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## Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club, Lansdale, PA – Spring 2025, Part 1

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This issue features various games from J. 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 2025 WCCC Kickoff Swiss, West Chester, Tournament

#### Round: 3

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

White: Ed Kline (2005)

Black: Joseph Mucerino (2044)

Date: 3/6/2025

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[B01: Scandinavian Defence] 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Be2 Nxd5 5.d4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.a3 Nc6 8.c4 [D]



8...Nb6 9.Nc3 Be7 [9...Bg4 10.d5 exd5 11.cxd5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Ne5 13.Be2 Bd6 14.0-0 0-0, etc... Colovic,A (2451)-Danchevski,O (2398) Skopje 2011 ½-½ (78)] 10.0-0 Bf6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Ra2?!N [D] (Next col.) (Joe: This may look strange, but the Rook will wind up on d2.) [12.b3 Qd7 13.Ra2 Rad8 14.Rd2 Qe7 15.Qc1 Rd7 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.h3 h6, etc... Pribyl,J (2485)-Gipslis,A (2535) Tallinn 1977 1-0 (47)] 12...a5 13.b3 Re8 14.Rd2 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 12.Ra2?!N (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [White is slightly better.] 14...Qe7 15.Qc1 Red8 16.Rfd1 h6 [16...a4+= feels stronger.] 17.Nb5 [ White should play 17.d5+- exd5 18.cxd5] 17...Bg6? [17...Be4+=] 18.Bf4?! [D]

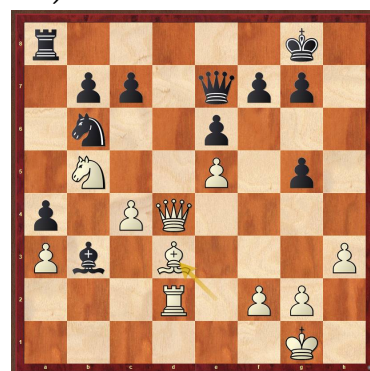


(Joe: This is not a bad move in itself, but White misses 18.d5! If 18...exd5 19.cxd5, then Black has to move his Knight and c7 falls. If Black does not take the Pawn and plays 18...Ne5 instead, White has d6! with the idea that if Black ever captures cxd6 the Knight on b6 hangs.) [ White must play 18.d5!+-] 18...Rd7 [18...Rac8+=] 19.Ne5?! (Joe: Best is still 19.d5! although it is not quite as devastating as in the last note.) [19.d5!+- exd5 20.Nxc7 Rxc7 21.Bxc7] 19...Nxe5 20.dxe5 Rxd2 21.Qxd2 Bg5 [D] (Next col.) 22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.Qd4? [Prevents Be4.] (Joe: Just an oversight. Any decent move is fine.) [White should try 23.a4+-] 23...Bc2= 24.Rd2 Bxb3 25.h3 a4?! (Joe: Stronger is 25...Ba4.) [25...Ba4!?] 26.Bd3 [D] (Next col.) (Joe: In this position, I was terribly afraid of 27.Qe4, (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 21...Bg5 (From prev. col.)



Position after 26.Bd3 (From prev. col.)



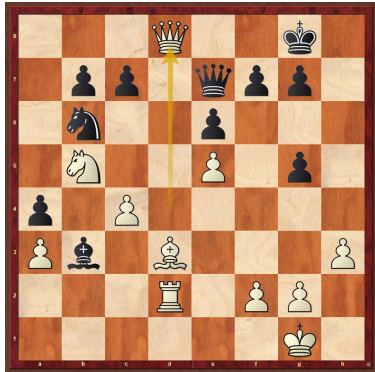
(Cont. from prev. col.) heading down to h7. 27...f5 28.exf6 e.p. basically wrecks the position around Black's King. 27...g6 leaves this big hole on f6. I was very afraid that in the future White could play Nb6-c3-e4-f6+. But the computer says that Black is winning after 27...g6. There are many lines depending on White does, but the Knight on b5 never makes it to f6. One sample line: 26...Rc8 27.Qe4 g6 28.Qxb7 Qc5! 29.Nc3 Qxa3 30.Ne4 Qa1+ 31.Kh2 Qxe5+.) 26...Rd8? [D]



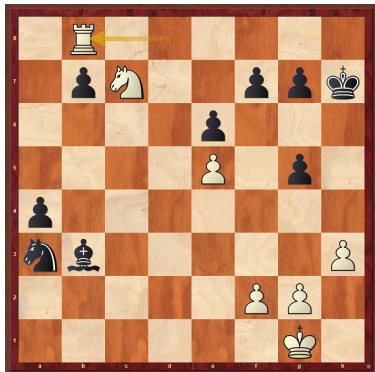
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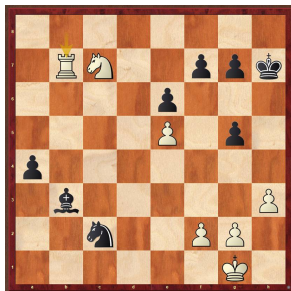
(Cont. from p. 1) (Joe: I did realize that this was losing an Exchange, but I am not a computer and did not see the lines above, and I figured I was already up a Pawn and would win a Pawn or two more so it would be alright.) [26...Re8=] 27.Qxd8+!! Qxd8 [D]



28.Bh7+! Kxh7 29.Rxd8 [Aiming for c5.] 29...Nxc4 30.Nxc7?! (Joe: Better is 30.Rc8 c6 31.Nd6 Nxa3 32.Nxb7.) [30.Rc8+=] 30...Nxa3+- [Endgame KRN-KBN] 31.Rb8 [D]



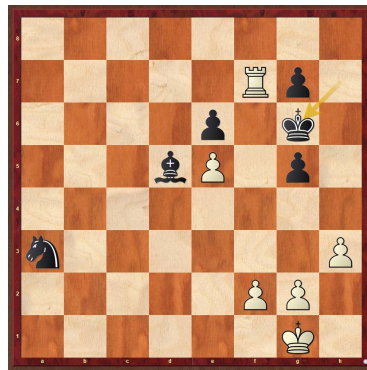
[31.Ra8=+] 31...Nc2!+- [Resist 31...Nc4 32.Rxb7 Na5 33.Rb5+=] 32.Nb5 (Joe: Forced. All other moves lose. If 32.Rxb7 a3!) [Not 32.Rxb7?] [D]



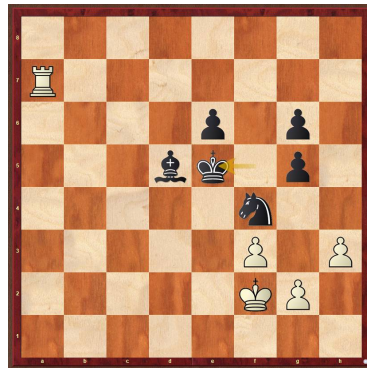
#### Analysis Diagram

[32...a3! 33.Ra7 (33.Rxb3? a2=) 33...a2=] 32...a3 33.Nxa3 Nxa3 34.Rxb7 Bd5 35.Rxf7 Kg6 [D] (Next col.) (Joe: Black has a slight advantage because he has two pieces, but he cannot win because of his crippled Pawns. Kline was also wise to keep my King cut off. We played it out, but it was basically drawn for the rest of the game.) 36.Ra7 Nc4 37.f3 Nxe5 38.Ra3 Kf5 39.Kf2 g6 40.Ra7 Nd3+ 41.Ke3 41...Nf4 (Text cont. next col.)

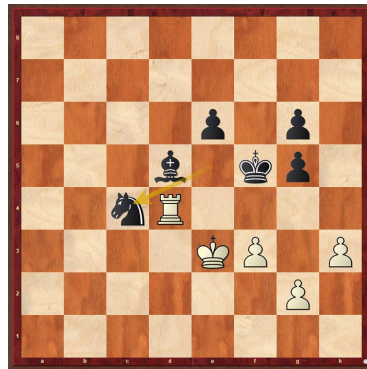
Position after 35...Kg6 (From prev. col.)



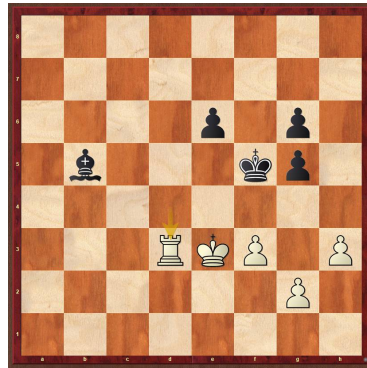
(Cont. from prev. col) 42.Kf2 Bc4 43.Ra5+ Bd5 44.Ra7 Ke5 [D]



45.Ra4 Nd3+ 46.Ke3 Nb2 47.Rg4 Kf5 48.Rd4 Nc4+ 49.Kd3 Ne5+ 50.Ke3 Nc6 51.Ra4 Ne5 52.Rd4! Nc4+ [D]

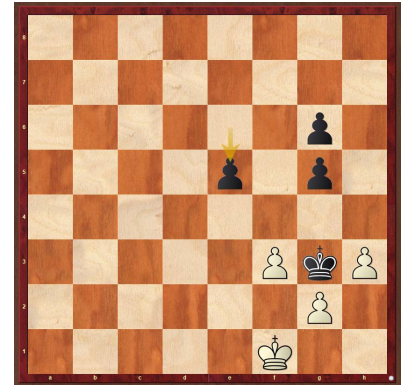


53.Kd3 Na3 54.Ra4 Nc4 [54...Nb5=+] 55.Ke2 [55.Rxc4= Bxc4+ 56.Kxc4] 55...Ke5+= 56.Rb4 Kf5 57.Ra4 Ne5 58.Rd4 Bc4+ 59.Ke3 Bf1 60.Kf2 Bb5 61.Ke3 Nd3 62.Rxd3= [D]

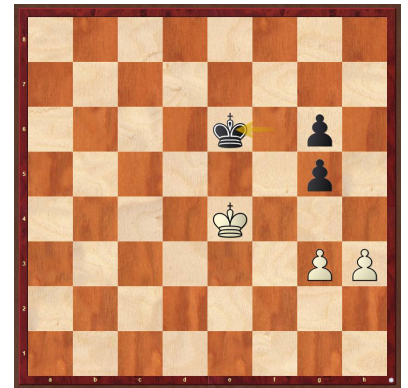


[The position is equal.] 62...Bxd3 63.Kxd3 [K3P-K3P] 63...Kf4 [( -> ...Kg3)] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 64.Ke2 Kg3 65.Kf1 e5 [D]



(Joe: I think I offered a draw here.) [65...Kh2!?] 66.Kg1 Kf4 67.Kf2 e4 68.fxe4 Kxe4 [KPP-KPP] 69.g3 Ke5 70.Ke3 Kf5 71.Kd4 Kf6 72.Kd5 Kf5 73.Kd4 Kf6 74.Ke4 Ke6 [D]



(Joe: Draw offer by Kline. 1/2-1/2) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)] 1/2-1/2

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#### Game from the 2025 2nd Saturday Chess Fest, Yardley, Tournament

##### Round: 2

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

**White:** Joseph Mucerino (2044)

**Black :** Bela Kis (2200)

**Date:** 3/8/2025

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

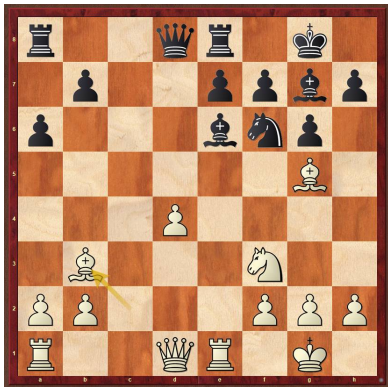
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(Cont. from p.2) 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6  
3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 c5 5.e3 O-O 6.c3 d5  
7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.O-O Re8 9.e4 [D]



[Better is 9.c4] 9...dxe4 [9...cxd4 is more complex. 10.cxd4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Nf6] 10.Nxe4 cxd4N [10...Nxe4 11.Bxe4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Bf3 Qd7 14.Nb3 Qf5 15.Be3, etc... Monroy, C (2399)-Skoberne, J (2492) Olbia 2008 0-1 (47)] 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Nf6 13.Bc2 Be6 14.Re1 a6 15.Bb3?! [D]

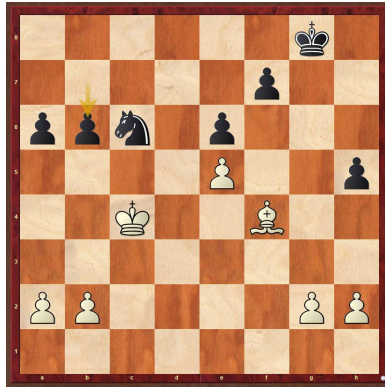


(Joe: The computer says 15.Rxe6 but you have to play like a computer to see why. 15...fxe6 16.Qd3 Nd5 17.Bb3 Qd6 18.Re1 a5 19.h4 Rf8 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Bxd5 Qb4 22.Bxe6 Kh8, and only then is White slightly better.) 15...Bxb3 16.Qxb3 Qd5 17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Rac1 h6 19.Bd2 Rac8 20.Ne5 e6 21.Kf1 [D]

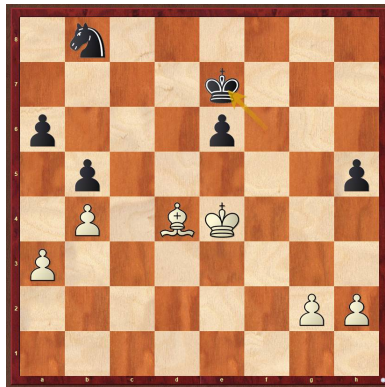


21...Red8 22.Ke2 Ne7 [22...g5=+] 23.Rxc8= Rxc8 24.Rc1! Rxc1 [24...Rd8 looks sharper. 25.Rc7 Nf5 26.Ke1 Rxd4 27.Nxf7 b5] 25.Bxc1 [Endgame KBN-KBN] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 25...g5 26.Kd3 Bxe5?! (Joe: I thought it was awfully committal of Black to give up his Bishop for the Knight, especially with my King so close to the center.) [26...b6=] 27.dxe5 [KB-KN] 27...Nc6?! (Joe: The computer wanted Black to activate his King immediately with 27...Kg7.) 28.f4 gxf4 [Not 28...Nb4+ 29.Kc4 Nd5 30.fxg5+-] 29.Bxf4 h5 30.Kc4 b6? [D]

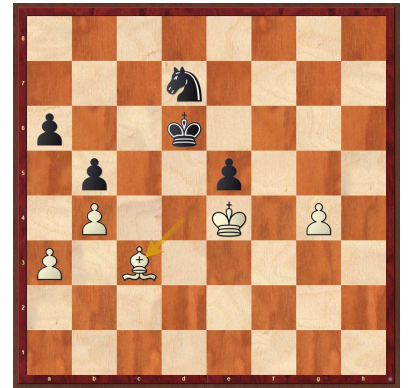


(Joe: This is close to losing. The best defense is 30...Ne7 31.Kc5 Nc8!) 31.b4 Nb8?? (Joe: This should lose for sure. Again, 31...Ne7.) 32.Be3 Nd7 33.Bd4?? (Joe: Now the position is level again. The winning move is b5! Black can't capture on b5 because that will let White's King in. After 33...a5, White's King is able to march to the King side and create a passed pawn. For example, 34.Kd4 Kg7 35.Ke4 Kg6 36.a4 f5+ 37.exf6 Kxf6 38.h4 Kg6 39.Bd4 Kh6 40.Kf4 Kg6 41.g4 hxg4 42.Kxg4 Kh6 43.h5 Kh7 44.Kg5 Kg8 45.Kg6.) [33.b5+- a5 34.Bd4] 33...b5+ 34.Kd3 Kg7 35.Ke4 Kg6 36.Kf4 Nb8 37.Bc5 Nc6 38.a3 f6 [38...Kh6=] 39.exf6+= Kxf6 40.Ke4 [40.Bd6+= might be stronger.] 40...Nb8!= 41.Bd4+ Ke7? [D]

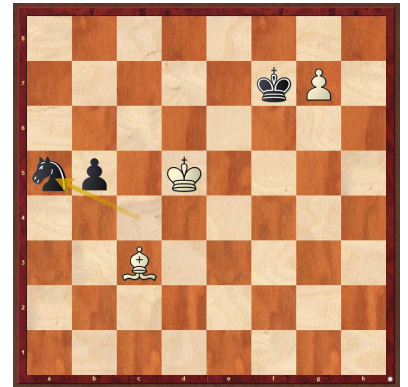


[41...Kg6= and Black is okay.] 42.g3? [42.Kf4+-] 42...Nd7? [42...Kf7!=] 43.h3 [43.Kf4+- is the precise move to win.] 43...Kd6 [Better is 43...Kf7] (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 44.g4?? (Joe: Kis and I went back-and-forth from drawn position to White having a winning position to drawn again. White's King should have ran over and captured the h-pawn. The rest of the game is drawn.) [44.Ba1+-] 44...hxg4 [The position is equal.] 45.hxg4 e5 46.Bc3 [D]



[Aiming for Kf5.] 46...Ke6 47.g5 Nb6! 48.Bxe5 [And now Bb2 would win.] 48...Nc4 [Prevents Bb2.] 49.g6 Nxa3 [49...Nxe5? 50.g7 Kf6 51.g8Q+-] 50.g7 Kf7 51.Kd5 Nc4 52.Bc3 a5 53.bxa5 Nxa5 [D]



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## Game from the NPCC 2025 March April Swiss Tournament

### Round: 1

Submitted by Terance with selected Fritz/\*Stockfish comments [shown thus].

White: Adam Blechman, (1683)

Black: Terance Hall, (1848)

Date: 3/21/2025

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(Cont. from p.3) \*(Please copy and paste the HTML link at the end of this article into your browser to read the complete \*Stockfish comments and to be able to play thru the moves.) [B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack] **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.Bg5 Bg4 [D]**



**8.Nbd2 e6** [The position is equal.] **9.h3 Bh5 10.O-O** [10.Qa4 Nd7 11.O-O Bd6 12.Rfe1 h6 13.Be3 O-O 14.Qc2 f5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Rxe6 Rf6, etc... Wallner,W (2350)-Poeltl,T (2265) Gleisdorf 1989 ½-½ (36)] **10...Be7 11.Re1 h6 12.Be3 [D]**



[If 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Kh1 (13.g4? Stockfish: 13...Rg8 14.Kf1 Bg6 15.Bxg6 Rxd6 16.Qc2 Qd7 17.Ke2 h5, etc...) 13...Rg8 14.a4 Bd6 15.Be2 Bg6 16.c4 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Kf8 18.Ne4 Kg7 19.Nxd6 Qxd6, etc...]

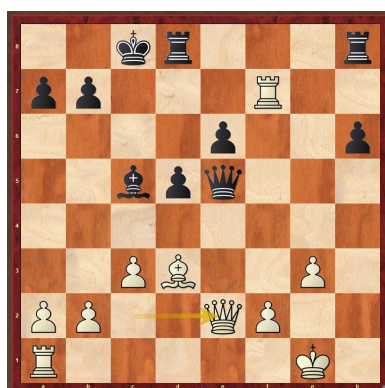
**12...0-0-0 13.Qc2 g5 14.Ne5** [14.g4 Stockfish: 14...Bg6 15.Bxg6 fxd6 16.Qd3 (16.Qxg6?! Rxd3 17.Qd3 (17.Qf7? Nd8!) 17...h5 18.Kg2 Bd8 19.Rh1 hxd4 20.hxd4 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Nxd4 22.Kf1 Qf7, etc...) 16...Bd6 17.a4 Kb8 18.b4 Rc8 19.Qe2 Rce8 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Bxa7+ Kxa7, etc...]

**14...g4 15.hxd4** [15.Nxc6!+= Qxc6 16.h4] **15...Nxd4= 16.Ndf3** [16.Bf4 feels hotter. 16...Bd6 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Qa4] **16...Ncxe5** [16...Ngxe5 with more complications. 17.Nxe5 Rxd8 18.Bf4 Bd6] **17.dxe5 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 [D]** (Next col.) **18...Bxf3** [18...Kb8=+] **19.Rxf3 Qxe5 20.Rxf7 Bd6 21.g3! Bc5 22.Qe2? [D]** (Next col.) [22.Kg2=] **22...Qxd3+!+= 23.Kf1 Qh3+ 24.Ke1 Qh1+** [Black is clearly winning.] **25.Qf1 Qh5 26.Rh7 Rxd7 27.Bxd7 Rf8 [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

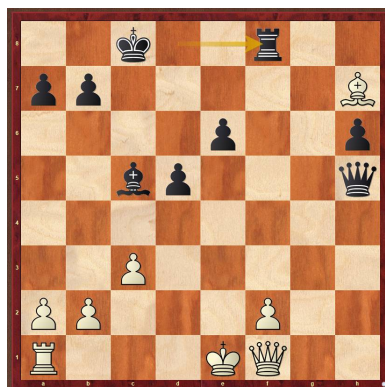
**Position after 18.Rxe3** (From prev. col.)



**Position after 22.Qe2?** (From prev. col.)



**Position after 27...Rf8** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [...Qh4 is the strong threat.] **28.Rd1 Rxf2** [Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/Black=0.05 (flawless)] **0-1**

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## Game from the NPCC 2025 January - February Swiss Tournament

### Round: 2

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

**White:** Terance Hall, (1866)

**Black:** Karl Dehmelt, (2213)

**Date:** 1/17/2025

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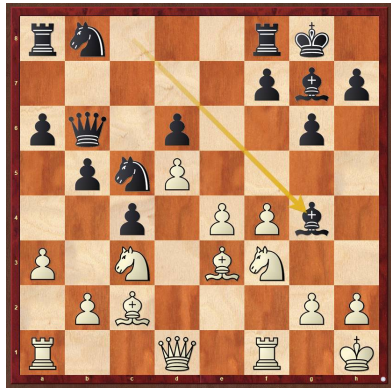
[A67: Modern Benoni: Taimanov Variation] **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7 [D]**



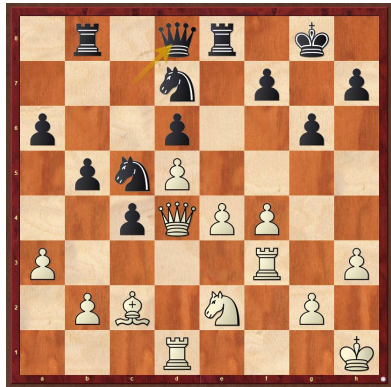
**9.Nf3 O-O 10.O-O a6 11.Bd3 b5 12.a3 c4** [12...b4+= 13.axb4 cxb4] **13.Bc2!+- Qb6+N** [13...Nc5 14.Kh1 (14.Be3 Nbd7 (14...Qc7 15.Qe1 Bg4 16.Nd4 Nd3 17.Qh4 Bc8 18.f5 Nd7 19.f6 Nxf6, etc... Milov,V (2632)-Rodriguez Aguilera,A (2296) Dos Hermanas 2004 1-0 (38)) 15.e5 Qc7 16.Bd4 Bb7 17.Kh1 dxe5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Qd2 Bxd4, etc... Buttenhauser,R (1999)-Ticar,C (1617) Leitersdorf 2015 0-1 (43)] **14...Nbd7 15.f5 Ne5 16.Bg5 Bf6** (16...f6 17.Bh4 Ned3 18.b4 Nd7 19.Bxd3 cxd3 20.Qxd3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 dxe5, etc... Pein,M (2391)-Orr,M (2249) Bunratty 2009 1-0 (42)) **17.Nxe5 Bxg5 18.Nc6 Qe8 19.f6 Nd7 20.e5 Nxe5 21.Ne7+ Kh8, etc... Flores,D (2566)-Wojtaszek,R (2635) Warsaw 2007 1-0 (69)] **14.Kh1 Nc5** [Better is 14...a5.] **15.Be3** [15.f5!+-] **15...Bg4!+= [D]** (p.5) **16.h3** [16.Qd2+=] **16...Bxf3= 17.Rxf3 Nbd7** [Prevents e5.] **18.Qg1 Qc7 19.Rd1 Rfe8 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 Rab8** [21...Qd8= is superior.] **22.Ne2** [22.Re3+=] **22...Qd8! [D]** (p.5) (Text cont. p.5)**



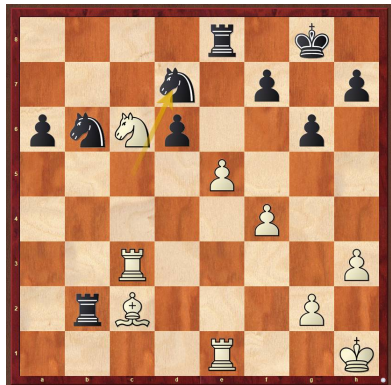
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Position after 22...Qd8! (From p.4)



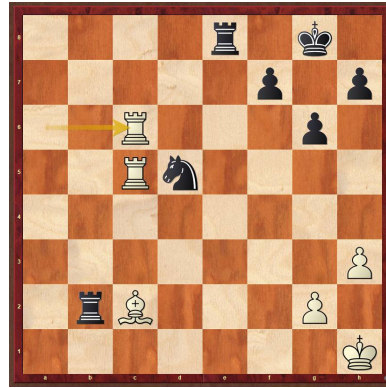
(Cont. from p. 4) [With the idea ...f5.]  
**23.Re3** [23.Nc3!= remains equal.] **23...Qf6+**  
**24.Re1** [White should play 24.Qxf6 Nxf6  
 25.Rd4] **24...b4 25.axb4 Qxd4** [25...Rxb4+  
 26.e5 dxe5] **26.Nxd4+= Rxb4 27.Nc6** [27.e5+=  
 Stockfish 27...Rxb2 28.exd6 Rxe3 29.Rxe3 Kf8  
 30.f5 gxf5 31.Rc3 Nb6, etc... ] [27.b3 Reb8  
 28.Nc6 cxb3 29.Nxb4 Rxb4 30.Bxb3 Nxb3  
 31.Rb1 Ndc5 32.e5 dxe5 33.fxe5 Rb7, etc...]  
**27...Rxb2+= 28.Rc3 Nf6** [Black should try  
 28...Nb6+= Hoping for ...Nxd5. 29.e5 Kg7]  
**29.Rxc4+= Nxd5 30.e5 Nb6 31.Rc3 Ncd7**  
 [With initiative] [D]



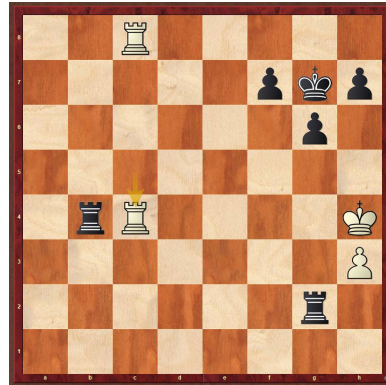
[White is under strong pressure.] [Better is  
 31...Nd5 - 1.25/15 32.Rc4 Nd7] **32.Ra1?**  
 [32.Be4+=] **32...dxe5** [Better is 32...Nd5  
 33.Rc4 Ne3] **33.fxe5+= Nxe5** [33...Nd5-  
 +34.Rd3 Nxe5 35.Rxd5 Nxc6] **34.Rxa6?**

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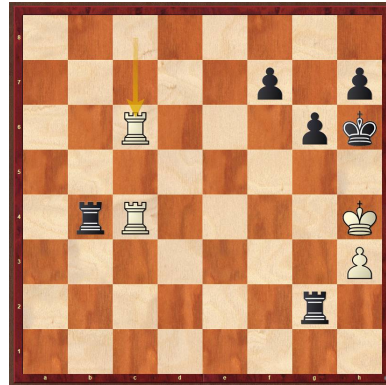
(Cont. from prev. col.) [34.Re1+  
 Nbd7 35.Bd3] **34...Nd5 35.Rc5 Nxc6**  
**36.Raxc6** [D]



**36...Re1+! 37.Kh2 Ne3** [aiming for  
 ...Re2.] **38.Kg3 Re2 39.Rc8+ Kg7**  
**40.Be4 Nxg2 41.Bxg2** [41.Bf3 Rf2  
 42.Rc3] **41...Rxg2+** [Black is clearly  
 winning.] **42.Kh4 Rb4+** [Better is  
 42...Rgd2 43.Rc4 Kh6] **43.Rc4** [D]



**43...Kh6! 44.R8c6** [D]



**44...Rxc4+** [Weighted Error Value:  
 White=0.73/Black=0.32] [Better is  
 44...f6! 45.Rxf6 (45.Rxb4 g5#) 45...Rxc4+  
 46.Rf4 Rxf4#] **0-1**

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## Game from the NPCC 2025 Jan-Feb Swiss Tournament

### Round: 4

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

**White: Joseph Mucerino, (1981)**

**Black: Karl Dehmelt, (2213)**

**Date: 1/31/2025**

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 able to play thru the moves.)

[A46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London, and  
 Colle Systems]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2**  
**c5 5.e3** [D]



**5...cxd4 6.exd4 d6 5...cxd4 6.exd4 d6**  
 [6...b6 7.c3 0-0 8.Bd3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6  
 10.Qe2 Nc7 11.h4 b5 12.h5 b4 etc...  
 Mamedyarov,S (2809)-Svidler,P (2760)  
 Moscow 2018 1-0]

**7.Bd3 Nc6N** [7...0-0 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Re1 Nc6  
 10.c3 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qa4 Ne8 13.Qh4  
 f6 etc... Sosna,J (2385)-Vlasak,L (2330)  
 Czechia 2012 ½-½ (39)] **8.c3 0-0 9.0-0**  
**b6 10.Re1 Bb7 11.Ne4** [D]



**11...Nxe4** [White has an edge.] **12.Bxe4**  
**Re8 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Bh6 e5 15.Bxg7**  
**Kxg7 16.dxe5** [Better is 16.c4]  
**16...dxe5= 17.Qg5 f6 18.Qg3?!** [D]  
 (p.6) (Joe: White's Queen should get  
 boxed in here a little bit.) **18...Ne7**  
**19.Nd4** [Strongly threatening Ne6+.]  
**19...Nd5?** (Joe: This looks good, because  
 (Text cont. p.6)



Position after 18.Qg3?! (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5) it protects Black's Queen and now White's Knight on d4 is attacked, but White has some tactics.) [19...Bd5!+=] 20.Nb5 Qc5?? [D]

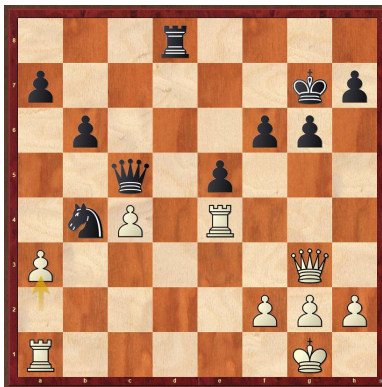


(Joe: Black is probably losing after this. 20...Qd7 hangs on.) [20...Qd7+=] 21.c4!+- (Joe: Obviously if 21...Qxc4 22.Nd6.) 21...Bc6 [D]

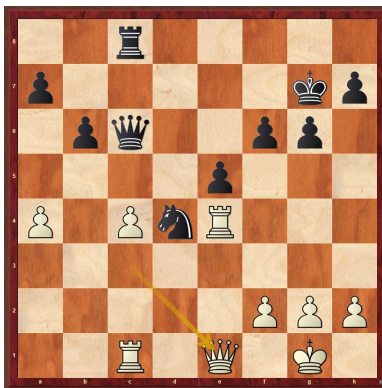


22.b4?? (Joe: Cute, but White loses most of his advantage, even if he wins a little material. Best was 22.Qf3!) [Much worse is 22.cxd5?! Bxb5 23.h4 Bd7+=; Resist 22.Bxd5?! Bxd5 23.Qa3 Qc6+=; Better is 22.Qf3!+- Red8 23.Rac1] 22...Nxb4= [Hoping for ...Bxe4.] 23.Nc7 [And now a3 would win.] 23...Bxe4 [23...Qxc4? 24.Rac1 Qf7 25.Bxc6 (25.Nxa8 Bxa8 26.Bxa8 Rxa8=) 25...Nxc6 26.Rxc6+-] 24.Nxe8+ Rxe8 25.Rxe4 Rd8 26.a3 [D] (Next col.) [26.Qa3=] 26...Nc6 [26...Nc2+= 27.Rf1 Nxa3] 27.Qc3 Nd4 28.a4 Rc8 29.Rc1 Qc6 [Black has compensation.] 30.Qe1? [D] (Next col.) (Joe: Whatever tiny advantage White had is gone now. Best was (Text cont. next col.)

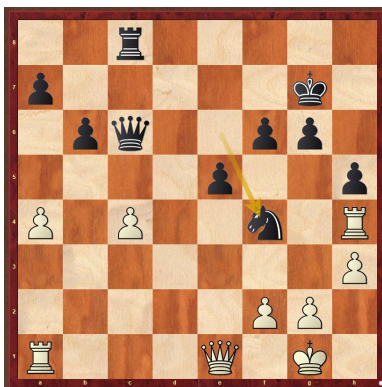
Position after 26.a3 (From prev. col.)



Position after 30.Qe1? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 30.Rae1 with the idea of 31.f4.) 30...Ne6 31.Ra1 Ng5 [Better is 31...Rd8] 32.Rg4 [Better is 32.Re3] 32...h5 33.Rh4 Ne6 [33...a5+=] 34.h3 [34.a5=] 34...Nf4 [D]



[34...Nd4+= might be stronger. 35.Rc1 Kf7] 35.Rxf4 [The position is equal.] 35...exf4 36.Qe7+ Kh6 37.Qxa7 [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) [Drawn by agreement. (Draw offer by White)] [Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)] ½-½

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## Game from the Chaturanga 2024 League Tournament

### Round: 1

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

White: Terance Hall, (1870)

Black: Jimmy Christensen, (1928)

Date: 10/23/2024

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[D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and 3 e4] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 [D]



5.axb5 cxb5 6.Nc3 Qb6 [6...a6 7.Nxb5 axb5 8.Rxa8 Bb7 9.Ra1 e6 10.f3 f5 11.exf5 Nc6 12.Ne2 (12.fxe6 Nge7 13.Nh3 Nf5 14.d5 Ncd4 15.Bxc4 Bb4+ 16.Kf1 0-0 17.Ba2 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Qxd5, etc... 19.Nf4 Qe5 20.Nd3 Ne3+ 21.Bxe3 Qxe3 22.Nf2 Nb3 23.Qd5 Kh8 24.Rd1 Nd2+ 25.Kg1 h6 26.h4 Nc4 Chatalbashev,B (2545)-Zakharov,A (2273) Golden Sands 2015 1-0) 12...Nge7 13.g4 Nd5 14.Bg2 Bb4+ 15.Kf2 0-0 16.Rf1 e5, etc... Van Wely,L (2665)-Heberla,B (2567) Canberra 2015 0-1 (37)] 7.Nd5 (Terance: Nd5 is the most testing move and line. The last time I played Be3 which is just as playable.) 7...Qb7 8.Bf4 [D] (p. 7) [Black must now prevent Nc7+. White has an edge.] 8...e5N (Terance: This is the only move that keeps the game (Text cont. p. 7)



## Position after 8.Bf4 (From p.6)



(Cont. from p.6) equal.) [8...Kd7 9.Nf3 e6 10.Bxc4 Na6 11.Ne5+ Ke8 12.Rxa6 bxc4 13.Qa4+ Bd7 14.Nxd7 Bb4+, etc... 1-0 (19) Roehrig,A-Schuldt,N (1727) Cologne 2010; 8...e6 9.Nc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 Qxe4+ 11.Ne2 Qxa8 12.f3 Nf6 13.Nc3 Bb4 14.Be2 Nd5 15.Bd2 Bxc3 16.bxc3 a5, etc... Natzschka,H (1495)-Schuldt,N (1827) Cologne 2003 1-0 (50)] **9.Bxe5 Nd7! 10.Bf4** [Threatens to win with Be2.] **10...Ngf6 11.Nc7+ Kd8 12.Nxa8** [Aiming for f3!] **12...Qxe4+ 13.Ne2** [Qd2! is the strong threat.] (Terance: Again, the only move that keeps the game equal.) **13...Qxa8 14.Nc3** [D]



**14...Bb4** [Strongly threatening ...Re8+.] (Terance: Bb4 is the correct move but after the game Jimmy thought he should have played b4. He later showed the amazing refutation the computer found to why b4 loses. Please see the analysis 😊) [14...b4? 15.Bc7+!!



Analysis Diagram

15...Kxc7 16.Rxa7+! Qxa7 17.Nb5+ Kb6 18.Nxa7 Kxa7 19.Qa4+ Kb8 20.Qb5+ Bb7 21.Be2 Kc7 22.Qxc4+] (Terance: Despite the material equality Black's King is too exposed and is lost! 22...Kd8 23.Qb5 Bxg2 24.Rg1 Be4 25.f3 Bd5 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 26.Rg5 Be6 27.Qc6 h5 28.Ra5 h4 29.Ra8+ Ke7, etc...) **15.f3!** [With initiative] [White is more active.] (Terance: The key move in the position that keeps the game balanced.) **15...Ng4?** (Terance: This I call a "Jimmy move" as it is a creative tactical try because White must find the correct move. I didn't dare take it as that would lose my advantage. But the move I know that White should play here is Be2 ((Qd2 is also good)) which gives White a clearly better position shows that Ng4 is not good. In human play it is a good try in my opinion, but I knew from studying this position before the game that it was not the correct move. ] **16.Be2+-** [Don't do 16.fxg4?! Qe4+ 17.Be2 Qxf4+=] **16...Re8** (Terance: True to Jimmy's spirit he wants to sacrifice to complicate matters ((best was to play the Knight back to f6)). I could take the Knight with a winning advantage, but it would be a tricky slope to do. So, I choose a calmer way to win.) **17.0-0** (Terance: I saw that Qd2 would be best to keep things at bay, but I choose to clarify things letting Black exchange pieces with clear play with my piece moves.) **17...Bxc3 18.bxc3 Ne3** [D]



[18...Ngf6 might work better. 19.Qd2 a5] **19.Bxe3 Rxe3 20.Qd2 Re7** (Terance: I had seen this far when I castled and knew I was much better if not winning.) **21.Rfe1** [Better is 21.Rfb1] **21...Nb6 22.Qg5** [Hoping for Bxc4!] (Terance: This was the move I was waiting to play as Black is losing something with a pinned Rook and two hanging pawns. I kept seeing Bxc4! in lines with Nd5 and Qd5 Qxe7! Kxe7 Bxc4dis+!) **22...f5?** [D] (Next col.) [22...Nd5 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Rxe7 Nxe7 25.Qxg7 (25.Re1 Be6+=) 25...Bd7 26.Qxf7 Qd5, etc...; 22...Qd5? 23.Qxe7+ Kxe7 24.Bxc4+ Kd6 25.Bxd5 Nxd5 26.Re8 Be6 27.Ra6+ Kd7, etc...; \*Stockfish: 22...Bd7 23.Qxg7 Qc6 24.Rxa7 Nc8 25.Raa1 f6 26.Qg3 Re3 27.Rac1 Nb6 28.Bf1 Qe6, etc...] **23.Bxc4!** (Text cont. next col.)

## Position after 22...f5? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.39] **1-0**

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## Game from the 2024 Chaturanga League Tournament

### Round: 6

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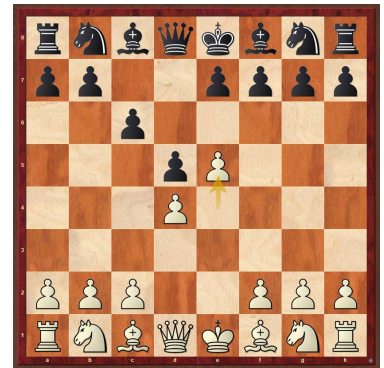
**White: Jimmy Christensen, (1928)**

**Black: Terance Hall, (1870)**

**Date: 12/11/2024**

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



**3...c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Ne2 Bd7** [5...e6 6.a3 Qb6 7.b4 cxb4 8.cxb4 a5 9.Qa4 ½-½ (9) Bednarski,J (2380)-Donner,J (2465) Svendborg 1981] **6.a3 e6 7.Nd2** [D] p.8) **7...cxd4N** [7...f6 8.Nf4 g6 (\*Stockfish: 8...cxd4 9.Qh5+ Ke7 10.Ng6+ hxg6 11.Qxh8 Kf7 12.exf6 dxc3 13.bxc3 Qc7, etc...)] [9.Nf3 fxe5 10.dxe5 Bg7 11.Bb5 Nh6 12.0-0 0-0, etc...Euler,G (2348)-Donchenko,A (2381) Germany 2010 0-1 (32)] (Text cont. p.8)

Position after 7.Nd2 (From p.7)



(Cont. from p.7) **8.cxd4** [The position is equal.] **8...Qa5 9.g3 Qb6 10.Nf3 Rc8 11.Nc3** [11.h4 is superior.] (\*Stockfish: 11.b4 Bxb4+ 12.axb4 Nxb4 13.Rb1 Nc2+ 14.Qxc2 Rxc2 15.Rxb6 axb6 16.Bd2 Rb2, etc...) **11...Na5!=** [D]



**12.Bd3** [12.Be2=] (\* Stockfish: 12.b4 Rxc3 13.bxa5 Qb3 14.Qxb3 Rxb3 15.Be2 Ne7 16.0-0 a6 17.Bd2 Nc6, etc...) **12...Nb3=+** **13.Rb1 Nxc1** [13...Nxd4+= 14.Nxd4 Qxd4] **14.Qxc1+= Be7 15.0-0 Nh6 16.Qf4** [16.Kg2+=] **16...Qa5** [16...0-0+=] **17.Nd1** [17.h4+=] **17...Bb5 18.Bxb5+** [D]

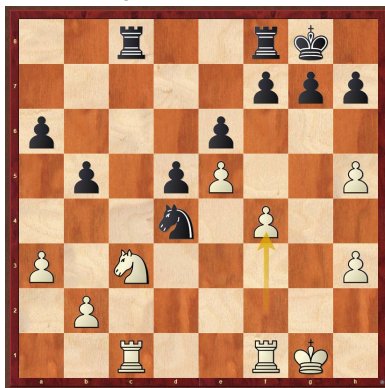


[18.Qd2!? Qb6 19.Bxb5+ Qxb5 20.Ne3+= (20.Nc3 Qd7=)] **18...Qxb5 19.g4** [Better is 19.Nc3= Qc4 20.Rfc1] **19...Qd3** (\*Stockfish: 19...g5 20.Qg3 (20.Nxg5? Bxg5 21.Qg3 (21.Qxg5? Rg8 22.Qxg8+ (22.Qxh6?? Rxg4+ 23.Kh1 Qxf1# 22...Nxg8 23.Ne3 Ne7 24.Rfd1 Ng6 25.Rd2 Qb6 26.h4 Nxh4, etc...) 21...Qc4 22.h4 Bd8 23.Ne3 Qxd4 24.Rbd1 Qe4 25.Rfe1 Rg8, etc...) 20...Ng8 21.Nc3 Qb6 22.Rfc1 Rc6 23.h3 h5 24.Kg2 Nh6, etc...) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) **20.Nc3 Qg6 21.h3 a6** [21...f5= should be considered. 22.exf6 Qxf6] **22.Rbc1 0-0 23.Qg3** [23.Rfe1+=] **23...b5 24.Nh4?** [D]



[24.Ne2= and White has nothing to worry.] **24...Qg5?** [Black should try 24...Bxh4+- 25.Qxh4 Nf5] **25.Nf3** [With initiative] [White is more active.] **25...Qg6 26.Nh4?** [26.Rfd1=] **26...Bxh4+-** [Black is clearly winning.] **27.Qxh4 Nf5** [Inhibits Qg3.] **28.Qh5 Qxh5 29.gxh5 Nxd4 30.f4** [D]



**30...Rxc3!** [Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/Black=0.46] **0-1**

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