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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Summer 2020, Part 1

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This issue features Joe Mucerino's Games played in Connecticut (CT). 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!

Joe Mucerino wrote:

“On June 27, (2020) after 103 days of inactivity because of coronavirus (the third longest period of my career and the longest in 25 years), I found an over-the-board (OTB) tournament to play in located in Norwalk, CT. This would actually be my third visit to the Chess Club in Fairfield County (CCFC), having gone there twice in 2017. The club owns a two-story building, so when it came to reopening, they did not need to obtain permission (like many clubs need to do) from their hosts. Normally, the club runs two rated tournaments a week (one on Saturday, one on Sunday). June 27 was advertised to be their first OTB (Text cont. next col.)

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tournament since then.

There recently was an OTB tournament in West Virginia. Due to local laws, they could not have any more than 25 So, the tournament was open to 24 players (and one TD, of course!). I elected not to go because the previous year, the tournament drew 32 people, and the website did not list advance entries, so I had no idea if I would be turned away or not. So, I passed on the event. It drew...six. The CCFC tournament was also open to 24 people. Many of their March events only drew four or six players, so again I considered skipping the event. It was a quad, so yes, you only need four players. It was a quad, so yes, you only need four players, to go out there to play weaker players. But two days prior to the event, the website showed the pre-registration list. At that point, ten players had signed up, including two experts and some 1900s. That was enough for me to enlist. By Saturday, sixteen had (Text cont. next col.)

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Of course, safety was a major concern. Everyone had their temperature taken before they were allowed to enter the building. Wearing masks was mandatory. There was an ample supply of hand sanitizer and wipes. Tables were spread out further than normal. The club went so far to purchase plexiglass for all boards. Everyone followed those rules, and everyone was happy to finally be playing some chess again.

I did okay, going +1-1=1. I took a risk in the first game and it back-fired”.

**Games from the *CCFC
Saturday 6/45 Quads, June
27th, 2020 Tournament**

Round: 1

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

White: Joseph Mucerino PA (2076)

Black: Jithu Sajeevan CT (1910)

Date: 6/27/2020

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As of March 13, 2020, NPCC will be closed until further notice is received from the St. John's UCC Church, Lansdale, which is our usual meeting place!!

We will send out notification via email, Facebook, and website, (www.northpennchessclub.org), just as soon we learn that we can reopen!

When that time comes, we will post a revised schedule!

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[D05: Colle System with ...e6] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 e6 4.Nbd2 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 [D]



8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 Qc7 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.Re1 [Hoping for e5.] 11...Nd7 12.exd5 [12.h3 Nde5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nf3 Re8 16.Bf4 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Bd7, etc... Narciso Dublan,M (2447)-Vovsha,E (2289) Budapest 1999 ½-½ (43)] 12...exd5 13.Nf1 Nde5N [White has an edge.] [13...Nf6 14.Qc2 h6 15.Ne3 Re8 16.Bd2 Be6 17.Nf5 Bf8 18.N5d4 Bd7 19.Nxc6 bxc6, etc... Connors,D-Zheng,H Colonie 2008 ½-½ (56)] 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 [D]



15.Bc2 Bg4 16.f3 [D]



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(Joe - This looks a bit odd, but it's fine.) 16...Bh5 17.Be3 (Joe - After I lost the game, I was kicking myself for not playing 17.Ng3, but the computer found that this move loses to 17...Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Bxg3 19.hxg3 Qxg3 winning.) 17...Rfe8 18.Qd1?! (Joe - A bit better is 18.Qf2.) 18...Nc4 [Initiative] [Black has some pressure.] 19.Qxd5?? [D]



(Joe - The pawn was poisoned! I could not overcome the temptation of capturing it. White is fine after 19.Bf2 or 19.Bd4.) [19.Bf2= and White is okay.] 19...Re5!+ 20.Qd3 Bg6 21.Qe2 Nxe3 [Black is clearly winning.] 22.Bxg6 hxg6 [Don't play 22...Nxf1 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qxf1+] 23.f4 Re6 24.Nxe3 [D]



24...Rxe3! (Joe - White is busted, but I played on until it was totally helpless.) 25.Qf2 [25.Qxe3 Bc5] 25...Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 Bxf4 27.g3 Qc5+ 28.Kg2 Qc6+ 29.Kg1 Re8 [D]



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[Accuracy: White = 35%, Black = 89%] (Joe - Sajeevan would win the quad 3-0.) 0-1 Copy and paste the link below into your browser:

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Round: 2

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

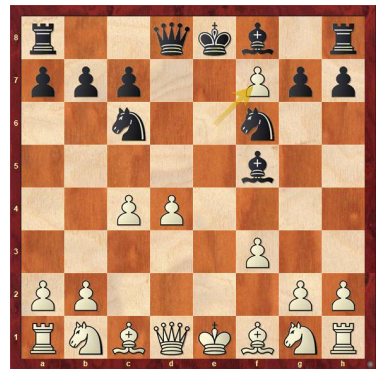
White: Jack Klein CT (1951)
Black: Joseph Mucerino PA(2076)
Date: 6/27/2020

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[B01: Scandinavian Defense] (Joe - Things got better in round two. Klein had defeated the other expert in our quad in the first round.) 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.f3 Bf5 5.c4 e6 [D]



6.dxe6 Nc6 7.exf7+ [D]



(Joe - This is known to be bad for white. I've heard some sources say that black is completely winning now, although I do not believe that.) [7.Be3!+] 7...Kxf7= 8.Bd3? [D] (p.3) 8...Bb4+++ [8...Qxd4 9.Bxf5 Bb4+ 10.Nc3!+-] 9.Nc3 [D] (p.3) [Black is clearly better.] 9...Re8+! [Worse is 9...Nxd4 10.Bxf5 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3=] 10.Nge2? (Joe - White's king should have taken a walk with 10.Kf1.) (Text cont. p.3)

Position after 8.Bd3? (From p.2)



Position after 9.Nc3 (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) [10.Kf1 keeps fighting. 10...Qxd4 11.Be4] 10...Nxd4 (Joe - The alternative, 10...Bxd3, may be a bit more accurate.) 11.0-0?N [D]



(Joe - Now white loses a piece.) [Better is 11.Bxf5 Nxe2 12.Qxd8 (12.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Qe7+ 14.Kf2 Qc5+, etc...Farkas,R (1900)-Biro,L (2067) Hungary 2010) 12...Raxd8 13.Kf2 Bc5+ 14.Be3 (14.Kf1 Nxc3 15.Bf4 Rd1+, etc...Van Foreest,J (2494)-Zwirs,N (2358) Amsterdam 2015) 14...Rxe3 15.Rhd1 Nxc3 16.Rxd8 Re8+,etc...] 11...Bxd3 [Black is clearly winning.] 12.Nxd4 (Joe - White loses the queen after 12.Qxd3 Nxe2+.) 12...Qxd4+ 13.Kh1 Rad8 14.Re1 Bxc4 [aiming for ...Qxd1.] 15.Bg5 [D] (Next col.) 15...Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qc5 17.Bd2 Qd5? (Joe - 17...Qf2! ends the game.) 18.Bf4 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Nd5 [D] (Next col.) 21.Bg3 Bxa2 22.Ra1 Bc4 23.Rxa7 Ba6 [D] (Next col.) (Joe - The two experts met in the final round.) [Accuracy: White = 18%, Black = 100%.] 0-1

Position after Position after 15.Bg5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 20...Nd5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 23...Ba6 (From prev. col.)



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Round: 3

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

White: Mike Amori NY(2046)
Black: Joseph Mucerino PA (2076)
Date: 6/27/2020

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(Cont. From prev. col.) [B01: Scandinavian defense] (Joe - Amori was 0-2.)

1.e4 d5 2.d3 [D]



(Joe - This move just hands black a small advantage for nothing.) 2...dxe4 3.dxe4 Qxd1+ 4.Kxd1 Nc6 5.c3 Bg4+ [D]



(Joe - The computer didn't like this move, preferring 5...f5 or 5...e5.) [5...e5=+; 5...Nf6 6.f3 e5 7.Be3 Be7 8.Kc2 0-0 9.Nd2 Be6, etc... ½-½ (12) Kagirov,R (2266)-Denisov,L (2321) Kiselevsk 2011] 6.Be2N [6.f3 0-0-0+ 7.Kc2 (7.Nd2 Bd7 8.Kc2 f5 9.exf5 Bxf5+ 10.Bd3 Bxd3+, etc... Borisov,G-Skliarov,V Dzerzhinsk 2014 0-1) 7...Bd7 (7...Bh5 8.Nh3 e5 9.Bc4 h6 10.Be3 Nf6 11.Nf2 Ne8 12.Bb5 Kb8, etc... Haugsvaer,L (1081)-Egeland,M (1862) Oslo 2008 ½-½) 8.Be3 e5 9.Nd2 a6 10.Bc4 f6 11.Ne2 Nge7 12.Rad1 Kb8 13.b4 Na7, etc... Sabau,I-Rhodes,H Dos Hermanas 2003 1-0 (38)] 6...0-0-0+ 7.Kc2 Nf6 [7...Bxe2 looks sharper. 8.Nxe2 e5 9.Be3] 8.f3 [The position is equal.] 8...Bh5 9.Be3 e5 10.Nd2 Be7 11.a4 a5? [D] (p.4) (Joe - This looks like it should lose a pawn.) [11...Bg6= is superior.] 12.Bb5+= Bg6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Ne2 [D] (p.4) (Joe - Not 14.Nc4 immediately because of 14...Nxe5. One interesting variation goes 15.Nxe5 Ng3+ 16.Nxg6 hxg6 winning the rook on h1.) 14...Bd6 [14...Nd5+= 15.Bf2 Nb6] 15.g4 (Joe - If 15.Nc4 black still has 15...Nxe4 (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 11...a5? (From p.3)



Position after 14.Ne2 (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) 16.fxe4 Bxe4+ and 17...f5, and black's center pawns give him compensation.) [15.h4+-] 15...Kb7 [15...Nd5+= might be stronger. 16.Bf2 Nb6] 16.Ng3 [16.h4+- And now h5 would win. 16...h5 17.gxh5 Rxh5 18.Bf2] 16...Nd5 17.Bf2 Nf4 18.Nc4 Ka6 19.Nf5 [D]



19...Bxf5 20.gxf5 Rhe8 [20...f6+- was necessary.] 21.Rad1+- f6 [D]



22.Rd2! g6 (Joe - We both missed 23.Rhd1 Be7 24.Rd7!) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 23.fxg6 [23.Rhd1+-] 23...hxg6+- 24.Be3 Ne6 25.Rhd1 [Better is 25.h4] 25...Be7 [D]



[White is better.] 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Rxd8 Bxd8 28.Kd3 Be7 29.b3 Bf8 [D]



[Accuracy: White = 70%, Black = 48%.] ½-½

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Joe Mucerino wrote:

“Normally if you want to play over-the-board (OTB) chess on the Fourth of July, you would play at the World Open. With coronavirus spreading throughout the country, World Open side events were held online. This year, the Chess Club of Fairfield County (CCFC) in Connecticut decided to run one of their weekly quads on the Fourth. The pre-entries were sufficiently strong enough to persuade me to enter the quads for the second week in a row. (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) Last week the CCFC drew sixteen players, and on the Fourth they got twelve. I moved up to quad 1 which meant that I played in a side room reserved for the top players, where they play on wooden boards that are hooked up to showcase the games in the main playing hall as well as the Internet.”

Game from the *CCFC Saturday G/45 Quads - July 4th, 2020 Tournament

Round: 1

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

White: Cayden Yang (2119) (Age 14)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (2052)

Date: 7/4/2020

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[C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack]

(Joe - Yang won the top quad the previous week. He is also ranked #31 for 14-year-olds in the country.) 1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 [D]



(Joe - Transposing into a French Defense, although I did not realize it at the time.) 4...dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Ng3 [D] (p.5) (Joe - The computer preferred trading off everything on f6. White obviously wants to win, so he's keeping the pieces on. The Knight can become very dangerous if Black castles kingside and it can reach h5 (Text cont.p.5)

Position after 6.Ng3 (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) without being traded off.) **6...Nc6** [6...Nbd7 feels stronger.; 6...c5 7.dxc5 Qa5+ 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Bxd2 Bxc5 10.Bb5+ Bd7, etc... Khudiakov,I-Nikolenko,O (2450) Katowice 1991 ½-½ (49)] **7.Nf3= Qd5N** [7...0-0 8.c3 (8.Bd3 h6 9.Bf4 Nd5 10.Be3 b6 11.0-0 Bd6, etc... Piechota,P (2086)-Pazgan,J Poland 2012 1-0 (46)) 8...b6 9.Bd3 Nd5 10.h4 f5 (10...h6 11.Qc2 hxg5 12.Bh7+ Kh8, etc... 1-0 (19) Aysoy,V (1868)-Uce,E Kemer 2011) 11.Qe2 Bxg5 12.hxg5 Nf4 13.Qd2 Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Qd5 15.Qd2 Ba6, etc... Lasker,E-Serrano Havana 1893 0-1; 7...h6 8.Bf4 Nd5 9.Bd2 Bf6 10.c3 0-0 11.Bd3 e5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5, etc... Bancod,R (2171)-Briscoe,C (2268) ICC INT 2009 0-1] **8.a3 0-0** [White is slightly better.] **9.c4 Qd7 10.Bd3 Rd8 11.Be3 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Qe2?! (Joe - Allowing black to equalize. Better was 13.Bc2.)] 13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 [D]**

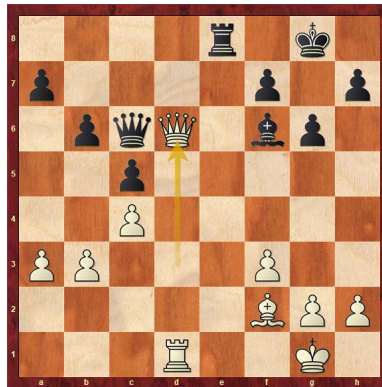


[Rad1 is the strong threat.] **14...c5 15.Nxe6! Qxe6** [Reject 15...fxe6 16.Rad1+=] **16.Bf5?! (Joe - I think the Knight would want to land on this square.) [16.Rfe1 is more appropriate.] 16...Qc6! 17.f3 g6 18.Bc2 Bf8 19.Ne4 Bg7 20.Rad1 [20.Nc3=] 20...Rxd1+= 21.Rxd1 [D] (Next col.) [And now Rd6 would win.] 21...Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Qc7 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Bf2 Qc6 25.b3 Re8 26.Qd3 Bf6 27.Qd6 [D] (Next col.) 27...Qxd6 28.Rxd6= [Endgame KRB-KRB] 28...Kg7 29.Rd7 Re2 30.b4? [D] (Next col.) (Joe - Losing a pawn. Better is 30.Kf1 or 30.Rxa7.) [30.Kf1= remains equal. (Text cont. next col.)]**

Position after 21.Rxd1 (From prev. col.)



Position after 27.Qd6 (From prev. col.)



Position after 30.b4? (From prev. col.)

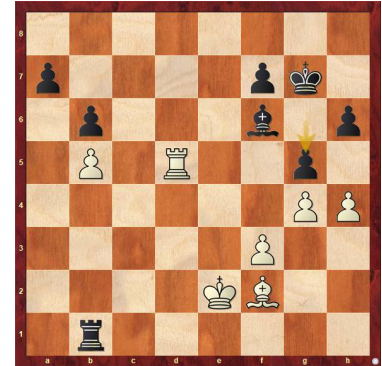


(Cont. from prev. col.) **30...Rb2 31.b4] 30...Rc2++ 31.Kf1 cxb4** [Much worse is 31...Rxc4 32.bxc5 bxc5 33.Rxa7=+] **32.axb4 Rxc4 33.b5 Rb4 34.Rd5 Rb2?! [D]**

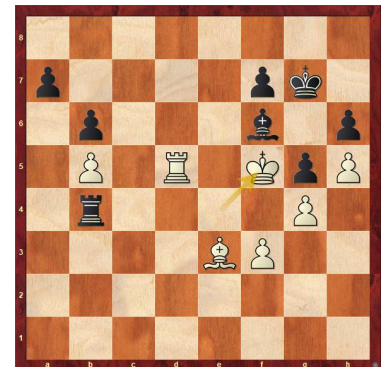


(Joe - If I remember correctly, I offered a (Text cont. next col.)

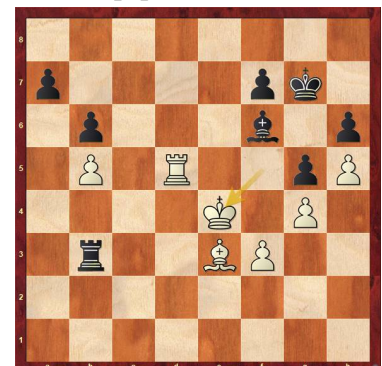
(Cont. from prev. col.) draw on this move, because time was winding down (the time control was G/45 d5) and I did not think my extra pawn gave me too much of an advantage, especially since my queenside pawns are on the same color as his bishop. But the computer found the simple 34...Kf8 and black can still press for a win.) **35.g4 h6 36.h4 Rb1+ 37.Ke2 g5?! [D]**



(Joe - Now I've lost all of my advantage. 37...Kf8 was still the way to go.) [37...Kf8+] **38.h5 [The position is equal.] 38...Rb3 39.Be3 Rb2+ 40.Kd3 Rb3+ 41.Ke4 Rb4+ 42.Kf5 [D]**



42...Rb3 43.Ke4 Rb4+ 44.Kf5 Rb3 45.Ke4 [D]



(Joe - Here I claimed that 45...Rb4 would repeat the position three times. My opponent did not agree, but, in time pressure, he did not write down some moves while I had. Since I was playing in the side room on the special wooden boards, the game was recorded on computer, so the tournament director (Text cont. p.6)

(Cont. from p.5) had no problem verifying my claim.) Accuracy: White = 72%, Black = 77%.] ½-½

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Round: 2

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (2052)

Black: Pedro Espinosa (2186) (Age 15)

Date: 7/4/2020

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[D03: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bg5, including Torre Attack with early ...d5] (Joe - Espinosa is ranked #26 in the country for 15-year-olds. The previous week, he finished in second place in Quad 1, while I finished in Second Place in Quad 2.) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 b6 7.Qe2 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.c3 Nbd7 10.e4 [D]



10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 [D]



(Joe - Many times it would be preferable to accept the isolated pawn with 12.cxd4. But (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) here, since I can trade Knights after 12...Nc5 ((which he played)), I think recapturing with the Knight is better.) 12...Nc5 [12...Qc8 13.Rad1 Ne5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxf6+ exf6 16.Bb5 Qc5 17.Nb3 Qc8, etc... 1-0 (24) Parra,D (1946)-Melo,M (1932) Bogota 2012] 13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.Nf3 Qc7 [The position is equal.] 15.Rfe1N [15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Be4 a5 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Rd2 Rxd2 20.Qxd2 Rb8, etc... De Haro,M (2135)-Butenco,H (1963) Brasilia 2002 1-0 (39)] 15...e6 16.Qe5 [D]



16...Qxe5 17.Nxe5 [Black should prevent Bxf6.] 17...Rfd8 18.Rad1 h6 19.Be3 Rac8 20.Nc4 Nd5 21.Bc1 Nb6 [D]



[next ...Rxd3! is good for Black.] 22.Na5 Bd5 23.Ba6 Rb8 24.Bf4 e5! 25.Bxe5? [D]



(Joe - Missing a tactic. Better is 25.Be3.) 25...Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Bc4! (Joe - I saw this too late, but it only equalizes for black.) 27.Rde1! [Don't blunder] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 27.Rxd8+? Rxd8 28.h4 Bxa6-+ 27...Bxa6 28.Nc6 Nc4 (Joe - A bit better is 28...Na4, hitting the pawns.) [28...Bd3=] 29.Nxb8+= [Hoping for Re8+.] 29...Rxb8?? [D]



(Joe - Probably the losing move. Black should have tried 29...Nxe5 30.Nxa6 Rd2 31.Nxc5 Rxb2.) [29...Nxe5+= 30.Nxa6 Nd3] 30.Re8+!+- (Joe - I did something right for a change! Normally two pieces are better than a rook, but Black's weak queenside pawns give White the advantage.) 30...Rxe8 31.Rxe8+ Kg7 32.Ra8? [D]

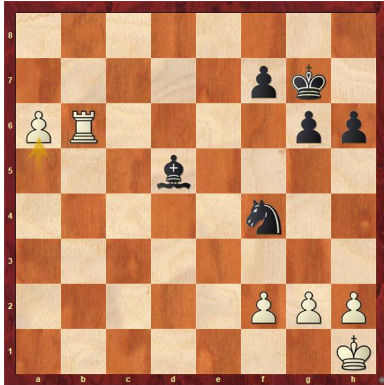


(Joe - Played too quickly, because I was trying to save time at this juncture. Better is the obvious 32.b3, but I was afraid of 32...Nb6 33.Re7 Nc8, and I missed that after 34.Rc7, 34...c4 is no good for Black.) [32.b3!+- Nd6 33.Re7] 32...Nxb2= 33.Rxa7 Bc4 34.a4 Nd1?? [D]

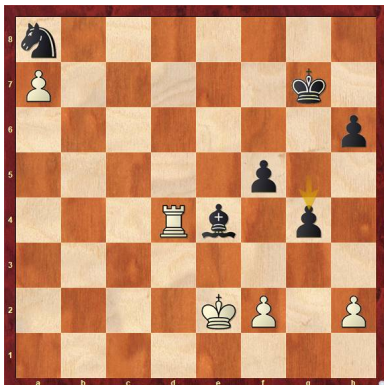


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(Cont. from p.6) (Joe - The new losing move. Black should have activated his King.) [34...Kf6= and Black stays safe.] **35.Rc7+- Nxc3 36.Rxc5 Ne2+ 37.Kh1** [White has strong compensation.] **37...Ba6 38.Rc6! Bb7 39.Rb6 Bd5 40.a5 Nf4 41.a6?** [D]

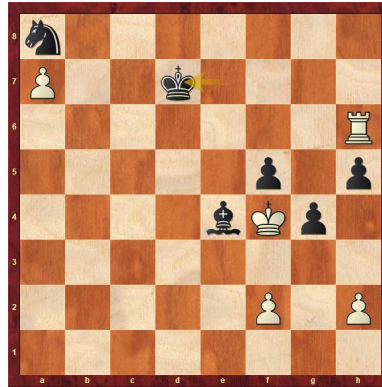


(Joe - Giving a lump away. The computer prefers to keep the material with 41.f3.) [41.f3+-] **41...Nxc2 42.Kg1 Nf4 43.Rd6 Be4 44.a7 Ne6 45.Ra6 Nc7 46.Ra4 f5 47.Rd4** [Strongly threatening Rd7+.] **47...Na8** [Black should try 47...Kf6] **48.Kf1 g5 49.Ke2! g4** [D]

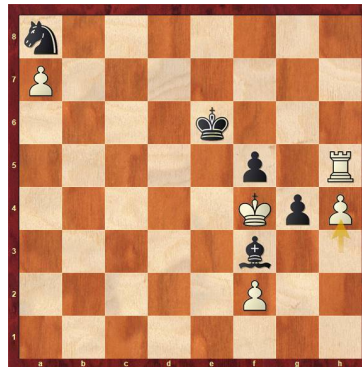


(Joe - Around here I stopped keeping score. I reconstructed a playable score, but, when I got home ((I didn't think to ask them while I was there)), I contacted the CCFC to see if they had the game saved, and sure enough, they did. A special thanks to Ian Harris, the club manager ((who I played and drew in 2002!)) for sending me the correct score. My reconstructed moves were close but not perfect.) [49...Kg6+-] **50.Ke3** [50.Rd6!+-] **50...h5?** [50...Kf6+- is a better chance.] **51.Kf4 Kf6 52.Rd6+ Ke7 53.Rh6 Kd7** [D] (Next col.) **54.Rxh5 Ke6 55.h3?** [55.Rh6+- and the rest is easy. 55...Kd7 56.f3 gxf3 57.Kg3] **55...Bf3??** [55...gxh3+- 56.Rxh3 Kd6] **56.h4** [D] (Next col.) (Joe - With a passed pawn on both sides of the board, the result of the game is no longer in doubt.) **56...Kf6 57.Rxf5+ Kg6 58.h5+ Kh6 59.Kg3 Nc7 60.Kh4** [Better is (Text cont. next col.)

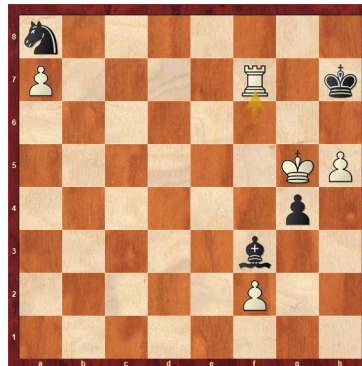
(Position after 53...Kd7 (From prev. col.)



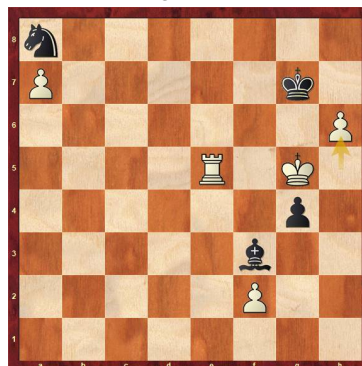
(Position after 56.h4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **60.Rf7 Na8 61.Kh4** **60...Na8 61.Rf6+ Kg7 62.Kg5 Kh7 63.Rf7+** [D]

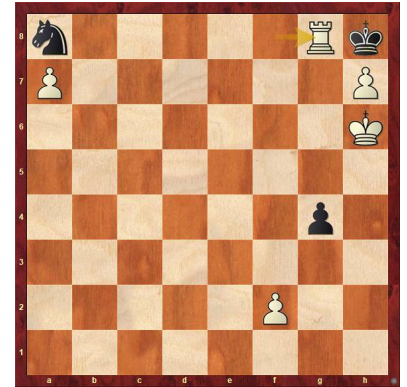


[Better is 63.h6 Kg8 64.Re6 Kf7 65.Rg6 Be4 66.h7! Bxg6 67.h8Q Be4 68.Qf6+ Ke8 69.Qe6+ Kd8 70.Qxe4] **63...Kg8 64.Re7 Kf8 65.Re5** [h6 would kill now.] **65...Kg7 66.h6+** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [White mates.] **66...Kf7 67.h7 Kg7 68.Re7+ Kh8 69.Kh6 Bc6 70.Rf7 Bd5 71.Rf8+ Bg8 72.Rxg8#** [D]



(Joe - I was down to about ten seconds on the clock ((my opponent had less)), so I made this move because it was physically faster than promoting, which is what I normally would have done.) Copy and paste the link below into your browser:

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Round: 3

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

White: Ankit Raparthi (1967)
Black: Joseph Mucerino (2057)
Date: 7/4/2020

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[D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines] (Joe - Like last week, I did well against the experts, but an A player upset me.) **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.h4N** [D]



(Joe - Some of the West Chester guys have tried this against me. It seems (Text cont. p.8)

(Cont. from p. 7) to be alright.)
 5.Nb5 Na6 6.h3 0-0 7.c3 c6 8.Na3 Nb8
 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Bd3 a6 11.0-0 c5 12.Nc2
 b6, etc... Miladinovic, I (2566)-Pav-
 lovic, G (2406) Valjevo 2011 1-0 (46);
 5.Bd3 0-0 6.h4 c5 7.h5 Nc6 8.hxg6 fxg6
 9.Qd2 cxd4, etc... Taylor, T (2322)-
 Kretchetov, A (2320) Los Angeles 2007
 1-0 (40)] **5...h5 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Ne5 c6**
8.Be2 [The position is equal.]
8...Nbd7 9.Qd2 [D]



9...Nxe5 10.Bxe5 Bh6 11.f3 0-0
12.0-0-0 Nd7? [D]



(Joe - A waste of time. Black should not
 hesitate to pawn storm with 12...b5.)
 [12...b5= remains equal.] **13.Bf4?!**
 (Joe - White should punch with 13.g4.)
 [White has to play 13.g4!+- Be6
 14.Bg3] **13...Bg7??** (Joe - Another
 waste of time. White is now winning if
 he plays 14.g4.) [13...Bxf4= 14.exf4
 Nf6] **14.e4?!** [14.g4+- hxg4 15.fxg4]
14...Be6 [D] (Next col.) **15.g4!** (Joe
 - Now white is winning.) **15...Qa5**
 [15...dxe4+- was necessary. 16.gxh5
 exf3] **16.e5?!** (Joe - White is trying to
 play it safe, but he should go full steam
 ahead with 16.gxh5.) [16.gxh5+- and
 White stays clearly on top. 16...c5
 17.Bh6 (17.Nxd5 Qxa2 18.Nxe7+ Kh8=)]
16...c5 17.gxh5 [Strongly threaten-
 ing h6.] **17...cxd4 18.Qxd4** [h6 is
 the strong threat.] **18...Rfc8** [D]
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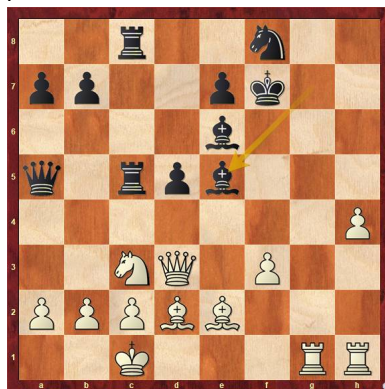
Position after 14...Be6 (From prev.
 col.)



Position after 18...Rfc8 (From prev.
 col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is
 18...Qb6] **19.hxg6+- Rc5?** [19..f6]
20.gxf7+ Kxf7 (Joe - I knew I was lost
 and didn't care if I lost a few pawns around
 my King. I was just trying in vain to organ-
 ize a counterattack.) **21.Rdg1 Rac8**
22.Qd3 Nf8 23.Bd2 [Black must now
 prevent f4.] **23...Bxe5??** [D]



(Joe - A blunder in my opponent's time
 pressure (he probably had two and a half
 minutes, and I was around ten), but I was
 lost anyway.) [Better is 23...d4] **24.f4**
 [Bh5+ would kill now.] **24...Bf6 25.Bh5+**
 [White mates.] **25...Ng6 26.Qxg6+ Kf8**
27.Qh6+ [D] (Next col.)
 [Accuracy: White = 63%, Black = 22%.]
1-0
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Position after 27.Qh6+ (From prev.
 col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.)

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***Other places to play chess:**

The below are for friendly off hand non-
 rated games (clocks optional). Bring chess
 set.

Monday evenings about 6:00 to 10:00 PM,
 "Starbucks", 10 North Main Street,
 Doylestown, PA

Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM to Noon at the
 Penridge Community Senior Center in Sil-
 verdale, PA. Located on route 113 near
 route 152

Daily, Monday thru Friday 8 to 4, Encore
 Experiences, (Senior Center), 312 Alumni
 Avenue, Harleysville, PA

Friday mornings 8 AM to about 2 PM, In-
 dian Valley Library
 100 E. Church Ave., Telford, PA

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 available.

This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.

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Joseph Mucerino