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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Winter 2021, Part 2

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This issue features Joe Mucerino's Connecticut, and Rochester games as well as other NPCC 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!

## Game from the CCFC Saturday G/45 Quads! Tournament

### Round: 2

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

**White: Joseph Mucerino (2115)**

**Black: Tanitoluwa Adewumi (2120)**

**Date: 2/27/2021**

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[D03: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bg5, including Torre Attack with early ...d5]

(Joe - On February 27, I made a trip to Connecticut to play against a special opponent. ((Sadly, it was on this very trip that I also came down with diverticulitis which caused me to be hospitalized the very next day!)) You may not recognize my opponent's name, but he made national headlines two years ago simply as "Tani" (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) the homeless boy who won the New York State Primary Championship. Adewumi is now ten. His rating has shot up from 1500 to 2100, making him the fourth strongest ten-year-old in the country. He also wrote a book, *My Name is Tani*, which I am going to ask Santa Clause for this year. Adewumi has a reputation for being a great tactician, so I tried to keep things dull and boring. We both won our first-round games.) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 Bf5 [D]



[6...c5 7.c3 Qb6 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Rfd1 cxd4, etc... Rodriguez Vargas,O (2445)-Pablo Marin,A (2390) Terrassa 1989 ½-½ (43); 6...0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 b6 9.e4 dxe4 ½-½ (9) Schulte Austum,F (1638)-Klueppel,R (1714) Germany 2014] 7.Be2 0-0 [7...Ne4 8.Nxe4 Bxe4 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rfe1 Nf6 13.c3 Ne4, etc... Madugalle,Y-Dave,D (1946) Calicut 2004 ½-½ (41); (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 7...Nc6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 g5 10.Bg3 e6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Rg8 13.Rc1 c6 14.b4 a6, etc... Andrade Truyol,G (2045)-Martinez Llamas,A (1876) Complejo de Raquetas 2013 0-1 (39)] 8.0-0 c6 9.c4 Nbd7 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Rac1 Rfe8 [D]



12.cxd5 [White has an edge.] 12...cxd5 13.Bg3?! (Joe - It's probably better to play 13.Rc3 and double the Rooks.) 13...Rac8 14.Ne5 Qxb3 15.Nxb3 Ne4 16.Bb5 [D]



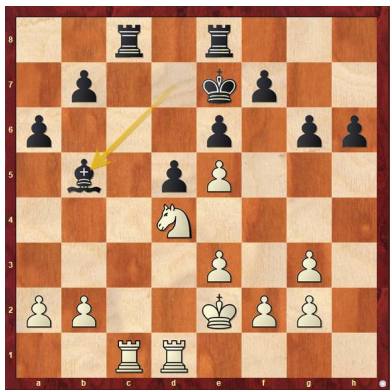
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**April 2021 Announcement:**  
NPCC tournaments have been concluded for March of 2021.  
Notifications will be sent out via email as to when tournaments are scheduled later in April 2021 and beyond.

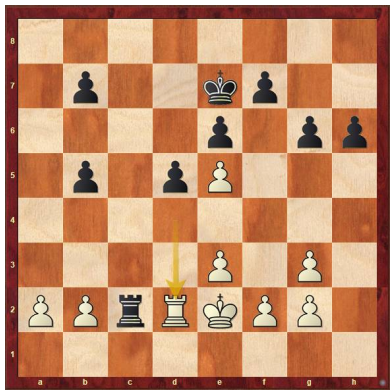
(Cont. from p.1) 16...Nxc3 17.hxc3  
Bxe5 18.dxe5 a6 19.Bxd7 Bxd7  
20.Nd4 Kf8 21.Rfd1 e6 22.Kf1 [D]



[The position is equal.] 22...Ke7 23.Ke2  
Bb5+ [D]



(Joe - I was really surprised by that move. Sure, the Knight is better than the Bishop, but Black will get doubled, isolated Pawns. I would have played 23...f6. By the way, the computer's top recommendation after 23...f6 is 24.f4, which White accepting two sets of doubled, isolated Pawns. White's Knight is strongly placed, though.) [23...h5 seems wilder. 24.Rh1 b6 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.a3 Bc6] 24.Nxb5 axb5 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Rd4 Rc2+ 27.Rd2 Rc1 28.Rd4 Rc2+ 29.Rd2 [D]



(Joe - I was quite happy to draw. In the final round, I blew my game, while Adewumi won to win the Quad.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.07/Black=0.06] ½-½  
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## Game from the NPCC 2021 Feb-Mar Swiss Tournament

### Round: 2

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

**White: Alexander MacFarlane (1880)**

**Black: Joseph Mucerino (2115)**

**Date: 2/19/2021**

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[B01: Scandinavian Defense] 1.e4 (Joe - A surprise. Alex has never played this against me before. I wondered what he had in mind.) 1...d5 (Alex - The Scandinavian is one of those openings that computers say is much better for White, but it is difficult to realize this advantage over the board because of the complicated tactical nature of the resulting positions.)

2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.c4 Nb6 6.c5 Nd5? [D]



(Joe - I can't believe that I made this mistake. I rarely play this line ((the last time was 3 years ago)). White can gain an advantage with 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.Qxb7 and there's nothing back to do to get compensation for the pawn.) 7.Bc4 [And now Qb3 would win.] 7...e6 8.h3 Bh5 9.0-0 [White is slightly better.] 9...Nc6 [Threatening ...Bxf3.] 10.Be3 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Ne4N [D] (Next col.) (Joe - This gives Black a tactic that is difficult to see. After 12...Bxf3, if White wants (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 12.Ne4N  
(From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) to keep his Pawns straight and plays 13.Qxf3, then 13...Nxe3 14.fxe3 Nxd4! 15.exd4 Qxd4+ 16.Kh1 Qxc4 wins two Pawns for Black.) (Alex - Ne4 This was premature, and it would have been better to play g4 then develop my Queen and Rooks.) [White should try 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.g4; 12.g4 Bg6 13.Bb5 Nb8 14.Bd2 Nf6 15.Ne5 c6, etc... ½-½ (21) Pristalov,E (1989)-Sukhinin,A (1937) Nizhny Novgorod 2010] 12...Nf6 [D]



13.Ng3 [D]



(Joe - White had to try something like 13.g4.) [13.g4!= Nxe4 14.gxh5] 13...Bxf3+= 14.gxf3 (Joe - The computer prefers the other recapture with 14.Qxf3 Nxd4 15.Qxb7 Bxc5 16.Rfd1 Rb8.) (Alex - gxf3 I thought I would be able to put my Rook on the semi-open g-file and use it to support a kingside attack.) (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) 14...Nd5 15.f4 g6  
16.a3 Bf6 17.Ne4 Bg7 18.Ng5 [D]



(Alex - Ng5 The idea was to maneuver it to d5, but it is way too slow and once again I should be developing my heavy pieces instead of touring around the board with this Knight.) 18...Nxd4? [D]



(Joe - It wasn't until I was walking around did I realize that White had 20.Nf3.) (Alex - Nxd4 This was a total surprise, but I saw I could get a piece for three Pawns.) 19.Bxd4+= Nxf4 20.Nf3 Nhx3+ 21.Kh2 [21.Kg2+= is superior. 21...Nf4+ 22.Kh2] 21...Ng5 [ Hoping for ...Nxf3+] 22.Bxg7 Nxf3+ 23.Qxf3 Kxg7 24.Qf4 (Alex - Qf4. Preventing the threat of Qh4+ winning the Bishop and covering all of the dark squares that his King wants to use.) 24...Qe7 [D]



(Joe - Black must start pushing his extra Pawns and attack White's exposed King.) [24...Qf6+= 25.Qxf6+ Kxf6] 25.b4 [ White should play 25.Qe5+- Qf6 26.f4] 25...e5 [D] (Next col.) [25...a5=] 26.Rfe1!+- Rae8 [26...Rfe8 27.Qg3] 27.Qe4 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after  
25...e5 (From prev. col.)



Position after Position after  
27.Qe4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - This surprised me; I was expecting 27.Qg3. Now Black gets a tempo on the Queen.) [27.Qg3+-] 27...f5= 28.Qe2 Qh4+ 29.Kg1 f4?! [D]



(Joe - Better is 29...e3 first, but I was afraid to leave my King open to checks on the diagonal.) [29...Qg5+= 30.Kf1 Qh4] 30.Bd3?? (Joe - White must prevent 30...f3 at all costs. The best way is 30.Qf3, but White also has 30.Qe4, pinning Black's f-Pawn ((if 30...Qg5+ 31.Qg2)), and also 30.f3.)(Alex - Trying to prevent Rf5, but it loses the game. The computer says Qf3, but I would never have found that over the board.) [30.Qf3+-] 30...f3+- (Joe - Black is winning now.) 31.Qf1 Rf4 (-> ...Rg4+) 32.Re4 Rxe4 33.Bxe4 Qxe4 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. From prev. col.) 34.Qh3 Qf5 [Better is 34...Rf8 35.Kh2 Qd4] 35.Qg3 Kf6 36.Rd1 Re7 37.Kf1 [37.b5 was called for.] 37...Qh5 [D]



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## Game from the NPCC 2021 March Swiss Octagonal Tournament

### Round: 1

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

**White:** Joseph Mucerino (2131)

**Black:** Robert Kampia (1700)

**Date:** 3/12/2021

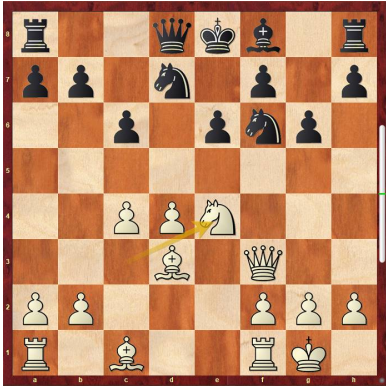
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[D04: Colle System] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.c4 [D]



4...Bxf3 5.Qxf3 [5.gxf3 c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Qb3 Qd7 9.Bd2 e6 10.Rc1 Bd6, etc... Najjar,A (2298)-Sulskis,S (2577) Dubai 2002 ½-½] 5...c6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Bd3 [7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 (Text cont. p.4)]

(Cont. from p.3) 9.Bd2 Nbd7 10.g4 Nb6 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.Kb1 0-0-0, etc... Vedrickas,T (2354)-Stremavicius,T (2381) Kaunas 2015 0-1 (33)] **7...Nbd7N** [7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 Be7 9.0-0 10.Bb3 Qb6 11.Rd1 Rd8 12.Na4 Qa5 13.h3 Nbd7, etc... Richter,M (2424)-Sarbock,T (2362) Berlin 2004 ½-½ (64)] **8.0-0** [White is slightly better.] **8...g6** [8...Be7+]=] **9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4** [D]



(Joe - The computer actually prefers capturing with the Bishop, and to keep White's Knights on the board to try to occupy the d6 and f6 squares.) **10...Nxe4 11.Bxe4** [Hoping for d5.] **11...Bg7 12.Rd1 0-0 13.Be3 Rc8 14.Rac1 Re8** [14...f5= should be considered. 15.Bb1 Qe7] **15.Bb1 b6 16.Qg3** [16.Bc2+]=] **16...Qc7** [D]



**17.Bf4 Qb7 18.b4 Nf6 19.Qf3 Qe7 20.a3 Nd7 21.h3** [21.Be3+]=] **21...e5= 22.dxe5 Bxe5 23.Re1 f6?** [D]



(Joe - After a lot of cat and mouse, Black opened up the position, which was not bad for him, but this move is. 23...Qf6 is better, (Text cont. next col.)

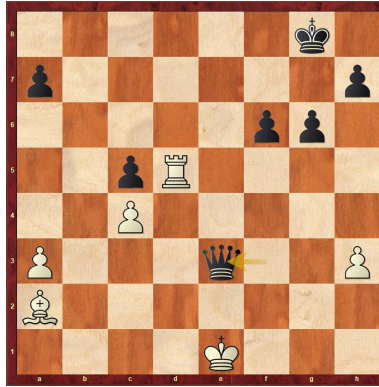
(Cont. from prev. col.) getting out of the pin.) [23...Qf6= 24.Re4 Bxf4 25.Qxf4 Qxf4 26.Rxf4 c5] **24.Rcd1** (Joe - Stronger is 24.Be4, trying to take advantage of the weakened diagonal.) [Better is 24.Be4] **24...Qf7** [Better is 24...Qg7] **25.Ba2?** (Joe - Feeble. The computer says 25.Bh6+.) [Better is 25.Bh6+]=] **25...c5 26.Rd5** [26.Bb3 keeps more tension. 26...Bxf4 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Qxf4 Re5 29.Qg3] **26...Bxf4** [D]



**27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Qxf4 Ne5 29.bxc5 bxc5 30.Qd2 Qc7 31.Qe3??** [D]

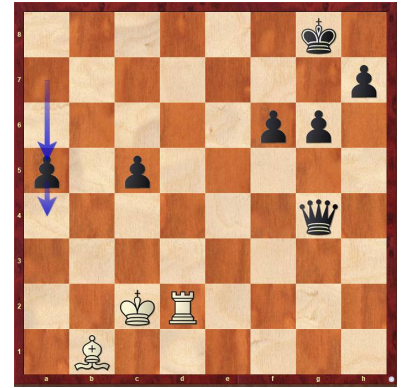


(Joe - Whoops! That was carelessness! I saw the Knight check but did not appreciate that Black's Queen was covering the diagonal down to h2.) [31.Bb3=] **31...Nf3!+-** (Joe - White is completely lost now. A one punch knockout for Black!) **32.gxf3 Rxe3 33.fxe3** [Endgame KQ-KRB] **33...Qg3+ 34.Kf1 Qxf3+ 35.Ke1 Qxe3+** [D]



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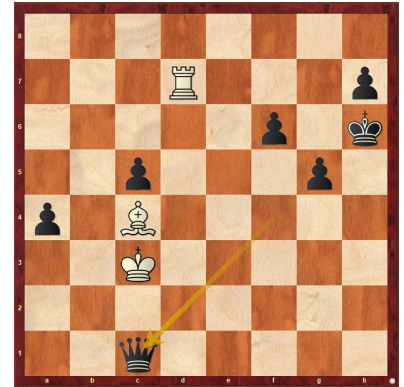
(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - Black could have won the bishop beginning with 35...Qh1+.) **36.Kd1 Qxa3 37.Rd2 Qxh3 38.Bb1 Qb3+ 39.Kc1 Qxc4+ 40.Kd1 Qg4+ 41.Kc2 a5** [D]



**42.Ba2+ Kg7 43.Bd5 Qf5+ 44.Kb2 Qf4 45.Kc2 a4 46.Ba2 Qf5+ 47.Kc3 Qe4 48.Rd7+ Kh6 49.Bg8** [D]



**49...g5 50.Bc4** (Joe - Obviously praying for Bd4 and Rxh7 mate, that's wishing for too much.) **50...Qe5+ 51.Kd2 Qf4+ 52.Kc3 Qc1+** [D]



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## Games from the 2021 Rochester Chess Center Open Tournament

(Joe - Recently, I returned to the Rochester Chess Center<sup>1</sup>, where I played in one event last year. Attendance has generally been growing there recently, as winter and ((hopefully)) COVID have been ending. After a 7-Player Scholastic Tournament in the morning ((which ended in a three-way tie between Vedh Ramesh, Jordan Esterman, and Ishaan Ramesh)), the Main Event began at 2:00 PM. There was a total of 22 players, which were divided into an Open and U1650 Section. 2400+ rated Lev Paciorkowski won the Open Section 3-0 ((I played him last time and gave him a good game until I lost)), and Langston Woods won the U1650.

I saw my old buddy Patrick Walker for the first time in about 15 years. He was able to tell me a little bit about my opponents.)

### Round: 1

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

**White: Joseph Mucerino (2131)**

**Black: Derek Linton (1823)**

**Date: 3/27/2021**

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(Joe - I heard that Linton was an Expert until a few years ago. When he was an Expert, he was rated in the top 100 in the country for Seniors. Walker said he was difficult to defeat. I played a pretty uninspired game, and he seemed content to trade pieces, so we wound up drawing.)

[D15: Slav Defence: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.c4 a6 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 [D]



(Joe - There's nothing wrong with this, but perhaps a better way to go is 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5. It looks a bit crazy, but White's Bishop can go to f3 and then g2 to protect the King.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 7...Bd6 (Joe - I was a little concerned that Black may play 7...Bxf3 and I could have to recapture with my g-pawn. But the computer says that 8.Bxf3 dxc4 9.b3 is fine for White. I would rather have the extra Pawn.) [7...Nbd7 8.b3 (8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 dxc4 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.Qxc4 0-0 12.Rd1 h6, etc... Gagare,S (2425)-Kassani,S (2194) Pardubice 2015 1-0 (80)) 8...Bd6 9.h3 Bh5 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Qc7, etc... El Gindy,E (2482)-Hifad,R (2304) Tunis 2013 1-0 (48)

8.cxd5N [8.h3+= Bxf3 9.Bxf3; 8.c5 Bc7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nd2 Bg6 11.Bf3 Nbd7 12.e4 dxe4, etc... Rab8 Mader,J (1672)-Tsiperstein,J (1948) Essen 1999 0-1 (46); 8.b3 0-0 9.a4 a5 10.Ba3 Na6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Ne5 Bxe2, etc... Sukhomlin,P-Logvinenko,B Kiev 2003 ½-½ (57)] 8...exd5 9.Ne5 [9.Qb3 feels hotter. 9...Qc7 10.h3 Be6 11.Ng5 Bf5 12.f3] 9...Bxe2 10.Qxe2 0-0 11.f4 Nbd7 12.Bd2 [D]



12...Rc8 13.Be1 Ne4 14.Rf3 [14.Nxe4+= dxe4 15.Qc2] 14...f5 15.Rh3 Qe8 16.Bh4 Nxe5 (Joe - This gives me a protected passed Pawn, but Black can blockade it.) 17.fxe5 Be7 18.Rf1 g6 [D]

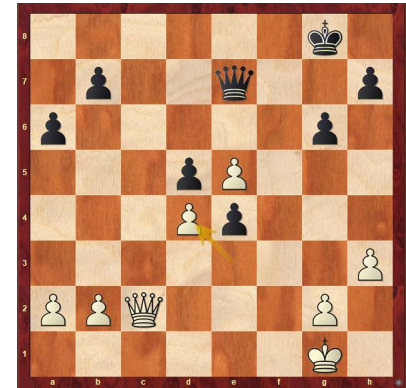


19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Rhf3 Qb4 [20...Qe6=] 21.Nxe4+= fxe4 22.Rf6 Rxf6 23.Rxf6 [23.exf6+- Rf8 24.Qg4] 23...Rf8 [D] (Next col.) 24.Rxf8+ [Better is 24.Rd6+-] 24...Qxf8+- [KQ-KQ] 25.Qf2 (Joe - 25.Qg4 is probably the best (Text cont. next col.)

Position after Position after 23...Rf8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) chance to try to win, but Black can hold easily after 25...Qe7. Note that 25...Qxf2 draws with best play.) [25.Qg4=] 25...Qe7 26.h3 [The position is equal.] 26...c5 27.Qc2 cxd4 28.exd4 [D]



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White=0.21/Black=0.15] ½-½

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## Game from the 2021 Rochester Chess Center Open Tournament

### Round: 2

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**White: Brandon Stoyanovich (1934)**

**Black: Joseph Mucerino (2131)**

**Date: 3/27/2021**

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(Cont. from p.5) [B02: Alekhine's Defence: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3] **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.Qf3 [D]**



(Joe – Here I sighed because I thought here was another player who is going to swap off all of the pieces and head towards a draw.) **5...c6** (Joe – Well, my consolation prize for the Queen trade will be two center Pawns.) **6.b3??** (Joe – In a tournament in Gettysburg in 2005, I had an opponent blunder his Rook in the same fashion, only he played 5.b3??.) [6.Qc3=; 6.Qxd5 cxd5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bb5 a6 9.Ba4 Bd7 10.0-0 e6 11.d4 Bd6 12.c3 f6, etc... Moser,E (2235)-Mazi,L (2355) St Veit 1996 0-1 (54)] **6...Qe5++ [D]**



(Joe – Like my 2005 opponent, Stoyanovich struggled on with...) **7.Qe3N** [7.Ne2 Qxa1 8.a4 Qf6 9.Qg3 e5 10.Bb2 Bd6 11.f4 exf4 12.Qxg7 Qxg7, etc... Marincic,D-Krizanovic,A Pula 2002 0-1] **7...Qxa1 8.Ne2** [Black is clearly winning.] **8...Bg4 [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [...Bxe2 is the strong threat.] **9.f3 Bf5 10.Qf4 Bxc2 11.Qc7 Nd7 12.Qxb7 Rb8 13.Qxc6 Bd3 14.Kf2 [D]**



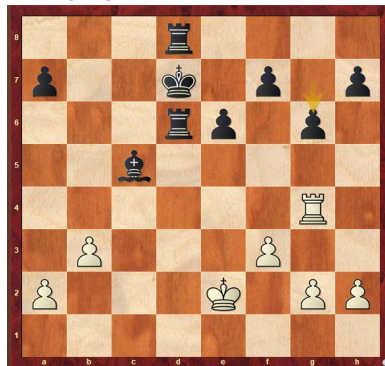
**14...Bxe2 15.Bxe2 Qd4+ 16.Kg3 Qe5+ 17.Kf2 Qc5+ 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Ba3 e6 20.Rc1 [D]**



[Better is 20.Bb2] **20...Nd3+! 21.Bxd3 Bxa3 22.Bb5+ Kd8 23.Rc4 Rxb3 24.d4 Rb4 25.Rc6 Rxd4 [D]**

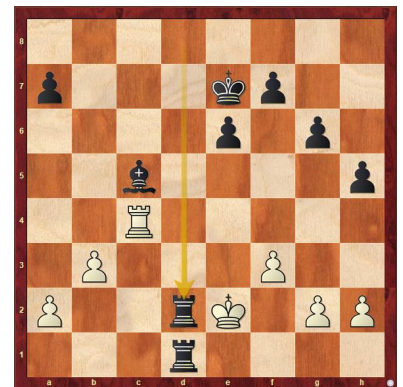


**26.Ke3 Rd6 27.Rc4 Kd7 28.Ra4 Bc5+ 29.Ke2 Rd8** [aiming for ...Ke8.] **30.Rg4 g6 [D]**



[Better is 30...Ke7 31.Rd4 Rxd4 32.Kf2 Rd2+ 33.Kg3 Rxa2 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **34.Kh3 Rdd2 35.f4 Rd3+ 36.g3 f5 37.b4 Bxb4 38.Kh4 Rxh2+ 39.Kg5 Rxg3#** **31.Rh4 h5** [Better is 31...Kc7 32.g3 Rd2+ 33.Kf1 Rb2 34.Ke1 Rdd2 35.Rxh7 Re2+ 36.Kd1 Rbd2+ 37.Kc1 Ba3+ 38.Kb1 Re1#] **32.Rf4 Ke7 33.Rc4 Rd2+ 34.Ke1 Rd1+ 35.Ke2 R8d2# [D]**



(Joe - After the game, Stoyanovich complimented me on taking my time even though I had an obviously winning position.) [Weighted Error Value: White=1.07/Black=0.32] **0-1**

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### Game from the 2021 Rochester Chess Center Open Tournament Round: 3

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

**White: Dale Janezic (1894)**

**Black: Joe Mucerino (2131)**

**Date: 3/27/2021**

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[A03: Bird's Opening with 1...d5] (Joe - Janezic is a teenager, and Patrick Walker advised me to watch out for him because he is underrated. He beat my solid first round opponent Derek Linton in the second round.) **1.f4 d5 2.d3 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c3 0-0 [D]** (p.7) **8.a4 Bf5** [8...d4 9.Bd2 (9.e4 dxe3 10.Bxe3 Qd6 11.Na3 Bf5 12.Nb5 Qxd3 13.Bxc5 Nd7 14.Bf2 a6, etc... Voss,M-Bartl,U Bayern 1999 0-1) (Text cont. p.7)

(Position after 7...0-0 (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.6) 9...Be6 10.Na3 h6 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Kh1 Qd7 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Nc4 Nd5, etc... Vokac,M (2475)-Tratar,M (2405) Ceske Budejovice 1995 1-0 (48)] 9.Nh4N [9.h3 d4 10.g4 Bc8 11.e4 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Qd6 13.Na3 Nd5 14.Qd2 Nxe3, etc... Pelikan,J-Benko,F Buenos Aires 1960 1-0 (59)] 9...Bc8?! (Joe - Obviously, a bit of a waste of time. Black should not mind the trade of Pawns, because the Pawn on f5 hits the e4 square.) 10.Na3 b6 [10...Na5=+ was preferable.] 11.e4= d4 12.f5 [Better is 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bd2] 12...Bd7? (Joe - The computer prefers 12...Nd7 or 12...Ba6.) [12...Nd7=] 13.e5? [D]



(Joe - This is what I was tempting White into playing. White should prepare the text move with 13.Nc4 first.) [Better is 13.Nc4+=] 13...Nxe5 [With the idea ...Bc6.] 14.Bxa8 Qxa8 (Joe - Although Black "lost" material, his position is actually slightly better, because he lost the best piece that he had, the light squared Bishop, and a central Pawn to boot.) 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Bf4 Qd5 17.Re1?? (Joe - White should have traded on e5 and played 19.Nc4.) [White should play 17.Bxe5+= Qxe5 18.Nc4] 17...Nfg4+- [D] (Next col.) (Joe - The computer says Black is winning, but it's not easy, and my time was ticking down.) [...Bc6 is the strong threat.] 18.Rc1 Rc8? (Joe - The other move I was considering, 18...Bf6, was stronger.) 9.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.h3?? [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Position after 17...Nfg4+- (From prev. col.)



(Position after 17...Nfg4+- (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - It looks like this should be losing.) [20.Bxe5+- Nxe5 21.Nc4] 20...Bb7! 21.hxg4? [21.Re4 Nf6 22.Bxe5 Nxe4 23.Bxg7] 21...Qh1+ [D]



22.Kf2 Qh2+ 23.Kf1 Qh1+? (Joe - Here, my time ticking down, I took the draw, but missed that after 23...Qh3+ 24.Ke2 Bf3+ wins, because after 25.Nxf3 Qg2 is mate. I did see that if 24.Kf2 Nfg4+ 25.Ke2 Qh2+ 26.Kf1 Qf2 was mate. Oh well.) [23...Qh3+-+ 24.Ke2 [D]



Analysis Diagram

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(Cont. from prev. col.) 24...Bf3+! 25.Kd2 Bxd1 26.Rxd1 Nxc4] 24.Kf2 [D]



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## Game from the NPCC 2021 Feb-Mar Swiss Tournament

### Round: 1

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

White: Tyler Ross (1550)

Black: Alex MacFarlane (1880)

Date: 2/12/2021

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[C34: King's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3:

3...Nf6 and 3...d6] 1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6

3.f4 [D]



(Alex - I had nothing prepared for this.)

3...d6 4.Nf3 exf4 5.d4 Bg4 6.Bc4

[6.Bxf4 Be7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.a4 d5

10.exd5 cxd5 11.Bb3 Nc6 12.h3 Bxf3

13.Rxf3 Qb6, etc... Belmonte,J (2275)-

Molina,R Santiago de Chile 1994 1-0]

6...Qe7N (Text cont. p.8)

(Cont. from p. 7) [6...h6 7.Bxf4 Be7 8.Qd3 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.h3 b5 11.Bb3 Bd7, etc... Kunzo,S (1609)-Badik,A (1287) Zilina 2012 1-0 (54); 6...Nc6 7.Bxf4 Na5 8.Bd3 Qd7 9.d5 Nh5, etc... 1-0 (13) Gaisin,N-Gerasimov,N (1635) Cheliabinsk 2009; 6...c6 7.Bxf4 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb5+ Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7, etc... Vassiliou,C-Theofylou,A Limassol 2008 1-0 (43)] **7.0-0 Nbd7** [7...g5+=] **8.e5?** [8.Bxf4+- and life is bright. Black must now prevent Qd3. 8...0-0-0 9.Qd3] **8...dxe5+- 9.Bxf4** [Better is 9.Re1] **9...Qb4?** [D]



(Alex - I didn't think I could take the Bishop, but the computer says otherwise.) [Black should play 9...exf4+- 10.Re1 Be6] **10.Qe2=+ 0-0-0** [...Bxf3 is the strong threat.] [10...Qxb2? 11.Nb5+-] **11.dxe5 Re8** [11...Nb6= 12.exf6 Qxc4 13.Qxc4 Nxc4] **12.Qd3 Nc5** [D]



[12...Bc5+= 13.Kh1 Nh5] **13.Qe2** [13.Qd4 Rd8=+; White should try 13.a3!+- Nxd3 14.axb4 Nxf4 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Nd4 (16.Bxf7 Re7=; 16.Rxa7 Bxb4 17.Ra4 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Bxf3=)] **13...Nh5 14.Bxf7?** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [14.Be3+=] **14...Nxf4+- 15.Qe3 Rd8** [Threatens to win with ...Nb3!] **16.a3** [D]



**16...Qb6 17.Kh1 Nce6 18.Qe4 Bxf3** [18...Qxb2 19.Ne2+=] **19.Rxf3 Kb8 20.Raf1 Nxcg2?** [D]



(Alex - This was a mistake that gives back all of the material.) [20...Qxb2+- is more deadly. And now ...Rd4 would win. 21.g3 Ng5 22.Qxf4 Nxf3 23.Qxf3 Qxa3] **21.Bxe6+-** [But not 21.Kxg2? Ng5+-] **21...Qxe6 22.Kxg2 Rd2+ 23.Kh1 Be7 24.Qe3** [24.Ne2+=] **24...Rhd8 25.Nb5** [25.R3f2+- Rxf2 26.Rxf2] **25...b6 26.c3?** [26.Nd6 Rxc2 27.Qe4 Rxh2+ 28.Kxh2 Bxd6 29.Re1] **26...R2d3?** [Better is 26...R8d3+- 27.Qf4 Rxf3 28.Rxf3 Rd1+ 29.Rf1 Qd5+ 30.Kg1 Rd2] **27.Qe4=** [D]



**27...Rxf3** [With attack] [White needs to defend precisely.] **28.Qxf3** [28.Rxf3= and White is okay. 28...Rd1+ 29.Kg2] **28...Qxe5?** (Alex - Horrible pawn grabbing! Rf8 was the winning move.) [28...Qc4+- 29.Nd4 Rf8 30.Qxf8+ Bxf8 31.Rxf8+ Kb7] **29.Nd4 Rxd4 30.cxd4 Qxd4** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [Endgame KOR-KQB] **31.Re1 Qh4** [31...Qxb2+- 32.a4 (32.Rxe7? Qc1+ 33.Re1 Qxe1+-) 32...a5] **32.Re4** [D]



**32...Qf6 33.Qe2 Qc6 34.Kg2** [34.Qc4 keeps more tension. 34...Qf6 35.Qe2] **34...Bf6 35.Kh3** [D]



[35.b4=] **35...Bxb2!+- 36.Rc4** [36.a4+-; 36.Qxb2 Qxe4] **36...Qf6** [36...Qd7+-+ 37.Qg4 Qd3+ 38.Kg2 Bxa3] **37.Qe8+** [37.a4+-] **37...Kb7+** (Alex - Tyler offered me a draw here and I am glad I didn't accept.) [(-> ...Qf3+)] **38.Qd7?** [38.Qe4+-+ c6 39.a4] **38...Qf1+** [D]



(Alex - Wins but Qf3 is mate in 2.) [Weighted Error Value: White=1.03/Black=0.83]

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