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

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This issue features games from NPCC Fall Open tournaments and other games.

The purpose of these newsletters is to include as many games as possible by NPCC players irregardless of the strength of the participants.

Thanks to all for submitting games!

Eric Funk wrote:

"For those old enough to remember it, the NPCC's Annual Fall Open was one of the best 5-round weekend tournaments not just in Pennsylvania but anywhere. It was a designated Grand Prix event and every year the tournament attracted rising young stars (Josh Waitzkin, Jennifer Shahade, Alisa Melnikhina), National masters (the NPCC's own Joe Weber and many, many more), IMs (from Igor Ivanov to Igor Khmel'nitsky and beyond), and even GMs (Gennady Zaitchik, Alexander Stripunsky)"

Game from the 14th Annual NPCC Fall Open Tournament

Round: 3

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

White: Bob Hux (2080)

Black: Brian McCarthy (2353)

Date: 9/24/1994

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[B01: Scandinavian Defence] 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.Nf3 g6 5.c3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 [D]



7...Nc6 8.Re1 Bg4 9.Bg5 [9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e5 (10...e6 11.Nd2 Bxd4 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Qd1 Nb4 14.Bb1 Qe7 15.Nf3 Rad8, etc... Aliyev,S (1375)-Mengilli,A Kemer 2014 ½-½ (36)) 11.Be4 Nde7 12.Bxc6 Nxc6 13.dxe5 Re8 14.e6 Rxe6 15.Rxe6 fxe6, etc... Navarro,K (1966)-Scarella,E (2353) Villa Ballester 2006 0-1] 9...Qd7 10.Bb5N [The position is equal.] [10.Nbd2 Rfe8 (10...Rae8 Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 11.Qb3 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Bc4 Nf4 15.Rxe5 Nh3+, etc... 0-1 (24) Dominguez Alcon,V-Picazo Lopez,I (1973) Padron 2008) 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 a6 13.Qb3 Rab8 14.c4 Nb6 15.d5 Nd4, etc... Vardjavand,V-Trzcielinski,C Germany 1992 1-0 (35)]

10...a6 [D]



11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nbd2 Rfe8 [12...c5= deserves consideration.] 13.h3+= Bxf3 14.Nxf3 Rab8 15.c4 [D]



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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!

(Cont. from p.1) 15...Nb6 16.b3 Rbd8
 17.Qe2 [17.Ne5+- Qf5 18.Bh4]
 17...Bxd4? [17...c5!= and Black stays
 safe.] 18.Nxd4+- Qxd4 19.Rad1 [D]



19...Qc3 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Qxe7 Rd7
 22.Qe8+ Kg7 [D]



23.Bf4 [D]



(Eric Funk - Here Bob noted on his
 scoresheet that he should have played
 23.Re5! The threat is 24.Bf6+ Kxf6
 25.Qh8#! After 23.Re5 f6 24.Re7+ Rxe7
 25.Qxe7+ White scores a quick knockout.)
 [Strongly threatening Be5+.] [Stockfish 10
 64 BMI2: 23.Kh2 h6 24.Bf4 Qd3 25.Re4 h5
 26.c5 Qd5 27.cxb6 cxb6 28.Be5+ f6
 29.Bxf6+ Kxf6 30.Qf8+ Qf7, etc...; 23.Re5
 Stockfish 10 64 BMI2: 23...f6 24.Re7+ Rxe7
 25.Qxe7+ Kg8 26.Qd8+ Kf7 27.Qxc7+ Ke6
 28.Qxc6+ Ke7 29.Qe4+ Kd8, etc...]
 23...Qb4 24.Qe3 [Bh6+ would kill now.]
 24...h5 25.Be5+ f6 26.Bc3 Qf8
 27.Qe6 [D] (Next col.) [And now c5
 would win.] 27...c5 28.Ba5 Qd8
 29.Qc6 Rd1 [D] (Next col.)
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Position after Position after 27.Qe6
 (From prev. col.)



Position after Position after 29...Rd1
 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 30.Qxc5 Rxe1+
 31.Bxe1 Qd1 [Better is 31...Nd7 32.Qd5
 Qe7] 32.Qxc7+ Kf8 33.Qc5+ Kf7
 34.Qe3 [But not 34.Qxb6?! Qxe1+ 35.Kh2
 Qd2+-] 34...Nd7 35.Qd2 [D]

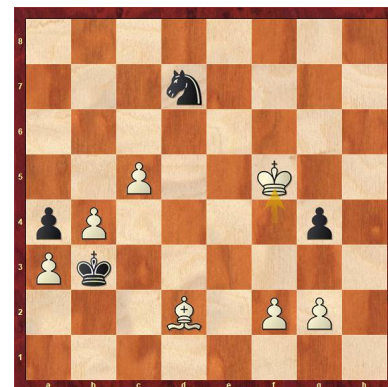


35...Qxd2 36.Bxd2 [Endgame KB-KN]
 36...Ke6 37.Kf1 Ke5 38.Bc3+ Ke4
 39.Ke2 g5 40.b4 g4 [Better is 40...Kf5
 41.Kd3 Ke6] 41.hxg4 hxg4 42.c5 Kd5
 43.Kd3 [D] (Next col.) 43...f5 44.Ke3
 Kc4 45.Bd2 a5 46.a3 a4 47.Kf4 Kb3
 48.Kxf5 [D] (Next col.) 48...Kxa3
 49.Ke6 Nb8 50.b5 [White mates.]
 50...Kb3 51.c6 a3 52.Bf4 a2 53.Be5
 [D] (Next col.) (Eric - and Black resigned
 after a few more moves.) [Accuracy: White
 = 82%, Black = 42%.] [Stockfish 10 64
 BMI2: 53...g3 54.f4 a1Q 55.Bxa1 Nxc6
 56.bxc6 Ka2 57.Be5 Kb3, etc...] 1-0
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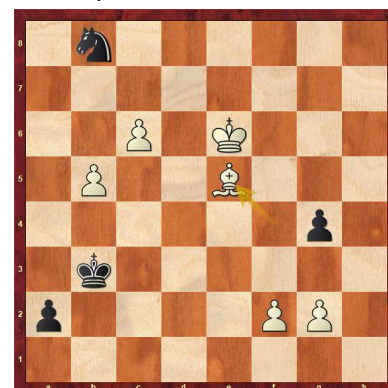
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 (From prev. col.)



Position after Position after 48.Kxf5
 (From prev. col.)



Position after Position after 53.Be5
 (From prev. col.)



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**Game from the 15th Annual
 NPCC Fall Open Tournament
 Round: 5**

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

**White: Eric Funk (2070)
 Black: David Levin (2283)
 Date: 9/24/1995**

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[A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7] (Eric - GM Gennady Zaitchik won this year over a field that included IMs Khmelnitsky, Omar Catagena, and Enrico Sevillano ((who earned his final GM norms about a month after the tournament)). Future US Women's Champion Jen Shahade was also in the field. My Round 5 game versus Senior Master David Levin had its share of complications.) **1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.e4 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3 e6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 d6 9.Be3 [9.Rb1= feels stronger.] 9...Nd4 [D]**



(Eric - This whole opening hasn't been very promising. Now I try to shake things up, giving up the Bishop pair.) **10.Bxd4 [10.Qd2=] 10...cxd4+- 11.Ne2 [11.Nb1=+] 11...e5 [Black is better.] [11...Nc6 12.Qd2 e5 13.b4 Bg4 14.b5 Nb8 15.Nh4 Bf6 16.f3 Bc8 17.Qe1 Nd7, etc... Unal,O (1823)-Yelken,M (2097) Kemer 2014 0-1 (38)] 12.Nd2 [White should try 12.b4=+, 12.Qd2 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.Qg5 Bd7 15.Rfe1 h6, etc... Demeter,P (2225)-Vesselovsky,S (2445) Tatranska Lomnica 1997 0-1 (32)] 12...f5N [12...a5+- 13.f4 Bd7; 12...Be6 13.b4 Qd7 14.Rc1 (14.a4 a5 15.b5 Rac8 16.Nb3 b6 17.Qd2 f5, etc... Rosenberg,A (2200)-Kaufman,L (2400) Netanya 1973 1-0 (41); 14.Nb3 f5 15.f4 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Bh3 17.Bg2 Bxg2, etc... 0-1 (20) Wittstock,B-Solonar,S (2315) Griesheim 1998) 14...f5 15.b5 Bh6 16.f4 fxe4 17.dxe4 d3 18.Nc3 exf4 19.Qf3 fxg3, etc... Schwanger,W (2108)-Weinzettl,E (2402) Oberwart 2000 0-1 (36)] 13.f4 [13.exf5!+= Nxf5 14.a4] 13...fxe4 14.Nxe4 [D] (Next col.) [14.dxe4+- d3 15.Nc1] 14...Nf5!+- 15.Qb3 Ne3 16.c5+ [D] (Next col.) (Eric - White could have settled for Rf2 or Rfe1 on move 16 or 17. (Text cont. next col.)**

Position after 14.Nxe4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 16.c5+ (From prev. col.)

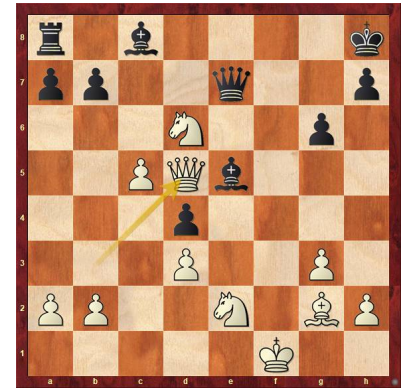


(Cont. from prev. col.) The text move is the beginning of an ((overly?)) ambitious plan.) **16...Kh8 [16...d5+- 17.fxe5 Nxf1 18.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Bxe5] 17.Nxd6=+ [And now fxe5! would win.] 17...Nxf1 18.Rxf1 [Hoping for fxe5.] 18...Qe7 19.fxe5 [D]**



(Eric - This is too accommodating, opening up the center for all of Black's long-range pieces. Instead, 19.Qd5 looks right.) [19.Qd5!+=] **19...Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1 [aiming for Nf7+-] 20...Bxe5 [Black should play 20...Be6+- 21.Qxb7 Rf8+ 22.Ke1 Qg5] 21.Qd5 [D] (Next col.) (Eric - With the sneaky threat of 22.Qxe5+ Qxe5 23.Nf7+, winning a piece. I probably should have played 21.Nf7+ right away but I overvalued my Knight on d6.) [21.Nf7+=+ Kg7 (Text cont. next col.)**

Position after 21.Qd5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. From prev. col.) **22.Nxe5 Qxe5 23.Qb4] 21...Kg7 [21...Bxd6+- 22.cxd6 Qf6+ 23.Kg1 Be6 24.Qxb7 Rf8] 22.Nc4 [22.Nf4=+ Bg4 23.Ne6+ Bxe6 24.Qxe5+ Qf6+ 25.Qxf6+ Kxf6 26.a3] 22...Bf6+- 23.Nxd4?! [D]**



(Eric - Another risky positional choice. This pawn grab opens too many lines.) [Better is 23.Nf4=+] **23...Bd7+- 24.Qxb7? (Eric - I'm trying to justify my greed with more greed, a plan that might actually work - if I can manage to trade Queens and don't get mated first!) [24.Bf3] 24...Re8 25.Nf3 Qe2+ 26.Kg1 Qxd3 [D]**



(Eric - My back rank looks weak and there's a lot going on here. I had to try either 27.Ncd2 or, probably better still, 27.Bf1 - and then maybe, just maybe, I can hold.) (-> ...Bd4+) **27.c6?? [D] (p.4) (Text cont. p.4)**

Position after 27.c6?? (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) (Eric - But this is the final straw. White's about to get mated.) [27.Bf1+ Qd1 28.c6 Bd4+ 29.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 30.Kh1 Qd5+ 31.Kg1 Qc5+ 32.Kg2 Qxc6+ 33.Qxc6 Bxc6+ 34.Kf2] 27...Bd4+ [Black mates.] 28.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 29.Kf1 Qd1+? [D]



[Accuracy: White = 31%, Black = 56%.] [29...Qf6+ mates 30.Kg1 Re1+ 31.Bf1 Qxf1#] 0-1

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Game from the 17th Annual NPCC Fall Open Tournament

Round: 5

Submitted by Eric Funk with selected Fritz comments [shown thus].

White: Boris Baczyński (2368)

Black: Joe Weber (2271)

Date: 9/21/1997

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[A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6]

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(Cont. from prev. col.) 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.f4 [D]



[8.d3+=] 8...Re8 [8...exf4= 9.Rxf4 Bg4; 8...Ne8 9.f5 Nd4 10.g4 c6 11.d3 Qh4 12.h3 h5 13.Nxd4 exd4, etc... Michalet,G (2215)-Pozzi,E (2295) Forli 1989 1/2-1/2 (41)] 9.d3 a6 [9...Nd4!-=; 9...Nd7 10.f5 Nd4 11.Nd5 c6 12.Ne3 Nf6 13.g4 h6 14.Bd2 Nh7 15.Kh1 Rb8 16.Nc2 b5 17.Ncxd4 exd4, etc... Taylor,A (1946)-Konstantinov,A (1800) Maribor 2012 1-0 (49)] 10.f5+- h6N [10...Ne7+=; 10...gxf5 11.Bg5 Ne7 12.exf5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ne4 Bh8 15.f6 Nf5 16.Qd2 d5, etc... Hamberger,J (1845)-Lammer,P (1685) Werfen 1995 1-0] 11.h3 [White should play 11.Nd5+-] 11...Rb8 [11...Nd4+=] 12.g4 [Better is 12.Be3!+] 12...g5 [12...Nh7!+=] 13.Bf3 b5 14.b3 Bd7 15.Be3 Nh7 16.Qd2 Nd4 17.Ng3 b4 [17...Nf6= keeps the balance.] 18.Nce2! [D]



18...c5 19.Nh5! Bh8 20.h4 a5= 21.Kg2 a4 22.Bf2 [22.hxg5+= Nxg5 23.Nxd4 exd4 24.Bf4] 22...Qc7? [22...axb3+= keeps the upper hand. 23.Nxd4 b2] 23.Rh1 [23.Nxd4+- Threatens to win with Ne2. 23...exd4 24.Bg3] 23...Bc6? 24.Rh3? 24...Ra8? [24...axb3= 25.Bxd4 exd4 26.axb3 Ra8] 25.Rah1 [25.Nxd4+- exd4 26.Bd1] 25...axb3 [D] (Next col.) 26.Nxd4?? [26.Bxd4= and White is okay. 26...exd4 27.axb3] 26...exd4? (Text cont. next col.)

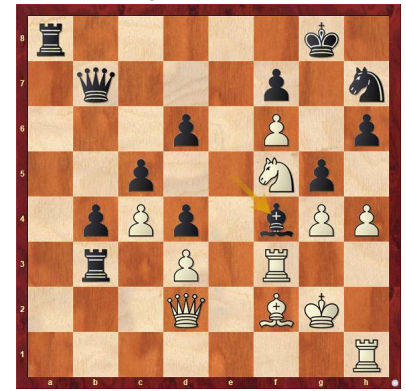
Position after 25...axb3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [26...Rxa2+- 27.Nb5 Bxb5] 27.axb3+- Ra3? [27...Be5+- was necessary.] 28.e5?? [D]



[28.hxg5!+- Nxg5 29.Ng3! Nxh3 30.Qxh6] 28...Bxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Bxe5 30.f6 Qd7 31.Rf5 Qb7+ 32.Rf3 Rxb3 33.Ng7 Ra8 34.Nf5 Bf4? [D]



[34...Raa3+- aiming for ...Rxd3. 35.Rd1 h5] 35.Nxh6+? [35.Qe2+=] 35...Kh8?? [35...Kf8!+- 36.Qe2 Re8] 36.Qd1?? [36.Qe2+-] 36...Raa3? [Black should try 36...Rb2+- 37.hxg5 Raa2] 37.hxg5 [37.Qe2!+= Be5 38.hxg5 Rxd3 39.Nxf7+ Kg8 40.Nxe5 dxe5 41.f7+ Kf8 42.Rxh7 Qxf3+ 43.Qxf3 Rxf3 44.g6] 37...Rxd3!=[D] (p.5) [But not 37...Bxg5?! 38.Qe1+-; Not 37...Nxg5? 38.Nxf7+ Kg8 39.Nxg5+-] 38.g6? [38.Nxf7+= Kg8 (38...Qxf7 (Text cont.p.5)]

Position after 37...Rxd3!= (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) 39.Rxd3) 39.Rxh7 Rxd1
40.Rh8+ Kxf7 41.Rh7+ Kg6 42.Rxb7 Bxg5
43.Rg7+ Kh6 44.Rxg5 Kxg5 45.Rxa3 bxa3
46.f7] 38...fxg6 [D]



[Accuracy: White = 27%, Black = 24%]
[Stockfish 10 64 BMI2: 39.Nf7+ Kg8 40.Rxh7
Rxd1 41.Rh8+ Kxf7 42.Rh7+ Kxf6 43.Rxb7
Kg5 44.Rf7 Be5 45.Rxa3 bxa3, etc...] 0-1

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Game from the 15th Annual NPCC Fall Open Tournament

Round: 1

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

White: Zachary Perry (2058)

Black: IM Igor Khmel'nitsky (2638)

Date: 9/24/1995

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[B04: Alekhine's Defence: 4 Nf3] (Eric Funk wrote - No three-peat for Khmel'nitsky this year. Zach Perry knocked him out of the (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) running and out of the tournament with this Round 1 upset.) 1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bc4 [D]



5...Nb6 6.Bb3 Bg7 7.Ng5 e6 8.f4 dxe5 9.fxe5 c5 10.c3 [D]



10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Nc6 12.Nf3 f6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nc3 [D]

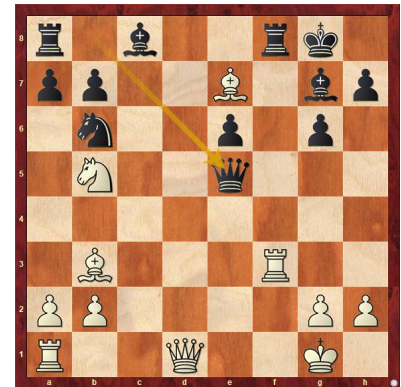


14...fxe5 15.Bg5 Qc7 [15...Qd7= 16.dxe5 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Bxe5 20.a4 Kg7, etc... Radulski,J (2502)-Laketic,G (2467) Vrnjacka Banja 2005 1-0 (46)] 16.Nb5 [16.d5+- Na5 17.dxe6 Nxb3 18.Qxb3] 16...Qb8 [16...Qd7+= 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxb5 19.Qd6 Nd5 20.Nc4 Bd7 21.Rad1 Rxf1+, etc... Vrban,R (2005)-Janev,E (2461) Blagoevgrad 2010 0-1 (50)] 17.dxe5+- Nxe5N [17...Bd7+- keeps fighting.; 17...a6 18.Nd6 Bd7 19.Be3 Nc8 20.Bc5 N8e7 21.Nc4 1-0 (21) Bielczyk,J (2344)-Orzech,D (2329) Ustron 2003] 18.Be7+- [D] (Next col.) (Eric Funk wrote - White is (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 18.Be7+- (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) threatening to trap Black's Queen!) 18...Nxf3+ 19.Rxf3 Qe5? [D]



[19...Rxf3 20.Bd6 (20.Qxf3 Qe5+-) 20...Qxd6! 21.Qxd6 (21.Nxd6 Rf8+-) 21...Bf8] 20.Bxf8 Bxf8 [D]



21.Rxf8+! Kxf8 [D]



22.Qd8+ Kg7 23.Qe7+ Kh6 (Text cont. p.6)

(Cont. from p.5) [Better is 23...Kg8 24.Qd8+ Kg7] **24.Nd6 [D]**



[Threatening mate with Nf7+.] **24...Qd4+ 25.Kh1** [Intending Nf7+ and mate.] **25...Bd7 26.Rd1?** [26.Rf1 Rf3 would kill now. 26...Bc6 27.Qxe6] **26...Qf4** [Black wants to play ...Rf8.] **27.Nf7+ [D]**



27...Kh5? [27...Kg7+-] **28.Re1 g5 29.Bd1+ Kg6 30.Ne5+ Kh6 31.Bc2 [D]**



[Accuracy: White = 84%, Black = 27%.] **1-0**
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Game from the 19th Annual NPCC Fall Open Tournament Round: 2

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

White: IM Ron Burnett (2423)
Black: Eric Funk (1919)
Date: 9/18/1999
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[B06: Modern Defense] (Eric - I'm on Board 2 versus IM Ron Burnett. Fellow NPCC member Preston Ladson is playing beside me on Board 1 versus the eventual tournament winner, GM Alex Stripunsky. To give you an idea of how strong the rest of the field was in the Open section that year, Boris Baczynskyj was on Board 5!)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 [D]



(Eric - I guess 3... d6 is Black's most common continuation here - boring!)

3...d5!? [D]



(Eric - I figured I would eventually win my pawn back since on 4.Nxd5, c6 does the trick right away, and on Ron's choice the game transposes into a sort of hybrid Scandinavian Defense.) **4.exd5** (Eric - Clearly the critical test of Black's opening concept. After 4.e5 or a developing move like 4.Nf3 Black has nothing to worry about.) **4...Nf6 5.Bc4** [5.h4 Nxd5 6.h5 c5 7.Nxd5 Qxd5 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 gxh5 10.c3 Nc6 11.Be2 Bg4 12.f3 0-0-0+, etc... Balashov,Y (2462)-Bezgodov,A (2554) Kazan 2006 0-1 (31); (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **5.Be2 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.c3 Qd6 10.Be3 a6, etc... Klein,G (1925)-Melnikov,A (2113) Gau Algesheim 2014 ½-½ (52)] **5...a6 [D]****



(Eric - The plan here was to follow up with 6... b5 and 7... Bb7. Probably better was 5... O-O intending 6... Nbd7 and 7... Nb6 which also regains the pawn but without creating any unnecessary weaknesses.) [5...0-0+=] **6.Bb3N** [6.a4+-Nbd7 7.d6 cxd6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qd6 Ne8, etc... Fogarasi,T (2475)-Treffert,P (2225) Passau 1996 1-0 (46)] **6...b5** [6...c6+=] **7.a4** [White should try 7.Nf3+] **7...b4= 8.Na2** [8.Nce2+=] **8...Nxd5** [8...a5+= is superior.] **9.Qf3 [D]**



(Eric - The knight is double-pinned to the Rook on a8 and the pawn on f7. I saw this before I captured the pawn and I thought I had everything accounted for.) [9.Nf3= is more appropriate.]

9...Be6!+= [D]



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(Cont. from p.6) (Eric – On 10.Nxb4? Nxb4 11.Bxe6 fxe6 Black is completely OK.) **10.Ne2** [D]



[10.c4= remains equal. 10...bxc3 11.Nxc3] **10...c6** (Eric - This was a bit passive. I wanted to defend the Rook on a8 and prepare for Nc7 if necessary. I think I could have safely played the more active 10... Nc6.) [10...0-0!-+] **11.0-0** [Better is 11.Bd2] **11...0-0** [Black should play 11...a5=] **12.Bg5** [12.Bd2+=] **12...Ra7** [D]



(Eric - With the idea of bringing the Rook to d7, which I never got around to playing.) [12...a5=] **13.Nac1** [13.Rad1+-] **13...Nc7** [13...c5!+=] **14.Nf4?** [D]



[14.Re1+= stays ahead.] **14...Bxb3+-** **15.Nxb3?** [15.Qxb3+ Qxd4 16.Qg3] **15...Nd5?** [D] (Next col.) (Eric - I must have at least looked at 15... h6 16.Bh4 g5 17.Nh5 gxh4 18.Qg4 Ne6/Ne8 but chickened out.) [15...h6-- 16.Bh4 g5] **16.Nd3+= Nd7** [16...a5+= should be considered.] **17.a5** [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 15...Nd5? (From prev. col.)



(Position after 17.a5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Eric - With the idea of preventing Black from playing a5. Now the pawn on b4 becomes a target.) [17.Rac1+-] **17...N7f6** [17...Qb8=] **18.Bd2** [Better is 18.c3] **18...Qd6+-** **19.Ra4** [Better is 19.Rae1] **19...Rb8** **20.Nbc5** [D]



(Eric - Now I have to babysit the a6 pawn as well. I'm getting twisted like a pretzel.) [Better is 20.Qg3] **20...Nd7** **21.Ne4** [With initiative] [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Eric - Instead of winning a pawn right away with 21.Bxb4 my opponent plays something more devious.) [White has strong initiative.] [But not 21.Nxb4?! Nxc5 22.dxc5 Qxc5=] **21...Qe6** [Better is 21...Qc7] **22.Ng5** [Of course not 22.Nxb4?! Nxb4 23.Rxb4 Rxb4+=; 22.Bxb4+- Bxd4 23.Ba3] **22...Qf6!+=** **23.Qh3 Qxd4??** (Eric - I had to play 23... h6 but I didn't see the danger until it was too late.) [23...h5=] **24.Qxh7+** [White is clearly winning.] **24...Kf8** **25.Nf3 Qf6** **26.Bg5 Qf5** **27.Bh6** [D]



Accuracy: White = 27%, Black = 41%.]

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(Eric wrote: "Afterword. This was a great event, not just for the higher rated players but for everyone. The Fall Open was well attended. The tournament routinely drew over 50 and often over 60 players. Every year a second section (Under 1800 or 1600 or 1400) had to be added. The Fall Open was too large to hold at our usual Friday-night site and had to be moved to either the Upper Gwynedd Township community buildings or the Estate of George Snyder (which was a local Hatfield business landmark before competitors like Loews and Home Depot took over the market). All and all, the Fall Open had a big tournament atmosphere. It felt like playing in the Liberty Bell Open or the World Open, but this tournament was one we could proudly call our own. I would have liked to have included more games in this collection. For example, I would have liked to have included Preston Ladson's game with Stripunsky. I saw only the first couple of moves ((I had my hands full with Burnett and never left the table)) but I would like to believe

(Cont. from p.7) that Preston gave Stripunsky hell and did the NPCC proud. Olin, you were there for many of these events. So were Will Moyer, Bill Campion, and George Murphy. Bob Kampia helped direct the tournament more than once. Did he also play? Are there any more games out there waiting to be rediscovered? I, for one, would like to see them".)



Eric Funk

Game from the ICCF 2017 World Zone Championship Preliminary Tournament

Submitted by Bernie with his comments.

White: William Paxton (1830 as estimated)

Black: Bernard L. Overly (1817)

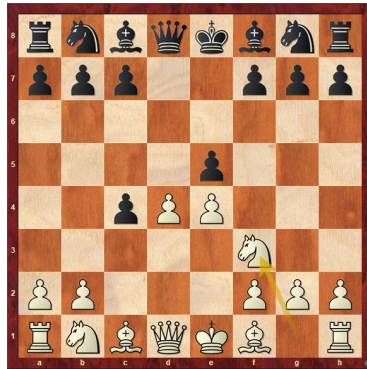
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Bernie wrote: "In this tournament I am testing new openings. Queen's Gambit Accepted (D20) in this game. In correspondence you have a lot of time to look at positions. Many times, I will use the brute force method. This can take a lot of time looking at all the moves and working down to a few candidate moves. It does help you learn openings. My opponent Bill lives in Florida. He is getting back into chess after many years on the sidelines. The ICCF provides strong competition. In some tournaments you might face titled players. I recommend it to anyone that wants to study openings or the game itself".

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 [D] (Next col.) 4...exd4 5.Bxc4 Nc6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Qb3 Qf6 8.Bg5 Qg6 9.Nbd2 Nge7 10.Rac1 Bb4 11.Bxe7 Bxe7 12.Rfd1 0-0 13.Bd5! [D] (Next col.) 13...Na5 14.Qa4 Qb6 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 4.Nf3 (From prev. col.)



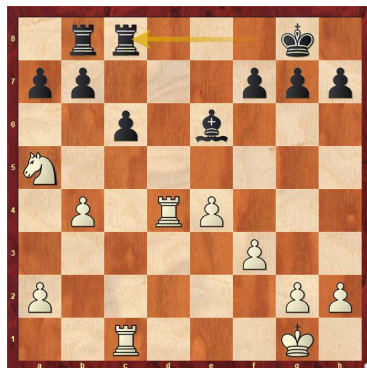
Position after 13.Bd5! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **16.Nxd4 c6 17.Bc4 Bf6 18.b4 [D]**

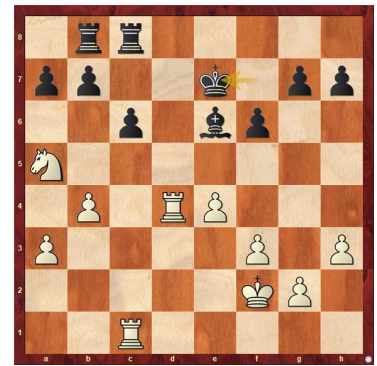


18...Nxc4 19.Nxc4 Bxd4 20.Rxd4= Be6 21.Na5 Rab8 22.f3 Rfc8 [D]



23.h3?! f6 24.Kf2 Kf7 25.a3 Ke7 [D] (Next col.) 26.h4 Rc7 27.Rd3 Rd8 28.Rxd8 Kxd8 [Bernie - This may not have been the best move.] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 25.a3 Ke7 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.)

29.Ke3 [Bernie - Draw offered] 29...Kd7 [D]



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Bernie Overly

This concludes this issue. More games in next issue.

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