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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Winter 2017, Part 3

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This issue will feature more games played 2017 (38th) Winter Robin Tournaments.

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 2017

Winter Robin Tournament:

Round: 4

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

White: Joe Mucerino (2105)

Black: Gary Marshall (1800)

Date: 1/27/2017

[A41: 1 d4 d6: Tartakower System and Modern Defense]

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.c3 (Joe - A very cautious move. I had never played Gary before, so I did not know if he was going to play a sharp move like 3...d6) 3...d6 4.e4 Nd7 5.Bf4 [D]



(Joe - Perhaps a bit better is 5.Bc4, with some tactical possibilities on f7.)

5...Ngf6 6.Nbd2 Nh5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 [D] (Next col.) 9...Nxc3 10.hxc3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Bc4 Qe7 14.Qb3 0-0

[14...c6!?= is worthy of consideration]

15.Rxh6 Kg7 [D] (Next col.) 16.Rh1

Be6 [16...Bd7!? should be examined more closely] 17.0-0-0 b5? [D] (Next col.)

(Joe - This pawn can be taken, but I wanted to play it safe.) [17...Rab8 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Qa3±] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 9.Bg3 (From prev. col.)



Position after 15...Kg7 (From prev. col.)



Position after 17...b5? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 18.Bxe6

[18.Qxb5!? Rfb8 19.Qa4 Rb7]

18...Qxe6 19.Nf3 Qf6?? [D]

(Next col.) [Causes even greater problems.]

(Joe - This loses the game. White now wins more material.) [Better is 19...Qxb3 20.axb3 f6±]

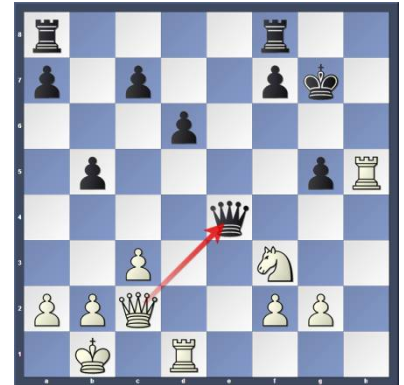
20.Rh5 Bf4+ 21.gxf4 Qxf4+

22.Kb1 Qxe4+ 23.Qc2 [D] (Next col.) [Better is 23.Ka1!? and White can already (Text cont. next col.)

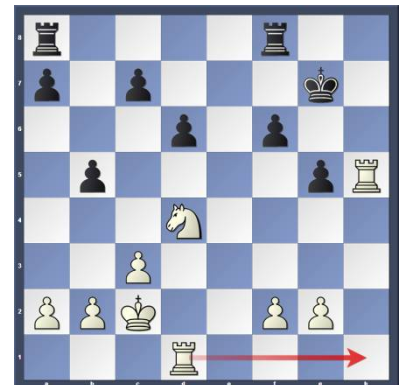
Position after 19...Qf6?? (From prev. col.)



Position after 23.Qc2 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) relax 23...Rae8 24.Rxg5+ Kf6 25.Rxb5 Rg8] 23...Qxc2+ 24.Kxc2 f6 25.Nd4 [D]



[25.Nd4 Rh8 26.Rxh8 Rxh8 27.Nxb5] 1-0

Round: 4

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

White: Don Forest (1469)

Black: George Murphy (1366)

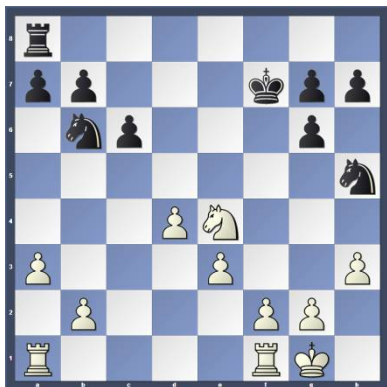
Date: 1/27/2017

(Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) [D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Bf5 4.Bf4 Nf6 5.e3 e6 6.a3 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.h3 Nbd7 [D]**



9.Nh4 Bg6 10.Nxg6 fxxg6 [White has the pair of bishops] **11.Bd3 Nh5** [11...dxc4!? 12.Bxc4 Nd5] **12.Bh2 Rf7 13.0-0 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Nb6??** [An oversight. But Black was lost anyway.] [Better is 14...Nf8±] **15.Bxe6 Bd6 16.Qb3** [16.Be5!? might be the shorter path 16...Qc7 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Qb3+ Kf8] **16...Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Qd6+ 18.Kg1** [18.f4!? keeps an even firmer grip 18...Qc7 19.d5 Raf8] **18...Qe7 19.Bxf7+ Qxf7 20.Qxf7+ Kxf7 21.Ne4 [D]**



21...Rb8 22.Rac1 Nf6 23.Ng5+ Ke7 24.Rfe1 h6 25.Nf3 g5 26.e4 g4 [26...Ne8 does not save the day 27.d5 cxd5 28.exd5+ Kf8 29.Red1] **27.hxg4 Nxg4 28.Nh2** [28.d5!? and White can already relax 28...cxd5 29.Nd4 Kf6] **28...Nf6 29.Rc5 Kd7 30.Rf5 Nc4 31.Re2 [D]**



31...Ke7 32.f4 b6 33.a4 g6 34.Rxf6! (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [Forces the win.] **34...Kxf6 35.Kf2** [35.Rc2 seems even better 35...b5 36.axb5 cxb5] **35...Rd8 36.Nf3 g5 37.b3** [37.Rc2!? makes it even easier for White 37...b5 38.b3 Na5 39.fxxg5+ hxg5] **37...Na5 38.fxxg5+ [Better is 38.Rc2 secures the point 38...Kg7 39.fxxg5 hxg5 40.Nxg5] 38...hxg5 39.Rc2 g4 40.Ne5** [40.b4!? gxf3 41.bxa5 fxxg2 42.Rxc6+ Kg5 43.axb6 axb6 44.Rc4] **40...Rxd4 41.Nxg4+ [D]**

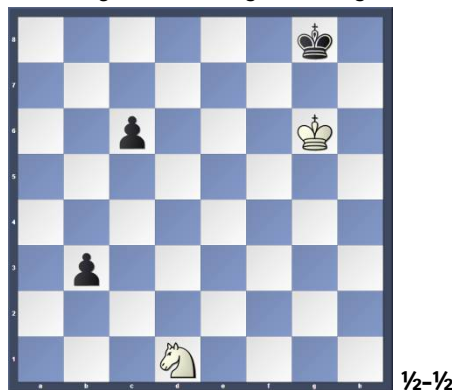


41...Kg5 42.Ke3 [42.Ne5!? Rxe4 43.Nxc6 Nxb3 44.Nxa7 Rxa4 45.Nc8=] **42...Rb4 43.Kf3?** [Better is 43.Ne5 would allow White to play on 43...Rxb3+ 44.Kd4 Rb4+ 45.Kd3] **43...Rxb3+ [43...Nxb3!? might be the shorter path 44.Kg3 Rxe4 45.Nf2 Re3+ 46.Kh2] 44.Ne3 Ra3 45.Rd2?** [Better is 45.e5 Rxa4 46.g4 Rf4+ 47.Kg3] **45...Rxa4** [Better is 45...Nc4! secures the win 46.Re2 Ne5+ 47.Kf2 Rxa4] **46.Rd8 Ra3** [Better is 46...Nb3!? 47.Nf5 Kf6] **47.Rg8 Kf6 48.Kf4 Kf7 49.Ra8 Ke6 50.Rxa7 Nc4 51.Rxa3 [D]**



51...Nxa3 52.g4 b5 53.g5 b4 54.e5 b3 [Black advances the passed pawn] **55.Nd1 Nc4** [Attacking the isolated pawn on e5] **56.g6** [Is this a dangerous pawn?] **56...Nxe5 57.g7 Ng6+ 58.Kg5 Kf7** [Better is 58...Ne7!? would keep Black in the game.] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **59.g8Q+ [Deflection: g6.] 59...Kxg8 60.Kxg6 [D]**



Round: 4

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

White: Will Moyer (1562)

Black: Bill Campion (1572)

Date: 1/27/2017

[D11: Slav Defense: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4] **1.d4 d5 2.e3 a6 3.c4 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Be2 Bf5 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Nh4 Bg6 9.Re1 Bd6 [D]**

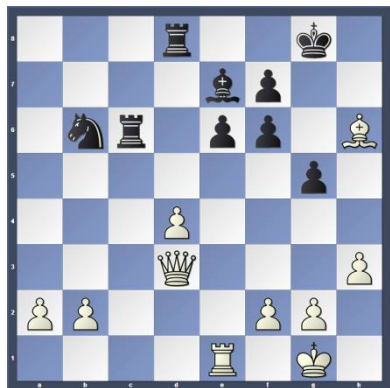


10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.h3 Qc7 12.c5 Be7 13.Qc2 b6 14.cxb6 Nxb6 15.Bf3 Rc8 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nbd5 [17...Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Nd5 19.b3] **18.Bg5** [18.Nc5 0-0] **18...Nb4 [D]**



[18...Nxe4 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Bxe4] **19.Qc3** [White has an active position] [19.Qe2 Nxe4 20.Bxe7 Ng3 21.fxxg3 Kxe7] **19...Nbd5 20.Qc4?** [Hands over the advantage to the opponent.] [20.Qd2 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 Bxxg5 22.Qxxg5 0-0] (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) **20...Nb6?** [An unfortunate move that relinquishes the win.] [Better is 20...Nxe4 Black has the better game 21.Bxe4 Bxg5 22.Qxa6 0-0]
21.Qxa6 0-0? [A transit from better to worse.] [Better is 21...Nxe4 is a viable option 22.Bxe7 Nd2] **22.Nxf6+ gxf6**
23.Bh6 Rfd8 24.Rac1 g5? [Another bit of territory lost.] [Better is 24...Nd5±]
25.Rxc6 Qxc6 [25...Qf4 is the last straw
 26.Qxb6 Kh7 27.Bxg5 fvg5] **26.Bxc6 Rxc6 27.Qd3 [D]**

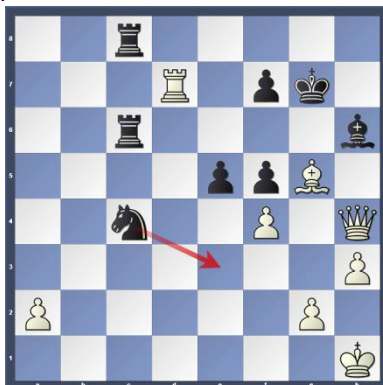


[Better is 27.Qb7 and White has reached his goal 27...Rcc8 28.Qxb6 Kh7] **27...f5??**
 [Black crumbles in face of a dire situation]
 [27...Rcd6 28.Qc2] **28.f4** [Better is 28.Qg3 and White takes home the point 28...f6 29.f4 Nd5 30.fvg5 fvg5 31.Bxg5 Kf7 32.Bxe7 Nxe7] **28...Bf6 29.Bxg5 Bxd4+ 30.Kh1 Rd7 31.Qf3 Rdc7 32.Bd8** [32.Rd1!? might be the shorter path 32...Rc1 33.Kh2 Rxd1 34.Qxd1 Rd7] **32...Rc8 33.Rd1 Bxb2 34.Qb3 [D]**

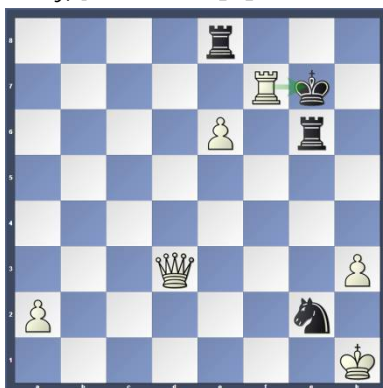


[Better is 34.Qg3+ makes it even easier for White 34...Kf8 35.Bxb6 Rxb6 36.Qg5] **34...Nc4??** [Black falls apart] [Better is 34...Nd5 35.Qxb2 Rxd8] **35.Be7** [Better is 35.Qg3+ and White has triumphed 35...Kf8 36.Qh4] **35...Bg7 36.Qg3 Kh7 37.Qh4+ Bh6** [37...Kg8 is one last hope 38.Qg5 e5 39.fxe5 Nxe5 40.Qxf5 Re8] **38.Bg5** [Better is 38.Qh5 and White can already relax 38...Ne3 39.Bg5 Rc1 40.Qxh6+ Kg8] **38...e5 39.Rd7** [Better is 39.Qh5 seems even better 39...Kg7 40.Rd7 Rf8] **39...Kg7 [D]** (Next col.)
 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 39...Kg7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [39...Ne3 otherwise it's curtains at once 40.Bxh6 Rxh6 41.Rxf7+ Kg8 42.Rf8+ Kxf8 43.Qxh6+ Kf7 44.Qh7+ Ke6 45.Qg6+ Ke7 46.Qg7+ Kd8] **40.Bxh6+ Rxh6 41.Qg5+ Rg6 42.Qxf5 Rf8 43.fxe5 Ne3 44.Qd3** [44.Qf2!? keeps an even firmer grip 44...Nxxg2 45.e6 Rxe6 46.Qxg2+ Kh7] **44...Nxxg2 45.e6!** [Deflection: g2] **45...Re8** [45...Rxe6 46.Qc3+ Double attack (46.Kxg2 Deflection; 46.Qd5 Decoy)] **46.Rxf7+ [D]**



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Round: 4

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

White: Greg Sulat (1470)

Black: Bob Pisciotta (1423)

Date: 1/27/2017

[C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines] **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 [D]** (Next col.)
7...cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.Ng3 0-0 13.Bg5 [White has an active position] **13...Be7 [D]** (Next col.)
14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nh5 g6 [D] (Next col.) [Exerts pressure on the isolated pawn. Covers f5] [Better is 15...Bd8!? looks like a viable alternative.] **16.Nxf6+** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 7.Ne2 (From prev. col.)



Position after 13...Be7 (From prev. col.)



Position after 15...g6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **16...Rxf6 17.Rc1** [17.Bb5 Bd7] **17...Qf4** [17...Qb6!?!= should be investigated more closely.] **18.Bb5 Bd7 19.Rc3 a6 [D]**



(Text cont. p.4)

(Cont. from p.3) [19...Rff8!? might be a viable alternative] **20.Bxc6 Bxc6**
21.Ne5 Bb5 [21...Rff8 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Rxc6±] **22.Rf3** [Better is 22.g3!? Qg5 23.f4] **22...Qg5 23.Rxf6 Bxf1**
 [23...Qxf6!? 24.Re1 Qe7±] **24.Rf3??**
 [Makes life more difficult.] [Better is 24.Ng4 Bb5 25.f4±] **24...Qxg2#** [D]



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Round: 5

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

White: Greg Sulat (1470)

Black: Bill Campion (1572)

Date: 2/3/2017

[A45: Trompowsky Attack] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.Bxf6** [D]



(Greg - I think trading the bishop for the knight early on was a mistake on Bill's part. My dark sq Bishop came in handy later) **3...gxf6 4.dxc5 Qa5+ 5.Nd2** [D]



5...Qxc5 6.e3 Bg7 7.Ngf3 Nc6 (Text cont. next col.)

(From prev. col.) **8.c3 d5 9.Bd3 e5 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Qe7 12.Nb3 Rd8 13.Rc1 a5 14.a4** [D]



14...f5 15.g3 f4 [Black gets more space] **16.Nh4** [16.exf4!? exf4 17.Re1=] **16...Bh3 17.Re1 fxc3 18.hxc3 Rd6** [D]



[Black has a very active position] [18...Qf6 19.Bb5=] **19.Bf3** [19.Bg4 Bxg4 20.Qxg4 Qf8] **19...Rh6 20.Bxd5 Rxh4** [D]



(Greg - The rook sacrifice shouldn't have worked but it did. Just wanted to open up those pawns. Once a piece up it was more or less time to keep trading. There was only one open file and my rook controlled it.) [Better is 20...e4 21.Qc2 Rxh4 22.gxh4 Re8=] **21.Qf3??** [White loses the upper hand] [Better is 21.gxh4 Qxh4 22.Qf3±] **21...Rh6 22.Rc2 Rf6 23.Qh5 Bf5 24.Rd2 Be6 25.Bxe6 Rxe6 26.Red1 Rd8** [26...b6 27.Kg2] **27.Qe2** [27.Rxd8+!? (Text cont. next col.)]

(Cont. from prev. col.) **Nxd8 28.Nxa5** **27...Rxd2 28.Rxd2 Rd6** [D]



[28...b6 29.Rd5] **29.Rc2?** [Better is 29.Rxd6 Qxd6 30.Qb5] **29...e4 30.Qg4 Qe6 31.Qxe6 fxe6 32.Nc5 Ne5 33.Nxe4 Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Nd3 35.Kh3** [35.Kf3 Ra1 36.Rd2 Ne5+ 37.Ke2 Rxa4] **35...Ne1** [D]

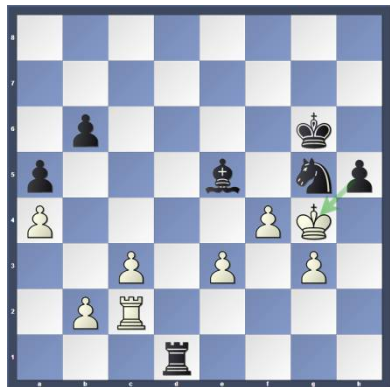


[35...Kf7!? 36.b4] **36.Re2 Nf3** [36...Kf7] **37.Rc2??** [Forfeits the advantage.] [37.Kg2 Ne1+ 38.Kh3] **37...h6** [37...b6!? 38.Kg4 Ne5+ 39.Kh3] **38.Nc5 Ng5+ 39.Kg4** [39.Kg2!? b6 40.Nb3] **39...b6++ 40.Nb3 Kf7 41.Nd2?** [Better is 41.f4 Ne4 42.Kf3] **41...Kg6** [D]



(Greg - The mate at the end was pretty much forced once my king got to g6. Bill's fork at the end was valiant but I knew there was nothing he could do to stop the pawn check followed by the rook h1 #) (Text cont. p.5)

(Cont. from p.4) **42.Nc4** [42.Nf3 h5+ 43.Kf4 Nh3+ 44.Ke4] **42...e5** **43.Nxe5+ Bxe5** **44.f4** [44.Rc1 Rxc1 45.f3 h5+ 46.Kh4 Rh1#] **44...h5+ [D]**



[44...h5+ 45.Kh4 Rh1+ 46.Rh2 Rxh2#] **0-1**

Round: 5

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

White: Mike O` Gara (1645)

Black: Gary Marshall (1823)

Date: 2/3/2017

[A41: 1 d4 d6: Tartakower System and Modern Defense] **1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.e3 Nd7 6.Be2 e5 7.Bd2 Ne7 8.h3 [D]**



8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 exd4 10.exd4 Bxd4 11.Rb1 Nc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nb5 Bg7 14.Be3 a6 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 [D]



16...Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Rb8 18.b3 Qf6 19.Qd1 Rfe8 20.g3 Re7 21.Kg2 Ne5 22.Be2 Rbe8 23.Rc1 Nc6 24.Bd3 Nb4 25.Bb1 Re2 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

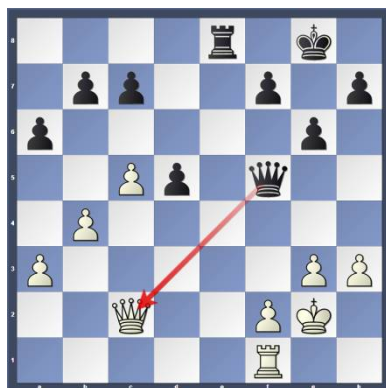
Position after 25...Re2 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **26.a3 Nc6 27.Bd3 Rb2 28.b4?** [White prepares the advance c5] [Better is 28.Rb1] **28...Nd4 29.c5 Nf5** [Better is 29...h5!? keeps an even firmer grip 30.c6 bxc6 31.Rb1] **30.Rc2! [D]**

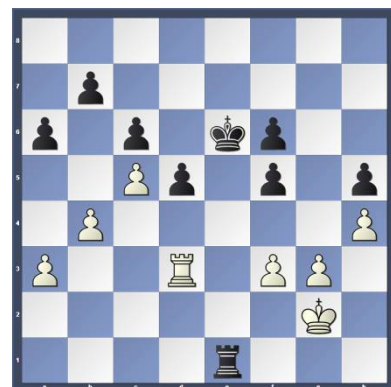


(Gary - Stopping my tactics. Winning move! So30...RxRc2) [Better is 30.Bxf5!? Qxf5 31.Qd4] **30...Rxc2 31.Qxc2 d5** (Gary - At least I get my passed pawn, so I should win, right?) [Better is 31...Nd4!? 32.Qc4 dxc5 33.bxc5 Nf3] **32.Bxf5 Qxf5 [D]**



33.Qxf5 gxf5 34.Rd1 [34.Kf3!?] **34...c6 35.Rd3 Kg7 36.Kf3 f6** [36...Kf6 37.Rb3] **37.Kg2** [37.Kf4!? Kg6 38.f3] **37...Kf7 38.Kf3 h5 39.h4?** [39.Kf4 Re2 40.f3] **39...Re5??** [Releasing the pressure on the opponent.] [Better is 39...Re4 nails it down] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **40.Kf4 Ke6 41.Kf3??** [Better is 41.f3 would be a reprieve.] **41...Re4 42.Kg2 Re1** [Better is 42...f4!? makes it even easier for Black 43.gxf4 Rxf4 44.Rh3] **43.f3 [D]**



(Gary - if I move 43...Ke5, advance d-pawn, get easy win, but I played 43...Ke7? Draw) [43.Kf3 Re5] **43...Ke7 1/2-1/2**

Round: 5

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

White: Dr. Art Martella (1162)

Black: Harry Hartman (892)

Date: 2/3/2017

[D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] **1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nd7 3.Bd3 Ngf6 4.Nd2 g6 5.c3 Bh6 6.f4 c5 7.Ngf3 0-0 8.0-0 Ng4 [D]**



9.Ne5?? [There were better ways to keep up the pressure.] [Better is 9.Qe2= saving the game] **9...Nxe3 10.Qf3 Nxf1 11.Nxf1 Nf6??** [Throwing away the advantage.] [11...cxd4 seems even better 12.cxd4 Qb6 13.Be3 Qxb2 14.Rb1 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qxa2 16.Bc5] **12.g4?** [12.dxc5!? d4 13.Bc4] **12...Nd7** [12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Bg7 14.Be3] **13.Qh3 [D]** (p.6) [13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.f5 Bxc1 15.Rxc1 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qd6] **13...Bg7 14.Ne3** [14.Qg2 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qb6] **14...Nxe5** (Text cont. p.6)

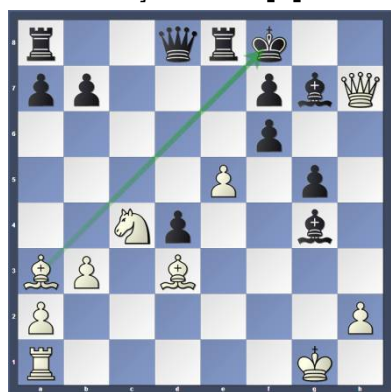
Position after 13.Qh3 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) 15.dxe5 d4 16.cxd4 [16.Nd1 does not win a prize 16...dxc3 17.Nxc3 Bxg4] 16...cxd4 [Better is 16...Qxd4!? might be the shorter path 17.Be2 Qxf4 18.Nc4] 17.Nc4 Re8 [Better is 17...h5!? and Black can already relax 18.Qg2 hxg4 19.b3] 18.f5 g5?? [D]

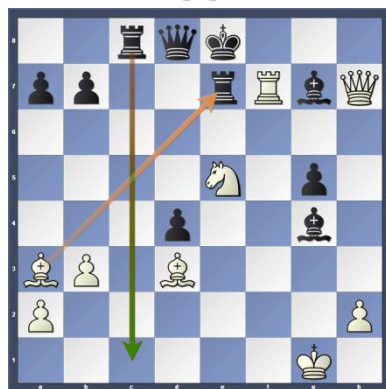


[Stumbles just before the finish line.] [Better is 18...Qd5 Black clearly has the better chances 19.e6 Rf8] 19.f6 exf6? [Better is 19...h6 20.fxg7 Kxg7 21.Bxg5 Rh8] 20.Qxh7+ Kf8 21.b3 Bxg4 [21...fxe5 22.Ba3+ Re7] 22.Ba3+ [D]



22...Re7 [22...Qe7 doesn't change the outcome of the game 23.Rf1 f5 24.Bxe7+ Rxe7] 23.Rf1 [Better is 23.exf6 keeps an even firmer grip 23...Bxf6 24.Rf1] 23...fxe5 [23...f5 praying for a miracle 24.h3 f4 25.hxg4 Qd7] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 24.Nxe5! [Deflection: g7.] 24...Rc8 [24...Bxe5 25.Qxf7# Mate attack Deflection Pinning; ...24...-- 25.Rxf7+ Mate threat] 25.Rxf7+ Ke8 [D]



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Some pictures of NPCC players in tournaments of past years :

Round 5, 44th Susquehanna Valley Open, July 28, 2013.



Don Funk vs. Michael Fischer

Round 4, 45th Susquehanna Valley Open, July 20, 2014.



Eric Funk vs. Rodion Rubenchik



Edmund Chong vs. Don Funk (Foreground); Jeff Hoskavich vs. Tony Durkin (Background),



E. Olin Mastin vs. Steve Owlett (Foreground); Kevin Hemingway Jr. (Background)

This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.

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. (Will be closed during Lenten Season due to church services. Resumes April 19, 2017)

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>