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This issue features NPCC games played in February, March, and April 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 2019

March-April G90 Swiss Tournament:

Round: 1

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

White: Kenneth Cobbs (1389) (13)

Black: Terance Hall (1855)

Date: 3/8/2019

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[B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3

Nf6 5.d3 (Terance: I personally think that d4 gives White a better game.)

5...Nc6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.0-0 (Terance: A model game for White as he finishes development.) **7...h6 [D]**



(Terance: Checking on White's intentions with his Bishop.) **8.Bh4 a6** (Terance: I was thinking on g5 but I was in a mood of just playing solid.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **9.a4**

(Terance: Preventing b5.] **9...0-0**

10.Qe2?! (Terance: Ken thought awhile on this move I guess he was trying to formulate a plan. I suggested after the game that h3 or Rfe1 was reasonable. Ken mentioned Nd2 with f4 as a plan. There were better moves than Qe2 as now White must watch the d4 square.) (*Stockfish: 10.h3 b6 11.d4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bb7 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qd3 Nxe4, etc...]

10...Qc7 (Terance: Played to prevent e5 while still protecting e7.)

(*Stockfish: 10...g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Bb3 Kg7 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Bd7, etc...]

11.Bg3?! (Terance: To me this was White's first bad move as it allows my next move with advantage. At first it looks good as it eyes d6 and my Queen, but I get to remove it with my next move and the dark squares become a little weak.)

(*Stockfish: 11.Rfe1 b6 12.Nd1 Bb7 13.Ne3 Nh5 14.Ba2 Bf6, etc...]

11...Nh5 (Terance: The best move to gain the initiative and advantage.) **12.Nd2? [D]**



(Terance: This move allows my Knight into d4 with threats.) [12.Bh4 g5

13.Bg3 Bf6=+] **12...Nxg3--**

13.hxg3 Nd4 (Terance: Bf6 or Bd7

was playable also.) **14.Qd1 b6**

(Terance: Much stronger was Bf6, but I wanted to finish my development and wanted my white squared Bishop to go to d7 or b7, so I chose b6.)

(*Stockfish: 14...Bf6 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.Nh2 Bd7 17.Ng4 Bd4 18.Qd2 Rfe8, etc...]

(Cont. from prev.col) (Terance: I anticipated this might happen so I figured I can continue with my plan.) [15...Nc6 16.c3-+] **16.c3 Nxe2+** (Terance: Most practical and clear way of playing as b5 is also possible.) **17.Qxe2 d5 [D]**



[Black threatens to win material: d5xc4]

(Terance: Time for the break to let my Bishops shine.) **18.Bb3 dxe4**

(Terance: Trying to open up a file for a Rook and more scope for my Bishop while trying to create some weakness for White.)

(*Stockfish: 18...Rad8 19.Nf3 c4 20.Bc2 dxe4 21.dxe4 b5, etc...]

19.dxe4 (Terance: Better than Nxe4 as this leaves a weak pawn on d3.) **19...Qc6 [D]**



(Terance: This seems like a cheapo move eyeing g2 for a possible mate if White plays e5. I wanted to prevent White from consolidating with e5 and f4 on the Kingside. This will give me time to restrict White on the Queenside and make my dark squared Bishop more active. Qc6 also supports (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) my planned b5 move.)
 (*Stockfish: 19...Rfd8 20.Nf3 b5 21.e5 c4
 22.Bc2 b4 23.Be4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Rab8, etc...]
20.f3 b5 (Terance: c5 was stronger but I
 did not have the time to calculate if the
 temporary pawn sacrifice worked but my
 intuition at least gave me an indication that
 it was possible.) (*Stockfish: 20...c4 21.Nxc4
 b5 22.Ne3 Qc5 23.Bc2 bxa4 24.f4 Rfd8, etc...]
21.e5 c4 [This push gains space]
22.axb5?? [D]



(Terance: An unfortunate move in which Ken
 realized it was a mistake as soon as he
 touched the pawn, but it was then too late
 and had to be played.) [Better is 22.Bc2=+
 was a good chance to save the game; Stock-
 fish 270219 64 BMI2: 22...Rad8 23.axb5
 axb5 24.Kh2 Qc5 25.f4 Rd7 26.Nf3 Bxf3,
 etc...] **22...Qb6+++** [D]



(Terance: The best square between c5 and
 b6. Now the b3 Bishop falls.) **23.Kh1 cxb3**
24.bxa6 (Terance: Ken seemed a little frus-
 trated here after playing this move.)
 [24.Nxb3 does not solve anything 24...axb5
 25.Nd2 Bd5-+] **24...Bxa6** [D] (Next col.)
 (Terance: Now I know I am clearly winning
 now, but now I have to play correctly for it.)
25.c4 Rfd8 26.Rac1 [26.Rfd1 is not much
 help 26...Rd4-+] **26...Rac8** (Terance: Here
 I did see Rd4, but thought White will pin me
 with his Queen. If I looked a little deeper, I
 would have seen that the pin from White's
 Queen would not work due to Bc4 and Rh4+
 depending on where the Queen would go.)
 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 24...Bxa6 (From
 prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.)
 (*Stockfish: 26...Rd4 27.Ne4 Rad8
 28.Qe3 Qc7 29.Rfe1 Qxe5 30.c5 Bd,
 etc...) **27.Rc3** [27.Rfd1 doesn't
 change anything anymore 27...Rd4-
 +] **27...Qb4** [D]



(Terance: Bishop b4 was the move
 which I saw but failed to see that I
 could have played Qa5 after that and
 I win the exchange.) [27...Bb4!
 28.Rxb3 Qa5 29.Rxb4 Qxb4 30.Rf2
 Bxc4 31.Qe3-+] **28.Rfc1** [28.Ra1
 hardly improves anything 28...Qb7-+]
28...Qa4 29.Nxb3 Bb4 (Terance:
 Again, I knew that I could take on c4
 but failed to calculate this clearly and
 figured that I should try a clearer
 plan.) [29...Rxc4 keeps an even firm-
 er grip 30.Rxc4 Qxb3 31.Kh2-+]
30.Re3 Qd7 (Terance: I figured that
 I can gain some time to figure out a
 winning plan with this positional
 move that holds the position.) [Bet-
 ter is 30..Bf8 and Black can already
 relax 31.Ra1 Qc6-+] **31.f4** (Terance:
 Hard to find and other moves for
 White's major and minor pieces.)
 [31.Kh2 Rc7-+] **31...Rc7** (Terance:
 Bxc4 is possible due to tactics with
 White's back rank ((see analysis)).)
 [Better is 31...Bxc4 and the result of
 the game is clear: Black will win
 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) game is clear:
 Black will win 32.Rxc4 Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Qxe2
 34.Rxe2 Rxc4-+] **32.Kh2** (Terance: I think
 it was here that White offered a draw in
 which I declined by moving a piece.)
32...Qc8 [D]



(Terance: Repositioning my Queen to put
 pressure on the c4 pawn and hoping
 White cracks.) **33.Re4 Bb7** [33...Rcd7
 makes it even easier for Black 34.Qc2-+]
34.Re3 [34.Rd4 Rxd4 35.Nxd4 Rd7-+]
34...Bc6 [34...Rcd7 keeps an even firmer
 grip 35.Rc2-+] **35.Ra1** [35.Rd3 doesn't
 change the outcome of the game
 35...Rxd3 36.Qxd3 Rd7-+] **35...Qd7**
 [35...Rcd7 seems even better 36.Qf2-+]
36.Ra6 [36.Rc1 Bb7-+] **36...Ba4 37.c5?**
 [D]

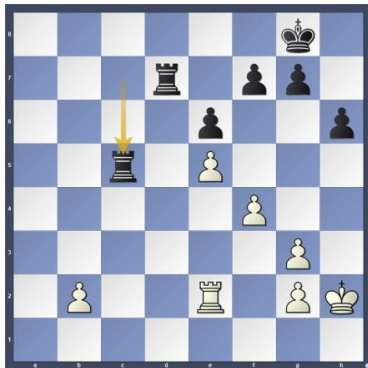


(Terance: White finally cracked!) [37.Qf1-
 + the last chance for counterplay]
37...Bb5 [D]

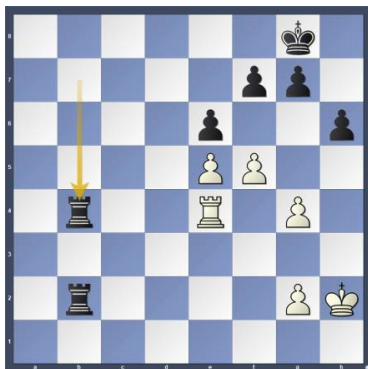


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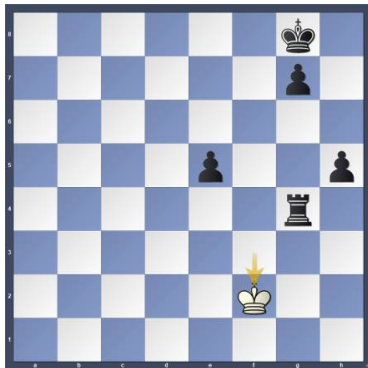
(Cont. from p.2) (Terance: Now it is over as the rest of the moves are practically forced.) **38.Rd6 Bxe2** (Terance: The only move that wins.) **39.Rxd7 Rdx7 40.Rxe2 Bxc5 41.Nxc5 Rxc5 [D]**



(Terance: After the dust settles Black is up a Rook with a huge advantage as White's b-pawn is doomed.) **42.g4** [42.b4 does not win a prize 42...Rb5-+] **42...Rdc7** [42...Rcd5 might be the shorter path 43.Re1-+] **43.Rd2 Rb5 44.Re2** [44.Kg3 cannot undo what has already been done 44...Rcb7-+] **44...Rcb7 45.f5 Rxb2 46.Re4** [46.Re3 praying for a miracle 46...R7b3 47.Re1-+] **46...R7b4 [D]**



(Terance: Forcing another loss of a piece.) **47.Rxb4 Rxb4 48.fxe6 fxe6 49.g3 Rxc4 50.Kh3 Rg5 51.g4 Rxe5 52.Kh4 Rg5 53.Kh3 e5 54.Kg3 h5 55.Kf3 Rxc4 56.Kf2 [D]**



(Terance: White resigns by tipping his King.) **0-1** (Text cont. next col.)

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Game from the NPCC 2019 Winter Robin Tournament: Round: 7

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

White: Steve Atlee, (1079)

Black: Ben Solomon (817)

Date: 2/15/2019

[B00: Queen's Fianchetto Defense, Nimzowitsch Defense]

1.e4 b6 2.Nf3 Bb7 3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.Bb5+N [Better is 6.exd5 exd5 7.Bb3] **6...c6= [D]**



[Aiming for ...dxe4.] **7.Ba4 Be7 8.e5** [The position is equal.] **8...Nfd7 9.0-0 Nc5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Nd7 [D]**



12.b4 [12.Ra4=] **12...Bxb4=+ 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Qd2 Nxe5 15.Bf4** [15.Nxd5+- Nxf3+ 16.gxf3 cxd5 17.Qxb4] **15...Nxf3+-+ 16.gxf3 e5 [D]** (Next col.) [16...Qd7-+ Strongly threatening ...d4. 17.d4 f6] **17.Bxe5!+- Bd6** [Of course not 17...Qxe5?! 18.Rfe1+=] **18.Bxd6** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 16...e5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) [Much weaker is 18.Bxg7 0-0-0+] **18...Qxd6 19.Rfe1+ Kd7 20.Qg5 d4** [Better is 20...Qf6=+ 21.Qg4+ Kd8] **21.Qf5+= Kc7** [21...Kd8= remains equal. 22.Ne4 (22.Qxf7 Qd7=+) 22...Qg6+ 23.Qxg6 fxc6] **22.Qxf7+ Kd8?** [22...Kc8 is tougher.] **23.Qxb7+- Rb8 24.Qxg7 Rf8 25.Ne4 Qg6+ [D]**



26.Qxg6 hxg6 27.Kg2 a5 28.Kg3 Kd7 29.h4 Rbe8 30.Rh1 Re5 31.f4 Rb5 32.b3 Rb4 33.Ra4 c5 [D]



34.Rxb4 cxb4 35.h5 gxh5 36.Rxh5 Rc8 37.Rh7+ Ke6 38.Rh6+ Kd5 39.Rd6# [D] (p.4) 1-0

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(Position after 39.Rd6# (From p.3)



**Game from the NPCC 2019
Winter Robin Tournament
Round: 7**

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

**White: Knox Bickford (1375)
Black: Bill Champion (1413)
Date: 1/21/2019 (Makeup Game)**

[D02:1 d4 d5 2 Nf sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Nbd7 5.Nbd2 a6 6.c3 Nh5 [D]



7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4 Be7 [8...g6 9.g4 Ng7 10.Bg3+]=] 9.Ne5 [D]



[Better is 9.g4!? g5 10.Bxg5 fxc6 11.gxh5+]=] **9...fxe5= 10.Qxh5+ g6 11.Bxe7 [D] (Next col.) 11...Qxe7 12.Qd1 exd4 13.exd4 Nf6 [13...e5 14.Qe2+]=] 14.Be2 [14.Nf3 0-0+]=] 14...Bd7 15.0-0+= 0-0-0 16.Re1 Rde8 17.Bf3 Rhf8 (Text cont. next col.)**

(Position after 11.Bxe7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **18.Qb3 Qd6 19.c4 Bc6 20.Re5 [D]**



[An ideal square for the white rook.] **20...Nd7 21.c5 [Better is 21.Re2= would keep White in the game] 21...Nxc5!-+ [Deflection: e5] 22.Qc2 [22.dxc5 Qxe5 Overloading Deflection] 22...Nd7 23.Re3 Qf4 [23...e5 24.Nb3-+] 24.Rae1 e5 25.dxe5 [Better is 25.Nb3!? e4 26.Na5-+] 25...Nxe5-+ 26.Rf1 [26.R3e2 Kb8-+] 26...Qg5 [D]**



[26...d4 27.Rxe5 Qxe5 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.h3-+] **27.b4 [27.Qb3 Nd7-+] 27...Bb5 28.Rfe1? [28.Rd1 d4 29.Ne4 Qd8-+] 28...Rxf3! [D] (Next col.) [The decision] 29.Rxe5 [29.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 30.Rxf3 (30.Kh1 Nxe1 Combination) 30...Rxe1# Mate attack Clearance Deflection Pinning; 29.Rxf3 Nxf3+ 30.Nxf3 (30.Kh1 Rxe1+ Mate attack Clearance) 30...Rxe1+ 31.Nxe1 Qe7 Decoy Double attack] (Text cont. next col.)**

(Position after 28...Rxf3! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **29...Rxe5 30.Nxf3 Rxe1+ 31.Nxe1 Qe5 32.Qd2 Bc4 [32...b6 33.Qc1-+] 33.a3 b6 34.f3 [34.Qc1 d4-+] 34...g5 35.g3 Qg7 [Better is 35...Qa1 36.Qe3-+] 36.Ng2? [Better is 36.a4-+] 36...Qa1+ 37.Qe1 [D]**



37...Qxa3 38.Ne3 Qd3 39.f4 [39.Kg2 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 39...h5-+] 39...gxf4 40.gxf4 Qg6+ 41.Qg3 Qb1+ 42.Kf2 Qb2+ 43.Kf3 [43.Kg1 Qxb4-+] 43...Qe2# [D]



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**Game from the NPCC 2019
March-April G90 Swiss**

Tournament:

Round: 2

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

White: Terance Hall (1855)

Black: Bernie Overly (1500)

Date: 3/15/2019

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[E21: Nimzo-Indian: 4 Nf3]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 (Terance: Here Bernie decides not to play g6, so I suspected a Nimzo.) **3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 [D]**



(Terance: Here I decided not to play Qc2 or e3 the Rubinstein Variation.) **4...c5 5.dxc5 Ne4 [D]**

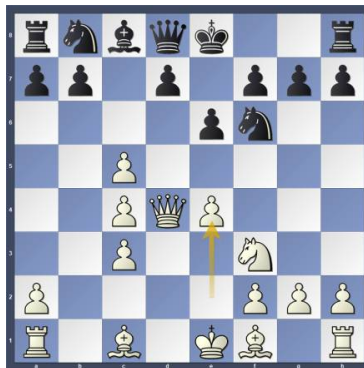


(Terance: Now it dawns on me that Bernie is a very dynamic player and he wants to sac me with weak pawns on my c-file even giving up a pawn temporarily to do this.) **6.Qd4 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: My intuition prompted me to play this, as the natural move is Qc2. Qd4 is the strongest according to the chess engines.) **6...Bxc3+N** (Terance: Qf6 was strongest, but Bernie is looking past the engines and sees the long-term weaknesses.) [6...Qf6!?= should be considered] **7.bxc3+- Nf6 8.e4 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 6.Qd4 (From prev. col.)



(Position after 8.e4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: I thought awhile on this position as my first thought was to play Ne5 to counter Nc6 (see *Stockfish analysis) which is a good plan. I know that Ne5 would be against a basic principle moving a piece twice in the opening and I should be developing my pieces so I looked for a better move finding e4 which is the strongest according to *Stockfish 10+.) [8.Ne5 *Stockfish: 8...Nc6 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Bf4 Ne4 12.g3 Nxc5, etc...] **8...Nc6 9.Qd3 Qa5 10.Bd2** (Terance: Best was Rb1 which takes deep calculation to see that the hanging a pawn should not be taken.) [10.Rb1!?!+- *Stockfish: 10...Qxc5 (10...Qxa2? 11.Be2 0-0 12.e5 Ng4 13.Bf4 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Bd6 Rxf3, etc...)] **10...Qxc5= [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) **11.Be2** (Terance: Just developing.) [*Stockfish: 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Rd1 0-0 13.Be2 b6 14.0-0 Ba6 15.Qc2 Rac8, etc...] **11...Ne5** [Attacks the isolani on c4] [11...0-0 12.0-0=] **12.Nxe5** (Terance: Qd4 is the better move, but I wanted to remove the strong Knight.) [*Stockfish: 12.Qd4 d6 13.Nxe5 Qxd4 14.cxd4 dxe5 15.dxe5 Nxe4 16.Bf3 Nxd2, etc...] **12...Qxe5 13.f3 0-0 14.0-0** [*Stockfish: 14.Qd4 d6 15.a4 Bd7 16.0-0 Bc6 17.Be3 a5 18.Rfd1 Rfd8 19.Qd2 Qh5, etc...] **14...d5 15.cxd5** [15.Qd4 Qxd4+ 16.cxd4 dxe4=] **15...exd5= 16.exd5 Qxd5** [16...Bf5 17.Qe3 Qxe3+ 18.Bxe3 Nxd5 19.Bd4=] **17.Qxd5+=** (Terance: This seems the best by trading down as I have some compensation with the two bishops for the weak pawn.) **17...Nxd5 [D]**



(Terance: Here is the end game position to evaluate. Black has a strong Knight, a1-Rook is passive, undeveloped Bishop, a possible back rank weakness. White will play c4 to gain some space and make the Black square Bishop better, while the White square Bishop is passive, White's Rooks can come into play quickly, and the King can get to the center more quickly with no back rank weakness.) **18.c4** [*Stockfish: 18.a4 Rd8 19.Rfb1 b6 20.a5 bxa5 21.Rxa5 Be6 22.Bf1 Nb6, etc...] **18...Re8** [18...Ne7 19.Rab1+=] **19.Kf2** [19.cxd5 Rxe2 20.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Bf5+-] **19...Nf6 20.Bc3 [D]** (p.6) (Terance: To me the most accurate move was a4. I knew this after I played Bc3. a4 would help with dynamic play as if Black plays b6, a5 can be played, and it gives White more space to move his pieces. I played Bc3 to gain (Text cont. p.6)

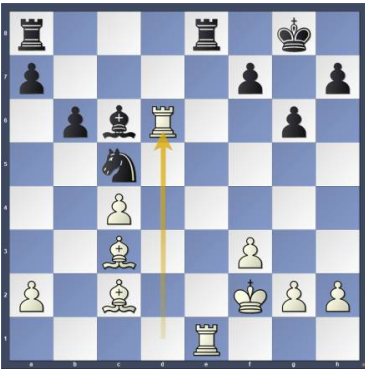
(Position after 20.Bc3 (From p.5))



(Cont. from p.5) time on the open file for a Rook and to threaten to double Black's pawns.) [*Stockfish: 20.a4 Bf5 21.Be3 Nd7 22.Rfd1 Ne5 23.h3 Rac8, etc...] **20...Nd7 21.Rfe1 b6 22.Bd3 Bb7 23.Bf5 Nc5** [The Knight is not easily driven from c5] **24.Rad1 [D]**



24...g6 25.Bc2 Bc6 26.Rd6 [D]



(Terance I didn't see any advantage in trading rooks by bringing a passive Rook on a8 into play. I figured that I can pose some threats on the weaker minor piece.) **26...Rxe1 27.Bxe1 [D]**



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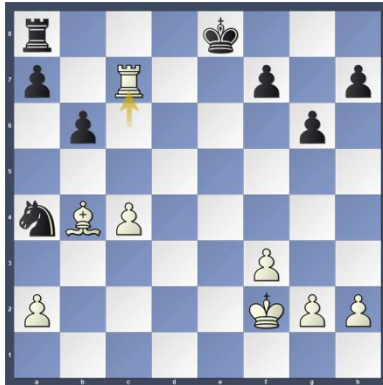
(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Taking with the King was the other option which to me was about the same as Bxe1 ((what I played)). I was not sure what side I wanted my King on so I left that option opened by taking with the Bishop.) [*Stockfish: 27.Kxe1 Bd7 28.Bd1 Rc8 29.Be2 Kf8 30.Bf6 h5 31.Rd1 Ke8, etc...]

27...Ba4 (Terance: I was happy about this move as it clarifies things for me although the game is equal. It allows me to get my Rook on the 7th rank which was my plan for an advantage.) **28.Bxa4 Nxa4 29.Rc6 [D]**



(Terance: to me this was a must key move which Bernie also liked and mentioned after the game.)

29...Kf8 30.Bb4+ Ke8 [30...Kg7!?+= must definitely be considered] **31.Rc7+- [D]**



(Terance: White has a nice advantage here.) **31...a5 32.Ba3** [32.Re7+! Kd8 33.Rxf7 Rc8 34.Be7+ Kd7 35.Bg5+ Ke8 36.Rxh7 Rxc4+- *Stockfish: 37.h4 Rc2+ 38.Kg3 Kf8 39.Bh6+ Ke8 40.Rg7 Rc6 41.Kf4 Nc5, etc...] **32...Nc5? [D]**

(Next col.) (Terance: Now White gains a promising position!) **[Better is 32...Rd8 and Black has air to breath 33.Ke3 Rd7 34.Rxd7 Kxd7=]** **33.Bxc5+- bxc5 34.Rxc5 Kd7 35.Ke3 a4 36.Kd3 Kd6 37.Rb5 Kc6 38.Re5 [D]** (Next col.)

(Terance: a3 was a good move here, (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 32...Nc5? (From prev. col.)



(Position after 38.Re5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: a3 was a good move here, but I wanted to keep Black's Rook from coming over to the e-file and gaining access while I move my King over to the Queenside.) [38.g4 f6+-; *Stockfish: 38.a3 f5 39.Ke3 Ra7 40.h3 Re7+ 41.Kf2 Ra7 42.Kg3 Kd6, etc...] **38...Ra7** [38...Rb8 39.Kc3+-] **39.Kc3 a3 40.Kb4 [D]**

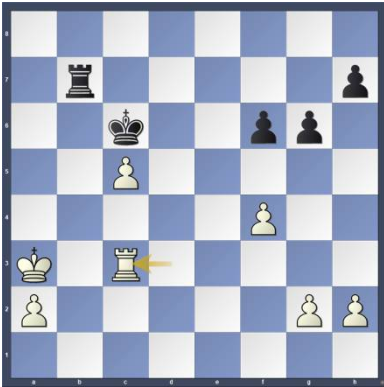


(Terance: a key square for my King. I knew I had good winning chances now as the a-pawn will fall soon.) **40...Kd6** [40...Rd7 41.Rc5+ Kb7 42.Rd5+-] **41.f4+- [D]** (p. 7) (Terance: I wanted to play Ra5 but I didn't have time to calculate after Black plays Rxa5, if Black can draw with King opposition, but analysis shows (Text cont.p. 7)

(Position after 41.f4+- (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.6) that White wins in all variations (See *Stockfish analysis). I also knew that f4 was a good move for me. Also another reason I played f4 was to hold the e5 square as now the d5 and e5 squares shut out Black's King from ever penetrating White's position, even after moving my Rook.) [*Stockfish: 41.Ra5 Rb7+ (41...Rxa5?? 42.Kxa5 Kc5 43.Ka4 Kxc4 44.Kxa3 f6 (44...Kc3 45.f4 f5 46.h3 h6 47.h4 h5, etc...) 45.f4 Kb5 46.Kb3 Ka5 47.a4 h6, etc...) 42.Rb5 Re7 43.Rb6+ Kc7 44.Rf6 Kd8, etc...] **41...f6** [41...Rb7+ 42.Rb5 Re7 43.Rb6+ Kc7 44.Rf6+-] **42.c5+ Kd7 43.Rd5+ Kc7 44.Rd3** [44.Rd6!? f5+-] **44...Rb7+- 45.Kxa3 Kc6 46.Rc3 [D]**

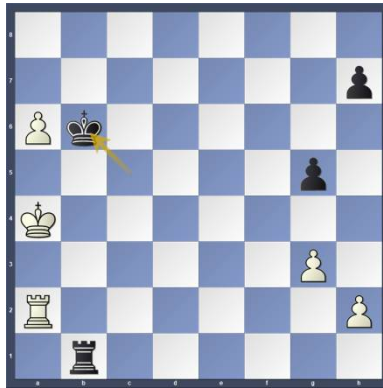


(Terance: The other move Rd6+ would be a mistake and would have given Black drawing chances. Rc3 holds the winning chances.) **46...Rb1 47.Rc2 Rf1 48.g3 Rf3+** [48...Rb1 49.Re2 Rb7 50.Re6+ Kxc5 51.Rxf6+-] **49.Kb4+- Rf1 50.a4 g5?** [Better is 50...Rb1+ 51.Kc4 Ra1+-] **51.fxg5 fxg5 52.a5 Rb1+ 53.Ka3 Rb5 54.Ka4 Rb1 55.Ra2 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: My intuition told me to play Rc3 which wins easily, but time pressure made me second guess. Ra2 also wins but a little tricky.) [*Stockfish: 55.Rc3 Re156.a6 Re4+ 57.Kb3 Re7 58.Kb4 h5 59.Ra3 Re4+, etc...] **55...Kxc5 56.a6??** [Lets it slip away.] (Terance: Whoops! I forgot to play Rc2 first!) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 55.Ra2 (From prev.col.)

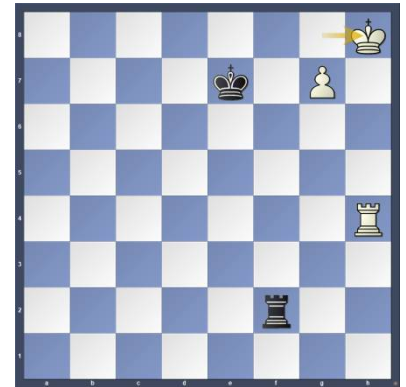


(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 56.Rc2+ secures victory 56...Kd6 57.a6 Ra1+ 58.Kb5 Rb1+ 59.Ka5 Ra1+ 60.Kb6 Rb1+ 61.Ka7+-] **56...Kb6= [D]**



(Terance: Now it is a draw!) **57.Re2 Kxa6 58.Re7 h5** [58...h6 59.Rh7 Rb6 60.Rh8=] **59.Re5** [59.Rh7 h4 60.gxh4 gxh4 61.Rxh4 Kb6=] **59...h4?** [Black wins space] [Better is 59...Rh1!?= would allow Black to play on] **60.Rxg5+- hxg3 61.hxg3** [White has a new passed pawn: g3] [61.Rxg3 Kb6 62.Rg5=] **61...Kb6= 62.Rg8** [White has a mate threat] **62...Kc6 63.Ka3 Kd6 64.Ka2 Rg1 65.Kb2 Ke7 66.Kc2 Kf7 67.Rg4 Kf6 68.Kd2 Kf5 69.Rg8 Rg2+ 70.Ke3 Rg1 71.Kf3 Ra1 72.g4+ Kf6 73.Kg3 Kf7 74.Rg5 Rg1+ 75.Kh4 Kf6 76.Rf5+ Kg7 77.Kg5 Kg8 78.Rb5 Kg7 79.Rb7+ Kf8 80.Kf6** [White has a mate threat] **80...Rf1+??** [Throws away a nice position] [Better is 80...Kg8= was a good chance to save the game] **81.Kg6 Rg1 82.g5 Rc1 83.Rb8+ Ke7 84.Kg7 R c7 85.g6 Rc1 86.Rb7+ Ke8 87.Kg8 Rh1 88.Rf7 Rh2 89.Rf5 Rg2 90.Re5+ Kd7 91.Kf7 Rf2+ 92.Kg8 Rf1 93.Kg7 Rf2 94.Kh6 Rh2+ 95.Kg5 Rg2+ 96.Kf6 Rf2+ 97.Kg7 Rf1 98.Re4 Rf2 99.Kg8 Rf1 100.g7 Rf2 101.Rh4 Ke7 102.Kh8 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 102.Kh8 (From prev.col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Black resigns! Bernie played a great game!) **1-0**

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Game from the NPCC 2019 March-April G90 Swiss

Tournament:

Round: 4

White: Ken Cobbs (1386) (Age 10)

Black: Olin Mastin (1500)

Date: 3/29/2019

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

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[B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nf6N [D]



(Olin - More usual moves would be 7...Nge7 or 7...a6) **8.Bh6** [The position is equal.] **8...0-0 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 [D]** (p.8) (Text cont. p.8)

(Position after 11.a4 (From p.7)



(Cont. from p.7) (Olin - 11.d5 does look good as per *Stockfish. I was too intent on developing my Bishop.)

11...Bd7 [*Stockfish 9: 11...d5 12.Ba2 b6 13.exd5 exd5 14.h3 Bb7 15.Rfe1 Nb4, etc...]**12.Rae1 [D]**



(Olin - 12.Qb6 does look better.)

12...Qc7 [*Stockfish 9: 12...Qb6 13.Ra1 h6 14.Rfe1 Rac8 15.h3 Nd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Ne2 a5, etc...]**13.Qe3 Rfe8 14.e5** [14.Qd2= remains equal.] **14...dxe5** [14...Ng4!+ 15.Qf4 Ngxe5 16.Nxe5 (16.Ne4 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Ne5+) 16...dxe5] **15.Qxc5= [D]**



(Olin - This why 12...Qb6 would have been better.) **15...Rac8 16.Nxe5**

[16.Qe3 is interesting. 16...Ng4 17.Qg5 f5 18.h3 Nh6 19.Qe3] **16...Nxe5** [Black should try 16...b6!= 17.Qe3 Nd5] **17.Qxe5+= [D]** (Next col.) **17...Qxe5 18.Rxe5 Bc6 19.Bb3 Nd7 20.Re3** [20.Rg5+=] **20...Nc5= 21.f4 Nxb3 22.cxb3 Red8 23.g4 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 17.Qxe5+= (From prev. col.)



(Position after 23.g4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [23.Rc1=+]

23...Rc7 [23...Rd4!+ 24.Rf2 Rcd8] **24.Ne4** [24.Ne2=] **24...Bd5+** [Black has strong compensation.] **25.b4 Rc2 26.Rf2 Rc1+ 27.Rf1 [D]**

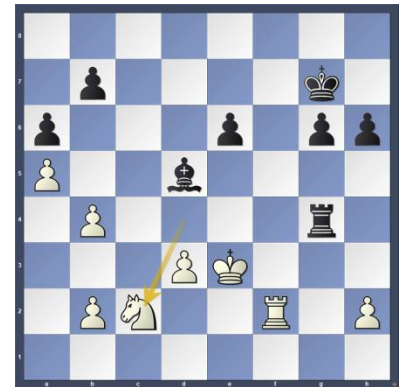


27...Rdc8 [27...Rxf1!+ 28.Kxf1 Bc6] **28.Rxc1** [28.Nc3!+= Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1] **28...Rxc1++=** [Endgame KRB-KRN] **29.Kf2 Rb1 30.Re2 Bb3** [30...Rh1=] **31.Nc3** [31.a5+= was preferable.] **31...Ra1** [31...Rh1=] **32.a5 Ba4** [32...h6+=] **33.Ke3** [Better is 33.Re1 Rxe1 34.Kxe1] **33...Bc6+- 34.Rf2 h6 35.f5 [D]** (Next col.) [White should play 35.Kd4+-] **35...Rg1= 36.fxe6 fxe6 37.Ne2** [37.Kd4+=] **37...Rgx4 38.Nd4 Bd5 39.Nc2 [D]** (Next col.) (Olin - Draw agreed). (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 35.f5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 39.Nc2 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 1/2-1/2

(Olin - Well good 'Ole *Stockfish says that I could have won, but would I ever have found the moves over the board with the clock running!?) [*Stockfish 9: 39...h5 40.Kd2 g5 41.Kc3 Kg6 42.Ne3 Rf4, etc...] [*Stockfish 9:] 69...Kc2 [D]



(Olin - Analysis Diagram)

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