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This issue features games played in September to November 2018. 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 Membership Drive Tournament: Round: 5

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Joe Mucerino (2064)

Black: Justin Xu (1531)

Date: 10/12/2018

[D05: Colle System with ...e6] 1.d4 d5
2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nbd2 c5 5.c3
Nc6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 [D]



8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb6 [D]



Joe: Better is 10...Be7 because now white has a tactic. [Black should try 10...Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qc7] 11.Nxf6+ [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 11.Nxf6+ (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) Joe: Even stronger is 11.Bg5. 11...gxf6 Joe: Not 11...Qxf6 12.Bg5. 12.Bh6 [D]



Joe: White now just needs to be patient and find a way in. 12...Re8 [White is better.] 13.Qe2 Qd5 14.Nd4 [D]



14...Ne7 15.Bc4, [White goes for the King.] 15...Qd8 [15...Qe5±] 16.Rad1+- Qc7 17.Rfe1 [Better is 17.Nb5! Qe5 18.Qxe5 fxe5 19.Nd6] 17...Ng6 [D] (Next col.) [17...Bd7± was called for.] 18.Qf3! Qe7 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 17...Ng6 (From prev. col.)



Position after 18...Qe7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 19.Nf5! [D]



19...Qc5? [19...exf5 20.Rxe7 Rxe7] 20.Nd6 [D] (p.2)

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Position after 20.Nd6 (From p.1)



**Games from the NPCC 2018
October Octagonal Tournament:
Round: 2**

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

**White: Terance Hall (1855)
Black: Alexander MacFarlane (1827)
Date: 10/26/2018**

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[E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6.Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6...Bg4] **1.d4 Nf3 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 g6 [D]**



Terance: I was surprised to see a Kings Indian from Alex because I was thinking that he would play his QGA. With d6 on move 2, I was wondering what Alex had in mind. Being a KID player in the past on both sides I was comfortable with this setup. **4.e4 Bg7 5.Nf3** **Terance:** Here I can play Be2 which transposes most times. I almost played f4 the four pawns attack. **5...0-0 6.Be2 c5 [D]** (Next col.) **Terance:** Here I had a feeling that Alex may not be comfortable with the main line where e5 is played, so I suspected that he might play c5 which he did. [*Stockfish: 6...e5 7.Be3 exd4 8.Nxd4 Nbd7 9.f3 Nc5 10.Qd2 a5, etc...] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 6...c5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **7.d5** **Terance:** Now I had to make a decision, which is to castle and hold the center tension or commit by playing d5. I chose to play d5 and go for a wing attack on the kingside. **7...Ng4?! [D]**



Terance: I thought this move was premature as Black needs to finish developing. I understand why the move was made but it loses time (tempi) in my opinion. I was trying to see how I can take advantage of the Ng4 move so h3, 0-0, Nd2, Bg5, and Bf4 were my candidate moves. I ruled out Nd2 even though Bxg4 is threatened. In addition, the main idea is that after Ne5 I can play f4 and the Knight on e5 has to go to d7 which is not bad. I did not like the Knight blocking the c1 Bishop. Bg5 was ruled out even though it pins the e7 pawn but can be kicked with h6. I ruled out 0-0 which is good along with h3, but I wanted to frustrate his plan as much as I can. Bf4 seems to do this. Now Black has to think what happens if he plays Ne5. Stockfish favored h3 with a nice advantage. **8.Bf4** [*Stockfish: 8.h3 Ne5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.Bg5 Re8 11.0-0 a6, etc...] **8...f5 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 8...f5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **Terance:** A surprising move that plays to the position. This move forces White to evaluate his position as I am not castled, my e4 pawn is threatened along with tactical threats on f4, c3, and f2. **9.exf5** **Terance:** This seems to be the best move in which Stockfish agrees even though Black gets to develop his Bishop. It was a matter of playing offensive or defensive. **9...Bxf5** **Terance:** Rxf5 is also playable and interesting. [*Stockfish: 9...Rxf5 10.Qc1 Qf8 11.Bg3 Nd7 12.0-0 Bh6, etc...] **10.Qd2 [D]**



Terance: I thought about castling here which is slightly better. h3 is also good here. I played Qd2 because it was flexible as it protects f4 and c3, allows castling on the Queenside, and keeps my plan of trading the g7 Bishop by Bh6 once the g4 Knight moves. [*Stockfish: 10.0-0 Nh6 11.h3 Nf7 12.Qd2 Na6 13.Rac1 Nc7 14.a3 Bd7, etc...] **10...Nd7** [White has an active position] **Terance:** I was now thinking of how I can trap Black's Bishop on f5 now that the Knight on d7 blocks its retreat. In these positions I always think about piece position advantages and disadvantages. **11.h3** **Terance:** Here I felt Ng5 would give me a nice advantage, but could not evaluate the follow-up correctly after h6 and chose h3 to clarify matters. (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) [*Stockfish: 11.Ng5 Nge5 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Rac1 b5 14.cxb5 Nb6, etc...] **11...Nge5 [D]**



Terance: I thought this was a bad move and that Nf6 was better but Ne5 is best. **12.g4? [D]**



Terance: Here I hand over the advantage to Black. It was safer to castle or Ng5 and keep my advantage. I played g4 to create complications and figured with best play it should be even. [Better is 12.Nxe5!? is the best option White has 12...Nxe5 13.0-0; *Stockfish: 12.Ng5 Qa5 (12...Qe8 13.b3 Nb8 14.Be3 Nf7 15.0-0 Na6, etc...)] 13.Rc1 b5 14.cxb5 Nb6 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Nf3 Bg7 17.0-0 Rac8, etc...] **12...Nd3+**

Terance: Wow! I did not even see this move as I had calculated that Nxf3 was Black's best move. Here is when I felt that I may be worse. [*Stockfish: 12...Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bd3 14.Be2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Bxe2 16.Kxe2 Nb6 17.Bh6 Nxc4, etc...]

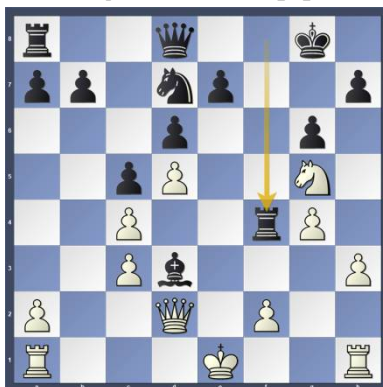
13...Bxd3 14.Ng5 [D] (Next col.)
Terance: This gave me the most practical chance because of the threats it posed. I knew Bxc4 was playable but Nxe6 should give me an exchange even though I thought this to be Black's best chance. [14.Qxd3 Rxf4 15.0-0 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Qf8] **14...Bxc3** Terance: Qb6 was best but not an easy move to see but Bxc3 keeps Blacks advantage. [*Stockfish: (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 14.Ng5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 14...Qb6 15.0-0-0 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Rxf4 17.Rxd3 Ne5 18.b3 Rxf2 19.Rd2 Raf8, etc...]

15.bxc3 Terance: Qxc3 was much better and I realized this after I played bxc3. I rejected it because I felt I may have missed something in this line: 15.Qxc3 Rxf4 16.Ne6 Re4+ 17.Kd2, but with the threat of mate on g7, Black would have to give up the exchange with 17...Rxe6. [*Stockfish: 15.Qxc3 Rxf4 16.Ne6 Re4+ 17.Kd2 Rxe6 18.dxe6 Ne5 19.f4 Be4, etc...]



15...Rxf4?? [D]
 [Releasing the pressure on the opponent.] Terance: I thought this was the best move and looks to equal the game as the rest is forcing. Stockfish sees Bxc4 with a huge advantage but it is not that easy to calculate clearly all the possibilities in the position. [Better is 15...Bxc4! Black would have gained the upper hand 16.f3 Nb6-+] **16.Qxf4=** [White has a mate threat] **16...Qf8** Terance: The point is White cannot protect the c4 pawn anymore. **17.Qe3** Terance: Now I can force lines hoping that Black will make a mistake. I am threatening Qe6 and Qxd3. **17...Ne5?? [D]** (Next col.) [There were better ways to keep up the pressure] Terance: This is the mistake that I thought (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 17...Ne5?? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) he might play. [Better is 17...Bxc4 was possible 18.0-0-0 Qf6=] **18.f4+- [D]**



Terance: The move he missed. **18...Nxc4 19.Qxd3 Qxf4 20.Ne6 [D]**

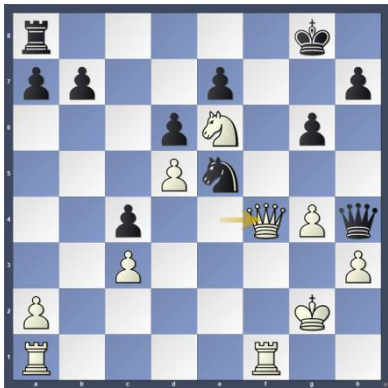


Terance: Rf1 can be played also but Ne6 stops everything by leaving basically no counter play. **20...Qe5+ 21.Kf2 Qf6+ [21...Nb6 no good, but what else? 22.Rad1 Na4+-]** **22.Kg2 Ne5 23.Qe4 c4 [23...Nd7 the only chance to get some counterplay 24.Rhf1 Qe5 25.Qxe5 Nxe5+-]** **24.Rhf1 [D]** (p.4) **24...Qh4 25.Qf4 [D]** (p.4) Terance: Here I had only 15 minutes and 15 moves to make the time control in a winning position. I was trying to (Text cont. p.4)

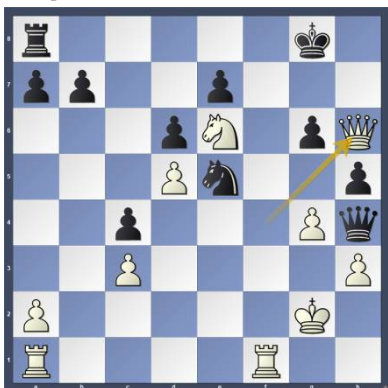
Position after 24.Rh1 (From prev. col.)



Position after 25.Qf4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from p.3) figure out this best way to win. I was going to play Rf4 but decided to play Qf4 threatening mate on f8 which forces h6. [*Stockfish: 25.Rf4 g5 26.Rf5 Ng6 27.Raf1 a6 28.Qd4 Qh6 29.Rxg5 Rf8 30.Rxf8+ Qxf8, etc] 25...h5 [25...Qf6 26.Qg3 Qxe6 27.dxe6 Re8] [*Stockfish: 25...h6 26.Rae1 Qf6 27.Qxh6 Nf7 28.Qe3 Qe5 29.Qf3 Qf6, etc..] 26.Qh6 [D]



[26.Qh6 Qxh3+ 27.Kxh3 hxg4+ 28.Kg3 Nd3 29.Qg7#] 1-0

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Round: 2

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

White: James (Jad) Eisert (635)

Black: Phil Lee (945)

Date: 10/26/2018

[A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4] 1.d4 c6 2.Bf4 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nbd2 Qc7 5.c3 Nd7 6.Qb3 [D]



[6.e4 was preferable.] 6...e5= 7.Bg5 f6 [7...Ngf6 should be considered.] 8.Bh4 [The position is equal.] 8...g5 9.Bg3 h5 [Aiming for ...h4.] 10.h4 Bxf3 11.exf3 [Hoping for Qe6+.] 11...gxh4 12.Bxh4 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 [D]



13...Bh6 14.Kb1 exd4 15.cxd4 d5 16.Bd3 b5? [16...Bf4±] 17.Bg3 Qa5 [17...Qb6 was worth a try. 18.Rxh5 Kb7] 18.f4 Bg7 [Better is 18...Bf8 19.Qc2 Kb7] 19.Bh4 [D]



[19.Rc1+- Kb7 20.Rxc6!! Kxc6 21.Rc1+ (21.Qc2+? Kb7-+)] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 21...Kd6 22.f5+ Ke7 23.Bxb5] 19...Re8 20.Bg6 Re6 [20...Rd8 was called for. 21.Rhe1 Bf8] 21.Bf5 Rd6 22.Rhe1 Kc7 [Better is 22...Nh6] 23.Re8 [Better is 23.Qg3 Bf8 24.Nb3] 23...Nh6+- 24.Re7?? [D]



[24.Bxd7+- avoids the disaster. 24...Rxd7 25.Rxh8 Bxh8 26.Qc2] 24...Nxf5+- 25.Rxg7 Nxd4? [Inferior is 25...Nxh4 26.Qh3±; 25...Nxg7+- 26.Qd3 Re6] 26.Qd3! [White fights for an advantage.] 26...c5 27.Qg6 [27.f5 Kb6 28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.Bxf6] 27...Qa4 [27...Kc8] 28.b3 Qa3 [D]



[And now ...Ra6 would win.] 29.Bxf6? [29.Ne4! keeps the upper hand. 29...c4 (29...dxe4 30.Bxf6) 30.Rxd4 (30.Nxd6 cxb3 31.Rd2 bxa2+ 32.Rxa2 Qb4+ 33.Kc1 Qe1+ 34.Kb2 Qb4+ 35.Kc1 Qe1+ 36.Kb2 Qb4+ 37.Kc1=) 30...cxb3 31.Nc3 bxa2+ 32.Nxa2 Qb3+ 33.Ka1] 29...Ra6 [D]



[Not 29...Rxf6? 30.Qxf6 Rd8 [Not 29...Rxf6? 30.Qxf6 Rd8 31.Qe5+ Kc8 (Text cont. p.5)]

(Cont. from p.4) 32.Qxd5+–]

30.Rxd7+! Kxd7? [30...Kc8–+ 31.Rc7+ Kb8 32.Rb7+ Ka8 33.Rxa7+ Rxa7]

31.Qf7+? [31.Qg7+± is necessary to keep the advantage. 31...Kc6 32.Bxd4 Qxa2+ 33.Kc1 cxd4 34.Qxh8 Qa1+ 35.Nb1]

31...Kd6?? [D]



32.Be5+ Kc6 33.Qc7# [D]



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Game from the NPCC 2018 November Quads Tournament: Round: 1

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

White: Shawn Curtis (1784)

Black: Terance Hall (1858)

Date: 11/9/2018

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[D00:1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] **1.d4 d5**

2.e4 [D] (Next col.) Terance: Wow! I have not faced this in a long time.]

2...dxe4 Terance: It is best to take as now White has to spend time to recover his pawn back. **3.f3 [D]** (Next col.)

Terance: The whole idea of playing e4 on move 2 as White wants Black to take on f3 so that he can play Nxf3 and (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 2.e4 (From prev. col.)



(Position after 3.f3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) take the initiative. With the developing move Nxf3 White has in my opinion full compensation for the lost pawn. **3...Nf6**

Terance: Here I thought about playing e5 as a counter-sac, but I choose a quiet path and just develop. [*Stockfish: 3...e5 4.dxe5 Qxd1+ 5.Kxd1 Nc6 6.fxe4 Bg4+ 7.Be2 Nxe5, etc...]

4.Bc4 Bf5 Terance: Stockfish likes Nc6 with a nice advantage, but I did not fancy blocking in my c5 pawn. Bf5 was second best as it develops a piece. **5.Bg5 [D]**



5...e6 Terance: Stockfish still prefers Nc6. [5...c5 6.d5; *Stockfish: 5...Nc6 6.c3 Qd7 7.Nd2 0–0–0 8.fxe4 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.Qe2 Bd5, etc...]

6.Nc3 [6.fxe4 Bxe4 7.Nf3 c6] **6...Bb4 [D]** (Next col.)

Terance: this pin allows me to keep pressure on e4 which keeps my slight (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 6...Bb4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) advantage. **7.Nge2 [D]**



Terance: I was not too surprised by this move as White must make decisions here. Since I did not take the pawn on f3, White cannot develop the Knight there, but he must develop it and the most logical place is on e2. So, White's plan is to allow me to capture on f3 which opens the g-file for his Rook and castle Queenside. Black has to decide if he wants to castle Kingside or not with White's plan in mind. **7...exf3** Terance: This must be played to solidify my advantage as White's pawn structure is damaged and my Bishop is eyeing c2 on the Queenside. White does get a little compensation with the open g-file so my plan was to try to trade down to an endgame to take advantage of his weak pawns.] **8.gxf3 [D]**



8...h6 [D] (p.6) (Text cont. p.6)

(Position after 8...h6 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) **9.Bh4 g5** [9...Nc6 10.0-0] **10.Bg3 c6** Terance: a6 was slightly better, but my plan was to play my King to g7 or e7, then push my Queenside pawns up attacking, if White castles Queenside. I also was prepared if White played a3, as I could play Ba5, then to c7 and trade Bishops. [*Stockfish: 10...Nc6 11.Qd2 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Nd5 13.Qd2 Nb6 14.Bb3 Qe7 15.0-0-0 0-0-0, etc...] **11.a3 Ba5** Terance: I played this to keep the pin so that if White plays b4 to break it would weaken his Queenside if he decides to castle there. **12.b4?!** Terance: This gives Black a nice advantage as it weakens the Queenside, moves my Bishop to an attacking square c7 to oppose White's strong Bishop. [*Stockfish: 12.Qd2 Nbd7 13.0-0-0 Nh5 14.h4 Nb6 15.Bb3 Nd5, etc...] **12...Bc7 [D]**



13.Qd2 Terance: White finishes his development preparing to castle Queenside. **13...Nbd7** Terance: Trying to finish my development by planning to play Nb6 to connect my rooks soon as I can. **14.0-0-0** Terance: Question: Is the King safe here? Well, at least White has a plan finishing his development. [*Stockfish: 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 h5 16.Ne4 Rg8 17.Rg1 Bxg3+ 18.hxg3 Qe7, etc...] **14...a5 [D]** (Next col.) Terance: This move attacks White's weak position. It seems that Black has a near winning position with complications to be worked out. (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 14...a5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **15.b5 Nb6 16.Bd3 [D]**



16...Bxd3 Terance: Much better was Bxg3. [*Stockfish: 16...Bxg3 17.hxg3 Qd6 18.Kb2 c5 19.Qe3 Bxd3 20.cxd3 cxd4, etc...] **17.Qxd3 Nfd5?!** Terance: Bad move! I lost most of my advantage. I should have continued with Bxg3 or Qd7. I was thinking that I could swing my Queen to f6 applying pressure, but the Queen can do this on d7 or d6 more effectively after Bxg3. [*Stockfish: 17...Bxg3 18.hxg3 Qd7 19.Rh2 Ke7 20.Rdh1 h5 21.Ne4 Nxe4 22.fxe4 cxb5, etc...] **18.Ne4?! [D]**



Terance: Here White returns the favor. Best was bxc6. At the time I missed this move, thinking it was a good practical move that forces me to consider White's Knight going to c5 with complications. (Text cont. next col.)

(cont. from prev. col.) **18...Bxg3** Terance: After considering my options, I opted to trade so I can concentrate on the Queenside, figure out where to put my king, to go into a favorable endgame. [*Stockfish: 18...cxb5 19.Qxb5+ Qd7 20.Bxc7 Qxb5 21.Nd6+ Kd7 22.Nxb5 Nxc7, etc...] **19.hxg3** Terance: Best, as taking with any of the Knights would give me a huge advantage, if not winning. **19...cxb5 [D]**



Terance: The best way I see to go into an ending a pawn up with a good pawn structure. I had to calculate all the tactics looming with my King in the center and White's Knight on e4. **20.Qxb5+** Terance: I was wondering about f4 which was playable here also. **20...Qd7 [D]**



Terance: Kf8 was slightly better but I was anxious to get Queens off the board. [*Stockfish: 20...Kf8 21.f4 g4 22.Rh4 Rc8 23.Nc5 Qe8 24.Qxe8+ Rxe8, etc...] **21.Qxb6** Terance: This is the tactical sequence of which I knew I could trade down with an advantage. I could not allow Nxg5. [*Stockfish: 21.N2c3 Qxb5 22.Nxb5 Kd7 23.g4 Nc4 24.a4 b6 25.Nec3 Nxc3, etc...] **21...Nxb6 22.Nf6+ Ke7 23.Nxd7 Kxd7 [D]** (p.7) Terance: This is the position that I predicted, evaluating in my favor. **24.Nc3 Nc4** Terance: Here my candidate moves were f5 (Text cont. p.7)

(Position after 23...Kxd7 (From p.6)



(cont. from p.6) (stopping the Knight going to e4), Ke7 (protecting from the Rook), Rc8 (taking the file threatening the Knight), and Nc4 (activating the Knight with several threats). The latter two I spent my time on to see which was best, as they both seem equally good. I choose Nc4 as it temporarily stops the King going to b2 protecting the a-pawn. **25.d5 [D]**



Terance: Better was f4 or Ne4.

25...exd5?! Terance: I was running short on time to make my next 15 moves rushing this, thinking my King will be fine on c6. The engines like e5 keeping my advantage, but I did not like a passed pawn on d6 not having the time to calculate it out.] [25...e5!?] **26.Rxd5+ Kc6 27.Rhd1 Rhe8= [D]**



[27...Rac8 28.R1d4 Ne3 29.Rxa5=]

28.Ne4 Ne5 Terance: Playing quickly to make the time control. I was trying to protect d7 but leaving d6 unprotected. **29.Rc5+ Kb6 30.Rd6+ Nc6 (Text cont. next col.)**

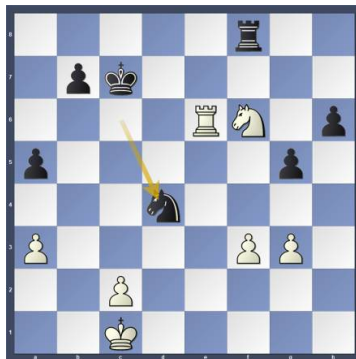
(Cont. from prev. col.) Terance: The only move that does not lose.

31.Rf5 Terance: Smart move, as I was hoping for Rxh6 so I can play Rxe4! with a slight advantage (see analysis). [31.Rxh6?! Rxe4 32.Rcxc6+ bxc6 33.fxe4 Re8 34.Rf6 Rxe4 35.Rxf7 Re3, etc...] **31...Re6 Terance:** Just a practical move in time pressure. g4 would have been a nice move here. **32.Rxf7 Rae8 Terance:** I have to get a Rook into play. **33.Rf6 Rxd6 34.Rxd6 Rf8 [D]**



Terance: Now it is looking drawish.

[*Stockfish: 34...g4 35.Nf6 Re1+ 36.Kd2 Rg1 37.Nxg4 Rxg3 38.Ke3 h5 39.Kf4 Rh3 40.Ne3 Rh4+ 41.Kg5 Rh3] **35.Nf6 [35.Nd2!? must definitely be considered 35...Rh8 36.Rg6= 35...Kc7 Terance:** Now at least I have the initiative. **36.Rd7+ Kc8 37.Rd6 Kc7 [Twofold repetition] 38.Re6 [Better is 38.Rd7+! looks like a viable alternative 38...Kb8 39.Rd6] 38...Nd4 [D]**



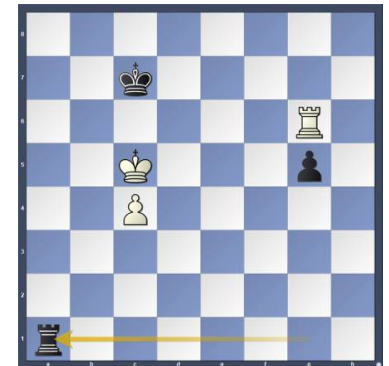
Terance: Back in the driver seat.

39.Re7+ [39.Nd5+ Kb8 40.Re4 Nxf3] 39...Kc6 40.Ng4 [Better is 40.Nd7 Rf5 41.Nb8+ Kd5 42.Rd7+ Kc5 43.f4] 40...Nxf3?! [Forfeits the advantage] Terance: Well with only over a minute left to make the time control I had a choice of an equal game with Nxf3 or complications with h5 and Ne5 check. With the time pressure to make my 40th move I played it safe with Nxf3. [Better is 40...h5 Black would have gained the (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) upper hand **41.Ne5+ Kd6--+] 41.Nxh6 Rf6 42.Ng4 Rd6 Terance:** I knew playing this would allow Ne5 exchanging pieces. **43.Ne5+ Terance:** Shawn goes in for the exchange. **43...Nxe5 44.Rxe5 Rd5 45.Re4 b5 46.Kb2= Kc5 47.Kb3 Rf5 48.Rg4 Kd5 Terance:** At this time Shawn offers a draw. In reply I told him to make a move first. **49. c3 Re5 Terance:** I declined the offer even though I knew that it was a draw. I was hoping that he would make a mistake in playing it out. **50.a4 Kc5 [D]**



51.axb5 Kxb5 52.Ra4 Re3 53.Rg4 Re5 Terance: I should have tried a4; however, it is still a draw. **54.Ra4 Re1 55.c4+ Kc6 Terance:** All roads lead to draw! **56.Rxa5 Re3+ 57.Kb4 Rxg3 58.Ra6+ Kc7 59.Kc5 Rg1 60.Rg6 Ra1 [D]**

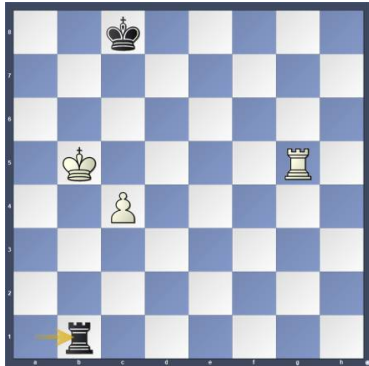


Terance: Yes, trying for cheap tricks. If White plays Rxg5 I will play Ra5+ winning the Rook on the next move. I knew by doing this I would lose my g-pawn. I was ready to draw the game with the Philidor position, as I was getting short on time. **61.Rg7+ Kc8 [D] (p.8) Terance:** Here the Fritz 15 engine gives this move a question mark and suggest that Kd8= should be played. This is a mistake on the engine's part as Kc8 draws easily which I knew during the game. I checked it with Stockfish and my endgame table bases. [Better is 61...Kd8=] **62.Kc6+- Ra6+ 63.Kb5 Ra1 (Text cont p.8)**

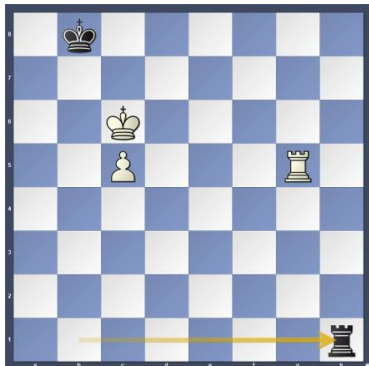
(Position after 61...Kc8) (From p.7)



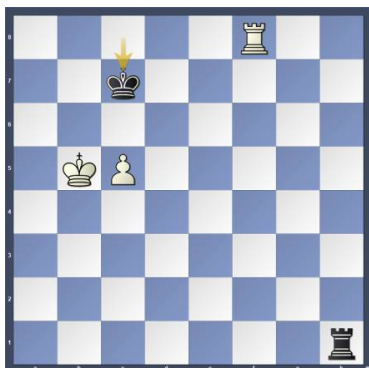
(Cont. from p.7) 64.Rxg5 Rb1+?? [D]



[Lets it slip away] Terance: My mistake as just about any other move draws. [Better is 64...Kd7=] 65.Kc6 Kb8 66.c5?!= [66.Rb5+! Rxb5 67.cxb5] 66...Rh1= [D]



Terance: This is the typical Philidor position where Black can check the King from the side when the opposing pawn is on the 5th rank, a stone draw. 67.Rd5 Kc8 68.Rf5 Rh6+ 69.Kb5 Rh1 70.Rf8+ Kc7 [D]



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Game from the NPCC 2018 October Octagonal Tournament:

Round: 3

Submitted by Mike by copy of score sheet with selected Fritz/*Stockfish comments [shown thusly].

White: Michael O'Gara (1631)

Black: Bill Campion (1400)

Date: 11/2/2018

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[D53: Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Be7: Early deviations] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 c6 6.Nf3 a6 7.Bd3 [D]



7...Nbd7 8.0-0 c5 [8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nb6] 9.cxd5 cxd4 10.exd4 Nxd5 11.Nxd5+- Bxg5 [11...exd5 was necessary. 12.Nxg5 exd5 13.Qh5 g6 14.Rfe1+ Kf8 [D]



15.Qh6+? [15.Bxg6! fxg6 16.Ne6+ Kg8] ; *Stockfish) 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Ne6+ Kg8, etc...] 15...Kg8± 16.Re3 Qf8 17.Qh4! h6 [D]

(Next col.) [Better is 17...Nf6 18.Qf4 Nh5] 18.Nxf7!+- Qxf7 19.Bxg6! Qf6 (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 17...h6) (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 20.Re8+? Kg7= 21.Qxf6+ [21.Re7+!= Kxg6] 21...Nxf6 22.Rxh8 Kxh8 23.Re1 Bd7 24.Re7 Rc8 [24...Rg8!+- 25.Bf7 Rg4] 25.f3 Rc1+ 26.Kf2 Rc2+? 27.Bxc2+- Bc6 28.g4 Ng8?? [*Stockfish] 28...Kg8 29.Bg6 Nd7 30.h4 a5, etc...] 29.Rh7# [D]



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