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This issue features NPCC Games from Joe Mucerino and Terance Hall.

The purpose of these newsletters is to include as many games as possible by NPCC players regardless of the strength of the participants.

Thanks to all for submitting games!

## Game from the 7th Annual George Washington Open, Reston, VA Tournament

### Round: 5

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

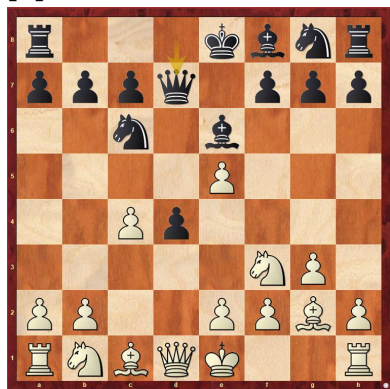
White: Soham Jinsi (1969)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (2076)

Date: 2/26/2023

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[D09: Albin Counter Gambit: Main line with 5 g3] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3 Be6 [5...Nge7+=] 6.Bg2 Qd7 [D]



(Joe - Recapturing the Pawn with 6...Bxc4 actually wastes time for Black.) [6...Bxc4 7.Nbd2 (7.0-0 d3 8.exd3 Qxd3 9.Nc3 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bb4 11.Nd4 Nge7 12.Nxc6 Nxc6 13.Bxc6+ bxc6, etc... Dias,P (2406)-Diogo,V (2290) Figueira da Foz 2009 1-0 (60)) 7...Bd5 8.0-0 Bc5 9.a3 a5 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qxe5, etc... Yermolinsky,A (2560)-Reprintsev,A (2370) Philadelphia 1995 1-0] (Text cont. next col.)

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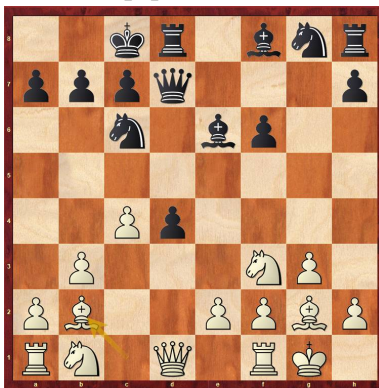
[7...Nge7+=; 7...Be7 8.Qb3 Rd8 9.Rd1 h5 10.h4 Nh6 11.Na3 b6 12.Qa4 Bxa3

13.Qxa3 Ng4, etc... Sutorikhin,V (2335)-Chetverik,M (2305) Gyongyos 1994 1-0 (38)] 8.exf6 [White is better.] 8...gxf6 (Joe - A very odd-looking recapture.

Black wants the Knight on g8 to go to e7 and then g6. Then push ...h5 and ...h4.

The Pawn on f6 also supports ...Nc6-e5 at some point, trying to remove the Knight on f3.) (Joe - By the way, the computer thinks Black is losing in this position.) [8...Nxf6+- 9.Nbd2 Be7] 9.b3?! (Joe - The computer preferred 9.Qc2,

9.Qb3, or 9.Qa4.) [9.Qa4+-] 9...0-0-0 10.Bb2?! [D]



(Joe - The computer wants to try to trade Queens with 10.e3.) [Better is 10.e3]

10...h5+- 11.e3 h4? (Joe - Now, the computer thought that trading Queens after 11...dxe3 was good for Black.) [Better is 11...dxe3 12.Qxd7+ Bxd7]

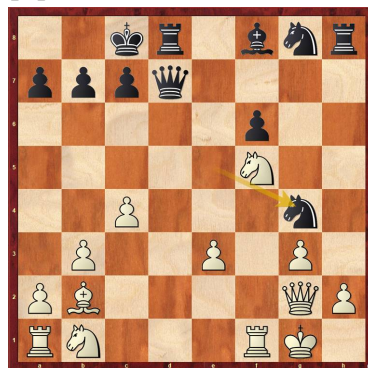
12.Nxd4?! (Joe - White should have captured the h-Pawn instead.) [Better is 12.exd4 hxg3 13.fxg3] 12...hxg3 [Better is 12...Qh7] 13.fxg3 Bh3 [D]



[Aiming for ...Bxg2.] 14.Qf3? (Joe - White has lost all of his advantage.

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(Cont. from prev. col.) He should have tried 14.Bxh3 Qxh3 15.Qe2.) 14...Bxg2 15.Qxg2 Ne5 [White must now prevent ...Ng4.] 16.Nf5? [16.Nc2+-] 16...Ng4? [D]



(Joe - Black should have developed with 16...Nh6.) [16...Nh6!=+ 17.Nh4 Nhg4]

17.h3= Nxe3 (Joe - Pretty flashy, but this is just equality.) 18.Nxe3 Bc5 19.Qf3?? [D]



(Joe - This loses. Keeping equality was 19.Kh2 or 19.Nc3.) [19.Kh2= Bxe3 20.Nc3 (20.Bxf6? Nxf6 21.Rxf6 Bd4+-)]

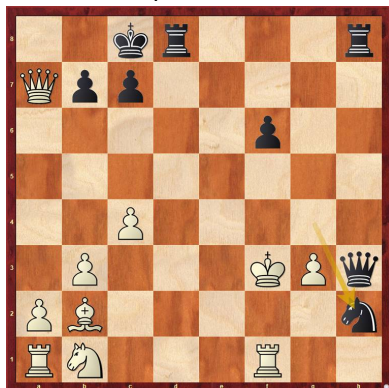
19...Bxe3+- 20.Qxe3 Qxh3 (Joe - It's a forced mate after this.) 21.Kf2 Nh6 [D]



(-> ...Ng4+) 22.Qxa7 Ng4+ (Text cont. p.2)



(Cont. from p.1) **23.Kf3 Nh2+ [D]**



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### Game from the Steel City Open, Pittsburgh Tournament

#### Round: 4

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

**White: Ashley Xing (1875)**

**Black: Joseph Mucerino (2065)**

**Date: 1/22/2023**

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[D08: Albin Counter Gambit]

(Joe - Xing is a student at Carnegie Mellon University.)

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 Bg4 6.b3?N [D]**



(Joe - This weakens a few squares and allows Black to play ...Bb4 and ...Bc3 at some point.) [6.a3+=; 6.h3 Bh5 (6...Bxf3 7.Nxf3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Qe7 9.Bxb4 (9.g3 0-0-0 10.Bg2 Nxe5 11.0-0 Nxf3+ 12.exf3 Bxd2 13.Qxd2 Qf6 14.a4 Ne7 15.f4 h5, etc... Miralles,G (2430)-Pergericht,D (2325) Cannes 1988 1-0) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 9...Qxb4+ 10.Qd2 Qxc4 11.e3 dxe3 12.Bxc4 exd2+ 13.Kxd2 Nge7 14.Kc3 0-0, etc... Illasca Cordoba, M (2607)-Fluvia Poyatos, J (2464) Lorca 2005 1-0 (31)) 7.a3 (7.g4 Bg6 8.Bg2 Qe7 9.a3 0-0-0 10.Qa4 Kb8 11.0-0 h5 12.g5 h4 13.Rd1 f6, etc... Ivlev, A (2326)-Vastrukhin, O (2413) Sochi 2018 0-1 (42)) 7...a5 (7...Qd7 8.g3 0-0-0 9.Bg2 f6 10.exf6 gxf6 11.b4 f5 12.Qa4 Kb8 13.b5 Nce7 14.Nb3 Nc8, etc... Niklasson, C (2380)-Haik, A (2400) Reggio Emilia 1977 1-0 (46)) 8.Qa4 Qd7 9.Qb5 Bg6 10.g3 Nge7 11.Nb3 a4 12.Nc5 Qc8 13.Bd2 b6 14.Nxd4 bxc5, etc... Dus Chotimirsky, F-Marshall, F Hamburg 1910 1-0] **6...Qd7?! (Joe - I should have played 6...Bb4.) [6...Bb4= is more appropriate.] 7.Bb2 [7.a3+= should be considered.] 7...Bxf3= 8.Nxf3? (Joe - Retuning the Pawn too easily. White needed to recapture with a Pawn.) [The position is equal.] 8...Bb4+ 9.Nd2 Nxe5 10.Qc2 Nf6 [White must now prevent ...Qe6.] 11.a3 [11.0-0-0!]=]**

**11...Bxd2+=+ 12.Qxd2 0-0-0 13.g3 Qf5? (Joe - I wanted to push ...d3, but this allows White to equalize with 14.Qf4.) [Hoping for ...Nf3+!] 14.Bg2? [Against Nf3+] [14.Qf4= Qh5 15.Bg2] 14...d3?? [D]**

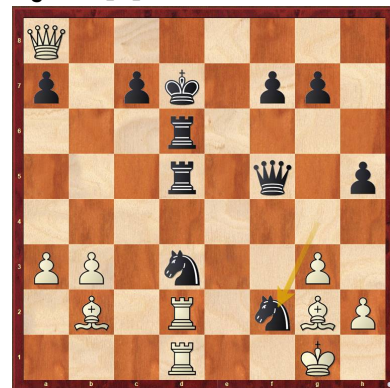


(Joe - Letting White off the hook. The Pawn is better placed on d4. Black should play 14...Rhe8.) [14...Ne4 15.Qf4 Nd6 16.Qxd4+-; 14...Rhe8!=+ 15.0-0 Ne4] **15.0-0= dxe2 16.Qxe2 Rhe8 17.Rad1 Nd3 [17...Rxd1+- was called for. 18.Rxd1 a6] 18.Qc2+- Re6 [18...Qg6 might work better. 19.Bxf6 gxf6] 19.Rd2 [And now Bxf6 would win.] 19...Red6 20.Rfd1 Ng4 21.Bh3 (Joe - White can also play 21.Bxg7.) [21.Bxg7 Qg6+-] 21...h5 22.c5 Rd5 23.c6?? [D] (Next col.) (Joe - This throws away the win. White, who was getting short on time, missed the interesting tactic 23.Bxg7 Rxc5 24.Rxd3! and the Queen cannot be captured in view of 25.Rxd8 mate.) [23.Bxg7+- c6 is the strong threat. 23...c6 24.Bc3] 23...bxc6!= 24.Qxc6 R8d6 25.Qa8+ [White has some attack.] 25...Kd7 (Text cont. next col.)**

**Position after 23.c6?? (From prev. col.)**



(Cont. from prev. col.) **26.Re2 Re6 [Prevents Qe8+.] 27.Red2 Red6! 28.Bg2 Ngxf2? [D]**



(Joe - After getting the position back to even, this should throw things way.) [28...Nxb2= and Black stays safe. 29.Qxd5 (29.Re1 Re5+-) 29...Qxd5 30.Bxd5 Nxd1 31.Rxd1 Ne5] **29.Bxd5? (Joe - White simply needed to play 29.Rf1.) [29.Bxg7? Nxd1 30.Bxd5 Ne3+-; 29.Re2 Re6 30.Rdd2 (30.Bxd5? Rxe2 31.Bc6+ Kd6+-) 30...Ne4=; 29.Rf1+- Qe6 30.Qxa7 (30.Rxf2 Nxf2 31.Rxf2 Rd1+ 32.Bf1 f6+-) ] 29...Nxd1?! (Joe - Stronger is 29...Rxd5.) [29...Rxd5+- 30.Qxd5+ (30.Bxg7 Nh3+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Kxh3 Nf4+ 33.gxf4 Qf3+ 34.Kh4 Qg4#) 30...Qxd5 31.Rxf2 Kc8 32.Bxg7 Qxb3] 30.Be4? [But not 30.Bxg7? Ne3 31.Bg2 (31.Bf3? Qc5+-) 31...Qc5+-; 30.Bc6+? Rxc6 31.h3 N1xb2+-; 30.Re2+= Ne3 31.Bf3] 30...Qc5+-+ 31.Kg2 [D] (p.3) 31...Ne1+ (Joe - It's mate in 7 after 31...Nf4+.) [Better is 31...Nf4+! 32.gxf4 Rxd2+ 33.Kh3 Qe3+ 34.Bf3 Nf2+ 35.Kg3 [D] (p.3) 35...Ne4+! 36.Qxe4 Qf2+ 37.Kh3 Qxh2#] (Text cont. p.3)**



Position after 31.Kg2 (From p.2)



Position after 35.Kg3 (From p.2)



Analysis Diagram

(Cont. from p.2) 32.Kf1 Rxd2 [D]



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## Game from the Kreutz Creek Quads Tournament

### Round: 1

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

**White: Joseph Mucerino (2065)**

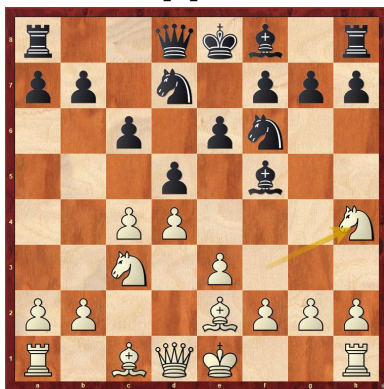
**Black: Austin Henninger (1913)**

**Date: 1/28/2023**

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [D12: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 Bf5] (Joe - This was the first edition of this new tournament near York.) 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.Nh4 [D]



7...Bg6 8.Nxg6 hxcg6 (Joe - Opening up the file for the Rook does not help Black too much because White will play g3 and block the h2-b8 diagonal.) 9.0-0 [9.Qc2 Be7 10.Bd2 a6 11.c5 e5 12.0-0 b6 13.cxb6 Qxb6 14.Kb1 0-0, etc... Sagalchik,G (2530)-Kreiman,B (2400) Long Island 1995 1-0 (45) 9...Qc7N [D]



[The position is equal.] [9...Bd6 10.g3 Qe7 11.Qb3 (11.f4 Bb4 12.Qb3 0-0 13.Nd1 dxc4 14.Qxc4 Rfc8 15.Bf3 b5 16.Qe2 Rab8 17.e4 c5 18.e5 Nd5, etc... Pascua,H (2447)-Ahmed,A (2297) Al Ain 2015 0-1 (36)) 11...Rb8 12.Bf3 g5 13.Bg2 g4 14.Bd2 g6 15.Rae1 Kf8 16.e4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 e5 18.d5 Kg7, etc... Perez,M (2429)-Fell,S (2316) Monte Grande 2016 1-0 (45) 10.g3 Bd6 [10...Bb4= deserves consideration.] 11.cxd5 [11.c5+= Be7 12.b4] 11...exd5= 12.Bf3 0-0-0 13.Bd2 Nb6 14.Rc1 Qd7 (Joe - Threatening 15...Qh3.) [Aiming for ...Qh3.] 15.Bg2 [Inhibits Qh3.] 15...Kb8 16.a4? Rh7?! (Joe - Black should have played 16...Nc4 to stop White's feeble attack.) [16...Nc4+=] 17.Qf3? [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 17.Qf3? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - Too slow. White needed to play something like 17.e4.) [17.b3=] 17...Rdh8 (Joe - Also good is 17...Re8, preventing 18.e4.) [And now ...Nc4 would win.] 18.h3 Rh5? (Joe - Slow. 18...Nc4 sinks the Knight into a good square, and Black can think about a Rook sac on h3.) 19.e4? (Joe - White should have played 19.b3 to prevent 19...Nc4.) 19...dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 [20...Nxa4? 21.Nxd6 Nb6 22.Bf4+-] 21.Qxe4 f5?! (Joe - Black can safely capture on a4.) [21...Nxa4+= 22.Rfe1 Nb6] 22.Qf3 Nd5! [D]



23.b4 Bxb4 24.Bxb4 Nxb4 25.Rc4?! (Joe - The computer likes 25.Qb3.) [25.a5= a6 26.Rb1] 25...Nd5+= 26.Rb1 Rxb3? [D]



(Joe - A time pressure sac that does not accomplish anything.) [Black should play 26...g5=+] (Text cont. p.4)



(Cont. from p.3) 27.Bxh3+= Rxh3 28.Kg2 [D]



(Joe - A waste of time. White should just go for it with 28.a5.) [28.a5+=] 28...g5!+= [Hoping for ...g4.] 29.Qe2 (Joe - Of course you get forked if you capture the Rook.) [Wrong is 29.Rxb7?? Kxb7 30.Qb3+ Nb6 31.Kxh3 Qd5+=] 29...Rh8 [29...f4!+= should be considered. 30.Rh1 Rxh1 31.Kxh1 Qh3+ 32.Kg1 a6] 30.Qe5+?? (Joe - The white Queen was better placed on e2, where it covered the h5 square, in case Black ever played ...Qf7-h5.) [30.Re1=] 30...Nc7? (Joe - Black was winning after 30...Ka8.) [30...Ka8+- 31.Re1 Qf7] 31.Rcb4? [D]



(Joe - White should be able to draw after 31.d5 and a trade of Queens.) [31.d5+= Qxd5+ 32.Qxd5 cxd5 33.Rc6] 31...b6 [White must now prevent ...f4!] 32.a5 [32.R4b3!+=] 32...Re8?? [D]

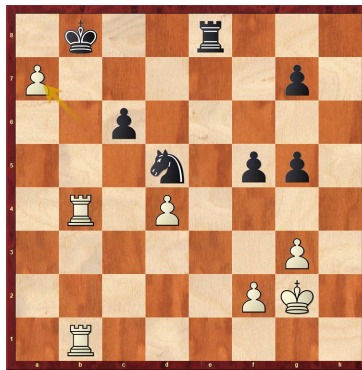


(Joe - Time pressure. Black was winning again after 32...b5.) [32...b5+- 33.g4 fxg4] 33.axb6!+- [D] (Next col.) (Joe - I found a good move when I was short on time.) [White is clearly winning.] 33...Qd5+ (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 33.axb6! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - Black is lost no matter what. If 33...Rxe5 34.bxc7 Kc8 35.Rb8+ Kxc7 36.R1b7+ Kd6 37.dxe5+ Ke6 38.Rxd7.) [33...Rxe5 34.bxc7+] 34.Qxd5 Nxd5 35.bxa7+ [D]



(Joe - If black captures the Pawn, then either 36.Ra4 or 34.Ra1 are mate, and 35...Kc8 and 35...Kc7 are met by 36.Rb8.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.50] 1-0  
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### Game from the 7th Annual George Washington Open, Reston, VA Tournament Round: 2

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (2076)  
Black: Gunnar Andersen (2343)  
Date: 2/25/20203

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(Cont. from prev. col.) [B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack] (Joe - Andersen is a former Colorado state champion.) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.Nbd2 d5 6.e3 O-O [D]



7.Nxe4 [7.Bd3 Nxd2 8.Qxd2 c5 9.h4 c4 10.Be2 Nd7 11.Ne5 Nf6 12.Bf3 Qb6, etc... Murshed,N (2429)-Al Modiahki,M (2562) Guangzhou 2010 0-1 (45+= 7...dxe4 8.Nd2 c5N [8...f5 9.Bc4+ Kh8 10.f3 c5 11.c3 exf3 12.Nxf3 h6 13.O-O Nd7 14.Qe1 Nb6, etc... Houska,M (2284)-Khamrakulov,I (2485) Lisbon 2001 1-0] 9.c3 cxd4 10.exd4 Bf5 11.Be2?! [D]



(Joe - It's safe for White to play 11.g4 and then capture on e4.) 11...Nc6 12.O-O e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.g4?! (Joe - This is not as effective as before, because White has castled. This exposes White's King.) 14...Be6 [Black is slightly better.] 15.Nxe4 Qb6 16.g5 [16.Qc2=] 16...Rad8 [16...Qxb2+= 17.Re1 (17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Ra1 Qd5+-) 17...Rfd8] 17.Qc1 Nd3? [D] (p.5) (Joe - 17...Bd5 keeps Black's advantage.) [17...Bd5+= 18.Qc2 Rde8] 18.Bxd3= Rxd3 19.Nf6+?? [19.Qc2= Rd7 20.Be3] 19...Kh8?? (Joe - Winning for Black was 19...Bxf6 20.gxf6 Bh3 21.Re1 Qc6.) [Better is 19...Bxf6+- 20.gxf6 Bh3] 20.Be3?? (Joe - Black is winning again. White should have played 20.Be5.) (Text cont. p.5)



Position after 17...Nd3? (From p.4)



(Cont. from p.4) [20.Qc2= and White stays safe. 20...Bf5 21.Qe2 (21.Qb3 Qc6-+) ] 20...Qc6-+ [D]



(-> ...Qf3=+) 21.f3 Bh3 22.Rf2? [22.Bd4-+ Bxf1 23.Qxf1 Rxf3 24.Qg2] 22...Rfd8?? (Joe - The correct plan was to trade on f6 and then start pushing the g-Pawn.) [22...Bxf6-+ 23.gxf6 g5] 23.Bd4= [D]



[Threatens to win with Qf4.] 23...Rxf3 24.Qe1 Rf5 25.Qe3 Rxf2 [25...h6= is more appropriate. 26.Qxh3 Rxf5+ 27.Ng4 h5] 26.Qxf2+= [Qg3 is the strong threat.] 26...h5?? [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - Played confidently. The position is equal after something like 26...Rd6.) [26...Rd6+=] 27.gxh6!+- (Joe - I think that Andersen missed that now his Bishop is under attack, and, if it moves, White has a strong discovered check.) 27...Bxh6 (Joe - Black is lost no matter what, but 27...Bf8 was the best defense.) [27...Rxd4 28.hxg7+ Kxg7 29.cxd4 Qxf6 30.Qxf6+ Kxf6] 28.Nd5+ (Joe - It's very important to note that the Knight shields the Bishop from being captured by the Rook.) 28...f6 29.Qxf6+ [D]



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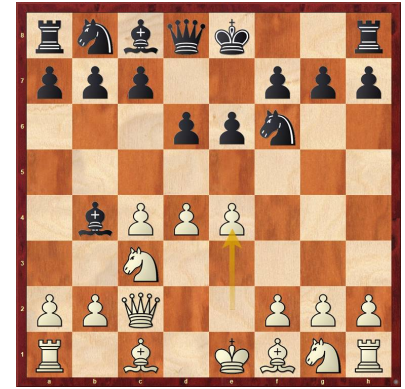
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White: Terance Hall, (1832)  
Black: Karl Dehmelt, (2235)  
Date: 5/10/2023

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[E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2) : 4...0-0] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d6 5.e4 [D] (Next col.) 5...Bxc3+ [5...Nbd7 6.Bd3 e5 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.a3 Ba5 10.Kh1 Bb6, etc... Li,C (2687)-Vitiugov,N (2703) St Petersburg 2012 0-1 (40); 5...d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e5 Qe7 8.a3 Ba5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Be3 Ng4, etc... Budunwela,I-Perera,L Colombo 2014 1-0 (31)] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 5.e4 (From prev. col.)



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14.Be3 b6 15.Qd2 [Better is 15.Be2!] 15...Kh7 [Better is 15...Nxd3= - 16.Qxd3 Qd7] 16.Bc2!+= a5 17.Rf2 [Stockfish: 17.h3 Kg8 18.Rae1 Nh7 19.f4 Bd7 20.Rf3 Qh4 21.Bf2 Qe7, etc...] 17...Rf8 18.Raf1 Ba6 [18...Kg8+=] 19.Qe2!+- [D]



(Text cont. p.6)



(Cont. from p.5) **19...Qd7 20.Rb1**  
 [20.Nf5+- 1.40/12 Ng8 21.f4 f6 22.Rf3 Rf7  
 23.Rg3 Rxf8, etc...] **20...Rab8** [20...g6+=]  
**21.Nf5 Ng8 22.f4 g6 23.Ng3** [Stockfish:  
 23.fxe5!? dxe5 (23...gxf5?? 24.exf5 f6 25.e6  
 Qg7 26.Rf4 Nd7 27.Rg4 Qe7, etc...]  
**23...exf4** [23...Qe7+-] **24.Rxf4+-**  
 [24.Bxf4?! Rbe8+=] **24...Qe7** [D]

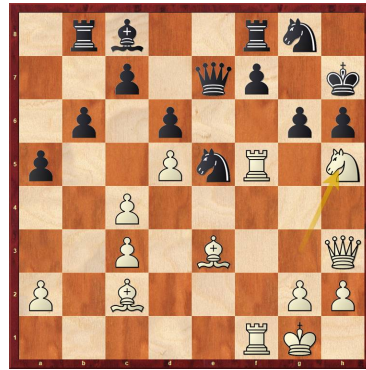


[24...Qe8+-] **25.Rbf1** [Only move:  
 25.Nf5!+- 1.91/13 gxf5 26.Rxf5 Stockfish:  
 26...Bc8 27.Rh5 f5 28.exf5 Rf6 29.g4 Kg7  
 30.h4 Kf7 31.Qf3 Ba6 32.g5 Bxc4, etc...]  
**25...Nd7!+= 26.e5** [26.Ba4+-]  
**26...Nxe5+-** [D]



[And now ...Bxc4 would win.] **27.Qh5?**  
 [27.Nf5!= and White has nothing to  
 worry....gxf5 28.Rxf5 ] Stockfish: 28...Kg7  
 29.Qh5 Bxc4 (29...Nd3?? 30.Bxh6+ Nxh6  
 31.Rg5+ Kh7 32.Bxd3+ f5 33.Rxf5 Qe3+  
 34.Kh1 Qe1+, etc...) **27...Kh8 28.Qh3**  
 [28.Qd1 might work better.] **28...Bc8!+-**  
 [And not 28...Bxc4 29.Rxc4 Nxc4 30.Bxh6  
 Nxh6 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Ne4+=; 28...Nxc4  
 29.Re4! Qxe4 30.Nxe4 Nxe3 31.Qxe3 Bxf1  
 32.Kxf1+-] **29.Rf5** [29.Qh4? g5 30.Qh5  
 gxf4+-] **29...Kh7** [29...gxf5? perishes.  
 30.Bxh6 Nxh6 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Bxf5+-]  
**30.Nh5** [D] (Next col.) [Better is 30.a4-]  
**30...Bxf5 31.Bxf5** [Better is 31.Rxf5 gxf5  
 32.Ng3] **31...gxf5** [Don't blunder  
 31...Kh8? 32.Ng3 Kg7 33.Bf4+-] **32.Qxf5+**  
 [32.Rxf5 keeps fighting. 32...f6 33.Nf4]  
**32...Ng6** [Better is 32...Kh8 -5.54/7 33.Bd4  
 Qg5] **33.Bd4** [Prevents f6.] **33...Rbd8**  
**34.Nf4?** [34.a4 was necessary. ] [34.a4  
 was necessary. ] [36.Rf3] **34...Qg5** (Text  
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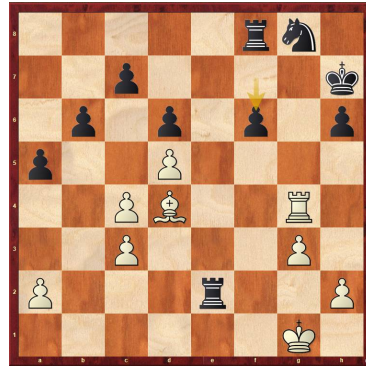
**Position after 30.Nh5** (From prev.  
 col.)



(Cont. prev. col.) **35.Qd3 Rde8**  
**36.g3? Re5? 37.Kg2?** [37.Bxe5 dxe5  
 38.Ne6] **37...Qf5** [D]



[Threatens to win with ...Qxd3. Black is  
 clearly winning.] **38.Qd2 Qe4+ 39.Kg1**  
**Nxf4 40.Qxf4 Qxf4 41.Rxf4 Re2**  
**42.Rg4 f6** [D]



**43.a4 Rfe8 44.Rf4 Kg6 45.Rg4+ Kf7**  
 [D]



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## Game from the Chaturanga Championship Tournament Round: 2

Submitted by Terance with his comments  
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 comments [shown thusly].

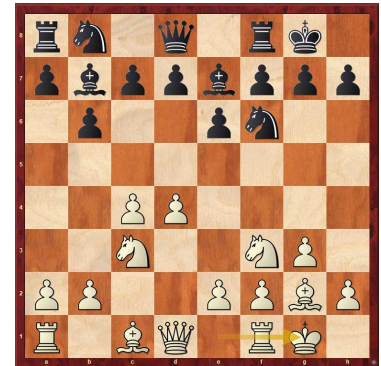
**White: Terance Hall, (1865)**

**Black: Greg Nolan, (2047)**

**Date: 4/19/2023**

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 Stockfish comments, and to be able to  
 play thru the moves.)

[E19: Queen's Indian: Old Main Line with  
 7... Ne4 8 Qc2 Nxc3 8 Qxc3] **1.d4 Nf6**  
**2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2**  
**Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0** [D]



**7...Ne4 8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 f5**  
**10.b4 Bf6 11.Bb2 d6** [11...Qe8  
 12.Rac1 d6 13.Rfd1 Nd7 14.Qd3 a5 15.a3  
 Qh5 16.c5 Bd5, etc... Haravitsidis, M  
 (1867)-Maiorov, N (2535) Paleochora  
 2011 0-1] **12.b5N** [12.Qb3 a5 (12...Qe7  
 13.Nd2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 a5 15.b5 Qf7 16.e4  
 Nd7 17.f4 Rad8 18.e5 dxe5, etc... Di Chi-  
 ara, M (1869) -Ariau, C (2023) Savi-  
 gliano 2009 0-1 (38)] **13.bxa5 Rxa5**  
**14.Bc3 Ra7 15.a4 Nd7 16.Ne1 Bxg2**  
**17.Nxg2 Qe7, etc... Subaric, M-Pirc, V**  
**Novi Sad 1945 1-0 (48); 12.c5 dxc5**  
**13.bxc5 Bd5 14.Ne5 (14.Rfc1 Nc6 15.cxb6**  
**16.Ne5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qd5+ 18.Qf3**  
**Qxf3+ 19.Kxf3 Nxe5+, etc... Bayer, B**  
**(2356)-Stabolewski, A (2263) Seefeld**  
**2007 1-0 (38)] 14...Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Qd5+**  
**16.Qf3 Qxf3+ 17.Nxf3 Nc6 18.cxb6 cxb6**  
**19.Rac1 Rfc8, etc... Zurek, M (2405)-Ro-**  
**zentalis, E (2520) Trnava 1988 1-0 (55)]**  
**12...Nd7** [D] (p. 7) (Text cont. p. 7)



Position after 12...Nd7 (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.6) [White has an edge.]

**13.Rfd1** [Hoping for Ng5!] **13...Nc5**  
**14.Qc2** [14.a4+ feels stronger.]  
**14...Be4!=** **15.Qc1** [Better is 15.Qd2 Na4  
 16.Ba3] **15...Na4** **16.Ba3 c5** [16...a6=  
 keeps the balance.] **17.bxc6!+- Rc8**  
 [17...Bxc6+- 18.Qe3 Re8] **18.Qd2**  
 [18.Qe3+- has better winning chances.]  
**18...Bxc6** **19.Qb4 Be7** [19...Qd7+=]  
**20.Rac1** [D]



[20.d5+-

1.94/12 exd5 21.Nd4 (21.cxd5 Be8+=)  
 Stockfish: 21...Bd7 22.Bxd5+ Kh8 23.Ne6 a5  
 24.Qd2 Bxe6 25.Bxe6 Rc7, etc...] **20...Qe8**  
**21.d5 exd5** **22.cxd5** [Better is 22.Nd4  
 1.50/12 Bd7 23.Bxd5+ Kh8 24.Nb5 Bxb5  
 25.cxb5] **22...Bd7** **23.Nd4 Nc5** **24.Nc6**  
 [24.e3+- Stockfish: 0.92/11 24...Bf6 25.Nc6  
 Qh5 26.Rd2 g5 27.Nxa7 Rb8 28.Nc6 Ra8  
 29.Bb2 Ra4, etc...] **24...Bg5** [24...f4!+=]  
**25.e3 Rc7** [25...h5+- might work better.]  
**26.Bb2** [26.h4+- Bh6 27.Bb2] **26...Bf6**  
**27.Bxf6** [Stockfish: 27.Bd4 g5 28.a4 Qf7  
 29.a5 Bc8 30.axb6 axb6 31.Rc4 Rb7, etc...]  
**27...Rxf6** **28.Rd4** [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 28.a4  
 Stockfish: 28...Rb7 29.a5 h6 30.axb6 Rxb6  
 31.Qa5 Rf7 32.Rb1 Ra6 33.Qb4 Ra4, etc...]  
**28...Bc8** **29.Qb1** [Better is 29.a4]  
**29...Qh5** [Better is 29...g5] **30.Rh4 Qf7**  
**31.Rd4** [31.a4+-] **31...g5+=** **32.Qc2**  
**Ba6** [32...Qg6+= might be stronger.]  
**33.Qb1 Be2** [Better is 33...Bc8+=]  
**34.Qc2** [White should play 34.Nd8+-  
 Qg6 35.Ne6] **34...Qh5** **35.h3** [Against  
 Bg4] [35.Rd2+- Bg4 36.f4] **35...Rh6?**  
 [35...Bf3!= and Black has nothing to  
 worry.] **36.Qxf5 Rf7?! [D]**



**37.Qc8+ Kg7** **38.Nd8 Rf8** **39.Qc7+**  
**Kh8** **40.Qe7 Rhf6** **41.Ne6 Nxe6**  
**42.dxe6** [D]



[And now Rc8! would win.] **42...Rxf2?**  
 [42...Qg6 3.64/8 43.Rxd6 Bb5]  
**43.Rf4!!+- [D]**

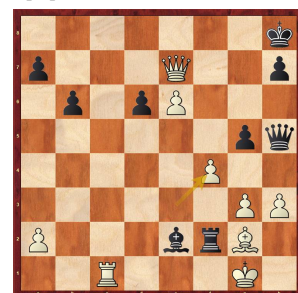


**43...R8xf4** [Better is 43...R2xf4 4.99/7  
 44.exf4 Qh6 45.fxg5 Qg7 46.Qxd6 Bh5  
 Stockfish: 47.Rc7 Qa1+ 48.Kh2 Rg8 49.h4  
 a5 50.e7 a4, etc...] **44.Rc8+ [D]** (Next  
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Position after 44.Rc8+ (From prev. col.)

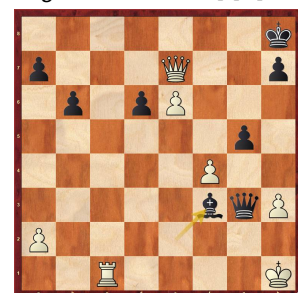


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 [44.exf4 [D]



Analysis Diagram

is a self-mate. 44...Rxg2+! 45.Kxg2 Qf3+  
 46.Kg1 Qxg3+ 47.Kh1 Bf3#] [D]



Analysis Diagram

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## Game from the Chaturanga Spring Open Tournament

### Round: 1

Submitted by Terance with his comments  
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 comments [shown thusly].

**White: Tyler Ross, (1499)**

**Black: Terance Hall, (1832)**

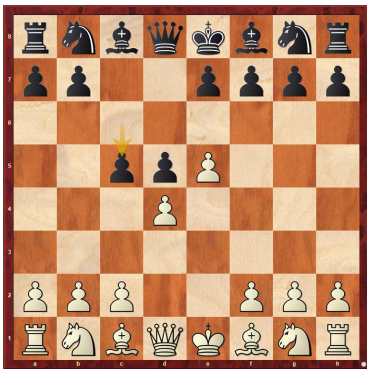
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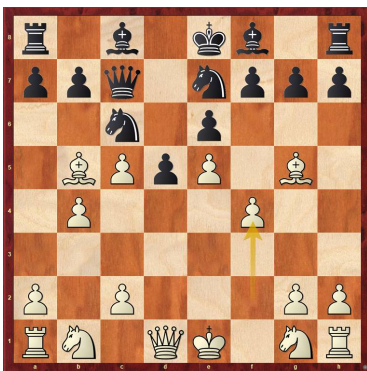


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[B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation] **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 [D]**

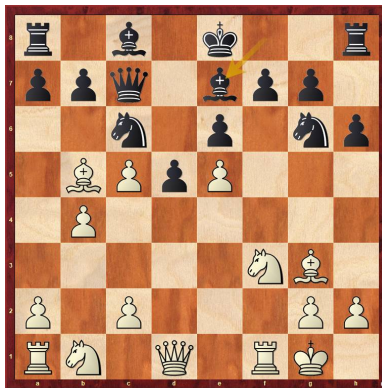


**4.dxc5 Nc6 5.Bb5 e6 6.b4** [6.Be3+]=] **6...Nge7** [Better is 6...a5= 7.c3 Bd7 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Nf3 axb4 10.cxb4 b6 11.0-0 bxc5 12.bxc5 Bxc5 13.Qc2 Qb6, etc... San Segundo Carrillo,P (2480)-Khenkin,I (2530) Zaragoza 1995 0-1 (39)] **7.Bg5N** [7.Nf3+= Bd7 8.Bxc6 Nxc6 9.c3 (9.a3 a5 10.b5 Na7 11.a4 Bxc5 12.0-0 Nc8 13.Ba3 Qe7 14.Bb2 Nb6 15.Nbd2 0-0 16.Re1 Rfc8 17.Nd4 Be8 18.N4b3 Qc7, etc... Pinter,E (2277)-Petran,P (2364) Presov 2001 0-1 (43)) 9...a5 10.Qb3 Qc7 11.Bf4 f6 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 fxe5 14.Bg3 Be7, etc... Rocha,V (2058)-Robinson,M (1807) Belem 2015 1-0; 7.Bf4 Bd7 8.Bxc6 Nxc6 9.c3 f6 10.Nf3 Be7 11.exf6 Bxf6, etc... Pagnoncelli,M (2125)-Eynard,V (2085) Bratto 1998 1-0 (53)] **7...Qc7= 8.f4 [D]**

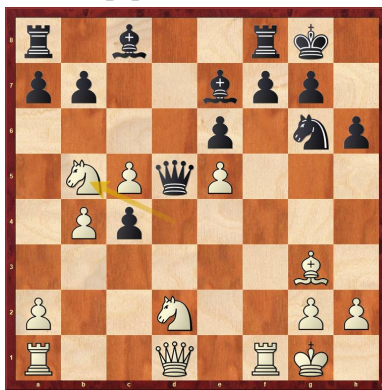


[8.Nf3= and White is okay.] **8...Ng6** [8...a5!+- -1.65/12 9.c3 Bd7 10.Bxe7 Bxe7 11.Bxc6 Qxc6] **9.Nf3=+ h6 10.Bh4** [10.Bxc6+=+ bxc6 11.Bh4] **10...Nxf4** [Black should play 10...a5+- 11.c3 axb4 12.cxb4 Nxh4 13.Nxh4 b6] **11.0-0 Ng6** [11...a5!+= 12.Bg3 g5 13.Bxf4 gxf4 14.Bxc6+ bxc6] **12.Bg3+=** [And now Nc3 would win.] [12.Bxc6+ is interesting. 12...Qxc6 13.Nd4 Qa4 14.Qf3] **12...Be7 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

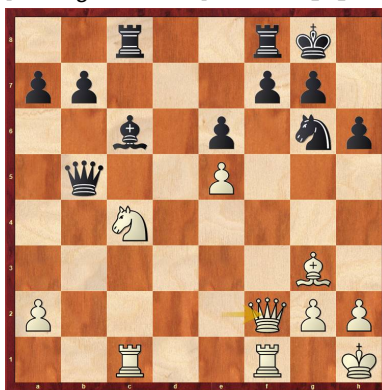
**Position after 12...Be7** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [12...a5=] **13.c4** [13.Bxc6++-bxc6 14.Nbd2] **13...dxc4** **14.Nbd2 0-0 15.Bxc6 Qxc6 16.Nd4?** [16.Nxc4= and White has nothing to worry. 16...Qb5 17.Qb3] **16...Qd5!+- 17.Nb5 [D]**



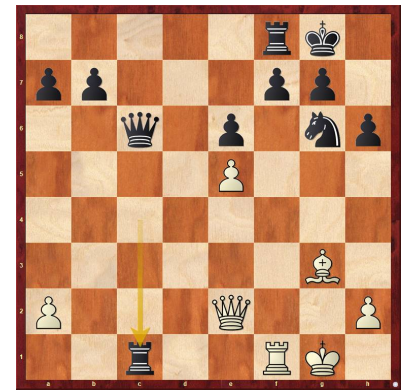
**17...Bxc5+ 18.bxc5 Qxc5+ 19.Kh1 Qxb5 20.Qe2 Bd7** [Not 20...Qb2? 21.Qe3-+] **21.Nxc4 Rac8 22.Rac1 Bc6** [Aiming for ...Bd5.] **23.Qf2 [D]**



**23...Bxg2+!** [Black is clearly winning.] **24.Qxg2** [Strongly threatening Nd6.] **24...Rxc4 25.Qe2 Qc6+ 26.Kg1 Rxc1 [D]** (Next col.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=0.45] **0-1**

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**Position after 26...Rxc1** (From prev. col.)



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