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## Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Winter 2020, Part 4

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This issue features NPCC games played in the 2020 41st Winter Robin Rounds 6 & 7, a Round 1 Funk - Hall Game, and a chess.com game played by two NPCC members. 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: 6

Submitted by Joe (and Emmit) with Joe's comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

**White: Emmit Fitzgerald (1801)**

**Black: Joe Mucerino (2089)**

**Date: 2/14/2020**

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(Cont. from prev. col.) be able to play thru the moves.) [D66: Queen's Gambit Declined: Classical: Main Line (7 Rc1 c6 8 Bd3)] 1.d4 (Joe - Emmit lost to me with 1.e4 but beat me with 1.d4, so it's no surprise he played 1.d4 again.) 1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 [D]



(Joe - Varying from 4.Bf4 that was played in our previous game. I was going to vary from what I played in that game. Sorry, folks, but what I was going to play will remain a mystery.) 4...Be7 5.Nf3 c6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 0-0 8.Bd3 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 8.Bd3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Bd3 a6 11.0-0 c5 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 [12...gxf6] 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Ne4 [D]



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**\*Tournament has been postponed!**

**NPCC 2020 March Game/100; Inc +10**  
**March 13th, 20th, 27th & April 3rd.**  
**A 4 Round Swiss in 16 player sections or portions thereof**

Registration: 7:00 to 7:45 PM. Please arrive no later than 7:45 PM to register.

Entry fee: North Penn members = \$20 Non-members = \$25.

One 1/2 point bye permitted for rounds 1,2 or 3. Must notify TD 1 day before round. Must play round 4 to be eligible for prize.

Prizes (Based on minimum of 16 Entrants): 1st Place = \$100.  
2nd Place = \$80. Under 1600 = \$50. Under 1400 = \$40.  
Under 1200 = \$30.

\*Increment Time Control is also known as "Fischer Time".\*



## NPCC Schedule March 2020

DATE	ROUND	EVENT	ROUND TIMES	TYPE
<del>13 Mar</del>	1 of 4	March 2020 G100 Swiss Tournament	<u>Registration: 7:00 to 7:45 PM</u> <u>- Games start at 8:00 PM -</u> <u>Please arrive no later than</u> <u>7:45PM to register.</u>	4-Round Swiss in 16 player Sections or <u>portions</u> thereof.
<del>20 Mar</del>	2 of 4	Continued	8:00 PM	
<del>27 Mar</del>	3 of 4	Continued	8:00 PM	
<del>3 Apr</del>	4 of 4	Continued	8:00 PM	

TIME CONTROL	ENTRY FEE	PRIZES	COMMENTS
G/100;+10 (i.e. Incremental Time Control)(Also known as Fischer Time)	\$20 NPCC Members / \$25 Non-Members;	<u>PRIZES: (Based on minimum of 16 Entrants):</u> <u>First Place = \$100</u> <u>2nd Place = \$80</u> <u>Under 1600 = \$50</u> <u>Under 1400 = \$40</u> <u>Under 1200 = \$30</u>	One 1/2-point BYE permitted in Round 1, 2, or 3. Must notify TD at <u>least one day</u> prior to round. Must play Round 4 to be eligible for prizes.

**Note: Tournament has been postponed!**

(Cont. from p.1) (Joe - 14.Nxb5 Bxe3 is nothing special for white.) [The position is equal.] [14.Qe2 Bb7 15.Nxb5 Bxe3 16.fxe3 axb5 17.a3 b4, etc... Zimmermann,K (1941)-Lobermayer,G (1529) Sao Bento do Sul 2015 1-0 (43)] **14...Be7** **15.Qc2N** [15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Be4 Rb8 17.Qc2 h6 18.Rfd1 Qb6 19.b3 Bb7, etc... Stoljarova,T-Karasev,V Kemerovo 2013 0-1 (62)] **15...Nd5** [Hoping for ...Nb4.] **16.Ng3** [Better is 16.Nc5=] **16...g6=+** [D]



[White must now prevent ...Nb4] (Joe - 16...h6 allows a future Bh7 with (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) check, which may be useful if white has a rook on d1 and my queen is still on d8. However, if 16...g6 a future Bxg6 would not be check.) **17.Qb1 Bb7** **18.Rfd1** [White should play 18.Be4=+] **18...Qa5** (Joe - A slight error. The computer prefers 18...Qb6.) [18...Qb6!+- Threatens to win with ...Nxe3! 19.Be4 f5 20.Bxd5 Bxd5] **19.h4** [19.Ne5=] **19...Rac8** **20.h5** [White should try 20.Be4=+] **20...Kg7** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - This throws away Black's minimal advantage. Black should have traded rooks or play 20...f5.) [20...Rxc1!+- 21.Rxc1 f5] **21.Rxc8= Rxc8?** (Joe - Probably the losing move.) [21...Bxc8+= stays ahead. 22.Be4 Bb7] **22.hxg6+- hxg6?** [D]



[22...Nf6] **23.Bxg6!** (Joe - White is completely winning. I thought I had a chance to survive after 24...Kf6, but I was wrong.) (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) **23...fxg6 24.Ne5 Kf6 25.Qxg6+** (Joe - A lesser man ((like me)) would have chickened out and taken a draw with 25.Ng4+, but Emmit goes for the king hunt!) **25...Kxe5 [D]**



**26.Ne4!** [Threatening mate with Qh5+.] **26...Rf8 27.Qg7+** (Joe - Not best, but still winning. 27.f4+ or 27.Qh4+ were stronger.) [Better is 27.f4+ Rxf4 28.exf4+ Kxf4 29.Qf7+ Ke5 30.Qg7+ Kf4 31.Kf2] **27...Rf6 [D]**



(Joe - Here I miscalculated. Best is 27...Bf6, but I thought I was being mated after 28.Qg3+ Kxe4 and I missed that 29.Rd4 is not mate because of the bishop.) [27...Bf6 was necessary. 28.Nxf6 Rxf6] **28.Qg3+** [With attack] **[D]**



[White attacks with force.] **28...Nf4??** (Joe - This is lights out. Still losing, but not as badly, is 28...Rf4) [28...Rf4! 29.Qg7+ (29.exf4+ Kxe4) 29...Bf6 30.exf4+ Kxe4 31.Qxb7 (31.Qg6+ Kxf4 32.Qh5 Ke4=) 31...Qc7 32.Qxa6 Qb6] **29.Nxf6 Kxf6 30.Qxf4+ Kg6 31.Rd7 Bf6 32.Rxb7** [Better is 32.Qg4+ Bg5 33.Qxe6+ Bf6 34.Qg8+ Kf5 35.Qh7+ Ke6 36.Qh3+ Ke5 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 37.f4+ Ke4 38.Qe6+ Be5 39.Qxe5#] **32...Qd2 [D]**



(Joe - Black runs a Hail Mary play, hoping for 33...Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Qh5+, and if white avoids the perpetual with 35.Kg3, 35...Be5.) **33.Qg4+** [White mates.] **33...Kh6 34.Qh3+ Kg6 35.Qh7+ Kg5 36.f4+ [D]**



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### Game from the NPCC 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament Round: 7

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

**White: Ken Cobbs (1688)**

**Black: Olin Mastin (1550)**

**Date: 2/21/2020**

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[B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6] **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6**

**4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 e6** [5...Nf6 was preferable.] **6.Bf4** [And now Nb5 would win.]

**6...d6 [D]** (Next col.) **7.0-0** [Better is 7.Nb5 e5 8.Bg5 Nge7 9.Qd2 h6 10.Be3 Nd4

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**Position after 6...d6** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **9.Qd2 h6 10.Be3 Nd4 11.c3 Nxf3+**, etc... Grilc, A (2120)-Srebrnic, V (2210) Ljubljana 2007 1-0 (60); **7.Rb1 a6 8.Qd2 h5 9.h3 Nge7 10.0-0 d5 11.exd5**, etc...

Velkovski, K (1584)-Lazov, T (2223)

**Struga 2015 0-1 (35)] 7...Nf6N** [Better

is 7...a6 8.a3 (8.a4 Nge7 9.Qc1 0-0

10.Ne2 Re8 11.c3 b6 12.Rd1 Bb7, etc...

Gouleakis, N (1410)-Kirgeridis, P (1670)

Chania 2003 0-1 (35)] **8...b5 9.Bb3**

**Nge7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.Qe2**

**Bb7 13.Qe3 Nd4**, etc... Elke, C-Prosch, S

Friedrichroda 1997 0-1 (32); **7...Nge7**

**8.Qd2 h6 9.Nb5 e5 10.Be3 Bg4 11.Ne1**

**a6 12.Nc3 Nd4**, etc... Abramyan, A-

Molchanov, N (2241) Zaporozhye 2010

0-1 (31)] **8.Re1** [Better is 8.Nb5 e5

9.Bg5] **8...0-0= 9.Qd2 a6 10.a3 b5**

**11.Ba2 Bb7 12.Bh6 Qc7 [D]**



[12...Ne5=+] **13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nh4**

[14.d4=] **14...Rad8 15.Qg5** [15.h3=]

**15...h6** [15...Nd4+ 16.Rac1 Rc8]

**16.Qg3** [16.Nf5+= exf5 17.Qxf6+ Kxf6

18.Nd5+ Kg7 19.Nxc7] **16...Nh5**

**17.Qh3 [D]** (p.4) [17.Qg4+] **17...Ne7**

[17...d5!-+ 18.Rac1

(18.exd5 Nd4) 18...Nf4] **18.g4** [18.Qe3

=+] **18...Nf4+ 19.Qg3 e5** [Better

is 19...g5-+ 20.Ng2 Nxc7 21.Qxc7 Ng6]

**20.Ng2 Nxc7 21.Qxc7 f5 22.f3**

[White wants to play gxf5.] **22...f4**

[Black should try 22...fxe4+

23.fxe4 c4 (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 17.Qh3 (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) 23.fxe4 c4 24.dxc4 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Rf2] 23.Qe2 Rh8 24.h4 h5 [24...Qd7+] 25.g5!= Qd7 26.Kh2 Bc8 [D]



[Hoping for ...Qh3+] 27.Qg2 Nc6 [27...Rhe8+] 28.Nd5 Nd4 [28...Qf7!= keeps the balance.] 29.Nf6 [with imitative] [ White has strong initiative.] 29...Qe7 30.Bd5 [30.c3± Ne6 31.a4] 30...Be6 31.c3 [D]



[31.b4+=] 31...Bxd5?? [31...Nb3= and Black stays safe.]



Analysis Diagram

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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Olin - I considered this move, but thought I saw something wrong with it! Go figure!!); Stockfish 9: 31...Nb3 32.Rad1 a5 33.a4 bxa4 34.Bc6 Rb8 35.Bxa4 Rhf8, etc...] 32.Nxd5+- Qe6 33.cxd4 cxd4 34.Rac1 Rhf8 35.Rc6 Qd7 36.Rec1 [D]



36...Rf7 37.Rc7 Qe6 38.Nf6 Qb3 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.Rc7+ Ke6?? [Stockfish 10 64: 40...Kf8 41.Qd2 b4 42.axb4 a5 43.bxa5 Qa4 44.Qc1 Qb5 45.Qc2 Rb8, etc...] 41.Qh3#! [D]



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### Game from the NPCC 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament

Round: 7

Submitted by Eric with his comments and selected Fritz/\*Stockfish comments [shown thusly].

White: Alex Macfarlane (1933)

Black: Eric Funk (2079)

Date: 2/15/2013

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.c4 Ng6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Nge2 Bc5= 7.h3 c6 [D]



[7...h6= remains equal.; 7...Nh5 8.Na4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Oxd2 d6 11.g3 0-0, etc... Pohjala,H (2263)-Karttunen,M (2423) Finland 2012 ½-½ (41)] 8.Qc2N [8.Ng3!±: 8.Qb3 d6 9.g3 h5 10.Bg2 a6 11.Bg5 h4 12.0-0-0 Qc7, etc... Qxd6 Relange,E (2420)-Chevallier,D (2295) Cannes 1994 1-0] 8...0-0 9.Ng3 Bd4 [D]



[9...d6≠ stays ahead.] 10.Bd3 [10.d6!±] 10...d6 11.0-0± h6 12.Kh1 Ng4 (Eric - On 13.hxg4 Qh4+ 14.Kg1 Qxg3 Black will regain the piece with interest.) 13.Nd1? [D]



(Eric - After 13.Nf5 I have a difficult decision:

- a) 13.... Nf6 is the "safe" choice
- b) 13.... Bxf5 14.exf5 Qh4 is the tricky and risky route. (Text cont. p.5)

(Cont. from p.4)

I was leaning toward b) but I'm not sure Fritz and Stockfish would agree.)

[13.Nf5± stays on course. 13...Nf6 (13...Bxf5 \*Stockfish 10 64: 14.exf5 e4 15.Bxe4 N6e5, etc...) ] **13...Qh4!±**  
**14.Nf5 Bxf5! 15.exf5 [D]**



**15...Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Be4**  
[17.dxc6!± bxc6 18.Be4] **17...c5 [D]**



**18.Kg1** [18.f3± was necessary. 18...Nf6 19.Nc3] **18...Ne5+ 19.Kh2 Rfe8**  
**20.f3** (Eric - On 20.g3 I intended 20.g3 f3g3+ 21.f3g3 Ng4+ 22.Kg2 Ne3+ 23.Nxe3 Qxe4+ with the better endgame.) [20.g3 \*Stockfish 10 64: 20...fxg3+ 21.f3g3 Ng4+ 22.Kg2 Ne3+ 23.Nxe3 Qxe4+, etc...]  
**20...Re7 21.Rb1 Rae8 22.b3?**  
[22.Nf2 Nxc4 23.Qxc4 Bxf2 24.Kh1]  
**22...Qg3+ 23.Kh1 [D]**



[Now Nf2 and White clings on.]

**23...Ng4! [D]** (Next col.) (Eric - Alex didn't see this breakthrough but I'm not sure what he could have done differently (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 23...Ng4!** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) to avoid it. White's been in trouble for a while.)  
**24.f3g4 Rxe4 [D]**



(Eric - The threat of Rd2 is just too brutal. e.g. 26.Nf2 Rd2 27.Qd3 Bxf2 ((27.... Rxf2, 27.... R8e3, and even 27.... f3 work as well)).) **0-1**

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### **Game from the NPCC 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament**

#### **Round: 7**

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

**White: Michael O'Gara (1721)**  
**Black: Joseph Mucerino (2072)**  
**Date: 2/21/2020**

[B01: Scandinavian Defence] **1.e4 d5 [D]** (Next col.) **2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bc4 Bg4 5.f3 Bf5 6.g4 Bg6 7.f4N [D]** (Next col.) (Joe - Now Black equalizes easily. 7.Nc3 was stronger.)

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



**Position after 7.f4N** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.)

[7.Nc3 Nbd7

**a) 7...a6 8.a4 Nbd7 9.a5 Rc8 10.Qe2 c6 11.d6 Nd5 12.d3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 h5. Etc... Foldi,I (2320)-Horvath,J (2265) Hungary 1993 1-0 (35);**

**b) 7...c6 8.dxc6 (8.f4 Be4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.dxc6 Nxc6 11.Qe2 Nd6 12.Nf3 Qc8, etc... Subirats Ruiz,S (2160)-Herms Agullo,J (2095) Llinars del Valles 2012 1-0 (49)) 8...Nxc6 9.Nge2 e5 10.d3 Bb4 11.Bd2 0-0 12.h4 Nd4 13.Nxd4 exd4, etc... Rincon,D (1979)-Otazo,A (1944) San Carlos 2012 1-0 (55);**

**8.g5 Nh5 9.d4 a6 10.Be3 Nb6 11.Bb3 Qd6 12.Nge2 f6 13.Ne4 Bxe4, etc... 1-0 (20) Davila Laverde,P (1467)-Taborda Perez,C (1347) Merida 2013]**

**7...Be4 8.Nf3** [The position is equal.]  
**8...Bxd5 9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.Nc3? [D]**



(Text cont. p.6)

(Cont. from p.5) (Joe - This is going to lose a pawn.) [10.g5!= Nh5 11.d4]  
**10...Qe6+ =+ 11.Ne5 Nc6** [with initiative] [Black is more active.]  
**12.Nb5?** [D]



(Joe - White loses time with his knight. 10.d4 was better.) [12.d4+= Nxe5 13.fxe5] **12...0-0-0!**+ [Strongly threatening ...Rd5.] **13.Qe2** [D]



**13...Nxe5!** **14.Qxe5 Qxe5+** [Less strong is 14...Nxg4 15.Qxe6+ fxe6 16.Nxa7+ Kd7 17.Nb5=+] **15.fxe5 Nxc4**  
**16.0-0?** [16.e6 was necessary.] **16...a6**  
**17.Nc3 Nxe5 18.Rf5?** [18.Ne4 might work better.] **18...f6 19.d3?** [19.Rf1 g5 20.d3]  
**19...e6 20.Rf4 Bc5+ 21.Kg2** [Better is 21.Kh1] **21...Nc6 22.Ne4 Bb6**  
**23.Bd2 e5 24.Rff1?** [D]



[24.Rh4] **24...Nd4 25.c4** [Better is 25.Rac1 Rhf8 26.Be3] **25...Ne6 26.Rf3 Nc5**  
**27.Nxc5 27...Bxc5 28.b4 Bd4** [Better is 27.Nf2 Rd7 28.Be3] **29.Raf1 Rhf8**  
**30.a4 b6 31.Rh3** [D] (Next col.)  
 (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 31.Rh3** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 31.h4 Kd7 32.Kh2] **31...h6 32.Rff3 f5**  
**33.Be1 Rd6 34.Kf1 g5** [Better is 34...f4 35.Bf2 Rfd8 36.Bxd4 Rxd4]  
**35.Rh5 Rdf6?** [35...f4 Threatens to win with ...g4. 36.Rfh3 f3 37.Rxh6 Rxh6 38.Rxh6 f2] **36.Rfh3 g4**  
**37.R3h4?** [D]



(Joe - White's going to lose an exchange.) **37...Be3** [Black is clearly winning.] **38.Bc3 Re6** (Joe - The Rooks are not going anywhere, so there is no need to play 38...Bg5 right away. I was afraid that is White captured my pawn on e5 and then played d4, his position would be pretty solid.) **39.Ke2 Bg5 40.Rxg5 hxg5**  
**41.Rh5 e4 42.Bd2** [D]



**42...e3!** [D] (Next col.)  
 (Joe - Black's pawns are unstoppable.) **0-1**  
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**Position after 42...e3!** (From prev. col.)



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**Game from the NPCC 2020 41st Winter Robin Tournament**

**Round: 1**

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

**White: Eric Funk (2079)**  
**Black: Terance Hall (1826)**  
**Date: 1/10/2020**

[A00: Irregular Openings] **1.a3**  
 (Terance: What a surprise after more than 20 years I get a chance to play Eric Funk again! It was a pleasure but I was expecting his favorite c4 English opening not a3.) **1...d5** (Terance: I figured I can play as I would as White and take the center and play a reverse QGD.) **2.Nf3 c5 3.c4 d4=** [3...dxc4 4.e4 Bg4 5.Bxc4 e6 6.Qa4+ Nd7 7.Ne5 Ngf6, etc... Stroppa,D (2205) - Guliyev,N (2555) Montigny le Bretonneux 2009 0-1 (62); 3...Nf6 4.g3 e6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.d4 Qb6, etc... Galarza Rios,F (1777)- Mazon Vera,C (1455) Carpuela 2015 1-0] **4.e3 Nc6** (Terance: Waiting for b4, I was thinking of a4 preventing b4 which was good also.) [\*Lc0 v0.22.0 : 4...a5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 e5 7.d3 h6 8.0-0 Nf6, etc... ] **5.exd4 cxd4 6.b4N**  
 (Terance: Best move! Black does have an edge though.) **6...Bg4?!** (Terance: Better was e5 or d3, now White is better as my Queenside is a little weak (Text cont.p.7)

(Cont. from p.6) with the Bishop on g4.) [6...d3= \*Lc0 v0.22.0 : 7.Bb2 Nf6 8.g3 Qd6 9.Bg2 Qe6+ 10.Kf1 Qxc4, etc...]

**7.d3± e5?!** (Terance: This leaves the Bishop on g4 hanging, better is Nf6.) [Better is 7...Nf6 8.Be2 e6 9.0-0 Bd6 10.b5 Ne7 11.Bb2 Nf5. Etc... Truskavetsky, A (2392)-Kushka, A (2013) Dmitrov 2007 1-0; \*Lc0 v0.22.0 : 7...a6!? 8.Be2 Nf6 9.0-0 e6 10.h3 Bh5, etc...]



[White is clearly better.] **8...Nf6 [D]**



(Terance: Here I saw that I could lose a pawn with White pushing b5 in some variations so Nf6 was the best for me to deal with it.) [8...Qc7± was worth a try.]

**9.Bb2** (Terance: Eric let me off the hook, now White just has an edge.) [9.b5!+-]

**9...Bd6 10.Nbd2?!** (Terance: The position is complicated so I guess Eric wanted to play it safe with this developing move but Nxd4 wins a pawn which I missed.)

[10.Nxd4± Nxd4 11.Bxg4] **10...0-0** [\*Lc0 v0.22.0 : 10...Bf5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nh4 Be6 13.Re1 Re8, etc...]

**11.0-0=** [\*Lc0 v0.22.0 : 11.b5 Ne7 12.Nxd4 Bh3 13.gxh3 exd4 14.Bxd4 Ng6, etc...]

**11...Re8? [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Here I missed the tactic Nxd4 leaving my Bishop attacked.) [11...Bf5=]

**12.c5?** (Terance: Here Eric misses Nxd4! also.) [12.Nxd4!+- Nxd4 13.Bxg4] **12...Bc7= 13.Nc4 Qd5 [D]**



[13...Be6± stays ahead. 14.b5? Bxc4 \*Lc0 v0.22.0 : 15.bxc6 Bd5 16.cxb7 Bxb7, etc...]

**14.Rc1** [14.Nxd4!± Nxd4 15.Bxg4] **14...Rad8 15.h3** [15.Nxd4!± Nxd4 16.Bxg4] **15...Bh5** (Terance: Now Black is slightly better.) **16.Re1 h6±** (Terance: Best as it protects g5 from White's g4 and g5 push and it gives Blacks King some luft plus the Bishop the h7 retreat square if necessary.) **17.Nfd2 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Re6 [D]**



(Terance: Multipurpose move as it protects d6, c6, and it can swing to g6 for an attack.) **19.Ne4 Nxe4**

(Terance: I figured here I would always have an edge as I can force a passed pawn with my d pawn, so that was my plan.) [\*Lc0 v0.22.0 :

19...Ne7 20.Qf3 Nxe4 21.dxe4 Qd7 22.Rc2 b6 23.cxb6 axb6, etc...; 19...Ne8] (Terance: This move I was considering but it seemed too passive and defensive for the position but a level move.) \*Lc0 v0.22.0 : 20.Qf3 a6 21.Re2 Ne7 22.Rce1 a5 23.bxa5, etc...]

**20.Qxe4 Qxe4** (Terance: Following through with my plan. The chess (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) engines like Qd7! but I did not see a follow up plan with looking at that move.) [Black should play 20...Qd7!± \*Lc0 v0.22.0 : 21.Qf3 b5 22.cxb6 axb6, etc...]

**21.Rxe4 f5** (Terance: I liked my chances with this move with my plan.) **22.Re2 Kf7 [D]**



(Terance: Here my intention was to play e4 which was best, but I wanted to protect my Rook and keep the other one on d8 for the d pawn push if needed.) [\*Fat Fritz (in lc0): 22...e4 23.Kf1 b5 24.cxb6 axb6 25.b5 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Bxe5, etc...]

**23.Rce1 e4** [\*Fat Fritz (in lc0): 23...Rd5 24.g4 fxg4 25.hxg4 b5 26.cxb6 axb6, etc...]

**24.dxe4 d3± [D]**



(Terance: Exactly what I was hoping for when I took on e4 earlier!) **25.Rd2 fxe4** [But not 25...Rxe4?! 26.Rxe4 fxe4 27.Rd1=]

**26.f3 e3?** (Terance: Here I missed calculated, I knew that Bf4 wins an exchange but I thought I still could do this after e3 but forgot about the King going to f2 to protect the Knight.) [26...Bf4+- 27.fxe4 Bxd2 28.Nxd2 Ne7] **27.Rxe3± Rxe3 28.Nxe3 Nd4 [D]**



(Text cont. p.8)

(Cont. from p.7) (Terance: Now trying to regroup with some tactics knowing I am a pawn down. I knew I had compensation with my passed pawn so I planned to force a draw now.) [28...b6±] **29.Kf2 Ne2 30.Nf1 [30.Nc4±] 30...Nf4 [D]**



(Terance: Here I offered a draw which Eric accepted.) [30...b6±; \*Fat Fritz (in lc0)]: 30...g5 31.Rd1 b6 32.Nd2 bxc5 33.bxc5 Bg3+ 34.Kf1 Bf4. etc...]  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$   
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### Game played on Chess.com by two NPCC Members

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

**White: omast2, O. Mastin (1507)**  
**Black: BOverly, B. Overly (1427)**  
**Date: 3/14/2020**

\* (Please copy and paste the HTML link at the end of this article into your browser to read the complete Stockfish comments and to be able to play thru the moves.)

[A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems] **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3 d5 5.0-0 Bd6 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 Bg4 [7...dxe4= should be considered. 8.Nxe4 (8.dxe4 Bg4 9.h3 Be6 10.Qe2 h6, etc... 1-0 (22) Gaal,S (2046)-Kiss,L (1700) Hungary 2015) 8...Nxe4 9.dxe4 Be6 (9...Bg4 10.h3 Bh5, etc... Nuri,M (2206)-Ratkovic,M (2302) Kocaeli 2013 0-1 (45)]] 8.h3± [D] (Next col.) 8...Bxf3N [White has an edge.] [8...Be6 9.c3 Qd7 10.Ng5 h6 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Qe2 dxe4, etc... Ilic,V-Cehic,A Pula 1999 1-0 (60); 8...Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Re1 Re8 11.c3 Qd7, etc... Zhezhov,E (1769)-Manova, I Skopje 2013 1-0] **9.Bxf3 Nd4** (Text cont. next col.)**

**Position after 8.h3± (From prev. col.)**



(Cont. from prev. col.) [9...Be7=] **10.c3 [10.exd5± Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3] 10...Nxf3+= 11.Nxf3 [11.Qxf3= keeps the balance. 11...c6 12.Nb3] 11...dxe4± 12.dxe4 Nxe4 [12...Qd7± 13.Bg5 Nxe4] 13.Be3 [D]**



[13.Qd5± Nf6 14.Qxb7] **13...f5 [Better is 13...Qd7! 14.Kg2 Rfe8] 14.Qe2 [14.Qd5+± Kh8 15.Nxe5] 14...Qe7 15.Rad1 h6 16.Rd3 [16.Qc4+± was worth a try. 16...Qf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Kg2] 16...g5 17.Rfd1 f4 18.Bc1 Nc5 19.Rd5 [intending gxf4.] 19...fxg3 20.fxg3 e4? [20...Qe6-+ 21.g4 Rf7] 21.Nxg5!= [D]**



[And now Qg4 would win.] **21...Rf6? [21...Bxg3?! 22.Be3±; 21...e3!± keeps the upper hand. 22.Qg4 (22.Qxe3 Rae8±) 22...Kh8] 22.h4? [22.b4± Raf8 23.Qg4 (23.bxc5 Bxc5+ 24.Kh1 e3±)] 22...Bxg3 [22...Raf8= 23.b4 c6 24.bxc5 Bxc5+ (Text cont. next col.)**

(Cont. from prev. col.) 25.Rxc5 Qxc5+ 26.Be3 Qb5 27.Qxb5 cxb5] **23.Qg4± c6? [D]**



[23...Bf2+= 24.Kg2 Rg6 25.Kxf2 Rf8+ 26.Ke2 hxg5] **24.Nxe4+!+- [But not 24.Qxg3?! cxd5 25.Nxe4+ Kh7±; Less strong is 24.Rd8+ Rxd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8+-] 24...Kh8 25.Nxf6 [White should play 25.Rxc5+- Bf2+ 26.Kh1 (26.Nxf2 Qxc5 27.Qd4 Rg8+ 28.Kf1 Qf5±) 26...Bxc5 27.Nxf6 Qxf6 28.Qf4] 25...Qxf6?? [25...cxd5± 26.Qg6 (26.Qxg3 Qxf6 27.Rf1 Qe7±) 26...Qg7 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7] 26.Qd4? [D]**



[omast2 won by resignation.] [Not 26.Qxg3 cxd5 27.Rf1 Qe6±; 26.Rf5 Qxh4 27.Qxh4 Bxh4 28.Rxc5] [\*Stockfish 10 64: 26...Bf2+ 27.Qxf2 Rg8+ 28.Kf1 Rf8 29.Qxf6+ Rxf6+ 30.Ke2 cxd5, etc...] **1-0**  
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