ra7 35.Qc5 Qf7 36.Qa3 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next column)

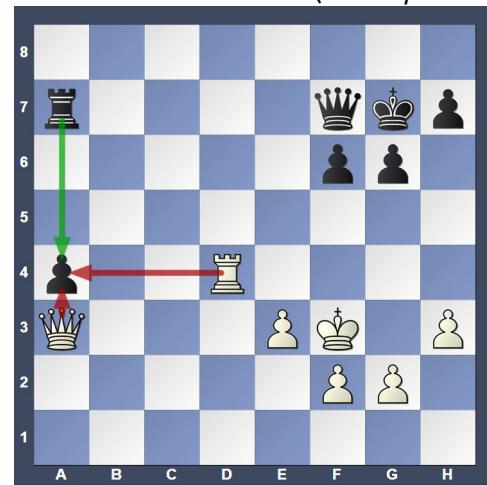
Position after 21...Qb6 (From prev. col.)



Position after 30.Kf3 (From prev. col.)



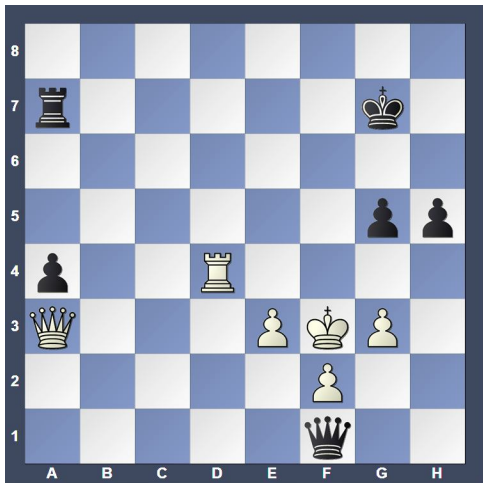
Position after 36.Qa3 (From prev. col.)



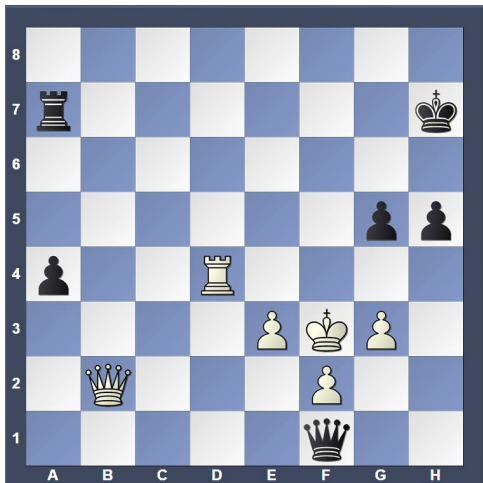
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from prev. col.) [The isolani on a4 becomes a target] 36...Qb7+ 37.Kg3 Qb5 38.Kf3 Kf7 39.Qa2+ Kg7 40.Qa3 h5 41.h4 g5 42.g3 Qf1 43.hxg5 fxg5 [D] (p.5) 44.Qb2 [White has a mate threat] 44...Kh7 45.Qc2+ Kg7 46.Qb2 [46.Rxa4? is a blank shot 46...Rf7+ 47.Ke4 Re7+ (47...Qxf2?! is much worse 48.Qxf2 Rxf2 49.Ra7+ Kg6 50.Ra6+ Kg7 51.Ra5=; 47...Rxf2?! is clearly weaker 48.Ra7+ Kh6 49.Qc6+ Rf6 50.Qd7 Qc4+ 51.Ke5 Qc3+ 52.Ke4 Qb4+ 53.Ke5 Qb2+ 54.Qd4=) 48.Kf3 g4+ 49.Rxg4+ hxg4+ 50.Kxg4 Qb5] 46...Kh7 [D] (p.5) (Text cont. on p. 5)

Position after 43...fxg5 (From p.4)



Position after 46...Kh7 (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) (Eric - White also has some risky things he could try, but why bother?) ½-½

Round: 4

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

White: Bill Campion (1501)

Black: Rich Briggs (1578)

Date: 9/27/2013

[D03: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bg5, including Torre Attack with early ...d5] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Nd2 c5 5.c3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Qc7 7.Ng3 Be7 8.Qc2 [D]



next col.)

(Text cont.

(Cont. from prev. col.) 8...a6 9.Bf4 Bd6 10.Bg3 [10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.0-0 0-0] 10...0-0 11.h4?? [D]



[White is

ruining his position. 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0 c4]

11...h6?? [11...Bxg3 and Black could have gained the advantage 12.fxg3 Qxg3+ 13.Kd1 h6] 12.Bxd6 Qxd6

13.0-0-0 [13.0-0 c4 14.Be2 b5] 13...c4 14.Be2 b5

[14...Re8 15.h5] 15.Rdg1 Ng4 [D]



16.Rf1

[16.Ng5!? should be considered 16...Ngf6 17.g4]

16...b4 17.Ne1 Ngf6 [17...bxc3 18.Qxc3 Ndf6

19.Nc2] 18.g4 bxc3 [18...e5!? 19.g5 exd4 20.exd4

Ne8] 19.Qxc3 e5 20.g5 Nh7 21.gxh6 Qxh6

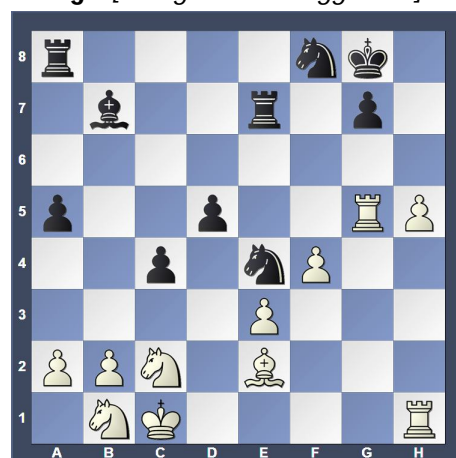
22.dxe5 Bb7 23.Qd4 Rfe8 24.f4 f6 25.exf6

[25.Nef3!? Nh8] 25...Nhxf6 [25...Qxf6!? 26.Bf3 Nb6]

26.Rfg1 Re7 27.Nb1 [27.Nc2!? Nf8] 27...Ne4

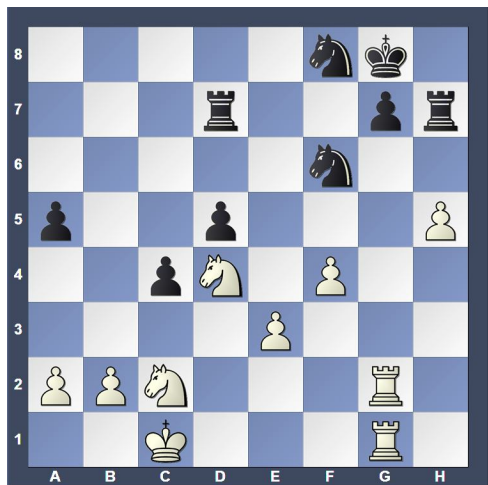
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32.Rg5 [32.Rg3 Ne4 33.Rgg1 Kh7] 32...Ne4 [D]



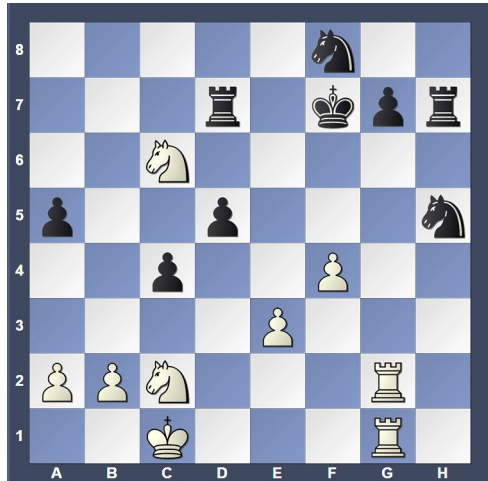
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(Cont. from p.5) [32...Ne6 33.Rf5] **33.Rg2** [33.Rgg1 Kh7] **33...Ra6** [33...d4!? 34.Nxd4 Nc5] **34.Nd4 Bc8** **35.Rhg1 Bd7** [35...Bh3 36.Rh2 Bd7 37.Bf3] **36.Na3 Rb6** **37.Nac2 Rh6** **38.Bg4 Nf6?** [38...Bxg4!? would keep Black alive 39.Rxg4 Rxh5] **39.Bxd7 Rxd7** **40.Nf5 Rh7** **41.Nfd4** [D]



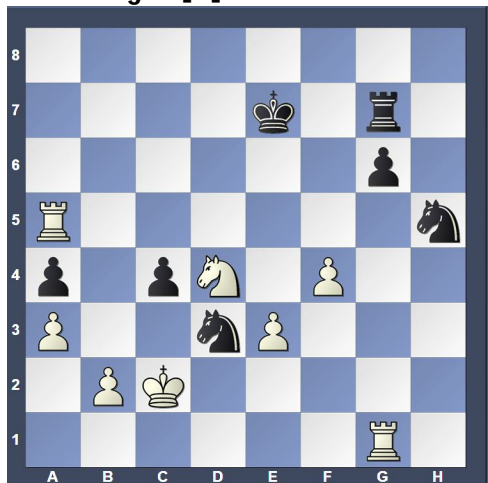
[41.h6!? g6

42.Rh1] **41...Nhx5** **42.Nc6 Kf7??** [D]



[42...Ne6]

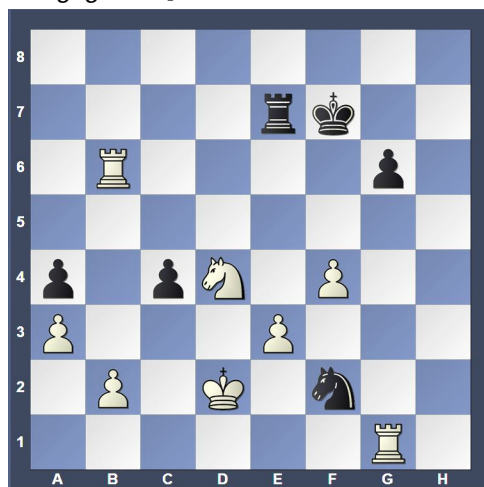
43.Ne5+ Kf6 **44.Nxd7+ Nxd7** **45.Nd4 a4** **46.a3 Nc5** **47.Rg5 Ke7** **48.Rxd5 Nd3+** **49.Kc2 g6** **50.Ra5 Rg7?** [D]



[50...Nf6 the

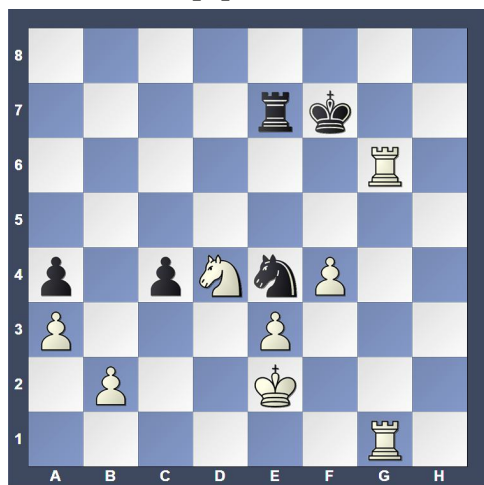
only chance to get some counterplay, 51.Ra7+ Ke8 52.Rxh7 Nxh7 53.Rxg6 Ne1+ 54.Kc3 Kf7] **51.Rxh5! Kf6** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [51...gxh5 52.Rg5 Decoy Double attack (52.Rxg7+ Remove defender Deflection Pinning)] **52.Ra5 Rb7** **53.Rb5 Re7** **54.Kd2** [54.Rb6+ makes sure everything is clear 54...Kf7 55.Rgxg6 Nc5] **54...Nf2** **55.Rb6+ Kf7?** [D]



56.Rbxg6

Ne4+ 57.Ke2 [D]



Black

resigns. (Rich -- Bill played a very strong game. Bill pointed out to me afterward that 11...Bxg3 is better for black. I agree. I missed that one.) [57.Ke2 c3 58.Nc6] 1-0

This concludes the second issue of the coverage of the 2013 NPCC Membership Drive. More to follow in the next issue.

NPCC's next tournament commences Friday, November 8, 2013. November Octagonal. Three round Swiss on successive Fridays at 8 PM.

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