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

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This issue features Joe Mucerino's games played at Forsythia Crossing Park 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:
"Finally, I found a place to play in Pennsylvania in this COVID era of chess. In late July, Bela Kis ran a scholastic event at Forsythia Crossing Park in Levittown. Save for some extra rated games, which was the first USCF rated tournament of any kind in Pennsylvania since everything began to open up from coronavirus. I'm friends with him, so I asked him to run some quads that everyone can play in, and he did. So, this was the first truly open tournament in Pennsylvania since the quads in York on March 15, won by yours truly. (For those of you who love to look at cross tables, the West Chester March Madness tournament was entered with incorrect playing dates, so it looks like it finished after York, although it really didn't).

The last time I played outside in a park was in 2002, at Bingham Park in Hawley in the Poconos. We played in a large gazebo (Text cont. next col.).

(Cont. from prev. col.) there, and there were six baseball diamonds, all with a game going on at the same time! It was quite a scene. Forsythia Crossing Park was not on that scale, but there were several picnic tables (one in a pavilion) that we played on. Masks were not required.

Not only was this the first tournament in Pennsylvania that I've played in since coronavirus, but Levittown was a town in Pennsylvania that I had never played in before. I keep track of the towns in Pennsylvania that I've played in (I don't tally out-of-state places), and Levittown is Pennsylvania town #107 for me".

Game from the Forsythia Park 2nd Tournament
Round: 1
Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments *[shown thus].*
White: NM Lorand Bela Kis (2209)
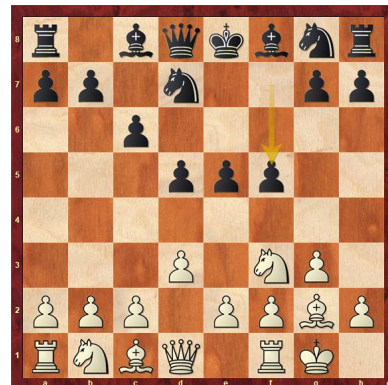**Black: Joseph Mucerino (2050)**
Date: 8/8/2020
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A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems] **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6**
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(Cont. from prev. col.) **3.Bg2 Nd7 4.0–0 e5 5.d3** *[5.c4 Ngf6 6.d4 e4 7.Ne1 Be7 8.Nc3 0–0 9.Nc2 Nb6 10.c5 Nbd7 11.b4 Re8, etc... Kuemin,S (2392)-Battulga,N (2180) Istanbul 2004 ½–½; 5.d4 Bd6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Nc3 Ngf6 8.a4 0–0 9.Qc2 Qc7 10.Bg5 h6, etc Ivanov,O (1750)-Stoyanov,G (1619) Sofia 2015 0–1 (33)]* **5...f5N [D]**

[5...Bd6= 6.Nbd2 (6.c4 Ne7 7.Nbd2 0–0 8.b3 f5 9.Bb2 d4 10.e3 c5 11.Ng5 Nf6, etc... Brezinova,J (1397)-Dunglova,E (1250) Zlate Hory 2006 1–0) 6...Ne7 7.e4 d4 8.Nc4 Bc7 9.c3 c5 10.cxd4 cxd4 11.Qa4 0–0 12.Qa3 Ng6, etc... Cuadrado Lopez,F (1937)-Diaz Begonte,M (1782) Galapagar 2009 1–0 (63); 5...h6 6.a3 Ne7 7.b4 b5 8.Bb2 Ng6 9.h4 Bd6 10.Nfd2 Qc7 11.Nb3 0–0 12.N1d2 Ne7, etc... Henniges,E (1240)-Wernitz,A (1331) Binz 2014 1–0 (58)] **6.c4** *[6.e4!+−]* **6...dxc4!+= 7.dxc4** *[7.Nbd2+-]* **7...Ngf6** *[7...e4!=+ 8.Nd4 Ne5]* **8.Qc2** *[8.Nh4+=]* **8...g6**
(Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p.1) **9.b3** *[9.Rd1=]* **9…Qc7** (Joe - Black wants to avoid 8…Bg7 9.Ba3. Black could have played 8…Bd6 or 8…Bc5 instead.) *[9…Bd6=+]* **10.Rd1 Bc5 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Na4 Be7! [D]**

13.Bh6 *[13.a3+-]* **13…Re8= 14.c5 Nf8** *[14…Bf8 might be stronger. 15.Qc4+ Kh8]* **15.b4** (Joe - At the board, I was afraid of 15.Ng5, but Black is fine after 15…Ne6 16.Qc4 Bf8.) *[15.Bc1=]* **15…Ng4** *[Better is 15…Ne6!=+]* **16.Bc1+= Bf6! [D]**

17.Rb1? (Joe - White needed to beat Black to the punch by playing 17.e4 himself.) *[17.e4=]* **17…e4!=+ 18.Bf4?** (Joe - The computer wasn't thrilled about this move. The bishop should have gone to b2 sometime in the future.) *[18.Nd4!=]* **18…Qg7-+ 19.Ng5 h6** *[with initiative] [Black is on the roll.]* **20.Qc4+ Ne6 21.Nxe6 Bxe6 22.Qc2 Bd4** *[22…g5-+ 23.Bd6 Ne5]* **23.e3 [D]**

23…Bf6! 24.a3 *[24.b5=+]* **24…Qf7** (Joe - With the idea of 25…Ba2 26.Rbc1 Bb3.) *[Better is 24…Rad8 25.h3 Ne5 26.Bxe5 Bxe5]* **25.h3** *[Better is 25.b5]* **25…Ne5** *(Text cont. next col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **26.Bf1?** (Joe - White is hoping to pin my Queen to my King sometime down the road.) *[26.Bxe5-+ Bxe5 27.Bf1]* **26…Kh7?! [D]**

[26…Nf3+-+ 27.Kg2 g5] **27.b5** *[White must play 27.Bxe5!=+ Bxe5 28.b5]* **27…Rad8** *[27…Nf3+-+ has better winning chances. 28.Kh1 cxb5 29.Rxb5 Red8]* **28.bxc6** *[28.Bxe5-+ was called for. 28…Rxd1 29.Qxd1 Bxe5 30.bxc6 bxc6 31.Qc2]* **28…bxc6** *[28…Nf3+-+ and Black stays clearly on top. 29.Kh1 Rxd1 30.Qxd1 bxc6]* **29.Rb4? [D]**

[29.Bxe5-+ Rxd1 30.Qxd1 Bxe5 31.Qc2] **29…Rxd1-+ 30.Qxd1 Nf3+ 31.Kg2?** *[31.Kh1 Re7 32.Nb2]* **31…Rd8?!** (Joe - The computer prefers a King assault with 31…g5.) *[31…g5 32.Bb8 [D]*

Analysis Diagram
32…f4!] **32.Bd6 Bd5?** *[32…a5-+ 33.Rb6 Kh8]* **33.Qc2??** (Joe - Time pressure. Kis was down to his last minute.) *[33.Qc1=+]* **33…Ne1+ [D]** *(Next col.)*
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Game from the Forsythia Park 2nd Tournament
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Black: Daniel Girsh (2172)
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[D04: Colle System] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bd3 [D]**

(Joe - It is possible to capture on c5, however, I have not had too much success in that line recently. Girsh, like me, won his First-Round game, so whoever won this game was guaranteed a tie for First P/lace. Therefore, I played a line that I was more confident about.) **5…g6 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0** *[7…Nd7=+]* **8.dxc5** (Joe – Although I captured the Pawn at this point, *(Text cont. p.3)*

(Cont. from p.2) I wasn't going to bend over backwards to keep it.) **8...a5** *[8...Nd7= remains equal.; 8...Bg4 9.Be2 a5 10.a4 e6 (10...e5 11.h3 Be6 12.Bb5 Qb8 13.Ng5 Bf5, etc... Repkin,A (2086)-Kazantsev,N (2038) Voronezh 2014 ½–½ (84)) 11.Nd4 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nd7 13.N2b3 Qe7 14.Qb5 Rfb8, etc... ½–½ (22) Teske,H (2400)-Tischbierek,R (2475) Zittau 1989]* **9.a4** *[9.e4+-]* **9...Qc7** *[9...Nd7=]* **10.e4N** *[White is slightly better.]* *[10.Bc2 Rd8 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Ne4 14.Nd4 Nxc5 15.f3 Rac8 16.Rd1 Qb6, etc... Akdogan,A (1707)-Yurtseven,M (2133) Antalya 2013 0–1 (58)]* **10...Rd8** *[Strongly threatening ...dxe4.]* **11.Qe2** *[11.Qc2+-]* **11...e5?! [D]**

(Joe - Although I captured the Pawn at this point, I wasn't going to bend over backwards to keep it.) *[11...d4= keeps the balance.]* **12.Re1** *[Better is 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Ne4]* **12...Be6** *[Better is 12...Ne7]* **13.Ng5+- Bg4 14.f3 Bc8 [D]**
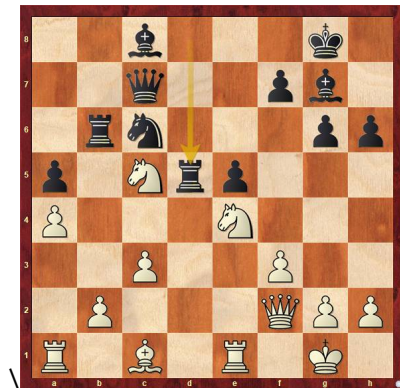

(Joe - After the game, Girsh said he was happy to that he made me play 14.f3, but I don't think it's that bad, as long as the Knight on g5 can go there.) **15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bc4** (Joe - Not bad, but the computer prefers Nc4–d6.) *[16.Nc4+-]* **16...h6** *[16...Nce7+-]* **17.Nge4** *[17.Bxd5+- Rxd5 18.Nge4]* **17...b6 18.Nb3** *[White should play 18.Bxd5+- Rxd5 19.Nc4 bxc5 20.Bxh6!]* **18...Be6 19.Qf2** *[19.Be3+-]* **19...Rab8? [D]** *(Next col.)* (Joe - The computer does not like this move, probably because White can consolidate his extra Pawn. The machine *(Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 19...Rab8? *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) preferred 19...Nce7, and now the pawn on c5 is pinned.) *[19...Nce7+- keeps fighting.]* **20.cxb6+- Rxb6 21.Nbc5?!** (Joe - Perhaps putting the other Knight on c5 was better since it can longer be kicked by ...f5.) **21...Bc8?** (Joe - This blunders a second Pawn.) *[Better is 21...Nce7 22.Nxe6 Rxe6]* **22.Bxd5 Rxd5 [D]**

23.Bxh6! Ne7 *[23...Bxh6 24.Nf6+]* **24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Rad1 f5** *[Better is 25...Bf5 26.g4 Bxe4 27.Nxe4 Qc6]* **26.Rxd5 Nxd5 27.Ng5 Qe7 28.h4 [D]**

(Joe - The computer really liked the very ugly 28.Nh3, keeping black's knight out of f4.) **28...Nf4** *[Better is 28...f4 29.Nd3 Ne3]* **29.Rd1** (Joe - Missing 29.Nd7, or, more accurately, missing that it was playable. I think I had about five minutes left on the clock *(Text cont. next col.)*
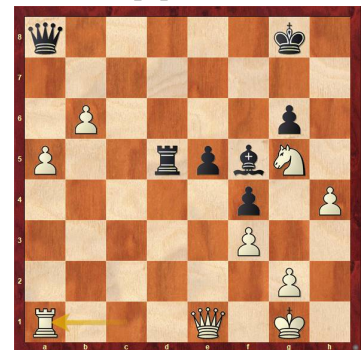
(Cont. from prev. col.) and I was afraid that things might get complicated in time pressure after 29...Rxb2 30.Qxb2 Nd3, so I just wanted to keep everything under control.) **29...Qc7 30.Kh1 Nh5 [D]**

[Better is 30...Rd6 31.Rxd6 Qxd6] **31.b4! axb4 32.cxb4 f4?** (Joe - Of course not 32...Rxb4 because of either Ne6+. Better is 32...Rd6 or 32...Qe7.) **33.b5?!** (Joe - Missing the very strong 33.Qa2! still looking at e6.) **33...Rd6 34.Rc1** *[Black must now prevent Nce6+!]* **34...Ng3+ 35.Kg1 Qd8 36.Qe1 Kg8 37.Nce4 Nxe4 38.Nxe4 Rd4 [D]**
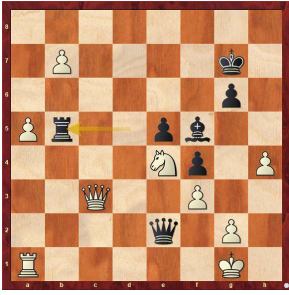

39.a5 Bf5 40.Ng5 Rd5 41.b6 Qa8 42.Ra1?! [D]

(Joe - Even stronger is 42.Qb4! If either piece captures on a5, then 43.Qe7 leads to mate.) **42...Qa6 43.Ne4** *[Threatens to win with Nf6+.]* **43...Kg7 44.Qc3 Qe2 45.Re1** *[Better is 45.b7 Rb5 [D] (p.4) 46.b8Q! Rxb8 47.Qxe5+ Kf7 48.Ng5+ Kf8 49.Qxe2 Re8 50.Qc4]* **45...Qa6 46.Qc7+** *[White mates.]* *(Text cont. p.4)*

Position after 45...Rb5 (From p.3)

Analysis Diagram

(Cont. from p.3) **46…Bd7 47.b7 Qa7+ 48.Qb6 Qb8 49.a6 Rb5 50.a7 Qf8 [D]**

51.Qxb5! Bxb5 52.b8Q Qb4 53.Qc7+ Kh6 54.Qc3 Qa4 55.Ra1 Qd4+ [D]

56.Qxd4 exd4 57.a8Q Kg7 58.Ra7+ Kh6 59.Qh8# [D]

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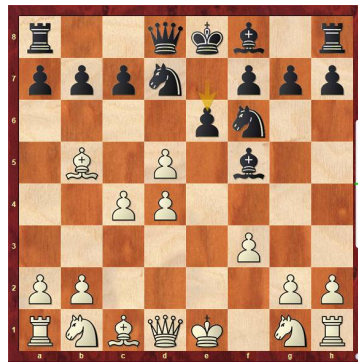
White: Roman Goldovsky (Age 15) (2131) (Ranked 53rd in PA)
Black: Joseph Mucerino (2050)
Date: 8/8/2020

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

7.dxe6 Bxe6 8.d5 Bf5! 9.Be3?! [D]

(Joe - 9.Nc3 right away is more accurate.) *[9.Nc3+- stays on course.]*
9…Bb4+-+ *[Black has strong compensation.]* **10.Nc3** *[10.Bd2=+ Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2]* **10…0-0** *[10...Qe7!-+ 11.Kf2 0–0]* **11.Nge2** *[Black is slightly better.]* **11…Ne5** *[White must now prevent ...a6.]* (Joe - Hoping to land on d3 with check.) **12.0-0 a6! 13.Bd4 [D]** *(Next col.)* **13…axb5 14.Bxe5 bxc4 15.Qd4 Bd3** *[Hoping for ...Nd7.]* **16.Rfd1N** *[16.Bxf6-+ is tougher. 16...Qxf6 17.Qxf6 gxf6 18.Rfe1 (18.Rfd1 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Be3 20.g3 Rfe8 21.Nf4 Bc2, etc... Galkin,A (2570)-Vlassov,N (2454) Moscow 2002 CBM 088 [Dautov] 1–0 (52))]* **16…Ra5?** *(Text cont. next col.)*

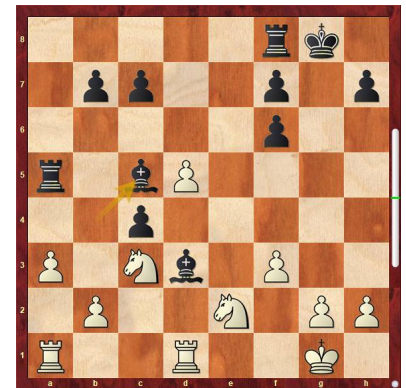**Position after 13.Bd4** *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - Missing 16...Nd7! winning. One threat is 17...Bc5, and if 17.Qf4, Nxe5 18.Qxe5 Re8 and black will win a piece on e2.) *[16...Nd7!-+ 17.Rxd3 Bc5]*
17.Bxf6!=+ Qxf6 [D]

18.Qxf6 gxf6 19.a3 *[19.Nf4=+]* **19…Bc5+-+ [D]**

(Joe - Here I offered a draw, since that's all I needed to win the Quad.)
20.Kh1 *[b4 is the strong threat.]*
20…Ra6? (Joe - This didn't feel right when I played it. I saw ((but nearly missed)) White's threat of 21.b4! winning a piece, because if the Pawn is captured enpassant, the Bishop on d3 hangs. I was concerned by 21.Ne4,
(Text cont.p.5)

(Cont. from p.4) hitting the Pawn on f6, so I decided to defend it. The computer prefers 20...Be3.) *[20...Be3-+]* **21.Nf4= Bf5 22.Re1 [D]**

[22.g4= Bc8 23.Ne4] **22...Bd6** *[22...Bd4!-+]* **23.Nfe2** *[23.g4!=]* **23...Be5** *[23...Rb6-+ 24.Na4 Rb5]* **24.f4! [D]**
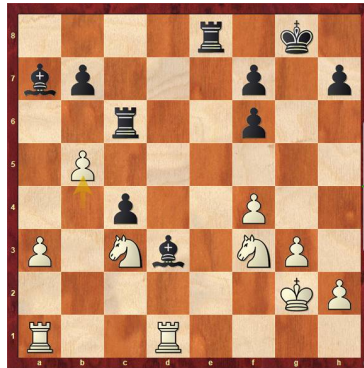

24...Bd6 25.Nd4 (Joe - Not bad, but I prefer 25.Nb5.) *[25.Nb5!= remains equal.]* **25...Bd3-+ 26.g3 Rd8** *[26...Rc8-+]* **27.Kg2?** *[27.Ndb5!=]* **27...Bf8** *[Better is 27...Rb6 28.Na4 Ra6]* **28.Nf3 Rb6 29.Ra2 c6** *[Better is 29...Kg7 30.Na4 Rb3]* **30.dxc6 Rxc6 [D]**
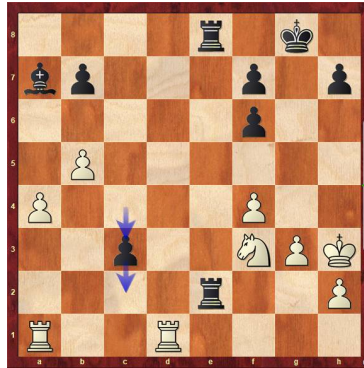

[Better is 30...bxc6 31.Ne4 c5] **31.Rd1** *[Better is 31.a4]* **31...Re8** *[31...Rb6-+ 32.Kf2 Rd7]* **32.Raa1=+ Bc5** *[Better is 32...Rce6-+]* **33.b4** *[33.Re1=+ Rce6 34.Rxe6 Rxe6 35.Ne1]* **33...Ba7** *[Black should try 33...Bf8-+]* **34.b5 [D]** *(Next col.)* *[34.a4=]* **34...Rce6** *[Black should play 34...Rd6! 35.Re1 Rxe1 36.Rxe1 Bf5]* **35.a4-+ Be2** *[35...Re3-+ 36.a5 Bf5]* **36.Nxe2= Rxe2+ 37.Kh3 c3** *[With initiative]* **[D]** *(Next Col.)* *[Black has some pressure.]* *(Text cont. next col.)*
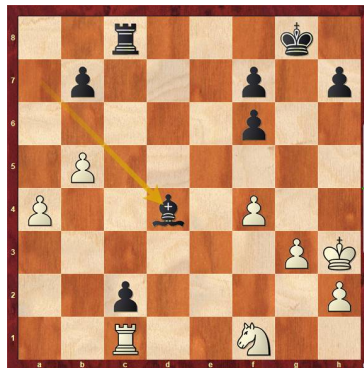
Position after 34.b5 *(From prev. col.)*

Position after 37...c3 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **38.Rac1?** (Joe - White had to go for 38.Rd7.) *[38.Rd7=]* **38...c2-+ 39.Rd2** (Joe - 39.Re1 puts ups more resistance but should still lose.) *[39.Re1 keeps fighting.]* **39...Rxd2 40.Nxd2 Rc8** *[Strongly threatening ...Be3.]* **41.Nf1?** *[41.Nb3 Be3 42.Ra1]* **41...Bd4 [D]**

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[Accuracy: White = 42%, Black = 47%.]
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The following week Joe wrote:
"I returned to Levittown! Unfortunately, my score was not the same as the previous week. G/55 d/5 again".
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[D49: Semi-Slav: Meran System: Main line with 9 e4 c5 10 e5 cxd4 11 Nxb5] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 [D]**

6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.e4 c5 10.e5 cxd4 11.Nxb5 axb5 12.exf6 Bb4+?! [D]

(Joe - The computer prefers 12...gxf6, saving the Bishop for a future deployment to c5.) **13.Bd2 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Qxf6 15.Bxb5 0-0** *[15...e5 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rfe1 Qd6 18.Bxd7 Bxd7 19.Rxe5 d3 20.Re3 Bb5, etc... Wickramasinghe,D (1674)-Gamage,N (1580) Malambe 2015 ½–½ (34)]* **16.Bxd7 [D]** *(p.6)* (Joe - White loses much of his advantage here, trading off his good bishop for black's mediocre knight.) *[Don't play 16.Nxd4?! Ne5=; 16.0-0+-; 16.Qxd4 e5 17.Qd5 e4 18.Nd4 Rb8 19.0-0 Ne5 20.Qxe4 Bb7 21.Qf5 Nf3+, etc... Mrva,M (2508)-Pcola,P (2381) Slovakia 2005 ½–½ (39)]* **16...Bxd7=** *[The position is equal.]* *(Text cont. p.6)*

Position after 16.Bxd7 *(From p.5)*

(Cont. from p.5) **17.Qxd4 Qe7N** (Joe - The computer's preference, to my surprise, was to trade Queens and go into an ending a Pawn down with White having two connected passed Pawns.) *[17...Qxd4= remains equal. 18.Nxd4 e5 (18...Rfb8 19.b3 Rb4 20.Nc2 Re4+ 21.Ne3 Bb5 22.0–0–0 f5 23.Rd2 Re5, etc... Hahn,H (2151)-Klein,J (2236) Germany 2008 ½–½ (51))]*

18.0-0!+- Rfd8 *[18...Bc6!+=]* **19.Rfc1 Bc6 20.Qc3 Bd5 21.a3! h6** [Better is 21...Bb7] **22.b4 [D]**

22...Qb7 23.Ne1 Be4 *[23...Rd6+-]* **24.Qe3+- Bd5** *[24...Bg6+-]* **25.f3** *[25.h3+− is more deadly.]* **25...Qa6** *[25...Qb5+- was worth a try.]* **26.a4 Rab8? [D]**

(Joe - Black's last two moves pretty much cost him the game. He should have put either rook on c8 instead.) *[Better is 26...Rac8 27.a5 Bc4]* **27.b5 Qa5 28.Qc3 Qa7+ 29.Kf1 Qe7 30.Qe3 Qb4** *[30...Rbc8+-]* **31.Qc3** *[31.Nc2+− and White stays clearly on top. 31...Qa5 32.Qe1]* **31...Qh4 [D]** *(Next Col.) (Text cont. next col.)*
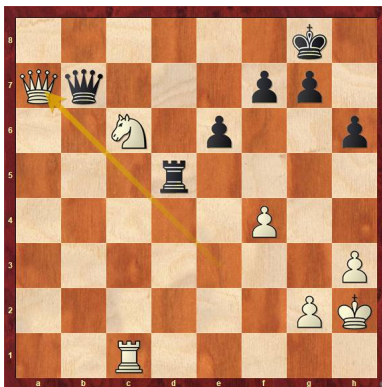
(Position after 31...Qh4 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) *[Better is 31...Qf4]* **32.Kg1** *[Better is 32.h3!]* **32...Bb7?** *[32...Rbc8+- 33.Qxc8 Qd4+ 34.Kh1 Rxc8 35.Rxc8+ Kh7]* **33.a5 Rbc8 34.Qe3 Rxc1 35.Rxc1 Qb4 36.a6 Qxb5 [D]**
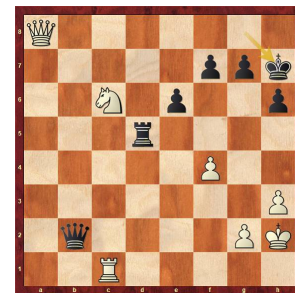

(Joe - With time running short, I decided to give up the Bishop for White's Pawns.) **37.axb7 Qxb7 38.h3 Qd7 39.f4 Qb5** *[39...Qd4 was necessary. 40.Kf2 g5 41.fxg5 hxg5]* **40.Nf3 Qb7 41.Ne5 Rd5 42.Kh2 Rd8 43.Nc6 Rd5 44.Qa7 [D]**
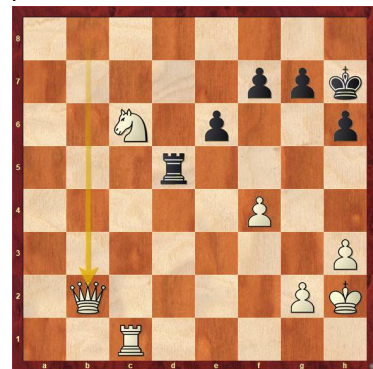

[Better is 44.Rc4] **44...Qb2?** *[44...Qxa7+− 45.Nxa7 g5 46.fxg5 hxg5]* **45.Qb8+?** (Joe - This wins, but faster is 45.Qa8+ followed by 46.Ne7.) *[45.Qa8+ mates 45...Kh7 [D] (Next Col.) 46.Ne7! Qxg2+ 47.Kxg2 Rd2+ 48.Kh1 Rh2+ 49.Kxh2 h5 50.Qg8+ Kh6 51.Qh8#]* **45...Kh7??** *[45...Qxb8+− 46.Nxb8 g5 47.fxg5 hxg5]* **46.Qxb2 [D]** *(Next Col.) (Text cont. next col.)*

(Position after 45...Kh7 (From prev. col.)

Analysis Diagram

(Position after 46.Qxb2 *(From prev. col.)*

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Black: Daniel Girsh (2172)
Date: 8/15/2020

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[B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bd3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 e6 7.0-0 [D]** *(p.7)*
7...cxd4 8.exd4 Bd6 9.Qe1 (Joe - Stockfish 7 wasn't thrilled with this move, but it breaks the pin.) *[9.Re1=; 9.b3 0–0 10.Bb2 Bh5 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Qe1 Bf4 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ng4 15.Nf3 Bxc1, etc... Shapovalenko,M-Deviatkin,A (2260) Kolontaevo 1998 0–1 (37)]*

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Position after 7.0-0 *(From p.6)*

(Cont. from p.6) **9…0-0** *[Black should play 9...Qc7=+; 9...Bxf3 10.Nxf3 0–0 11.Bg5 a6 12.Ne5 Rc8 13.f4 g6 14.Qh4 Be7 15.Nxc6 Rxc6 16.g4 Re8 17.Rf3 Nd7, etc… ½–½ (23) Mostacero Velarde,Y (1625)-Costa,A (1627) Mar del Plata 2013]* **10.Ne5 [D]**

[10.Qe3=] **10…Bxe5N** *[10...Bf5!-+ 11.f4 Qb6 12.Kh1 a5 13.Be2 Qc7 14.Ndf3 Ne7 15.Nh4 Be4 16.Bf3 a4, etc… Komovec,I-Hevir,Z Slovenia 1998 ½–½ (53); 10...Bh5 11.h3 Qc7 12.f4 Ne7 13.b3 Qxc3, etc… 0–1 (16) Artiles,A-Perez,G Managua 2011; 10...Qc7 11.f4 Rfe8 12.Qh4 Bf5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Ndf3 Bxe5 15.fxe5 Ne4,etc… Figueiredo,F (1670)-Paravato,J Brazil 1995 1–0 (52)]* **11.dxe5=** *[White has an edge.]* **11…Nd7 12.f4 Nc5 13.Bc2 d4 14.Nf3 [D]**

14…dxc3 (Joe - This is better than 14...d3, where the pawn is a bit overextended and may be lost.) **15.bxc3 Bf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 [D]** *(Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)*

Position after 16…exf5 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **17.Be3** (Joe - After the game, Grish said he thought 17.Ba3 was better. The computer says they are roughly equal but has a tiny preference for 17.Ba3.) *[17.Ba3= might be stronger. 17...Qa5 18.Bb4]* **17…Ne4=+ 18.Nd4** *[18.Rd1= Qc8 19.Rd3]* **18…Qc8** *[18...Qd7-+]* **19.Rc1** *[19.Nb5= remains equal.]* **19…f6** *[19...Qd7-+]* **20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Nxc6?! [D]**
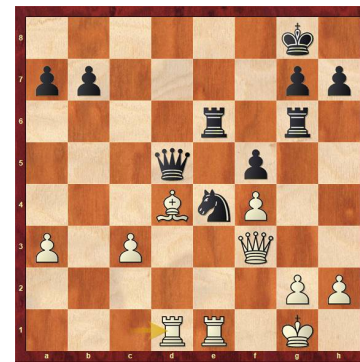

(Joe - This was a mistake because the Queen on c8 is not on the best square, and it now moves to a better square.) **21…Qxc6 22.Bd4 Rg6** *[22...Rd6-+]* **23.Qe2** *[23.Rc2=+]* **23…Re8** *[White must now prevent ...Nxc3.]* **24.Rfe1** *[24.Qc2=+]* **24…Rge6** *[Better is 24...b6-+]* **25.Qh5** *[25.Qb2=]* **25…Qd5 [D]**

[25...Rg6-+ And now ...Nxc3! would win. 26.Qe2 b6] **26.a3** *[26.a4=]* **26…R8e7 27.Qh4** *[27.Rcd1= keeps the balance.]* *[26...Rg6=+]* **27…Re8** *[27...Rd7-+ Strongly (Text cont. next col.)*
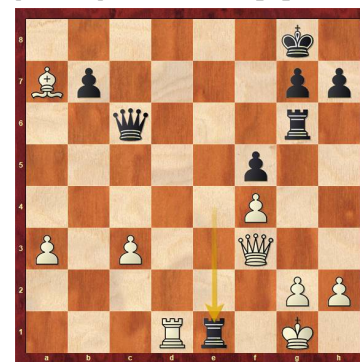
(Cont. from prev. col.) threatening …Rh6. 28.Qh3 Rg6]* **28.Qh5 Rg6** *[With initiative]* [Black has some pressure.] **29.Qf3** *[29.Qd1=+]* **29…Ree6 30.Rcd1? [D]**

[30.Re3=+] **30…Qc6?** (Joe - This was a mistake because the queen on c8 is not on the best square, and it now moves to a better square.) *[30...Rxg2+!–+ 31.Qxg2 Rg6 32.Qxg6 hxg6 33.Bxg7 Qc5+ 34.Bd4 Qxa3]* **31.Rxe4??** (Joe - Panicking. I became very worried about that knight.) *[31.Re3!=+]* **31…Rxe4-+** *[Weaker is 31...fxe4 32.Qe3-+]* **32.Bxa7?? [D]**

[32.Rd3] **32…Re1+! [D]**

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[Accuracy: White = 18%, Black = 35%.]
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Game from the Forsythia Park 3rd Tournament

Round: 3

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

White: Joe Mucerino (2052)
Black: Roman Goldovsky (Age 15) (2131) (Ranked 53rd in PA)
Date: 8/15/2020

[A48: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6: Torre, London, and Colle Systems] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.c3 Nbd7 7.Bc4 e5 [D]**

8.dxe5 dxe5 9.0-0 c6 *[9...h6= 10.Bh4 b6]* **10.Qe2** *[10.h3!+-; 10.a4 a5 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Nb3 Nb6 13.Bf1 Nh5 14.g3 h6 15.Be3 Bg4 16.h3 Rfd8, etc... Yedidia,J (2390)-Fishbein,A (2550) Newark 1995 1–0 (60)]* **10…Qc7** *[10...h6= 11.Be3 Ng4]* **11.Rad1** *[11.a4+=]* **11…Nc5** *[11...b5-+ 12.Bd3 Nc5]* **12.Rfe1N** *[The position is equal.]* *[12.h3 Be6 13.Bxe6 Nxe6 14.Be3 Rfd8 15.Ng5 Nf4 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Qc4 h6, etc... Lewyk,I (2069)-Dathie,J Erice 2014 1–0 (31)]* **12…Ne6** *[12...a5=+]* **13.Bh4** *[13.Be3=]* **13…Nf4 14.Qe3 [D]**

14…b6 (Joe - Threatening to win the Queen with 14...Ng4.) *[14...Ng4!-+ 15.Qc5 Re8]* **15.Nf1** *[15.h3=]* **15…Be6** *[15...b5-+ 16.Bb3 c5]* **16.Bxe6 Nxe6 17.Qd3** *[Better is 17.Qc1]* **17…Rad8 18.Qc2 h6 19.Qc1 [D]** *(Next col.)* *[Better is 19.a4]* **19…g5** *[Better is 19...Rxd1= 20.Qxd1 Rd8]* **20.Bg3+= Nf4 21.Qc2 Rfe8** *[21...Rxd1= 22.Rxd1 Rd8]* **22.Ne3+- Bf8** *(Text cont. next col.)*
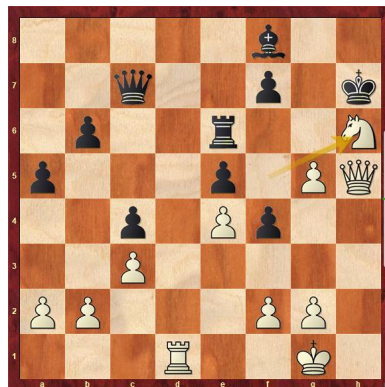
(Position after 19.Qc1 *(From prev. col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **23.Nf5** *[23.Rxd8+- Rxd8 24.Bxf4 exf4 25.Nf5]* **23…a5** *[23...c5+=]* **24.h3 Kh7** *[Better is 24...Rd7]* **25.Nh2** *[White should try 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Bxf4 gxf4 27.a3]* **25…c5** *[25...Bc5+-]* **26.Ng4** *[26.Bxf4+– gxf4 27.c4]* **26…Nxg4 27.hxg4 c4** *[27...b5+- 28.Bxf4 exf4]* **28.Bxf4+-** *(Joe - Obviously trading the Knight off before it can get to d3.)* **28…gxf4 [D]**

29.Qe2 Bc5 *[Better is 29...Kg8 30.Rd5 Qc6]* **30.g5!** (Joe - Opening up lines. Now White is winning.) **30…Rxd1?** *[30...Be7 31.gxh6 Bf6]* **31.Rxd1 Bf8 32.Qh5 Re6 33.Nxh6? [D]**

(Joe - The computer didn't like this, preferring 33.Rd5 instead.) *[Better is 33.Rd5]* **33...Bxh6 34.gxh6** *[With Attack]* *[KQR-KQR. Black is in trouble.]* **34…Qe7 35.Rd5 f6** *[35...Qf6 is a better defense. (Text cont. next col.)*

(Cont. from prev. col.) **36.Kf1 Re8**
36.Kh2 Rd6 37.Qf5+? *[37.g3+–]*
37…Kxh6+- [D]

38.Qc8 *[White should play 38.g3!+-]* **38…Qe6?** *[38...Rxd5= 39.exd5 Kg5]* **39.Qf8+ [D]**

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[Accuracy: White = 39%, Black = 11%.]
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