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This issue features NPCC Games from the NPCC 2024 Oct.-Nov. Swiss Tournament by 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 NPCC October-November Swiss Tournament

### Round: 1

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (2036)

Black: Adam Blechman (1685)

Date: 10/25/2024

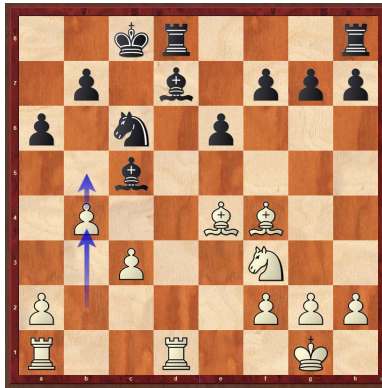
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[C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nbd2 d5 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 a6 7.0-0 Be7 [D]

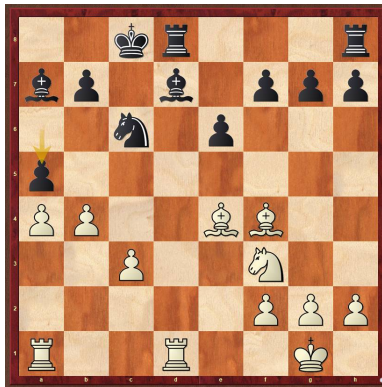


8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.e4 dxe4 [Better is 9...Bb6] 10.Nxe4+= Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qxd1 [White is slightly better.] 12.Rxd1 Bd7 [12...f6+=] 13.Bf4 [13.Ng5+=] 13...0-0-ON [13...f6 14.Nd2 (14.Bd6 Bxd6 15.Rxd6 Ke7 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.b4 e5 18.Kf1 Be6 19.Rxd8 Nxd8 20.a4 b6, etc... Fierro Baquero, M (2394)-Rivas Pastor, M (2525) Malaga 2009 0-1 (39)) 14...e5 15.Nb3 Bb6 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.fx3 0-0-0 18.Nc5 Bg4 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8, etc... Carr, N (2315)- (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) Ravi, L (2410) Plymouth 1989 0-1 (58) 14.b4 [D]



14...Ba7 [14...Bb6+=] 15.a4 [White should try 15.b5+-] 15...a5?? [D]



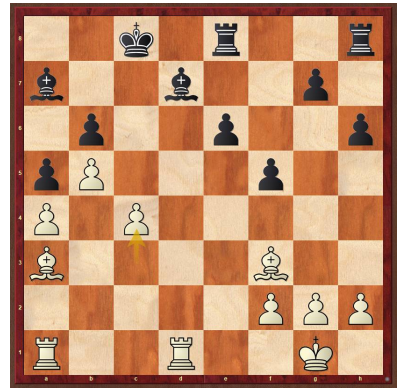
(Joe: Now white gets a powerful attack.) [15...e5+= 16.Nxe5 Nxe5] 16.b5+- Ne7 17.Ng5 (Joe: 17.Ne5 is even stronger.) 17...f5 [Better is 17...e5] 18.Bf3 [Hoping for Nf7.] 18...Ng6 19.Bd6 Rde8? [19...e5 20.Nf7 e4] 20.Ba3? (Joe: White missed a good tactic with 20.b6! and either 20...Bb8 21.Bxb8 Kxb8 22.Rxd7 or 20...Bxb6 21.Rdb1 Bc7 22.Bxb7+ Kb8 23.Bf3+ Kc8 24.Bxc7 Kxc7 25.Rb7+ Kc8 26.Nf7 Rhf8 27.Nd6+.) [20.b6 Bxb6 21.Rab1 Bxa4 22.Rd2] 20...Ne5 [D]



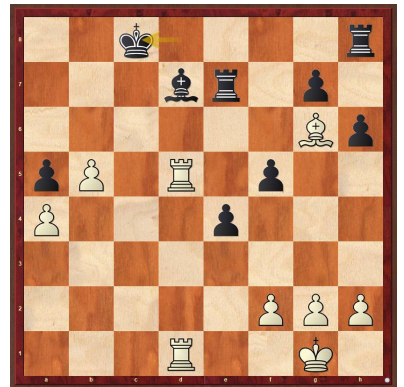
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21.Be2 [Better is 21.Bxb7+! Kxb7 22.Nf7! Nxf7 23.Rxd7+ Ka8 24.Rxf7] 21...h6+- 22.Nf3 [22.Nh3+-] 22...Nxf3+ [22...Ng4!+=] 23.Bxf3+- [Weaker is 23.gxf3 e5+=] 23...b6? [23...e5 24.Bxb7+ Kxb7] 24.c4 [D]

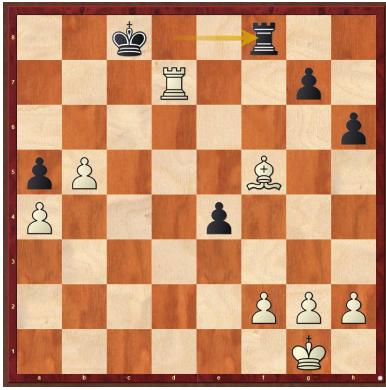


(Joe: Better is 24.Rd4 trying to double the rooks.) [Better is 24.Rd4 Bb8 25.Rc4+ Kd8 26.Rd1] 24...e5 25.Rac1 e4 26.Bh5 Re6 [Better is 26...Rd8 27.c5 bxc5 28.Bxc5 Bxc5 29.Rxc5+ Kb7] 27.c5 bxc5 28.Bxc5 Bxc5 29.Rxc5+ Kd8 30.Rcd5 Re7 31.Bg6 Kc8? [D]



(Joe: Black was in severe time pressure.) [31...Kc7 32.b6+ (32.Bxf5 Bxf5 33.Rxf5 Kb7+-) 32...Kxb6 33.Rxd7 Rxd7 34.Rxd7 Rc8 35.Rd6+ Kb7] 32.Rxd7! [White is clearly winning.] 32...Rxd7 33.Bxf5 Rhd8 34.Rxd7 Rf8 [D] (p.2) (Joe: Black lost on time. 35.Rf7+ would have been my next move.) [Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.84] (Text cont. p.2)

Position after 34...Rf8 (From p. 1)



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## Game from the NPCC 2024 October-November Swiss Tournament

### Round: 3

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

White: Joseph Mucerino (1939)

Black: FM Karl Dehmelt (2200)

Date: 11/8/2024

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[D94: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e3] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 g6 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Be2 d5 8.b3?! [D]

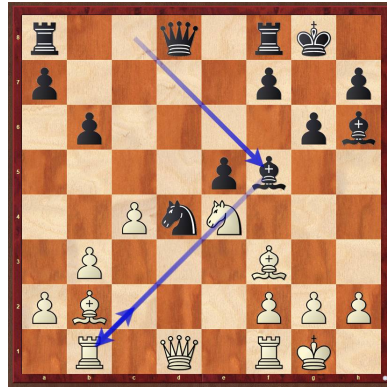


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(Cont. from prev. col) (Joe: I wanted to avoid an isolated pawn, but the computer does not like this, preferring 8.O-O, 8.h3, or 8.c5.) 8...Nc6 9.O-O Ne4?!N (Joe: Black should finish develop 12.Qxe2 Qa5 13.Rac1 e6 14.Nxc6 Rxc6, etc... Halldors-son,B (2270)-Wilhelmi, C (2405) Reykjavik 1997 0-1 (48)) 10.Bb2 e6 [Better is 10...Nxc3! 11.Bxc3 Bf5] 11.Rc1 Bh6 12.Rb1 b6 [White has an edge.] 13.Nxe4 dxe4 [D]



14.Nd2? (Joe: Much (Joe: 14.Ne5.) [Better is 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5] 14...Nxd4= [14...f5 15.d5+=] 15.Nxe4 e5 16.Bf3 Bf5 [D]



17.Ba3 Re8 18.Nd6?? [D]



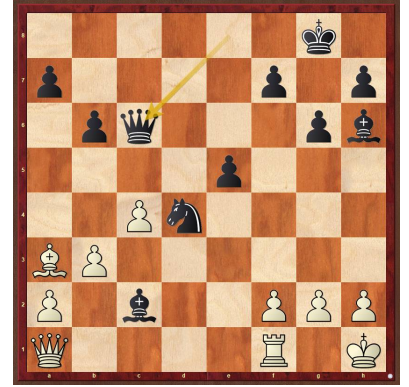
(Joe: There was a hole in my analysis. 18.Re1 was better.) [White should play 18.Re1+=] 18...Bxb1 19.Bxa8 Bc2! [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 19...Bc2! (From prev. col.)



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(Joe: This is what I missed. The game is over now.) [And not 19...Qxa8 20.Qxb1 (20.Nxe8 Bc2-+) 20...Rd8 21.Ne4=; Less strong is 19...Bxa2 20.Nxe8 Qxe8 21.Bd5 Bxb3 22.Qe1+=] 20.Qa1 Qxa8 21.Nxe8 Qxe8 22.Kh1 Qc6 [D]



[aiming for ...Be4.] 23.Qc3 Bg7 24.Qg3 h5 25.h4 [Better is 25.Bb2] 25...Qe4 [D]



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**Game from the 2024  
Chaturanga League  
Tournament**

**Round: 7**

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

**White: Alex Goldovsky, (1954)**

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

**Date: 11/13/2024**

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[B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack] **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 [D]**



**4...cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.f3 [6.Nf3= Nc6 7.Ne5 e6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Na4 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 e5, etc... Rapport, R (2710)-Bu,X (2681) Tsaghkadzor 2015 ½-½ (41); 6.h3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.Bxe5 e6 11.Bxg6 hxg6 12.0-0 Bd6, etc... Vaitkus,M-Kozhakin,M Klaipeda 2015 1-0 (32)] 6...Nc6=+ 7.Qd2 e6 8.g4N [Black is slightly better.] [8.Nge2 Bd7 9.Ng3 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Bb4 11.Nge2 Rc8 12.a3 Ba5 13.b4 Nxb4 14.axb4 Bxb4, etc... Balazs,B (1300)-Schaefer, M (1387) Gross Doelln 2010 ½-½] 8...b5 9.h4 Qb6 10.Nge2 Bd7 11.h5 [11.Nd1 might be stronger.] 11...h6! [D]**



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(Cont. from prev. col.) **12.Qe3 [12.Nd1=+] 12...Qa5 [Black should play 12...Rc8=+] 13.Kf2 [13.Nc1!=] 13...b4 14.Nd1 Be7 15.c3 Qb6 [15...0-0=+] 16.Kg2 a5 17.Ng3 bxc3 [17...a4=+] 18.bxc3= a4 19.Bd3 Na5 20.Rb1 Qa7 [D]**



**[20...Qd8=] 21.Qe2 Nc4 22.g5 [22.Ne3+=] 22...hxg5 23.Bxg5 Qc7 [23...Rb8!=-] 24.h6 [24.Ne3!+=] 24...gxh6=+ 25.Rxh6 [D]**

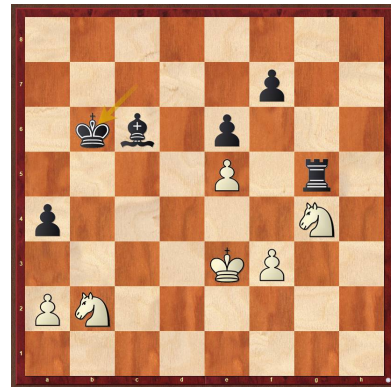


[Better is 25.Bxf6= - Bxf6 26.Nh5 Rg8+ 27.Kf2] **25...Rxh6 [25...Rg8!+= 26.f4 Ne4 27.Bxe4 (27.Nxe4? dxe4 28.Bxc4 Qxf4=+) 27...dxe4] 26.Bxh6 0-0-0 27.Bxc4 dxc4 28.Ne3? [28.Bf4!+= Bd6 29.Bxd6 Qxd6 30.Qe5 (30.Qxc4+ Bc6=+) 30...Qxe5 31.dxe5] 28...Rg8-- 29.Ng4 Nd5 30.Bd2 Bh4 31.Qe5 [D]**

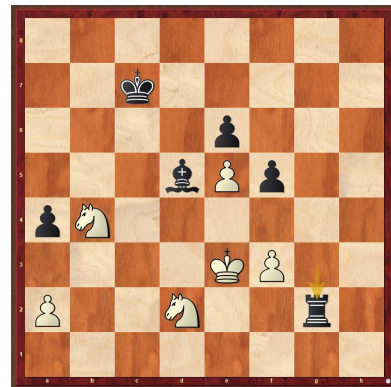


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(Cont. from prev. col.) [Better is 31.Nh5 -3.31/10 f5 32.Rb5 Nxc3 33.Bxc3 fxg4 34.Rc5 gxf3+ 35.Kxf3 Bc6+ 36.Rxc6 Qxc6+ 37.Qe4 Qxe4+, etc...] **31...Qxe5? [31...f5=+ has better winning chances. 32.Kh3 Qxe5 33.dxe5 Rh8] 32.dxe5-- Bg5 [Black should try 32...Bc6=+ And now ...Rxc4! would win. 33.Kh3 Be7] 33.Bxg5= Rxc5 34.Ne4 Rg7 35.Kf2 Bc6 36.Nd6+ [Better is 36.Rh10.19/13] 36...Kc7 37.Nxc4 Nxc3 38.Rb2 [38.Ra1=+] 38...Nd1++ 39.Ke2 Nxb2 40.Nxb2 [Endgame KRB-KNN] 40...Rg5 41.Ke3 Kb6 [D]**

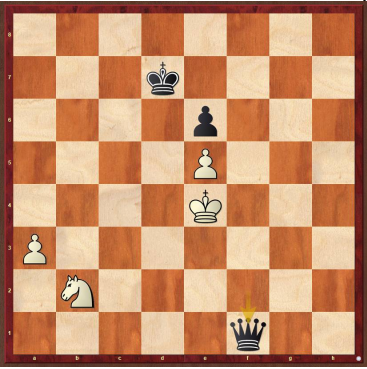


**42.Nc4+ Kc5 43.Nd6 f5 44.Nf2 Rg3 45.Nd3+ Kb6 46.Nc4+ Kc7 47.Nd2 Bd5 48.Nb4 [Better is 48.Nb2 - a3 49.Nbc4] 48...Rg2 [D]**



[...Rg1 is the strong threat.] **49.a3 f4+ 50.Kd3 Rf2 51.Nc2 [Better is 51.Kc3] 51...Bxf3 52.Nd4 Bd5 53.Ne4 Bxe4+ 54.Kxe4 [KR-KN] 54...Kd7 55.Nb5 Rb2 56.Nc3 f3 57.Nxa4 f2 58.Nxb2 f1Q [D] (p.4) [Aiming for ...Qe2=.] 59.Nd3 Qg2+ 60.Ke3 Qd5 61.a4 Qa5 62.Kf3 Ke7 63.Nf4 Qxa4 [Hoping for ...Qd4.] 64.Nd3 Qd4 65.Ke2 Kd7 66.Kd2 Kc6 67.Ke2 Kd5 68.Ne1 Qxe5+ 69.Kd2 [D] (p.4) [Black mates.] 69...Qd4+ 70.Ke2 Ke4 71.Ng2 e5 72.Kf1 Qd1+ 73.Kf2 Qf3+ (Text cont. p.4)**

Position after 58...f1Q (From p.3)



Position after 69.Kd2 (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) 74.Kg1 Qxg2+ 75.Kxg2 Ke3 76.Kf1 Kd2 77.Kf2 [D]



White resigned. 0-1 [Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=0.82] Copy and paste the link below into your browser:

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### Game from the 2024 Chaturanga 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 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, etc... 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]



[Black must now prevent Nc7+. White has an edge.] 8...e5N (Terance: This is the only move that keeps the game equal.) [8...Kd7 9.Nf3 e6 10.Bxc4 Na6 11.Ne5+ Ke8 12.Rxa6 bxc4 13.Qa4+ Bd7, 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, 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 (Next col.) [Strongly threatening ...Re8+.] (Terance: Bb4 is the correct move, but after the game Jimmy thought he should have played b4. He (Text cont. next col.)

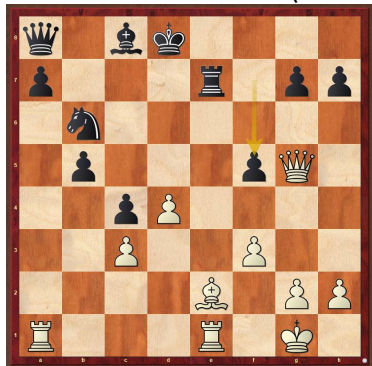
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Analysis Diagram

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 26.Rg5 Be6, 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 as 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 and 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 trick 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 [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.Rfb] 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 Bxc4+!) 22...f5? [D] (p.5) (Text cont. p.5)

Position after 22...f5? (From p.4)



(Cont. from p. 4) [22...Nd5 2.86/10 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Rxe7 Nxe7 25.Qxg7 (25.Re1 Be6+=) 25...Bd7 26.Qxf7 Qd5 27.Qf8+ Be8 28.Rxa7 Qe6 29.Ra8+ Nc8 30.h3; 26.Qxf7 Qd5 27.Qf8+ Be8 28.Rxa7 Qe6 29.Ra8+ Nc8 30.h3; 22...Qd5? 23.Qxe7+ Kxe7 24.Bxc4+ Kd6 25.Bxd5 Nxd5 26.Re8 Be6 27.Ra6+ Kd7, etc... 28.Ra8 Nxc3 29.R8xa7+ Kc8 30.Rc6+ Kb8 31.Ra5 Bc4 32.d5 Kb7 33.Rxb5+ Nxb5 34.Rxc4 g6 35.34/25; Stockfish: 22...Bd7 23.Qxg7 Qc6 24.Rxa7 Nc8 25.Raa1 f6 26.Qg3 Re3 27.Rac1 Nb6 28.Bf1 Qe6, etc...] **23.Bxc4!** [Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.39]

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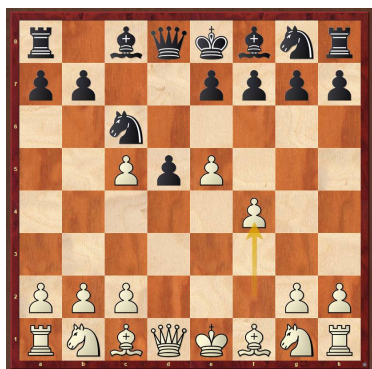
**Game from the NPCC 2024 Oct-Nov Swiss Tournament Round: 3**

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

**White: Daniel Meer, (1898)**  
**Black: Terance Hall, (1870)**  
**Date: 11/8/2024**

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[B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation] **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 Nc6 5.f4 [D]**



**5...Nh6** [5...e6 6.Be3 Nh6 7.c3 Nf5 (7...Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bd3 f6 10.exf6 Bxf6 11.Qc2

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[6.Nf3+= Bg4 7.c3 e6 8.Be3 Nf5 9.Bf2 d4 10.Bb5 Bxc5 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.cxd4 Bxd4 13.Bxd4 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nxd4, etc... Ball,J (1903)-Kiryk,R (1900) Ruhrgebiet 2004 0-1 (58); 6.Nc3 e6 7.Na4 Nf5 8.Nf3 Bxc5 9.Nxc5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxc5 11.Bd3 Ne3 12.Qe2 Nc4, et...Pruesse,H (2079)-Leitner,M (1849) Neumarkt am Wallersee 2011 1-0 (61); 6.c3 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6 8.Be3 a6 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Be2 Bg6 11.b4 Be7 12.Nd4 Nf5, etc... Csonka,B (2320)-Kojima,S (2340) Kecskemet 2012 ½-½ (49)] **6...Nf5** [6...g5!= Stockfish: 7.Nf3 (7.fxg5 Ng4 8.Bd4 Ngxe5 9.Bxe5 Nxe5, etc...)] **7.Bf2+- d4 8.Bd3** [8.c3!+-] **8...e6** [8...g5+=] **9.Nf3 Bxc5 10.Bxf5 exf5= 11.c3 Qd5** [11...dxc3= 12.Qxd8+ (12.Bxc5? Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 cxb2+-; 12.Nxc3 Qb6=) 12...Nxd8 13.Nxc3 (13.Bxc5? cxb2 14.Bd4 bxa1N+-) 13...Bb4] **12.0-0+= d3 [D]**

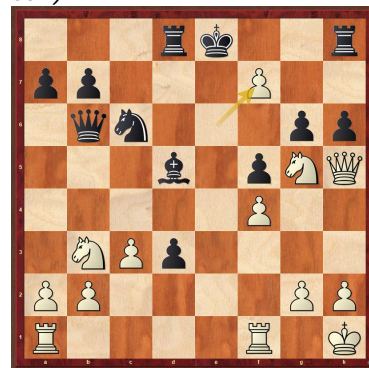


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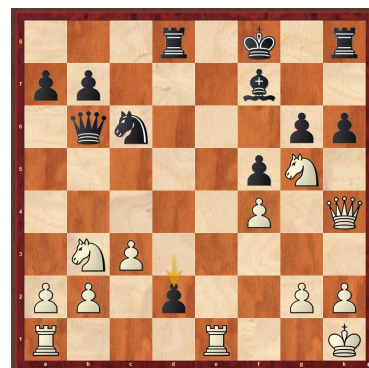


**18...h6!** [18...Bxb3? 19.axb3 Qxb3 20.e6+-] **19.e6 g6 20.exf7+ [D]** (Next col.) **20...Bxf7** [Better is (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 20.exf7+ (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **20...Kf8!+- 21.Qh4 Kg7**; Stockfish: **20...Kd7 21.Qxg6 hxg5 22.Qxf5+ Kc7 23.fxg5 Qe3, etc..]** **21.Rfe1+? Kf8?!** [Black should try 21...Kd7!+- 22.Qf3 hxg5 23.Qxd3+ Kc8] **22.Qh4+=** [Aiming for Ne6+.] **22...d2** [With initiative] **[D]**



[Black has the initiative.] **23.Red1** [Ne6+! is the strong threat.] **23...Bxb3 24.axb3 Qxb3** [24...Qe3+= - 25.Ne4 Qxe4 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Qxg6+ Kf8 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Qg6+ Kf8 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+] **25.Nf3** [25.Ne4!= keeps the balance. 25...Qf7 26.Nxd2] **25...Kg7** [25...Kf7+- 26.Ne5+ Nxe5 27.fxe5 g5] **26.Nd4! [D]**



**26...Nxd4 27.Qe7+?** [27.cxd4+= Rhe8 28.Rxd2] **27...Qf7+-** [Black has a decisive advantage.] **28.Qe5+ Kh7 29.cxd4 Rhe8 [D]** (p.6) **0-1** [Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/Black=0.40] [Analysis by Stockfish: 30.Qa5 Rxd4 31.Rxd2 b6 32.Qc3 Rxf4 33.Rad1 Re7 34.h3 Rc4 35.Qg3 Rce4 36.Kg1 Re3, etc... Black has a decisive advantage] (Text cont. p.6)

Position after 29...Rhe8 (From p.5)



(Cont. from p.5)

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**Game from the NPCC 2024  
Oct-Nov Swiss Tournament  
Round: 5**

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

**White: Terance Hall, (1875)**

**Black: Scott Yoder, (1709)**

**Date: 11/22/2024**

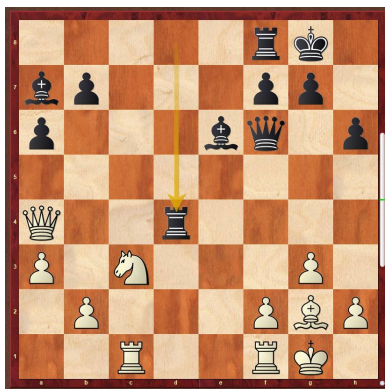
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[D32: Tarrasch Defence: Sidelines and lines without g3] **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be6 7.g3 Nc6 8.Bg2 h6 [D]**

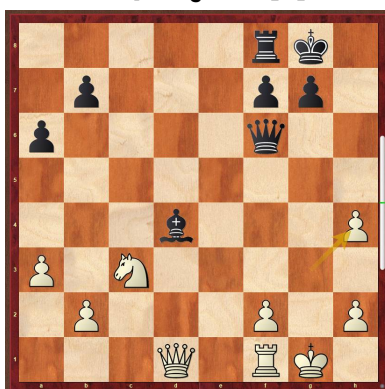


**9.Bxf6 Qxf6 [White has an edge.] 10.dxc5 [10.0-0 cxd4 (10...Rd8 11.Nb5 Rd7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Rc1 Bb6 14.b3 0-0 15.Nc3 Rfd8, etc... Vegh,E (2252)-Fodor,T (2450) Zalakaras 2011 0-1) 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.Nfxd4 a6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Nc3 Bb4, etc...(Stockfish: 17.Qh5+ Qf7 18.Qc5 Qf5 19.Qb6 Nd8 20.Rae1 Rc4, etc) 17...b5 18.a4 0-0 (Text cont. next col.)**

(Cont. from prev. col.) **19.Bxe4 Rfd8 20.Qe2 Qxc3 21.Bxc6 Rxc6 ½-½ (21) Alber,H (2360)-Hausner,I (2445) Prague 1989] 10...Rd8 11.0-0 [11.Qb3!? Stockfish: 11...d4 12.Ne4 Bxb3 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.axb3 Bxc5 15.0-0 d3, etc...] 11...Bxc5 12.a3N [12.Qb3= Qe7 (12...d4?! 13.Qxb7 Bc8 14.Qb5 dxc3 15.Qxc5 cxb2 16.Rad1 Rxd1 17.Rxd1 Bd7, etc...) 13.Na4 Bd6 14.Rad1 d4 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.Qxc5 Rd5 18.Qa3 Ra5 19.Qd6 Rd5 20.Qa3; 12.Ne1 0-0 13.Nd3 Bb6 14.Nf4 Rfe8 15.Qc2 Qe5 16.Rad1 Bf5 17.Nd3 Nd4, etc... 0-1 (22) Verot,M-Arutyunova,D (2074) Lithoto 1999] **12...a6 [12...0-0=+] 13.Rc1 Ba7 14.Qa4 [14.Ne1=] 14...0-0=+ 15.e3 d4 16.exd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Rxd4 [D]****

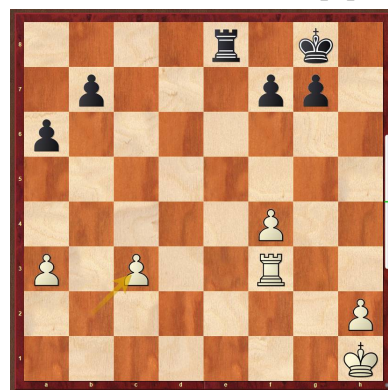


[But not 17...Bxd4?! 18.Bxb7 Rb8 19.Qxa6=] **18.Qc2 Bf5 [18...Rfd8+ 19.Rcd1 b5] 19.Be4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Qf3 21.Nc3 [21.Rfe1!=+] 21...h5+ 22.Rcd1 h4 [Black should try 22...Rc8+] 23.Rxd4!+= Bxd4 24.Qd1 Qf6 [24...Qxd1+= is superior. 25.Rxd1 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Rc8] 25.gxh4? [D]**

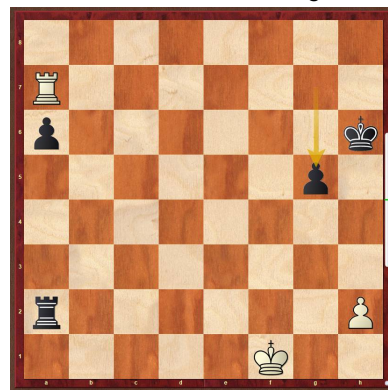


[25.Nd5= and White stays safe. 25...Qe5 26.Ne7+ Qxe7 27.Qxd4] **25...Qxh4 [with attack] [Black wants a kill.] [Better is 25...Bxc3+ 26.bxc3 Qxc3] 26.Qf3+ Re8 27.Qg3 [27.Qxb7+= was necessary. 27...Be5 28.Qg2] 27...Qh5+ 28.Kh1 Be5 29.f4 Bd4 [29...Bxc3+ 30.bxc3 Qf5] 30.Qf3+ Qxf3+ (Text cont. next col.)**

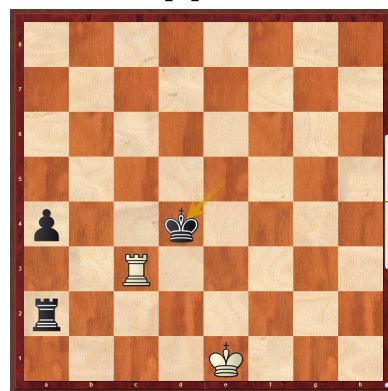
(Cont. from prev. col.) [30...Qc5-- Hoping for ...Qc4. 31.Qxb7 Bxc3 32.bxc3 Re3] **31.Rxf3 Bxc3 32.bxc3+ [D]**



[Endgame KR-KR] [32.Rxc3+ Re1+ 33.Kg2] **32...Re4 33.Rd3 Rxf4 34.Rd8+ Kh7 35.Rd7 Rc4? [35...b5+=36.Ra7 Ra4 37.Rxf7 Rxa3] 36.Rxb7= Rxc3 37.a4 Rc4 38.a5 Rc5 39.Rxf7 Rxa5 40.Kg1 Ra2 41.Ra7 Kh6 42.Kf1 g5 [D]**



**43.Kg1 Kh5 44.Rc7 a5 45.Rc5 [45.Rc4+= feels stronger. 45...a4 46.Kf1] 45...a4 [45...Ra4+ 46.Kg2 Ra1] 46.Rc3 [46.Rc4!= Ra1+ 47.Kg2] 46...g4 [46...Rd2+ Black wants to play ...Kg6. 47.Ra3 Rd4] 47.h3 [The position is equal.] 47...gxh3 48.Rxh3+ Kg4 49.Rc3 Kf5 50.Kf1 Ke5 51.Ke1 Kd4 [D]**



[51...a3!? 52.Kd1 Rh2 53.Rxa3 Kf4=] **52.Rh3 Kc4 [52...a3!? 53.Kd1 Ke5=] 53.Kd1 Rf2 54.Kc1 Kb4 55.Kb1 Rd2 56.Ka1 a3 57.Rh8 Kb3 58.Rb8+ [D] (p. 7) ½-½ [Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)] (Text cont. p. 7)**

Position after 58.Rb8+ (From p.6)



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## Game from the Chaturanga Chess Club Championship Tournament

### Round: 2

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

**White: Terance Hall (1931)**

**Black: Joseph Mucerino (2059)**

**Date: 10/11/2024**

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[D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2)]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 Be7 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 [D]



9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.Rad1 Bg4

12.f3 [Black must now prevent Bxf6.]

12...Bh5 13.Nf4 [Hoping for Bxf6.]

13...Bg6 [White has an edge.] 14.Nxg6

Nxg6 15.h4?N [D] (Next col.) (Joe: White should play 15.Rfe1 and push his central

(Text cont. next col.)

Position after 15.h4?N (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) pawns.)

[15.Rfe1+= Nh5 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Bf5 Nf8 18.Qf2 Rad8 19.Bc2 Ne6 20.a3 c5, etc...

Maksimenko,A (2492)-Moroni,L (2430) Lugano 2015 0-1 (48)] 15...Qd6? (Joe: 15...Nh5! is a much better response.)

[15...Nh5=+] 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.h5 [D]

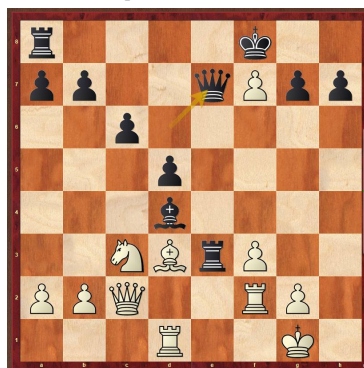


17...Rxe3?! (Joe: This sacrifice is okay, but the safe and solid 17...Nf8 is better.)

18.hxg6 Bxd4 [aiming for ...Re2+.]

19.gxf7+ [19.gxh7+ Kh8 20.Rf2 Re7=+] 19...Kf8 [19...Kh8!? 20.Rf2 Re7=+] 20.Rf2 [Prevents Re2. And now Bf1 would win.] 20...Qe7??

20...Qe7??



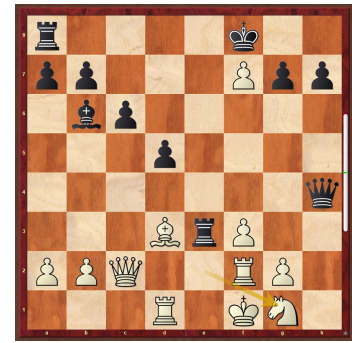
(Joe: 20...Re7 was black's best move.)

[20...Re5=] 21.Ne2?! (Joe: White had better with 21.Bf1! Bb6 22.Qxh7 Kxf7 23.Na4 ((to get the Bishop off the diagonal)) Bc7 23.Rd4 with an attack on Black's King.) [21.Bf1+- Qh4 22.f4 (22.Qa4 Rd3-+)] 21...Bb6!= 22.Kf1 Qh4 23.Ng1 [D] (Next col.)

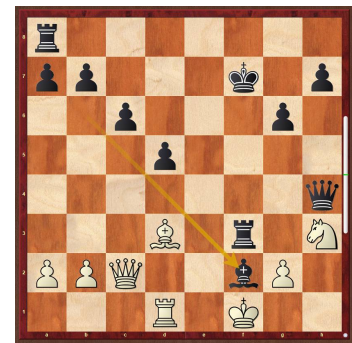
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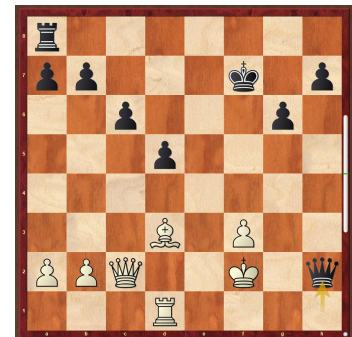
Position after 23.Ng1 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [23.Kg1? Rxd3! 24.Nc3 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Kxf7 26.Qf5+ Kg8 27.Qe6+ Kh8-+] 23...g6 24.Nh3 [Don't go for 24.Bxg6? hxg6 25.g4 (25.Qxg6? gets mated. 25...Re1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxf2#) 25...Qg3-+] 24...Kxf7 25.Re2 [Strongly threatening Rxe3.] 25...Rxf3+ 26.Rf2?? (Joe: This should lose. 26.gxf3 Qxh3+ leads to a perpetual check which was fine with me.) [26.gxf3= Qxh3+ 27.Ke1 Qh4+ 28.Kd2 Qf4+ 29.Ke1] 26...Bxf2?? [D]



(Joe: Believe it or not, 26...Rxf2 wins. The computer line goes: 27.Nxf2 Rf8! 28.Kg1 Kg7 29.Rf1 Qg3 30.Qe2 Rf4 31.Qe5+ Kh6. Black has lots of pressure on f2 and if 32.Qe2 Rh4 threatens mate.) 27.gxf3 Qxh3+ 28.Kxf2 Qh2+ 29.Kf1 Qh1+ 30.Kf2 Qh2+ [D]



½-½ [Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.63]

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## Game from the Chaturanga Chess Club Championship Tournament

### Round: 4

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

**White: Alan Lindy, (1809)**

**Black: Joseph Mucerino, (2059)**

**Date: 9/25/2024**

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[D48: Semi-Slav: Meran System: 7...b5 8 Bd3 a6] **1.Nf3** (Joe - Lindy always begins 1.Nf3.) **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 c6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 [D]**



**6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.0-0 c5 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rd1 b4 [Better is 11...Qc7; 11...Rc8 12.dxc5 (12.e4 c4 13.Bc2 b4 14.Nb1 Be7 15.d5 exd5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Re1 Nc5 18.Nd4 Nd3, etc... Bhakti,K (2317)-Tabatabaei,M (2605) Dubai 2018 0-1 (38)] 12...Bxc5 13.a4 b4 14.Nb1 Qb6 15.a5 Qc6 16.Nbd2 Ne5 17.Bc2 0-0 18.Qf1 Nxf3+, etc... Rodchenkov,S (2355)-Sorokin,M (2578) Cheliabinsk 2005 ½-½ (60)] **12.Na4= Qa5N** [12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bd6 14.b3 Qb8 15.h3 0-0 16.Bb2 Ne5 17.Bc2 Ng6 18.Nf3 Rd8, etc... Udani,I (2307)-Lu,S (2526) Kuala Lumpur 2011 0-1 (44)] **13.Nxc5 Bxc5 [D]****



[The position is equal.] (Joe - Black captures with the bishop because he wants the knight to help control the e4 square.) **14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bd2?! [D]** (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 15.Bd2?! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - The computer prefers 15...Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Bxf3 with equality, but I wanted to keep the pieces on the board for a kingside attack.) **15...0-0 16.Ne5** [16.Bc4 feels stronger.] **16...Nce4** (Joe - A bit better was 16...Rfd8.) [16...Rfc8=] **17.Nc4+= Qg5 18.f4 [D]**

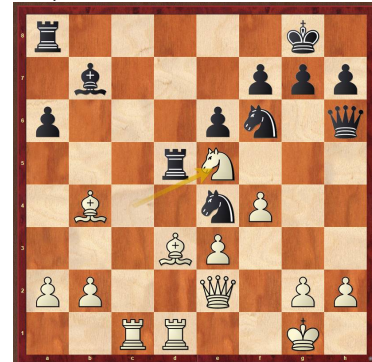


[18.Bxb4 18...Nc3! 19.Qf1 Nxd1=; 18.f3+= is superior. 18...Nxd2 19.Rxd2] **18...Qh4?? [D]**



(Joe - And that pretty much is the ball-game. I did not care if I lost the b4 pawn, but I really underestimated how immobilized black would be.) [18...Qc5= and Black has nothing to worry.] **19.Be1 Qh6** [19...Qg4+ was called for.] **20.Bxb4+- Rfd8 21.Rac1 Rd5** [Better is 21...Bd5 22.b3 Rab8] **22.Ne5! [D]** (Next col.) [22.Nb6 Rh5 23.h3 (23.Nxa8 Rxh2) 23...Rxh3 24.gxh3 Qxh3 25.Bxe4 (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 22.Ne5! (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) **25...Bxe4= 22...a5 23.Rc7 Rb8?** [23...axb4 is a better defense. 24.Rxb7 (24.Nxf7 Qh5=) 24...Nc5 25.Rxb4 (25.Nxf7 Qh5=) 25...g6] **24.Ba3 Qh4 25.Rdc1 h6 26.Rxf7** [Better is 26.Rf1] **26...Rxe5? [D]**



(Joe - This makes things worse. Although it still loses, the best way to go was 26...Rxd3 27.Rxb7 Rxb7 28.Nxd3.) [26...Rxd3 27.Rxb7 (27.Qxd3? is a self-mate. 27...Qf2+ 28.Kh1 Ng3+ 29.hxg3 Qxg2#) 27...Rxb7 28.Nxd3 (28.Rc8+ Kh7+-) 28...Rd7] **27.Rxb7! [White is clearly winning.] 27...Rxb7 28.Rc8+ Kh7 29.fxe5** [ Hoping for g3.] **29...Rd7 30.g3 [D]**



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