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This issue features NPCC Games from the NPCC 2023 Membership Drive by Joe Mucerino and Terance Hall. The purpose of these newsletters is to include as many games as possible by NPCC players irregardless of the strength of the participants. Thanks to all for submitting games!

## Game from the NPCC 2023 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 1

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

White: Joe Mucerino, (1997) Black: Stan Ward, (1519)

Date: 8/9/2023

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[D05: Colle System with ...e6] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nbd2 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 [D]



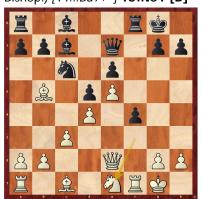
6...cxd4 7.exd4 Bd6 8.Qe2 0-0 9.Ne5 Nd7 [The position is equal.] 10.f4 [10.Qh5 g6 11.Nxc6 bxc6=+] 10...Qe7 11.0-0 [11.Qh5 g6 12.Qh6 f6 13.Nxd7 (13.Nxg6? hxg6 14.Qxg6+ Qg7-+) 13...Bxd7=] 11...f5 [D] (Next col.) (Joe -- Blocking White's light squared Bishop is a good idea.) [11...f6= might be stronger.] 12.Bb5+= Ndxe5? (Joe -- The computer actually prefers that Black gives up a Pawn with 12...Nf6.) 13.fxe5 Bc7 (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 11...f5** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe -- White now controls the f6 square, preventing Black from moving his Rook there.)

14.Nf3 f4? (Joe -- Now the Pawn becomes a target, and the diagonal is now open again for White's light squared Bishop.) [14...Bd7+=] 15.Ne1 [D]



(Joe -- Possibly heading to d3 to help capture the Pawn.) 15...q5 16.Bd3 Qg7 17.Qg4 Ne7 [17...h6+-] 18.h4 (Joe -- Weakening Black's pawns.) **18...h6** [18...gxh4 was necessary. 19.Rxf4 (19.Qxh4 Ng6+-) 19...Rxf4 20.Qxf4 h3] 19.hxq5+- [Much less strong is 19.Nf3 gxh4 20.Qxg7+ (20.Qxh4 Bd8+-) 20...Kxg7 21.Nxh4 f3 22.gxf3 (22.Rxf3 Rxf3 23.gxf3 Bd7+-) 22...Rh8+-] 19...Qxq5 20.Qh3 [D] (Next col.) (Joe -- I did not want to swap Queens because I did not want Black to connect his Pawns again, but the Queen trade is fine for White.) [But not 20.Rxf4?! Rxf4 21.Qxf4 Qxf4 22.Bxf4 Kg7+-] **20...h5** 21.Nf3 Qh6 22.Nh4 Qg5 23.Rf3 Bd7 24.q3 [Better is 24.Qh2] 24...Qq4 25.Qxq4+ hxq4 26.Rxf4 Rxf4 27.Bxf4 Rf8 28.Rf1 [D] (Next col.)

**Position after 20.Qh3** (From prev. col.)



**Position after 28.Rf1** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 28...Be8 29.Bg5 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Bd8 31.Bf6 Nc6 32.Bxd8 Nxd8 [Endgame KBN-KBN] 33.Ke2 Kg7 34.Ke3 Bh5 35.Kf4 Kh6 36.Ng2 Nf7 37.Ne3 Ng5? [37...Bg6] 38.Nxg4+ Bxg4 39.Kxg4 [ KB-KN] 39...a6 [Better is 39...Nf7 40.b4 Kg7] 40.c4 [D]



[Aiming for cxd5] (Joe -- Trying to create a passed pawn.) 40...dxc4 41.Bxc4 b5 42.Bb3 a5 [Better is 42...Kg6 43.d5 Nf7] (Text cont. p.2)

### (Cont. from p.1) 43.a3 Ne4 44.Bxe6 Nf2+ 45.Kf5 [D]



[Intending d5 and mate.] 45...Nd3 46.Bd7 [White mates.] 46...b4 47.axb4 Nxb4 48.e6 Nd5 49.Ke5 Ne7 50.d5 Kg7 51.d6 [D]



[Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.62] **1-0** 

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#### Game from the NPCC 2023 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 2

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

White: Dennis Baluk, (1800) Black: Joe Mucerino, (1997)

Date: 9/15/2023

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[B01: Scandinavian Defence] 1.e4 d5
2.d3?! (Joe -- This gives Black instant equality.) 2...dxe4 3.dxe4 Qxd1+
4.Kxd1 Nc6 5.Nf3N [5.c3 e5 6.Be3 (6.f3 Be6 7.Nd2 0-0-0 8.Kc2 Bc5 9.b4 Be3 10.Bc4 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Bxc1 12.Rxc1 f6, etc... Diaz Villagran,R (2347)-Luconi,C (2297) Santiago de Chile 2007 1-0 (46) )(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 6...Be6 7.Nd2 0–0–0 8.Kc2 f5 9.f3 Nf6 10.Bd3 g6 11.Nh3 f4 12.Bf2 h6, etc... Skoriupin,S (2321)-Alavkin,A (2491) Togliatti 2007 0–1 (44); 5.Be3 g6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.Nf3 0–0–0+ 8.Bd3 Bh6 9.Ke2 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3+ 11.Kxf3 Bg7, etc... Garcia Cano,A (2287)-Mellado Trivino,J (2422) Barcelona 2011 ½–½ (35)] 5...Bg4



(Joe -- 7.Nbd2 develops a piece.) [7.Nbd2=] 7...Nd4?! (Joe -- Stronger is 7...Ne5) [7...e5=+] 8.Nbd2= [The position is equal.] 8...Nf6 9.h3 Bh5?! (Joe -- The computer prefers to wreck the Pawn structure with 9...Bxf3, but I did not want to give up my Bishop in order to do that.) [9...Bxf3+=+ might be stronger. 10.gxf3 e5] 10.Re1 [10.Ke1=] 10...e6 11.g4 [D]



11...Nxg4 (Joe -- A good sac, although it does not really improve Black's position.) 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Re3 Bc5 14.Ke1 Nxf3+? (Joe -- The computer does not like this, preferring 14...Nc6. Although Black wins an exchange, he is still a piece down. White now gains an advantage.) 15.Rxf3 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 h5 17.Bf4 f6 18.e5?! (Joe -- Losing White's advantage. 18.Ke2 with the idea of developing the Rook is better.) 18...g5 19.Bh2 g4 20.Nh4 f5? (Joe -- I totally missed 20...Bd4.) [20...Rhf8=+] **21.Bc4** (Joe -- The Bishop's attack on e6 is most annoying.) 21...Rhe8 **22.c3 a6 23.a4** [ Against b5. White has compensation.] 23...Rd7 24.Ng6 h4 25.Nf4 Rg7 [25...Kb8=] 26.Nxe6+= g3?? (Text cont. next col.) (Joe -- This should lose.

(Cont. from prev. col.) Correct is 26...Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 g3+ 28.Bxg3 Rxg3. If White tries 28.Kg2, then 28...Rg6 29.Bg1 h3! 30.Kf3, but not 30.Kxh3?? g2 with a forced mate.) [Better is 26...Bxf2++= 27.Kxf2 g3+ 28.Bxg3 Rxg3] 27.Bxg3?? (Joe -- White should just capture the Rook. The position is equal again.) 27...hxg3?? (Joe -- Blundering the game back to White. Much safer is 27...Rg4, and both of White's Bishops are under attack.) [27...Rxe6 28.Bxe6+] 28.Nxg7+- Rxe5+ 29.Kf1 f4 30.fxg3 fxg3 31.Ne6 [Inhibits Rg5.] 31...Bf2 [31...Rh5 was called for. 32.Kg2 Bd6] 32.Nd4?! [D]



(Joe -- White should develop the Rook with a mate threat with 32.Rd1.)
32...Rh5 33.Kg2 [Inhibits Rh1.]
33...Rh2+ 34.Kf3 [And now Ne2 would win.] 34...Bxd4 35.cxd4 [Hoping for b3.] 35...Rxb2 36.Kxg3+- [Endgame KRB-KR] (Joe -- Black should be able to draw this.) 36...b5?? (Joe -- This should give the game back to White. Black should play 36...Kd7 and say to White "come and get me".) [36...Kd7+- 37.Kf4 Rb4] 37.Be6+ Kb7 38.axb5 axb5 39.Kf4 Re2 40.Bg4 Re7 41.Rc1 Kb6 42.Rc5 c6 43.Re5 Rf7+ 44.Bf5 Ra7 [D]



[Better is 44...Rf8 45.Ke3 Rf6] **45.Re6+-Ra4** [Better is 45...b4 46.Rg6 b3] **46.Ke5 Kc7 47.Re7+ Kb6 48.Bd7** [Strongly threatening Re6.] **48...Rc4 49.Re6?** [49.Rh7+-] **49...Kc7!+= 50.Be8??** (Text cont. p.3)

(Cont. from p.2) (Joe -- There was only one winning move, and it was 50.Re7. Now Black gets counterplay with his Pawn.) 50...b4 51.Bf7 [ White wants to mate with Re7+. ] 51...Rc3 52.Re7+ Kb6 53.Re8 [D]



[Black must now prevent Kd6.] 53...Kc7 54.Ra8 b3 55.Ra1 Re3+ 56.Kf4 b2 57.Rb1 Re2 58.Bc4 Rh2?? (Joe -- The only move that draws is 58...Rc2. Otherwise, the Pawn on b2 is doomed.) [Black should play 58...Rc2+=] **59.Bd3??** [D]



(Joe -- White needed to head for the Pawn with 59.Ke3. The rest of the game is even.) [ White should try 59.Ke4+-] **59...Kd6 60.Be4** [60.Ke3+=] **60...Rh4+** [60...c5=] 61.Ke3 Rh3+ 62.Kd2 Rh4 63.Kd3 Rh3+ 64.Kc4 Rh4 65.Kd3 Rh3+! [D]



**66.Ke2** [66.Kc2+= Rh2+ 67.Kc3 Rh3+ 68.Bd3 (68.Kxb2 Re3+=) ] 66...Rh4 67.Ke3 Rh3+ 68.Bf3 Rh2 69.Be2 c5 **70.Rxb2** [D] (Next col.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.40] 1/2-1/2 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 70.Rxb2 (From prev. col.)



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### Game from the NPCC 2023 Membership Drive **Tournament** Round: 3

Submitted by Joe with his comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thus1.

White: Joe Mucerino, (1997) Black: William Johns, (1739)

Date: 9/22/2023

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[A53: Old Indian Defence without Nf3] **1.d4 d6 2.Nf3** (Joe -- I read long ago that after 1...d6, White should try to prevent black from playing a future ...e5.)

2...Nd7 3.Bf4 Ngf6 [D]



**Nh5 5.Bq5** [5.e3 Nxf4 6.exf4 q6 7.Nc3 Bq7 8.h4 e5 9.h5 exd4 10.Nxd4 0-0, etc... Stocek, J (2587)-Prokopchuk, E (2511) Pardubice 2010 1-0; 5.Bd2 e5 6.Nc3 c6 7.q4 Nhf6 8.q5 Nq4 9.Bc1 exd4 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 10.Nxd4 Nb6, etc... Kovalenko,I (2581)-Zavgorodniy,S (2428) Alushta 2011 0-1 (46)] 5...h6 6.Bh4 [6.Bd2+=]6...g5= 7.Bg3 [D]



7...Nxg3N [7...Bg7 8.e3 e6 9.Nc3 Qe7 10.Qc2 Nxg3 11.hxg3 a6 12.Bd3 c6 13.Rc1 c5, etc... Pedersen,E (2380)-Fries Nielsen, J (2420) Aalborg 1984 1-0] **8.hxg3** [The position is equal.] 8...Bg7 9.Nc3 [D]



9...e5 10.e3 c6 11.Qd2 [11.Qc2 feels stronger.] 11...Qe7 12.dxe5?? (Joe --The computer prefers 12.d5 but I didn't like locking up the center.) [12.d5 was preferrable.] 12...dxe5 13.Ne4 Nc5?! (Joe -- Allowing the check cannot be good. Black should just castle.) 14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.0-0-0?? (Joe -- A serious error that went unpunished.) [15.Nxc8= Rxc8 16.0-0-0] 15...e4?? [D]



(Joe -- Black missed the winning 15...Bg4! threatening not only ...e4, but also ...Rd8.) *(Text cont. p.4)* 

(Cont. from p.3) [ Black should play 15...Bg4++ Threatens to win with ...Rd8. 16.b4 16...e4! 17.bxc5 exf3] 16.Nxc8 Rxc8 17.Nd4 Rd8 18.b4 [18.Be2+=] 18...Nd7? (Joe -- It's still equal after 18...Bxd4 19.bxc5 Bf6 20.Qxd8+ Qxd8 21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.Be2 Be7 23.Bg4 Bxc5 24.Bf5.) [18...Bxd4= keeps the balance. 19.exd4 Nd7] 19.Nf5+- [White is better.] 19...Qe6 20.Qd6+ [ Of course not 20.Nxg7?! Kxg7 21.Qc3+ Ne5=] 20...Qxd6 [Better is 20...Kg8 21.Qxe6 fxe6] 21.Rxd6?! [D]



**1-0** (Joe

-- The computer preferred capturing with the Knight.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.36] (Joe -- Black resigned, and he is worse, but he could have played on.)

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# Game from the NPCC 2023 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 4

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

White: Advaith Kollipara, (1963) Black: Joe Mucerino, (1997)

Date: 9/29/2023

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[D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Re8 9.Re1 Ne4 [D] (Next col.) [Prevents Bg5.] 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Ng5 [11.Nd2 should be considered.] 11...Bf5!= [Black has an edge.] 12.Qc2 Qe7 [12...Qa5= 13.Bd2 Qd5] 13.f3!+= Bb4? [D] (Next col.) (Joe-- Before playing this move, I realized that there was a serious hole in my previous analysis. I was going to play 13...exf3 14.Qxf5

Position after 9...Ne4 (From prev. col.)



**Position after 13...Bb4?** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) that White had a mate in two with 15.Qxh7+.The computer says 13...c5 was the correct move.) 14.Rd1 Na6 15.a3 [15.fxe4?! Bg6=] 15...Ba5 16.Nxe4 [16.fxe4?! Bg6=+] 16...Rad8 17.g4 [Better is 17.b4+- Bb6 18.e3] 17...Bg6 18.Qb3? [18.b4+= Bb6 19.e3] 18...Bxe4= (Joe-Black has regained equality. White should have prevented a future ...c5, which I didn't play anyway.) 19.fxe4 [D]



**19...Bb6 20.Be3 Qh4?** (Joe -- You guessed it; I should have played 20...c5. Now White has the advantage again.) [20...c5=] **21.h3+-** [Don't do 21.Rf1 Re7=] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 21...Nc7 22.Bf2 [Don't take 22.Rf1 Qe7+=] 22...Qg5 [D]



23.a4! [Threatens to win with a5!]
23...Ne6 24.e3 h5 25.a5 [With initiative. White has some pressure.]
25...hxg4?? (Joe -- Extremely sloppy play on my part.) 26.h4+- [Avoid the trap 26.axb6? gxh3 27.Bg3 Qxg3-+]
26...Qg6 27.axb6 axb6? [D]



(Joe -- I had to try 27...g3.) **28.Bg3 Qh6 29.Qxb6?!** (Joe -- White is still winning easily, but there was no reason why not to protect the Pawn with 29.Bf2.)

29...Qxe3+ 30.Bf2 Qe2 31.Re1 Qc2 32.Rac1 Qd3 33.Rcd1 Qc2 34.Be3 [D]



[Against Nf4.] **1-0** [Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.46] Copy and paste the link below into your browser:

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### Game from the NPCC 2023 Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 5

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

White: Joseph Mucerino, (2022) Black: Srihari Chakravarthi (1780)

Date: 10/6/2023

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(Joe: Here's my last game from the Membership Drive. Nothing exciting.)

[D11: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 [D]



7.e4N [7.0-0= Bd6 (7...Be7 8.h3 Bh5 9.a3 0-0 10.b3 a6 11.Bb2 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Ne2 Bg6, etc... Pasalic,M (2375)-Bagirov,V (2510) Muenster 1994 0-1 (51)) 8.b3 (8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Qc7 11.h3 Bh5 12.b3 Nf6 13.Bd3 0-0 14.Bb2 Rad8. etc... Martiska, P (2280) - Abel, P (2285) Slovakia 1998 0-1 (56)) 8...0-0 9.Bb2 a6 10.Rc1 b5 11.c5 Bc7 12.b4 Qe7 13.Re1 Rae8 14.a4 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5, etc... Cherednichenko, S (2347)-Kapnisis, S (2464) Kavala 2009 0-1; 7.h3 Bh5 8.0-0 Bd6 9.b3 a6 10.Bb2 0-0 11.g4 Bg6, etc... Bykhovsky, A (2520)-Ivanovic,B (2470) Moscow 1993 0-1; 7.Bd2 Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qb3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 b5 11.Be2 0-0 12.Rc1 a6, etc... Adly, A (2586)-Smeets, J (2604) Hoogeveen 2008 1-0 (43)] 7...dxe4 [7...c5!? 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.dxe6 fxe6=+] **8.Nxe4** Nb6 9.c5 Nbd5 10.Be3 [10.0-0= was preferrable.] 10...Nxe4=+ 11.Bxe4 Be7 [11...f5=+ might be stronger. 12.Bxd5 Qxd5] **12.0-0** [The position is equal.] **12...0-0** [D] (Next col.) 13.Qb3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Qc7 15.Rac1 Bf6 16.Rfd1 Rfe8 17.Qc4 Rad8 [D] (Next col.) 18.Qb3 Ne7 19.Be4 Rd7 20.g3 Red8 21.Bf4 e5 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 12...0-0 (From prev. col.)



**Position after 17...Rad8** (From prev. col.)



**Position after 21...e5** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)] **½-½** 

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## Game from the NPCC Membership Drive Tournament

Round: 5

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

White: Greg Nolan, (2055) Black: Terance Hall, (1867)

Date: 10/6/2023

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[A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6]

#### 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 e4 [D]



4.Ng5 c6 5.Ngxe4 Nxe4 6.Nxe4 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Ng3 [White is slightly better.1 [8.Qa4+? Bd7 9.Qc2 dxe4 10.Qxe4+ Be7-+] 8...h5N [Hoping for ...h4.] [8...Nc6 9.d4 (9.e3 Bd6 10.Be2 d4 11.d3 dxe3 12.Bxe3 Qf6 13.Rb1 Be6 14.a3 Bxg3, etc...1-0 (22) Harutyunian,T (2472)-Puranik, A (2328) Barbera del Valles 2015) 9...Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.Bc3 Bb4 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Re8 14.0-0 Bd6, etc... Armonaitis, S (2108)-Cernavina, K (1755) Klaipeda 2011 1-0; 8...Bd6 9.d4 h5 10.e3 h4 11.Bb5+ Kf8 12.Ne2 h3 13.q3 Bq4, etc... Knop, G-Aepfler, G Schwaebisch Gmuend 1993 1-0 (60); 8...Be7 9.e3 0-0 10.d4 Nc6 11.a3 Re8 12.Be2 a5, etc... Gubay, N (2165)-Ruis, A Kiev 2006 1-0 (43)] 9.e3 h4 10.Ne2 **Qf6** [10...Qg5+=] **11.Qb3** [11.Nc3+-] 11...Nc6= 12.a3 [12.Nc3 d4 13.Nd5 Qe5 14.f4 Qd6 15.e4 Be6 16.d3 0-0-0 17.Be2 Bxd5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Rxd5, etc...] **12...Bd6** [12...d4=] **13.h3 [D]** (p.6) [Better is 13.Qxd5+=0.59/130-014.Nc3] **13...0-0** [Aiming for ...d4. Black has compensation.] 14.d4 [14.Qxd5 Rd8+-] **14...Qe6** [Better is 14...Re8] **15.Bd2 Bd7 16.0-0-0?** [16.Qxb7 Rab8 17.Qa6 Rxb2-+: 16.Qd3!+= keeps the upper hand.**16...Rfc8** [16...a5-+ -1.89/11 17.Kb1 (17.Qxb7? Rfb8-+) 17...Nb4!] 17.Kb1-+ **Qf5+** [17...b5-+ .. .b4! is the strong threat. (Text cont. p.6)

#### Position after 13.h3 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) 18.Nc1 b4 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Bxb4 Rab8] **18.Ka1=+ Be6** [18...b5!=+ 19.Nc1 (19.Qxb5 Rab8=+) 19...b4] **19.f3** [19.Nc1=] **19...a5** [19...b5!-+ White must now prevent ...b4! 20.Nc1 (20.Qxb5 Qc2=+) 20...Rab8] **20.Nc1** [D]



[20.Qxb7? Rab8 21.Qxb8 Rxb8-+; 20.Nc3!= keeps the balance.] **20...a4?** [20...Nb4!-+ Strongly threatening ...a4. 21.Bd3 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 (22.Nxd3 a4-+) 22...b5] **21.Qd3** [21.Qb6!+= is superior.] **21...Qf6=** [With the idea ...b5!] **22.Bc3** [22.Na2=-] **22...Qe7** [22...Rab8=+-] **23.Be2?** [23.Qd2!+= stays ahead.] **23...b5!-+ 24.Na2** [24.Qxb5 Rab8 25.Qd3 (25.Qxa4? Ra8-+) 25...Bxa3!-+] **24...b4 25.Be1** [Better is 25.axb4 Nxb4 26.Bxb4 Bxb4 27.Rb1 (27.Nxb4 Qxb4 28.Qa3 Qxa3+29.bxa3 Rc3-+)] **25...bxa3** 26.bxa3 Bxa3 27.Bxh4 Qf8 28.Rb1 Na5 29.Bd1 [D]



Against Nb3+] **29...Nc4 30.Be1** (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. prev. col.) [30.Bc2 q6 31.Be1 Qh6; Better is 30.Bg3-130...Qe8 [30...Rcb8-+ 31.Bc3 Rxb1+ 32.Qxb1 Nxe3] **31.Bc3** [Prevents Bb2+.] [31.Bc2-+ g6 32.Qe2] **31...Bd7 32.Re1** [32.Bc2-+ q6 33.e4] **32...Bb5 33.Qf5** [Better is 33.Bc2 q6 34.Qd1] **33...Nd6** [33...Nxe3 34.Qq5+-] **34.Qe5 Qc6 35.Be2** [Inhibits Bd3] [Better is 35.Bc2 -2.48/10 Qc7 36.Rec1 (36.Qxd5? Bc4-+; 36.Qh5 g6-+) ] **35...Nc4** [Better is 35...Bxe2 - 3.88/9] 36.Rxe2 Rab8] 36.Qq5 Rab8 37.e4 [37.Nb4 Bxb4 38.Bxb4 Na3 39.Bxa3 Qc3+ 40.Bb2 Qd2-+] **37...Nd6** [37...Qc7-+ Threatens to win with ... Be7. -1.92/11 38.exd5 Nd6] 38.Qxd5-+ [D]



**38...Qxd5** [38...Qa6!-+ 39.Bb4 Bxe2 40.Bxa3 Nc4 41.Rxb8 Rxb8] **39.exd5**= **Bxe2 40.Rxe2** [40.Rxb8!= Rxb8 41.Rxe2] **40...Rb3!=+ 41.Be1** [Don't blunder 41.Bb4? Rxb1+ 42.Kxb1 Bxb4-+; White should play 41.Bb2!=+]

41...Nb5-+ 42.Rd2 [D]



[Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.45. Loss on time!?] [42.Rd1-+] **1-0** Copy and paste the link below into your browser:

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