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This issue features 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!

Games from the NPCC 2019 Winter Robin Tournament: Round: 3

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

White: Anthony Durkin (1703)
Black: Terance Hall (1870)
Date: 1/18/2019

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[D12: Slav Defense: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 Bf5]
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 [D]



(Terance: Here it seems to me that White wants to play a Colle.) **3...Bf5 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: I figured here is my chance to get my bad Bishop in play outside the pawn chain since White's c-pawn has not moved yet.) **4.c4** (Terance: I was expecting c3, White wants a standard Slav.) **4...e6 5.Nc3 c6** (Terance: A Slav it is!) **6.cxd5 exd5 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: I took this way as slightly better as it (Cont. next col.)

Position after 3...Bf5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 6...exd5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) gives me a Queenside pawn majority which is less "drawish" in an endgame. From here my play is to take the e-file and point my pieces toward White's King-side.) **7.Bd3 Bxd3 [D]**



(Terance: I was happy to trade off White's good Bishop and leave him with his bad penned in Bishop.) **8.Qxd3 Bd6 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 8...Bd6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col) (Terance: Natural and best move. I thought a lot on this move as I was worried about e4. e4 would force things into a "drawish" position with White having a weak d-pawn. My candidate moves were Be7, Nbd7, and Bb4. I chose Bd6 as it helps control e5 and eyes h2.) **9.a3?! [D]**



(Terance: White wants to start the thematic b-pawn attack in this Carlsbad pawn structure. Slightly better was to protect the King first with 0-0.) [*Stockfish: 9.0-0 0-0 10.e4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4, etc...]**9...0-0 10.0-0 Re8 [D]** (p.2) (Terance: Must control the e-file first.) **11.b4 a6** (Terance: Played to slow down White's Queenside attack.) **12.Bb2 Nbd7** (Terance: Finished my development, now to execute my plan.) **13.Rfe1** (Terance: Preparing to push e4.) [*Stockfish: 13.Nd2 Qe7 14.Rae1 Ne4 15.Ncxe4 dxe4 16.Qc2 Nf6, etc...]**13...Ne4 [D]** (p.2) (Text cont. p.2)

Position after 10...Re8 (From p.1)



Position after 13...Ne4 (From p.1)



(Cont. from p.1) (Terance: This is the strongest move as the Knight is on a beautiful square and can't be taken with Nxe4 as dxe4 forks White's Knight and Queen.)

14.Qc2 (Terance: Played so that he can take on e4 with no fork.) 14...Ndf6 [D]



(Terance: At this time I was pretty happy with my position. Now I have to figure out the best way to launch an attack.)

[*Stockfish: 14...Re6!? 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ne5 Qe7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7, etc...] 15.Na4?

(Terance: I considered this move a little slow as Black's attack is coming fast.) [15.Nxe4!? should be investigated more closely 15...Nxe4 16.Ne5=+] [*Stockfish: 15.Ne2 Ng4 16.h3 Ngxf2 17.Rf1 Nxh3+, etc...]

15...Ng4!?!-+ [D] (Next col.) (Terance: My intuition told me this is the best move with a huge, if not winning position. I just had to figure out how to follow up the attack.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 15...Ng4!?!-+ (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 16.Re2 (Terance: I felt that Rf1 was slightly better. Anthony Played this to keep an eye on the weak pawn on e3, but that does not work once Black plays Nxf2 and the Rook has to take back on f2.) [Better is 16.Rf1 a5 17.h3 Ngxf2 18.Rxf2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 axb4 20.axb4 Bxb4 21.Rd1-+] [*Stockfish: 16.Nc5 Qc7 17.Nxe4 Bxh2+ 18.Kf1 dxe4 19.Ne5 Nxe5, etc...] 16...Qc7 (Terance: I knew there was a key move here but I could not find it so I settled on a move that at least would not spoil my position. Now I know that the knockout move was Nxh2! I did see this but could not calculate past 19... Re6 to make sure the move worked.) [16...Nxh2!? 17.Nxh2 Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Qh4+ 19.Kg1 Re6-+] [*Stockfish: 20.Ree1 (20.g3 Qg4 21.f3 Qxf3 22.Rf1 Qxg3+ 23.Rg2 Qxe3+, etc...)] 17.g3 [D]



(Terance: I did not even calculate this as I felt h3 was the move and I would have to retract my Knight and figure out another plan of attack. With g3, White's squares are very weak.) [17.h3 Ngf6=] [*Stockfish: 18.Rc1 Qe7 19.Nc5 a5 20.Bc3 axb4, etc...] 17...Bxg3= [D] (Next col.) (Terance: Best was Re6, but I was (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 17...Bxg3= (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) a little impatient and spent a lot of time calculating the sac on g3 then the sac on f2, then the Rook left on e6. I came back to the sac on g3 as I have five pieces attacking White's King and White has a very bad Bishop on b2, a non-active Rook on a1, and a Knight on the rim at a4 out of action. I also know it is hard to defend correctly when under attack. I also knew that if I missed something then it would be "drawish," so I had this confidence.) [*Stockfish: 17...Re6 18.Ne5 Bxe5 19.dxe5 (19.f3 Bxg3 20.fxe4 Bxh2+, etc...)] 18.fxg3 Nxg3 19.Ne5?! [D]



(Terance: I had calculated this move and knew I would have a slight advantage if this was played. I was more concerned if White Played Ree1, I was wondering what to play after this.) [19.Ree1!? is interesting 19...Nxe3 20.Qf2=+] [*Stockfish: If 19.hxg3 Qxg3+ 20.Rg2 Qxf3 21.Bc1 Rxe3, etc...] 19...Nxe2++ 20.Qxe2 Nxe5 (Terance: I played this to give White weak pawns and it still kept his bishop bad after I played Re6.) [*Stockfish: 20...Nh6 21.Rf1 f6 22.Nd3 Re4 23.Bc1 Rh4, etc...] 21.dxe5 Re6= (Terance: Better was a5.) [21...a5!?!-+] [*Stockfish: 22.Nc5 axb4 23.axb4 Rxa1+ 24.Bxa1 b6 25.Nd3 c5 26.bxc5 bxc5, etc...] 22.Nc5 Rg6+ 23.Kf1?! [D] (p.3) (Terance: Better was Kh1 which would allow the a1 Rook to aid

(Position after 23.Kf1?! (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) in the defense. With Kf1 the Rook on a1 is cut off and Black can try to attack the King with no cover.) [23.Kh1 a5 24.Rf1 axb4 25.axb4 Ra2-+] **23...b6** (Terance: Again, a5 was best. I was trying to mobilize my pawn majority.) [Better is 23...a5!? 24.Nd3 axb4-+] **24.Nd3=+ Qd7** [24...a5 25.Nf4 Rg5 26.Rc1=+] [*Stockfish: 24...Rg5 25.Nf4 h5 26.Nxh5 Qc8 27.Nf4 Qf5, etc..] **25.Nf4= [D]**

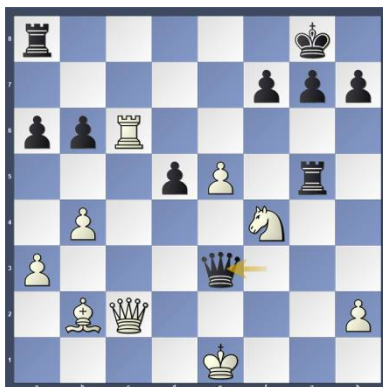


(Terance: Now White for the first time in the game seizes the initiative.) **25...Rg5** **26.Rc1** (Terance: I was a little concerned with h4, but figured out I can go Rf4 and then g6 if needed.) [*Stockfish: 26.h4 Rf5 27.Kg2 g6 28.Rf1 c5 29.Kg3 Re8, etc..] **26...Qf5!?** (Terance: This was a key move for me as I had to take advantage of the light squares. I said to myself, "Where is the best place for my Queen?" I saw Qe4 with mate threats hard to meet. I also knew that the c6 pawn was hanging, but White has no time to take it as it would be dangerous. I also knew that White might miss my not so obvious Qf5 to Qe4 maneuver.) [26...h5 27.Qc2 Rc8 28.Qd1=+] **27.Rxc6?!** (Terance: Anthony mentioned after the game that he didn't see Qe4 but was looking at direct threats which were all covered to him.) [*Stockfish: 27.Kf2 a5 28.b5 cxb5 29.Qc2 Qg4 30.h3 Qg3+ 31.Ke2 h6, etc..] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) **27...Qe4** (Terance: Now I had to make sure this move still worked as White is also threatening Qxa6 playing on my back rank weakness. I also knew that White's best defense was Ng2 and I was trying to figure out what to play if White plays this.) **28.Qc2?? [D]**



(Terance: This move threatens a back rank mate and my Queen, but leaves his King un-protected. So this was the losing move!) [Better is 28.Ng2= would hold out] [*Stockfish: 28...h5 29.Qc2 Qf3+ 30.Qf2 Qd1+ 31.Ne1 Qg4, etc..] **28...Qf3++ 29.Ke1 Qxe3+ [D]**



(Terance: White resigns as it is a mate in one!) [29...Qxe3+ 30.Qe2 Rg1#] **0-1**

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Round: 5

Submitted by Steve (from score sheet) with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Steve Atlee (1079)
Black: Gary Stevens (1200)
Date: 2/1/2019

[COO: French: Unusual White 2nd moves] **1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 c6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 cxd5 6.Bb3 [6.Bd3 feels hotter].** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) [6...Bd6 7.Na3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.c3] **6...Nc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Re1** [The position is equal.] **8...Bd6 9.Ne5 Nxe5? [D]**



[9...0-0= and Black stays safe.] **10.dxe5+- Bb4 11.c3 Bc5 12.Ba4+?** [12.exf6+- Qxf6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Ba4+ Kf8 15.Rxe3] **12...Nd7+= 13.Qg4 Be7?** [13...g6+=] **14.Qxg7+- Rf8 15.Qxh7 Qc7 16.Bf4 [16.Bh6+-] 16...a6 [16...Qc4+-] 17.Nd2 [D]**



17...b5 18.Bc2 Nb6 19.Bh6 Bb7 20.Bxf8 Bxf8 21.Nf3 0-0-0 22.Ng5 Be7 23.Nxf7 Rf8 24.Nd6+ Bxd6 25.exd6 [D]



25...Qxh7 26.Bxh7 Rf7 [Better is 26...Kd7 27.Re2 Bc8] **27.Bg8** [White is clearly winning.] **27...Rg7 28.Bxe6+ Kd8 29.Bf5 d4 30.Be4 [D] (p.4) 30...Bxe4 31.Rxe4 dxc3 32.bxc3 Nc4 33.Re2 Nxd6 34.Rd2 Ke7 35.a4 Nc4 [D] (p.4) 1-0** (Text cont. p.4)

(Position after 30.Be4 (From p.3)



(Position after 35...Nc4 (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3)

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Round: 4

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

White: Terance Hall (1870)

Black: Jonathan Xu (1891)

Date: 1/25/2019

[D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 [D]



(Terance: The normal mainline is Nbd2 or c6.) 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Nge2 [D] (Next col.) (Terance: Here it is a matter of taste, if Nf3 or Nge2, so I tried the latter (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 10.Nge2 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) to maybe go to g3 and then f5.) 10...c5

11.0-0 Nc6 12.a3 (Terance: Now white has a slight advantage in my position in that I have a slight initiative.) 12...Nd7?! [D]



(Terance: Here Jonathan thought for a while and played this move as it would ease his play if I exchanged. Of course, he would take back with his Knight (Nxe7) to hold his d5 pawn.) [12...c4 13.Bf5= g6, Stockfish BMI2: 14.Bxg6 fxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kh8 16.Nf4 Nh7, etc...] 13.Bg3+= (Terance: Of course Bg3 is positionally best, as now I control the dark squares and Black has lost a tempo as the Knight on d7 is misplaced which has to go back to f6 to get back in play.) 13...cxd4

14.exd4 [White has an active position] [14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.exd4 Rc8+=]

14...Rc8 [14...Nf6 15.f3=] 15.Qa4 [D]



(Cont. from prev. col.) [White has a very active position] (Terance: Of course Bf5 was best which I saw, but I saw some tactical ideas on the Queenside also related to an up and coming Bf5 and decided on trying that. My tactical move Qa4 was based on the misplaced Knight on d7 and the hanging pawn on d5.) [15.Bf5 Ba6 16.Qa4 Bc4+=; Stockfish BMI2: 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Bf5 Ba6 17.Qa4 Bc4 18.b3 b5, etc...]

15...Na5 (Terance: My Idea worked as he chose the wrong solution to protecting the d-pawn. The move Nf6 was the correct positional move, but I don't think he liked Bf5 hitting his Rook.) [15...Nf6 16.Bf5 Ra8 17.Rfe1=] 16.b4+= [D]



(Terance: Now I win a pawn!) [Stockfish BMI2: 16.Bf5 Bc6 17.Qd1 Ra8 18.Nf4 Nf6 19.Nd3 g6, etc...] 16...Bc6 17.Bb5 [D]



(Terance: This was the key move in my calculations that I knew would give me the advantage. I had worked this all out when I played Qa4, I also knew once I got to this position that I could play Qc2 instead of Bb5 if I saw something else in this position.) [Stockfish BMI2: 17.Qc2 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.d5 Bb7 20.Nd4 a5 21.Nf5 Re8, etc...] 17...Bxb5 18.Qxb5 (Terance: I thought taking with the Knight might be slightly better but I could calculate the Queen taking lines clearer.) [Stockfish BMI2: (Text cont. p.5)

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18...Nc6? [D]

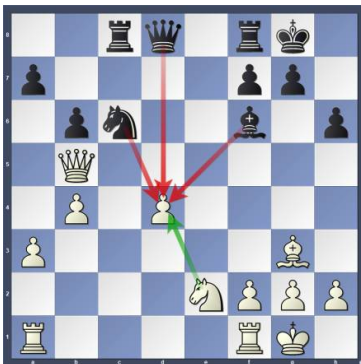


(Terance: Nc4 was best. With Nc6 White gets a nice big advantage.) [18...Nc4!?+= should be investigated more closely]

19.Nxd5+- Nf6 20.Nxf6+ (Terance:

This was a critical move as taking the bishop was weaker and I would have to solve some problems. Taking the Knight keeps my big advantage, but best was Ne3 which I still don't understand as a move (maybe after Nxd4 ((as d5 is a threat)) 21.Nxd5 Qxd5 then 22.Nf5!).

[20.Ne3 Bd6 21.Bh4 Be7+-] **20...Bxf6+= [D]**



[The pressure on the isolated pawn grows] **21.Rad1** (Terance: This was the move I was counting on as the pawn is dangerous to take for example: Bxd5 22.Qh5 b5 (forced as the threat was b5 for White) 23.a4 a6 24.axb5 axb5 25.Qxb5.) **21...Re8** [21...Qd7!?+= is noteworthy; Stockfish BMI2: 21...Bxd4 22.Qh5 b5 23.a4 a6 24.axb5 axb5 25.Qxb5, etc...] **22.d5+- [D]**



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Best and Strong move!) **22...Qe7?**

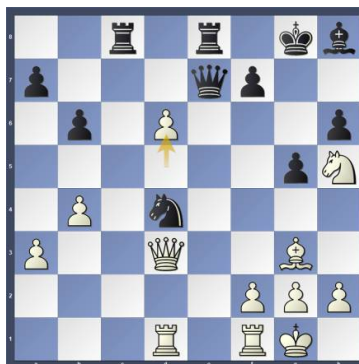
(Terance: Blunder, now White is winning. Best was Ne5 in a worse position.) [Better is 22...Nb8+-; Stockfish BMI2: 22...Ne5 23.Rfe1 Qd7 24.Nd4 a6 25.Qxd7 Nxd7, etc...] **23.Nf4?! [D]**



[There were better ways to keep up the pressure] (Terance: Here I should have gone with my intuition and played dxc6. I thought it just led to an even game as it was hard for me to calculate all the Rook moves after the exchanges.) [Better is 23.dxc6 would have made live much easier for White 23...Qxe2 24.Qxe2 Rxe2 25.b5+- Stockfish BMI2: 25...Rb2 26.a4 Rb4 27.Rd7 Rxa4 28.Rb7 Kh7, etc...] **23...Nd4+= 24.Qd3 g5?** [24...Qd7 25.Rfe1=] **25.Nh5= [D]**



(Terance: Winning was d6!) [Better is 25.d6!? Qb7 (Not! 25...Qxd6? 26.Nh5 Qc6 27.Nxf6+ Qxf6; Stockfish BMI2: 26...Bh8 27.Rfe1 Qd5 28.Kh1 f5 29.f3 Qf7 30.Bf2 Rcd8, etc...)] **25...Bh8=** (Terance: Best move.) **26.d6 [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) **26...Qe6 27.f3=** (Terance: Slightly better was h3.) [Stockfish BMI2: 27.h3 f5 28.f3 Rcd8 29.Rfe1 Qf7 30.Rxe8+ Qxe8, etc...] **27...Rc3** [27...Rcd8 28.Rfe1 Qg6 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Bf2 Qxd6 31.Bxd4=] **28.Qa6+= [D]**



(Terance: at this time I was in time trouble, had no time to think, and was just making practical moves.) **28...Qg6 29.Be1** (Terance: Bf2 was the key move that would have left me with an advantage.) [29.Bf2 Qxd6 30.Qxa7 Rcc8+= (Stockfish BMI2: 30...Rc7 31.Qa6 Rd7 32.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 33.Kh1 Qg6, etc...)] **29...Rc2=** [Better is 29...Rc6 30.Bf2 Rxd6=] **30.Qa4??** [White is ruining his position] (Terance: I only had like a minute left so I am just moving.) [30.Bf2 Qxd6 31.Kh1 Rd8+=] **30...b5?? [D]**



[Black threatens to win material: b5xa4. gives the opponent counterplay] [30...Ree2 31.Kh1 Nxf3 32.Rxf3 Qe4+-] **31.Qxa7** (Terance: Yes, d7 was the move.) [Stockfish BMI2: 31.d7 Rd8 32.Qxa7 Qd6 (32...Qxh5 33.Rxd4 Be5 (33...Bxd4+ 34.Qxd4 Qg6, etc...)] **31...Ree2 [D]** (p.6) [Black has a mate threat] **32.Qb8+??** [White loses the upper hand] [Better is 32.Bf2 and White is still in the game 32...Qxd6 33.Rde1=] **32...Kh7+- 33.Qd8??** (Text cont. p.6)

(Position after 31...Ree2 (From p.5))



(Cont. from p.5) [However, even a better move would not have saved the game.] (Terance: I only had like 5 seconds left.) [Better is 33.Bf2 Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Rxf2 35.Qe8+] **33...Rxcg2+ [D]**



[33...Rxcg2+ 34.Kh1 Rxc2+ 35.Kg1 Rcg2#] **0-1**

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Round: 4

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

White: Michael O'Gara (1652)

Black: Olin Mastin (1517)

Date: 1/25/2019

[B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 [5...Bg7 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Nge2 Qxc5 8.Be3=] 6.Qxd4 f6 [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [Black is behind in development] **7.Nf3** (Mike - Had a little think between the recorded move and Be3, stopping Qb6. Nf3 does prevent Black's next move.) **7...e5?** [Better is 7...Qb6= is a viable option]

8.Nxe5!+- [Double attack: h8/ e8]

8...Qa5 [8...fxe5 9.Qxe5+ Double attack.] **9.Nd3 Bg7** [9...Qb6 10.Qa4+-]

10.0-0 Ne7 11.Qd6

Qd8 12.Rd1 [12.Be3 seems even better 12...0-0+-] **12...0-0 13.Nc5 [D]**



(Mike - At this point I was feeling really good about the position. Black has very few moves to make. Unfortunately, I was too concerned about winning the d7 pawn.) **13...Qe8** **14.Be3 f5 15.Bg5** [15.Bd4!? keeps an even firmer grip 15...fxe4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Qd4+ Kg8 18.N3xe4 Qf7 19.Nxd7 Bxd7 20.Qxd7 Nf5+-] **15...Rf7 16.Nxd7 [D]**



(Mike - Looking back, I probably should have preferred 16.f3, just keeping Black locked down.) [Better is 16.e5 f4 17.Re1+-]

16...Bxd7 17.Qxd7 Bxc3 (Mike - I really underestimated how troublesome these doubled pawns would be.)

18.bxc3 fxe4 19.Qxe8+ Rxe8 20.Be3 [D]

(Next col.) (Mike - A very poor move on my part. Was concerned about the Bishop's safety. Now Black is back (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 20.Be3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) in the game.) [Better is 20.Rd6!? Rf5 21.h4] **20...Nd5 21.Bd4 e3 22.fxe3 Nxe3 23.Re1 Rfe7 24.Rac1 [D]**



(Mike - A sad move to make. There were alternatives, but they are not much better.) **24...a6 25.h3 Nd5 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.c4 Nf4= 28.Rd1?? [D]**



(Mike - With this move White loses his initiative.) [28.Kf2 Re4 29.Rd1 Ne6=]

28...Re2 [28...Rd7!? Black also misses an opportunity. 29.c3 (29.Rd2?? Rxd4 30.Rxd4 Ne2+-) 29...c5+-] **29.g3**

[29.Bf2 Rxc2 30.Rd8+ Kf7 31.Rd7+ Ke6 32.Rxh7 Rxc4=+] **29...Nxf3+** [29...Rg2+ 30.Kf1 Rxc3 31.h4=+]

30.Kf1+= Rxc2 [Better is 30...Rh2=+] **31.c5?** [31.Be3 Rxa2 32.c5 The game transposes into this position.] **31...Rxa2?? [D]** (Next col.) (Mike - Last chance to get the Knight out was (Text cont.p.7)

(Position after 31...Rxa2?? (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.6) missed. Game has equalized.) [Better is 31...Ng5-- Black clearly has the better chances] 32.Be3=Ra3 33.Ke2 Ra2+ 34.Kf3 h5 35.Rd6 Ra3 36.Rxg6+ Kf7 37.Rxc6 Ng5+ 38.Kf4 Ne6+ 39.Ke4 Ra4+ [D]

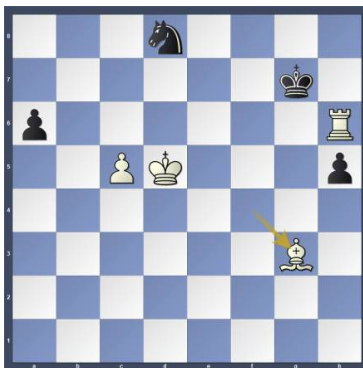


(Mike - Black has enticed the White King up the board, allowing it to centralize, but with an exception to 39...Rc3, there is not much better.) [39...Rc3 40.Rc8=] 40.Kd5 Nd8?? [Better is 40...Nxc5 The only move to achieve a draw. 41.Bxc5 h4] 41.Rh6 Ra3 42.Bg5 Kg7 [if: 42...Rxg3 43.Bxd8 Rd3+ 44.Ke5 Rxd8 45.c6] 43.Bf4 Rxg3?? [D]



[43...Rd3+ 44.Ke4 Rc3 45.Rxh5 Kf7 46.Rh7+ Ke8+-] 44.Bxg3?! [D] (Next col.) (Mike - Lot's of moves win here, showing the strength of the Bishop on an open board, but this is the most direct.) 44...Kxh6 45.Bc7 h4 [D] (Next col.) (Mike - Unfortunately for Black, the Knight alone will not (Text cont. next col.)

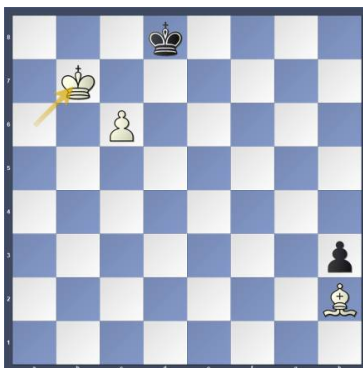
(Position after 44.Bxg3?! (From prev. col.)



(Position after 45...h4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) be able to stop the pawn promotion.) [45...Nb7 46.c6; 45...Nf7 46.c6 Kg5 47.Be5] 46.Bxd8 h3 47.Bc7 a5 48.Kc4 Kg6 49.Bh2 Kf7 50.Kb5 Ke7 51.c6 Kd8 52.Kxa5 Kc8 53.Ka6 Kd8 54.Kb7 [D]



(Mike - Black resigns.) 1-0
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Round: 5

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

White: Bob Pisciotta (1372)
Black: Bill Campion (1413)
Date: 1/18/2019 (Makeup Game)

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [D53: Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Be7: Early deviations] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nc3 c6 6.e3 a6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Qb6 [8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3=] 9.Qc2 g6 [9...c5 10.0-0=] 10.h3 [D]



10...Nh5 11.Bh2 Ndf6 [11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 0-0 13.0-0+] 12.0-0 0-0 13.Na4 [White plans c5] 13...Qd8 14.c5 Nd7 15.Qb3 Re8 16.Rac1 Bf6 17.e4 Bg7 18.e5 [Black has a cramped position. Black's pieces can't move: c8+h5] 18...Bh6 19.Rcd1 [Black's piece can't move: c8] 19...Nf4 20.Bg3 [D]

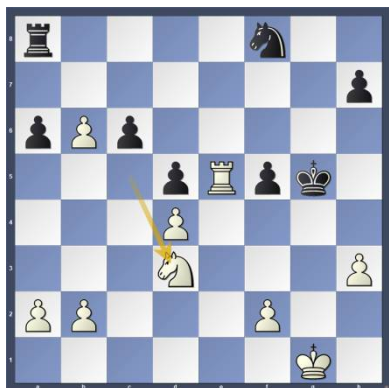


[20.Bc2 Rf8+-] 20...Nxd3 21.Qxd3 [Black has the pair of bishops] 21...Bg7 22.Qe3 Rf8 [22...Qa5!? 23.b3 b5 24.cxb6 Nxb6 25.Nxb6 Qxb6+=] 23.Bh4 f6 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Qxe6+ Kg7 26.Bxf6+ Nxf6 27.Qe3 Re8 28.Qc1 Nd7? [Better is 28...Ne4+-] 29.Rde1+- Rxe1 30.Rxe1 [D]

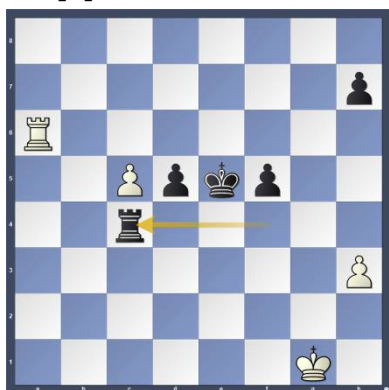


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(Cont. from p.7) **30...b6** [30...Nf8+–]
31.cxb6 Bb7 [31...Qf6 does not improve anything 32.Ng5 Nf8 33.Qe3+–] **32.Ng5 Nf8 33.Qe3** [33.Qf4 a5 34.Qf7+ Kh6+–]
33...Bc8 34.Nc5 Qd6 35.Qe7+ Qxe7 36.Rxe7+ Kf6 [36...Kg8 is not the saving move 37.b7 Bxb7 38.Rxb7+–] **37.Re5**
 [Better is 37.Ra7 secures victory 37...Bb7 38.Nxb7 Rb8+–] **37...Bf5 38.g4** [38.b7!? might be the shorter path 38...Rb8 39.g4 Kxg5 40.gxf5 Kf6 41.fxg6 hxg6+–]
38...Kxg5 39.gxf5 [39.b7 keeps an even firmer grip 39...Rb8 40.gxf5 gxf5+–]
39...gxf5 40.Nd3 [D]

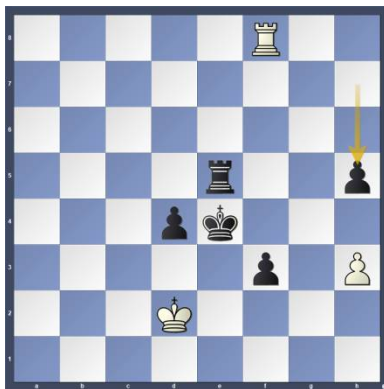


[Better is 40.b7 secures the point 40...Rb8 41.Re7+–] **40...Rb8 41.f4+ Kf6 42.a4 Rxb6 43.b4** [43.Re8!? Ne6 44.a5+–]
43...Ne6= 44.Nc5 [Better is 44.Kf2= and White is still in the game]
44...Nxc5+ 45.bxc5 Rb4 46.Re8 Rxa4 [Black has a new passed pawn: a6]
 [Better is 46...a5 47.Rc8 Rxd4 48.Rxc6+ Ke7+–] **47.Rb8?** [Better is 47.Rc8 and White has air to breath] **47...Rxd4+ 48.Rb6 Rxf4 49.Rxc6+ Ke5 50.Rxa6 Rc4** [D]

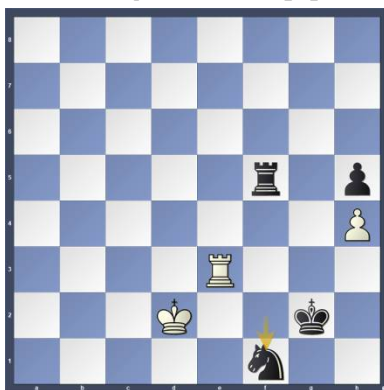


51.c6 Kd6 52.Kf2? Rxc6 53.Ra8 [53.Ra7 does not save the day 53...Rc7 54.Ra8 Ke5+–] **53...Ke5 54.Re8+ 54...Re6 55.Rd8 d4** [55...Ke4 seems even better 56.h4+–] **56.Ke2 Ke4 57.Kd2 f4 58.Ke2** [58.Rd7 there is nothing better in the position 58...h6 59.h4+–] **58...f3+ 59.Kd2 Re5 60.Rf8 h5** [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 60...h5 (From prev. col.)



61.h4 Rf5 62.Re8+ Kf4 63.Rd8 Kg3 64.Rxd4 f2 65.Rd3+ Kg2 66.Re3 [66.Kc3 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 66...f1Q 67.Rd2+ Kf3 68.Kd4 Qa1+ 69.Kc4 Qa4+ 70.Kc3 Qa3+ 71.Kc2 Rc5+ 72.Kd1 Rc1#] **66...f1N+** [D]



67.Ke2 Nxe3 68.Kxe3 Kg3 69.Ke4 Kg4 70.Ke3 Rf4 71.Ke2 Rf3 72.Ke1 Kxh4 73.Ke2 Kg3 74.Ke1 [74.Kd2 is not much help 74...h4 75.Ke2 h3 76.Kd2 h2 77.Kc2 h1Q 78.Kd2 Qg2+ 79.Kc1 Rf1#] **74...Rf2 75.Kd1 h4 76.Ke1 h3** [D]



[76...h3 77.Kd1 h2 78.Ke1 h1Q#] **0-1**
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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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Gary Stevens playing Steve Atlee
 2018 Winter Robin

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