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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Summer 2021, Part 3

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This issue features 2021 May Chaturanga, NPCC June and July games. Submitted by Joe Mucerino, Terance Hall, and Chaturanga CC by Bill Campion.

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!

## Games from the Chaturanga Chess Club Member Appreciation DbI. Quads Tournament

### Round: 4

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

**White: W. Campion (1485)**

**Black: Steve Coladonato (1463)**

**Date: 5/25/2021**

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[A80: Dutch Defense: Unusual White second moves] **1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.h3 d5 4.g4 Nf6 [D]**



**5.gxf5 [5.Rg1 Ne4 6.c3 Nc6 7.gxf5 exf5 8.Bf4 Be6 9.e3 Bd6 10.Rxg7 Qf6 11.Rxc7 Bxc7 12.Bxc7 Qe7, etc... Varga,Z (2460)-Tibensky,R (2425) Buekfuerto 1995 1-0 (60)]**  
**5...exf5 6.Bg5N [6.Rg1 c6 (6...g6 7.Bg5 (7.c3 Bd6 8.Bh6 Qe7 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.e3 Ne4 11.Be2 Ndf6 12.Qb3 c6 13.a3 Nxd2 14.Nxd2 f4, etc... Legrand,S (2187)-Froey-**

(Cont. from prev. col.) **7...Be7 8.Nc3 Be6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Ne2 Ne4 11.Nf4 Bf7 12.h4 c6 13.c3 Bxg5 14.Nxg5 Qb6, etc... Goy,U (2194)-Behlert,S (1790) Bad Woerishofen 2001 1-0 (42)]**  
**7.Qd3 Na6 8.a3 Bd7 9.Nc3 1-0 (9) Nesterov,Y (2448)-Yushko,O (2131) Mukachevo 2012]**  
**6...Be7 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.e3 a6 [Prevents intrusion on b5] 9.c3 [Consolidates b4] 9...Be6 10.Bd3 Ne4 [D]**



**11.Bxe7 Qxe7 [Black has an active position] 12.Qb3 [White threatens to win material: Qb3xb7] 12...Nd6 [12...0-0-0 13.Qd1+=] 13.Qc2 g6 14.0-0-0 b5 [Black has an active position] [14...Ne4 15.Nb3=] 15.Nb3 Ne4 16.Rdg1 Qf6 [D]**

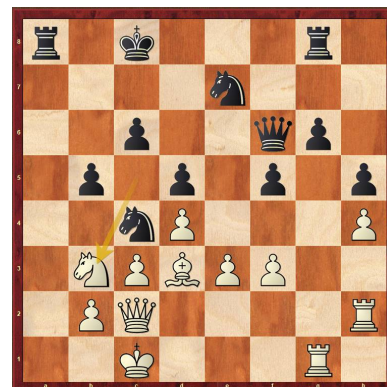


**[16...b4!? 17.h4 bxc3 18.bxc3 Bf7+=] 17.h4+= h5 [17...0-0-0 18.Qe2+=] 18.Rg2+- Bd7 19.Rhg1 Ne7 [19...Rg8 20.Qe2+=] 20.Ne5 Rg8 [20...0-0-0 21.Nxg6 Nxg6 22.Rxg6 Qxh4 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Rxa6+=] 21.f3+- Nd6 [D]**  
(Next col.) **22.Nxd7 [22.Nc5!? Be6+=] 22...Kxd7+- 23.Nc5+ Kc8 24.Rh2 [24.Rg5 Rf8+=] 24...c6 25.a4 [25.e4 fxe4 26.fxe4 dxe4+=] 25...Nc4 [25...Nb7 26.Kb1+=] 26.axb5 [26.e4!+=] 26...axb5+= 27.Nb3 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)**

**Position after 21...Nd6 (From prev. col.)**



**Position after 27.Nb3 (From prev. col.)**

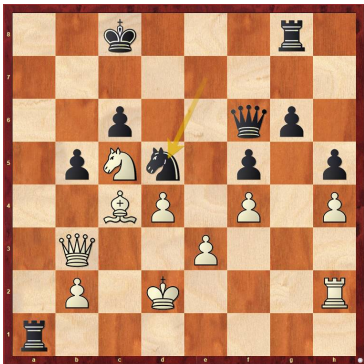


(Cont. from prev. col.) **[27.Qf2 f4 28.exf4 Ra1+ 29.Kc2 Ra2+=] 27...Na5 [27...Nxe3!? 28.Qd2 f4+=] 28.Nc5 [the Knight is the Knight!] 28...Nc4 [Twofold repetition] 29.Bxc4?? [D]**



[White loses the upper hand] [Better is 29.Qf2+= this is the best way to fight back] **29...Ra1++ 30.Kd2 Rxc4 31.Bd3 Qd6 32.f4 Qf6 [32...Kc7!? 33.Be2+=] 33.Qb3+- Ra1 34.c4 dxc4 35.Bxc4 Nd5?? [D] (p.2) (Text cont. p.2)**

Position after 35...Nd5?? (From p. 1)



(Cont. from p.1) [Weakening the position] [Better is 35...Rd8 36.Be6+ Kc7+]

**36.Bxd5+- Re8??** [solves nothing] [Better is 36...cxd5 37.Qxd5 Rg7+]

**37.Bf3+- Ra7**

**38.Kc2** [38.Nd3 might be the shorter path

38...Qe6 39.Qxe6+ Rxe6+-] **38...Qd6**

[38...Ra1 39.Qc3+-] **39.Kb1 Qc7** [39...Qe7

cannot change what is in store for ? 40.Re2

Qf7 41.d5+-] **40.Rc2 Qa5 41.Rc3** [D]



**41...Qa1+ 42.Kc2 Qf1 43.Bxc6 Ra1**

**44.Bd7+!** [D]



**44...Kd8** [44...Kc7 is the last straw

45.Na4+ Kb8 46.Qxb5+ Qxb5 47.Bxb5

Rd8+-] **45.Nb7+ Kxd7** [45...Ke7 cannot

undo what has already been done 46.Qe6+

Kf8 47.Qf6+ Kg8 48.Be6+ Rxe6 49.Rc8+ Re8

50.Rxe8+ Kh7 51.Qh8#] **46.Qd5+ Ke7**

**47.Rc7+** [D] (Next col.) [47.Rc7+ Kf6

48.Rf7#] **1-0**

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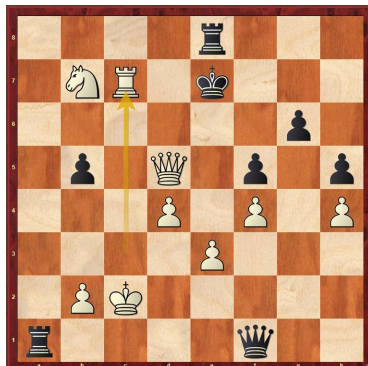
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Position after 47.Rc7+ (From prev. col.)



## Games from the NPCC 2021

### June-July Swiss

#### Tournament

#### Round: 2

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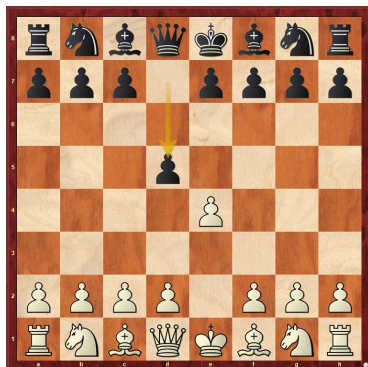
**White: Shawn Curtis (1694)**

**Black: Joseph Mucerino (2121)**

**Date: 6/25/2021**

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[B01: Scandinavian Defence] **1.e4 d5** [D]



**2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.h3** [D]



**5...Bxf3 6.Qxf3** [6.gxf3 e6=+] **6...e6**

[6...c6 7.Be2 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Rd1 0-0 10.c4

Nc7 11.Qe4 f5 12.Qe3 Kh8 13.Nc3 Nd7

14.b3 Qe8, etc... Carlsen,M (2810)-Short,N

(2696) Wijk aan Zee 2010 ½-½ (47)] (Text

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(Cont. from prev. col.) **7.c3 Nd7N** [7...c5 8.Bb5+ Nd7 9.c4 N5b6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.Qe4 f6 14.Qxb7 a6 15.Rd1 Qc8, etc... Spidey (2397)-Hakan M (2354) playchess.com INT 2008 ½-½] **8.Bd3** [White is slightly better.] **8...c5 9.0-0 cxd4 10.Re1** [D]



(Joe - Threatening 11.Qxd5.) [10.cxd4+= might be stronger. 10...Be7 11.Nc3]

**10...Be7= 11.a3?!** (Joe - This just lets Black have a Pawn for no reason.)

[11.cxd4= Bb4 12.Rd1] **11...dxc3=+**

**12.Nxc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.Bf4**

**Bf6?** [D]



(Joe - I should have played 14...Nc5. If I'm not careful, my Knight can become pinned.)

**15.Rad1** [Black must now prevent Bb5.] **15...Qa5** [D]



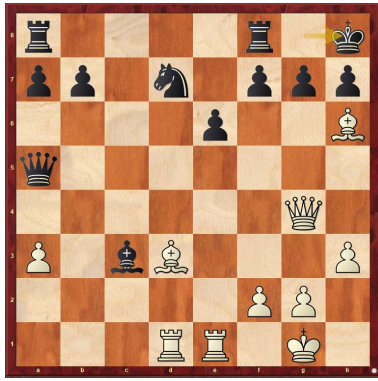
(Joe - This gives the Pawn back to White, but he didn't take it.) [15...Qc8=+]

**16.Qg4?** [16.Qxb7 Nc5=+; 16.Bxh7+!+= stays ahead. 16...Kxh7 17.Rxd7]

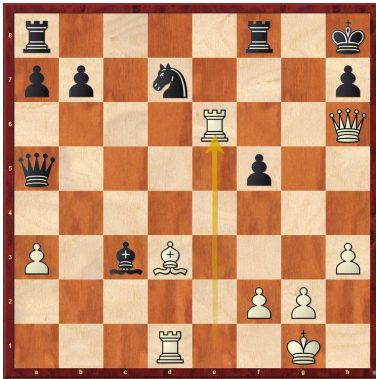
**16...Bxc3+- 17.Bh6?** [17.Re2]

**17...Kh8+-** [D] (p.3) (Text cont. p.3)

Position after 17...Kh8+ (From p2)



(Cont. from p.2) (Joe - Now White has both a Bishop and Rook attacked.) [17...Qxa3 18.Re3-+] **18.Qh4 gxh6** [18...Bxe1 19.Bd2-+] **19.Qxh6 f5?!** (Joe - The computer preferred 19...Nf6, but I didn't like that move because it blocks my Bishop from returning to g7, and White's Bishop is still hitting h7.) **20.Rxe6** [D]



[White threatens Re7 and mate.] **20...Bg7** **21.Qh4 Nc5** **22.Re7** [Intending Rxc7.] **22...Nxd3** **23.Rxd3 Rg8** [D]



(Joe - It may not look like it, but this is probably my best move of the game. Black must be careful here. First of all, 23...Bf6 allows 24.Qxh7 mate. The move I really wanted to play, 23...Rae8??, allows White a perpetual with 24.Rxg7! Kxg7 25.Rd7+ Rf7 26.Qg5+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Kf8.) [23...Rae8 24.Rxg7 Kxg7 25.Rd7+ Rf7 26.Qg5+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Kf8] **24.Rdd7** (Joe - This looks bad for Black, but he's actually winning.) [24.Qb4 might work better. 24...Qxb4 25.axb4] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **24...Qxa3** [24...Rae8 25.Qb4-+] **25.Qf6?** (Joe - Cute, but this does not help White.) [25.g3 Rae8 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.Qh5] **25...Qc1+** [25...Bxf6 26.Rxh7#] **26.Kh2 Qf4+** [26...Bxf6 27.Rxh7#] **27.Kg1** [D]



**27...Rac8!** **28.g3 Qf3?** (Joe - Stronger is 28...Rc1+) [And not 28...Bxf6 29.Rxh7#; 28...Rc1+ 29.Kg2 Qc4] **29.Qb2?** [D]



[29.Qa1 Qc3 30.Qxc3 Rxc3 31.Rxb7] **29...Rce8!** [(-> ...Rxe7)] **30.Qxg7+** [D]

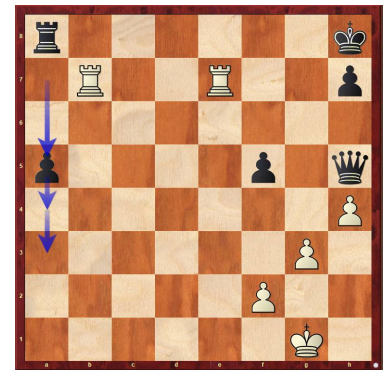


[30.Qd2 Rxe7] **30...Rxg7** **31.Rxe8+ Rg8** **32.Ree7 Qh5** [D] (Next col.) **33.Rxb7 Ra8** [Better is 33...a5 34.Kg2 Qg6] **34.h4** [Better is 34.Rxa7 Rxa7 35.Rxa7] **34...a5** [D] (Next col.) **35.Re6 a4** **36.Rbb6 a3** **37.Rh6** [D] (Next col.) **37...Qxh6!!** [D] (Next col.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/Black=0.28] **0-1** Copy and paste the link below into your browser: (Text cont. next col.)

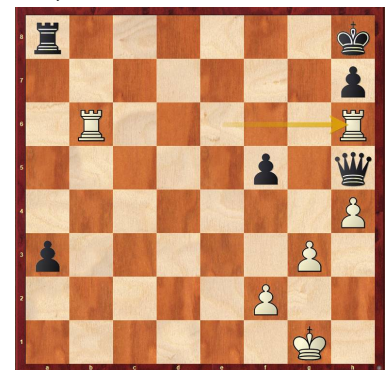
Position after 32...Qh5 (From prev. col.)



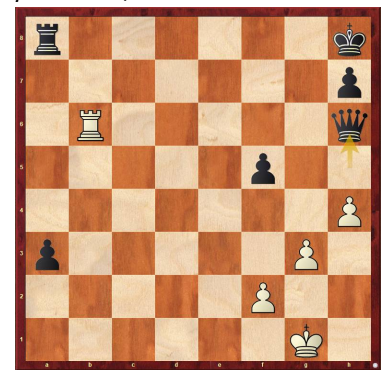
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Position after 37.Rh6 (From prev. col.)



Position after 37...Qxh6!! (From prev. col.)



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**Game from the NPCC 2021  
Jun-Jul Swiss Tournament**

**Round: 1**

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**White: Bernie Overly (1508)**

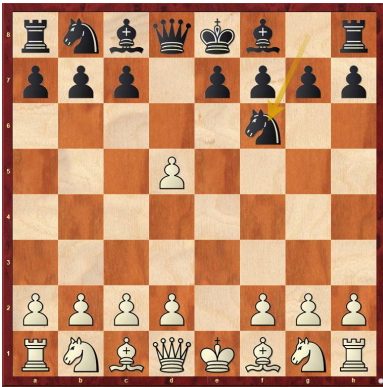
**Black: Terance Hall (1841)**

**Date: 6/18/2021**

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[B02: Alekhine's Defence: Chase Variation and lines with early Nc3] **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6**

**[D]**

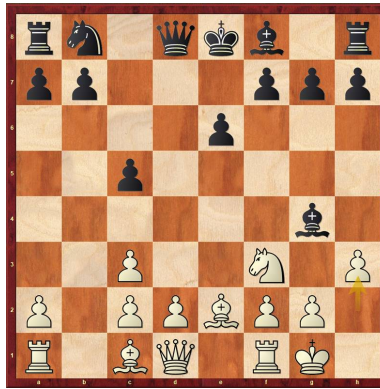


**3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 [D]**



**5...Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 [6...e6= 7.Nd4 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 c5 9.Nb3 Qd5 10.0-0 Bd6 11.c4 Qf5 12.d3 Nc6 13.Bb2 0-0, etc... Bentsen,H-Johansen,T (2211) Molde 2000 1/2-1/2 (48); 6...Nc6 7.d4 e6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.h3 Bf5 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Re8 13.Bd2 e5 14.Re2 exd4, etc... Schmitt,K (1744)-Van der Vegt,E (1354) playchess.com INT 2011 0-1 (54)]**  
**7.0-0 e6 8.h3N [D]** (Next col.) [White is slightly better.] [8.d4 Nc6 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bd6 11.c3 0-0 12.Qc2 Qc7 13.a3 Bf5 14.Bd3 Nb4 15.cxb4 Qxc2, etc...Kostka,V (1709)-Hofirek,B (1906) Czechia 2010 0-1 (42)]  
**8...Bf5 [8...Bh5+=] 9.Re1 [9.Bb5+- Nc6 10.Ne5] 9...Bd6+= 10.d4 [Aiming for Bb5+.] 10...0-0! 11.Bd3 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

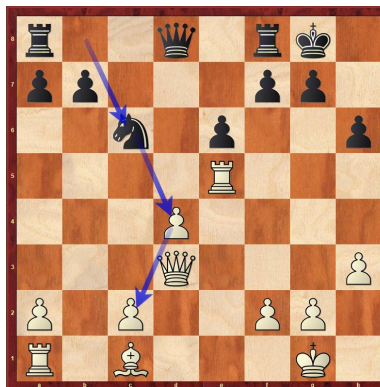
**Position after 8.h3N (From prev. col.)**



**Position after 11.Bd3 (From prev. col.)**



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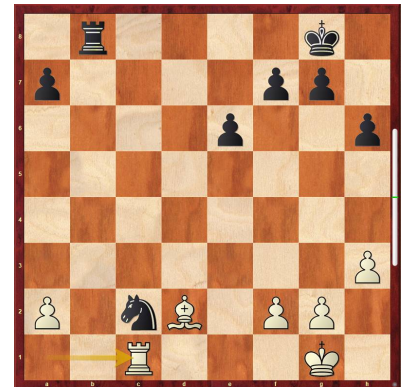


**16.Rb5?! [16.Re4= remains equal. Stockfish 220621: 16...f5 17.Rxe6 Qxd4 18.Rb1 Qxd3 19.cxd3 Rf7 20.Rd6 Re8 21.Kf1 Ree7, etc...]** **16...Qxd4+- 17.Qxd4 Nxd4 18.Rxb7 Rfb8 [With attack] 19.Rxb8+ Rxb8 [D]** (Next col.) [Endgame KRB-KRN] **20.Bd2? [20.Be3!+= Nxc2 21.Bxa7] 20...Nxc2+- 21.Rc1 [D]** (Next col.) **21...Rb2 22.a4 Ra2 23.a5 a6 [23...Nd4+- And now ...Ne2+ would win. 24.Rd1 Stockfish 220621: 24...a6 25.Be1 e5 26.Kf1 f6 27.Bc3 Ra4 28.Bxd4 exd4 (Text cont. next col.)**

**Position after 19...Rxb8 (From prev. col.)**



**Position after 21.Rc1 (From prev. col.)**

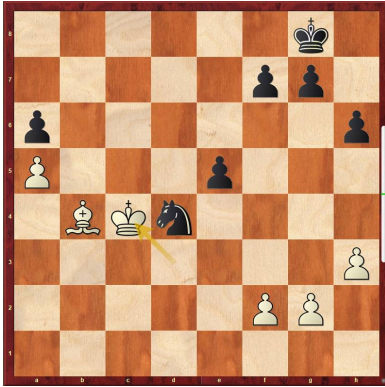


(Cont. from prev. col.) **29.Ke2 Kf7 30.Kd3 Rxa5, etc...]** **24.Kf1 Ra1 [24...Nd4+- 25.Bb4 Kh7] 25.Rxa1+= Nxa1 [KB-KN] 26.Ke2 [D]**

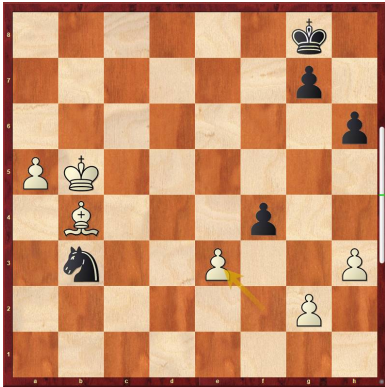


[Strongly threatening Kd3.] **26...Nb3 27.Bb4 [Black must now prevent Kd3.] 27...Nd4+! 28.Kd3 e5?? [28...Nc6+= keeps the upper hand. - 0.47/9 29.Bc3 Nb8 Stockfish 220621: 30.g4 g6 31.Bd2 g5 32.Kd4 Nd7 33.Bb4 Kh7 34.Bd6 Kg6, etc...]** **29.Kc4!+- [D] (p.5) 29...f5 30.Kc5 Nb3+? [30...f4 31.Kb6 Kf7 32.Kxa6 Nc6] 31.Kb6 [White is clearly winning.] 31...e4 32.Kxa6 f4 33.Kb5 e3 [Better is 33...f3 4.98/7 34.gxf3 Nxa5 35.Bxa5 exf3] 34.fxe3 [D] (p.5) [Threatens to win with a6.] (Text cont. p.5)**

Position after 29.Kc4!+- (From prev. col.)



Position after 34.fxe3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from p.4) 34...Nxa5 35.Bxa5 fxe3 36.Kc4 e2 37.Kd3 Kf7 38.Kxe2 Kf6 39.Kf3 [D]



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White=0.20/Black=0.46] 1-0

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## Game from the NPCC 2021 Jun-Jul Swiss Tournament

### Round: 2

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz/\*Stockfish comments [shown thus]. (Text cont. next col.)

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White: Terance Hall (1881)

Black: William Campion (1483)

Date: 6/25/2021

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[D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and 3 e4]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 (Terance: I did not expect this from Bill.) 3.e4 e5

(Terance: Whenever Bill can play e5 he will play it. It is the most testing move to play in the position.) 4.d5 (Terance: Best was Nf3, but I had a feeling Black may not handle the cramping of the light squares.) 4...Nf6 5.Nc3 [D]



5...Bb4? (Terance: Now the Bishop drops with Qa4+, the Knights to c6 square is taken away because of the d5 pawn.) [5...b5!+- keeps the pressure on 6.Nf3 Nbd7] 6.Qa4+- c6 [D]

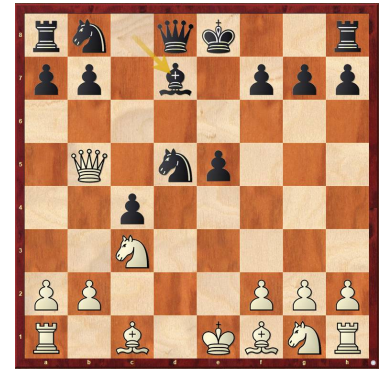


[White must now prevent ...Bxc3+.] 7.Qxb4 cxd5 8.exd5 [White is winning.] 8...Nxd5? 9.Qb5+ Bd7N [D]

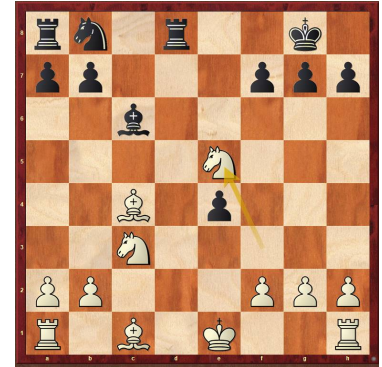
(Next col.) [Better is 9...Nc6 10.Qxd5] 10.Qxd5 (Terance: Best move! Don't be greedy and try Qxb7 thinking you will get the Rook when Black can play Bc6! and hold everything.) 10...0-0

11.Bxc4 Bc6 [Better is 11...Qc8 12.Be2 Nc6] 12.Qxd8 [White is clearly winning.] (Terance: Just trade down and (Text cont. next col.)

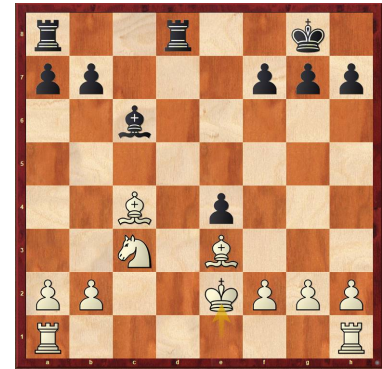
Position after 9...Bd7N (From prev. col.)



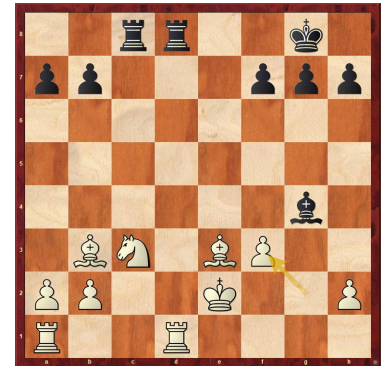
(Cont. from prev. col.) win.) 12...Rxd8 13.Nf3 e4 14.Ne5 [D]



(Terance: The Stockfish chess engine slightly prefers Ng5, but I rather keep that square for my Bishop.) 14...Be8 15.Be3 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ke2 [D]



(Terance: No need to castle with the Queens off, so now centralizing the King comes into play.) 17...Rac8 18.Rhd1 Bd7 19.Bb3 Bg4+ 20.f3 exf3+ 21.gxf3 [D]



(Text cont. p.6)

(Cont. from p.5) [Weighted Error Value:

White=0.36/Black=1.58] **1-0**

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## Game from the NPCC 2021 Jun-Jul Swiss Tournament

### Round: 3

**White: Willard Moyer (1619)**

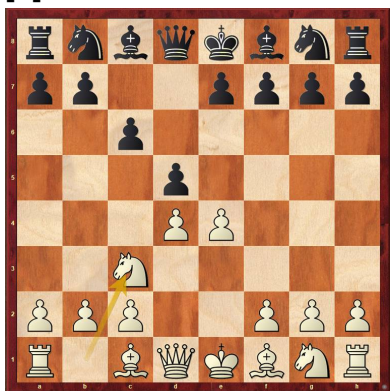
**Black: Terance Hall (1841)**

**Date: 7/2/2021**

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

**1.e4** (Terance: Will changes up and plays e4 instead of d4 like his last game.) **1...c6** (Terance: Yes the Caro-Kann, an Opening that I use to play in the 90's.) **2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 [D]**



**3...dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Nc5** (Terance: A sideline that I have not remembered playing before.) **5...Qc7** (Terance: Safest move that I saw and prevents Bf4 and prepares Bd6 later. Mainline is e5! which I didn't see.)

[Stockfish 14: 5...e5 6.Nxb7 Qb6 7.Nc5 Bxc5 8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.Bd3 e4 10.Be2 Nf6 11.Nh3 0-, etc...] **6.Nf3 Nf6** [6...e6 7.Nb3 Nd7 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.a4 Ngf6 11.a5 a6 12.0-0 Bd6, etc...Safari,E (2417)-Pantsulaia,L (2611) Dubai 2006 0-1 (60)] **7.Bc4 [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Now the Bishop is missed placed after Black's next move. It should contest Black's strong Bishop by Bd3.) [7.Bd3+= Bxd3 8.Nxd3 (8.Qxd3 e6=) 8...Nbd7 9.0-0 e6 10.c4 b6 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6, etc... Shemiakin,V (1967)-Stoleriu,G Al Ain 2013 1/2-1/2] **7...e6!= 8.0-0** [The position is equal.] **8...Bd6** (Terance: I rather apply a little pressure on the h2 pawn then taking on c5 which the engine likes slightly better.) [8...Bxc5!? 9.dxc5 0-0=] **9.Bg5N** [9.h3 Nbd7 10.Nd3 0-0 11.Qe2 b5 12.Bb3 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5, etc... Shabanov,Y (2451)-Muratoglu,S (2070) Dresden 2008 1-0 (90)] **9...Nbd7** (Terance: Here is where I formulated my plan which was to develop this Knight on b8 then if Nxd7 take back with the Queen and allow Black to double my pawn with Bxf6. I will then castle queenside and bring my d-Rook to g8 with an attack.) **10.Nxd7 Qxd7** (Terance: Of course, Nxd7 was playable but not as fun as Qxd7 :-)) **11.Bxf6** (Terance: Re1 was best.) **11...gxf6 12.Re1 [D]**

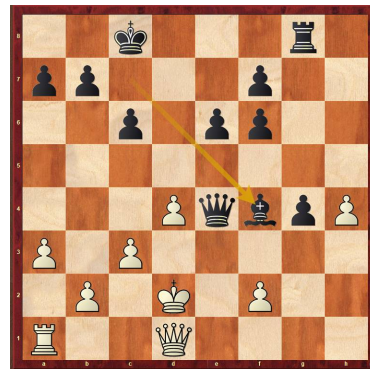


[12.Nh4=] **12...0-0-0 13.a3** (Terance: This move I didn't understand as it is too slow and ignores the danger coming to the White King.) [13.Nh4= keeps the balance.] **13...Bc7** (Terance: Clearing the d6 square for the Queen and at the same time putting pressure on the d4 pawn.) **14.c3** (Terance: Best!) **14...Qd6** (Terance: Qd6 freezes the Knight so it can't move.) **15.g3! [D]**

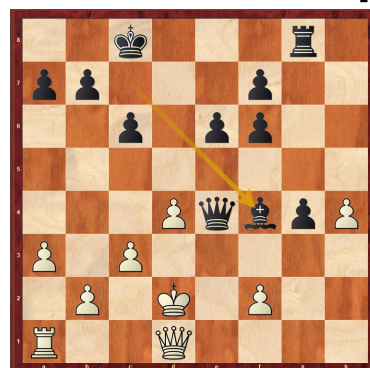


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(Cont. from prev. col.) [Terance: Stockfish 14 likes Kf1.] [Stockfish 14: 15.Kf1 Rdg8 16.Re3 Rg7 17.Qa4 a6 18.Be2 Rhg8 19.g3 Bh3+ 20.Ke1 f5, etc...] **15...Bg4 16.Be2** [16.Qd3+=] **16...h5+ 17.Nh4 Rdg8** (Terance: Now to proceed with pushing the f pawn up.) **18.Bxg4** [18.b4+] **18...hxg4+** (Terance: Taking with the Rook would allow the Queen to f3 to help protect the King.) **19.Re4? [D]**



[19.Ng2] **19...Rxxh4!** [Black is clearly winning.] **20.gxh4 Qxh2+ 21.Kf1 Qh1+ 22.Ke2 Qxe4+ 23.Kd2 Bf4# [D]**



[Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.13] **0-1**

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## Game from the NPCC 2021 Jun-Jul Swiss Tournament

### Round: 4

Submitted by Terance with his comments (as edited) and selected Fritz/\*Stockfish comments [shown thus].

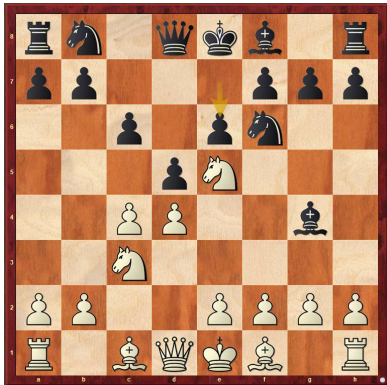
**White: Terance Hall (1841)**

**Black: Robert Kampia (1732)**

**Date: 7/9/2021**

[D15: Slav Defence: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4** (Terance: This surprised me as I was expecting Bf5, or dxc4.) (Text cont. p.7)

(Cont. from p.6) **5.Ne5** (Terance: This is best response to this move.) **5...e6 [D]**



[5...Bc8+]- **6.Bg5** (Terance: Now I threaten to take the Bishop on g4 with the Knight now that the f6 Knight is pinned.) [6.f3!+-] **6...Bh5+- 7.Qb3** (Terance: I played this to pressure the b7 pawn.) [Better is 7.cxd5+- h6 (7...exd5 8.Qb3 b6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Bb5 Qd6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nxe4 Qg6, etc... Agurlu,F-Isik, R (1695) Antalya 2013 1-0 (73)) 8.dxc6 Nxc6 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qa4; 7.Rc1 Be7 8.g3 Nbd7 9.Nxd7 Qxd7, etc... Zambo,Z (2261)-Balogh,L (2051) Eger 2008 1-0 (50)] **7...Qc7** [7...Qb6=] **8.Bf4N** [White is better.] (Terance: The developing move e3 is the natural move here. The move I played Bf4 plays to the position for an advantage as I anticipated Bd6 and c5 gains the advantage.) [8.e3 Nbd7 9.f4 Bg6 10.Be2 Ne4 11.Bh4 f5 12.Nxe4 Nxe5 13.Ng5 Be7 14.dxe5 0-0-0 15.0-0 Qd7 16.Nf3 h6, etc... Walther,R (1867)-Purwin,H (1584) Bergen 2011 1-0; 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Nf3 Nd7 10.g3 Nb6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bg2 0-0-0, etc... Bjornstad,L-Utsi,N Karasjok 2010 1-0 (58)] **8...Bd6** [Better is 8...Qb6] **9.Rc1?** [D]



(Terance: Played to keep the position open as I didn't want a closed position game with c5. In hindsight c5 would allow me to play bd6 and Black can't castle.) [White should play 9.c5+- Bxe5 10.Bxe5] **9...0-0** [9...dxc4= 10.Qxc4 Nbd7] **10.e3** [10.c5+= Bxe5 11.Bxe5] **10...Qe7?!** (Terance: Black didn't like his Queen lined up with my Rook on c1.) [10...Nbd7=] **11.Bg5** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Terance: Played to provoke Black into weaken his King-side pawns to break the annoying pin on his Knight.) [11.c5+- Bxe5 12.Bxe5] **11...h6 12.Bh4** [Strongly threatening c5.] **12...g5** [12...Qc7= keeps the balance.] **13.Bg3 b6 [D]**

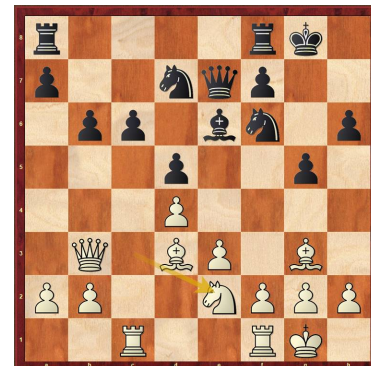


(Terance: Now c6 is left as a target.) [13...Nbd7+-] **14.cxd5** [14.h4+-] **14...exd5 15.Bd3 Bxe5 16.Bxe5** [Much weaker is 16.dxe5?! Nfd7+-] **16...Nbd7 [D]**

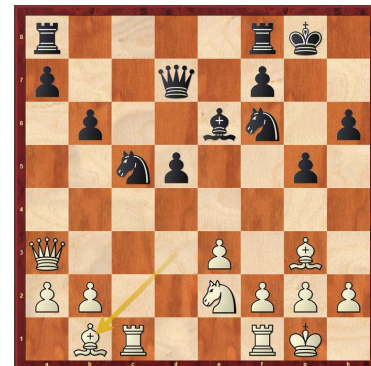


(Terance: I was glad to see this move, which was best, but I was afraid of Nfd7, and then f5. Black could have pushed his f5 Pawn down threatening to trap my Bishop. This was a high wire act ((see analysis)) I didn't want to get into but is bad for Black if White found all the right moves.) [16...Re8; 16...Nfd7 17.Bg3 f5 Stockfish 030721: 18.h4 f4 19.hxg5 fxc3 20.Rxh5 Qf7 21.Be2 gxf2+ 22.Kd2 Na6, etc...] **17.Bg3 Bg4?** (Terance: Best was Bg6 as Bg4 is too slow giving me a 2.5 pawn advantage. I guess Black wanted to get his Bishop in a better position to give his Knight the h5 square if needed.) [17...Bg6+-] **18.0-0** (Terance: I thought h3 might be slightly better as it gives the h2 square for the Bishop to which to go if attacked with Nh5. I played for quick King safety.) [White should try 18.h3+- Bh5 19.Qa4] **18...Be6** [18...Nh5+-] **19.Ne2 [D]** (Next col.) (Terance: Here I was thinking of playing f4 threatening f5, trapping Black's Bishop, but I chose to target the c6 Pawn, as Black can play Ne4, if f4. I was seeing if (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 19.Ne2** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) Black would play one of his Rooks to c8, so I can play Ba6! Black will have to move his Rook away from the c-file. I would win his c6 pawn, because my Bishops would control the b8, c8, b7, and c7 squares.) [19.Qd1+-] **19...c5** [Hoping for ...c4.] (Terance: I honestly forgot that Bob could play this.) **20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Qa3** (Terance: Thank goodness for pins.) **21...Qd7?** (Terance: This move gives White a decisive advantage according to the Stockfish chess engine. From a human standpoint, I understand the move was to break the pin and try to exchange Black's Bishop on f5.) [21...Nfe4+- was necessary.] **22.Bb1 [D]**



(Terance: Here is a lesson in positional thinking at my level:  
 1. Immediate threat Nxd3, if allowed Qxd3 Bf5 and Black gains some squares. Option - move Bishop to c2 ((blocks Rook file)) or b1. Both are playable, but I prefer Bb1.  
 2. Take stock of the whole board with my Bishop on b1 in my mind:  
 A - White's pawn structure is solid. King is safe with no weakness vs. Black's isolated d-Pawn and weak king-side Pawns slightly exposing Black's King. White +!  
 B - Black's Rooks are not on any active squares vs. White has an active Rook on a half-open file. White +!  
 (Text cont. p.8)

(Cont. from p.7)

C – Black’s Bishop is doing nothing vs. White’s Bishops cutting across Black’s position. White +!

D – Black’s Knights are active, but only have the h5, g4, and e4 squares ((the rest pose no threat)) with no major threats vs. White’s Knight going to d4 as a nice outpost. White +!

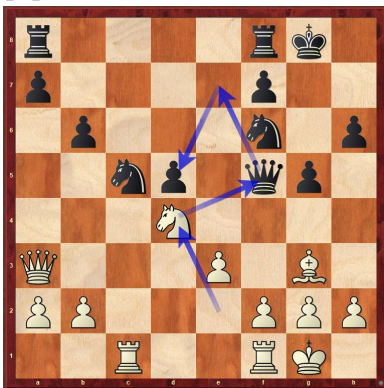
E– Both Queens are about equal.

3. Now with Bb1 Black can play Nfe4 ((not Nce4, Rc7!)). Then I can play Be5 or Rfd1. If Nxc3, then Nxc3!

4. Now the most likely move for Black is to play Bf5 trading off his bad Bishop for my more active one. So, I asked myself, "I can either let him take my Bishop on b1 after I play Nd4, but then I have to take back with Rxb1 and my Rook is out of play from the c-file; or I can play Bxf5, Qxf5 then Nd4! gaining a tempo on the Queen covering key squares in Black’s camp". White ++!

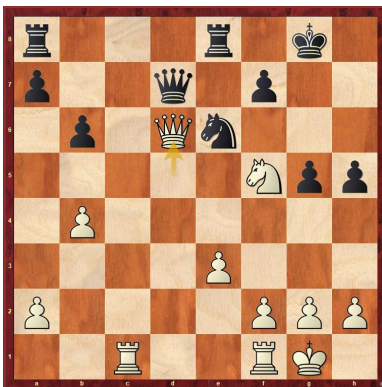
5. Final decision "Bb1" is played.)

**22...Bf5** [Better is 22...Nfe4 23.b4 Nxc3 24.Nxc3 Ne4] **23.Bxf5+- Qxf5** **24.Nd4** [D]

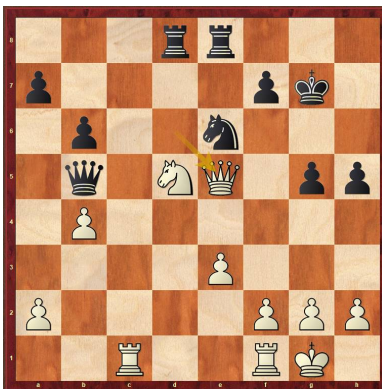


**24...Qd7** **25.b4** (Terance: Forcing the Knight back as Black must play Ne6 to cover the c7 square from my Rook coming in.) **25...Ne6** **26.Nf5** (Terance attacking the weak h-Pawn, also coordinating my pieces to control d6.) **26...h5** [Better is 26...Ng7] **27.Bd6** (Terance: Best was Be5, but I choose this sneaky move, as if Black plays Rfd8, then Be7 gains an Exchange, or the Knight on f6. If Rfc8, then Ne7 with a fork on the King and Rook. Rfb8 of course Bxb8.) **27...Rfe8** (Terance: Only move.) **28.Qd3** (Terance: In this position the chess engine gives White about a Rook’s advantage, 4.97.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **28...Ne4** (Terance: Bob mentioned here after the game that he thought he was gaining a piece. Believe it or not, this was the second-best move by only by a few tenths of a point from Rad1.) [28...d4 was called for. 29.Nh6+ (29.exd4 Nf4+-) 29...Kg7; Stockfish 030721: 28...Rad8 29.f3 d4 30.e4 Nh7 31.f4 gxf4 32.Bxf4 Nxf4 33.Rxf4 Kh8 34.Rh4 f6, etc...] **29.Qxd5 Nxd6** **30.Qxd6** [D]



[Stockfish 030721: 30.Nxd6 Rf8 31.Rc6 Ng7 32.b5 g4 33.Qg5 Qe6 34.e4 Qg6, etc...] **30...Qb5** (Terance: Best was to trade Queens.) [Better is 30...Qxd6 31.Nxd6 Re7 Stockfish 030721: 32.Rfd1 Rd8 33.Kf1 Red7 34.Rc6 h4 35.Ke2 f5, etc...] **31.Ne7+** [Stockfish 030721: 31.Nh6+ Kg7 32.a4 Qxa4 33.Nf5+ Kh7 34.Qe5 Qxb4 35.Nd6 Kg8, etc...] **31...Kg7?** [31...Kh7 might work better. 32.Nc6 Qf5] **32.Nd5** [Black must now prevent Qe5+.] (Terance: at this point I knew it was over as I have access to the e5 square.) **32...Rad8** [Better is 32...Qd3 33.Qe5+ Kh7 34.Nf6+ Kh6] **33.Qe5+** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) **33...Kh6** [White is clearly winning.] **34.Qf6+ Kh7** **35.Qxf7+ Ng7** **36.Rc7!** [D]



(Terance: It's over, if Rg8 then Qxh5# mate, as the Knight is pinned.)

[Weighted Error Value:  
White=0.41/Black=0.56] **1-0**

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