

Reflections for John McLaughlin

I was sorry to learn of his passing and will miss our regular chats about family while waiting for pairings to be announced. We played many times over the past 5 years, and I never won, but we did have several draws. One was an endgame that seemed like it should be winnable for me, but I couldn't figure it out. I went home, checked a book and learned about the Lucerna position. I told John about it the next week and his response was the same as when discussing openings, "I never bother with the names of things in chess, I just play."

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