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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Fall 2019, Part 1

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This issue features NPCC games played in October, November Games.

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 November G90 Swiss Tnmt. Round: 3

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

White: Emmit Fitzgerald (1655)
Black: Joseph Mucerino (2113)
Date: 11/15/2019

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¹[B22: Sicilian: 2 c3] (Joe - This is the first time I played Emmit. He has already defeated some of the club's stronger players, **1.e4 d5 [D]** (Next col.)

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Position after 1...d5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) and got clear first in the prior tournament!) **2.e5?!** (Joe - Twenty-five ((or more)) years ago, I read that 2.exd5 was the best move, because the impetus is on Black to regain the pawn. I agree.)

2...c5 (Joe - Another good move is 2...Bf5. Black gets a French Defense-like opening, but his light squared bishop, which is bad in the French, can develop easily. I prefer the text move, because now if White plays 3.d4, I can trade my flank pawn for his center pawn. Also, I can potentially develop my light squared Bishop to g4, as I did in this game.) **3.c3** (Joe - The text is Stockfish 7's top (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) choice, so it's difficult for me to criticize it, but I would prefer 3.Nf3. As we shall see in the game, White will get a backward pawn on d4.) **3...Nc6 4.d4 [D]**



4...cxd4 5.cxd4 Qb6?! [D]



(Joe - Attacking the backward (Text cont. p.2)

NPCC 2019 December Quads December 6th, 13th & 20th

3-Round Robin in 4-Player Section

Time Control: 40/80, SD/30; d5. Affects regular rating only. Round times 8: PM. Entry fees: \$10 NPCC Members/ \$13 Non-NPCC Members. USCF Membership required - you can join/renew at site. One round each Friday night. Please arrive no later than 7:45 PM to register on December 6th. Prizes: Each Quad = \$30. Must play all three rounds. Makeup games must be done at scheduled opponent's convenience or forfeit.



12th Women's World Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk

NPCC Schedule December 2019

DATE	ROUND	EVENT	ROUND TIMES	TYPE
6-Dec	1 of 3	2019 December Quads	Registration: 7:00 to 7:45 PM 8:00 PM - Rd. 1 <u>Please arrive no later than 7:45 PM to register.</u>	Quad (3-Round Robin in 4-Player Sections)
13-Dec	2 of 3	Continued	8:00 PM	
20-Dec	3 of 3*	Continued	8:00 PM	
TIME CONTROL		ENTRY FEE	PRIZES	COMMENTS
40/80,SD/30;d5		\$10 NPCC Members / \$13 Non-Members	PRIZES Each Quad: First Place = \$30	All three games must be played. If you cannot attend on a certain Friday night, please re-schedule at your <u>opponent's convenience</u>, or forfeit
Third Round: Toss for colors. May be done in advance.				

(Cont. from p. 1) pawn immediately, but this is not best (5...Bf5 was). Can you see what White's best move is here? ((I didn't see it at the board).) **6.Nf3?** (Joe - Although 6.Ne2 holds the pawn, it blocks in White's own pieces. The best move is 6.Nc3!, hitting d5, and white retains a small advantage.) [6.Nc3= remains equal.] **6...Bg4+ 7.Be2?! [D]**



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 (Joe - After 7.Be3, white holds on to his center pawn, although Black can capture the b-pawn.) [7.Nc3=+] **7...Bxf3! 8.Bxf3** [Black is clearly better.] **8...Qxd4** [Better is 8...e6+ 9.Be3 Qxb2] **9.0-0? [D]**



(Joe - Of course not 9.Bxd5?? Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 0-0-0 11.Nc3 e6.) [9.Bxd5+ Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1] **9...Qxd1+ (Text cont. next col.)**

(Cont. from prev. col.) [9...e6 10.Qb3 Qb4 11.Qe3 Nge7 12.a3 Qd4, etc... Klimes,J (2365)-Stania,P Hrabyne 2003 0-1 (34) **10.Rxd1** [10.Bxd1 is a better defense. 10...e6 11.Ba4] **10...e6 11.Nc3N** [11.Bf4 Bc5 12.Nc3 Nge7 13.Nb5 0-0 14.Rac1 Ng6 15.Bg3 Be7, etc... 0-1 (24) Goes,C (1789)-Schumacher,K (1843) Verden 2014] **11...Nxe5 12.Be2 Nf6 13.Nb5 Kd7 [D]**



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(Cont. from p.2) (Joe - With the queens off the board, there is no need to castle.)

14.Bf4 Nc6 (Joe - Not only moving the Knight out of harm's way, but preventing a Rc7+ at some point.) **15.Rac1 a6**
16.Na3? [D]



[16.Nc7 Rd8 17.Bf3] **16...Bd6** (Joe - Many times, when one side is behind in development (such as I am), he can catch up in development by trading off a piece that has not moved for one that has, such as 16...Bxa3 here. There is the old saying that if you opponent has the bishop pair, try to trade off one of his bishops. So I chose to do that.) **17.Bxd6 Kxd6**

18.Nc4+ [Better is 18.f4 Ke7 19.Nc2]

18...Kc7 (Joe - If 18...Ke7, Black would have to play the embarrassing 19...Ra7 after 19.Nb6, because otherwise White could win back a pawn with Bxa6 and Rxc6.) [Better is 18...Ke7 19.Nb6 Ra7]

19.Ne5 Rhf8 20.b4 Nd7 [Black is clearly winning.] **21.Nxc6** [Better is 21.Nd3 Rfc8 22.a4] **21...bxc6 22.b5 axb5 23.Bxb5 Nb8 [D]** (Next col.) (Joe - Ugly, but best.)

24.Rd2 Kd6 25.Be2 c5 [D] (Next col.) **26.Rb2 Nd7** (Joe - Slightly better is the more natural 26...Nc6.) **27.Ra1 Rfb8 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.a4 c4** (Joe - Cutting off the Bishop from supporting the pawn.)

30.a5 Ra8 [D]

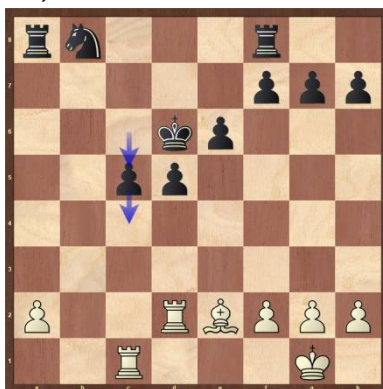


(Joe - The pawn will fall.) **0-1** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 23...Nb8 (From prev. col.)



Position after 25...c5 (From prev. col.)



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¹ "A Center Counter Game (Scandinavian Defense) transitioned to a Sicilian Defense!" (Footnote by editor)

Game from the NPCC 2019

G45 October Two-Night

Tournament:

Round: 3

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

White: Terance Hall (1850)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (2116)

Date: 10/25/2019

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[D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2)] (Text cont. next col.)

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 [D]



((Terance: I decided to go into the exchange variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined just to see how Joe would handle it.) **4...exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Qc2 [D]**



(Terance: Bd3 can also be played here transposing, as it is usually the next move for White. The moves prevent Bf5 now that c6 protects the d-pawn.)

[7.Bd3 Nbd7] **7...0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7**

9.Nge2 (Terance: Here I choose a flexible line. Sometimes I play Nf3. Nge2 allowing a Kingside pawn storm, or just straight positional play.) **9...Re8 10.0-0** (Terance: Here we are still in book, as this position has been played thousands of times.)

10...Ne4? [D]



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(Text cont. from p.4) (Terance: Here Joe repeats a mistake from our last game in which I failed to complete the punishment. The ironic thing is that I recently played the Black side of this playing the same move and quickly lost as Black. It is not apparent at first glance but Black loses a pawn by force with very little compensation, if any. I suggested after the game h6, but Nf8 or g6 can be also played here.) **11.Bf4! [D]**



(Terance: The correct and strongest response. Now White has the threat of Nxd5, then Bc7 traps the Black Queen. I gave this move a (!), because as soon as I played it, Joe sighed and remembered why Ne4 was premature, as it is refuted by the Bf4 move. Now Nxd5! would win.)

11...Ndf6 (Terance: The best move for the situation. Black loses a pawn in all variations and gives Black's Queen some air. Last game Joe chose Nxc3, giving up his h7 pawn, leaving his King exposed. At that last game I suggested to Joe that Nd7 to f6 was the best response and the top response from the chess engines.)

12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4

14.Qxe4 [D] (Next col.) (Terance: The position I knew from prior analysis. I knew Black cannot take advantage of the Queen, thus having barely any compensation for the lost pawn.) **14...Bf6**

[14...f5 15.Qc2 Bf6 16.Nc3 Re7 17.Rad1 g5 (Better is 17...Be6) 18.Bg3 Be6, etc... **15.Qf3N [D]**



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(From prev. col.) **Position after 14.Qxe4**



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Here I knew the two choices for the Queen were Qf3 or Qc2. I rather remember that Qf3 was a move that Stockfish suggested even though Qc2 was more natural for me and nearly as good. With Qf3 I knew I had possible threats with Qg3.) [15.Qc2 Qd5

a) 15...Qe7 16.Rac1 Be6 17.a3 Rad8 18.b4 Rd7 19.Qc5 a6 20.Be5 Qxc5, etc... Wiley,T (2242)-Senders,M (2048) Maastricht 2013 1/2-1/2]

b) 15...g5 16.Bg3! h5 17.h3 Qe7 18.Rac1 Kh8 19.Qc5, etc... Karavade,E (2369)-Sithalatchumi,A (1917) Bhuvananeswar 2011 1/2-1/2 16.Nc3 Qh5 17.Rad1 Be6 18.e4 Rad8 19.Be3 Be7 20.f4 Bb4, etc... Holm,S-Kolbak,J Aarhus 1966 1-0 (32)

15...Be6 16.Nc3 (Terance: A most natural and easy move to find, as the Knight prevents Bd5. That would help White and threatens a future Ne4, or Na4 to c5 jump.) **16...Qb6**

(Terance: The best and most testing move that bring tactics with it. I spent some time on this move to find the best response.) **17.b3!? [D]**



(Terance: Best move! The key to finding the most correct move is to prevent Black from executing his plan. I wanted to prevent a c5 break, stop the Queen from taking the b-pawn, (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) and getting play, limiting the scope of Black's light square Bishop. I realize that b3 accomplishes all of this, as c5 loses a Pawn with Na4, blocks the Bishop, and saves the Pawn.) **17...Rad8?** (Terance: What seems like a natural developing move is incorrect. Better was Qa5, Rac8, or Bf5.) [17...Qa5 18.Rac1+; Stockfish: 17...Bf5 18.Qg3 Bg6 19.Rac1 Qd8 20.Na4 Bh4,etc...] **18.Rac1** (Terance: Better was Qg3 which was my first response, but I didn't like my Rook being on the same diagonal with Black's Bishop. I figured that I can play Qg3 later.) [18.Qg3 Rd7+; 18.Qg3+] **18...Qa5** (Terance: Slightly better was Be7.) **19.Na4 [D]**



(Terance: Here I lose some of my advantage. Best is Qg3, Rfd1, or Ne4. I played Na4. My plan was to have Black weaken his Queenside, or force Bd5 so I can force Qg3 with tempo, attacking the Bishop with Nc3. Hopefully, I will have a better version of the position.) [19.Ne4 Be7 20.Qg3! Qf5+- Stockfish: 21.f3 Qg6 22.Qf2 Ba3 23.Ra1 b6 24.Rfd1 f5 25.Nc3 Bf7, etc...] **19...Bd5** [19...Be7!? 20.Qg3 Qh5 21.e4+; If 19...Qd2? 19...Be7] **20.Qg3+- b6 21.Nc3** (Terance: Just executing my plan.) **21...Be6?? [D]**



(Terance: Best was Be7.) [Better is 21...Be7+-] **22.Ne4+- [D]** (p.5)

(Text cont. p.5)

(From p.4) **Position after 22.Ne4+-**



(Cont. from p.4) (Terance: This is the move that seals the game. I had to find the follow-up move, Be5 to make it work. I saw that my a2 and b3 pawn could fall.) **22...Be7 23.Be5** [Don't do 23.Rxc6?! Bf5+-] **23...g6** (Terance: What else to play?) **24.Qf4! Rd5** (Terance: The move I anticipated, as Black has to sacrifice to stop immediate mate threats.) **25.Nf6+** [D]



(Terance: I decided to go with the most forcing win, even though other moves were stronger, such as Rxc6.) [Better is 25.Rxc6!? keeps an even firmer grip 25...Rxe5 26.dxe5 Rf8+-; Not 25.Qh6 Rxe5 26.dxe5 Qxe5+-] **25...Bxf6 26.Qxf6** [with attack.] [Don't take 26.Bxf6?! Rf5+-] **26...Rxe5 27.dxe5** (Terance: I figured this was slightly better than Qxe5.) **27...Bd5** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Joe plays the best move, as trading pawns works more in my favor. Now I have to watch that Black does not get his Queen to e4.) [27...c5 might work better. 28.Ra1 b5] **28.Rc2** (Terance: The Human move. Stockfish chess engine suggest Rfd1 is stronger than Rc2. Black must now prevent Rd1.) [*Stockfish: 28.Rfd1 Re6 (If 28...Qxa2 29.e4 Bxb3 30.Rd8 Rxd8 31.Qxd8+ Kg7, etc...)] **28...Qb4?** (Terance: This puts the Queen on an ineffective square; however, it is hard to find a move here.) [28...Be4 29.Rc4 Qxe5 30.Qxe5 Rxe5+-; Better is 28...Be4 29.Rcc1 Qxa2] **29.f3!** [D]



(Terance: This stops both the Bishop and Queen threats, giving my King some air to breathe.) **29...Qb5** [29...c5? 29...a5 3.22 30.Rd1 Bxb3 31.e6 Bxe6] [D]



(Analysis Diagram)

32.Rcd2!+-; Better is 29...a5 30.e4 Qd4+ 31.Kh1 Qd3] **30.Rd1** (Terance: Again preventing any counterplay. This kind of positional play doesn't allow Qd3, or c5.) **30...Qb4** (Terance: Trying to get the Queen into play.) [30...h6 does not improve anything 31.e4 Be6 32.Rcd2 Qc5+ 33.Kh1+-] **31.Kf2** [Better is 31.e4 and the rest is a matter of technique 31...Re6? (31...Be6 32.Rcd2 Qc5+ 33.Kh1 Qf8) 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.exd5 cxd5 34.Qxd5 Qf4+-] **31...Re6 32.Qf4** [Better is 32.Qd8+ might be the shorter path 32...Kg7 33.e4 Bxb3 34.axb3 Qxb3+-] **32...Qe7?** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [32...Qxf4 33.exf4 a5+-; 32...Qxf4 was called for. 33.exf4 f6] **33.e4** [D]



(Terance: Trapping the Bishop which I could have done a move ago, if I played Qd8+. White is clearly winning.) **33...Bxe4 34.Qxe4 Rxe5** [D]



35.Rd8+! [D] (p.6) [Deflection: e5] (Terance: Here I wanted to trade down, if I can, to eliminate any counterplay. I saw this tactic to force a trade or pin the Rook. Playing Qxc6 was possible also.) **35...Kg7** [35...Qxd8 36.Qxe5 Deflection] **36.Qd4 c5 37.Qc3 Qh4+** [37...Kh6 doesn't change anything anymore 38.g3 Qe6 39.Rd7+-] **38.Kf1 f6** [38...Qf6 doesn't change the outcome of the game 39.Re2 Rf5 40.Qxf6+ Rxf6 41.Re7+-] **39.g3** [D]



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Position after 35.Rd8+! (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) [Better is 39.Rd7+ ends the debate 39...Kh6 40.Re2 Rxe2 41.Kxe2 Qg5+–] 39...Oh3+ 40.Kg1 Qe6 41.Od3 Re3 [41...h5 does not help much 42.Rd7+ Kh6 43.Qd2+ g5 44.Qd3+–] 42.Od7+ [D]



(Terance: Here Black resigned! [42.Od7+ Qxd7 43.Rxd7+ Kh6 44.Kf2+–] 1-0 Copy and paste the link below into your browser:

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Game from the NPCC 2019 G90 Swiss Tournament

Round: 4

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

White: Terance Hall (1839)

Black: Emmitt Fitzgerald (1758)

Date: 11/22/2019

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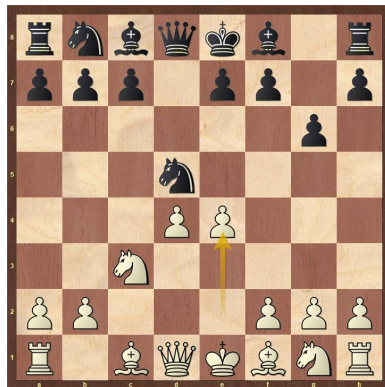
[D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4]

1.d4 (Terance: I came to this game to win. I lost to Emmitt recently with our first encounter, playing against one another. Emmitt is a nice up and coming player, who is progressing very quickly.) **1...Nf6**
2.c4 g6 (Terance: I smiled when (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) Emmitt played this. I rarely see a K.I.D., or a Grunfeld Defense. It was a nice challenge.) **3.Nc3 d5** [D]



4.cxd5 (Terance: I decided to go into the Exchange Variation, which in my opinion gives White a nice center and comfortable game.) **4...Nxd5**
5.e4 [D]



5...Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 [D]



8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Qa5
11.Rb1 (Terance: I remembered back in the mid 90's having a book entitled, "The Complete Grunfeld." When it mentioned this move in this position, it suggested that Rb1 was the best move with the intention of playing Rb5 to harass the Queen and winning the c5 pawn.) **11...Rd8** [D] (Next col.) (Terance: Interesting move showing Emmitt's attacking style, but better was pulling the Queen back. I think Black (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 11...Rd8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) failed to see my next move.) [11...a6 12.Qc1 b5 13.Bb3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bd7 15.Qc5 Rac8 16.Qg5 e6, etc... Tisdall,J (2435)-Dvoiry,S (2525) Gausdal 1991 0-1 (50); 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 a6 13.Qb3 b5 14.Bd5 Bd7 15.Rfc1 Rac8 16.e5 e6, etc... Wenninger,P (1837)-Mohit-Rodriguez,D (1600) Naumburg Saale 2014 1-0; Stockfish: 11...e6 12.Rb5 Qc7 13.Rxc5 b6 14.Bf4 e5 15.Rxc6 Qxc6 16.Bd5 Qc7, etc...] **12.Rb5** (Terance: I thought about Qb3 securing a positional advantage; however, playing this way does not pose the problems that Rb5 does. Playing Rb5 wins a pawn. Black has to spend time to find the best solution. I noticed that Emmitt spent some time on this. It seemed that he missed this move.) **12...Qc7** [D]



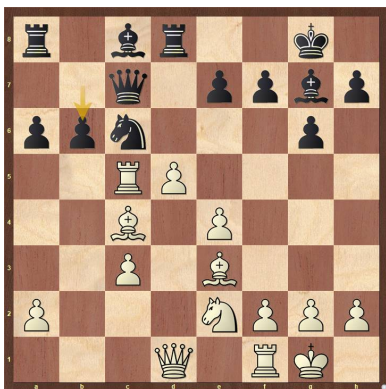
(Terance: Best reply.) **13.Rxc5** (Terance: I did not have to worry about if my Rook would be trapped. I had already analyzed this line before, knowing I was safe taking the pawn.) **13...a6?N** [Covers b5] (Terance: Interesting move taking away the b5 square, trying to trap my Rook, or make it uncomfortable with b6 or b5 on the next move to play his Bishop to b7 with tempo. I thought b6 was best, (Text cont. p. 7)

(Cont. from p.6) as now a6 gives White a huge, if not winning advantage.)

[13...b6 14.Bf4 (14.Rd5 Bd7 (14...Bb7 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.f3 Ne5, etc... Galvin,R-Nield,D Canberra 1995 1-0 (40)) 15.Bf4 Qc8 16.Qd3 a6 17.Bb3 h6 18.Qg3 Kf8 19.Bc7 e6 20.Bxd8, etc... 1-0 (26) Risch,M (2030)-Jeitz,O (1822) Luxembourg 1999) 14...e5 15.Rxc6 Qxc6 16.Bd5 Qc7 17.Bxa8 exf4 18.Bd5 Ba6. Etc... Witte,V (1673)-Grass,A (1639) Leverkusen 2008 0-1 (70); 13...b6!? is noteworthy 14.Rd5 Rxd5 15.Bxd5 e6+=] **14.d5!** [D]



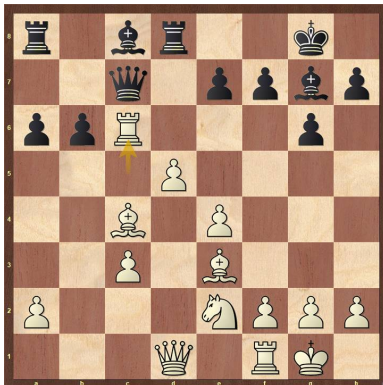
[Strongly threatening Qb1.] (Terance: Qb3 was just slightly better, but my intuition prompted me to play d5. This move poses Black immediate problems to solve.) [Stockfish: 14.Qb3 e6 15.d5 Bf8 16.dxc6 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 b5 18.Qb4 Qxc6, etc...] **14...b6??** [D]



[Black has lost his nerve... understandable when you consider his position] (Terance: Here is one of those optical illusion moves that seem so natural to play for getting that the Knight is attacked and hanging after the b7 pawn moves. I showed this to another player after the game. He played the same blunder for getting the Rook can take the Knight.) [Better is 14...Qd6 15.Bb3 Ne5+- Stockfish: 16.f4 Ng4 17.Bd4 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 e5 19.dxe6 Bxe6 20.Qxd6 Rxd6, etc...] **15.Rxc6+-** [D] (Next col.) (Terance: Emmitt sighed after I took the Knight as he just realized he dropped his Knight.)

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Position after 15.Rxc6+- (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **15...Qxc6** (Terance: Black just quickens the end.) [15...Qd7 what else? 16.Rxb6 Qe8+-] **16.dxc6 Rxd1 17.Rxd1** [D]



(Terance: Game over, Black resigns!) [17.Rxd1 Be5 18.Bxb6+-] **1-0**

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Game from the NPCC 2019 October G45 Two-Night Tournament:

Round: 1

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Joseph Mucerino (2116)

Black: Olin Mastin (1517)

Date: 10/18/2019

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[A48: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6: Torre, London and Colle Systems] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.c3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5**

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(Cont. from prev. col.) **8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Qe2 Qc7** [D]



(Joe: I thought that 9...e5, preventing white's next move, was best for black, but the computer favors the text slightly.) **10.e5** [D]



(Joe: This pawn actually is a bit over extended.) **10...Ng4N** [*10...Nh5 11.0-0 (11.e6 f6 12.Be3 Na5 13.Bd5 f5 14.g3 f4 15.gxf4 Qd6, etc... Van Harreveld,F (2262)-Delemarre,J (2433) Netherlands 2006 0-1) 11...h6 12.Be3 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.g4 Nf6 15.f4 Qc7 16.f5 b5, etc Tzermadianos,A (2418)-Kotronias,V (2602) Athens 2003 CBM 097 [Hazai] ½-½; 10...Nd7 11.e6 fxe6 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.0-0 Nde5 14.Bxc8 Raxc8, etc... Jussupow,A (2608)-Brkic,A (2575) Bastia 2012 ½-½ (45)] **11.e6** [The position is equal.] **11...f6 12.Bh4! Nge5 13.Bg3 Qb6 14.Bb3?** [D]



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(Cont. from p.7) (Joe: White's small advantage is lost here. The best move is 14.Bxe5, which is stronger than 14.Nxe5, because White wants to play Ng5 at some point. If 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.Ne4, and it's the other Knight which goes to g5.) **14...Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 Nd8?** [D]



(Joe: During the game, I thought that 15...Na5 would win the e6 pawn for black, missing the simple move 16.Bd5. The computer likes 15...Ne5, trying to block white's protection of the e6 pawn.) **16.0-0-0 (with initiative) [D]**



(Joe: Right idea, but 16.Rd1 is stronger since the King is less exposed. White will regain the pawn with interest after 16...Nxe6 (not 16...Bxe6? 17.Rd8) 17.0-0 Kh8 18.Rfe1 and, after the Knight moves, 19.Qxe7 and White has a great position.) [White has some pressure.] **16...Nxe6??** (Joe: Now the Knight is pinned.) [16...a5+=] **17.Rhe1+- Kh8?** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe: Black just had to play 17...Kf7 and cross his fingers. White does not win the piece immediately, but Black is pretty much immobilized.) [17...Kf7+- 18.Kb1 Re8] **18.Bxe6+- Bxe6 19.Qxe6 Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Rfe8 21.Rd7 b6 22.Rxe7 [White is clearly winning.] 22...Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Rd8 [Better is 23...b5 24.Rc7 Bf8] 24.Rxa7 Bh6+ 25.Kc2 f5 26.Be5+ Kg8 27.Rb7 [D]**



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