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

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This issue features games from the NPCC Membership Drive, Autumn Swiss, and December Octagonal Tournaments.

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

Game from the NPCC 2020 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 4

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

White: Michael O'Gara, (1818)

Black: Stan Ward, (1599)

Date: 10/2/2020

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[B18: Classical Caro-Kann: 4...Bf5 sidelines]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 [D] (Next Col.)

3...dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3

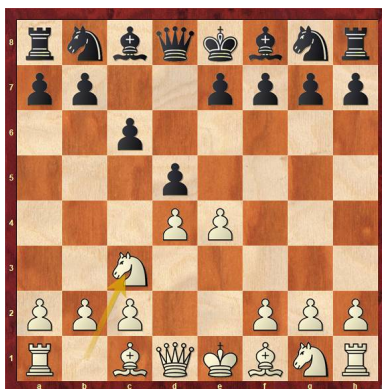
Nd7 7.Be2 [D] (Next Col.) (Mike - First

real question for White is what to do about the light square Bishops. Computer prefers the more challenging Bd3, which I follow

after this game.) **7...Ngf6 8.0-0 h6 9.c4**

e6 10.Bd3 Bxd3 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 3.Nc3
(From prev. col.)



Position after Position after 7.Be2
(From prev. col.)

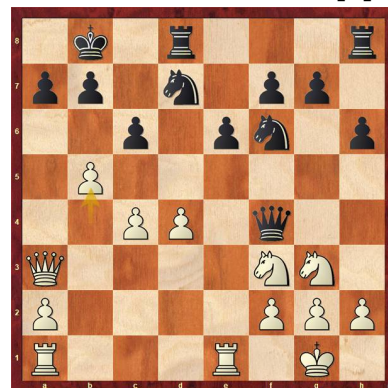


(Cont. from prev. col.) **11.Qxd3 Qc7 [D] (Next Col.) 12.Re1 0-0-0** (Mike - Bb4 is preferred here, developing with tempo, and allowing kingside castling.) **13.Bd2 Bd6 [13...g5 14.Qe2 g4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5+-] 14.b4 Bf4?** (Mike - Black should be starting his pawn storm.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 11...Qc7
(From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 14...g5 15.c5 Bxg3 16.hxg3 Nd5+-] **15.Bxf4+- Qxf4 16.Qa3 Kb8 17.b5?? [D]**



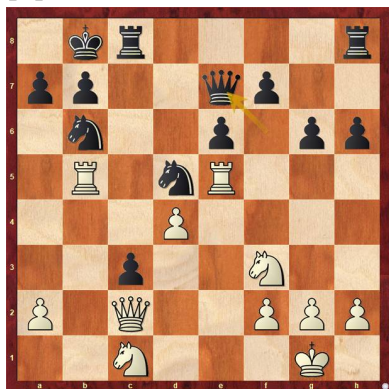
(Mike - Much too hasty. Black has yet to start his attack, so a slower approach could have been pursued.) [Better is 17.Rab1 Rc8 18.c5+-] **17...cxb5+- 18.Rab1 bxc4 19.Rb4?? (Text cont. p.2)**

December 2020 Announcement:
NPCC tournaments have been concluded for the year of 2020. Notifications will be sent out via email as to when tournaments are scheduled later in January 2021.

(Cont. from p. 1) (Mike - Poor attempt to recapture the Black pawn. Computer finds the following for White: [Better is 19.Ne2 Qc7 20.Nc3+-] **19...Nb6+** (Mike - Black is up two pawns, one passed.) **20.Qb2 Nfd5 21.Rb5 c3 22.Qc2 Rc8 [D]**



(Mike - Black has a really nice position here. White needs to complicate things.) **23.Re5 g6 24.Ne2 Qf6 25.Nc1 Qe7 [D]**



(Mike - I was relieved during the game Black did not find the continuation:) [Better is 25...Nc4 26.Re1 Na3 27.Rxb7+ Kxb7 28.Qb3+ Ka8 29.Qxa3+-] **26.Nd3 Qd7 27.a4 a6 28.Nc5 Qe7** (Mike - White has the illusion of counterplay. Computer suggestion is to eliminate the c5 Knight.) [Better is 28...Rxc5 29.Rxc5 Qxa4 30.Qb1+-] **29.Rb3 Rc6 [D]**



[Better is 29...Rxc5 30.dxc5 Qxc5+-] **30.a5 Rxc5** (Mike - a little late now for the exchange, but computer still prefers Black.) **31.dxc5 Nc4 32.c6 Nb4?? [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 32...Nb4?? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Mike - An interesting try considering White's Rook is still under attack, but White is in control now.) [Better is 32...Nxa5 33.Rxd5 exd5 34.Qxc3 Nxb3 35.Qxh8+ Ka7 36.cxb7 Qxb7+-] **33.Qxc3+- Nxe5 34.Nxe5** [Better is 34.Qxe5+ Qc7 35.Qxh8+ Ka7 36.Rxb4 Qxc6 37.Qd4+ Kb8 38.Qd8+] **34...Nxc6 35.Nxc6+ [D]**



(Mike - Black resigns) **1-0**
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Games from the NPCC 2020 Autumn Swiss Tournament Round: 1

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

White: Michael O'Gara (1818)

Black: Greg Nolan (2127)

Date: 10/16/2020

[B18: Classical Caro-Kann: 4...Bf5 sidelines]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4

Bf5 5.Ng3 [D] (Next col.) **5...Bg6**

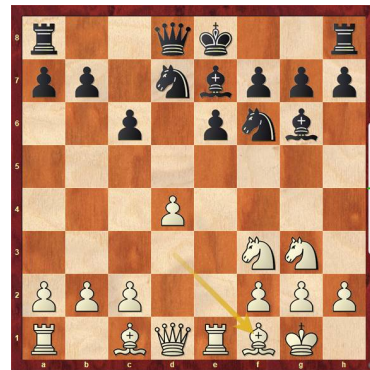
6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 e6 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Re1

Be7 10.Bf1 [D] (Next col.) (Mike - Just a poor idea on my part as I wanted the light square Bishop to remain for an attack on the queenside. (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 5.Ng3 (From prev. col.)



Position after Position after 10.Bf1 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) As Greg noted afterward, I should continue to challenge the Bishop on g6.) [10.Bxg6 hxg6 11.c4 0-0=] **10...0-0 11.c3 Qb6** [11...h6 12.c4+=] **12.Nh4= c5 [D]**



13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Re2 Rfd8 16.Qb3 Ng4 [D]



[16...Qc7!+=] **17.Qxb6** [17.Ne4 Be7=] **17...Nxb6** [17...Bxb6 18.h3 Ngf6 19.Bg5=] **18.Ne4 Be7** (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) 19.h3 [D]



(Mike - I've managed to diffuse Black's attack for now, but need to fight for the d-file.) 19...Nf6 20.Bf4 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Rd2] 20...Rac8 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.Re4 g5 23.Be3 Rd6 24.Be2 [24.Rb4 Nd5 25.Rxb7 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Bd8+]=] 24...Rcd8 [D]

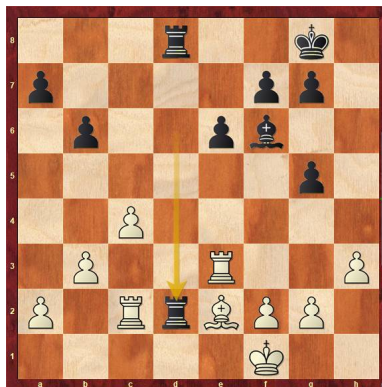


(Mike - Black has a solid grip on the d-file, though evaluation is equal I believe due to the Bishops doing a nice job of preventing infiltration.) [24...Nd5 25.Rd1 (Worse is 25.Bxa7 Rxc3 26.bxc3 Nxc3=+) 25...Rcd8 26.Bxa7 Nxc3 27.Rxd6 Nxe2+ 28.Rxe2 Rxd6 29.Be3=] 25.Rc1 [25.Rb4 Nd5 26.Rxb7 Nxe3 27.fxe3 Rd2+]=] 25...Nc8 26.b3 b6 27.c4 Ne7 28.Rc2 [D] (Next col.) [28.c5!? bxc5 29.Ra4=] (Mike - Alternatively, I consider g4 an option even though it frees up the f4 square for Black. Would have been better than the game's continuation in my opinion.) 28...Nf5= 29.Kf1 Nxe3+ 30.Rxe3 [Better is 30.fxe3 Rd2 31.Rxd2 Rxd2 32.c5 bxc5 33.Ra4=+] (Mike - Really the last chance for White to try and eliminate the extra pawns. Game continuation of trying to preserve the pawn structure leads to Black systematically squeezing out the win.) 30...Rd2-+ [D] (Next col.) 31.Rxd2 Rxd2 32.Rd3 Rxa2 33.f3? Be7 34.g3 Bc5 35.Rd8+ Kh7 36.Bd3+ g6 [D] (Next col.) 37.Be2 a5 38.g4 Rb2 39.Rd3 Kg7 40.Ke1 Kf6 41.Bf1 Ke5 42.Kd1 f5 [D] (Next col.) 43.Ke1 Kf4 44.Be2 Kg3 45.Kf1 f4 46.Bd1 Rf2+ (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 28.Rc2 (From prev. col.)



Position after Position after 30...Rd2-+ (From prev. col.)



Position after Position after 36...g6 (From prev. col.)



Position after Position after 42...f5 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 47.Ke1 Bb4+ [D] (Next col.) (Mike - White resigns) 0-1 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 47...Bb4+ (From prev. col.)



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Game from the NPCC Autumn Swiss Tournament

Round: 4

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

White: Michael O'Gara (1818)

Black: Alexander MacFarlane (1878)

Date: 11/20/2020

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[B18: Classical Caro-Kann: 4...Bf5 sidelines] 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Qc7 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Re1 e6 10.a3 [D]



(Mike - Learned my lesson from the game with Greg Nolan.) 10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 0-0-0?? [Better is 11...Be7=] 12.b4+- [D] (p.4) (Mike - Once again time for the pawn storm.) 12...h5 13.c4 h4 14.Ne4 (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 12.b4+- (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) (Mike - Had a hard time deciding Ne2 versus Ne4. With Ne2, I was worried about Bd6 and Ng4, but a simple h3 in between these moves ((in either order)) removes that threat.) [14.Ne2h3 15.g3 Kb8+-] **14...Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qe3** (Mike - Qe2 was best.) **16...Bd6** (Mike - A slight trap was set with: [16...Ng4 17.Qg5] **17.h3+- Rh5** (Mike - Though computer evaluation is giving White the advantage, I was starting to worry about Black's attack with Rf5 soon to come.) **18.Bd2** [18.Rb1?!] **18...g5?** [Better is 18...Rf5!? 19.Qd3 Rg8 20.Nxh4 Rh5+-] **19.Nxg5+-** (Mike - The critical path, but needed to see all the variations as the king side is going to be wide open.) **19...Rg8 20.Nxe6!** [D]



(Mike - winning a few pawns. White is for choice if he doesn't get mated.) **20...fxe6?** [20...Qd7 21.Nc5 Qf5 (21...Bxc5 22.bxc5 Qf5 23.Kh1) 22.Qd3] **21.Qxe6+ Qd7 22.Qxf6 Rf5** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Mike - A nice move I didn't see in advance.) [much worse is 22...Qxh3 23.Re8+] **23.Qxh4 Qg7 24.Qe4 Kc7** [D]



(Mike - The move I was most concerned with was Kb8.) [24...Bh2+ 25.Kf1 (worse is: 25.Kxh2 Rxf2 26.Bf4 Rxf4 27.Qe6+) 25...Rgf8+-; 24...Kb8 25.Re2] **25.c5 Bg3** (Mike - Trying to confuse the situation, but Black's bishop doesn't have anywhere to go.) [25...Bh2+ 26.Kxh2 Rxf2 27.Bf4+ Kd8 28.Rg1; 25...Bf8 26.Bf4+ Rxf4 27.Qxf4+ Kc8 28.Qe4] **26.fxg3** [D]



(Mike - Black resigns.] **1-0**
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Game from the NPCC 2020 Autumn Swiss Tournament Round: 3

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

White: Alex Macfarlane (1878)

Black: Jonathan XU (1999)

Date: 10/30/2020

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [B54: Sicilian: 2...d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4, Unusual Lines] **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e6 6.Bc4 a6** [D]

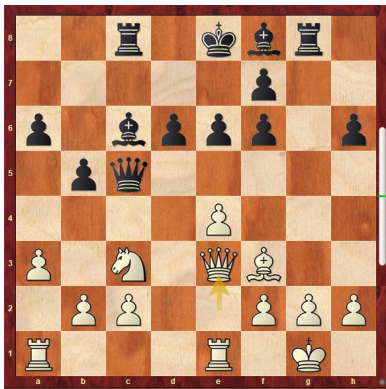


[6...Nf6=] **7.a3** [7.0-0+= is superior.] **7...Bd7** [7...Nf6=; 7...Nge7 8.Be3 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 b5 10.Ba2 Nc6 11.Qd2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0, etc... Karasik,E (2215)-Postny,E (2563) Ashdod 2004 0-1 (59); 7...g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Ne2 d5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Rb1 Nf6, etc... De Oliveira,P-Lima,A (1798) Fortaleza 2012 0-1 (58)] **8.0-0N** [8.f4+-; 8.Be3 Qc7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Qe2 Nf6 11.Bd3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bd4 e5 14.Be3 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.c4 Be6 18.Rac1 f5 19.f3 Rad8 20.Rfd1 Rd7 21.b4 Rfd8 22.c5 Kh8 Siftar,D (2024)-Nikolic,S (2002) Portoroz 2007 ½-½ (47)] **8...b5** [8...Rc8=] **9.Be2 Nf6 10.Bg5** [10.f4+-] **10...h6** [D]



11.Bh4 Qb6 [11...Be7=- keeps the upper hand.] **12.Bxf6+- gxf6 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bf3 Rg8 15.Re1** [15.Qd3+-] **15...Rc8?** [15...0-0-0= and Black has nothing to worry.] **16.Qe2** [16.Nd5!+- Qd8 17.Qd4] **16...Qc5 17.Qe3?** [D] (p.5) [17.Nd5!+- Be7 18.Rad1] **17...Qxe3= 18.Rxe3 Bg7** [18...Bb7=-] **19.Rd1 Ke7** [19...Kd7=] **20.Red3** [White should play 20.Nd5+!+= Bxd5 21.exd5] **20...f5 21.exf5** [D] (p.5) **21...Bxf3 22.Rxf3 Bxc3** (Text cont.p.5)

(Position after 17.Qe3? (From p.4)



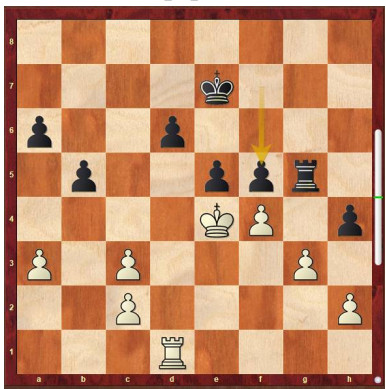
(Position after 21.exf5 (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) 23.Rxc3 [23.bxc3= keeps the balance. 23...Rc5 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.Rh3] 23...Rxc3-+ 24.bxc3= [Endgame KR-KR] 24...e5! [D]



25.f3 h5? [Better is 25...Rc8-+ 26.Rd3 Rc4] 26.Kf2 [26.a4!=] 26...Rg5 [26...Rc8-+ 27.Rd3 Rc4] 27.g3 Rxf5 28.Ke3 h4 29.Ke4 [29.a4= remains equal.] 29...Rg5 30.f4 f5!+- [D]



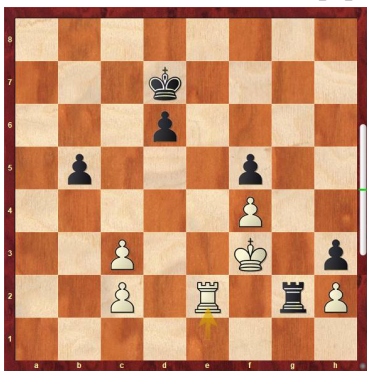
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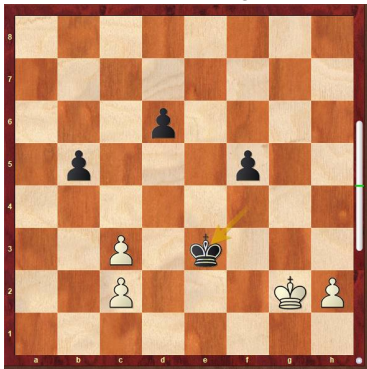
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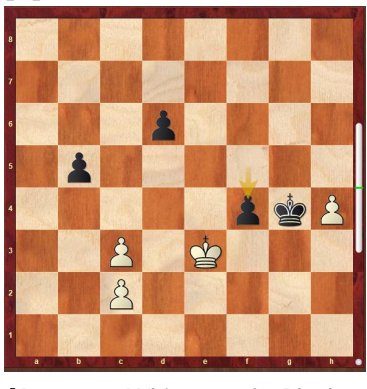
36.Re1+? Kd7-+ 37.Re2? [D]



[37.Rb1-+ Kc6 38.Rb3] 37...Rxe2! [Black mates.] 38.Kxe2 [KP-KP] 38...Kc6 39.Kf3 Kd5 40.Kg3 Ke4 41.Kxh3 Kxf4 42.Kg2 Ke3! [D]



43.h4 Kf4 44.Kf2 Kg4 45.Ke3 f4+ [D]



[Accuracy: White = 28%, Black = 53%.] 0-1 (Text cont. next col.)

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Game from the NPCC 2020 Autumn Swiss Tournament

Round: 6

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

White: Alexander W. MacFarlane IV (1878)

Black: Kevin Zhang Li (1942)

Date: 11/20/2020

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[B56: Classical Sicilian: Unusual Lines]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Be2 e5 [D]



7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Be3 [8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Rb8 10.Rb1 Be6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bg3 Qb6, etc... Orlov,V (2430)-Aseev,K (2560) St Petersburg 1996 0-1 (51)] 8...Be7 9.0-0 [9.Bc4=] 9...0-0 [9...Be6=+] 10.Bf3N [10.Bc4=; 10.Kh1 Be6 (10...Nd7 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Ne5 13.Bxe5 dxe5 14.Qxd8 Rxd8, etc... Mohan,R-Yuksel,A (1936) Mersin 2008 0-1 (48)] 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Qb8 13.Rb1 Rd8 14.Qe1 Nd7 15.Qg3 Ne5, etc... Stefanovic,M (1833)-Klasan,V(2346) Belgrade 2013 0-1 (55); 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 Qb6+ 12.Kh1 Qxb2 13.Qd2 Rd8, etc... Nagy,E-Tutulan,M (2024) Tusnad 2001 0-1] 10...Be6 [10...h6=+ was preferable.] 11.Re1 [11.Bg5=] 11...Rb8 [11...d5!-+ 12.Bg5 d4] 12.b3 [D] (p.6) [12.Na4=] 12...Qc7 [12...d5!-+ Hoping for ...d4. 13.Bd2 Qc7] 13.Qe2 [13.Bg5= remains equal.] 13...d5-+ [...d4 is the strong threat.] 14.Bd2 d4 15.Na4 [15.Nd1=+] 15...Nd7? [15...c5!-+ 16.c4 Ra8] 16.Bg4+= [D] (p.6) (Text cont. p.6)

(Position after 12.b3 (From p.5))



(Position after 16.Bg4+= (From p.5))



(Cont. from p.5) 16...Bxg4 17.Qxg4 Qd6 [17...Rfd8=] 18.f4 [18.Nb2+=] 18...Bf6 [18...exf4+= might be stronger. 19.Bxf4 Ne5] 19.f5= Rfc8 [19...Qa3= deserves consideration.] 20.Rf1 [20.Nb2+=] 20...Nb6 [D]



[20...c5+=] 21.Nxb6 [21.Nb2=] 21...axb6+= 22.Rf3 Kf8 [22...Ra8+=] 23.Rh3 [23.Qh5= keeps the balance.] 23...h6!+- 24.Qh5 [24.Qe2+=] 24...Ke7 [Black should try 24...b5+= 25.Qe2 c5] 25.Qe2 b5 26.g4 [26.a4=] 26...Ra8 [26...c5+= 27.a3 Qb6] 27.Rh5+= Bg5 28.Bxg5+ hxg5 29.Rxg5 [D] (Next col.) [29.Qd2+] 29...Qf6? [29...d3!+- 30.Qxd3 Qc5+ 31.Kh1 Rd8] 30.Rh5+= Rh8 31.g5 Qd6 [Counterplay; Aiming for ...d3! Black is not holding back] 32.Rxh8 Rxh8= [End-game KQR-KQR] 33.a4 d3? [D] (Next col.) [Black should play 33...Qc5+=] 34.Qxd3+- Qc5+ 35.Kg2 Rh5? [35...Rd8 36.Qe2 Qc3 37.f6+ gxf6 38.gxf6+ Ke8] (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 29.Rxg5 (From prev. col.))



(Position after 33...d3? (From prev. col.))



(Cont. from prev. col.) 36.Qd2 [Better is 36.Rd1 Rxg5+ 37.Kh1] 36...f6 [Better is 36...bxa4 37.Rxa4 Qb6] 37.h4 Rxh4 38.axb5? [D]



[38.Rd1+- White threatens Qd8+ and mate. 38...Qd4 39.Qxd4 exd4 40.a5] 38...Rxe4 [38...Rg4!+= 39.Kf3 Rf4+ 40.Kg2 Rg4+ 41.Kf3 Rf4+ 42.Kg3 Rxe4] 39.gxf6+? [D]



[39.b4+- Rxb4 40.Ra7+!! Qxa7 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 41.Qxb4+ c5 42.Qb3] 39...gxf6= 40.c3 [Threatens to win with b6!] 40...Rg4+ 41.Kh3 Rg8 [41...Re4!-=] 42.Rd1+- [Intending Qd7+ and mate.] 42...Rh8+? [42...Re8 was called for.] 43.Kg4+- [White wants to mate with Qd7+.] 43...Re8? [43...Rg8+- 44.Kh5 Rh8+ 45.Kg6 Qd5 46.Qxd5 cxd5 47.Rxd5 Rg8+ 48.Kh6 e4] 44.Qd7+ [D]



44...Kf8 45.Rh1 [White mates.] 45...Re7 46.Qd8+ Re8 47.Qxf6+ [D]



[Accuracy: White = 42%, Black = 30%] 1-0

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Game from the NPCC 2020 December Swiss Octagonal Tournament

Round: 2

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

White: Preston Ladson (1802)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (2102)

Date: 12/11/2020

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(Cont. from p.6) [B01: Scandinavian Defense] 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Be2 Nxd5 5.d4 e6 6.O-O Nc6 7.c3 Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Re1 [D]



[9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Bxe5 11.dxe5 Qh4 12.Nd2 0-0-0 13.Nf3 Qh5 14.g4 Qxh3, etc... Sanchez,I (2020)-Sikorova,O (2289) Tromso 2014 0-1 (43)] 9...0-0 10.Ne5 [10.Bd3+=] 10...Bxe2= 11.Qxe2 Qh4?!N [D]



(Joe - The computer did not like this, preferring 11...Bxe5.) [11...Bxe5= 12.dxe5 Rc8 (12...Qe7 13.Nd2 Nf4 14.Of3 Ng6 15.Og3 Rad8 16.Nf3 Rd3, etc... Jamalia,N (1976)-Tornyai,J (1955) Hungary 2013 1/2-1/2 (60)] 12.Nxc6+= bxc6 13.Qe4?! [D]



(Joe - It's better to develop with 13.Nd2. Black's pieces look threatening, but they are nothing to worry about.) [13.Nd2+=] 13...Qxe4= 14.Rxe4 c5 15.Na3?! [D] (Next col.) (Joe - This allows Black to shatter White's pawn structure.) [15.dxc5= remains equal. 15...Bxc5 16.Nd2] 15...cxd4+= 16.Nb5? (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 15.Na3?! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - This gives Black a pawn.) [16.Rxd4+= feels stronger. 16...Bxa3 17.bxa3] 16...dxc3 17.bxc3 Rfb8 [D]

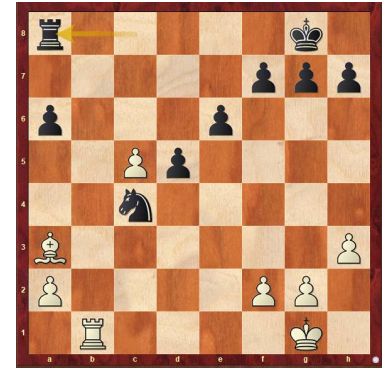


(Joe - I moved this Rook instead of the other one because I thought that there was going to be an exchange d6 and White's Bishop would come to a3, and I wanted to move my Rook off that diagonal.) 18.c4 Nf6 19.Re2 a6 20.Nxd6 cxd6 21.Ba3 Rc8 22.Rc1 d5 23.c5? [D]

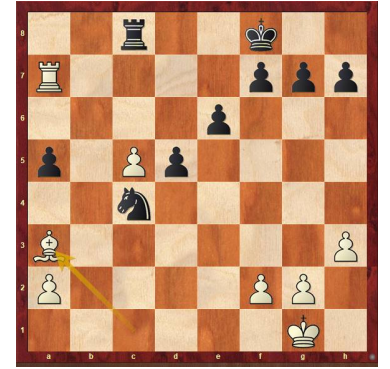


(Joe - This move probably loses the game. If White loses this pawn, he will be two pawns down, and Black has a strong protected passed pawn on d5.) 23...Rc6 24.Rb2 Nd7 25.Rb7 Ne5 26.Rcb1 Nc4 27.Rb8+ Rc8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8+= [D] (Next col.) [Endgame KRB-KRN] 29.Bc1 [With the idea c6.] 29...Kf8 30.Rb7 Rc8 31.Ra7 a5 32.Ba3?? [D] (Next col.) (Joe - Desperation, but White (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 28...Rxa8+= (From prev. col.)



(Position after 32.Ba3?? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) is lost in the long run anyway.) [32.Kf1] 32...Nxa3 [Black is clearly winning.] 33.Rxa5 [KRN-KR] 33...Nc4 34.Rb5 Ra8 35.c6 Rc8 36.a4 Rxc6 37.Rb8+ [D]



37...Ke7 38.Rb7+ Kf6 39.Ra7 Rc5 [D]



(Joe - White will have to trade Rooks or lose his a-pawn.) Weighted Error Value: (Text cont. p.8)

(Cont. from p.7) White=0.36 / Black=0.09] **0-1** Copy and paste the link below into your browser:
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Game from the NPCC 2020 December Swiss Octagonal Tournament

Round: 2

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

White: Richard Neal (1626)

Black: Peter Reilly (1148)

Date: 12/11/2020

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[C74: Ruy Lopez: Deferred Steinitz: 5 c3 f5] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Bg4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 [D]**



7...exd4 [7...Be7 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nf6 10.Be3 Na5 11.Bc2 0-0 12.0-0 Re8 13.Qg3 Bf8, etc... Sarantungalag,S (1943)-Bayarmaa,G (1964) Ulaanbaatar 2013 1-0 (38)] 8.Bxf7+? [8.cxd4+= Nf6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.gxf3] 8...Kxf7+ 9.Ng5+? [D]



[9.cxd4 might work better. 9...Nf6 10.0-0] **9...Qxg5! 10.f3N (Text cont. next col.)**

(Cont. from prev. col.) [10.Bxg5 Bxd1 11.Kxd1 Nf6 12.f3 Be7 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nd2 c5, etc... Tabakovic,V-Bahram,N Sollentuna 1993 0-1] **10...Qc5 11.fxg4 Ke8 12.0-0 Nf6 [Threatens to win with ...dxc3+.] 13.Kh1 Be7 14.Qe2 Rf8 15.Bg5 [D]**



[Better is 15.Bf4] **15...Qxg5 16.h3 Qe6 17.Qc2 Nxe4 18.Na3 Ng3+ [D]**



19.Kh2 Nxf1+ [Black mates.] 20.Rxf1 Rxf1 21.Qxh7 Qe5+ 22.g3 Qe2# [D]



[Normal. Weighted Error Value: White=1.66/Black=0.19] **0-1**

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**This concludes this issue.
More games in next issue.**

***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 Pennridge Community Senior Center in Silverdale, 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 about 10 AM to 2 PM at the Indian Valley Public Library, 100 E Church Rd Ave, Telford, PA

***But not during the current Covid-19 crisis.**

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