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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Spring 2020, Part 3

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This issue features Joseph Mucerino's Games from the past (continued from the Spring 1 issue.) 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 Summer 2000 Round Robin Tournament

Round: 5

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

White: NM Joseph Weber (2215)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (1855)

Date: 7/28/2000

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[B01: Scandinavian Defense] 1.e4 d5 [D]

(Next col.) 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4

4.Bb5+ Nbd7 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 1.e4 d5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 5.f3 Bf5
6.c4 [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - Also playable are 6.Nc3 and 6.g4.) 6...e6
7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.c5 (Joe - Stockfish could not decide whether it preferred this or 8.d5.) 8...c6 9.Bd3 [9.Ba4±]
9...Nd5 [D]



[Threatens to win with ...Qh4+.] [9...b6
10.cxb6 Nxb6 11.Ne2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0
13.Nbc3 c5, etc... Kotsur,P (2587)-Eid,F
(2389) Beirut 2000 1-0] 10.Ne2 [White is slightly better.] 10...Qh4+ [10...b6
11.cxb6 axb6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Nbc3 Qc7
14.h3 0-0 15.Nxd5 Bxd5, etc... Hajbok,R
(2366)-Martian,D (2168) Calimanesti
2013 ½-½ (42)] 11.g3 Qf6N (Joe - It's better to play 11...Qh3 to prevent castling.) (Text cont. p.2)

***Tournament has been postponed!**

**NPCC 2020 May Octagonal 40/90; SD/30; d,5
May 8th, 15th & 22nd.**

A 3 Round Swiss in 8 player sections or portions thereof

Registration: 7:00 to 7:45 PM. Please arrive no later than 7:45 PM
May 8th to register. Rounds start at 8:00 PM.

Entry fee: North Penn members = \$15 Non-members = \$20.

One 1/2 point bye permitted for Rounds 1 or 2. Must play Round 3
to be eligible for prize.

**Prizes (Based on minimum of 8 Entrants): 1st Place = \$50. 2nd
Place = \$30. *Top in Lower Half* = \$30**

(Class Prize- Rating TBD on-site).



NPCC Schedule May 2020

DATE	ROUND	EVENT	ROUND TIMES	TYPE
8-May	1 of 3	NPCC 2020 May Octagonal	8:00 PM Please arrive <u>no later than 7:45 PM</u> to register.	3-Round Swiss in 8-Player Sections (or portions thereof)
15-May	2 of 3		8:00 PM	
22-May	3 of 3		8:00 PM	
TIME CONTROL		ENTRY FEE	PRIZES	COMMENTS
40/90,SD/30;d5		\$15 NPCC Members / \$20 Non-Members	PRIZES: (Based on Minimum of 8 Entrants): First Place = \$50 2nd Place = \$30 "Top-in-Lower-Half"* = \$30 * (Class Prize - Rating TBD on-site)	One 1/2 point bye permitted for Round 1 or 2. Must play Round 3 to be eligible for prize.

Note: Tournament has been postponed!

(Cont. from p. 1) [11...Qh3 12.Nbc3 (12.Kf2 Nxc5 13.Be4 ½-½ (13) Borsavolgyi,T (2308)-Acs,G (2222) Hungary 2004) 12...Qg2 13.Rf1 0-0-0 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Qa4 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Bxc5, etc... Womacka,M (2409)-Krivoshey,S (2553) playchess.com INT 2006 0-1 (36)] **12.0-0** [12.Be4±] **12...Bh3** [Black should try 12...Nxc5= 13.dxc5 0-0-0] **13.Re1** [13.Rf2±] **13...0-0-0!** [With initiative] [Black has good play.] **14.f4?? [D]**



(Joe - White needed to play 14.Be4.) [14.Be4= and White is okay. 14...Nxc5 15.Bxd5 (15.dxc5 Bxc5+ 16.Kh1 Bf2±) 15...Rxd5 16.Nbc3] **14...Nxc5!+-** **15.dxc5??** (Joe - Compounding the previous error. White should have played 15.Bc2 or 15.Bc4.) [15.Bc2 might work better.] **15...Bxc5+ 16.Kh1 Nb4 17.Ng1 Rxd3?** (Joe - I'm surprised I played this. 17...Nxd3 is much stronger.) **18.Qh5 Bf5?! [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 18...Bf5?! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - 18...Be6 is a bit better.) **19.Qe2?** (Joe - White needs to develop with 19.Nc3.) [Better is 19.Re5 Qxe5 20.fxe5 Be4+ 21.Nf3 Bxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Rxf3 23.Nd2] **19...h5?!** (Joe - A bit slow. 19...Be6 is still the move.) [19...Rdd8+- and Black stays clearly on top. 20.Nc3 Nc2] **20.Nc3?** [20.a3± nothing else works. 20...Bg4 21.axb4 Bxe2 22.bxc5] **20...Bd4?!** (Joe - The Knight is heading to e4, so Black should put more pressure on this square with 20...Qg6. Now if White plays 21.Ne4 Black can pin the Knight with 21...Re8.) [Better is 20...Rdd8 21.Be3 Rde8 22.Bxc5 Rxe2 23.Rxe2 Nd3] **21.Ne4 Qg6** [Better is 21...Bxe4+ 22.Qxe4 h4] **22.Rb1** [Better is 22.a3] **22...Bg4 23.Qg2? [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 23.Qg2? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [23.f5± Bxf5 24.Bf4] **23...Bxg1** (Joe - Black should continue the pawn storm with 23...h4.) **24.Kxg1 Bf3 25.Qh3+ f5 26.Ng5 Bd5 27.Be3** [Better is 27.b3] **27...b6?** (Joe - Black can win some material with 27...Nc2.) [Weaker is 27...Bxa2 28.Rbc1+-; Better is 27...Nc2 28.Bxa7 Nxe1 29.Rxe1 h4] **28.a3?** [28.Bf2 is a better defense.] **28...Nc2! [D]** (p. 3) **29.Qf1 Rxe3 30.Qa6+ Kb8 31.Rec1?** [31.Nf3 Rxf3 32.b4 Rxc3+ 33.Kf1 Rg2 34.Qxa7+ Kxa7 35.Re7+ Kb8 36.Re4 fxe4 37.Rd1 Bc4+ 38.Rd3 Bxd3#] **31...Nd4** [Strongly threatening ...h4. Black is clearly winning.] **32.Rd1 Qf6** [Better is 32...c5 33.Rxd4 cxd4] **33.Rbc1?** (Joe - 33.Qa4 is better.) (Text cont. p. 3)

Position after 28...Nc2! (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) 33...Ne2+ 34.Kf2 Nxc1 35.Kxe3 Re8+ 36.Kf2 Qxb2+ 37.Kg1 Qg2# [D]



[Accuracy: White = 45%, Black = 37%]
0-1

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Game from the North Penn Chess Club 2000 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 1

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (1845)

Black: Arthur Price (2076)

Date: 8/25/2000

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[C01: French: Exchange Variation] 1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Be3 [D] (Next col.) (Joe - The Alapin Gambit.) 3...Nd7 (Joe - Black declines the gambit. If 3...dxe4 4.Nd2.) 4.e5 [4.c3 c5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 Qa5 7.Qe2 Kd8 8.Nd2 c4, etc... Vlad,D (2322)-Cristescu,A Bucharest 2002 1-0 (55)] 4...c5 5.c3 Qb6N (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 3.Be3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [5...Ne7 6.f4 (6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Nbd2 Qb6 9.Rb1 h6 10.h4 a5, etc... Graham,N-Dudiefa,D Coventry 2005 ½-½) 6...Nf5 7.Bf2 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Nc3 Qa5, etc... Pareux,M (1550)-Gregoire,P (1390) Loire 2004 1-0] 6.Qd2 cxd4 [6...Ne7=] 7.cxd4± Ne7 8.f4?! [D]



(Joe - It's better to develop with 8.Be3 and then if 8...Nf5 9.Bxf5. I'm sure I rejected that because I don't like to give up my light squared bishop.) [White is slightly better.] 8...Nf5 9.Bf2! Bb4 10.Nc3 Qa5 11.Nf3 Nb6! 12.Rc1 Nc4 13.Bxc4! [D]



13...dxc4 14.0-0 0-0 15.a3 Bxc3! 16.Rxc3 Qd5 17.Qc2?! [D] (Next col.) (Joe - It's better to prepare this move with 17.a4 first because of black's next move.) [17.g4= Ne7 18.Bh4] 17...b5≠ 18.g4?! (Joe - 18...Ne7 is much more flexible.) 18...Nh6? 19.Ng5?! [D] (Next col.) (Joe - White should solidify his position with 19.h3.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 17.Qc2?! (From prev. col.)



Position after 19.Ng5?! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [19.h3= should be considered.] 19...g6 20.h3 Bb7 21.Nf3 [21.Rf3= is superior.] 21...f6 22.Be3 [22.exf6!≠ Rxf6 23.Bg3] 22...fxe5? [22...f5!-+ 23.g5 Nf7] 23.dxe5= a5 [23...Nf7=] 24.Qd2 [24.a4±] 24...Nf7 25.Rc2? [25.Qd4=] 25...Rfd8? [D]



(Joe - Black's Queen is a monster. White should have traded it off on the previous move, and Black should have avoided the trade of Queens.) [Better is 25...Qe4!≠ 26.Qf2 Qxf3 27.Qxf3 Bxf3 28.Rxf3 Nxe5!] 26.Qxd5 Bxd5 27.Kf2 Be4 [27...b4=] 28.Rd2± b4 29.axb4 [29.Rc1 is more appropriate.] 29...axb4= 30.Bd4 [White should (Text cont. p.4)]

(Cont. from p.3) try 30.Rc1=
30...Ra2≠ 31.Rfd1 Rd5 [31...Rc8≠]
32.Ke3= Bxf3! [D]



33.Kxf3 Nd8? [33...g5=] 34.Ke4? [D]



(Joe - White had a strong move 34.Bc5!
 Rxd2 ((not 34...Rxc5?? 35.Rxd8+ leads to
 mate)) 35.Rxd2 Nc6 36.Rd6 Ra6.)
[34.Be3± Rxd2 35.Rxd2] 34...Nc6 35.f5!
gxf5+ [Better is 35...Kf7] 36.gxf5
Rxd4+ 37.Rxd4 exf5+ 38.Kxf5
Nxd4+ 39.Rxd4 Rxb2 40.Rxc4 [D]



[Endgame KR-KR] 40...Rf2+ 41.Ke6 b3
42.Rb4 b2 43.Ke7 Rh2 44.e6 Rxb3
[D]

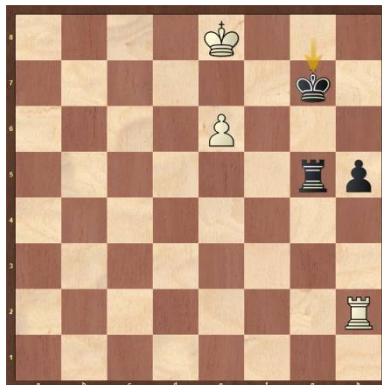


(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [44...Kg7=
 remains equal.] **45.Rxb2± [Hoping for**
Rg2+.] 45...Rg3?? (Joe - Black has to
get his Pawn rolling with 45...h5. Black
is lost after the text move.) [45...h5±]
46.Rf2?? [D]



(Joe - And this move gives back half a
 point. Obviously I wanted to cut off the
 black King; but the way to win is 46.Rd2
 with the line 46...Kg7 47.Kd8 ((note that
 the Rook on d2 eliminates checks)) Ra3
 48.e7 Ra8+ 49.Kd7 Ra7+ 50.Ke6 Ra6+
 51.Rd6 Ra8 52.Rd8 Ra6+ 53.Kd5 Ra5+
 54.Kc4 Ra4+ 55.Kb3 Re4 56.e8Q Rxe8
 57.Rxe8 Kg6 58.Kc3 Kg5 59.Kd3 h5
 60.Ke3 Kg4 61.Kf2 and White's King will
 make it to h1 and win.) **46...h5?? (Joe**
- Now White is winning again.) [Better
is 46...Kg7] 47.Rh2! Rg5 [47...Rg7±
was worth a try. 48.Kf6 Rh7] 48.Ke8??
 (Joe - And now the game is drawn
 again. Best was 48.Kf6 and second best
 was 48.Kd6. The rest of the game is
 drawn. Black can sacrifice his Rook for
 the Pawn, and force White to sacrifice
 his Rook for the h-Pawn.) **[48.Kf6+- Ra5**
49.Rg2+ Kh7 50.Rg7+ Kh6 51.Rg8 Kh7
52.e7! Ra6+ 53.Kf7] 48...Kg7 [D]



[48...Ra5±] 49.e7!+- [Strongly threat-
ening Kd7.] 49...Rd5 [49...Rb5±]
50.Rg2+ Kf6 51.Re2 [51.Kf8+- Re5
52.Ra2 Rxe7 53.Rf2+ Kg5 54.Kxe7]
51...Ra5? [D] (Next col.)
[51...Kg7!±] 52.Rd2? [52.Kf8!+- Ra8+
53.e8Q Rxe8+ 54.Rxe8] 52...Ra8+
 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 51...Ra5? (From
prev. col.)



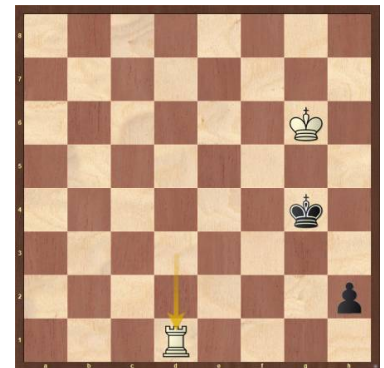
(Cont. from prev. col.) **53.Rd8 Ra7**
54.Rd6+ Kg5 55.Rd7 Ra2 [Black
should play 55...Ra5±] 56.Rd5±± [D]



56...Kg4 57.Rd4+ Kg3 58.Rd3+ Kg4
59.Kf8 Re2 60.e8Q [D]



[60.Rd4±± Kg3 61.e8Q Rxe8+ 62.Kxe8]
60...Rxe8+= 61.Kxe8 h4 [The posi-
tion is equal.] 62.Kf7 h3 63.Kg6 h2
64.Rd1 [D]



[Accuracy: White = 61%, Black = 50%.]
½-½ (Text cont. p.5)

(Cont. from p.4)

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Game from the North Penn Chess Club 2000 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 2

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz/*Stockfish comments [shown thus].

White: NM Joseph Weber (2215)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (1855)

Date: 9/8/2000

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[B01: Scandinavian Defense] **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Bb5+ Nbd7 5.f3 Bf5 6.c4 e6 [D]**



7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.Qc2?! (Joe - A bit odd. 8.d5 is the normal move.) 8.d5± Bf5 9.Nc3; 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.b3 b5 10.cxb5 Bb4+, etc... 0-1 (20) Dimitrov,V (2495)-Spraggett,K (2545) Ubeda 1996] **8...c6± [Black has compensation.] 9.Ba4 [D]**



9...Qe7N (Joe - This loses time and gives White a good advantage. Best is 9...Nb6 10.d5 Nxa4 11.dxe6 Nc5 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **12.Nxf7+ Kxf7.) [9...Nb6± 10.c5 Qxd4 11.cxb6 Bb4+ 12.Nc3 axb6; 9...Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Qe7 11.Ne2 0-0 12.Bb3 Rfe8, etc... Ali,E-Arnot,R (1987) Benidorm 2004 1-0 (41) 10.Ne2± [White is slightly better.] 10...Nb6 11.Bb3 Qd7 12.0-0 Be7 [12...a5±] 13.a4 [D]**



13...0-0 14.a5 Nc8 15.Be3 Nd6 16.Nd2 Nf5 [Better is 16...b5] 17.Bf2± Bd6 [17...b5± was called for.] 18.Ne4!+- Bc7?? [D]



[Better is 18...Be7 19.Nc5 Bxc5] **19.Rfd1? (Joe - White could have won a piece with 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.d5 cxd5 21.cxd5 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 23.Kxh2 Qxd5.) 19...Qe7 20.d5 Nxe4?? [D]**



(Joe - This really does lose a piece. The best move is 20...Bd7. Perhaps I was afraid of 21.Bc5, although I do have 21...Qa5.) [20...Bd7 keeps fighting. 21.N2c3 Nxe4] **21.fxe4 (Text cont. next col.)**

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - I thought about resigning here. I'm going to lose a piece, but I figured I still have most of my pieces left, so I decided to run a "Hail Mary" play and throw all of my pieces at my opponent's King. The result was I won my piece back, but wound up in a lost position.) **21...Qd6? (Joe - The computer doesn't like this, preferring 21...Nh6 to 21...Nh4.) [Better is 21...Nh6] 22.g3 [22.dxe6 Qxh2+ 23.Kf1 Nh4=] 22...Nxxg3 23.hxg3 Bg4 24.Rd2 [aiming for Nd4.] 24...Qh6 [Threatening ...Bf3.] 25.Qd3 f5? [D]**



(Joe - Missing 25...Bf3!? when White has to play 26.Qxf3 Qxd2 or 26.Bc5 and allow 26...Qh1+.) and the idea ...fxe4 leaves Black hopeful.) **26.d6 fxe4 27.Qe3 (Joe - Not 27.Qxe4?? Bf3.) [27.Qxe4 Bf3±] 27...Qh3 [Strongly threatening ...Bf3.] 28.c5+ [28.dxc7? Bf3+-; 28.Nf4 Qh6+-] 28...Kh8 [White must now prevent ...Bf3.] 29.Nd4? (Joe - White loses a chunk of his advantage. Better is 29.Nf4, hitting the Queen, and if the Queen moves, White can capture on c7. Weber was probably afraid of 29...Rxf4 30.Qxf4 Bf3, but after 31.Bd4, Black has a few checks and nothing more.) [29.Nf4+- and the rest is easy. 29...Qh6 30.dxc7] 29...Bf3? (Joe - This move needed to be prepared by 29...Rae8 first.) [29...Bxa5± 30.Rxa5 Bd7] 30.Nxf3 exf3 31.Be1 Rae8 32.Qf2 Bd8 [Better is 32...Bxa5 33.Rxa5 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1 f2+ 35.Rxf2 Qxg3+ 36.Kf1 Qh3+ 37.Ke2 Qg4+ 38.Kf1 Qh3+ 39.Ke2 Qg4+ 40.Kd3 Qg3+ 41.Ke2 Qg4+] 33.Bc2?? [33.Qh2+- Qg4 34.Bf2] 33...h6?? [D] (p.6) (Joe - A double blunder. Black should have played 33...Bg5, threatening 34...Be3, and if 34.Rd3 Re2.) [33...Bg5= 34.Qh2 (34.d7? Be3+-) (Text cont.p.6)**

Position after 33...h6?? (From p.5.)



(Cont. from p.5) 34...Be3+ 35.Bf2 (35.Rf2? Bxf2+ 36.Bxf2 Qxh2+ 37.Kxh2 Re2+) 35...Qxh2+ 36.Kxh2 Bxd2] **34.Qf1 Qg4 35.Qd3??** (Joe - 35.Bf2 is much more solid.) [35.Bf2+- Re2 36.Rxe2 fxe2 37.Qe1] **35...Rxe1+!± 36.Kf2 [D]**



(Joe - 36.Rxe1 Qxg3+ forces a draw.) **36...Re2+! 37.Rxe2 fxe2+ 38.Kg2! g6** (Joe - White was threatening mate!) **39.Re1** [With attack!] [White mounts an attack.] [39.Qxg6? Qf3+ 40.Kh2 Qf2+ 41.Kh3 Qf1+ 42.Kg4 Rg8-+] **39...Re8 40.Qc3+** [40.Qxg6 Qxg6 41.Bxg6 Bxa5±; 40.a6± bxa6 41.Qf3 (41.Qxg6 Qxg6 42.Bxg6 Re5=)] **40...Kh7** [40...Kg8=] **41.Qb3** [41.b4!±] **41...Qd7?! [D]**

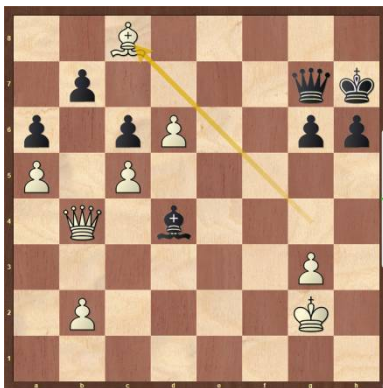


(Joe - It's difficult to criticize this natural move. The computer found this line: 41...Kg7 42.Qxb7+ Kf6 43.Qxc6 Re3 44.d7+ Kg7 45.Qd6 Bh4 46.Qxg6+ Qxg6 47.Bxg6 Rxg3+ 48.Kh1 and the computer evaluation is 0.00.) [41...Kg7!±] **42.Qb4** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [42.Qf3±] **42...Qf7** [Threatens to win with ...Qd5+.] **43.Bb3 Qg7** [43...Qf5= 44.Qxb7+ Kh8] **44.Bc4** (Joe - White is building up his advantage again.) **44...Bf6** [Black should play 44...h5±] **45.Rxe2± Rxe2+ 46.Bxe2 a6 [D]**



[Better is 46...Bxb2 47.d7 Bf6] **47.Bg4** [47.Qe4!±] **47...Bd4** [47...Qf7!±] **48.Bc8 [D]**



[Better is 48.d7 Bf6 49.Qxb7] **48...Qf6??** (Joe - This loses. The computer recommends the unusual 48...b5.) [48...Qe5± 49.Qxb7+ Kg8 50.Qb3+ (50.Qxa6 Qe4+ 51.Kh2 Bxc5±; 50.Qxc6 Qe2+ 51.Kh3 Qh5+ 52.Kg2 Qe2+ 53.Kh3 Qh5+ 54.Kg2 Qe2+) 50...Kg7 51.Bxa6 Bxc5; *Stockfish 10 64: 48...b5 49.Qa3 Qe5 50.Qf3 Qxc5 51.Bxa6 Qxd6 52.Bb7 Bxb2, etc...] **49.Qxb7+- Kh8 50.Qxc6** [Avoid the trap 50.Qxa6? Qf2+ 51.Kh3 Qf3+-] **50...Qf2+ 51.Kh3** [And now b4 would win.] **51...Qf1+** [Better is 51...h5 52.b4 (52.Qxa6 Bxc5 53.Qc6 Qf1+ 54.Qg2 Qd1±) 52...g5 53.Qxa6 Qe1] **52.Qg2 Qf6** [Better is 52...Qb1 53.Qf3 Kg7] **53.b4** [Weaker is 53.Bxa6 Qf5+ 54.g4 Qe6+-] **53...g5?** [53...h5 54.Qe2 Kg7 55.Qxa6 Be5 56.Qb7+ Kh6] **54.Bxa6?? [D]** (Next col.) (Joe - This allows a draw!) [54.Qe2+-] **54...g4+!± 55.Kh2 Qe5??** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 54.Bxa6?? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - The drawing move is 55...Qf5! 56.Qa8+ Kg7 57.Qb7+ Kg6 58.Bd3 Qxd3 59.a6 Qc2 60.Qg2 Qf5 61.Kh1 Qh5+ 62.Qh2 Qd5+ 63.Qg2 Qh5+ with a perpetual check.) [55...Qf5= and Black is okay. 56.Qa8+ Kg7] **56.Qa8+- Kg7 57.Qb7+ Kg6 58.Bd3+** [White is clearly winning.] **58...Kf6 [D]**



(-> ...Qh5+) **59.Qe7+! Qxe7 60.dxe7 Kxe7 61.a6 [D]**



(Joe - and White won in a time scramble in "x" moves.). Accuracy: White = 56%, Black = 50%.] **1-0**

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Games from the NPCC 2001 Summer Robin Tournament

Round: 2

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

White: NM Joseph Weber

Black: Joseph Mucerino (1902)

Date: 8/3/2001

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[B01: Scandinavian Defense] **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Bb5+ Nbd7 5.f3 [D]**



5...Bf5 6.c4 e6 7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.Qc2 [8.d5± Bf5 9.g4; 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.b3 b5 10.cxb5 Bb4+, etc... 0-1 (20) Dimitrov,V (2495)-Spraggett,K (2545) Ubeda 1996] **8...g6N** [8...c6± keeps the upper hand. 9.Ba4 Nb6 (9...Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Qe7 11.Ne2 0-0 12.Bb3 Rfe8 13.0-0 Bxd2, etc... Ali,E-Arnot,R (1987) Benidorm 2004 1-0 (41))] **9.d5± Bf5 10.Qe2+ [White is slightly better.] 10...Qe7 11.Nc3 0-0-0! 12.g4 Bd3! 13.Qxe7 Bxe7 14.Bxd7+ [14.Be3=] 14...Nxd7± 15.b3 Bf6 [Black should play 15...h5± Hoping for ...hxg4. 16.Bf4 hxg4 17.fxg4 Bb4] 16.Bb2 [D]**



[16.Kd2!= Bf1 17.h4] **16...b5!** (With Initiative) [Black is really pushing.] **17.cxb5 Nb6 18.Kd2 [D]** (Next col.) [18.Rd1± is a better defense. 18...Rhe8+ 19.Kf2 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Bh4+ 21.Kg2 Rxd5 22.Bc3] **18...Bxb5!-+** (Text cont. next col.)

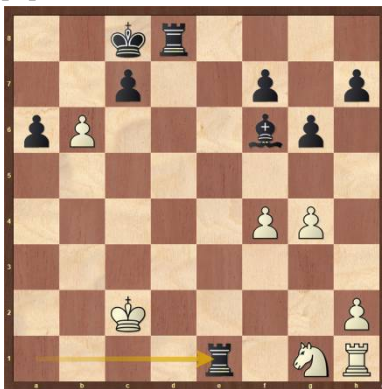
Position after 18.Kd2 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **19.Nxb5** [19.Kc2± Bxc3 20.Bxc3] **19...Bxb2 20.Re1** [Better is 20.Rb1 Rxd5+ 21.Ke2 Re8+ 22.Kf1] **20...Rxd5+ 21.Kc2 Bf6** [Less strong is 21...Rxb5 22.Kxb2 Rd8 23.Rc1±] **22.a4 a6 23.Na3?** [23.Nc3 Rc5 24.Nge2] **23...Rhd8 [D]**



[Black is clearly winning.] **24.f4** [Better is 24.Nh3 Rd2+ 25.Kb1] **24...Rd2+ 25.Kb1 Rb2+ 26.Kc1 Rxb3 27.a5 Rxa3 28.axb6 Ra1+ 29.Kc2 Rxe1 [D]**



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Game from the NPCC 2001 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 1

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (1913)

Black: Fricis Ukstins (1612)

Date: 9/7/2001

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[D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4] (Joe - Now I will present my games from when I first won the Membership Drive, in 2001. Back then, it was a four-round tournament in two sections.)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c3 c4? (Joe - This takes tension out of the center.) [4...Bf5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nbd2 Bd6, etc... ½-½ (14) Toth,J (2255)-Kovacs,L Sarospatak 1996] **5.b3N** [5.Be2 Bf5 (5...Bg4 6.Nbd2 Nf6 7.0-0 e6 8.Qe1 Bd6 9.Bd1 0-0, etc... Fraval,G-Thieme,D Fouesnant 2002 0-1 (54)) 6.Nbd2 e6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Re1 Nf6 9.Nh4 Be4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4, etc... Mamonyane,T-Mokomele,A Gauteng 2011 0-1; 5.Qc2 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.b3 cxb3 8.axb3 e6 9.Bb2 Bd6, etc... Kaum,R (1402)-Nolte,T (1078) Saarlouis Steinrausch 2005 1-0 (37)] **5...b5? [D]**



[5...cxb3!= 6.Qxb3 (6.axb3 Bf5±) 6...Nf6] **6.a4!+- Na5** (Joe - Of course not 6...a6? 7.axb5 and black cannot capture back.) [Better is 6...Qa5 7.Bb2 e6] **7.Nbd2** [Stronger than 7.axb5 Nxb3 8.Ra2 Nxc1=] **7...Nf6 8.axb5** [White has a decisive advantage.] **8...Ne4?** [8...cxb3 9.Nxb3 Nb7] **9.bxc4 Nxc3** [Better is 9...Nxd2 10.Nxd2 Nxc4 11.Nxc4 dxc4] **10.Qc2 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxe4 Bb7 [D]** (p.8) **13.Qc2 Bxf3?** (Joe - Black, who already is in big trouble, should be concentrating on developing.) (Text cont. p.8)

Position after 12...Bb7 (From p.7)



(Cont. from p.7) 14.gxf3 Nb7
15.Qa4 Qd7 16.c5 [D]



16...Qd5 17.e4 Qe6 18.b6+ Kd8
19.c6 [D]



[Intending c7+ and mate.] 19...Nd6
20.c7+ Kc8 21.Ba6+ [D]



(Joe - With mate next.) 1-0 Copy and
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Game from the NPCC 2001 Membership Drive Tournament Round: 2

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

White: Arthur Price (2061)
Black: Joseph Mucerino (1913)
Date: 9/14/2001

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to be able to play thru the moves.)

[B01: Scandinavian Defense] (Joe - This
was my first win over Art Price. It only
took me ten games to do it.) 1.e4 d5
2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bc4 Bg4
5.f3 Bf5 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.d4 Nb6! [D]



8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Qd3 [9.a4±; 9.Bxd7+
Qxd7 10.Nge2 Nbx5 11.0-0 e6 12.Ne4
Be7, etc... Massanet Massanet,S (2222)-
Martinez Vicario,J (2109) Palma de Mal-
lorca 2011 1-0 (49)] 9...Nfxd5=
10.Nxd5 [The position is equal.]
10...Nxd5 11.Bc4N [11.Bg5=; 11.Bd2
a6 12.Bc4 Nb6 13.Bb3 g6 14.Ne2 Bf5,
etc...Kriz,O (2250)-Bednar,J (2220) Slo-
vakia 1996 1-0 (54)] 11...Bc6
[11...c6±] 12.Ne2 [12.Nh3±] 12...e6
13.c3 [Better is 13.Bb5] 13...Bd6
14.Ng3?! [D]



(Joe - This allows a pin. Better was
14.O-O Qh4 15.g3.) [14.0-0= keeps the
balance.] 14...Qh4± 15.0-0 [15.Of1=]
15...Bxg3 16.hxg3 Qxg3 17.Bb5
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(Cont. from prev. col.) [White should
try 17.Bxd5± Bxd5 18.c4] 17...Qd6?!
[D]



(Joe - A waste of time. Black should cas-
tle. I believe I was afraid that after
17...O-O 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qc4, my dou-
bled pawns would be in trouble, but the
computer found 19...Rab8! 20.Qxc6
Rxb2!! 21.Bxb2 Nf4 22.Rf2 Nh3+ 23.Kh1
Nxf2 24.Kg1 Nh3+ 25.Kh1 Nf4 and mate
next.) [17...Ne7± 18.Bxc6+ Nxc6]
18.Bd2 [18.Bxc6+± Qxc6 19.c4]
18...a6 [Better is 18...0-0-0 19.Bxc6
Qxc6] 19.Bxc6+ Qxc6 20.Kf2 [20.c4±
Nf6 21.b3] 20...0-0-0+ 21.c4
[21.Rh1±] 21...Ne7 22.b4 Qd6
23.Bc3 Nf5 24.c5 [Better is 24.Rh1]
24...Qg3+ 25.Kg1 h5 26.b5 [D]



26...a5?! (Joe - It's better to trade the
pawns. After 26...axb5 27.Qxb5 h4
28.Rab1 h3, White will be able to cap-
ture on b7 but Black's King will be able
to run away.) [Better is 26...axb5 aim-
ing for ...h4. 27.Rfb1 h4] 27.Rae1?
[27.Be1 Qg5 28.Bd2] 27...h4 [Hoping
for ...h3.] 28.Re4 h3 29.Rg4 h2+
30.Kh1 [Strongly threatening Qxf5!]
30...Qe5 [D] (p.9) (Joe - Stronger is
30...Qf4. The Queen cannot be captured
because of 31...Ng3 mate!) 31.dxe5
[31.Qd2 was called for. 31...Ng3+
32.Rxg3 Qxg3 33.Bxa5] 31...Rxd3
32.Rc1 [D] (p.9) 32...g6 [32...a4!-+
33.Be1 (33.Rxa4 Ng3#) 33...a3]
33.Bxa5 [33.a4±] 33...Rh5 [Black
should play 33...Ra3+ 34.Bb4 Rxa2]
(Text cont. p.9)

Position after 30...Qe5 (From p.8)



Position after 32.Rc1 (From p.8)



(Cont. from p.8) 34.Be1± [D]



34...Rd5? (Joe - Better is 34...Re3, and if the Rook on g4 moves, Black can capture the Bishop and deliver mate on g3.) [34...Re3!± 35.a4 Re2] 35.Re4 [35.Ra4!± keeps the upper hand. 35...Rxe5 36.Bf2] 35...Rh8 [35...Nd4±] 36.g4 (Joe - Now the f3 pawn is really weak.) [36.Re2=] 36...Nd4± 37.b6 [37.c6± might work better.] 37...Nxf3+ 38.Ra4 [Ra8+ is the strong threat.] 38...Kb8 39.bxc7+ [39.c6± bxc6 40.bxc7+ Kxc7 41.Ra7+ Kb6 42.Rxf7 Nxe5 43.Rf6] 39...Kxc7 [D] (Next col.) 40.Ba5+ [Better is 40.c6! bxc6 41.Ra7+ Kb6 42.Rxf7 Nxe5 43.Re7] 40...Kc6 41.Rb4 [Threatening Rb6+.] 41...Rxc5 42.Rb6+ Kd5 43.Rxc5+ Kxc5 44.Rxb7 Nxe5 [Endgame KRB-KRN] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 39...Kxc7 (From prev. col.)



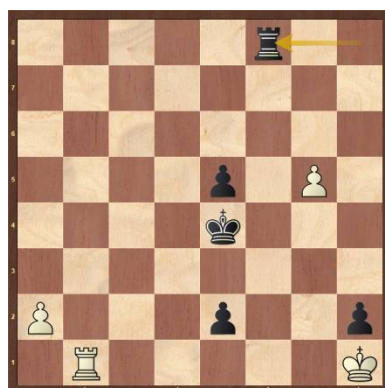
(Cont. from prev. col.) 45.Bc3 [Better is 45.g5] 45...f6 46.Bxe5 [D]



[Better is 46.Rb2 Nxc4 47.Rg2] 46...fxe5 [KR-KR] 47.Rg7 e4 [Black mates.] 48.Rxc6 Kd5 49.Rg5+ Kd4 50.Rb5 e3 51.Rb4+ Kd3 52.Rb3+ Ke4 [D]



53.Rb6 e5 54.g5 e2 55.Rb1 Rf8 [D]



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Joseph Mucerino



Joe Mucerino vs. Eric Funk, Tom DiMarco observing

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