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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Spring 2020, Part 2

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This issue features Terance Hall's Games, Rd's 3-7 from the 2020 NPCC 41st Winter Robin. (Rd's 1-2 are in *En Passant*, Winter 2020, Part 1)

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 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament

Round: 3

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz, *Stockfish, *Lc0 comments [shown thus].

White: Michael O'Gara (1721)

Black: Terance Hall (1826)

Date: 1/24/2020

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[B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3]

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(Cont. from prev. col.) 1.e4 c5
2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 [D]



(Terance: This seems to be the most common move in the club now against the Sicilian.)

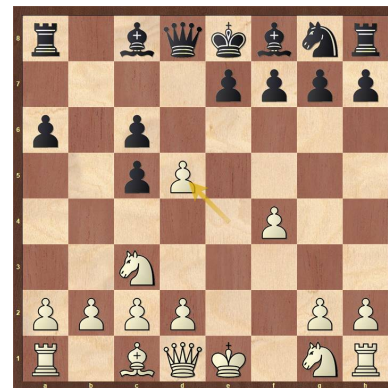
3...a6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 (Terance: dxc6 is equally playable.)

5.f4 d5 6.exd5? [D] (Next col.) (Terance: Best was d3.) [6.Nf3±; 6.d3 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.e5 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Qe1 Qb6, etc...]

Macko,M (2173) -Debnar,J (2046) Slovakia 2014 1-0 (42); 6.e5 Nh6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.0-0 e6 9.d3 Nf5 10.h3 h5, etc... Perez Arenas, A (2048) -Alvarez, P (2103) Medellin 2015 1-0 (32)]

6...cxd5? 7.d3N [7.d4 e6 (Text cont. next col.)

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



(Cont. from prev. col.) 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.0-0 Ne7 10.Kh1 0-0 11.Be3 c4 12.Qe1 Bd7, etc... Woolford,J (1131) -Yie,K (914) Toronto 2009 1-0 (35)]

7...Nf6 (Terance: The engines like Nh6 or e6 here.) 8.Nf3 [Black is better.] 8...e6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Ne5 Qc7 [D] (p.2)

(Terance: If you can create a threat and develop at the same time, Do it!)

11.Qe1 0-0 (Terance: Queen on same file as my King "Red Alert" must get out of danger.) 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.Na4 Bb7 [13...Nh5!≠ 14.Qe2 g6 ((Lc0: 14...Nxf4 15.Bxf4 Rb4 16.Nc3 Rxf4 17.Rxf4 Bxe5, etc...))] (Text cont. p.2)

***Tournament has been postponed!**



North Penn Chess Club G/45; d5 Dual Rated Tournament April 17th & 24th. A 4-Round Swiss

Two Rounds each night. One half point bye permitted for Rounds 1, 2 or 3. Must play Round 4 to be eligible for prize.

Registration: 7:00 to 7:45 PM April 17th. Round 1 game starts at 8:00 PM. Round 2 to follow. April 24th round 3 starts at 8:00 PM. Round 4 to follow.

Entry fee: \$10 NPCC Members/\$15 Non-Members. Prizes (Based on minimum of 10 Entrants): 1st Place = \$40. 2nd Place = \$30. Top in Lower Half* = \$20. *(Class Prize - Rating TBD on-site).

NPCC Schedule April 2020

DATE	ROUND	EVENT	ROUND TIMES	TYPE
17-Apr	1 and 2 of 4 (Two rounds played each night.)	April 2020 G/45 "Two-Night" Tournament.	Registration: 7:00 to 7:45 PM Please arrive no later than 7:45PM to register. Rd.1 at 8:00 PM Rd. 2 to follow.	4-Round Swiss
24-Apr	3 and 4 of 4 (Both rounds played in one night.)	Continued	Rd. 3 at 8:00 PM Rd. 4 to follow	
TIME CONTROL	ENTRY FEE	PRIZES		COMMENTS
G/45;d5 (Dual rated)	\$10 NPCC Members/ \$15 Non-Members	PRIZES (Based on minimum of 10 Entrants): First Place = \$40, 2nd Place = \$30, *Top-in-Lower-Half = \$20 *(Class Prize - Rating TBD on-site)		One 1/2 point bye permitted for Round 1, 2, or 3. Must play Round 4 to be eligible for prize.

Note: Tournament has been postponed!

Position after 10...Qc7 (From p. 1)



(Cont. from p. 1) **14. Ba5 Qe7 15. b3**
[15.Rb1#] **15...Nd7** [15...Nh5!# Hoping
for ...f6. 16.Bd2 g6] **16. Nb6?** [D]



(Terance: Nb6 is to slow, Qe3 was best.)
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(Cont. from prev. col.) [16.Qe3#
*Lc0: 16...Rfe8 17.Nxd7 d4 18.Qg3
Qxd7 19.Nb6 Qe7 20.Nc4 Bd5, etc...]
16...Nxb6!-+ (Terance: Black is
clearly better.) **17. Bxb6 Ba8**
18. Ba5 [*Lc0: If 18.Qa5 Rfc8 ((If
18...Qb7?! 19.Bxc5 d4 20.Rf2 Bc7
21.Qd2 Rfd8, etc...)) 19.d4 ((If
19.Qxa6?! f6 20.d4 cxd4 21.Nf3 Rc6
22.Qa7 Rccb6 23.Qxe7 Bxe7, etc...))
19...f6 20.Ng4 cxd4 21.Bxd4 Rxc2
22.Qxa6 Bc5, etc...] **18...d4** [18...f6#
19.Ng4 Rbe8] **19. Qg3 Bc7** [19...f5#]
20. Bxc7= Qxc7 21. Rae1 Kh8?
(Terance: Bad move I leave my Queen
hanging for a nice tactic for White.)
[21...Bd5= and Black stays safe.]
22. Nc4? [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance:
White misses the f5 chance!) [22.f5!+-
Qb7 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.Rf7! Rxf7 25.Nxf7+
Kg8 26.Rf1] **22...Rbe8** (Terance: best
was g6, now White is clearly better as
my King is missed placed.) [22...g6#]
23. Re5 [23.f5!± Qxg3 24.hxg3]
23...Bd5 24. Rf2 Qb8 [D]



(Terance: Here I found myself unable to
break through and had to wait on White
to go wrong.) **25. a4 Qc7 26. Rfe2**
[26.Re1=] **26...Qb8** [26...f6# 27.Rh5
Kg8] **27. Kf1** [27.Re1±] **27...g6**
(Terance: Setting to trap the Rook with
f6.) [27...f6# 28.Rh5 Kg8] **28. Rd2**
(Text cont. p. 3)

(Cont. from p.2) (Terance: Preventing the e5 Rook from being trapped.) [Better is 28.Re1] **28...Qb4** [Better is 28...f6 29.Re1 Kg7] **29.Ree2=** [D]



[29.Rf2 should be considered.] **29...Bxc4** (Terance: Correct assumption as the Knight was better than my Bishop in this kind of closed position.) **30.dxc4 Kg7 31.Qd3 Qb7 32.Re4 Rd8 33.Rde2 Rd7 34.Kf2 Qc7 35.Qf3** [D]



[35.Ke1=] **35...Qd8** [35...d3!≠ 36.Rd2 (36.cxd3 Rb8 (*Lc0: 36...Qb6 37.d4 cxd4 38.Qd3 Rb8 39.Rb2 Qa5,etc...)] **36.Rd2 Qc7 37.Re5 Rfd8 38.Rd3** [38.h4= is more appropriate.] **38...Rc8** [38...Re8≠] **39.g4 Qd6 40.h4** (Terance: Here White offered a draw.) **40...f6≠** [D]



(Terance: I saw where I could get a passed pawn so I went for it.) **41.Re2 e5** [41...Re8≠] **42.fxe5= fxe5 43.Qe4 Qf6+ 44.Kg3** [Counterplay!] [White has counterplay] **44...Re7! 45.Rf2** [Better is 45.a5=] **45...Qe6** [45...Qc6≠ (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **46.Re2 Qxe4 47.Rxe4 h6** **46.Rdf3** [D]



[46.a5=] **46...Qc6!≠** [D]



(Terance: White resigns.) Accuracy: White = 33% (9/12/42), Black = 48% (15/13/43).] **0-1**

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Game from the NPCC 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament

Round: 4

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz,*Stockfish,*Lc0 comments [shown thus].

White: Terance Hall (1826)
Black: Alexander MacFarlane (1933)
Date: 1/31/2020

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[D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and 3 e4] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 e5** [D]

(Next col.) **4.Bxc4 exd4 5.exd4 Bd6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 c6** [D]

(Next col.) [8...Nc6±] **9.Bg5 h6** [9...Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Be7 12.Rfe1 Nbd7 13.Rad1 Nb6 14.Bb3 Qc7, etc... Russek Libni,G (2395) - Lipiniks,L (2240) Guarapuava 1991 1-0;

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Position after 3...e5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 8...c6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **9...Nbd7 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bf4 12.Bxf4 Qxf4 13.Ne2 Qd6, etc... Ibik,H (1837)-Kesgin,H (1921) Konya 2015 1/2-1/2 (31)] 10.Bh4 Bg4** [White is better.] **11.Re1N** [D]



[11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5 Bxe5 (13...Bh7 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.Bxf6 gxf6, etc... Stasiunaite,L (2160)-Dambraivaite,R (2180) Vilkaviskis 1994 1-0 (34)] 14.dxe5 Qxd1 15.Raxd1 Nfd7 16.f4 b5 17.Bb3 Nc5, etc... Volkmann,F (2380)- Spindler,M (2150) Veszprem 1996 1-0 (35)] **11...g5 12.Bg3 Qc7?** [12...Bxg3± 13.hxg3 (13.fxg3 Nbd7±) 3...Nbd7] **13.Qd3!+-** [D] (p.4) [Qg6+ is the strong threat.] (Terance: White has a decisive advantage (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 13.Qd3!+- (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) here according to the engines.) **13...Kg7 14.Ne5! Bh5 15.Ne4? [D]**



(Terance: I realized right after playing the move that it was a mistake and that I should have played the safer most correct h4 move.) [15.f4+- aiming for fxe5. 15...Nbd7 16.fxe5 hxe5 17.Qf5 *Stockfish: 17...Bg6 18.Qxe5 Nh7 19.Qc1 Rae8 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Bxe5, etc... *Stockfish: 15.h4! Nbd7 (*Lc0l: 15...gxe4 16.Bxe4 Nbd7 17.Qg3+ Ng4 18.Ne4 Rae8, etc...)] **15...Nxe4± 16.Rxe4=** (Terance: Here is the correct response as taking with the Queen gives me no compensation. Here at least I thought I was losing the exchange. The Engines saw deeper and that the game is equal.) **16...f6? [D]**



(Terance: f5 was the best try.) [16...f5!± 17.Ng6 fxe4 18.Nxf8 Kxf8 19.Qxe4 Bxg3 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 20.fxe5 Qd6 *Stockfish: 21.Qh7 Qxd4+ 22.Kh1 Qxc4 23.Qxh6+ Ke7 24.Qxe5+ Kd6, etc...]

17.Ree1 (Terance: Believe or not White is still slightly better here and has compensation for the piece.) [Better is 17.Ng4!!+- b5 (If 17...Bg6 *Stockfish: 18.Rae1 (*Stockfish: 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Rae1 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 f5 21.Re6 Qxe6, etc... (20...f5? *Stockfish: 21.Re6 Nd7 22.Re7+ Kh8 23.d5 Qd6 24.Re6 Qxe6 25.dxe6 Nb6, etc...)) 21.d5 Nc6 22.dxc6 Rae8 23.Rxe8 Rxe8, etc...)] **17...fxe5± 18.dxe5 Bc5?! [Black should try 18...Be7!± *Stockfish: 19.e6 Rf4 20.Rac1 c5 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Qb3 Qc7 23.Qh3 Be8, etc...]** **19.e6+- [D]**



[White has strong compensation.] (Terance: And White is clearly better.) **19...Qe7 20.Qc3+?** (Terance: Despite this move White is still clearly better, but Be5 was best. I just didn't calculate it all the way through.) [20.Be5+- Rf6 (Fat Fritz (in lc0): 20...Kg8? 21.Qh3 Bxf2+ 22.Kh1 Bh4 23.Bd6 Qxd6 24.e7+ Kh7 25.exf8Q Qxf8 *Stockfish: 26.Re6 Bf2 27.Qxh5 Nd7 28.Bd3+ Kg8 29.Rxh6 Qg7, etc...)] **20...Kg8=** [And now ...Bb4 would win.] **21.a3=** (Terance: Better was Rd1 which I almost played and felt compelled to play knowing Bxd1 sacking the exchange was actually best for White. I went against my better judgment and played the safe a3 move.) [21.Red1= keeps the balance.; *Stockfish: 21.Rad1!? Bxd1 22.Rxd1 b5 23.Bb3 a5 24.a3 a4, etc...)] **21...a5? [D]** (Next col.) [21...Na6± Strongly threatening ... Rad8. 22.Rad1 Bxd1 23.Rxd1 Rad8] **22.Rab1?** (Terance: Here I am losing the thread, as best was Rad1.) [Only move: 22.Rad1!± Black must now prevent Rd7! 22...Kh7 (22...Bxd1 23.Rxd1 *Stockfish: 23...b6 24.Ba2 Ra7 25.Qc2 Kh8, etc...)] **22...b5 23.Ba2 b4 [23...Na6±] 24.Qc4** [24.Qc2!± stays ahead. *Stockfish: 24...a4 25.axb4 Bxb4 26.Red1 Bxd1, etc...] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 21...a5? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **24...Kh7?! [24...bxa3 25.bxa3 Re8 26.Qd3+-; 24...Na6± Threatens to win with ...a4. 25.Qe4 Rad8] 25.Rbc1 [25.h4±] 25...Na6± 26.Bb1+ Kh8 [26...Kg8= remains equal. 27.a4 Rfd8] 27.Re5 [D]**



(Terance: This was not my intended move! I was a little tired and had Be5 as my move but I got engrossed with calculating this interesting move played by accident which affected the rest of the game for me.) [27.h4±] **27...bxa3= 28.Rxc5?? [D]**

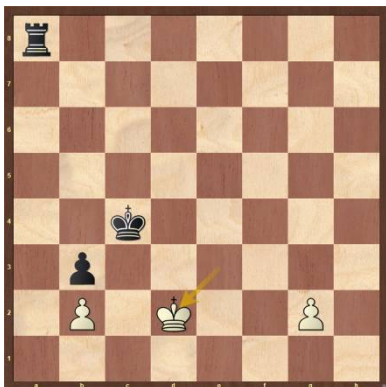


(Terance: The losing move. 28.h4 should lead to a draw.) [28.bxa3= and White has nothing to worry. 28...Bxa3 29.Rf1]; (Lc0 : 28.h4 axb2 29.Rce1 Bb4 30.hxe5 Bxe1 31.Rxe1 hxe5 32.Qd3 Kg8, etc...) **28...Nxc5 29.Qxc5 [29.h4 was worth a try. 29...Kg8 30.bxa3 Nxe6 31.Qe4]** (Text cont. p.5)

(Cont. from p.4) **29...Qxc5+**
30.Rxc5 Rfd8 31.Be5+ Kg8 32.Rc1
Rd1+ 33.Rxd1 Bxd1 [Endgame KRB-KB]
34.Ba2? [34.bxa3 37 Bb3 35.e7]
34...Kf8? [34...a4 35.bxa3 Bb3]
35.Bd6+ Ke8 36.Bxa3 [Intending Bb1.]
36...Rc8 37.h4 c5 38.hxg5 hxg5
39.Kf1 [Better is 39.Kh2] 39...a4 [D]



40.Ke1 Bb3 41.Bxb3 axb3 [KR-KB]
42.Ke2 [Better is 42.Kd2] 42...Ke7
43.Kf3? [43.Kd3] **43...Kxe6 [Black is**
*clearly winning.] 44.Kg4 Kd5 45.f4
gxf4 46.Kxf4 Ra8 47.Bxc5 Kxc5
48.Ke3 Kc4 [(With attack ...Ra2)]
49.Kd2 [D]*



Accuracy: White = 33% (11/14/37), Black = 38% (18/16/40.) **0-1**

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Game from the NPCC 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament

Round: 5

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz,*Stockfish,*Lc0 comments [shown thus].

White: Terance Hall (1826)
Black: Emmit Fitzgerald (1801)
Date: 2/7/2020
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(Cont. from prev. col.) [D07:
 Queen's Gambit: Chigorin Defense]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 [D]



(Terance: Wow! The Chigorin as I was expecting a KID or Gruenfeld. I have not faced the Chigorin in over 20 years so this was a nice challenge to remember the lines.) **3.Nc3** (Terance: Here I remembered the different lines; decided for which line I like to aim, although most lines are forcing.) **3...dxc4 4.Nf3 Nf6** [4...Bg4? *Stockfish: 5.d5 Nb8 6.Ne5 Bc8 7.e4 g6 8.Bxc4 Bg7 9.Bf4 Nd7, etc...] **5.d5 [D]**



(Terance: Here I figured to take the opportunity to gain some space and central control for a slight advantage.) [*Stockfish:1) 5.e4 Bg4 6.Be3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.Qd3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Na5, etc...] **5...Na5 6.Qa4+ c6 [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.)
 [Threatens to win with ... b5.] **7.dxc6** [7.b4±] *Stockfish: 7...b5 8.Qxa5 Qxa5 9.bxa5 b4 10.dxc6 bxc3 11.e4 Ba6 12.Ne5 Nxe4, etc...] **7...Nxc6= 8.e4** [White has an edge.] (Terance: I have to finish developing and central control of d5,e4, and f5. The c4 pawn is also going nowhere which will be taken soon.) [8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Nxd7 Nxd7 10.Be3 e6 11.g3 Nb6 12.Qb5 Bb4, etc... Altomonte, G (1860)-Cappadona,S (2081) Messina 2012 1/2-1/2 (55)] **8...Bd7** [8...a6 9.Bxc4 e6 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Qd1 b5 12.Bd3 Qc7 13.h3 Bc5, etc... Angskog,K (2250)-Brynell,S (2485) Stockholm 1999 0-1 (71)] **9.Qxc4N** (Terance: Bxc4 is slightly better.) [9.Bxc4 Ne5? 10.Nxe5 1-0 (10) Blum,G (2062)-Carrasco,P (2137) Paris 2000] **9...Rc8 10.Qb3** (Terance: I did not see any other place for the Queen as e6 or e5 and Na5 could be coming.) [*Stockfish: 10.Be2 e5 11.0-0 Be7 12.Rd1 0-0 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 g5, etc...] **10...Qc7 [D]**



(Terance: Taking the dark squares preventing Bf4 and protecting b7.)

11.Be2 e6 12.0-0 Be7 13.h3 [D]



(Terance: Played to prevent Ng4 so I can play Be3 providing some air for my King in the endgame.) **13...0-0**
14.Be3 a6 15.Rac1 [15.Bb6 Na5?! 16.Bxa5 Qxa5 17.e5 Nd5 18.Qxb7 Bc6, etc...] **15...Qb8! 16.Rfd1** [16.a4= (Text cont.p.6)]

(Cont. from p.5) *Stockfish: 16...Na5 17.Qd1 Be8 18.Bd3 Nd7, etc...]

16...Rfd8?! (Terance: Played too quickly, better was b5 to prevent my next move.) [16...b5 keeps the upper hand. Fat Fritz (in Ic0): 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Qa2 h6 19.Qb1 Be8 20.Rxd8 Rxd8, etc...] **17.Bb6 [D]**



(Terance: Now my aim was to restrict Black pieces, like Karpov, and convert it to a winning advantage.) [17.e5± Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Qxb7] **17...Re8±** **18.Rd2** [White should try 18.Rc2± *Stockfish: 18...Rf8 19.Rcd2 Be8 20.a3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5, etc...] **18...e5? [D]**



(Terance: Trying to get some air for his Bishop, but gives me a nice advantage.) [18...Ne5= and Black is okay. *Stockfish: 19.Bd4 Nxf3+ 20.Bxf3 e5 21.Be3 Be6 22.Qd1 h6 23.a3 Rc6, etc...] **19.Bc4!+-** (Terance: Further clamping down on Blacks pieces.) **19...Rf8 20.Rcd1** [Fat Fritz (in Ic0): 20.Nd5!? Nxd5 (20...Nxe4 Fat Fritz (in Ic0): 21.Nxe7+ Nxe7 22.Rxd7 Nd6 23.Rxe7 Nxc4, etc...)] **20...Be8 21.a3** [With initiative] **[D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Keeping Black busy. Terance: Played as an improvement to my position as I have all my pieces in the right place. In such positions Karpov mentions to play a move so your opponent can go wrong.) **21...Bd8** (Terance: Black goes wrong.) **22.Bxd8** (Terance: Here starts the combination that I saw where I gain a pawn.)

22...Rxd8?! (Terance: Better was Nxd8 as Rxd8 gives me a huge, if not decisive advantage.) [Better is 22...Nxd8 23.Bxa6 bxa6 24.Qxb8 Rxb8 Fat Fritz (in Ic0): 25.Rxd8 Rxb2 26.Nxe5 Rc2 27.R1d3 Bb5 28.Nxb5 axb5, etc...] **23.Rxd8 Nxd8 24.Bxa6 [D]**



(Terance: The move I saw enabling the conversion of my positional advantage.) **24...Bc6 25.Bd3** [*Lc0: 25.Qb4 Ne6 26.Bb5 Qc7 27.Bc4 Nf4 28.Qd6 Qxd6 29.Rxd6 Re8, etc...]

25...Ne6 26.Bb1 Re8 27.Nd5 (Terance: The key move in consolidating the position which poses many problems for Black.) **27...Qa7** [With the idea ...Ba4.] (Terance: Playing for a trick.) [*Lc0: 27...Bxd5 28.exd5 Nc5 29.Qb5 Qd6 30.b4 Ne6, etc...] **28.Nxe5 [D]**



[And now Nxf6+ would win.] (Terance: My intuition compelled me to play this move as there are a lot of threats with my Knights near his King.) **28...Ba4** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: The trick. So here I play it cool to work out the correct line to get out of the skewer.) **29.Nxf6+** [*Lc0: 29.Qg3 Nh5 30.Qf3 Qb8 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.Qxh5 Bxd1, etc...] **29...gxf6 30.Qg3+ [D]**



(Terance: Now in all lines White is winning.) **30...Kf8?** [30...Ng7 keeps fighting. *Stockfish: 31.Ng4 Bxd1 32.Nxf6+ Kh8 33.Qh4 Bh5 34.Nxe8 Qa4 35.Nxg7 Qd1+, etc...] **31.Nd7+ [D]**



[White is clearly winning.] **31...Bxd7** (Terance: Forced as Ke7 and Black gets mated in three with 32.Qd6+ Kd8 33.Nb6dis+ Bd7 34.Qxd7#.) **32.Rxd7 Qa5** [Better is 32...Qa4] **33.Qd6+** [Better is 33.Ba2 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 Qxe4 35.Bd5] **33...Kg8** [Better is 33...Kg7 34.Kh2 Qa6] **34.Qd2** [Better is 34.Ba2 Qe1+ 35.Kh2 Qxe4 36.Bd5] **34...Qh5 35.Rxb7** (Terance: Here I had to formulate a winning plan against any possible counter play by White.) [Better is 35.Rd5 Qg6 36.Bd3] **35...Kh8** [Better is 35...Rd8 36.Rd7 Rxd7 37.Qxd7 Qe2] **36.Rb3 Rg8** [Better is 36...Nf4] **37.Rg3 [D]** (p. 7) (Terance: Here I was confident in securing the win.) **37...Ng5 38.Bc2 Nxb3+ 39.gxh3 Qxh3 40.Rxg8+ Kxg8 41.Qe3 Qc8 42.Qg3+ Kf8 43.Qd6+ Kg7 44.Qd3 Qb8 45.Qg3+ [D]** (p. 7)

(Terance: White resigned!) Accuracy: White = 56% (17/11/34), Black = 38% (14/7/31).]

1-0 (Text cont. p. 7)

Position after 37.Rg3 (From p.6.)



Position after 45.Qg3+ (From p.6.)



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Game from the NPCC 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament

Round: 6

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz,*Stockfish,*Lc0 comments [shown thus].

White: Douglas Kern (1933)

Black: Terance Hall (1826)

Date: 2/14/2020

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[B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6] **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: I decided to play this instead of Bd7.) **4.Nc3 Nf6 5.0-0 a6? [D]**



(Terance: This I knew was a strategic mistake because e5 was the best move for the position to prevent Black's e5. For some reason I thought I could get away with it ((bad play)). [5...e5= remains equal.] **6.Bxc6+!± bxc6 [D]**



7.e5! (Terance: Doug seizes the moment! It is all downhill from here.)

7...Nd5 8.exd6 [8.Ne4±] 8...e6?N [8...exd6± 9.d4 (9.Ne4 Be7 10.d3 0-0 11.Re1 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.a3 Bf6,etc.. Smith,W-Sanborn,R Lansing 1993 1/2-1/2 (51)) 9...Be7] **9.Ne4+-Bxd6 10.d4** (Terance: Crushing move!) **10...Qe7** [10...0-0 was worth a try. 11.dxc5 Bc7] **11.c4** [Less strong is 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.dxc5 Qxc5±] **11...Nb6** [Better is 11...Nf6] **12.b3 [D]**



(Terance: I was expecting b4 but b3 does the trick also. White is already winning here.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **12...0-0** [Better is 12...Nd7 13.Ba3 0-0 14.dxc5 Bc7] **13.Ba3 Nd7 14.dxc5 Bc7 15.Nd6 Rd8 16.Nd4 Nb8 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Rfe1 a5 [D]**



19.N4f5! Qf6? [D]



[19...Qf8; 19...exf5 20.Rxe7] **20.Bb2!** [White is clearly winning.] **20...Qg5** (Terance: Nowhere to hide.) [20...Qxb2 21.Ne7+] **21.h4 Qxf5 22.Nxf5** [Intending Nh6+! and mate.] **22...exf5 [D]**



(Terance: I resigned!) [Accuracy: White = 69%, Black = 33%.] **1-0**

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Game from the NPCC 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament

Round: 7

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz/*Stockfish/*Lc0 comments [shown thusly].

White: Terance Hall (1826)

Black: Gary Marshall (1804)

Date: 2/21/2020

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[A41:1 d4 d6: Tartakower System and Modern Defense] **1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7**

3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 ((Terance: Here I played Nf3 instead of e4, as I was trying a new opening setup against the KID.) **4...Bg4 5.Bg5 [D]**



(Terance: Here I should have played e4 going into main lines where Bg4 is misplaced.) [*Stockfish: 5.g3 Bxf3 6.exf3 Nd7 7.Be3 e6 8.h4 Ne7 9.h5 c5, etc...] **5...h6 6.Bh4** [6.Be3 Nf6] [*Stockfish: 6...e5 7.h3 Be6 8.d5 Bd7 9.Bc1 f5 10.e4 a5 11.Bd3 Ne7, etc... Tomashevsky,E (2654)-Novikov,S (2562) Krasnoyarsk 2007 1-0 (41)] **6...Nf6** [6...c5= should be considered.] **7.e3N** [7.h3 Bxf3 8.exf3 0-0 9.Be2 c6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.f4 a6 12.Re1 Re8, etc... Alferov, V-Malyuga,V (2222) Azov 2011 0-1 (38)] **7...g5 8.Bg3 Nh5** (Terance: Gary offers a draw here.) **9.Be2 Nd7 10.Qc2** [*Stockfish: 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nxc3 12.fxc3 0-0 13.Qd2 e5 14.0-0-0 exd4, etc...] **10...c6 11.b4 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: Bold move, but I think I should have finished developing.) [*Stockfish: 11.h3 Nxc3 12.fxc3 Bh5 13.g4 Bg6 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 e6 16.0-0-0 Qe7, etc...] **11...Qc7 12.Rc1 Bxf3** [12...Ndf6±] **13.Bxf3 Nxc3 14.hxc3 e5? [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: Gary offers a draw here.) [Better is 14...Nf6] **15.dxe5** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 11.b4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 14...e5? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [*Lc0: 15.d5 c5 16.b5 Nf6 17.Be4 Kf8 18.Ke2 h5 19.Bf5 Qe7 20.a4 e4 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 49/10] **15...Nxe5 16.Be2** (Terance: White is slightly better.) [16.0-0±] **16...0-0 17.Ne4 f5** (Terance: The correct move that kills all my prospects. Gary offers a draw here.) **18.Nd2 Qe7 19.0-0 Rac8** [19...h5±] **20.Qa4 [D]**



[20.Nf3±] **20...b6** [20...h5!=] **21.Rfd1** [21.Qc2±] **21...g4** [21...f4=] **22.Qc2 h5 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: Gary offers a draw here and I accept.) [Accuracy: White = 60%, Black = 64%.] **½-½**

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