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This issue features Joe Mucerino VS. GM Alexander Shabalov, NPCC August Swiss, Membership Drive, and other various 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 2021 Ohio Chess Congress Tournament Round: 1

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (2145)

Black: GM Alexander Shabalov (2576)

Date: 9/3/2021

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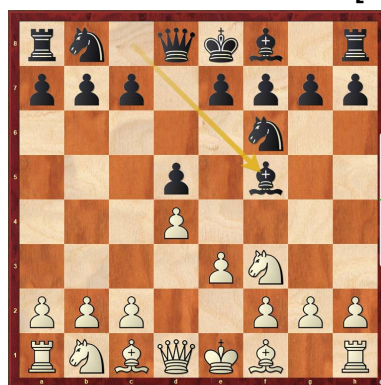
Joe wrote:

"For veteran players, GM Alexander Shabalov really needs no introduction. A student of the late world champion Mikhail Tal, he moved from Latvia to Pittsburgh in late 1992, and has generally been Pennsylvania's strongest player ever since. He's won the United States Championship four times (1993, 2000, 2003, 2007) and was inducted into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame in 2015. I've been playing chess for decades now, and I've played all over Pennsylvania, but after years and years of trying to be paired with him (several times I missed by only one board), my wish finally came true, and I can finally add GM Shabalov to the pantheon of players that I've faced. The organizers of the Ohio Chess Congress (Ohio's state championship) asked one player on every board of the open section to keep score on an electronic device that they provided in lieu of taking score on paper. This was supposed to transmit the games live online. (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) When the game was over, they would print out a copy of the game for that player. After the game, I found out that there was a problem, and the games were not transmitted online. Shabalov was about four minutes late, so by default, I kept the score electronically, but I also kept score on a scoresheet too, because I wanted him to sign it after the game, which he did."

[D12: Slav Defense: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 Bf5]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 [D]



4.c4 e6 5.Be2 c6 6.Nc3 h6 [D]



(Joe - Many times White will play Nh4 to trade off Black's Bishop, so this move gives the Bishop a flight square on h7.)

7.O-O Nbd7 8.Bd3 (Joe - My first real think of the game. After this move, Shabalov quietly sighed ((which he did once or twice more during the game)), probably hoping that I was someone who could play the opening but had no clue what to do once the middlegame was reached.) [8.Bd2 Be7 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qxb6 axb6 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Rfd1 Ne4 13.a3 Nxd2 14.Nxd2 dxc4 15.e4 Bg6, etc... Kozul,Z (2575)- Tukmakov,V (2570) Pula 1994 0-1 (48)] (Text cont. next col.)

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8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bb4 (Joe - White wanted to play 10.e4 to liberate the Bishop on c1. But now 10.e4 loses a Pawn after 10...Bxc3 11.Qxc3 Nxe4.) 10.Bd2 [D]



[The position is equal.] 10...Ba5N (Joe - 10...O-O? loses a Pawn to 11.Nxd5.)

[10...Qb6 11.Rfc1 Qa6 12.b3 0-0 13.a4 Rad8 14.a5 Rfe8 15.Qf1 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Ne4 17.Be1 dxc4, etc... Davtyan,A (2374)- De Waele,W (2272) Porto Carras 2018 1-0 (33); 10...0-0 11.Nxd5, Added by Editor: Stockfish: 11...cxd5 12.Bxb4 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Re8 14.Rfc1 Rc8 15.Qe2 Qb6, etc...] 11.cxd5 (Joe - A bit stronger is 11.b4! and if 11...Bxb4, we have 12.Nxd5 again.) 11...exd5 12.a3? (Joe - My idea was to boot the Bishop with 13.b4 so I could play a future e4. But as we shall see, Black was able to attack my Queenside Pawns. Better was 12.Ne2, and having my Bishop directly challenge Black's Bishop.) 12...0-0 [D]



13.b4 (Joe - I succeeded in my plan, but my plan was not good. Stockfish 7 proposed 13.Nh4 with the idea of (Text cont. p.2)

(Cont. from p. 1) 14.f3 and 15.e4.) Added by Editor: [Stockfish: 13.Nh4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Qxh4 15.Nd6 Bc7 16.g3 Qh3, etc...]

13...Bc7 14.Rfe1 Re8 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 [D]



16...Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Rxe4 18.Qxe4 Nf6 19.Qh4? [D]



(Joe - I think this is about where my position starts to really go downhill. Before this move, Black was up about a half Pawn. But after this move, my pieces really do not coordinate all that well.) **19...a5** (Joe - Now Shabalov begins to attack.) **20.Rb1?** (Joe - Now Black's Queen will wind up on the nice central square d5. The computer proposed this line as best for White: 20.bxa5 Bxa5 21.Qf4 Nd5 22.Bxa5 Rxa5 23.Qf5 g6 24.Qd3. I did not see that particular line, but I was afraid that if I played 20.bxa5, my Pawn on a3 would be weak and Black would gang up on it.) **20...axb4 21.Bxb4 Qd5 22.Qh3 [D]**



(Joe - This is a sign that White cannot do too much, although 22.Re1 is a good move (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) too. One thing that I was afraid of was I thought Black could play 22...Kh7 with the idea of 23...g5 24.Qh3 h4. However, in that line, White has 23.Be7! and now 23...g5? 24.Nxg5+ Qxg5 25.Qxg5 hxg5 26.Bxf6.) **22...b6** (Joe - Simply threatening 23...c5, and the Bishop must abandon the defense of a3.)

23.Rc1? (Joe - This is pretty pointless, because after Shabalov played 23...Ne4, it renewed the threat of ...c5, and now it's unstoppable.) (Joe - The computer found the very imaginative 23.Re1. Now if 23...c5 24.dxc5 bxc5 25.Bc3 Ne4 26.Nh4 Nxc3 27.Qxc3. White is still worse, but he's still fighting. Another line is 23.Re1 Ne4 24.Nh4 c5 25.Nf5 ((threatening a fork on e7)) Bd8 26.Qg4 ((threatening mate)) g6 27.Nxh6+ Kg7 28.dxc5 bxc5 29.Qxe4 Qxe4 30.Bc3+ Qd4 31.Bxd4+ cxd4 32.Ng4 Rxa3 and the computer says this is equal.)

Added by Editor: [Stockfish: 23.Re1 c5 24.dxc5 bxc5 25.Bc3 Ne4 26.Nh4 Bd8 27.Bxg7 Qd2, etc...] **23...Ne4 [D]**



(Joe - The game is pretty much over now.)

24.Qg4 (Joe - The computer said White's best move was 24.Be1, so White is obviously in trouble.) [24.Be1+, Added by Editor: Stockfish: 24.Be1 Re8 25.g3 Re6 26.Qf1 b5 27.Bb4 Bb6 28.Rd1 g5, etc...]

24...Re8?! [D]

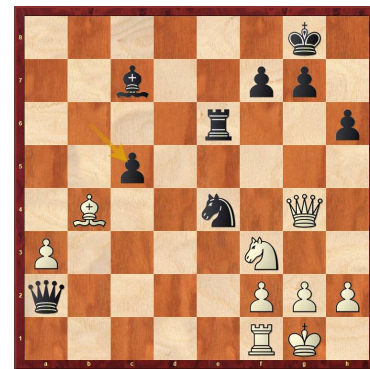


(Joe - The computer actually didn't like this move, and preferred sticking with the plan by playing 24...c5.) [Black should try 24...c5+ 25.Be1 Bd6 26.dxc5 Bxc5]

25.Qh4 (Joe - I was too busy admiring Shabalov's technique (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) to actually look for ways to fight back. White should play 25.Nd2 to challenge Black's strong knight.)

[25.Nd2+] **25...Re6 26.Qg4 Qa2 27.Rf1** [Better is 27.Be1] **27...c5+ 28.dxc5** [28.Be1 was called for.] **28...bxc5 [D]**



(Joe - A Grandmaster should have no problems converting an extra passed Pawn, so I packed it in. Shabalov must have been hungry. His stomach growled during the game, and he left immediately afterwards, and did not even mark the result.)

[Weighted Error Value:

White=0.31/Black=0.09] Added by Editor: [Stockfish: 29.Be1 Qd5 30.Nh4 g6 31.Qf3 c4 32.Qh3 Bb6 33.a4 c3 34.Bxc3 Nxf2, etc...]

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GM Alexander Shabalov



**Game from the NPCC 2021
August Swiss Tournament**

Round: 2

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

White: Advait Kollipara (1733)

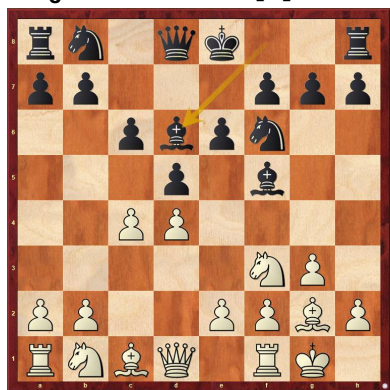
Black: Terance Hall (1848)

Date: 8/13/2021

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[A17: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...Bb4]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bf5
5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Bd6 [D]**



7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Re1 Re8

[9...Nbd7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Qd3 Re8 12.b3 Nf8 13.Bb2 Ng6, etc... De Vos,N (2237)-De Schampheleire,G (2254) Brasschaat 2010 0-1 (38)]

10.Qb3 [10.a3 a5 11.Na4 Nbd7 12.Nh4 Be6 13.Qc2 Rc8 14.Nc5 Qb6, etc...Rosa,J (1567)-Gattamorta,J (1795) Goiania 2014 0-1 (67)]

10...Qc7 11.Bg5N [The position is equal.] [11.Nh4 Be6 12.Qc2 Nbd7 13.a3 Qb6 14.e3 Nf8 15.Na4 Qc7 16.Nf5 N8d7, etc... Frykberg,D (1768)-Ampuero,S (1311) Hallstahamar 2001 1-0 (44)] **11...Nbd7 12.Rac1 Qb6 [D]**



13.Qxb6 axb6 14.Nd2 h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 [Don't play 15...gxf6?! 16.e4+=] **16.f3** [16.e4+= dxe4 17.a3] **16...Bb4** [16...Be7 with more complications. 17.a3 b5 18.Bf1 b4 19.axb4 Bxb4 20.Kf2 g5] **17.a3 Bxc3** [17...Be7-+] **18.Rxc3+= Ra4 19.b4** [19.Nb3=+] **19...Rea8 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 19...Rea8 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **20.e4 Be6 21.e5** [Better is 21.Nb1] **21...Ne8** [21...Nd7+ 22.Ree3 b5] **22.Ree3** [22.Nb1!=+] **22...Nc7** [Better is 22...c5 23.Rc1 cxd4] **23.Bf1+ Bf5 24.Bd3 Bxd3** [Black should try 24...Bh3+ And now ...Ne6 would win. 25.Nb1 Ne6] **25.Rcxd3+= Nb5 26.Nb1 Kf8 27.f4 g6 28.g4 Ke7 29.f5 [D]**



29...gxf5 30.gxf5 Rg8+ 31.Kf2 [31.Rg3!= Raa8 32.Kf2] **31...Rg4+** **32.e6** [Better is 32.Kf3 Rxd4 33.Rxd4 Nxd4+ 34.Kf4] **32...Rf4+** [Don't take 32...Rxd4 33.f6+ Ke8 34.Rxd4-+] **33.Rf3** [Better is 33.Kg3 Rxf5 34.exf7+ Kxf7 35.Nc3 Nxc3 36.Rxc3] **33...Rxd4** [Stockfish: 33...Rxf3+ 34.Kxf3 fxe6 35.fxe6 Kxe6 36.Kf4 Ra8, etc...] **34.Rde3 Re4 35.Nd2?** [35.exf7 Kxf7 36.Rxe4 dxe4 37.Rh3 Stockfish: 37...Kf6 38.Rxh6+ Kxf5 39.Rh5+ Kf4 40.Rh8 Nxa4 41.Nc3 Rxb4, etc...] **35...Rxe3++ 36.Rxe3 fxe6? [D]**

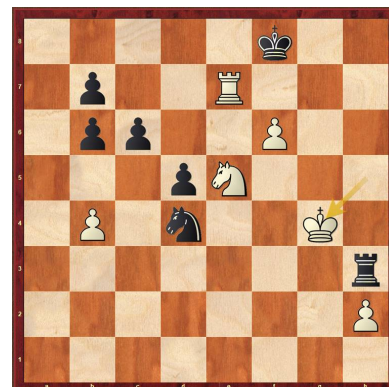


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(Cont. from prev. col.) [Black should play 36...Rxa3-+ 37.exf7+ (37.f6+ Stockfish: 37...Kxf6 38.exf7 (38.e7 Rxe3 39.Kxe3 Kxe7, etc...)) 38...Kxf7 39.Nb3 Ra2+ 40.Kg3 Nd6 41.Nd4 Rb2, etc...)] **37...Kxf7] 37.Rxe6+** [Endgame KRN-KRN] **37...Kf7?** [37...Kf8=] **38.Nf3+** [Aiming for Ne5+.] **38...Rxa3** [38...Ra8+ keeps fighting.; Stockfish: 38...Kf8 39.Ne5 Ra8 40.Rxh6 Re8 41.Rh8+ Ke7, etc...)] **39.Ne5+- Kf8 [D]**

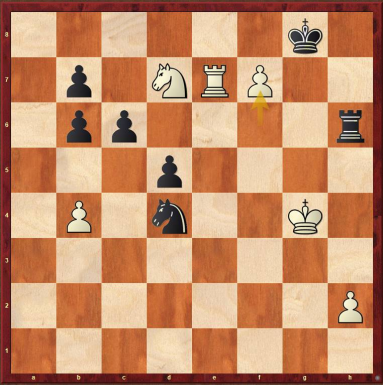


40.f6! [White has strong compensation.] **40...Nd4?** [40...Ra2+ is more resistant. 41.Kg3 Nc3 42.Nd7+ Kg8] **41.Re7 Ra2+ 42.Kg1 Ra1+ 43.Kg2** [Threatening mate with Ng6+.] **43...Ra2+ 44.Kh3** [Intending Ng6+ and mate.] **44...Ra3+ 45.Kg4** [Ng6+ would kill now.] **45...h5+ 46.Kxh5 Rh3+ 47.Kg4 [D]**

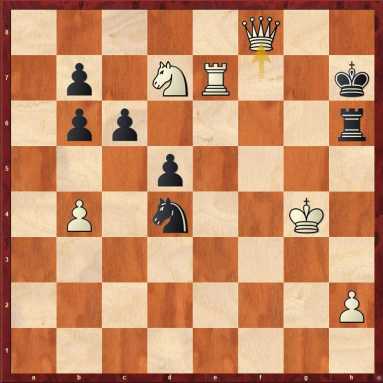


[Better is 47.Kg6 White wants to mate with Nd7+. 47...Rh6+ 48.Kg5 Rh7 49.Rxh7 Ne6+ 50.Kf5 Kg8 51.Rxb7 Nd4+ 52.Kg6 Ne6 53.f7+ Kh8 54.Rb8+ Nf8+ 55.Rxf8#] **47...Rh6 48.Nd7+** [48.Rxb7+- Rxf6 49.Nd7+ Kg7 50.Nxf6+ Kxf6 51.Rxb6] **48...Kg8 49.f7+ [D]** (p.4) [Better is 49.Rg7+ Kh8 50.f7! Ne6 51.Rg8+ Kh7 52.Kf5 Nd4+ 53.Kf4 Rh4+ 54.Kg3] **49...Kh7 50.f8Q+ [D]** (p.4) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.59] **1-0** (Text cont. p.4)

Position after 49.f7+ (From p.3)



Position after 50.f8Q+ (From p.3)



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Game from the NPCC 2021 August Swiss Tournament Round: 3

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

White: Terance Hall (1848)

Black: Willard Moyer (1538)

Date: 8/20/2021

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[D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Qa5N [D]** (Next col.)
[5...Be7 6.Bxe7 Nxe7 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.cxd5 Nxd5, etc... Kroeger,R (1432) - Hoesker,L (1450) Germany 2007 1/2-1/2; 5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 f6 (6...Qa5 7.Qb3 dxc4 8.Qxc4 b6 9.h4 Ba6 10.Qb3 h6, etc...Ortega Ramon,R (1761)-Souza Nivaldo,S (1742) Salvador 2009 1-0) 7.Bf4 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 5...Qa5N (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (7.Bd2 Nd7 8.e3 a6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Bd3 b5 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1 Qc7, etc... Checa Roman,L-Zena Mera,G Piura 2013 1-0 (47)) 7...dxc4 8.e3 b5 9.Nd2 Ne7 10.a4 a6 11.Qc2 Nd5 12.Bg3 Qa5 13.Ra3 0-0, etc... Kula,R (2385)-Assmann,H (2045) Ueckermuende 1997 1-0 (50); 5...f6 6.Bh4 Qa5 7.Qb3 dxc4 8.Qxc4 Ne7 9.e4 b6 10.Nd2 Nd7, etc... Marcinkeviciene,E-Stauskas,A (1830) Kaunas 2007 1/ 2-1/2 (75)] **6.Qc2** [Stockfish: 6.Bd2 Nf6 7.e3 Qd8 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 dxc4, etc...] **6...Nd7 7.e3 Ngf6 8.Rc1** [Stockfish: 8.Nd2 0-0 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+, etc...] **8...Ne4 9.Bf4 Ndf6** [9...Qxa2!+ stays on course. 10.Nd2 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc2 12.Rxc2 Nxd2 13.Kxd2 e5] **10.Bd3** [10.a4+-] **10...Bxc3+?** [D]



[10...Qxa2!= 11.Nd2 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc2 13.Rxc2 Be7] **11.bxc3+- 0-0** [White is clearly better.] **12.h3 Bd7?** [12...b6+- was called for.] **13.0-0** (Terance: Best was c5 Shutting out the Black Bishop.) [Stockfish 050821: 13.c5 Bc8 14.0-0 b6 15.Ne5 bxc5 16.c4 cxd4, etc...] **13...c5 14.Qb2** [Better is 14.Ne5 Stockfish: 14...Ba4 15.Qb2 Rac8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.f3 Nd6 18.Ng4 Nfe8, etc...] **14...Qa6?** [14...cxd4+- 15.cxd4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 (16.Rxc4 Bb5=+) 16...a6] **15.Ne5+-** [Hoping for cxd5.] **15...Rac8?** [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 15...Rac8? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [15...Qb6 16.Qa3 Rfc8 17.cxd5 exd5] **16.cxd5 c4?** [16...Qa4 17.c4 exd5 18.cxd5 (18.Qxb7 Rb8+-) 18...cxd4 19.Nxd7 (19.Qxd4 Qxd4 20.exd4 Ba4+-; 19.exd4 Rxc1 20.Bxc1 Bc8+-; 19.Qxb7 Nc5=) 19...Qxd7 20.Qxd4 Nxf2 21.Kxf2 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 Nxd5] **17.Bxe4** [White is clearly winning.] **17...exd5** [Better is 17...Rc6 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Bxc6 bxc6; Stockfish: 17...Qb5 18.Qc2 Nxe4 19.Rb1 (Stockfish: 1) 19.dxe6 Bxe6 20.Qxe4 f6 21.Ng4 Qf5 22.Qf3 Bd5, etc..] **18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.Bxd5 Nb6 20.Bf3 Rfe8 21.e4 Na4 22.Qc2 b5 23.Rb1 [D]**



23...Qa5 24.Rb4 a6 25.e5 [Stockfish: 25.Bd2 Rcd8 26.Rbb1 Qc7 27.Qc1 f6, etc...] **25...Qc7 26.Bg3** [Stockfish: 26.Rxa4 bxa4 27.Qd2 Qd7 28.d5 Qf5, etc...] **26...Qe7 27.Rd1** [Stockfish: 27.Rxa4 bxa4 28.d5 Qg5 29.Re1 Rcd8 30.Kh2 h5, etc...] **27...Red8 28.d5 Qg5 29.d6 Nc5 30.Rbb1 Rd7 31.Bg4 Ne6 32.Qe4 [D]** (p.5) [Stockfish: 32.f4 Qh6 33.f5 Nc5 34.e6 fxe6 35.fxe6 Nxe6, etc...] **32...h5 33.Bxe6 fxe6 34.Bh4 Qh6 35.Be7** [Stockfish: 35.f4 Kh8 36.Rf1 g6 37.Bf6+ Kh7 38.a4 Qf8, etc...] **35...Re8 36.Qc6 [D]** (p.5) **36...Rxe7 37.dxe7 Rxe7 38.Rd7** [Stockfish: 38.Qa8+ Kh7 39.Qf8 Qg5 40.f4 Qh4, etc...] **38...Rxd7 39.Qxd7** (Text cont. p.5)

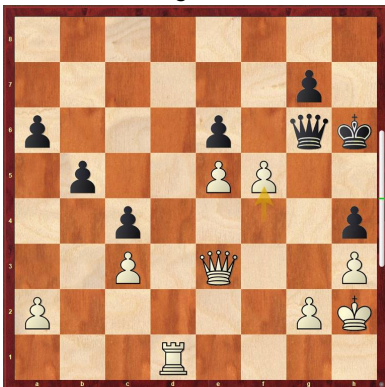
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Position after 36.Qc6 (From p4)



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45...Qg5 46.Qxg5+ Kxg5 47.fxe6 [Intending e7 and mate.] 47...Kg6 48.Rf1 [D]



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Game from the NPCC 2021 August Swiss Tournament

Round: 4

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

White: Kevin Zhang (2003)

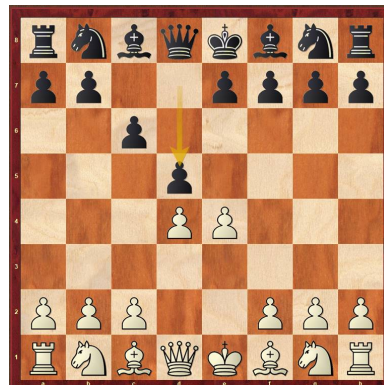
Black: Terance Hall (1848)

Date: 8/27/2021

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[B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 [D]



3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6

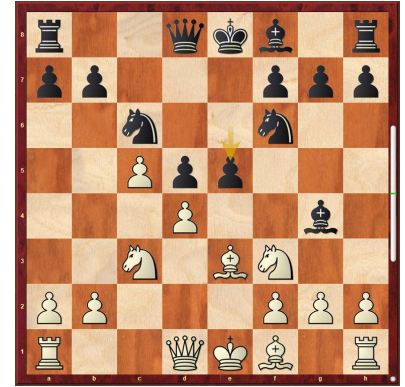
6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3 e6 [Stockfish:

7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.d5 exd5, etc...] 8.c5 e5 [D]



[8...Be7= remains equal. Stockfish: 9.Bb5 0-0 10.h3 Bh5 11.0-0 Rc8 12.a3 Nd7, etc...] 9.dxe5 [9.Be2 e4 10.Ne5 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 10... Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nd7 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.f3 exf3 14.Qxf3 Be7, etc... Garcia,R (2338) -Vilalba,M (2213) Paraguay 2012 1/2-1/2 (38)] 9...Nxe5 10.Bb5+N [10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qf4 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 b6 13.Qe5+ Be6 14.Bb5+ Nd7 15.Nxd5 Rc8, etc... Tortorella,G (1896)-Salerno,L (1679) Imperia 2007 1/2-1/2 (34)] 10...Nc6 [White is clearly better.] 11.Qa4 Bd7 12.Rd1 a6 13.Be2 Ne5 [13...Be6+-] 14.Qb3+- Nc6 [D]



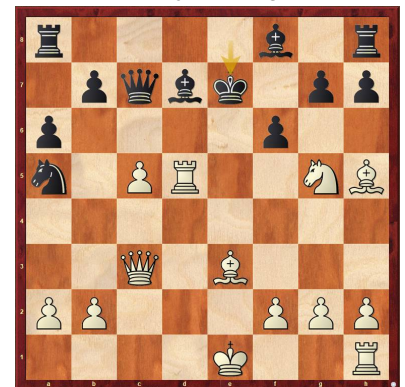
15.Nxd5 [Don't play 15.Qxb7 Rb8]

15...Nxd5 16.Rxd5 [Black must now prevent 0-0.] [Resist 16.Qxd5?! Be6+-]

16...Qc7 [Intending ...Be6.] 17.Ng5

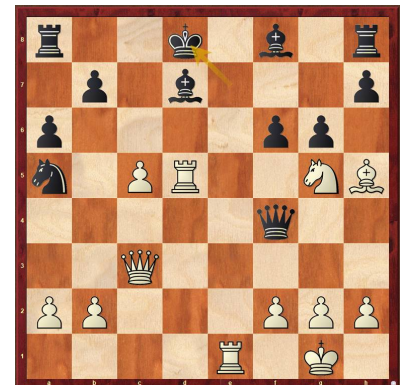
[Nxf7! is the strong threat.] 17...Na5

18.Qc3 f6 [Better is 18...h6] 19.Bh5+ [White is clearly winning.] 19...Ke7 [D]



20.0-0! g6 [20...h6 21.Bf4] 21.Bf4 Qxf4

22.Re1+ Kd8 [D]



23.Qxa5+ (Text cont. p.6)

(Cont. from p.5) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.64] [Better is 23.Re4! Qxe4 (23...Qc7 24.Ne6+) 24.Nxe4] **1-0**

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Game from the NPCC 2021 August Match 1

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

White: Eric Funk (2069)

Black: Gary Marshall (1812)

Date: 8/20/2021

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[B06: Modern Defense] **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nc6 5.d5 [D]**



5...Nd4 6.Be3 [6.Bd3 c6 7.Nge2 Qb6 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.Bd2 Bd7 10.Na4 Qc7, etc... Tischbierek,R (2480)-McNab,C (2425) Berlin 1991 1-0 (51)] 6...c5 7.dxc6 Nxc6 8.Bc4 [The position is equal.] [8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Be2 0-0 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.Nb3 a5 12.a4 Nb4 13.0-0 Bc6 14.Bf3 Qc7, etc... Beinoras,M (2340)-Vandenbussche,T (2421) Reykjavik 2015 1-0 (61)] 8...Nh6N [8...Nf6 9.Nf3 Qa5 10.Qd3 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qxc3+ 13.Kf2 Bf5 14.Bd2 Qxa1, etc... Castro Rojas,O (2410)-Goodman,D (2340) Dortmund 1977 ½-½ (49)] **9.Nf3 Bg4 [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [9...Bxc3+= 10.bxc3 Ng4] **10.h3+= Bxf3 11.Qxf3 e6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rad1 Na5 14.Bb3 [D]**



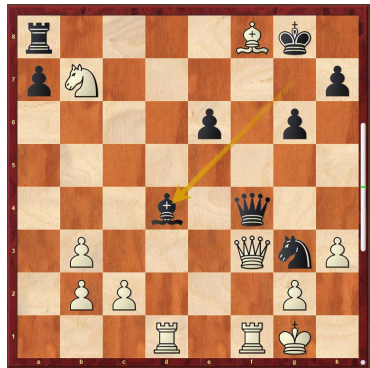
14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Qe7 16.Nb5! [D]



16...f5 17.Nxd6 [17.Rxd6 a6-+] 17...fxe4 18.Qxe4 Nf5 19.Bc5 [D]



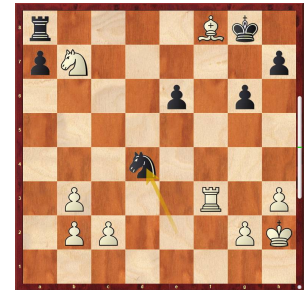
[White should try 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Qa4] **19...Ng3+- 20.Nxb7 Qf7 21.Qf3 Qxf4 22.Bxf8+- [Not 22.Qxf4 Rxf4 23.Rxf4 Ne2+ 24.Kf2 Nxf4+-] 22...Bd4+ [D]**



23.Kh2?? ((Gary - 24.Kh2 - Only move - in my convoluted analysis, I saw he (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) could escape and be up material by going to h1, not noticing that this was an illegal move!, so I rejected this line. 24.Nxf1+)

(Gary - In the other line, 23...Qf2....QxQf2, etc... should draw. I went with ((in my mind)) from the final board position: 24...Rxd4, realized I was down material, and resigned on the spot!) [23.Rxd4!+- Qxf3 (23...Qxd4+) 24.Rxf3 Ne2+ 25.Kh2 Nxd4 [D]



Analysis Diagram

26.Rd3! 1-0

[Weighted Error Value: White=0.11/Black=0.46]

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Game from the 2020 Chaturanga Match - Week 1

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

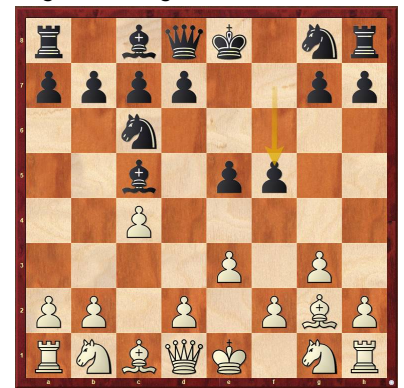
White: Gary Marshall (1817)

Black: Eric Funk (2084)

Date: 5/13/2020

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[A20: English Opening: 1...e5] **1.c4 Nc6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.e3 f5N [D]**

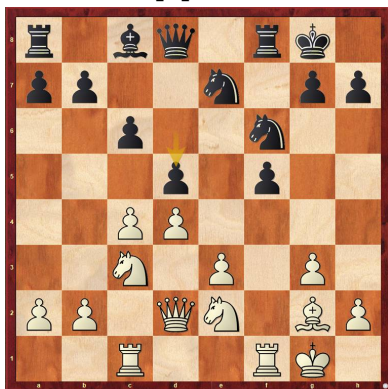


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(Cont. from p.6) [4...d6 5.Ne2 (5.a3 a6 6.Ne2 Ba7 7.Nbc3 Nge7 8.b4 (8.h3 0-0 9.d4 exd4 10.exd4 Rb8, etc... Camaton Borbor,C (2305)-Benitez Lozano,J (2287) Santa Clara 2019 0-1 (42)] 8...0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Nd5 Qd7 11.Nec3 Rae8 12.Bb2 Nd8 13.d4 exd4 14.exd4 Nxd5, etc... Kharlov,A (2591)-Vallejo Pons,F (2662) Rethymno 2003 ½-½ (68)] 5...Bb6 6.Nbc3 Nge7 (6...Be6 7.Nd5 Qd7 8.0-0 Bh3 9.d4 Nge7, etc... Bunzmann,D (2596)-Budnikov,O (2331) Yerevan 1999 1-0 (60)] 7.Nd5 0-0 8.Nxb6 axb6 9.0-0 Be6 10.d3 d5 11.b3 Qd7, etc... Brestian,E (2475)-Epishin,V (2615) Vienna 1991 0-1; 4...Nge7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 Bf5 8.d4 exd4, etc... Ruppe,O (2270)-Lundquist,R (2280) Bad Schandau 1995 1-0]



11...exf3 12.Bxf3 Ne7 13.Bg2 c6 14.Rac1 d5 [D]

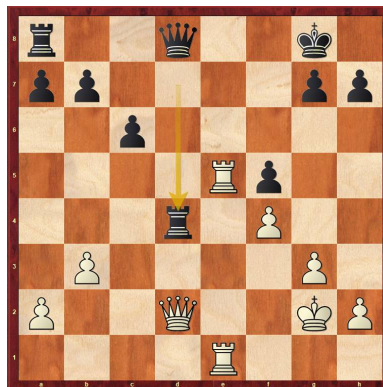


15.cxd5 Nfxd5 16.Nxd5 [16.e4+= fxe4 17.Rxf8+ (17.Bxe4 Bf5=; 17.Nxe4 Nf5=) 17...Kxf8 18.Nxe4] 16...Nxd5= 17.Nf4 Nxf4 18.exf4 Be6 19.b3 Rf7 20.Rfe1 Bd5 21.Re5 Rd7 22.Rce1 [D] (Next col.) 22...Bxg2 [22...Bf7!=] 23.Kxg2+= Rxd4? [D] (Next col.) [23...g6+=] 24.Re8+!+- [White is clearly winning.] 24...Qxe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Qxd4 [D] (Next col.) (Gary - White is up a Queen for Rook) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.14/Black=0.48. An unexpected result.] ½-½ (Text cont. next col.)

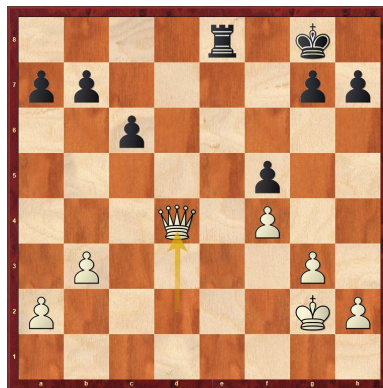
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Position after 23...Rxd4? (From prev. col.)



Position after 26.Qxd4 (From prev. col.)



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Game from the NPCC 2021 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 1

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

White: Terance Hall (1830)

Black: Chase Vitulich (1426)

Date: 9/3/2021

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[D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 [D]



4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.e3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.Nge2 0-0 10.0-0 [D]



10...Qc7 [10...h6+= 11.Bh4 Re8; 10...Re8 11.a3 Bd6 12.Bh4 h6 13.Rfe1 Qc7 14.h3 Nh5, etc... Knaak,R (2500)-Vasquez,A (2189) Manila 1990 1-0 (40)] 11.Bf4N [11.Rac1 Bd6 12.Bf4 b6 13.Nb5 cxb5 14.Qxc7 Bxc7 15.Rxc7 a6 16.Rfc1 Re8 17.Bf5 g6 18.Bh3 Kg7, etc... Torres Mari,J-Damians Janes,J Palma de Mallorca 2003 1-0 (42)] 11...Qd8 12.a3 [White is better.] 12...Be7 13.h3 c5 [D]



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(Cont. from p.7) [Black should try 13...g6] **14.b3** [Stockfish: 14.Bf5 c4 15.Qb1 g6 16.Bc2 a6 17.a4 a5 18.Nb5 Ne8, etc...] **14...b6 15.Nb5 Ba6 16.Nec3 Rc8?** [D]



[16...Bb7+]- **17.Nxa7+- cxd4 18.Nxc8** [Inferior is 18.Bxa6 Rxc3 19.Qb2 Qa8=+] **18...Bxd3 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7** [D]



[Weighted Error Value:
White=0.18/Black=0.51] **1-0**

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Game from the NPCC 2021 Membership Drive Tournament Round: 2

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

White: Kevin Zhang Li (2031)
Black: Terance Hall (1830)
Date: 9/10/2021

[B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack] **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3** [D] (Next col.) **7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 e6 9.0-0** [9.h3 Bxf3 (9...Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Ne5 Bb4, etc... Hesse,H (1623)-Lengler,T (1748) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 7.Be3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) Magdeburg 2014 1-0 (31)) **10.Qxf3 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfd1 Qa5, etc...** Andreikin,D (2217)-Anjuhin,A (2460) St Petersburg 2001 1/2-1/2 (58) **9...Bd6N** [White is slightly better.] **10.h3 Bxf3** [10...Bh5!+= was preferable. Stockfish: 11.d5 exd5 12.Nxd5 h6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qd5 Bg6, etc...] **11.Qxf3+- 0-0 12.Rad1 a6 13.Rfe1 Qc7** [D]

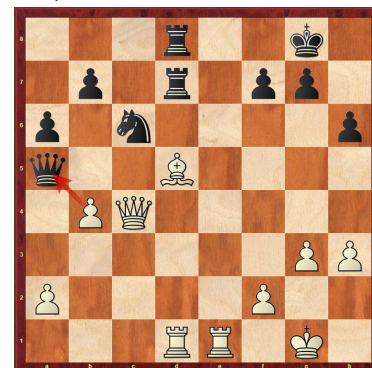


[Better is 13...Qa5] **14.Bg5 Be7 15.Bb3** [Better is 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Bg5] **15...Rfd8 16.d5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bf4 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Rxd6 20.Bxd5** [20.Rxd5+- Rxd5 21.Bxd5 (21.Qxd5 g6=-)] **20...Rad8=** [D] (Next col.) **21.Qf4 h6 22.g3** [Bxf7+! is the strong threat.] **22...R6d7** [Strongly threatening ...Qxf4.] **23.Qc4** [White should try 23.Qxc7= Rxc7 24.Bxc6 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rxc6 26.Rd8+ Kh7 27.Rd7] **23...Qa5=+** [Draw Offer] **24.b4!** [D] (Next col.) **24...Qb6** [24...Qb5= 25.Qxb5 axb5] **25.Rd2?** [White should play 25.a3+=] **25...Kf8** [25...Kh8=+ 26.Rdd1 Qxb4 27.Qxb4 Nxb4; Stockfish: 25...Qb5 26.Bxf7+ Rxf7 27.Rxd8+ Nxd8, etc...] **26.Rde2?** [26.Red1-+] **26...Qxb4** [Wrong is 26...Rxd5? 27.Qxd5! Qd4 28.Qe4+-; Better is 26...Qd4 27.Bxc6 Qxc4 28.Bxd7 g6] **27.Qe4 Qxe4** [Not 27...Rxd5 [D] (Next col.) 28.Qe8+!! Rxe8 29.Rxe8#] **28.Bxe4** [D] (Next col.) [Draw Offer!] [Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.26] **½-½** Copy and paste the link below into your browser:
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Position after 24.b4! (From prev. col.)

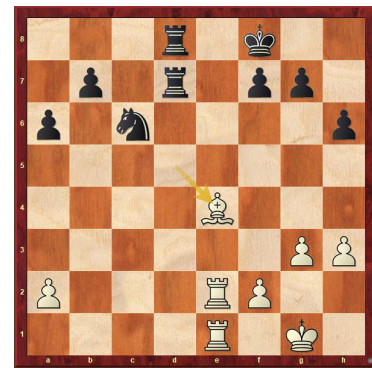


Position after 27...Rxd5 (From prev. col.)



Analysis Diagram

Position after 28.Bxe4 (From prev. col.)



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