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CANADIAN OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 1996

GM Kevin Spraggett wins (again)
Arniel Frialde is top Albertan
John Ferrar grabs GM scalp from Yudasin

For the fifth time in 22 years, Canada's premier chess tournament, the Canadian Open, came to Alberta. The Sandman Inn in downtown Calgary was the site of 9 days of chess activity from July 13-21, as players from 3 countries and 9 provinces/territories made this the largest tournament in Alberta in the 1990's.

The 1996 Open featured three Grandmasters. Kevin Spraggett, Canada's highest rated and (arguably) best ever player, has won the Open several times. Kevin lives in Portugal much of the year, but makes extraordinary efforts to play in Canada's big event. This year he would get a stern test, as the organizers had attracted two world class grandmasters from Israel, Leonid Yudasin and Ilia Smirin. The three GM's had almost identical ratings of about 2600, and only an upset of Brobdingnagian proportions could propel any other player to victory in the tournament.

Several other famous names were in attendance. International Masters Deen Hergott, Tom O'Donnell and Lawrence Day are among Canada's best players, and have represented Canada at international tournaments, including Olympiads. For many Albertans, it was the first opportunity to attach faces to these names. Also playing was FIDE Master Gordon Taylor, a former winner of the Canadian Open (1982). And among those who are famous mostly in Alberta, we find some of the provinces top players: Greg

Huber, Arniel Frialde, John Ferrar, Yuri Vasylev and Dale Haessel.

The organizers for this tournament were Ted Wilson and Greg Huber, with help from the Calgary Chess Club. I have a lot of respect, admiration and sympathy for them, because it is very difficult to organize a tournament of this scale. It is a long and exhausting job, and it is amazing that both Greg and Ted had the energy to play in the Open, too. Greg in particular came within a half point of winning serious prize money. Also involved in organizing was Calgary Chess Club treasurer Barney Fegyverneki, who became the treasurer of the Open.

The tournament directors for the Open were Barney Fegyverneki and Lynn Stringer. Barney has been organizing and directing tournaments in Calgary for years, both for the ACA and the Calgary Chess Club. Lynn is from Victoria and is very well known in British Columbia, as well as among CFC governors across the country, for her decades of work in all areas related to chess. Except for slow first round pairings, due to unavailable rating information for some players, the tournament ran very smoothly, and no arrests were reported.

The games for all 147 players took place in one large tournament room. In a few areas it was crowded, as room pillars made it impossible to put tables exactly where you wanted them, and the lighting was barely adequate in a few areas, but generally it seemed that most players found the conditions acceptable. The analysis rooms were on a different floor than the tournament room, which was an excellent idea. There was no excuse for noisy players to hang around after their games were done.

There are two distinguishing features that separate the Open from other "large" tournaments. First, there is only one game played per day (except for the first Saturday, when 2 games are played). This not only allows local players to work during the day and still play in all the evening games, but it also provides for a good, relaxed pace for the players. Chess is hard work, and it stops being fun if you get worn out.

The second feature of the Canadian

Open is the breadth of chess activities available in addition to the games themselves. There were well-attended lectures given by IM's Tom O'Donnell and Deen Hergott. There was a simul conducted by Leonid Yudasin in which he beat about 35 of his 40 opponents. There was a major speed tournament; see the report on page 13. There was a book store, hosted by Larry Bevand of the Chess and Math Association. And there were three days of meetings of the Governors of the CFC, where everyone could find out about national and international chess matters. This is enough chess activity to saturate the needs of any chess fanatic.

Three big "thank you's" must be given, without which the tournament could not have taken place: to Ted Wilson and Greg Huber for their work in bringing the tournament to Calgary and organizing it; to Barney Fegyverneki and Lynn Stringer for directing it; and to the Alberta Chess Association and the Calgary Chess Club for their financial sponsorship of this event.

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Ferrar's GM Scalp—see page 4
1996 Open Crosstable—see page 6
Speed Tournament—see page 13*

THE GAMES OF THE 1996 OPEN

by David Ottosen

[David was not able to play in the Open due to work commitments. Too bad for him, but very good for us. He was able to spend a couple of days in Calgary, and with no games to worry about he had plenty of time to wander around, talking and listening, and generally sticking his nose into everybody's business.

David typed in almost all of these games, and added comments to many of them. All work not otherwise credited is his. A standing ovation for this marvellous report {applause} {applause}-JQ]

Round 1

In a single section tournament of this size, the first round games are always grossly lopsided. And, by the luck of the pairings, a few players get a rare opportunity to play a titled player.-JQ.

R. Cairns - D. Hergott

Cairns drops a few pawns to a book trap then gets mauled on the a-file.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5

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Chess Challenge National Finals

Nigel Sharp wins **GOLD**.
Mathew Lavalley wins **BRONZE**.

Hundreds of students from all over Alberta played in a series of elimination tournaments to decide the provincial grade champions last winter. In May, Alberta sent a full team (grades 1 through 12) to the Canadian Championships in Fredricton, New Brunswick. Provincial coordinator Neil Sharp provides a report in the Junior Section on page 18.

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Deadline for next issue: October 25, 1996

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Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within 7 days after an event--you owe it to the players to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also, please send a written report to the *ACR*. Support your Alberta newsletter! Be warned: If you don't send something, we will write it ourselves with an excess of mockery of YOU! Report or be mocked!

Letter from the Editor

Greeting, chess friends, I hope this day finds you happy, healthy and safely castled. This *ACR* features the 1996 Canadian open, which was held in Calgary, and it is a mammoth issue as befits an event of this stature. There is a good assortment of games from the Open, but it is only a small percentage of the 750 games that were played. Probably I missed one of your amazing games, so write up a few notes and send it in; I'll publish it next time.

This is my second issue as Editor. The first one was done in WordPerfect and featured a publishing process known as "cramming as much as you can onto 5 sheets of paper". I firmly believe the ACR has an important role in providing an ongoing history of chess in Alberta, and that is why *every game* from the Alberta Closed was in the previous issue. But financial restrictions result in a five page limit (so we can mail it for 45 cents), so much of the issue was published in 8-point type.

This issue was created using WordPerfect, with final production through Microsoft Publisher. I couldn't possibly cover the 1996 Open adequately, and keep within a 5 sheet limit (unless I used 4-point type and gave you magnifying glasses), so I followed past traditions and put out a large issue. Consequently, I had lots of room and reverted to the usual 9-point type. Using Microsoft Publisher for the first time involved a bit of a learning curve, especially with an issue this size, but wouldn't life be boring if you didn't have to scratch and claw every step of the way?

I am grateful to everyone who submitted articles to the ACR. As you read through this issue, take special note of the by-lines; those are the people who made this newsletter possible. I would like to encourage everyone to support the ACR and send in a story, game, poem, cartoon, etc. You don't have to be a Master level player to write about chess; I personally wrote many articles back when I was still a terrible player (last issue, for example).

One section that is missing from this ACR is the "Letters to the Editor" section. There were none, and I published them all. Beefs and bouquets are solicited from the readers on all chess topics.

Coming Next Issue will be reports from the Canadian Closed Chess Championships. As I write this, Arniel Frialde and Beatrice Wu are competing in the National and Women's Championships respectively in Toronto. The winners represent Canada at the Interzonal tournaments, which lead to the World Championship.

PILE PINNACLE

This list comprises the top-rated players, active and inactive, who live in Alberta

Greg Huber.....	2365
Rob Hawkes.....	2362
Arniel Frialde.....	2332
John Ferrar.....	2314
Dale Haessel.....	2262
Lev Gorelik.....	2248
Nigel Fullbrook.....	2247
Yuri Vasylev.....	2247
Milan Rabljenovic.....	2245
Branimir Brebrich.....	2225
Victor Maric.....	2222
Sardul Pirewal.....	2215
Neil Sharp.....	2203
Ted Wilson.....	2169
Eugene Gibney.....	2162
Gordon Campbell.....	2160
Jim Daniluk.....	2154
Nandor Tot.....	2145
Ante Zaradic.....	2139
Zoltan Baunok.....	2126
Michael Jorgensen.....	2126
John Parrott.....	2119
Farzan Nazarian.....	2112
Hafiz Karmali.....	2111
Brad Willis.....	2110
Arthur Odachowski.....	2109
Adam Wu.....	2105
Tedge Davies.....	2102
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Leo Danglapan.....	2075
Wilf Lahrkamp.....	2056
Paul Thibodeau.....	2052
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John Quiring.....	2032
Douglas Wu.....	2032
John Shepherd.....	2021
Chris Kuczaj.....	2019
Yngvi Bjornsson.....	2018
Dave Gomboc.....	2017
Ravi Trikha.....	2016
Danny Federkevic.....	2007
Jim Flemming.....	2006
Brian Purdy.....	2004
Geoff Newton.....	2000

Video Tapes Available For Borrowing

Contact John Quiring 468-9173 (Edmonton) or Jim Daniluk 248-7546 (Calgary) for info.

- *Opening Principles and Understanding Chess*, by Bruce Panfolfini
- *How to Visualize Combinations and Pawn Structures*, by Danny Kopec
- *Middle Game Analysis*, and *Rook and Pawn Endgames*, and *Tactics in the Opening, Middlegame and Endgame*, by Edmar Mednis.
- *Middlegame Planning and How To Play inning Attacks*, by Patrick Wolff.

News From The Alberta Chess Association
by Walter Watson, President

Well, it was a big success! The recent Canadian Open in Calgary attracted a large Alberta entry and many strong players from across Canada in nine days of sustained chess excitement. The top Albertans managed to hold their own with the visitors. Congratulations to them and to the many Alberta players who won class prizes. Thanks as well to tournament organizers Ted Wilson and Greg Huber and tournament director Barney Fegyverneki, and to all those who volunteered, for the work they did. Paul Usselman deserves credit for giving the original push for the Open coming to Calgary. The 1997 Open will be held in Winipeg.

The ACA's Annual General Meeting will be held in Edmonton during the Alberta Open on the Thanksgiving weekend. Elections will be held for vice-president, secretary, and five board members (four for 2 year terms and one for 1 year). At least two people have said that they won't run again, and I encourage those who might be interested to consider running. In my opinion, the necessary qualifications are a concern for the interest of Alberta chess as a whole, and an ability to attend the quarterly board meetings in Red Deer where most ACA business is conducted. However, it is in the ACA's interest to have members from all over the province, and those living far from Red

Deer may understandably have trouble attending regularly. One of my concerns is the possibility of attracting corporate sponsorship for Alberta chess events. If anyone can help in this area, I urge you to run for the board or at least volunteer your services.

CFC News

The AGM of the Chess Federation of Canada was held during the Canadian Open. John Quiring was unanimously elected to another term as CFC Secretary, and David Ottosen was chosen Junior Chess Coordinator. Alberta is fortunate having John serve on the Executive, which is the CFC's inner decision-making body. The board voted to fund a women's as well as a national team at the next chess Olympiad, and not to make team members from Quebec (who are CFC members) pay their own expenses merely because the Quebec Chess Federation is not part of the CFC. It also voted to raise the annual CFC membership fee by \$3 a year effective January 1, 1997, which all the Alberta board members opposed. There is a need to increase CFC membership, and raising the fee is a step in the wrong direction. Perhaps the decision can be reversed.

To increase the number playing in CFC-rated tournaments, we discussed trying a "tournament membership" of perhaps \$4 per tournament (plus \$2 rating fee) allowing non-members to play without receiving the

magazine or being eligible to order books and equipment at member rates. The ACA would consider participating if the experiment were tried. The main concern is how many current CFC members might not renew as full members, causing a loss greater than the benefit of attracting new players. Other ideas were discussed unofficially. One, which I do not support, was to combine the regular and active ratings, with regular games given four times as much weight as active games. It would supposedly attract more active players and save money. Another idea was to set up a separate rating system for speed tournaments.

The CFC office has developed a new, hopefully faster, ratings program in response to complaints about its slowness in rating tournaments. Due to some tournament directors' slowness in submitting results there will still be a three-week delay in rating tournaments once results are received, so that tournaments are rated in the right order. Otherwise, earlier tournaments would have to be re-rated, causing players' ratings to change unexpectedly.

If you have opinions on the above or any other CFC matters, please contact any of the Alberta CFC Governors. They are: Ford Wong (481-6474), John Quiring (468-9173), Barney Fegyverneki (243-6351), David Ottosen (dottosen@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca), Walter Watson (277-5620) and Jim Daniluk (248-7456).

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5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Nxe4 9.Qe2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 O-O 11.Ra1 a5 12.Qb5 a4 13.Nc5 Qe7 14.Nxa4 Qa3 15.Nb6 Qxc3+ 16.Rd2 Rxa2 17.Be2 Nd4 18.Qd3 Ra1+ 19.Bd1 Rxd1+ 20.Kxd1 Qa1# 0-1

K. Spraggett - R. Emo

Spraggett demonstrates how to lever apart the Sveshnikov using the square d5 and the move a4.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2 Be6 13.Be2 Ne7 14.Ncb4 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 O-O 16.O-O Rc8 17.a4 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Qb6 19.axb5 Rc5 20.Rxa6 Rxd5 21.Rxb6 Rd2 22.Bc4 Rxb2 23.Rxd6 Rc2 24.b6 Rxc3 25.Rc6 Ra3 26.b7 1-0

I. Smirin - D. Cyncore

Cyncore tries to attack the GM. Smirin takes the material and the point.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be6 8.Nc4 b5 9.Ne3 Nf6 10.Ned5 Bxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Rc8 13.c3 Be7 14.a4 Qa5 15.b4 Nxb4 16.cxb4 Qxb4+ 17.Bd2 Qb2 18.Qa2 Qd4 19.axb5 Qxe4+ 20.Kd1 axb5 21.Bxb5+ Kf8 22.f3 Qd4 23.Ke2 Rg8 24.Rhc1 Rd8 25.Qc4 Qh4 26.Qxh4 Bxh4 27.Rc7 h6 28.Bc4 d5 29.Bb4+ 1-0

D. Burgess - T. O'Donnell

Burgess's wandering queen ends up in the graveyard.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 Nf6 5.e5 dxe5 6.Nxe5 Nbd7 7.Qxd4 e6 8.Nc4 Bc5 9.Qf4 O-O 10.Be2 b5 11.Ne3 Rb8 12.O-O Bb7 13.Nd2 Qb6 14.Nb3 Bd6 15.Qd4 Qc7 16.Qh4 Ne5 17.Nd4 Ng6 18.Qg5 h6 19.Qxb5 Bxh2+ 0-1

F. Pellerin - J. Yoos

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bg4 6.Be3 O-O 7.O-O Nc6 8.Bb3 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nh5 13.Qe3 Be5 14.Ne2 Qh4 15.Ng3 f5 16.f4 Nxf4 17.Qf3 Nh3+ 18.Kh1 f4 19.Ne2 Ng5 20.Qd3 f3 21.Ng3 Rf4 22.Rg1 Qxh2+ 0-1

G. Huber - S. Faust

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.O-O Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Qa4 Be7 13.Be3 Qd8 14.Qg4 Kf8 15.Ra1 b6 16.Qg3 Nc5 17.Bb1 Bb7 18.Nd4 a6 19.f4 Rc8 20.f5 Ne4 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.fxe6 f6 24.Nc6 Qe8 25.Nxe7 Qxe7 26.exf6 gxf6 27.Qe5 Kg7 28.Qg3+ Kf8 29.Qh4 Bxe6 30.Rxf6+ Ke8 31.Qh5+ Kd7 32.Rf1 Kc6 33.Qe5 Re8 34.Qxe4+ Bd5 35.Rc1+ 1-0

M. Dougherty - R. Kuiper

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Bc4 e6 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 d5 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.Qe2 a6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.a4 Bxg5 12.Nxg5 Nd7 13.Nxf7 O-O 14.Nd6 1-0

Round 2

F. Cabanas - L. Day

Scalpage! IM Day's favourite closed Sicilian is turned against him.

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.d3 Bg7 4.Be3 d6 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 e5 7.Qd2 Be6 8.f4 exf4 9.Bxf4 h6 10.Nf3 Nge7 11.O-O Qd7 12.Rae1 Ne5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Be3 c4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.dxc4 Qxc4 19.Rd1 Qc7 20.Qb4 a5 21.Qa4+ Qc6 22.Qa3 b5 23.Bc5 h5 24.Qe3 Rc8 25.b4 axb4 26.Bxb4 Qc4 27.c3 f6 28.Rf4 Qc7 29.Rfd4 Bf8 30.Rd5 Rh7 31.Qd3 Qb6+ 32.Kh1 Bxb4 33.Qxg6+ Rf7 34.cxb4 Qc6 35.Kg1 h4 36.Rd6 Qc4 37.Qg8+ Rf8 38.Re6+ 1-0

L. Yudasin - A. Odachowski

Yudasin sacks the exchange to open up Odachowski's king. It seems Odie has turned it around before Yudasin finally gets to him.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.O-O Nge7 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qc7 9.Re1 d6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.b3 Be7 12.Qg4 Bf6 13.e5 Bxe5 14.Rxe5 f5 15.Qxf5 dxe5 16.Qf3 Bb7 17.Ba3 c5 18.Qh5+ g6 19.Qg4

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Canadian Open 1996--Prizes

Overall

1st	Kevin Spraggett	1200.00
2nd	Ilya Smirin	900.00
=3rd	Deen Hergott	333.33
	Lawrence Day	
	Jim Ferguson	
	Kevin Gentes	
	Arniel Frialde	
	Leonid Yudasin	

Under 2200

=1st	Dale Haessel	475.00
	Gerald Fielding	
=3rd	Tim Philip	100.00
	Jim Daniluk	
	Ante Zaradic	
	Brian Profit	
	Francisco Cabanas	
	Bob Bowerman	

Under 2000

=1st	Dan Majstorovic	366.66
	Vincent Chow	
	Dave Gomboc	
4th	Walter Zwirner	150.00

Under 1800

=1st	Jordan Davies	262.50
	Steven Faust	
	Paul Bonham	
	Colin Chrumka	

Under 1600

=1st	Sebastian Sieber	300.00
	Gary Thaler	
=3rd	Mon-Fai Lee	116.66
	Rodney Weis	
	Steve Sauve	

Under 1400

=1st	Alec Mills	200.00
	Albert Caoile	
	Dave Brodman	

Top Junior

=1st	Douglas Wu	75.00
	Joshua Henson	

Top Unrated

=1st	Andre Naumann	100.00
	Harold Thimm	
	Ioannis Tomaras	

Winnipeg 1997

The Canadian Open will be in Winnipeg next year, from July 12-20. Start planning your vacation now, you will not want to miss this tournament. The Open was in Winnipeg in 1994, and many people said it was the best tournament ever held in Canada. Work on the 1997 event has already been going on for a year, and with a full year to go you can count on a fantastic event. See you there!

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O-O 20.Na4 Rae8 21.Nxc5 Rf4 22.Qe2 Qd6 23.Qe3 Qc6 24.f3 Ref8 25.Re1 R4f5 26.c4 g5 27.h3 h5 28.Ne4 g4 29.Bxf8 gxf3 30.gxf3 Kxf8 31.Qh6+ Ke7 32.Qg7+ Rf7 33.Qg5+ Kf8 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Kh2 Rf8 36.Qe7+ Rf7 37.Rg1+ 1-0

A. Hussain - K. Spraggett

Another exchange sack...however this time, its just a matter of technique for the GM to convert his extra material.

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.g3 e5 4.d3 Be7 5.Nc3 O-O 6.Bg2 c6 7.O-O Nbd7 8.Qc2 a6 9.d4 Re8 10.Rd1 Qc7 11.b3 Bf8 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Bb2 h6 14.Nd2 Nc5 15.a3 Bg4 16.f3 Bc8 17.b4 Ne6 18.Nce4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 c5 20.Qa4 b5 21.cxb5 cxb4 22.axb4 Bd7 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.bxa6 Qa7+ 25.Kf1 Nc7 26.Nc3 Qxa6 27.Qxa6 Rxa6 28.b5 Rxa1+ 29.Bxa1 Rb8 30.f4 exf4 31.Bc6 fng3 32.hxg3 Bb4 33.Na2 Bd6 0-1

D. Hergott - E. Gibney

For some reason, IM Hergott told me that in this game, he played the "Trompook".

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.Nd2 Nbd7 4.e3 h6 5.Bf4 g5 6.Bg3 Bg7 7.Bd3 c5 8.c3 h5 9.h4 g4 10.Ne2 a6 11.O-O O-O 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Nf6 15.Bc2 c4 16.Qd2 Qd5 17.Be5 Ne4 18.Qe3 f5 19.Bxe4 fxe4 20.Qg5 Qf7 21.Ng3 Kh7 22.Bxg7 Qxg7 23.Qxh5+ Qh6 24.Qxh6+ Kxh6 25.Rae1 Rf7 26.Rxe4 b5 27.R1e1 Ra7 28.Re5 Rb7 29.Rh5+ Kg7 30.R1e5 Rb6 31.Reg5+ Rg6 32.Rxg6+ Kxg6 33.Rh8 Bb7 34.Rg8+ Rg7 35.h5+ Kh7 36.Rxg7+ Kxg7 37.Nf5+ Kh8 38.Nxe7 Be4 39.Kh2 Kg7 40.Kg3 Kf6 41.Kf4 Bxg2 42.h6 Bf1 43.Nf5 Bd3 44.h7 1-0

P. Usselman - I. Smirin

Usselman tries to stay safe, with no success. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 O-O 5.e3 [Boo! The spectators were all hoping to get to watch Smirin conduct a KID king-side attack; you can't blame Usselman, though... would you go into something called the "Death variation" with a GM?] 5... d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.Qc2 e5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Bb7 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.O-O-O Qe7 12.h3 e4 13.Nd2 Nc5 14.Rhg1 Rfd8 15.Ndb1 Nfd7 16.Ba3 Qf6 17.b4 Nd3+ 18.Bxd3 exd3 19.Rxd3 Ne5 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Rxd5 23.Nc3 Nd3+ 0-1

H. Brodie - M. Dougherty

Hugh Brodie has played in about 23 Canadian Open Chess Championship's in a row.-JQ

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.c3 b6 5.Bc4 e6 6.O-O Ne7 7.Be3 d5 8.Bd3 cxd4 9.Bxd4 O-O 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Na3 Bb7 13.Re1 Nbc6 14.Be4 Qc5 15.Qe2 Rad8 16.Rad1 a6 17.Nc2 e5 18.Ne3 b5 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Rd1 Bc8 21.Bxc6 Nxc6 22.Rxd8 Nxd8 23.Qd2 Ne6 24.Ng4 Nf4 25.Ngxe5 Qd5 26.Qxd5 Nxd5 27.Nd4 Kf6 28.Nd3 Ke7 29.Kf1 Kd6 30.Ke2 g5 31.g3 h6 32.f3 Bd7 33.Nf2 f5 34.Nd1 Ke5 35.Ne3 Nxe3 36.Kxe3 f4+ 37.Ke2 Be8 38.Kd3 Kd5

39.Kd2 Bg6 40.gxf4 gxf4 41.Ne2 Ke5 42.Nc1 Bb1 43.Nd3+ Kf5 44.b3 a5 45.a3 Kg5 46.c4 Ba2 47.Kc3 a4 48.cxb5 Bxb3 49.Kd4 Bd1 50.Ke4 1-0

C. Wu - N. Sharp

Canada's grade one champ takes off another many-time member of the Alberta Chess Challenge team.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.O-O-O Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.Nde2 [Ok, factoid: average age of the players in this game: 11. Moves of theory: 11. Sigh.] 12... Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Qa5 16.h4 Rfc8 17.h5 Nxh5 18.g4 Nf6 19.g5 Nh5 20.Rxh5 gxh5 21.Rh1 Qe5 22.Rxh5 Qg7 23.f4 b5 24.f5 b4 25.f6 exf6 26.Nd5 Rxc2+ 27.Kb1 fng5 28.Ne7+ Kh8 29.Nxc8 Qxb2# 0-1

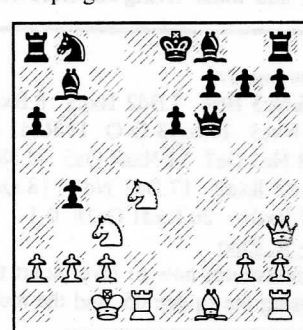
Round 3

J. Ferrar - L. Yudasin

What a way to scalp a GM!! For me, by FAR the best game of the tournament to play over. Ferrar absolutely destroys a 2600+ GM.

[Annotations by Ferrar].

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qc7 8.Qf3 b5 9.O-O-O Although this turns out to be book, it took me 26 minutes to eventually play it. Must study the openings more! 9... b4 10.e5 Bb7 11.Qh3 dxe5 12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 Yudasin believed gxf6 was better, keeping control of the h2-c8 diagonal.



(Diagram) 14.Ncb5 axb5 Yudasin described this "not only did I find the only losing move but then I played it". I now thought I was better. He thought Bc5

was better. I had intended to reply to this with Nxe6. 15.Bxb5+ Ke7? 15...Nc6 looks better, e.g. 16.Qg3 e5 17.Bxc6+ Bxc6 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Qxe5+ Be7 [An immediate 16.Nxc6 would be met by 16..Qg5+! 17.Kb1 Qxb5 when White is hard pressed to show his compensation-DO] 16.Qg3 Six minutes to find this move. Yudasin thought for 21 minutes before playing Nd7. I could not find a satisfactory response for Black. 16... Nd7 17.Qc7 Qg5+ 18.Kb1 Bd5 I thought I was beginning to let the game slip, until I found the move 22.Nf5+ which ends the game. 19.Qxd7+ Kf6 20.Rhf1+ Kg6 21.Qx17+ Kh6 22.Nf5+ exf5 23.Qxd5 Be7 24.Rxf5 Qh4 25.g3 Qg4 26.h3 Qg6 27.Be2 1-0 Great relief to overcome the mental hurdle of defeating a GM.

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A. Zaradic - T. O'Donnell

O'Donnell just gradually worms his way into White's solid setup and comes out a couple pawns to the good.

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bg3 O-O 8.Nbd2 Re8 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.f4 f5 12.Bf2 c4 13.Bc2 Nc5 14.Nf3 b5 15.g4 Ne4 16.gxf5 exf5 17.Bh4 Qb6 18.Bxe4? Qxe3+ 19.Qe2 Qxe2+ 20.Kxe2 fxe4 21.Nd2 Bg4+ 22.Ke3 b4 23.Rhg1 Bf5 24.Bf6 Bg6 25.Bg5 Rab8 26.Rab1 Rb7 27.a3 bxc3 28.bxc3 Reb8 29.Rxb7 Rxb7 30.Rb1 Rxb1 31.Nxb1 Kf7 32.Nd2 Ke6 33.Nf1 Bf5 34.Bh4 Bh3 35.Ng3 Bg4 36.Nf1 h6 37.Ng3 a5 38.Nf1 a4 39.Ng3 Na7 40.h3 Bxh3 41.Ne2 Nb5 42.Nd4+ Nxd4 43.Kxd4 Bf5 [Black has enough extra pawns to win the opposite bishop ending] 44.Bd8 Bg6 45.Bh4 Bf7 46.Bd8 Kf5 47.Ke3 Kg4 48.Be7 h5 49.Bc5 g6 50.Kf2 Kxf4 51.Be3+ Kxe5 0-1 in 63.

T. Wilson - D. Hergott

Wilson piles up on the d-pawn...Hergott goes for everything else. By the way, don't ask me the point of 3...b5. I don't know either.

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Bc4 b5!? 4.Bxb5 c5 5.Bc4 cxd4 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.O-O e6 8.Re1 Nge7 9.c3 Qb6 10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Nc3 O-O 12.Rb1 Bb7 13.Be3 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Qc7 15.Qe2 f5 16.Nb5 Qc6 17.Bg5 Rf7 18.Rbd1 Nc8 19.f3 fxe4 20.fxe4 Nb6 21.b3 Nxc4 22.Qxc4 Qxc4 23.bxc4 Be5 24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Rc8 26.Red1 Bc6 27.e5 Rf5 28.Bf6 Rb8 29.h3 Rf4 30.c5 Rc4 31.R1d2 Rxc5 32.Kh2 Rb7 33.Kg3 Rd5 34.R2xd5 Bxd5 35.Ra6 Kf7 36.a3 h6 37.h4 Bc6 38.Kh3 Bb5 39.Rd6 Bc6 40.Rd3 Rb2 41.g4 a5 42.g5 h5 43.Bd8 a4 44.Bc7 Bg2+ 45.Kg3 Rb3 0-1

K. Spraggett - V. Maric

Spraggett works up a minor initiative with opposite bishops, which ends in him winning some pawns. I must say, I didn't think he would be able to grind this one out.

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 O-O 5.g3 c6 6.Bg2 d5 7.O-O Bf5 [This is probably a good opening choice for Spraggett. Maric is like most of the players I have met from the former Yugoslavia, very strong tactically.] 8.d3 Qb6 9.Nbd2 Rd8 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.Rac1 Rac8 12.Qb1 Bh6 13.Bd4 Qa6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qb2 Qa5 16.h3 Bf8 17.Bc3 Qa6 18.a4 Nc5 19.Nd4 Ne8 20.Nxf5 gxf5 21.Nf3 Bg7 22.Nd4 Qg6 23.Kh2 e5 24.Nf3 d4 25.Bb4 b6 26.Bxc5 bxc5 27.Nd2 Qe6 28.b4 cxb4 29.Qxb4 Rb8 30.Qa5 Qb6 31.Nc4 Qxa5 32.Nxa5 Rb2 33.Nc6 Rd7 34.Rfe1 Nd6 35.Rb1 Rxb1 36.Rxb1 Bf6 37.Rb8+ Kg7 38.Ra8 Rb7 39.Rxa7 Rb2 40.Rd7 Nb7 41.Nxe5 Bxe5 42.Bxb7 Ra2 43.Bd5 Rxa4 44.f4 Bf6 45.Rxf7+ Kg6 46.Rd7 Ra5 47.Bg8 h5 48.Bf7+ Kh6 49.Rd6 h4 50.Rxf6+ Kg7 51.Re6 Kxf7 52.Re5 Rxe5 53.fxe5 Ke6 54.gxh4 f4 55.Kg2 Kxe5 56.Kf3 1-0

B. Wu - J. Graves

John Graves came to Calgary with a 2300+ USCF rating. He took byes in the first two rounds, then played this game. His play in the last 7 rounds was considerably better.-JQ.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 [hehe not the best choice against a Wu!!] 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 O-O 9.O-O-O d5 [Maybe Beatrice forgot to play 9.Bc4. I haven't known her to play this line of the dragon before.] 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Qa5 13.e5 Nd7 14.Rd4 Re8 15.Rh4 Nf8 16.Bd3 Rb8 17.a3 Be6 18.Ra4 Qb6 19.Rb4 Qc7 20.Rxb8 Rxb8 21.f4 c5 22.Re1 c4 23.f5 cxd3 24.f6 exf6 25.exf6 1-0

T. Philip - J. Yoos

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 Na6 7.O-O Qe8 8.Rb1 e5 9.d5 Nh5 10.Ne1 Nf4 11.Be3 f5 12.f3 Bh6 13.Bf2 Rf6 14.b4 Bf8 15.Qc2 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2 f4 17.Bh4 Rf7 18.Nd3 Be7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.c5 g5 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.b5 Nc7 23.b6 axb6 24.Rxb6 Ne8 25.Rb3 g4 26.fgx4 Bxg4 27.Ne1 Qg5 28.Kh1 Rc7 29.Qb2 Qh4 30.h3 Bh5 31.Nc3 Rac8 32.Nf3 Qg3 33.Ne2 Qg7 34.Rc3 Nf6 35.Rxc7 Rxc7 36.Nc3 Be8 37.Rc1 Qg3 38.Qb4 Rg7 39.Rg1 Bd7 40.Qxd6 1-0

G. Huber - J. Niksic

It isn't often that one player sacrifices THREE knights in one game. Of course, when you finish that up by tossing the queen, someone is getting hammered.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 b6 8.O-O Be7 9.Nf3 Bb7 10.Be3 a6 11.Nf4 b5 12.Nh5 g6 13.Ng3 h5 14.h3 Kf8 15.Qd2 Kg7 16.Rad1 Qb6 17.Bb1 a5 18.Ng5 Ba6 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.N3e4 Qa7 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Ng5+ Ke7 24.Nxe6 Ncxe5 25.Qxd5 Qb6 26.Nf4 Ra7 27.Rfel Kf6 28.Qxe5+ Nxe5 29.Nd5+ (flag) 1-0

Round 4

A. Milne - J. Yoos

Notes by Milne.

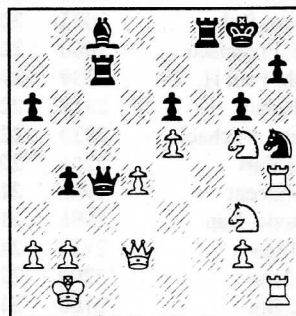
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3?! 7.Be3 7. ... Nc6 To restrain e5. 8.Bg5!?! Qc7?! An innocent-looking move with far-reaching consequences later in the game. The sequence Black must be fearful of is White playing Qd2 followed by an eventual Bh6 h4-h5 followed by queen-side castling and a strong White attack on Black's castled position--in other words, what happened in the actual game. Black should play 8. ... Qa5! restraining and also curtailing eventual queen-side castling by White in conjunction with ... b5. 9.Qd2 Nf6 10.Bh6 O-O What else? 11.h4! b5 12.h5 b4 13.Ne2 d6 It is difficult to recommend ...d5 when its main effect is to open a line of the White king bishop to the Black king. 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.O-O-O Kg8 Giving the king knight some freedom of action by depriving White of the tempo-gaining check on h6. 16.Ng3 Qa5

ABSOLUTELY USELESS STATISTICS

Average number of points earned in 10 games at the 1996 Canadian Open

Class	Albertans	Aliens	Overall Average
2400+	n/a	7.57	7.57
2200-2399	7	6.83	6.88
2000-2199	5.75	5.96	5.85
1800-1999	5.31	4.95	5.11
1600-1799	4.10	3.83	4.00
1400-1599	3.77	3.50	3.62
< 1400	2.70	3.38	2.36
Unrated	3.86	3.5	3.75

Admitting the mistake on move 8. 17.Kb1 17.Bc4 is interesting. 17. ... Qc5 18.hxg6 Jack thought 18.Rh4 followed by Rdh1 was stronger here. 18. ... fxxg6 19.Rh4 Ra7 20.Rdh1 Rg7 Safeguarding g6 against shots like e5. 21.Ng5 Ne5 21. ... e5 22.b3. 22.f4 Nxd3 22. ... Neg4 23.Qe2! 23.cxd3 Rc7 24.d4 Qc4 25.e5 dxe5 26.fxe5 Nh5!?! White now went into a deep think because of the



threatened knight and back rank mate at f1. (Diagram) 27.b3! Qb5 28.Nxh5 gxh5 29.Ne4 Rf1+ 30.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kb2 Kh8 32.Rf4 1-0

After 32. ... Qg1 33.Rf8+ Kg7 34.Rd8 h6! White must still demonstrate the win. Old habits die hard!

B. Ficko - L. Day

Typical Day. Hedgehog and wait for White to lose patience.

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.a3 d6 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.Bc4 g6 7.Bg5 Ne7 8.Qe2 a6 9.O-O Bg7 10.Rad1 h6 11.Bh4 O-O 12.Rfe1 Qe8 13.Ba2 Kh7 14.Bg3 Rd8 15.e5 Nf5 16.d5 Nxc3 17.hxc3 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.f4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 exd5 21.Qd3 Qb5 22.Bxd5 Qc5+ 23.Kh2 Bxd5 24.Qxd5 Qxd5 25.Rxd5 Rde8 26.Rdd1 Kg7 27.Kg1 Kf6 28.Kf2 Re6 29.Rd4 Rxe1 30.Kxe1 Re8+ 31.Kf2 h5 32.Rc4 c5 33.Kf3 d5 34.Ra4 a5 35.f5 c4 0-1

T. O'Donnell - J. Ferrar

O'Donnell's combo doesn't lead to the expected result; perhaps he missed 18...Ndx5.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 e6 8.cxd4 d6 9.O-O dxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nd7 12.Nc3 Bb4 13.Nb5 O-O 14.Nc7 Rb8 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bxe6+ Rf7 17.Bf4 Ra8 18.Ng5 Ndx5 19.Nxf7 Nxf7 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 21.Rd7 Ncd8 22.a3 Ba5 23.Be3 Bb6 24.Bxb6 axb6 25.Rad1 Kf8 26.f4 Ke8 27.R1d2 Rc4 28.g3

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TD: Barney Fegyverneki, Lynn Stringer

		Old	Perf	New												
1	Spraggett, Kevin	2600	2622	2619	+88	+46	+32	+20	+17	+2	+5	=4	+8	=3	9.0	ON
2	Smirin, Ilia	2625	2570	2626	+67	+52	+33	+7	+11	-1	+22	+9	=4	=8	8.0	ISL
3	Hergott, Deen	2512	2451	2506	+94	+42	+63	=21	-10	+44	+32	+5	=9	=1	7.5	ON
4	Yudasin, Leonid	2595	2439	2582	+65	+34	-10	+19	+63	+31	+11	=1	=2	=6	7.5	ISL
5	Frialde, Arniel	2312	2401	2332	+78	+41	+43	=0	+18	+10	-1	-3	+17	+28	7.5	AB
6	Ferguson, Jim	2253	2395	2309	+99	=24	+30	+13	+21	=9	-8	+34	+14	=4	7.5	BC
7	Gentes, Kevin	2373	2361	2375	+77	+39	+48	-2	=44	+45	-10	+49	+32	+23	7.5	MB
8	Day, Lawrence	2431	2357	2433	+68	-19	+83	+57	+53	+33	+6	+10	-1	=2	7.5	ON
9	O'Donnell, Tom	2437	2399	2436	+76	+50	+29	=10	+23	=6	+12	-2	=3	=11	7.0	PQ
10	Ferrar, John	2272	2391	2314	+113	+72	+4	=9	+3	-5	+7	-8	=35	+36	7.0	AB
11	Gardner, Robert J.	2303	2358	2318	+123	+38	+56	+15	-2	+42	-4	=13	+25	=9	7.0	PQ
12	Haessel, Dale	2196	2309	2262	+114	-56	+88	+51	+15	+14	-9	+21	-16	+35	7.0	AB
13	Fielding, Gerald	2059	2306	2213	+147	=0	+79	-6	+65	+23	=21	=11	+27	=16	7.0	SK
14	Huber, Gregory	2381	2286	2365	+81	+37	+44	-17	+47	-12	+64	+42	-6	+31	7.0	AB
15	Taylor, Gordon	2439	2239	2410	+91	+54	+31	-11	-12	+58	=18	=47	+34	+39	7.0	ON
16	Yoos, Jack	2445	2221	2413	+86	+45	-17	+50	-31	+38	=26	+18	+12	=13	7.0	MB
17	Philip, Tim	2186	2314	2254	+92	+70	+16	+14	-1	-22	=43	+54	-5	+46	6.5	SK
18	Bowerman, Bob	2022	2269	2164	+124	=0	+75	+28	-5	+29	=15	-16	=47	+44	6.5	YT
19	Cabanas, Francisco	2060	2248	2170	+127	+8	-21	-4	+67	+69	-31	+65	+33	=20	6.5	BC
20	Beckwith, Paul H.	2299	2244	2277	+87	+55	+40	-1	-42	+50	=48	+45	=31	=19	6.5	ON
21	Sasata, Robert	2312	2238	2300	+105	+35	+19	=3	-6	+46	=13	-12	=42	+45	6.5	SK
22	Dougherty, Michael	2330	2233	2315	+89	-43	+67	+37	+64	+17	-2	=31	-28	+49	6.5	ON
23	Vasylev, Yuri	2263	2206	2247	+93	=25	+36	+26	-9	-13	+24	+48	+43	-7	6.5	AB
24	Chow, Vincent	1982	2157	2091	+84	=6	=47	=48	-29	+109	-23	+81	+53	+64	6.5	BC
25	Majstorovic, Dan	1995	2151	2088	+71	=23	-57	+110	=28	=53	+73	+26	-11	+47	6.5	ON
26	Profit, Brian	2137	2142	2145	+90	=30	+69	-23	+70	=55	=16	-25	+66	+43	6.5	ON
27	Graves, John	2290	2125	2253	=0	=0	-65	+120	+87	=35	+55	+52	-13	+42	6.5	USA
28	Daniluk, Jim	2160	2124	2154	+130	=69	+59	-18	=25	=66	+70	+51	+22	-5	6.5	AB
29	Zaradic, Ante	2143	2095	2139	+136	+58	-9	=41	+24	-18	+66	-35	+55	+50	6.5	AB
30	Gomboc, Dave	1946	2035	2017	+142	=26	-6	+112	-45	+122	=40	=37	+52	+48	6.5	AB
31	Rasmussen, Barry	2174	2289	2236	+110	+74	-15	+56	+16	-4	+19	=22	=20	-14	6.0	MB
32	Maric, Victor	2191	2207	2222	+73	+51	-1	+66	=43	+39	-3	+46	-7	=37	6.0	AB
33	Neven, Knut	2220	2166	2205	+109	+66	-2	+38	+40	-8	-34	+41	-19	+74	6.0	SK
34	Odachowski, Arthur	2086	2161	2109	+104	-4	+68	=58	=69	+36	+33	-6	-15	+79	6.0	AB
35	Fairbairn, Stephen	2007	2111	2067	+111	-21	+93	-63	+89	=27	+71	+29	=10	-12	6.0	NB
36	Zwirner, Walter	1965	2053	2034	+139	+53	-23	-44	+102	-34	+107	+40	+64	-10	6.0	AB
37	Flemming, James	1978	2034	2006	+80	-14	+123	-22	=76	+87	=65	=30	+90	=32	6.0	AB
38	Kuczaj, Chris	1990	2026	2019	+140	-11	+73	-33	+105	-16	+78	-64	+65	+68	6.0	AB
39	Thibodeau, Paul	2051	2021	2052	+131	-7	=113	+99	+79	-32	=86	+106	+63	-15	6.0	AB
40	Danglapen, Leo	2093	2011	2075	+95	+125	-20	+61	-33	=59	=30	-36	+67	+82	6.0	AB
41	Quiring, John	2033	1998	2032	+117	-5	+114	=29	=86	-63	+68	-33	+106	+69	6.0	AB
42	Gibney, Eugene	2081	2178	2162	+122	-3	+89	+102	+20	-11	+63	-14	=21	-27	5.5	AB
43	Brodie, Hugh	2048	2136	2088	+108	+22	-5	+133	=32	=0	=17	+44	-23	-26	5.5	PQ
44	Niksic, John	2134	2112	2130	+98	+60	-14	+36	=7	-3	+59	-43	+51	-18	5.5	BC
45	Veszely, Frank	2078	2093	2089	+112	-16	+105	=87	+30	-7	+57	-20	+86	-21	5.5	BC
46	Hussain, Azmat	2026	2074	2040	+100	-1	+76	=65	+75	-21	+60	-32	+70	-17	5.5	SK
47	Wu, Adam	2126	2067	2105	+102	=75	=24	+72	-14	=51	+58	=15	=18	-25	5.5	AB
48	LeBlanc, Paul	2120	2066	2102	+103	+62	-7	=24	=59	+72	=20	-23	+56	-30	5.5	ON
49	Pitre, H. G.	2078	2046	2068	=0	=0	+91	=70	-58	+92	+75	-7	+57	-22	5.5	US
50	Milne, Arthur	1944	2024	1971	+128	-9	+78	-16	+68	-20	=89	+91	+93	-29	5.5	AB
51	Chrumka, Jeff	1963	2003	1992	+132	-32	+90	-12	+106	=47	+53	-28	-44	+87	5.5	AB
52	Usselman, Paul	2085	1983	2047	+101	-2	=86	=108	+94	=60	+79	-27	-30	+88	5.5	AB
53	Harkes, Lewis	2121	1974	2067	+107	-36	+94	+60	-8	=25	-51	+104	-24	+77	5.5	ON
54	Wu, Douglas	2075	1951	2032	+126	-15	-87	+107	+88	=86	+62	-17	=77	=60	5.5	AB
55	Wong, Ford	2004	1946	1999	+141	-20	=99	+113	+57	=26	-27	=86	-29	+91	5.5	AB
56	Taylor, William	1955	1938	1959	+116	+12	-11	-31	=96	-73	+101	+76	-48	+86	5.5	AB

57	Ficko, Brady	1891	1936	1918	+145	=64	+25	-8	-55	+131	-45	+92	-49	+96	5.5	AB
58	Strojevs, Alexander	1927	1936	1942	+138	-29	+125	=34	+49	-15	-47	-77	+123	+93	5.5	ON
59	Henson, Joshua	1935	1842	1913	=118	+106	-28	+130	=48	=40	-44	=110	=96	+90	5.5	MB
60	Smith, Maurice	1875	1841	1884	+143	-44	+134	-53	+132	=52	-46	=96	+104	=54	5.5	ON
61	Hangartner, August	1947	1803	1896	+97	-63	+98	-40	-92	+133	=110	-90	+80	+89	5.5	AB
62	Dravnieks, Olgerts	1874	1783	1846	+119	-48	=97	=71	=121	+120	-54	=102	=73	+98	5.5	SK
63	Wilson, Ted	2177	2147	2169	+96	+61	-3	+35	-4	+41	-42	+72	-39	-0	5.0	AB
64	Nazarian, Farzan	2161	2005	2112	+146	=57	=0	+82	-22	+74	-14	+38	-36	-24	5.0	AB
65	Wu, Beatrice	1836	1999	1895	-4	+104	+27	=46	-13	+121	=37	-19	-38	+102	5.0	AB
66	Kolenchuk, Tracy	1975	1959	1981	+85	-33	+106	-32	+93	=28	-29	+87	-26	=81	5.0	AB
67	Cyncore, Dauwynn	1929	1900	1906	-2	+95	-22	+98	-19	=90	=102	+130	-40	+103	5.0	MB
68	Taylor, Nicholas	1820	1886	1841	-8	+126	-34	+80	-50	+103	-41	+100	+72	-38	5.0	BC
69	Dynna, Mark	1929	1880	1923	+135	=28	-26	+109	=34	-19	=92	=71	+110	-41	5.0	ON
70	Haley, Philip G.	1971	1880	1951	+129	-17	+103	=49	-26	+95	-28	+89	-46	=78	5.0	ON
71	Thimm, Harold	0	1879	1899	-25	=109	+77	=62	=81	+76	-35	=69	-74	+105	5.0	AB
72	Gillanders, Robert	1958	1869	1940	+137	-10	+107	-47	+78	-48	+105	-63	-68	+130	5.0	ON
73	Chrumka, Colin	1748	1862	1805	-32	+85	-38	+138	=82	+56	-25	=79	=62	=75	5.0	AB
74	Marks, Richard	1911	1840	1892	+115	-31	-102	+90	+103	-64	-104	+114	+71	-33	5.0	ON
75	Duff, Ken	1895	1837	1878	+121	=47	-18	+83	-46	+96	-49	-93	+99	=73	5.0	NB
76	Burgess, Doug	1883	1827	1861	-9	+128	-46	+119	=37	-71	+112	-56	=103	+104	5.0	ON
77	Davies, Jordan	1790	1826	1800	-7	=131	-71	+116	-122	+83	+126	+58	=54	-53	5.0	AB
78	Bonham, Paul	1779	1798	1784	-5	+117	-50	+115	-72	+124	-38	=103	+126	=70	5.0	ON
79	McIntyre, John	1901	1784	1868	=120	+118	-13	+131	-39	+112	-52	=73	+102	-34	5.0	SK
80	Sieber, Sebastian	1551	1754	1677	-37	-89	+136	-68	=123	=113	+84	+105	-61	+109	5.0	AB
81	Faust, Steven	1910	1749	1856	-14	=111	-120	+129	=71	=128	+127	-24	+107	=66	5.0	AB
82	Roy, Jim	1964	1726	1882	-125	+120	+133	-64	=73	=110	-106	+95	+109	-40	5.0	AB
83	Naumann, Andre	0	1706	1720	=0	+0	-8	-75	-95	-77	=0	+135	+114	+106	5.0	AB
84	Tomaras, Ioannis	0	1624	1644	-24	-99	+101	-92	-128	+135	-80	+132	+130	+126	5.0	SK
85	Thaler, Dr Gary	1519	1572	1546	-66	-73	-100	+137	-107	+139	-113	+143	+133	+110	5.0	ON
86	Pellerin, Franck	1824	1952	1873	-16	+127	=52	+97	=41	=54	=39	=55	-45	-56	4.5	AB
87	Kiely, Bruce	2022	1899	1984	-20	+124	+54	=45	-27	-37	+128	-66	+108	-51	4.5	AB
88	Emo, Rod	1834	1846	1827	-1	+101	-12	+100	-54	-104	+124	=107	+92	-52	4.5	AB
89	Kuiper, Ronald	1795	1818	1802	-22	+80	-42	+111	-35	+100	=50	-70	+101	-61	4.5	BC
90	Winberg, Jim	1648	1780	1711	-26	+138	-51	-74	+134	=67	+108	+61	-37	-59	4.5	YT
91	Wing, Richard	1827	1772	1800	-15	+100	-49	-103	+97	=127	+122	-50	+95	-55	4.5	ON
92	Dunn, Garth	0	1754	1774	-17	-97	+140	+84	+61	-49	=69	-57	-88	+127	4.5	AB
93	Feng, Jason	1740	1750	1746	-23	+140	-35	+134	-66	=126	+131	+75	-50	-58	4.5	BC
94	Cairns, Rob	1925	1745	1858	-3	+122	-53	+104	-52	-102	-111	+115	+121	=100	4.5	BC
95	Agusti, Maros	1609	1741	1661	-40	-67	=0	+118	+83	-70	+120	-82	-91	+124	4.5	MB
96	Wu, Cynthia	1678	1702	1689	-63	-134	+145	+117	=56	-75	+116	=60	=59	-57	4.5	AB
97	Sauve, Steve	1636	1699	1666	-61	+92	=62	-86	-91	=130	+133	-123	=112	+122	4.5	AB
98	Starkes, Brian	1646	1693	1664	-44	+139	-61	-67	+115	-105	+117	+113	=0	-62	4.5	AB
99	Robinson, Jim	1725	1670	1707	-6	+84	=55	-39	-131	-116	+142	+127	-75	+111	4.5	SK
100	Weis, Rodney	1584	1643	1616	-46	-91	+85	-88	+143	-89	+119	-68	+116	=94	4.5	AB
101	Lee, Mon-Fai	1594	1617	1607	-52	-88	-84	=136	+119	+118	-56	+128	-89	+125	4.5	ON
102	Luyben, Norm	1712	1799	1753	-47	+143	+74	-42	-36	+94	=67	=62	-79	-65	4.0	AB
103	Dewindt, Cor	1671	1734	1697	-48	+119	-70	+91	-74	-68	+115	=78	=76	-67	4.0	AB
104	Szulski, Adam	1781	1731	1776	-34	-65	+137	-94	+138	+88	+74	-53	-60	-76	4.0	AB
105	Gebhardt, David	1842	1724	1795	-21	+108	-45	+125	-38	+98	-72	-80	+131	-71	4.0	ON
106	Sokol, Ante	1535	1719	1607	+133	-59	-66	+141	-51	+111	+82	-39	-41	-83	4.0	AB
107	Taerum, Verne	1653	1711	1673	-53	+136	-72	-54	+85	+132	-36	=88	-81	=108	4.0	AB
108	McKay, Tom	1614	1685	1637	-43	-105	+135	=52	-109	+123	-90	+122	-87	=107	4.0	AB
109	Bourassa, Ken	1653	1683	1661	-33	=71	+116	-69	+108	-24	=121	+111	-82	-80	4.0	AB
110	Tillotson, Ken	1677	1677	1675	-31	=116	+118	-25	+0	=82	=61	=59	-69	-85	4.0	AB
111	Kreuger, Steven	1507	1671	1591	-35	=81	=121	-89	+114	-106	+94	-109	+113	-99	4.0	SK
112	Aguilar, Alfredo	1574	1631	1597	-45	=0	+129	-30	+113	-79	-76	=116	=97	=117	4.0	MB
113	Alderton, Peter	1722	1614	1679	-10	+137	=39	-55	-112	=80	+85	-98	-111	+121	4.0	AB
114	Lay, Tom	1838	1572	1737	-12	+132	-41	-121	-111	+142	+125	-74	-83	+134	4.0	AB
115	MacFarlane, Don	1458	1552	1497	-74	-130	+127	-78	-98	+141	-103	-94	+135	+133	4.0	AB
116	Patel, Rishi	1461	1546	1499	-56	=110	-109	-77	+136	+99	-96	=112	-100	+141	4.0	AB
117	Nguyen, Kim	1483	1507	1518	-41	-78	+143	-96	-126	+138	-98	=125	+128	=112	4.0	AB
118	Mills, Alec	1366	1501	1400	=59	-79	-110	-95	+145	-101	-123	=0	+0	+132	4.0	AB

119	Caoile, Albert	0	1443	1459	-62	-103	+0	-76	-101	+134	-100	+0	-127	+131	4.0	AB
120	Tomaras, Pavlos	0	1646	1666	=79	-82	+81	-27	+130	-62	-95	-126	-124	+138	3.5	SK
121	Brodmann, David	1468	1631	1538	-75	=0	=111	+114	=62	-65	=109	=0	-94	-113	3.5	AB
122	Managase, Jose	1596	1593	1596	-42	-94	=0	+142	+77	-30	-91	-108	+136	-97	3.5	AB
123	Litchfield, Gerry	1738	1585	1687	-11	+141	-37	-132	=80	-108	+118	+97	-58	-0	3.5	ON
124	Bruckner, Gary	1566	1568	1565	-18	-87	=0	+145	=0	-78	-88	=0	+120	-95	3.5	AB
125	Nemeth, Joseph	1493	1556	1510	+82	-40	-58	-105	-133	+143	-114	=117	+137	-101	3.5	AB
126	Matlo, Vince	1666	1550	1631	-54	-68	-132	+135	+117	=93	-77	+120	-78	-84	3.5	BC
127	Voisey, Ron	1559	1524	1549	-19	-86	-115	+139	+141	=91	-81	-99	+119	-92	3.5	SK
128	Ireland, James W	1551	1514	1539	-50	-76	-138	+140	+84	=81	-87	-101	-117	+139	3.5	AB
129	Hazeltine, Brian	0	1356	1372	-70	=0	-112	-81	-142	=136	+141	-133	+143	=0	3.5	AB
130	Caoile, Nino	1667	1578	1623	-28	+115	=0	-59	-120	=97	+132	-67	-84	-72	3.0	AB
131	Gajardo, Michael	1484	1559	1533	-39	=77	+142	-79	+99	-57	-93	=0	-105	-119	3.0	MB
132	Sloot, Reinder	1488	1488	1491	-51	-114	+126	+123	-60	-107	-130	-84	+138	-118	3.0	AB
133	Marks, Terry	1649	1472	1581	-106	+135	-82	-43	+125	-61	-97	+129	-85	-115	3.0	AB
134	Sharp, Nigel	1461	1436	1454	-144	+96	-60	-93	-90	-119	-135	+145	+140	-114	3.0	AB
135	Murias, Ron	1287	1404	1385	-69	-133	-108	-126	+140	-84	+134	-83	-115	+145	3.0	AB
136	Gajardo, Alex	1495	1323	1439	-29	-107	-80	=101	-116	=129	+140	=0	-122	=137	3.0	MB
137	Tam, Erik	0	1296	1314	-72	-113	-104	-85	-139	+0	=138	+142	-125	=136	3.0	AB
138	Regimbald, Adrien	1326	1380	1341	-58	-90	+128	-73	-104	-117	=137	+139	-132	-120	2.5	AB
139	Cooper, Dale	1237	1256	1235	-36	-98	-141	-127	+137	-85	=0	-138	+142	-128	2.5	BC
140	Reichert, Wayne	1300	1302	1319	-38	-93	-92	-128	-135	+145	-136	+141	-134	-0	2.0	AB
141	Gemmell, Ian	0	1206	1226	-55	-123	+139	-106	-127	-115	-129	-140	+145	-116	2.0	BC
142	Hazeltine, Stephen	1249	1205	1248	-30	=0	-131	-122	+129	-114	-99	-137	-139	=0	2.0	AB
143	Martin, Keith	0	1181	1197	-60	-102	-117	+0	-100	-125	+145	-85	-129	-0	2.0	AB
144	Hara, George	1921	1861	1923	+134	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	1.0	BC
145	Aguilar, Andres	1267	1046	1183	-57	=0	-96	-124	-118	-140	-143	-134	-141	-135	0.5	MB
146	Taylor, James	1632	1761	1630	-64	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	0.0	BC

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b5 29.R7d5 b4 30.Re2+ Kf8 31.axb4 Rxb4
32.Kf1 g6 33.Ke1 Rb6 34.Kf2 1/2-1/2

P. Beckwith - K. Spraggett

Spraggett takes over the center...then the queen side..then the king side..ugh.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.c5 g6
6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Bb5+ Nc6 8.Nf3 O-O 9.O-O
Bg4 10.Be3 Ne4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.h3 Bxf3
13.Qxf3 f5 14.g3 e5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Ne2
Qf6 17.Rab1 Bxb2 18.Rfd1 Rab8 19.Rd3
Rfe8 20.Rbd1 Be5 21.Rc1 Rb2 22.a3 Reb8
23.h4 a5 24.Nd4 a4 25.Ne2 R8b3 26.Bf4
Bxf4 27.gxf4 Qxh4 28.Rxb3 Rxb3 29.Qg2
Rh3 30.Kf1 0-1

D. Hergott - R. Sasata

Sasata finds the right exchanges to maintain a balance.

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.e3
Nf6 6.Nge2 O-O 7.O-O c6 8.d4 Nbd7 9.b3
Re8 10.Ba3 Nf8 11.h3 e4 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.g4
h5 14.g5 N6h7 15.Nxe4 Nxe5 16.Bxd6
Nxe4 17.Bxh3 Qxe4 18.Qxe4 Rxe4
19.Bxc8 Rxc8 20.Rad1 Nd7 21.c5 Bf8
22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.Nc3 Re7 24.e4 f5 25.exf5
gxf5 26.Rfe1 Rg7+ 27.Kh2 Kf7 28.Rg1 Rcg8
29.Rxg7+ Rxg7 30.b4 Kf6 1/2-1/2

T. Philip - G. Huber

Wow. This looks like one of my games. Sack

material for a dangerous looking attack, but there is always some stupid defense I missed. Nice composure by Philip to refute the attack.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3
Nc6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bxe7 Ngxe7 8.e3 cxd4
9.Nxd4 Qb6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qd2 Qb4
12.Be2 Rb8 13.b3 O-O 14.Na4 Qh4 15.O-O
Rd8 16.Qa5 Nf5 17.Qxa7 Rb7 18.Qa5 Rd6
19.Rac1 Rh6 20.h3 Rg6 21.Qxd5 Be6
22.Qxc6 Rb8 23.Qf3 Qg5 24.Qg4 Qe7
25.Qf4 Rb4 26.Qc7 Rxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Bd5+
1-0

Round 5

L. Day - L. Harkes

Harkes gets befuddled by the bouncing knights.

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.g3 Nf6
5.Bg2 c6 6.h3 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6 8.O-O Bd6 9.d3
Nbd7 10.Qe1 h6 11.Ne4 Bb4 12.Bd2 Bxd2
13.Nd6+ Ke7 14.Nxd2 Ne8 15.b4 Qe5
16.Nxb7 Rc8 17.Na5 Qxe1 18.Rfxe1 c5
19.Nc6+ Kf6 20.Nxa7 Rc7 21.Nb5 Rc8
22.g4 Bh7 23.Na7 Rc7 24.Nc6 cxb4
25.Nxb4 Nd6 26.a4 h5 27.a5 hxg4 28.hxg4
Nb5 29.c4 Na7 30.d4 Kg5 31.Na6 Rcc8
32.Bb7 Kxg4 33.Ra3 Kg5 34.Bxc8 Rxc8
35.c5 Nb5 36.Nf3+ Kf4 37.Rb3 Be4
38.Rxe4+ Kxe4 39.Ng5+ Kf4 40.Rxb5 1-0

[John Ferrar was the talk of the tournament after his amazing win over Yudasin in round 3. This was followed by his draw in round 4 against IM O'Donnell, then this startling result against IM Hergott. I wasn't sure precisely what the requirements were for a FIDE-rateable result; I know it's very difficult to do in a Swiss because you need to play mostly players who already have FIDE ratings. But Ferrar was certainly taking a run at it.—JQ]

J. Ferrar - D. Hergott

From Hergott: "Ferrar took my French and (makes crumpling motion with hands)".

Annotations by Ferrar.

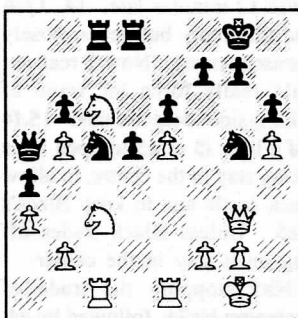
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 This ends my book knowledge ! Must study more.
5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 b6 The signs were ominous, White has already allowed Black to exchange his bad bishop after only 6 moves! The only idea remaining was to find the best way to allow the exchange. 7.Bb5 After 10 minutes thought, I believed the best plan was to allow the exchange on b5 followed by a recapture by a white pawn - which would then restrict the development of Black's queen side 7. ... Be7
8.Qe2 a5 9.O-O Ba6 10.c4 I had originally planned a4 but began to believe the pawn on b5

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may become weak after c4 by Black. I also wanted to break open the position to take advantage of Black's poor development. 10. ... **Bxb5** 11.cxb5 a4 12.a3 To fix the target on a4 and eventually to play Nb1 and Nc3. 12. ... **O-O** 13.Re1 To overprotect e5 and try to restrain Black's counterplay with f6. 13. ... **Re8** Threatens f6. 14.Nb1 17 minutes to find this move which combines queen side play against the a pawn and pressure against Black's center d5, e.g. 14...f6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Nc3 cxd4 17.Nxd5! 14. ... **cxd4** Better was 14. ... f6 with some play against the center. 15.Nxd4 **Bc5** 16.Nf3 To restrain Black's counterplay by keeping the queen at home. 16. ... **Nf8** 17.Nc3 **Qc7** 18.Qd1 **Qa7** 19.h4 To provoke weaknesses on Black's king side and to further restrain Black's knights mobility) 19. ... **Nbd7** 20.h5 h6 21.Bf4 **Nh7** 22.Qd2 **Qa5** 23.Rad1

Rac8 24.Rc1 **Red8** 25.Qd3 16 minutes to find this move which unpins the knight and now threatens Ne2 followed by Nd4 and Nc6 etc. 25. ... **Be7** With 7 minutes left for each player for the remaining 15 moves, Black decides to sacrifice the exchange for complications. 26.Nd4 **Nc5** 27.Qg3 **Bg5** 28.Bxg5 **Nxg5** 29.Nc6 (Diagram)



29. ... **Rxc6**
30.bxc6 **d4**
31.Red1 **Nb3**
32.Rc2 **b5**
33.Qd3 **b4**
34.axb4 **Qxb4**
35.Qb5 **Qe7**
36.Nxa4 **d3**
37.Qxb3 **dx2**
38.Rxd8+ **Qxd8**
39.Qxc2 **Qc7**
40.f4 {flag} 1-0

My First Canadian Open

by Adrien Regimbald

The Canadian Open Chess Championship was in Calgary from July 13-21 and turned out to be one of the most enjoyable experiences in my life so far. I traveled with John Quiring, Ford Wong, Peter Alderton and Yuri Vasylev. Traveling with John and Ford was an experience on its own! Things start out normally but as the trip progresses things get stranger and stranger. (MOO to all those people who have ever travelled with these two jokers!) This tournament was certainly the largest I've ever been to with over 140 players. It was also the first tournament I've been to which had titled players, it was a pleasure to watch them perform their art. The first round pairings were more than 2 hours late, but after that they were on time. (A note in defense of the TD's--they were having computer problems so they had to do things by hand and they were also having trouble hunting down players they needed more info from.) Throughout the tournament, Ford and John took me and other people along to an interesting variety of restaurants, most notably a Cajun place (where I couldn't finish my Jambalaya, leading to an ongoing joke about me having to doggy bag it. Peter was in a similar situation, but his doggy bag ended up in the tournament room as part of a joke...), Red Robin (BIGGEST mud pie I've ever seen, I couldn't finish!), and Peter's Drive In (I mistakenly ordered LARGE fries, thankfully my order taker set me straight--"unless you have another 5 or so people with you, you better go with the small"), and The Keg. I met a variety of chess players at the tournament--Bill Taylor, Jim Roy, Jim Daniluk, Arthur Odachowski, etc. I also got to meet a variety of CFC executive types. (I even went to a few sessions of the AGM, there was too much political maneuvering for my liking, I can't even count the number of times I heard "point of order", there were a few amusing stories

about these meetings [particularly one involving Ford] but I'll leave that for someone else). Sharing a room with Ford and John was interesting--3 a.m. speed games, game analyses, etc. Our room was known as "Chess Geek Central" and we got many visitors, including Kevin Spraggett (unfortunately, Ford and John were out and Kevin had wanted to drink with them, so he said he'd come back later, but never had the time, it's too bad as I'd really wanted to meet him, Oh well...). The tournament had many side attractions such as a simul, 2 lectures, and a speed tourney. I went to the simul which featured GM Leonid Yudasin, and I drew my game with him, here's the game score:

Yudasin - Regimbald

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nc4 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Ne3 c6 7.Bxd3 Nf6 8.O-O Bd6 9.Nf5 Bxf5 10.Bxf5 O-O 11.Nc3 Nbd7 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.g3 h6 14.Be3 Rfe8 15.Qf3 Bf8 16.a3 g6 17.Bd3 Bg7 18.Rae1 Nf8 19.Bxh6 Bxh6 20.Qxf6 Bg7 21.Qh4 Ne6 22.Ne2 Qb6 23.c3 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Qxa3 25.Rxb7 Reb8 26.Rfb1 Rxb7 27.Rxb7 Nxd4 28.Nxd4 Qxc3 29.Bxg6 f6 30.Rxg7 Kxg7 draw (my offer - he can harrass my king enough to stop me from making progress and if I'm not careful he will get too many chances).

I also went to one of the lectures which was by IM Deen Hergott. I did not participate in the speed tourney, but did watch many of the games and witnessed our temporary room mate David Ottosen win his class with an impressive 10/12. One other important thing was the bookstore set up by Larry Bevand. I spent a lot of money both there and at a few used book stores. I spent much of the spare time I had walking around Calgary, it's a beautiful city. I finished in the tournament with 2.5 out of 10, not too bad as I had been hoping to get 3. I had a great time at the Canadian Open and owe much of it to Ford and John, THANKS GUYS!

White keeps his cool in the time scramble and keeps the whole point.

K. Spraggett - T. Philip

Spraggett rams a pawn home early.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.Re1 b5 9.Bf1 Rb8 10.a3 a5 11.a4 b4 12.d4 d5 13.exd5 bxc3 14.dxc6 cxb2 15.Bxb2 Rxb2 16.Bb5 cxd4 17.Nc4 Rb4 18.Qxd4 Nd5 19.Qa7 Nc3 20.c7 Qd5 21.Nb6 Nxb5 22.Nxd5 Nxa7 23.Nxe7+ Kh8 24.Red1 g6 25.Ne5 Kg7 26.Rd8 Re4 27.f4 Rxf4 28.Rad1 Ba6 29.g3 Rxa4 30.Nd7 Rh8 31.Rxh8 Kxh8 32.Nc5 Rc4 33.Nxa6 Kg7 34.Rd8 a4 35.Ra8 a3 36.Rxa7 a2 37.Nc5 1-0

R. Emo - D. Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.O-O e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 10.b3 Ne8 11.a3 f5 12.f3 Nf6 13.Rb1 Nh5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Nd7 16.Nb3 f4 17.c5 Qh4 18.Bd2 Ng3 19.Be1 Rf6 20.Bf2 g5 21.Qe1 Qxh2+ 0-1

E. Gibney - P. Beckwith

[Gibney forces weaknesses throughout Beckwith's position, then exploits them one after another after another...-JQ]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 d6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be4 e6 7.O-O Nf6 8.Qe2 a6 9.Rd1 Bd7 10.Bf4 e5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.b4 Rc8 15.Rac1 Bg4 16.h3 Nd4 17.Rxd4 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 exd4 19.Qf5 Rc6 20.b5 Rc5 21.b6 Qd7 22.Qf4 f6 23.Qd2 Kd8 24.Qxd4 Kc8 25.Nf4 Kb8 26.Ng6 Rg8 27.Rd1 a5 28.Nxf8 Qc6 29.Qxc5 Qxc5 30.Nd7+ Kc8 31.Nxc5 dxc5 1-0

G. Huber - A. Wu

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Nge2 e5 7.O-O Nge7 8.Be3 O-O 9.Qd2 Nd4 10.f4 f5 11.fxe5 Bxe5 12.Bh6 Rf7 13.Bg5 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 Bf6 15.Bxf6 Rxf6 16.Rae1 Re6 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.exf5 Rxe1 19.Qxel Bxf5 20.Nd5 Nc6 21.g4 Bc8 22.Nf6+ Kg7 23.Ne8+ Kh6 24.Qe3+ g5 25.Qh3+ 1-0

F. Nazarian - M. Dougherty

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.e4 Nf6 6.f4 O-O 7.Nf3 e6 8.Be2 a6 9.O-O exd5 10.exd5 Bf5 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 b5 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nxb5 Na6 15.Nc3 Nb4 16.Qc4 Qc8 17.Ng5 Qf5 18.Nge4 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Bd4+ 20.Nf2 Nd3 21.Qc2 Nxf2 22.Qxf5 Ne4+ 0-1

B. Rasmussen - J. Yoos

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Be6 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 Be7 9.Be2 Bg5 10.O-O Bxc1 11.Rxc1 Nf6 12.Kh1 O-O 13.Nc2 Rc8 14.f4 exf4 15.Rxf4 Ne5 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Re8 18.Ne1 Ng6 19.Rf1 Qb6 20.b3 Re5 21.Nf3 Re7 22.Qd4 Qa5 23.Bd3 Rce8 24.Ng5 Re1 25.Qf2 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Ne5 27.Bb1 Neg4 28.Bxh7+ Kf8 29.Qg3 Qc5 30.h3 Re5 31.hxg4 Rg5 32.Bf5 g6 33.Qf4 Nh7 34.Be6 f5 35.g3 Kg7

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36.gxf5 Rh5+ 37.Kg2 g5 38.Qd2 Nf6 39.b4 Qb6 40.c5 dxc5 41.bxc5 Qd8 42.Rh1 Qh8 43.Rxh5 Qxh5 44.Qb2 g4 45.Qxb7+ Kh6 46.Qc7 Qh3+ 47.Kg1 Nh5 48.Qe5 Nxc3 49.Qf6+ 1-0

Round 6

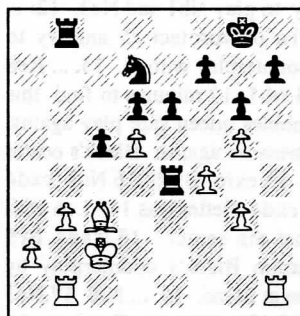
Ford Wong - Brady Ficko

Notes by **Wong**

1.d4 I was 12 minutes late. Brady is a fellow Edmontonian whom I consider a dangerous opponent and expected a King's Indian Defense. **1...Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.g4** Seirawan's line. One of my two anti-Benko weapons. I adopted this line when I saw it in *Inside Chess*. In round 1 of this tournament, I played the wrong move order where after 9.Nge2 I blocked my queen's control of g4 but I eventually got g4 in. Here I remembered my mistake in round 1 and played g4 right away. After playing this Brady said "Seirawan's move" and I started to think about whether or not Brady knew this line. I personally don't consider this line sound but I like to play it. After the game Brady said that he once looked at it but did not remember it. **9...Bg7** Recommended is 9...h5. To me this is Rocket's move (Rob Gardner, who first played it against me). I always dread this reply as I don't like White's position after this: 9 ... h5!? 10.g5 Nfd7 11.Kg2 Bg7 12.f4 Na6 13.Nf3 0-0 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Be3 Rfb8 16.Rad1 Qa5 with advantage to Black, Sakovich-Lanka, USSR 1980; 9...Qc8 is another line which is good for Black against g4. **10.g5** 10.Kg2 is the normal move allowing Black to continue 10...0-0. **10...Nh5** After this, I felt that Brady did not understand what was going on and was getting uncomfortable with the position. **11.Nge2** Heading to g3. **11...Nd7** I was

concerned about 11...Qc8 as I believe this refutes White's king-side initiative. Often a good plan for Black is to attack White's exposed king-side. Other ideas include breaking with ... f5 12.h3. **12.Ng3 Nxc3+ 13.hxc3 Qb6** 13. ... 0-0 may be suicide for Black. **14.Qe2?!** Time: White 21 mins, Black 38 mins. Note: Brady has passed me on time even though I was 12 minutes late. **14...Qa6** I had considered this reply but never closely examined the consequences. Now I realized that Black could really force the trade of queens and my king-side ideas are dust. **15.f4** With the idea of a later f5 or e5 to open lines should Black's king stay in the centre, to allow Qh2 should Black castle and to keep Black's knight out of e5. Unless Black trades off queens, his king must stay in the center. I considered 15.Nb5 stopping the trade of queens and threatening Nc7+, followed by a4. I felt it was risky and felt a later ... Nb6 undermines a4. **15...Qxe2+** I looked at 15...0-0. Brady said he did not like 16.Nb5 freeing White's queen. I analysed this and felt that I would lose too much time defending the knight unless I was going to sack it. 16...Rfb8 17.a4 Rxb5!. Unless Black castles there is no need for my queen to get to h2. **16.Kxe2** If Black traded queens, I planned to walk my king over to c2 to defend the queenside (when Black would have trouble regaining his sacked pawn. Also the Black c-pawn which is Black's ace in the hole in the Benko is not as dangerous with my king nearby.) I felt good about my position. **16...0-0 17.Kd3 Rfb8 18.Kc2** Black has consumed a lot of time up to here. White 46 mins, Black 79 mins. **18...Rb4 19.Bd2** Now I do not mind if Black plays Bxc3 giving up the e-pawn as this would cede me the long diagonal. **19...Rab8 20.Rab1 e6 21.b3** Consolidating my position and getting my

queen-side pawns ready to roll forward. **21...Bxc3** I felt that Black had to play this in order to make headway in my position. The knight was holding my position together. Now I get the long diagonal. **22.Bxc3 Rxe4**



(Diagram) **23.Rxh7!** I had this countersack in mind if Black choose to take my e pawn. This seem to catch Brady unexpectedly. White 58 mins, Black 97 mins. His shortness of

time may have contributed. **23...Kf8** I considered 23...e5 24.Rbh1 unclear however Chessbase Analysis Module gave this position as winning for White. **24.Bf6** Shutting off the king's escape and threatening mate. Chessbase Analysis Module found 24.Rh8+ Ke7 25.Bf6+ Nxf6 26.gxf6+ Kxf6 27.Rxb8. **24...Ke8 25.Rh8+ Nf8 26.Rxf8+** A temporary sack. **26...Kxf8 27.Rh1** Threatening mate. **27...Ke8 28.Rh8+ Kd7 29.Rxb8** Winning a piece. **29...exd5 30.Rb7+** White 66 mins, Black B 110 mins. I could win another pawn with 30.Rf8, but Black would get counterplay. **30...Ke8 31.a4 1-0** There is still some chess left but it is mostly over. I was surprised when Brady resigned here. The a pawn can not be stopped and when it queens it is mate. A satisfying victory against a dangerous opponent. Time: White 69 mins, Black 112 mins. We used Brady's digital clock for this game and it is quite impressive.

K. Spraggett - I. Smirin

After good prophylactics on the queen side,

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MORE ABSOLUTELY USELESS STATISTICS

Rating gains/losses

Each entry in this table has two numbers. The number on the left is the number of players in the category. The number on the right is the total number of rating points gained/lost by those players.

	RATING-->	Over	2200	2000	1800	1600	1400	Under	Unrated	Total
HOME		2400	-2399	-2199	-1999	-1799	-1599	1400		
Alberta		0/0	4/30	16/-29	16/103	15/82	13/412	5/165	7/0	76/763
Ontario		4/-14	2/-37	3/-64	10/-42	2/-46	2/40	0/0	0/0	23/-163
British Columbia		0/0	1/56	3/117	4/65	4/-24	0/0	1/-2	1/0	14/212
Saskatchewan		0/0	2/-27	3/236	2/-61	1/-18	2/74	0/0	2/0	12/204
Manitoba		1/-32	1/2	1/62	2/-45	1/52	3/16	1/-84	0/0	10/-29
Quebec		1/-1	1/15	1/40	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/54
New Brunswick		0/0	0/0	1/60	1/-17	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/43
Israel		2/-12	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/-12
USA		0/0	1/-37	1/-10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/-47
Yukon Territory		0/0	0/0	1/142	0/0	1/63	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/205
Northwest Territory		0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/-1	0/0	0/0	1/-1
TOTAL		8/-59	12/2	30/554	35/3	24/109	21/541	7/79	10/0	147/1229

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Spraggett busts through on the king side.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0 h6
9.Be3 Be7 10.f4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 b5 12.Bd3
Bb7 13.Rhe1 O-O 14.Kb1 b4 15.Na4 Bc6
16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Nc4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Bxe4
19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qd4+ Bf6 21.Qxe4 d5
22.Qe2 Qc7 23.Ne5 Rbc8 24.Ng4 Be7
25.Qd2 a5 26.Re2 f5 27.Ne5 Bf6 28.h3 a4
29.Qxb4 Bxe5 30.fxe5 Qc6 31.Rd4 Ra8
32.Qd2 Rab8 33.a3 Rb7 34.Rh4 f4 35.Rg4+
Kh7 36.Qd3+ Kh8 37.Qg6 Rh7 38.Rf2 Qc4
39.g3 1-0

I. Yudasin - B. Rasmussen

An example of what can happen in the Alekhines if Black doesn't manage to break White's centre; Rasmussen spends much of the game on his own first two ranks.

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5
5.Nxe5 g6 6.Bc4 c6 7.O-O Bg7 8.Bb3 O-O
9.Re1 Nd7 10.Nf3 Re8 11.Bg5 N7f6 12.Nbd2
h6 13.Bh4 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 Nh5
16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.Rxe5 Qd7 18.Qf3 e6 19.g4
Ng7 20.c4 Ne7 21.Rd1 g5 22.Bg3 f5 23.d5
f4 24.Bh2 Ng6 25.Re2 cxd5 26.cxd5 e5
27.d6+ Kh8 28.Qe4 Nf8 29.Qc4 Nh7 30.Ba4
Rec8 31.Qb4 Qe6 32.d7 Rd8 33.Rd6 Qe7
34.Qc5 e4 35.Qd4 1-0

D. Hergott - J. Niksic

Niksic seems unsure whether he wants to keep the position closed or open, whereas Hergott simply chooses sides to attack on.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.c4
Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 d6 8.d5 a5 9.Nc3
Nbd7 10.O-O Nc5 11.Nd4 Qd7 12.e4 e5
13.Nf5 g6 14.Nh6 Ng8 15.Nxg8 Rxg8 16.f4
f6 17.Rf2 O-O-O 18.Raf1 Rg7 19.b3 Kb8
20.Qc2 g5 21.fxe5 fxe5 22.a3 Qe7 23.b4
axb4 24.axb4 Nd7 25.Nd1 Rf8 26.Rxf8+
Nxf8 27.Ne3 Rf7 28.Ra1 h5 29.Nf5 Qd7
30.c5 Bxd5 31.exd5 Qxf5 32.Be4 Qg4
33.Qa4 1-0

K. Neven - L. Day

Neven seems to be doing quite well, but then seems to get a little overambitious with 30.g4!?
1.c4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Nf3 h6 5.e3
Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 c6 8.O-O g6 9.b3
Bg7 10.Bb2 O-O 11.Rfd1 a6 12.a4 Re8
13.e4 Qc7 14.b4 Rad8 15.Qc2 e6 16.Ra1 a5
17.bxa5 Qxa5 18.Ba3 Qc7 19.e5 dxe5
20.dxe5 Ng4 21.Bd6 Qa5 22.Re1 h5 23.h3
Nh6 24.Nh4 Nf5 25.Nxf5 exf5 26.f4 Bf8
27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Red1 Nc5 29.Rxd8 Rxd8
30.g4 hxg4 31.hxg4 Rd3 32.Qh2 Kg8 33.Ne2
fxg4 34.f5 Rh3 35.Qg2 Nd3 36.fxg6 Qc5+
0-1

J. Ferguson - T. O'Donnell

A lucky escape for O'Donnell. Ferguson missed several wins. On the opening, GM Yudasin mentioned that 5...c4 leads to a bad position for Black.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.h3 Nc6 5.Bd3
c4 6.Bc2 d5 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.Qe2 e5 9.b3 b5
10.bxc4 bxc4 11.Na3 Be6 12.Ba4 Bxa3

13.Bxa3? [13.Nxe5! and O'Donnell's remains would never be found.] 13... Nd7 14.O-O f6
15.Rab1 Nb6 16.Rb5 Qd7 17.Bc2? [Again!
17.Nxe5! and White blows Black to dust.] 17.
... Ne7 18.Rfb1 O-O 19.Nxe5 fxe5 20.Rxe5
Ned5 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Rxe6 Nf4 23.Qe4
Qxe6 24.Qxh7+ Kf7 25.Rb5 Nfd5 1/2-1/2

M. Dougherty - T. Philip

The exact cause of Philip's resignation is yet to be determined. Of course, 28...Rxe7 29.Rxe7
Qxe7 30.d6+ wins the queen, but what about
28...Kh7??

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Bf4
O-O 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.cxd5
Nxc3 10.Qd2 Qxa2 11.bxc3 Qa5 12.e4 Nd7
13.Bh6 Nxc5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qd4+ Kg8
16.Bc4 Bd7 17.O-O a6 18.Ne5 Rac8 19.Ra1
Qc7 20.f4 b5 21.Ba2 Qd6 22.f5 f6 23.Ng4
h5 24.e5 fxe5 25.Nxe5 Bxf5 26.Rae1 Rf6
27.Nc6 Rc7 28.Nxe7+ 1-0

G. Fielding - Y. Vasylev

Black never finds counterplay in the Benoni, then suffers a reversal of fortune on the queen side.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5
d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Be2 O-O 9.O-O
Re8 10.Nd2 a6 11.a4 b6 12.Qc2 Qc7
13.Nc4 Nbd7 14.Bd2 Rb8 15.Na3 Bb7
16.Rae1 Re7 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bh4 g5 19.Bg3
Ne5 20.f3 Nh5 21.Bf2 Nf4 22.Nc4 Nxe2+
23.Qxe2 Bc8 24.Bg3 Nxc4 25.Qxc4 Qd7
26.Ra1 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qb3 b4 29.Nd1
Bd4+ 30.Kh1 Bb7 31.Bf2 Qb5 32.Nc3 Bxc3
33.bxc3 Ba6 34.Rfb1 bxc3 35.Qa2 Qxb1+
36.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 37.Qxb1 Rb7 38.Qc2 Rb2
39.Qxc3 Rxf2 40.h3 Re2 41.Qa5 Bd3
42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qxd6 c4 44.Qc7 Rd2 45.d6
Bf1 46.d7 Bxg2+ 47.Kg1 Bxh3 48.d8=Q
Rxd8 49.Qxd8 Be6 50.Kf2 f6 51.Ke3 h5
52.Kd4 g4 1-0

A. Frialde - J. Ferrar

Frialde bores Ferrar to sleep with endless maneuvers, then suddenly sacks all his pieces to come out with a decisive advantage.

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Be7 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2
Nd7 6.O-O Ngf6 7.Bg5 O-O 8.Nbd2 h6
9.Bf4 Re8 10.Qc2 Bf8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4
Nxe4 13.Qxe4 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Rad1
Qb6 16.Bc1 e5 17.Nd2 Nf6 18.Qc2 Bg4
19.Rde1 Rad8 20.Nb3 Bb4 21.Bd2 Bxd2
22.Nxd2 Qb4 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 Bc8
25.Re2 Qc5 26.b3 Rd4 27.Qe3 b6 28.Bd5
Bg4 29.f3 Be6 30.Be4 a5 31.Bb1 Bd7
32.Kg2 Bc6 33.Rfe1 a4 34.b4 Qd6 35.c5
bxc5 36.bxc5 Qxc5 37.Rc1 Qb6 38.Qc3 Bd5
39.Rxe5 Bxf3+ 40.Kxf3 Rxe5 41.Qxd4 [! on
Ferrar's scoresheet; the only notation I ever
saw him put on any of his games.] 41... Qf6+
42.Qf4 Qxf4+ 43.gxf4 Re8 44.Bf5 g6
45.Rc8 Kf8 46.Rxe8+ Kxe8 47.Be4 a3
48.Ke3 Kd7 49.h4 1-0

K. Gentes - F. Veszely

If Black can't get in f5 in the Sveshnikov, his short life will be most uncomfortable. The prosecution offers this game as Exhibit A.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6
9.Na3 Be6 10.Nc4 Be7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Ne3
Nd4 13.Bd3 Rg8 14.O-O Kf8 15.Ncd5 Kg7
16.c3 Bxd5 17.Nxd5 Ne6 18.Qh5 Nc5
19.Rad1 Kh8 20.Qxf7 Rg7 21.Qh5 Qg8
22.Qf3 Rf8 23.Bc2 Bd8 24.b4 Ne6 25.Ne3
Ng5 26.Qf5 Qxa2 27.Rxd6 Qf7 28.Rfd1 Be7
29.Rd7 Qh5 30.Kh1 Qh4 31.g3 Qh5 32.Kg2
Qf7 33.Nd5 Re8 34.Nc7 Reg8 35.h4 Qa2
36.R1d2 Qa1 37.hxg5 Rxg5 38.Qf3 1-0

D. Haessel - G. Huber

Huber's best customer finally turns the tables! I think Greg had won about 973 straight versus Dale before this one.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 b5 8.f3 Nbd7 9.g4
h6 10.O-O-O Bb7 11.Bd3 b4 12.Nce2 d5
13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nf4 Qa5 15.Bc4 N7b6
16.Nb3 Nxc4 17.Nxa5 Nxd2 18.Bxd2 O-O-O
19.Nxb7 Kxb7 20.Be3 Be7 21.Nxd5 Rxd5
22.Rxd5 exd5 23.Bd4 Bg5+ 24.Kd1 Rg8
25.h4 Bd8 26.h5 Kc6 27.Kd2 Bg5+ 28.Kd3
Re8 29.Rh2 Re1 30.c3 bxc3 31.bxc3 Rd1+
32.Kc2 Rc1+ 33.Kb2 f6 34.Re2 Rf1 35.Re6+
Kb5 36.Rb6+ Kc4 37.a4 Rxf3 38.Kc2 1-0

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V. Maric - P. Thibodeau

Hmm. Well, what else can be said for this game other than "In the endgame, use your king!"

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4
exd4 6.e5 d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb4+
9.Nbd2 O-O 10.Qa4 a5 11.O-O Nxd4
12.Nxd4 Bxd2 13.f3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Bxc1
15.Raxc1 Ne6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.Qxc7 Qxc7
18.Rxc7 Rab8 19.Rfc1Rfc8 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8
21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Kf2 Be6 23.Ke3 d4+
24.Kxd4 Bxa2 25.Kc5 Kf8 26.Bc4 Bb1
27.Kb6 1-0

T. McKay - G. Litchfield

After 18.g5, can you say "Helpmate"? I knew you could.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2
e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxf6
Bxf6 10.Qd3 Nd7 11.O-O-O d5 12.h4 h6
13.h5 Bh7 14.Kb1 O-O 15.Qe3 dxe4
16.Nxe4 Be7 17.Bd3 Qc7 18.g5 Bxe4
19.Qxe4 1-0

J. Quiring - T. Wilson

White loses just like White always loses in the Pirc. "I'm gonna bash you good." "No you aren't." "Argh, I'm totally overextended and busted. I hate chess."

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3
Bg4 6.Be3 O-O 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.e5

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Nd7 10.d5 Nb4 11.O-O-O dxe5 12.a3 exf4 13.Bxf4 Na6 14.g4 Nac5 15.h4 Nf6 16.h5 a6 17.Be2 Qd7 18.Qe3 b6 19.Bh6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 g5 21.Qxg5+ Kh8 22.Qe3 Nxc4 23.Bxg4 Qxg4 24.Rdgl Qd7 25.Rh3 Rg8 26.Rhg3 Qd6 27.b4 Nd7 28.Ne4 Qe5 29.Kb1 Rxc3 30.Rxc3 Rg8 31.Ng5 Rf8 32.Qgl Nf6 33.h6 Qxd5 34.Rd3 Qa8 35.Nxh7 Rg8 0-1

S. Sieber - P. Alderton

Black wriggles around and somehow White chooses not to find a way to crush him.

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Bc4 cxb2 5.Bxb2 d5 6.Bxd5 Bb4+ 7.Nd2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 Nf6 9.Qg5 O-O 10.O-O-O Qe7 11.Ne2 Nbd7 12.Nf4 h6 13.Qg3 Kh8 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.Bb3 Nxe4 16.Qe3 Bf5 17.Ka1 Rfe8 18.Nd5 1/2-1/2

V. Chow - K. Bourassa

Black as usual, concedes the center. However, White takes it, then takes the king side...then the queen side...Black suddenly realizes...THAT'S THE WHOLE BOARD, BABY!

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 O-O 8.Ne2 c5 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.h4 a6 12.h5 b5 13.Bd5 Bb7 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Rc1 Qd7 16.Qd2 e6 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Bh6 f5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qh6+ Kf7 21.Qh7+ Ke8 22.Qxg6+ Rf7 23.Rh8+ Ke7 24.Qg5+ Kd6 25.e5+ Kc7 26.Rxa8 Kb7 27.Qg8 Qc7 28.Rxc6 1-0

J. Yoos - C. Kuczaj

Black often leaves his king in the center in Sicilians. However, in this game, Black suddenly has a craving for his king side rook...but its not so easy to get it over there without making his king unsafe.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.O-O-O Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Be7 10.f4 b5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Be2 Bb7 13.Bh5 Qa5 14.e5 b4 15.Ne4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 d5 17.Qe3 f5 18.Kb1 Qc5 19.Qg3 a5 20.Rd3 a4 21.Rc1 Kd7 22.Bxf7 Rhc8 23.Qe1 Rab8 24.Qd2 Rb6 25.c4 bxc3 26.Rdxc3 1-0

W. Zwirner - A. Odachowski

White: "Excuse me, I don't want to fight". Black: "Tough luck, buddy". WHAP!

1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.O-O e6 6.Kh1 Nge7 7.c4 O-O 8.Na3 b6 9.Nc2 Bb7 10.d3 d5 11.Nd2 dxe4 12.dxe4 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Bd3 e5 15.f5 Nc6 16.Qg4 Qd7 17.Qg3 Bf6 18.Nf3 Nb4 19.Bb1 d3 20.Bh6 Bxe4 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Re1 Qxf5 23.Nd2 Bb7 24.a3 Nc2 25.Bxc2 dxc2 26.Rf1 Qd7 27.Qc3 Qg4 28.Nf3 e4 29.Qxf6 exf3 30.Qxf3 Bxf3 31.gxf3 Qxc4 32.Rac1Rd8 33.Rce1 Kg7 34.Rc1 Qf4 35.Rf2 0-1

Round 7

A. Frialde - K. Spraggett

Frialde gets a taste of his own medicine. Spraggett hedgehogs until Frialde makes a bizarre blunder...32.Bxg7??

1.e4 c6 2.d3 e5 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 Nd7 5.Bc4

Be7 6.Nc3 Ngf6 7.a4 O-O 8.O-O b6 9.Ng5 Bb7 10.Kh1 h6 11.Nh3 a6 12.f3 b5 13.Ba2 Re8 14.Ne2 Bf8 15.Ng3 exd4 16.Qxd4 c5 17.Qc3 d5 18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Nb6 20.axb5 Nxd5 21.Qb3 axb5 22.Rxa8 Qxa8 23.Nf4 Nxf4 24.Bxf4 b4 25.c4 bxc3 26.Qxc3 Qa4 27.Nh5 Re6 28.Be5 Qb5 29.Rd1 Qe2 30.Re1 Qb5 31.h3 c4 32.Bxg7 Rxe1+ 33.Qxe1 Bxg7 34.Nxg7 Kxg7 35.Qc3+ f6 36.Qd4 h5 37.Qf4 Bd5 38.Qd4 Bf7 39.Qc3 Qe5 40.Qb4 Qe3 41.Kh2 Qf4+ 42.Kh1 h4 43.Qe1 Kg6 44.Qb1+ Kg5 45.Qe1 Bd5 46.Qc3 Qe5 47.Qd2+ Kf5 48.Qf2 Qf4 49.Qe2 Qd4 50.Qc2+ Kf4 51.Kh2 Ke3 52.Qc1+ Ke2 53.Qc2+ Qd2 54.Qf5 Qxb2 55.Qxd5 Qe5+ 0-1

I. Smirin - M. Dougherty

Smirin hammers one of Canada's best, though not necessarily in the most sportsmanlike fashion!

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Qb6 7.Nc3 d6 8.O-O Bd7 9.Be3 Qd8 10.h3 h5 11.Rc1 h4 [At this point, GM Smirin practically broke out laughing at the board. When I asked him what was so funny, he stated that his opponent's play "reminded (him) of when (he) was 12 years old, playing against little kids who only moved their pawns and no pieces".] 12.Bg5 Bf6 13.Qd2 Rh5 14.Be3 Bg7 15.d5 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Be2 Rh8 18.f4 Bg7 19.Nb5 Kf8 20.Nc7 1-0

V. Maric - D. Hergott

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 O-O 8.O-O d6 9.Kh1 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bd7 11.f4 Bc6 12.Bf3 Qa5 13.Nd5 [At this point, Maric told me that he thought he had a reasonably good position.] 13. ... Bxd5 14.exd5 Rfe8 15.Re1 Rac8 16.c3 Bh6 17.Qb3 Bxf4 18.Qxb7 Rc7 19.Qb3 Nd7 20.a4 Be5 21.Bf2 Rb8 22.Qa3 Qa6 23.Rac1 Qc8 24.Re4 Nc5 25.Bxc5 Rxc5 26.Rb4 Rxb4 27.Qxb4 Rc4 28.Qb5 Rh4 29.Re1 Qf5 30.Qe8+ Kg7 31.Qxe7 Qf4 32.Kg1 Qxh2+ 33.Kf1 Rxa4 34.Re2 Ra1+ 0-1

T. O'Donnell - D. Haessel

O'Donnell told me that in an ending like this, knowing where to put your pieces is more important than calculation.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 d6 6.cxd4 e6 7.a3 Nc6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.O-O O-O 10.Re1 dxe5 11.dxe5 Qc7 12.Qc2 g6 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 b6 15.b4 a6 16.Bg5 Bb7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Be4 Rfc8 19.Qe3 b5

Canadian Open Winners (courtesy of Jonathan Berry)

Year	Place	#Plyr	Winner(s)
1996	Calgary	147	K. Spraggett
1995	Toronto	303	K. Spraggett, E. Rozentalis, D. Hergott, B. Nickoloff, R. Livshits
1994	Winnipeg	187	V. Tukmakov
1993	London	127	K. Spraggett
1992	Scarborough	254	A. Barsov, B. Nickoloff
1991	Windsor	120	W. Browne
1990	Edmundston	59	Timoschenko
1989	Edmonton	181	V. Tukmakov
1988	Scarborough	201	L. Day
1987	Toronto	208	K. Spraggett
1986	Winnipeg	146	A. Yusupov, Kupreichik
1985	Edmonton	91	B. Hartman, I. Ivanov
1984	Ottawa	146	I. Ivanov, B. Campbell, D. Allan, D. Ross
1983	Toronto	330	Ivanovic, K. Spraggett
1982	Vancouver	149	G. Taylor
1981	Beauport, PQ	148	I. Ivanov
1980	Ottawa	212	L. Day
1979	Edmonton	136	A. Yanofsky
1978	Hamilton	185	G. Sax
1977	Fredericton	166	J. Green-Krotki
1976	Toronto	408	N. de Firmian, L. Day
1975	Calgary	215	L. Shamkovich
1974	Montreal	648	Ljubojevic
1973	Ottawa	235	D. Suttles
1971	Vancouver	156	B. Spassky, H. Ree
1970	St. John's	55	B. Larsen
1968	Toronto	164	B. Larsen
1966	Kingston	116	L. Evans
1964	Scarborough	76	P. Benko
1962	Ottawa	48	L. Witt
1960	Kitchener, ON	60	A. Saily
1958	Winnipeg	44	E. Macskasy
1956	Montreal	88	L. Evans

20.Rac1 Rc7 21.Qh6 Qf8 22.Qxf8+ Kxf8 23.Rc5 Rac8 24.Rec1 Ke8 25.h4 h6 26.Kh2 Kd8 27.Bxc6 Rxc6 28.Rxc6 Rxc6 29.Rxc6 Bxc6 30.Nd4 Bd5 31.f4 Ke7 32.h5 Kf8 33.hxg6 fxg6 34.Kh3 Kf7 35.g4 h5 36.Kh4 hxg4 37.Kxg4 Kg8 38.Kg5 Kg7 39.Ne2 Be4 40.Ng3 Bg2 41.Kh4 Kh6 42.Ne2 Be4 43.Ng1 Bd3 44.Nf3 Bc4 45.Ng5 Bd5 46.Nf7+ Kg7 47.Nd6 1-0

R. Gardner - L. Yudasin

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 [Gardner had been expecting a Rauzer. so much for preparation!] 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.Be3 d6 9.O-O Nf6 10.Bxa7 Rxa7 11.N1d2 [Actually, the score sheet doesn't say which knight moved, but I also think it doesn't really matter.] 11. ... O-O 12.Nf3 e5 13.Nbd2 Ra8 14.Rfd1 Be6 15.c3 Qc7 16.Nf1 Ne7 17.Ne3 h6 18.Nh4 g6 19.Qf3 Kg7 20.h3 Qc6 21.c4 Qb6 22.b3 Rac8 23.g4 Nc6 24.Kh2 Nd4 25.Qg3 Nh7 26.f4 exf4 27.Qxf4 Qc5 28.Kh1 Qe5 29.Qf2 Ng5 30.Bf1 Nxe4 31.Qg1 Ne2 32.Bxe2 Ng3+ 33.Kg2 Nxe2 0-1

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SPEED CHESS TOURNAMENT

One of the standard events in a Canadian Open seems to be a speed chess tournament. This year it was conducted on Saturday evening after round 9 was finished. In contrast to last year's event, which was run as a giant single section Swiss, the Calgary organizers decided on a round robin format. The players were divided into groups by rating, and each group played a round robin. Entry fees for each group funded the prize money in that group, so everyone had a decent chance at the big bucks. A few of the local masters who weren't playing in the Open showed up for the speed, including Rob Hawkes, Rob South, and Branimir Brebrich.

Now, I have watched speed chess tournaments before, including last year's event at the Open in Toronto when some strong masters battled it out for first place. But I've never seen anyone play like GM Leonid

Yudasin. He ripped through the field with an 11-0 score, usually taking less than one second per move, and making chess look like a very easy game to play.

Yudasin's game against Arniel Frialde was a typical example. I was quite curious how one of Alberta's very best would do against a GM, but it wasn't much of a contest. When Arniel's flag dropped in a hopeless position, Yudasin had used about 45 seconds (maybe a minute; it's hard to tell on a regular clock). As if by magic, Yudasin's pieces always seemed perfectly coordinated for both defense and attack. How does he do that?

It so happened by the luck of the draw that the two GM's, Yudasin and Smirin, were paired near the end of the tournament. Smirin tried to match Yudasin's pace of play, and the position looked pretty even after several minutes play. Then suddenly the action stopped, as Smirin's king and rook were at

opposite ends of a knight fork, and Yudasin started humming, "Turn out the lights, the party's over".

So the winners were as follows:

Premier: (11 games)

1st Yudasin 11
2nd Smirin 9.5

Master: (14 games)

1st Zaradic 11.5
=2nd Odachowski, Kuhne 10

<2000: (12 games)

1st Ottosen 10
2nd Chow 9.5

<1700 (11 games)

1st Sieber 10
2nd Bekalov 8

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L. Day - J. Ferguson

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 [Ferguson had prepared a tricky line of the King's Gambit Accepted for Day, but Day avoids it.] 2... Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 Ne7 9.O-O Ng6 10.Qe1 O-O 11.Ne2 Be6 12.h3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Ng3 Bd7 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.Qa5 Ra7 17.Kh2 c5 18.Nfd2 Bc6 19.Rxf8+ Nxf8 20.Rf1 Ne6 21.Ng3 Qg5 22.e4 g6 23.Nf3 Qh6 24.Qc3 Rb7 25.b3 Bd7 26.Qc4 Ra7 27.Qd5 Bc8 28.Kh1 Kg7 29.Ne2 Nd8 30.Qc4 Qc3 31.Nfg1 Be6 32.Qa4 Nf7 33.Qe8 1-0

J. Ferrar - K. Gentes

Gentes welcomes Ferrar to the coffeehouse. Ferrar shuts it down.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Nc3 fxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Ng3 Qf6 7.d4 e4 8.Ne5 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.O-O h5 11.f3 e3 12.Bxe3 h4 13.Ne2 h3 14.g3 Bd6 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Bg5 Qf5 17.g4 Qh7 18.Nf4 Nf6 19.Neg6 Rg8 20.Qe2+ Kd8 21.Rae1 Bc8 22.Ne7 1-0

B. Rasmussen - F. Cabanas

No respect for the new CFC president. Kingside weaknesses are ruthlessly exploited.

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.d4 cxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 dxc4 7.Nc3 e6 8.O-O Be7 9.Bxc4 O-O 10.Bf4 a6 11.Re1 b5 12.Bb3 Bb7 13.a3 Rc8 14.Qd3 Na5 15.Bc2 Nc4 16.b3 Nxa3 17.Rxa3 Bxa3 18.Be5 g6 19.Ng5 Rxc3 20.Qxc3 Nd5 21.Qg3 Be7 22.Nxh7 Bh4 23.Qh3 Kxh7 24.Re4 1-0

D. Wu - T. Philip

Kill or be killed Sicilian.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qa5 9.O-O-O Bd7 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.Kb1 Nc6 12.Qd3 b5 13.a3 b4 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.Qd2 Bc6 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.cxd3 Bxg5 21.Qxb4 Qxe5 22.Nc5 Qb8 23.Qe4 Qc8 24.h4 Bf6 25.d4 O-O 26.g4 Rb8 27.g5 Be7 28.Rc1 Rb5

29.Qe3 Qc6 30.g6 hxg6 31.h5 Rfb8 32.Nd3 Qb7 33.Rc8+ Rxc8 34.hxg6 Qxh1+ 0-1

G. Huber - F. Nazarian

In 60 Memorable Games, Fischer didn't give high marks to 5...0-0. Guess he was right.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.e5 Nh5 9.O-O Nc6 10.Ne4 Qc7 11.c3 a6 12.Be3 Rd8 13.Qe2 b5 14.Nxc5 b4 15.Rac1 a5 16.Be4 Rb8 17.cxb4 Rxb4 18.a3 Rb8 19.Na6 Bxa6 20.Qxa6 Qb7 21.Qxb7 Rxb7 22.Bxc6 Rxb2 1-0

N. Taylor - J. Quiring

Maybe Fischer is wrong after all?

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.a3 e5 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.O-O Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qd4+ 13.Kh1 Bxe5 14.Qe2 Nxh2 15.Be3 Nxf1 16.Rxf1 Qd8 17.Qf2 b6 18.g3 Be6 19.Kg2 Bd4 20.Rh1 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Qd4 22.Qh6 Qg7 23.Qh4 Rad8 24.b3 Bxb3 0-1

A. Odachowski - K. Neven

Rumor has it Neven wasn't too happy after this one. Play it over...it is pretty obvious why..he got HAMMERED.

1.d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 Nxd5 5. e4 Nxc3 6. bxc3 Bg7 7. Bb5+ c6 8. Ba4 O-O 9. Ne2 b5 10. Bb3 a5 11. O-O b4 12. cxb4 axb4 13. Be3 Ba6 14.Rc1 Bb5 15. Qc2 Nd7 16. Rfd1 Qa5 17. Rd2 Rfc8 18. Nf4 e5 19. Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Ne6 Ba4 21. Qb2 Nf6 22. Nxc3 Kxg7 23. dxe5 Nxe4 24. e6+ Nc3 25. Bd4+ Kf8 26. Rxc3 c5 27. Bg7+ Kxg7 28. Rf3+ Kf8 29. Bxg6+ Kg8 30. Bf7+ Kf8 31. Bh5+ 1-0

R. Patel - C. Wu

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.O-O-O Bd7 10.Bc4 Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.h5 Nxh5 15.g4 Nf6 16.Bh6 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 Rxc3 18.g5 Nh5 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 Rxf3 21.fxg6 fxg6 22.Rxh5 gxh5 23.g6 R8f7 24.gxf7+ Rxf7

25.Qe6 Qf8 26.Rh1 Kh8 27.Qh3 Rf2 28.Qc3+ e5 29.Qd3 Qf5 30.Qd1 Qf3 31.Qxf3 Rxf3 32.Rxh5 Rg3 33.c4 b6 34.Rh6 Rg6 35.Rh4 Kg7 36.Kd2 Rg5 37.Kc3 h5 38.b4 Kf6 39.c5 Ke6 40.c6 b5 41.a4 a6 42.axb5 axb5 43.Rc4 bxc4 44.b5 Rg3+ 45.Kd2 Rb3 46.b6 Rxb6 47.Kc3 d5 48.Kd2 Rxc6 49.Ke3 Kf5 0-1

Round 8

L. Yudasin - K. Spraggett

Spraggett holds off the other GM and basically ensures first place.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 [Odd is it not? GM Spraggett told me its something he invented.] 4.dxc5 Nc6 5.Bb5 e6 [It looks as though Black has transposed to an advance French a tempo down, however, GM Spraggett told me that the loss of time is compensated for by the weakening of White's center caused by playing 4.dxc5.] 6.Qg4 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Nf3 h5 9.Qf4 Bxc5 10.O-O Nh6 [In the postmortem, they felt Ne7-g6 led to some advantage for Black.] 11.Nbd2 Nf5 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Nbd4 Bxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Qb6 16.Qh4 d4 17.Rd1 Qc5 18.Qxd4 Qxc2 19.Bg5 O-O 20.Rd3 Rac8! [According to them, the only move. White had threats of Rg3, Bf6 with big attacking ideas. 20...Rc8 introduces the idea of things like Rc4-g4 blocking up the works.] 21.h3 Bb5 22.Rd2 1/2-1/2

D. Hergott - A. Frialde

Doh! Go into an ending with Canada's favourite endgame player? Perhaps not the best plan for Frialde!

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 d5 5.e5 h5 6.Be3 Nh6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Bd3 e6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 h4 11.O-O-O Nd7 12.Kb1 Nf5 13.Bf2 Bf8 14.Ne2 Qb6 15.c4 Qa5 16.Rc1 Be7 17.Rc2 Qd8 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Rhc1 a6 20.Be1 Rb8 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Ng1 Kf8 23.Qb3 Qb6 24.Qa4 Qd8 25.Ba5 b5 26.Bxd8

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bxa4 27.Bxe7+ Kxe7 28.Rc7 Rb4 29.Nf3 Rbh8 30.R1c2 Kd8 31.Kc1 Ke8 32.a3 R4b7 33.Rxb7 Rxb7 34.Nxh4 Nb6 35.Nf3 Nc4 36.g4 fxg4 37.hxg4 Rb3 38.Nd2 Nxd2 39.Kxd2 Rg3 40.Rc6 Rg2+ 41.Kc3 Rg3+ 42.Kb4 Rxg4 43.Rxa6 Rxf4 44.Kc3 Rf3+ 45.Kc2 Rf2+ 46.Kb1 Rf1+ [According to the players, this king retreat is the only way to win this ending.] 47.Ka2 Rd1 48.Rxa4 f5 49.exf6 Kf7 50.Rb4 Kxf6 51.a4 e5 52.dxe5+ Kxe5 53.a5 Rc1 54.Rb8 Kd4 55.b4 Rc2+ 56.Kb3 Rc1 57.Kb2 Rh1 58.a6 Rh2+ 59.Kb3 Rh1 60.a7 Ra1 61.a8Q 1-0

J. Ferrar - L. Day

Ferrar goes for another sack on b5. This time it doesn't work. C'est la vie.

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Be2 Bg7 4.h4 h5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Qd2 a6 9.O-O-O b5 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Qd6 12.Bxb5 axb5 13.Nxb5 Qd8 14.Nxc6 Qd7 15.Qb4 Qxc6 16.d5 Qd7 17.f3 Bf5 18.a4 O-O 19.c4 c6 20.dxc6 Qxc6 21.b3 Rfc8 22.Nd4 Qc7 23.Nxf5 gxf5 24.Rd3 e6 25.Qd6 Qb7 26.Bd4 Rd8 27.Qf4 Kh7 28.Kc2 Rab8 29.Rb1 Bh6 30.Qe5 Nd7 31.Qe2 e5 32.Ba1 Nc5 33.Rxd8 Rxd8 34.Qxe5 Rd2+ 35.Kc3 Nxa4+ 36.bxa4 Qxb1 0-1

J. Ferguson - A. Odachowski

Typical King's Indian Defense. White gives up a piece for 3 connected passers on the queen side. When Black gives the piece back, it seems pretty much decided.

1.c4 d6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.e4 Nf6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.a4 Nf6 14.c5 Ng6 15.c6 bxc6 16.dxc6 h5 17.Qb3+ Kh7 18.Bc4 Qe7 19.Nb5 g4 20.Nxa7 g3 21.Nxc8 gxf2+ 22.Rxf2 Rfxc8 23.a5 d5 24.Bxd5 Nxd5 25.Qxd5 Qd6 26.Qxd6 cxd6 27.Rc2 Ne7 28.c7 Ra7 29.a6 Rca8 30.b4 Rxa6 31.Rxa6 Rxa6 32.c8(Q) Nxc8 33.Rxc8 Rb6 34.Nd3 Kg6 35.Kf2 Kf6 36.Ke2 Ke6 37.Kd2 Bf6 38.Kc3 Kd7 39.Rf8 Ke7 40.Ra8 Kd7 41.Ra7+ Kc6 42.Kc4 Rb8 43.b5+ Kb6 44.Ra6+ Kc7 45.Nb4 Kd7 46.Ra7+ Ke6 47.Nd5 Bd8 48.b6 Bxb6 49.Re7# 1-0

E. Gibney - G. Huber

Huber dodges a huge bullet in this one. Gibney must have missed several crushing continuations.

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.O-O Nf6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Nb5 Qb8 11.Bf4 e5 12.Bg5 a6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nc3 f5 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Qh5 h6 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.exf5 b5 19.Bd5 Ra7 20.Qg6 Ne7 21.Qg7 Re8 22.Be4 Nxf5 23.Qg6 Rg7 24.Qh5 Nd4 25.h4 Bf4 26.f3 Reg8 27.g4 Qb6 28.Kh1 Be6 29.Bd5 Nf5 30.Ne4 Qe3 31.gxf5 Rg2 32.Ng3 R2xg3 0-1

S. Sieber - D. Gebhardt

The Danish triumphs again.

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Qe7 5.Nf3 dxc3 6.Bd3 d6 7.O-O Nc6 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Nxc3 Bg4 10.Be2 Be7 11.Nd5 Qg6 12.Nxc7+ Kd8 13.Nxa8 Bh3 14.Ng5 Bxg2

15.Bh5 Qf5 16.Nxf7+ 1-0

K. Neven - J. Quiring

Black opens the center in a most inopportune way and is ripped up on the c-file.

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 e6 6.O-O Be7 7.e3 O-O 8.b3 d5 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.d4 a6 11.Bb2 Rd8 12.cxd5 cxd4 13.exd4 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bxd5 Rxd5 16.Qf3 Bf8 17.Rac1 Qb7 18.Rc2 f6 19.Nd3 Rd7 20.Qe2 Re7 21.Rfc1 Kf7 22.Nf4 1-0

Round 9

J. Yoos - D. Haessel

Haessel walks into a book trap in his favorite Najdorf; 12...Qc5 is known to be losing.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Nfd7 12.Bc4 Qc5 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Nxe6 Qxe5+ 15.Qe3 Bd6 16.Ne4 Kf7 17.0-0+ Nf6 18.Bf4 1-0

D. Hergott - T. O'Donnell

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3 6.exf3 e6 7.f4 Bd6 8.Nd2 O-O 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.O-O Re8 11.Re1 e5 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nd4 Bc7 14.Bg5 h6 15.Be3 Qd7 16.b4 a5 17.a3 axb4 18.axb4 Bb6 19.Qd2 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 Nh7 21.f4 Ng6 22.Bf2 h5 23.Nf3 Bxf2+ 24.Qxf2 h4 25.Nxh4 Nxh4 26.gxh4 Qd6 27.b5 Nf6 28.bxc6 bxc6 29.c4 dxc4 30.dxc4 Qd3 31.Qc5 Re2 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.Ra3 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 Qe4 35.Rg3 Qf4 36.Qg5 Qxg5 37.hxg5 Ne4 38.Rg4 Nd6 39.Kg1 Rc2 40.Bxc6 Rxc4 41.Rxc4 1/2-1/2

I. Smirin - L. Yudasin

Warning: Smirin and Yudasin have extremely messy scoresheets, so I can't really make any promises about the total accuracy or completeness of this game.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Be2 O-O 6.O-O Nc6 7.Be3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Be2 Qe7 12.Bd3 Rfd8 13.f3 Ne8 14.Qe2 Nd6 15.Bc1 Nd4 16.Qe1 Ne8 17.b3 Nd6 18.Qg3 h5 19.h4 Ne6 20.Rd1 Rac8 21.Qh3 1/2-1/2

K. Spraggett - L. Day

Despite Day's best efforts, Spraggett finally messes up his center, and then walks in the king side. The end of this game is eerily similar to Cabanas-Day.

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.c4 Nc6 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 Bd7 6.e3 Qc8 7.h3 a6 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.b3 b5 10.Rb1 b4 11.Nd5 Nd8 12.e4 c6 13.Ne3 c5 14.d4 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nb7 16.h4 Nf6 17.Nd5 Bg4 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Qd2 Nc5 20.Bb2 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 f6 22.0-0 0-0 23.Kh2 Kg7 24.Be3 Kh8 25.f3 Bd7 26.Rfd1 a5 27.Qf2 Rb7 28.g4 Rc7 29.Qg3 Qa6 30.g5 fxg5 31.Bxg5 Rf7 32.e5 Nb7 33.Bxe7 Rxe7 34.exd6 Nxd6 35.Rxd6 Rc6 36.Rbd1 Rxd6 37.Rxd6 Qa7 38.Qg5 Rf7 39.Qe5+ Kg8 40.c5 Kf8 41.c6 Be8 42.Re6 Re7 43.Qh8+ Kf7 1-0

B. Kiely - T. Mckay

Black never manages to get his pieces coordinated, even more so when he loses a

couple of them.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.h3 Bg7 4.Bf4 d6 5.e3 Nc6 6.c3 O-O 7.Bd3 Re8 8.Qc2 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bg5 a6 11.Nbd2 b5 12.O-O Bb7 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Nfd2 Rad8 15.Rad1 Qe6 16.Nc5 Qc8 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nde4 Be7 19.b4 Rd5 20.Be2 Red8 21.Bf3 Kg7 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Nxb7 Qxb7 24.Nc5 Rxc5 25.bxc5 Bxc5 26.Qe4 1-0

J. Daniluk - M. Dougherty

White gets a most fortunate win. It appeared as though Black was going to have a few hours of fun grinding him into dust when Black lost on time.

1.d4 g6 2.g3 c5 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 6.c3 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.O-O Ba6 9.b3 Nf6 10.Bb2 d5 11.Nd2 O-O 12.Re1 Rad8 13.h3 e5 14.Qc2 e4 15.c4 e3 16.fxe3 Qxe3+ 17.Kh2 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 Nh5 20.Bxg7 Qxg3+ 21.Kh1 Kxg7 22.Qxc6 Rfe8 23.e3 Re6 24.Qc3+ Kg8 25.Rad1 Rde8 26.Rd4 Qe5 27.Qc4 Ng3+ 28.Kg1 Nf5 29.Rd7 Qg3 30.Re2 Nxe3 31.Qc7 Qxc7 32.Rxc7 Nxc7 33.Rxg2 Re1+ 34.Kh2 R8e2 35.Rc8+ Kg7 36.Rc2 Re3 37.Rg3 R3e2+ 38.Rg2 Rxc2 39.Rxc2 Re3 40.Kg2 h5 (Black lost on time) 1-0

R. Gardner - D. Majstorovic

Black decides White's play deserves punishment, so he sacks the house. At the end of it, the Rocket doesn't have to worry about who is the grinder and who is the grindee, because he has an extra Rook.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.g3 f6 9.Bd3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 fxe5 12.fxe5 O-O 13.Kg2 Ndx5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rf2+ 16.Kh3 Bd6 17.Ngf3 Qc7 18.Qe1 Rxf3 19.Nxf3 e5+ 20.Kg2 e4 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.Qxe4 Bd7 23.Bf4 Bxf4 24.Qxf4 Qc2+ 25.Qd2 Qf5 26.Rhf1 Bc6 27.Rac1 Bxf3+ 28.Rxf3 1-0

G. Huber - J. Ferguson

Ferguson avoids the Velimirovic, and castles to a very unsafe looking queen side. Huber resorts to violent measures to prove it is unsafe, but it turns out that it can just hold together.

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.Be3 Qc7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.f4 a6 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Nd7 13.Qh5 Nb6 14.f5 Ne5 15.O-O-O Bd7 16.Bd4 g6 17.Qh6 O-O-O 18.f6 Bf8 19.Qh4 Nf3 20.Qf2 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 e5 22.Qe3 Be6 23.Bxb5 axb5 24.Nxb5 Nc4 25.Qc3 Qb6 26.Na3 Qe3+ 27.Qxe3 Nxe3 28.Rd3 Ng2 29.Rc3+ Kb8 30.Na5 Rc8 31.Nc6+ Kb7 32.Na5+ Ka6 33.Rxc8 Bxc8 34.b4 d5 35.Nc6 dxe4 36.Rg1 Nf4 37.b5+ Kb6 38.Nc4+ Kxb5 39.N6xe5 0-1

A. Milne - J. Feng

Both players seem content to maneuver quietly, until Milne spies a certain diagonal with a certain king at the end of it.

1.Nf3 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bb4 6.Qe2 O-O 7.O-O Qc8 8.a3 Bxc3

9.bxc3 Ba6 10.c4 d5 11.cxd5 Bxd3 12.cxd3
exd5 13.Bg5 dxe4 14.dxe4 Nfd7 15.Qc4 Re8
16.Rac1 c5 17.Rfe1 Nc6 18.Bf4 Qb7 19.Ng5
Nd8 20.d5 b5 21.Qc2 h6 22.Nf3 Rc8 23.Qd2
Kh7 24.Rb1 a6 25.Qc2 Kg8 26.Nd2 c4
27.Be3 Ne5 28.Bd4 Nd3 29.Re3 Qc7 30.Rg3
g5 31.Ba1 Qf4 32.Rf3 Qg4 33.Qc3 Re7 1-0

J. Niksic - J. Chrumka

In the Slav, Black often tries to collapse the White center with wing pawn levers. Of course, sometimes the center just keeps rolling forward and munching bishops.

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3
Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.O-O
c5 10.e4 c4 11.Bc2 Bb7 12.Re1 Be7 13.d5
exd5 14.exd5 O-O 15.d6 Bxd6 16.Qxd6 Bxf3
17.gxf3 Qc8 18.Bg5 Qb7 19.Bxf6 Nxf6
20.Ne4 Nd5 21.Nc5 Qc7 22.Qxd5 Rad8
23.Qe4 g6 24.Qe5 Qa5 25.Nb7 1-0

B. Profit - T. Kolenchuk

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 exd4 5.Bxc4
Bg4 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Ne5+ Ke8 8.Qxg4 Nf6
9.Qe6+ Qe7 10.Qc8+ Qd8 11.Qe6+ Qe7
12.Qc8+ Qd8 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Nf7+ Ke8
15.Nxh8 Nxe4 16.O-O Nf6 17.Re1+ Be7
18.Bf4 Nd5 19.Bg5 Kf8 20.Bxe7+ Nxe7
21.Nd2 c5 22.Ne4 b6 23.Nd6 Nbc6 24.Nhf7
Nb4 25.Re4 g6 26.a3 Nc2 27.Rc1 d3 28.Rd1
1-0

Round 10

[This is an amazing game. It's the last round, and some big bucks are at stake. Yudasin has a 350 point rating advantage, so he expects to win and will squeeze until his opponent cracks. But Ferguson tops off a superb tournament with a fantastic draw.—JQ]

L. Yudasin - J. Ferguson

GM Yudasin told me that he thought Ferguson was 200 to 300 points underrated.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5
6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 f5 9.Bd3 Be7
10.Ne2 O-O 11.Rg1 Nb6 12.g4 a5 13.a3 a4
14.Nc3 Bd7 15.gxf5 exf5 16.Bc2 Kh8 17.Rb1
Be8 18.Qd3 Rc8 19.Be3 Bh5 20.Ng5 Qe8
21.Bf2 Nd8 22.Qh3 g6 23.Bd1 Bxg5
24.Bxh5 Ne6 25.Bxg6 Qxg6 26.fxg5 f4
27.Qh6 Qxh6 28.gxh6 Rg8 29.Kd2 Ng5
30.Kd3 Nf3 31.Rxg8+ Rxg8 32.b3 Rg2
33.Nd1 Rxh2 34.bxa4 Rxh6 35.Nc3 Ng5
36.a5 Rh3+ 37.Kc2 Nc4 38.Rxb7 Nxa5
39.Rb5 Nc4 40.Rxd5 Rh2 41.Kd3 Nb2+
42.Ke2 f3+ 43.Ke3 Nc4+ 44.Kd3 Nb2+
45.Ke3 Nc4+ 1/2-1/2

L. Day - I. Smirin

Smirin walks into Day's house; the closed Sicilian. Day had reasonable winning chances, but Smirin held on.

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3
e5 6.Nh3 Nge7 7.O-O d6 8.f4 Nd4 9.f5 gxf5
10.Ng5 h6 11.exf5 hxg5 12.f6 Bf8 13.fxe7
Bxe7 14.Nd5 Be6 15.c3 Nc6 16.Qa4 Kf8
17.Be3 Kg7 18.d4 cxd4 19.cxd4 f6 20.Rad1
Bxd5 21.Bxd5 Qb6 22.Bf2 Qc7 23.dxe5 dxe5
24.Qg4 Rad8 25.h4 Qd7 26.Be6 Qe8 27.hxg5

fxg5 28.Rxd8 Nxd8 29.Bd5 Rf8 30.Rd1 Nc6
31.Be3 Qg6 32.Be4 Qf6 33.Kg2 Nd4
34.Rh1 Nf5 35.Bxa7 Nd4 36.Bxd4 exd4
37.Rh7+ Kg8 38.Qe2 Rf7 39.Rxf7 Kxf7
40.Qc4+ Kg7 41.Bxb7 Qb6 42.Be4 Qxb2+
43.Kh3 Qf2 44.Qd5 Kf6 45.Qc6+ Ke5
46.Qd5+ Kf6 47.a4 Qf1+ 48.Kg4 Qe2+
49.Bf3 Qe6+ 50.Qxe6+ Kxe6 51.a5 Kf6
52.a6 Bc5 53.Be4 d3 54.Bxd3 Ba7 55.Kh5
Be3 56.Kh6 Ke5 57.Kg6 Kd6 1/2-1/2

T. O'Donnell - R. Gardner

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7
5.Rb1 a5 6.d3 Nge7 7.Nf3 O-O 8.O-O d6
9.a3 f5 10.Bd2 h6 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Qe8
13.Qb3 Be6 14.Nd5 Rc8 15.b5 Nd8 16.b6
c6 17.Nc7 Qd7 18.Bb4 Bf7 19.Qa3 c5
20.Bc3 Ndc6 21.Nd2 g5 22.Qb2 Bh5
23.Rbd1 f4 24.Nb5 Nd4 25.Bxd4 exd4
26.Bxb7 Rb8 27.Bg2 Rxb6 28.Qa3 Nc6
29.Ne4 Be5 30.Nxc5 dxc5 31.Qxc5 Bc7
32.Bd5+ Bf7 33.Nxc7 Qxc7 34.Rb1 Rxb1
35.Rxb1 fxg3 36.fxg3 Rc8 37.Rb6 Ne7
38.Bxf7+ Kxf7 39.Qxd4 Ng8 40.Qd5+ Kf8
41.Rb7 Qc5+ 42.Qxc5+ Rxc5 43.Kf2 Rf5+
44.Kg2 Nf6 45.Rb5 Rxb5 46.cxb5 Ke7
47.Kf3 Kd6 48.e4 Kc5 49.e5 Ne8 50.Ke4
Nc7 51.Kf5 Nxb5 52.Kg6 Nd4 53.Kxh6 Nf3
54.d4+ Kd5 55.h3 g4 56.hxg4 Nxd4 57.g5
Nf5+ 58.Kh7 Nxc3 59.g6 Nf5 60.g7 Nxc7
61.Kxc7 Kxe5 1/2-1/2

A. Wu - D. Majstorovic

Adam can't find the drawing formation, pawn on g3, king on g2, bishop on either g1-a7 or h2-b8 diagonal, as explained by GM Spraggett after the game.

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 c5 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.b3 e5
6.fxe5 dxe5 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.Nd5
Nd4 10.Bxd4 cxd4 11.h3 Be6 12.c3 dxc3
13.dxc3 Nf6 14.Qb5+ Qd7 15.Qxd7+ Nxd7
16.Rd1 O-O-O 17.Ng5 Nc5 18.Bc4 h6
19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Ne3 Nxe4 21.Bxe6+ Kb8
22.Nf5 Bc5 23.Rd5 g6 24.Ng7 Rxd5
25.Bxd5 Ng3 26.Ne6 Bb6 27.Rf1 Nxf1
28.Kxf1 Rh7 29.Nf8 Rg7 30.Ke2 g5 31.Kd3
g4 32.hxg4 Rxg4 33.Bf3 Rg8 34.Nd7+ Kc7
35.Nxe5 Rd8+ 36.Kc2 Be3 37.Nc4 Bg5
38.a4 b6 39.b4 Rf8 40.Nd2 Bxd2 41.Kxd2
Kd6 42.Ke3 Ke5 43.c4 Rf4 44.Kd3 Rd4+
45.Kc3 Rh4 46.a5 Kd6 47.axb6 axb6
48.Kd3 Rh1 49.c5+ bxc5 50.bxc5+ Kxc5
51.Ke3 Kd6 52.Kf4 Ke6 53.Bg4+ Kf6
54.Bh3 Ra1 55.Bg4 Ra4+ 56.Kg3 Kg5
57.Bh3 Ra3+ 58.Kh2 Kf4 59.Bc8 Rg3
60.Bb7 Rg5 61.Bf3 Ke3 62.Kh3 Kf2 63.Kh4
Kg1 64.Kh3 Kh1 65.Kh4 Kh2 66.Bb7 Rb5
67.Bf3 Kg1 68.Kg3 Rg5+ 69.Kh3 Kf2
70.Kh4 Ke3 71.Kh3 Kf4 72.Kh2 Rc5
73.Kh3 Kg5 74.Kg3 Rc4 75.Bb7 Rh4
76.Bc8 Rh1 77.Bh3 h5 78.Kf3 h4 79.Ke4
Re1+ 80.Kf3 Rf1+ 81.Ke3 Kf6 82.Ke4 Ke7
83.Ke3 Kd6 84.Ke4 Kc5 85.Ke3 Kd5
86.Kd3 Ke5 87.Ke3 Rf7 88.Kd3 Kf4 89.Ke2
Kg3 90.Ke3 Rf2 0-1

B. Rasmussen - G. Huber

Black repulses the king side offensive, and

eventually his own queen side attack breaks on in.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 b5 8.f3 Nbd7
9.O-O-O Bb7 10.g4 h6 11.h4 b4 12.Nce2 d5
13.Rg1 dxe4 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 exf3 16.Nf4
Ne4 17.Qe1 Qa5 18.g6 Qxa2 19.gxf7+ Kxf7
20.Nb3 Ne5 21.Ng6 Rh5 22.Nxf8 Rxf8
23.Qxb4 Bc6 24.Qb6 Kg8 25.Bd4 Bd5
26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Qc7 Rg5 28.Bc4 f2
29.Rgf1 Bxc4 30.Qxc4 Nc5 31.Rd6 Re5
32.Rdd1 Rc8 0-1

B. Wu - N. Luyben

This looks like a game you would see in a primer book, explaining the danger of not developing and neglecting the center.

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bc4 c6 4.Nc3 a6 5.d4
e6 6.e5 f6 7.Ne4 Kf8 8.Nd6 b5 9.Bd3 Ne7
10.g4 h6 11.Nh4 g5 12.Qf3 gxh4 13.exf6 Nf5
14.fxg7+ Kxg7 15.gxf5 Rf8 16.Rg1+ Kh8
17.Qh5 Qe7 18.Qxh6+ Qh7 19.Qxf8+ 1-0

R. Bowerman - J. Niksic

In the Nimzo, Black tries to gang up on the weak queen side pawns. Of course, before doing so, he should ensure he's not getting mated on the Kingside!

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3
Nc6 6.Ne2 O-O 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.O-O
e5 10.Ng3 Re8 11.Bf5 Na5 12.Qf3 Nxc4
13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.e4 Bxf5
16.Nxf5 Red8 17.Bg5 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Ne8
19.Ne7+ Kf8 20.Qh3 f6 21.Rd7 Rd8
22.Ng6+ Kg8 23.Qe6# 1-0

D. Cyncore - C. Dewindt

Black can't ever break out of the clamp he is in and blunders a piece with the weird 22...Be3+.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6
6.Nge2 h6 7.Be3 Nd7 8.f4 Be7 9.Ng3 Bh4
10.Qd2 f5 11.gxf5 Bxf5 12.Rg1 Ne7 13.Be2
Nf8 14.O-O-O g6 15.Na4 b6 16.Nxf5 Nxf5
17.Bg4 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Qe7 19.Qb3 Rc8 20.c4
h5 21.Bh3 Bf2 22.Rg2 Be3+ 23.Qxe3 dxc4
24.Nc3 b5 25.Ne4 Rb8 26.Nd6+ Kd7 27.d5
1-0

M. Dougherty - H. Pitre

Another advance CaroKann where Black doesn't manage to get his king out of the middle and pays the price.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5
6.O-O Nc6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.Na3 Bg4 9.c4 Bxf3
10.Bxf3 cxd4 11.Nb5 Qd7 12.cxd5 Nxe5
13.Nxd4 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 e5 15.Qe4 Bd6
16.Nf5 g6 17.Nxd6+ Qxd6 18.Bc5 Nf6
19.Qe3 Qxd5 20.Rad1 Qe4 21.Qc3 Nd5
22.Qb3 Nf4 23.f3 Qc6 24.Qa3 b6 25.Be3 g5
26.Rfe1 f6 27.Rd6 Qc2 28.Bxf4 gxf4
29.Re6+ Kd8 30.Qe7+ Kc8 31.Qxf6 Qc5+
32.Kh1 Kb7 33.R6xe5 1-0

B. Ficko - C. Wu

One of the good things about the dragon is that most people play it the same way; the Yugoslav attack. White shows that there are other equally dangerous lines.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.h3 O-O 8.Be3 Nc6

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9.O-O Bd7 10.Bb3 Rc8 11.Re1 Ne5 12.Qe2 a6 13.f4 Nc6 14.Rad1Qc7 15.Nf3 Na5 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Ne8 18.Nd5 Qd8 19.Bb6 Nc7 20.Bxa5 e6 21.Nb6 Nd5 22.Nxd5 Qxa5 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.Rxd7 Rc7 25.Red1 Rxd7 26.Rxd7 Rd8 27.Rxb7 Qc5+ 28.Kh1 Bf8 29.Nxg6+ fxg6 30.Ng5 1-0

G. Fielding - J. Yoos

Not my kind of game. A player I know recently decided to give up the Modern, because if White holds back, Black has trouble forcing things. Here is an example.

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.O-O a6 8.h3 Rb8 9.e4 Nd7 10.Be3 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Qd2 b4 13.Ne2 Na5 14.Rac1Ba6 15.b3 c6 16.Rfd1 Qb6 17.Nf4 Qb5 18.Nd3 Qxd3 19.Qxd3 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Rfc8 21.Rd2 Rb7 22.Rdc2 Ra8 23.Rd1 Nb8 24.h4 h6 25.e5 Na6 26.exd6 exd6 27.Nd2 d5 28.Nf3 Nc7 29.Ne5 Rb6 30.Nd7 Rba6 31.Bf1 R6a7 32.Ne5 Ne6 33.Nxc6 Nxc6 34.Rxc6 Rxa2 35.Bg2 Ra1 36.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 37.Kh2 Ra5 38.Rd6 Nxd4 39.Bxd5 Ne6 40.Bc4 Bf8 41.Rd7 h5 42.Kg2 1/2-1/2

A. Frialde - J. Daniluk

Black gives up the fianchetto to win a pawn, but White's own fianchetto slices down the diagonal to eat a rook. Then the kingside left barren by Blacks missing bishop is infiltrated decisively.

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.O-O d5 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.Nxc4 Nb6 10.Ne5 Nbd5 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Qa5 13.Qb3 Ne8 14.Bg5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qxe5 16.Be3 c5 17.Qa3 b6 18.Bf4 Qh5 19.e5 Nc7 20.Bxa8 Nxa8 21.f3 Nc7 22.Rad1 Be6 23.Qc1 Bc4 24.Rf2 Nd5 25.Kg2 Qf5 26.Bh6 Re8 27.Re1 Nc7 28.g4 Qc8 29.Qf4 Bd5 30.Kg3 c4 31.Rd1 Ne6 32.Qe3 Bc6 33.h4 Nc5 34.h5 Qc7 35.Rh2 f6 36.hxg6 hxg6 37.Bf4 g5 38.Bxg5 fxe5 39.Rdh1 Kf7 40.Rh7+ Ke6 41.R1h6+ Kd7 42.Bxe7 e4+ 43.Bd6+ 1-0

E. Gibney - J. Graves

Defense, cautious and patient. Apparently, one of the players felt White missed a win.

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6

5.Nf3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.O-O d6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 Bd7 10.Bf4 e5 11.Be3 Nf6 12.Rac1 O-O 13.a3 Rc8 14.b4 h6 15.h3 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Qa2 Qd7 18.Bb6 [A note on one of the player's scoresheets here says 18.Na4! wins. I can't tell which person's scoresheet it is though] 18. ... Rfe8 19.Qb3 Bf8 20.a4 Qf7 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Nb8 23.Ra1Nbd7 24.Be3 Nc5 25.Bxc5 Rxc5 26.Ra7 Rec8 27.Na4 Rc1 28.Nb6 R8c3 29.Qa4 Nxe4 30.Qxe4 Rxd1+ 31.Kh2 d5 32.Qg4 Rcc1 33.Ra8 Kh7 34.g3 e4 35.Nd2 Rh1+ 36.Kg2 Qf3+ 37.Qxf3 Rcg1# 0-1

D. Gomboc - P. LeBlanc

1.c4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Bf5 7.e3 e6 8.a3 Be7 9.Be2 O-O 10.O-O a6 11.Nh4 Be4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Nf3 g5 14.Bg3 f5 15.h3 Nng3 16.fxg3 Bd6 17.Qe1 Rc8 18.Rc1 Rc7 19.Nd2 Rcf7 20.b4 Qb8 21.Rf3 h5 22.g4 hxg4 23.hxg4 fxg4 24.Rxf7 Bh2+ 25.Kh1 Rxf7 26.Bxg4 Rh7 27.Qe2 Qe8 28.Bh3 Bc7 29.Kg1 e5 30.Qg4 Qe7 31.dxe5 Qxe5 32.Qe6+ Kf8 33.Rf1+ Kg7 34.Qf7+ Kh6 35.Rf6+ 1-0

D. Haessel - S. Fairbairn

Quiet maneuvering seems to indicate a draw is coming, when suddenly Haessel opens the kingside up and takes all of Fairbairn's pieces.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Qb3 Na5 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qc2 Qb6 10.Nf3 e6 11.a4 Qb3 12.Qe2 Nc4 13.Bc1 a5 14.Nbd2 Nxd2 15.Nxd2 Qb6 16.O-O Be7 17.Nf3 O-O 18.Ne5 Bc6 19.Bg5 Qd8 20.f4 g6 21.Rfe1 Re8 22.Qe3 Rb8 23.g4 Ne4 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.g5 f5 27.h4 Kg7 28.Re2 Rg8 29.c4 Kf8 30.Rd2 Rd8 31.b3 Rg7 32.Rad1 Qa3 33.Kf2 Rc7 34.Ke2 Qb4 35.Rh1 Be8 36.Qg3 Rg7 37.Rhd1 Qa3 38.Kf2 Rc7 39.Ke2 Bc6 40.h5 gxh5 41.Qh3 Kg8 42.d5 exd5 43.Qxf5 Re8 44.g6 h6 45.cxd5 Qxb3 46.dxc6 Rce7 47.Rd8 Qa2+ 48.Ke1 Qb3 49.Rxe8+ Rxe8 50.Qf7+ 1-0

L. Harkes - J. Davies

Perhaps Jordan had been tired out by the 10 games in 10 days.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.d5 Ne5

6.Na3 a6 7.Nxe5 dxe5 8.Nc4 Nf6 9.Nxe5 Nxe4 10.Qa4+ b5 11.Qxe4 Bf5 12.Qf3 Bg7 13.Nxf7 Kxf7 14.g4 Rf8 15.gxf5 Kg8 16.Bd3 Rc8 17.Qe4 Rxf5 18.Qe6+ Rf7 19.h4 Qf8 20.h5 Kh8 21.hxg6 Rf6 22.Rxh7# 1-0

F. Pellerin - B. Taylor

Typical Alekhines, where White gets a shaky center which is then exploited by Black.

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.c4 Nb6 7.O-O Be7 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.exd6 cxd6 10.d5 exd5 11.cxd5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Ne5 13.Be4 O-O 14.f4 Ned7 15.Be3 Bf6 16.Bd4 Re8 17.Qd3 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 a6 19.Rad1 Rc8 20.Bb1 Rc4 21.Qd3 Nf6 22.Qf3 Re7 23.g4 h6 24.g5 hxg5 25.fxg5 Rg4+ 26.Kh1Rxc5 27.Ne4 Nxe4 28.Bxe4 g6 29.Qf6 Rd7 30.Qd4 Re5 31.Rg1 Rde7 32.Rg4 Nd7 33.Qf2 Qe8 34.Qh4 Nc5 0-1

J. Roy - L. Danglapien

White tries to contest a file, and finds out sometimes, you just gotta give a file or get mated.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e3 O-O 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.O-O h6 10.Bh4 c6 11.Rb1 Re8 12.b4 b5 13.a4 Nb6 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.Bc2 Nc4 16.Qd3 Na3 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.Qxa3 [White offered a rather optimistic draw in my opinion] 19. ... Bxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.e4 Rac8 22.f3 c5 23.bxc5 Rxc5 24.Bb3 Rec8 25.axb5 axb5 26.Rfc1 Qd4+ 27.Kh1 b4 28.Qa1 Qxa1 0-1

S. Sieber - K. Bourassa

Black makes some rather egregious errors in the handling of White's f-pawn... like letting it get to the 7th rank and kill him.

1.e4 c5 2.f4 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.Nf3 Bd7 5.Nc3 a6 6.a3 Be7 7.O-O b5 8.Ba2 Nc6 9.d3 Qb6 10.Be3 b4 11.axb4 Qxb4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Bc4 Nxf3+ 14.Rxf3 Nf6 15.Rff1 Ng4 16.Bf2 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 O-O 18.Rxa6 Rxa6 19.Bxa6 Bc6 20.Qe2 Ra8 21.Bc4 Qxb2 22.Nd1 Qb6 23.Ne3 Bf6 24.Kg1 Bd4 25.f5 Qb2 26.fxe6 Ra1 27.exf7+ Kf8 28.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 29.Kf2 Qc1 30.Kf3 Bd7 31.h3 Qh1 32.Nf5 Be5 33.d4 cxd4 34.Qf2 Qh2 35.Qh4 Qf4+ 36.Qxf4 Bxf4 37.Kxf4 d5 38.Bxd5 d3 39.cxd3 g5+ 40.Kxg5 h5 41.Nh6 1-0

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ACA'S NEXT CASINO

by Ford Wong.

There is normally a 2 year wait between casinos but because the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) increased the number of active casinos, the ACA's next casino has been set for the January to March 1997 quarter. The exact dates will be determined in September.

Casino's are the MAJOR source of fund raising for the ACA and provide the ACA with additional funding to support many of its programs such as club support, assist with travel for Alberta's representatives to national

championships and sponsoring the recent Canadian Open held in Calgary. The ACA's last two casino's brought in nearly \$40,000 combined. Most of these funds have been spent.

The ACA's next casino will be in Edmonton at the downtown ABS Casino. Casinos run for two days and require the ACA to provide volunteers to assist with its operation. Volunteer work does not mean dealing cards; it consists of doing things like counting money, carrying chips to/from game tables, etc. in one 6 to 8 hour shift. Most of the time will be spent waiting for work and members can spend their time playing speed chess. A meal is provided to all volunteers.

Once again the ACA will be counting on the support of its members to volunteer and help at this casino. A minimum of 35 volunteers will be required, and they must register in writing several months ahead of time. Signup forms will be posted at both the Edmonton Chess Club and the Calgary Chess Club. You can also volunteer by phoning Ford Wong at (403) 481 - 6474.

I look forward to seeing everyone who helped out at the last ACA casino (as well as some new faces) to help again. Please help support organized chess by volunteering. Don't assume that everyone else will volunteer and that there will be enough volunteers. We need you!

ALMOST UNDER 1800 CLUB—ACTIVE TOURNAMENTS

JUNE ACTIVE

By Jordan Davies

The June Active was held at Words Books. I featured a "wow" strong performance by newcomer Andre Naumann, taking second with 4/5, while almost overtaking last month's champion during his onslaught. Taking first place with a spectacular score of 5/5 was Jordan Davies.

A strong performance by Tony Zaradic, who drew with the top-rated player in this tournament, led to a third place tie with Steve Sauve and Tom McKay, all with 3/5. Steve Sauve followed with 2.5, with Bruce Kiely trailing just a half point away at 2/5. Not playing up to par was Richard Bakalovic with 1.5/5; most players thought Richard was going to sweep easily through the roster, even I thought so. And last but not least Stephen Campbell and Rook St. Peter wrestled a half point each from the heavy weights. The Champion will get his name engraved for a second time on the monthly trophy, as well as taking the 1st place trophy home, and it is a beauty. A gracious "Thank you" to all the players who participated.

JULY ACTIVE

By Jordan Davies

This tournament contained some of the toughest battles I have seen in all of the monthly active tournaments thus far. The first place trophy went to Norm Luyben scoring 4.5/5 after I surrendered a chance to tie for first by dropping a piece and ending in a perpetual check. Garth Dunn snagged a win from Bruce Kiely and took the big second place. Third place was tied between John Rajchel, Jordan Davies and Steve Sauve. William Pelkman, who surprised me in my first game with a devastating combination, took fourth place with Kim Nguyen and newcomer Tom Lay. An amazing five way tie between Bruce Kiely, Tom McKay, Horst Iback, Carlo Magnifico and Christian Sealy all landed on the fifth place step with a snarl. Anant Patel and Joshua Sealy were some of the workers taking pieces off the big guys with promising ability. A disappointed Rook St. Peter, the host of all of our tournaments, took last place, but showed true resilience in his relentless battles against the tyrants of the chess world—with the promise of his return. A big "thank you" from our Tournament Director Tedge Davies to all sixteen participants.

AUGUST ACTIVE

By Bruce Kiely

Ten players turned out for the August Active. The event proved to be a particularly bloodthirsty affair, with not a single draw in five rounds! Top seeded Jeff Chrumka (who graciously offered to pay the full entry fee, yet be ineligible for prizes) had his first ever perfect tournament with 5 points. Second seed Steve Sauve proved he is for real, losing only to Chrumka and finishing with 4 points. John Rajchel and Tom "Doc" Lay tied with 3 points each (John subsequently besting "The Doctor" in a best-of-three speed chess playoff). Other players included Garth Dunn, Tom McKay, Carlo Magnifico, the fabulous Sealy brothers (Christian and Joshua) and a newcomer Carolyn McMaster who, playing in her first every tournament, played with confidence and finished with 2 points. Thanks go out to Walter Watson, Tedge Davies and (of course) to our kind host Rook St. Peter.

1995-1996 CALGARY GRAND PRIX SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

by Walter Watson, TD

Branimir Brebrich earned a comfortable win in the 1995-96 Grand Prix with 144.5 points. In 5 tournaments, he gave up 5 losses and 5 draws. Jeff Chrumka finished second with 135 points. Those finishing out of the prize money included Art Milne 101.5, Kris Kuczaj 90.5, Roy Yearwood 86, Ted Wilson 60.5, Jim Daniluk 59, and Dave Gomboc 53.5. John Rajchel caught up with Don Macfarlane in the last tournament of the series to win the first under 1800 prize with 95.5 points, to Don's 94. The other top under 1800 players were Alec Mills 77.5, Colin Chrumka 75.5, Norm Luyben 65.5, Steve Sauve 53.5, and Bill Rusk 49. The tournaments are designed to encourage participation, and so 1 point is awarded for each game played, 1 point for a win, and .5 points for a draw.

Tournament #1. Ted Wilson conceded a draw to Branimir Brebrich but won all his other games to score 12.5-0.5. Branimir lost to Art Milne and finished at 11.5. Other top scores: Roy Yearwood 11, Art Milne 10, Jeff Chrumka

9. Bill Rusk was the top under 1800 player with 4.5 points.

Tournament #2. Art Milne scored a notable success in losing only to Don Macfarlane and finishing at 10-1. Branimir Brebrich had 9 points after losing to Art and to Jeff Chrumka. Scott Beesley and Dave Gomboc scored 8, and Jeff had 7. John Rajchel led the under 1800's with 6 points while Colin Chrumka had 5.

Tournament #3. In a very close finish, Roy Yearwood and Branimir Brebrich tied for first at 13.5-1.5 while Jeff Chrumka and Ante Zaradic each scored 13-2. Art Milne had 11.5 points and Chris Kuczaj 10. This time Colin Chrumka was the top under 1800 with 7 points and John Rajchel was second with 6.

Tournament #4. Branimir Brebrich lost to Ted Wilson but still finished first at 18-1. Ted was second with 16.5 points, Dave Gomboc had 15.5, Jeff Chrumka and Jim Daniluk 15, Chris Kuczaj 13.5 and Art Milne and newcomer Tom Lay each had 12. Tom impressed with wins over Ted, Chris and John Ferrar. John was a bit rusty in his first Calgary tournament in several months and finished at

10.5. John Rajchel also had 10.5 to lead the under 1800 players while Steve Sauve scored 10.

Tournament #5. Branimir capped a successful series by giving up three draws while winning the last event with 16.5-1.5. Close behind were Roy Yearwood and Warrick Walker each with 15.5 points while Chris Kuczaj and Jeff Chrumka scored 15. Newcomer Harold Thimm had 10.5 points while John Rajchel was again the top under 1800 with 10.

CALGARY CHESS CLUB SPEED TOURNAMENT, July 9/96

by Walter Watson, TD

Branimir Brebrich continued his winning ways in a non-Grand Prix double round robin speed tournament. He lost once to Art Milne but finished first at 17-1. Roy Yearwood lost twice to and once to Warrick Walker while scoring 15 points. Warrick had 13 points and Art had 12. John Rajchel continued his reign as the top under 1800 player with 8.5 points including 2 wins over Art, and Tony Zaradic had 8 points.



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



(A Special section of the Alberta Chess Report, August 1996)

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE NATIONAL FINALS

by Neil Sharp, Alberta Coordinator

The eighth annual National Finals at the Canadian Chess Challenge were held in Fredricton, New Brunswick on May 19-20. This event pits the Grade 1 to Grade 12 champions from each province against their counterparts in a combination of individual and team championship.

Overall, it was another big year for the Ontario team. They easily outscored Quebec for first palce in the team competition while picking up six gold medals in individual competition. Quebec followed with three gold medals, whice Alberta, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island had one gold medal each.

In team competition, Alberta finished fifth behind Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, and Newfoundland. This was the third year in succession with this order of finish. The performance of the first three is expected, but Newfoundland's result is due to good participation at the school level and some intensive summer training for the top players.

Alberta's top finisher was Nigel Sharp of Red Deer who won the gold medal in Grade 1. Actually, Nigel is in kindergarten so he will be eligible for Grade 1 again next year. Our only other medal was a bronze for third place in Grade 2. This went to Mathew Lavalley from Peace River. Also turning in a good performance was Dmitri Shefer of Edmonton in Grade 11. He finished fourth, surpassing the expectations of himself and his teacher who had seemingly rashly predicted a fifth place finish.

At any rate, all members of the Alberta team tried hard and were enthusiastic.

THE ALBERTA TEAM

Grade 1	Nigel Sharp	Red Deer
Grade 2	Mathew Lavalley	Peace River
Grade 3	Stephen Hazeltine	Airdrie
Grade 4	Wendy Lavalley	Peace River
Grade 5	Gerard O'Reilly	Calgary
Grade 6	Paul Kirvan	Edmonton
Grade 7	Karsten Chipeniuk	Edmonton
Grade 8	John Rajchel	Calgary
Grade 9	Doug Wu	Edmonton
Grade 10	Louis Lim	Edmonton
Grade 11	Dmitri Shefer	Edmonton
Grade 12	Doug Kondor	Edmonton

Hopefully they enjoyed themselves and learned some lessons. Of course different people have different degrees of seriousness in their approach to chess. To do well at the National Finals level however, it is probably necessary to work at chess all year, not just for a few weeks.

I would like to thank the players and parents for making this long trip. In particular, Doug Kondor and Karsten Chipeniuk were inconvenienced by not knowing until the last minute that they were replacing Albert Caoile and Jordan Davies. That was because Mr. Caoile and Mr. Davies at the last minute withdrew after repeated promises that they were definitely attending. I am open to suggestions as to how to handle this situation next year.

Also thanks to all the participants from Alberta schools and their parents, Ross Sheppard High School, and especially the Alberta Chess Association, all of whom helped fund travel costs to the National Finals.

Here are two games from Alberta players. These games are played at 30 minutes each per player.

Dmitri Shefer - Ming Fang (Quebec)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg7 5.f4 O-O 6.Nf3 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Bd3 Qxc5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Be3 Qa5 11.O-O Ng4 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.Rac1 Nc5 14.Bb1 a5 15.h3 Nh6 16.Qf2 Bd7 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.cxb5 Rac8 19.Be3 b6 20.Nd4 Bxd4 21.Bxd4 Rfe8 22.b3 e5 23.Be3 Kg7 24.fxe5 dxe5 25.Qh4 Ng8 26.a4 Rcd8 27.Rc3 Qb7 28.Bxc5 bxc5 29.Rxc5 Qb6 30.Qf2 Rd2 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.Qc7 and eventually 1-0.

Eric Bertrand (New Brunswick) - John Rajchel

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.O-O Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Nxe5 Ne7 9.Nxg6 Nxg6 10.d3 Bd6 11.f4 O-O 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.Be3 f6 14.Nd2 Rf7 15.Nc4 Re8 16.Nxd6 cxd6 17.Qg3 Rfe7 18.f5 Ne5 19.Bd4 c5 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Qe3 Qd6 22.Kh2 h6 23.h4 Kf7 24.h5 Rc7 25.a3 Rec8 26.Rfd1 Qd4 27.Qxd4 cxd4 28.c4 dxc3 29.bxc3 Rxc3 30.Rd2 Rc2 31.Rad1 b5 32.Kg3 Rxd2 33.Rxd2 Rc3 34.a4 bxa4 35.Kf3 a3 36.Ke3 Ke7 37.Ra2 Rb3 38.Kd2 Rb2 39.Rxb2 axb2 40.Kc2 Kd6 41.Kxb2 Kc5 42.Kc3 a5 43.d4 exd4+ 44.Kd3 a4 45.e5 fxe5 46.g5 hxg5 47.f6 gxf6 48.h6 a3 49.h7 a2 50.h8(Q) a1(Q) and eventually 1/2-1/2

THE ROAD TO THE CANADIAN (AND MAYBE THE WORLD) JUNIOR/CADET

Junior: player must not have attained 20 years of age on January 1st of the year in which the World Junior is played (i.e. on January 1, 1997 the player must be 19 or under).

Cadet: player must not have attained 16 years of age on January 1st of the year in which the World Cadet is played (i.e. on January 1, 1997 the player must be 15 or under).

If you are an aspiring young chess player, with a zest for competitive chess and a desire to someday become World Chess Champion then the road begins with becoming Alberta Cadet or Junior Champion. It all starts at the Southern Alberta Cadet/Junior or Northern Alberta Cadet/Junior Qualifiers. You have a choice of playing in one or the other but not both. Entry fee is only \$2.00 and is open to CFC/ACA members (it is easy to join) provided you satisfy age and residency requirements. Everyone filled with the same desire as you will be there. The time controls and format of these qualifiers will depend on the number of players entered.

Should you be one of the two top finishers then you would qualify for the Alberta Cadet/Junior. This is a six player round robin tournament, including the top two players from each qualifier plus two players by rating. If players are unable to play, vacant spots would be filled from the rating list. You would be amongst the strongest six players in Alberta vying for the title of Alberta Cadet/Junior champion.

Should you be triumphant and become Alberta Cadet/Junior champion then you would have earned the right to represent Alberta at the Canadian Cadet/Junior championship. The ACA would assist you with travel (75% of travel costs to max of \$400) to this event. At the Canadian Cadet/Junior championship, you would duke it out against some of the best chess players in Canada in your age group (many of whom would be from the top 25 list given in the CFC's bi-monthly magazine *En Passant*). The Canadian Junior is held over the Christmas holidays and the Canadian Cadet is held in the spring.

Assuming that you emerge victorious then you would represent Canada at the next World Cadet/Junior. From there who knows where you would go? Of course, to get there, there will be a lot of study and hard work. There are many other ambitious players just like you to beat and many tough games to be played. It all

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tarts at the Northern or Southern Alberta Cadet/Junior qualifiers. See you there!

The ACA encourages all cadet and junior age players to participate in the Alberta Cadet and Junior Chess championship cycle. For a copy of the Alberta Cadet and Junior Championship rules, please write to the ACA.

EDMONTON TO HOST CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Canadian Junior Chess Championship is coming to Edmonton. Organized by David Ottosen, who is Junior Chess Coordinator for the CFC, this tournament will feature the best juniors in Canada playing a round robin tournament. The event runs from about December 27, 1996 to about January 4, 1997.

Billets are required. Can you house and feed a young chess genius? Please? You will be asked to provide 7 or 8 nights accommodation, breakfast, and some suppers. You will receive an honourarium and profuse thanks. Call John Quiring, 468-9173.

OTHER EVENTS FOR JUNIORS

In addition to the Alberta Junior and Cadet Championships, young chess players also have the opportunity to play in two other competitions: "The Canadian Youth Chess Festival" and "The Canadian Chess Challenge". These competitions do not require CFC or ACA memberships and games are not rated. Participants in these events will get an ACA associate membership. These competitions are open to everyone (sorry but no adults allowed). Children get an opportunity to meet and play other kids their own age in a fun and friendly but competitive environment. Many participants are not rated players so children will find chess at many levels being played.

The "Canadian Youth Chess Festival" is a national competition by age: (under 10, under 12, under 14 and under 18). This event begins in November with regional tournaments and a Provincial Final in December. The overall winners will represent Alberta at the National Tournament which will be held in Montreal in February.

The "Canadian Chess Challenge" is a national competition by grade. This event begins in February with regional tournaments and a Provincial Final in March or April. The winners of each grade will become part of the Alberta Team at the National Finals in May. Many schools who have chess clubs will send their members to participate in this event.

Schools who have participated in the past will receive information on these events. Some schools will receive information but never announce these to students. If your school is not currently participating or if you have a

youngster who is interested please contact one of the people below or require more information, please contact:

Canadian Youth Chess Festival
Ford Wong (403) 481-6474

Canadian Chess Challenge
Neil Sharp (403) 346-0420.

EDMONTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

by Adam Wu

The schedule for the 1996/97 chess season has been set:

Site: Edmonton Chess Club, Prince of Wales Armoury, 10440 108 Ave., southwest entrance.

Schedule:

September 14:

Back to School Special

October 5:

26 Days Before Halloween Open

November 2:

Arabian Knights of November Active

December 7:

Anticipations of Christmas To the Death Active

January 1997 (exact date to be announced)

Junior Rockets Endgame Festival

February 1997 (exact date to be announced)

1000 Points to GM Open

March 1997 (exact date to be announced)

Long March Active

April 1997 (exact date to be announced)

April Showers Active

May 1997 (exact date to be announced)

Flowers of May Open

Special Features

November: The November tournament will have a special book prize for the most creative knight maneuver. Candidates must record and submit their games for judging (prize to be awarded in the following month). No submissions, no prize, and the judges (that would be Adam Wu and perhaps David Ottosen and Beatrice Wu) reserve the right to postpone the prize to the next tournament if there are no worthy candidates.

December: The December tournament will be "to the death"--as in no draw offers allowed.

January & February, 1997: A book prize will be given to anyone who succeeds in mating with bishop and knight in a tournament game.

March + April: A book prize will be given to the winner of the longest game played. This game must be at least 60 moves long. In event of tie, a game played in March wins over a game played in April.

Contest book prizes, unlike normal book prizes, will be chosen before the tournament begins by the TD. (i.e the winner doesn't get to choose).

NORTHERN ALBERTA JUNIOR

Where: Edmonton Chess Club, Prince of Wales Armoury, 10440 108 Ave., southwest entrance.

When: September 28-29, 1996

Who: players who will be age 19 or under as of January 1, 1997.

Contact: Ford Wong (481-6474)

SOUTHERN ALBERTA JUNIOR

Where: Calgary (site to be announced)

When: September 28-29, 1996

Who: players who will be age 19 or under as of January 1, 1997.

Contact: Jim Daniluk (248-7456)

ALBERTA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Where: Red Deer

When: October 26-27, 1996

Who: By invitation only (we'll call you)

Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420)

NORTHERN ALBERTA CADET

Where: Edmonton Chess Club, Prince of Wales Armoury, 10440 108 Ave., southwest entrance.

When: October 19-20, 1996

Who: players who will be age 15 or under as of January 1, 1997

Contact: Ford Wong (481-6474)

SOUTHERN ALBERTA CADET

Where: Calgary, site to be announced.

When: October 19-20, 1996

Who: players who will be age 15 or under as of January 1, 1997

Contact: Jim Daniluk (248-7456)

ALBERTA CADET CHAMPIONSHIP

Where: Red Deer

When: December 14-15, 1996

Who: By invitation only (we'll call you)

Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420)

CANADIAN YOUTH CHESS FESTIVAL

Edmonton Regionals: November 9th.

City Centre Inn, Room B395

109 St & 113 Avenue

Contact: Ford Wong (481-6474)

Red Deer Regionals: November 9th

Basement, Red Deer Public Library

Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420)

Calgary Regionals: date to be announced

Location to be announced

Contact: Tedge Davies (277-0209)

Peace River Regional: date to be announced

Location to be announced

Contact: Todd Seitz (624-3256)

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

Regional and provincial championships will take place early in 1997. Watch for a schedule in the next issue of *Alberta Chess Report*.

CALGARY SPRING OPEN

By Nick Podolchak, TD

Thirty one players participated in the Calgary Spring Open. The tournament was strongly contested and was marked by some major early round upsets. Dale Haessel who earned the top prize overall with 6/7, appeared ready to go undefeated until the final round against F. J. Parrott. Parrott and Walter Watson tied for second with 5.5/7.

Other noteworthy play came from Tom Lay (unrated) who accumulated 4 points and earned first place in the under 1500. In second place, with 3 points each, were Jack King and Ante Sokol.

J. Parrott - C. Chrumka

(notes by Art Milne)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5!?

Irregular, but what is to be done about it? 4. ... e6 and 4. ... Nbd7 transpose into known lines. Colin's try 4. ... Bf5 can't be bad.

4. ... Bf5 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Be2 e6 9.O-O Be7 10.Nh4 h6?!

Committing to a pawn sac for the open h-file; more solid is 10. ... Bg6

11.Nxf5 hxg5 12.Nxg7+ Kf8 13.Nh5 Nxh5 14.Bxh5 Nf6 15.Bf3 Kg7 16.Qe2 Rh6 17.Rad1 Qd6 18.h3?! 18.g3 Rah8

and the h2 pawn falls but at least the White K position is better fortified. 18. ...

Rah8 19.Bg4 Rh4! Opening up the h file: Black has full compensation for the pawn minus. 20.g3 20.f4!? 20. ... Nxg4

21.hxg4 Rh1+ 22.Kg2 R1h2+ 23.Kf3?

Better is 23.Kg1 Rh1+ with a draw by repetition, but stronger players are loath to concede draws to those 350 points their inferior...

23. ... f5 24.gxf3? Better is 24.Qd3 fxe4+ 25.Ke2 when Black is raking, but at least White isn't getting mated. 24. ... g4+ 25.Kxg4 ef5+ 26.Kf3 Qg6 27.e4 Bg5! (0-1) Mate is inevitable.

EDMONTON MEMORIES OF FISCHER

By John Quiring, TD.

This was a tournament with a difference. Not only was it named after Fischer, but everyone had to play like Fischer (for one move, anyway) as all games had to start 1.e4. For some players this was a more onerous restriction than for others, obviously, and this experiment will probably not be repeated.

First place was taken by a rejuvenated Chris Dartana, with 5/5. Chris had fallen on hard times, and was heard singing the A-class blues recently, but a gain of 112 points popped him up to 2095. Since Chris failed to provide one of his *good* wins, I've been force to include this one, where Black plays the CaroKann after studying it very hard for five minutes.

C. Dartana - J. Quiring

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nd7 4.g3 Ngf6 5.Bg2 e6 6.Nf3 dxe4 7.dxe4 e5 8.O-O Qc7 9.Re1 Be7 10.Nc4 O-O 11.Nh4 Nc5 12.Nf5 Rd8 13.Qf3 Nxe4 14.Nxe7 Qxe7 15.Rxe4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Rd1+ 17.Bf1 Bh3 18.Ne3 Rad8 19.b3 Bxf1 20.Nxf1 Qc5 21.Kg2 R8d4 22.Qe2 Qd5+ 23.f3 e4 24.Kf2 e3+ 25.Qxe3 Qc5 26.Qe8 Qf8 27.Qxf8 Kxf8 28.Bb2 Rxa1 29.Bxa1 Rd1 30.Bc3 Rc1 31.Ne3 g6 32.Ke2 h5 33.Bb2 Rb1 34.Nd1 Ke7 35.Kd2 Ke6 36.c3 h4 37.Kc2 hxg3 38.hxg3 1-0

Second place in the tournament went to Eric Schocat, with 4/5 and your editors, Quiring and Ottosen, tied in the final standings at 3.5/5, as well as their individual game. [I tricked him and grabbed a perpetual check; he's got nothing.-JQ] Other players with good rating results were Cor Dewindt, Alvin Doo, David Brodmann and Michael Obeydani.

Micah Hughey tied for fifth with 3/5 and submitted this game:

Jerry Stefanyshyn - Micah Hughey

Notes by Hughey.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.O-O d6 6.h3? A waste of time. 6. ...

Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.c3 dxc3 9.Nxc3 Nf6

10.Qb3 Qd7 11.Bf4 O-O 12.Rad1 Rad8

13.Ng5 d5 14.Nb5? 14.Nxe6 leads to a good game. 14. ... h6 15.Nf3 Nxe4

16.Bxc7 Rc8 17.Bh2 Qf7 18.Nc3 Nxf2!

19.Rxf2 Qg6?! 19. ... Nd4 wins.

20.Qxb7 Rxf3!? 21.Qxc8+ Kh7

22.Qxc6?? 22.Rf1 Rxf2 23.Rxf2 Qg5

24.Qa6 Qc1+ 25.Qf1 Bxf2+ 26.Kxf2

Qxb2+ 27.Ne2 Qxa2 is likely a draw. 22. ... Rxf2 23.g3 Qc2 24.Qxc5 Rxh2

25.Kf1 Qg2+ 0-1.

ECC SUMMER OPEN

By David Ottosen, TD

A small gaggle of chessplayers showed up to make the bread for the chess tournament sandwiched around the Canadian Open. Oddly enough, neither of the top two finishers played in the open, so clearly, it is not certain WHO is the best. However, I don't believe there are any plans in the works for a "Spraggett-Mark Adam" match, despite Adam scoring a strong 4.5/5 to take clear first. Although he was only rated 9th on the crosstable at the start, he upset both Dartana and Newton, while drawing with his co-leader Lorne Rusnell. Rusnell could have shared first, but ran into a minor accident in the last round against the semi-incompetent TD.

M. Adam - G. Newton

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9. Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 11.Qf3 Qb6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Qxf6 Rh6 14.Qf4 Bb7 15.Be2 Rg6 16.Ne4 O-O-O 17.Qxf7 Bb4+ 18.Kf1 Rh6 19.a3 Qxd4 20.axb4 Qxe4 21.Bf3 Qd3+ 22.Kg1 a6 23.g3 Qf5 24.Qxf5 exf5 25.Kg2 Rd2 26.Ra1 Rd3 27.Rhe1 Kc7 28.Kg1 Re6 29.Bd1 c5 30.Bc2 Rd5 31.f4 Rd2 32.Bxf5 Rh6 33.h3 Rg2+ 34.Kf1 Rxg3 35.Re2 cxb4 36.Rd1 Bc6 37.Rdd2 Rh8 38.Bg4 c3 39.Rd4 a5 40.f5 Rd8 41.Rxd8 Kxd8 42.f6 Rg2 43.bxc3 bxc3 44.Rxg2 Bxg2+ 45.Ke2 Be4 46.e6 c2 47.Kd2 b4 48.e7+ Ke8 49.Bh5+ 1-0

M. Hughey - <name not divulged>

Notes by Hughey

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 h6? A waste of time.

Either Bc5 or Nf6 is good. **4.d4**

exd4 5.c3!? This is like a Scotch Gambit where White has an extra tempo. **5. ...**

dx3 6.O-O!? White offers a second pawn for a huge lead in development. **6. ...**

Be7?? Black decides to develop a piece rather than take the pawn with 6. ... cxb2.

An admirable idea, but it allows mate in 3.

Perhaps 6. ... d6 was best, but White's big lead in development should give him an advantage. **7.Qd5! d6 8.Qxf7+ Kd7**

9.Be6 mate.

RED DEER OPEN

By Neil Sharp, TD

The Red Deer Open was held in Red Deer on June 8,9. Among the 20 players were participants from Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Rimbey, Ponoka, Benalto, and Edson. The tournament began in unusual fashion with the top four boards looking like they would score a half point collectively in the first round. Yuri Vasylev was losing to Dmitri Shefer, James Flemming was lost against Bruce Kiely, Chris Kuczaj had little or no advantage against John Rajchel, and Chris Dartana had a mess against Brad Kroeker. Eventually all the top players except Flemming squeezed out an extra half point to salvage a collective two points from four games. This start allowed John Quiring to take the first day lead with three straight wins. Unfortunately, John had to withdraw after the first day, so first place was wide open. Yuri Vasylev drew Igor Shefer in the last round which allowed Bruce Kiely to catch them with a win over Dartana. So Vasylev, I. Shefer, and Kiely tied for first with 4 points from 5 games. Finishing

alone in fourth was Chris Kuczaj with 3.5 points. In a tie for fifth with 3 points were John Quiring, James Flemming and Nathan McLean.

Y. Vasylev - C. Kuczaj

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.O-O O-O 9.h3 Nxd4 (9. ... d5 =) 10.Bxd4 Qa5 11.a3 Bd7 12.b4 Qd8 13.Qd3 a6 14.Rad1 Qc7? 15.Bxf6 exf6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Ne3 Bc6 18.Nc4 f5 19.exf5 Qg5 20.Bf3 d5 21.Bxd5 1-0

Two impressive newcomers:

B. Kroeker - T. Lay

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.d3 O-O 6.Be3 c5 7.Qd2 Ng4 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.h3 Nge5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Nd5 Re8 (11. ... Nxc4 12.Nxe7 Qxe7!) 12.Bb3 a6 13.f4 Nc6 14.a3 Bxb2 15.Ra2 Bg7 17.c3 Na5 17.Bd1 Bd7 18.O-O Re8 19.f5 gxf5 20.exf5 f6 21.Bh6 Bc6 22.Qf4 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Kh8 (23. ... Bxd5 24.Rf4 mates. 23. ... Rf8 24.Rf4 Rf7 25.Rg4+ Kh8 26.Nf4 Qe8 27.Ng6+ Kg8 28.Ne7+ Kh8 29.Ng6+ Kg8 30.Re2 +-)

24.Rf4 Rg8 (24. ... Bd5 25.Rh4 Bg8 26.Rg4 mates) 25.Rh4 Rg7 26.Nf4 Qg8 (26. ... Bd7 is unclear) 27.Ng6+ Rxg6 28.fxg6 Qg7 29.Qxh7+ Qxh7 30.Rxh7+ Kg8 31.Bg4 Bd5 32.c4 (32.Bxc8 Bxa2 33.c4 mates) 32. ... Nxc4 33.dxc4 Bxc4 34.Re2 1-0

How to win with black:

D. Brodmann - J. Kaastrup

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nd4 4.Nxe5 Qg5 5.Nxf7 Qxg2 6.Rf1 Qxe4+ 7.Be2 Nf3+ 0-1

The youngest participant vs. a "1700":

N. Sharp - G. Cannon

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Ng6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd3 d6 7.Bd2 a6 8.O-O Nc6 9.a3 Ba5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.b4 Bc7 12.Qf3 O-O 13.Qg3 (13.Bg5) 13. ... Ne8 14.Qe3 d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Qc5 Bb6? 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.LQxf8 Qc7 19.Rfe1 (19. Rad1 Bb7 20.Bf4 intending Rd3 +-) 19. ... Bb7 20.Bg5 (20.Na4 Qa4 21.Qf7 is unclear; 20.Bf4 Bd4 is unclear) 20. ... Nf6 21.Qxa8 Bxa8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Re2 Bd4 24.Re3 Bxe3 25.fxex3 Qc6 0-1

CALGARY JUNE-JULY ACTIVE

By Walter Watson, TD

Branimir Brebrich may not play in many rated tournaments these days, but he's still a force to be reckoned with. Branimir conceded a second-round draw to Steven Faust but decisively defeated each of his closest opponents while scoring 5.5 out of 6 in the Calgary Chess Club's June-July Active. John Parrott was also impressive while earning 5 points for second place. John Ferrar, Jeff Chrumka and Glenn Booth tied for third with 4 points each, but finished out of the prize money. Veteran Reinder Sloot, junior John Rajchel and newcomer Andre Naumann split the two under 1700 prizes with scores of 3 points. Jim Daniluk showed his superiority in time pressure to defeat Art Milne 2-0 in a rated active match which was held on the last day of the tournament.

From the July Active:

Arthur Milne - John Parrott

Notes by Milne.

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c6 5.b3 Be7 6.O-O O-O Reti opening. 7.Bb2 b6!? In the Canadian Open, I faced 7. ... Nbd7. By fianchettoing the queen bishop, John tries to solve directly the problem child of this opening. 8.d3 Bb7 9.Na3 e5 10.Nc2 Nc6 11.Qd2 d4 Finally the reverse Benoni formation, with the important minus for Black in that he cannot reinforce his d-pawn with e5 for tactical reasons. 12.e3! Breaking up the Black centre at once before he can enforce e5. 12. ... dxe3 Forced. 13.fxe3 Qc7 14.Rad1 Rad8 15.Qe2 Rd7 16.Ng5!?! h6 Forcing the knight to e4 where it is going anyway; this has to be a loss of tempo. 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 f5!?! You can hear the dark squares weakening, but without

this, 19.Qh5 accomplishes much the same end. 19.Bg2 Bf6 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.d4! Ne7 22.e4 cxd4 23.e5 Rf8 23. ... Bxg2 is a little better. 24.Nxd4 Qc5 25.b4! Qxb4 26.Nxe6 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rb8 28.Bxb7 Rxb7 Now it is obvious why Bxg2 at some point was superior--the Black rook is deflected to a very offside square and the White rook penetrates to the back rank. 29.Rd8+ Kf7 29. ... Kh7 30.Ng5+ Kg6 (30. ... hxg5 31.Qh5 mate) 31.Rd6+ and if Kxg5 32.h4 mate. 30.Nd4 Rc7 This loses, but so does 30. ... g6 31.e6+ Kf6 32.Rf8+ Kg7 33.Rf7+ Kg8 34.Qe5 Qb1+ when Black manages to escape mate but loses to Nc6 at the end of the forced sequence. 31.Qh5+ g6 31. ... Ng6 32.Qxf5+ Ke7 33.Nc6+ Rxc6 34.Qd7 mate. 32.Qxh6 Qb1+ 33.Kg2 Qe4+ 34.Kf2! Qxe5 35.Qf8 mate 1-0.

EUROPEAN SIMUL

While in Holland on business, Jonathan Day stumbled upon—you'll never guess—a chess tournament. It was the Dutch Championship, in fact, and Jonathan managed to snag a board at a simul put on by GM Hans Ree. Ree was Dutch champion several times in the late 1960's and early 1970's. He is best remembered by Canadians for tying for first in the 1971 Canadian Open with Boris Spassky, who was at that time the world champion. In this game, Ree gets a winning advantage,

then makes an inexplicable blunder to drop a rook. But Jonathan can't nail the lid shut.

H. Ree - J. Day

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 O-O 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 b6 8.O-O Bb7 9.Rc1 c5 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 h6 12.Bh4 Rc8 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bf5 g6 15.Bh3 c4 16.Ne5 Bc6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Bxc8 Qxc8 19.e4 Bd6 20.f4 Qb7 21.Nxc6 Qxc6 22.e5 Bb4 23.f5 Bxc3 24.Rxc3 Ne4 25.Rh3 gxf5 26.Qh5 Qg6 27.Qxh6 Qxh6 28.Rxh6 Kg7 29.Rc6 Re6 30.Rc7 a5 31.Rd7 Rc6 32.Kf1 c3

33.bxc3 Rxc3 34.Rxd5 Rc2 35.Rd7 Kf8 36.Rb1 Nd2+ 37.Ke2 Nxb1+ 38.Kf3 Na3 39.Kf4 Rxg2 40.d5 Ke8 41.Rb7 Nc4 42.Rb8+ Ke7 43.d6+ Ke6 44.Re8+ Kd7 45.Re7+ Kd8 46.Rxf7 Rf2+ 47.Kg3 Nxe5 48.Rf8+ Kd7 49.Kxf2 f4 50.h4 Kxd6 51.h5 Ke7 52.Rb8 Nc4 53.Kf3 Kf6 54.Kxf4 a4 55.Rc8 b5 56.Rc6+ Kg7 57.Kg5 Kh7 58.Rc7+ Kg8 59.Rb7 Nd6 60.Rb6 Nf7+ 61.Kf6 Nh6 62.Kg6 Kh8 63.Kxh6 1-0

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ACA

The AGM of the ACA will be held on October 13, 1996 at 2 p.m., between round 3 and 4 of the Alberta Open (see ad this page for site)

ALBERTA CLUBS

CALGARY CHESS CLUB

Meets at Sandman Inn (Blackgold Room), 7th Ave. and 8th St. SW, Tues 7:00 - 11:00
Contact: Barney Fegyverneki (243-6351), mail to 1724 - 49 Ave SW, Calgary AB T2T 2T9
Schedule:

Aug 6 - 13: Active tournament
Aug 20 - 27: Active tournament
Sep 3: Speed tournament
Sep 10 - Oct 22: Fall Open
Oct 29: Grand Prix #1
Nov 5 - Dec 17: Club Championship

ALMOST UNDER 1800 CLUB

Meets: Word Books and Cappuccino Bar, 1715 - 17 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, during business hours.
Contact: Rook St. Peter (244-4239) or Tedje Davies (277-0209)
Tournament Schedule (starts 10 a.m.)
Saturday September 7
Saturday October 5
Saturday November 2
Saturday December 7

EDMONTON CC

Meets: Prince Of Wales Armoury, Suite 114A, 10440 - 108 Ave., Edmonton T5H 3Z9 entrance at south west corner, open 7-11 m.
Monday--casual chess tournaments, no membership required; relaxed noise controls
Thursday--CFC-rated tournaments. CFC membership required; strict noise controls.
Info: club phone (424-0283); Kurt Lauterwald (434-7536). Mail: see club address above.
Schedule for Thursday tournaments:
Sep. 5 - Sep 26: September Open
Oct. 4 - Oct 25: October Open
Nov. 1 - Nov. 29: Edmonton Open
Dec. 6 - Dec. 27: December Open
Annual General Meeting: September 26.

GRANDE PRAIRIE CHESS CLUB

Meets: Royal Canadian Legion, 9912-101 Ave, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Sept. 1 - Apr. 30).
Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: c/o 9305-74 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

MEDICINE HAT CHESS CLUB

Meets on Wednesdays 7-10:15, starting September 25, at Southview Community School, Coffee Corner room.
Info: Bill Taylor (526-5484).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Info: Bernie Tynan (771-3757).

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments require ACA and CFC membership (may be purchased on site)

MEDICINE HAT OPEN

Where: Medicine Hat Lodge, 1051 Ross Glen Drive SE
When: September 14-15
Contact: Bill Taylor (526-5484)
Entry: Adult \$20, Junior \$15, age 14 and under \$5 with "no prize" option.
Register: 9-9:45 a.m. Saturday Sep 14.

OVER/UNDER 1800

Where: Quality Inn,
When: September 21-22, 1996
Contact: Walter Watson (277-5620)
Entry: Adult \$20, Junior \$15, age 14 and under \$5 with "no prize" option.
Register: 9-9:45 Saturday Sep 21.
Format: 5 round Swiss in 2 sections by rating

GRANDE PRAIRIE FALL ACTIVE

When: September 28, 1996
Contact: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903)

ALBERTA OPEN

Where: Edmonton Chess Club, Prince of Wales Armoury, 10440 108 Ave., southwest entrance
When: October 12-14, 1996
Contact: Ford Wong (481-6474)
Entry: Adult \$25, Junior \$20, age 14 and under \$5 with "no prize" option.
Advance entries \$5 off, mail to ACA by Sep 30.
Register: 9-9:45 Saturday Oct 12.
Format: 6 round Swiss, 2 rounds each day.
Winner qualifies for the Alberta Closed

PEACE RIVER CLASSIC

When: October 26-27, 1996
Contact: Keith Lavalley (624-5232)

SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

Where: Calgary, site to be announced
When: November 23-24, 1996
Format: 5 round Swiss
Contact: Walter Watson (277-5620)
Winner qualifies for the Alberta Closed
Full details next issue.

ALMOST CHRISTMAS OPEN

Where: Edmonton Chess Club
When: December 21-22, 1996
Contact: Ford Wong (481-6474)

TRUMPETER CLASSIC

Where: Trumpeter Inn, Grande Prairie
When: January 18-19, 1996
Contact: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903)

PEACE RIVER SPRING ACTIVE

When: March 22, 1996
Contact: Todd Seitz (624-3256)

JUNIOR CLUBS & TOURNAMENTS

See page 19 in the Junior Chess Section

PEACE RIVER CHESS CLUB

Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room), 9609-101 St. Sat. 9:00-4:00
Dates: Call Todd.
Info: Todd Seitz (624-3256). Mail: Bag 1200, Peace River T8S 1V1.

NORTHWESTERN ALBERTA ACTIVE CHESS SOCIETY

La Crete

Meets: La Crete Public School
Info: Keith Martin (928-2702)

High Level

Meets: High Level Public Library
Info: High Level: Piotr Rajski (926-4658) or Mark Harding (926-3706)

Fort Vermillion

Info: Theresa or Aung Zaw-Tun (927-3274)

Schedule:

Sep. 14: High Level Popular Active
Sep. 28: Inter-cities match (to be confirmed)
Nov. 9: La Crete Popular Active
Nov. 23: High Level CFC Rated Active
Dec. 7: Fort Vermillion Popular Active
Jan. 4: La Crete Popular Active
Feb. 1: High Level CFC Rated Active
Feb. 15: Fort Vermillion Popular Active
Mar. 8: La Crete Popular Active
Apr. 5: Fort Vermillion Popular Active
Apr. 19-20: High Level CFC Rated Classic
May 3: La Crete CFC Rated Active
May 19: Victoria Day Simul. High Level (to be confirmed)
May 31: Fort Vermillion Popular Active
Jun 14: La Crete CFC Rated Active

RED DEER JR & SR CC

Meet: Red Deer Public Library, Sun. 1:30-5:00
Info: Neil Sharp (346-0420). Mail c/o 1512, 4902-37 St., Red Deer T4N 6M9.

RIMBEY CC

Info: Cameron McLean (843-3736).