



WHITE TO MOVE

12. Nxd5 Bxe5

After 12. ... Qxd5 White's other knight heads to b6 with 13. Nc4!.

13. Nb6 Ra7

White's knight outpost on the b6-square paralyzes Black's queenside for almost the entire rest of the game.

14. Bh6 Bg7 15. Be3 Bd4 16. c3 Bxe3 17. fxe3 Nc6 18. d4 cxd4 19. exd4 Bf5 20. b4 e5 21. dxe5 Qe7 22. Qe1 Qxe5 23. Bf3 Qg7 24. Rd1 Ne5 25. Qe3 Re8 26. Rfe1 f6 27. h3 Qe7 28. Bg4 Bc2 29. Nd5!

Finally the knight returns to the center, immediately winning material for White.

29. ... Qf7 30. Qxa7 Nxc4 31. hxg4 Rxe1+ 32. Rxe1 Qxd5 33. Qd4, Black resigned.

Also in round six, IM Arthur Guo threw the race for individual first wide open by knocking out the leader IM Anthony He in a wild game:

TACTICS!

IM Arthur Guo (2503)
IM Anthony He (2466)
National High School (K-12) Ch (6),
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26. e6!!

Allowing Black to pin and win White's queen.

26. ... Bc5?

Taking the bait. Correct was the improbable 26. ... Rdc7! 27. exf7 Ka8! with an unclear position.

The Blitz tournament is always a source of excitement and intrigue. As we see above, this year's edition was no exception.

27. Qxc5! Rxc5 28. exd7 Rc2 29. Rd4!

This may have been what Black missed. Now he is forced to return the queen, after which White is just up material and winning.

29. ... Kc7 30. Rxd5 Bxd5 31. Rd1 Ne7 32. Bf6 Kxd7 33. Bxe7, Black resigned.

Meanwhile, rival NYC school Columbia Grammar (CGPS) was pulling even with Dalton in the team standings. Their top player FM Nico Chasin managed to escape a bad position against his bughouse teammate IM Alexander Costello:

BUGGING OUT

FM Nico Chasin (2411)
IM Alexander Costello (2380)
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(see diagram next page)

40. ... Qb6?!

Correct was 40. ... Nd4! 41. Qxd4 Qxg5 when Black's extra piece is more likely than in the game to outweigh White's three extra pawns.