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This issue features games played in June thru July.

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

June-July Swiss Tournament:

Round: 1

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

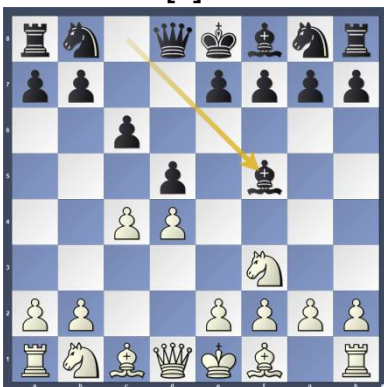
White: Terance Hall (1889)

Black: Robert Hepp (1238)

Date: 6/22/2018

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[D11: Slav Defense: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4] **1.d4 c6** (Terance - Interesting move allowing White the option to go into a Caro-Kann with e4.) **2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Bf5 [D]**



(Terance - Qb3 was a little more testing but I didn't want to give Black the possibility to trade Queens.) **4.Nc3 e6 5.e3** (Terance - I was thinking about playing Bf4 which was a good move also. I wanted to go into normal Slav lines.)

5...Bb4?! [D] (Next col.) (Terance - This is Black's good Bishop so it should go to e7 and not b4 to be traded off.)

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Position after 5...Bb4?! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) **6.Be2=** (Terance - Slightly better is Qb3.) **6...Nd7 [D]**



7.0-0 Bxc3?! [D]



(Terance - Black gives up his good dark square Bishop which leaves his dark squares undefended in which I take advantage of later (move 9). Now White has the advantage.) [Better is 7...dxc4 is the best chance 8.Bxc4 Ngf6 9.Qb3; Stockfish 18: 7...Be7 8.Re1 Qb6 9.b3 Ngf6 10.Nh4 Ne4, etc...] **8.bxc3 Ngf6 9.Ba3 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance - I decided to take control of Black's dark squares and prevent Black from castling King-side.) **9...Qa5** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 9.Ba3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) (Terance - This seemingly natural move gives White a tempo on the Queenside as both Bishop and c3 pawn can be defended easily.) **10.Bb4** (Terance - Slightly better was Qb3 but I wanted to move my Bishop and grab some space with a4 and this move allows me a tempo in doing this.) [*Stockfish 18: 10.Qb3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Qc7 12.Rfe1 Ne4, etc...] **10...Qc7** (Terance - Best place for the Queen.) **11.a4 [D]**



(Terance - Now my plan on the Queenside is good so now I can concentrate on the center and by pushing e4 if possible. First I need to take control of the e4 square, so I had planned to play Nd2, f3, and possibly trade off Bishops. I had to also keep an eye on my h2 pawn with Ng4 and his Rook on h8 x-raying it with the c7 Queen. Nd2 now was a better choice in this position.) [*Stockfish 18: 11.Nd2 c5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.cxd5 exd5, etc...] **11...a5?!** (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) (Terance - Helps me to put my Bishop on a better square.)

[11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 a6 13.Ba3] **12.Ba3+ Ne4 [D]**



(Terance - Black takes advantage of the weak e4 square and c3 pawn.) **13.Qc1** (Terance - I spent a little time on Qc1 and figured that this was the best move with Qb3 as next best. Qc1 supports my Nd2 and f3 plan. As White I have a nice advantage.)

[*Stockfish 18: 13.Qb3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Qb6 15.Rfb1 Qxb3, etc...] **13...Ndf6** (Terance - It is here that I thought Nd6 was a good move so that Black can castle. Ndf6 now gives up the e5 square.) [13...Nd6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Nd2±] **14.Ne5± [D]**



(Terance - What a nice square for my Knight as it helps protect the g4 square and blocks the Queen hitting my h2 pawn.)

14...h5? (Terance - Wow, Black goes on the attack! I was slightly nervous, as I had to play the correct moves to counter this. Better was Nd6 as h5 gives White a huge advantage with correct play.) [14...Nd6 15.f3± *Stockfish 18: 15...0-0 16.g4 Bg6 17.e4 dxe4 18.Qf4 Rfd8 19.h4 exf3, etc...] **15.f3 [D]**



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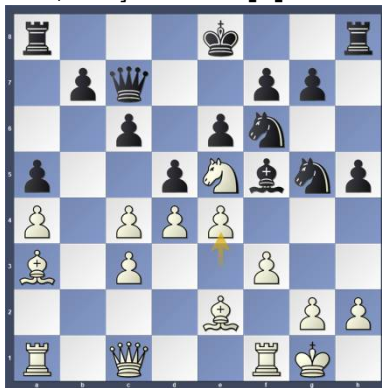
(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance - The correct counter! Now Black is on the defensive losing ground.)

[*Stockfish 18: 15.Qb2 Rb8 16.Rab1 Bh7 17.f3 Nd6 18.c5 Nc4, etc...] **15...Ng5?? [D]**



[The position was bad, and this mistake simply hastens the end]

(Terance - Now Black is down by six and a half pawns positionally by Stockfish's 9 latest engine. Robert spent a lot of time on this move. I saw that the only move was Nd6 and I was going to play cxd5 and try to open the center. I waited to see if Black would play the Knight to g5 as a blunder because e4 attacks the Bishop and hangs the Black Knight.) [Better is 15...Nd6±] [*Stockfish 18: 16.cxd5 exd5 17.c4 Bh7 18.cxd5 Nxd5, etc...] **16.e4+- [D]**



(Terance - I saw that cxd5 was slightly better but was tactically precise to play so I opted for the straight forward line e4.) **16...Bg6** [16...Nxf3+ there is nothing better in the position 17.Bxf3 dxe4+-] **17.Qxg5 dxe4** [17...0-0-0 doesn't do any good 18.Nxg6 fxxg6 19.e5+-] **18.Nxg6 Rh6** [18...fxg6 is no salvation 19.fxe4 0-0-0 20.e5+-] **19.Ne7 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance - I played this to prevent Black from castling Queenside. Stockfish likes Nf8, I believe to prevent Rh7 and protect the g pawn.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 19.Ne7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) [19.Nf8 exf3 20.Bxf3 Ng4 21.Bxg4 hxg4+-] **19...Kd7** [19...Rh7 does not win a prize 20.fxe4 Nxe4 21.Qh4 Nxc3 22.Bd3+-] **20.Qxg7 Rg6 21.Nxg6 Rg8 22.Qxf7+ Kc8 23.Qxf6 Rd8 24.Qxe6+ [D]**



[24.Qxe6+ Kb8 25.Qe5 (Stockfish 18: 25.fxe4 Ka8 26.Rf7 Qc8 27.Qxc8+ Rxc8 28.Rb1 b5 29.Bc5 b4 30.cxb4 Rc7 31.Rxc7 Kb8 32.Re7 axb4 33.Rf1 Kc8 34.Rf8#) 25...Qxe5 26.Nxe5+-] **1-0**

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Round: 2

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

White: Donald Funk (1542)

Black: Terance Hall (1889)

Date: 6/29/2018

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[D11: Slav Defense: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4] **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 [D]** (p.3) (Terance: I decided to get my Bishop outside the pawn chain as I was planning a (Text cont. p.3)

(Position after 3...Bg4 (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) Slav, but I think Bf5, or c5 might be a slightly better option.)
4.c4 c6 (Terance: Why not a Slav.)
5.Qb3 Qc7 [D]



(Terance: Qb6 is the most common move here but I had a different plan with e5 in mind.) 6.Bd2 e6 (Terance: Bxf3 is playable doubling up Whites pawns but I give up my Bishop pair and open the g-file for his rook. I decided to just play solid and hope that White makes an error.) 7.Nc3 [D]



(Terance: This seems a normal and basic move in which the engines agree is the best.) 7...Bd6 [D] (Next col.) (Terance: More accurate is Nbd7. I played Bd6 to try to provoke c5 from White fixing the pawn chain so I can push e5 at some point.) 8.Rc1 a6?! [Prevents intrusion on b5] (Terance: Best was dxc4 or moving the Queen off the file of the Rook to avoid tactics.) [8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bxf3 10.gxf3=] (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 7...Bd6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 9.cxd5 [9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.cxd5 Nxd2] 9...exd5= 10.h3 Bh5? [D]



(Terance: Here with g4 and g5 White can win the d5 pawn because of the pin on the Queen with the Rook.) [10...Be6 11.Bd3= *Stockfish: 11...h6 12.Na4 a5 13.Nc5 Bc8, etc...] 11.Bd3 [11.g4 Bg6 *Stockfish: 12.Nh4 (12.g5 Ne4 13.Nxd5 Qd7, etc...)] 11...Bg6 [D]



(Terance: Best to trade off White's good Bishop.) 12.Bxg6 hxg6 [D] (Next col.) [Black has new doubled pawns: g6+g7] 13.Na4 (Terance: g4 was the only move for any advantage.) [*Stockfish: 13.g4 Qe7 14.g5 Nh5 15.e4 dxe4, etc...] 13...Nbd7 14.Bb4 Rb8= [D] (Next col.) [*Stockfish: 14...Bxb4+ 15.Qxb4 Ne4 16.Qb3 Rc8 17.0-0 0-0, etc...](Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 12...hxg6 (From prev. col.)



(Position after 14...Rb8= (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nc5 [*Stockfish: 16.0-0 Ne4 17.Nc3 Ndf6 18.Rfe1 Qd8, etc...] 16...Nxc5 (Terance: Best is to take off the active Knight.) 17.dxc5 [D]



(Terance: Decisions, dxc5 or Rxc5? Both have their plusses and minuses and are equally good.) [*Stockfish: 17.Rxc5 Ne4 18.Rc1 0-0 19.0-0 g5, etc...] 17...Qe7 (Terance: I choose this square as the most practical as it eyes the c5 pawn with my Knight going to e4. The Queen pins the e3 pawn and can watch g5 once the Knight moves.) 18.0-0 [*Stockfish: 18.Qc3 Rh5 19.0-0 Kf8 20.Nd4 Ne4, etc...] 18...Ne4!? [D] (p.4) (Terance: Now my Knight is on a beautiful square attacking the c5 pawn.) (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 18...Ne4!? (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) **19.Qd3?** (Terance: An oversight by White. I was a little puzzled when I saw this move and double checked for any tactics.) [19.Qb4 g5 20.Nd2 Nxd2 21.Qxd2 f5=] **19...Nxc5 [D]**

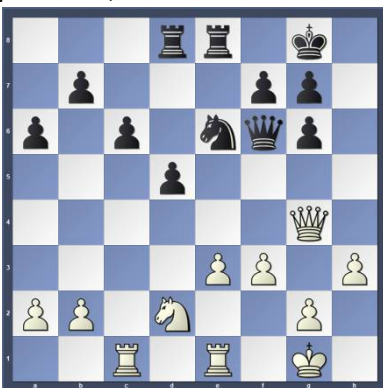


20.Qd4 Ne6 21.Qc3 0-0 [*Stockfish: 21...Rd8 22.Rfd1 Qf6 23.h4 Qe7, etc...]
22.Rfe1 (Terance: Better is to put your rook on the open d file so Rfd1 was best..)
22...Ng5 (Terance: Better was c5.)
[*Stockfish: 22...c5 23.Red1 Rbd8 24.Qb3 Qd7 25.Qb6 Qb5, etc...]
23.Nd2 Rfe8 24.Qd4 Rbd8 25.f3? [D]

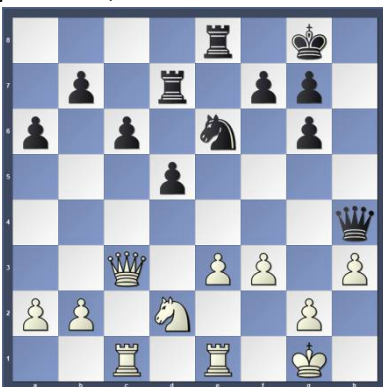


(Terance: This move weakens his dark squares and the e3 pawn.) [25.Qb6 Ne4 26.Rcd1 Nd6; *Stockfish: 25.b4 Ne4 26.a4 Nd6 27.Nb3 g, etc...]
25...Ne6 26.Qg4 Qf6 [D] (Next col.) (Terance: Black now has a nice advantage.)
27.Qb4 Rd7 28.Qc3 Qh4 [D] (Next col.) (Terance: Trying to take advantage of the weak squares.) (Text cont. next col.)

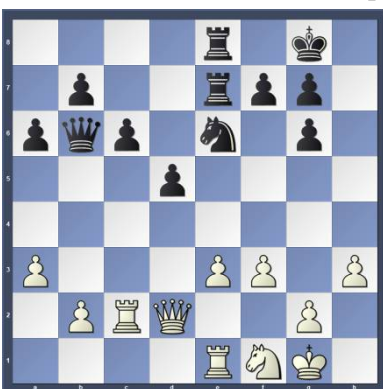
(Position after 26...Qf6 (From prev. col.)



(Position after 28...Qh4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **29.Nf1 Rde7 30.Qd2 Ng5 31.Qf2 Qb4 32.a3 Qd6 33.Rc2 Ne6 34.Rd2 Qc5 35.Rc2 Qb5 36.Qd2 Qb6 [D]**



(Terance: Here I was moving my pieces around to try to pressure the e3 pawn and play some tactics with my Knight on f4 and d4.) **37.Qf2 Nc5** (Terance: I played this hoping Don would play e4 and it looks like I would have the better endgame with a lot of pressure.) **38.Qd2 Nd7 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: Repositioning my Knight to e6 and possible c4.)
39.Qd4?? [D] (Next col.) [Terrible, but what else could White do to save the game?] [Better is 39.Rd1
*Stockfish: 39...a5 40.Qd4 Qa6 41.b4 a4 42.Rc3 Ne5, etc...]
39...Qxd4+ [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 38...Nd7 (From prev. col.)



Position after 39.Qd4?? (From prev. col.)



Position after 39...Qxd4+ (From prev. col.)



[39...Qxd4 40.exd4 Rxe1+] **0-1**
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Round: 2

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

White: Jonathan Xu (1874)

Black: Olin Mastin (1503)

Date: 6/29/2018

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(Cont. from p.4) [B22: Sicilian: 2 c3]
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4
e6 5.Nc3 [D]



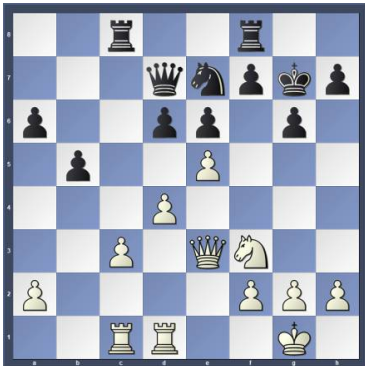
5...g6 6.Nf3 [6.d5!± exd5 7.exd5
 (7.Nxd5 Nf6)] **6...Bg7 [D]**



7.Be3 d6 8.Bb5 [White is slightly bet-
 ter.] **8...Bd7 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Qd2 0-0**
[D]

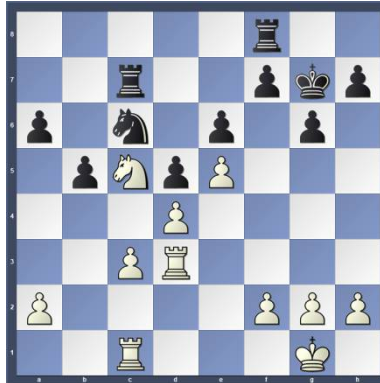


11.Bh6 a6 12.Ba4 Na7 13.Bxd7
Qxd7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Rac1 Rac8
16.Qe3 [16.d5 seems wilder. 16...e5
 17.a4 b5 18.a5 Rc5 19.b4] **16...Nb5**
17.Rfd1 Nxc3 18.bxc3 b5 19.e5 [D]



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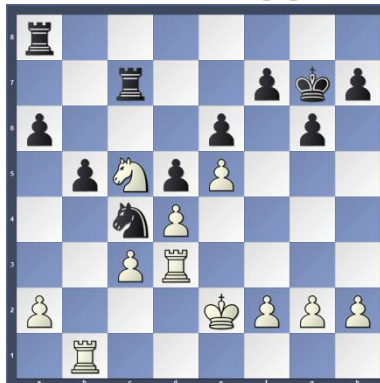
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 [19...Nd5³ 20.Qd2 Rc7] **20.Qg5 Ng8**
21.Rd3 [21.Qd2 with more complica-
 tions. 21...Rc4 22.Ne1 Rfc8 23.Nd3 Ne7
 24.Nc5] **21...Qe7 22.Qxe7 Nxe7**
23.Nd2 Rc7 24.Nb3 Nc6 25.Nc5
[D]



[25.f4=] **25...Ra8** [25...Nxe5!µ 26.Re3
 (26.dxe5 Rxc5) 26...Nd7 27.Nxa6 Rc4]
26.Rb1 [D]



[26.f4=] **26...Na5** [26...Nxe5! 27.Nxe6+
 (27.dxe5 Rxc5) 27...fxe6 28.dxe5 Rac8]
27.Kf1= Nc4 28.Ke2 [D]

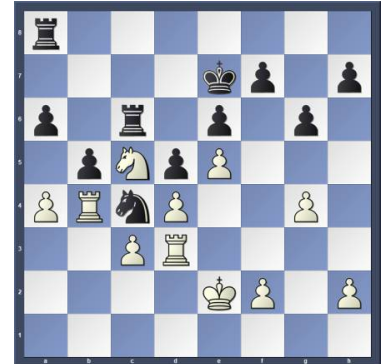


[28.f4=] **28...Kf8** [28...Nxe5! 29.Nxe6+
 (29.dxe5 Rxc5) 29...fxe6 30.dxe5 Rac8]
29.Rb4 Ke7 30.g4 [D] (Next col.)
 [30.f4=] **30...Rc6** [30...Nxe5! 31.Nxe6
 (31.dxe5 Rxc5) 31...Nxd3 32.Nxc7 Nxb4
 33.Nxa8 Nxa2] **31.a4 [D]** (Next col.)
 [31.f4=] **31...Rb8** [31...Nxe5! deserves
 consideration. 32.Rg3 (32.dxe5 Rxc5)
 32...Rb8] **32.Rd1** [32.axb5= axb5 (Text
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(Position after 30.g4 (From
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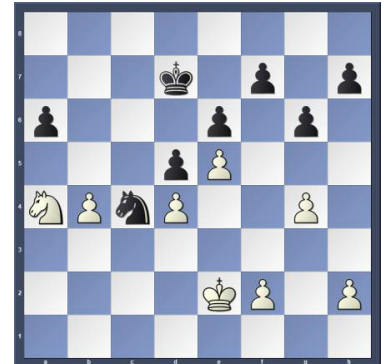
(Position after 31.a4 (From
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(Cont. from prev. col.) 33.f4]
32...Rcb6 [32...Nxe5 is interesting.
 33.axb5 axb5 34.g5 Nd7 35.Nxd7
 Kxd7 36.Rd3 Rc4; (*Stockfish 9)
 32...Nxe5 33.axb5 axb5 34.g5 Nd7,
 etc...] **33.Rdb1 [D]**

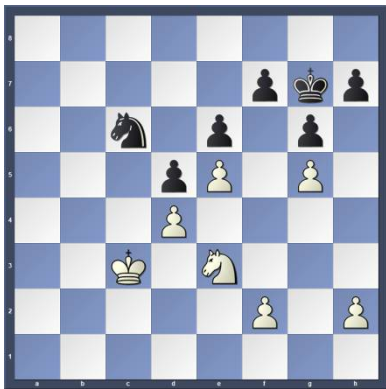


33...bxa4 34.Nxa4 Rxb4
35.Rxb4 Rxb4 36.cxb4 Kd7 [D]

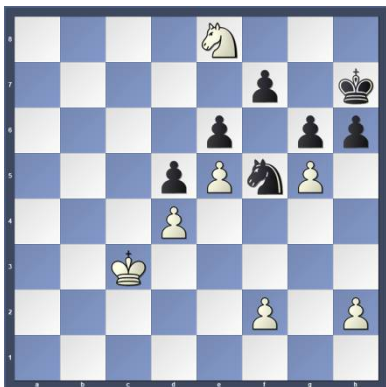


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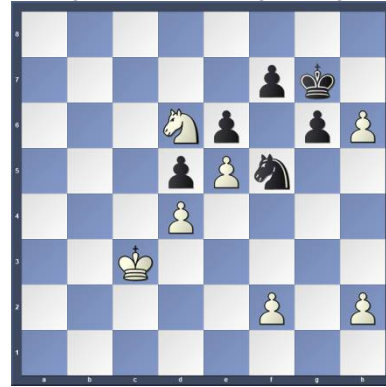
(Cont. from p.5) 37.Kd3 Kc6 38.Kc3
a5 39.bxa5 Nxa5 40.Nb2 Kd7
41.Kb4 Nc6+ 42.Kc3 Ke7 43.g5 Kf8
44.Nd1 Kg7 45.Ne3 [D]



45...Ne7 46.Ng4 Nf5 47.Nf6 h6
48.Ne8+ Kh7 [D]



[48...Kg8=] 49.Nd6± Kg7 50.gxh6+ [D]

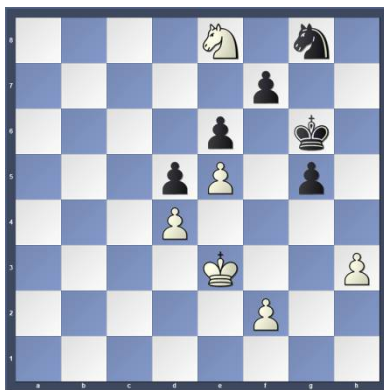


[Only move: 50.Nxf5+!± gxf5 51.gxh6+
Kxh6 52.Kb4] 50...Nxb6= 51.h3 g5
52.Kd3 [52.Kb4!= keeps the balance.]
52...Kg6! 53.Ne8 [D]

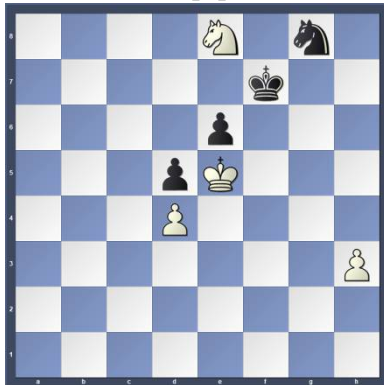


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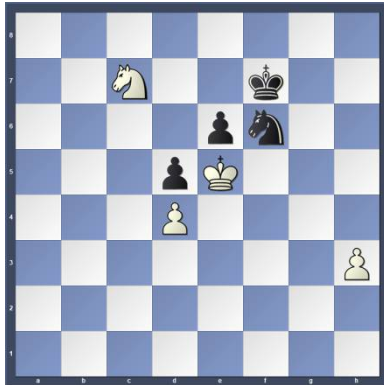
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[Black should play 53...Kh5! ...Kh4 is
the strong threat. 54.Nf6+ Kh4;
(*Stockfish 9) 53...Kh5 54.Nf6+ Kh4
55.Nh7 Nf5 56.Kc3 Ne7, etc...]
54.Ke3 [D]



[54.Nd6] 54...f6 [Black should try
54...Kh5!] 55.f4= gxf4+ 56.Kxf4
fxe5+ [56...Ne7= remains equal.;
(*Stockfish 9) 56...Ne7 57.exf6 Nc6
58.h4 Kf7 59.Nd6+ Kxf6, etc...]
57.Kxe5± Kf7? [D]



[57...Ne7±] 58.Nc7!!+- Nf6 [D]



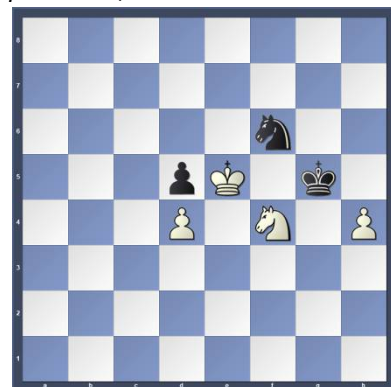
59.Nxe6 Kg6? [59...Ne4 was called
for. 60.Kxd5 Nf2] 60.Nf4+ Kg5
[Intending ...Nd7+.] 61.h4+ [D]
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(Position after 61.h4+) (From
prev. col.)



Round: 3

Submitted by Joe with his comments
and selected Fritz/Stockfish* com-
ments [shown thusly].

White: Mike O` Gara (1627)

Black: Joe Mucerino (2080)

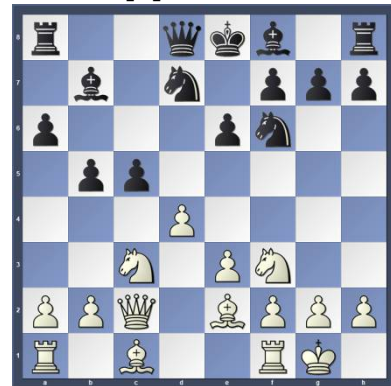
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fish comments.)

[D47: Semi-Slav: Meran System] 1.d4
d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.e3 Nd7
5.Nc3 Ngf6 6.Bd3 [D]



6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Be2 a6 9.0-
0 c5 10.Qc2?? (Joe - Too slow.
White should try 10.e4 or 10.d5.)
10...Bb7 [D]



(Joe - Taking control of the e4 and d5
squares.) Text cont. p.7)

(Cont. from p.6) **11.Ne5 b4** (Joe - The computer really liked 11...Rc8.) [Black is slightly better.] **12.Nd1?** (Joe - This does not exploit black's error. White should trade knights on d7 or play 12.Na4.) **12...Nxe5** (Joe - Again, the computer preferred 12...Rc8.) **13.dxe5 Qd5 [D]**

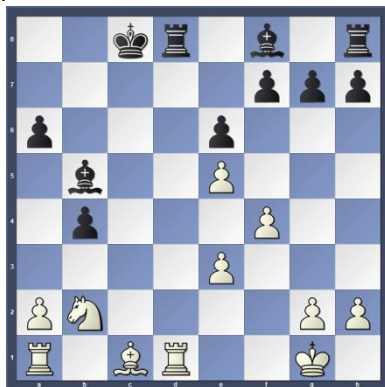


14.Bf3 Ne4 [Black is up to no good.] **15.Qxe4** (Joe - This "saves" the e-pawn, but white should not be too worried about that. If 15.Be2 ((threatening 16.f3 which will eventually trap the knight)) 15...Qxe5 16.Qa4+ and black has to move his king.) [Better is 15.Be2= Qxe5 16.Qa4+ Kd8 17.f4] **15...Qxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4** (Joe - Black is better but the win is not simple.) **17.b3 [D]**

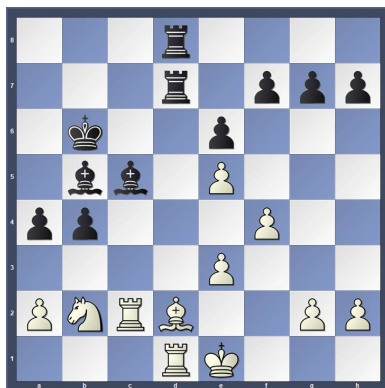


17...0-0-0? (Joe - Better is the immediate 17...c4 18.bxc4 Bd3.) [17...c4! 18.bxc4 Bd3] **18.f4** (Joe - Better is 18.Nb2, trying to keep black's c pawn backward.) [*Stockfish 9: 18.Nb2 Be7 19.f3 Bd3 20.Rf2 f5 21.e4 c4, etc...] **18...Bd3** **19.Re1** (Joe - The computer has a very slight ((less than one-tenth of a pawn)) preference for 19.Rf2, but I think 19.Rf2 is the much better choice, because the rook has more scope there.) [*Stockfish 9: 19.Rf2 Be7 20.Nb2 Kb7 21.Bd2 Rd7 22.Be1 Rhd8 23.Rc1 Be4, etc...] **19...c4 20.bxc4 Bxc4 21.Nb2 Bb5 22.Rd1 [D]** (Next col.) [Better is 22.e4] **22...Bc5 23.Kf2 a5 24.Bd2** (Joe - Threatening 25.Rac1, pinning the bishop on c5.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 22.Rd1) (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **24...Kb7 25.Rac1 Kb6** [25...Rd5 26.Nc4 Ka6] **26.Ke1?** (Joe - Better is 26.Nc4+, trying to trade off white's bad knight for one of black's bishops.) [26.Kf3 might be stronger.] **26...Rd7 27.Kf2** [Better is 27.Nc4+ Bxc4 28.Rxc4] **27...Rhd8 28.Ke1 a4?** (Joe - This helps white get back into the game. White can now play 29.Rxc5 Kxc5 30.Rc1+ Kb5 31.Bxb4 and the win becomes more difficult.) **29.Rc2?? [D]**

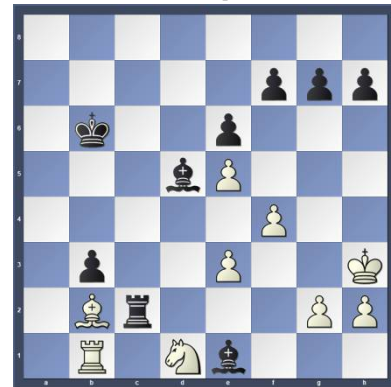


(Joe - This should be the losing move but I missed it with...) [29.Rxc5μ Kxc5 30.Rc1+ Kb6 31.Bxb4,* Stockfish 9: 29.Rxc5 Kxc5 30.Rc1+ Kb6 31.Bxb4 f6, etc...] **29...b3??** (Joe - The winning method is 29...a3 30.Nc4+ Bxc4 31.Rxc4 Kb5 32.Rcc1 b3 33.axb3 Rxd2 34.Rxd2 Bb4 and white will either lose material or allow black to queen.) [29...a3--+ and Black stays clearly on top. 30.Nc4+ Bxc4 31.Rxc4 Kb5] **30.axb3 axb3 31.Rcc1** [31.Rc3] **31...Ba3??** (Joe - Better is 31...Rxd2.) [*Stockfish 9: 31...Rxd2 32.Rxd2 Bb4 33.Rcd1 Rc8 34.Kf2 Bxd2, etc...] **32.Rb1??** (Joe - White had to play 32.Bc3.) [32.Bc3μ was the only defense.] **32...Rc8++ 33.Bc1 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 33.Bc1) (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **33...Bb4+?!** (Joe - Even stronger is 33...Rxd1+. Black wins a piece after 34.Nxd1, and after 34.Kxd1 Bb4, black's threat of 35...Rd8+ is very strong.) [*Stockfish 9: 33...Rxd1+ 34.Nxd1 Bxc1 35.Rxb3 Rc2 36.Nf2 Re2+, etc...] **34.Kf2** [Intending Rxd7.] **34...Rc2+ 35.Kg3** [Better is 35.Kg1 Rxd1+ 36.Nxd1] **35...Rxd1 36.Nxd1 Be1+ 37.Kh3 Bc4** (Joe - The computer liked the immediate 37...Bf1. I wanted to hang onto my b pawn.) Now ...Bf1 would win.) [*Stockfish 9: 37...Bf1 38.Rxb3+ Kc6 39.Rb2 Rxc1 40.Nf2 Rc3 41.Nh1 Rxe3+, etc...] **38.Bb2 Bd5 [D]**

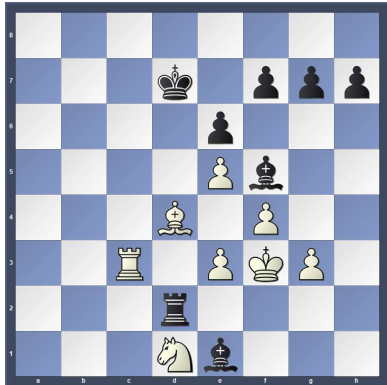


[38...Kc6--+ is more deadly. 39.e4 Re2] **39.Bd4+?** (Joe - White missed 39.e4! which frees the e3 square for his knight.) [39.e4!μ was forced. 39...Bxe4 40.Ne3] **39...Kc6 40.g3 Bg2+ [D]**

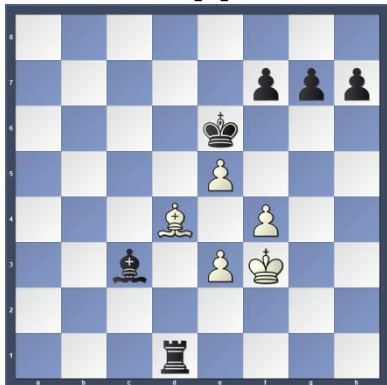


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(Cont. from p. 7) **41.Kh4??** (Joe - Now if black's rook captures on h2, it will be with check.) (Olin - I was watching the game at this point. It was the last game to finish for the evening. Mike was taking a long time deciding which square to place his King. His hand hovered back and forth over the King several times before he finally moved!) [Better is 41.Kg4 h5+ 42.Kg5] **41...Be4?!** (Joe - The computer likes the idea of 41...Bb4 or 41...Ba5 and trying to check the king along the h4-d8 diagonal.) [*Stockfish 9: 41...Bb4 42.h3 Be7+ 43.Kh5 Bf3+ 44.g4 Rh2 45.Rc1+ Kb5, etc...] **42.Rxb3?** [42.Nf2+ Rxf2 43.Rc1+ Rc2 44.Rxe1] **42...Rxh2+ 43.Kg4 Bf5+?** (Joe - Both 43...h5+ and 43...Rg2 are forced mates.) **44.Kf3 Rd2??** (Joe - This pretty much lets white off the hook! Please note that if the knight moves, then ...Rf2 is mate.) [44...h5+ Hoping for ...Bg4+. 45.Rb6+ Kc7] **45.Rc3+ [45.Rb6+³ Kc7 46.Rd6] 45...Kd7 [D]**

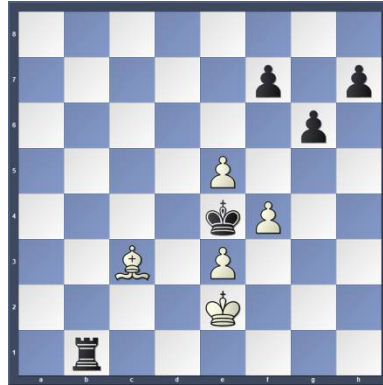


[Aiming for ...h5.] **46.g4??** (Joe - White had to play 46.Bb6. Although he loses the knight on d1, he gets some counterplay. After this the game is simply technique. Black is more than willing to trade the rook for a bishop and pawn.) [46.Bb6; *Stockfish 9: 46.Bb6 g5 47.e4 g4+ 48.Ke3 Bg6 49.Rc1 Rg2 50.Rc7+ Ke8 51.Rc8+ Ke7, etc...] **46...Rxd1 47.gxf5 [Better is 47.Ra3 Bg6 48.Ra7+ Kc6 49.Ra6+ Kb7 50.Rb6+ Kc7 51.Rd6] 47...Bxc3 48.fxe6+ Kxe6 [D]**

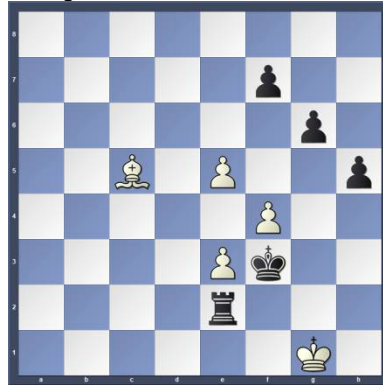


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(Joe - Black's king got to e4 much too easily.) [Black is clearly winning.] (Joe - More accurate is 53...Rg1, cutting the king off from the h file.) **53.Bd4 h5 54.Kf2 Rb3 55.Ke2 Ra3 56.Bc5 Ra2+ 57.Kf1 Kf3 58.Kg1 Re2 [D]**



(Olin - Actual end of game, 0-1) [*Stockfish 9: 59.Be7 Rxe3 60.Kh2 Kg4 61.Kg2 h4 62.Bxh4 Kxh4, etc...] **0-1** Copy and paste the link below into your browser: <http://view.chessbase.com/cbreader/2018/7/7/Game511165921.html>

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 indexed by both players and openings. 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 interesting ones for the compilation."

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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.

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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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