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

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This issue features a game played by ten-year-old FM Fabiano Caruana vs. Joe Mucerino! Other games are as played in May by NPCC players. The purpose of these newsletters is to include as many games as possible by NPCC players irregardless of the strength of the participants. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Game from the 31st Annual World Open Tournament: Round: 8

Submitted by Joe with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: FM Fabiano Caruana (2154)



Black: Joseph Mucerino (1997)
Date: 7/6/2003

[A00: Irregular Openings] (Joe: 31st Annual World Open, Open Section, Adams Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, Round 8, July 6, 2003. Fabiano Caruana was ten years old when this game was played. He turned eleven on July 30, 2003. He became a grandmaster in 2007, the youngest American GM ever at that time. In 2014, he won the Sinquefeld Cup in Saint Louis, which was the strongest tournament of all time up until then. He became the second highest rated player in the world. On March 27, 2018, he became the official challenger for the World Chess Championship. At the time this game was played, he was a FIDE Master and had just won the National Elementary School Championship. I had heard of Caruana and did not know much about him other than he was a young player rising up the ranks. I had a very good start to this tournament. This was the third time I played in the Open Section of the World Open. (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) I had an undefeated score of 2.5 / 4, defeating Alex Dunne in round 2. In round 4, I missed being paired with Hikaru Nakamura (who became a GM that year) on the Fourth of July by one board (I was the lowest rated player with 2 points, and he was the highest rated with 1.5 points). Although I drew my game against a 2327, I would much rather have played Nakamura, since I knew he was on his way to greatness. After three consecutive losses, including one to former U.S. Women's Champion Esther Epstein, I was paired with another young man destined for greatness in round 8.)

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1. e4 d5 (Joe: I first played the Scandinavian ((or Center Counter)) in 1993.) 2. Nc3 (Joe: Capturing is the best move, but this is playable.) 2...d4 (Joe: The only response that gives black any advantage.) 3. Nce2 e5 4. d3 Nc6 5. f4 f6?! (Joe: Obviously not best. 5...Bg4 is the computer's top move.) [*Stockfish 9: 5...Bg4 6. h3 Bb4+ 7. Kf2 Bxe2 8. Nxe2 Qf6, etc...] 6. f5? [D]

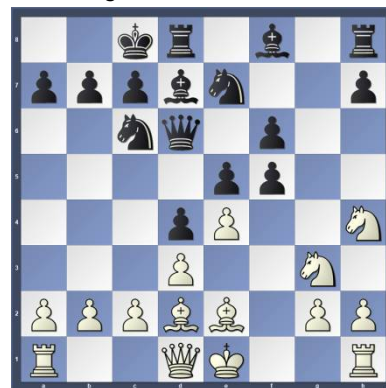


(Joe: Taking the tension out of the center. 6.Nf3 was called for.) 6...g6 7. Ng3 Qd6? [D] (Next col.) (Joe: I don't know what I was thinking. Black should continue to put pressure on f5 with 7...Nge7.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 7...Qd6? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 8. Nf3 [Black is slightly better.] 8...Bd7 9. Nh4 Nge7 10. Bd2 0-0-0 11. Be2 gxf5 [D]

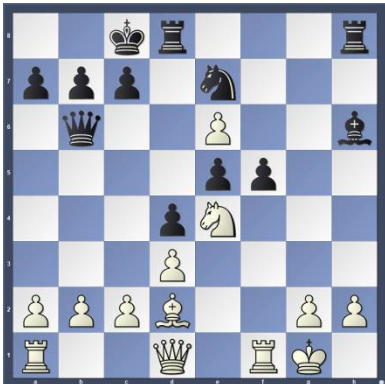


12. Nhx5 Nxf5 13. exf5 Ne7 14. 0-0 Bc6 [D]

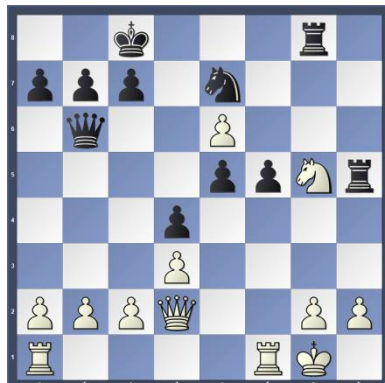


(Joe - A bit better is 14...Nd5.) [Black should play 14...Rg8] 15. Bf3 (Joe - A bit better for white is 15.Ne4.) [15.Ne4= Bxe4 16.dxe4] 15...h5 16. Bxh5 (Joe - I did not mind giving up a pawn to open up lines.) (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) **16...Bh6** [But not 16...Qd5 17.Ne4=] **17.Bf7 Bd5?!** (Joe - The computer really liked 17...Bf4.) [*Stockfish 9: 17...Bf4 18.Nh5 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nd5, etc...]
18.Ne4 Qb6 19.Be6+ [19.Bxd5 might be stronger. 19...Nxd5 20.Rb1] **19...Bxe6 20.fxe6 f5?! [D]**



(Joe - Not bad, but the correct approach was 20...Be3+. If white trades bishops, then black will obtain a protected passed pawn after ...f5 and ...f4. Instead, if 21.Kh1, then 21...f5 and 22...Rdg8 gives black a good attack.) **21.Bxh6 [21.Ng5] 21...Rxh6 22.Ng5 [22.Qd2μ Rdh8 23.Ng5 Rxh2 24.Nf7 Rh1+ 25.Kf2 Rxf1+ 26.Rxf1] 22...Rg8 23.Qd2 Rh5? [D]**

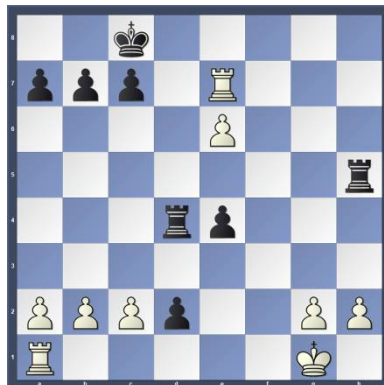


(Joe - Black throws away the win ((but is still better)). Correct was 23...f4 and routing the knight to e3.) [Resist 23...Qxb2 24.g3; Black should try 23...f4→ 24.Nf3 Nd5] **24.Nf3 e4 [24...Nd5 25.Nxe5 Qxe6] 25.dxe4! d3+ 26.Qf2 Qxf2+! 27.Rxf2 fxe4 28.Nd4? [D]**

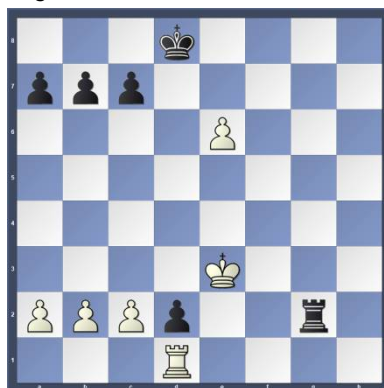


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(Cont. from prev. col.) [Only move: 28.Ne1] **28...Rd8??** (Joe: This throws the win away for good. I had the right idea but the wrong rook. The difference is I left my back rank unguarded. Correct play would have continued 28...Rd5 29.Rf7 ((other moves are possible)) Rxd4 30.Rxe7 dxc2 31.Rd7 Rd8 32.Kf2 Rd1 33.Raxd1 cxd1=Q 34.Rxd1 Rxd1.) [28...Rd5→ 29.cxd3 Rxd4 30.dxe4 Rxe4] **29.Rf7! Rxd4 30.Rxe7 d2?! [D]**



(Joe: 30...Kd8 would still give black a very small advantage.) [30...Kd8 deserves consideration. 31.Rd7+ Rxd7 32.exd7 c5] **31.Re8+=** [The position is equal.] (Joe: This check demonstrates why my twenty-eighth move was incorrect. The rest of the game is equal.) **31...Rd8 32.Rxd8+ Kxd8 33.Kf2 [Aiming for Rd1.] 33...Rxh2 34.Rd1 e3+! 35.Kxe3 Rxc2 [D]**



36.Rxd2+ Rxd2 37.Kxd2 Ke7 38.Ke3 Kxe6 [D] (Next col.) (Joe: Here, I offered a draw.) **39.Ke4 Kd6 40.Kf5 Kd5 41.Kf6 Kd6 42.Kf7 [D]** (Next col.) **42...Kd7 43.a4 a6 44.a5 [D]** (Next col.) (Joe: Now Caruana offered a draw. I refused because I felt there was a slim chance I could create a passed pawn.) **44...b6 45.axb6 cxb6 46.Kf6 Kd6 47.Kf5 Kd5 48.Kf4 Kd4 49.Kf3 a5 50.Ke2 a4** (Text cont. next col.)

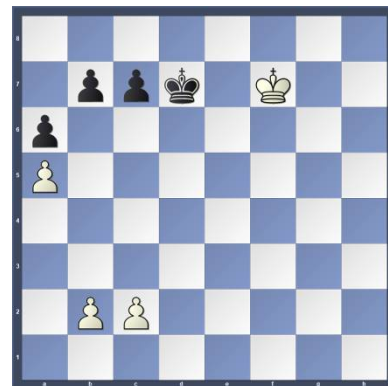
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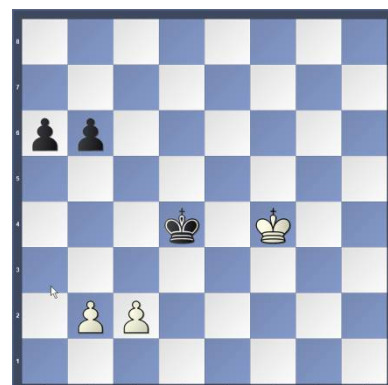
Position after 42.Kf7 (From prev. col.)



Position after 44.a5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) **51.Kd2 Kc4 52.Kc1 Kd4 [D]**



½-½ (Joe: I won my last round game against expert Diego Garces, (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) who was the husband of (at the time) future Women's World Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk, to finish with my best ever score in the Open Section of the World Open, four points out of nine games. Caruana lost his final game.) (Joe - Good luck to Fabiano Caruana in November! Come home with the title.)

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Games from the NPCC

April/May 2018 G100 Swiss

Tournament:

Round: 2

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

White: Bill Champion (1470)

Black: Dennis Baluk (1953)

Date: 5/11/2018

[A46:1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle Systems] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.Qc2 h6 [D]



9.Bf4 Rc8 10.Ne5 [10.dxc5!? bxc5 11.e4=] 10...cxd4 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.exd4 Nh5 13.Be5 [13.Be3!?!=] 13...d6 14.Bg3 Bxg2 [D]

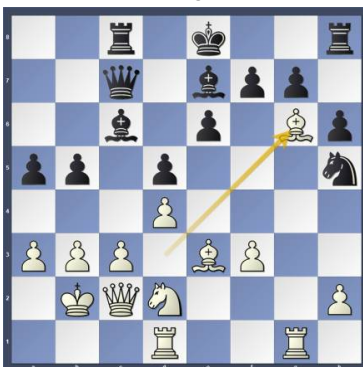


15.Rg1 Bc6 16.0-0-0 Qd7 17.f3 Ba4 18.b3 Bc6 19.Bf2 Qc7 20.Kb2 a5 21.a3 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

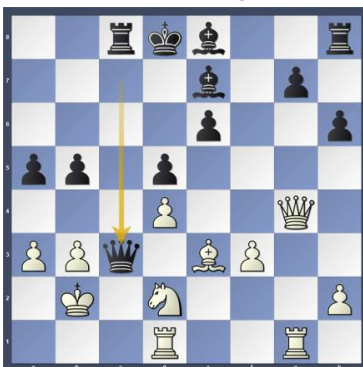
(Position after 21.a3 (From prev. col.)



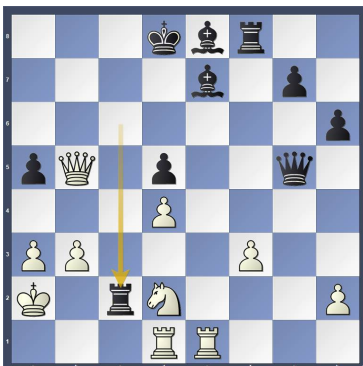
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23...fxg6-+ 24.Qxg6+ Kd8 25.Qxh5 Be8 26.Qg4 Qxc3+ [D]



27.Ka2 Qxe3 28.Rge1 Qg5 29.Qxe6 Rc6 30.Qe2 Rf831.Qxb5 Rc2+ [D]



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Round: 3

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

White: Dennis Baluk (1953)

Black: Terance Hall (1889)

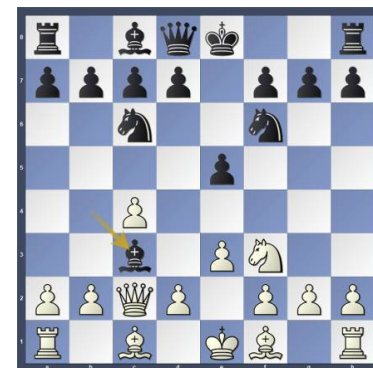
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[A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation] 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 [D]



(Terance - Well for the fourth time in a row I face Dennis as Black in the Four Knights English variation. The last game I had a winning position on move 13 and won that one, so I was wondering what Dennis would play this time.) 4.e3 Bb4 5.Qc2 Bxc3 [D]



(Terance - Last game I played 0-0, so this time I choose a more common path with the immediate Bxc3.)

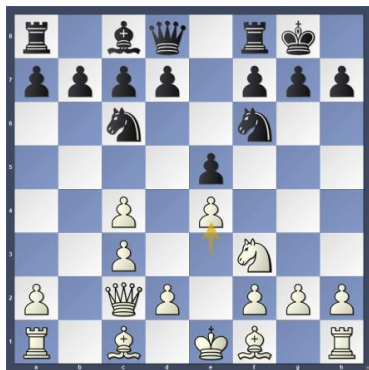
6.bxc3 0-0 7.e4 [D] (p. 4)

(Terance - A new move from Dennis which stops me from playing the e5 pawn to e4.) 7...d6 8.d3 Bg4

(Terance - Better was Nh5 eyeing the f4 square.) 9.Be2 Nh5 [D] (p. 4)

(Terance - I didn't see anything else in the position but to play for the f4 square and to try provoking White to (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 7.e4 (From p.3)



Position after 9...Nh5 (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) weaken his Kingside by moving his pawns.) [*Stockfish 9: 9...Ne7 10.0-0 Ng6 11.h3 Bd7 12.Re1 Re8, etc...] 10.h3 Bxf3 [D]



(Terance - After h3 I thought that Nh5 was a mistake because it forces me to trade my Bishop on f3 or retreat it and lose the e5 pawn. I was just about to play Be7! and allowing Nxe5 seeing that I have some good compensation for the pawn, but decided on playing Bxf3 and try drawing the game. I saw no advantage for either side as I hinder White's Bishops or trade one of them off. Stockfish 9 likes Be7 with a slight advantage for Black if White takes the pawn.) [*Stockfish 9: 10...Bd7 11.0-0 (if 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxh5 f5, etc...)] 11.Bxf3 Nf4 12.Rb1 Rb8 13.g3 Ne6 (Terance - At this point I was trying to figure out if I can exploit White weaknesses on the Kingside.) 14.Be3 Qf6 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 14...Qf6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance - Nc5 seemed somewhat sterile.) 15.Bg2 Ng5? (Terance - Terrible cheap move. I knew this as it brings his best defender to the Kingside with Qe2 and the Knight is dead with no play. With this move White gains the initiative and advantage.) 16.Qe2 (Terance - Best was 0-0 or f4 with a huge advantage as Qe2 gives a slight advantage.) [*Stockfish 9: 16.0-0 Ne6 17.f4 exf4 18.gxf4 Rfe8, etc...] 16...Ne6 (Terance - No other choice but to bring the Knight back. Now with the lost of tempi it looks like I have to defend and wait for an opportunity.) 17.0-0 Qg6?! (Terance - b6 was better.) 18.Qg4?! [D]



(Terance - White played this to stop any pawn advance or attack on his Kingside.) [18.Kh2 Rfe8] 18...Qxg4= 19.hxg4 b6?! [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance - Nc5 was the better move. When playing this I had to make sure my Nc6 now hanging could not be attacked by d4 and the Bishop on g2 combination.) [*Stockfish 9: 19...Nc5 20.Rfd1 f6 21.Bf1 h6 22.f3 Rfd8, etc...] 20.Rfd1 (Terance - g5 was best here.) 20...Na5 (Terance - I took some time here to figure out if I should play h6 or f6 to prevent g5, or Na5 to prevent d4. I figured allowing d4 will open up the center to White's advantage with the Bishop pair so I choose Na5.) 21.Kf1 h6 22.Ke2 g5 (Terance - Now the Kingside is secure as White's light square bishop is cramped. I control the f4 square. I can defend the h6 pawn with Kg7 and Rh8 if need be.) 23.Kd2 (Terance - I notice that White wants to bring his King to the Queenside to gain access to my weak light squares and win in an endgame. I felt I had enough resources to defend.) 23...Kg7 24.Kc2 Rfd8 [D]



(Terance - At this point I am just shuffling around my pieces hoping that White will try a d4 or f4 break in my favor.) 25.Rh1 Rdc8 26.Rh2 c5 [D]



(Terance - Here I solidify my drawing chances further blockading White's Bishops.) 27.Bf3 Rh8 28.Kd2 (Terance - White should realize that it is risky in trying to bring his King over to the 'a' and 'b' files where I can play b5 opening it up if need be.) (Text cont. p.5)

(Cont. from p.4) **28...Rbc8 29.Bd1 [D]**



(Terance - Here White wants to see if he can gain any advantage bringing his light squared Bishop to my Queenside.)

29...Rc7 (Terance - Here I decided to cover squares d7 and c6 with my Rook so that Ba4 could not come into those squares.) **30.Ba4 Rd8 [D]**



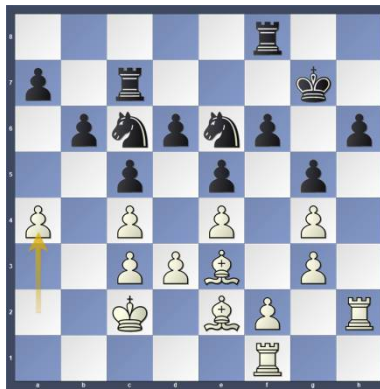
(Terance - Here I offered a draw, as I see no way to progress for the both of us, easily defendable from my standpoint.)

31.Kc2 Rh8 32.Bb5 Rf8 33.Rbh1 Rh8 34.Bc1 Kg6 35.Bb2 Nc6 36.Kb1 Kg7 37.Ba4 Kg6 38.Bc2 Kg7 39.Bc1 f6 40.Be3 Rcc8 41.Kb2 Rb8 42.Ba4 Rbc8 43.Rd1 Rc7 44.Rb1 Na5 [D]



45.Bd1 Rb8 46.Kc2 Rbc8 47.Be2 Nc6 48.Rf1 Rf8 49.a4 [D] (Next col.) 49...Re8 50.Kd2 Rf7 51.Kc2 Ref8 [D] (Next col.) (Terance - Here White is getting restless and is preparing for the f4 break if he can.) [51...Rc7 52.Rfh1 Rh8 53.Rh5] (Text cont. next col.)

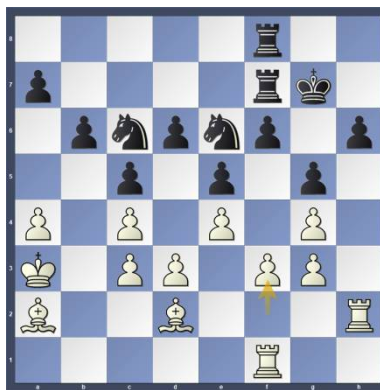
(Position after 49.a4 (From prev. col.)



(Position after 51...Ref8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **52.Bd2 Kg6 53.Rfh1 Rh8 54.Kb2 Kg7 55.Ka3 Rff8 56.Bc1 Rf7 57.Bb2 Rff8 58.Rf1 Rf7 59.Bc1 Rhf8 60.Bd1 Rh8 61.Bc2 Rhf8 62.Be3 Rh8 63.Bb3 Rhf8 64.Bd2 Rh8 65.Ba2 Rhf8 66.f3 [D]**



[Played to avoid the fifty-move rule (No captures or pawn moves).] **66...Rh8 67.Bc1 Re7 68.Bb2 Rf8 69.Bc1 Rh8 70.f4 [D] (Next col.)** (Terance - Finally White goes for the break, as he is getting low on time.) [70.Bb3 Kg6=] **70...Rf8** (Terance - I figured that I can draw by not taking back.) [70...exf4 71.gxf4 gxf4 72.Bxf4=; *Stockfish 9: 70...gxf4 71.gxf4 exf4 72.Bxf4 Ne5, etc...] **71.fxg5 [71.f5!? Ned8 72.Kb3] 71...fxg5= [D] (Next col.)** (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 70.f4 (From prev. col.)



(Position after 71...fxg5= (From prev. col.)

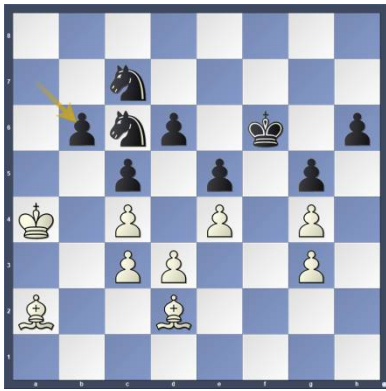


(Text cont. p.6) **72.Rf5 Ref7 73.Rhf2 Rf6 74.Bd2 Ne7 [D]**



(Terance - Forcing the trade.) **75.Rxf6 Rxf6 76.Rxf6 Kxf6 77.a5? [77.Bb3 Nc7=] 77...Nc7 [Better is 77...bxa5!? 78. Ka4 (*Stockfish 9: 78.Kb3 Nc6 79.Ka4 Ke7 80.Bb3 Kd7, etc...)] 78.Ka4 Nc6= [*Stockfish 9: 78...bxa5 79.Kxa5 Nc6+ 80.Ka4 a6 81.Bb3 Ke6, etc...]** **79.axb6 axb6 [D] (p.6)** [Black has a new backward pawn: b6] (Terance - It is a dead draw!) **80.Be3 Ke7 81.Bb1 Kf6 82.Bc2 Ke7 83.Ka3 Kf6 84.Ba4 Na7 85.d4 [85.Kb2 Ke7=] 85...Nc8 [85...b5!? 86.Bc2 exd4 87.cxd4 bxc4 88.dxc5 dxc5 89.Bxc5 Nc6] 86.Bd7 Ne7 87.Ka4 Kg6 (Text cont. p.6)**

(Position after 79...axb6) (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.5) **88.dxc5?** [Better is 88.Kb3!?!= and White could well hope to play on] **88...dxc5** [D]

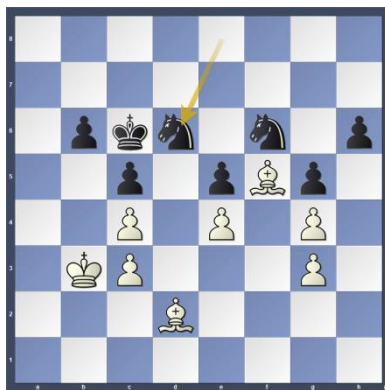


89.Kb3 Kf6 90.Kc2 Kf7 [90...Ne6 91.Kd1] **91.Kd3 Ng8 92.Bf5** [White can be proud of that piece] [92.Ba4!?! is worth looking at] **92...Nf6 93.Kc2 Ke7 94.Kb3 Kd6 95.Ka3??** [D]

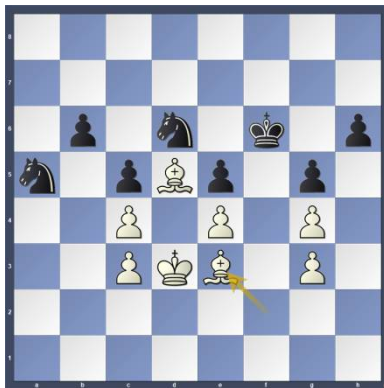


(Terance - Blunder in time pressure. We were both down to about 2 minutes.) [95.Kc2!?!] **95...Kc6** [Better is 95...Nce8! and Black can already relax 96.Kb3 Ng7+-] **96.Kb3 Nce8 97.Bd2??** [Simply worsens the situation] [Better is 97.Kc2] **97...Nd6+-** [D] (Next col.) (Terance - This is winning but I had no time to execute anything so I played for the draw.) **98.Be6 Nb7** [Better is 98...Ndx4 it becomes clear that Black will call all the shots 99.Be1 Nd6+- *Stockfish 9: 100.Bd2 Kc7 101.Bc1 e4 102.Be3 Kd8, etc...] **99.Kc2 Kc7 100.Kd3 Na5** (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 97...Nd6+-) (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **101.Bd5 Ne8 102.Be3 Nd6 103.Bf2 Kd7 104.Be3 Ke7** [104...Nc6 105.Bg1] **105.Bf2 Kf6 106.Be3 Ke7 107.Bf2** [Twofold repetition] **107...Kf6 108.Be3** [D]



(Terance - Dennis offered a draw with both of us with approx. 1:22 seconds left. Draw accepted.) $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

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Round: 3

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

White: George Murphy (1421)

Black: Bill Champion (1470)

Date: 5/18/2018

[D71: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 3 g3 d5 sidelines and 5 cxd5 (without Nf3)] **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 d5 4.Nc3 a6 5.Bg2 e6 6.e4** [D] (Next col.) **6... dxc4 7.Nge2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 Qe8** [9...h6!?! 10.Bxf6 Qxf6=] **10.e5 Nfd7 11.Qc2 h6 12.Be3 Nb6 13.f4** [D] (Next col.) [13.Ne4 Qd8] **13...f6** [Black has a cramped position] [13...Nc6 14.Rad1=] **14.Rad1** [14.d5!?! fxe5 15.d6±] **14...Nc6= 15.a3 Bd7 16.d5 exd5** (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 6.e4) (From prev. col.)



(Position after 13.f4) (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **17.Bxb6 d4?** [17...Bf5 18.Bxd5+ Kh8 19.Be4 cxb6 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.Nd5=] **18.Nxd4** [Better is 18.Bxd4 White had this great chance 18...Nxd4 19.Nxd4 fxe5 20.Rde1+-] **18...cxb6±** **19.Nxc6 bxc6** [Black has the pair of bishops] **20.Rd6** [D]

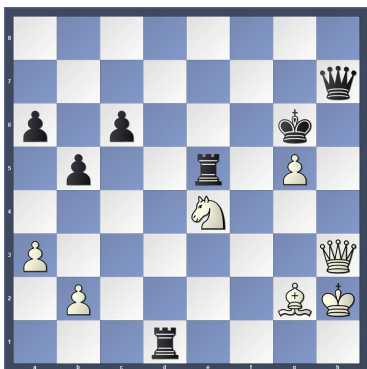


[Better is 20.exf6!?! Rxf6 21.Ne4] **20...fxe5= 21.Rxg6?** [Better is 21.Qd2 would allow White to play on 21...Ra7 22.Re1=] **21...Bf5+-** **22.Rxg7+ Kxg7 23.Ne4** [23.Qf2 exf4 24.Qd4+ Kg8 25.Qxc4+ Be6+-] **23...exf4** [Better is 23...Rd8!?! 24.Qc3 Rd3 25.Qb4+-] **24.Qc3+ Kg6 25.Rxf4 Qe7** [25...Rd8!?! 26.Nf2 Qe6 27.Rxc4+-] **26.Qxc4** (Text cont. p.7)

(Cont. from p.6) **26...Rac8** [26...c5 27.Qc3 Rad8] **27.h3** [27.Rh4 Qe6 28.Qc1 Kg7] **27...b5** [Better is 27...Be6!? 28.Qxa6 Rxf4 29.gxf4 Rg8-+] **28.Qc3 h5 29.g4 hxg4 30.Rxf5??** [D]



[Better is 30.Ng3 Bd7 31.Re4] **30...Rxf5-+ 31.hxg4 Re5 32.Qh3 Rd8 33.g5** [33.Kh2-+ what else?] **33...Rd1+ 34.Kh2 Qh7** [D]



[34...Qh7 35.Qxh7+ Kxh7-+] **0-1**

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Round: 4

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

White: Knox Bickford (1299)

Black: Olin Mastin (1511)

Date: 5/25/2018

[A48: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6: Torre, London and Colle Systems] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.e3 d6** [D]

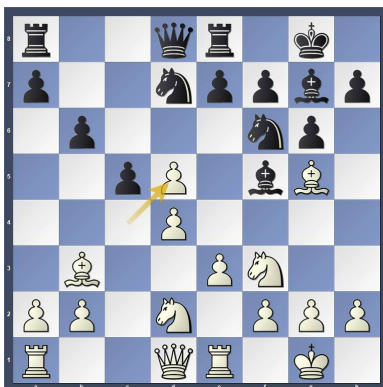


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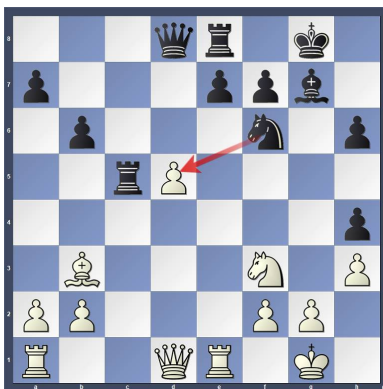


11...b6 [11...dxc4= remains equal. 12.Bxc4 Nb6] **12.cxd5±** [D]



[Black must now prevent e4.]

12...Rc8 [12...Bd3±] **13.e4+- Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Nxf3** [Weaker is 15.gxf3 Nh5=; 15.Qxf3+- Threatens to win with e5. 15...Kh8 16.e5] **15...h6 16.Bh4 g5 17.e5** [Better is 17.Bg3] **17...gxh4± 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.dxc5 Rxc5** [D]



20.Nxh4 [And now Nf5 would win.] **20...Nxd5 21.Nf5** [D] (Next col.) [Intending Qg4 and mate.] **21...e6 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Qg4+ Qg5 24.Re4** [24.Qd4+ is more complex. 24...Qf6 25.Qa4 Rd8 26.Rad1 a5 27.Qg4+] **24...Nf6** [D] (Next col.) **25.Qxg5+ hxg5 26.Rc4 Nd7 27.Rd1** [D] (Next col.) **27...Rxc4 28.Bxc4= Ne5 29.b3** [29.Ba6=] (Text cont. next col.)

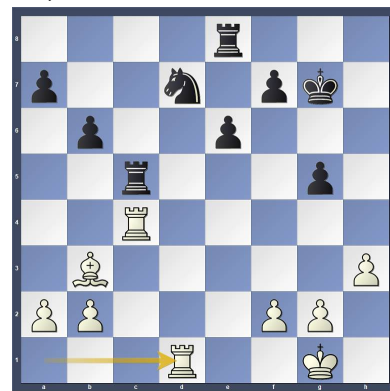
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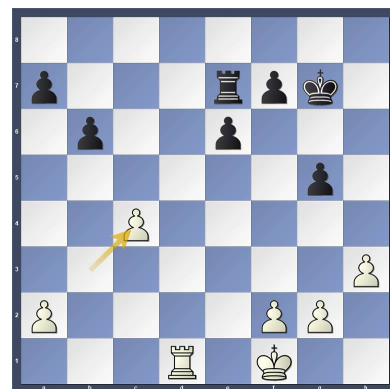
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(Position after 27.Rd1) (From prev. col.)

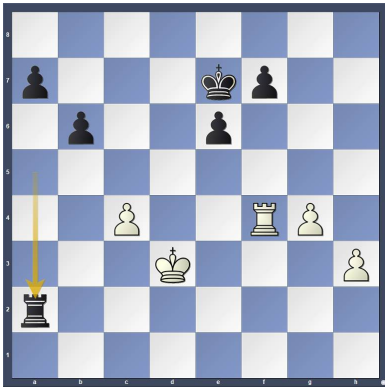


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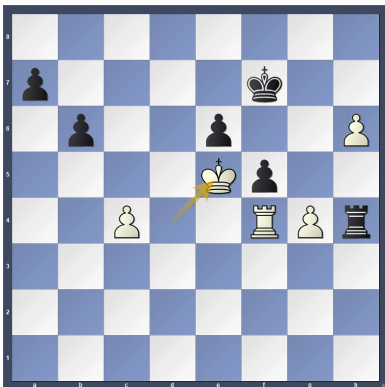


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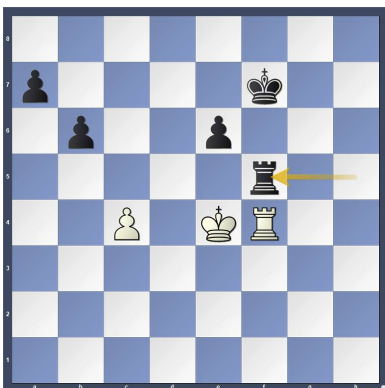
(Cont. from p.7) 31...Rc7 32.Rd4
 [32.Rc1! feels stronger.] 32...Kf6
 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.g4 [34.Kd2=] 34...Rc5
 35.f4 gxf4 36.Rxf4 Ra5 37.Kd3 Rxa2
 [D]



38.h4 Rh2 39.h5 Rh4 40.Kd4 [Better
 is 40.Re4] 40...f5--+ 41.h6 Kf7 [Don't
 play 41...Rxb6 42.gxf5 Rf6 43.Rf1--+]
 42.Ke5 [D]



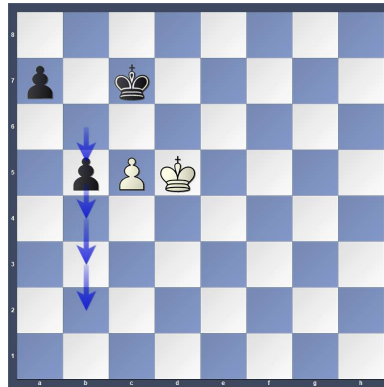
42...Rxb6 [Better is 42...Rxb4 43.h7 Kg7
 44.h8B+ Kxh8] 43.gxf5 Rh5 44.Ke4
 [44.c5 might work better. 44...Ke7
 45.cxb6 axb6 46.Ra4 Rxf5+ 47.Ke4]
 44...Rxf5 [D]



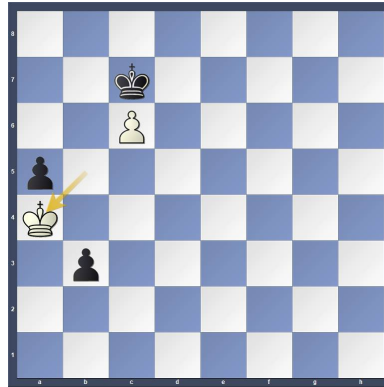
45.Rxf5+? [45.Rh4 Kg6 46.Rh2]
 45...exf5+ 46.Kxf5 [KPP-KP]
 46...Ke7 [Black mates.] 47.Ke5 Kd7
 48.Kd5 Kc7 49.c5 b5 [D] (Next col.)
 50.c6 a5 51.Kc5 b4 52.Kb5 b3
 53.Ka4 b2 [D] (Next col.) 0-1

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(Position after 49...b5) (From
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(Position after 53...b2) (From
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Below is a "plug" for a booklet:
**"Club Chess in Allentown, 2000
 to 2015"** by Eric C. Johnson, TD,
 and Organizer of the **Allentown
 Center City Chess Club**.

It is a very informative collection
 of games played in Allentown in-
 dexed by both players and open-
 ings. There are games by our
 own Dennis Baluk, Joe Mucerino,
 and Matt Martello included.

Eric wrote (as edited):

*"I have most of my USCF-rated
 games -- in notebooks -- but yes,
 it was a bit of work to go through
 them and pick out the more in-
 teresting ones for the compila-
 tion. Moreover, I had to choose
 from just the games played in
 Allentown. So many of our play-
 ers ... throw their score sheets
 away!"*

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*I thought that this period in Allen-
 town chess should be preserved in
 some way -- so that the dozens of
 people who played in Allentown dur-
 ing that period would be remem-
 bered. In addition, I picked games
 that were instructional or interest-
 ing...at least I hope that I did...so
 that I could refer to these games
 when giving lessons to students. I
 could easily have included 50 or 70
 more games...but 124 seemed like a
 good number."*

Mailed copies are available for \$10
 plus \$2 shipping...they can write to
 me, Eric C. Johnson, at
chesspride@aol.com for the mailing
 address..and, yes I take PayPal.

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
 until Fall)

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.

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