I opted for the Exchange Variation and didn't think much of the way this bloke played the opening but I was soon forced to think again about how strong he was. It was only after the rooks came off I realised I was a piece down; instead of resigning, I fought on desperately until he made a horrible blunder then resigned instantly, prematurely in my humble opinion; queen endings are very difficult and there are many drawing chances or even winning chances for the player who is material down or in a bad position. Excellent game by both players nevertheless, especially Yours Truly who showed fine defensive skills in spite of losing a piece under pressure. Ironically, if I hadn't blundered here and saved the knight I would almost certainly have lost the game because I wouldn't have been able to connect my rooks in time.



1. P-K4	**P-K4**
2. N-KB3	**N-QB3**
3. B-N5	**P-QR3**
4. BxN	**QPxB**
5. P-Q3	**B-Q3**
6. P-KR3	**N-B3**

7. O-O	**B-K3**
8. R-K1	**Q-Q2**
9. QN-Q2	**O-O-O**
10. N-B1	**P-R3**
11. B-K3	**P-KN4**
12. N-N3	**P-N5**
13. PxP	**BxNP**
14. Q-Q2	**BxN**
15. PxB	**P-KR4**
16. N-B5	**QR-N1ch**
17. K-B1	**P-R5**
18. K-K2	**N-R4**
19. R-R1	**N-B5ch**
20. BxN	**PxB**
21. R-R3	**R-Q1**
22. QR-Q1	**QxN**
23. K-Q1	**Q-B3**
24. P-B3	**Q-K3**
25. P-N3	**P-KB4**
26. K-B2	**PxP**
27. BPxP	**Q-B3**
28. Q-K2	**Q-K3**

29. RxP	**Q-B3**
30. Q-N4ch	**K-N1**
31. RxR	**RxR**
32. RxRch	**QxR**
33. P-Q4	**Q-R2**
34. K-Q3	**P-B4**
35. PxP	**BxP**
36. QxP	**Q-Q2ch**
37. K-B2	**B-Q3**
38. P-K5	**B-K2**
39. Q-K4	**Q-K3**
40. P-KB4	**B-B3??**
41. Q-N6	**Black resigns**