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## Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Spring 2018, Part 2

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This issue features a continuation of games played and annotated by Matt Martello who won tied for First Place in the Under 2000 Section of the 2018 Philadelphia Open winning \$3500!!

Other than Rounds 6 and 7 of the Under 2000 Section of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Philadelphia Open, the remainder of this issue will be games played mostly at the North Penn Chess Club.

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 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Philadelphia Open Tournament:

#### Round: 6

White: Matt Martello (1928) (Pennsylvania)

Black: Bridgette Kon (1848) (New York)

Date: 3/31/2018

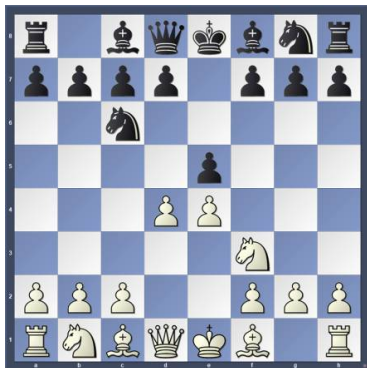
(Five games played in one day!)

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[C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3] 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 [D]

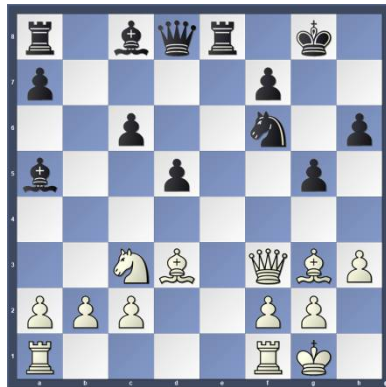


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(Cont. from prev.col.) 3...exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 (Scotch Game: Schmidt Variation) 5.Nc3 (Four Knights Game: Scotch Variation Accepted) 5...Bb4 6. Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 O-O 8.O-O Re8 (I felt very comfortable in opening so far) 9.Bg5 [D]



9...h6 10.Bh4 g5 (I felt this was incorrect on her part. She weakened her Kingside defense in which I was hoping.) 11.Bg3 (She thought about her next move for a good amount of time. If she didn't play d5, which she did, she would have been in bigger trouble.) 11...d5 12.exd5 (12. e5 was a stronger move followed by 13. Re1 on my part. I was following what I thought was Scotch Game opening principles.) 12...cxd5 13.h3 (I was preventing the annoyance of Bg4.) 13...c6 (She took a lot of time on this move as well. If she made another incorrect move, I would have had a big advantage.) 14.Qf3 Ba5 [D]



(This seemed to me a wasted move by Black, but possibly Black was planning to re-position her Bishop to c2.) [Better is 14...Kg7=] 15.Rad1 (Rae1 is better since it would be fighting for the e-file on which I would (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) eventually control.) 15...Kg7 16.a3 [White should play 16.Rde1] (I wasn't sure how to proceed here.) 16...g4 (Black decided to be super aggressive and use her overextended g-pawn to her advantage to try to break my Kingside defense.) 17.Qf4 gxh3 [17...Nh5! stays ahead. 18.Qa4 Bb6] (I thought about this move and I decided not to take back the h-pawn with my g-pawn because it would activate the light-square Bishop on c1.) 18.Kh2 hxg2 19.Kxg2 [D]



(My idea here was to open up the g-file so that my rooks could take advantage of it.) 19...Nh5! (Forking my Queen and Bishop.) 20.Qf3? Qg5 (She is being very aggressive here and taking advantage of my fractured Kingside defense. Black has a computer advantage of -3.14.) 21.Be2 [D]

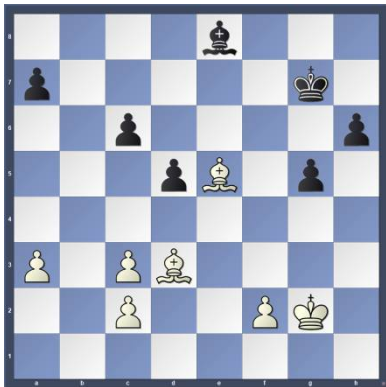


(I was now at a crucial part of the game. I thought about this long and hard. I saw there were many threats against me: fork threats, checkmating threats, squeezing my position; however, the main threat about which I was most worried about (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p. 1) was the Bishop skewering both my Queen and Rook. I was looking at this and I wasn't sure if I could get out of this alive! I looked long enough and I saw that Be2 saved me on the board, but not on the computer score, LOL! The computer gave Black an advantage of -5.01.) **21...f6??** [21...Rxe2!→ avoids the disaster. **22.Nxe2 Bg4**] (She looked at this long and hard as well, but she decided to do this move which was a blunder. Instead she should have played Rxe2. I believe that she was scared of the Rook for Bishop (5 points for 3 points trade (i.e.: Losing the "Exchange")), because she thought she wouldn't get enough compensation for it. If she would have played Rxe2 she would have had a huge advantage. She didn't see it and I got very lucky!) **22.Qxh5** (I took advantage of her blunder and the momentum of the game turned in my direction, white has a computer advantage of 2.32) **22...Bxc3 23.bxc3** [Not **23.Qxe8 Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Rxe8**] **23...Bf5 24.Qxg5+** (With a big enough lead, I wanted to get Queens off the board, simplifying the game where it would be easier for me to win.) **24...fxg5 25.Bd3 Bg6 26.Rfe1 Bh5 27.Rb1** [D]



(My goal here is to control both open files with my Rooks.) **27...Rxe1 28.Rxe1** (The game is becoming more simplified in my favor.) **28...Re8 29.Rxe8 Bxe8** (The powerful Rooks are off the board. Now the only thing that I have to deal with is her Bishop.) **30.Be5+** [D]

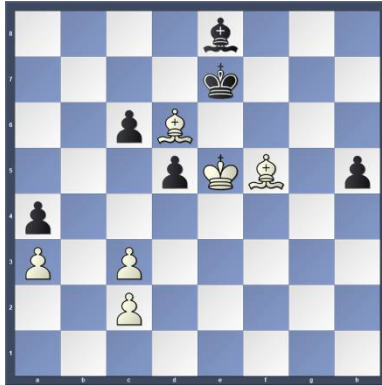


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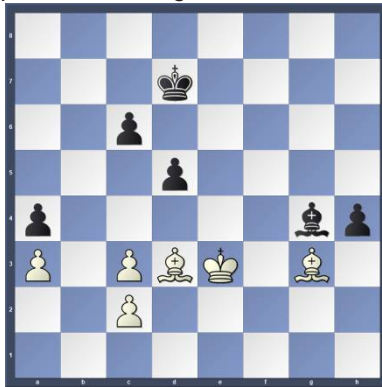
(Cont. from prev. col.) (I'm controlling center of the board with my Bishops.) **30...Kf7 31.Bd4 a5 32.Kg3 a4** (Queenside is locked up.) **33.f4 gxf4+ 34.Kxf4 Ke6** [D]



(All I have to deal with now is that isolated h-pawn. (i.e.: an "Outside Passer!") **35.Bc5 Kf6 36.Bf8 h5** (Black is protecting this pawn the best she can.) **37.Bc5 Bf7 38.Bf5 Be8 39.Bb6** (My initial plan here was to get the King into the h8 corner area) **39...Ke7 40.Bc7 Bf7 41.Ke5 Be8 42.Bd6+** [D]



**42...Kd8** (I pinned her King on the 8th rank for now.) **43.Kf4 Bd7 44.Bd3** (I didn't trade Bishops here because I was a little worried of getting into a drawn position; therefore, I was still being careful.) **44...Bg4 45.Ke3 Kd7** (At this point, I figured out a way not to get into a drawn position.) **46.Bg3 h4** [D]



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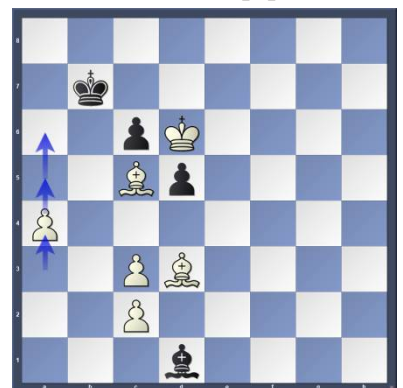
(Cont. from prev. col.) (Makes my jobs easier! LOL!) **47.Bxh4 Kd6 48.Bg3+ Kc5 49.Bb8** (I planned to control both the a-file and b-file with both of my Bishops.) **49...Bh5 50.Ba7+ Kd6 51.Kd4** [D]



(Black's King is more restricted.) **51...Kc7 52.Kc5 Kb7 53.Bb6 Be8 54.Bd8 Kc8 55.Bh4** (Keeping my Bishops far away as possible so no trouble can occur.) **55...Kb7 56.Bf2 Bd7 57.Kb4 Be8 58.Bc5** [D]



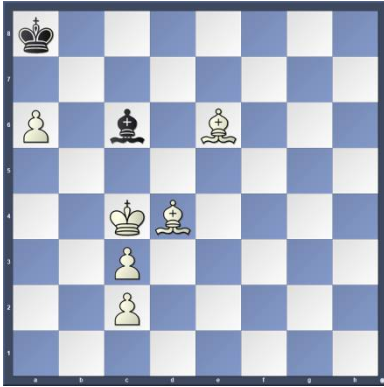
(Stopping any counter-play that Black can do.) **58...Bh5 59.Kxa4 Bd1 60.Kb4 Ka8 61.Bf5** [Better is **61.Bd4 Bg4 62.a4 Bd7 63.Kc5 Kb7 64.a5 Bc8 65.a6+ Kc7 66.Be5+ Kd8 67.Kxc6**] **61...Kb7 62.Bd3** [White mates.] **62...Ka8 63.Kb3 Kb7 64.Kb2 Bg4 65.Kc1 Bd7 66.Kd2 Bc8 67.Ke3 Bg4 68.Kf4 Bd1 69.Ke5 Ka8 70.Kd6 Kb7 71.a4** [D]



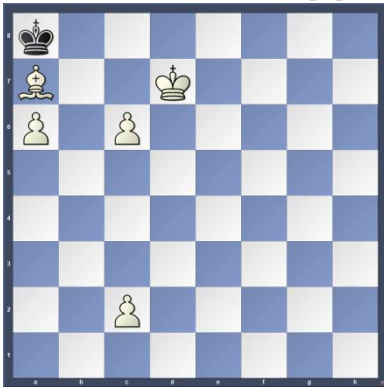
(Start pushing the a-pawn forward a little.) (Text cont. p. 3)



(Cont. from p.2) 71...Bg4 72.a5 Bf3  
73.Bd4 Bg4 74.a6+ Ka8 75.Kxc6 Bf3  
76.Bf5 Bh5 77.Kxd5 Bf7+ 78.Be6  
Be8 79.Kc4 Bc6 [D]



(Makes the endgame easier for me! LOL!)  
80.Bd5 Bxd5+ 81.Kxd5 Kb8 82.Kd6  
Ka8 83.Kd7 Kb8 84.c4 Ka8 85.c5  
Ka7 86.c6+ Ka8 87.Ba7! [D]



(An amazing stalemate-preventing move.  
A move that would crash a very complex  
computer program! LOL!!!) **Black Re-**  
**signs 1-0** [Accuracy: White = 61%, Black  
= 22%.]

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your browser:**

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### Round: 7

**White:** Eric Wu (1937) New Jersey

**Black:** Matt Martello (1928)

**Date:** 4/1/2018

**First Time Control:** 40 Moves in  
120 Minutes with a 10 Second De-  
lay.

**Second Time Control:** Sudden  
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[C86: Closed Ruy Lopez: Worrall Attack]  
or [C77: Ruy Lopez, Wormald (Alapin)  
Attack]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 (Another  
Ruy Lopez system, (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) the third  
time that I faced it in the tourna-  
ment) 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Qe2 [D]



(Ruy Lopez: Wormald Attack) 5...b5  
6.Bb3 d6 (I decided to continue this  
like a normal Ruy Lopez system as  
Black, a saw the Wormald Attack  
playing on the internet a good  
amount of times.) 7.c3 Be7 8.O-O  
O-O 9.Rd1 Bg4 [D]



(I saw Bg4 in other variations of the  
Ruy Lopez, so I thought that it would  
apply here as well, but this was not  
as strong of a move. White has a  
slight computer advantage.) 10.h3  
Bxf3 (Not as smart of a trade. I did  
this same trade in round 1 of the  
tournament. This wastes a tempo for  
me and activates his Queen free.)

11.Qxf3 Na5 (This is a Chigorin idea  
where you would harass the Bishop  
on b3. Here you want to get the  
light-square Bishop off the g8-a2 di-  
agonal.) 12.Bc2 c5 (I have a nice  
advance pawn structure on the  
Queenside which I used to my ad-  
vantage later in the game.) 13.d3

h6 (My idea here was to prevent  
Bg4, like in other Ruy Lopez systems,  
but better moves here are 13...Qc7,  
Rc8, Re8, or Nc6.) 14.Be3 Nc6  
15.Bb3 Na5 (Here White is trying to  
get a drawing move order since he  
had 5.5 points, he was currently in  
first place outright.

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(Cont. from prev. col.) If he gets  
the draw he gets 6.0 points and at  
least a tie for first place.) 16.Bc2  
[16.Nd2 is more appropriate.]

16...Qc7 (I saw that he was trying to  
get a drawing move order. I wasn't  
playing for a draw, nor to be medio-  
cre. I was playing for a champion-  
ship!!! I was playing for chess to be  
big in Philadelphia!!! I was playing for  
people with mental/social disabili-  
ties!!! I was playing for some respect  
in Corporate America!!! What I  
should have done here is 16... Re8,  
since in my mind I wanted to get to  
that special Ruy Lopez defense on my  
Kingside.) 17.Nd2 Rfe8 (This move  
is too slow nevertheless I will make  
the special defense in time. White  
has a computer advantage of 0.66.)  
18.Nf1 Bf8? [D]



(I followed my plan anyhow thinking  
that I was alright, but I wasn't. White  
has a computer advantage of 1.80.)

19.Ng3 [19.Bxh6!+- is the precise  
move to win. 19...d5 (19...gxh6  
20.Qxf6) 20.exd5] 19...Kh7  
20.Qf5+ Kh8 [D]



(White, by using the f5 post for the  
Queen, was the thorn in my side for  
this round just like in round 1. The  
Queen is very strong here. White has  
a computer advantage of 1.96.)

21.Bxh6! gxh6 [Better is 21...Ng8]  
22.Qxf6+ Bg7 23.Qh4 Re6

(Text cont. p.4)

(Cont. from p.3) **24.Nf5 Bf8** (If I had any chance of drawing or winning the game at this point, I had to save my Bishop. White has a computer advantage of 2.27.) **25.Re1 Rae8** [Better is 25...Rg6 26.Bd1 Rb8] **26.Re3** (He is planning to bring more forces to my weak Kingside.) **26...Rg6** [D]



(Just in the nick-of-time!) **27.Bd1 Qd8** (Here if I had any chance of winning or drawing with being down one pawn, I had to get the Queens off the board.)

**28.Qxd8 Rxd8** (Queens are off the board. The attack on the Kingside has weakened.) **29.Bh5 Rf6** (White is over-extending his pieces a little bit. This will hurt him later in the game.) **30.Rg3 d5** (Bam!!! I am putting some pressure on White now. My plan here is to create an imbalance on the Queenside. White computer advantage lessened to 1.36.)

**31.f3 c4!=** (Bam!!! Continuing with my plan of creating the imbalance on the Queenside. I undermined his backward pawn on d3. We are getting closer to the \$3,500 position. White now only has a computer advantage of 0.53.) **32.d4**

[32.Rd1! stays ahead.] **32...Nc6** [32...exd4 33.Nxd4 (33.cxd4 Nc6) 33...Bc5] (Now my knight comes back into play from doing nothing. I am continuing the pressure on d4 and e4.) **33.Rd1**

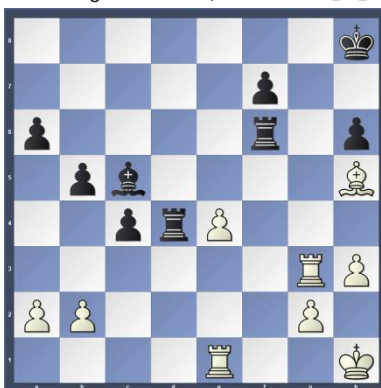
[33.Ne3! is the one way to stay ahead.] (This is when the momentum of the game turned in my favor. White placed his rook in the line of fire where huge trouble can start for him.) **33...dxe4** (I can get more pressure on the d4 square. Black now has a computer advantage of -0.33.)

**34.fxe4 exd4 35.cxd4 Nxd4** [D] (Next col.) (This was a huge sacrifice!!! I was planning this from moves ago where I can activate my dark-square Bishop to pin the Knight or Rook to the King on the g1-a7 diagonal. Black has a computer advantage of -0.55.) **36.Nxd4 Bc5** (This position is becoming very geometrically favorable for me with my rook activity, as well as, my Bishop lining up (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 35...Nxd4) (From prev. col.)

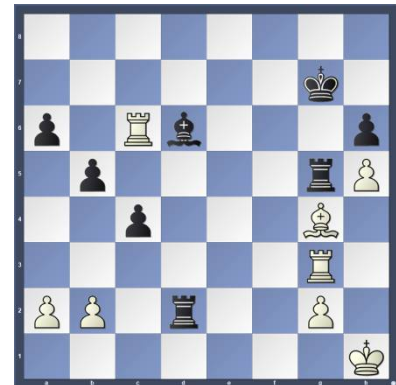


(Cont. from prev. col.) with his King and Rook.) **37.Kh1?** [White should try 37.Rf3! Rxd4 38.Rxd4 Bxd4+ 39.Kf1] **37...Rxd4** (At this point I am seeing so many threats against him that he doesn't know what to do. Black has a computer advantage of -1.76.) **38.Re1** [D]

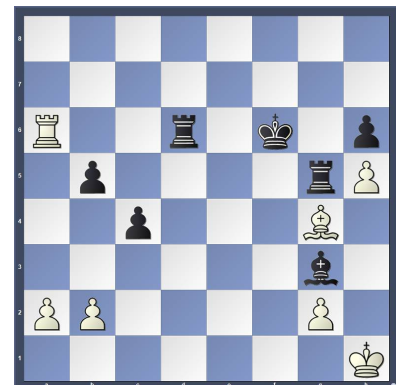


**38...Rd2** (I'm controlling the 2nd rank with my Rook and threatening to take a Pawn. At the same time, I am threatening the double attack of the Rooks on f2 with my Bishop. Black has a computer advantage of -2.00.) **39.e5 Rf5** (I'm keeping the pressure on having a new threat: My Rook possibly taking his Bishop next move.) **40.Bg4 Rg5** (I pinned his Bishop and I have locked up his Rook, plus with all of the threats that I am giving White, I am getting closer and closer to that championship victory!!!) **41.h4? Rg6** (I took some time on this move because it was very important. It was very crucial where I placed my rook. I looked at the position for a while and thought about it. This was the best logical move that I came up with so that I could limit Black's counterplay. Black has a computer advantage of -4.14.) **42.h5 Rg5 43.e6 fxe6 44.Rxe6** (This is White's last chance of any kind of attack.) **44...Kg7** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) (At this point of the game, I can't give up any pieces and I have to limit Black's counterplay.) **45.Rc6** [Now Rc7+ and White clings on.] **45...Bd6** [D]



(At this point, game over and championship is approaching, just making good solid moves and win that championship!!!) **46.Rxa6 Bxg3** (Wow!!! Easier than expected! LOL!!!) **47.Ra7+ Kf6 48.Ra6+ Rd6** [D]



(This ended all of White's counterplay and game over!!!!!!) **White Resigns!!!! 0-1!!!!!!** (Your 2018 Philadelphia Open Chess Tournament U2000 Champion Matt Martello!!! First Place \$3,500 winner!!!)

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**Games from the NPCC 2018 March Octagonal Tournament:**

**Round: 1**

Submitted by Terance with his and Stan's comments (as edited) and selected Fritz and \*Stockfish comments [shown thusly]. (Text cont. p.5)



(Cont. from p.4)

**White: Stan Ward (1549)**

**Black: Terance Hall (1863)**

**Date: 3/9/2018**

**NOTE: To see all the complete \*Stockfish comments open the html file link at the end of this article.**

[D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2)

**1.d4** (Stan - Long ago I used to run the now defunct Doylestown Chess Club, and one of its strongest players was Terance Hall. Terance is one of the nicest, most genuine people within the local chess community, so when I walked into NPCC and saw him I instantly broke into a smile. Easy going and friendly, he asked me what I had been doing with myself. As we waited for the pairings to be posted we briefly got caught up with each other after 20 years. When the pairings went up we both got a chuckle because we were paired with each other. So...the game began.) (Terance - I have to say playing a long time friend and a great guy that Stan is was a pleasure. it must be at least 20 years or so since I have seen him.)

**1...d5 2.c4** (Stan - Among the oldest openings in history dating back to 1490 the Queens Gambit used to have a reputation of being dull and unimaginative. This changed dramatically near the end of the 19th century when the masters of the day began to explore its rich complexity. Its adherents run the gamut from Capablanca and Alekhine to and on to Topolov and Carlsen.) **2...e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5** (Terance - QGD Exchange variation Which I never play as Black, but I know the lines as I play it as White. I felt like playing something new rather than a Slav or KID setup.) **5.Bg5 [D]**



(Stan - One of the most basic positions of the QGD. The exchange variation limits Blacks choices of defense. Leonard Barden, chess columnist for The Guardian Weekly, says that, " Nowadays the QGD means the Exchange (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) Variation where White makes an early cxd5 capture so as to ensure a lasting initiative." It steers the game where White wants it to go and stays clear of other QGD's such as The Cambridge Springs etc. White's three basic strategies are 1) to continue with the "minority attack," pushing the b-pawn forward to b5. If he achieves this and Black captures then Black will be left with a backward d-pawn. 2) White can try to open the Black center with e4, see Botvinnik-Keres USSR Ch. 1952.3) White can also castle queenside and start flinging pawns at Black's castled position. This last is aggressive and fun but dangerous. White might find himself on the receiving end of a haymaker.) **5...Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nf3 [D]**



(Stan - An example of White castling queenside and throwing haymakers starts with the flexible Nge2.) [9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0-0 a5 11.Kb1 b5 12.Ng3 h6, etc... and White won. Rowson-Adly Turin Olympiad 2006. Wow. Haymakers!] **9...Re8 10.0-0 h6 [D]**



**11.Bf4!?** (Terance - The Stockfish 9 chess engine says this is the best move that Stan played rather than Bh4.) **11...Nh5? [D]** (Next col.) (Terance - This blunder loses a pawn with Nxd5! as I can't take back with cxd5 as Bc7 traps my Queen (see analysis), better was Nf8. I was a little too eager and should continue (Text cont. next col.)

**(Position after 11...Nh5?) (From prev. col.)**

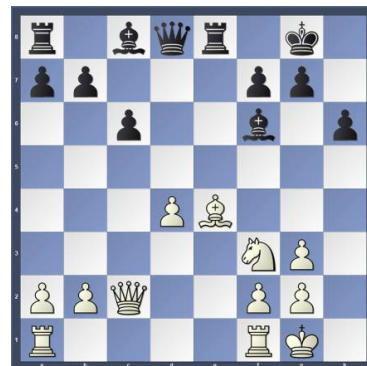


(Cont. from prev. col.) to develop my pieces (basics.) [\*Stockfish: 11...Nf8 12.h3 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6, etc...] **12.Bg3** (Terance - Better was Be5 because if black takes with Nxe5 White can take back with his Knight.) **12...Nxc3 13.hxc3 Nf6= [D]**



**14.e4!?** (Stan - Nfe1 is better. This gets the Rooks involved. I wanted to get the e4 push in before Black opened the file by moving the Bishop but it was premature.) (Terance - The better move was Rfe1 as e4 now creates an isolated pawn that Black can target and frees his position. Now Black has an advantage.)

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(Cont. from p.5) (Stan - Black starts to carry the play.) (Terance - Targeting the Bishop and d pawn and gaining the initiative.) **17.Rad1 Qa5?!=** (Terance - Better was finishing my development with Be6 which stops d5 and attacks a2. I played Qa5 to stop White from playing Bf5 to trade Bishops but with Be6 he does not have time to play this with the a2 threat. Now with Qa5 I lose all my advantage.) [\*Stockfish: 17...Be6 18.Rfe1 Qb6 19.b3 Rad8, etc...]  
**18.a3** (Terance - White can get rid of the d-pawn here with d5. I notice this in the game but was not sure if Stan would play this.) [\*Stockfish: 18.d5 cxd5 19.Bxd5 Be6, etc...]  
**18...Be6** (Terance - I had to play this now for any advantage even though it blocks my Rook temporarily.) **19.Rd3 [D]**

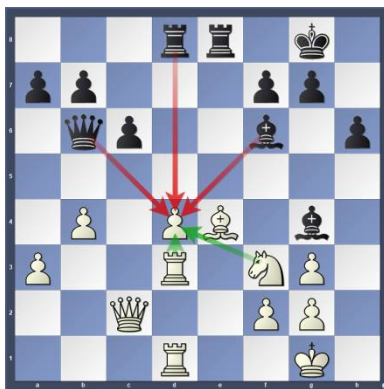


(Stan - Rd3?! Rfe1 still needs to be played.) (Terance - I didn't expect this move but White wants to double his rooks. I thought Rd2 would be better than Rd3 as now the e4 Bishop is temporarily hanging. I was expecting Rfe1 (put Rooks on open files) to free the Queen from protecting the Bishop.) [\*Stockfish: 19.Rfe1 Rad8 20.Re3 Qb6 21.b4 Bxd4, etc...]  
**19...Rad8 20.Rfd1 [D]**



**20...Bg4** (Stan - and the pressure on the d pawn is building.) (Terance - Slightly better was the simple move Qb6 to put pressure on d4 and if he advances the d-pawn I can take on b2 after some exchanges. I played Bg4 for tactical complications as it pins the Knight, the Rook  
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(Cont. from prev. col.) attacks the Bishop and gives me time to play Qb6 in the next move.) [\*Stockfish: 20...Qb6 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qxa5 23.Re3 Kf8, etc...]  
**21.b4 Qb6 [D]**



[The pressure on the isolated pawn grows]  
**22.Re3** (Stan - the correct move.) (Terance - Stan finds the best move in the position!) **22...Bxd4** (Terance - Here is the critical position in the game to me. I am trying to win the d-pawn. At first, I was going to play Bxf3 then I saw that I could play Bxd4, but I had to calculate Stan playing Bh7+. I saw that I can play Kf8 and take back with the King on e8 if I needed to. So, I played Bxd4 and the chess engine surprisingly saw h5 as the strongest candidate move then others like Kf8, Bxf3, and a3 in that order. In all the lines I come out with a very slight advantage even with Bxd4.) [\*Stockfish: 1) 22...h5 23.Qb3 Kf8 24.Rde1 Bxf3, etc...]  
**23.Bh7+ Kf8** [Not 23...Kh8?? 24.Rxd4 Rxe3 25.Rxg4 Re6, etc...]  
**24.Rxd4? [D]**

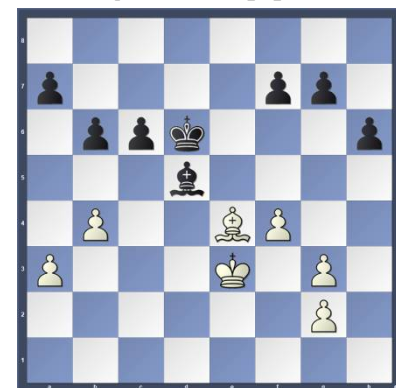


(Stan - I played this with an eye towards the endgame. All but the bishops would be off the board and the subtleties of endgames would come into play. I thought I could hold on for a draw, but as it turned out I was wrong.) (Terance - Rxe8 had to be played to get some compensation for the pawn with active play. With Rxd4? it  
 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) gives black the clear initiative with active play.) [24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Rxd4 Bxf3 \*Stockfish: 26.Qc3 Bd5 27.Rg4 f6 28.Bg6 Rd8, etc...]  
**24...Rxd4 25.Nxd4 Qxd4 26.Rxe8+ Kxe8 [D]**



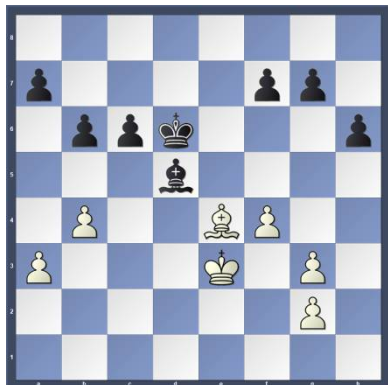
**27.Qe4+?** (Terance - Stan didn't have many choices and being short on time forced this trade off hoping to fight for a draw a pawn down. I figured I had excellent winning chances with my King close to my Queenside pawn majority.) [Better is 27.Kh2!?, \*Stockfish: 27.Bd3 Qa1+ 28.Bf1 Qxa3 29.Qd2 c5, etc...]  
**27...Qxe4+ 28.Bxe4** (Stan - Now Black's decision to play the King to f8 and not h8 becomes apparent to me.) **28...Kd7 29.f3 Be6 30.Kf2 b6 31.Ke3 Kd6 32.f4?** [Better is 32.Kd4+]  
**32...Bd5 [D]**



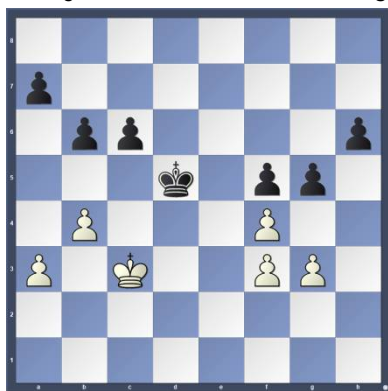
(Terance - I played this knowing if I trade Bishops I have a clearly won game and if not I win the g2 pawn and have a pawn majority on the Kingside which should be winning.) **33.Bf3 Bxf3 34.gxf3 Kd5** (Terance - Now Black is clearly winning with a matter of technique.) **35.Kd3 f5!? [D]** (p. 7) (Terance - Here I thought for a while to find the strongest move that gives White the least counter play and Black the most options to win. I saw that c5 wins but the white King can give a little resistance. I figured if I can control the e4 square I can gain entry that way while White  
 (Text cont. p. 7)



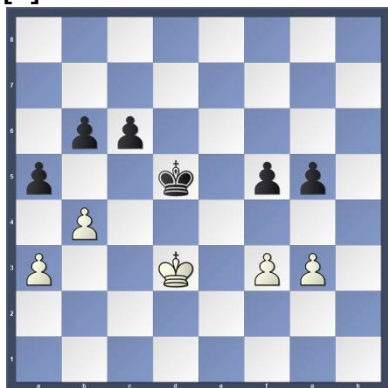
Position after 35...f5!? (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.6) is busy with the c-pawn after I advance it. So, my plan was to play f5 and then g5 to force fxg5 ((if not gxf4 gxf4 h5!)) and take back with fxg5 then I can force the f3 pawn to move and I gain control of e4.) **36.Kc3 g5 [D]**

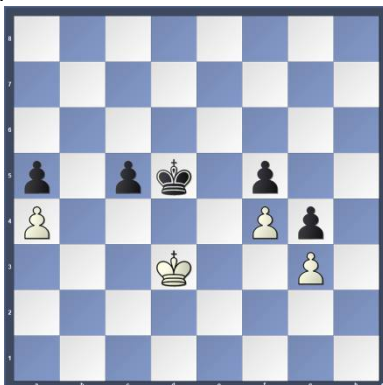


(Terance - Following my plan.)  
[\*Stockfish: 36...c5 37.bxc5 bxc5 38.Kd3 c4+, etc...]  
**37.fxg5 hxg5 38.Kd3 a5 [D]**

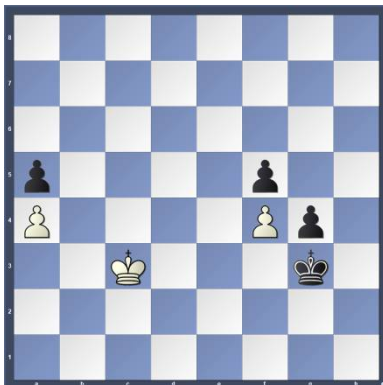


(Terance - I saw that playing this made my job easier and forcing as White can't keep the opposition.) **39.bxa5 bxa5 40.a4 g4 41.f4** (Terance - Now I gain control of e4.) **41...c5 (Zugzwang) [D]** (Next col.) (Terance - Now White is in Zugzwang.) **42.Kc3 c4 43.Kd2 Kd4 44.Kc2 c3 45.Kc1 Ke3 46.Kc2 Kf3 47.Kxc3 Kxg3 [D]** (Next col.)  
(Text cont. next col.)

Position after 41...c5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 47...Kxg3 (From prev. col.)



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## 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 (Text cont. next col.)]**

(Cont. from prev. col.) play 14.Ra6+--] **14...Rfc8 15.Ra3+- Bd8 16.Rfa1 [D]**

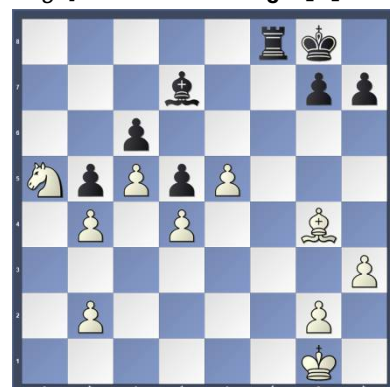


**16...Bc7 17.Rxa7 Rxa7 18.Rxa7 Bxf4 [Better is 18...Ne8 19.Ne5 Bxe5] 19.exf4 Nb8 20.Ne5 Nfd7? [20...Bg6 21.Ndf3 Rd8] 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 22.Rxd7 [D]**



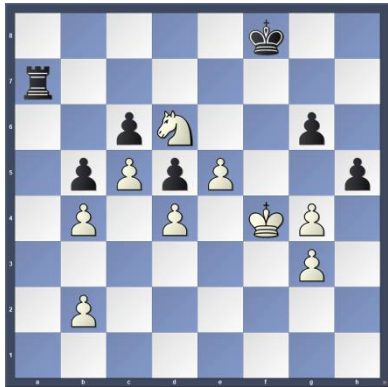
**22...e5 23.fxe5? Bxd7 24.Nb3 Re8 25.Na5 f6 26.f4 fxe5 27.fxe5**

[27.dxe5? should be considered. 27...Rf8 28.g3] **27...Rf8= 28.Bg4 [D]**

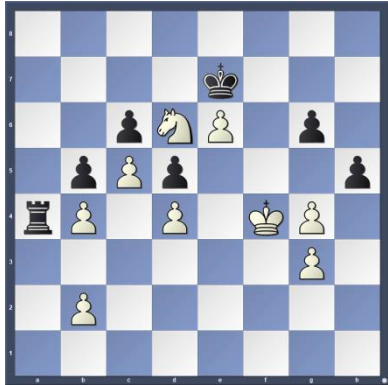


[28.g3= remains equal.] **28...Bxg4 29.hxg4 Rc8! 30.Nb7 Kf8 [Black has strong compensation.] 31.Kf2 g6 32.Ke3 Rc7 33.Nd6 Ra7+- 34.Kf4 [34.Kd2 keeps fighting.] 34...h5? 35.g3 [D] (p.8) [35.gxh5= gxh5 36.e6] 35...Ra4! 36.e6? [36.gxh5µ gxh5 37.Kf5] 36...Ke7?? [D] (p.8) [36...Rxb4+- and all is fine. 37.gxh5 gxh5] 37.Ke5? [37.gxh5!+- gxh5 38.Ke5] 37...Rxb4? 38.Nc8+ Ke8? 39.Nd6+ [Better is 39.Kf6 Rxb2] (Text cont. p.8)**

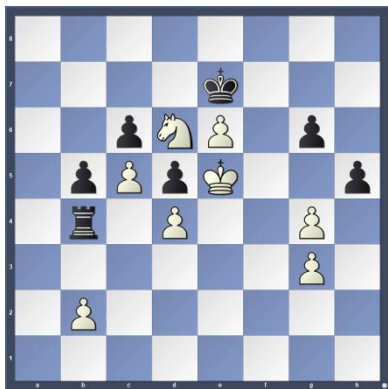
Position after 35.g3 (From p 7)



Position after 36...Ke7?? (From p 7)



(Cont. from p.7) 39...Ke7+- 40.Nc8+ Ke8! 41.Nd6+ [Less strong is 41.Na7 Rxb2 42.gxh5 gxh5+-; Better is 41.Kf6 Kd8] 41...Ke7 [D]



[Precision: White = 23%, Black = 26%. An unexpected result.] ½-½

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**Round: 3**

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

White: Olin Mastin (1506)  
Black: Robert Hepp (1259)  
Date: 3/23/2018

[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4] 1.d4 c6 2.Bf4 d5 3.Nf3 f6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Nd7 7.Nbd2 e6 8.0-0 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 8.0-0 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [White is slightly better.] 8...Qe7 9.c4 [ Hoping for cxd5.] 9...g5 10.Bg3 g4 11.Nh4 e5 [Better is 11...f5] 12.Nf5 Qf7 13.c5 [13.cxd5± cxd5 14.Rac1] 13...Qg6 14.Nd6+ [D]



14...Bxd6! 15.Qxg6+ hxg6 16.cxd6 e4 17.f3 f5 18.fxg4 Nh6 19.gxf5 Nxf5 20.Bf4 0-0-0 21.g4 Nh6 22.h3! Nf7 23.Kg2 [D]

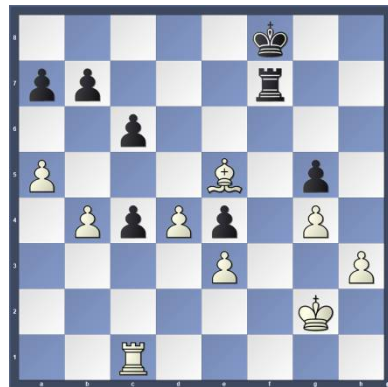


[White has good play.] 23...g5 24.Bg3 Rh7 25.Rf5 Rf8 26.Raf1 Kd8 27.b4 Ke8 28.a4 [White should play 28.b5+-] 28...Nxd6? [D] (Next col.) 29.Bxd6 Rfh8 30.Rh1 Nb6 31.a5 Nc4 [Better is 31...Nc8 32.Be5 Rg8] 32.Nxc4 dxc4 33.Be5 Rf8 34.Rxf8+ Kxf8 35.Rc1 Rf7 [D] (Next col.) 36.Rxc4 Rf3 37.Rc3 Ke7 38.Bb8 a6 39.Ba7 Ke6 40.Bc5 Kd5 41.Be7 Rxe3?? 42.Rxe3 Kxd4 43.Kf2 (Text cont. next col.)

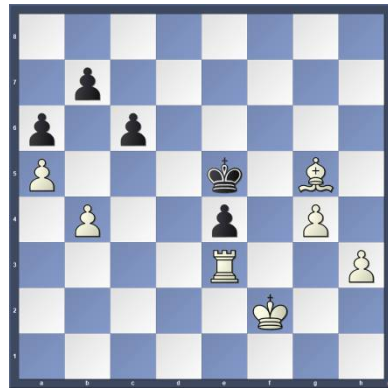
Position after 28...Nxd6? (From prev. col.)



Position after 35...Rf7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 43...Ke5 44.Bxg5 [D]



Precision: White = 49%, Black = 22%. 1-0

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