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This issue will feature more games played in the 2016 NPCC December Octagonal Tournament.

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 2016 December Octagonal Tournament:

Round: 2

Submitted by Joe with his and Alex's comments along with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Alexander MacFarlane (1862)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (2095)

Date: 12/9/2016

[A11: English Opening: 1...c6] 1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.e3 c6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Qc2 0-0 7.Bb2 e5 [D]



(Joe - Taking advantage of the fact that white has not played d4 yet.) 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Nb5 e4 (Joe - Second best, according to Stockfish 7. It prefers 9...Nc6.) 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 [White has the pair of bishops.] 11.Nd4 Nc6 [11...Bd7 12.Be2=] 12.Nb5 [D] (Next col.) (Joe - Another good idea is 12.Rc1, putting more pressure on c6.) 12...Qb8 13.f4 Be6 (Joe - Of course not 13...exf3 esp. 14.gxf3 and there are many open lines pointing at black's king.) 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qb2 Qd8 16.Nd4 Rc8 17.Be2 f5 18.h4? [D] (Next col.) (Joe - The first real mistake of the game. White should (Text cont. next col.)

(From prev. col.) Position after 12.Nb5



(From prev. col.) Position after 18.h4?



(Cont. from prev.col.) simply castle. Now white gets weak isolated pawns. [White has a new backward pawn: g2] (Alex - This move was a wild and impatient attempt to start an attack that immediately stalled.) 18...Qf6 19.a3 Nxd4 20.exd4? [D]



(Joe - Compounding the previous error. With the queens still on the board, it is easier for black to attack the weakened pawns.) [20.Qxd4!? should be considered 20...Qg7 21.Rg1] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) 20...Rc7 21.g3 Rfc8 22.Bd1 Bd7 23.a4 Qa6 24.Be2 [24.Rg1 Qd3 25.Be2 Rc2 26.Bxd3 Rxb2] 24...Qb6 [D]



(Joe - Even stronger is 24...Qg6 followed by 25...Rc2. The rest of the game is one-way traffic.) (Alex - Qg6 would have been crushing here.) [24...Qg6!? 25.Rg1 Rc2 26.Qa3] 25.Bd1 Rc4! [Deflection: b3] 26.Rb1 [26.bxc4 Qxb2 Deflection Pinning.] 26...Rxd4 27.a5? Qb4 28.Be2 [D]



[28.Rc1 the last chance for counter play 28...Rxc1 29.Qxc1] 28...e3 29.Rd1 Rxd2 30.Rxd2 [D]

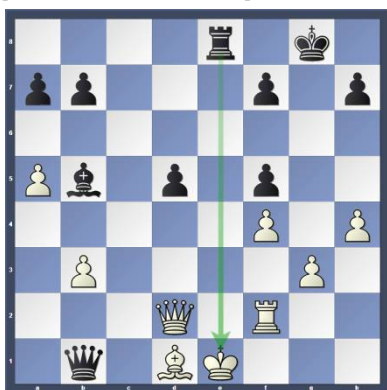


(Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) 30...exd2+ 31.Qxd2
Qe4 32.Rf1 [32.0-0 Rc2 33.Qd3 Rxe2
34.Qxe4 fxe4 35.Rf2 Rxf2 36.Kxf2] 32...Bb5
33.Rf2 Qb1+ [D]



[33...Qb1+ 34.Qd1 Rc1] 34.Bd1 Re8+ [D]



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Round: 1

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

White: Knox Bickford (1319)

Black: Olin Mastin (1503)

Date: 12/2/2016

[D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] 1.d4 d5

2.Bf4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 Nf6 5.h3 0-0

[D]



(Olin - Looks like Knox likes to play the "London System"!)

6.Nc3 a6 7.Bd3 Nbd7
8.Ne5 c5 [D] (Next col.) (Olin - Was this
over aggressive on my part?) **9.Qf3 e6**
10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Bd6 Re8 12.dxc5 [D]
(Next col.) (Olin - Now I am in trouble!
Exposes the fallacy of my 8...c5?) **12...d4**
[Better is 12...Qa5 and Black could well hope
to play on.] **13.exd4 Bxd4 14.c6** (Text
cont. next col.)

Position after 8...c5 (From prev.
col.)



Position after 12.dxc5 (From
prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [14.Rd1
Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Qa5±] **14...Bxc3+**
[14...bxc6!? has some apparent merit
15.Rd1 Nb6=] **15.bxc3 [D]**

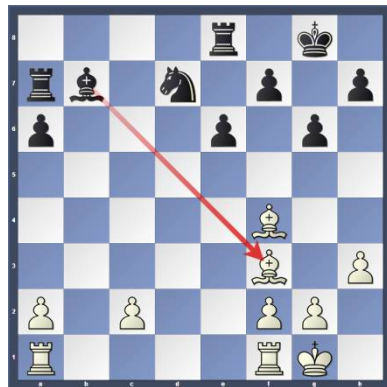


15...bxc6 16.Qxc6 (Olin - Breaking
into a cold sweat now!) **16...Ra7**
17.Qf3 (Olin - This move by Knox
surprised me a little because it seems
to release some of the pressure he
had on my position.) [17.Rb1!? ±]
17...Qb6 18.Bf4 Qb2 [D] (Next
col.) (Olin - Hopefully, I am gaining
some momentum now.) **19.0-0**
Qxc3 20.Be4 Qxf3 21.Bxf3 Bb7?
[D] (Next col.) (Olin - Not a good
move!) [21...e5 22.Bd2=] **22.Bxb7**
(Olin - Knox lets me off the hook!
Fritz's comment of 22.Be3 looks win-
ning.) [Better is 22.Be3 Bxf3
23.Bxa7±] **22...Rxb7 23.Rab1**
Text cont. next col.)

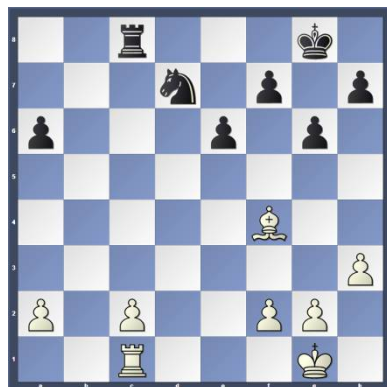
Position after 18...Qb2 (From prev.
col.)



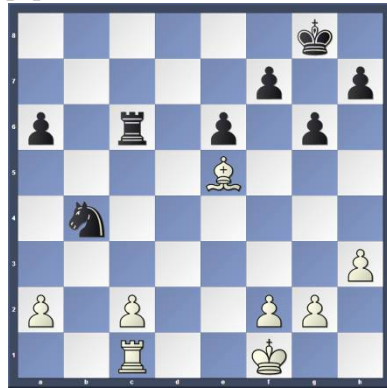
Position after 21...Bb7 (From prev.
col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **23...Rxb1**
24.Rxb1 Rc8 25.Rc1 [D]

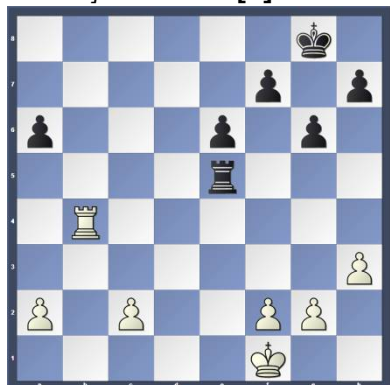


[Better is 25.Rb7!? must definitely be con-
sidered 25...Nc5 26.Ra7] **25...Nb6**
26.Kf1 Nd5 27.Bd6 Rc6 28.Be5 Nb4
[D]



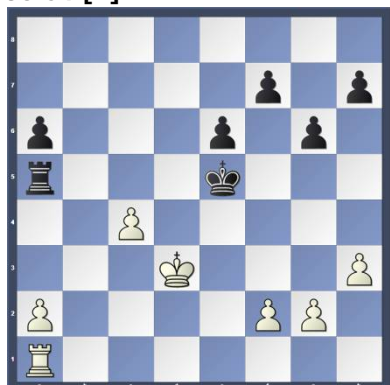
(Olin - Another bad decision!) [Better is
28...f6!? deserves (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) consideration 29.Bb2 Rc4] **29.Rb1 Rc5??** (Olin - Evidently, Fritz does not agree with my dubious counter attack!) [29...Rc4 30.c3 Nc6 31.Bf6] **30.Rxb4** [White has a mate threat.] (Olin - Fritz's suggestion of 30.Bd6 looks very strong! Once again, Knox lets me off!) [Better is 30.Bd6 and White takes home the point 30...Rxc2 31.Rxb4] **30...Rxe5** [D]

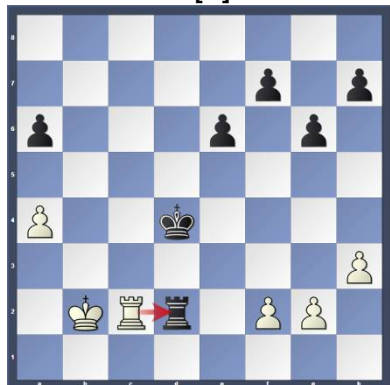


[A rook endgame occurred.] (Olin - I felt more comfortable with the rook ending.)

31.Rb1 Ra5 32.Ra1 (Olin - I thought Knox would have played 32.Rb2.) **32...Kg7 33.Ke2 Kf6 34.Kd3 Ke5 35.c4** [D]

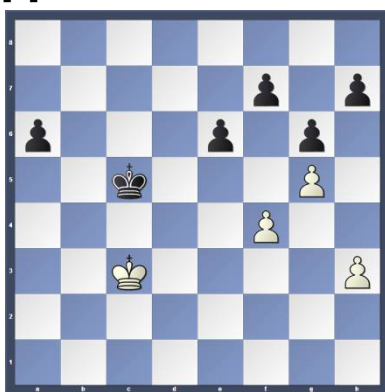


[35.a4!? is an interesting alternative.] **35...Ra3+** (Olin - Now the c4 pawn will fall!) **36.Kd2 Kd4 37.Kc2 Kxc4 38.Kb2 Rd3 39.Rc1+ Kd4 40.a4 Rd2+ 41.Rc2?** [D]



(Olin - The "?" is mine. I am now winning!) [41.Kb3 Rxf2 42.Rc6] **41...Rxc2+ 42.Kxc2 Kc4 43.g4 Kb4 44.g5** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [44.Kd3--+ a last effort to resist the inevitable.] **44...Kxa4 45.Kc3 Kb5 46.f4 Kc5** [D]



(Olin - Knox resigned. He missed several good chances in this game. Earlier I was considering offering a draw. I felt that I had a lucky win with Knox's help!) **0-1**

Round: 1

Submitted by Don Funk with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Don Funk (1588)

Black: Don Forest (1480)

Date: 12/2/2016

[A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5]

1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bg4

4.Be2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 [D]



6.Ne5 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 0-0 8.d3 Nbd7 9.Nd2 Nxe5 10.fxe5 Nd7 11.Nf3 c5 12.d4 Rc8 [D]



[Black plans c4] **13.c3 Qb6 14.a4 c4** [This push gains space] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **15.e4** [Playing against the pawn chain.] **15...Qc6 16.Re1 a6 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.Qe4** [D]



18...Qxe4 19.Rxe4 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra7 Rfd8 22.Bg5 [D]

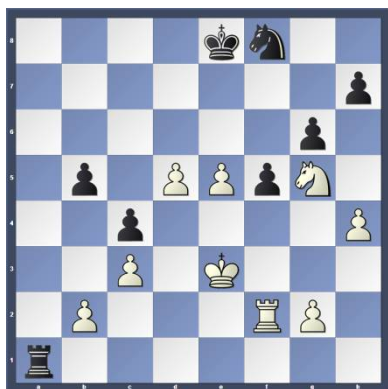


22...Kf8 [Better is 22...Bxg5!? and Black has air to breathe 23.Nxg5 h6=] **23.Bxe7+ Kxe7 24.Kf2** [24.Re1 Ra8 25.Rea1 Rxa7 26.Rxa7 f6±] **24...Ke8** [24...Ra8 25.Rc7=] **25.h4** [D]

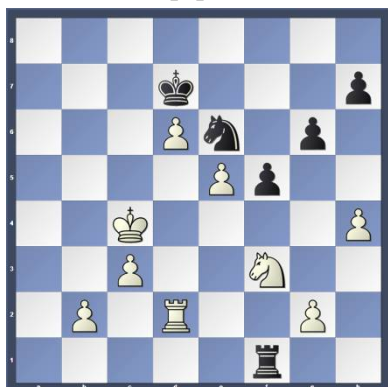


[25.Rg4 Ra8 26.Rb7 g6±] **25...Nb6?** [Better is 25...Ra8!? and Black can hope to survive 26.Rc7 Nb6=] **26.Ng5** [26.Rg4!? g6 27.Ng5 Rd7 28.Rxd7 Nxd7] **26...Rd7 27.Rxd7 Nxd7 28.Rf4 f5?** [Better is 28...f6 29.exf6 Nxf6 30.Nxe6 Kf7] **29.Nxe6 g6 30.Ng5** [30.g4!? seems even better 30...fxg4 31.Rxg4 Rc6] **30...Nf8 31.Ke3 Ra8 32.Rf2 Ra1 33.d5** [D] (p.4) [Better is 33.h5 Re1+ 34.Kd2] **33...Rh1?** (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 33.d5 (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) [A blunder in a bad position.] [Better is 33...Nd7 34.Re2 Nb6] 34.Nf3 Rd1 35.Rd2 Rf1 36.Kd4 Nd7 37.d6 Nf8 38.Kc5 Ne6+ 39.Kxb5 Kd7 40.Kxc4 [D]



40...Nf4 [40...Ra1 otherwise it's curtains at once 41.b4 Ra8] 41.Ng5 Rh1 [41...Re1 the last chance for counter play 42.g3 Rxe5 43.gxf4 Re8] 42.g3 Nh5 43.e6+ Kd8 44.Nf7+ [D]



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Round: 2

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

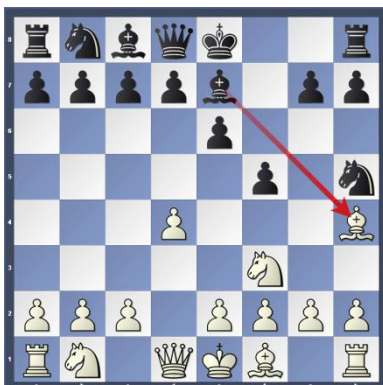
White: Olin Mastin (1503)

Black: Don Funk (1588)

Date: 12/9/2016

[A80: Dutch Defense: Unusual White second moves] 1.d4 f5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nh5 4.Bg3 e6 5.Bh4 Be7 [D] (Next col.) 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.e3 Qb4+ 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.c3 [Better is 9.Qb1!?! = is interesting] 9...Qxb2 10.Qc1 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

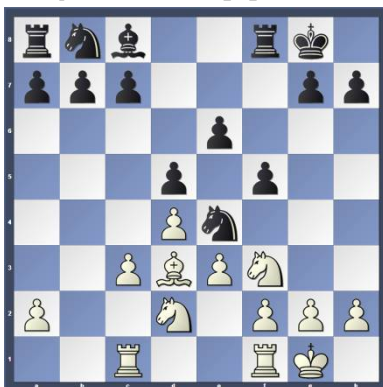
Position after 5...Be7 (From prev. col.)



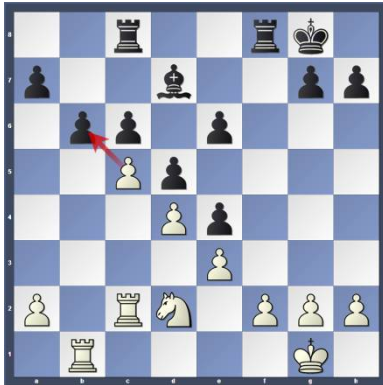
Position after 10.Qc1 (From prev. col.)



(From prev. col.) 10...Qxc1+ 11.Rxc1 0-0 12.Bd3 d5 [12...Nc6 13.c4] 13.0-0 Ne4 [D]



14.Bxe4 fxe4 15.Ne5 Nd7 16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.c4 [White undermines the pawn chain.] 17...c6 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.Rb1 b6 20.c5 [D]

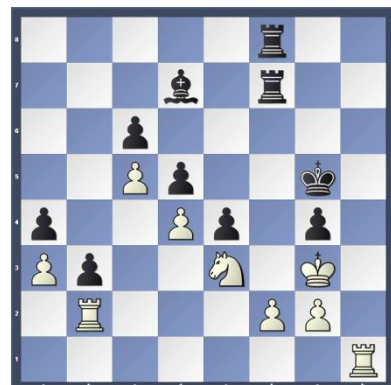


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(Cont. from prev. col.) [White wins space.] 20...b5 21.a3 Rfe8 22.Ra2 Rb8 [22...a5 23.f4] 23.Rab2 [23.a4 bxa4 24.Rba1 e5 25.dxe5 a5=] 23...a5 24.Nb3 a4 25.Nd2 e5 26.Nf1 exd4 27.exd4 Rf8 [D]



28.Ne3 Rf7 29.Rf1 Rbf8 30.Nd1 g5 31.h3 h5 32.Rc2 Kg7 33.Rc3 Kh6 34.Kh2 [D]

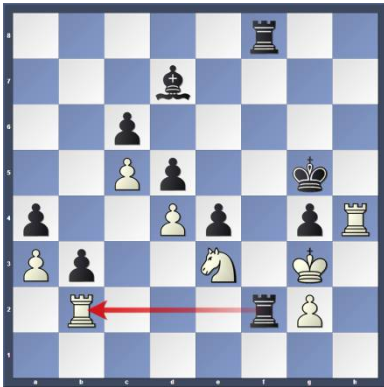


[34.Ne3 h4] 34...Rb8 35.Rc2 b4 36.Rb2 b3 37.Ne3 g4 38.hxg4 hxg4 39.Kg3 Kg5 40.Rh1 Rbf8 [D]



41.Rh4? [White crumbles in face of a dire situation.] [41.Nd1] 41...Rf4 [Better is 41...Rxf2! and Black wins 42.Rh8 Rxb2 43.Rxf8 Ra2] 42.Rh7 R4f7 43.Rh4 Rxf2! [D] (p.5) (Text cont. p.5)

Position after 43...Rxf2! (From p.4)



[An unexpected blow.] 44.Rxf2 Rxf2
45.Rh1 [45.Kxf2 the only chance to get
some counter play 45...Kxh4 46.Nd1]
45...Re2 46.Nd1 b2 47.Nc3 Re3+
[D]



48.Kf2 Rxc3 49.Rb1 Rc2+ 50.Kg3 e3
51.Re1 Rc1 52.Rxe3 b1Q [D]



53.Re5+ Bf5 54.Re8 Qb3+ 55.Kh2
Qd1 56.Rg8+ Bg6 57.Kg3 Rc3+
58.Kh2 g3+ 59.Kh3 Qh5# [D]



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Round: 2

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

White: Bob Pisciotta (1422)

Black: Will Moyer (1455)

Date: 12/9/2016

[D30: Queen's Gambit Declined Sys-
tems without Nc3] 1.d4 e6 2.Nf3
Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4.e3 Nbd7 5.c4 c6
6.a3 h6 7.Bh4 Bd6 8.Bd3 [D]



8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3 Qa5+
11.b4 [11.Nc3 0-0] 11...Qc7
12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Rc1 a6 14.0-0
[D]



14...Ng4 15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.hxg3
0-0-0? [16...0-0 17.Ne4] 17.e4?
[Weakening the position.] [Better is
17.a4 seems even better 17...Qb8
18.axb5 axb5 19.Nxb5] 17...Qd6
18.Nh2? [D]



[A transit from better to worse] [Bet-
ter is 18.Re1±] 18...Nxh2 19.Kxh2
h5 20.Rh1? [Better is 20.Kg1 Qxd4
21.Be2] 20...h4 21.Kg1 hxg3
(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 22.e5?
[D]



[But even a better move would not
have saved the game.] [22.Qf3 Rxh1+
23.Kxh1] 22...gxf2+ 23.Kxf2
Qxd4+ 24.Ke2 Rxh1 25.Qxh1
Nxe5 26.Qh3 Nxd3 27.Qf3
Nxc1+ [D]



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Round: 3

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

White: Robert Kampia (1809)

Black: Alexander W MacFarlane
IV (1860)

Date: 12/16/2016

[C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four
Knights with 4 g3] 1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3
e5 3.a3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.h3 d5
[D]



6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Ne4 Qe7 8.Bb5
Bd7 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.d3 [D] (p.6)
(Text cont. p.6)

Position after 10.d3 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) (Alex - At the time I thought he might grab the pawn with 10.Nxc5 Qxc5 11.Nxe5 but Black has decent compensation after 11...Nb4)
10...Bb6 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.Re1 h6 13.Bd2 Nf6 14.Qe2 Nxe4 15.dxe4 g5 16.Bc3 f6 17.Rad1 [17.Nd2 h5=] 17...Rdg8 [D]



18.g4? [Better is 18.Bb4 and White has air to breath 18...Qe6 19.c4] **18...h5 19.Kg2?** [19.Nh2 hxg4 20.Qxg4+ Bd7 21.Rxd7 Qxd7 22.Kg2] **19...Bd7** [Better is 19...Qh7 and Black wins 20.Rh1 Bxe4] **20.Nh2 Rh6 21.Rh1 Rgh8 22.f3 [22.Qf3 Qe6] 22...R8h7 [22...Qh7 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.gxh5 Rxh5 25.Ng4] 23.Nf1? [D]**



[Better is 23.Qd2!? is the best option White has] **23...hxg4 24.fxg4** (Alex - The thematic idea in these positions is to open lines by sacrificing material, and the f pawn seemed like a good place to start.)
24...f5 [Better is 24...Rh8!?] 25.gxf5 g4 26.Ng3 [26.Ne3 gxh3+ 27.Kh2 Rg7] 26...gxh3+ (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **27.Kh2 Rg7 28.Rd5?** (Alex - Now an exchange sacrifice ends the game.)
[Better is 28.Qf3] 28...Rxc3! [D]



29.Kxc3 [29.Kxc3 Qh4+ Mate attack; ...29-- Qg5 Mate threat] 29...Qh4+ 30.Kh2 Qf4# [D]



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Round: 2

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

White: Don Funk (1596)

Black: Will Moyer (1455)

Date: 12/18/2013

[A02: Bird's Opening] **1.f4 e6 2.Nf3 b6 3.d4 Bb7 4.Nbd2 Nf6 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Be2 Nd5 [D]**

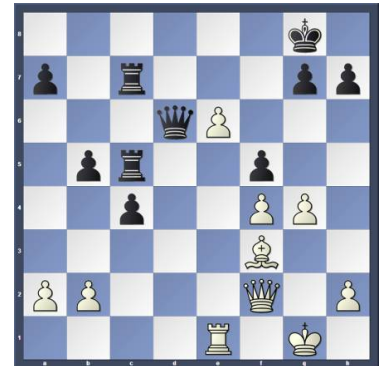


8.Nc4 cxd4 9.exd4 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nfe5 d6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Ne3 Nxe3 14.Bxe3 f5 15.Qb3 d5 16.c4 Rc8 17.Rac1 Qd7 18.Rc2? [Better is 18.c5= and White is still in the game.] **18...Ba4 [D]** (Next col.) **19.Qc3 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 dxc4 21.Rd1 b5 22.Bf3 Rfd8 23.d5 Bc5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5 (Text cont. next col.)**

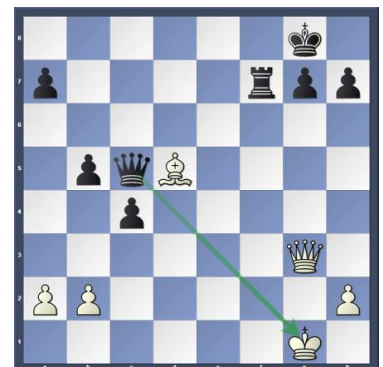
Position after 18...Ba4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **25.dxe6 Qe7 26.Re1 Rd7 [26...b4 27.h3] 27.Qf2 Rdc7 28.g4 [28.Qd2!?] 28...Qd6 [D]**



29.gxf5 Rxf5 30.Re4 Rxf4 31.e7 Rxe7 [Better is 31...Rxe4 32.Bxe4 Rxe7] **32.Rxe7?** [Better is 32.Rxf4 h6 33.Kg2+] **32...Qxe7 33.Bd5+ Rf7!** [A tough check to counter.] **34.Qg3?** [Terrible, but the game is lost in any case.] [34.Bxf7+ Qxf7 Combination; 34.Qxf7+ Qxf7 35.Bxf7+ Kxf7 Combination.] **34...Qc5+ [D]**



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This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.

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