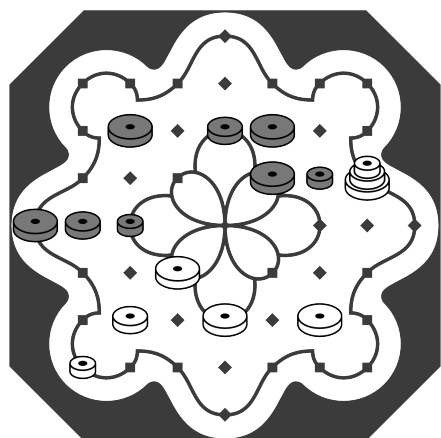# Mini Quincala Knocking Game Scores - 18

MSO in London Demo on 24ᵗʰ August 2012

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2012-08-24 Bob v Aled Puzzle

Although the game was not recorded, an interesting position was photographed:

With White to move, find a win in 3 moves (5 turns)
Solution at the end of this document.

2012-08-24 Nathan v Ulf

Turns in line: 14. Black Win in Black's turn.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544444636262633444426446463
6262778888a696859988887584938485968788878685636284
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_v_Ulf>

this indicates that building a full tower in the third move of a Brown's trap opening is a loss?

2012-08-24 Nathan v Ulf -2

Turns in line: 16. White win - Black resigned.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;334444574848758484394826443
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le=2012-08-24_Nathan_v_Ulf_-2>
This is an example of a *turning the tables* opening, in which Black finds himself in turn 6 to have the initiative in an equal position without potential on the board. There is probably a better way for Black to continue after that than the above … Especially the moves in 6 and 8, which serve to

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increase the advantage in potential for Black, has a weakness in the lonely large black piece on NE2b, which White can use to recover the initiative as in White's turn 11.

The suggestion for Black to have finished the move with a small dart in turn12 doesn't seem to improve his situation, still White win:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;334444574848758484394826443 3
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86x46486a888786334455588879663628486968726374 86a8
88786554462848687r1;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Nathan_v_
Ulf_-2_branch_1>

a played out variation from turn 14 is still a White win:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;334444574848758484394826443 3
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8646486a888633445555x6a6969553526r1;0.2&title=2012
-08-24_Nathan_v_Ulf_-2_branch_2>

2012-08-24 Nathan v Ulf -3

Turns in line: 7. Black win - White resigned.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;554444463626268696a6a6778888
3344442644r0;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Nathan_v_Ulf_-3>

another try at Brown's trap, now building the full tower on SW2b in turn 5; this move still looks like a loss.

A played out variation from turn 5 is a White win:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;554444463626268696a6a6778888
x758484264848334444482644a688r1;0.2&title=2012-08-
24_Nathan_v_Ulf_-3_branch_1>

2012-08-24 Ulf v Nathan

Turns in line: 17. Black win - White resigned.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;646362625748485544444636262 6
968686778888a69699888687446464263636938 4846a696975
848687696888878662634536888786 96r0;0.2&title=2012-
08-24_Ulf_v_Nathan>

2012-08-24 Ulf v Florian

Turns in line: 17. Black win - White resigned.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;554444263793847575887777869 6
96777878a696877868788778787584847868688487696 83948
4887784858687869685868 68r0;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Ul
f_v_Florian>

2012-08-24 Florian v Ulf

Turns in line: 32. White win - Black resigned.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544444636262633443352668696a
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012-08-24_Florian_v_Ulf>

Interesting position in turn 9, where a White attack would have proven fatal:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544444636262633443352668696a
6a6364646a4826354464443536394848x44353626483726353
6263736r0;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Florian_v_Ulf_branch_1>

As analysed afterwards, a better defence by Black in turn 26 could have lead to a Black win, capitalising on White's somewhat weak moves in turns 21-25:
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12-08-24_Florian_v_Ulf_branch_3>

... no, unfortunately for Black, the defending middle Black piece on W2, which is called a [twin's] *little brother*, is also a *mohican*; White knocking it without sowing the largest piece next to the black twin is a winning move since Black has no material to respond. Interestingly though, it seems that the position at the beginning of turn 27 is a win for the first player, in this case White:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544444636262633443352668696a
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0.2&title=2012-08-24_Florian_v_Ulf_branch_3.1>

... finally, a better move by White in turn 21 would have secured the win earlier and pre-empted the Black win above:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544444636262633443352668696a
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lorian_v_Ulf_branch_2>

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Turns in line: 18. Black Win in Black's turn.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;33444457484855444448464463 64
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45449384843635846244453546454485635445 44;0.2&title
=2012-08-24_Martin_v_Ulf>

2012-08-24 Aled v Nathan unfinished

Turns in line: 9. End at Black to play.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;64636262778888a6956a69695544
44263762636357484833 44554444;0.2&title=2012-08-24_
Aled_v_Nathan_unfinished>

2012-08-24 Paul v Aled

Turns in line: 6. Black Win in Black's turn.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544447788883344454699888862
636388a69686;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Paul_v_Aled>

this score feature a win by *knock-out*.

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Turns in line: 8. Black Win in Black's turn.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;55457788884445365748486 26363
88a6966354543948264433;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Paul_v
Aled-2>

2012-08-24 Nathan v Bob unclear turn 10

Turns in line: 9. End at Black to play. Unclear turn 10.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544444636262664636262574848
6284a688992637486a8899a696963637484833444448;0.2&t
itle=2012-08-24_Nathan_v_Bob_unclear_turn_10>

a played out variation from turn 7, still unfinished, but looking like set up for an interesting endgame:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544444636262664636262574848
6284a688992637486a8899x334444394848443536354477888
8a69686959988869536353537473544447574474848695;0.
2&title=2012-08-24_Nathan_v_Bob_branch_1>

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2012-08-24 Daniele v Aled

Turns in line: 14. Black Win in Black's turn.
Unclear 10th as well as last move, but choose winning one.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;93848457848334443948264433
62636346362626635444263636545336354435355554445554
633553;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Daniele_v_Aled>

This game was won by a mistake in turn 13 by White; a better move could have opened for an interesting game:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;93848457848334443948264433
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35353696a4848a69696778888;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Dan
iele_v_Aled_branch_1>

… however, another Black move in turn 12 would have secured the win earlier:
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;93848457848334443948264433
62636346362626635444263636545336354435355554x44545
363354554;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Daniele_v_Aled_branch_2>

2012-08-24 Paul v Nathan unfinished

Turns in line: 7. End at Black to play.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;44555574848758484998888 5533
3348464433846444333 3;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Paul_v_N
athan_unfinished>

2012-08-24 Paul v Nathan -2?

Turns in line: 8. White win - Black resigned.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5545362626625326464533444546
45534445r1;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Paul_v_Nathan_-2%3F>

2012-08-24 Dan v Nathan

Turns in line: 10. End at White to play. Black win?
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;445 5577888875848488a6968495
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4_Dan_v_Nathan>

No result is notated, but it looks like a Black win, as in:

<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;44555577888875848488a6968495
95a695626363969595636464574848x55444439486a6a86856
a978685;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Dan_v_Nathan_plausibl
e_ending>

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2012-08-24 Greg v Aled?

Turns in line: 12. End at White to play. This game is unclear, with a missing turn 7. I have re-constructed a likely one, 7. SW1a-2b, in order to input the entire score.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;9384845748488475757788885544
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96a6a6696a482644;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Greg_v_Aled%3F>

the match is not finished; however, Black could have won by holding back his last leg, as in:

<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;9384845748488475757788885544
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96a6a6x696a4826264454264454r0;0.2&title=2012-08-24
_Greg_v_Aled%3F_branch_1>

2012-08-24 MSO anon

Turns in line: 7. Black win - White resigned. No players indicated.
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88a696r0;0.2&title=2012-08-24_MSO_anon>

2012-08-24 MSO anon 2

Turns in line: 11. Black win - White resigned. No players indicated.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;5544442637758484 68696a6a8486
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2012-08-24 Bob v Nathan

Turns in line: 23. Black win - White resigned. Turn 13 is reconstructed as
13. SW3b-Sa (compare turn 5)
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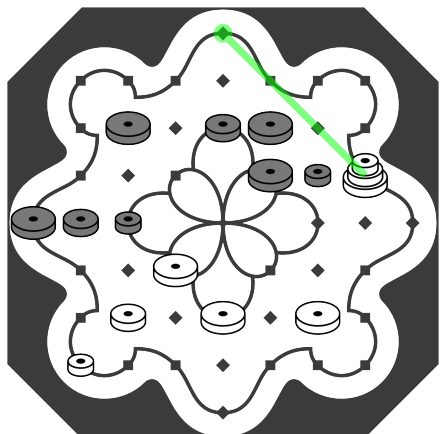6354394848a6954868887777r0;0.2&title=2012-08-24_Bo
b_v_Nathan>

an alternative ending is recorded from turn 21, also Black win:
2012-08-24 Bob v Nathan branch 1
Turns in line: 25. Black win - White resigned.
<=QSF;0.1&Quincala;KM;75848468696a6a9384a68888696a
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463535546335454563734554535454 86969653545496a68473
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12-08-24_Bob_v_Nathan_branch_1>

2012-08-24 Bob v Aled Puzzle Solution

By positioning the white tower here, on N, White forces Black to move the large piece on NW2b (blocking the way doesn't work either …). Wherever he moves it, there is a white move that puts a hat on a large piece without a possible response.