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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club of Lansdale, Winter 2013 Part 1

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This issue is dedicated to the late Joseph Kennedy. Joe was a stalwart member of the club for many years.

To start it off this is a game submitted from Joe Mucerino:

From Joe Mucerino 1/18/13 on receipt of Joe Kennedy's passing:

"That's terrible. He was a great man and a true gentleman.

Olin, here is the one time Joe beat me, if you want to put it in the newsletter. Thanks, Joe"

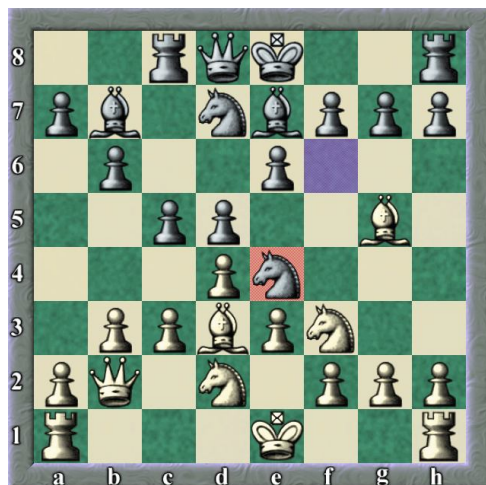
(Submitted by Joe Mucerino with selected brief comments extracted from Fritz. *[Shown in brackets thusly]*).

Event "Chaturanga Chess Club Championship", Hatboro, PA. Date: 09/13/2007, Round 2

White: Kennedy, Joseph J (1688)

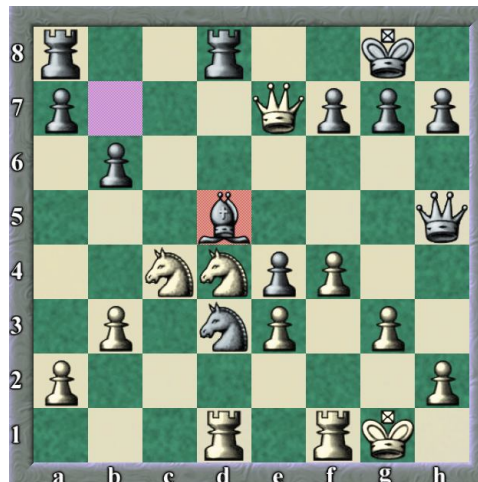
Black: Mucerino, Joseph J Jr (2095)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Qc2 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.b3 Rc8 10.Qb2 Ne4 [D]

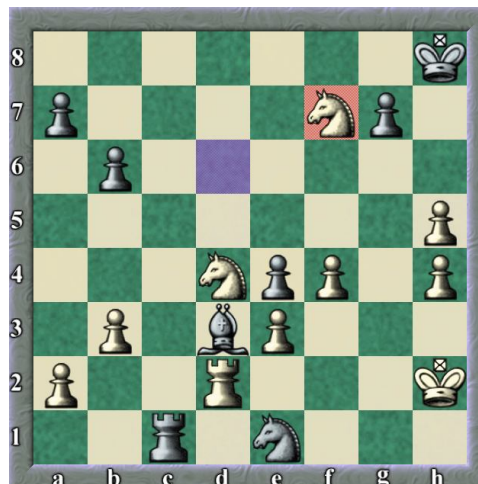


11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Ng1 Qg5 14.g3 cxd4 15.cxd4 0-0 16.Ne2 e5 17.Nc4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Nc5 19.0-0 Rfd8 20.Qa3 Ra8 21.Rad1 Nd3 22.f4 Qh5 23.Qe7 Bd5 [D] (next column) 24.Nd6 Qg6 25.N6f5 Rf8? [25...Kh8 and Black can hope to live] 26.Qh4 Kh8 27.g4? [27.Ne7]

Position after 23... Bd5: (from prev.col.)

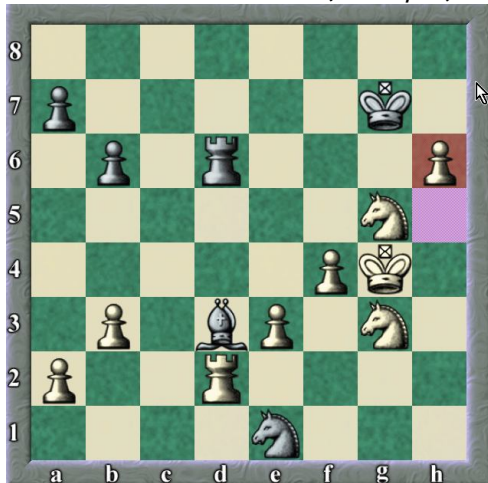


27...Rad8 28.Nb5 Rd7 29.Qg3 Rc8 30.Nbd4 Bb7 31.h4 h5 32.gxh5 Qxg3+ 33.Nxg3 Rdc7 34.Ngf5 Ba6 35.Rd2 Rc1 36.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 37.Kh2 Ne1 38.Nd6 Bd3? [Causes even greater problems. 38...Rc3±] 39.Nxf7+ [D]

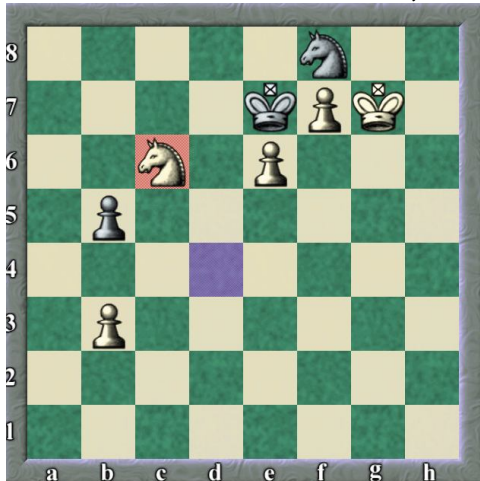


39...Kh7 40.Kg3 Rc5 41.Ne6 Rc1 42.Neg5+ Kg8 43.h6 gxh6 44.Nxh6+ Kg7 45.Nf5+ Kg6 46.Kg4 Rc5 47.h5+ Kf6 48.Nd6 Rc6 49.Ndxe4+ Kg7 50.Ng3 Rd6 51.h6+! [D] (p.2) 51...Rxh6 52.Rxd3! Nxd3 53.Nf5+ Kg6 54.Nxh6 Kxh6 55.Kf5 Kg7 56.Ne6+ Kf7 57.a4 Ke7 58.Nd4 Nc5 59.e4 a6 60.e5 Kd7 61.Kg6 b5 62.axb5 axb5 63.f5 Ke7 64.Kg7 Nd7 65.f6+ Ke8 66.e6 [White prepares the advance f7]... Nf8 67.f7+ Ke7 68.Nc6+ [D] (p.2) A well executed and exciting game played by Joe Kennedy.

Position after 51.h6+!: (from p.1)



Final Position after 68.Nc6+: (from p.1)



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Following game is from the NPCC

December 2012 Swiss, Round 3: (Submitted by Don Funk who says: "This may be Joe's last good rated game". (Comments by Don.)

White: Don Funk (1701)

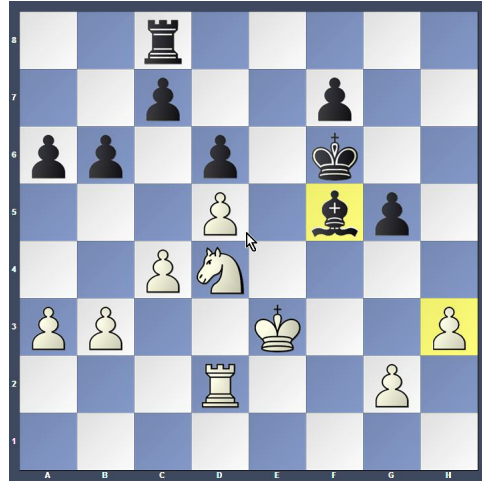
Black: Joseph Kennedy (1600)

Date: 12/14/2012

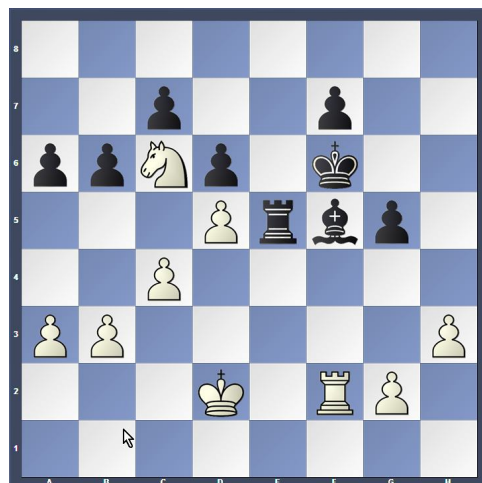
1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.e3 b6
6.c4 Bb7 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Be2 e5 9.0-0 exf4
10.exf4 0-0 11.a3 Ne7 12.d4 Nf5 13.Qd2 Re8
14.d5 Ne3 15.Rfe1 Bc8 16.Bd3 Neg4 17.Rxe8+
Nxe8 18.Re1 Nh6 [D] 19.Nb5 Bd7



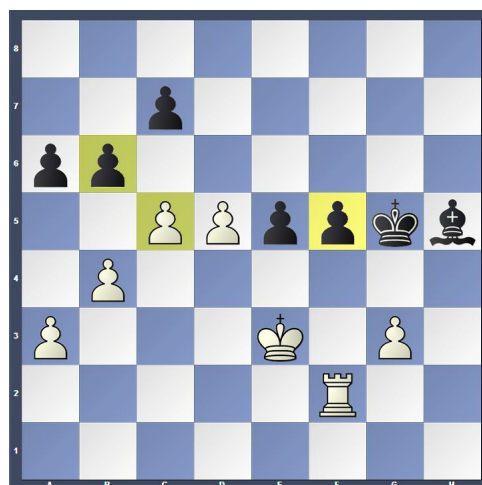
20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Nbd4 Qf6 22.h3 Nh5
23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25.Qd4 Kg7
26.Re3 h6 27.Kf2 g5 28.Re7 Rc8 29.Qxf6+
Kxf6 30.Re2 Bd3 31.Rd2 Be4 32.fxg5+ hxg5
33.Nd4 a6 34.Ke3 Bf5? [D] (Better is Bg6 or Re8)



35.Rf2 Re8+ 36.Kd2 Re5 37.Nc6 [D]
(Better is g4)

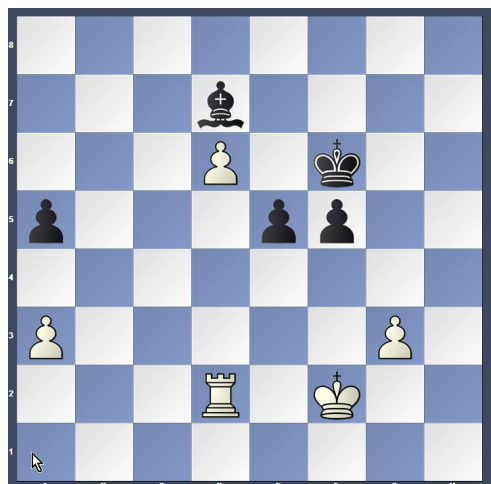


37...Kg6 38.Nxe5+ dxe5 39.Ke3 g4 40.hxg4
Bxg4 41.b4 f5 42.g3 Kg5 43.c5 Bh5 [D] (bxc5
would ensure a draw)



44.cxb6 cxb6 (d6 would win for white)

45.d6 Be8 46.Rd2 Bd7 47.Rd3 Kf6 48.Rd2 a5
49.bxa5 bxa5 50.Kd3 Bb5+ 51.Ke3 Bd7 52.Kf2
[D] (Draw agreed several moves later).



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Following game is from the NPCC 2012 October Quads, Section 2, Round 4:

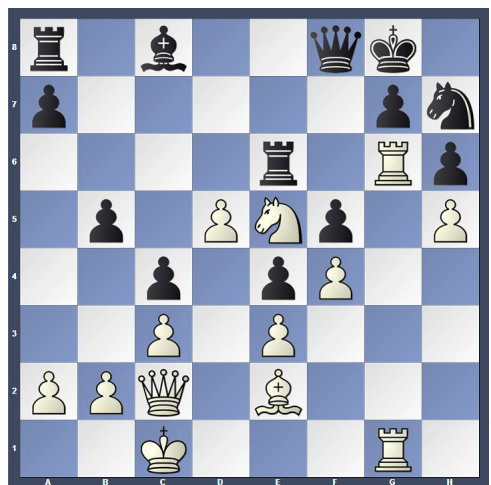
Submitted by Don Funk with his comments).

White: Joe Kennedy (1600)

Black: Donald Funk (1702)

Date: 10/26/2012

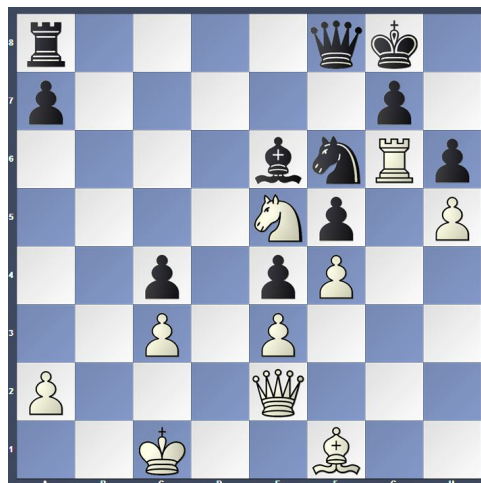
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 h6 5.Bh4 c5
6.c3 Be7 7.Nbd2 O-O 8.Qc2 Ne8 9.Bxe7 Qxe7
10.Bd3 f5 11.h4 c4 12.Be2 Nd7 13.h5 Nd6
14.Nh4 Qf6 15.Ng6 Rf7 16.g4 Nf8 17.Ne5 Re7
18.f4 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.O-O-O b5 21.Rdg1
Nh7 22.gxf5 exf5 23.Rg6 Qf8 24.Rhg1 Re6
25.d5 [D]



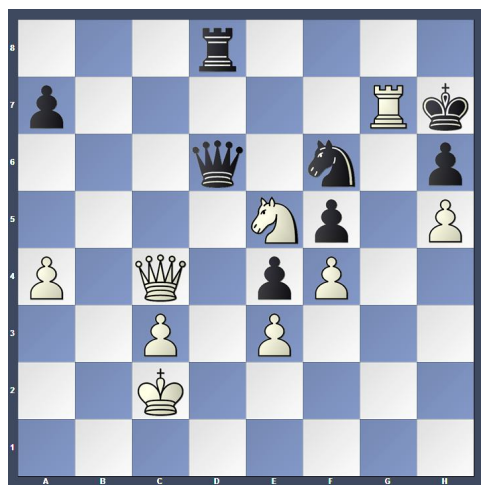
25...Rxc6

26.Rxc6 Nf6 27.Bf1 Nxd5 28.Qe2 Nf6 29.Qg2
Ng4 30.Qe2 Nf6 31.b3 Be6 32.bxc4 bxc4 [D]
(next column) (Probably Qa3+ is better, both of
us in time trouble) 33.a4? Rd8? (Had to play
Qa3+) 34.Qa2 Bf7? (Needed Qc4) 35.Bxc4 (Joe
missed Nxb7) Bxc4 36.Qxc4+ Kh7 37.Kc2 Qd6??
(Thought could get a mate first) 38.Rxc7+!! [D]
(next column) 38...Kxc7 39.Qf7+ 1-0
(If 40.Kh8 Ng6#! Pretty indeed! --Olin).

Position after 32...bxc4: (from prev.col).



Position after 38.Rxc7+!!: (from prev.col).



Following game is from the NPCC 2012 July Octo, Round 1:

Submitted by Olin with my comments and selected
brief comments extracted from Fritz). [Shown in
brackets thusly].

White: Olin Mastin (1503)

Black: Joe Kennedy (1630)

Date: 7/13/2012

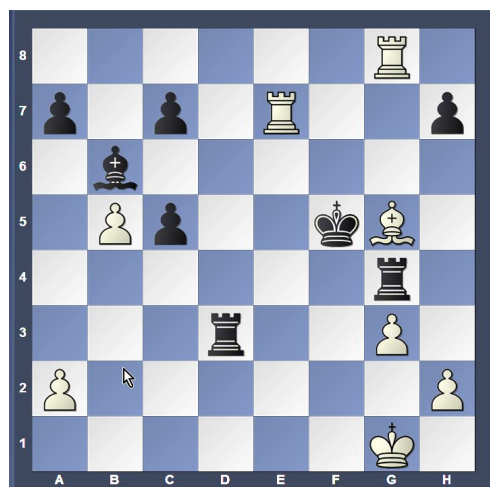
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3 Bg4 5.Nbd2
Nf6 6.O-O e4 7.dxe4 dxe4 8.Ng5 e3 9.fxe3
Bc5 10.Nde4 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Bxe2? [11...Nxe4
12.Nxe4 Bb6 (12...Bxe2?? it may look tempting but
Black must resist capturing the pawn 13.Re1+-)]
12.Nxf6+? [D] (p.4) [12.Re1! secures the point
12...Bc4 13.Nxc5] 12...gxf6? 13.Re1 fxc5
14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Rxe2 O-O 16.Bd2 Rad8
17.Rae1 Rd6 18.b4 Bb6 19.c4 c5 20.b5 Rd3
21.e4 Rfd8 22.Bxc5 R8d4 23.e5 Rxc4 24.e6
fxe6 25.Rxe6 Rg4 26.Re8+ Kg7 27.R1e7+ Kg6
28.Rg8+ Kf5 [D] (p.4) (Here I should have
played 29.Rf8+ and allow Joe to play 29...KxBg5
(only move), then I had good chances. With
rook maneuvers I should have been able to win
the Exchange, but over the board with the

clock running I “chickened” out and played 29.Rf7+ which allowed Joe’s king to not only escape but work its way over to the queen side and pick off my pawns and secure an easy win).

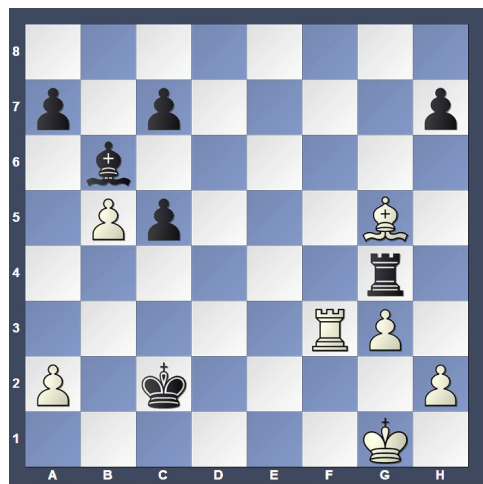
Position after 12...Nxf6: (from p.3)



Position after 28...Kf5: (from p.3)

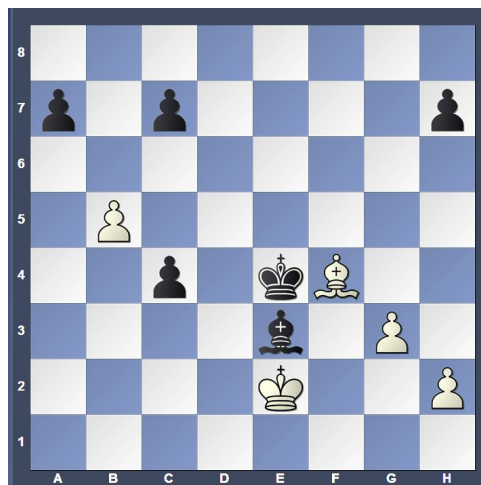


29.Rf7+ [29.Rf8+ Kxg5 30.Rg7+ Kh5 31.Rf5+ Kh6 32.Rxg4] 29...Ke4 30.Re8+ Kd5 31.Rd8+ Kc4 32.Rxd3 Kxd3 33.Rf3+? [33.Rd7+ Rd4 34.Rxh7 c4] 33...Kc2? [D]



[33...Ke4 seems even better 34.Rf4+ Rxf4 35.Bxf4 c4+ 36.Kf1] 34.Rf2+ Kb1 35.Rf1+ Kxa2 36.Rf2+ Kb3 37.Rf3+ Kc2 38.Rf2+ Kd3 39.Rf3+? Ke4 40.Rf4+ Rxf4

41.Bxf4 c4+ 42.Kf1 Be3 43.Ke2 [D]



43...Bxf4 44.gxf4 Kxf4 45.Kd2 Ke4 46.Kc3 Kd5 47.h4 h5 48.Kc2 Kc5 49.Kc3 Kxb5 50.Kc2 Kb4 51.Kb2 a5 (White resigns which was overdue).

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Bill Campion’s Testimonial to Joe Kennedy:

Hi Olin,

You asked me for a couple of games and to say a few words about Joe Kennedy. The first part was easy as I have played hundreds of games with Joe over the past forty years, many of which I have recorded. The few words part is much harder for me.

Joe’s youngest daughter Julie and my daughter Kim went all through kinder garden, grammar and high school together. I first meet Joe while waiting outside of Hamilton elementary school where the girls attended kinder garden. That was in 1973. Joe was a very charismatic and friendly guy with a very positive attitude and talked pretty much to everyone. One of our conversations lead to talking about chess as the world was still buzzing about Fischer’s world championship victory. Joe let me know that he was a chess player and when he realized that I played he challenged me to a game. That led to a forty year relationship that ended up including a lot more than chess.

Joe was truly “a man for all seasons”. Joe was a true friend, a mentor and confidant to me. Joe was always there for me. He knew a lot about many things. If I ever had a plumbing or electrical problem or a problem with my car, Joe was right there. When I had doubts or was troubled I was able to confide in Joe. I am one of twelve children but I have spent more time around Joe than any of my siblings. With the time I spent with Joe I got to know his family as well or better than my own. We never sat down to a chess game when he wasn’t talking about one of his daughters or their husbands or his thirteen grand kids.

I was a member of two of Joe's chess teams, the Mulligans and the Gambiteers. We traveled together to many tournaments as far north as Stratton Mountain, VT, as far south as Virginia Beach as far west as Pittsburgh and Harper's Ferry, WV. Many of our trips were exciting, like Joe setting off the fire alarm in the Parsipanny Hilton hotel at a US Chess Amateur Team East event or like playing in the Liberty Bell open the time thirty seven inches of snow fell on Philadelphia. When you went with Joe you went first class. Joe had half his kitchen loaded into the back of the car. We were eating ham and eggs off of real dishes, etc. Last year at the Susquehanna Valley Open at Bloomsburg University Joe had Greg Sulat cooking hamburgers for himself, George Murphy, Eric Funk, myself and eggs for Don Funk, as Eric was analyzing a chess games.

I tried to get down to Joe's house a couple of times a week to play some serious chess with Joe. Joe won the lion's share of the games, and I would accuse him of letting me win a couple just so I would come back again. I learned a lot about chess and life from Joe over the years.

I will greatly miss him.

Bill Campion

Following game is from the NPCC 2007 Winter Robin:

(Submitted by Bill Campion who says: "A game where Joe takes advantage of my mistakes and then attacks." With selected brief comments extracted from Fritz. *[Shown in brackets thusly]*).

White: Joe Kennedy (1669)

Black: Bill Campion (1539)

Date: 1/12/2007, Section 2, Round 8

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Nbd2 c5
6.c3 cxd4 7.exd4 a6 8.Bd3 b5 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.c4
Nb4 11.Qb1 bxc4 12.Bxc4 d5 13.Bb3 Bd7 14.a3
Nc6 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Be3 Ng4 17.h3 Nxe3
18.fxe3 Rc8 19.Qe1 0-0 20.Rb1 Bf6 21.Ba4 Rc7
[D] (next column) 22.Nb3? [22.b3] 22...Nb8??
[Throwing away the advantage, 22...Nxd4 would
have made life much easier for Black 23.Nbxd4 Bxa4]
23.Nc5 Bxa4 24.Nxa4 Qb5 25.Nc5 Nd7 26.b4
Nb6 27.Qg3 Rfc8 28.Nd2 [D] (next column)

Position after 21....Rc7: (from prev. col.)



Position after 28.Nd2: (from prev. col.)



28...a5?? [28...Kh8 would bring relief] 29.Rxf6
axb4 30.Rxb4 Qa5 31.Ndb3 Qa7 32.Rf1 Nc4
33.a4 h6 34.Rb5 Qa8 35.a5 Qc6 36.Rb4 e5
37.a6 exd4 38.exd4 Re7 39.Rb7 Ree8 40.Rxf7
g5 41.Rg7+ Kh8 42.Rh7+ Kg8 43.Rbg7+ [D]

Final Position:



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This issue has been dedicated in memory of Joe Kennedy.

The 2013 NPCC Winter Robin will be featured in the next issue.