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This issue features games played in October 2018 thru January 2019. 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 NPCC 2018

Annual Membership Drive Tournament:

## Round: 5

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

#### White: Stan Ward (1474) Black: James "Jad" Eisert (700) Date: 10/12/2018

[D50: Oueen's Gambit Declined: Dutch-Peruvian Gambit] 1.d4 (Stan: The Annual NPCC membership drive was held this past September and it had a number of interesting games. Seeing as this was my first time playing in the "Drive," I expected a large turnout. A large field of players generally means a strong tournament and I wasn't disappointed. The more players the more likelihood of strong and varied competition. Ably run by Olin Mastin, Mike O'Gara, and Bob Kampia the tournament was a lot of fun. Here is my Round 5 game. While the players milled around waiting for the pairings, I wondered who my opponent would be. It turned out to be James "Jad" Eisert, a U.S. Navy veteran and a good guy. We quickly shook hands and got down to the business at hand. (D50: Queen's Gambit Declined Dutch-Peruvian Gambit) 1....d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 [D] (Next col.) 4...h6 5.Bh4 g5 (Stan: "Jad" has an eclectic style of play so when he played this offbeat move I wasn't too surprised. I sensed castling on opposite wings as a distinct possibility.) 6.Bg3 dxc4N 7.e3 (Stan: e4 was required here.

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**Position after 4.Bg5** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) The text gives me a bit of trouble.) 7...b6 [7...c5=] 8.Bxc4 [White is better.] 8...Bb7 9.Bf1 [White should play 9.Nf3±] 9...Nc6 [D]



[9...Nbd7= is superior.] **10.Nf3 Qe7** [10...Bg7] **11.Bb5** [11.Rc1±] **11...0-0-0?** [D]



(<u>Stan:</u> With a half open c-file White's play will be in this sector of the board.) [11...a6 12.Be2 Bg7] **12.Bxc6** [12.0-0 +-] **12...Bxc6± 13.0-0 Ng4?** [13...h5±] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) 14.Rc1 f5 15.h3 Nf6 16.Ne5 Bxg2? [D]



[16...Be8 17.Nb5 Bxb5] **17.Kxg2** (Stan: White is clearly winning.) **17...Qg7 18.Nc6 Rd7 19.Ne2 Bd6** [D]



(Stan: Looks scary but...) 20.Bxd6 Rxd6 21.Nxa7+ Kd7 22.Qa4+ Ke7 23.Rxc7+ [D]



(Stan: !!) 23...Nd7 24.Nc8+ Rxc8 25.Rxc8 (Stan: This is where Black's 16th move comes back to bite him. Up the exchange I try to simplify the position.) 25...f4 26.Kh1 f3 27.Ng3 (Stan:!) 27...Of6 (Stan: Here comes a tactical shot that's worth a diagram.) 28.Ne4 Of5 [D] (p.2) (Text cont.

#### Position after 28...Qf5 (From p.1)



(Stan: Black has mate in two, but...) 29.Re8+! [D]



(Stan: Black resigned. After 29...Kxe8 30.Nxd6 check, forking the King and Queen. I guess the lesson is don't sac a piece unless you have clear compensation such as a devastating attack that at least gets the material back; however, my opponent continues to improve, so I'm sure to be more wary of his sacs in the future.) **1-0** 

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## Games from the NPCC 2018 December Octagonal Tournament: Round: 3

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

#### White: Terance Hall (1858) Black: Mark Alberts (1708) Date: 12/21/2018

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[E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5] **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6** 

(<u>Terance</u>: Ah, I knew that Mark may play the KID, as he played it in the first round game with Stan Ward. The KID use to be my go to opening as Black, but I am use to playing **3.Nc3** (*Text cont. next col.*)

(Cont. from prev. col.) against it also.) 3...d6 4.e4 Nbd7 (Terance: Ensuring e5 or c5.) 5.Bg5 [D]



(Terance: I spent a lot of time on this. I had to choose what kind of setup would be best with this move order. My other candidate moves were Be2, Bd3, f3, or Nf3.) **5...Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.f4?! [D]** 



(Terance: I was being a little impulsive here as I knew Qd2 was the better move. I played f4 to see how Black would react.) 7...e5= (Terance: \*Stockfish likes c5 slightly, but I thought e5 was the key response and it is an equal game.) [\*Stockfish: 7...c5 8.d5 Qa5 9.Qd2 b5 10.cxb5 a6, etc...] 8.dxe5 (Terance: I wanted to play Nf3 but it just gives a balanced game, so I opted for what I thought was a slight advantage with some piece exchanges in my favor.) 8...dxe5 9.fxe5 (Terance: Now the next moves are basically forced.) 9...Nxe5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Nd5 (Terance: A position I am familiar with in the past but always on the Black side of it. I went for this type of

position when I played Bg5.) **11...Nxd5!? [D]** (*Next col.*) (Terance: The best response as Black gets very active pieces for the exchange and has the initiative. Rd6 is playable and leads to an equal game.) (Text cont. next col.) Position after 11...Nxd5!? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **12.Bxd8 Ne3 13.Kf2** (Terance: This and Rb1 were equally good. I choose Kf2 to clear the back rank for the Rooks to move and have some mobility for the King. I also knew that I could take on g4 if one of the Knights checked me.)**13...N3xc4 14.Bxc4?!** [D]



(Terance: Best was Bxc7 with a slight advantage. With Bxc4 Black now has the advantage. My thinking was with less active pieces White has less of a chance falling into a trap with his King. My thinking was correct, but I did it with the wrong Bishop. I should have played Bc7 then Bxe5.) 14...Nxc4 15.Bxc7 [White king safety improved] 15...Bd4+ (Terance: This move loses Black's slight advantage. Better was Nxb2.) [15...Be6!?] 16.Ke2= (Terance: With hindsight Kg3 was slightly [16.Kq3 Bxb2 17.Rd1 Be6] better.) 16...Be6 17.Nf3 Bxb2 18.Rad1 [D] (p.3) (Terance: Rb1 was also playable, but I wanted to play Rd8 if I have the right moment and exchange Blacks only Rook.) 18...Bf6 19.e5 Be7 20.Rd4 [D] (p.3) (Terance: To me this was an awkward move to make as the Rook seems missed placed. (Text cont. p.3)

### (Position after 18.Rad1 (From p.2)



(Position after 20.Rd4 (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) The other moves where Rb1 and Nd4 which are more natural and good. I was concerned about the Bishop on c7 and saving the pawn after an exchange on d6. I knew I could play Nd4, but I had to work out tactics to keep the game equal. With Rb1 Black plays b6 and Bc7 is still an issue. I played Rd4 as I wanted to double Rooks on the d-file to save the d-pawn if need be. I could not see how Black could punish the Rd4 move immediately.) [\*Stockfish: 20.Rb1 b6 21.Rhd1 Re8 22.Rbc1 Ba3 23.Rc2 Be7] 20...Rc8 21.Bd6 [An ideal square for the white bishop.] 21...Bd8 22.Rb1?! (Terance: I played this as it seems to hold the balance but it gives the advantage to Black now.) [22.Bb4!?] 22...Bb6 23.Rdd1 Ne3?! [D]



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(Cont. from prev.col.) (Terance: Black can win the a-pawn with Nxd6, exd6 Bxa2.) [23...Nxd6 24.exd6 Bxa2] 24.Rd2? (Terance: Best was Rxb6 which I calculated but thought I could keep my Rooks active even giving up a pawn.) [24.Rxb6!? Nxd1 25.Rxb7 Nc3+ 26.Ke3 a5=] 24...Bc4+ (Terance: Better was Nxg2 with a huge advantage. I was relieved to see this move.) [24...Nxg2!? 25.Nd4 Bd5] 25.Ke1 (Terance: \*Stockfish likes Kf2 which was my initial move but I saw Nf1. I would have to sac the exchange on b6 and the game is equal. So I looked for another move and found Ke1 which seems to hold the position for now.) 25...Ba5 [25...h6!? deserves consideration] **26.Bb4=** (Terance: I think Mark missed this move which equalizes the game for me.) 26...Bc7 27.Bc3 b5 [D]



28.Kf2 Bb6 [28...Nf5!? is noteworthy] 29.Bd4 (Terance: I am now short on time but was comfortable with my position. I felt I have the initiative and was thinking how I can improve my position.) 29...Bxd4?! [29...Nd5!? is worth looking at 30.Bxb6 Nc3] 30.Nxd4± (Terance: Now White has a huge advantage.) 30...Ng4+ 31.Kg3 Nxe5 32.Nxb5 Rb8 [32...Rc5 33.Nxa7 Kg7 34.h3±] 33.Nc3 [D]



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(Cont. from prev.col.) (Terance: Na3 was slightly better which I almost played, but Nc3 still holds a nice almost two pawn advantage according to \*Stockfish.) 33...Rxb1 **34.Nxb1 a6** [34...Kq7 35.a4+-] **35.Nc3 f5** (Terance: This gives With a good winning advantage.) [35...g5 36.h4 qxh4+ 37.Kxh4+-] **36.Nd5** [36.Kf4 seems even better 36...Nf7+-] 36...Bb5 [Better is 36...Kf7 37.Nb6 Bb5+-] **37.Nc7 Bc4 38.a3** (Terance: My intuition told me Kf4 but I was severely short on time and just had to move pieces and avoid dropping anything.) [38.Kf4 makes it even easier for White 38...Nq4 39.h3 Nf6+-] **38...Kf7**? [38...q5 39.h4 f4+ 40.Kf2 qxh4 41.Rd4+-] **39.Rd8** [39.Kf4 keeps an even firmer grip 39...Ng4 40.Rd7+ Kf8 41.Rxh7 Nf6 42.Rh8+ Kf7+-] **39...Bb5?** [Better is 39...q5+-] 40.Nxb5 axb5 41.Rd5 Nc4 42.Rxb5 [D]



**42...Nxa3 43.Rb6** (Terance: After my move Mark offered a draw which I accepted as I only had two minutes left on my clock. I was not sure if I could try and win in time with this position.)  $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ 

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## Round: 2

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

White: Olin Mastin (1536) Black: Michael O`Gara, (1623) Date: 12/14/2018

[A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems] 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 e5 5.d3

## (Cont. from p.3) [5...Be6=] **6.c4** [6.Nxe5?!] [D]



<u>Analysis Diagram</u> (<u>Olin</u> - Yes! With advantage! See Analysis Diagram) [6...Nxe5 7.d4!] 6...Be6 [D]



**7.a3?** (<u>Olin</u> - An unnecessary move!!) [7.cxd5] (<u>Olin</u> - This would have been good!) **7...dxc4 8.dxc4** [Black is slightly better.] **8...Qxd1** [Weaker is 8...Bxc4 9.Qc2±] **9.Rxd1 Bxc4 10.b4** [10.e3] **10...Bxe2 11.Re1 Bxf3!** [D]



12.Bxf3 Bd4 13.Ra2 0-0 [D]



(Olin - And I am down two pawns just like that!) (*Text cont. next col.*)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [13...0–0–0 14.Bxc6 bxc6] **14.Bxc6** [White should try 14.Nd2] **14...bxc6 15.Bb2** [Better is 15.Rc2] (Olin - I considered this move, but thought the Bishop needed development.) **15...Rad8 16.Bxd4 Rxd4** [16...exd4 17.Rc2 Rd6] **17.Nd2** [17.Rc2=] **17...Rfd8 18.Nf3 Rd1 19.Kf1 e4** [19...Ng4 20.h3 e4 21.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 22.Ke2 Nxf2 23.Kxf2 exf3] **20.Ne5 Rxe1+ 21.Kxe1 [D]** 



21...c5! 22.bxc5 [22.Nc6 Rd6 23.b5] 22...Rd5 23.Nc6 [Ne7+ is the strong threat.] 23...Rxc5 24.Rb2 [24.Nxa7 Ra5 25.Nc6] 24...Nd7 [Black should play 24...g6– + 25.Nxa7 Ng4] 25.Nxa7 f5 [25...g6 26.Kd2 Ne5 27.Rb8+ Kg7] 26.Rd2? [D]



[26.Rb5] 26...Ne5-+ 27.Ke2 Ra5 28.Nc8 Kf7 [ And now ...Ke8 would win.] [Not 28...Rxa3 29.Ne7+ Kf7 30.Nxf5] 29.Rc2 c5 30.Rb2? [30.Nd6+ Ke6 31.Nc4 Nxc4 32.Rxc4] 30...Rxa3 31.Rb7+ Kf6 32.Rb6+ Kq5 [D] (Next col.) 33.Rb7 [Better is 33.Rb2] 33...Ra2+ 34.Kf1 q6 35.Rxh7 Kg4 36.Rh4+ Kg5 37.Ne7 Nf3 38.Rh8 Kf6 [D] (Next col.) [Better is 38...Kq4 (-> ...Ra1+) 39.Kg2 Ra1 40.Rh4+ Nxh4+ 41.qxh4 c4] **39.Nd5+ Ke5** [Better is 39...Ke6 Threatens to win with ...Ra1+. 40.Nf4+ Kf7] 40.Nc3? (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 32...Kg5 (From prev. col.)



**Position after 38...Kf6** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [40.Ne3 nothing else works.] 40...Rc2 41.Ne2 c4 42.Re8+ Kd6 43.Rd8+ Ke7 44.Rh8 g5 45.Rh7+ Kd6 46.Rh8? [D]



[46.h4 was called for] (<u>Olin</u> - Yes, I did consider this move. Should have tried it!) 46...Rb2 47.Rh6+ [Better is 47.h4 Rb1+ 48.Kg2] 47...Kc5 48.Rh8 Rb4 [Better is 48...Rb1+ 49.Kg2 Re1 50.Rc8+ Kd6 51.Rxc4 Rxe2] 49.Rc8+ Kb6 50.Rb8+ Ka5 51.Ra8+ Kb5 52.Rb8+? [52.h4 [D] (p.5) might work better] (<u>Olin</u> - Yes, once again, worth a try!) (See Analysis Diagram) 52...gxh4 53.gxh4 Nxh4 54.Nc3+ Kc5 55.Ra5+ Kc6 56.Ra6+ Kb7 57.Ra5] 52...Ka4 53.Ra8+ Kb3 54.Rh8 [D] (p.5) (<u>Olin</u> - White lost on time in a few more unrecorded moves. (*Text cont. p.5*)

### Position after 52.h4 (From p.4)



<u>Analysis Diagram</u> Position after 54.Rh8 (From p.4)



(*Cont. from p.4*) I made a couple bad opening moves costing two pawns, all that is required for an opponent to win with correct play!) [*Better is 54.h4 gxh4 55.gxh4*] **0-1** 

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## Game from the NPCC 2018 November Quads Tournament:

## Round: 3

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

#### White: Bill Campion (1409) Black: Olin Mastin (1531) Date: 11/30/2018

[D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] 1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 (Olin -- Bill's favorite Opening!) 2...Nf6 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e3 a6 6.c3 [6.c4] 6...Bf5 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Olin - Not a good choice. Be6, or maybe Bg4!?) **7.Bd3 Qd7** [7...Be6=] **8.Qc2** [8.Bxf5 Oxf5 9.0-08...Bxd3= 9.Qxd3 Bd6?! [9...Be7= was preferable.] **10.Nbd2** [10.b3+=] **10...0-0 11.g3 [D**]



(Olin - I did not understand the point of this move by Bill) [Better is 11.0–0] 11...Rfe8 [11...Qh3=] 12.Nh4 [12.0–0+=] 12...Ne7 13.Ndf3 [13.0–0=] 13...Ng6 [13...Qh3=+] 14.Nf5 [14.Nxg6= hxg6 15.0–0] 14...Re6?! [14...Bf8=+] 15.0–0–0! [15.Nxd6= Rxd6 16.0–0] 15...Rae8 [15...Ne7=+] 16.h4 Ne7 [16...Bf8=] 17.h5 [D]



[17.g4+=] **17...Nxf5 18.Qxf5** g6? [D]



[18...Qb5= and Black stays safe.] **19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Qh3?** [White has to play 20.Qxd5+- Qb5 21.Qxb5 axb5 22.a3] **20...Qg7** [Better is 20...a5] **21.Qg2 Qd7 22.Rh2** [White should play 22.Rh6=] (Text cont. next col.) (Cont. from prev. col.) 22...Bf8 [22...Qa4=+ 23.Rdh1 h5] 23.Rdh1 R8e7 [23...R6e7!=] 24.Rh6? [D]



(Olin - Why not Bxh6?) [24.Ne1+= keeps the upper hand.] **24...Qb5**? [24...Rb6 -+ 25.Qf1 Bxh6 26.Rxh6 Qf5; 24...Bxh6 25.Rxh6] **25.Qh2**? [25.Rxh7= Rxh7 26.Rxh7] **25...Rb6**? [25...Bxh6 -+ 26.Qxh6 Rb6] **26.b3**? [White must play 26.Rxh7=+ Qxb2+ 27.Kd1 Qxa2 28.Nd2] **26...Qd3**? [26...Bxh6 -+ 27.Qxh6 Qe2; 26...Qe2 27.Rxh7 Qxf3 28.Rh8+ Kf7 29.Qh7+ Ke6 30.Qxg6 Bg7] **27.Rxh7 Qxc3+** [D]



[27...Rg7!= remains equal. 28.Rxg7+ Bxg7 29.Qh7+ Kf7] **28.Kd1!± Qa1+ 29.Ke2** [And now Rh8+ would win.] **29...Qxa2+ 30.Nd2** [Rxe7 would kill now.] **30...Rxb3?** [30...Rg7± 31.Rh8+ Kf7] **31.Rxe7** [White mates.] **31...Bxe7 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Qxg6 Bb4 34.Qxf6+ Ke8 35.Qe6+ Be7 36.Rh8# [D]** 



(Text cont. p.6)

*(Cont. from p.5)* **1-0** Copy and paste the link below into your browser: <u>http://view.chessbase.com/cbreader/</u> 2018/12/4/Game695538750.html

## Games from the NPCC 2019 Winter Robin Tournament: Round: 1

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

#### White: Mark Alberts (1763) Black: Terance Hall (1870) Date: 1/4/2019

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[D02:1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4] **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3** (Terance: Is this some kind of King's Indian attack?) **2...Nf6** (Terance: This was more of a waiting move for me, as I was not sure if I wanted to play c5 (taking the center) or c6 (blocking the center from his Bishop once it goes to g2). **3.Bg2 c5** (Terance: I decided to take the center for a slight lasting advantage.) **4.d4 cxd4** (Terance: This allows me to take the center with an initiative.) **5.Nxd4 e5 [D]** 



6.Nb3 Nc6 (Terance: Slightly better was Bb4.) 7.a3 (Terance: I was expecting Bg5, or 0–0.) 7...Be6 8.0-0 Be7 (Terance: Qc7 was playable.) 9.Bg5 [Black has a very active position] 9...0-0 10.Nc3 [Now all is on d5.] (Terance: The most testing move. I had to foresee this position when I played c5. I spent a lot of time figuring out if I wanted to play d4, or e4.) 10...e4 [D] (Next col.) [Black gets more space.] (Terance: I played this as it shuts out the Bishop on g2. It also gives me a long-term initiative in the position, as Black can never be worse if played correctly.) (Text cont. next col.)

# (Position after 10...e4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [<u>\*Stockfish:</u> 10...d4 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Nec5 Bf5 14.e4 Bc8, etc...] **11.Nd4?! Nxd4** (<u>Terance:</u> Not the strongest, Ng4 was strong and the move I was going to play but I played Nxd4 as it was a less complicated plan.) **12.Qxd4 Qd7** (<u>Terance:</u> Played to cover h3 and b5.)\_**13.Rfd1 Rfd8 14.Rac1? [D]** 



(Terance: Not much to consider here move wise. I was expecting Qa4 which does not do much but what else to play? Rac1 gives Black a nice advantage.) [14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Rac8=] **14...Qc6** (Terance: Much better was h6, as now I give White the opportunity to play Qa4.) [14...h6 15.Bf4-+] **15.e3?** [D]



<u>(Terance:</u> This weakens the light squares around White's King. I will try to take advantage of this.) *(Text cont. next col.)*  (Cont. from prev. col.) [15.Qa4 Qxa4 16.Nxa4 Rac8 =+] **15...a6** [Black has an active position] (Terance: Played to answer Qa4 with b5. h6 was slighter better.) [15...h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qd2-+] **16.Bf1** [16.Qd2 Bg4 =+] **16...Rac8** [16...h6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Qb4 -+] **17.Ne2 h6** (Terance: I thought the timing was right for this move and Stockfish agrees.) **18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qb4 Bg4** (Terance: I almost played a5 and should have. I had a plan for the Kingside.) [19...a5 20.Qxa5 Bxb2 21.Rb1 Qxc2 22.Qb4 -+] **20.Nd4= [D]** 



[A sound move.] (Terance: I realize right after I played Bg4 that Mark can play Nd4, as I wrongly calculated thinking White would not play Nd4 as I can take with Bxd4 and his Rook on d1 is being threatened. I forgot that White can take back with the Rook.) 20...Qd7 21.Rd2 h5!? [D]



(Terance: The correct time to push the h-pawn! I was thing of playing b5 first to kill any thoughts of White playing c4.) **22.Be2** [\*Stockfish: 22.c4 Rc7 23.Qa5 h4 24.Rc3 hxg3 25.hxg3 dxc4, etc...] **22...h4** (Terance: Continuing the attack is best.) **23.Bxg4 Oxg4** (Terance: No need to worry about the b-pawn as Black has more than enough compensation with the attack on White's King.) **24.Oxb7** (Text cont. p.7) (*Cont. from p.6*) (<u>Terance:</u> More or less forced to try to keep the balance.) **24...h3** (<u>Terance:</u> hxg3 is playable also.) **25.Qxa6** [D]



(Terance: The Key position! I had to calculate this position in advance and decided that I can allow White to take my a-pawn. I then had to figure out how to stop White from bringing his Queen to f1. Then I found I can play Rc4!! So I allowed this variation just to play that pretty move.) 25...Bxd4? (Terance: This was a mistake, gives up all my advantage, and leads to an equal game. I played this, thinking I was taking out the defender (Knight) from f3. I knew I could play Rc4 first and have a great advantage but I wrongly calculated thinking I would have a mate on g2 but forgot that White has Kf1. So, the rest of my play was wrongly based on that premise and I was in extreme time pressure.) [25...Rc4 26.Ne2] [\*Stockfish: 26.f3 exf3 27.c3 Qe4 28.Kf2 Re8 29.Nc2 Rb8, etc...] [26...Rdc8 -+] [\*Stockfish: 26...Rdc8 27.Nf4 Bxb2 28.Rf1 Be5 29.f3 exf3 30.Qb7 d4, etc...] 26.Rxd4 +- Rc4 [D]



**27.Rxd5!**= [Decoy: d5] **27...Qf3??** [D] (Next col.) [Sad, but how else could Black save the game?] (Terance: Rdc8 saves the game with an even position! I missed this as I was to focus (wrongly thinking) I had a forced win in my time trouble.) [27...Rxd5 28.Qa8+ Decoy Double attack (28.Qxc4 Remove defender)] (Text cont. next col.)

# (Position after 27...Qf3?? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [\*Stockfish: 27...Rdc8 28.Rd8+ Rxd8 29.Qxc4 Qf3 30.Qf1 Rd2, etc...] **28.Rxd8++-** (Terance: White is winning now!) **28...Kh7 29.Kf1!?** [D]



(Terance: The only move not to lose, and the move I missed in all my calculations. After this move I started to slowly realize that I was out of moves. At first thought I was winning to ok, draw, and then no, I am totally losing!) (Terance: Not 29.Rh8+?? Kxh8 30.Kf1 The Queen cannot go to Qc8 as my Rook is covering that square.) **29...Qh1+** [29...Rc5 30.Ke1 Rf5 31.Qf1+-] **30.Ke2 Qf3+ 31.Ke1** (Terance: Now Black will run out of checks.) **31...Rc7** [D]



<u>(Terance:</u> As soon as I played this move and hit the clock, it flagged, and I lost on time! After the game Rc5 came up *(Text cont. next col.)*  (Cont. from prev. col.) with the idea of Rf5 and maybe a draw but that is not to be as Qf1 kills that draw. Mark played and defended well, good game!) **1-0** 

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## Round: 2

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

#### White: Bernie Overly (1533) Black: Olin Mastin (1517) Date: 1/11/2019

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[B26: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3, lines with early Be3] **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.Qd2 Rb8 9.Bh6 [D]** 



[9.Nge2= is superior.] 9...a6 10.Bxg7= Kxg7 11.f4 [The position is equal.] 11...e6 12.Nge2 Qc7 13.g4 b5 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Ng3 Nd4 16.Nce2 [D]



16...Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Rfe8 18.Rf2 c4 19.Raf1 [D] (*p.8*) 19...cxd3 20.cxd3 Qb6 21.g5 Nd7 [D] (*p.8*) 22.h4 d5 23.h5 dxe4 [D] (*p.8*) (*Text cont p.8*)

## (Position after 19.Raf1 (From p.7)



(Position after 21...Nd7 (From p.7)



(Position after 23...dxe4 (From p.7)



(Cont. from p.7) White must now prevent ...e3.] **24.h6+ Kh8 25.dxe4 f5** [25...b4=] **26.b3** [ Rd1 is the strong threat.] **26...e5** [D]



[26...Kg8! += was preferable.] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 27.Kh2 [27.Kh1!+-]27...exf4 28.Qb2+ Kg8?? [28...Ne5= 29.Rxf4 Qd8; \*Stockfish 9: 28...Ne5 29.Rxf4 Qd8 30.exf5 Qxg5 31.Bxb7 Rxb7, etc...] 29.Qq7#! [D]



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Dr. Art Martella vs. Robert Hepp with George Murphy in background



Ira Siegel vs. Robert Pisciotta, with Knox Bickford vs. William Campion in background



William Campion vs. Knox Bickford with Robert Pisciotta in background

## 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 further notice.)

#### Weekdays:

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

#### Friday Mornings:

10:00 AM up to 2:00 PM Indian Valley Public Library, 100 E. Church Ave, Telford.

## Allentown Center City Chess Club

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This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.