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

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This issue features Joe Mucerino's games from the Indy July 2020 Super Tornado Tournament 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!

(Joe wrote:

"After two trips to Connecticut, I decided to branch out and travel to a state that I've never been to before: Indiana. A 5-Round Swiss, G/45 +5 second increment tournament enticed me to make the 611 mile trip to Indianapolis. While the trip was a long one (11 hours nonstop), it was pretty easy. Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike west to Exit 75, and then I70 West all the way to Indianapolis, get off at the exit, and in about two miles you are at the hotel.

The tournament was a success. With 44 players over three sections (they also had a section for extra games and a blitz tournament). It was, to the best of my knowledge, the second largest over-the-board tournament in the United States since states began to open up from the coronavirus. The 75th Oklahoma Open, held on the last weekend in June, had one player more (Text cont. next col.).

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The tournament was organized by the B C Chess Club, which is named after its founders, Bill Boehm, and Steve Caputi, who started the club 20 years ago. The club meets in the basement of tournament director Nathan Bush. That may sound a bit dingy, but I have seen photos of it. It is spacious with superb lighting. Live games are also broadcasted live on Facebook. Of course, the great advantage of playing in the TD's basement is that he can run a tournament there anytime. The club was among the first in the nation to open back up, as they did on May 26. They have held numerous tournaments, mainly on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, since. This larger event needed to be held elsewhere. The Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel played host.

Now, I must be honest. While both the county and the hotel required everyone to wear masks, that was not enforced. In one round, my opponent arrived late. While I was waiting, I counted twelve people not wearing masks. Several had their noses exposed. On top of that, some people removed their masks to eat or drink while not being socially distant. One guy was drinking while sitting across from his opponent, and another was drinking while standing in the (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) middle of a group of people who were waiting for pairings. I wore my mask at all times, of course, but two of my opponents did not. When I returned to work, I took a COVID test. I was negative, and I did not develop any symptoms later on.

Still, I had a fantastic time. This was the best event that I've played in since chess began to open up".)

Game from the Indy July 2020 Super Tornado Tournament

Round: 1

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

White: IM Fenil Shah IN (2420)
Black: Joseph Mucerino PA (2052)
Date: 7/25/2020

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[B01: Scandinavian Defense] (Joe - IM Shah is the highest rated player in Indiana. On Chessgames.com, I found a game where he lost to former World Champion Vladimir Kramnik at the 2018 Isle of Man Masters tournament. I played Shah on Board 1, and the B C Chess Club broadcasted the game with video on their Facebook page. If you are interested, you can still watch the video there, although the internet connection was not good (Text cont. p.2)

As of March 13, 2020, NPCC has been 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!

However, we have recently received some encouraging news from the church. It may not be too much longer until we can once again conduct tournaments!

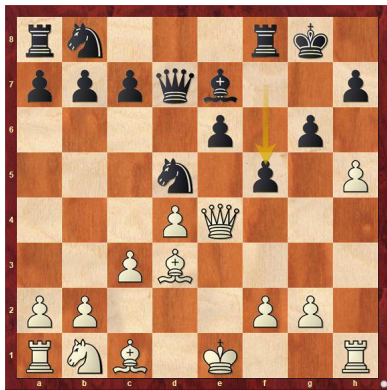
(Cont. from p.1) so the video looks a bit jerky.) **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.h3 [D]**



5...Bxf3! 6.Qxf3 [Much worse is 6.gxf3 e6=+] **6...e6 7.c3** [7.Bc4+; 7.Bd3 Qf6 8.Qxf6 gxf6 9.c3 Nd7 10.0-0 0-0-0 11.Re1 h5 12.Be4 c6 13.Nd2 Bh6, etc... Szabo,K (2489)-Varga,Z (2481) Budapest 2009 ½-½] **7...Be7** [7...c5!]=] **8.Bd3** [8.Bb5+- Nd7 9.Bc4] **8...0-0 [D]**



[Better is 8...c5=+] **9.Qe4N** [9.Nd2+-; 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Re1 Bf6 11.Qe4 g6 12.Bh6 Re8 13.f4 e5 14.Qf3 exd4, etc... Suchomelova,S (1895)-Le Bihan,A (1714) Kouty nad Desnou 2014 1-0 (57)] **9...g6= 10.h4** [10.Nd2+-] **10...Qd7** [10...Nd7!= keeps the balance.] **11.h5** [With initiative] [Black is under strong pressure.] **11...f5 [D]**



12.Qe2! g5 (Joe - This may look strange, but Black simply cannot let White get an open h-file.) **13.h6?** [13.0-0+-] **13...Bf6** [13...Nc6=+ keeps the upper hand.] **14.Rh5** [14.Bd2+-] **14...Qe7 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 14...Qe7
(From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - The computer preferred protecting the pawn with 14...g4, but again, I did not want to open up lines for white.) [14...g4=] **15.g4** [15.Bc4+-] **15...f4? [D]**



(Joe - A waste of time. More efficient is to give up a Pawn and keep developing with 15...Nc6 16.gxf5 e5 17.dxe5 Nxd5, and perhaps Black can exploit White's lack of development.) [15...Nc6=] **16.Nd2+- Nd7 17.Ne4 Rae8** (Joe - Another good move is 17...c5.) **18.Kf1** [18.Bc2+-] **18...c5? [D]**



[Black should try 18...Kh8=+] **19.Bd2?! [D]** (Next col.) (Joe - Missing 19.Bb5! with a nasty pin. Black's Queen is overloaded and cannot guard the Knight on d7, the Pawn on c5, and the Bishop on f6, which, in turn, defends the Pawn on g5.) [19.Bb5] **19...cxd4** [19...Kh8+-] **20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.cxd4 Rf7** [21...Kh8+-] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 19.Bd2?!
(From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **22.Re1 Rfe7 23.Qe4 N7b6??** (Joe - Better is 23...Rc8.) [23...a6 was necessary. 24.Bc2 Kh8] **24.Qe5 [D]**



(Joe - I saw this move after I made my last move. There is no way to defend the g5 and h7 pawns.) [Accuracy: White = 43%, Black = 21%.] **1-0**

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Game from the Indy July 2020 Super Tornado Tournament

Round: 2

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

White: Joseph Mucerino PA (2052)

Black: Gerald Tolan IN (1857)

Date: 7/25/2020

[D06: Queen's Gambit: Symmetrical and Baltic Defenses] (Joe - I went from losing to the highest rated player (in my section)!) **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 Qc8 6.Nc3 c6 7.Bd2** [7.Nh4+-] **7...Nbd7** [7...h6!=+] **8.Rc1?! [D]** (p.3) (Joe - A little slip. I should have traded Knight for Bishop with 8.Nh4. After 8...Bg6 (or 8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 (Text cont. p.3)

Position after Position after 8.Rc1?!

(From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) 10.g4 Bg6 first), trading on g6 and opening the h-file surprising does not help Black that much.) [8.Nh4!+=]

8...Qb8 [8...h6+= stays ahead.] 9.cxd5

[9.Nh4!+-] 9...exd5= [The position is equal.]

10.Be2 [10.Nh4= Be6 11.Bd3;

10.Na4 Bd6 11.Bb4 Bc7 12.Nc5 Nb6 13.h3

Bg6 14.Bd3 a5, etc...½-½ (21) Baker,P-

Wills,A (1740) England 2013] 10...Bd6 [

Black should play 10...h6+=] 11.Na4

[11.Nh4!+= Be6 12.Qc2] 11...0-0 [11...a5-

] 12.Bb4 Ne4N [12...Bxb4+ 13.Qxb4 a5

14.Qb3 Ne4 15.Nc5 Ndx5 16.dxc5 Re8

17.Nd4 Bd7 18.0-0 Nd2, etc... Parals

Marce,L (2021)-Bou Janoher,E (1819)

Palafrugell 2012 1-0 (49)] 13.Bxd6 Qxd6

[D]



[13...Nxd6+= 14.0-0 Re8] 14.0-0

[14.Qxb7? Nb6!+-] 14...Rab8 15.Rfd1

[15.Rfe1=] 15...Bg4 16.h3 [D]hu



[16.Nc5= feels stronger.] 16...Bh5

17.Qc2 [17.Rc2= keeps the balance.]

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(Cont. from prev. col.) 17...f5+-

18.Nc5 [18.Nh2+= Bxe2 19.Qxe2]

18...Ndx5 19.dxc5 Qf6 [19...Qh6!+-

20.Ne5 f4 21.Bxh5 Qxh5 22.exf4 Rxf4]

20.Nd4= Bg6 [Black should try

20...Bxe2+= 21.Nxe2 Rbe8] 21.Bd3?

[D]



(Joe - This is a really bad move. Now af-

ter...) [Better is 21.f4!+=] 21...f4!+=

[Strongly threatening ...fxe3.] (Joe -

White cannot capture on f4 because his

Knight hangs.) 22.f3? (Joe - Com-

pounding on the previous error. White

should just admit the error and capture

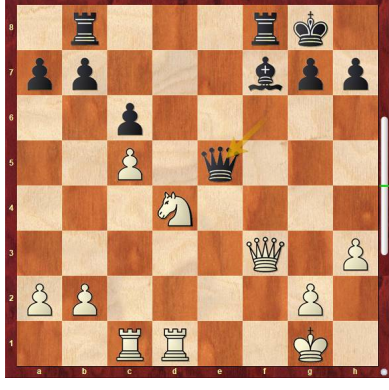
on e4.) [22.Bxe4!+= Bxe4 23.Qe2]

22...fxe3+- [...Nf2 is the strong

threat.] 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Qb3+ Bf7

25.Qxe3 exf3 [25...Bxa2?! 26.fxe4 Qf4

27.Qxf4=] 26.Qxf3 Qe5?! [D]



(Joe - The Queen is a bit exposed here.

Black should trade on f3. That will ei-

ther split White's kingside pawns, or

Black will win a Pawn after 27.Nxf3 Bxa2

28.Ra1 Bd4 29.Rxa7 Bxf3 30.gxf3 Rxf3.)

[26...Bxa2?! 27.Qxf6 Rxf6 28.b3=;

26...Qxf3+- 27.gxf3 h6] 27.Qc3+=

Bd5?? [D] (Next col.) (Joe - Black

misses a tactic.) [27...Qg5+=]

28.Nxc6!+- Qxc3 [28...bxc6 29.Qxe5]

29.Ne7+ [D] (Next col.) 29...Kh8?

(Joe - Bring the King closer to the center

with 29...Kf7.) [29...Kf7+- was neces-

sary. 30.Rxc3 (30.bxc3 Bxg2 31.Kxg2

Kxe7=) 30...Bxa2] 30.Rxc3+- [Resist

30.bxc3 Bxa2 31.Ra1 Rf7+-] 30...Bxa2

31.b3? (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 27...Bd5?? (From

prev. col.)



Position after 29.Ne7+ (From prev.

col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - Greedy,

trying to trap the Bishop. White should

recapture his Pawn with 31.Ra3 and

32.Rxa7.) [31.Ra3+- Rfe8 32.Rxa2

(32.Rxa7 Rxe7 33.Rxa2 Re4+-) 32...Rxe7

33.Rxa7] 31...Rbe8 [31...Rfd8+=

32.Rxd8+ Rxd8] 32.Nd5? [D]



(Joe - Still greedy. White should try to

shut the Rooks out with 32.Rd7.)

[32.Rd7+- Rb8 33.Rc2] 32...Re2

33.Nf4 Rb2 (Joe - Of course, capturing

the knight leads to a back-rank mate.)

34.Ne6 Re8 [D] (p.4) [But not

34...Rxb3? 35.Rc2+-; 34...Rc8= remains

equal.] 35.Nd4 [35.Rd7!+-] 35...Rd8

36.Rf1 h6 37.Rf4 Rb1+ [D] (p.4)

38.Kh2 Rd1 39.Ne6 (Joe - Also good is

39.Nb5.) 39...Re8 [With initiative]

(Text cont. p.4)

Position after 34...Re8 (From p.3)



Position after 37...Rb1+ (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) [White is under pressure.]

40.Rf8+? (Joe - I remember I had exactly one minute left on the clock when I made this move. It didn't feel right. Pretty much any move that keeps the pieces on the board is good.) [40.Re3=] **40...Rxf8++ 41.Nxf8** [Endgame KRB-KRN] **41...Rb1** [41...Rd2=+] **42.b4?** [D]

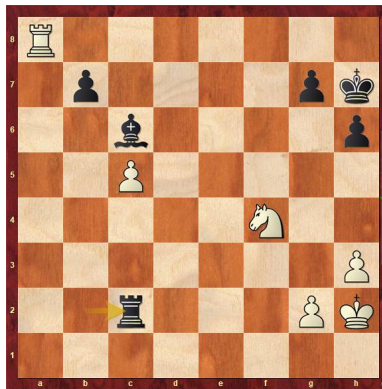


(Joe - White had to try 42.c6 and try to trade off all of the queenside pawns.) [42.c6!= bxc6 43.Rxc6] **42...Rxb4 43.Ra3** [Better is 43.c6 bxc6 44.Ra3] **43...Bd5 44.Rxa7** [44.Ng6++ Kh7 45.Ne7] **44...Rb2++ 45.Ng6+ Kh7 46.Nf4** [D] (Next col.) **46...Bc6!** [Aiming for ...g5.] **47.Ra8??** (Joe - White had to try 47.h4 or 47.Kg1, but even those moves should lose in the end.) [Better is 47.h4] **47...Rc2?** [D] (Next col.) (Joe - White lost on time.) [Accuracy: White = 33%, Black = 43%.] [47...g5--+ is more deadly. 48.Kg3 gxf4+ 49.Kxf4 Rgx2] **0-1** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 46.Nf4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 47...Rc2? (From prev. col.)



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Game from the Indy July 2020 Super Tornado Tournament

Round: 3

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

White: Joseph Mucerino PA (2052)
Black: Peter McQuillan FL (1899)
Date: 7/25/2020

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[E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System] (Joe - McQuillan apparently came the farthest. He's from Florida.) **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bf4 g6 4.c4 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.e4 c6** [6...Bg4=] **7.Bd3** [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 7.Bd3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Be3 e5 10.d5 Ne8 11.Ng5 Ndf6 12.Rc1 c5 13.h3 h6, etc... Espinosa Palacios, V (1505)-Alameda Arelano, C Madrid 2015 1/2-1/2 (39)]

7...Nbd7 8.0-0N [8.d5 Nc5 9.0-0 e5 10.Be3 Nfd7 11.Be2 Nb6 12.b4 Na6 13.b5 cxb5 14.Nxb5 Nc5 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Qd3 f5 17.Nd2 a6 18.Nc3 f4, etc... Petrovic, B-Miljevic, N Vrnjacka Banja 2012 1/2-1/2 (33); 8.h3 Nh5 9.Be3 e5 10.g4 exd4 11.Bxd4 Nf4, etc...0-1 (14) Dobrowolski, H (1999)-Kusmierz, M (2170) Gdansk 2007] **8...h6** [The position is equal.] **9.h3 Re8** [D]



(Joe - A clear indication that Black intends to play ...e5. So, I beat him to the punch.) **10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Nh5 12.Bh2! Nc5 13.Bc2 Ne6** [D]



(Joe - Necessary because 14.g4 would (Text cont. p.5)

(Cont. from p.4) win the Knight on h5.)

14.Qc1 [Hoping for Rd1.] (Joe - Renewing the threat to win the Knight.)

14...g5

15.Rd1 Qb6 16.Na4? (Joe - Heading in the wrong direction. Better is 16.Ne2, threatening 17.g4, potentially winning a pawn.) [White should play 16.Ne2!]

16...Qa6+- 17.Kh1?! (Joe - A waste of time. I was afraid of a black Knight landing on e2 at some point. 18.b3 right way is better.) **17...Nhf4 18.b3 b5** [D]



19.Nb2 Bb7 20.Qe3 [20.Bxf4+= Nxf4 21.Nd3] **20...Qa3** [20...Rad8=] **21.Nd3 Ng6 22.c5** [D]



(Joe - Trying to entomb Black's Bishop.)

22...Rad8 23.b4 a5 24.Bb3 Bc8 [Much weaker is 24...axb4?! 25.Bxe6 fxe6 26.Nd4+-; 24...Ngf8=] **25.Bg3??** (Joe - The computer hated this move, and said 25.bxa5 was the way to go. But I thought that would weaken the pawn on c5, so I rejected it.) [25.bxa5!+- Bd7 26.h4] **25...a4+-** [Reject 25...axb4?! 26.Qe4+=] **26.Bc2** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) **26...Nc7?!**

(Joe - The computer prefers 26...Rd5.)

[26...Bb7+= might be stronger.; Stockfish 10: 26...Rd5 27.Nde1 Qxb4 28.Rxd5 cxd5 29.Nd3 d4 30.Nxb4 dxe3, etc...]

27.Nd4 [27.Qe4= is more appropriate.]

27...Nd5+= 28.Qe1?!



(Joe - The computer prefers 28.Qf3, but I wanted to protect the Pawn on b4.)

[28.Qf3+= Qc3 29.e6 Bxe6 30.Nxe6 fxe6 31.Qe4] **28...Nc3!+- 29.Nxc6 Nxd1 30.Nxd8 Nxf2+** [D]



31.Qxf2?! (Joe - Capturing with the Bishop is better, because then the Queen can go to e4 on the next move.)

31...Rxd8 32.Rd1 Bb7? [D]



(Joe - This allows White to play e6 at some point. Now would have been a good time, but instead I played...)

[32...Qxa2+- 33.Kh2 Rf8] **33.Bb1** [D]

(Next col.) [33.e6= fxe6 34.Bb1]

33...Be4 [D] (Next col.) [33...Bxe5!+-

34.Kh2 (34.Nxe5 Rxd1+) 34...Bxg3+

35.Qxg3 Bd5] **34.c6!** (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 33.Bb1 (From prev. col.)



Position after 33...Be4 (From prev. col.)

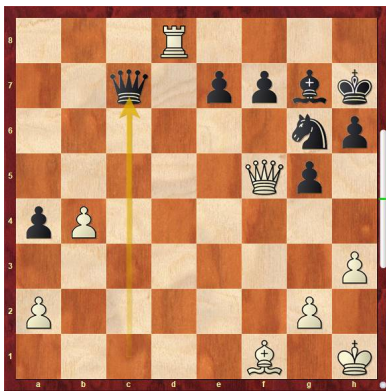


(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - After 34...Bxc6 35.Qb6 Rc8 and White is becoming alive.) **34...Bxd3??** (Joe - This move should cost Black the game, but I made mistakes in time pressure.) [34...Bxc6= 35.Qb6 Rc8] **35.c7+- Rc8 36.Bxd3 Nxe5 37.Bxb5** [Rd8+ is the strong threat.] (Joe - Winning, but more clear is the easy 37.Bxe5 Bxe5 38.Qf5.) **37...Rxc7 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Qf5+ Ng6 40.Bxc7?** [D]



(Joe - Time pressure. White loses a lot of his advantage here. 40.Qxf7, going for mate, would have been a much easier win.) [40.Qxf7 h5 41.Bd3 Qxd3 42.Rxd3] **40...Qc1+ 41.Bf1 Qxc7** [D] (p.6) (Joe - Here I stopped taking score. I was able to reconstruct a few moves, but not everything.) (Text cont. p.6)

Position after 41... Qxc7 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) **42.Ra8** [With attack!] [White is out for blood.] **42...e6** **43.Qd3 Qf4** [43...Bf6+- keeps fighting.] **44.b5** [Weaker is 44.Rxa4 Be5+-; 44.Qf3+- is more deadly.] **44...Be5+-** **45.g3! Qf2** **46.Bg2** [Aiming for Qf1.] **46...Bxg3?** [46...h5+-] **47.Rxa4?** [White should try 47.Qf3+-] **47...Be5?** [47...Bb8= and Black stays safe.] **48.Qf1+- Qd2** [Better is 48...Qxf1+ 49.Bxf1 Nf8] **49.Qxf7+ Bg7** [White must now prevent ...Qd1+.] **50.Ra7** [D]



[White is clearly winning.] **50...Qe1+** **51.Qf1 Qe3** **52.Qg1 Qc3** **53.b6 Nf4** [D]



(Joe - White won on time in x-moves. His b-pawn did promote.) [Accuracy: White = 59%, Black = 52%.] **1-0**

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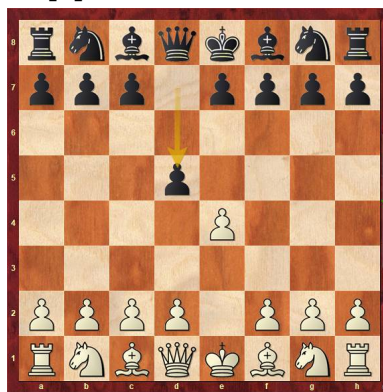
Round: 4

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

White: Deshawn Kelley (2198) OH
Black: Joseph Mucerino (2052) PA
Date: 7/25/2020

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[B01: Scandinavian Defense] (Joe - Kelley is a very active expert from Ohio.) **1.e4 d5** [D]



2.exd5 Nf6 **3.d4 Bg4** **4.f3 Bf5** **5.g4 Bg6** **6.c4 c6?!** [D]



(Joe - There is a bit of debate of which move is stronger: 6...c6 or 6...e6. 6...e6 is currently seen as being stronger, because Black can castle quicker. Stockfish 7 agrees.) [6...e6 7.g5 Nh5 8.Nc3 h6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 hxg5 11.Nge2 Bd6 12.dxe6 Nc6, etc... Braeuning,R (2385)-Mevel,A (2246) Avoine 2013 ½-½ (58); Stockfish 10 6...e6 7.Nc3 exd5 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Nxd5 Nc6 10.h4 Nb6 11.Qe2+ Be7, etc...] **7.g5 Nfd7** **8.Nc3** [White is better.] **8...cxd5** **9.h4?!N** [D] (Next col.) (Joe - A waste of time. There is no reason not to capture the Pawn on d5.) [9.Nxd5 e6= 10.Nc3 Be7 11.h4 Nc6 (Text cont. next col.)]

(Position after 9.h4?!N (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **12.Be3 Qa5** **13.a3 Bd6** **14.Kf2 Ne7** **15.b4 Qd8** **16.h5 Bf5, etc... Hagesaether,A (2072)-Bamber,E (2085) St Clement Bay 2015 ½-½ (50); 9.cxd5+- Na6 10.Qa4; 9.Bf4 e5 10.dxe5 d4 11.Qxd4 Bc5 12.Qd2 0-0 13.0-0-0 Qa5, etc... ½-½ (21) Agnello,G (2136)-Minniti,G (1827) Siracusa 2007] **9...dxc4!=** **10.Bxc4 Qc7** **11.Qe2?!** [Nd5 is the strong threat. (Joe - White is afraid of the check on g3.)] [11.Bb3 is interesting. 11...e6 12.Nge2 Nc6 13.Bf4 Qb6 14.Qd2] **11...Qg3+?!** [D]**

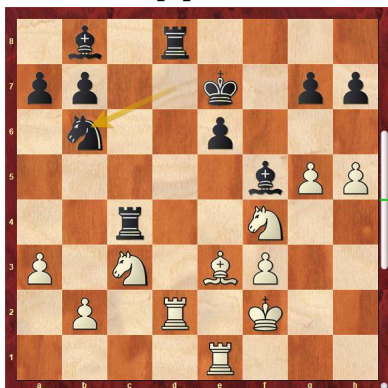


(Joe - I was tired after playing an IM and having two games end in time scrambles, so I did not mind a short draw at all. Well, it didn't turn out that way, and instead we played an interesting "queenless" game. Black should play 11...Nc6.) [11...Nc6= 12.Be3 e6] **12.Qf2?** (Joe - Believe it or not, but White would have a pretty decent advantage after 12.Kf1. For example, 12...Nc6 13.Be3 Rc8 14.d5 Na5 15.Bb5.) [12.Kf1!+- Nc6 13.Be3 Rc8 14.d5 Na5 15.Bb5] **12...Qxf2++=** **13.Kxf2 Nc6** **14.Be3 e6** **15.a3 Rc8** [15...Nb6= 16.Ba2 Bd6] **16.Ba2 Bd6** **17.Nge2 Ke7** **18.d5 Nce5** **19.Nf4 Bf5** **20.Rad1** [20.Bxa7 b6+=] **20...Bb8** [20...Nc4= 21.Bxc4 Rxc4] **21.Rd2?** [D] (p.7) (Joe - We both missed 21.Bd4 ((also good is 21.Rhe1)) with the idea of pinning the Knight on e5, because if it (Text cont. p.7)

Position after 21.Rd2? (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.6) moves, the Pawn on g7 drops off. White then follows up with doubling Rooks on the e-file. [White should try 21.Rhe1+; Stockfish 10: 1) 21.Nce2 Rc2 22.Bd4 Rd8 23.Rhe1 Nc4 24.Bb3 Bxf4 25.Bxc2 Bxc2 26.Nxf4 Bxd1, etc...Stockfish 10: 2) 21.Rhe1 Rhe8 22.Bd4 g6 23.h5 gxh5 24.Nxh5 Kf8 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.Ne4 Rc2+, etc...] 21...Nc4 [21...Nb6=] 22.Bxc4+- Rxc4 23.dxe6 fxe6 24.Re1 [24.Rhd1+= Rd8 25.Nce2] 24...Rd8= 25.h5 Nb6? [D]

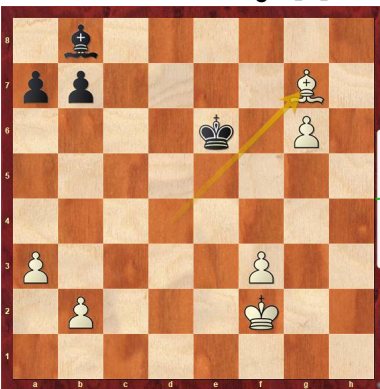


(Joe - Missing a tactic: 25...Nc5 or 25...Ne5 are better.) [25...Ne5=+] 26.Rxd8 Kxd8 27.Nxe6+ Bxe6 28.Bxb6+! Kd7?! (Joe - Obviously, I avoided 28...Ke7 because I did not like the pin; however, the text move loses a tempo, because Black's King is heading to f7 anyway.) 29.Rd1+ Ke7 [D]

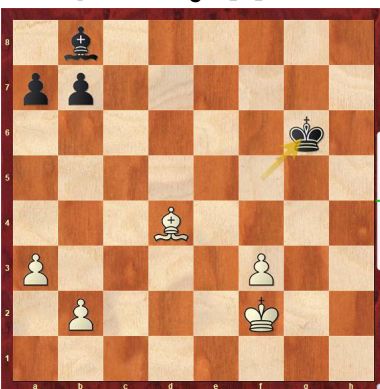


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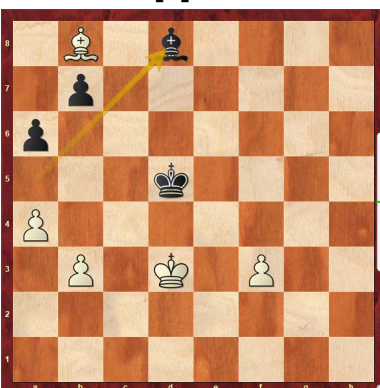
(Cont. from prev. col.) 30.Bd4! Kf7 31.Ne4 Rc2+ 32.Rd2 [32.Ke3+-] 32...Rc1 [32...Rxd2+= 33.Nxd2 Bf4] 33.g6+- hxg6 34.Ng5+ Ke7 35.Re2 [Much worse is 35.hxg6?! Bc4=] 35...Rc6 36.hxg6 [But not 36.Rxe6+?! Rxe6 37.Nxe6 Kxe6=] 36...Kd7 37.Nxe6 Rxe6 38.Rxe6 Kxe6 39.Bxg7 [D]



[Endgame KB-KB] 39...Kf5 40.Bd4 [White threatens g7 and mate.] [40.Bc3 feels hotter. 40...Kxg6 41.Ke3 Kf5 42.a4 Bg3 43.Bd2] 40...Kxg6 [D]

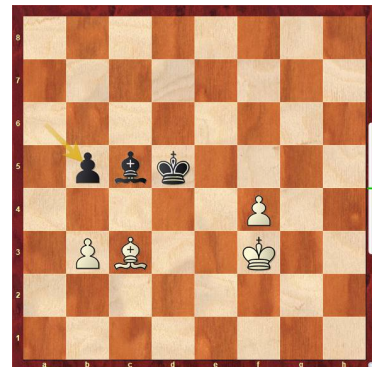


(Joe - After the game, Kelley told me that he thought he was winning. I thought White was better, but Black had drawing chances because of his good King position.) 41.Ke2 Kf5 42.Be3 Ke5 [42...b5+=] 43.Kd3 Kd5 [43...a6+- might work better. 44.Kc4 Ke6] 44.b3 [44.Bd4+- is more deadly.] 44...a6 45.a4 Bd6 46.Bg5 Bb4 47.Bf4 Ba5 48.Bb8 Bd8 [D]

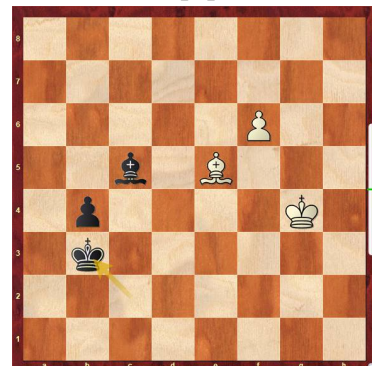


49.f4 Bf6 50.Bc7 Bg7 51.Ba5 [Better is 51.Ke3] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 51...Bh6 52.Ke3 Bf8 [52...b5+-] 53.Bc3 Bc5+ 54.Kf3 b5 55.axb5 [Better is 55.a5] 55...axb5 [D]



56.Kg4? (Joe - This move gives Black an automatic draw, but the position is drawn anyway. Let's look at an alternative computer line: 56.f5 b4 57.Bg7 Bd6 58.Ke3 Be7 59.Kd3 Bh4 60.Bd4 Bg5, and White is not making any progress.) [56.f5+- Stockfish 10: 56...Bd6 (56...b4 Stockfish 10: 57.Bf6 Bd6 58.Bg7 Bc5 59.Bh8 Bd6 60.Kg4 Be7, etc...) 56...b4= [The position is equal.] 57.Bb2 [White wants to play Kf3.] 57...Ke4! 58.f5 Kd3 59.f6 Kc2 60.Be5 Kxb3 [D]



(Joe - This reminded me of a Rook and Pawn versus Rook and Pawn ending, where one side must sacrifice the Rook for a queening Pawn, and the other side later returns the favor.) 61.Kf5 Kc2 62.Ke6 b3 63.f7 b2 [D]



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(Cont. from p.7) **64.Bxb2! Kxb2 [D]**



½-½

[Accuracy: White = 55%, Black = 61%.]

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Game from the Indy July 2020 Super Tornado Tournament

Round: 5

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

White: Joseph Mucerino PA (2052)

Black: Kevin Huang IN (1929)

Date: 7/25/2020

[D05: Colle System with ...e6] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nbd2 d5 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Qe2 [D]**



8...c4 (Joe - Black should keep the tension in the center and play a developing move.)

[8...Be7 9.b3 (9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bg5 Nd5 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Bb1 Rfd8, etc... Castaneda,J (2199)-Elias Alvarez,A 2050) Cali 2014 1-0] 9...0-0 10.Bb2 a6 11.Rac1 b5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.c4 dxc4 14.bxc4 b4 15.Ng5 e5, etc... Hoi,C (2405)-Dolmatov,S (2565) Reykjavik 1988 1-0 (31)] **9.Bc2 Be7N** [9...h6 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 b5 12.Rd1 Nd5 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Ng3 g5 (Text cont. next col.)]

(Cont. from prev. col.) **15.Re1 0-0 16.Bd2 f5 17.Ng6 Rg8, etc... Standen,J (1723)-Olson,D (1519) San Francisco 2013 1-0; 9...b5 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Be7 12.Bg5 Nxe4 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 Qd5, etc... Denozza,M (1664)-Caporale,G (1752) Amantea 2011 0-1] **10.e4** [White is slightly better.] **10...0-0 11.Ng5?! [D]****



[Strongly threatening e5.] (Joe - This idea was a bit dubious. White should play 11.e5 or 11.b3 instead.) **11...h6 12.Nh3** (Joe - I did not want to block in my f-Pawn.)

[White should try 12.Ngf3=] **12...b5? [D]**



(Joe - Black needed to play 13...e5 before I did.) [12...e5+= stays ahead. 13.dxe5 Nxe5] **13.e5!+- Nd7** [Better is 13...Nh7] **14.f4?**

(Joe - The computer did not like my plan, preferring 14.Qg4 instead, with a future Bxh6.) [14.Qg4+-; *Stockfish 10: 1) 14.Re1 Qe8 15.Nf1 Bd8 16.Ng3 f5 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Nf4 Bc8 19.Ng6 Rf7 20.Bf4 Bb6 21.Qd1 Qd8, etc...; *Stockfish 10: 2) 14.f4 f6 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Qxe6+ Kh8 17.Nf3 Qc8 18.Qe1 Kg8 19.f5 Ne4 20.Nf2 Qxf5 21.Nxe4 dxe4, etc...]

14...f5 [14...Bc8+=] **15.exf6! [D]** (Next col.) (Joe - White must keep the diagonal open for his Bishop on c2.) **15...Rxf6 16.Nf3 Nf8 17.Bd2 Qe8 18.Ne5 a5 19.Rae1** [Better is 19.Nf2+-] **19...b4 20.f5 [D]** (Next col.) [Black must now prevent Ng4.] **20...Nxe5 21.dxe5** (Joe - Recapturing with the queen isn't bad either.) **21...Bc5+?** (Joe - The Bishop was better placed on e7.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after **15.exf6!** (From prev. col.)



(Position after **20.f5** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [21...Rxf5 keeps fighting. 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Rxf5 Qg6] **22.Kh1+- Rf7 23.f6 d4 24.cxd4 [D]**

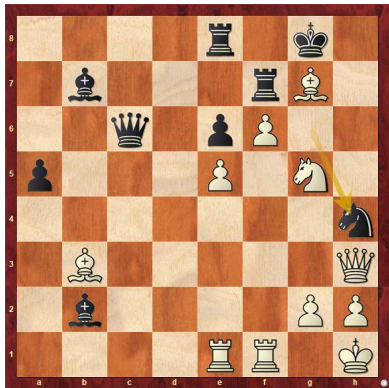


24...Bxd4? [24...b3 25.axb3 cxb3 26.Bxb3 (26.dxc5 bxc2 27.Qg4 Rc7+-) 26...Bb4 27.Bxb4 axb4] **25.Qg4 b3 26.axb3** [Less strong is 26.Qxd4 bxc2 27.Qg4 (27.Qxc4 Ba6+=) 27...Rd7+-] **26...cxb3 27.Bxb3 [D]**

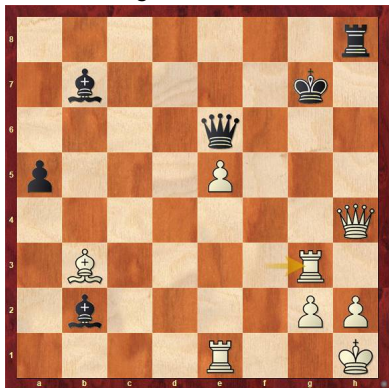


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(Cont. from p.8) [Threatens to win with Bxh6.] [Not 27.Qxd4 bxc2 28.Qg4 Rd7=] **27...Bxb2** [Better is 27...Qc6 28.Nf4 a4] **28.Bxh6 Qc6 29.Bxg7** [And now Nf4 would win.] **29...Re8 30.Ng5** (Joe - More accurate is 30.Nf4, defending against the mate on g2.) [Better is 30.Bxf8+ Kh8 31.Nf4 Qxg2+ 32.Nxg2 Rexf8 33.Bxe6 Rg8 34.Qh4+ Rh7 35.f7] **30...Ng6 31.Qh3** [Better is 31.Re2 Qb6 32.Qh5 Rxg7 33.fxg7 Qg1+ 34.Rxg1 Bxg2+ 35.Rexg2 Kxg7 36.Qh7+ Kf8 37.Qf7#] **31...Nh4 [D]**



(Joe - Of course, the Knight cannot be captured.) **32.Rf3** [White mates.] **32...Rxg7 33.fxg7 Kxg7 34.Qxh4 Rh8 35.Nxe6+ Qxe6 36.Rg3+ [D]**



1-0 (Joe - 36.Qg5+ would have only been a mate in 3.) [*Stockfish 10: 36.Qg5+ Kh7 37.Bxe6 Bxf3 38.Bf5#]

[Accuracy: White = 69%, Black = 26%.]

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Games from the Memorial A. Barreras IM, Venezuela ICCF Tournament

Round: -

Submitted by Bernie with his comments and selected Fritz (ChessBase) comments [shown thus].

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White: Bernard Overly (1840)

Black: Petri Saharinen (1822)

Date: 7/15/2020

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(Bernie - A game from "III Memorial Alberto Barreras IM" Venezuela Tournament, Under 1950 Section. The only game where I forgot what opening I wanted to play. I guess it's ok to learn something new. I hope you enjoy the game with my limited (trimmed down) notes. Some of my games can have more than a dozen pages of notes. My opponent is from Finland.)

[D10: Slav Defense: 3.cxd5 (without early Nf3) and 3.Nc3] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bf4 [D]**



(Bernie - I wanted to play my Catalan, so how did I get here?) **5...g6 6.e3 a6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.h3 [D]**



8...0-0 [8...Nc6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 b5 (10...Bf5 11.Bxf5 gxf5+- 12.Ne5 e6 13.Nxc6+=) 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Ne5+-] **9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 b5!?** [D] (Next col.) **11.Qb3 Nb6 12.Rac1** (Bernie - It seemed better to play for the c-file.) **12...Nc4 13.a4 Bd7** [13...bxa4 14.Nxa4 Bd7 15.Nc5+=] **14.Ra1 e6 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 10...b5!?) (From prev. col.)



(Position after 14...e6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [14...bxa4 15.Nxa4 Bb5 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.Nc3 Na5 18.Qe2 Bxd3 19.Qxd3+-; 14...Na5 15.Qb4 Nc6 16.Qc5 bxa4 17.Nxa4 Be8 18.Qb6 Qxb6 19.Nxb6+=] **15.axb5 axb5 16.Rfd1** (Bernie - Take the square away from his Knight. This allows me to play Ne5.) **16...Bc6** [16...Nh5 17.Bh2 f5+- (17...Bc6 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Rc1+-)] **17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Ne4 19.Bf4 Qb6 [D]**



[19...Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Qd7 21.Rdc1+-] **20.Qb4** (Bernie - I thought about the tricky 20.Na4 but figured my opponent would only trade Knights to his advantage. Better to keep my pawn structure.) **20...Rxa1** [20...Rfd8 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Bxe4 Bf8 23.Bd6 dxe4 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.d5 Bxd5 26.Nxd5 exd5 27.Rxd5+=] **21.Rxa1 Rc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Be2 Bf8 [D]** (p. 10) (Text cont. p. 10)

(Position after 23...Bf8 (From p.9)



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from p.9) [23...Bd7 24.Bd6 Qb7 25.b3+- (25.Ra5 Bf8 26.Bxf8 Rxf8+-; 25.Bc5 e5 26.Bc4 Qc6 27.Bb3 Be6 28.Bxe6 fxe6 I like the pawns. 29.Ra7 Bh6 30.Qb3 exd4 31.exd4 Bf8 32.Qc3+-)] 24.Bd6 Bxd6 25.Qxd6 Qb8 26.Qxb8 Rxb8 27.b4 [27.Rc1 Bd5 28.b4 Bc4 29.Bxc4 Rc8 (29...bxc4 30.Rxc4+-) 30.Rc3 bxc4 31.Kf1 Ra8 32.Rxc4 Ra1+ 33.Ke2 Ra2+ 34.Ke1=] 27...Kf8 [27...Bd5 28.Rc1 Bc4+-] 28.Rc1 Rb6 [D]



(Bernie - My opponent can hold the position even if I win his b-Pawn since he can get his King into play. So, I accepted the draw offer.) 1/2-1/2

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Bernie Overly

Game from the Chaturanga Spring 2017 Swiss Tournament

Round: 3

Submitted by Mike with selected Fritz comments [shown thus].

White: Michael O'Gara (1711)

Black: Bill Champion (1591)

Date: 5/18/2017

[D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5] 1.d4 g6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.e3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Qd2 0-0N 8.Rd1? dxc4+= 9.Bxc4 Qxc5 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Bb3 Nc6 12.Ne4!= Qe5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Ne2 Bg4 15.f3 Be6 16.Bxe6 Qxe6+- 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Qc1? [18.Qc3+- was forced.] Rxd1+- 19.Kxd1 Qb3+ 20.Ke1+- Ne5 [Better is 20...Rd8] 21.Qc3 [D]



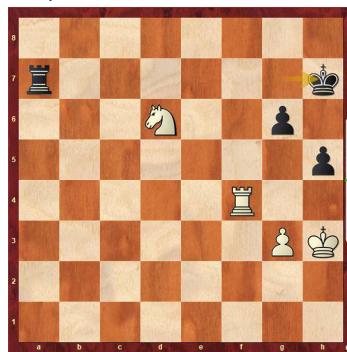
21...Nd3+ 22.Kd2= Qxb2+ 23.Kxd3=- Qb5+? 24.Kd2+- Rd8+ [D]



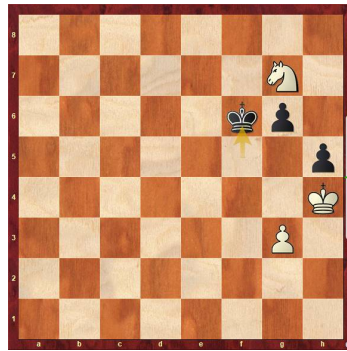
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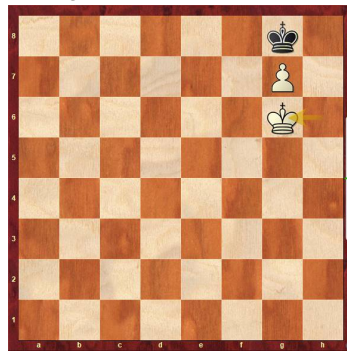
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69.Nxh5+! gxh5 70.Kxh5 Kg7 71.Kg5 Kg8 72.Kf6 Kf8 73.g4 Kg8 74.Kg6 Kh8 75.Kf7 Kh7 76.g5 Kh8 77.Kf6 Kh7 78.Kf7 Kh8 79.Kf6? Kh7= 80.g6+ Kg8?? 81.Kg5? [81.g7 mates] 81...Kg7 82.Kh5 Kg8 83.Kh6 Kh8 84.g7+ Kg8 85.Kg6 [D]



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