

This week's game features Matthew Green when he played against yours truly in the final Tuesday Night Torture tournament. Matthew comes from Grimsby and goes under the handle matthewgtfc so I guess that he supports the Mariners and is no doubt over the moon that they have been promoted to League 2.

In this game I, as white, opened with the Queen's gambit 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 and both knights are pinned 5. e3 h6 6. Bh4 Bd7 7. Nf3 0-0 8. Ne5 g5 9. Bg3 Bxc3+ 10. bxc3 Ne4 11. Nxd7 Nxd7 12. Qc2 c6 13. c5 Qa5 and now my pawn on c3 is under attack 14. Rc1 Kg7 15. Bd3 Ndf6 16. f3 Nxg3 17. hxg3 b6 18. cxb6 axb6 and after the exchange of pawns the a-file is open 19. Ra1 c5 20. dxc5 bxc5 and now the b-file is open as well.

Play continued 21. a4 c4 22. Be2 Rfb8 23. Kf2 Rb3 24. Rhc1 Nd7 25. Bd1 Nc5 26. Qd2 and I moved my queen so that my bishop was attacking Matthew's rook on b3 (see diagram) however his next move proved decisive.

Matthew played 26. ...Nd3+ 27. Kg1 Nxc1 winning the exchange 28. Qxc1 Rxc3 29. Qb2 Kg8 30. Ra3 Rxa3 31. Qxa3 Qe1+ 32. Kh2 Qxd1 and I resigned.

This was Matthew's only win of the evening as he withdrew after round 3 but I noticed that he is a regular competitor on chess.com as a lot of players are.

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