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This issue features the Round 5 game of the 118th U. S. Open from NPCC President Joseph Mucerino, and NPCC July / August games.

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!

Game from the 118th U.S. Open Tournament:

Round: 5

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

White: NM Howard Zhong
(2241) [OK]

Black: Joseph Mucerino (2073)

Date: 8/3/2017

[D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2)] (Joe - Zhong is the first player from Oklahoma that I ever played against.) 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 [D]



4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 O-O 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Nge2 Re8 10.O-O Nf8 11.f3 h6 12.Bh4 N6h7? [D] (Next col.) (Joe - 12...Bd6 is better.) 13.Bf2 Bh4 14.e4 Bxf2+ 15.Rxf2 dxe4 16.fxe4 [D] (Next col.) 16...Bg4 17.Raf1 Bxe2? (Joe - I begin to go astray and get crushed. Better is 17...Ng5.) [Better is 17...Ng5!?! and Black can hope to survive] 18.Nxe2 Nf6? [Better is 18...f6±] 19.e5 Nd5 20.Rxf7 Ne6 21.Bc4 Qg5 22.Bxd5?! [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 12...N6h7 (From prev. col.)



Position after 16.fxe4 (From prev. col.)

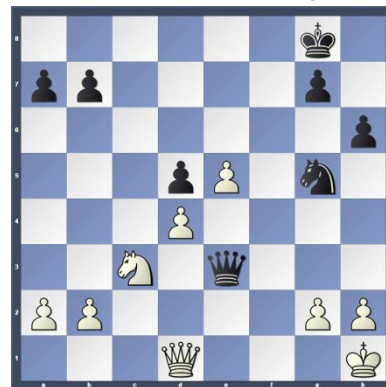


Position after 22.Bxd5?! (From prev. col.)

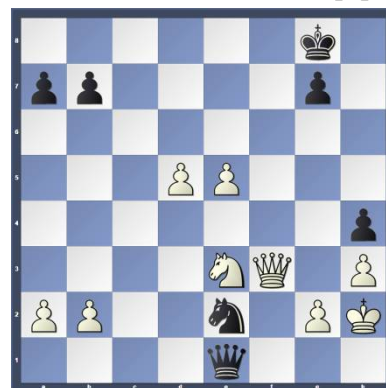


(Cont. from prev.col.) (Joe - Stockfish 7 found the stronger 22.Nf4! Kxf7 23.Nxd5+ Kg8 24.Nf4.) [22.Nf4! makes it even easier for White 22...Nexf4 23.R1xf4 Rf8 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Bxd5+ cxd5 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Qc8+ Ke7 28.Qxb7+ Ke6 29.Qc6+ Kf5 30.Qc2+ Ke6] 22...Qe3+ 23.Kh1 cxd5 24.Qd1?? [There were better ways to keep up the pressure.] [24.h3!? (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) Rad8 25.Rxb7 Qe4 26.Qxe4 dxe4] Ng5 25.R7f4 Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Nc3 Kg8?? [D]

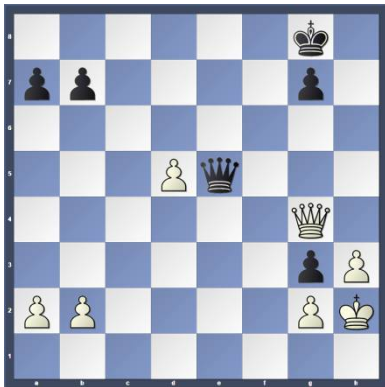


[A transit from better to worse.] (Joe - Black misses a chance to equalize with 28...Ne6. Now the game is pretty much over.) [Better is 28...Ne6= would keep Black alive.] 29.Nxd5 Qe4? [Better is 29...Qf2 30.Nc3 Qxb2 31.Qb3+ Qxb3 32.axb3 Ne6] 30.Nc3 Qf4 31.h3 h5 32.Qd3 h4 33.Kg1 [33.Ne2!? makes it even easier for White 33...Qf2] 33...Qc1+ 34.Nd1?? [White has let it slip away] [Better is 34.Qf1 seems even better 34...Qxb2 35.Qc4+ Nf7 36.Nd5 Qb1+ 37.Kh2] 34...Ne6 35.d5 Nf4 36.Qf3 Qd2 37.Ne3 Ne2+ 38.Kh2 Qe1 [D]

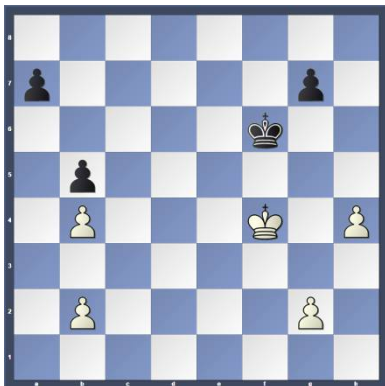


[Better is 38...Ng3!? 39.d6 Qe1 40.Qd5+ Kh7±] 39.Nf1 Ng3 40.Nxg3 Qxe5 41.Qg4 hxg3+ [D] (p.2) 42.Qxg3 Qxd5?? [An oversight. But Black was lost anyway.] [Better is 42...Qxb2 43.Qb8+ Kf7±] 43.Qb3 Qxb3 44.axb3 Kf7 45.Kg3 Kg6 46.Kf4 Kf6 47.h4 b5 48.b4 [D] (p.2) 48...Kg6 49.g4 Kf6 50.h5 Ke6 51.g5 [D] (Text cont. p.2)

Position after 41...hgx3+ (From p.1)



Position after 48.b4 (From p.1)



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(Cont. from p.1) (Joe - I withdrew from the tournament because there were other chess tournaments that I wanted to play in. GM Aleksandr Lenderman won the event with an 8/9 score. Benjamin and Shabalov both finished a point back. My roommate, Matt O'Brien, finished with 5.5 points, and our own Sean Pry finished with 3.5. Next year's U.S. Open will be in Wisconsin.)

Games from the NPCC-July Swiss Open Tournament:

Round: 1

Submitted by Bill with selected Fritz/Stockfish comments [shown thusly].

White: Amogh Kollipara (Age 9) (1165)

Black: Bill Campion (1536)

Date: 7/7/2017

[B2: Sicilian: 2 c3] 1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.O-O Nc6 8.Re1 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) 8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4 10.Bd2 O-O [10...Bxd2 11.Nbxd2 O-O 12.Nb3] 11.Bxb4 Nxb4 12.Nc3 Qd6 [D]



13.a3 [13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rad8=] 13...Nbd5 [13...Nc6 14.d5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3] 14.Ne5 Bxe2 15.Rxe2 Rac8 16.Nb5 [16.Qb3!?!] 16...Qb6 17.a4 a6 18.Na3 Rfd8 [18...Qb4 19.Rc2] 19.Rc2 [D]

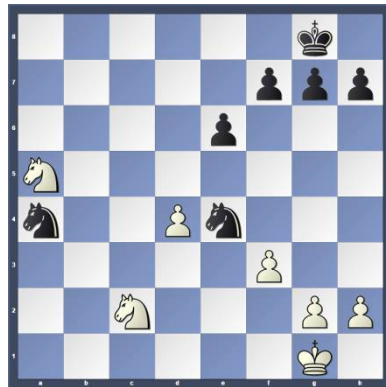


[19.Nac4 Qc7] 19...Rxc2 20.Nxc2 Qxb2 21.Rb1 Nc3 [D]

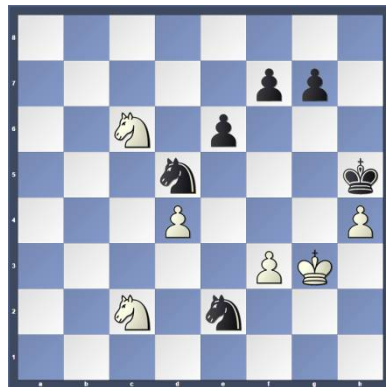


[Better is 21...Qa2 and Black can hope to live 22.Rxb7 Ne4] 22.Rxb2 Nxd1 23.Rxb7 Ne4 [23...Rc8!? 24.Ne1 Rf8±] 24.Nc6 Ra8 25.Rb8+ [Better is 25.a5±] 25...Rxb8 26.Nxb8 a5 27.Nc6 Ndc3 28.Nxa5 Nxa4 29.f3 [D] (Next col.) 29...Nf6 30.Nc6 Nd5 [A comfortable square for the black knight] 31.g4 Nac3 32.h4 h6 33.g5 [This push gains space] [33.Kf2 g6=] (Text cont. next col.)

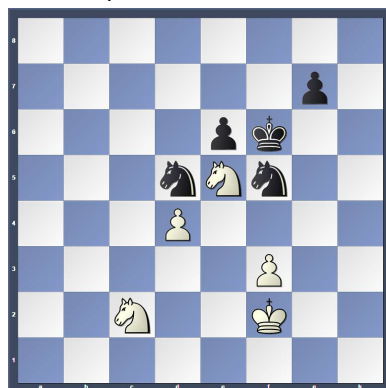
Position after 29.f3 From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 33...Kh7 [33...hgx5 34.hgx5 Nf4 35.Kh2] 34.gxh6 [34.Kf2 Nb5] 34...Kxh6 35.Kg2 Kh5 36.Kg3 [36.Nd8 Kg6] 36...Ne2+ [D]



[Better is 36...f6] 37.Kh3? [37.Kf2 Nef4 38.Nd8 f5] 37...Nef4+ [Better is 37...Ndf4+ and the scales tip in favor of Black 38.Kh2 Kxh4] 38.Kg3 Ng6 [38...f6!?!] 39.Nd8 Nxh4 40.Nxf7 Nf5+ 41.Kf2 Kg6 42.Ne5+ [The white knight on an outpost] 42...Kf6 [D]



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Round: 3

Submitted by Robert with selected Fritz/Stockfish comments [shown thusly].

White: George Murphy (1469)

Black: Robert Hepp (1225)

Date: 7/21/2017

[D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Bb4 6.e3 Qa5 [D] (p.3) (Text cont. p.3)

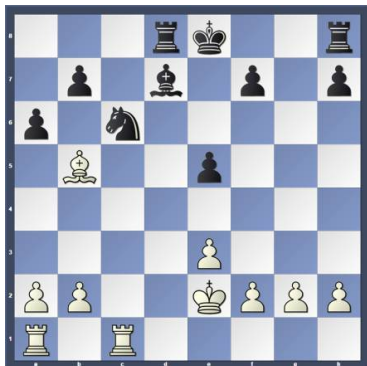
Position after 6...Qa5 (From p.1)



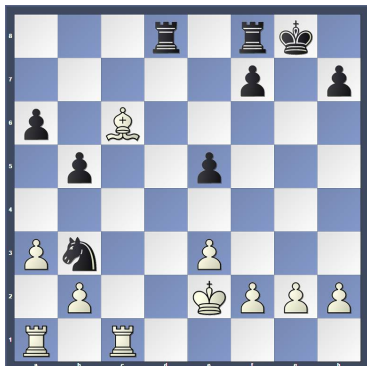
(Cont. from p.2) **7.Bxf6 Bxc3+ 8.Nd2??** [Forfeits the advantage.] [Better is 8.bxc3 was possible 8...Qxc3+ 9.Nd2 gxf6 10.Be2=] **8...Bxd2+** [8...gxf6?! is much weaker 9.bxc3 Qxc3 10.Be2] **9.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 10.Kxd2** [D]



10... gxf6 11.cxd5 e5 [Better is 11...cxd5!? and Black can already relax 12.Rc1 Nc6 13.Be2] **12.dxe5 fxe5 13.dxc6 Nxc6 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Rhc1 Rd8 16.Ke2 a6** [D]

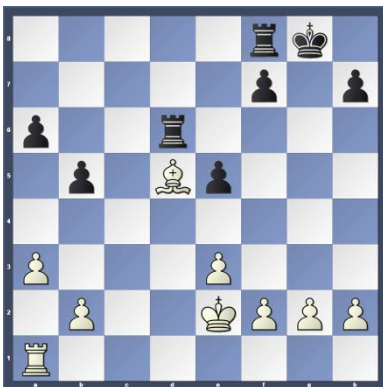


[Better is 16...Nd4+ keeps an even firmer grip] **17.Ba4 0-0 18.a3 b5 19.Bb3 Na5 20.Bd5 Bc6 21.Bxc6 Nb3** [D]

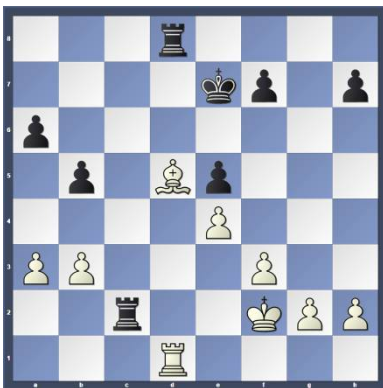


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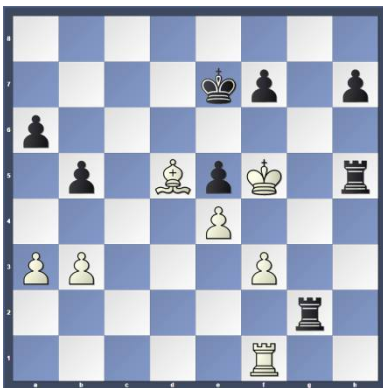
(Cont. from prev. col.) **22.Bb7 Nxa1 23.Rxa1 Rd6 24.Bd5??** [D]



[Causes more grief.] [24.Rc1 Rfd8 25.b4 Rd2+ 26.Ke1 Ra2 27.Bxa6 Rd5] **24...Rc8** [Better is 24...Rxd5 finishes off the opponent 25.Rc1 Rfd8] **25.Rd1?** [Better is 25.Be4] **25...Rc2+ 26.Kf1 Kf8 27.b3 Rc3 28.e4 Ke7 29.f3 Rd8** [29...Rc2 seems even better 30.Kg1 Rg6 31.g3] **30.Kf2 Rc2+** [D]



31.Kg3 Rg8+ 32.Kh4 Rgxf2 33.Rf1 Rxh2+ 34.Kg4 Rcg2+ 35.Kf5 Rh5# [D]



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Round: 4

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

White: Bill Campion (1536)

Black: Will Moyer (1475)

Date: 7/28/2017

[D03:1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bg5, including Torre Attack with early ...d5]

1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 Nd7 3.e3 Ngf6

4.Nd2 e6 (Text cont. next col.)

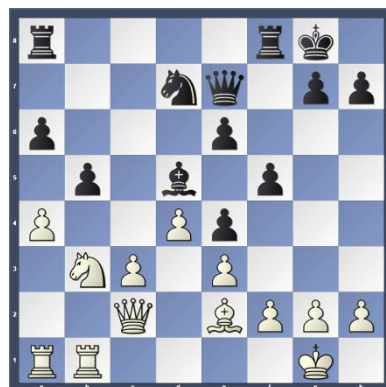
(Cont. from prev. col.) **5.Ngf3 Be7 6.Bd3 a6 7.c3 c5** [D]



8.Qc2 c4 9.Be2 b5 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Rfb1 Ne4 [D]

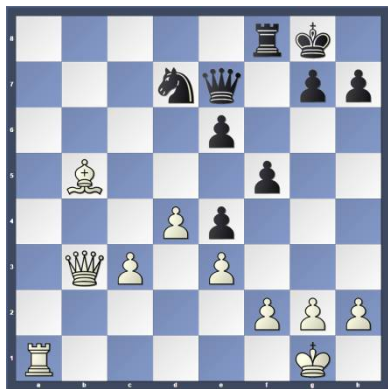


[Better is 11...h6!? is worthy of consideration 12.Bf4 0-0=] **12.Bxf7 Qxe7 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 f5** [14...Nb6 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4+] **15.b3** [15.a4 Kf7+] **15...cxb3 16.Nxb3 Bd5** [16...Qa3 17.Qb2 Qxb2 18.Rxb2+] **17.a4 0-0** [D]



[17...b4 18.c4 Rc8 19.Qb2+] **18.axb5+- axb5 19.Bxb5 Bxb3 20.Qxb3 Rxa1** [20...Kf7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.c4] **21.Rxa1** [D] (p.4) **21...Nb6 22.g3 Rb8 23.c4 Qc7?** [Better is 23...Na8] **24.Ra6 Kf7 25.Qa2 Nc8** [25...Qd8] **26.Rc6** [26.c5!? seems even better 26...Kf8 27.Qxe6 Qf7] **26...Qe7 27.Qa6** [Better is 27.Qa5 and White can already relax 27...Kf8 28.Qa6] **27...Qa7** [D] (p.4) (Text cont. p.4)

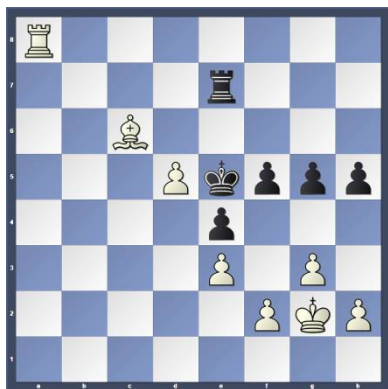
Position after 21.Rxa1 (From p.3)



Position after 27...Qa7 (From p.3)

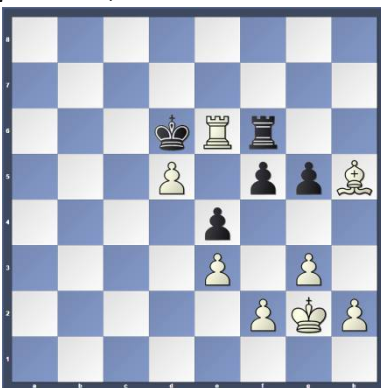


(Cont. from p.4) [27...Na7 desperation 28.Rxe6! Decoy: b7; 28...Qc7 (28...Qc745) 29.Re5] 28.Qxa7+ Nxa7 29.Rc7+ Kf6 30.Rxa7 h5 31.Ra6 Rb7 32.Kg2 [Better is 32.d5 keeps an even firmer grip 32...Kf7 33.Rxe6 Rb8] 32...g5 33.d5 Re7 34.Ra8 exd5 35.cxd5 Ke5 36.Bc6 [D]

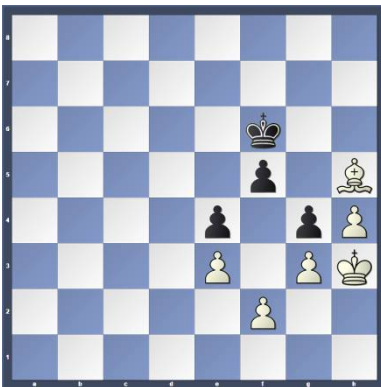


[36.Rg8 might be the shorter path 36...Kxd5 37.Rxg5 Kd6] 36...Rh7 37.Re8+ Kd6 38.Re6+ Kc7 39.Re5 [Better is 39.Bb5 secures the point 39...Rh8 40.d6+ Kb7] 39...Rf7 40.Be8 Rf6 41.Bxh5 Kd6 [41...Rf8+ the last chance for counterplay] 42.Re6+! [D] (Next col.) [And the rest is history.] 42...Rxe6 43.dxe6 Kxe6 44.h4 Kf6 45.Kh3 g4+ [D] (Next col.) 46.Bxg4! [Finishing the game.] 46...fxg4+ 47.Kxg4 Ke6 48.h5 Kf6 49.Kf4 Kg7 50.Kxe4 [D] (Next col.) 1-0

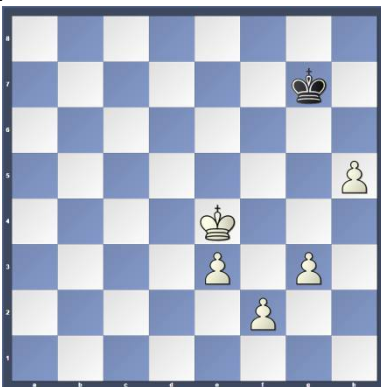
Position after 42.Re6+! (From prev. col.)



Position after 45...g4+ (From prev. col.)



Position after 50.Kxe4 (From prev. col.)



Round: 5

Submitted by Steve with selected Fritz/Stockfish comments [shown thusly].

White: Steve Atlee (unr)

Black: Gary Stevens (1200)

Date: 8/4/2017

[A04: Unusual lines after 1 Nf3 and King's Indian Attack] 1.Nf3 d6 2.e3 e5 3.c4 Bg4 4.Be2 e4 5.Nd4 [D] (Next col.) 5...Bxe2 6.Qxe2 c5 7.Nb3 Nf6 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.a3 [D] (Next col.) [Better is 9.0-0!? should be examined more closely] 9...Ne5 10.h3?? [Better is 10.0-0 the rescuing straw] 10...Nd3+ [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 5.Nd4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 9.a3 (From prev. col.)



Position after 10...Nd3+ (From prev. col.)

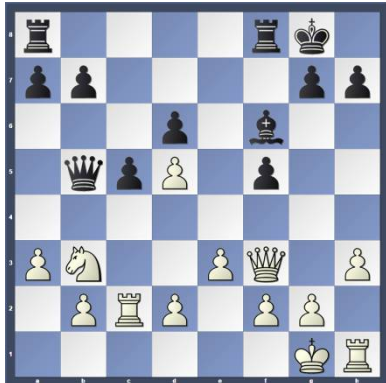


(cont. from prev. col.) 11.Kf1 Nxc1 [Better is 11...Qb6 and Black takes home the point 12.Qd1 Qa6] 12.Rxc1 Qd7 13.Nd5 [Better is 13.Rd1!? is worth looking at.] 13...Nxd5 14.cxd5 Be7 15.Qc4 0-0 [D]

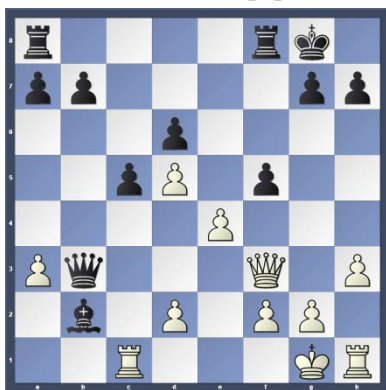


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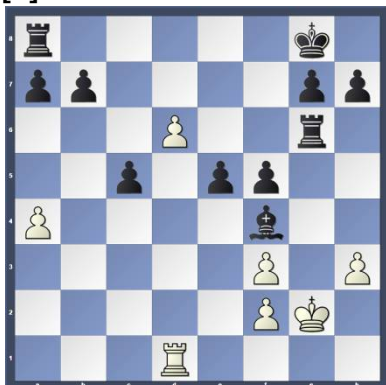
(Cont. from p.4) [15...f5 16.d4 b6 17.g3] **16.Qxe4 f5 17.Qf3??** [Allows the opponent back into the game.] [Better is 17.Qe6+ is the best option White has 17...Qxe6=] **17...Bf6** [17...Qb5+ makes it even easier for Black 18.Kg1 Qxb3 19.Rb1] **18.Rc2??** [White crumbles in face of a dire situation] [Better is 18.Kg1 Qa4 19.Qd1 Bxb2 20.Rc2 Qxa3 21.Qb1] **18...Qb5+ 19.Kg1 [D]**



[19.Qe2 does not help much 19...Qxb3 20.Qc4 Qxc4+ 21.Rxc4 Bxb2] **19...Qxb3 20.Rc1 Bxb2 21.e4 [D]**

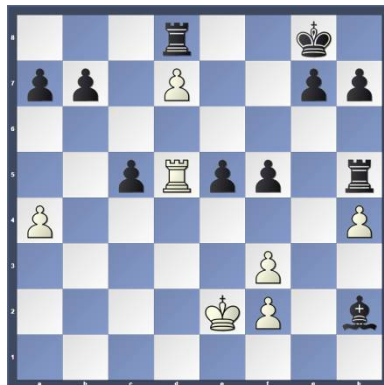


[21.Rb1 the only chance to get some counterplay 21...Qc2 22.Kh2 Qxd2 23.Rhe1] **21...Qxf3** [21...Bxc1 is easily refuted 22.Qxb3 Bxd2 23.exf5±] **22.gxf3 Bxc1 23.Kg2 Bxd2 24.e5 dxe5 25.Rd1 Bf4 26.d6 Rf6 27.a4 Rg6+ [D]**

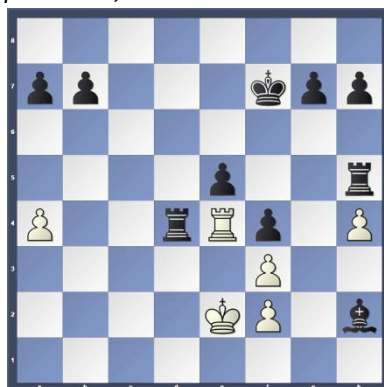


28.Kf1 Rd8 29.d7 Bh2 30.Ke2 Rg1 31.Rd5 Rg5 32.h4 Rh5 [D] (Next col.) **33.Rxc5 Rxd7 34.Rc8+ Kf7 35.Rc4 f4 36.Re4 Rd4 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

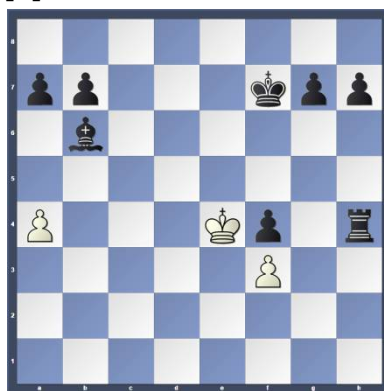
Position after 32...Rh5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 36...Rd4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **37.Rxd4 exd4 38.Kd3 Rxh4 39.Kxd4 Bg1 40.Ke4 Bxf2 41.Kd5 Bb6 42.Ke4 [D]**

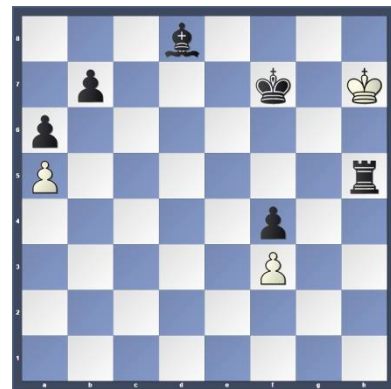


42...g5 43.Kf5 Rh6 44.Kxg5 Rg6+ 45.Kf5 Rf6+ [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **46.Kg5 h6+ 47.Kh5 Rf5+ 48.Kxh6 Bd8 [48...a5 49.Kh7 Rh5#] 49.a5 a6 50.Kh7 Rh5# [D]**



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Round: 5

Submitted by Bill with selected Fritz/Stockfish comments [shown thusly].

White: Don Forest (1445)

Black: W Campion (1536)

Date: 8/4/2017

[D06: Queen's Gambit: Symmetrical and Baltic Defenses] **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 [D]**



3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.a3 c5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 [D]



8.Bxd7+ Nbx7 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.O-O Bc5 12.Nf3 O-O 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Rc1 b5? [D] (p.6) [14...Qb8!?] **15.b4 [15.e5 Nxe5 16.Bxf6 gxf6] 15...Ba7 [15...Bb6 16.Nxb5!] (Text cont. p.6)**

Position after 14...b5? (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) [Discovered attack: c3, Rc1xc7 (16.Nd50) 16...Qb8 17.Nd6±] **16.Nxb5! [D]**

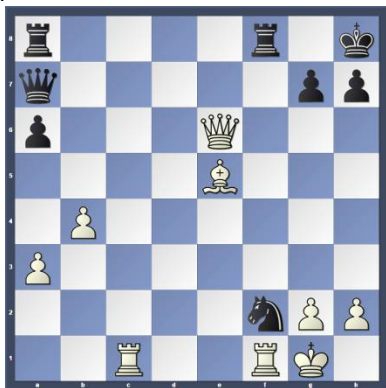


[Discovered attack: c3, Rc1xc7] **16...Qb6** [16...axb5 17.Rxc7 Discovered attack] **17.Nxa7 Qxa7 18.e5 Ng4?** [Better is 18...Nd5!±] **19.Bf4** [Better is 19.Qd6 seems even better 19...Rfc8 20.h3 Rxc1 21.Bxc1] **19...f6?? [D]**

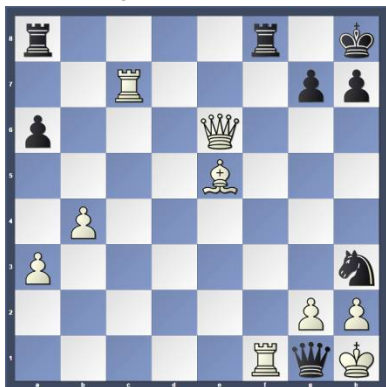


[Leading to a quick end.] [19...Rfd8 20.Qe2 Nf8] **20.Qd6 Ndx5 21.Qxe6+** [Better is 21.Rc7 and White can celebrate victory 21...Qb8 22.Bxe5] **21...Kh8 22.Nxe5 fxe5** [Better is 22...Nxe5 23.Bxe5 Rfe8] **23.Bxe5??** [(With this move White loses his initiative.)][Better is 23.Bg3 and White gets the upper hand 23...Nh6 24.Qxe5] **23...Nxf2 [D]** (Next col.) [Black has a mate threat.] **24.Rc7??** [Ignoring the path to victory.] [Better is 24.Bxg7+ would bring relief 24...Qxg7 (Text cont. next col.)]

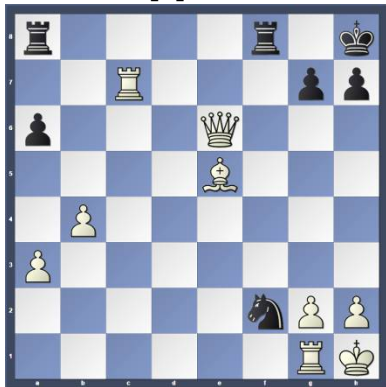
Position after 23...Nxf2 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 25.Rxf2 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Qb2+ **24...Nh3+ 25.Kh1 Qg1+!! [D]**



[Deflection: f2] **26.Rxg1** [26.Rxg1 Nf2# Mate attack Deflection] **26...Nf2#!! [D]**



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This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.

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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

Tuesday mornings :

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

Wednesday evenings :

7:30 to 10:00 PM, "Christ Reformed Church at Indian Creek" located at 171 Church Road (intersection with Cowpath Road), Telford, PA. (Closed for summer, will resume after Labor Day.)

Weekdays:

8:00 to 4:00 Daily, Senior Center, 312 Alumni Ave, Harleysville, PA

Friday Mornings:

10:00 AM up to 2:00 PM
Indian Valley Public Library, 100 E. Church Ave, Telford, 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>