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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Summer 2019, Part 4

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This issue features NPCC games played in July, August Games and XU - Johnson Upset.

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!

Special Report:

The 11th NPCC Blitz Championship was held on August 23, 2019 in Memory of Gary Stevens was a resounding success with a field of 23 registrants divided into two sections! The Stevens Family graciously provided delicious pizzas, melt-in-your-mouth of two varieties of homemade brownies, canned sodas, and iced tea.

Edmund Kline is the new NPCC Blitz Champion for 2019! In the top section of twelve players he won nine games! Jonathan Xu (age 13) and Jonathan Miniello (a new player to NPCC from Florida) shared the combined Second Place plus the Under 1900 Class Prize.

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(Cont. from prev. col.) Jimmy Christensen and Kenneth Cobbs (age 13) shared the combined First and Second Place Prize, while Emmit Fitzgerald captured the Under 1200 spot in the lower section.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the players that participated in the event!

In another recent event, the NPCC 2019 August G90 Swiss Octagonal ending on August 16, Dennis Baluk took First Place in the top section. Edmund Kline and Alex MacFarlane won the combined Second Place plus the Under 1900 Class Prize. Robert Kampia won the Upset Prize of a Chess Book*.

Michael O' Gara and Larry Cesare won the combined First and Second Place Prize in the intermediate section. Bernie Overly won the Under 1600) Class Prize. Emmit Fitzgerald won the Upset Prize of a Chess Book*.

Liam Cassidy and Harshith Dhanapal won the combined First and Second Place Prize in the lower section. James ("Jad") Eisert won the Upset Prize of a Chess Book*.

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* Books were donated by the author, Eric C. Johnson, Director of the Allentown Center City Chess Club.

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Bad Beats in Allentown

by Eric C. Johnson

Justin Xu (1563) vs.

Eric C. Johnson (2128)

Allentown 2018

Sicilian Defense, Alapin Variation-

Olin has asked me to annotate some games from Allentown -- but with a twist: the games will feature a big upset where a lower-rated player scores the full point against a much stronger opponent. My motivation is clear: perhaps these "bad beats" will encourage some Lansdale players to visit us in Allentown to score their own upsets! We start with a "bad beat" I suffered last year. Justin Xu is a very promising junior player -- his rating this year is about 100 points higher. He and his brother (Jon) both have a fondness for the 2. c3 Sicilian. (Text cont. p.2)

North Penn Chess Club 2019 Annual Membership Drive

Round 1 starts at 8:00 PM. Please arrive no later than 7:45 PM to register.

For subsequent rounds

You can still register for the tournament through Rd 3 by taking available byes. For Rd's 4 & 5 you can play as Houseman. Either way arrive no later than 7:45 PM to register.

5 Round Swiss in One Section
Time Controls: 40/100; SD/20; d5.
Entry Fee = \$30 yearly membership.
Prize: 1st Place=Free NPCC Membership
2nd Place=One-half free membership
Top-in-Lower Half* = \$15
***(Class prize TBD on-site)**
Up to 2 half-point byes permitted.
Must play round 5 to be eligible for prize.

September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th & October 11th.

NPCC closed on October 4th for church rummage sale.



<u>NPCC Schedule September 2019</u>				
DATE	ROUND	EVENT	ROUND TIMES	TYPE
6-Sep	1 of 5	Annual Membership Drive	8:00 PM - Rd. 1 Please arrive <u>no later than 7:45 PM</u> to register.	5-Round Swiss, <u>One Section</u>
13-Sep	2 of 5		8:00 PM - Rd. 2	
20-Sep	3 of 5		8:00 PM - RD. 3	
27-Sep	4 of 5		8:00 PM - RD. 4	
4-Oct	NPCC Closed for the Church Rummage Sale			
11-Oct	5 of 5	Continued	8:00 PM - Rd. 5	from 27-Sep
TIME CONTROL	ENTRY FEE	PRIZES	COMMENTS	
40/100, SD/20;d5	\$30 Yearly NPCC membership.	First Place = Free NPCC Membership; 2nd Place = One-Half Free NPCC Membership; "Top-in-Lower-Half"* = \$15 *(Class Prize - Rating TBD on-site)	Up to two 1/2-point byes permitted. Must play Round 5 to be eligible for prizes.	

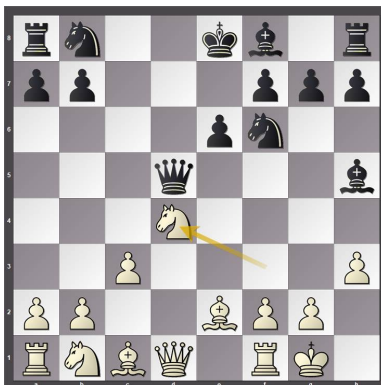
(Cont. from p.1) 1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Be2 Bg4 [D]



White is holding back his d-pawn, a move order finesse that may win some time on the clock. However, the d-pawn must come to d4 eventually. Black's task is to find a way to reach his preferred lines.

6.h3 Bh5 7.0-0 e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 [D] (Next col.) The usual move here is 9.cxd4 -- accepting an isolated pawn and transposing back into main lines. I have had the position after 9.cxd4 (with or without the insertion of h3/Bh5) at least two dozen (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 9.Nxd4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) times...including:

- Alan Kantor v. Eric C. Johnson: New Windsor, NY 1995: match game 3-
- Jeff Wiemann v. Eric C. Johnson: Allentown 2001-
- Jon Kleinfeld v. Eric C. Johnson: Allentown 2013:-
- Jon Xu v. Eric C. Johnson: Allentown 2017

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(Cont. from prev. col.) The Wiemann (# 15) and Kleinfeld (#104) games can be found in the book "Club Chess in Allentown: 2000 to 2015". For details on how to get your copy -- send email to chesspride@aol.com.

I have faced 9. Nxd4 only a handful of times. By not accepting the standard structural weakness, White aims for a slower game with chances to exploit his 3:2 queenside pawn majority. **9...Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nc6 11.Be3 [D]**



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(Cont. from p.2) Here 11. Nb5?! can be met in several ways, including 11. ...0-0-0!? 11...Be7 12.Rd1 0-0 13.Nd2 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 [D]



By a different order of moves we have reached a position from Tiviakov v. Lautier, Linares 1995. To understand why my choice in the game here at move 14 is not very good, let us first see how Lautier solved his opening problems: 14. ... Qc6! (removing the Queen from the d-file right away makes good sense) 15. Nf3 Rfd8 16. c4 Qe4 17. Kf1 b6 18. b3 Rac8 19. Rd3 Qxe2+ 20. Kxe2 Ne4 21. Rad1 and White had only a cosmetic advantage. 14...b5?! Playing down by several hundred rating points, Black prefers not to trade queens. To be fair, I also was not familiar with Lautier's clear and consistent plan. ¹[14...Qc6 15.Nf3 Rfd8 16.c4 Qe4 17.Kf1 b6 18.b3 Rac8 19.Rd3 Qxe2+ 20.Kxe2 Ne4 21.Rad1 [D]



¹Analysis Diagram

15.Nf3 [D]



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(Cont. from prev.col.) Here 15. Bxf6 gxf6 may favor White, but it allows for possible chances down the g-file. The second player would welcome a source of such counter-play. 15...Qb7 16.Rd3 a5 17.Rad1 Qa6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rd6 Qb7 20.Ne5 [D]



20... Bxe5 21.Qxe5 b4 22.Qd4 bxc3 23.Qxc3 h6 24.R1d3 Rfc8 25.Qd2 [D]



The game has gone White's way and he has a dominating position on d-file. The tripled heavy pieces make a strong impression -- he virtually cannot lose. This is a dream position for a player seeking an upset. Even so, Black is still in the game after 25. ...Qb4!?

25...a4?! 26.Rg3 Qc7 [D]



(with the idea of 26. Qxh6 Qc1+ 27. Qxc1 Rxc1+ 28. Kh2 Rc2 with counter-play) 27.Kh2! (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) ¹[27.Qxh6 Qc1+ 28.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 29.Kh2 Rc2[D]



¹Analysis Diagram

27...Qc1?? Dreary defense (even for just a few moves) leads to gross errors -- White can end the game with 27. ... Qc1?? 28. Rd8+ Kh7 29. Qxc1! Rxc1 30. Rxa8 etc... 28.Qd4 (! -- White misses the tactic but threatens mate on g7)

¹ [28.Rd8+ Kh7 29.Qxc1 Rxc1 30.Rxa8 [D]



¹Analysis Diagram

28...g6 29.Rxe6! Rc6 [D]



Sometimes we just have to hang loose in bad positions and see if the opponent can finish the game -- White finishes in style. 30.Rgxg6+! [D]



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(Text cont. from p.4) **30...fxg6**
31.Re7! [D]



Mate is unavoidable. A nice diagram position -- and kudos to Justin for a great game! **1-0**

Look for another "Bad Beat" from Allentown coming your way soon!

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¹Indicates inserted by *En Passant* Editor

Game from the NPCC 2019 August G90 Octagonal Tournament

Round: 1

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

White: Bob Park (1470)

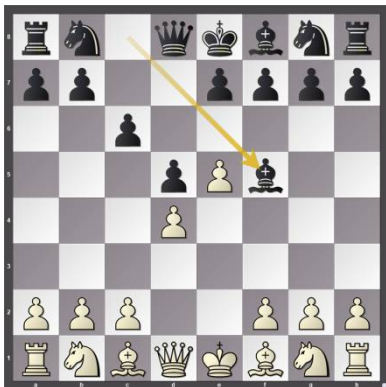
Black: Tony Durkin, (1692)

Date: 8/2/2019

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[B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 [D]



4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bd7 [5...Be4= 6.f3 Bh7]

6.Bg2 [6.Nc3+; 6.c3 c5 7.Bg2 e6 0-1 (41) Tal,M-Botvinnik,M Moscow 1961]

6...e6 [6...Qc8=] 7.Ne2 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 7.Ne2 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [7.h5+= deserves consideration.; 7.c3] **7...c5**

8.c3 [8.h5=] 8...Nc6N [8...h5+; 8...Bb5 9.Na3 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bxa3 12.bxa3 Nc6, etc... Tal,M-Botvinnik,M Moscow 1961 0-1 (41); 8...Qb6 9.Nd2 Bb5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.0-0 Nge7 12.h5 Qa6, etc... Nepomniachtchi,I (2730)-Wang,H (2729) Dubai 2014 0-1 (80)]

9.g5? [9.h5+= stays ahead.] 9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ [10...Nge7!-+ 11.Bh3 Ng6] 11.Nbc3= g6 [11...hxg5+= 12.Bxg5 Qb6] 12.a3 Be7 [D]



13.f4 a6 [13...Bf8+=] 14.b4

[14.Kf2+= should be considered.]

14...Na7 [14...Bf8= remains equal.]

15.Bd2 [15.Kf2+=] 15...a5

[15...Bf8=] 16.Na4 [D]



[16.Kf2!+=] 16...axb4 17.Bxb4

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [17.axb4=hxg5 18.fxg5] **17...Nc8 [17...hxg5-+ 18.fxg5 Bxa4 19.Qxa4+ Nc6] 18.Nc5 b6 19.Nxd7 [Black must now prevent Nf6+.] 19...Qxd7 [D]**



[19...Bxb4+= 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxd7] **20.Nc3 [White should play 20.Bd2!+=] 20...Bxb4+= 21.axb4 Rxa1 22.Qxa1 Nge7 23.Qa4 [D]**

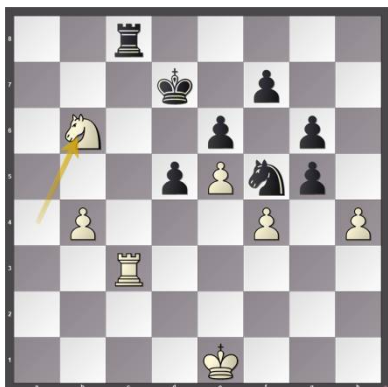


[23.Bf1+= Qa7 24.Qc1] 23...Qxa4-+ 24.Nxa4 Nc6 25.Rh3 Nxd4 26.Rc3 [26.Kf2+=] 26...Kd7 27.Bf1 [27.Rd3 was worth a try. 27...Nf5 28.Bh3] 27...Nf5 [27...hxg5-+ 28.Ba6 Na7 29.hxg5 Rh4 30.Nxb6+ Kd8] 28.Ba6 [D]



[Aiming for Rxc8.] **28...hxg5? [28...Nfe7!-+ keeps the pressure on. 29.gxh6 Rxh6] 29.Bxc8+= Rxc8? [29...Ke7] 30.Nxb6+ [D] (p.5) 30...Ke7 31.Nxc8+ Kf8 32.hxg5 [White mates.] 32...Nd4 (Text cont. p.5)**

Position after 30.Nxb6+ (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) 33.Nd6 Ke7 34.b5 [D]



34...Kd7 35.b6 Nc6 36.Nb5 Na5 37.Rc7+ Kd8 38.b7 Nxb7 39.Rxb7 [D]



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Game from the NPCC 2019 August G90 Octagonal Tournament ----

Round 3

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

White: Anthony Durkin (1692)

Black: Terance Hall (1848)

Date: 8/15/2013

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[D04: Colle System] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 [D]



(Terance: I like this line against this set-up as White Black squared Bishop remains as the bad Bishop with no influence on Black's Kingside.) 4.Ne5 [D]

(Terance: This ambitious move caught me by surprise and obviously planning f4 or most likely g4. I had to think of the best way to counter this.) 4...Nbd7 (Terance: This is the best reply by developing.) [4...Nfd7 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nxg6 hxg6 7.Bg2 e6 8.c4 c6 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qxb6 axb6, etc... Koshil,T (2350) - Amonatov,F (2453) Voronezh 2002 0-1 (54)] 5.g4 [D]



[5.f4 Nxe5 6.fxe5 Nd7 7.Bd3 e6 8.0-0 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Be7, etc... Karwatzki,H (1706)-Memmesheimer,T (1772) Troisdorf 2013 1-0] 5...Nxe5

(Terance: To me this was the most practical way of getting rid of the strong Knight. Be6 is interesting from Stockfish.) [*Stockfish: 5...Be6 6.h3 h5 7.Rg1 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Ne4 9.Nd2 hxg4 10.hxg4 c6, etc...] 6.gxf5 (Terance: Only move not to lose any material.) 6...Nc4 7.b3?!N [White threatens to win material: b3xc4] (Terance: Nd2 was better.) [7.c3 Nd6 8.Bd3 Qd7 9.Qf3 g6 10.fxg6 hxg6 11.h3 Nde4, etc...]

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(Cont. from prev. col.) Stroganov,A (1969)-Kirpichenkov,S (2078) St Petersburg 2005 0-1 (36); [*Stockfish: 7.Bxc4 dxc4 8.Qe2 Qd5 9.f3 g6 10.fxg6 hxg6 11.Nc3 Qc6 12.e4 Nh5, etc...] 7...Nd6 [Black threatens to win material: Nd6xf5] 8.Bd3 Qd7 (Terance: c6 was slightly better.) 9.Nd2?! (Terance: Qe2 or Qf3 was much better as it helps protect some weak light squares in White's camp and Qe2 protects the f5 pawn by threatening: 9...Nxf5 10.Bxf5 Qxf5 11.Qb5+! Nd7 12.Qxb7 Rb8 13.Qc6 e5 14.Qxd5 Bd6 15.Nd2 Qxc2 16.Qe4 Qc3 17.Rb1 0-0 18.0-0 exd4 19.Nc4 Rfe8 20.Qf5 Ne5 21. Bb2 Qb4 22.Nxd6 cxd6 23.exd4 Nc6 24.Rfc1 Qb7 25.Qf3 Nb4 26.Qxb7 Rxb7 =. Nd2 drops the f pawn with no compensation where Black stands better.) [*Stockfish: 9.Qe2 0-0-0 (If 9...Nxf5 10.Bxf5 Qxf5 11.Qb5+ c6 12.Qxb7 Rc8, etc...) 10.Nd2 Nxf5 11.Rg1 g6 12.Bb2 Kb8 13.Nf3 e6, etc...] 9...Nxf5 10.c4?! [D]



(Terance: Frankly I was a little concerned about Nf3 with control over e5. it was best to develop moving the Knight or dark squared Bishop.)

10...e6 [Controls f5] (Terance: Time to finish developing.) 11.Bxf5? [D]



(Terance: Bad move as White gives up his most active Bishop (Text cont. p.6)

(Cont. from p.5) and leaves behind passive pieces thus Black has a huge advantage.) [11.c5!?=+] **11...exf5-+ 12.cxd5 Bb4 [D]**



(Terance: No need to rush and take the pawn as it can be taken anytime. My priority here was to finish developing and make White as uncomfortable as possible.) [*Stockfish: 12...0-0-0 13.Qf3 Bb4 14.a3 Bc3 15.Ra2 Nxd5 16.0-0 Rhe8, etc...] **13.0-0 Bxd2** (Terance: Much better was Nxd5 but positionally I wanted to leave White with a passive minor piece.) [*Stockfish: 13...Nxd5 14.Nc4 0-0-0 15.a3 Be7 16.Kh1 Kb8 17.Bd2 Bf6, etc...] **14.Bxd2 0-0 15.Qc2 Nxd5 16.Rac1** (Terance: White needs to free his Bishop so planning a break like e4 in the future would seem likely.) [*Stockfish: 16.Rae1 Rad8 17.f3 Rfe8 18.Kh1 Nf6 19.Re2 h6 20.Bc1 c6, etc...] **16...Rfe8 [D]**



(Terance: Played to prevent any e4 break. I can play c6 later.) **17.Qd1 [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [17.Qd3 [D]



Analysis Diagram

f4!] Double attack: f4/g1 18.exf4 Qg4+ 19.Qg3 Qe2-+ [*Stockfish: 20.Rcd1 Qe4 21.h3 c6 22.Rc1 Qxd4 23.Bc3 Nxc3 24.Rxc3 Rad8, etc...] **17...c6-+ 18.Qf3 [D]**



(Terance: Best move to hold things together.) **18...Re4** (Terance: Blocks any kind of break.) **19.Kh1 Rae8** (Terance: Getting my last piece into action.) **20.Rg1 Rg4 [D]**

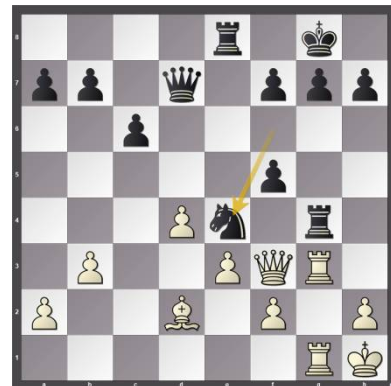


(Terance: I played this as I wanted an active winning plan knowing that I can play g6 and slowly improve my position.) [*Stockfish: 20...g6 21.Qh3 Qe6 22.Rcd1 Qf6 23.Qf3 Kg7 24.a4 g5 25.Rde1 h6, etc...] **21.Rg3 [21.Ra1 Nf6 22.Raf1 Ne4-+] 21...Nf6** (Terance: Baiting White to play his other Rook over to force a winning tactic.) **22.Rcg1? [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: h3 had to be played. Rcg1 plays right into Black winning tactic.) [Better is 22.h3 Rh4 23.Qg2-+] **22...Ne4!? [D]** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 22.Rcg1? (From prev. col.)



Position after 22...Ne4!? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Ne4 forces a material and/or positional loss for White.) **23.Rxg4 [23.Bb4 does not win a prize 23...Nxg3+ 24.hxg3 h5-+] 23...fxg4 [D]**



(Terance: At this point White resigned. Stockfish gives Black a 7.42 pawn advantage.) [23...fxg4 24.Qe2 h5-+ [*Stockfish: 25.Rg2 Qf5 26.a4 Qf3 27.Qxf3 gxf3, etc...]] **0-1**

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Game from the NPCC 2019 July Quads Tournament:

Round: 2

(Text cont. p.7)

(Cont. from p.6) Submitted by Olin with my comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Olin Mastin (1541)

Black: Don Funk (1566)

Date: 7/19/2019

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[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4] (Olin - i.e. The London System)

1.d4 d5 [1...Nf6 2.Bf4 (2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 1-0 (40) Ortega,L (2435)-Broekman,W (2151) Saint Vincent 2006) 2...e6 3.e3 d5 0-1 (18) Bischoff,L (1062)-Lehmann,G (1675) Frankfurt 2014] 2.Bf4 [D]



(Olin - I thought I would try the London System vs. Don, thinking that he may not be too familiar with it.) **2...Nf6 [2...e6 3.e3 b6 4.Nf3 1-0 (22) Jarszyk,T (1695)-Hinrichs,N (1345) Worms 2013] 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 b6 5.c3 Ne4N [D]**



(Olin - A surprising move by Don.) [5...Bb7= 6.Bd3 (6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7, etc... Ortega,L (2435)-Broekman,W (2151) Saint Vincent 2006 1-0 (40) 6...Bd6 7.Be5 0-0 8.Ng5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.h4 Re8, etc...0-1 (18) Bischoff,L (1062)-Lehmann,G (1675) Frankfurt 2014; 5...c5 6.Bd3 g6 7.Nbd2 Bb7 8.Ne5 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.h4 h5, etc... Ramirez,A-Sandoval,Y (1499) Bogota 2013 0-1; 5...Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.Nbd2 Bb7 8.Bd3 0-0, etc... Jarszyk,T (1695)-Hinrichs,N (1345) Worms 2013 1-0] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **6.Nbd2**

Bb7 (Olin - I don't think that a Queen's fianchetto is the best defense to the London.) [6...Nxd2= 7.Qxd2 (7.Kxd2 Bd6+=) 7...Bd6] **7.Nxe4+= dxe4 8.Ne5 [White is better.] 8...Be7 [8...Bd6+=] 9.Qa4+ [D]**



(Olin - I think this initiates problems for White.) [White should try 9.Bb5+- c6 10.Ba4] **9...c6 [9...Kf8+= feels stronger.] 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.f3 [11.Qc2+-] 11...f6 [11...b5+= 12.Qc2 f6] 12.Ng4 [Better is 12.Nc4+-] 12...b5 [12...exf3+= 13.gxf3 c5] 13.Qc2 [D]**



(Olin - Building a Kingside attack.) [13.Qb3+-] **13...exf3 14.gxf3 Qd5? [14...f5+=] 15.Bd3+- f5? [15...Qh5 16.Rhg1 Kh8] 16.e4 [D]**



(Olin - If the Black Queen captures White's a-pawn is of no consequence to White.) [Better is 16.Rhg1 Nh6+ is the strong threat. (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **16...fxg4 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Rxg4] 16...fxe4 17.Bxe4 Qh5 [D]**



(Olin - Black is trying desperately to defend his Kingside.) **18.Be5 Nd7 19.Qb3 [with initiative!] [Black is under strong pressure.] (Olin - Controlling key diagonals!) 19...Qf7 [19...Nxe5+- 20.Qxe6+ (20.Nxe5 Qh3+-) 20...Nf7 21.Qxe7 Qg5+ 22.Qxg5 Nxd5] 20.Rhg1 [D]**



[And now Nh6+ would win.] **20...Nf6? [20...Bg5+ 21.Kb1 Qe7] 21.Nh6+ [White is clearly winning.] 21...Kh8 22.Nxf7+ Rxf7 23.Qxe6 Raf8 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Qh3 [D]**



25...h6 26.Kb1 [D] (Next col.) (Olin - NOT 26.Qf5??, threatening mate on h7, 27...Bg5+! wins White's Queen! Black resigned.)

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(Position after 26.Kb1 (From p.7)



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**Game from the NPCC 2019
August G90 Octagonal Tourna-
ment:**

Round: 3

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

White: Olin Mastin (1525)

Black: Don Funk (1545)

Date: 8/16/2019

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[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including
2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4]

**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 [2.Bf4 Bf5 3.e3 e6 0-1
(38) Farkas,R (2009)-Mayer,I (2063) Bu-
dapest 2011] 2...Bf5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 c5
5.c3 [D]**



(Olin – Once again I meet Don playing
White. Because I had good success the
last time I played the London System
against him, I thought I would try it
again!) **5...Nc6 6.Nbd2 Nge7N**

[6...Nf6= keeps the balance.] **7.Qb3**

[White should try 7.dxc5+= Ng6 8.Nb3]

7...Qb6? [D] (Next col.) [7...Qd7= and

Black is okay.] 8.Bb5? Ng6 9.Bg3

[9.dxc5!= Bxc5 10.Bg3] **9...cxd4**

10.cxd4 Be7 11.Ne5? [D] (Next col.)

[11.a3=] **11...Ngxe5-+ 12.Bxe5 0-0**

13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.0-0 f6 15.Bg3 c5

16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Rfc1 Rfd8 [D]

(Next col.) **18.Qxb6= Bxb6 19.Bc7**

Rdc8 (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 7...Qb6? (From
prev. col.)**



**Position after 11.Ne5? (From
prev. col.)**



**Position after 17...Rfd8 (From
prev. col.)**



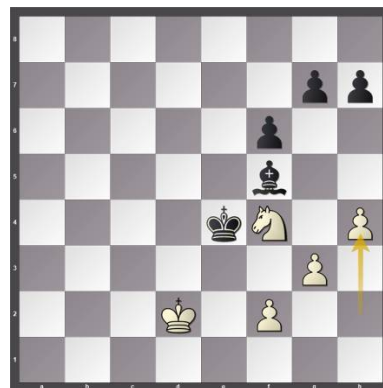
(Cont. from prev. col.) **20.Bd6
Kf7 21.Nb3 e5 22.Bc5 Ke6
23.Bxb6+= axb6 24.Rxc8 Rxc8
25.Rc1 Rxc1+ 26.Nxc1 d4
27.exd4 exd4 28.Kf1 Kd5
29.Ke2 Kc4 30.Kd2 b5 31.b3+
Kb4 32.a4 bxa4 33.bxa4 Kxa4
34.Ne2 d3 35.Nf4 [D] (Next col.)
Kb5 36.Nxd3 Kc4 37.Nf4 Kd4
38.g3 Ke4 39.h4 [D] (Next col.)
g5 40.hxg5 fxg5 41.Ne2 h5
42.Ke1 h4 43.gxh4 gxh4 44.Kf1
Bg4 45.Ng3+ [D] (Next col.)**

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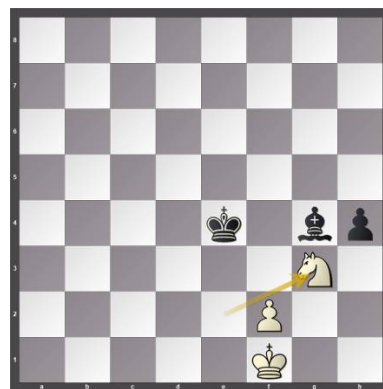
**Position after 35.Nf4 (From prev.
col.)**



**Position after 39.h4 (From prev.
col.)**



**Position after 45.Ng3+ (From prev.
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