



ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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The Battle of Alberta

by David Ottosen

The North has risen again!!

Saturday August 15 saw the third edition of the revived Battle of Alberta. Edmonton was fielding probably its strongest team ever, with 4 masters, and 6 experts. Calgary's team was also powerful, with 5 masters and 7 experts. This rating difference was augmented even more when, after a last-minute no-show, Edmonton added Chris Miller (a B player) on board 12 as a replacement.

As in the past, Calgary put all their efforts into round 1, barely holding a 6-6 tie. Also as in the past, Edmonton put the smack down in round 2, this time clobbering Calgary to the tune of 9-3, for a total match victory of 15-9. Edmonton was led by 2-0 wins from Fullbrook over Maric, Baunok over Boehmer, and Ficko over Brown + Watson. The final insult came when Edmonton's last-minute replacement, Chris Miller, outrated by several hundred points, forced Alan Clark's resignation, securing a 1½-½ match victory.

Board-by-board results:

- 1 Schulte — Huber 1
- 1 Gardner — Haessel 1
- 2 Fullbrook — Maric 0
- 0 Schaeffer — Demers 2
- 1 Willis — Perron 1
- 2 Baunok — Boehmer 0
- 1½ Radovic — Daniluk ½
- ½ Newton — Kuczaj 1½
- 1 Hughey — Gomboc 1
- 1½ Wong — Campbell ½
- 2 Ficko — Brown/Watson 0
- 1½ Miller — Clark ½

Round One

Board 1: Schulte — Huber

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.O-O ♘bd7 8.♗h1 b5 9.♗d3 ♗b7 10.a3 ♘c8 11.♗e1 ♗e7 12.♗g5 O-O 13.♗d1 ♗c7 14.f4 h6 15.♗h4 ♗fe8 16.♗f3 ♗b6 17.♗f2 ♗a5 18.♗b3 ♗d8 19.♗h3 ♗c3 20.bc3 ♗a8 21.♗e3 ♘c5 22.♘c5 dc5 23.♗h4 c4 24.♗f6 ♗f6 25.♗f1 e5 26. f5 ½-½.

Board 2: Haessel — Gardner

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.d4 cd4 5.♗d4 e6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e4 f5 8.♗e2 ♗e7 9.g3 O-O 10.♗g2 b6 11.O-O ♗b7 12.c4 ♘c7 13.♗d1 ♗e8 14.♘c3 ♗d8 15.♗f4 h6 16.h4 ♗h7 17.a3 ♗g8 18.♗b5 ♗b5 19.cb5 ♗b8 20.♗ac1 ♗c8 21.♗c8 ♗c8 22.♗c1 g5 23.hg5 hg5 24.♗d2 a6 25.a4 ♗h5 26.♘g5 ♗g6 27.♗h5 ♗h5 28.♘h3 ♗g6 29.♗e3 ab5 30.ab5 ♗f7 31.♗b6 d5 32.♗c7 ♗d7 33.♗b7 ♗b5 34.♗c7 ♘a6 35.♗d6 1-0.

Board 3: Fullbrook — Maric

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.ed5 ♗d5 4.d4 cd4 5. cd4 ♘c6 6.♘f3 ♗g4 7.♗e2 e6 8.♘c3 ♗d8 9.h3 ♗h5 10.♗b3 ♗b4 11.♘e5 [diagram ↗]

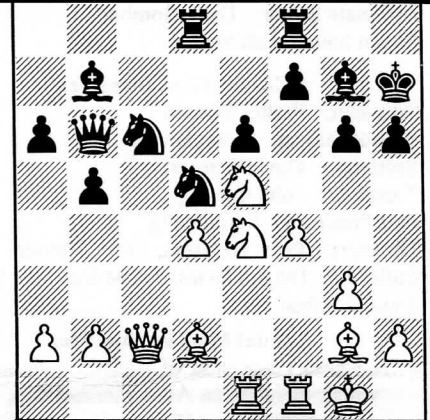
Alberta Active Championship

by Neil Sharp

The first and perhaps last Alberta Active Closed. was held in Red Deer on July 25. The four Calgary qualifiers and two of the Edmonton qualifiers showed up. Andrew Lapides from Calgary, with 4½/5, was the winner of a close, three-way battle for first with Nigel Fullbrook and Dave Gomboc. Fullbrook finished with 4, and Gomboc with 3½. Joe Santbergen had 2, Alan Gomes 1, and Chris Vermette gained valuable experience.

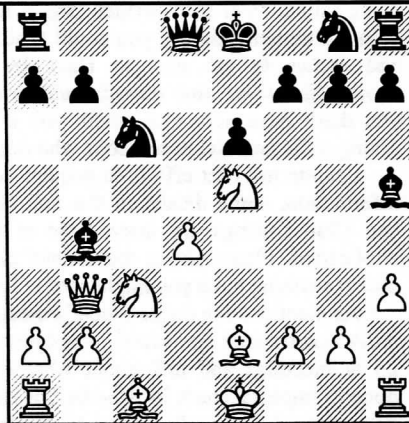
Lapides — Fullbrook

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.d3 e6 6.f4 ♘ge7 7.e5 d5 8.ed6 ♗d6 9.♘e4 ♗c7 10.c3 b6 11.♘f3 ♗b7 12.O-O ♗d8 13.♗a4 O-O 14.♘e5 h6 15.♗e3 ♘d5 16.♗d2 ♗h7 17.♗ae1 a6 18.d4 cd4 19.cd4 b5 20.♗c2 ♗b6? [diagram ↗]



21.♗c5! ♘e5 22.♗b6 ♘b6 23.fe5 ♗e5 24.de5 ♗e4 25.♗a5 ♗g2 26.♗g2 ♗b8 27.♗b4 ♘d5 28.♗f8 ♗f8 29.♗f3 g5 30.♗e4 ♗g6 31.♗c1 ♗d8 32.♗c6 ♘b4 33.♗d6 ♗c8 34.a3 1-0.

Reports on the Calgary Active and Edmonton Active qualifiers are on page 7...



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Board 4: Demers — Schaeffer

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘g8 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘g3 ♗d7 8.dc5 ♗c5 9.b4 ♗b6 10.O-O ♘ge7 11.♗e1 ♗c8 12.♗b2 ♘g6 13.♗b3 O-O 14.c4 ♘f4 15.♗c2 a5 16.a3 ab4 17.ab4 dc4 18.♘c4 ♗c7 19.♘d6 ♗a8 20.♗ac1 ♗b8 21.♗c4 ♘g6 22.♗cd1 ♗d8 23.♘g5 ♗e8 24.♗g6 hg6 25.♗h4 ♗a2 26.♗e2 ♗b2 27.♗b2 ♘e5 28.♗bd2 ♗d7 29.♗h7 ♗f8 30.♘e8 ♗e8 31.♗d7 ♘d7 32.♗h8 ♗e7 33.♗e8 ♗e8 34. ♘f7 ♗c7 35.♘d6 ♗d6 36.♗d6 ♗e7 37.♗d4 1-0.

Board 5: Willis — Perron

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♗d2 de4 5.♗g4 ♘f6 6.♗g7 ♗g8 7.♗h6 b6 8.O-O-O ♗g6 9.

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Canada Day Open

by Steve Hansen

The large Walter Watson directed this tournament, but asked me to write the ACR report. As I, among others, continually harass Walter about his support for the NDP, he has demanded as punishment that the report be done from an NDP perspective. I shall attempt to comply.

The Quality Inn is undergoing extensive renovations by workers toiling for a brutal profit-minded master. When we arrived at the site we commenced efforts to organize the men. Our descriptions of the fabled NDP Money Tree fell on deaf ears however, and we were struck several times by Hooligan Management Infiltrators when it was noticed that we were carrying chess sets. Shouting, "the chocolate ration has been increased from 16 grams to 12!", we entered the site, barely escaping with our lives.

Twenty three of our finest Proletariat Men, and absolutely No Women Whatsoever, stood at attention in the playing hall. After reviewing them, it was decided to order no executions, and play was commenced upon the official NDP salute of the tournament director. For those of you not in the know, the official signal involves a pogo stick, a rubber horsey suit, and a bracing blast from a water cannon.

Justice was served several times in the first round, as those who were stronger donated points to those less fortunate. The greatest triumph was scored by fellow NDP supporter Don Macfarlane, as he was awarded a full half point for taking a bye. Congratulations Don! Alan Gomes was taxed heavily and surrendered a draw to Eric Tam, while Greg Harris beat unfairly talented Alvin Remoroza.

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Deadline for next issue — October 13

Organizers: Please send details of events, such as date, entry time, location, entry fee, format, and time controls to the *ACR* well in advance.

Tournament Directors: The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within a month, but strongly urges submissions within 7 days. You owe it to the players to submit a report ASAP. Also, please support your Alberta newsletter by sending a written report to the *ACR*. (A different report than is sent to the CFC is much preferred.) If you have difficulty obtaining games from players in your event, note that game scores are the property of tournament organizers and prizes can be withheld until players submit their games.

Items for the *ACR* may be submitted in many ways. Most preferred is to have them emailed to the editors at: browng@uleth.ca and dave@cs.ualberta.ca. They can also be hand-delivered to the editors, if this can be done in a timely fashion. Least preferable is to send them to the ACA mailbox.

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Editorial

The appearance of the *ACR* continues to change incrementally. I recently purchased a new computer which came with WORD 97. This was both a blessing and a curse: a blessing because WORD 97 has many more and improved features; and a curse because I had to learn how to do most of the formatting all over again, and because I had a bunch of bugs to work out.

My computer came with PUBLISHER 97, also. Judging from the manual, I will be able to improve the look of the *ACR* much more once I figure out how to do all the neat things this program is capable of...

Speaking of improving the appearance of the *ACR*, I draw your attention to the ACA logo contest advertised below.

Despite my constant reminders and pleas, I once again didn't receive most of the material in this issue until after the "deadline" for submissions had passed, and even then I had to email and phone around to obtain stuff. I would really like to be able to share some of the work of producing the *ACR* with my associate editor, but when I get everything only days before the issue must be mailed out, there simply isn't time to pass things on to Dave for analysis, proof-reading, and so on. That means I get stuck doing it all in a rush. Especially irksome is entering game scores from hand-written pages. It would help me tremendously if you could send reports and games to me and to Dave by email: browng@uleth.ca and dave@cs.ualberta.ca. If you don't have access to email, you could try giving *ACR* material to someone who does.

Despite my best efforts to acquire complete information, some details in the Fall Schedule and Club Listings are unavailable at time of publication. Please phone the contact person to obtain anything more you might need to know.

As mentioned in the president's message, the ACA Board needs new blood — not just to show up at meetings and talk about what could be done to improve chess in Alberta, but energetic, competent people who want to *make things happen*. Unless there are people on the Board who are themselves willing to carry the ball, little will get done. Regardless of your rating, think seriously about running for a Board position at the next AGM — but only if you have time, energy, and interest to make it work.

— Grant A. Brown, D.Phil.

ACA Logo Contest

The ACA needs a new logo for our letterhead, scorebooks, paper boards, promotional materials, and in the *ACR*. — one with more style and impact than the current "♠" or "♣" super-imposed on a checker-board outline of Alberta. And you could win \$40 by designing it!

The winning logo must be legible when reproduced at any size and in black-and-white. Entries needn't be professionally produced, but must clearly symbolize "chess" and "Alberta."

Submit your entry by April 1, 1999. All entries become the property of the ACA.

Top Rated Albertans

This list comprises the top-rated ACA members who live in Alberta

#	Name	now	high
1.	Oliver Schulte	2462	2462
2.	Robert Gardner	2378	2387
3.	Rob Hawkes	2362	2362
4.	Gregory Huber	2349	2385
5.	Nigel Fullbrook	2327	2350
6.	Nenad Ristic	2308	2365
7.	Robert South	2303	2328
8.	Dale Haessel	2297	2305
9.	Andrew Lapides	2291	*
10.	Victor Maric	2275	*
11.	Roy Yearwood	2272	2286
12.	Fred South	2263	2300
13.	Jonathan Schaeffer	2238	2248
—	Christopher Demers	2238	2238
15.	Warrick Walker	2221	2236
16.	Arthur Odachowski	2216	2304
17.	Sardul Purewal	2215	2215
18.	Sean Perron	2210	2210
—	Nandor Tot	2210	2210
20.	John Ferrar	2205	2314
—	Ted Wilson	2205	2245
22.	Kris Boehmer	2202	2202
23.	Eugene Gibney	2199	*
24.	Sasha Grumic	2178	2276
25.	Jim Daniluk	2152	2193
26.	Ante Zaradic	2145	2200
—	Milan Rabljenovic	2145	2145
28.	Farzan Nazarian	2135	2161
29.	Chris Kuczaj	2130	2155
30.	Dave Gomboc	2126	2144
—	Bradley Willis	2126	2126
32.	Micah Hughey	2115	2115
33.	David Ottosen	2111	2191
34.	Zoltan Baunok	2110	2200
35.	F. John Parrott	2101	2121
36.	Gordon Campbell	2099	2160
37.	Grant Brown	2091	2133
38.	Jim Monaghan	2090	2100
39.	Edwin Catolos	2089	*
40.	Yngvi Bjornsson	2086	2095
41.	Zoran Radovic	2073	*
42.	Walter Watson	2071	2071
43.	Geoff Newton	2063	2105
44.	Gerald Aspler	2059	2072
45.	Leo Danglapien	2051	2093
46.	Chris Fulker	2048	2100
47.	Virgilio Turingan	2043	2109
48.	Paul Thibodeau	2041	2100
49.	Alan Clark	2025	2026
50.	Ford Wong	2018	2036
—	Walter Zwirner	2018	2034
52.	Barney Fegyverneki	2014	2200
53.	William Taylor	2011	2011

denotes provisional rating *

☞ Many thanks to David Miriguay at the CFC for compiling and emailing this list to me.

News from the Alberta Chess Association

by Walter Watson, President

For those of you wanting to take part in ACA decisions, this is your chance. Several people are retiring from the Board this Fall, so we are looking for new members to replace them. The main duty of Board members is to attend one meeting every three months, where the major decisions are made. It is important that Board members also do some organizational work, to spread the work around. There are lots of choices for involvement, depending on your interests. I have been impressed over the last three years at how many Board members are involved in organizing at the provincial or local level. Board meetings are held in Red Deer, usually on Sunday. I try to arrange the most convenient date.

This year the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, and four Directors will be elected for two-year terms. Further, as Nenad Ristic has resigned due to other time commitments, a fifth director will be elected for a one-year period. Of those finishing their terms, Vice-President Grant Brown, Secretary David Ottosen, and Directors Neil Sharp and Art Milne won't be running again. Directors Peter Alderton and Tedde Davies haven't announced a decision. Under the ACA by-laws, at least one Board member must reside outside Edmonton and Calgary. As Grant and Neil are retiring, we need at least one new "rural" member.

The Board is losing some very valuable people this year. Neil is retiring because his son Nigel has gone from being a promising chess player to an even more promising marathoner. Neil has been "Mr. Chess" in Red Deer for a long time. He is a former CFC Governor, has directed all of the ACA events in Red Deer, including the Battles of Alberta and the Junior and Cadet Championships, and originated the current Battle of

Alberta. He has agreed to continue directing the ACA's Red Deer events for now. David is graduating from university soon, and expects to find work outside Alberta. He has been very active in organizing ACA, Club and Junior chess in Edmonton, and is a strong CFC Governor. David keeps excellent minutes as ACA secretary, and has a strong profile on the Board. Grant believes that Canada doesn't have enough lawyers, and will likely attend law school outside Alberta beginning September 1999. He is a hard-working and influential Board member, the founder of the Lethbridge Chess Club, an able CFC Governor, the current *ACR* editor, and has succeeded in finding sponsorship for the ACA. Grant will continue as *ACR* editor for a time. Art is retiring for health reasons, and because he feels that the Board needs new blood. He has faithfully participated in Board meetings for four years, regularly contributed to the *ACR*, and has been a tournament director. I want to express my deepest thanks to these people.

Elections will be held at the ACA's Annual General Meeting, which will take place in Calgary on Sunday, October 11, 1998, at the Quality Inn. It will begin around 2:00 p.m., after completion of Round 3 of the Alberta Open. If you want more information about being on the Board, please talk to me or another member.

The recent casino in Calgary netted the ACA \$23,000. The next ACA casino will be held in Edmonton in early 2000. There should be TD workshops in both Edmonton and Calgary this Fall. Regarding other ACA activities, please see the notices in the *ACR* on up-coming tournaments, on the search for organizers for a major tournament in 2000 or 2001, and on the contest for the new ACA logo.

On a personal note, thank you to all who contributed to buying me a beautiful chess set and board when my mother recently died. I'm receiving a lot of pleasure from the gift.

Alberta Closed Rules

Here is a simple, unofficial summary:

1. Qualifying: No more than eight players will contest the Alberta Closed Chess Championship. They will be selected as follows:

a) The defending champion and the winners of these six qualifying tournaments qualify: Alberta Junior, Calgary Closed, Edmonton Closed, Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open and Northern Alberta Open. The ACA may also, at its discretion, sponsor a Last Chance Open qualifier that is open to all and acts as a qualifier to the Alberta Closed for all except participants in the top section of the Edmonton and Calgary Closed.

● In the event of a tie for first at a qualifying tournament, the tie-break system used to determine the qualifying player will be, in order: Sonnenborg-Berger; Buchholz; cumulative score; average rating of opponents.

b) Vacant positions in the Closed will be filled by the highest-rated players available, but only players with established minimum CFC ratings of 2100 are eligible. Ratings will be based on the most current CFC rating list issued by the registration deadline (see rule 2e).

● In the event of a tie under rule 1b, the position(s) will go to the player(s) with the most participation points. If this tie-break method is indecisive, then the position(s) will be awarded by coin toss.

2. Conditions of participation: In addition to qualifying through rule 1, all players who intend to participate in the Closed must satisfy all of the following criteria:

a) be a current member of the CFC;

b) be a resident of Alberta for the six months preceding the Closed;

c) have played in and completed at least one qualifier (except the defending champion);

d) have obtained 2½ participation points in the year preceding the Closed, as follows:

i) 1 point is awarded for directing or playing in (and completing) a qualifying tournament.

ii) ½ point is awarded for directing or playing in (and completing) any other regular, CFC-rated, ACA-sponsored tournament in Alberta, including the Battle of Alberta and club tournaments but excluding active tournaments and the Alberta Closed.

● Participation points for tournaments ending in March will count toward the Closed in the following year; thus the "cycle" for participation points is March 1 to February 28 or 29 of the year preceding the Closed.

● At most 1 point can be earned by directing.

● A person may not receive points both for directing and playing in the same tournament.

e) declare their intention to participate by registering in writing with the ACA. Registration must be received by the end of the Friday three weeks before Good Friday.

● Where necessary, each candidate must produce proof that they meet all of the eligibility criteria.

3. Site, date, format, entry fees, and prizes:

a) The site of the Closed will alternate between Edmonton and Calgary.

b) The Closed will be a single round-robin tournament held on Easter weekend. There will be 2 games on Friday, 3 games on Saturday, and 2 games on Sunday. Adjournments will be played Sunday morning (if not earlier). Round times will be set by the organizer.

c) Each player in the Closed will pay a \$20 entry fee. The ACA Board will determine the prize fund and distribution at its budget meeting, and whether to pay the FIDE rating fee.

● If there is a tie for first, a match will be held to determine the Champion.

National News

The CFC has made important changes to the way our national championships will be organized beginning in 1999. Here's an unofficial summary:

Previously, *Chess 'n' Math* organized the Boys and Girls national championships in the Under 18, Under 14, Under 12, and Under 10 age groups. Now, the CFC assumes responsibility for selecting organizers for all FIDE world-championship qualifying events in Canada, including the Zonal, the Women's, and the Boys and Girls Junior and Cadet.

The CFC will no longer subsidize events; they will merely select an organizer to host them. All costs, including travel and accommodation, will be borne by the organizer, the players, and the players' provincial associations.

Our national championships were normally closed, round-robin events among the provincial champions; now a second format will be permitted: a 9-round Swiss system tournament. Provincial champions automatically qualify for these tournaments, and in addition they will be open to anyone else in the category above a certain rating – e.g. 2250 for the Canadian Zonal.

What do these changes mean for Alberta? It will be more difficult for us to host national championships, and more expensive for the Alberta Champion to play in the Zonal. However, Alberta Masters will have a greater opportunity to qualify for the Canadian Zonal by rating, and to play at their own expense.

It remains to be seen whether *Chess 'n' Math* will bid to host any of the Boys and Girls events, whether such a bid would include subsidies for provincial champions, or whether any bid from *Chess 'n' Math* would be accepted by the CFC. But it is almost certain that the cost of sending our young champions to national events will go up significantly. Stay tuned...

... **Canada Day Open**, continued from page 1

Not enough recognition goes to those who take byes in tournaments, earning half points for themselves without hurting others, and leaving the other half point for distribution to the poor. Besides Don, special recognition is due Roy Yearwood, Alvin, Greg, and Mike Smith. There is a special seat waiting on the Saucer to Planet Gamma Broadbentius for each of you. More on this later.

The third round was a powerful reminder to all Reform Lackey Stooze Running-Dog Imperialists that the great Peoples' Revolution will devour their young, as 1603 Eric Tam ousted the Tyrant Jim Flemming to record the greatest victory of the tournament. This game won the \$50.00 Best Game prize, donated anonymously by Walter, and appears elsewhere in this issue. Eric went on to record 3½ points, and won his section with *one more point* than Chris Vermette in the section above. Eric was recruited into a three-person cell in charge of Scientific and Historical Debunking of the Spherical Earth Myth as a result of this performance.

Special thanks is due the six-player contingent (two cells), from Edmonton. This great city has long been an antidote to the superficial success of Calgary. As a result of David Ottosen's very generous donation of rating points to the disadvantaged, Edmonton has been selected as the landing site. This despite the lucky and unfair performance of Micah Hughey in beating mentally challenged Steve Hansen.

It is unfortunate that this tournament had to have winners, especially winners with high ratings. However, until this situation is corrected, the following will stand: Sharing first place with 4/5 were Warrick Walker, Kris Boehmer and Micah Hughey. Winning lucre in their sections were Alan ("if it's not Scottish it's crap!") Clark, Jim Flemming, Chris Vermette, Aaron Lovi, Adrian Regimbald, Joe Santbergen and Eric Tam. However, the True Winner of this tournament was Don Macfarlane, who was able to secure a half point for the poor, without harming any opponents in his remaining 4 games. Congratulations Don!

I would like to serve notice that under the benevolent guidance of the NDP, all participants in future tournaments shall be issued an equal number of points before play begins. Those completing the tournament with the same number of points they began with shall be issued coupons redeemable for Government Celery. Those completing the tournament with excess points shall be forcibly taught the finer points of growing unruly beards and whining about the price of soup. The lucky ones finishing with fewer points shall be declared Leaders and escorted to the Landing Site in Edmonton. There they will glimpse pictures of the Money Tree through a Special Viewer. Capitalist Lickspittles will bark like dogs and ask to be paddled harder. And when the Saucer finally lands, a new era will begin for the Righteous. Provided, that is, that somebody can bum enough cash to put gas in it.

This concludes my report. I trust that I am in full compliance with Walter's request.

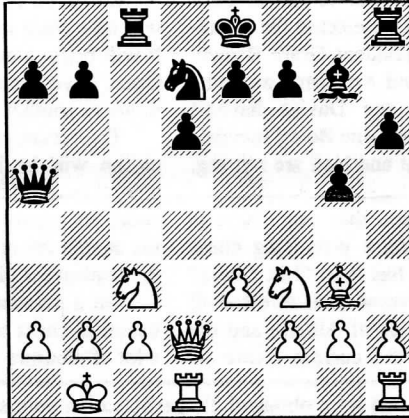
Best Game Prize

by Walter Watson

Over a dozen games were submitted for the Best Game prize at the Canada Day Open. The four finalists are printed below, without naming the players or what game was chosen. Which do you think was best? The players' names and order of finish are printed at the bottom of page 9.

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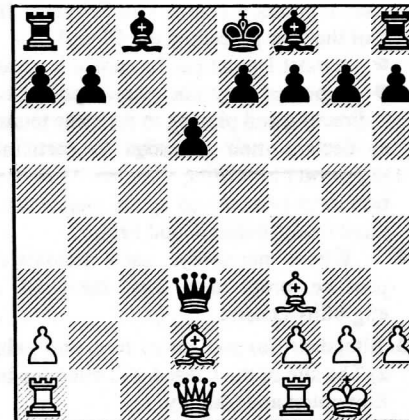
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14.♟c3 14.♟c3 ♟c3 15.bc3 ♟e4 16.♟b2 ♟c3 17. ♟de1 ♟c5 18.♟d4 ♟b5 19.♟d1 O-O 20.c4 ♟d4 21.ed4 ♟e6 22.♟c3 ♟c8 23.♟d3 ♟d4 24. ♟he1 ♟g7 25.f3 ♟c6 26.♟c1 ♟a6 27.♟c2 ♟f8 28.h4 ♟e8 29.hg5 hg5 30.♟h1 ♟a3 31.♟e4 ♟d4 32.♟cc1 ♟e2 0-1.

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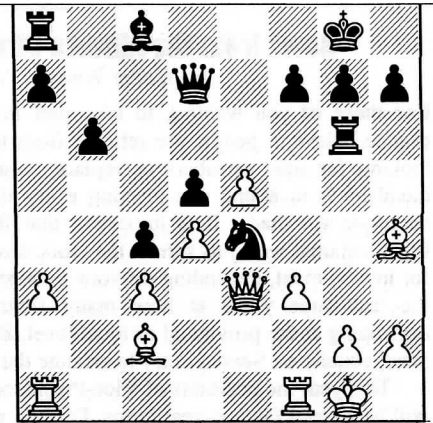
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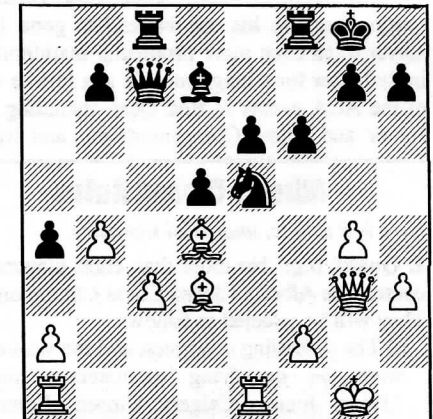
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Game D:

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♟b6 5.♟f3 ♟h6 6.♟d3 ♟c6 7.O-O ♟d7 8.dc5 ♟c5 9.h3 a5 10. ♟bd2 ♟f5 11.♟b3 a4 12.♟c5 ♟c5 13.g4 ♟fe7 14.♟e3 ♟a5 15.♟d2 ♟g6 16.b4 ♟c7 17.♟d4 ♟ge5 18.♟e5 ♟e5 19.♟f4 f6 20.♟f1 O-O 21. ♟g3 ♟ac8



22.♟e5 fe5 23.♟e5 ♟d8 24.g5 ♟e8 25.♟d6 ♟f3 26.♟f3 ♟d6 27.♟e1 ♟g6 28.♟g6 hg6 29.♟e3 ♟f7 30.♟f3 ½-½.

Other games from the Canada Day Open:

Ottosen — Hughey

1.c4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.ed5 ed5 4.d4 ♟f6 5.♟c3 ♟e7 6.♟f3 O-O 7.cd5 ♟d5 8.♟d3 ♟g4 9.O-O ♟c6 10.♟e3 ♟e8 11.h3 ♟h5 12.♟h7 ♟h7 13.♟g5 ♟g5 14.♟h5 ♟h6 15.♟h6 ♟f6 16.♟f7 ♟h6 17.♟b5 ♟d5 18.♟d5 ♟d5 19.♟f1 ♟ad8 20. ♟e8 ♟e8 21.♟f1 a6 22.♟c3 ♟c3 23.bc3 ♟g6 24.♟b1 b6 25.d5 ♟e5 26.d6 ♟c4 27.d7 ♟d8 28.♟b4 ♟d6 29.♟g4 ♟f6 30.♟f4 ♟e6 31.♟e2 ♟d7 32.g4 b5 33.f3 c5 34.♟f8 a5 35.♟a8 ♟c4 36.♟a6 ♟d5 37.♟f2 b4 38.cb4 ab4 39.♟g6 ♟e5 40.♟g5 ♟f7 41.♟e2 ♟d4 42.f4 ♟d3 43.f5 ♟c1 44.♟d2 ♟a2 45.♟c2 c4 46.♟b2 b3 47.♟g6 ♟c7 48.♟d6 ♟e5 49.♟e6 ♟f4 50.♟e2 c3 51.♟a3 c2 0-1.

Flemming — Boehmer

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.♟c3 ♟b4 4.♟f3 b6 5.♟g5 h6 6.♟h4 ♟b7 7.e3 O-O 8.♟d3 d6 9.O-O ♟c3 10. bc3 ♟bd7 11.♟e2 e5 12.♟f5 ♟e8 13.♟f1 g6 14.♟c2 ♟h5 15.g4 ♟g7 16.e4 ♟e6 17.♟g3 f6 18.♟ad1 ♟g7 19.♟a4 ♟ad8 20.♟d2 ♟f7 21. ♟ed1 ♟c8 22.h3 ♟e7 23.♟d3 ♟g5 24.♟g2 ♟b7 25.♟g5 hg5 26.f3 ♟b8 27.♟d2 ♟c6 28. ♟b3 ♟d7 29.♟c2 ♟h8 30.♟a4 ♟a4 31.♟a4 a5 32.♟c6 ♟c8 33.♟h1 ♟h7 34.♟dd1 ♟b8 35. ♟a4 ♟e8 36.♟e8 ♟e8 37.h4 ½-½.

Calgary Chess Club News

June Sectional Tournament

by Walter Watson

It was show-down time! With one round left, Roy Yearwood, John Ferrar, Kris Boehmer, and John Parrot were all tied for first in the top section with 3. Yearwood came through, beating Parrot, while Ferrar and Boehmer drew against each other. Andrew Lapidès moved up to a second-place tie with the latter two at 3½/5 by winning in the last round. Rod Weis tied with Parrot at 3, and Jim Daniluk finished with 2½. Weis upset Daniluk in round one, while Colin Chrumka scored 1½/3 against over-2100s (beating Parrot, drawing Lapidès, and losing to Ferrar) before withdrawing to go work in Arabia.

Doug Boyd lost to Tom McKay in the 3rd round, but won his other games to win the lower section with 4/5. A loss in the last round to Brad Neilsen left McKay tied for second with Neilsen at 3½. Norm Luyben and Paul Lapidès had 3,

while Don Macfarlane and Mike Smith had 2½. Much thanks to Tedge Davies for filling in for me as TD while I was away.

Early July Active

by Walter Watson

Some of the players demanded a sectional tournament, and sectional it was. The top 8 players, rated 1693 and over, made one section. Andrew Lapidès finished 1st with 5/6, drawing his two closest rivals Warrick Walker and John Ferrar. Walker, losing to Ferrar, and Ferrar, losing to Farzan Nazarian, tied for 2nd at 4½. Nazarian finished 4th with 3.

The lower section seemed a battle between Tom McKay and Eric Tam. They were tied all the way, and with 4½/5 going into the last round held a 1-point lead over Doug Boyd. McKay then lost to Boyd, and Tam maintained the tie by losing to Scott Beesley. So the final result had

McKay, Tam, and Boyd tied for 1st with 4½. Beesley was joined by Don Macfarlane at 4, ahead of Alec Mills and Paul Lapidès at 3½ and Ted Borowski at 3.

Calgary Early August Active

by Steve Hansen

Twenty-two players participated in this open tournament. Top rated Chris Demers is back in action after a lengthy hiatus, and he showed excellent form in taking first place with 5/6 and no losses. Arthur Odachowski, Alan Clark, and Roy Yearwood shared 2-4th with 4½/6. This was an excellent result for Alan, who recorded several upsets and only lost to Chris.

Prizes were also awarded to players under 1700. Tom McKay was clear first with 3½. Mike Smith was second with 3, and Eric Tam and the surprising Juraj Pivovarov shared 3-4th with 2½.

Thanks to all of the players, and to Rod Weis and Walter for helping out.

Calgary Junior Chess Club

by Glen Booth

Looking Back: The Calgary Junior Chess Club (CJCC) had another successful season last year. The Club hosted 8 regular Sunday afternoon tournaments, a special Christmas event, the Calgary Chess Challenge, the Calgary Youth Chess Festival and the Calgary school team championship, drawing an average of 48 participants per tournament. That's 12 kids' tournaments in 8 months!

We also hosted 3 sessions of group lessons, all of which were taught by Nenad Risticovic. The classes ran for 4 weeks and attracted an average of 10 participants.

The Club is run entirely by volunteers, almost all of whom are parents of chess players. We're very proud of our achievements in the last year. The school team championship was a huge success, running elementary and senior sections, and attracting 16 teams. I'd like to extend a big thanks to all of our volunteers, including Angelo Canal, our outgoing vice-president. Also, a big thank you to "Nanoid" for his teaching efforts!

Looking Ahead! The CJCC will once again be offering opportunities for kids to play and learn chess in the Calgary region during the

coming school year. Our regular season will start on Sunday, October 4, with tournaments every 4 weeks, on November 1 and November 29. The venue for these three tournaments will be the Webber Academy, 124 24th Ave. NE. — right on the corner of Center St. North and 24th Ave. Registration is from 12:00 to 12:30.

The players are grouped according to playing ability, usually into groups of six in a round-robin format. We guarantee a minimum of 4 games for each player, and provide medals for first-place finishers and ribbons for second and third places, including ties (which usually means that 4 players receive something!). We also sell chocolate bars and drinks, books and T-shirts and hold random draws for prizes from time to time.

Information on our events is available from any of our executive:

President:	Kelvin Adolph	686-2129
Past-President:	Glenn Booth	284-2159
Treasurer:	Iqbal Nurmohamed	246-4452
Director, School Liaison:	Dale Wong	278-3970

If you know of any parents of children who might be interested, or have kids, nieces, nephews of your own, please encourage them to come on out! We also need volunteers, so if you're interested in helping promote kids' chess, please give me a call.

Albertans outside Alberta

Alan Clark writes:

...I just thought you might want to mention in the *ACR* that a position from Robert Gardner vs. Ron Livshits was in *The London Times* newspaper. I found it on the internet at: <http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/Times/frontpage.html?1376698>.

(It was the Monday July 13 issue.) This is quite impressive; now the Rocket will be known to readers in the UK!

David Ottosen writes:

The North Bay International Open has just completed. Albertans Rob Gardner and Greg Huber played, trying to sharpen up before the Battle of Alberta next Saturday. Of note is the Rocket's draw with GM Fedorowicz, and Huber's semi-manly +1 -1 =7(!).

(Both Albertans scored 4½/9, pretty much as their ratings would have predicted.)

More games from the Calgary Active Qualifier (see report on page 7):

Anderson — Smith

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 d5 4.ed5 ♗d5 5.♘c3 ♗d8 6.d5 ♘d4 7.♘d4 cd4 8.♗d4 ♘f6 9.♘g5 ♘d7 10.♘c4 ♗b6 11.♗b6 ♘b6 12.♘b5 ♘d7 13.♘d7 ♘d7 14.O-O O-O-O 15.♘f4 f6 16.♗fe1 g5 17.♘g3 b5 18.♘b5 ♘b6 19.♘a7 ♘d7 20.♗ad1 h4 21.d6 e5 22.♘e5 fe5 23.♗e5 ♗g8 24.♗f5 ♗g7 25.♘b5 ♘c4 26.b3 ♘d6 27.♘d6 ♘e6 28.♗fd5 ♗g7 29.♘b7 ♗d5 30.♘d8 ♘e5 31.♘f7 ♘e6 32.♗d5 ♘d5 33.♘g5 ♘b4 34.c4 ♘e5 35.♘f3 ♘f4 36.♘h4 ♘g4 37.♘g6 ♘g5 38.♘e5 ♘h4 39.♘f1 ♘g5 40.♘e2 ♘f5 41.♘c6 ♘c5 42.a4 ♘e6 43.a5 ♘d6 44.b4 ♘c6 45.bc5 ... 1-0. (Ashton's first CFC-rated victory!)

Gomes — Risticovic

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.♘b5 ♘c6 5.c3 ♗b6 6.♘c6 bc6 7.♘e2 cd4 8.cd4 c5 9.O-O cd4 10.♘d4 ♘c5 11.♘b3 ♘b4 12.♘d2 ♘e7 13.♘b4 ♗b4 14.♗d4 ♗b8 15.f4 O-O 16.♘d2 ♘f5 17.♗f2 a5 18.♘f3 ♘a6 19.♗fd1 f6 20.♘b4 ♘d4

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Santbergen — Kuczaj

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘c4 ♘f6 7.♘b3 ♘e7 8.♘e3 O-O 9.O-O ♘d4 10.♘d4 b5 11.e5 de5 12.♘e5 b4 13.♘b5 ♘a6 14.♗e2 ♗b6 15.♘c4 ♘b7 16.♘d4 ♗ac8 17.♘d3 ♘d7 18.♘h7 ♘h7 19.♗h5 ♘g8 20.♘g7 ♘g7 21.♗g4 [White offered a draw] ♘h6 22.♗h3 ♘g6 23.♗g4 ♘g5 24.h4 f6 25.hg5 fg5 26.♘e6 ♘e5? 27.♗g5 ♘f7 28.♗e5? [28.♘f8±] ♗e6 + 29.♗fe1 ♗e5 30.♗e5 ♗g8 31.♗ae1 ♗g2 32.♘f1 ♗c7 33.♗f5 ♘g6 34.♗b5 ♗h2! 35.♗e6 ♘f7 36.♗be5 ♗h1 37.♘e2 ♗c2 38.♘d3 ♗c7 39.♗e3 ♗d1 40.♘e2 ♗b1 41.♗d6 ♗b2 42.♗d2 ♗cc2 0-1. -CK

LOGO CONTEST — see page 2!

Edmonton Chess Club Report

by David Ottosen

Memories of Fischer Open

The traditional two-section tournament was simple to divide this year; on registration day, 4 players over 2000 arrived, along with no other players above B class. In the open section, Yngvi Bjornsson powered to a surprising 3-0 score, defeating Micah Hughey and David Ottosen, while snagging a forfeit win over Nigel Fullbrook. Fullbrook finished second with a win over Hughey and a draw with Ottosen, while in the only game I haven't already mentioned, Hughey stomped Ottosen. Having angered all of the top players at the club by defeating them, Yngvi promptly left the country for Iceland with a peal of Nordic laughter.

The lower section contained 7 players, all of whom were equally good. However, Aaron Lovi's two wins and a bye proved that he was a little more equally good than the rest, and he took clear first. I can't say any more about this tournament, as I was usually storming out of the club early after having been annihilated, and did not see very much of it.

Ottosen — Bjornsson [A07]

1.♟f3 [An unusual move for me, but Yngvi and I were in the process of playing a match at the time — in fact, I had defeated him with 1.e4 about 8 hours previous to this game — and I wanted to mix it up a bit.] d5 2.g3 c6 3.♟g2 ♟f6 4.O-O ♟f5 5.d3 [Aiming for a King's Indian Attack, about which I know very little.] h6 6. ♟bd2 ♟bd7 7.♞e1 e5 [In the post mortem Yngvi stated that usually this move is not played, with 7...e6 being normal. He said that he was aware of this and was curious to see why it was so; however, I certainly did not prove anything here.] 8.e4 de4 9.de4 ♟e6 10.♞e2 [Over-guarding e4 in preparation for ...♟c5 by Black. However, not a really wonderful move to play.] ♟c5 11.h3 ♞c7 12.c3 ♟h5 13.♟h2 g6 [With this move Black commits to playing ...f5, thereby starting a ♟-side attack. By making this commitment, he also announces that he will most likely not be castling ♟-side, so I commence to gain space on the ♞-side.] 14.b4 ♟e7 15.♟f1 ♟b6 16.♟e3 [Keeping control over the c4 square; if Black manages to post a piece there, it's goodbye to any dreams of a ♞-side attack.] ♟g7 17.♟d2 O-O-O?! [A little surprising to me, since he appears to be "castling into it;" however, what are the options? 17...f5 would likely be met by 18.ef5, opening the centre with Black's ♟ still in the middle. It's hard to see any further useful preparatory moves, so Yngvi decides to move the ♟ out of the way and watch the fireworks as both sides try to smash in.] 18.a4 f5 19.a5 ♟d7 20.ef5 gf5 21.♟c4 ♟c4 22.♞c4 e4 23.♟d4 ♟e5 24.♞a2 ♟d3 25.♞f1 [I was sure that I had blown this; no one likes to see such a well-guarded ♟ sitting on d3, right? However, now that Black no longer has a light-squared ♟, there will be much less danger on the ♟-side. If White can successfully negotiate around the monster ♟, the ♞-side attack might break through.] a6 26.♟e3 ♞e5 27.♟e2 h5?? [A time-pressure blunder. I relaxed way too

much here, considering the game to be over now that I had won a piece for nothing.] 28.♟d4 ♞d6 29.♟g7 ♞hg8 30.♟d4?? [So natural: centralizing, attacking... yet weak! This allows Black to whip up a nice initiative, whereas 30.♞f7 h4 31.♞f5 ♟b8 32.♟e4 ♟g7 33.♞ad1 leaves him with a resignable position.] h4 31.♟e3 hg3 32. fg3 ♟h4 33.♞f5 ♟g3 34.♟g3 ♞g3 35.♟h1 ♞e3 36.♞e6 ♟b8 37.♞g6? [37. ♞f3 was correct, with White maintaining a small edge... perhaps.] ♟f4 38.♞g4? [38...♞f4 was the only move.] ♟g2 39.♞g2 ♞d2 40.♞g4 ♟g3 0-1. -DO

Skeel Memorial

The first edition of the Art Skeel Memorial tournament was held in June at the ECC. Art was a very long-time member of both the ACA and ECC. In the '50s and '60s, he was one of the top players in Alberta, winning the Alberta Open on at least one occasion. He also brought a certain level of class and gentlemanliness to the club, which seems to have receded in recent years.

Inspired by the memory, Ford Wong made a long overdue return to "the bank" and attempted to make a rating point withdrawal. He and Sasha Grumic barreled toward a last round encounter, at which time a certain old opening nemesis of Ford's, the dreaded Monkey's Bum, made an appearance and gave Sasha the perfect 4-0 score. The biggest upset prize came in round 1, courtesy of Robert Davies. (Well, it was actually more courtesy John Quiring, whose name I promised not to mention in this report.... Oops!).

Wong — Aspler [A48]

It has been a while since we last played. I expected a tough game from Gerald, but was hoping to get him.

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟f3 [My plan was to play the Trompovski or Torre Attack rather than a usual opening (KID, etc.) which Gerald might know. However I figured since Gerald doesn't play very much that we would be even in the opening as he would be rusty.] g6 3.♟g5 ♟g7 4.♟bd2 c5 5.c3 d6 6.e4 cd4 7.cd4 ♞a5 8.♟d3 ♟g4 9.O-O ♟c6 10.♞b3 [Inviting complications with 10... ♟d4. I didn't think that I could hold on to the d-♟ as my ♟f3 is overworked.] O-O [All sorts of fireworks happen after 10...♟d4. E.g. 11.♞b7 (11.♟d4 gives up the B/g5 without compensation: 11...♞g5 12.Qxb7 O-O) O-O, etc.] 11.h4 [This frees up my ♟f3 so that the d-♟ is no longer hanging.] ♞ab8 12.♞fe1 h6 13.♟f6 [The start of an attack based on e5.] ♟f6 14.e5 [Although this seems to lose a ♟, I was hoping to regain it with a possible ♟xg6, playing on the pin of the f-♟; but I also need to deal with ...♟e6. This is probably unsound.] de5 15.de5 ♟e6?! [Unexpected. 15...♟e5 16.♟c4 and 15...♟e5 16.♟e5 ♟e5 17.♟c4 win a piece. Best is 15...♟g7 16.e6 ♟e6 17.♞e6 fe6 18.♞e6 ♟h8 19.♞g6 etc.] 16. Bc4 [Gerald said that he didn't see this move. This is probably the major turning point in this game (outside of the later time scramble.)] ♟g7 [He thought for a long time before playing this.] 17.♟e6 fe6 18.♞e6 ♟h7 19.♟c4 [The ♟ is precariously placed but it holds the e-♟ for now and asks Black where he wants to place his ♞. The e-♟ is probably still safe as this move can be used in reserve to win a piece should Black go

for the e-♟.] ♞b5 [Black threatens ...♟d8, winning the ♟/c4; but now he can't play ...b5. He probably had a lot of better squares for the ♞ where he could threaten ...b5.] 20.♞e4 [Hoping to induce ...h5 so that I can get a lever with g4, opening up Black's ♟-side and getting g5 for my ♟. I considered 20.b3 too passive.] h5 21.♟g5 ♟h6 22.♟f7 [Stopping ♟/d8.] ♟h7 [I could force a draw here with 23.♟g5 if I wanted.] 23.g4 ♟d8 24.♟d8 Rbd8 25.gh5 [This is double-edged as it also opens up lines for Black.] gh5 26.♞e7 [Better was 26.♟h1!? ♞f2 27.♞g1 and 28.♞g6. I took the ♟ so that now I have ♟d6, heading for f5. Black gives up a couple of ♟s but he gets a terrific attack. I wasn't comfortable here as it looked like I needed to get more guys into the attack whereas Black's forces would be in position first. I just hoped for the best in a time scramble, as anything can happen.] ♞d7 27.♞g5 ♟h6 [Black threatens ...♟g7 or ...♟g8 pinning my ♞.] 28.♞h5 ♞g7 29.♟h1 [I considered but rejected 29. ♟f1?! as I didn't like 29...Rgf7. Around here I was looking at ways to get my ♟ to f5, but Black has the initiative. This is the start of a time scramble where I don't think Black played the best moves. Time: White <6; Black <5.] ♞d5 [Unexpected! This move gives me an opportunity to consolidate. I feared 29...♞f2 most.] 30.f3 ♞e6 31.♞g4 [Blocking the ♞ from h3. Black could probably trade down and win back his ♟s for a draw.] ♞f5 [31...♞fg8 holds more promise, since the natural reply 32.♞ag1 allows a neat draw: 32...♞c4 33.♞c4 ♞g1. But 31...♞f3?? loses to 32.♞g7 ♟g7 33.♞f3.] 32.♞g7 ♟g7 33. ♞g1 ♟h7 34.♞g4 [Gerald thought he had trapped my ♞, but missed this move.] Rf4?? 35. ♞e6 1-0. -FW

ECC July Tag Team

Inspired by Karl Malone's recent foray into professional wrestling, 18 players strapped on the tights and went into battle at the ECC July Tag Team event. The tournament kicked off with the selection of partners; every player in the top half was partnered with a player in the bottom half. At the end of the tournament, the team that scored the most total points would be declared World (OK, Edmonton) Heavyweight (OK, chessweight) Champions.

Since teams were chosen at random (other than the top-half — bottom-half requirement), there was a range of team strengths. However, in the early part of the tournament, the lowest rated team (Scott Blundell and Nicolas Haynes) stormed out to a big lead, with the aid of several foreign objects and managerial interference. However, when Haynes was forced to miss the last round, several other teams managed to pass them, most notable the winning team of Sasha Grumic and Paul Gauthier, with a collective 6½/10. A special kind of shame was reserved for any higher-rated partner who was outscored by his lower rated partner. Fortunately, only one player was forced to endure this. I won't say his name, but his initials were Malvin MDoo, who was outscored brutally by his partner, Canadian Girls Under 10 champion Stasy Kazakevich.

See the Edmonton Junior Chess Club report on page 7.

Edmonton Active Chess Championship

by Ford Wong

It was a nice day and most people should have been outside enjoying the fine weather. But not everyone. Some people were trying to stay *cool* by playing chess. It was not to be as a broken thermostat at the ECC added a little heat to the action and reminded everyone that it was hot outside. 19 players (excluding the TD and a few odd spectators) sweated it out (including a shirtless Geoff Newton on the last round) to determine the 4 qualifiers to the Alberta Active. In the end "Rocket" Rob Gardner boiled to the top with 5½ points. Other qualifiers were Nigel Fullbrook, Dave Gomboc (who "just happened" to be in town), and Geoff Newton (who qualified on tie-break).

The winner of the Under 1800 category was a 4 way split between Geoff Newton, Gerhard Reuter, Tobias Jeserich and Alvin Doo who each cooked up 3½ points.

Thanks to everyone who came to play. The sauna playing site contributed to the increased pop sales, where even the fruity flavors were moving! The slurpee from Mac's sure tasted good on the way home! Till next time, everyone stay *cool*!

Fullbrook — Gardner [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♟f6 3.e5 ♟d5 4.d4 cd4 5.♟f3 e6 6.cd4 b6 7.♟c3 ♟c3 8. bc3 ♟c7 9.♟d2 d6 10.♟d3 ♟b7 11.O-O ♟d7 12.ed6 ♟d6 13.h3 h6 14. ♟e1 g5 15.c4 O-O-O 16.♟b1 g4 17.hg4 h5 18.g5 h4 19.♟e4 h3 20. c5 ♟c5 21.dc5 ♟c5 22.♟a4 ♟g3 23.♟b7 ♟b7 24.♟e4 ♟d5 25.♟d4 ♟d4 26. ♟e2 ♟g2 27.♟g2 hg2 28.♟g2 ♟e5 29.♟e5 ♟e5 30.f4 ♟d4 31.♟f3 ♟h2 32.♟d1 ♟c6 33.♟e4 ♟c5 34.a4 a6 35.♟f3 b5 36.ab5 ab5 37.♟c3 ♟h3 0-1.

Calgary Active Chess Championship

by Grant Brown

Twelve; and only two masters. The turn-out was extremely disappointing, especially considering that this was a qualifier for the Alberta Active Championship, for which a guaranteed 1st prize of \$100 had been advertised. Following hot on the heels of the Red Deer Open which attracted only 9, this immediately raised speculation that there are now too many tournaments in Alberta — too many active tournaments in Calgary, certainly — and that it wasn't worth the cost and effort to organize any more. There will very probably be fewer events on the calendar next year.

Nenad Risticov recovered from a 1st-round loss to Alan Gomes to take first with 5/6, defeating 2nd-place finisher Andrew Lapidis along the way. Lapidis also conceded a draw to Joseph Santbergen, but won his other 4 games for 4½. A 3-way tie for 3rd through 5th between Gomes, Santbergen, and Chris Vermette conveniently did not have to be broken to determine who would qualify for the Alberta Active Championship tournament, since Risticov declared that he would not be available to play that weekend.

Cadet Ashton Anderson made an encouraging debut to CFC-rated chess by taking 1½ points from two players rated in the 1600s.

Risticov — Lapidis

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 ♟f6 4.♟g2 d5 5.♟c2 c6 6.♟f3 ♟d6 7.♟f4 ♟f4 8. gf4 O-O 9.♟bd2 ♟d6 10.e3 ♟bd7 11.c5 ♟c7 12.O-O-O b6 13.♟b1 bc5 14.dc5 a5 15.♟b3 ♟e4 16.h4 a4 17.♟bd4 ♟dc5 18.♟g5 ♟b6 19.♟e4 fe4 20.f3 h6 21.♟h3 ♟a6 22.fe4 de4 23.♟f2 ♟a7 24.♟h2 e5 25.fe5 ♟d3 26.♟d3 ed3 27.♟c4 ♟h8 28.♟c1 ♟d7 29.♟d3 ♟e5 30.♟c3 c5 31.♟c5 ♟g6 ... 1-0. (More games from this event are on page 5.)

Edmonton Junior Chess Club Report

by Cynthia Wu

Another year of junior chess in Edmonton has drawn to an end. The final EJCC tournament was held on Saturday June 6. As the official EJCC director was unable to make it, I found myself in charge.

Six eager young players showed up for the year's last battle and the round-robin started promptly after registration. The first three rounds saw stupendous play by club regular Mitchell Ng and his good friend Matthew Chang, both coming away with a clean 3 points apiece. It was quite interesting to watch these two players who, I believe, with the right attitude could both blossom into fine players in the future. Matthew, a year older, was a little more controlled, appearing to actually plan the several move combinations that won most of his games. Mitchell, the club's youngest member, seemed to rely a little more on his intuition, often surprising himself with the combinations he could spin out without previous planning.

Unfortunately, a long enough attention span was lacking, as playing skills deteriorated rapidly after lunch. Anyway, the last two rounds lasted about 50 minutes together and the number of ♟-drops sky-rocketed. Mitchell bested his friend Matthew, then proceeded to lose to Jonathan Chi, who ended up with 3/5, the same score as Matthew. Scott Mayo claimed his only win against Helen Kirvan, but was obviously disappointed with his play. Arguably the strongest player in the field, Scott showed some signs of rustiness, having not played in many tournaments during the year. Helen did not manage to grab a point, but took it with grace and left with a smile.

Francisco Sarango, the oldest and calmest participant, played well to win his last two games vaulting him into a tie for first place at 4/5. As two book prizes were offered, a playoff was unnecessary, but both players decided it was desirable to have one nonetheless. Mitchell was lured by the prospect of playing a 5 minute speed chess game, whereas Francisco viewed it as an opportunity to exact revenge for the 1st-round game he lost overlooking a checkmate. Ultimately, Mitchell failed to hang onto his queen and devastated by its loss, faltered and let his flag fall. Both won books and the tournament ended on a positive note.

Have a good summer and I hope to see you all next year!

Senior High School Team Chess Championships

Early one bright and sunny Sunday end-of-May morning I found myself awake at some way-too-early time carting myself off to my former high school. Old Scona Academic High was the site of this year's Team Chess Championships and I had been coerced to TD. Of the 4 teams that managed to wake up early enough to attend, 2 were from Old Scona, 1 from McNally, and the other from Bonnie Doon. Old Scona, still seething from last year's loss of the much-coveted first place title (and nice trophies) to Ross Shep, was determined to exact revenge. This feeling was slightly dampened when Ross Shep failed to show up. (Since Shep had had their graduation two nights before on Friday, one can't really blame them, though.)

The teams were comprised as follows: *OSA A*: Doug Wu, Jeremiah Gallinger, Bernie Kan, Bradley Gee; *OSA B*: Eric Zhou, Rishi Patel, Tim Van Aerde, Mustafa Hirji; *Bonnie Doon*: Sheldon Beensaert, Aaron Schoobtra, Trevor Hayman, Kelly Barrett; *McNally*: Richard Kwok, Hon Tang, Steven Walinga, Parmeet (uh... I'll get back to you on that last name).

The 1st round of the 3-round tournament saw *OSA A* sweep Bonnie Doon 4-0 despite the latter's forbidding all-black T-shirt and jeans dress code, while *OSA B*, though encountering a few problems, managed to best McNally 3-1. *OSA A* continued their undefeated streak in the 2nd round by grabbing 4 points from McNally. *OSA B* and Bonnie Doon fought to a 2-2 draw, after which one *OSA B* team member politely requested permission to take another *OSA B* team member outside for, um, a little "talk" when the latter member managed to lose the second game in a row that he was winning.

The 3rd round saw the crunch for third place (second and first place were basically sealed). *OSA B* elevated themselves to become the only team to take down *OSA A* a couple of points — 1½, to be exact — clinching first and second place for *OSA A* and *B* respectively. With McNally at 1 point, and Bonnie Doon at 2, this last match was fairly close. The deciding game occurred on Board 3, where, after Steven queened a pawn and Trevor failed to realize a perpetual check that would have drawn the two team's total scores, McNally ran off with a 1 point lead to take third place.

The final standings were: *OSA A* first with 10½; *OSA B* second with 6½; McNally third with 4; and Bonnie Doon fourth with 3.

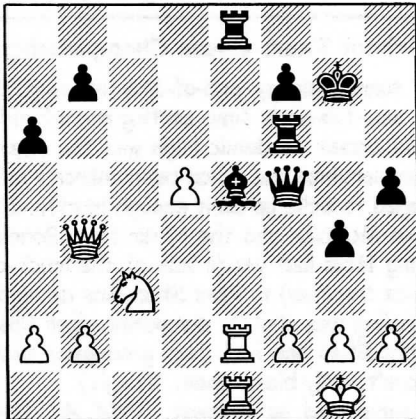
Red Deer Open

by Neil Sharp

Probably the last Red Deer Open was held June 20 and 21 with a grand total of 9 players. Roy Yearwood of Calgary won for the second year in a row with 4/5. Chris Kuczaj was second with 3½. Steve Hansen won the Under 2000 prize with 3, and Tobias Jeserich was second with 2.

Yearwood — Brown

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 c6 3.♗g5 h6 4.♗h4 ♗f5 5.e3 ♘f6 6.♗f6 e6 7.♗d3 ♗e6!? 8.O-O f5 9.c3 ♘d7 10.♞c2 ♞f6 11.c4 ♗d6 12.♞b3 ♞b8 [I don't think White has achieved an opening advantage.] 13.♗c3 d4 14.♗c4 g5 15.e4!?! [This was unexpected, and shows that White's position has sting in it after all.] ♘b6 16.♗e6 ♞e6 17.d5 cd5 18.ed5 ♞f6 19.♞fel ♗f8 20.♘b5 g4 21.♘fd4 ♗e5 22.♞ad1 a6 23.♘c3 ♗g7? [23...♘c8 and 24...♘d6 is double-edged, with roughly equal chances.] 24.♘f5? [24.♞e5] ♞f5 25.♞b6 h5 26.♞b4! [Black might have compensation for the ♘, but White plays accurately to blunt the initiative. The ♞ is heading for e4, which I try to prevent with my 28th move.] ♞h6 27.♞e4?! ♞f6 28.♞e2 ♞e8 29.♞de1



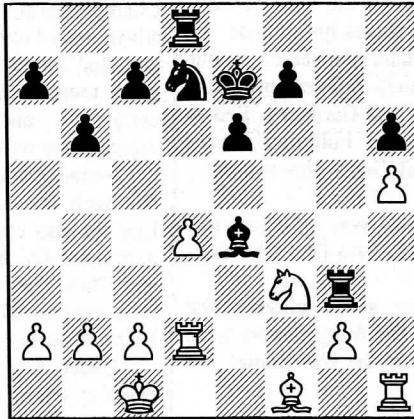
h4? [I was still trying to prove that I had compensation of the ♘ in the form of an attack, and, running low on time, wasn't looking for a way to simplify to an equal ending. Thus I failed to consider 29...♗c3 30.♞c3 ♞e2 31.♞e2 ♞d5±.] 30.♘e4 ♞h6 31.♘d2 ♗h2? [I'm likely lost no matter what I do now, but this makes things easy. I had been preparing such a sacrifice for several moves, but failed to notice how White's 31st thwarts the combination....] 32.♗h2 g3 33.♗h1 ♞e2 34.♞e2 gf2 35.♞d4 ♗f6 36.♘f1 [This is what I missed at move 31; I had been hoping to recover the piece after ...f2-f1=♞. The rest is fruitless desperation.] h3 37.♞e3 ♞b1 38.♞g3 ♗f8 39.♞b4 ♗e8 40.♞g8 ♗d7 41.♞b7 ♗d6 42.♞a6 ♗e7 43.♞e2 ♗d7 44.gh3 ♞f5 45.♞g4 1-0. This was my first tournament in 10 months, and some rustiness was evident. Being an organizer can have a detrimental effect on one's chess, so I'm hoping that John Quiring, Walter Watson, Ford Wong, and David Ottosen continue to spend a lot of their energies organizing while I take a bit of a break. I might have a chance to catch them less prepared in that case....

-GB

LOGO CONTEST — see page 2!

...Battle of Alberta, continued from page 1

♞h4 ♗b7 10.f3 ♘bd7 11.♘e4 ♘e4 12.♞d8 ♞d8 13.fe4 ♗d2 14.♞d2 ♗e4 15.♘f3 ♗e7 16. h4 h6 17.h5 ♞g3



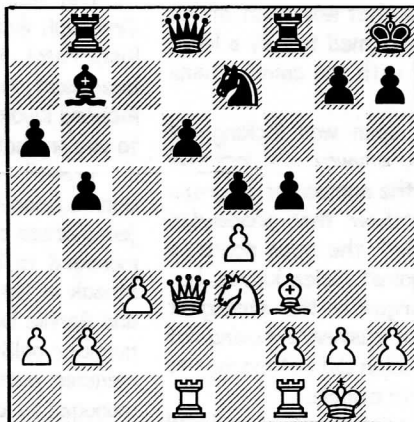
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Board 6: Boehmer — Baunok

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.c4 d5 6.O-O c6 7.cd5 cd5 8.♘c3 ♘c6 9.♘e5 e6 10.b3 ♘e5 11.de5 ♘g4 12.e4 ♗e5 13.♞g4 ♗c3 14.♗a3 ♗a1 15.♞a1 e5 16.♞e2 d4 17.f4 d3 18. ♞d2 ♞d4 19.♗h1 ♞a1 0-1.

Board 7: Radovic — Daniluk

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♘a3 b5 9. ♘d5 ♗e7 10.♗f6 ♗f6 11.c3 ♗g5 12.♘c2 ♞b8 13. ♗e2 O-O 14.O-O ♘e7 15.♘ce3 ♗e3 16.♘e3 ♗b7 17.♗f3 ♗h8 18.♞d3 f5 19.♞ad1 d5



20.♞e2 fe4 21.♗e4 ♞f4 22.♗d5 ♘d5 23. ♘d5 ♞f5 24.♘e3 ♞g5 25.♞d7 ♞f6 26.♞g4 ♞g4 27.♘g4 ♞g6 28.♞fd1 h5 29.♘e3 h4 30. h3 ♗c6 31.♞7d6 ♞d6 32.♞d6 ♗b7 33.♞b6 1-0.

Board 8: Kuczaj — Newton

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.cd5 ♘d5 4.g3 g6 5.♗g2 ♘c3 6.bc3 ♗g7 7.♞b1 c6 8.♘f3 ♞a5 9.♞c2 ♗f5 10.e4 ♗e6 11.♞b7 ♞a6 12.♞b2 ♗c4 13. ♗f1 ♗f1 14.♞f1 O-O 15.d3 ♘d7 16.♗e3 ♞ab8 17.♞b8 ♞b8 18.♗e2 ♞a3 19.♞b1 ♞b1 20.♞b1 ♞c3 21.♗a7 ♞a5 22.♗e3 ♞h5 23.♞b7 ♞g4

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Board 9: Hughey — Gomboc

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 c5 3.d5 e6 4.c4 ed5 5.cd5 d6 6.♘c3 g6 7.e4 ♗g7 8.♗d3 O-O 9.O-O ♗g4 10.h3 ♗f3 11.♞f3 ♘bd7 12.♞d1 ♞e8 13.♗g5 a6 14.a4 ♞b6 15.♞d2 c4 16.♗c4 ♘e4 17. ♘e4 ♞e4 18.♗d3 ♞e5 19.♗c2 ♘f6 20.♗e3 ♞d8 21.♗b3 ½-½.

Board 10: Campbell — Wong

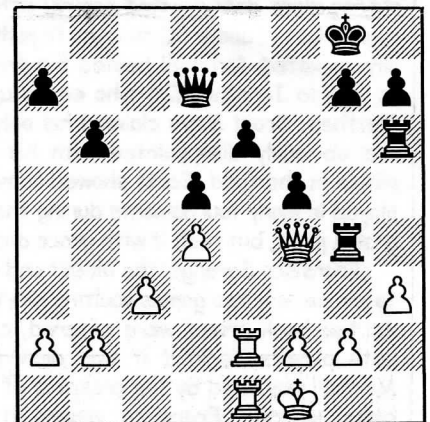
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Board 11: Ficko — Brown

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♞b6 6.a3 ♗d7 7.b4 cd4 8.cd4 ♘g7 9.♘c3 ♘f5 10. ♘a4 ♞d8 11.♗b2 ♗e7 12.♗d3 g6 13.♞c1 f6 14.ef6 ♗f6 15.♘c5 ♘d6 16.♞e2 ♞e7 17. ♘e5 ♗c8 18.♘b7 1-0.

Board 12: Clark — Miller

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 cd5 4.♗d3 ♘c6 5.c3 ♘f6 6.h3 e6 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♞e1 ♞d6 10. ♗g5 ♗d7 11.♗h4 ♘h5 12.♘e5 ♘f4 13.♗g3 ♗g5 14.♞g4 ♘d3 15.♘d3 ♞e7 16.♘c5 f5 17. ♞e2 ♘d8 18.♘d2 b6 19.♘d7 ♞d7 20.♘f3 ♗f6 21.♗e5 ♘c6 22.♗f6 ♞f6 23.♘e5 ♘e5 24.♞e5 ♞h6 25.♞e2 ♗f8 26.♞ae1 ♞ff6 27.♞f4 ♞fg6 28.♗f1 ♞g4



29.♞h6 gh6 30.hg4 ♗f7 31.gf5 ef5 32.♞e5 ♗f6 33.f4 h5 34.♗f2 ♞f7 35.♞e3 ♞d7 36.b3 b5 37.♞g3 h6 38. ♞ge3 ♞f7 39.♞e6 ♞e6 40.♞e6 ♗e6 41.♗g3 ♗f6 42.♗h4 ♗g6 43.b4 a6 44.a3 ♗h7 45. ♗h5 ♗g7 46.♗h4 ♗g6 47.♗g3 ♗h5 48.♗f3 ♗g6 ½-½.

Round Two

Board 1: Huber — Schulte

1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 c6 4.♘f3 ♗e7 5.O-O d5 6.ed5 cd5 7.♗b5 ♗d7 8.♗d7 ♘bd7 9.♞e1 ♞c7 10.♗e5 ♗e5 11.♗f4 ♗d6 12.♗c3 O-O 13.♘b5 ♞b6 14.♗d6 ♗g6 15.♗g3 ♞ad8 16.♗f5 ♞b2 17.♞b1 ♞a2 18.♞b7 ♞fe8 19.♞e8 ♞e8 20.f3 ♞c8 21.♗f2 h6 22.♞a7 ♞c2 23.♞c2 ♞c2 24.♗d4 ♗f4 25.♗f6 g6 26.♗h6 ♗h7 27.♗f7 ♗g2 28.♗f1 ♗h2 1/2-1/2.

Board 2: Gardner — Haessel

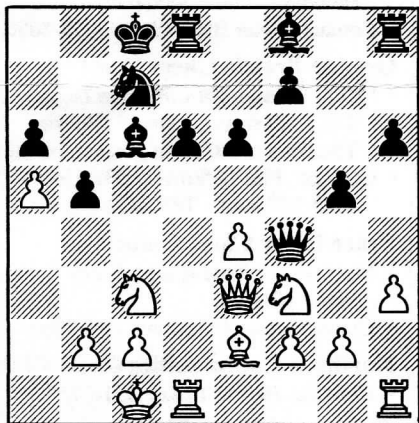
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Board 3: Maric — Fullbrook

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Board 4: Schaeffer — Demers

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗g5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.♗f6 ♞f6 5.♗c3 d6 6.♗f3 b6 7.♞d2 ♗b7 8.O-O-O ♗a6 9.♗b5 c6 10.♗e2 O-O-O 11.a4 g5 12.h3 ♗c7 13.a5 b5 14.d5 a6 15.dc6 ♗c6 16.♞e3 ♞f4



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Board 5: Perron — Willis

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 e6 3.♗g5 ♗e7 4.♗bd2 h6 5.♗f6 ♗f6 6.e4 d6 7.c3 ♗c6 8.h3 O-O 9.a4 e5 10.de5 ♗e5 11.♗e2 ♗g6 12.O-O ♗f4 13.♞e1 ♗e2 14.♞e2 ♞e8 15.♞d3 g6 16.♗c4 ♗g7 17.♗d4 ♗g5 18.♞e3 a6 19.♞f1 ♗d7 20.♗f3 ♞d8 21.a5 ♗b5 22.b4 ♗d7 23.♗fd2 ♞c6 24.f4 d5 25.ed5 ♞e3 26.♞e3 ♞d5 27.♗e5 ♗f1 28.♗f1 ♗e5 29.fe5 ♞e8 30.♞h6 ♞e5 31.♞d2 ♞d6 32.♗f2 ♞d2 33.♗d2 ♗g7 34.♗b3 b6 35.♗d4 ba5 36.ba5 ♞e5 37.♗c6 ♞c5 38.♗b8 ♞a5 0-1.

Board 6: Baunok — Boehmer

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5 5.d4 cd4 6.cd4 e6 7.♗c3 ♗c3 8.bc3 b6 9.♗d3 ♗e7 10.h4 h6 11.h5 ♗b7 12.♗e3 d6 13.♞e2 ♞c7 14.ed6 ♞d6 15.O-O ♞d5 16.♗e1 ♞d7 17.f4 O-O-O 18.f5 ♗d6 19.fe6 fe6 20.e5 ♗e7 21.♗b5 ♞c7 22.de6 ♗d5 23.♞f7 ♗h2 24.♗h1 ♞g3 25.♞c4 ♗b8 26.♗f4 ♞f4 27.♞f4 ♗f4 28.e7 ♞c8 29.♞a4 ♞c3 30.e8=♞ ♞e8 31.♗e8 ♗c7 32.♞d4 ♞g3 33.♗g6 ♗f6 34.♞c1 ♞g4 35.♞c3 ♞h4 36.♗g1 ♗h2 37.♗f1 ♗f4 38.♞c2 ♗d5 39.♞g7 ♞h1 40.♗e2 1-0.

Board 7: Daniluk — Radovic

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.g3 c5 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.♗c3 cd4 8.♗d4 ♗bd7 9.b3 a6 10.♗b2 ♞a5 11.h3 ♞b8 12.♞d2 ♞e8 13.♞fd1 ♗c5 14.♗c2 ♗e6 15.♞ac1 ♞h5 16.h4 g5 17.♗f3 ♞g6 18.hg5 ♗g5 19.♗e3 ♗h3 20.♗f1 ♗f5 21.♗f5 ♞f5 22.♞d3 ♞c5 23.e3 ♗g5 24.♗g2 ♗e6 25.♗a4 ♞h5 26.f3 ♞g5 27.♗f6 ♗f6 28.♗f2 b5 29.cb5 ab5 30.♗c3 ♗g7 31.♞h1 h5 32.f4 ♞g6 33.♞g6 fg6 1/2-1/2.

Board 8: Newton — Kuczaj

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 ♗f6 4.♗d3 ♗c6 5.♗e2 g6 6.O-O ♗g7 7.d5 ♗e5 8.♗c2 O-O 9.h3 ♞b6 10.♗d2 c4 11.♗h1 ♞c7 12.f4 ♗d3 13.♗d3 cd3 14.♗d4 ♗h5 15.♞f3 e5 16.de6 fe6 17.♗2b3 ♞c4 18.♗e3 e5 19.♗d2 ♞f7 20.♗b5 ♞d7 21.♗a7 ef4 22.♗f2 ♞a7 23.♗a7 ♗g3 24.♗g1 ♗f1 25.♗f1 ♞a4 26.♞f2 ♞e4 27.♞e1 ♞d5 28.♗d2 ♞a2 29.♗f3 ♞d5 30.♗d4 ♗d4 1/2-1/2.

Board 9: Gomboc — Hughey

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 cd5 4.c4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 e6 6.♗f3 ♗e7 7.♗d3 O-O 8.O-O ♗c6 9.a3 1/2-1/2.

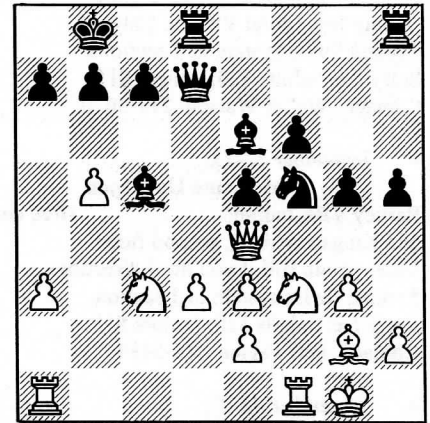
Board 10: Wong — Campbell

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.cd5 ♗d5 5.e4 ♗c3 6.bc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 ♗d7 8.♗e2 O-O 9.O-O c5 10.♗e3 ♞a5 11.a4 ♗b6 12.♗b3 ♞d8 13.♞c1 c4 14.♗c2 ♗d7 15.♞a3 ♗f8 16.♞c5 ♞a6 17.a5 ♗c8 18.♞g5 ♗d6 19.f4 ♗e8 20.f5 ♞f6 21.fg6 ♞g6 22.♞h4 ♞g4 23.♞f2 f5 24.ef5 ♗f6 25.h3 ♞h5 26.♗f4 ♞f7 27.♞h4 ♞g7 28.♞f3 ♗f7 29.♗e6 ♗e6 30.fe6 ♗e6 31.♗f5 ♗d5 32.♞f4 ♗c6 33.♞e5 ♞d5 34.♞e6 ♗c7 35.♗f4 ♗d8 36.♗e4 ♗d7 37.♗e5 ♗e4 38.♗g7 ♗g5 1-0.

Board 11: Watson — Ficko

1.e4 ♗f6 2.g3 e5 3.♗g2 d5 4.cd5 ♗d5 5.♗c3 ♗e6 [Brady was pleased to get into a Reverse Dragon.] 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.d3 [7.d4 is more active, according to Fullbrook.] f6 8.O-O ♞d7 9.♗d2 O-O-O 10.a3 [This is too slow. A better plan, according to Fullbrook, is 10.♞c1 followed by ♗e4-c5, etc.] h5 11.b4 g5 12.b5 ♗ce7 13.♞a4 ♗b8 14.♗e3 [I realized that Black's attack was

better, and tried to unbalance the position.] ♗e3 15.fe3 ♗f5 16.♞e4 ♗c5 [16...♗d6 would have forced the White ♞ away from the discovered mating threat.]



17.♗e5 ♗e3 18.♗h1 ♞c8 19.♗g6 [A bad mistake. I saw 19.♗c6, but couldn't find a win after 19...bc6 20.bc6. Afterward, Demers showed me 20.♞c6 ♗d5 21.♗d5 (21.♗d5? ♞d5 22.♗d5 ♗g3! 23.♗g2 ♗f1 24.♞f1 ♞g4 with chances for both sides) ♞d6 22.♗e7! ♞c6 23.♗c6 ♗b7 24.♗e7 ♗b8 25.♗c8 etc. +-. So, instead of 19...bc6, Black's best is 19...♗a8 losing only the exchange.] ♞d4 [Better is 19...♞he8 threatening to win material after 20...♞d4 and 21...g4.] 20.♞f3 [White provokes 20...g4, giving his ♗ some escape squares. Best was 20.♞b7 right away, as Black can still play 20...♞he8 winning material.] g4 21.♞b7 ♞b7 22.♗b7 ♞g8 23.♗e4 [The move I was counting on.] ♗d2 24.♗b1 [24.♗f5 was complicated (e.g. after 24...♗f5 25.♗e7), but White seems to emerge at least a ♗ up.] ♞e4 [With the ♗/b1 no longer covering d5, Brady aims to capture the diagonals around the White ♗.] 25.de4 ♞g6 26.♞f5 [Here I thought I had a won game. If 26.ef5?! ♗d5 27.♗g1 ♗e3 28.♞f2 ♞g5?.] ♗e3 [A clever move with a threat I completely missed. White should now play 27.♗c3, returning the exchange but remaining a ♗ up.] 27.♞h5?! ♗d4 28.♞a2? [I touched the ♞ before seeing that a2 was covered. White might be able to live by playing 28.♗c3.] ♗a2 29.♗d2 ♗c3 30.♞h8 ♞g8 0-1. Congratulations to Brady for a winning an interesting game. —WJW.

Board 12: Miller — Clark

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.♗d4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♗b3 ♗e7 8.♗e3 b5 9.a3 ♗b7 10.♗f3 ♗bd7 11.O-O O-O 12.♞d2 ♞c7 13.♞ad1 ♗c5 14.♗c5 dc5 15.♗d5 ♗d5 16.ed5 ♗d6 17.g3 f5 18.♗g5 h6 19.♗h6 gh6 20.♞h6 ♞e7 21.♞g6 ♞g7 22.♞d6 f4 23.♞de1 ♞ae8 24.♞c5 ♗c8 25.d6 ♗h3 26.♗g2 ♗g2 27.♗g2 f3 28.♗g1 ♞f7 29.♞e4 ♞g5 30.♞d5 ♞f5 31.♞h4 ♗g7 32.h3 ♞h8 33.g4 ♞g5 34.♞h8 ♗h8 35.♞f7 1-0.

Best game prize winners from the Canada Day Open (see report and games on page 4):

- Game A: Hughey — Yearwood 1st runner up
- Game B: Walker — Clark 3rd runner up
- Game C: Flemming — Tam best game
- Game D: Walker — Yearwood 2nd runner up

Fall Schedule

- September 5-6:

Over / Under 1800

Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary.
5 round Swiss system in 2 sections.
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.
Contact: Walter Watson 277-5620

- September 12-13:

Medicine Hat Open

Barney's Restaurant (free coffee!)
665 Kingsway Ave., second floor.
Note: phone Bill if you need directions.
5 round Swiss system in 1 section.
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.
Contact: Bill Taylor 526-5484

- September 26-27:

Northern Alberta Junior

Edmonton Chess Club.
5 round Swiss system in 1 section.
Entry fee: \$2.
Contact: Rob Gardner 469-4925.

Southern Alberta Junior

Site and format unknown at time of publication.
Register by 9:45 a.m. Saturday.
Entry fee: \$2.
Contact: Nenad Ristovic 294-0473.
Note: These two events are the only qualifiers for the Alberta Junior Championships.

- October 10-12:

Alberta Open

Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary.
5 round Swiss system in 1 section.
Time controls: 40/120; game/60.
Entry fee: adults \$25; juniors \$15.
\$1000 guaranteed prize fund!
Contact: Walter Watson 277-5620

Note: The Annual General Meeting of the ACA will take place between rounds 3 and 4 on Sun.

- October 17-18:

Northern Alberta Cadet

Edmonton Chess Club.
5 round Swiss system in 1 section.
Entry fee: \$2.
Contact: Rob Gardner 469-4925.

Southern Alberta Cadet

Site and format unknown at time of publication.
Entry fee: \$2.
Contact: Nenad Ristovic 294-0473.
Note: These two events are the only qualifiers for the Alberta Cadet Championships.

- October 24-25:

Alberta Junior Championships

Red Deer College, room #823
Starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.
Entry fee: \$2.
Contact: Neil Sharp 346-0420.
Note: This is a closed event.

Peace River Classic

Peace Valley Inn, Rose Room.
4 round Swiss system in 1 section.
Time Controls: 40/90; game/60.
Entry fee: \$20.
Prizes: \$200 guaranteed, plus Open and Sectional trophies.
Contact: Alex Phimester 624-8866.
E-mail: phimnetster@hotmail.com.

Notes: (1) To accommodate out-of-towners, round 3 might be moved up to 7:00 p.m. on Sat., in which case round 1 would have a time control of 30/60, game/60. (2) Special hotel rates are available to players: Single \$49; business class \$54; kitchen unit \$52. Please request "chess rates" when checking in.

- November 14-15:

Southern Alberta Open

Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary.
5 round Swiss system in 1 section:
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.
Contact: Walter Watson 277-5620.

- December 12-13:

Alberta Cadet Championships

Red Deer College, room #823
Starts at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.
Entry fee: \$2.
Contact: Neil Sharp 346-0420.
Note: This is a closed event.

- December 19-20:

Weekend B4 X-mas Open

Edmonton Chess Club.
5 round Swiss system in 1 section:
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.
Contact: Ford Wong 481-6474.

General Notes:

(1) Juniors are under 20; Cadets are under 16. For all events, Cadets have the option of paying a \$5 entry fee and being ineligible for prizes.
(2) Registration for all open events is by 9:45 a.m. Saturday. If you take a bye in the first round you must show up no later than 1:30 p.m. Sat. to ensure that you will be paired in round 2. Please call the organizer in advance to request a bye.

* Important Notice for Aspiring Organizers *

The ACA wishes to sponsor a major tournament in Alberta in the year 2000 or 2001 – like a Canadian Open or Closed, or a North-Bay-style tournament. We are open to proposals from competent teams of organizers. Initial proposals must be submitted for review at the April 1999 Board meeting, and must demonstrate strong organizational ability and concrete results to be accepted. (We do not expect organizers to have acquired firm commitments from top national or international players or from sponsors by then; but some tentative commitments, a proposed site, and consultation with organizers of other Canadian events running around the same time as your proposed event would strongly enhance your bid. The more firm details you can supply, the better your bid will be received. A judgment of the quality of the team of organizers will also be made.) To give prospective organizers a rough idea of the level of financial commitment they can expect from the ACA, the Board has set aside \$10,000 to help fund such an event. (Organizers must be strictly volunteers.)

Alberta Clubs

Calgary Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Elephant & Castle Restaurant*, 8 Ave. & 4 St. SW. Tuesdays 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209; or Walter Watson 277-5620.
- Events: Sept. 1 – Speed tournament.
Sept. 8 to Oct. 6 – Class tournament.
Sept. 15 (6:30) – Annual General Meeting.
Oct. 13 – Grand Prix #1
Oct. 20 to Nov. 24 – Fall Open tournament.
Dec. 1 & 8 – Active tournament.

Under 1800 Club:

- Meets at *Words Books & Cappuccino Bar*, 1715 17th Ave. SW. during business hours.
- Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.
- Fall schedule of events not supplied.

Edmonton Chess Club:

- Meets in #114A, *Prince of Wales Armoury*, 10440 108th Ave.
Mondays & Thursdays 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Contact: club phone 424-0283; or Aaron Lovi 481-7278.
- Monday casual tournaments, no membership required, relaxed noise controls.
- Thursday – CFC-rated tournaments, membership required, strict noise controls. A new tournament starts the first Thursday of each month.

Lethbridge Jr. & Sr. Chess Clubs:

- Meet at the *University of Lethbridge* one evening per week, September to April.
- Contact: Grant Brown 381-0308.

Medicine Hat Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Southview Community School*, coffee corner room, during the school year.
Wednesdays 7:00 – 10:15 p.m.
- Contact: Bill Taylor 526-5484.

Hinton Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Queen's Bakery & Café*, 124 Market Street, Hinton
Mondays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Contact: Peter Bundscherer 865-5050.

Grande Prairie Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Royal Canadian Legion* 9912 101st Ave., Grande Prairie
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., September to April.
- Contact: Phil Lefkowitz 538-1903.
9905 75th Ave. T8V 6G2

Peace River Chess Club:

- Meets in the Rose Room, *Peace Valley Inn* 9609 101st St.
- Contact: Alex Phimester 624-8866.

Northern Communities Chess Club:

- Contact: Bernie Tynan 771-3757.

Crowsnest Chess Club:

- Meets at the *Royal Canadian Legion* Coleman.
- Contact: John Day 563-5217

I believe there is a chess club in Lloydminster, too, but I have no information about it.

It is the club's responsibility to make sure your announcement is complete and up to date.