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This issue will feature games played in the May & June Quads. This round of newsletters is going directly from winter to summer omitting spring!

The purpose behind these newsletters is to include as many games as possible played among NPCC members irregardless of the strength of the players. We want to include everyone's games, not only the most challenging. Of course, some will be more instructive than others; however, they all will be permanently recorded for your review. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Games from the NPCC 2015

May Quads Tournament:

Round: 2

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

White: Dan Frederick (1653)

Black: Olin Mastin (1546)

Date: 5/15/2015

[A04: Unusual lines after 1.Nf3 and King's Indian Attack] 1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.O-O Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.Re1 e5 8.e4 [D]

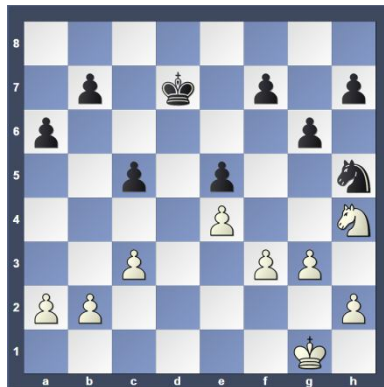


8...Nd4 9.c3 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Be7 12.Nh4 g6 13.Bh6 Qd7 14.Qc1 Qh3 [D] (Next col.) 15.f3 0-0-0 16.Qd2 Rhg8 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.d4 Nh5 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.Qxd7+ Rxd7 21.Bxe7 Rxe7 22.Rad1 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Kxd8 24.Rd1+ Rd7 (Text cont. next col.)

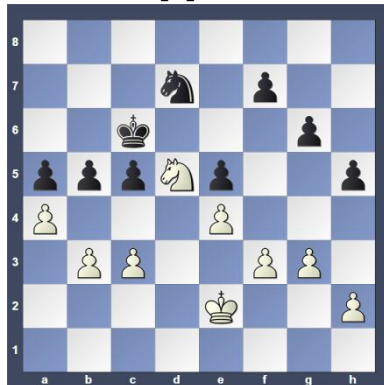
Position after 14...Qh3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 25.Rxd7+ Kxd7 [D]

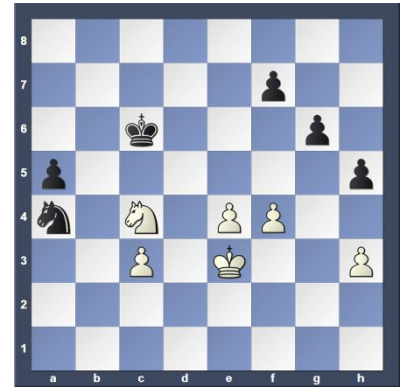


[A knight endgame occurred] 26.Ng2 b5 27.Ne3 Nf6 28.Kf2 a5 29.Ke2 Kd6 30.b3 h5 31.a3 Kc6 32.a4 Nd7 33.Nd5 [D]

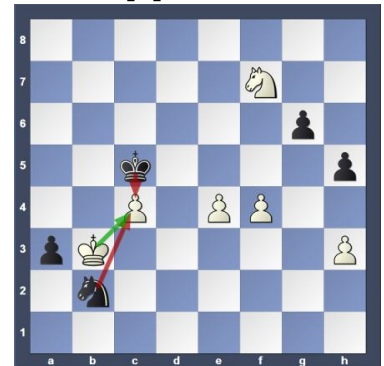


33...bxa4 34.bxa4 c4 35.Ne3 [35.h4 Kc5=] 35...Kc5 36.Nd5 [The knight dominates] 36...Nb8 37.Ke3 Nd7 38.f4 Kd6 39.h3 Nc5 40.Nb6 exf4+ [40...h4!? is worthy of consideration 41.gxh4 exf4+ 42.Kf3 Kc7 43.Nxc4 Nxa4 44.Nxa5 Nxc3 45.Kxf4 Kd6=] 41.gxf4 Kc6 [Better is 41...Nb3!?] 42.Nxc4 Nxa4 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 42...Nxa4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 43.Kd4 [43.Nxa5+!? Kb5 44.Nb7] 43...Kb5 44.Nd6+ Kc6? [Better is 44...Kb6 45.Nxf7 Nc5] 45.Nxf7 Nb2 46.c4? [Letting the wind out of his own sails] [Better is 46.Ne5+!? and White can already relax 46...Kc7 47.Kc5 Nd1 48.Nxg6 Nxc3 49.e5 a4 50.Kb4 Nd5+ 51.Kxa4 Kd7 52.Kb5 Ke8 53.Kc6 Kf7 54.Kxd5] 46...a4 47.Kc3 [Better is 47.Ne5+!? Kd6 48.Kc3 Nd1+ 49.Kb4 Nf2 50.Nxg6 Nxe4] 47...a3 48.Kb3 [Better is 48.Ne5+ Kc5 49.h4] 48...Kc5 [D]



[Attacking the isolated pawn on c4] 49.Kxa3 Nxc4+ 50.Kb3 Nd2+ 51.Kc3 Nxe4+ 52.Kd3 Nf2+ 53.Ke3 Nxh3 54.Kf3 Kd5 55.Kg3 Nxf4 56.Kxf4 Ke6 57.Ne5 Kf6 58.Nxg6 Kxg6 59.Kg3 Kg5 60.Kh3 h4 61.Kh2 Kg4 62.Kh1 Kg3 63.Kg1 h3 64.Kh1 [D] (p.2)

Round: 2

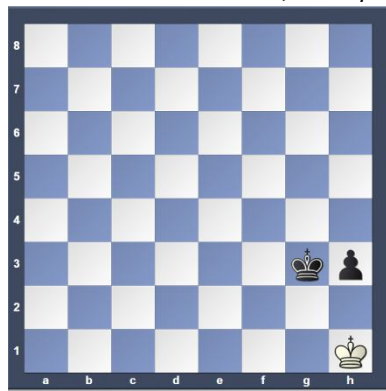
Submitted by Craig with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Craig Gerland (1534)

Black: Don Funk (1633)

Date: 5/15/2015 (Text cont. p.2)

Position after 64.Kh1 (From p.1)



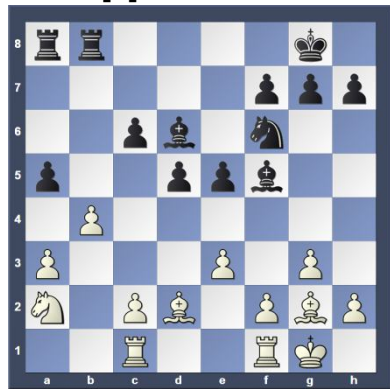
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[A43: Schmid Benoni] 1.d4 c5 2.dxc5 Qa5+ 3.Nc3 Qxc5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qd4 Qxd4 6.Nxd4 a6 7.g3 Nc6 8.e3 d5 9.Bg2 e5 [D]



10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.a3 Bd6 12.Bd2 0-0 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Rac1 Rfb8 15.b4 a5 16.Na2 [D]

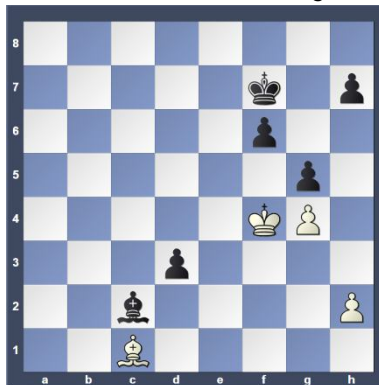


16...axb4 17.Nxb4 Rxa3 18.Nxc6 Rb6 19.Na5 Ra2 20.e4? [Better is 20.Bc3] 20...Nxe4 21.Bxe4 [21.Be1] 21...Bxe4 [21...dxe4?! 22.Nc4 Rc6 23.Nxd6 Rxd6 24.Be3] 22.f3 Bxc2 23.Be3 [D] (Next col.) 23...d4 [Better is 23...Rbb2!? might be the shorter path 24.Rf2 f6 25.Nb7] 24.Nc4 Rc6 25.Nxd6 Rxd6 [25...dxe3?! is clearly weaker 26.Nf5 Kf8 27.Nxe3] 26.Bd2 f6 27.Rf2 d3 28.g4 Rda6 29.Bc3 R2a3 30.Bd2 Ra1 31.Rff1 Rxc1 32.Rxc1 Rb6 33.Kf2 Rb1 [33...Rb7 34.Ra1] 34.Ke3 [34.Rxb1 Bxb1 35.f4 Kf7] 34...Rxc1 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 23.Be3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 35.Bxc1 Kf7 36.f4 exf4+ 37.Kxf4 g5+ [D]



[37...g5+ 38.Ke3 Bd1] 0-1

Round: 2

Submitted by copy of score sheet with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Shawn Curtis (1661)

Black: Jeff Marcus (1700)

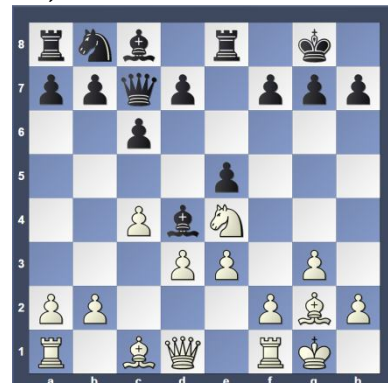
Date: 5/14/2015

[A23: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 c6] 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 c6 5.d3 0-0 6.Nf3 Re8 [D]



7.Nd2 Qb6 8.Nde4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Bd4 10.0-0 Qc7 11.e3 [D] (Next col.) 11...f5? [Causes further problems for White] [Better is 11...d5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd4 dxe4 14.dxe4 exd4 15.Qxd4 Rd8] 12.exd4 fxe4 13.dxe5 exd3 14.Qxd3 Qxe5 15.Bf4 Qxb2 16.Be4 (Text cont. next col.)

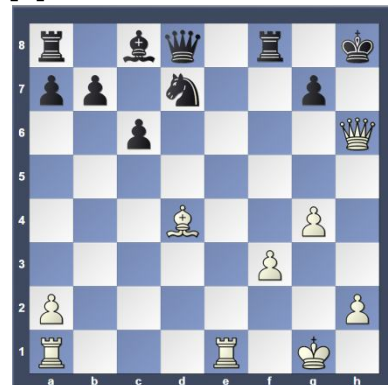
Position after 11.e3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 16.Rae1 and White wins 16...Rf8 17.Be5 Qxe5 18.Rxe5] 16...h6 17.Rfe1 Rf8 18.f3 [Better is 18.Bd6 and White has triumphed 18...Kh8 19.Bxf8] 18...d5 19.Bh7+ [D]



19...Kh8 20.g4 [Better is 20.Be5 finishes off the opponent 20...Qb6+ 21.Kg2] 20...dxc4 21.Qxc4? [There were better ways to keep up the pressure] [Better is 21.Qd6 and White is still in the game 21...Rf6 22.Bb1] 21...Kxh7 22.Be5 Qb6+ 23.Bd4 Qd8 24.Qd3+ Kh8?? [Forfeits the advantage] [24...Kg8 25.Qb3+ Rf7 26.Rad1] 25.Qe3? [Better is 25.Rad1 would save the game 25...c5 26.Bxg7+ Kxg7 27.Qxd8 Rxd8 28.Rxd8=] 25...Nd7? [What a pity, victory was in sight] [Better is 25...Qg5 and Black is on the road to success 26.Qxg5 hxg5] 26.Qxh6+ [D]



Round: 2

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

White: Matt Martello (1951)

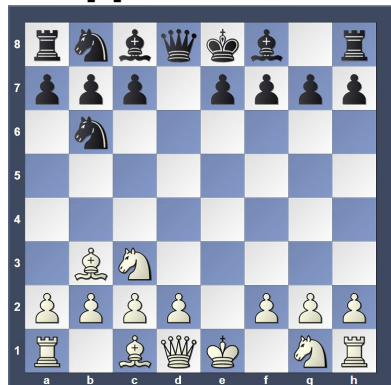
Black: Joe Mucerino (2071)

Date: 5/15/2015

[B02: Alekhine's Defense: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3] **1.e4 d5**

2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Bc4 Nb6

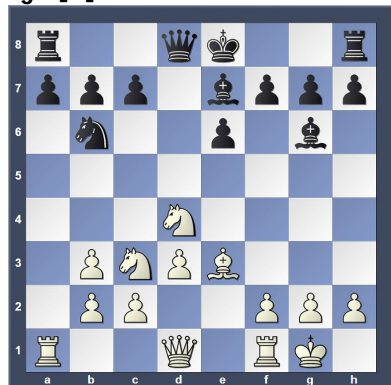
5.Bb3 [D]



5...Nc6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.0-0 e6 8.d3

Na5 9.Be3 Nxb3 10.axb3 [Black has the pair of bishops] 10...Be7 11.Nd4

Bg6 [D]



12.Qf3 c6 13.Nde2 h6 14.Nf4 Bh7

15.Nh5 0-0 16.Qg4 [White has a mate threat] 16...Bg6 [D]



17.Ng3 (Joe - 17.Nf4 would have been a

bit better.) 17...a6 (Joe - Rybka likes

17...Nd5 better.) 18.f4 Nd5 19.Nxd5

Qxd5 [19...exd5? 20.f5 Qc8 19.Nxd5

Qxd5 [19...exd5? 20.f5 Qc8 21.Rae1]

20.Qf3 Bc5?! [D] (Next col.)

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Position after 20...Bc5?! (From prev. col.)



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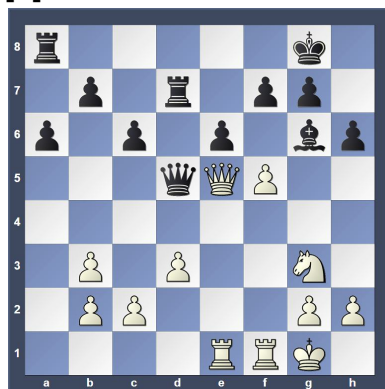
(Joe - This throws away my best

chance to try to gain an advantage.

Better is 20...Bf6.) **21.Rae1 Bxe3+**

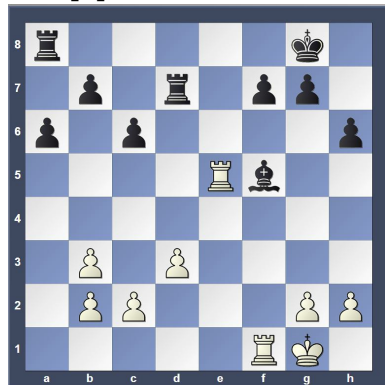
22.Qxe3 Rfd8 23.Qe5 Rd7 24.f5

[D]



24...Qxe5 25.Rxe5 exf5 26.Nxf5

Bxf5 [D]



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Round: 3

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

White: Craig Gerland, (1534)

Black: Olin Mastin (1546)

Date: 5/15/2015

This was a round 3 makeup game played on May 15 instead of May 22 as scheduled.

[D08: Albin Counter Gambit] **1.d4 d5**

2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6

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(Cont. from prev. col.) **5.a3 [D]**



5...Be6 (Olin - I could have played

5...a5 here. Or perhaps 5...f6) [5...a5

6.b4 Be6 7.Qa4 Qd7 8.Bb2 0-0-0

9.b5 Nce7 10.Qxa5 Kb8] 6.Nbd2

Qd7 7.b4 [D]



(Olin - 7...Nge7 better.) **7...a6**

[7...Nge7 8.Nb3

a) 8.Bb2 Ng6 9.Rc1 a5 (9...Rc8 10.b5

Ncx5 11.Nxd4 Bxa3 12.Bxa3 Qxd4) ;

b) 8.Qa4 0-0-0 9.Bb2 f6 10.b5 Nb8

11.Bxd4 fxe5 12.Bc3 Nf5]

8.Qa4 0-0-0? [Better is 8...Nge7 and

Black could well hope to play on]

9.Bb2 f6 10.b5 [D]



10...Nb8 [Better is 10...Nxe5!? (Olin - Worth a shot.) 11.Nxd4 Kb8]

11.Bxd4 fxe5 12.Bc3 Bd6 13.e3

Ne7 [13...Nf6 14.Rd1] 14.Be2 Rhf8

15.Rd1 g6 [15...axb5 16.cxb5 Nd5

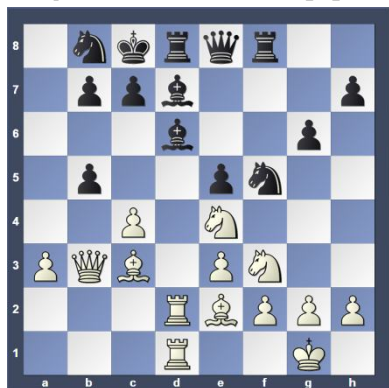
17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Qe7] 16.Ne4

Qe8 [16...axb5 doesn't do any good

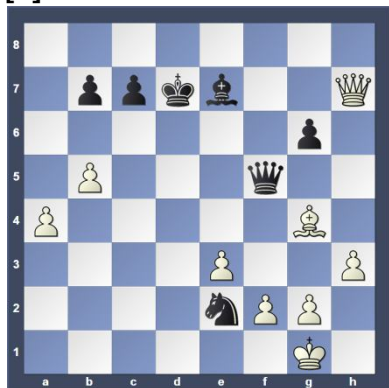
17.cxb5 Nd5 18.Nxd6+ Qxd6 19.Bb4]

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(Cont. from p.3) [Better is 17.c5 seems even better 17...Nf5 18.cxd6 Nxd6 19.Nxd6+ Rxd6 20.Rxd6 cxd6] **17...Bd7** [17...axb5 does not improve anything 18.cxb5 Nd5 19.Nxd6+ cxd6 20.Qc2] **18.Qb3** [Better is 18.Rxd6 secures victory 18...Nf5 19.Rd2] **18...Nf5 19.Rd2** [19.c5!? makes it even easier for White 19...Bxb5 20.Bxb5 Qxb5 21.Qxb5 axb5 22.cxd6 Nxd6 23.Nxd6+ Rxd6 24.Rxd6 cxd6] **19...axb5 20.Rfd1 [D]**

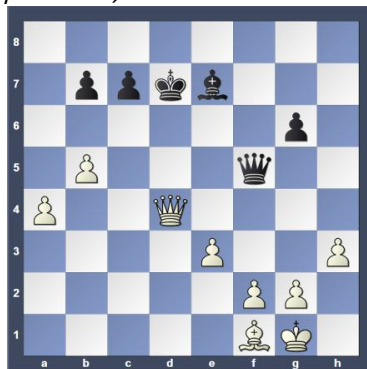


[20.cxb5 makes it even easier for White 20...Be6 21.Qa4 Qe7 22.Nxd6+ Rxd6 23.Rxd6 Nxd6 24.Nxe5 Bd5] **20...Na6?** [Leading to a quick end] [20...b4 21.axb4 Ba4] **21.cxb5** [21.Nxd6+?! is clearly worse 21...Nxd6 22.Rxd6 cxd6 23.Rxd6 Be6 24.Bxe5 Qe7 25.Rxd8+ Rxd8 26.Qxb5 Qxa3] **21...Nc5 22.Nxc5 Bxc5 23.Nxe5 Nd6 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.a4 Qf5 26.Bf3 Ne4 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8 29.Og8+ Kd7 30.Qxh7+ Be7 31.h3** [Better is 31.Bb4 seems even better 31...Nd6 32.Be1] **31...Nxc3?** [The final mistake, not that it matters anymore] [Better is 31...Ng5 32.Qg7 Qb1+ 33.Kh2 Nxf3+ 34.gxf3 Qf1 35.Qxg6 Qxf2+ 36.Qg2 Qxe3 37.Qg4+ Kd8 38.Qd4+ Bd6+ 39.f4 Qf3] **32.Bg4 Ne2+ [D]**

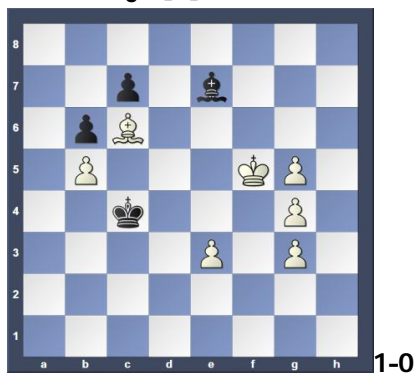


33.Bxe2 [Better is 33.Kh2 makes sure everything is clear 33...Qxg4 34.hxg4] **33...Qb1+ 34.Bf1 Qe4 35.Qg7** [35.a5 and White can already relax 35...c5] **35...Qf5 36.Qd4+ [D]** (Next Col.) **36...Kc8 37.Qg4 Qxg4 38.hxg4 Kd7** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 36.Qd4+ (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **39.g3 Kd6 40.Kg2 Kc5 41.Be2 Kb4 42.Bd1 Kc3** [42...g5 43.Kf3] **43.Kf3 Kd2 44.Bb3 Kc3 45.Bd5 b6 46.Be4 Kb4 47.Bc2** [Better is 47.Bxg6!? seems even better 47...Kc5] **47...g5 48.Ke2 Kc3 49.Kd1 Bc5 50.Be4 Kb4 51.Ke2 Kxa4 52.Bc6 Kb4 53.Kd3 Bd6** [53...Bf8 there is nothing better in the position 54.f4 Kc5] **54.f4 Kc5 55.Ke4 Kc4 56.Kf5 Be7 57.fxg5 [D]**



Round: 3

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

White: Charles Siniari (1161)
Black: Steve Drummond (1139)
Date: 5/22/2015

[C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.h3 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.Bxc6 [D]**



(Charles - Forcing black to capture (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont from prev. col.) away from the center and also drops e5 with the threat of Nxc6 on the next move.)

7...dxc6 8.Nxe5 Bb7 9.d3 Bd6 10.Nf3 Qe7? [D]



[Causes further problems for White] [10...c5 11.Nb5] **11.Re1** (Continuation as given by Charles: 11.e5 Bxe5 12.Re1 Nd7 13.d4 f6 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Qd3 Rae8 16.a4 Nc5 17.Qe2 Qf7 18.b4 Na6 19.Ng5) [Better is 11.e5 and White wins 11...Bxe5 12.Re1] **11...Nd7 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Nd4 Rae8 14.Nf5 Qd7 15.f4 [D]**



(Charles - Black can only go to g6, trapping in the only pawn capable of driving away White's knight on f5, or accept the loss of his knight.)

15...Ng6 16.Qg4! Bc8 (Charles - To protect against Nh6+ with white winning the queen.) **17.h4 f6? [D]**



[A blunder in a bad position] [Better is 17...Qd8 18.h5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Ne7] **18.h5** (Text cont. p.5)

(Cont from p.4)

(Charles - Black should just accept the loss of his knight and move elsewhere on the board as no knight move avoids mate.) **18...Nh8?** [18...Ne5 there is nothing better in the position 19.fxe5 Bxe5]

19.Nh6#!! (Olin - How often do you see a smothered mate like this?!) [D]



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Round: 3

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

White: Joe Mucerino (2071)

Black: Rodion Rubenchik (2324)

Date: 5/29/2015

[D04: Colle System] **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.Bd3 Bg7 5.Nbd2 O-O 6.O-O b6 7.Ne5 Bb7 8.c3 Nbd7 9.f4 Ne4** [D]



10.Qg4 Ndf6 11.Qh4 Nd6 12.Rf3 e6 13.Rh3 Nf5 14.Qf2 h5 15.Qf3 Nh6 16.Nf1 Nfg4 17.Nxg6? (Joe - Here, I panicked a bit. I was afraid of 17...Bxe5 18.dxe5 ((even worse is 18.fxe5? f6 when the f file opens up in black's favor)) and, at some point down the line, I thought ((after protecting his bishop)), black would be able to play ...d4, hitting my queen and d2. Rybka prefers 17.Ng3 or 17.Bd2.) [17.b3!?= is noteworthy]

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17...fxg6 18.Bxg6 e5 [D]



(Joe - The computer did not like this move, although it looked fine to me. Rbkya prefers 18...h4 19.Bh5 Nf6.) [Deflection: f4] **19.Bxh5?** (Joe - Capturing with the rook was better, because white would be a bit less cramped.) [19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.fxe5 Qg5 Decoy Double attack (20...Rxf3 Deflection Pinning) ; 19.fxe5 Rxf3 Deflection Pinning] **19...Bc8 20.Rg3 e4** [This push gains space] **21.Qe2 Qh4 22.Rh3 Qe7 23.Rg3 Qh4 24.Rh3** [D]



(Joe - Black has a slight advantage, and, if he wants to press on, he has to play 24...Qe7 and 25...Nf6. The alternative 24...Qf2+ 25.Qxf2 Nxf2 26.Kxf2 Bxh3 27.gxh3 gives white an advantage.) $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Game from the NPCC 2015 May Quads Tournament:

Round: 3

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

White: Art Martella (1163)

Black: Gary Stevens (1258)

Date: 5/22/2015

[D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] **1.d4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Bd3 Ne7 4.Nd2 Nbc6 5.Ngf3 f5 6.c4 h6 7.Ne5 [D]** (Next col.) **7...Nxe5 8.dxe5 dxc4 9.Nxc4 Ng6 10.O-O h5 11.f4 Be7 12.Rf3 b5 13.Na5 Bd7** (Text cont. next col.)

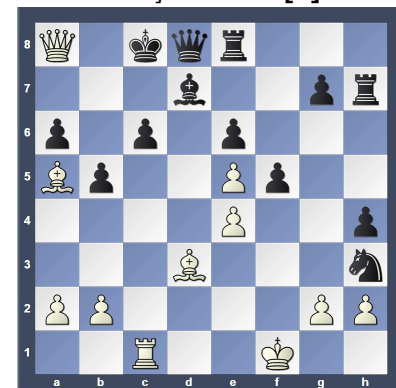
Position after 7.Ne5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **14.Rh3 h4 15.Qe2 c6 16.Bd2 Bc5 17.Nb7? Qb6? [D]**



[Better is 17...Nxf4 18.Nxd8 Nxe2+ 19.Bxe2 Rxd8] **18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.Rf1** [19.Rc1 Qb6 20.Kh1 Kf7] **19...Qe7?** [Better is 19...Nxf4 would allow Black to play on 20.Rxf4 g5=] **20.Be1 O-O-O 21.Ba5 Rde8 22.Rc1 a6? [22...Kb7] 23.Qf2** [Better is 23.Bxb5 seems even better 23...Kb8 24.Bxa6] **23...Rh7** [23...Kb8 the last chance for counter play 24.e4 Nxf4 25.Qb6+ Ka8 26.Qxa6+ Kb8] **24.e4 Nxf4 25.Qa7! [Mate attack] 25...Nxb3+ 26.Kf1 Qd8 [26...Qd6 does not improve anything 27.exd6 fxe4 28.Qc7#] 27.Qa8# [D]**



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Game from the NPCC 2015

May Quads Tournament:

Round: 3

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

White: Harry Hartman (1087)

Black: Ira Siegel (925)

Date: 5/29/2015

[B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 e6 4.d3 g6

5.Bg5 Bg7? [5...h6 6.Bh4=] 6.Nge2?

[6.e5 Nc6 7.exf6 Bxf6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6]

6...0-0 7.0-0 Re8 8.f3? [D]

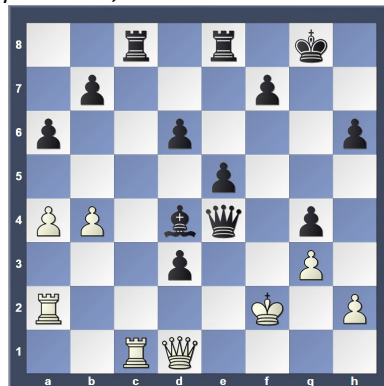


[Better is 8.e5 White had this great chance 8...Nc6 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Bb5] **8...h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bf2 Qc7 [10...d5 11.exd5 exd5 12.Bb5=] 11.Bg3 d6 12.a3 a6 13.Nc1 Nh5 14.Bf2 Nd7 15.f4? [Better is 15.N1e2!?= and White could well hope to play on] 15...Nxf4 16.g3? [D]**



[Better is 16.N1e2 Ng6 17.Ba2] **16...Nh3+ 17.Kg2 Nxf2 18.Rxf2 Ne5 19.b4? Nxc4 20.dxc4 Bxc3 21.Rb1 e5 22.Qf3 Bd4 23.Re2 g4 24.Qf1 Be6 25.Qe1 Bxc4 26.Nd3 Ba2 27.Rc1 c4 28.c3 cxd3 29.Rxa2 Rac8 30.Qd2 Qc4 31.a4 Bxc3 32.Qd1 Qxe4+ 33.Kf2 Bd4+ [D] (Next col.) ([33...Bd4+ 34.Kf1 Qh1#])**

Position after 33...Bd4+ (From prev. col.)



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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 10:00 PM, "Starbucks", 10 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA

Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM to Noon at the Pennridge Community Senior Center in Silverdale, PA. Located on route 113 near route 152

Daily, Monday thru Friday 8 to 4, Encore Experiences, (Senior Center), 312 Alumni Avenue, Harleysville, PA

Allentown Center City Chess Club

Offer (from Eric C. Johnson): "For any of our events -- If three or more Lansdale players carpool together -- the designated driver plays for free!"

<http://www.freewebs.com/allentowncentercitychessclub>

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