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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Winter 2019, Part 3

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This issue features two games played by Eric Funk in 2012! A game from Stan Ward including some chess history. More games from the 40th NPCC 2019 Winter Robin Tournament.

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 2012 October Quads Tournament:

Round: 2

Submitted by Eric with his comments.

White: Janos Fucsko (1754)

Black: Eric Funk (2041)

Date: 10/20/2012

Eric wrote via email on March 29, 2019:

"Olin,

I originally submitted this pair of games for the December 2012 / January 2013 newsletter. There was a lot going on at the NPCC at that time including the '13 Winter Robin and the passing of our dear friend Joe Kennedy. You may not remember receiving the games and I forgot all about them myself until I happened to come across them again the other day. If you have space please consider them for a future newsletter."

Eric writes, "As per my usual preface I don't use Fritz, Rybka, nor Stockfish etc. The analysis and comments are mine and mine alone."

[A27: English Opening: Three Knights Variation]

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.c4 e5 3.Nc3 f5 4.e4 Nf6
5.Qc2 [D] (Next col.) 5...Bc5 6.h3
d6 7.exf5 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ne2
Qe7 10.g4 (Eric - 10.d3 Bxf5 leads to
quieter play.) 10...d3 11.Qxd3 Ne4
[D] (Next col.) 12.Rh2 h5 13.f3
Qh4+ 14.Kd1 Nf2+ 15.Rxf2 Qxf2
16.Nf4 hxg4 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 5.Qc2 (From prev. col.)



Position after 11...Ne4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 17.hxg4 [D]

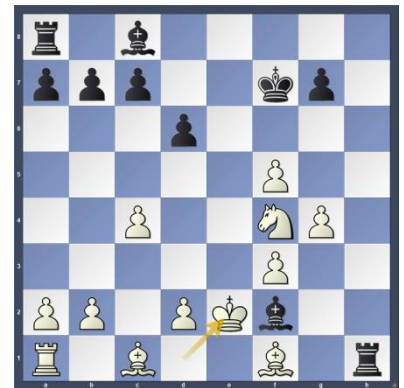


(Eric - The tricky 17.Ng6, trying to set up a mating net on e7, backfires: 17.Ng6 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Qxf1+ 19.Kc2 Qxc4+ and White is behind in material and position.) 17...Rh1 18.Qe2+ [D] (Next col.) (Eric - Best. On 18.Qe4+ Kf7 19.Qd5+ Kf6 White soon runs out of effective follow-up checks.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 18.Qe2+ (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 18...Kf7--
19.Qxf2 Bxf2 20.Ke2 [D]



20...Bd4 21.Rb1 Bd7 22.Nd5 Rg8
23.Ne3 R8h2+ 24.Ke1 Bxe3
25.dxe3 Rg1 26.Bd2 [D]



26...Rxf1+ [D] (p.2) 0-1

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Position after 26...Rxf1+ (From p.1)



Game from the NPCC 2012

October Quads:

Round: 3

Submitted by Eric with his comments.

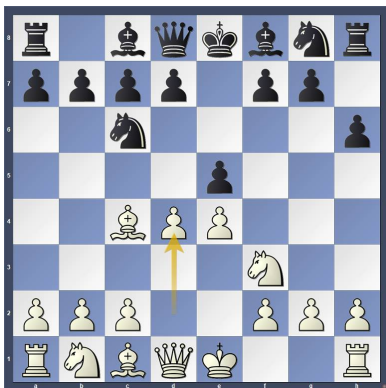
White: Eric Funk (2041)

Black: Bob Kampia (1807)

Date: 10/26/2012

[C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 h6 4.d4 [D]

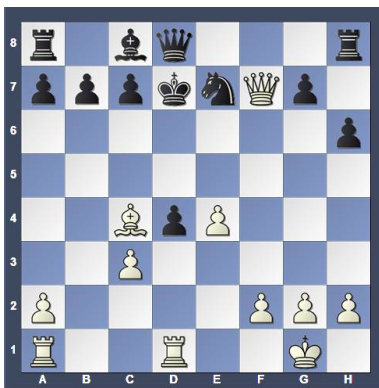


4... exd4 5.c3 dxc3 6.Nxc3 Bb4 7.O-O Bxc3 8.bxc3 Nge7 9.Bf4 d6 10.Nd4 (Eric - 10.e5 seems more thematic but in either line White looks roughly equal at best.) 10...Ne5 11.Bxe5 dxe5 12.Qh5 [D]



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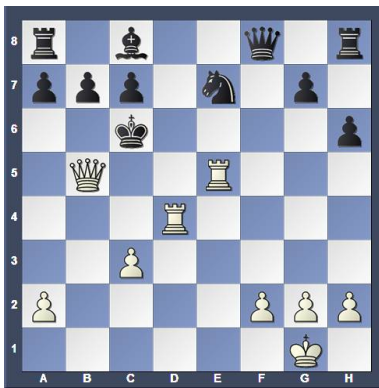
(Cont. from prev. col.) 12...exd4 (Eric - Too greedy. Instead, 12... Ng6 looks rock solid.) 13.Qxf7+ Kd7 14.Rfd1 [D]



14...Qf8 (Eric - Another try was 14... c5 15.cxd4 Kc7, but after 16.Qf4+ White still has a strong attack.) 15.Rxd4+ Kc6 16.Bd5+ Kc5 17.Rc4+ Kd6 18.e5+ [D]



18...Kxe5 19.Re1+ Kd6 20.Re6+ Kxd5 (Eric - Declining the bishop won't save Black either: 20... Kd7 21.Bc6+!! bxc6 22.Rd4#.) 21.Rd4+ Kc5 22.Re5+ Kb6 23.Qb3+ Kc6 24.Qb5# [D]



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Games from the 2018 NPCC December Octagonal

Tournament:

Round: 2

Submitted by Stan with his comments and selected Fritz comments (*Stan: shown thusly*).

White: Bob Kampia (1700)

Black: Stan Ward (1459)

Date: 12/14/2018

[B10: Caro-Kann: 2 d3 and 2 c4] 1.e4 c6 (Stan: The Caro-Kann first came into being around 1590 but didn't see the light of day consistently until H. Caro of Berlin and M. Kann of Vienna began exploring it's possibilities at the end of the 1800's. One of its early adherents was former World Champion Jose Capablanca, who used it to good effect throughout his career. A good example is his Round 15 win over Nimzovich from the 1927 New York Tournament.) 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 (Stan: Kind of a cross between the Two Knights Variation and the Advanced Variation.) 3...Bg4 4.d4 e6 (Stan: Up till now Bob and I have played the same moves as Tolush-Konstantinopolsky, Leningrad 1939. It continued, 5.c3 Nd7 6.Nbd2 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qa4 Bxf3 9.Nxf3 Ne7 10.Qg4 Ng6 11.Bb5 0-0 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.0-0 Bb6 14.h4 Rac8, ending in a draw on move 45.) 5.Be2 c5 (Stan: The c5? break is essential to the CK.) 6.c3 (Stan: A good response.) 6...Qb6? [D]



[6...Bxf3= and Black is okay. 7.Bxf3 Ne7] 7.0-0? [7.Qa4+!+- Nd7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Oxg4 Bxf2+ 10.Kf1] 7...Nc6 8.Nbd2 [D] (p.3) (Stan: 8. Be3 is the usual response. The QN temporarily blocks the Q from keeping an eye on d4.) 8...cxd4N 9.cxd4 Nge7 10.Nb3 Nf5 (Stan: A nice outpost for the Knight.) 11.Be3 Be7 12.Rc1 0-0 (Stan: Both sides are now fully developed and ready to come to grips with each other.) (Text cont. p.3)

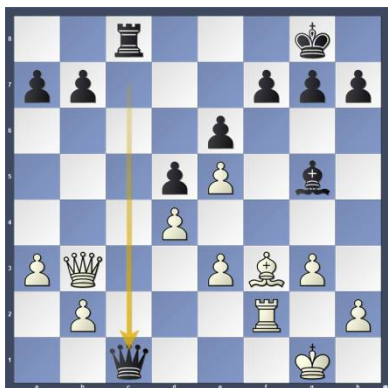
(Position after 8.Nbd2 (From p.2))



(Cont. from p.2) **13.a3** (Stan: =+)
13...Rac8 14.Rc3 Bxf3 [14...a5 looks sharper. 15.Qc1 h6 16.Bd3 f6 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Nc5 Qc7] **15.Bxf3 Nxe3 16.fxe3** [D]

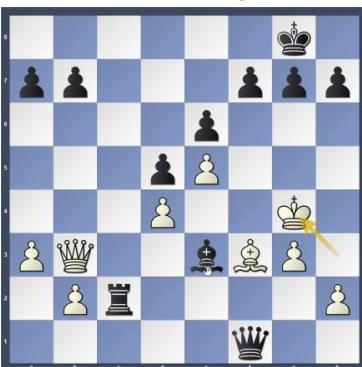


(Stan: on 16.Rxe3 I would have played Bg4 where control of both the c-file and the c1-h6 diagonal creates a ton of pressure for White.) **16...Na5** [Strongly threatening ...Rxc3.] [16...Nxe5!? 17.Rxc8 Rxc8 18.dxe5 Qxe3+ 19.Kh1 Qxe5=] **17.Rxc8 Rxc8** (Stan: Control of the c-file is paramount here.) **18.Nxa5 Qxa5 19.Rf2 Qc7** [19...Bg5!? 20.Re2 (only move) g6=] **20.Qb3** (Stan: 20.e4 fails to 20...dxe4 21.Bxe4 Qc1 22.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 23.Rf1 Rc4 24.Bxb7 Rxd4) **20...Bg5** (with Initiative) [White must now prevent ...Qc1+. White is under pressure.] **21.g3?** [White should try 21.Bd1=+] **21...Qc1+!!-+** [D]

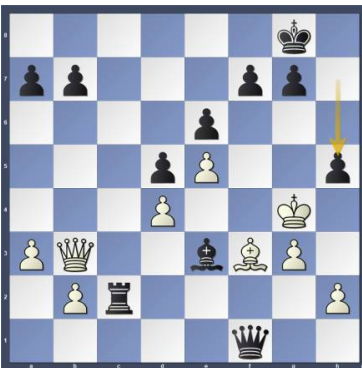


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(Cont. from prev.col.) **22.Kg2** (Stan: On 22.Qd1 Qxd1 23.Bxd1 Bxe3 which holds out longer than the text but still is tough to come back from.) **22...Bxe3 23.Rf1** (Stan: ?!) [Better is 23.Qxb7 Bxf2 24.Kxf2] **23...Rc2+ 24.Kh3 Qxf1+ 25.Kg4** [D]



25...h5+! [D]



White resigns. **0-1**
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This is the game as mentioned by Stan:
White: Aaron Nimzowitsch
Black: Jose Raul Capablanca
Date: 3/12/1927
[B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation] **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.Nc3 Qb6** [D]



7.Nge2 (Stan played 7...Nc6 in his game vs. Bob Kampia.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) **7...c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0 Ne7** etc...(0-1) You can find info about this game here:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_1927_chess_tournament
Copy and paste the link below into your browser to see the complete game:

<http://view.chessbase.com/cbreader/2019/3/15/Game129573609.html>

Game from the NPCC G/100 2018 December Octagonal Tournament

Round: 3

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz/*Stockfish comments [shown thusly]. *(Please copy and paste the HTML link at the end of this article into your browser to read the complete Stockfish comments.)

White: Terance Hall (1858)

Black: Mark Alberts (1708)

Date: 12/21/2018

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



(Terance: Ah, I knew that Mark may play the KID defense 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 against it also.) **3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nbd7** (Terance: Ensuring e5 or c5.) **5.Bg5** [D]



(Text cont. p.4)

(Cont. from p.3) (Terance: I spent a lot of time on this as 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. I knew Qd2 was the better move. I played f4 to see how Black would react.) [Stockfish: 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 c6 9.f3 cxd5 10.cxd5 Nc5, etc...] **7...e5= [D]**

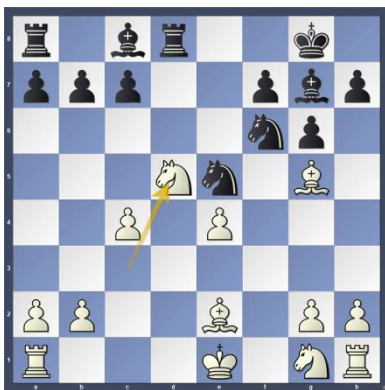


(Terance: Stockfish like c5 slightly, but I thought e5 was the key response and it is an equal game.) [Stockfish: 7...c5 8.d5 Qa5 9.Qd2 b5 10.cxb5 a6 11.b6 Rb8 12.Nf3 Qxb6, etc...] **8.dxe5** (Terance: I wanted to play Nf3 but it just gives a balanced game, so I opted for what I thought was a slight advantage with some piece exchanges in my favor.) [Stockfish: 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.d5 h6 10.Be3 c6 11.Qd2 cxd5 12.cxd5 Ne8 13.Nf3 Kh7 14.Rd1 Nd6, etc...] **8...dxe5 [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) **9.fxe5** (Terance: Now the next moves are basically forced.) [Stockfish: 9.Nf3 h6 10.Bh4 Qe8 11.f5 gxf5 12.exf5 e4 13.Nd4 Qe5, etc...] **9...Nxe5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Nd5 [D]**



(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]**

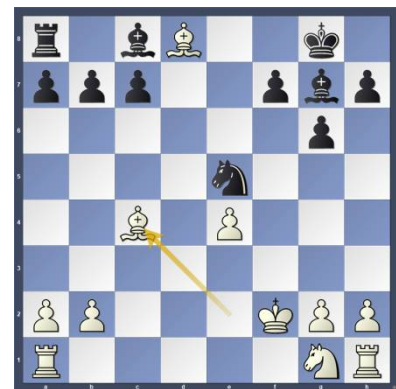


(Terance: The best response as Black gets very active pieces for the exchange and has the initiative. Rd6 is playable and leads to an equal game.) [11...Rd6 12.c5 Rc6 (Stockfish: 12...Rxd5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nf3 h6 15.Bxh6 Bxh6 16.Nxe5 Bf5, etc...) **12.Bxd8 Ne3 13.Kf2 [D]**



(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. (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) I also knew that I could take on g4 if one of the Knights checked me.) [Stockfish 10 64 BMI2: 13.Rb1 N5xc4 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Bxc7 Rc8 16.Bxc4 Bxc4, etc...] **13...N3xc4** [Stockfish: 13...N5g4+ 14.Bxg4 Nxg4+ 15.Kf3 f5 16.exf5 Ne5+ 17.Kg3 Bxf5, etc...] **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 of played Bc7 then Bxe5.) [2008; Better is 14.Bxc7 and White can hope to survive 14...Nxb2 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Nf3+]=] **14...Nxc4+ 15.Bxc7** [White king safety improved] **15...Bd4+** (Terance: This move loses Blacks slight advantage. better was Nxb2.) [15...Be6!?!+=; Stockfish: 15...Nxb2 16.Kg3 Be6 17.Nf3 Nd3 18.Rad1 Nc5 19.Rd8+ Rxd8 20.Bxd8 Nxe4+, etc...] **16.Ke2= [D]**



(Terance: With hindsight Kg3 was slightly better.) [16.Kg3 Bxb2 17.Rd1 Be6+]=] **16...Be6 17.Nf3 Bxb2 18.Rad1 [D]** (p.5) (Terance: Rb1 was also playable, but I wanted to play Rd8 if I have the right moment and exchange Black's only Rook.) **18...Bf6 19.e5** [Stockfish: 19.Bf4 Nb2 20.Rc1 Bxa2 21.Be5 Bxe5 22.Nxe5 Re8 23.Ra1 Bb3] **19...Be7 20.Rd4 [D]** (p.5) (Text cont. p.5)

Position after 18.Rad1 (From p.4)



Position after 20.Rd4 (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) (Terance: To me this was an awkward move to make as the Rook seems to be missed placed. 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 and 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?! [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: I played this as it seems to hold the balance but it gives the advantage to Black now.) [22.Bb4!?!+=; Stockfish: 22.Bc5 Ba5 23.Bxa7 Na3 24.Ng5 Bc4+ 25.Rxc4 Rxc4 26.Be3 Rc2+, etc...] **22...Bb6-+** **23.Rdd1 Ne3?! [D]**



(Terance: Black can win the a-pawn with Nxd6, exd6 Bxa2.) [23...Nxd6 24.exd6 Bxa2-+] **24.Rd2? [D]**



(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 Nhg2 with a huge advantage. I was relieved to see this move.) [24...Nhg2!? 25.Nd4 Bd5-+] **25.Ke1** (Terance: Stockfish likes Kf2 which was my initial move; but I saw Nf1 and I would have to sac the exchange; however on b6 and the game is equal. So I looked for another move and found Ke1 which seems to hold the position for now.) [Stockfish: 25.Kf2 Be6 26.Rxb6 Ng4+ 27.Ke2 Bc4+ 28.Ke1 axb6 29.h3 Ne3, etc...] **25...Ba5** [25...h6!?!+= deserves consideration; Stockfish: 25...Be6 26.Ng5 Bf5 27.Rxb6 axb6 28.Kf2 Nc4 29.Rd4 h6 30.Nf3 Be6, etc...] **26.Bb4= [D]** (Next Col.) (Terance: I think Mark missed this move which equalizes the game for me.) **26...Bc7** **27.Bc3** [27.Bc5 Ng4=; Stockfish: 27.Rc1 b5 28.a4 a6 29.h3 h5 30.Rc3 Nf5 31.Rd7 Ng7 32.axb5 axb5, etc...] **27...b5+= [D]** (Text cont. next col.)

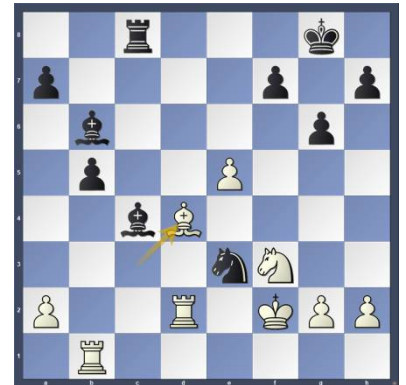
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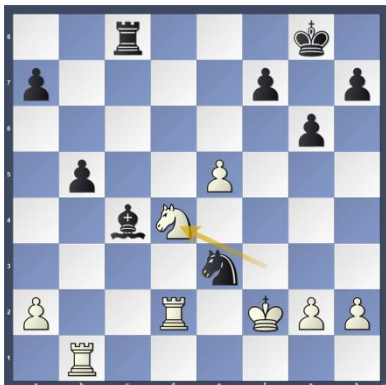


(Cont. from prev. col.) **28.Kf2** [Stockfish: 28.a4 Nd5 29.Bd4 bxa4 30.Kf2 Ba5 31.Rdb2 Bb3 32.Bxa7 Nf4. etc...] **28...Bb6** [28...Nf5!?!+= is noteworthy] **29.Bd4+= [D]**

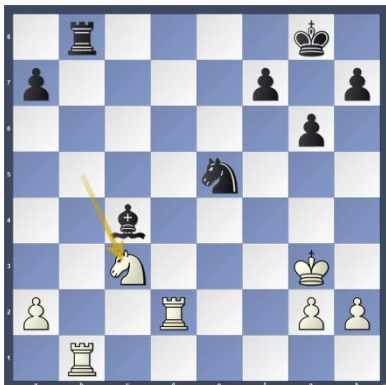


(Terance: I am now short on time but was comfortable with my position. I felt I have the initiative and was thinking how I can improve my position.) **29...Bxd4?! [Better is 29...Nd5!?! is worth looking at 30.Bxb6 Nc3+=]** **30.Nxd4+- [D]** (p.6) (Terance: Now White has a huge advantage.) **30...Ng4+** **31.Kg3 Nxe5** **32.Nxb5 Rb8** [32...Rc5 33.Nxa7 Kg7 34.h3+-] **33.Nc3 [D]** (p.6) (Terance: This gives With a good winning advantage.) (Text cont. p.6)

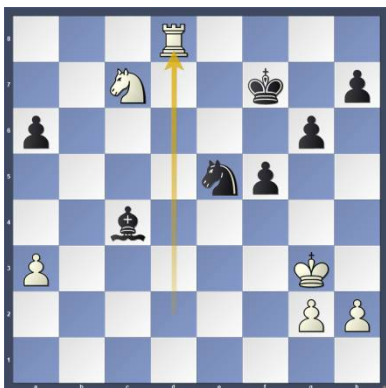
(Position after 30.Nxd4+- (From p.5)



(Position after 33.Nc3 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) 33...Rxb1 34.Nxb1 a6 [34...Kg7 35.a4+-] 35.Nc3 f5 [35...g5 36.h4 gxh4+ 37.Kxh4+-] 36.Nd5 [36.Kf4 seems even better 36...Nf7+- Stockfish: 37.a4 Be6 38.Ke3 Ne5 39.Kd4 Nc4 40.Re2 Bf7, etc...] 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...Ng4 39.h3 Nf6+-] 38...Kf7? [38...g5 39.h4 f4+ 40.Kf2 gxh4 41.Rd4+-] 39.Rd8 [D]

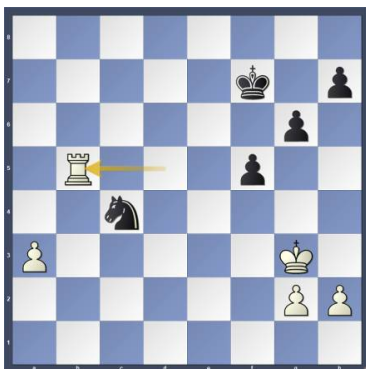


[39.Kf4 keeps an even firmer grip 39...Ng4 40.Rd7+ Kf8 41.Rxh7 Nf6 42.Rh8+ Kf7+-] 39...Bb5? [D] (Next col.) [Better is 39...g5+-] 40.Nxb5 axb5 41.Rd5 Nc4 42.Rxb5 [D] (Next col.) 42...Nxa3 43.Rb6 [D] (Next col.) (Terance: After (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 39...Bb5? (From prev. col.)



(Position after 42.Rxb5 (From prev. col.)



(Position after 43.Rb6 (From prev. col.)



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Games from the NPCC 2019 Winter Robin Tournament:

Round: 2

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

White: Dr. Art Martella, (1384)

Black: Steve Atlee, (1076)

Date: 1/11/2019

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [B02: Alekhine's Defense: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3] 1.d3 Nf6 2.e4 e5 3.b3 c6 4.Bb2 d6 5.h3 Nbd7 6.Nd2 d5 7.Ne2 Bb4 8.f4 [8.a3= remains equal. 8...Bd6 9.g4] 8...Qc7 [8...exf4+- 9.Nd4 0-0] 9.f5 [D]



[9.a3+= is more appropriate. 9...Ba5 10.b4] 9...dxe4 10.Ng3? [10.a3+- Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2] 10...e3+- 11.c3 exd2+ 12.Qxd2 Bd6 [Strongly threatening ...e4.] 13.0-0-0 [13.Ne4 might work better.] 13...0-0 [And now ...e4 would win.] 14.Be2? a5 [Better is 14...e4 15.Kb1 Bxg3] 15.Nh5 Nxb5 16.Bxb5 Nf6 17.Bg4 e4 18.Qe2 Re8 19.Qf2 a4 [D]



20.b4 b6 21.a3 c5 22.b5 Bb7 23.c4 Rad8 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Qh4 [Better is 25.Kb1] 25...Bf4+ 26.Kb1 Bg5 27.Qh5 exd3 28.h4 Bf4 29.Bh3 d2 30.Rhf1[D]



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(Cont. from p.6) **30...Be4+** [Better is 30...Qd6 31.Rf3 Bxf3 32.Qxf3 Re1 33.Kb2 Rxd1, etc...] **31.Ka2 Be5?** [31...Kh8 32.Rf2 Bc2] **32.Qg4+ Kh8 33.Qxe4 Rd4 34.Qe3?** [34.Qc2 was the crucial defense.] **34...Red8 35.Qe2** [Better is 35.Qc3] **35...Rxf4?** [35...Qd7 36.Rf2 Rd3 37.Qxd2 Rxd2+, etc...] **36.Rf3?** [36.Rf2] **36...Rdd4?** [36...Qd6 37.Re3 Qd4 38.Rxe5 fxe5, etc...] **37.g4 Qd6** [Aiming for ...Kg7.] **38.Qf2?** [38.Kb1] **38...Rh6?** [38...Rd3 39.Kb1 Rxf3 40.Qxf3 Qd4, etc...] **39.Qg2?** [39.Qe2] **39...Rd3 40.g5 [D]**



40...Rh4?? [40...Qd4! mates] **41.gxf6+- Bxf6** [(-> ...Qd4)] **42.Qe2?? [D]**



[42.Rg1+- Qf8 43.Rxd3 Rxc4 44.Qxd2] **42...Rxf3** [Better is 42...Qd4! 43.Qe8+ Kg7 44.Qg8+ Kxg8, etc...] **43.Qxf3-- Qd4** [Better is 43...Rxc4 44.Kb1 Qd4 45.Qa8+ Bd8 46.Bf1 Rc3 47.Bc4 Rxc4 48.Qf3 Rc3 49.Rh1 Rxf3 50.Kc2 Qc4+ 51.Kd1 Qc1+ 52.Ke2 [D]]



(Analysis Diagram)
52...d1Q+! 53.Rxd1 Qe3#]
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White: Dr. Art Martella (1384)

Black: Bill Campion (1413)

Date: 1/18/2019

[D00:1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] **1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 Nc6 4.c3 a6 5.Ne2 Bg4** [5...e5 6.0-0=+] **6.f4 e6 7.Qc2 Bd6 8.h3 [D]**



8... Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.g5 Nh5 11.Rf1 Ne7 [11...Bxd3] **12.Nd2 c5 13.b3** [13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nb3 Bb6=+] **13...Rc8 14.Nf3 Qc7 15.Ne5 [D]**



15... cxd4 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.exd4 [White has the pair of bishops] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **17...Nf5** [A valuable piece] **18.Bd2 0-0 19.0-0-0 a5** [19...Qd7 20.Kb2=+] **20.Kb1 Nhg3 21.Nxg3 Nxg3 22.Rf3 Nh5** [22...Nf5 23.h4=] **23.Rdf1 Rb8 24.Bxg6?? [D]**



[Forfeits the advantage.] [Better is 24.a4+= was much better] **24...fxg6+- 25.Qxg6 Nxf4??** [Gives the opponent new chances.] [Better is 25...Qf7 would have given Black the upper hand 26.Qc2 Qf5=+] **26.Bxf4+- Bxf4?** [Better is 26...Rxf4 27.Qxe6+ Kh8 28.Rxf4 Bxf4=+] **27.Qxe6+- Kh8** [27...Qf7 28.Qxf7+ Rxf7 29.Rxf4 Rc7+-] **28.Qxd5??** [White has let it slip away] [28.Qg4 keeps an even firmer grip 28...Qd6 29.Rxf4 Qg6+ 30.Kb2 Rfd8+-] **28...b6??** [28...Qd6 29.Qxd6 Bxd6 30.Rxf8+ Bxf8 31.g6+=] **29.Qe4** [Better is 29.g6 and White wins 29...Qd6 30.Rxf4 Qxg6+ 31.Kb2 Rxf4 32.Rxf4+-] **29...Rbe8= 30.Qg6 Qb7?? [D]**

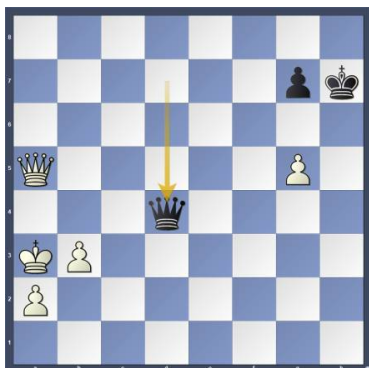


[Forfeits the clear win.] [Better is 30...Qe7= had to be tried to avoid defeat] **31.Qh5+ Kg8 32.Rxf4 Rxf4] 33.Qxe8+ Kh7 34.Qh5+ Kg8 35.Rxf4 Qh1+ 36.Kb2 [D]** (p.8) [Better is 36.Kc2 and White has it in the bag 36...Qh2+ 37.Kd3 Qxf4 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qe4+ Qxe4+ 40.Kxe4+-] **36...Qh2+ 37.Ka3 Qxf4 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qb5** [39.Ka4!? seems even better 39...Qxg5 40.a3 Qg3+-] **39...Qc1+ 40.Ka4 Qxc3 41.Qxb6 Qxh3 42.Qxa5 Qd7+ 43.Ka3 Qxd4 [D]** (p.8) (Text cont. p.8)

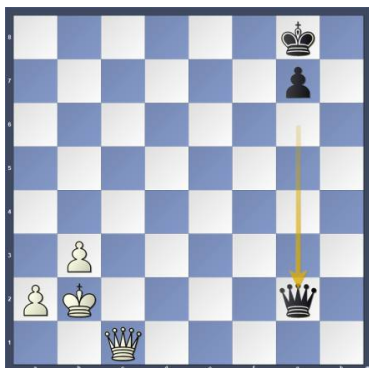
(Position after 36.Kb2 (From p.7)



(Position after 43...Qxd4 (From p.7)



(Cont. from p.7) [43...Kg6 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 44.Qc5+–] **44.Qf5+ Kg8 45.g6 Qd6+ 46.Kb2 Qd2+ 47.Qc2 Qd4+ 48.Kc1 Qg1+ 49.Kb2** [49.Qd1!? Qc5+ 50.Kb1 Qf5+ 51.Qc2 Qf1+ 52.Kb2 Qf6+ 53.Kc1 Qf1+ 54.Qd1 Qf4+ 55.Qd2 Qf1+ 56.Kc2 Qf5+ 57.Kc3 Qxg6+–] **49...Qd4+– 50.Kb1** [White has a mate threat] **50...Qg1+ 51.Qc1 Qxg6+ 52.Kb2 Qg2+ [D]**



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Round: 5

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

White: Bill Champion (1413)
Black: Ben Solomon (817)
Date: 1/18/2019 (Makeup Game)
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(Cont. from prev. col.) Ben is a high school student who had just started playing tournament level chess.

[D00:1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] **1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 Nc6 3.e3 g6 4.Ne2 Bg7 5.Nd2 Qd7** [5...f6 6.Bh4=] **6.c3** [6.c4 h6 7.Bh4 e6=] **6...Nf6** [6...e5 7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Nd4=] **7.h3** [7.c4 dxc4 8.Nc3 Nd5=] **7...e5 8.Nb3 e4 [D]**



[Black gets more space] [8...0–0 9.Ng3+–] **9.Bf4** [Better is 9.Nc5!? must be considered 9...Qd6 10.c4+–] **9...b6** [Consolidates a5+c5] **10.Rc1 Ba6 11.Bg3 Bc4** [White has a cramped position. White's piece can't move: f1] [11...0–0 12.Nd2+–] **12.Nd2= Bxa2** [Better is 12...Bd3!?= and Black is still in the game] **13.b3+– Na5 14.Ra1 Nxb3 15.Nxb3 Qa4?** [Better is 15...Bxb3!?] **16.Qxb3 0–0+–] 16.Nec1** [Better is 16.Nd2 keeps an even firmer grip 16...Qxd1+ 17.Kxd1+–] **16...a5? [D]**



[16...Bxb3 17.Rxa4 Bxd1 18.Kxd1 Kd7+–] **17.Rxa2** [17.Nxa2 and White can already relax 17...0–0+–] **17...Qc6 18.Rc2 a4 19.Nd2 a3** [19...0–0 does not improve anything 20.c4 Qb7] **20.Ndb3** [20.Ra2 might be the shorter path 20...Bf8+–] **20...Qa4 21.Bxc7 Ra7** [21...0–0 hardly improves anything 22.Be2+–] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **22.Bd6** [Better is 22.Bxb6 makes it even easier for White 22...Ra8 23.Bc5 Nd7 24.Bxa3 Qc6+–] **22...b5 23.Bb4 Nd7 24.Ra2 Bf8 25.Nc5 [D]**



25...Qxd1+ 26.Kxd1 Nb6 27.Bxb5+ Nd7 [27...Kd8 doesn't improve anything 28.N1b3+–] **28.Bxd7+ Rxd7 29.Nxd7 Kxd7 30.Bxf8 Rxf8 31.Rxa3 Kc6 32.Kc2** [Better is 32.Na2+– seems even better] **32...Kb5 33.Nb3 f5 34.Rha1 [D]**



[34.Nc5 Kc6 35.Rb1 Rc8 36.Rb7 Ra8 37.Rxa8 h6 38.Ra6#] **34...Kc4 35.Ra5** [35.Ra5 h6 36.Rc5#] **1–0**

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