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## Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Winter 2018, Part 6

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This issue, for the most part, features 2017 Fall/Winter 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 2017 November Quads Tournament:

#### Round: 1

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

White: Bob Pisciotta (1390)

Black: Olin Mastin (1512)

Date: 11/10/2017

[D08: Albin Counter Gambit] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e3 [D]



(Olin - Always a bad move for White in the Albin Counter Gambit.) 5...Bb4+! 6.Bd2 [D]



6...dxe3! 7.fxe3 Bg4 8.Bxb4 Qxd1+!? 9.Kxd1 0-0-0+?? [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 9...0-0-0+?? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) (Olin - **Extremely ridiculous move!!** I absolutely had to play NxBb4!! I must have been half-asleep!! What a blunder!!) 10.Bd2+- (Olin - Of course!!) 10...Nxe5 11.Be2 Nf6?? [D]



(Olin - **Compounding the blunders!!**) [11...Nc6+-] 12.Nxe5! [D]



(Olin - Game over for sure now!! Do not bother with remainder of moves. I was just pushing wood (or plastic) just for laughs, to allow Mr. Pisciotta a checkmate!! LOL !! 😂)

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#### Round: 2

Submitted by Olin with my comments and selected Fritz16 comments [shown thusly].

White: Olin Mastin (1510)

Black: Will Moyer (1502)

Date: 11/17/2017

[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 h6 [D]



(Olin - I thought this was an unusual move so early in the game.) 3.Bf4 (Olin - The London Bishop!) 3...Bf5 4.e3 Nf6 5.h3 (Olin - Cautiously creating the escape square for my London Bishop!) 5...e6 [D]



(Olin - A symmetrical position!) 6.Nbd2 Bd6 [D] (p.2) (Olin - Will counters my London Bishop!) 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.c3 Nb6 [The position is equal.] 9.Be2 [9.Bb5+ with more complications. 9...c6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxc6+] (Text cont. p.2)



Position after 6...Bd6 (From p.1)



(Cont. from p.1) (Olin - Black: 29/White 30. This would have been a very interesting try!?) 9...Qe7 10.0-0 Ne4 11.Bh5!? [D]



(Olin - A very dubious move trying to threaten the f7 square. Bb5+ was the move! Better to play Nxe4 as the Fritz 16 engine says!) [11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Bb5+] [D]



(Analysis Diagram)

(Olin - I must remember to try this variation in future games!?) [12...c6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxc6+ Kf8 15.Bxd6 (15.Bxa8 Bxf4 16.exf4 Nxa8=) 15...Qxd6 16.Bxa8 Nxa8 17.b3] 11...Bxe5= 12.Bxe5 Nf6 [12...Nxd2= 13.Qxd2 Nc4] 13.a4 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Olin - I thought this would create some play on the queenside!?) 13...Nbd7 14.Bxc7?? [D]



(Olin - This was the game-losing move!! Guilty of pawn grabbing without thinking it thru!!) [14.Bg3= keeps the balance.] 14...Nxb5! (Olin - A great move by Will, showing the weakness of my pawn grabbing!!) 15.g4 [D]



(Olin - A desperate attempt to get out of a jam!!) 15...Bxg4 [D]



(Olin - Will had stronger moves as the Fritz 16 engine suggests! At any rate, he is on the winning side now!) [Black should try 15...Rc8 Strongly threatening ...Bd3. 16.Ba5 Bd3 17.gxh5 Qg5+ 18.Kh2 Bxf1 19.Nxf1 Nf6] 16.hxg4 [Not 16.Qxg4? Ndf6-+] 16...Nf8 [D] (Next col.) (Olin - The discovery on my poor helpless Bishop, all because of a useless pawn grab!!) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 16...Nf8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [16...Qg5] 17.gxh5 [And now Bf4 would win.] (Olin - What? Fritz 16 says Bf4 would win?? I don't think so! See what Komodo 11 says. The Bishop retreat doesn't "win" as Fritz 16 says, but according to Komodo 11, Black does get a slightly better position.) [17.Bf4 0 Nxf4 41 18.exf4 19 (Komodo 11: 18.exf4 Qh4 19.Qf3 h5 20.g5 Ng6 21.Qg3 Qxf4 22.Nf3 h4 23.Qxf4 Nxf4, etc...)] 17...Qxc7 18.Qg4 [D]



18...g6 19.Kh1 0-0-0 20.Rg1 gxh5 21.Qxh5 Nh7 22.Rg7 Rdf8 23.Rag1 Nf6 24.Qf3 Qe7 25.e4 Nxe4 26.Nxe4 Qh4+ 27.Kg2 Qxe4 [Better is 27...dxe4 28.Qg3 Qh5] 28.Qxe4= [Komodo 11: 1) 28.Qxe4 dxe4 29.Kf1 Kd7 30.R1g4 h5, etc...] 28...dxe4 29.Kf1 h5 30.Ke2 h4 31.Ke3 f5 [Next ...h3 is good for Black.] 32.Re7 Re8 33.Rxe8+ [33.Rf7!=] [D]



(Analysis Diagram)

(Olin - Fritz 16 says I should have tried this move. Looks good according to Komodo 11. Should have tried it!) (Text cont. p.3)



(Cont. from p.2) Please open the html link at end of this article for the complete Komodo analysis. **33...Rxe8 34.Rh1 Rh8 35.Kf4 Kd7 36.b4** [36.Rh3 keeps fighting.] **36...Kd6 37.c4 Rc8** [37...h3-+ 38.Rh2 b6] **38.c5+ Kd5** [D]



**39.Ke3** [39.Rxh4μ was forced. 39...Kxd4 40.Rh7] **39...Kc4?** [39...Rh8-+ Threatens to win with ...h3. 40.b5 h3] **40.b5?** [40.Rxh4= and White has nothing to worry. (Olin - Why I didn't play Rxh4, I will never know!! See Komodo 11 analysis.) **40...Kb4?** [Black should play 40...Rh8-+ aiming for ...h3. 41.f3 exf3] **41.f3** [41.Rxh4 Kxa4 42.Rh7] **41...exf3** [D]



**42.Kxf3??** [42.Rxh4 was necessary. 42...Kxa4 43.Rh7] **42...Kxa4-+** **43.Ra1+?** [43.Rb1] **43...Kxb5 44.Rxa7 Kc6 45.Ra1 Rg8 46.Rh1?** [46.Rb1] **46...Rg4 47.Ke3** [D]

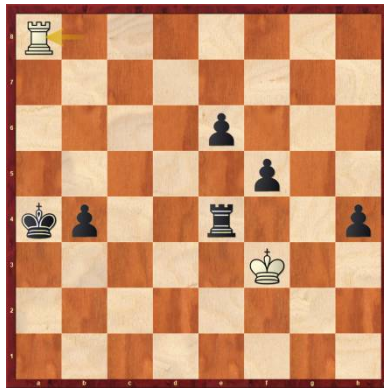


(Olin - Clearly time to resign! Long overdue!! Remainder of moves is simply superfluous and can be overlooked!) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **47...Re4+ 48.Kd3 Kd5 49.Rb1 Rxd4+ 50.Ke3 Re4+ 51.Kf3 Kxc5 52.Rc1+ Rc4 53.Re1** [D]



**53...Re4! 54.Rc1+!** [54.Rxe4 fx4+] **54...Kb6 55.Rd1 Kc7 56.Rc1+ Kb8 57.Rd1 b5 58.Rd6 Kc7 59.Rd1 b4 60.Rc1+ Kb6 61.Rc8 Kb5** [Black mates.] **62.Rb8+ Ka4 63.Ra8+** [D]



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**Games from the 2017 December Octagonal Tournament:**

**Round: 1**

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

**White: Dennis Baluk (1999)**

**Black: Olin Mastin (1500)**

**Date: 12/8/2017**

[A15: English Opening: 1...Nf6] **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.b3 Re8 8.Bb2 e5 9.Qc2** [D] (Next col.) **9...Rb8 10.Rac1 b6 11.d3 Bb7** [D] (Next col.) [Black plans e4] **12.b4 Re7 13.e3** [13.Ng5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 c6=] (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 9.Qc2** (From prev. col.)



**Position after 11...Bb7** (From prev. col.)

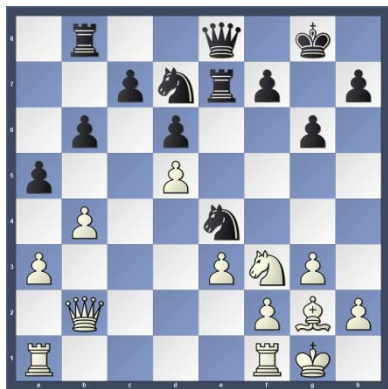


(Cont. from prev. col.) **13...Qe8 14.a3 a5 15.Ra1 e4** [D]

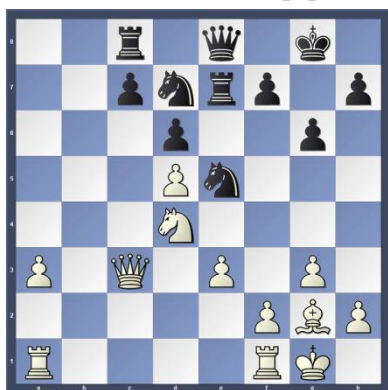


[15...Nf8 16.Ng5=] **16.dxe4 Nxe4 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Bxb2** (Text cont. p.4)

(Cont. from p.3) 19.Qxb2 [D]



[Black has a new backward pawn: c7]  
19...Nef6 20.Nd4± Ne5 21.Qc3 Rc8  
[21...Ra8 22.h3±] 22.bxa5 bxa5  
23.Qxa5 Nfd7 24.Qc3 [D]



[24.a4 Nc5±] 24...Nc5 25.Rfb1 Ra8  
26.Qb4 Qd7 [26...Qa4 27.Bf1±]  
27.Qb5 Ree8 [D]



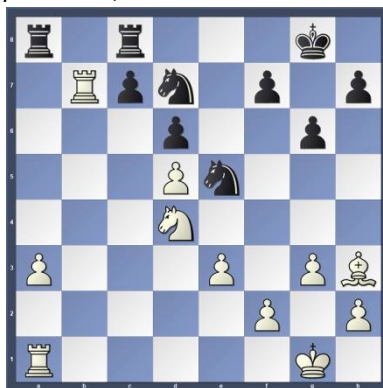
[27...Qxb5 28.Nxb5 Kg7 29.Ra2±]  
28.Qxd7 [28.f4 Ng4 29.Qxd7 Nxd7±]  
28...Ncxd7 [28...Nexd7!? 29.Nb5 Rec8±]  
29.Rb7 Rec8 30.Bh3 [D] (Next col.)  
30...f5± 31.Ne6 [D] (Next col.)  
31...c5? [Better is 31...Nf3+ 32.Kg2]  
32.f4+-[D] (Next col.)

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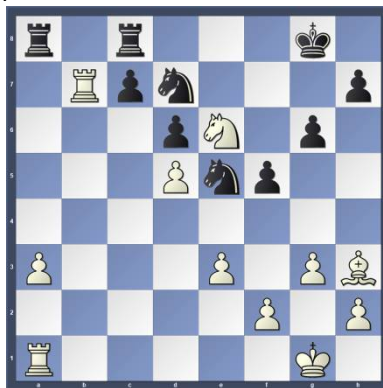
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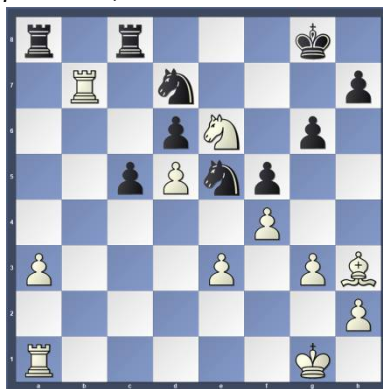
(Position after 30.Bh3) (From prev. col.)



(Position after 31.Ne6) (From prev. col.)



(Position after 32.f4+-) (From prev. col.)



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### Round: 2

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

White: Olin Mastin (1500)

Black: Robert Hepp (1350)

Date: 12/15/2017

[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4]

1.d4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 Nf6 5.h3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 Ne4 [D] (Next Col.) 7.c3 Ndf6 8.Nh4 Qd7 9.Nxf5 Qxf5 10.Nf3 Qd7 11.Be2 e6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Ne5 [D] (Next Col.) 13...Bxe5 14.dxe5 Ng8 15.f3 [D] (Next Col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 6...Ne4) (From prev. col.)



(Position after 13.Ne5) (From prev. col.)



(Position after 15.f3) (From prev. col.)



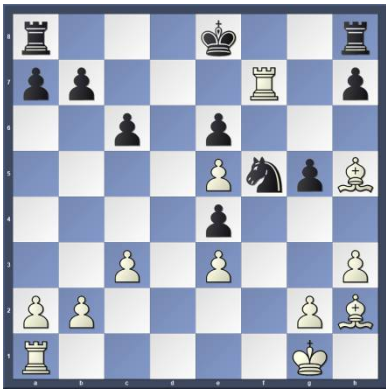
(Cont. from prev. col.) 15...g5 16.Bh2 Nh6?? [D]



[Causes further problems for White] [Better is 16...Nc5±] 17.fxe4+- dxe4 [17...Rd8+- the only chance (Text cont. p.5)]



(Cont. from p.4) to get some counterplay] 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Rf6 Nf5 20.Rxf7+ Ke8 21.Bh5 [D]



21...Kd8 22.Rd1+ Kc8 23.Rdd7 Rd8? [23...b5+- is one last hope] 24.Rc7+ [D]



[24.Rc7+ Kb8 25.Rxb7+ Kc8 26.Rfc7#] 1-0  
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### Round: 3

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

**White: Bill Champion (1434)**

**Black: Will Moyer (1510)**

**Date: 11/3/2017**

[A46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle SystemsA46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle Systems] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Nbd2 b6 5.e3 Nc6 6.c3 Bb7 7.Bd3 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) 7...Nd5 8.Qc2?? [White lets it slip away] [Better is 8.Bxe7 had to be tried to avoid defeat 8...Ncxe7 9.0-0=] 8...Bxg5+- 9.Bxh7 Bxe3! [D]



[Forces the win] 10.fxe3 Nxe3 [D]



11.Qe4 Nxc2+ [D]



12.Kd1? [12.Kf2 Nh4! Black should return some of the goodies he has collected 13.Qxh4 Qxh4+ 14.Nxh4 Rxh7 15.Nhf3+-] 12...d5 [Better is 12...Qf6+- makes sure everything is clear;] 13.Qc2 [D] (Next col.) (End of game. White resigned here.) 0-1

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(Position after 13.Qc2) (From prev. col.)



### Round: 3

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

**White: Will Moyer (1510)**

**Black: Olin Mastin (1500)**

**Date: 12/22/2017**

[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.e3 Bf5N 5.h3 Nb4 6.Bd3 [D]



6...Bxd3 7.cxd3 e6 8.a3 Nc6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Nc3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rc1 a6 14.Og4 Kh8 [D]



15.Qd1 f6 16.d4 fxe5 17.dxe5 c5 18.Qb3 b5 19.Rfd1 c4 20.Qc2 Qc7 21.e4?? [D] (p.6) [Better is 21.Bg3 would be a reprieve] 21...Rxf4+- 22.exd5 Nxe5 23.Ne4 Nd3 [Better is 23...exd5!? keeps an (Text cont. p.6)

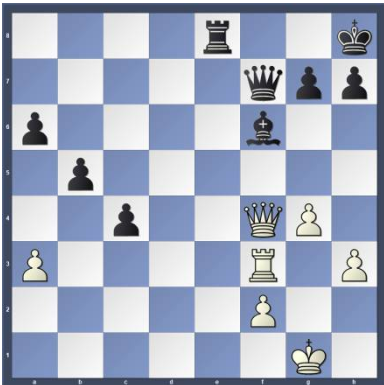
(Position after 21.e4??) (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) even firmer grip  
24.Rxd5 Rd8 25.Rcd1-+ ] 24.Rxd3 Rxe4  
25.dxe6 [25.d6 Qb7 26.dxe7 cxd3  
27.Qxd3-+ ] 25...Rxe6 26.Rf3 [D]



26...Rf6 27.Qe4 Raf8 28.Rxf6 Bxf6  
29.Re1 Qf7 [Better is 29...Bxb2 and  
Black can already relax 30.Re3 Qc5  
31.Re2-+ ] 30.Re3 Bxb2 31.Rf3 Bf6  
32.g4 Re8 33.Qf4 [D]

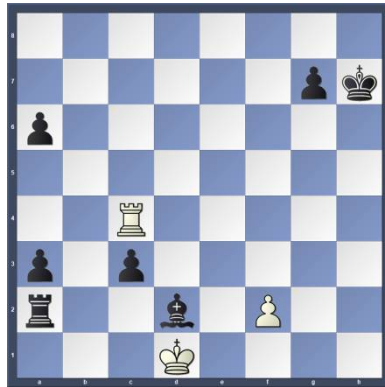


[33.Qf5 h6 34.Rg3 Qc7-+ ] 33...Re1+  
34.Kg2 h6 35.h4 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [White intends g5] [35.Re3 Rxe3 36.fxe3 c3-+]  
35...Qe7 36.g5 hxg5 37.hxg5  
Bxg5 38.Rh3+ Bh6 39.Qb8+ Qe8  
40.Qf4 Qe4+ 41.Qf3 [41.Qxe4  
otherwise it's curtains at once  
41...Rxe4 42.Rc3-+ ] 41...Qxf3+  
42.Rxf3 Rb1 43.Rf8+  
43...Kh7 44.Ra8 [44.Rc8 there is  
nothing else anyway 44...Ra1 45.a4  
Rxa4 46.f4-+ ] 44...c3 45.Rc8 Rb3  
46.a4 bxa4 47.Rc4 Ra3 [Better is  
47...a3-+ and Black has triumphed]  
48.Kf1 Bd2 49.Ke2 Ra2 50.Kd1  
[50.Kd3-+ is still a small chance]  
50...a3 [D]



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### Round: 3

Submitted by George with Fritz  
comments [shown thusly].

White: Don Trachtman (1490)

Black: George Murphy (1429)

Date: 12/22/2017

[C01: French: Exchange Variation]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5

4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bd3 Be6

[D] (Next col.) 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.0-

0 c5 9.c4 Rc8 10.Rc1 dxc4

11.Nxc4 cxd4 [11...0-0!?!= deserves

consideration] (Text cont. next  
col.)

(Position after 6...Be6) (From  
prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 12.Nxd4+  
0-0 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Qe2 Rc6  
15.Rfd1 Ne8 [D]



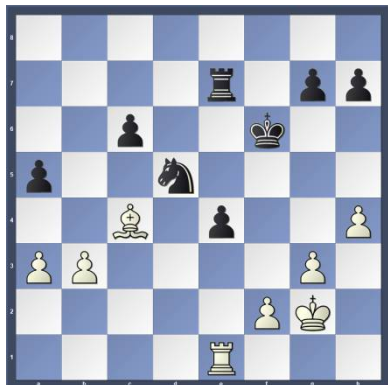
[15...h6 16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.Rc2+]  
16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Ne5 Nxe5  
18.Qxe5 Qf6 19.Qxf6 [D]



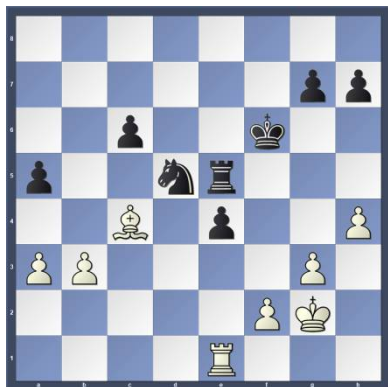
[White has a strong king attack]  
19...Nxf6 20.Rxc6 bxc6 21.Bc4  
Nd5 22.g3 Kf7 23.Re1 Kf6 24.a3  
[Consolidates b4] 24...a5 25.Kg2  
Rb8 26.b3 Re8 27.h4 Re7 28.Kh3  
e5 29.Kg2 e4 [D] (p.7) [White has a  
new backward pawn: f2] 30.Rd1  
Re5 31.Re1 [D] (p.7) 31...e3 [Bet-  
ter is 31...Re7!?!= would keep Black  
alive] 32.Bxd5± [D] (p.7)  
32...exf2?? [causes even greater  
problems] [Better is 32...Rxd5 33.Rxe3  
Rc5±] 33.Rxe5+- Kxe5 34.Bxc6  
[D] (p.7) 1-0 (Text cont. p.7)



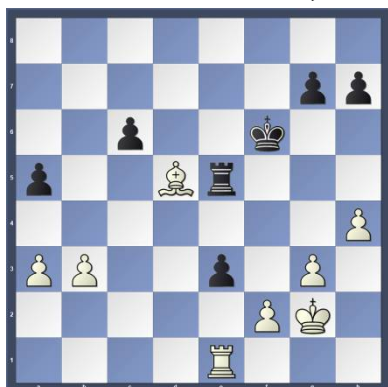
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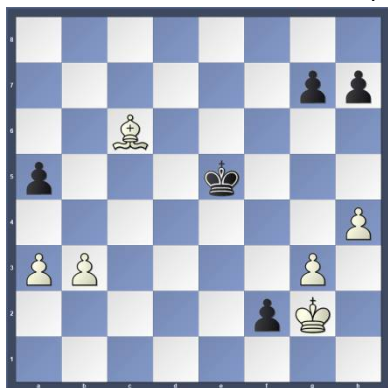
Position after 31.Re1 (From p.6)



Position after 32.Bxd5± (From p.6)



Position after 34.Bxc6 (From p.6)



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### Game from the NPCC 2018 March Octagonal Tournament:

Round: 2

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

White: Olin Mastin (1506)

Black: Stan Ward (1549)

Date: 3/16/2018

[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.Bf4 Bg4

4.Nbd2 Nd7 5.e3 Ngf6 6.Be2 e6

7.h3 Bf5 8.c3 Be7 9.Qb3 Qb6

[D]



10.c4 Qxb3 11.axb3 0-0 12.c5

b6 13.b4 b5 14.0-0 [White should

play 14.Ra6+-] 14...Rfc8 15.Ra3+-

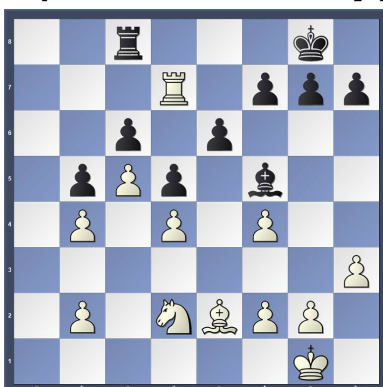
Bd8 16.Rfa1 16...Bc7 17.Rxa7

Rxa7 18.Rxa7 Bxf4 [Better is

18...Ne8 19.Ne5 Bxe5] 19.exf4 Nb8

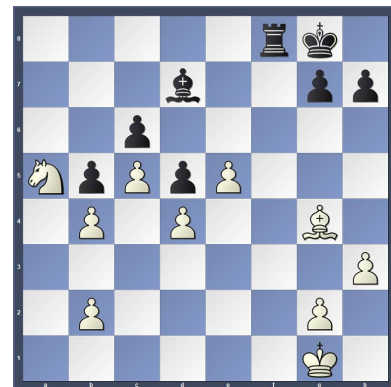
20.Ne5 Nfd7? [20...Bg6 21.Ndf3

Rd8] 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.Rxd7 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) 22...e5  
23.fxe5? Bxd7 24.Nb3 Re8 25.Na5  
f6 26.f4 fxe5 27.fxe5 [27.dxe5?  
should be considered. 27...Rf8 28.g3]  
27...Rf8= 28.Bg4 [D]



[28.g3= remains equal.] 28...Bxg4

29.hxg4 Rc8! 30.Nb7 Kf8 [Black has

strong compensation.] 31.Kf2 g6

32.Ke3 Rc7 33.Nd6 Ra7+- 34.Kf4

[34.Kd2µ keeps fighting.] 34...h5?

35.g3 [D]



[35.gxh5= gxh5 36.e6] 35...Ra4!

36.e6? [36.gxh5µ gxh5 37.Kf5]

36...Ke7?? [36...Rxb4+- and all is fine.

37.gxh5 gxh5] 37.Ke5? [37.gxh5!+-

gxh5 38.Ke5] 37...Rxb4? 38.Nc8+

Ke8? 39.Nd6+ [Better is 39.Kf6 Rxb2]

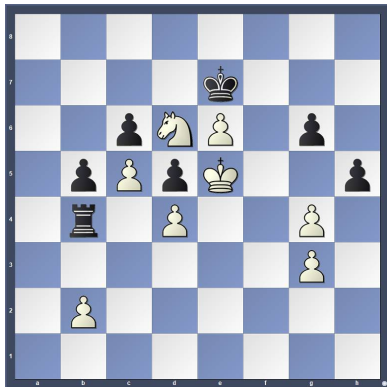
39...Ke7+- 40.Nc8+ Ke8! 41.Nd6+ [

Less strong is 41.Na7 Rxb2 42.gxh5

gxh5+-; Better is 41.Kf6 Kd8] 41...Ke7

[D] (p.8) (Text cont. p.8)

Position after 41...Ke7 (From p.7)



(Text cont. next col.) [Precision: White = 23%, Black = 26%. An unexpected result.] ½-½

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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 9:00 PM, "Starbucks," 10 North Main Street, and / or "Nonno's Italian Coffee Parlor," 6 E. State St., 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. (Temporarily closed during Lenten Season. Will reopen after Easter.)

**Weekdays:**

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

**Friday Mornings:**

10:00 AM up to 2:00 PM

Indian Valley Public Library, 100 E. Church Ave, Telford.

**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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