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

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This issue features Joseph Mucerino's (continued from the Spring 1 & 3 issues.) and Eric Funk's Games from the past.

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 2001 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 3

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (1913)

Black: Preston Ladson (1926)

Date: 9/21/2001

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(Cont. from prev. col.) to read the complete commentary and to be able to play thru the moves.)

[D06: Queen's Gambit: Symmetrical and Baltic Defenses] **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 Qc8 6.Nc3 c6 7.Be2 [7.Nh4!+-] 7...Be7 [7...h6=] 8.0-0 [8.Nh4+=] 8...h6 [D]**



[8...Nbd7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd2 h6 11.Rfc1 0-0 12.Na4 Rb8 13.Bb4 Bxb4, etc... Omelja,A (2153)-Manilyk,A (2143) Bila Tserkva 2006 1-0 (45)] **9.Bd2 [9.Qd1=] 9...Nbd7 [Black should try 9...0-0=+] 10.Rac1** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [10.a4=] **10...dxc4N [10...Qb8=+; 10...0-0 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Rfd1 Rb8 13.Ne5 Qe8 14.f4 Bd6, etc... Sultana,Z (1944)-Sultana,S (1978) Dhaka 2014 1-0 (62)] 11.Bxc4 [11.Qxc4+= 0-0 12.Rfe1] 11...0-0= 12.Nh4?! [D]**



(Joe - Waste of time.) [12.Rfe1=] **12...Bh7!+= 13.Nf3 [13.f4= remains equal.] 13...Nb6? [Black should play 13...b5!+ 14.Be2 Qb8] 14.Ne5? [D]** (p.2) (Joe - White should hang on to his light squared Bishop.) [14.Be2+=] **14...Nxc4 15.Qxc4 [15.Nxc4= Qb8 16.Ne2]** (Text cont. p.2)

***Tournament has been postponed!**

**NPCC 2020 May Octagonal 40/90; SD/30; d,5
May 8th, 15th & 22nd.**

A 3 Round Swiss In 8 player sections or portions thereof

Registration: 7:00 to 7:45 PM. Please arrive no later than 7:45 PM
May 8th to register. Rounds start at 8:00 PM.

Entry fee: North Penn members = \$15 Non-members = \$20.

One 1/2 point bye permitted for Rounds 1 or 2. Must play Round 3 to be eligible for prize.

Prizes (Based on minimum of 8 Entrants): 1st Place = \$50. 2nd Place = \$30. *Top in Lower Half* = \$30

(Class Prize- Rating TBD on-site).



Note: Tournament has been postponed!

Position after 14.Ne5? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from p. 1) 15...Nd7 [Better is 15...Rd8=+] 16.f4 [16.Nxd7!= keeps the balance. 16...Qxd7 17.Rfd1] 16...Nxe5 17.fxe5 Qd7 18.Rf3 [18.Be1=+] 18...Rad8 [Better is 18...Rfd8 19.Be1 Rac8] 19.b4 [Better is 19.Be1] 19...b5? (Joe - This really weakens the pawn on c6.) 20.Qb3 Bd3 21.a3 [D]



[21.Nd5+ was called for. 21...Bc4 22.Nxe7+ Qxe7 23.Qb2] 21...a5? [21...f6!+ Threatens to win with ...fxe5. 22.exf6 Bxf6] 22.Rg3? (Joe - White should capture on a5.) [22.bxa5= Bc4 23.Qb2] 22...axb4+ 23.axb4 Ra8 24.Nd5 [D]



24...exd5 [Better is 24...cxd5 25.Qxd3 Rfc8] 25.Qxd3+ Ra4 [25...Ra2+ 26.Bc3 Rfa8] 26.e4 [26.Qb1=+] 26...Bh4 [D] (Next col.) [26...dxe4+ 27.Qxe4 f5] 27.exd5= cxd5 (Joe - If 27...Bxg3, (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 26...Bh4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) then 28.dxc6 gives White several connected passed pawns in the center.) [Much worse is 27...Bxg3?! 28.dxc6 Qa7 29.hxg3+- (29.Qxg3? Qxd4+ 30.Be3 Qxb4-+)] 28.Rh3 [28.Rf3!=] 28...Qg4# 29.Rf3! Rfa8 [29...Ra2+ ...Rxd2! is the strong threat. 30.h3 Qe4] 30.Rf4 (with initiative!) [D]



[White is more active.] 30...Qh5 31.Qxb5 [Black must now prevent Rf3.] 31...Ra1? [D]



[31...Bg5= and Black stays safe. 32.Rf2 (32.Qxd5? Bxf4 33.Bxf4 Ra1+ 32...Bxd2 33.Rxd2 Qg5] 32.Rff1!+- [Don't do 32.Qxd5?! Rxc1+ 33.Bxc1 Rd8+-] 32...R1a2?? [32...Rxc1 33.Bxc1 Rd8] 33.Qxd5! (Joe - Now the Bishop is immune from capture because the Rook on a8 hangs.) 33...Bg5? [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 33...Bg5? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [33...R8a7] 34.Bxg5 Qxg5 35.Qxf7+ Kh8 36.Qf3 Qd2 37.Rcd1 [D]



37...Qxb4 38.e6 Qb6 39.e7 Rg8 40.Qd5 Ra5? (Joe - Black is lost no matter what. 40...Re2 and 40...Raa8 put the most resistance.) 41.Qxg8+! Kxg8 42.e8Q+ Kh7 [D]



43.Qe4+?! (Joe - Simply 43.Rf8 wins easily.) [Better is 43.Rf8 Qxd4+ 44.Rxd4 Ra1+ 45.Kf2 Ra2+ 46.Ke3 Ra3+ 47.Rd3 Rxd3+ 48.Kxd3 g6 49.Rf7#] 43...Kg8 44.Rc1 Qd8 45.Rc5 [Threatening mate with Qe6+.] 45...Ra4 46.Qd5+ [D] (p.3) [Better is 46.Qe6+ Kh7 47.Qf5+ Kh8 48.Rc8 Qg8 49.Rxg8+ Kxg8 50.Qc8+ Kh7 51.Qc2+ Kg8 52.Qxa4] 1-0 (Text cont. p.3)

Position after 46.Qd5+ (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.3)

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Game from the NPCC 2001 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 4

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

White: Robert Hux (1991)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (1913)

Date: 9/28/2001

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[B01: Scandinavian Defense] 1.e4 d5
2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 [D]



4.Be2 Nxd5 5.d4 Bf5 6.a3 (Joe - This move prevents 6...Nb4.) 6...e6 7.c4 [D] (Next col.) 7...Nf6 (Joe - Also good is 7...Nb6, putting pressure on c4.) 8.Nc3 Nc6 [8...Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Bf3 c6 11.g4 Bg6 12.h4 h6 13.g5 hxg5, etc... Baklan,V (2591)-De Jager,J (2277) Antwerp 1999 1-0 (41); 8...c5 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bg6 11.Bf4 Nbd7 12.Ndb5 e5, etc... Kopcova,L (1802)-Rakic,T Porec 2015 1-0 (36)] 9.Nf3N [9.Be3 Be7 10.Bf3 0-0 11.g4 Bg6 12.h4 h6 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 7.c4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 13.g5 hxg5 14.hxg5 Nh7, etc... Sat,L (2068)-Franck,B (1998) Calvi 2005 0-1 (33)] 9...Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bf4 [11.d5+- exd5 12.cxd5] 11...Bd6 [D]



[11...Ne4= feels stronger.] 12.Ne5 [White should try 12.Be3+]= 12...Bxe5 13.dxe5 [The position is equal.] 13...Nd7 14.Qc1 Ndxex5 (Joe - Black has won a pawn, but only has a slight advantage.) 15.Qe3 Qf6 [15...f6=] 16.Rad1+= [White has compensation.] 16...h6 [16...Rac8+=] 17.Rfe1 [Better is 17.b4! +=] 17...Rfd8 18.Bf1 (with initiative) [D]



[White has the initiative.] 18...Ng4 19.Qg3 [Aiming for h3.] 19...e5 20.Bc1 [20.Bd2+=] 20...Qg6 21.Nd5! Rac8 [D] (Next col.) (Joe - Black needed to play (although it's very difficult to see all the way through)) 25...Nc3 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.cxd7 Rb8 28.Rxe5 Rxb7 29.Rxf5 Rb1 30.Be3 Ne2+ (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 21...Rac8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [21...Nf6!]= 22.b4!+- (Joe - White is building up a strong attack.) 22...Nf6 23.b5 Nxd5 24.bxc6 Qxg3 25.hxg3 bxc6?? [D]

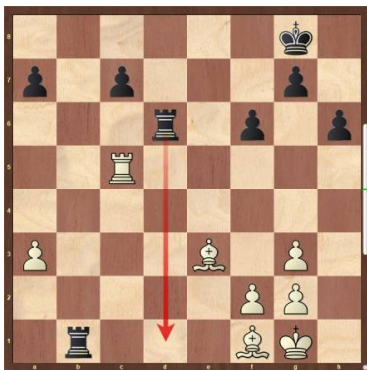


31.Kh2 Rxf1.) [25...Nc3+- 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8] 26.cxd5+- cxd5 27.Rxe5 Be6 28.Ba6 Rb8 29.Be3 [29.Bf4+- and White stays clearly on top.] 29...Rd6? [29...Kh8+- 30.Bd4 Rb3] 30.Bf1? [Better is 30.Be2] 30...f6 [D]



(Joe - If 31.Rh5, then 31...Bg4. White should have played 30.Be2 instead of 30.Bf1 to prevent this.) 31.Rxe6 Rxe6 32.Rxd5 [32.Bxa7+- Rd8 33.Bd3] 32...Rb1 33.Rc5 [Wrong is 33.Bxa7? Ree1+-; 33.Rd8+- Kf7 34.Rd7+ (34.Bxa7? Ree1+-) 34...Re7 35.Rd3] 33...Rd6!+= [D] (p.4) [Threatens to win with ...Rdd1.] 34.Rc1! [Avoid the trap 34.Rxc7? Rdd1+-] (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 33...Rd6!+= (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.3) 34...Rxc1 35.Bxc1 Rd1 36.Be3 a6 [36...a5= keeps the balance.] 37.f3+- Kf7 [Black should play 37...Ra1] 38.Kf2 Rd6 [38...Ra1+-] 39.Bc5 Rc6 40.Bb4 Rc2+ 41.Be2? [D]



[41.Ke3+-] 41...c5= 42.Ba5 Ra2 [42...Ke7!+=] 43.Bb6!+= [D]



43...Rxa3 44.Bxc5 Ra1 45.Bc4+ Kg6 46.Ke3 Rg1 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [46...h5=] 47.Bxa6 Rxc2 48.Bd3+ [D]



(Joe - I was happy to take a draw, because that's all I needed to win the tournament.)

[Accuracy: White = 61%, Black = 50%.] ½-½

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Games from the NPCC 1982 Fall Open Tournament

Round: 5

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

White: Ray Cornell (2088)

Black: Eric Funk, Age 14 (1630)

Date: Nov. 9, 1982

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[B02: Alekhine's Defense: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3]

Eric wrote:

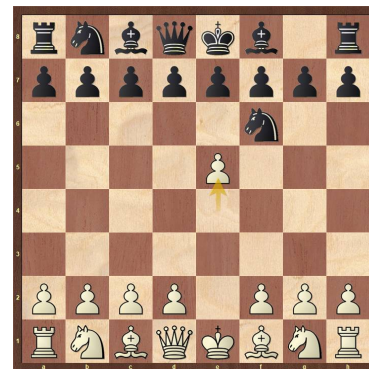
"Olin, here are some old games (emphasis on old). As per my usual preface: I don't own or use Fritz, Stockfish, or any other software. The analysis and comments are mine and mine alone (unless added by Olin)" (Eric - My opponent in this game was the venerable Ray Cornell. I must have been doing well in this tournament since we are playing on Board 2 in the final round (Round 5).

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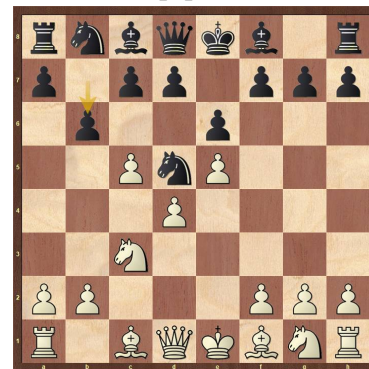
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Years ago, I annotated the game for the *Pennswoodpusher* and, also, whatever newsletter the NPCC had at that time. Sadly, I've lost the issue and the original notes.)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 [D]



2...Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Nd5 5.Nc3 e6 6.d4 b6 [D]

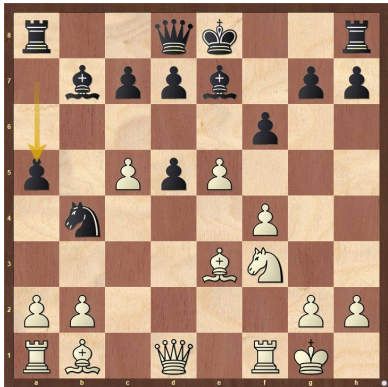


7.Nxd5 exd5 8.Be3 Nc6 [8...c6+=; 8...bxc5 9.dxc5 c6 10.Bd3 Na6 11.Rc1 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qxa2, etc... ½-½ (19) Franzen,J (2330)-Smejkal,J (2515) Trinec 1972] 9.f4N [9.Nf3+- Be7 (9...Rb8 10.a3 a5 11.Qd2 Be7 12.Bd3 bxc5, etc... Melekhina,A (2263)-Porper,E (2444) Edmonton 2011 0-1 (62)] 10.Qb3 (10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Bd3 bxc5, etc... 1-0 (21) Dobrowolski,P (2376)-Chekhova Kostina,T (2243) Koszalin 1999) 10...Bb7 11.a3 Rb8 12.Qxd5 Na5 13.Qa2 bxc5 14.dxc5 Bxf3, etc... Parashiv,P (1655)-Trubchaninov,A (1837) Porto Carras 2013 0-1 (40)] 9...Bb7 10.Nf3 f6 11.Bd3 Nb4 [11...bxc5+- 12.dxc5 fxe5 13.fxe5 d4 14.Nxd4 Qh4+ 15.g3 Qe7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6] 12.0-0 [12.Be2+- is more deadly.] 12...Be7? [D] (p.5) [12...Nxd3+- 13.Qxd3 Be7] 13.Bb1+- bxc5? 14.dxc5 a5? [D] (p.5) (Text cont.p.5)

Position after 12...Be7? (From p.4.)



Position after 14...a5? (From p.4.)



(Cont. from p.4) [14...0-0 15.Qb3 Ba6]

15.exf6 [Better is 15.Ng5! Intending Qh5+ and mate. 15...Kf8 (15...fxg5 16.Qh5+) 16.Qh5] **15...Bxf6** **16.Ne5?** [16.a3+- and White stays clearly on top.] **16...0-0?** [D]



[16...Qe7+- might work better.] (Eric - 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 doesn't seem to be much to worry about. On 17.Qh5 I presumably had in mind 17.... g6 18.Nxg6 Qe8. Whether that is good enough to hold I don't know.) **17.Bd4? Ba6?**

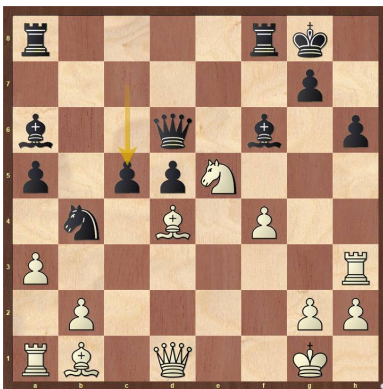
18.Rf3! d6 **19.Rh3 h6** [D] (Next col.) **20.cxd6** [White must play 20.Rxh6!+- Threatening mate with Bh7+. 20...gxh6 21.Qg4+ Kh8 22.Qh5] **20...Qxd6** [20...cxd6+- was called for. 21.Rxh6 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Kh8 23.Ng6+ Kg8 24.Nxf8+ Kxf8] **21.a3! c5** [D] (Next col.)

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Position after 19...h6 (From prev. col.)

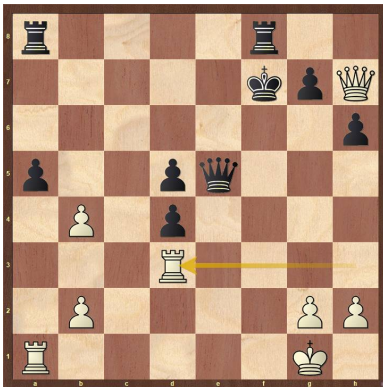


Position after 21...c5 (From prev. col.)



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22.axb4? [22.Bf2!+- Nc6 23.Qc2 Nxe5 24.Bxc5 (24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Qh7+ Kf7+-)] **22...cxd4=** **23.Qc2** [Don't go for 23.Qxd4? Bxe5 24.Bh7+ Kxh7+-; 23.bxa5= Bxe5 24.fxe5] **23...Bxe5** [23...d3!+ 24.Qd2 axb4 25.Bxd3 Bxd3 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Rxd3 Bxe5 28.fxe5 Qc5+ 29.Qe3 Qxe3+ 30.Rxe3 Kf7] **24.Qh7+ Kf7** **25.fxe5 Qxe5** **26.Bd3 Bxd3** **27.Rxd3** [D]

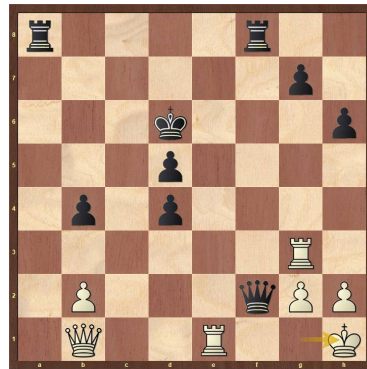


[With the idea Rg3.] **27...axb4** **28.Rf1+** [28.Rad1= keeps the balance.] **28...Ke7+-** (Eric - I remember both us starting to get into time trouble right about now. The last four or five moves before move 40 were made under mutual extreme duress.) (Text cont. next col.)

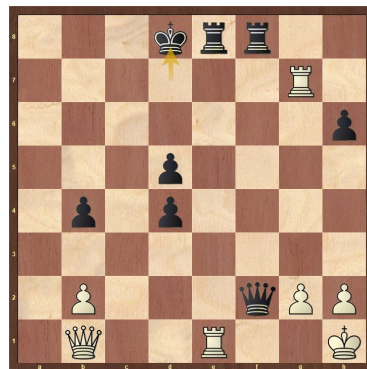
(Cont. from prev. col.) **29.Rfd1 Qf6** **30.Re1+!=** [D]



30...Kd6 **31.Rf3 Qg5** [...Rxf3 is the strong threat.] **32.Rg3?** [32.Rxf8= and White stays safe. 32...Rxf8 33.Qd3] **32...Qd2+-** **33.Qb1 Qf2+** **34.Kh1** [D]



34...Rae8? [34...Rf6+- White must now prevent ...Raf8. 35.Rg1 (35.Rxg7? Raf8+-) 35...Rc8] **35.Rg6+= Kd7** **36.Rxg7+ Kd8** [D]

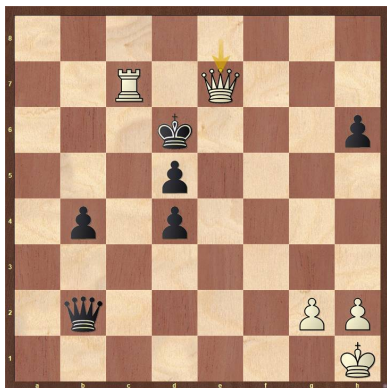


(Eric - Pure insanity! I was sure now he would have to play 37.Rg1 when 37... Re7 lets me settle down the game somewhat.) **37.Rc1** [With attack!] [White wants to mate with Rc8+! White is up to no good.] **37...Re6??** (Eric - The losing move. After 37... Re7 38.Rxe7 Kxe7 39.h3 Rf5 Black's King should be able to find shelter.) [37...Re7= 38.Rxe7 Kxe7] **38.Qa1** (Eric - This is good enough but both of us missed the prettier 38.Rc8+ Kxc8 39.Qc1+ which mates more quickly and without the drama.) **38...Rf7** **39.Qa8+ Ke7** [D] (p.6) (Text cont. p.6)

Position after 39...Ke7 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) 40.Rc7+! Kd6
41.Rc6+ Ke5 42.Rxe6+ Kxe6 43.Qe8+
Kd6 44.Rxf7 Qxb2 45.Rd7+ (Eric -
45.Rf6+ was quicker but at this point it
doesn't matter. Black's King is in need of
divine intervention.) [White mates.]
45...Kc5 46.Rc7+ Kd6 47.Qe7# [D]



[Accuracy: White = 53%, Black = 38%.] 1-0
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Games from the NPCC 1983 Fall Open Tournament

Round: ?

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

White: Eric Funk (age 15) (1870)

Black: Greg Nolan (2110)

Date: 10/9/1983

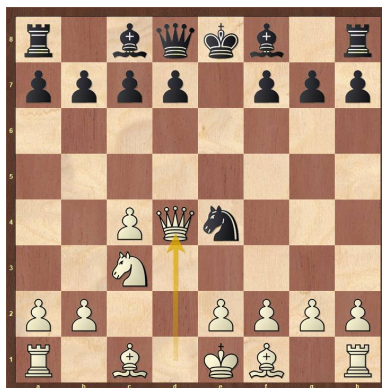
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[A28: English Opening: Four Knights Varia-
tion] 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6
4.d4 e4 [D] (Next col.) 5.Nd2 Nxd4
6.Ndx4 Nxe4 7.Qxd4 [D] (Next col.)
[7.Nxe4+= Nc6 8.g3] 7...Nc5 [7...Nxc3=
8.bxc3 (8.Qxc3 Qf6 9.Qxf6 gxf6 (Text cont.
next col.)

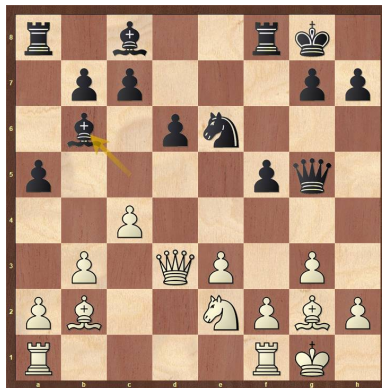
Position after 4...e4 (From prev.
col.)



Position after Position after 7.Qxd4
(From prev. col.)



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11.g3 Bg7, etc... Pflieger,J-Oberling,R
Germany 2013 ½-½) 8...d6 9.g3 Be7
10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 Bf6 12.Qd3 Rb8, etc...
Hess,R (2400)-Meins,G (2445) Germany
1996 1-0 (75)] 8.g3N [8.e4 Ne6 9.Qd3
Bc5 10.g3 0-0 11.Bg2 d6 12.Be3 ½-½
(12) Mack,P-Cox,D Norwich 1972]
8...Ne6 9.Qd3 [9.Qd1+-] 9...Bc5
10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 a5 12.b3 d6
13.e3 [13.h4+-] 13...f5 [13...Bb6+=]
14.Bb2+- Qg5 [14...c6+-] 15.Ne2
[15.Rac1+-] 15...Bb6 [D]



[15...Qe7+- was called for.] 16.Rad1
Nc5 17.Qc2 Bd7 18.Nf4 Rae8
[18...Qh6+- 19.Nd5 Rf7 20.Nxb6 cxb6]
19.Nd5 Ne4 20.Nxb6 [20.Ba3+- has
better winning chances.] 20...cxb6
21.Qd3 Re6 22.Qd5 [White should try
22.Qd4+-] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 22...Nc5
23.Qd4 [D]



23...Rg6 [23...Bc6+- might work better.
24.Bd5 Bxd5 25.Qxd5 Rf7] 24.Qf4
[24.Bxb7+- and White stays clearly on
top. 24...Nxb7 25.Qd5+ (25.Qxb6 Rb8?)
25...Be6 26.Qxb7] 24...Qe7 25.Qd4 b5
[Black should play 25...h5+-]
26.cxb5 Bxb5 27.Rfe1 Bc6 [D]



28.Bxc6+- bxc6 29.Ba3 Nb7
[29...Re6+- 30.Bxc5 dxc5] 30.Qc4+ Kh8
31.Qxc6 (Eric - With a pawn in hand I
knew now there was no chance of him
slipping away.) 31...h5 32.Rd4 f4
33.Re4 [D]



33...fxg3 (Eric - I saw this trick and had
everything accounted for. Obviously not
34.Rxe7?? when 34... gxf2+ 35.Kf1 Rg1+
wins for Black.) 34.hxg3 [34.Rxe7 leads
to mate. 34...gxf2+ 35.Kf1 Rg1+ 36.Ke2
Rxe1+ 37.Kd3 f1Q+ 38.Kc3 Rd1 39.Qe4
Qe1+ 40.Kc4 Qe2+ 41.Kc3 Rc8+ (Text
cont. p. 7)

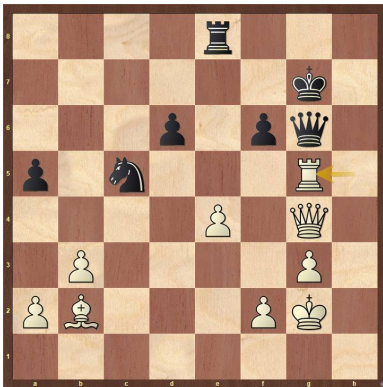
(Cont. from p.6) 42.Rc7 Rxc7+ 43.Bc5 Rxc5+ 44.Qc4 Rd3#; Don't take 34.fxc3 Qf7+~] 34...Qf7 35.Rf4 Rf6 36.Qf3 Ra8? [D]



[36...Rxf4 37.exf4 Kg8] 37.Rxf6 gxf6 38.Bb2 Rf8 39.Kg2 Kh7 [Better is 39...Nc5 40.Rh1 Qg6 41.Rxh5+ Kg7] 40.e4 Nc5 41.Rh1 [D]



[Aiming for Bxf6!] 41...Re8 42.Rxh5+ Kg7 43.Qg4+ Qg6 (Eric - This loses on the spot. The endgame - two pawns down - after 43... Kf8 44.Rh8+ Ke7 45.Rxe8+ Kxe8 46.Qc8+ Ke7 47.Qc7+ Ke6 48.Qxf7+ Kxf7 was also hopeless.) 44.Rg5 [D]



[Accuracy: White = 42%, Black = 31%.] 1-0

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Game from the 1984 World Open Tournament

Round: (?)

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

*(Note: Stockfish variations inserted by the Editor.)

White: Spragg (1794)

Black: Eric Funk (age 16) (1924)

Date: 6/30/1984

[C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines]

(Eric - This game was from the 1984 World Open. I don't have the round number, board number, or full name of my older opponent. I do remember though that he and his friends who were watching the game insisted that my Knight sac on move 22 was unsound and I spent about 20 minutes in the post-mortem proving otherwise).

(Eric - I'll let the first twenty odd moves pass without comment. They aren't terribly interesting.)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 [D]



4.exd5 exd5 5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.Qe2+ Be6 7.dxc5 [White should play 7.Ngf3+] 7...Bxc5= 8.Nb3 Bd6 9.Nd4 [White is better.] 9...Qd7 [D]



10.Ngf3 [Much weaker is 10.Nxe6?! fxe6 11.Qh5+ g6=; 10.Nf5+] 10...Nge7 [Better is 10...Nf6=+] 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3N [12.Nxe6+ Qxe6 13.Re1; 12.Bg5 Rfe8 13.Bxe7 Rxe7 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 14.Qd3 Rc8, etc... Savchenko,D (1650)-Zimmer,L (1124) Verden 2012 1-0 (35)] 12...Ng6 [12...Bg4= remains equal.] 13.Nxe6 fxe6+= 14.Rad1 [14.c4+] 14...Qc7 [D]



[Black should try 14...a6+= 15.Bd3 Nge5] 15.Rfe1 [15.c4!+-] 15...Rae8 16.g3 16...Re7 [16...Rf6= keeps the balance.] 17.Bxc6 [17.Kg2+-] 17...bxc6= 18.c3 [18.c4!+= keeps the upper hand.] 18...e5 [D]



[18...Qd7+] 19.Ng5? [19.c4!+= and White has nothing to worry.] 19...h6++ 20.Nh3 [20.Qh5+] 20...Qd7 [20...e4++ 21.c4 Qd7] 21.Kg2 [21.Qh5+ Qe6 22.c4] 21...e4 22.b4? [D]



[22.Ng1] 22...Nh4+! [D] (p.8) (Eric - 22... Ne5 was strong, too. The text is prettier and more forcing. I saw that a bare minimum I would regain my piece with a strong attack.) [Black is clearly winning.] 23.gxh4 (Text cont. p.8)

Position after 22...Nh4+! (From p.7)



(Cont. from p.7) (Note: *Stockfish variation inserted by editor.)
[*Stockfish 10 64: 23.Kh1 Qxh3 24.Qf1 Qg4 25.gxh4 Qxh4 26.Qg2 Re6 27.f4 exf3 28.Qf2 Qh5, etc...]**23...Rf3 [D]**



24.Ng1 (Eric - On 24.Nf4 I knew I had 24.Nf4 Qg4+ 25.Kh1 Bxf4 as a fallback position in case I couldn't find anything better. After say 25.Rg1 Qxh4 26.Bxf4 Qxf4 27.Rg2 Rf7 I'm a pawn to the good and my opponent is in a horrible bind.) (Note: *Stockfish variation inserted by editor.) [24.Nf4 *Stockfish 10 64: 24...Rf7 25.Qf1 Bxf4 26.Qg1 Rh3 27.Bxf4 Rxf4 28.Kh1 Rg4 29.Qg3 Rhxg3, etc...]**24...Qg4+ 25.Kf1 [25.Kh1 [D]**



Analysis Position

25...Qxh4 26.Kg2 (26.h3 Rxf3+ 27.Kg2 Rh2+ 28.Kf1 Rh1 29.f4 exf3 30.Qxf3 Rf7)
26...Qg4+ 27.Kh1 Bxh2 28.Qf1 Qh5
29.Qg2 Be5+ 30.Nh3 Rxf3+ 31.Kg1 Re6]
25...Bxh2 26.Nxf3 [D] (Next col.)
(Text cont. next col.)

Position after 26.Nxf3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Accuracy: White = 8%, Black = 47%.] (Eric - This walks into a mate-in-1, but there's no way to delay mate without catastrophic loss of material ... e.g. 26.Qa6 Ref7 27.Qxc6 Qxg1+ 28.Ke2 Rxf2+ 29.Bxf2) 26.Qa6 Ref7 27.Qxc6 Qxg1+ 28.Ke2 Rxf2+ 29.Bxf2)

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