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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Winter 2018, Part 5

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This issue, for the most part, features 2018 Winter Robin 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!

Games from the NPCC 2018 Winter Robin Tournament:

Round: 6

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly].*
**White: Alexander MacFarlane (1863)
Black: Joseph Mucerino (2040
Date: 2/2/2018**
[A11: English Opening: 1...c6] **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.e3 c6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bb2 e5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 [D]**

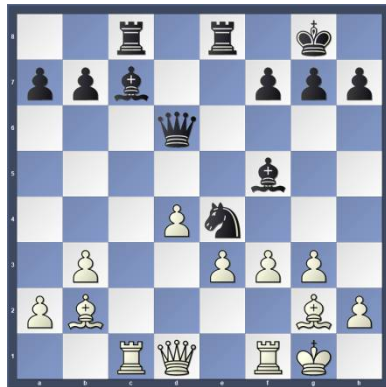(Joe - This is slightly better than recapturing with the pawn.) **10.Ne4 Bc7 11.d4 Re8 12.Nc3? [D]**

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(Cont. from prev.col.) (Joe - Now black will seize the initiative.)
12…e4 13.Nxd5?? [D]

(Joe - White apparently miscalculated. 13.Nd2 was probably best.) *[Better is 13.Nd2!? is noteworthy 13...Nxc3 14.Bxc3]* **13…exf3 14.Bxf3 cxd5 15.Bxd5 Nf6 16.Bf3 Qd6 17.g3 Ne4 18.Rc1 Bf5 19.Bg2 Rac8 20.f3?? [D]**

[White has lost his nerve... understandable when you consider his position] (Joe - This just invites black to sacrifice.) *[Better is 20.Qe2]*
20…Nxg3! *[Discovered attack: g3, Qd6–g6]* **21.hxg3 Qxg3 22.Rxc7 [D]**

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(Cont. from prev.col.) (Joe - The computer says that this is the best move by about four pawns!)
22…Rxc7 23.e4 *[23.Qe1 cannot undo what has already been done 23...Qxe1 24.Rxe1 Rc2–+]* **23…Bh3 24.Rf2 Re6 25.Kf1 Bxg2+ [D]**

(Joe - If you want to nitpick, 25...Rg6 was stronger.) *[25...Rg6 26.Qe2 Qh2 27.Qb5 Bxg2+ 28.Ke1–+]* **26.Rxg2 Qh3 27.d5** *[27.Kf2 the only chance to get some counterplay 27...Rec6 28.Kg1–+]* **27…Rg6 [D]**

(Joe - White cannot avoid mate.) *[27...Rg6 28.Ke2 Rxg2+ 29.Ke3 Qh6+ 30.Kd4 Rxb2 31.Kd3 Qf6 32.Ke3 g5 33.f4 Rc3+ 34.Qd3 h5 35.f5 Qb6+ 36.Kf3 Rxd3#]* **0-1**

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Round: 6

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly]*.
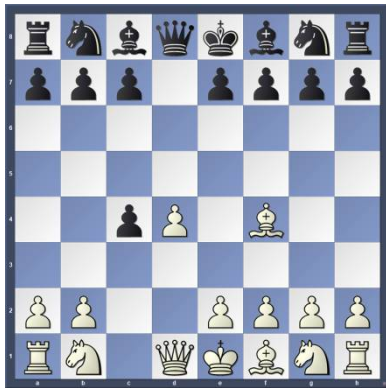
White: Terance Hall (1836)
Black: Alex MacFarlane (1863)
Date: 2/23/2018

[D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and 3 e4] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4** (Terance - Didn't expect this from Alex.)
3.Bf4 [D]

(Terance - I played this to get out of book. e3 or e4 is normally played here.) **3…Nf6 4.Nc3 a6** (Terance - Intending to hold on to the c4 pawn.) **5.a4** (Terance - This give a slight advantage to Black. e3 should be played here and if b5 then a4, b4, and then Na2 and White has compensation for the pawn.) **5…Nc6 6.e3 [D]**

6…Na5 (Terance - Delaying development to hold on to the pawn in which I welcomed. A later Nb3 doesn't bother me as I can play around it.) **7.Nf3 Bg4 8.h3** *[Stockfish 9* NOTE: To see all the Stockfish analyses, click on the "html" link at the end of this article.]* **8…Bxf3 9.Qxf3 c6 10.Be2 e6 11.Qg3?! [D]** *(Next col.)* (Terance - Better was 0–0, or Be5. I played Qg3 to avoid trading Bishops on d6 and to put pressure on the g7 pawn to keep black from moving his Bishop out to castle.) **11…Nb3?!** (Terance: Black loses his advantage and should start to finish his development by Bb4. By putting his Knight on b3 it forces my rook to a better square that *(Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 11.Qg3?! *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) equalizes the game.) *[11…Qb6!? looks like a viable alternative.]* **12.Rd1= b5** (Terance - Best move!) **13.axb5** (Terance - Another move was 0–0, but I played axb5 to give Black a chance to go wrong with cxb5) *[Stockfish 9*]* **13…axb5 14.Bf3 Nd5?!** (Terance - Now White has a slight advantage, better was Qc8.) *[Stockfish 9*]* **15.0-0 g6?** *[Black should quickly conclude development.]* (Terance: f6 was the move to play and then Kf7 to finish developing.) *[Better is 15…f6=] [Stockfish 9*]* **16.h4?** (Terance - This not only losses the advantage but gives Black a sight one. Best was Bxd5 and White has a nice advantage.) *[16.Bxd5! exd5 17.Bc7 Qc8] [Stockfish 9*]* **16…h5?** (Terance - With this move it gives White a huge advantage. Better is Bb4.) *[Better is 16…Bb4!?[3] is interesting] [Stockfish 9*]* **17.Be5± Rh7 18.Ne4** (Terance - This looses my advantage and now the game is equal. e4 was the key move to play which was a move I considered but I thought bringing in the Knight to clamp down on Black's weakened dark squares was the way to go.) *[18.e4! Nxc3 19.bxc3 Be7+−] [Stockfish 9*]* **18…Be7** (Terance: Any other move seems to lose. I foresaw this move and figured I could sacrifice the h pawn for some play.) **19.Nd6+** (Terance - Slightly better was Nc5.) *[Stockfish 9*]* **19…Kf8 [D]** *(Next col.)* (Terance - Best move in the position which I was expecting.) **20.Be4?** (Terance - Bad move why I changed my mind from e4 which was planned when I played Ne4 I don't know why.) *[20.e4!? is noteworthy. 20…Nb4 21.d5 Bxh4 (Text cont. next col.)*
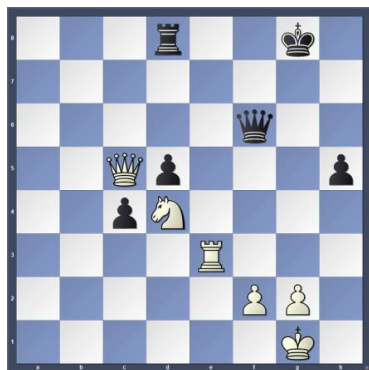
Position after 19…Kf8 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) 22.Qh2=] *[Stockfish 9*]* **20…Bxh4 21.Qf3 f5** (Terance - I missed this move as I thought Kg8 was the move to be played to get out of the pin, but f5 is strong also.) *[Stockfish 9*]* **22.Bb1?** (Terance - With this move it looks like White is losing now. Bc2 was best.]* **22…Bf6** (Terance - Rd7 would of nailed down Whites position.) *[Better is 22…Rd7 23.Ne4 Kg8−+]* **23.Bh2??** *[Causes further problems for White]* (Terance: This losses on the spot but I was starting to get into a little time crunch and wanted to play quicker and to keep as many pieces on the board.) *[Better is 23.e4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Bxd4 25.Nxc4] [Stockfish 9*]* **23…Rd7−+** (Terance - The strongest winning move.) **24.e4** (Terance - I think the best move to complicate things up for any chances.) *[24.Qg3 Kg7 25.Nxf5+ exf5 26.Bxf5−+]* **24…Nxd4** (Terance - I have to admit I didn't realize how strong this move was as my Queen has no good squares to go to.) **25.Rxd4 Bxd4 26.exd5 exd5** *[26…Rxd6!? keeps an even firmer grip 27.Bxd6+ Qxd6 28.Rd1 Bxb2 29.dxc6−+]* **27.Bxf5** (Terance - Nxf5 was slightly better, but I played Bxf5 which I thought gave Black more choices to go wrong.) **27…gxf5 28.Qxf5+ [D]**
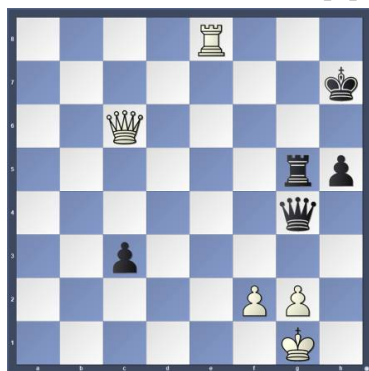

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Cont. from p.2) (Terance - same comment as my last move, as playing the Queen would give me a chance if Black plays wrong.) *[28.Nxf5 Bxb2 29.Qxh5–+]* **28…Qf6??** (Terance - Yes, Black plays the wrong move and realizes it after he touches it and must play it. This losses on the spot) *[Better is 28...Bf6 secures the point 29.g4 Rxd6–+]* **29.Qxd7+- Rd8** *[29...Kg8 does not win a prize 30.Kh1 Rf8 31.Qxc6+–; 29...Qxf2+?? [Stockfish 9*]* **30.Qxc6 Be5** (Terance - At this point we both were in time pressure to make the time control.) **31.Bxe5 Qxe5 32.Nxb5 Qxb2 33.Re1 Qg7 34.Qc5+** *[Stockfish 9*]* **34…Kg8 35.Re7** *[Better is 35.Nd6 and White takes home the point]* **35…Qg5 36.Re3 Qf6 37.Nd4 [D]**

37…Kh8 38.Qc7 *[38.Ne6 and White can already relax 38...Ra8+–]* **38…Rf8 39.Qg3?!** (Terance - This drops the Knight and gives Black some drawing chances.) **39…Qxd4± 40.Re7=** *[Better is 40.Qg5 h4 41.Kh1 Qa1+ 42.Kh2±]* **40…Rg8??** *[Throws away the game][Better is 40...h4 and Black hangs on.]* **41.Qf3** (Terance - This move is good but Qd6! wins on the spot.) *[41.Qd6! Qa1+ 42.Kh2+–]* **41…Qg4± 42.Qxd5** (Terance - The best chance.) **42…Rg5 43.Re8+ Kh7± 44.Qc6 c3 [D]**

(Terance - At this point Alex offered a draw, even though g3 gives me some chances, but I had rather not risk it and accepted the draw.) **½-½** *(Text cont. next col.)*

Round: 6
Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly].*
White: Joe Mucerino (2070)
Black: Craig Gerland (1595)
Date: 2/5/2018 (Makeup Date)
[A48: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6: Torre, London and Colle Systems] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 b6 5.e4 Bb7 6.Bd3 d6 7.Qe2 c5 8.c3 Nbd7?** (Joe - This gives white a good attack. Black should simply castle.) **9.e5 [D]**

9…dxe5 10.dxe5 Ng4 (Joe - 10...Nd5 is a bit better.) **11.e6 [D]**

11…Nde5 12.Bb5+ Kf8 13.h3 [D]

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(Cont. from prev. col.) **13…Nxf3+ 14.Nxf3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 ?!** (Joe - The more obvious 15.Qxf3 is better. I did not want black to gain a tempo with 15...Ne4.) *[15.Qxf3 Ne5 16.Qe4 h6+–]* **15…Nf6?** *[Better is 15...Qd5 16.hxg4 Qxg5 17.exf7 Be5±]* **16.Rd1 Qc7 17.exf7 Kxf7??** *[Black has lost his nerve... understandable when you consider his position]* *[17...h6 18.Bc1 a6+–]* **18.Rd7!!** (Joe - Winning the queen, because 18...Nxd7 19.Qxe6 Kg8 20.Bc4 mates. However, even stronger is 18.Bc4+ and 19.Qe6.) **[D]**

[Decoy: g8] **18…Qxd7** *[18...Nxd7 19.Qxe7+ Mate attack Interception Decoy Pinning; ...18...-- 19.Qxe7+ Mate threat]* **19.Bxd7 Rad8** *[19...Rhd8 cannot change what is in store for ? 20.Be6+ Kf8 21.0-0+–]* **20.Be6+ [D]**

20…Kf8 21.0-0 h6 22.Bf4 Nd7 *[22...Nh5 a last effort to resist the inevitable 23.Bc7 Nf4 24.Bxf4 Bf6+–]* **23.Qd3 [D]**

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(Cont. from p.3) [23.Qd3 Bd4 24.Qxg6 Bxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Ne5 26.Bxh6+ Rxh6 27.Qg8#] **1-0**

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Round: 7

Submitted by Joe with his, Terance's comments (as edited), and selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly].*

White: Terance Hall (1828)
Black: Joseph Mucerino (2040)
Date: 2/16/2018

[D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Bg4 [D]**

(Joe - Terance had many, many victims in this tournament. One of them tipped me off that he had prepared extensively for him. So I thought about some of the games that I have published in the newsletter before, and I decided to vary. I thought I had never played this move before in my life, but it turned out it this was the third time that I ever played it. Terance had his first real think after it.) **8.f3** (Joe - There is nothing wrong with this, but other players have played 8.Ne2 9.f3 and 10.Nf4 to win bishop for knight.) **8…Bh5 9.Qc2** (Terance - Nge2 can be played here also.) *[Stockfish 9*]* *(Please click on or copy and paste the "html" link at the end of this article to see the complete unedited analyses.)* **9...Bg6= 10.Bxg6 hxg6 11.Nge2 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 a5 13.Kb1** *[Stockfish 9*]* **13...b5?! [D]** *(Next Col.)* (Joe - This weakens the pawn on c6, but a win guaranteed me a tie for first place, so I decided to go for it.) **14.e4** (Terance - Flank attack so I must hit in the center as I was preparing for this.) **14…b4** (Joe - The computer preferred 14...dxe4, but I had an idea in mind.) (Terance - I was expecting this move which gives me an advantage *(Text cont. next col.)*

(Position after 13...b5?!) *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) now. Better was dxe4.) *[Stockfish 9*]* **15.Na4 dxe4 16.fxe4 Ng4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7** (Joe - This is the position I had in mind when I played 14...b4.) **18.Qxc6?! [D]**
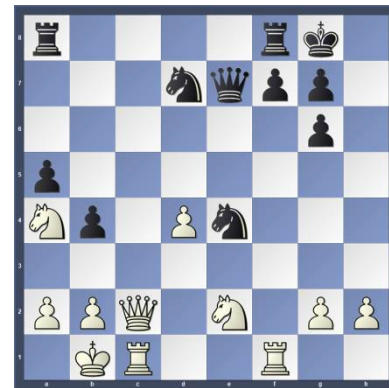

(Joe - White now has more pawns and more problems.) (Terance - An unwise decision, playing Rde1 was the best move. Playing Qxc6 creates complications for me to hold on to the pawn and a lot of time calculating the consequences.) *[Better is 18.Rde1!? has some apparent merit.] [Stockfish 9*]* (Joe - White now has more pawns and more problems.) **18…0-0 19.Rc1** (Terance - I wasted too much time here calculating all the possibilities and finding the best move.} **19…Nf2 20.Rhf1** (Terance - Here I wasted more time to check if I should push e5 and sac the exchange for Black's active Knight which I concluded was not worth it.) *[20.e5?] [Stockfish 9*]* **20…Nxe4 21.Qc2 [D]** *(Next Col.)* (Joe - The computer assesses black as being almost a pawn up, but I thought it was closer to equal, with maybe a slight advantage for black.) (Terance - Slightly better was Rfe1.) *[21.Rfe1 Rac8 22.Qxc8 Rxc8 23.Rxc8+ Kh7]* **21…Rac8 22.Qd3 Rfe8** (Terance - This move sets up some possible tactics.) *(Text cont. next col.)*
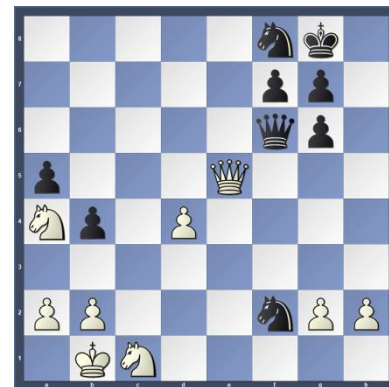
(Position after 21.Qc2) *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Rc1** (Terance - Now I have to play for a draw in a worse position.) *[24.Ng1 Qe6]* **24…Rxc1+µ 25.Nxc1 Nf2?! [D]**

(Joe - This looks like it throws away all of white's advantage. The computer liked the solid 25...Ndf6, but I wanted something more aggressive.) (Terance - An incorrect move which all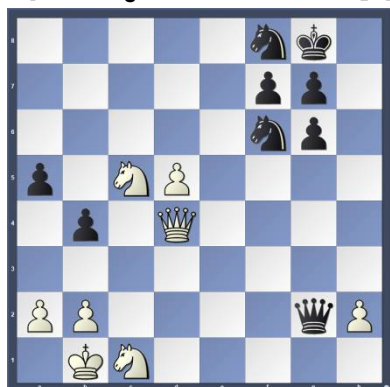ows me to equalize the game.) *[25...Ndf6!?] [Stockfish 9*]* **26.Qe2= Qf6 27.Qe8+?!** (Joe - A better way to hold the balance was 27.Nc5.) (Terance: A nicer move was Nc5.) *[Stockfish 9*]* **27…Nf8 28.Qe5 [D]**
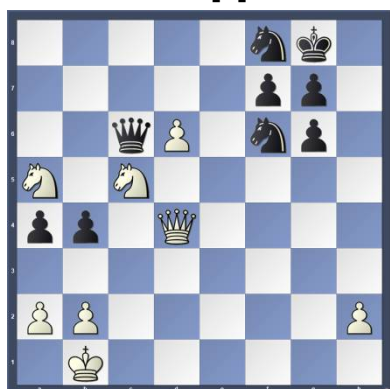

(Joe - Terance offered a draw. Between needing a win to tie for first, and the fact that Terance was down to about a minute a move for the

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(Cont. from p.4) rest of the time control, I decided to keep playing.) (Terance – I was down to about a minute a move for the rest of the time control, I decided to keep playing. (Terance - Only move that keeps the balance.) **28…Qc6 29.Nc5** [White king safety improved] (Terance - Best and only move that keeps White in the game as my active Knight and Queen compensates for the loss of the g pawn.) **29…Qxg2 30.d5?** (Joe - Natural, but it should cost white another pawn.). (Terance - Here I played the losing move in severe time pressure, I wanted to play Qg3 but did not have enough time to calculate it out.) [Better is 30.Qg3 and White can hope to survive] ([Stockfish 9*] **30…Ng4-+ 31.Qd4 Nf6?! [D]**
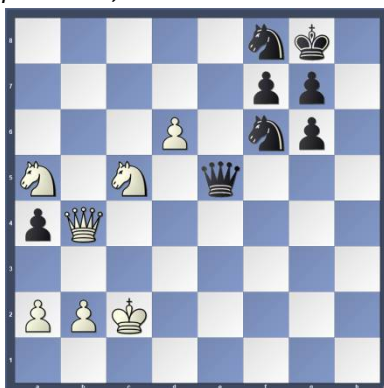

(Joe - The computer says it is safe to play 31...Nxh2, but I did not want to take any chances.) (Terance - Making sure to block my d pawn on d7 if necessary.) [Better is 31...Nxh2 the advantage is on the side of Black 32.N1b3 g5–+] **32.d6 Qc6 33.N1b3** [33.N1d3 N8d7] ([Stockfish 9*] **33…a4 34.Na5? [D]**

Joe - Now white's king is exposed.) (Terance: Time pressure move.) [Better is 34.Nd2] **34…Qh1+ 35.Kc2 Qxh2+ 36.Qd2 Qe5 37.Qxb4 [D]** (Next col.) [37.Nab7 b3+!] Doomsday 38.axb3 Ne4–+] **37…Qxd6 [D]** (col.) (Joe - 37...Nd5 is a better move, but I just wanted to get rid of that pawn.) (Joe - White lost on time.) **0-1** (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 37.Qxb4) (From prev. col.)

(Position after 37…Qxd6) (From prev. col.)

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Submitted by Olin with my comments and selected Fritz/Komodo comments [shown thusly].
White: George Murphy (1442)
Black: Olin Mastin (1500)
Date: 2/16/2018
[E72: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 g3] **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.Nge2 Re8 8.0-0 c5 [D]**

9.Be3 Rb8 10.h3 a6 11.f4 Nf8? [D]
(Next col.) [11...cxd4 12.Bxd4 e5 13.Ba7] (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 11.f4 Nf8?) (From prev. col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **12.f5** [Better is 12.dxc5!? Qc7 13.cxd6 exd6 14.g4±] **12…b6 13.fxg6 fxg6 14.Nf4?? [D]**

[White prepares the advance d5. There were better ways to keep up the pressure] [14.e5 dxe5 15.dxc5 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 bxc5±] **14…Bb7??** [Loses material. not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game] [Better is 14...cxd4 15.Qxd4 e5] **15.d5 N8d7??** (Olin – What a blunder! I was aiming for to place my Knight on e5, but completely neglecting the open hole on e6!!) **16.Ne6!! [D]**

16…Qc8 17.Qd2 Ne5 18.Bh6 Nxc4 19.Qc1 Nh5? [19...Bh8!?= has some apparent merit] **20.g4 Ng3?? [D]** (p.6) [The position is going down the drain] (Text cont. p.6)

(Position after 20.g4 Ng3??) *(From p.5)*

(Cont. from p.5) [20...Bd4+ 21.Nxd4 cxd4 22.gxh5 dxc3] **21.Nxg7** *[Better is 21.Bxg7 and White takes home the point 21...Nxf1 22.Bxf1+−]* **21...Nxf1 22.Nxe8 Qxe8 23.Qxf1 Ne5 24.Qe2 Nf7 25.Be3 b5 26.Rf1 b4 27.Nb1 a5 28.Bf4 Ra8 [D]**

29.e5?? (Olin – George overlooked the point of my 28th move!) *[White lets it slip away] [Better is 29.Qc2+−]* **29...Ba6! [D]**
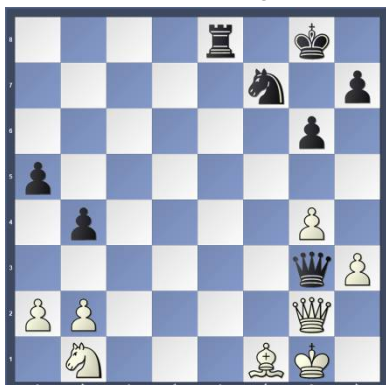

30.Qe3 Bxf1 31.Bxf1 Qa4 32.exd6 exd6 33.Bxd6?? [D]

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [Hands over the advantage to the opponent] [Better is 33.Nd2±] **33...Nxd6−+ 34.Qe6+ Nf7 35.d6** *[35.Nd2 Re8 36.Qc6 Qxc6 37.dxc6 Ne5−+]* **35...Re8 [D]**

[Better is 35...Qc2!? seems even better 36.Qe1 Qxb2 37.d7−+] **36.Qd5 Qd7 37.Qxc5 Qxd6 38.Qc2** *[38.Qxd6 doesn't change anything anymore 38...Nxd6 39.Nd2 Rc8−+]* **38...Qg3+** *[Better is 38...Re1 and Black has it in the bag 39.Kg2 Qd1 40.Qxd1 Rxd1−+]* **39.Qg2 [D]**
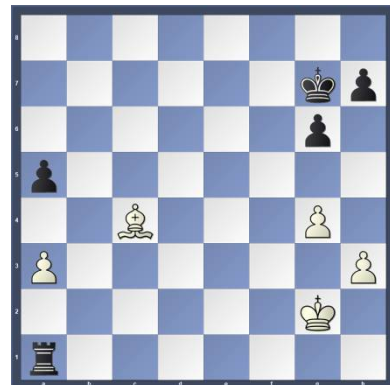

39...Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 Re1 41.Nd2 Ne5 42.a3 bxa3 43.bxa3 Ra1 44.Nc4 [D]

[44.Kg3 the last chance for counterplay 44...Rxa3+ 45.Kf4 Nd3+ 46.Ke4 Nf2+ 47.Kd5−+] **44...Nxc4 45.Bxc4+ Kg7 [D]** *(Next col.)* (Olin – George resigned.) **0-1** *(Text cont. next col.)*

(Position after 45...Kg7) *(From prev. col.)*

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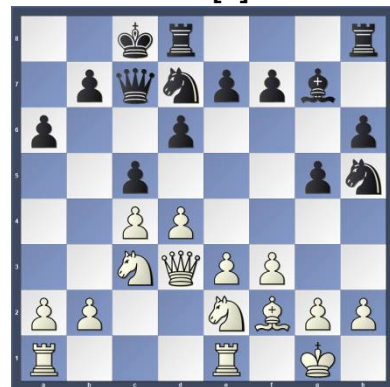**White: Michael O'Gara (1677)**
Black: Craig Gerland (1595)
Date: 2/16/2018

[E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 d6 6.e3 g5 7.Bg3 Bf5 8.Bd3 [D]

8... Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nbd7 10.f3 Nh5 11.Bf2 c5 12.Nge2 a6 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Rfe1 0-0-0?? [D]

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[Better is 14...e6 and Black hangs on] **15.Nd5+- Qb8?** *[15...Qa5 16.Reb1 cxd4+−]* **16.Nxe7+ Kc7 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nd5+ Kd7 19.Qf5+ Ke8 20.Rab1[D]**

[Better is 20.Nef4 and White can celebrate victory 20...gxf4 21.exf4+ Kf8 22.Qxh5+−] **20...Qc8 21.Qc2 Nf6 22.e4 Nxd5 23.exd5 Kf8 24.Ng3 g4** *[24...a5 25.Nf5 Be5 26.b4 axb4 27.Rxb4+−]* **25.f4 b5 26.Nh5 bxc4 [D]**

27.Nxg7 Kxg7 28.Bd4+ f6 *[28...Kg8 is still a small chance]* **29.Re7+ Kf8 30.Bxf6 Nd3 31.Rf1** *[Better is 31.Qe2 might be the shorter path 31...g3 32.Bxh8]* **31...Qc5+ 32.Kh1 Rg8 33.Re2** *[Better is 33.Qe2 and the rest is a matter of technique 33...Qxd5 34.Rh7+−]* **33...Rc8 34.Be7+ Kf7 35.Qc3 Rg7 36.Qf6+ [D]**
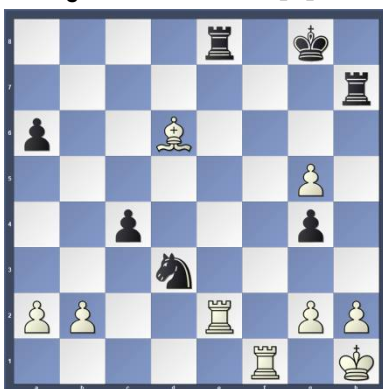
36... Kg8 37.Bxd6 *[Better is 37.Qe6+ secures victory 37...Rf7 38.Bxd6+−]* **37...Qxd5 38.Qxh6** *[Better is 38.f5!?]*
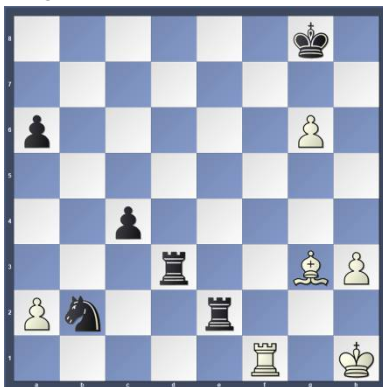*(Text cont. next col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) makes it even easier for White 38...g3 39.Bxg3 Kh7+−] **38...Qf5 39.Be5 Rh7 40.Qg5+?? [D]**

[Gives away a clear win] [Better is 40.Qd6+− and White could have gained the advantage] **40...Qxg5 41.fxg5 Re8 42.Bd6?? [D]**

[White falls apart] [Better is 42.Rc2 Nxe5 43.Re1−+] **42...Rxe2 43.g6** *[43.Rb1 Rf7 44.h4 gxh3−+]* **43...Rd7 44.Bg3 Nxb2 45.h4 gxh3 46.gxh3 Rd3 [D]**

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**Game from the NPCC 2017 November Quads Tournament:
Round: 3**
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Submitted by Harry with selected Fritz comments *[shown thusly].*
**White: Harry Hartman (1007)
Black: Steve Atlee, (1100)
Date: 12/1/2017**
[B11 Caro-Kann, two knights, 3...Bg4]
1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Ng5 Nh6 5.Bc4 e6 [D]

6.Ngxe4 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 *[The position is equal.]* **8...Qc7 9.d4 Rd8 10.Be3?** *[10.Bxh6!± gxh6 11.Qd2]* **10...b5 11.Bb3 e5 [D]**

12.d5? b4 13.Na4 *[Better is 13.d6± Bxd6 14.Bxh6 bxc3 15.Qh5]* **13...Bf5 [D]**

14.f3 Bxe4 15.fxe4 *[Strongly threatening Rf1.]* **15...Qd6 16.Bc5** *[Better is 16.Qh5]* **16...Qd7 17.Qd2 Bh4** *[Better is 17...Na6 18.Bxe7 Qxe7]* **18.Rf1 [D]**
(p.8) [And now d6 would win.]
18...Ng4? [D] *(p.8) (Text cont. p.8)*

Position after 18.Rf1 *(From p. 7)*

Position after 18…Ng4? *(From p. 7)*

(Cont. from p. 7) **19.g3** *[Better is 19.Rxf7! Qxf7 20.d6]* **19…Be7? [D]**
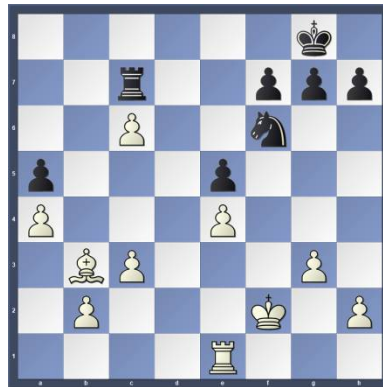

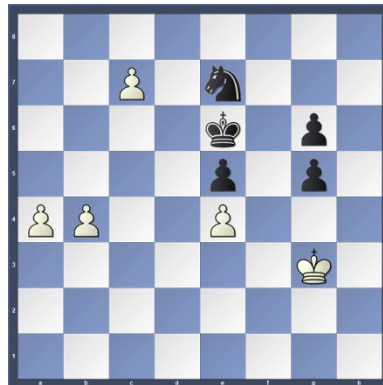*[19…Bf6 is tougher. 20.h3 (20.Qxb4 Na6+–) 20…Na6 21.hxg4 Qxg4]* **20.Qxb4? Na6 [D]**

21.Qa5? *[21.Qc3!± aiming for Bxe7. 21…Nxc5 22.Nxc5]* **21…Nxc5 22.Nxc5 Bxc5+? 23.Qxc5 Nf6 24.Rae1 a5 25.a4** *[Stronger than 25.Qxc6 Qa7+]* *(Text cont. next col.)*
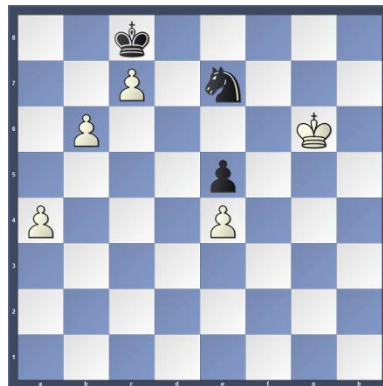
(Cont. from prev. col.) **25…Qa7 26.Qxa7 Rxa7 27.dxc6 Rd4** *[27…Kf8 was necessary. 28.Bd5 Nxd5]* **28.c3 Rd2 29.Rf2 Rxf2 30.Kxf2 Rc7? [D]**

31.Bd5 Ng4+ 32.Kg2 g6 33.h3 Nf6 34.g4 Kg7 35.g5 Ng8 36.Rf1 f6 37.h4 h6 38.Rf3 hxg5 39.hxg5 fxg5 40.Rf7+? *[White should play 40.b4+– axb4 41.cxb4]* **40…Rxf7 41.Bxf7??** *[41.b4 Rf8 42.b5]* **41…Kxf7 42.c7 Ne7 43.Kg3 Ke6 44.b4** *[Better is 44.Kg4 Kd7 45.Kxg5]* **44…axb4 45.cxb4 [D]**
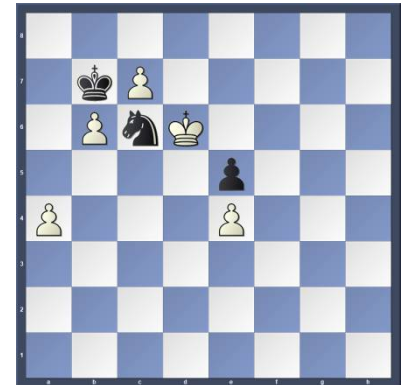

45…Kd7? *[45…Nc8!–+ White must now prevent …Kd7. 46.Kg4 Nd6 47.c8B+ Nxc8]* **46.Kg4 Nc6 47.b5 Na5 48.b6 Kc8 49.Kxg5 Nc6 50.Kxg6 Ne7+? [D]**
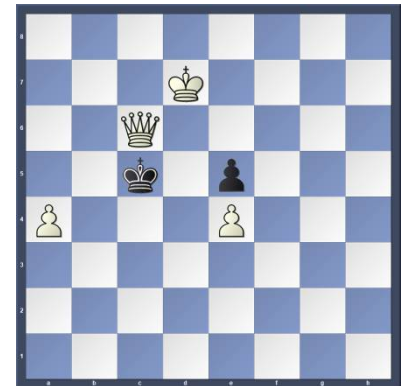

51.Kf6 Nc6 52.Ke6 Na5 53.Kd5 Kb7 54.Kd6 *[Better is 54.Kc5 Kc8 55.Kb5]* **54…Nc6 [D]** *(Next col.)* *(Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 54…Nc6 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **55.Kd7** *[White mates.]* **55…Kxb6 56.c8Q Kc5 57.Qxc6+ [D]**

[Precision: White = 22%, Black = 16%.] **1–0**

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