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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Summer 2016, Part 3

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This issue will feature games played in July and August at NPCC and elsewhere.

Once again I must reiterate 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 July

Swiss Open Tournament:

Round: 1

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

White: Bill Campion (1575)

Black: Dr Art Martella (1294)

Date: 7/8/2016

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

2.Bg5 f6 3.Bf4 g5 4.Bg3 Nc6 5.e3

[D]



5...e5? 6.Bb5 [6.Qh5+ Ke7 7.dxe5 fxe5 8.Bxe5 Nxe5 9.Qxg5+ Nf6 10.Qxe5+ Kf7±] **6...Bd7 7.dxe5 Be6** [Better is 7...Nxe5!? looks like a viable alternative 8.Bxe5 Bxb5 9.Qh5+ Ke7=] **8.Nc3 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Nge2 Bc5 11.h4 [D]** (Next col.) **11...Nh6??** [The final mistake, not that it matters anymore.] [Better is 11...g4] **12.hxg5 Ng4 13.exf6** [13.gxf6 might be the shorter path 13...Qd7] **13...0-0 14.Nf4** [14.Nd4!? makes it even easier for White 14...Qd7] **14...Bf5 15.Qd2 Qe8 16.0-0-0 Bb4 17.Kb1** [17.a3!? and White can already relax 17...Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Rf7] **17... Rb8 [D]** (Next col.) Text cont. next col.)

Position after 11.h4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 17... Rb8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) **18.a3 Bxa3 19.b3! Rxb3+ 20.Ka1??** [Stumbles just before the finish line.] [Better is 20.Ka2 seems even better 20...Rxc3 21.Qxc3] **20...Rb2 21.Nfxd5??** [Gives away a clear win.] [Better is 21.Nd3 Rb7 22.Na4±] **21...Rxc2 22.Ne7+ Kf7** [Better is 22...Bxe7 secures the point 23.Qd4 Nxf6] **23.Qd4 Qb8 24.Rb1 Bb2+ 25.Ka2 Be6+ 26.Ned5 [D]**



26...cxd5 (Bill wrote: "Art, I believe 26...cxd4 was your (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) worst move of the game. 26...Bxd4 would have kept the pressure on and would have won the White Queen. The Fritz program points out other bad moves on both sides.") **27.Rxh7+ Kg6 28.Rg7+ Kh5 29.Rh1+ [D]**



[29.Rh1+ Nh2 30.Qh4#] 1-0

Round: 1

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (2102)

Black: Joe Snyder (1537)

Date: 7/8/2016

[A82: Dutch Defense: Staunton Gambit] **1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 d5** (Joseph M. - 3...Nf6 is normally played.) **4.Qh5+ g6 5.Qxd5 Qxd5 6.Nxd5 Kd8 7.Bf4 c6??** [A blunder in a bad position.] [7...Nc6 8.Bxc7+ Kd7 9.Bf4 Bg7 10.c3 e5, etc... Pogosian,S (2210)-Pudovkin,D (2255) Krasnodar 1998 1-0 (32)] **8.Nc7 [D]**



(Joseph M. - And the rest of the game is one-way traffic.) **8...Bg7 9.Nxa8 Bxd4** [9...Na6 otherwise it's curtains at (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) once 10.Rd1 Nf6]
10.0-0-0 c5 11.Bxb8 Bg4 12.Be2
[Better is 12.f3 and White can already relax 12...Kc8 13.Bxa7 Be6 14.Nb6+ Kc7 15.fxe4 Nf6] **12...Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Kc8 14.Bg3** *[Better is 14.Bxa7!? seems even better 14...b6 15.Bxb6 Nf6 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Rf8]* **14...e5 15.c3 Kb8 16.cxd4 Kxa8 [D]**



17.Bxe5 cxd4 18.Bxh8 d3 19.Nc3 Ne7 20.Nxe4 a6 21.Rxd3 Nc6 22.Rd7 Nb4 23.Bd4 Kb8 24.Bb6 Nc6 25.Rhd1 Ka8 26.Rd8+! [D]



[Mate attack.] **26...Nb8** *[26...Nxd8 27.Rxd8# Mate attack.]* **27.Rxb8+! Kxb8 28.Rd8# [D]**



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Round: 1

Submitted by Bob with selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly]*.

White: Bob Pisciotta (1497)

Black: Mike O'Gara (1733)

Date: 7/8/2016

[Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4] **1.d4 d5** *(Text cont. next col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bf4 e6 6.e3 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.Qc2 [D]**



[Black has a cramped position. Black's piece can't move: c8] **8...Nh5 9.Bh2 f5 10.Be2 Nh6 11.0-0 Ne4 12.cxd5** *[12.Bf4 Qa5±]* **12...exd5 13.Ne5** *['The knight is the knight!'. White can be proud of that piece.][13.Bf4 Nb6]* **13...Bg5 14.f4 Bh4 15.Rf3 Ndf6??** *[Throwing away the advantage] [Better is 15...Nb6= was necessary; Better is 15...Nb6= would allow Black to play on.]* **16.g3 [D]**

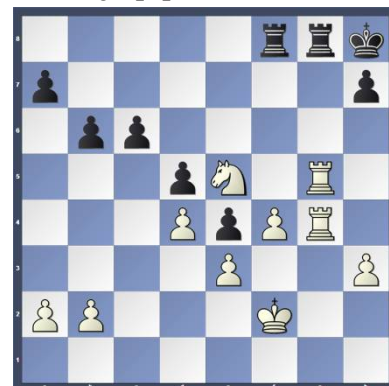


16...Nxg3? *[16...Bg5 17.fxg5 Nxg5; Better is 16...Bg5!? 17.fxg5 Nxg5±]* **17.Bxg3 Nh5 18.Bxh4 Qxh4 19.Bf1 Nf6 20.Qf2 Qh6 21.Qg2 Ne4 22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.Rg3 Be6 24.Be2 Kh8 25.Bg4 g5 [D]**

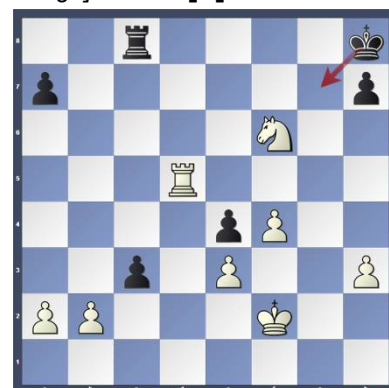


[25...Bf5 the last chance for counterplay; 25...Bf7] **26.Bxe6** *(Text cont. next col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) *[Better is 26.fxg5 and White can celebrate victory 26...Qg7 27.Bxe6 Rae8]* **26...Qxe6 27.Rxg5 Rg8 28.Kf2 Rxf8 29.Rg1 b6 30.Qg4** *[30.Rg7 b5 31.Qg5 Ra8 32.Qh6 Qf5 33.Qxh7+ Qxh7 34.Nf7#]* **30...Qxg4 31.R1xg4 [D]**



[31.hxg4?! Rxg5 32.Rc1 Rf6=] **31...Rxg5 32.Rxg5 c5 33.dxc5 bxc5 34.Nd7 Rc8 35.Rxd5 c4 36.Nf6** *[Better is 36.f5 makes it even easier for White 36...Kg7 37.f6+ Kf7 38.Rg5]* **36...c3 [D]**



37.bxc3 Rxc3 38.Rg5 Rc8 39.Nxe4 h6 40.Rc5 Rb8 41.Rc7 Rb2+ 42.Kf3 [D]



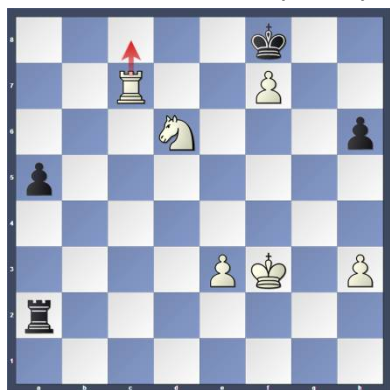
42...Rxa2 43.f5 a5 44.f6 Kg8 45.f7+ Kf8 46.Nd6 [D] *(p.3) 1-0*

Round: 1

Submitted by John with selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly]*.

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Position after 46.Nd6 (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2)

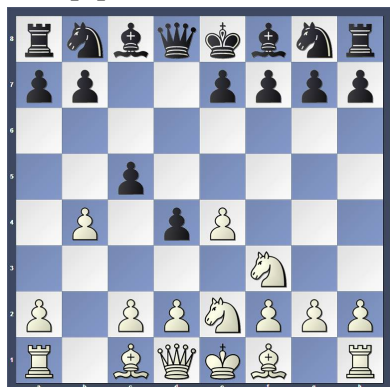
White: John Scott (1200)

Black: Don Forest (1541)

Date: 7/8/2016

[B11: Caro-Kann: Two Knights Variation]

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 d4 4.Ne2 c5 5.b4 [D]



5...b6 [5...Nc6!? is worthy of consideration 6.b5 Na5=] 6.bxc5 bxc5 7.Ba3 [7.c3!?±] 7...Qa5 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Nf4 [9.Nc1 Nf6=] 9...Nf6 10.Bd3 e5 11.Nd5 [D]



11...Be7 12.0-0 Bg4 [12...Rb8 13.Rb1=] 13.h3 [13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Nxe7 Kxe7 16.Nxe5 Rhc8±] 13...Bh5 14.g4 Nxg4? [D] (Next col.) [14...Rb8!? 15.a4 0-0±] 15.hxg4 [Better is 15.Bb5! Rc8 16.Bxc6+ Rxc6 17.Nxe7] 15...Bxg4 16.c3 [16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Bxc6+ Rxc6 18.Nxe7 Rh6] 16...h5 [16...Rb8!? is worth consideration 17.Bc1 Bd6] 17.Bb5! [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Nxg4? (From prev. col.)



Position after 17.Bb5! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.)

[Decoy: b5] **17...Bd7?** [17...Qxb5 18.Nc7+ Decoy Double attack] **18.cxd4** [Better is 18.Bxc6 and White can already relax 18...Bxc6 19.Nxe5 Bxd5 20.exd5] **18...Kd8??** [Black has lost his nerve... understandable when you consider his position] [18...exd4 19.Rc1 Bd6 20.Bxc6 Bxc6 21.Nxd4 Bxd5] **19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxe7** [Better is 20.Nxe5 and White has prevailed 20...Be8 21.Qb3 Qa6 22.dxc5 Rh6] **20...Kxe7 21.Nxe5 Bxe4?** [21...Be8 is the last straw 22.dxc5 Kf8+~] **22.Re1! [D]**



22...Bd5?? [22...Kf8 is still a small chance 23.Rxe4 Rh6] **23.Nc6+!! [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 23.Nc6+!! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [23.Nc6+ Kf8 24.Nxa5] **1-0**

Round: 2

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

White: Harry Hartmann (914)

Black: Olin Mastin (1500)

Date: 7/15/2016

[D03: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bg5, including Torre Attack with early ...d5] **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bg5 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.c3 [D]**



7...Bg4 8.Qc2 Re8 9.0-0 e5 10.Nb3?? [Releasing the pressure on the opponent.] [Better is 10.h3 saving the game 10...Bxf3 11.gxf3 exd4 12.exd4=] **10...e4 [D]**



11.h3 exd3 12.Qxd3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 h6 14.Bh4 g5 (Text cont. p.4)

(Cont. from p.3) [Better is 14...a5!?] 15.Bg3 Nh5 16.Bh2 Qd7 17.Bg1 Ne7 18.Nc5 Qf5 [D]



19.Qxf5 Nxf5 20.Bh2 b6 21.Na6 Rac8 22.Bxc7 Re7 23.Bh2 Nh4 24.Bd6 Rd7 25.Be5 Nxf3 [D]



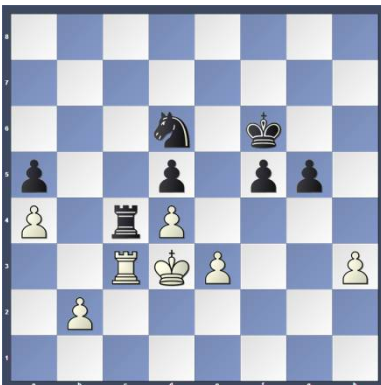
26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.Nb4 a5 28.Nc2 b5 29.Ne1 Nxe1 30.Rhxe1 b4 31.Rd3 bxc3 32.Rxc3 Rdc7 33.Kd2 Nf5 34.Kd3 Nd6 35.a4 f5 [35...Rxc3+ keeps an even firmer grip 36.bxc3 Ne4 37.f3 Rxc3+ 38.Ke2] 36.f4 Kf7 [36...Rxc3+ and Black can already relax 37.bxc3 Ne4 38.Rc1] 37.fxg5 hxg5 38.Rg1 Kf6 [Better is 38...Rxc3+ seems even better 39.bxc3 Kf6 40.Rb1] 39.Rgc1 [D]



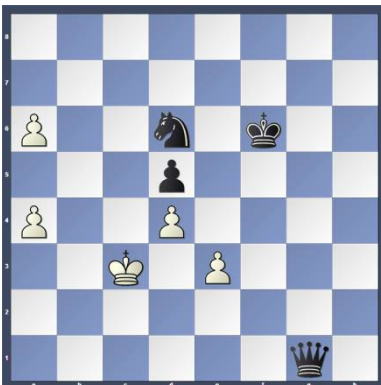
[39.Rxc7 desperation 39...Rxc7 40.Rb1] 39...Rxc3+ 40.Rxc3 Rc4 [D] (Next col.) [Better is 40...Rxc3+ might be the shorter path 41.Kxc3 g4 42.hxg4 fxg4] 41.b3 Rxc3+ 42.Kxc3 g4 43.hxg4 fxg4 44.b4 g3 45.bxa5 g2 46.a6 g1Q [D] (Next col.)

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Position after 40...Rc4 (From prev. col.)



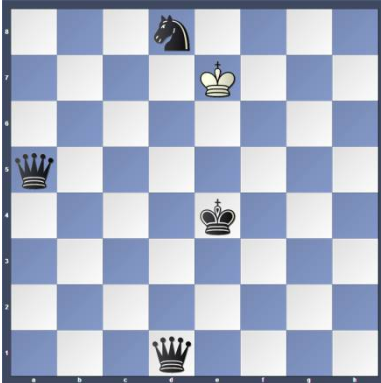
Position after 46...g1Q (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 47.a7 Qxe3+ 48.Kc2 Qe8 49.Kb3 Qa8 50.Kb4 Qxa7 51.a5 Nb7 52.Kb5 Qxa5+ 53.Kc6 Nd8+ 54.Kd6 Kf5 [D]

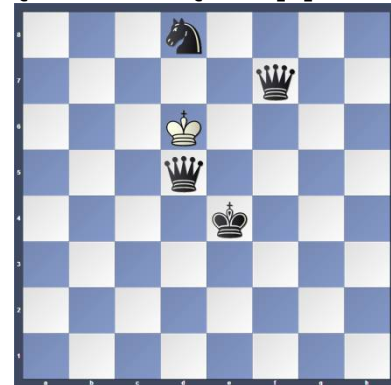


55.Kd7 Ke4 56.Kd6 Kxd4 57.Kd7 Ke4 58.Kd6 d4 59.Kd7 d3 60.Kd6 d2 61.Ke7 d1Q [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 62.Ke8 Qah5+ 63.Kf8 Qdf3+ 64.Ke7 Qff7+ 65.Kd6 Qhd5# [D]



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Round: 2

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

White: Willard Moyer (1560)

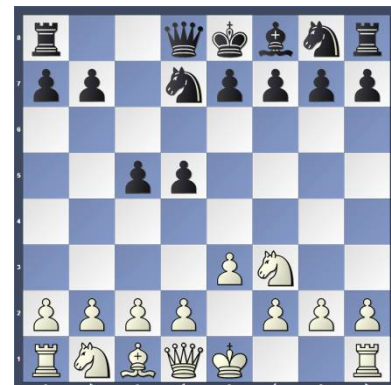
Black: Joseph Mucerino (2102)

Date: 7/15/2016

[A06: Réti Opening:1 Nf3 d5] 1.Nf3

d5 2.e3 c5 3.Bb5+ Bd7 (Joe -

There is no need to pin myself with 3...Nc6.) 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 [D]



(Joe - Some can argue that 4...Qxd7 and 5...Nc6 is better, but I wanted to get ...e5 in quickly.) 5.Nc3

5...Ngf6 6.Ne2 e5 7.d4?! (Joe - A slight error because black will gain space with 8...e4.) 7...cxd4 8.exd4 e4 [D]



(Text cont. p.5)

(Cont. from p.4) **9.Nd2 Bd6 10.0-0 Ng4** (Joe - 10...Bxh2+ is playable, but it doesn't win.) **11.Ng3 h5 12.f3? Ne3 [D]**



(Joe - Even stronger is 12...Bxg3! and if 13.fxg4 Bxh2+ 14.Kxh2 Qh4+ 15.Kg1 hxg5 winning.) [12...Bxg3!? 13.hxg3 Ne3] **13.Qe2 Nxf1 14.Qxf1 [Better is 14.Ngxf1!? 0-0 15.fxe4] 14...Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qf6 16.c3 exf3 17.Qe1+ Qe7 [D]**

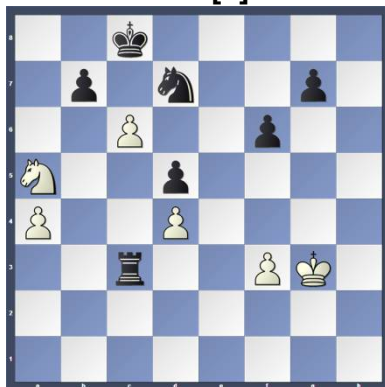


18.Qxe7+ Kxe7 (Joe - Trading queens makes things easy for black.) **19.gxf3 Rae8 20.Nb3 Kd8 21.Na5 Kc8 22.Kf2 h4 23.gxh4 Rxh4 24.Bg5 Rh2+ 25.Kg3 Rxb2 26.c4 f6 [D]**

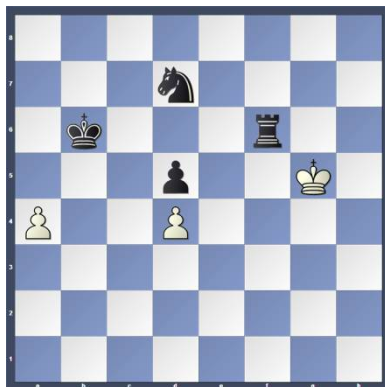


[26...Ree2 makes it even easier for Black 27.Rg1 f6 28.Bf4] **27.Bc1 Rc2 28.c5 Re1 29.Nb3 a5! [Deflection: c1] 30.a4 [30.Nxa5 b6 Decoy Double attack (30...Rxc1 Deflection)] 30...Rc3 31.Bd2 [31.Kf2 what else? 31...Rh1 32.Rb1] 31...Rxa1! [Decoy: a1] 32.Bxc3** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [32.Nxa1 Ra3 Decoy Double attack.] **32...Ra3 33.Nxa5 [33.Bxa5 the last chance for counterplay 33...Rxb3 34.Be1] 33...Rxc3 34.c6 [D]**



34...bxc6 35.Kg4 Kc7 36.f4 Kb6 37.Nxc6 Rxc6 38.Kf5 g5 39.fxg5 fxe5 40.Kxg5 Rf6 [D]



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Round: 3

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

White: Olin Mastin (1500)

Black: Don Funk (1607)

Date: 7/22/2016

[A08: King's Indian Attack.] **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.Re1 Be7 8.Nf1 0-0 9.Bf4 [D]**



9...Nh5 10.Bd2 g5 [10...Bg6!?= must be considered.] 11.e4 Bg4? [11...dxe4 12.dxe4 Bg6 13.Ne3] 12.Qc1 [Better is 12.exd5!? exd5 13.Ne3] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **12...h6 13.exd5 exd5 14.Ne3 Be6 15.h3 Qd7 16.Kh2 Rae8 17.b3 d4 [17...f5!? 18.Nd1 Bf6] 18.Nc4 f6 19.c3 b5 [D]**



20.Nb2 Bd6 21.c4 b4 [Black wins space] 22.Re2 Bf5 [Better is 22...Bxh3!? 23.Rxe8 Rxe8] 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Qf1 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.Re1 Kf7 27.Bd5+ Be6 [D]



28.Bxe6+ Rxe6 29.Qg2 Qc6 [D]

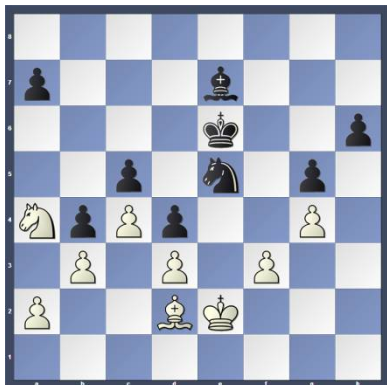


30.Qxc6 Rxc6 31.Kg2 Re6 32.Na4 Bd6 [D]



(Text cont. p.6)

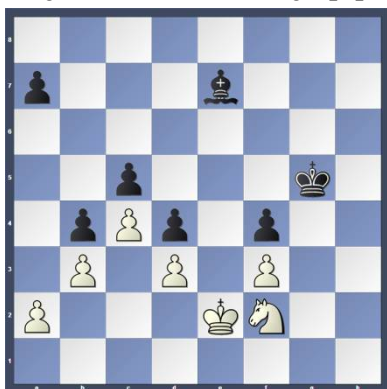
(Cont. from p. 5) **33.Rxe6 Kxe6** [A minor pieces endgame occurred.] **34.Kf3 f5 35.g4 fxg4+ 36.hxg4 Nf6 37.Be1 Be7 38.Bd2 Nd7 39.Ke2 Ne5 40.f3** [D]



40...Kf6 41.Be1 Ng6 42.Bg3 Nf4+ [D]



43.Bxf4 gxf4 44.Nb2 Kg5 45.Nd1 h5 46.gxh5 Kxh5 47.Nf2 Kg5 [D]



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Round: 3

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (2102)

Black: Robert Kampia (1700)

Date: 7/22/2016

[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 f6 4.e3 Bg4 5.h3

[D] (Next col.) (Joe - Not only kicking the bishop, but now the bishop on f4 can retreat to h2 if necessary.) **5...Bxf3**

6.Qxf3 e6?! (Joe - Why not expand with 6...e5?) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 5.h3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [6...e5!? should be considered 7.Bh2 exd4=] **7.c4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Nge7 9.Qg4** [D]



9...Kf7 10.Bd3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 g5 12.Qh5+ Ng6 13.Bg3 Nce7 14.h4?! [D]



(Joe - This is actually made pointless by black's next move. White should castle.) **14...h6 15.0-0 Kg7 16.f4 gxh4 17.Bxh4 Nxh4 18.Qxh4 f5 19.Rf3 Ng6** [D]



20.Qxd8 [20.Qh5!? dxc4 21.Bxc4±] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **20...Raxd8 21.cxd5 Rxd5 22.Rb1 b6 23.Rg3 Kf6 24.Rb2** [D]



24...Rd7 (Joe - I think black can put more pressure on white with 24...Ra5 and 25...Ra3.) **25.Bc4 c6** [Better is 25...Ne7!?= and Black can hope to live.] **26.Bxe6!** [Deflection: g6] **26...Rd6** [26...Kxe6 27.Rxg6+ Overloading Deflection] **27.Bc4 Rh7 28.Re2 Rg7** [Better is 28...Rc7!?±] **29.Rh3 Rh7 30.e4 fxe4 31.Rxe4 Kf5?** [Better is 31...Re7 32.Re5 Kg7] **32.Bd3 Kf6 33.f5!** [The knock-out blow.] **33...Nf8** [33...Kxf5 34.Re7+ Kf4 (34...Kf6 35.Rf3+ Decoy; 34...Kg4 35.Rxh7 Combination; 34...Kg5 35.Rxh7 Combination) 35.Rxh7 Combination.] **34.Reh4 Kf7 35.g4 Kg7** [D]



[35...Rg7 36.Be2 Nd7] **36.g5!** (Joe - Yes, 36.f6+ also wins.) **36...hxg5 37.f6+!** [D]



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This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.