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NH Beats Back Maine in Border War



Nate Smith ponders his opening at the Maine-New Hampshire Border War Sept. 16 in Portsmouth.
Photo courtesy Maine Chess Association

Eighty-Eight Vie for Scholastic Team Championships

Amherst--Eighty-eight players competed in the 2010 NH Scholastic Team Championships held on April 10 in Amherst. Liam Murphy scored a perfect 4.0/4.0 to win the High School Section, as did Jacob Mitchell to take the Junior High Section. George Carlson and Liam Early tied for the lead in the Elementary Section, both with perfect scores. Will Darnall captured the Primary Section with a perfect 4.0 points. John Elmore directed. Click [here](#) for the crosstables.

John Elmore

Portsmouth, NH--On September 18, 2010 at the Portsmouth Public Library, ten of the best players from New Hampshire squared off against ten of the best players from Maine in a match to settle a thirty-three year-old score.

In 1976, Maine and New Hampshire squared off in a team match, and the Maine team prevailed. Undaunted, Hal Terrie led New Hampshire to a hard-fought win in a 1977 return match. And in 1978? Nothing. The event was discontinued, leaving the historic matter of border supremacy undecided.

Undecided, that is, until now. New Hampshire rose to the occasion and bested its Maine neighbors by a score of 11-9. The 10 boards each played 2 games at g/60, one with each color. Despite a Maine rally in the afternoon round, New Hampshire held on and sent the Mainers home with a good reason to be ready for next year.

Credit for the event goes to Steve Abrahams of Maine. Though he was completely unaware of the event's history (as was I) and was not even born when the even was last played (okay, I can't say that), Steve rekindled an even that deserved saving. I think I can speak for both sides in saying that everyone enjoyed a fine day of chess.

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Ivanov & Shmelov Take NH Open; Fang New NH State Champion

Nashua--Alexander Ivanov and Denys Shmelov topped the field at the 60th New Hampshire Open July 10 and 11 at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua. As the top scoring NH player in the Championship Section, IM Joe Fang became the 2010 State Champion. 124 players competed in 9 sections. Todd Chase won the Under 2060 section. Oliver Chase took top honors in the Under 1860 section. The Under 1660 section was led by Leonid Stolov and Jon Kuehne, while Henry Clark captured the 1460 section. Alex Franke won the Under 1260 section. Fifteen players competed in the three-round Sunday Swiss. Frank Sisto and John Gaspar tied for top honors. Alex Reylea directed with assistance from Hal Terrie. Click [here](#) for the crosstables.

Nate Smith Takes 34th New Hampshire Amateur Title

Manchester--Nate Smith took home the trophy as the New Hampshire Amateur Champ at the 34th NH Amateur Championship November 14 in Manchester. Smith tied with Massachusetts resident Sebastian Gueler for the top score. Michael Corrigan won the Intermediate Section, while Alex Frank won the Novice Championship, tying for the top score with Aidan Sowa of Rhode Island and Andrew Metell. Fifty-four players competed. Hal Terrie directed. Click [here](#) for the crosstables. Games can be found in the [game section](#) below.

Bow Hosts Scholastic Individual Championships

Bow--Bow hosted the 2010 NH Scholastic Individual Championships on March 27. Seventy competitors played in five sections. Gerald Potorski took first place in the High School Section with a 4.0/4.0 score. Jenny Ma also compiled a perfect score in winning the Junior High School Section. The Elementary Section champ was Jamie Segee-Wright, who won all four games. Isiah Baker captured the Primary School Section crown. John Elmore directed, with assistance from Hal Terrie. Click [here](#) for the complete results. Games appear below in the [game section](#).



Mike Sullivan, Director of Tales Told Tall Chess, instructs students on the basics of pawn play. Tales Told Tall Chess is the chess arm of Michael Sullivan, chess teacher, coach, and certified Tournament Director from Portsmouth, NH. TTT Chess sponsors a scholastic chess team and runs tournaments and chess events throughout northern New England. Visit Tales Told Tall on Facebook.

Shmelov Captures 2010 Queen City Open

Manchester--Denys Shmelov walked off with the top prize in the 2010 Queen City Open held on January 30 and 31 in Manchester. William Kelleher and Danny Kopec tied for second place. Jonathan Turcotte won the Under 1900 Section, and Andrew Metell took the Under 1600 Section. Michael Beatini captured the top spot in the Under 1400 Section. John Curdo, Alan Schalk, and Clay Bradley tied for first in the first Sunday Swiss Section, while Matthew Reale-Hatem topped the second section. A total of 81 players participated. Hal Terrie directed. Click [here](#) for all the results.

In Memoriam

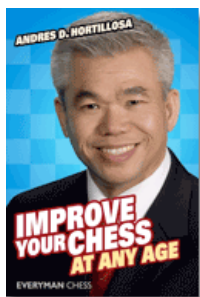
NHCA mourns the passing of Peter DuPuy, a long-time tournament chess player and an original and active member of the Knights Chess Club in Keene. On behalf of New Hampshire's chess-playing community, NHCA extends its sincerest condolences to Peter's family and friends.

Summer Chess Reads—Three Quick Reviews

Chuck Grau

I thought I'd share my thoughts about three chess books I "read" over the summer. I say "read" advisedly because you really don't read a chess book, you pretty much have to study it.

My first "read" was Andres Hortilosa's *Improve Your Chess at Any Age*.



The title appealed to me because my age is advancing even if my chess isn't. Hortilosa claims to have developed a winning thought process, which he charts with a series of annotated games he played in 2008 and 2009, and a few other games. His

process: conduct a "broad reconnaissance" of the position; search for specific threats; rank the threats; focus your response against the worst threat if not prevented; search for candidates; execute the move in your head; visualize your move and do another reconnaissance in your head as if you played your candidate; if this yields a greater harm, keep reiterating with your various candidates until you derive a safer move. I'm sure this works for him. To me, the process Dan Heisman suggests in *The Improving Chess Thinker* and in his *Novice Nook* columns at ChessCafe.com seems more rigorous, and accounts for time constraints. Still, Hortilosa is worth "reading" because you have a master annotating his own games. That's an open window into a good player's thinking. κκκ

My next "read" was Uhlmann and Schmidt's *Open Files*, an English update of an older work that heretofore was

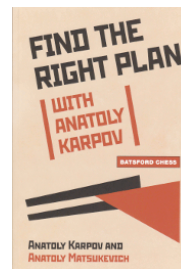
available only in German. Fantastic book. What positional feature is more obvious and ubiquitous than an open file? They provide 113 annotated games focusing on how to open and close files, and use them to infiltrate

horizontally along a rank once you have established a point of entry. It's great to see the open file themes presented in the context of complete games. That is how they occur and how we utilize them. And the annotations are focused



and verbal, not overrun with the variations. A great book to pull games off a ChessBase database. κκκκκ

My third and current "read" is Karpov's *Find the Right Plan*. *Please* tell me how to find the right plan, especially if you're Karpov. Largely complete games with focused, verbal annotations. Karpov defines the elements used to evaluate a position, and then organizes his chapters around how to account for each element in formulating a plan. According to Karpov, these include: 1) the material relationship between the forces; 2) presence of direct threats; 3) king safety; 4) possession of open lines; 5) pawn structure, weak and strong squares; 6) the center and space; and 7) development and piece placement. He then organizes his analysis around each of the evaluation elements.



Karpov's elements are worth comparing with Heisman's (Material; King Safety; Total Army Activity/Mobility; and Pawn Structure)

<http://www.chesscafe.com/text/heisman27.pdf>.

Karpov's core chapter is titled "The most important law of chess." Karpov identifies this law as "restricting the mobility of your opponent's pieces." This is a profound point. Heisman (*The Elements of Positional Evaluation: How the Pieces Get Their Power*) and Larry Kaufman (*The Evaluation of Material Imbalances*,

http://danheisman.home.comcast.net/~danheisman/Articles/evaluation_of_material_imbalance.htm) contend that the relative value of pieces is directly proportional to their mobility. The Queen is on average worth a little less than twice as much as two Rooks because it is on average almost twice as mobile as a single Rook—on an open board it can hit 27 squares from the center whereas a Rook can hit only 14. But the material values we assign pieces—say nine Pawns for a Queen versus five pawns for a Rook—are *average* values. In concrete positions, the mobility of a piece—and therefore its dynamic value—can be enhanced or diminished. A Queen pinned by a Bishop to a King has less *dynamic*

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value than a Bishop, as it has lost its ability to traverse files and ranks, and can move only along one diagonal whereas the Bishop pinning it can move along two! Karpov analyzes piece-by-piece how to limit mobility. What he doesn't

analyze is how to enhance a piece's mobility. In any event, a good "read." I've almost worked through it...
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Games, Games, Games

NH Scholastic Individuals

(1) *Fregeau, H - Ma, K [C25]*
 2010 NH Scholastic Individuals,
 [John Elmore]

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 exf4 4.Nf3 d6 Either now or on the next move, Kevin had the opportunity to try and defend f4 with g5. Apparently, he preferred to avoid the risk to his kingside pawn structure, but in the process Harrison enjoyed rather simple development and was able to secure a nice center and an opening advantage. [Fritz 7 : 4...g5 5.h3 Bg7 6.d4 d6 7.Bb5 a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.0-0 -0.44/12] **5.d4 Bg4 6.Bxf4 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qe7 8.Qd3** A more efficient manner of defending e4 may well have been 0-0, where after the threatened Nxe4 Nxe4 Qxe4, black's queen could be pinned to her own king with Re1. [Fritz 7 : 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.Bg5 Rg8 10.Bb5 Nb8 11.h3 a6 12.hxg4 axb5 0.69/10] **8...0-0-0 9.0-0-0** [Fritz 7 : 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Qd2 Bxf3 11.Rxf3 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Qxe4 13.Re1 Qxc2 0.34/12] **9...Nb4 10.Qe3 d5!** Kevin finds this resource to effectively achieve an equal position. **11.exd5 Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 Nfxd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5** A case could be made for retaining the bishop pair with Bd2, but the text can hardly be called a blunder. **14...Rxd5 15.Rhf1 Be7 16.h3 Be6 17.c4 Rdd8?** Kevin must not have fully appreciated the threats posed by Harrison's central pawns. His last two moves have enabled Harrison to achieve a winning edge. [Fritz 7 : 17...Ra5 18.d5 Bd7 19.a3 Re8 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nxd7 Kxd7 0.31/14] **18.d5!** Exactly! Kevin is confronted with serious threats to f7. **18...Bd7 19.Bd4?** Unfortunately, Harrison failed to see the good position he had achieved for what it was. Plainly correct (and winning) was Ne5. [Fritz 7 : 19.Ne5! Rhf8 20.Nxf7 Rde8 21.Bd4 a6 22.g4 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Rxf7 1.28/11] **19...f6** Kevin doesn't need to be told twice to take defensive measures against his f7 weakness. **20.c5?** Harrison has clearly lost the thread here. His

pawn center is not improved by the text, and Kevin frees himself significantly over the next few moves. [Fritz 7 : 20.Nh4 Rhe8 21.g4 Bd6 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.gxf5 Re4 24.Rfe1 Rde8 0.22/13] **20...Bb5 21.Rfe1 Rhe8** For reasons that will become clear on white's 23rd, Bf8 immediately may have been better, but the reason why would have been rather hard to find in Kevin's time trouble. **22.Bf2 Bf8 23.Rxe8?** The text allows Kevin to benefit from further exchanges of material. Necessary for relative equality was Nd4! Note how weak d5 appears after the exchange of rooks. I suspect at this point Harrison wished he had not played c5. [Fritz 7 : 23.Nd4! Bxc5 24.Nxb5 Bxf2 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.d6 Re1 27.Rxe1 Bxe1 -0.09/13] **23...Bxe8 24.d6 cxd6 25.cxd6 Rxd6?** The text allows Harrison to pick up the a7 pawn and achieve an ending with chances for a draw. Correct was Bxd6, where Bxa7 would be met by Bf4+ Kc2 Bg6+ Kmoves Rxd1, winning. [Fritz 7 : 25...Bxd6! 26.Be3 b6 27.a3 Bc6 28.b4 h5 29.Rd2 Be4 30.Kd1 -1.25/13] **26.Rxd6 Bxd6 27.Bxa7 Kc7 28.Bd4 Bf4+ 29.Kc2 Kd6** It is truly a shame that the endgame played in the players' mutual time shortage is not in my possession. I watched some of it, and Kevin did well in severe time pressure to achieve a very promising endgame advantage, but Harrison made the most of his drawing chances and secured the half-point. **1/2-1/2**

(2) *Berard, D - McGrath, S [B00]*
 2010 NH Scholastic Individuals,
 [John Elmore]

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.d5?! This was Devon's first tournament, and so he was likely caught in the unfortunate position of having to figure out a lot of basic chess principles while seated at the board. Plainly, the pawn center is best secured without this pawn advance, but even the most experienced of us can recall a time when we had to learn that - the hard way. [Fritz 7 : 3.Nd2 e6 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bb4 6.c3 Be7 7.e5 Ng4

0.50/12] 3...g6 Sean elects to make immediate use of the diagonal opened by the pawn advance. 4.c3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Bf6? The text is plainly incorrect. Sean did a great job achieving a good square for his bishop, but the text move allows Devon to simply trade it off. 6.Bxf6 Nxf6 7.Qd4 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.Nc3 Re8 cxd5 was the computer's choice, taking the first steps towards eroding white's pawn center. 10.0-0-0 b5? This loses material. 11.cxb5 e5 was better. The text allows black to equalize. [Fritz 7 : 11.e5! Nh5 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Qxd7 Qb8 14.e6 Rd8 15.exf7+ Kxf7 0.75/12] 11...cxb5? cxd5 was necessary. The text simply drops a pawn. 12.Bxb5 e6 13.dxe6 Rxe6 14.f3 Nc6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.e5 Ne8 17.b4 Here, Devon's inexperience shows. He has won a pawn and likely considered his position superior (and it was a few moves ago), but he has precipitated the erosion of his center and the advancement of pawns in front of his king, two positional mistakes he will learn to rectify in subsequent games. 17...Nc7 [Fritz 7 : 17...Qc7 18.Rd2 Rxe5 19.Nge2 a5 20.bxa5 Qxa5 21.Kd1 Ng7 22.f4 -0.50/12] 18.a4 Qg5+ Well done. Sean takes advantage of the air around Devon's king. Now, it appears black has turned the tables. 19.f4? [Fritz 7 : 19.Rd2 Rxe5 20.Nh3 Qe7 21.Nf2 Re6 22.b5 Bb7 23.Kd1 Re8 0.00/12] 19...Qxg2 20.Nge2 Bxa4 Very nice. Sean takes advantage of the overworked knight on c3. 21.Rdg1 Qf3 22.Rf1 Qc6 23.f5 Desperation. Devon's position is rapidly collapsing, so he feels the urgency to attack black's king as quickly as possible. Of course, at this point, black is winning. 23...gxf5? The text compromises Sean's king safety. This gives Devon hope for survival. [Fritz 7 : 23...Nb5 24.Qe3 Ree8 25.Rhg1 a5 26.fxg6 fxg6 27.Kd2 axb4 28.Nxa4 -1.56/11] 24.Rhg1+ Kf8 25.Rxf5 Nb5? Too late. The text allows white's attack to prevail. Best was Rg6, attempting to lock down the weakened kingside. 26.Qd3? Qf4 would have left black with a challenge too difficult to meet. 26...Rc8? Both sides miss mate in three. 27.Kd2? [Fritz 7 : 27.Rxf7+ Kxf7 28.Qxh7+ Ke8 29.Rg8# #3/4] 27...d6? 28.Nxa4?! It's hard to give a move that wins a piece a dubious mark, but mate in three was threatened. Nevertheless, Sean's failure to lock down his kingside leaves him hopelessly lost. 28...dxe5 29.Nc5?? This move looks fine, centralizing the knight on a good outpost at c5. However, the text deserves two question marks, one for missing the ongoing mate and the other for allowing the material-winning pin on the white queen. 29...Rd6 30.Rgf1? [Fritz 7 : 30.Ne6+! Ke7 31.N6d4 Qd5 32.Rg7 Rf8 33.Qe3

Qa2+ 34.Ke1 Nxd4 -0.25/11] 30...Rxd3+ 31.Kxd3 Rd8+ 32.Kc2 f6?? A fatal error. Sean allows Devon to avenge the loss of his queen and, with it, to secure a dominating advantage. 33.Rxf6+ Qxf6 34.Rxf6+ Ke8 35.Re6+ Of course! 35...Kf8 36.Rxe5 Na3+ 37.Kb3 Nb5 38.Nb7 Rd7 39.Rxb5 Rd2 40.Rf5+ Ke8 41.Re5+ Kd7 42.Nc5+ Kd6 Interestingly enough, the game score continues Nc4 Kc6 Nxe2. I suspect that, in time pressure, the players mistakenly believed the e2 knight was in fact on e3. In the end, time pressure deprived us of the completed game, but I am told that black was stalemated. 1/2-1/2

(3) Potorski, G (1726) - Bernard, D [C43]
2010 NH Scholastic Individuals,
[John Elmore]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 Here, Devon plays the Petrov defense. One has to wonder if he chose this at the direction of his math teacher and chess coach, Kerry McDermott. 3.d4 d5!? 4.dxe5 Nxe4 5.Bd3 Ne5?! Besides moving the piece too many times in the opening, Devon here moves his knight from the outpost on e4 to an inferior square on c5. Nc6 was more logical. 6.0-0?! While Gerry's idea of using black's wasted tempo by emphasizing his own development is a good one, here the bishop on d3 may be too good to let black simply trade it off. Be2 was correct. 6...Bg4?! Trading the awkward knight on c5 for the wonderful bishop on d3 was plainly correct. 7.Nc3 d4 8.Ne4 Qd5 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.h3 Bf5?? Hanging a piece. 11.Nf6+? The text is pretty, but Nxc5! was correct, winning a piece. 11...gxf6 12.Bxf5 Nxe5?! fxe5 seems more logical. 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Nxe5?! Nxd4 looked pretty straightforward. 14...fxe5 15.Qg4? Here, Gerry misses the winning continuation and surrenders his advantage. Necessary was c4!, with the idea of knocking the queen away from its defense of d5. [Fritz 7 : 15.c4 Qxc4 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Rxe5+ Ne6 18.Rc1 Qxa2 19.Qxd4 Rg8 1.00/9] 15...Ne6? Devon has only one defense, and that was f6. The text returns the advantage to Gerry. [Fritz 7 : 15...f6 16.b4 Rg8 17.Qh5+ Kd8 18.Bg3 Na4 19.a3 Rg7 20.Be4 -0.06/11] 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Qh5+? This appears to be a harmless move order error, but in fact the order matters here. White wants to capture on e5, but the text allows the in-between move Rag8!, with threats on g2. Superior was Bxe5 Bxe5 and only then Qh5+ winning a pawn. 17...Kd7 18.Bxe5 Rhf8? Rag8! (see above). 19.Qxh7+ Kc6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Qe4+ Qd5 22.Qxe6+ Qxe6 23.Rxe6+ Kd7 24.Rae1 Rae8? Plainly, the

ending was already winning for white, but if black had any drawing chances at all, he would need his rooks to achieve them. Essentially, here Devon makes Gerry's job easier than it already was. The rest of the game requires no further comment. **25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.g3 Kf7 28.Kg2 c5 29.Kf3 b5 30.Ke4 Ke6 31.f4 a5 32.g4 a4 33.b3 c4 34.bxc4 bxc4 35.Kxd4 c3 36.f5+ Kf6 37.h4 a3 38.Kd5 Kg7 39.Ke6 Kh6 40.f6 Kg6 41.Ke7 Kh7 42.f7 Kg6 43.f8Q Kh7 44.Qf5+ Kg7 45.Qg5+ Kh7 46.Kf7 Kh8 47.Qh6# 1-0**

(4) *Ma,K (1903) - Potorski,G (1726) [B23]*
2010 NH Scholastic Individuals (2),
 [John Elmore]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 a6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 e6 9.d3 Bg7 10.Ne2 Nge7 11.c3 0-0 12.0-0 Rb8 The pawn break with d5 looked interesting. **13.Be3 b5 14.d4 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 17.Qxd4 Qb6 18.Rad1 Rfd8 19.Rf2 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Rd7 21.Rfd2 Rbd8 22.b3 Kf8 23.c4 bxc4 24.bxc4 Ke8 25.Bd1 Nc6 26.R4d3 Ke7 27.Ba4 Rc7 28.Bxc6 Rxc6 29.e5 d5 30.cxd5 exd5 31.Rxd5 Rc1+ 32.Kf2 Rxd5 33.Rxd5 Rc2+ 34.Ke3 Rxa2** After a well-played game on both sides, a drawn ending has been achieved. What follows is instructive. **35.Rc5 a5 36.Rc7+ Ke6 37.Rc6+ Kd7 38.Ra6 a4 39.Kf3 a3 40.Ra7+ Ke6 41.Ra5 Ra1 42.Kf2 Kg4 42...Kf5 43.Ra4 Kf3** seemed more straightforward. **43...Ke6** [Fritz 7 : 43...a2 44.g4+ Ke6 -0.75/8 ; 43...g5 44.g4+ Ke6 45.Ra6+ Kd5 46.Rd6+ Ke4 47.fxg5 a2 48.Kg2 Rb1 49.e6 fxe6 50.Rxe6+ Kd5 51.Re2 a1Q 52.Kg3 Rb2 53.Re3 Qg1+ 54.Kh4 Qxe3 55.g6 Rb3 56.g7 Qh6#] **44.Ra5 Kf5 45.Ra4 g5 46.g4+ Ke6 47.Ra6+ Kd5 48.Rd6+??** This is fatal. The rook needed to remain behind the passed pawn. I wonder if Kevin felt as though winning every game was obligatory to win the championship, for I find it hard to believe he did not appreciate the drawing plan. In any event, the rest is easy. **48...Ke4 49.fxg5 a2 50.Kg2 Rb1 51.e6 fxe6 52.Rxe6+ Kd5 53.Re2 a1Q 54.Kg3 Rb2 55.Re3 Qg1+ 56.Kh4 Qxe3 57.g6 Rb3 58.g7 Qh6# 0-1**

(5) *Potorski,G (1726) - Fregeau,H (1745) [B88]*
2010 NH Scholastic Individuals (3),
 [John Elmore]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.Bb3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.f4 Qc7 10.f5? Aggressive, but this move drops a pawn. [Fritz 7 : 10.Be3 0-0 11.f5 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Ng4 13.fxe6 fxe6 14.Rxf8+ Bxf8 0.44/8] **10...e5?**

Unfortunately for Harrison, he missed the tactic. Qb6, pinning the knight, and only then e5 allowed black to win a pawn. [Fritz 7 : 10...Qb6 11.Ba4 e5 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 exd4 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qe1 -0.63/10] **11.Nde2 b5 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Qxd5 0-0 14.g4?** Gerry is consistent, but his aggression with moves like f5 and g4 are leaving a lot of air around his king. Given that Bb7 is clearly black's intention, Qd3 was more circumspect. [Fritz 7 : 14.Qd3 Bb7 15.Nc3 Nd4 16.Bd5 b4 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Nd5 Rfc8 0.38/11] **14...Qb6+?! [Fritz 7 : 14...Bb7 15.Qd1 Na5 16.Bd5 Qc5+ 17.Rf2 Bh4 18.Ng3 Bxg3 19.hxg3 -0.44/12] 15.Kh1 Nb4?** Harrison has a tactical idea in mind in offering up his rook on a8. He hopes to trap white's queen. However.... **16.Qxa8 Bb7 17.Be3** It's always hard to get into the head of a player, but it strikes me that Harrison may well have missed this idea, assuming Gerry had nothing better than to capture on f8. Assuming this is right, Harrison could be forgiven for being a little rattled here. He may well have thought Gerry just got away with his rook! **17...Qc7??** This is the decisive error. Gerry's escape route for the queen is via a7, but if black plays Qc6, Qa7 is met by Ra8. With the text, Gerry's queen escapes, and the competitive phase of the game is over. The remainder of the game is self-explanatory. [Fritz 7 : 17...Qc6 18.Qxf8+ Kxf8 19.Nc3 Qc8 20.Rae1 Nxc2 21.Bxc2 b4 22.f6 0.25/13] **18.Qa7 Ra8 19.Qb6 Qd7 20.Rad1 Bxe4+ 21.Kg1 Nc6 22.Bc1 Bd8 23.Qe3 d5 24.Qxe4 Qa7+ 25.Be3 dxe4 26.Bxa7 Nxa7 27.Rd7 Bb6+ 28.Kg2 Rf8 29.Rfd1 Nc8 30.Bd5 e3 31.Bb7 a5 32.Bxc8 Rxc8 33.Kf3 f6 34.Rb7 Rc6 35.Rb8+ Kf7 36.Rd7# 1-0**

(6) *Ma,J (1722) - Potorski,G (1726) [E61]*
2010 NH Scholastic Individuals,
 [John Elmore]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.h3?! More to the point is e4, the customary move. 5...d6 6.Bg5?! e4 is still best. After the last two moves, white has dissipated her opening advantage. **6...Nbd7** Also to be considered is c5. **7.e3 Re8 8.Bd3 e5 9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4?** Jolyn falls into a common trap. While Jolyn likely thought her bishop was a superior piece to the f6 knight, she nevertheless needed to exchange her bishop for the knight on f6 so as to be able to avoid the fork Gerry is threatening on e4. [Fritz 7 : 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.e4 c6 14.Rfd1 Rd8 0.00/11] **10...g5! 11.Bg3?! At this point, Jolyn had nothing better than to get two pawns for her piece by playing Nxg5 hxg5 Bxg5. 11...e4 12.d5 exd3 13.Qxd3 Nc5 14.Qe2**

Nfe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Bh2 g4 17.Ne1 gxf3 18.g3 Kh8 19.f3 Nc5 20.Rb1 Bf5 21.e4 Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Nxe4 It's easy to look good when you're up a piece, but this tactic is pretty. Jolyn played the game out to mate, but the rest needs no further comment. **23.fxe4 Bxe4+ 24.Nf3 Bxb1 25.Qd2 Qf6 26.Qd1 Be4 27.b3 Bxf3+ 28.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Re1+ 30.Bg1 Rxf3+ 31.Kh2 Rg8 32.Kxh3 R8xg3+ 33.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Kg7 35.Kf4 Kg6 36.Kg4 f5+ 37.Kf4 Be5+ 38.Kf3 Kg5 39.a3 h5 40.b4 h4 41.Kg2 Kg4 42.a4 f4 43.c5 h3+ 44.Kf2 h2 45.Kg2 f3+ 46.Kh1 f2 47.Kg2 h1Q+ 48.Kxf2 Qf3+ 49.Ke1 Bc3# 0-1**

(7) *Murphy,L - Mauer,G [D06]*
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Bb5 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Bd7 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bxb5 12.Qxb5+ Nd7 13.e6 Qf6 14.Qxd7+ Kf8 15.Ba3+ Kg8 16.Qxc7 Qxe6 17.0-0 b6 18.Qb7 Rc8 19.Rfd1 h6 20.Qxd5 Qf7 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.Rd7+ Kf6 23.Rxa7 Rxc3 24.Bb2 Rxc8 25.Bxc3+ Rxc3 26.h3 g5 27.Rb1 Rc6 28.Ra6 Kg7 29.Rbxb6 Rc1+ 30.Kh2 Rc2 31.Ra7+ Kf8 32.Rb8+ 1-0

(8) *McGrath,S - Fregeau,H [A01]*
2010 NH Scholastic Individuals,

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.g3 Bc5 4.e3 d6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Nd5 0-0 8.Qe2 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Qd7 10.e4 Be6 11.Nf3 f5 12.Ng5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb4 14.Qc4 b5 15.Qh4 h6 16.Ne6 Nxc2+ 17.Kf1 Nxa1 18.Bxa1 Rfe8 19.Qh5 Rxe6 20.dxe6 Qxe6 21.Qf3 Rf8 22.Rg1 e4 23.Qc3 Qf6 24.d4 exd3 25.Qxd3 Qxa1+ 26.Kg2 Qd4 27.Qf3 Qe4 28.Qxe4 fxe4 29.Rf1 e3 30.fxe3 Rxf1 31.Kxf1 Bxe3 32.a4 bxa4 33.bxa4 d5 34.Ke2 Bg1 35.a5

Border War

A13

Babayan,Ruben Burris,Ron Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Rc1 c5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.d4 Rc8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.0-0 Qe7 14.Nd4 Rfe8 15.Nf5 Qe6 16.Qb1 g6 17.Ng3 a6 18.Na4 Bf8 19.Bd4 b5 20.Nb2 Bg7 21.Nd3 Ne4 22.Qb2 Nxg3 23.hxg3 f6 24.Bf3 Qe7 25.Nf4 Qf7 26.Rfd1 g5 27.Bh5 Qe7 28.Bxe8 Rxe8 29.Nd3 Ne5 30.Qe2 Qd6 31.Nc5 Bc8 32.Nd3 In this position, a draw was agreed. Ruben was in time pressure. _ _

c5 36.a6 c4 37.h4 d4 38.h5 d3+ 39.Kd2 Bd4 40.g4 Kf7 41.g5 Ke6 42.g6 Ke5 43.Kc1 c3 44.Kd1 c2+ 45.Kc1 Be3+ 46.Kb2 c1Q+ 47.Kb3 Kd5 48.Ka2 Qc3 49.Kb1 Bd4 0-1

(9) *Fregeau,H - Patterson,C [C55]*
2010 NH Scholastic Individuals,

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 d5 5.Bxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Be6 7.Nc3 Bc4 8.d3 Ba6 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Nxe5 Nxd3 11.cxd3 Bc5 12.Be3 Bb6 13.Qf3 Qe7 14.Nc4 0-0-0 15.Nxb6+ axb6 16.Nd5 Bxd3 17.Nxe7+ Kb8 18.Rfd1 Bxe4 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Qxe4 Rd6 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Qc4 f6 23.Bxc7+ Ka8 24.Qa4# 1-0

(10) *Chevalier,T - Ma,K [C36]*
2010 NH Scholastic Individuals,

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 exf4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 Bg4 8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.Nb5 Nb6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.h3 Bh5 12.Qd2 Nbx5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.Qf2 Rfe8 15.Qh4 Bg6 16.Ne1 Re6 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Qxb2 20.Nf3 Qc3 21.Nh4 Re7 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Qf2 b6 24.Kg1 Rae8 25.Rab1 f6 26.Rb3 Qc6 27.Rb2 Re2 28.Qg3 Qc5+ 29.Kh2 R8e3 30.Qxg6 Qe5+ 31.Kg1 Qxb2 32.h4 Qe5 33.h5 Rg3 34.Qf5 Rgxf2+ 35.Kh1 Qh2# 0-1

(11) *Ma,J - Murphy,L [D30]*
2010 NH Scholastic Individuals,

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bc5 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Qc2 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Ne2 Re5 15.Qxc5 Rg5 16.f4 Rg7 17.Ng3 f5 18.Bxf5 Qh4 19.Bxc8 Rxc8 20.Nf5 Rxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Qg4+ 22.Kh1 Qxf5 23.Rg1+ Kh7 24.Qd4 f6 25.Qxa7+ 1-0

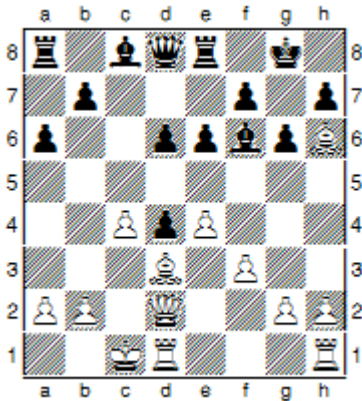
B12

Phythyon,John Smith ,Nate Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.f4 Qb6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.c3 c5 8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.Nd4 Nbc6 10.Nb3 Qb6 11.g4 Bg6 12.Qe2 h5 13.Bxg6 Nxg6 14.gxh5 Nh4 15.Be3 Qxe3 16.Qxe3 Ng2+ 17.Ke2 Nxe3 18.Kxe3 Rxh5 19.N1d2 Be7 20.Nf3 0-0-0 21.Rag1 g6 22.h4 Rdh8 23.Rg4 Bd8 24.Nbd4 Nxd4 25.cxd4 Kd7 26.Kd3 _ _

E81 Savov,Andrey1880 Dame,Erin1947 Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0
6.Bg5 Nc6 7.Qd2 a6 8.Bd3? This hangs an
important pawn. Nxd4 9.Nge2 c5?! Nxe2
10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.Nd5 e6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6
13.Bh6 Re8 14.0-0-0?



0-0 permitted better king safety. d5 15.Kb1 dxc4
16.Bxc4 b5 17.Bd3 e5 18.f4 exf4 19.Qxf4 Be5
20.Qf2 Be6 21.h4 Rc8 22.Bd2 Qf6 23.Qe2 h5
24.Bg5 Qg7 25.Rc1 f6 26.Bd2 Rxc1+ 27.Rxc1
Rc8 28.Rxc8+ Bxc8 29.Bc4+ Kh7 30.Bd5 Qc7
31.Qd3 Bb7 32.Be1 Bf4 33.Qc2 Bxd5
34.Qxc7+ Bxc7 35.exd5 With black's king on h7
and his own king so close to the vulnerable d4
pawn, one could forgive Andrey for visualizing
this position and feeling comfortable that he
would be able to regain his lost pawn. However,
Erin's king is able to come to the rescue just in
the nick of time. Kg7 36.Kc2 Kf7 37.Kd3 Be5
38.Bf2 Ke7 39.Bxd4 Kd6 40.Bxe5+ Kxe5 41.d6
Kxd6 42.Kd4 g5 43.hxg5 fxg5 44.b3 h4 45.a4
g4 46.Ke4 h3 47.gxh3 gxh3 48.Kf3 Kc5 49.Kg3
Kb4 50.Kxh3 bxa4 51.bxa4 Kxa4 52.Kg3 Kb3
53.Kf2 a5 54.Ke2 Kc2 0-1

E04

Terrie,Hal Plotkin,David Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6
6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndx4 9.0-0
Rb8 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nxc6 Nxc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6
13.Qxc4 Rxb2 14.Nc3 Rb6 15.Rab1 Qd6
16.Ne4 Qd5 17.Qxd5 exd5 18.Nc5 Bf5 19.Rb3
Rfb8 20.Rc1 a5 These are the only moves
recorded on the scoresheet. The position is
approximately equal, with black's control of the
b file being offset by the influence exerted by

white's knight on c5. However, in the end, black
prevailed, suggesting time likely played a role
from here. 0-1

A00

Sciacca,Pat Schalk,Alan Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.Nc3 f5 2.e4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.exf5 exf5 5.d4
Bb4 6.Bd3 Qe7+ 7.Qe2 Qxe2+ 8.Kxe2 Bxc3
9.bxc3 Ne4 10.c4 0-0 11.Re1 d6 12.Kf1 Nc6
13.a3 Re8 14.d5 Na5 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.f3 Nc5
17.Bd2 Nxd3 18.cxd3 b6 19.Bxa5 bxa5 20.Rab1
Rxe1+ 21.Kxe1 Re8+ 22.Kd2 Bc8 23.Nb5 Re7
24.Nxa7 Bd7 25.Rb8+ Kf7 26.Rb7 Be8 I am not
certain if this is the end of the game, but Pat
went on to convert his advantage. 1-0

B02

Schalk,Alan Sciacca,Pat Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Bc4 Nb6
5.Bb3 Nc6 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 0-0 9.Ng3
Nd4 10.Qh5 Nxb3 11.axb3 f5 12.f4 Nd5 There's
a reasonable case to be made for exf4 Bxf4 Nd5
here as well. 13.fxe5 f4 14.Nge4 Nb4 15.Rf2
Bf5 16.Qf3 Qd4 The computer evaluates this
position as somewhat better for white, but Pat is
quite aware of his position's trumps and seems to
this observer to be in a better position to use
them. Both white and black have advanced their
f pawns, leaving weakened diagonals towards
their kings. However, the dark squares along the
a7-g1 diagonal are far more easily accessible to
black than are the light squares on the a2-g8
diagonal to white. 17.Bxf4? Kh1 was more
circumspect. Nxc2 18.Ra4 Nb4 19.Rxb4? Qe3
Bxb4 20.Nd5 Bxe4 21.dxe4 Bc5 22.Ne3 Rxf4
23.Qxf4 Qxe3 24.Qf7+ Kh8 0-1

C50

Burris,Ron Babayan,Ruben Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 h6 5.h3 Nc6
6.Nf3 Qe7 7.0-0 Na5 8.Bb3 a6 9.Qe1 Nxb3
10.axb3 0-0 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 d6 13.Nd2!/?
Here, Ron elects to pursue the f4 pawn break on
the kingside. Also to be considered instead of
Nd2 here was d4, pursuing a break in the center.
Be6 14.f4 exf4 15.Qxf4 Nh5 16.Qe3 Qg5
17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Nf3 Qxe3+ 19.Rxe3 Nf6
20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Rg3 Kh7 22.Kh2 Re5 23.Rgf3
Kg6 24.R3f2 Rh5 25.Kg1 Re5 26.Kh2 Rh5 _-

B20

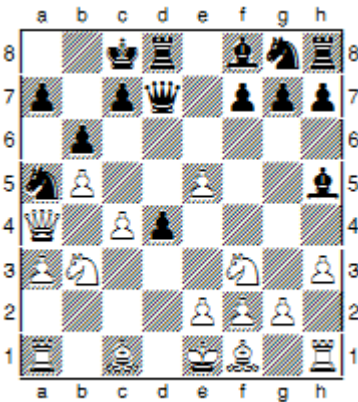
Smith, Nate Phythyon, John Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.e4 e6 2.d3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.Be3 Qb6 6.Nd2!? It seems hard to imagine that white can claim compensation for the pawn after Qxb2 here, but as the game progresses, it seems white enjoyed the initiative for quite some time after this sacrifice. Qxb2 7.Nc4 Qc3+ 8.Bd2 Qf6 9.Ne2 b5 10.e5 Qd8 11.Na5 Qc7 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Nxc6 dxc6 14.Nc3 Bg7 15.f4 f5 16.Be3 Bf8 17.Ne2 h5 18.h4 Nh6 19.Kh1 Rh7 20.c4 Rd7 21.Qc2 b4 22.d4 Ng4 23.Bg1 Qb6 24.Rfd1 Bb7 25.Rac1 Rbd8 26.Bf3 cxd4 27.c5 d3? The move looks pretty, and it's clever, but it is played a move too soon and shows that John missed Nate's threats to e6. In point of fact, Bxc5 Qxc5 d3 was best, for white's e2 knight has nowhere to go. 28.Qc4! Qa6 29.Qxe6+ Re7 30.Qxg6+ Rf7 31.Bxg4 Equally strong is e6 straight away. 1-0

D08

Goddard, Matt Lowell, Philip Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.a3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 Qd7 7.h3 Bh5 8.b4 0-0-0 9.b5 Na5 10.Qa4 b6 11.Nb3?!



The computer's preference, Bb2, looks more logical. Nb3 allows black to damage white's kingside pawn structure and leads to the creation of a passed d pawn that proves to be a thorn in white's side for the remainder of the contest. Admittedly, Matt did not have to recapture with his e pawn and permit the passer, but Bb2 puts the question to the pawn right away and forces black to show that the pawn on d4 is an asset, not a liability. Bxf3 12.exf3 d3 13.Bd2 Qe6 14.Bxa5 Qxe5+ 15.Kd1 bxa5 16.c5? Here, the psychological effect of black's pressure makes

itself felt. Matt must have realized Bxc5 would be black's reply to this move, so he likely had Qe4 in mind at this point. Still, the resulting ending is simply lost for him. [Fritz 6: 16.Ra2 Qc3 17.Nc1 d2 18.Ne2 Qd3 19.Qc2 Qxc2+ 20.Rxc2 Bxa3 0.19/13] 16...Bxc5 17.Qe4 Qxe4 18.fxe4 Bxf2 19.Nxa5 Nf6 20.Nc6 Nxe4 21.Nxd8 Rxd8 22.Rh2 Bg3 23.Rh1 Nf2+ 24.Kd2 Bf4+ 25.Ke1 Nxb1 26.Bxd3 Rxd3 27.Ke2 Re3+ -:-+

A55

Plotkin, David Terrie, Hal Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.c4 c6 2.e4 e5 It is noteworthy that Hal opted not to play d5 here, entering Caro lines that he could reasonably expect David, a Caro player himself, to know rather well. 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 Nd7 5.Nc3 Ngf6 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 Bf8 10.Be3 g6 11.Qc2 Bg7 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.Rfe1 Nf8? In many Old Indian set-ups, black generates counterplay with queenside expansion. Thus, I would have expected something like a6 followed by b5 here. In point of fact, however, the computer favors exd4, and the line it gives does indeed look fine for black. The text allows white to secure a substantial edge. [Fritz 6: 13...exd4 14.Rxd4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Rd3 Be6 17.b3 b6 18.Red1 0.34/15] 14.c5! exd4? [Fritz 6: 14...dxc5 15.dxe5 N6d7 16.Bg5 f6 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Bf4 Ne6 19.Bd6 0.78/14] 15.cxd6! Qd8 Qxd6 is not appreciably better. [Fritz 6: 15...Qxd6 16.e5 Rxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Bxd4 Qa5 19.Qd2 Ne6 20.Bxf6 1.41/13] 16.Bxd4 Ne6 17.e5 Nd7 18.Qa4? Black is cramped and had to be feeling enormous pressure to do something about the d6 and e5 pawns menacing his position. The text move was doubtlessly intended to directly deal with these limitations, but unfortunately the tactics simply don't work out. c5? Black is cramped and had to be feeling enormous pressure to do something about the d6 and e5 pawns menacing his position. The text move was doubtlessly intended to directly deal with these limitations, but unfortunately the tactics simply don't work out. [Fritz 6: 18...a5 19.Nb1 b5 20.Qc2 c5 21.Bc3 b4 22.Bd2 Bb7 23.Bf4 1.00/14] 19.Be3 Bxe5 20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.Nd5 Bd7 22.Qa3 Nc4?! In a lost position, this move hastens the end for black. 23.Qc3 Nxe3 24.Nf6+ Bonus points if you picked Rxe3 instead, but the text is more than sufficient. Qxf6 25.Qxf6 Nxd1 26.Rxd1 Rab8 27.h4 h5 28.Bd5 b6 29.f4 Rf8 30.f5 gxf5 31.Qxf5 Rbd8 32.Be4 Kg7 33.Rf1 1-0

C02

Dame, Erin Savov, Andrey Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Qb6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.Be3 d4 14.Bxd4 Qxd4 15.Bb5 Qxd1+ 16.Rxd1 axb5 17.Nxb5 Nd5 18.Rxd5 exd5 19.Nc7+ Kd8 20.Nxa8 Bc6 21.Qd2 Kd7 22.Qf4 Be7 23.e6+ Kxe6 24.Nc7+ Kd7 25.Qxf7 Rf8 26.Qe6+ Kd8 27.Nxd5 Bxd5 28.Qxd5+ Kc8 29.g3 Rd8 30.Qe6+ Rd7 31.Qg8+ Bd8 32.Qxh7 Bb6 33.Qf5 Bd4 34.b3 b6 35.h4 Kd8 36.Qf8+ Kc7 37.h5 Bc5 38.Qf4+ Kd8 39.g4 Ke8 40.g5 Rd4 41.Qe5+ Kf8 42.g6 Rd6 43.b4 Rd1+ 44.Kg2 Be7 45.Qe6 1-0

B85

Lowell, Philip Goddard, Matt Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Be2 Nc6 4.0-0 Be7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Nc3 a6 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Nb3 b5 10.a3 d6 11.f4 0-0 12.Bf3 Rb8 13.Qe2 Nd7 14.Rad1 Nb6 15.Nd2 b4 16.axb4 Nxb4 17.Nb3 Nc4 18.Bc1 Bf6 19.Kh1 Nb6 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Qxa6?? Nxa6 0-1

B98 Fregeau, Harrison1751 Gaspar, John1867 Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.g4 Nbd7 10.Bg2 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.h4 Rb8 13.g5 Nd7 14.g6 Nf6 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.0-0-0 b5 17.e5 dxe5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.Nc6 Qc7 20.Nxb8 Qxb8 21.Rhe1 Qh2 22.Bh3 e5 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.Re2 Qf4+ 25.Qxf4 exf4 26.Ne4 Nxe4 27.Rxe4 g5 28.Rd7 Re8 29.Kd1 Kf8 30.Ke2 Bf6 31.Rxe8+ Kxe8 32.Rd6 Bxb2 33.Rxh6 gxh4 34.Rxa6 b4 35.Kf3 Bc1 36.Rh6 Kd7 37.Rxh4 Kc6 38.Rh5 Kb6 39.Ke2 Kc6 40.Re5 Kb6 41.Kd3 Kc6 42.Rf5 Kb6 43.Kc4 Bd2 44.Rd5 Bc3 45.a3 Be1 46.axb4 f3 47.Rf5 f2 48.Kb3 Kc6 49.c4 Kb6 50.Ka4 Ka6 51.Rf6+ Kb7 52.Kb5 Kc7 53.c5 Kd7 54.Kb6 Ke7 55.Rf3 Bxb4 56.Rxf2 Bc3 57.Rc2 Bd4 58.Rd2 Bg1 59.Kb5 Ke6 60.c6 1-0

B93 Gaspar, John1867 Fregeau, Harrison1751 Maine vs New Hampshire 201018.09.2010 [John Elmore]

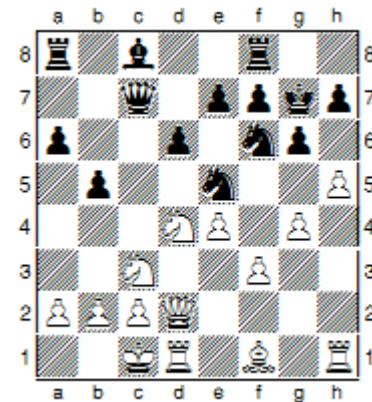
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Rfd8 18.g5 Be7 19.Qg2 Nxd3 20.cxd3 d5 21.f6 Bxa3 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.bxa3 Bb3 24.Rd2 g6 25.Qh3 Kh8 26.Qh6 Rg8 27.Rg2 Be6 28.Rg3 Qd7 29.Nxe5 Qd4 30.Nxf7+ Bxf7 31.Qxh7+ Kxh7 32.Rh3# 1-0

NH Amateur

B75 Smith, Nathan1982 Wezalis, Robert1760 34th NH Amateur (1)14.11.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Qd2 Qc7 9.Bh6 0-0 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g4 Nbd7 13.h4



Ne5 14.h5 Nc4? 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Kb1 b4 18.Qh6+ Kf7 19.Nd5 Be6 20.Nxe6 Kxe6 21.Nb6 Qc6 22.Nxa8 Rc8 23.Rh2 a5 24.Qh3 Kf7 25.g5 Nh5 26.Nb6 Rc7 27.Nd5 Rb7 28.f4 e6 29.Nf6 Nxf6 30.gxf6 h5 31.f5 Qxe4 32.fxg6+ Qxg6 33.Qxh5 Qxh5 34.Rxh5 Kg6 35.Rxa5 d5 36.Ra6 Rd7 37.Rxe6 1-0

D02 Atkocaitis, Thomas1890 Bradley, Clay2005 34th NH Amateur (1)14.11.2009 [NM Hal Terrie]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.c3 c5 7.Ne5 Nc6 8.h4 Qb6 9.Bxg6 hxg6 10.Qb3 c4 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.Nd2 b5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nf3 c5 15.0-0 Ne4 16.Ng5 Rxh4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.b3 cxd4 19.g3 Rh5 20.exd4 Ba3 21.Rab1 Rd5 22.b4 g5 23.Bc7 Kd7 24.Bb6 Kc6 25.Bc5 g4 26.Rfe1 f5 27.Kf1 Rad8 28.Ke2 Rh8 29.Rh1 Rdd8 30.Be7 Ra8 31.Rxh8 Rxh8 32.Ke3 Kd5 33.Bh4 e5 34.dxe5 Kxe5 35.Bg5 Ra8 36.Kd2 Ra7 37.Bf4+ Ke6 38.Be3 Rd7+ 39.Bd4 Rxd4+ 40.cxd4 Kd5 41.Kc3 g6 42.Rh1 e3 43.fxe3 Ke4 44.Rd1 Kd5 45.Rf1 Ke4 46.Rf4+ Kd5 47.e4+ fxe4 48.Rxg4 e3 49.Rg5+ Ke4 50.Re5+ Kf3 51.d5 Bc1 52.d6 Bd2+ 53.Kc2 Bxb4 54.d7 Ba5 55.Kd1 c3 56.Re8 Kf2 [56...c2+ 57.Kxc2 e2 58.Kd3] 57.Rf8+ Kxg3 58.d8Q e2+ 59.Kxe2 Bxd8 60.Rxd8 1-0

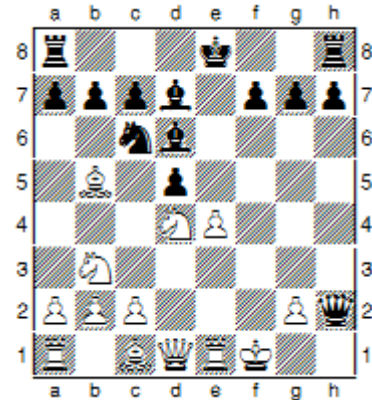
D11 Whitmore,Walter1741

Gueler,Sebastian1977 34th NH Amateur
(1)14.11.2009

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bg4 5.Nc3 e6
6.h3 Bh5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Bxf3
10.Qxf3 Qxd4 11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 Qxe4
13.Bxe4 Nd7 14.Be3 Bc5 15.Rfe1 0-0-0
16.Rab1 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Nc5 18.Bf3 Rd2 19.Re2
Rhd8 20.b4 Rxe2 21.Bxe2 Ne4 22.Rb3 Rd2
23.Re3 Nd6 24.a4 Nf5 25.Re5 Nd4 26.Kf1 Rb2
27.Bd3 Rxb4 28.a5 h6 29.c5 Ra4 30.Re4 Ra1+
0-1

C55 Fauman,Charlie1614 Elmore,John2062
34th NH Amateur/Extra (1)14.11.2009 [NM Hal
Terrie]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1
d5 6.Bb5 Bc5 7.d4 exd4 8.Nbd2 [8.Nxd4 0-0]
8...Bf5 [8...0-0] 9.Nb3 Bd6 10.Nfxd4 Bd7
11.f3 Qh4 12.fxe4 Qxh2+ 13.Kf1



Bg3 14.exd5+ Kf8 15.Nf3 Qh1+ 16.Ng1 Bxe1
17.Qxe1 [17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Be2 Be6 19.Qxe1]
17...Re8 18.Qf2 Qh5 19.Be3 [19.Qc5+ Kg8
20.dxc6 Qd1+ 21.Kf2 Qe1+ 22.Kf3 Qe4+
23.Kg3 bxc6 24.Bd3] 19...Qxd5 20.Bxc6 Bxc6
21.Nd2 Qb5+ 22.c4 Qxb2 23.Re1 Kg8 24.Qg3
h6 25.Qg4 Qf6+ 26.Ng3 Kh7 27.Kf2 Re6
28.Kg1 Rhe8 29.Bg5 Rxe1+ 30.Nxe1 Rxe1+
31.Kh2 Qxg5 32.Qxg5 hxg5 0-1

C36 Chevalier,Timothy1541

Provost,Thomas1741 34th NH Amateur/UI750
(1)14.11.2009 [NM Hal Terrie]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Nc3
Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Qxd5 7.d4 Bd6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0
Nc6 [9...c5 10.c4 Qh5 11.d5 Nd7 12.Qc2 Nf6]
10.c3 [10.c4 Qh5 11.c5 Be7 12.Bxf4] 10...Bf5
11.Nh4 [11.c4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bb4 13.Bxf4]
11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Qh5 [12...g5 13.Nf5 Rae8
14.g3 (14.h4 f6) 14...Ne5 15.Qd1 Nf3+
16.Qxf3 Qxf5] 13.Nf5 Rad8 14.Nxd6 Rxd6

15.Bxf4 Rd7 16.Rae1 f6 17.Re2 Re8 18.Rfe1
Rxe2 19.Qxe2 Qxe2 20.Rxe2 -_-

C30 Medrek,Ted1460 Strickland,Eric1693 34th
NH Amateur/UI750 (1)14.11.2009 [NM Hal
Terrie]

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.Nf3 dxe5 4.e4 Nc6 5.Bc4
Bc5 6.Nc3 Bg4 7.d3 Nf6 8.Bg5 Nd4 9.Nd5 Qd6
10.Ne3 Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Bh5 12.Nf5 Qf8 13.Qe2
0-0-0 14.0-0-0 Bg6 15.Ne3 h6 16.Bh4 Bh7
17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd8 Nf4 19.Qd2 Qxd8
20.Bxf7 Qf6 21.Bc4 Rd8 22.c3 Bg6 23.Qc2
Qb6 24.Rhe1 Be8 25.Kb1 Rd6 26.Qc1 Bb5
27.Bxb5 Qxb5 28.d4 Nd3 29.Rxd3 Qxd3+
30.Ka1 exd4 31.e5 dxc3 32.bxc3 Re6 33.Rd1
Qxf3 34.Qd2 Bd6 [34...Bd6 35.exd6 Rxd6] 0-1

A47 Dailing,Lee1429 Cecenas,Florencio1596
34th NH Amateur/UI750 (1)14.11.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Be7
6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc4 d5
10.Ncd2 Nbd7 11.Nb3 Be7 12.Ne5 Nxe5
13.Bxe5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.c4 h5 16.cxd5
Ng4 17.g3 Qxd5 18.e4 Qg5 19.h4 Qh6 20.Qe2
Ne5 21.Rad1 a5 22.Nd4 Nxd3 23.Rxd3 Ba6
24.Rfd1 Bxd3 25.Rxd3 Rad8 26.Qc2 e5 27.Nf5
Qe6 28.b3 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 g6 30.Ne3 f5 31.f3
fxe4 32.Qxe4 Kg7 33.f4 Qf7 34.Qxe5+ Kh7
35.Nd5 b5 36.Ne3 Re8 37.Qc5 Qe6 38.Kf2 a4
39.Qc3 b4 40.Qd3 axb3 41.axb3 Re7 42.Kf3
Rd7 43.Qc2 Qb6 44.Nc4 Qc6+ 45.Kf2 Qc5+
46.Kg2 Qd5+ 47.Kf2 Qd4+ 48.Kf3 Qd3+
49.Qxd3 Rxd3+ 50.Ke4 Rxg3 51.Nd2 Rg4 0-1

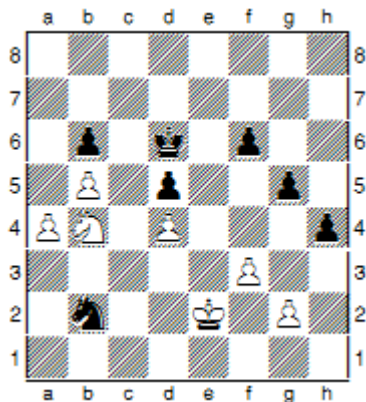
D20 Davis,Jason1081 Sowa,Ryan331 34th NH
Amateur/Extra (1)14.11.2009 [NM Hal Terrie]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Bxc4
Nb6 6.Bb3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be3 [8.Bxf7+
Kxf7 9.Ng5+ Kg8 10.Qxg4 Nxd4 11.0-0] 8...e6
9.a3 Be7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.0-0 Nd5 12.Bxd5
Qxd5 13.Qc2 Rad8 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 Bg6
16.Qb3 Qxb3 17.Nxb3 Be4 18.Ng5 Bd3
19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.Rac1 h6 21.Nf3 Be4 22.Nbd2
Bxf3 23.Nxf3 Rd7 24.Nd2 Nxd4 25.Bxd4 Rxd4
26.Nf3 Rd3 27.Kg2 Red8? [27...c6] 28.Rxc7
R3d7 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.Re2 Bc5 31.Rd2 Rxd2
32.Nxd2 Bd4 33.Nc4 b5 34.Nd6 Bxe5 [34...a6
35.b3 (35.b4 Bb2 36.Nc8 Kf8 37.Na7 Bxa3
38.Nc6 Ke8 39.Nb8 Bxb4 40.Nxa6 Ba5 41.Nc5
Bb6 42.Nd3 Kd7+) 35...Bxe5] [34...Bxb2
35.Nxb5 a6 36.Nc7 a5 37.a4 Bxe5] 35.Nxb5
Bxb2 36.Nxa7 Bxa3 37.Kf3 Kh7 38.Ke4 Kg6
39.Nc6 f5+ 40.gxf5+ exf5+ 41.Kf3 Kg5 [41...Kf6]
42.Nd4 g6 43.Ne6+ Kf6 44.Nf4 Bd6
45.Nd3 g5 46.Ke2 g4 47.hxg4 fxg4 48.Ke3 h5

49.Ke2 h4 50.Kf1 h3 [50...Kf5] 51.Ne1 Bh2
52.Nd3 g3 53.fgx3 Bxg3 54.Nf2 h2 _-

B13 Ma, Kevin 1897 Smith, Nathan 1982 34th NH Amateur (2) 14.11.2009

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3
Qc7 6.Ne2 Bg4 7.f3 Bd7 8.Bf4 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5
10.Bc2 Nf6 11.Qd4 Bd6 12.Nd2 0-0-0 13.Bxe5
Bxe5 14.Qxa7 Bxh2 15.0-0-0 Bd6 16.Qa8+ Qb8
17.Qxb8+ Kxb8 18.Nd4 g6 19.Bd3 h5 20.Bb5
Rhe8 21.Bxd7 Rxd7 22.Rhe1 Rde7 23.Rxe7
Rxe7 24.Nf1 Bf4+ 25.Kc2 h4 26.Kd3 Kc7
27.Ne2 Bd6 28.Ne3 Bc5 29.Nd4 Re8 30.Rh1 g5
31.Nef5 Nh5 32.Rg1 Nf4+ 33.Kd2 Re5 34.Ne3
f6 35.b4 Bxd4 36.cxd4 Re8 37.a4 b6 38.b5 Ra8
39.Ra1 Kd7 40.Ke1 Re8 41.Kf2 Nd3+ 42.Ke2
Nf4+ 43.Kf2 Rc8 44.Ra2 Rc1 45.Rc2 Rxc2+
46.Nxc2 Nd3+ 47.Ke2 Nb2 48.Nb4 Kd6



49.Nc6? Nxa4 50.Kd3 Nb2+ 51.Kc2 Nc4
52.Kd3 Na3 53.Nb4 Nxb5 54.Nc2 Nc7 55.Ne3
Ke6 56.Kc3 f5 57.Kd3 Ne8 58.Kc3 Nf6 59.Kb4
g4 60.f4 Nh5 61.Kb5 Nxf4 62.Kxb6 Nxc2
63.Nxc2 h3 64.Ne3 h2 65.Kc5 h1Q 66.Kc6
Qc1+ 0-1

*E60 Wezalis, Robert 1760 Harris, Edward A 1738
34th NH Amateur (2) 14.11.2009 [NM Hal
Terrie]*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d4 c5
6.d5 d6 7.c4 b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Re1
Qa5 11.bxa6 Ne8 12.Bd2 Nc7 13.e4 Nb5
14.Nxb5 Qxb5 15.Bc3 Rxa6 16.Bf1 c4 17.Bxg7
Kxg7 18.Qd4+ e5 19.dxe6+ Ne5 20.Nxe5 dxe5
21.Bxc4 exd4 22.Bxb5 Rxe6 23.Rad1 Rd8
24.Rd3 Bb7 25.f3 Re5 26.a4 f5 27.f4 Rxb5
28.axb5 fxe4 29.Ra3 e3 30.Rd3 Be4 31.Rexe3
Bxd3 32.Rxd3 Kf6 33.Kf2 Rd5 34.Rb3 d3
35.Ke1 d2+ 36.Kd1 Kf5 37.b6 Rd8 38.b7 Rb8
39.h3 [39.Kxd2 Kg4 (39...Ke4 40.Kc3 Kd5
41.Kd3) 40.h4 Kf5 41.Kd3] 39...h5 40.Kxd2 h4
41.Rb5+ Ke4 42.f5? I'm guessing that this move
and White's next were the result of time pressure.

[42.gxh4] 42...hxg3 43.f6?? [43.fxg6 g2
44.Rg5] 43...g2 44.Rg5 No more moves
recorded. Game drawn. [44.Rg5 Rxb7 45.Rxg6
(45.Kc3 Rc7+ 46.Kd2) 45...Rxb2+ 46.Kc3 Rf2
47.h4 Rxf6 48.Rxg2] _-

*B23 Cecenas, Florencio 1596
Potorski, Gerald 1581 34th NH Amateur/U1750
(2) 14.11.2009 [NM Hal Terrie]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.Bc4 e6
6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 Be7 8.0-0 Qb6 9.Be3 Ng4
10.Qe1 Nxe3 11.Qxe3 Nc6 12.f5 0-0 13.Ng5
Bxg5 14.Qxg5 exf5? [14...c4+ 15.Kh1 f6wins
a piece. (Not 15...cxb3 16.f6 leads to a forced
mate.)] 15.Nd5 Qa7 16.Ne3 fxe4 17.Bd5 Bb7
18.Nf5 g6 19.Nh6+ Kg7 20.Nxf7 c4+ 21.Kh1
Qd4 22.Qh6+ Kg8 23.Ng5+ 1-0

*B23 Provost, Thomas 1741 Medrek, Ted 1460 34th
NH Amateur/U1750 (2) 14.11.2009 [NM Hal
Terrie]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bb5 Bg7
6.0-0 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.f5 [8.d3] 8...Bxc3
9.bxc3 Bxe4 10.fxc6 hxg6 11.d3 Bc6 12.c4 f6
13.Bb2 e5 14.c3 Qe7 15.d4 0-0-0 16.Re1 e4
17.Bc1 Qh7 18.d5 exf3 19.dxc6 Qxh2+ 20.Kf2
Qxg2+ 21.Ke3 bxc6 22.Rg1 Re8+ 23.Kd3 Qh3
24.Kc2 Qf5+ 25.Kb3 Kc7 26.Bd2 Rh2 27.Rf1
Ree2 28.Be1 g5 29.Bg3 Rb2+ 30.Ka3 Rhd2
31.Rxf3 Qe4 32.Bxd6+ Kxd6 33.Qf1 Qc2
34.Rxf6+ Nxf6 35.Qxf6+ Kc7 36.Qe5+ Kb7
37.Qe7+ Kb6 0-1

*D50 Sowa, Aidan 566 Shankar, Sandeep 1210 34th
NH Amateur/U1300 (1) 14.11.2009 [NM Hal
Terrie]*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bxf6
Qxf6 [5...gxf6] 6.cxd5 Bb4 [6...exd5 7.Nxd5]
7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.dxc6 Qxd4 9.Qc2 [9.cxb7+ A)
9...Bd7 10.bxa8Q+ Ke7 11.Qxb4+ Qxb4
12.Qxa7 Ra8 13.Qe3 (13.Qxa8 Qxb2 14.Qa5
Qxa1+ 15.Nd1); B) 9...Ke7! 10.bxc8N+
(10.bxa8Q? Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxc3+ 12.Kd1
Rd8+) 10...Rhxc8 11.Qc2+-] 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3
Qb6 11.cxb7 Bxb7 12.Rb1 Qc6 13.e3 a6 14.Nf3
0-0 15.Bd3 Rad8 16.0-0 Qd5 17.Rfd1 e5
18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Rxd5 Bxd5 20.Be4 g6
21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.h3 Rfd8 23.Kh2 f5 24.c4 Rd3
25.Nxe5 Rd2 26.Qc3 Kh7 27.Qa5 c5 28.Qxa6
R2d6 29.Qa7+ Kh8 30.Rb8 Rxb8 31.Qxb8+
Kh7 32.Qxd6 1-0

*B20 Franke,Alex1258 Tappen,Eugene1064 34th
NH Amateur/U1300 (2)14.11.2009 [NM Hal
Terrie]*

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 d6 3.h3 g6 4.Nf3 e6 5.0-0 Nf6
6.d3 Be7 7.Bh6 Ng8? 8.Bg7 Bf6 9.Bxh8 Bxh8
10.Qd2? [10.c3] 10...Bxb2 11.Nc3 Bxa1
12.Rxa1 Nc6 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nb5 Qe7 15.Qf4
e5 16.Qxf7+ Qxf7 17.Nxd6+ Kd7 18.Nxf7
Nge7 19.N7xe5+ Nxe5 20.Nxe5+ Kd6 21.f4 a6
22.Rb6+ Kc7 23.Rf6 Kb8 24.Rf7 b5 25.Rxe7
bxc4 26.Nc6# 1-0