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### Southern Alberta Open

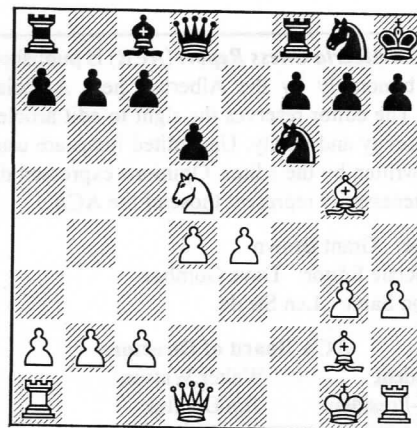
by Walter Watson

Conditions for the Southern Alberta Open were not ideal. Outside there was snow and ice on the ground and fog in the air; inside it was raining. It was also the weekend of the western football final. Whatever the reason, only 3 out-of-town players showed up, and only 28½ altogether.

**Round 1:** The shortest game was Dale Haessel's win against Hans Olson, about 1½ hours. The longest was Jonathan Bjornson's loss to Jim Fleming, which went almost 4½ hours. Jonathan was first winning and then had a drawn ending, and when he finally lost was heard to remark, "Chess is stupid." The only upset was Mike Smith's (1435) win against Alan Gomes (1934), a 499 point rating difference which won the biggest upset prize.

#### Haessel - Olson

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.g3 ♗c5 5.♗g2 O-O 6.♗e5 ♗f2 7.♗f2 ♗e5 8.d4 ♗eg4 9.♗g1 d6 10.h3 ♗h6 11.♗g5 ♗h8 12.♗d5 ♗hg8



13.e5 h6 14.e6 hg5 15.♗h5 ♗h6 16.♗g5 1-0.

#### Bjornson - Fleming

1.c4 g6 2.♗c3 ♗g7 3.♗f3 d6 4.g3 e5 5.d3 ♗f6 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O ♗c6 8.♗b1 ♗g4 9.b4 ♗d7 10.♗d2 ♗fe8 11.♗e1 ♗ad8 12.♗c2 ♗e7 13.♗d1 e4 14.♗g5 ed3 15.♗d3 ♗c6 16.♗e3 ♗e5 17.♗c2 c6

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# Alberta Chess Report



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### Dufferin Games Alberta Junior Championship

by Neil Sharp

The 1998 Alberta Junior (<20) was played in Red Deer on October 24-25. The tournament was evenly balanced and resulted in several interesting games. Hans Olson of Camrose and Douglas Wu of Edmonton eventually prevailed. Since Douglas is unwilling to contest a playoff due to school commitments, Hans will represent Alberta at the Canadian Junior for the second straight year.

Unfortunately, my laptop is malfunctioning, so I am unable to recover the 15 interesting games that I diligently recorded. Since I adamantly refuse to spend another nickel on computers this lifetime (it only needs a small repair, they say), anyone desiring to purchase a laptop would be well advised to contact me. Any offer, no matter how silly, will be seriously considered. Otherwise, it goes off the balcony!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1. Hans Olson	x	+	+	=	=	+	4
2. Erik Tam	-	x	-	-	-	+	1
3. Adrien Regimbald	-	+	x	=	0	0	1½
4. Douglas Wu	=	+	=	x	+	+	4
5. John Rajchel	=	+	+	-	x	=	3
6. Kim Nguyen	-	-	+	-	=	x	1½

Two games annotated by the tournament winner, with some additional commentary by Dave Gomboc:

#### Olson - Tam

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.c3 [This line is something that I used to use, mainly because I thought the tricks were pretty nice. In this game I am using it more for the surprise factor.] ♗f6 4.♗e2 g6 [I have found that 4...♗c6 puts more of a question to White's centre, while 4...g6 allows White to castle before d2-d4.] 5.O-O ♗c6 6.d4 cd4 7.cd4 ♗g7 [Taking on e5 with the ♗ still loses to d6-d5. ♗-moves and ♗a4 picking off the greedy knight.] 8.♗c3 O-O [Here, or on the next move, Black could try 8...d5 9.e5 ♗e4.] 9.h3 a6 10.♗e3 b5 11.♗c1 ♗b7 12.e5 [Hoping to stir things up and make room for some piece play.] de5 [? 12...♗e8 is preferable.]

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### Dufferin Games Alberta Cadet Championship

by Neil Sharp

This year's edition of the Alberta Cadet (<16) chess championship again benefited from the generous sponsorship by Dufferin Games. Through the work of Grant Brown of Lethbridge, they have again agreed to pay \$675 toward the winner's expenses to the Canadian Cadet. A similar arrangement applied to this year's Alberta Junior winner.

The Alberta Cadet was held as usual in Red Deer on Dec 12-13 and was directed by Neil Sharp. Once again there were no disputes and the TD's job was made easy. With many of the perennial contenders like Doug Wu, Nathan McLean, and Hans Olson gone from the Cadet ranks, this year was the big opportunity for their main rival John Rajchel, and the younger crowd. The list of participants included Anastasia Kazakevich (just back from the World Girls <10 in Spain) and Nicolas Haynes from the Edmonton qualifier plus Erik Tam and Paul Lapidès from the Calgary qualifier and John Rajchel and Jeff Huang from the rating list.

For most of the tournament the best chess was played by Erik Tam. Despite blundering into a perpetual in an easily won position against Jeff Huang in Round 1, Tam led the tournament into the last round. Needing only a draw, he unfortunately ran into a determined John Rajchel, who required a win to surpass Tam and stay level with Huang.

Rajchel, in his last year of eligibility, saved his best game for this crucial situation. His crushing win allowed him to tie for first with Huang, who eventually ground down Paul Lapidès from a bad position, one of many that Jeff recovered from in this tournament.

Rajchel and Huang will contest a two-game playoff in the near future to see who will represent Alberta at the Canadian Cadet.

#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1.	John Rajchel	x	=	1	=	1	1	4
2.	Jeff Huang	=	x	=	1	1	1	4
3.	Erik Tam	0	=	x	1	1	1	3½
4.	Nicolas Haynes	=	0	0	x	1	=	2
5.	Paul Lapidès	0	0	0	0	x	1	1
6.	Anastasia Kazakevich	0	0	0	=	0	x	½

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#### Deadline for next issue — February 24

*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](mailto:browng@uleth.ca) and [dave@cs.ualberta.ca](mailto: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

Finally! I've managed to find the time to learn Publisher sufficiently well to make the shift with this issue. So you will notice the extra graphics — watermarks, fancy first letters, etc. I hope you find it more readable.

My plans have changed again. ("In a minute there is time / For decisions and revisions which a minute will reverse.") If all goes according to present expectations, I will be going to law school at the University of Alberta in Edmonton beginning in September 1999, so I will continue as Editor of the *ACR* for the time being. Producing the *ACR* consumes a significant amount of time — about 40 hours per issue, I'd guess, depending on how much new formatting, proof-reading, etc. one does. I might not be able to keep this up once the crunch comes in my law studies, although I hope that being in Edmonton will mean that I can get more help from the Associate Editor (who will also be moving to Edmonton in 1999) and others.

As usual, many of the reports for this issue came to me in the last week before the deadline. In some cases this is unavoidable, since the tournament coincides with the deadline (e.g. the Alberta Cadet Championship this issue). But usually TDs have time to send me a report and some games well before the deadline, and simply procrastinate.

In fact, this issue is missing a couple of reports that it should have contained because the TDs did not submit them. I was promised some annotated games from the Northern Alberta Junior, but none appeared; and I received no report at all from the Northern Alberta Cadet. Players who wish to see their triumphs noted should encourage TDs to submit reports, and one way to do that is to hand them your game scores and ask them to pass them along with their reports to me.

I rarely get games from the Edmonton and Calgary club tournaments, or from Words tournaments. And I *never* get games (or even reports) from the clubs in the smaller centres — Coleman, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Lloydminster, Hinton, Peace River, etc. This is a shame since some good chess is played at these events, and some players rarely play in any other events. If you would like to see a game of yours from one of these events published in the *ACR*, please submit the game score to me directly.

— 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 "♙" superimposed 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.	Rob Hawkes	2362	2362
2.	Gregory Huber	2357	2385
3.	Nigel Fullbrook	2342	2350
4.	Robert Gardner	2321	2387
5.	Dale Haessel	2309	2310
6.	Robert South	2303	2328
7.	Andrew Lapides	2289	2289
8.	Christopher Demers	2270	2270
9.	Fred South	2263	2300
10.	Victor Maric	2246	*
11.	F. John Parrott	2237	2237
12.	Warrick Walker	2233	2246
13.	Arthur Odachowski	2229	2304
14.	Roy Yearwood	2222	2286
15.	Sasha Grumic	2219	2276
16.	Sardul Purewal	2215	2215
17.	Nandor Tot	2210	2210
18.	Jonathan Schaeffer	2206	2248
19.	Ted Wilson	2205	2245
20.	Sean Perron	2203	2210
21.	John Ferrar	2200	2314
22.	Eugene Gibney	2199	*
23.	Zoltan Baunok	2149	2200
24.	Milan Rabljenovic	2145	2145
25.	Dave Gomboc	2125	2144
26.	Chris Kuczaj	2118	2169
—	Zoran Radovic	2118	*
28.	Bradley J. Willis	2100	2133
29.	Farzan Nazarian	2095	2161
30.	Jim Monaghan	2090	2100
31.	Micah Hughey	2089	2133
—	Edwin Catolos	2089	*
33.	Yngvi Bjornsson	2086	2095
34.	Jim Daniluk	2077	2193
—	Gordon Campbell	2077	2160
36.	Geoff Newton	2075	2105
37.	Grant Brown	2071	2133
38.	Walter Watson	2051	2071
39.	Chris P. Fulker	2048	2100
40.	James Flemming	2046	2056
41.	Virgilio Turingan	2043	2109
42.	Paul Thibodeau	2041	2100
43.	David Ottosen	2036	2191
44.	Walter Zwirner	2018	2034
45.	Barney Fegyverneki	2014	2200
46.	Brady Ficko	2011	2025
47.	Douglas Wu	2007	2075
48.	William Taylor	2004	2011

*denotes provisional rating \**

◆ Thanks to David Miriguay at the CFC for compiling and emailing this list to me.

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## News from the Alberta Chess Association

by Walter Watson, President

The new ACA Board held its first meeting on November 8, with 11 of the 13 members present. I had originally been discouraged by how many of the old Board didn't run for re-election, but the new members showed ability, enthusiasm, and willingness both to discuss and to work. The main Board business this time was to set the 1999 ACA tournament schedule. (See page 10.) We looked at our tournament attendance for the last few years, and with the odd exception it is either rising or holding steady. The new schedule is the same as last year's, except that the Red Deer Open and the Active Qualifiers and Championship were eliminated. The Alberta Closed and Reserves will be held in Calgary, and the Alberta Open and the Over/Under 1800 in Edmonton. Neil Sharp is still helping out. He will again direct the Battle of Alberta and the Cadet and Junior Championships in Red Deer. As announced in the *ACR*, the Board is considering sponsoring a major tournament for 2000 or 2001. Those interested in submitting a proposal are asked to do so by April 1999. (See notice below.)

Of the other Board business, the version of the Alberta Closed Rules that appeared in the August 1998 *ACR* was adopted as official for the present cycle. The amendments made at the AGM will become effective for the 1999-2000 cycle. We decided to invest \$10,000 of ACA money in mutual

funds, rather than the normal bank accounts and GICs, as that is expected to give a higher return. The Board was informed that Grant Brown has decided he likes Alberta, so we don't need to look for another *ACR* Editor for the time being. Grant passed along the good news that Dufferin Games is sponsoring the Alberta Junior and Cadet champions' expenses to the nationals for another year, in the sum of \$1350. We appreciate the renewed sponsorship. ACA members can show their gratitude by shopping at Dufferin stores in their area.

Our next meeting, to be held early next year, will allocate the 1999 budget. The meeting will take 8 hours, unlike our normal 5-hour meetings. ACA members are invited to participate in Board meetings, but only Board members can make motions or vote. Our operating budget for next year will be \$19,800. That is an increase of about \$4000 from this year, but the demands for spending will again be a lot more than the budget amount. We are also open to one-time capital spending for those clubs needing equipment. If your club is in that position, please give us the details *in writing* well before the meeting.

I want to thank those of you who help out with the ACA programs. This is a volunteer organization, and we depend on your work to keep us going. Any of you who wants to help should tell one of the Board members (listed on page 2). If we forget, tell us again!

On behalf of the Board, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Recent Changes in the National Youth Chess Championships

by Grant Brown

Ever since its inauguration, FIDE has granted the CFC the exclusive right to select Canada's representatives to all international championships. However, in the past, the CFC lacked the wherewithal to hold national championships in most age categories. The Canadian Junior (under 20) and the Canadian Cadet (under 16) have always been sponsored, and sometimes subsidized, by the CFC; but for the past 15 years or so the Under 18, Under 14, Under 12, and Under 10 championships have been organized, sponsored, and subsidized by the Chess 'n' Math Association (known by its French acronym AEM). As long as AEM was willing to run the regional, provincial, and national play-downs, and foot the bill to send its national winners to the World Youth Championships, the CFC was content to permit and authorize them to do so.

However, the CFC Executive now perceives AEM as a competitor rather than a partner in promoting chess in Canada. Consequently, the CFC has decided to exercise its exclusive authority to select Canada's representatives to international championships by sponsoring its own national championships and not recognizing the AEM champions as in the past. As nearly as I can determine at this time, the following represents the substance of changes in the way the Canadian Youth Championships will be organized beginning with the 1999 cycle.

Apparently, the Canadian Junior Championship will be held separately from the championships in the other age categories, presumably to allow the best Under-18 players to compete in the Junior as well as in their own age categories. No change to the format of the Canadian Junior Championships has been announced. The remaining age groups will participate in the "Canadian Youth Championship Tournaments." Each year, the CFC will solicit bids from organizers to host the Youth Tournaments following a set format which shall be outlined presently. It is not clear from what has been reported to date whether there will be only one tournament for each age category, or two – i.e. boys *and* girls sections for each of the five age groups. Nor is it clear whether an organizer is expected to bid on the entire package of Youth tournaments – which could be as many as 10 tournaments to be held at the same time and place – or whether organizers may bid on only some age categories, or for only one sex.

In any case, the national Youth Tournaments must follow a format prescribed by the CFC. Each section will be a Swiss system tournament held over 3 days, with the number of rounds to be decided upon by the tournament organizers. Eligible players will include: (a) one chosen by the organizer; (b) the Provincial Champion ordinarily resident in each province; (c) the highest rated player resident in the Territories who is willing to play; and (d) the highest rated players according to the prescribed CFC rating list, until the total allowed to compete is reached. (The maximum number of players in each section is to be determined by the CFC Board of Directors in consultation with the organizers.) Eligible players must notify the CFC Business Office, or the tournament organizer, in writing, at least 45 days before the start of the tournament, enclosing an entry fee of \$150. (Entries which cannot be accepted because the number of players allowed by rating has been exceeded will be returned.) Players will be responsible for all travel, accommodation, and meal expenses.

The winning bid for the 1999 Youth Tournaments is expected to be announced early in the new year, and the event is not expected to take place before June 1999. Because these changes were announced after the most recent ACA Board meeting, the Board has not had an opportunity to determine how to respond to them. Presumably we will have to schedule regional and provincial Youth tournaments to determine our Provincial representatives (except for the Cadet, which has already been determined this year according to the old system). These events will be announced in the next *ACR* – stay tuned! *Those who normally organize regional youth events are asked to come forward as soon as possible.* And since the entry fee is now \$150 per player, in addition to all the other expenses, there will be budgetary implications for the ACA Board to consider. On the other hand, high-rated players who can come up with their own financing (e.g. through their schools, or from the Edmonton or Calgary Chess Clubs) might be able to qualify to play in addition to the Alberta champions.

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## \* 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.)

## The Art Gallery

We are pleased to welcome back Art Milne after an extended illness. He submitted the following three games to the ACR, the first from the 1998 Alberta Open, and the other two from the 1998 Southern Alberta Open.

### Grumic – Milne

1.♟f3 d6 2.g3 ♟g4 3.♟g2 ♞d7 4.♞c3 ♞g6 5.d3 e5?! [This leaves Black at a disadvantage on the light squares after the inevitable exchange on f3. The alternative is 5...e6 followed by 6...d5 contesting the light squares.] 6.O-O ♟e7 7.h3 ♟f3 [If 7...♟h5 8.g4 leaves Black's ♟ looking stranded.] 8.♟f3 c6 9.e4 O-O 10.♟g2 ♞c5 [Black is already casting about for a plan: the ♞d7 is to arrive huffing and puffing at d4, where it will be promptly exchanged by White's ♞c3.] 11.f4 ♞e6 12.♞e2 ♞d7 [Aiming to minimize White's advantage by trading off the anemic ♟e7.] 13.f5 ♞d4 14.c3 ♞e2 15.♟e2 ♟g5 [The fly in Black's strategic ointment is that the f6 square becomes weak.] 16.h4 ♟c1 17.♟ac1 ♟e8 18.♟h2 ♞f8? [Black can't afford to let go of his guard of the f6 square. On the other hand, it is difficult to formulate a constructive plan for Black to achieve some activity. Black has definitely lost the opening.] 19.f6! g6 [19...gf6 is fairly gross, as is allowing 20.fg7.] 20.♟f2? [20.Bh3!! is curtains for Black, as he cannot protect g7.] 21.♟cf1 ♞d7 22.♟f3?! [Rather than countenance a position a clear ♠ down, White compounds his own problems by offering his ♟, too.] 23.♟f6 ♞f6 24.♟f6 ♟e7 25.h5 ♟g7? [Allows the following shot...] 26.h6 ♟g8 27.g4 [To cement the ♟f6.] 28.d8 [Sasha said afterwards that if I had played 27...♟f8 here, followed by the sweeping sacrifice ...d5 and ...c4, he would have resigned on the spot. I doubt this very much; but as it was he played on, as he had every reason to, since it is difficult for Black to generate any activity for his material plus.] 28.c4 b5?! [The wrong idea. The only way Black can lose is if White's ♟ becomes active on the b3-f7 diagonal. Black should put every obstacle in White's path and play c5, cementing the ♠s.] 29.b3 [Not entirely consistent with activating the ♟, but White is understandably anxious about Black generating some activity.] a5?! [Hoping to pry open the a-file for Black's ♟, but in reality falling in line with White's plans.] 30.g5 b4 31.♟f2 ♟a8 [Black is playing for a win when he should content himself with a draw.] 32.♟f3! [I didn't see the point of this move when it was made, but it became abundantly clear to me a few moves later.] a4 [Blissfully oblivious to White's plan.] 33.ba4 ♟a4 34.c5!! [Sweeping the diagonal.] dc5 35.♟d1 ♟a8 [Why isn't 35...♟a2 36.♟b3 ♟a7 still -+? -ed.] 36.♟b3 ♟f8 [Dawns the light.] 37.♟g3 ♟d7 38.♟c4 ♟e7 [Black is reduced to marking time, totally tied down on f7.] 39.♟h4 ♟d7 40.♟g3 (1:00) ♟e7 (1:01) 41.♟f3 ♟d7 42.♟b3 c4! 43.♟c4 ♟a7 44.♟g2 ♟e7 45.♟f1 ♟a7 [White expended 55 minutes before playing...] 46.♟f7 ♟f7 47.♟e2 ♟g1 [Anything else is hopeless as White zugzwangs Black on the ♟-side, cleaning up in the ♠ ending.] 48.♟f7 ♟g4 49.♟f3 ♟h8 [Now Black's ♟ is reduced to the sole function of pinning White's ♟.] 50.♟e6! ♟h5 [The only move.] 51.♟d7 c5 52.♟e6 ♟h2 53.♟f2 ♟h5 54.♟e1 ♟h4 55.♟d7 ♟g8 56.♟e6 ♟h8 57.♟c4 ♟g5?? [Fingerslip. White has a clear win in the shape of ♟b3-d1, ♟f3 and ♟ moves out of harm's way to the ♟-side. Whether White would have found this in the five minutes of sudden death remaining to him is open to question, but in any case Black resigned here.] 1-0.

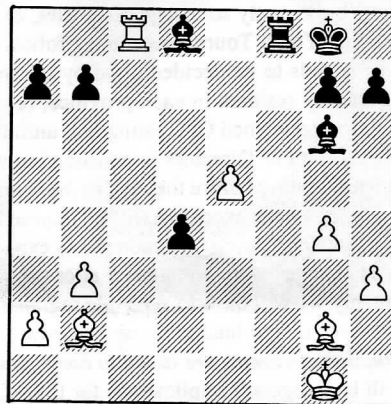
### Kuczaj – Milne

1.♟f3 d5 2.d4 ♟f5 [The Baltic Defense.] 3.c4 e6 4.♞c3 [4.♟b3 ♞c6 is the Baltic Defense proper. With 4.♞c3, the game moves into QGD channels, with the important distinction that Black's ♟c8 is outside the ♠-chain.] c6 5.e3 ♞f6 6.♟e2 [The normally aggressive ♟f1 ends up on a passive diagonal.] h6 [It is important to preserve the ♟f5.] 7.O-O ♞bd7 8.b3 ♟d6 [Keeping e7 vacant for the ♟ in case White tries the "Dutch" maneuver 9.a4 and 10.♟a3.] 9.a4 ♟e7 10.♟b2 O-O [The

position is roughly level.] 11.h3 ♞e4 12.♞e4 ♟e4 13.♞d2 ♟f5 14.♞f3 ♞f6 [Black could have repeated the position with 14...♟e4, but aims for more.] 15.c5!? ♟c7 [15...♟b8?!, with the idea of developing the battery with 16...♟c7, is easily parried by White, and Black loses valuable time unscrambling his ♟-side.] 16.b4 a6 [Better to open the a-file than leave a weak ♠a7.] 17.♟a3 ♞d7 18.♟a1! [Restraining 18...e5 and dominating the a-file.] 19.♟e8 [The e6-e5 break is all Black has.] 19.b5 ab5 20.ab5 ♟a3 21.♟a3 e5 22.bc6 bc6 23.♞e5 ♞e5 24.de5 ♟e5 25.♟e5 ♟e5 26.♟f3 [Black threatened 26...d4.] ♟e4 [26...♟e6! with the initiative on the ♟-side. Now hostilities peter out.] 27.♟e4 ♟e4 28.♟d1 ♟h7 29.♟a6 ♟e6 (0:42) 30.♟d3 (1:29) ½-½.

### Yearwood – Milne

1.d4 e6 2.♞f3 f5 3.g3 d5 [The Stonewall Dutch, a sharp system for Black.] 4.♟g2 ♞f6 5.O-O ♟d6 6.b3 [This fianchetto development, while reserving the option of developing with ♟f4, is to be preferred to 6.♟g5.] ♟e7 [The typical Dutch maneuver, preventing 7.♟a3 and the exchange of the dark-squared ♟s.] 7.c4 c6 8.♞e5 O-O 9.♞d2 [Kuczaj played 9.♟f4 against me about a year ago, and got a good game but lost on time. The idea behind the text move is that the ♞ does not block the eventual ♟b2, allowing it to bear down on the e5 square and discourage exchanges there.] Bd7 [Initiating another typical Dutch maneuver, ♟d7-e8-h5 and the problem ♟ has some action.] 10.♟b2 ♟e8 11.f3! [According to Warrick Walker, the maneuver f2-f3 and e2-e4, aiming to bust Black's Stonewall centre, is the preferred method of proceeding against the Dutch and is one of the reasons he prefers the Leningrad to the Stonewall.] ♟h5 12.♟c2 [Avoiding the implied pin.] ♞bd7 [White has e5 firmly under his control.] 13.e4 fe4 14.♞d7! [If 14.fe4 ♞e5! 15.de5 ♟c5 16.♟h1 ♞g4 with a plus for Black.] ♟d7 15.fe4 ♞g4?! [Now the ♞ sortie isn't so effective, as the ♞ ends up on a lousy square. Better is 15...♟e7, awaiting developments.] 16.♟c3 ♟e7 [Now d5 has to be protected somehow; 16...e5!] 17.h3 ♞h6 [If 17...♞f6 18.e5 and White's ♠s dominate Black's ♞/e8 and on the whole White's position is more harmonious.] 18.g4 ♟g6 19.cd5 cd5 20.♟f8 ♟f8 21.ed5 ed5 22.♞f3 [If 22.♟a5 ♟d8, White's ♟ can help herself to the a-♠ but Black has plenty of compensation for her displacement to a remote square.] ♞f7 23.♟c1 ♟d8 24.♞e5 ♞e5 25.de5 d4! 26.♟c8 ♟c8 27.♟c8



d3! → 28.♟d5 ♟f7 29.e6!? ♟b6 30.♟g2 ♟c8 31.ef7 ♟f8 32.♟f3 ♟c5?! [32...♟c2!] 33.♟c3 ♟a3 34.♟d2 ♟d8 35.♟e4 (1:06) b5 (0:44) 36.h4 ♟e7 37.g5 ♟c5 [Black is mesmerized by the threatened advance of the ♟-side ♠s. Arthur Odachowski pointed out that 37...g6 stops the threats.] 38.h5 ♟d6 [To stop h5-h6 and ♟c3.] 39.b4 ♟f2 40.♟b3! [Now the ♟ sac on d5 is no longer available.] ♟e1?? [40...♟d4 and Black is still in the game.] 41.♟e1 d2 42.♟f2 d1=♟ 43.♟d1 ♟d1 44.g6 hg6 45.hg6 1-0. A hard game to lose. Congratulations to Roy for his resourceful play!



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18.f4 h6 19.fe5 de5 20.♖g4 ♘g4 21.♞bd1 ♖e7  
22.♗f3 e4 23.♗h4 ♙f6 24.♙f4 g5 25.♗f5 ♖e6  
26.♞d8 ♞d8 27.♖e4 ♖e4 28.♙e4 gf4 29.gf4 h5  
30.h3 ♙d4 31.e3 ♙c3 32.♞c1 ♗f6 33.♙f3 ♙b4  
34.♗g3 ♞d2 35.♞b1 a5 36.a3 ♙a3 37.♞b7 ♙c5  
38.♗f5 a4 39.♞b1 a3 40.♗d4 a2 41.♞b8 ♗h7  
42.♞a8 ♞d4 43.ed4 ♙d4 44.♗g2 a1=♖ 45.♞a1  
♙a1 46.♙c6 ♙d4 47.♗f3 ♗g6 48.♙a4 ♗f5 49.  
♙c2 ♗e6 50.♙d3 ♗d6 51.♗g3 ♙e3 52.♗f3  
♙d2 53.♗g3 ♗c5 54.♗f3 ♗d4 55.♙b1 ♗d7  
56.♗g3 ♙e1 57.♗f3 ♗c5 58.f5 ♙h4 59.♗f4 f6  
60.♙c2 ♙g5 61.♗g3 ♗c4 62.♙d1 ♗e4 63.♗f3  
♗d4 64.♙a4 ♗e5 65.♙d7 ♗d6 66.♙e6 ♗f5  
67.♙f7 h4 68.♙g6 ♙f4 69.♙e8 ♗e3... 0-1.

**Smith - Gomes**

1.c4 c5 2.♗c3 ♗c6 3.♗f3 e5 4.e3 f5 5.d4 cd4  
6.ed4 e4 7.♗e5 g6 8.♙f4 ♙g7 9.♗d5 ♗g7 10.  
♗c6 ♗c6 11.♗c7 ♗f7 12.♗a8 d6 13.c5 d5 14.  
♗c7 ♗d4 15.♙d6 b6 16.♗b5 ♗e6 17.♖d5 bc5  
18.♙c4 ♙b2 19.♞d1 ♗f6 20.O-O ♖b6 21.♗c7  
♙d4 22.♗e6 ♙b7 23.♙c5 ♙d5 24.♙b6 ab6 25.  
♙d5 ♗e5 26.♞d4... 1-0 (41).

**Nguyen - Yearwood**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗d7 3.♗c3 e5 4.♙c4 ♙e7 5.♗f3  
c6 6.O-O b5 7.♙d3 ♗g6 8.♗e2 ♙b7 9.c3 O-O  
10.♗g3 ♗e8 11.de5 de5 12.♗f5 ♗c7 13.♗e7  
♖e7 14.♙g5 f6 15.♙e3 ♗e6 16.♗h4 g6 17.  
♖g4 ♗h8 18.♖h3 ♞g8 19.♙c2 ♙c8 20.f4 ♗f4  
21.♙f4 ef4 22.♖f3 g5 23.♗f5 ♖c5 24.♗h1  
♗e5 25.♖h5 ♙f5 26.ef5 ♞ad8 27.♞ad1 ♗g7  
28.h4 h6 29.♙b3 ♞ge8 30.♞de1 [30.♞d7! -  
Haessel; but 30...♞d7 31.♖e8 ♖f8 seems to  
defend -ed.] ♙e7 31.♞e5 ♖e5 32.♖g6 ♗h8 33.  
♞d1 ♞d1 34.♙d1 ♖e1 35.♗h2 ♖h4 36.♗g1  
♞e1 0-1.

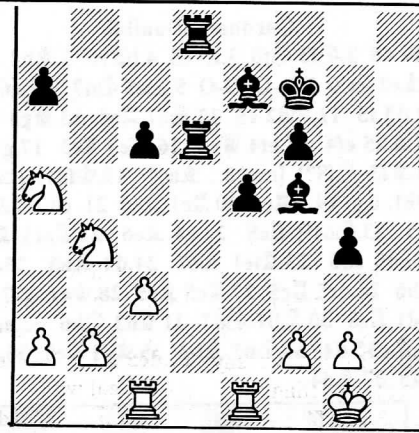
**Clark - Gardner**

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6.cd4 b6 7.a3 d6 8.♙d3 ♙e7 9.O-O ♗d7 10.b4  
♙b7 11.♞e1 ♞c8 12.♙b2 ♗f4 13.♙f1 de5 14.  
de5 O-O 15.♗bd2 ♙c7 16.♞c1 ♞c1 17.♙c1  
♖c7 18.♗c4 ♗g6 19.♙b2 ♞d8 20.♗f2 a6 21.  
♖e2 b5 22.♗a5 ♙a8 23.♞c1 ♖b6 24.♗db3  
♙g5 25.♙d4 ♖b8 26.♗c6 ♙c6 27.♞c6 ♗e5  
28.♙e5 ♗e5 29.♞a6 ♗c4 30.♖g4 ♙f6 31.g3  
♗e5 32.♖e2 ♗c4 33.♙g2 0-1 [time].

**Round 2:** The shortest game was Andrew Lapidès's win over Mike Smith. Warrick Walker had to play 12 moves in one minute against Jim Daniluk to make the first time control. He did it, and later won. Arthur Odachowski criticized one of his moves during his game with Leo Danglapen, saying "it's always a mistake to move the g-pawn." Odie still managed to win.

**Danglapen - Odachowski**

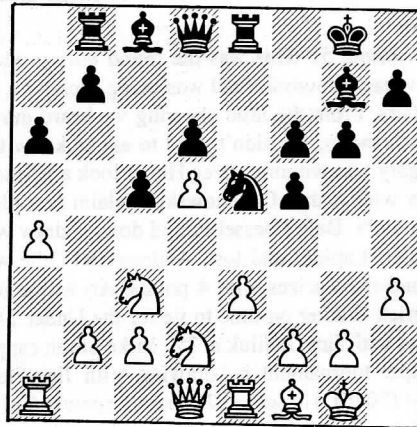
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10.♗e4 ♙g5 11.♖d6 ♙e7 12.♖d8 ♞d8 13.c3  
♙f5 14.♙f3 g5 15.h3 h5 16.♗dec5 g4 17.hg4  
hg4 18.♙c6 bc6 19.♞fe1 f6 20.♞ad1 ♞d5 21.  
♗a6 ♞ad8 22.♞c1 ♗f7 23.♗b4 ♞5d6 24.♗a5  
[diagram, top of next column] g3 25.♗ac6 gf2 26.  
♗f2 ♞d2 27.♞e2 ♙c5 28.♗f3 ♞8d3 0-1.



**Round 3:** The 8 top-rated players were on boards 1 to 4. Warrick Walker had to make 11 moves in 3 minutes against Greg Huber. He did it, but this time he lost later on. Andrew Lapidès played what he thinks is his best game ever in defeating Nandor Tot. Arthur Odachowski beat Rob Gardner in the round's longest game. Roy Yearwood announced before the round that he had to withdraw afterward for work reasons. He then lost to Dale Haessel. Of the other games, Jim Daniluk beat Hans Olson in a tactical game that neither wanted published. Dave Gomboc agreed to replace Roy for rounds 4 and 5 to keep the pairings even. A player with a moustache, as well as the TD, agreed that Dave's new moustache shows maturity.

**Huber - Walker**

1.♗f3 d6 2.d4 f5 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♙g5 g6 5.♙f6  
ef6 6.e3 c6 7.d5 c5 8.♙e2 ♙g7 9.a4 a6 10.O-O  
O-O 11.♗d2 ♗d7 12.h3 ♞e8 13.♞e1 ♞b8 14.  
♙f1 ♗e5

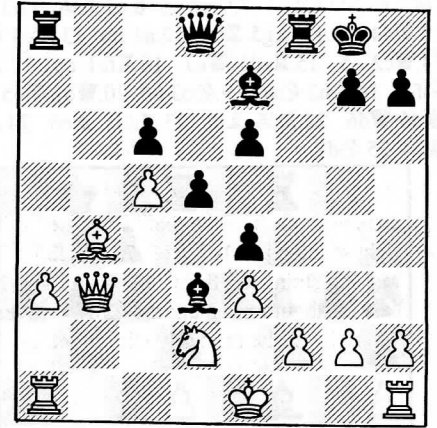


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19.♗c4 ♖a7 20.b3 ♞a8 21.♞a2 ♖b7 22.♗a4  
♙b5 23.♙d3 ♞ad8 24.♗h2 ♞e7 25.♗ab2 ♞de8  
26.♞e2 ♞e4 27.♞d2 ♙c4 28.♗c4 ♖b4 29.♙e4  
fe4 30.♖e2 ♞a8 31.♞d1 f5 32.♞a4 ♖b7 33.  
♖d2 ♖c7 34.♗a5 ♙e7 35.b4 cb4 36.♞b4 g5  
37.♗c6 ♖f6 38.♞db1 gf4 39.♞b8 ♞b8 40.♞b8  
♙f8 41.ef4 ♖h4 42.♗d4 1-0.

**Tot - Lapidès**

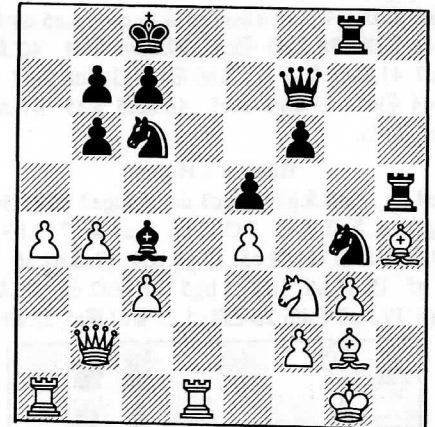
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11.♖c2 ♙e7 12.♙d3 ♙a6 13.♙e4 fe4 14.♗d2  
O-O 15.a3 ♙d3 16.♖b3 bc5 17.♗c5 ♗c5  
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23.♖c2 ♞fb8 24.♞d4 ♙d4 25.ed4 ♙d3 26.♖b2  
♖b1 0-1.



**Haessel - Yearwood**

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.g3 ♙c5 5.♙g2  
d6 6.d3 ♙g4 7.h3 ♙d7 8.♗a4 ♙b6 9.♗b6 ab6  
10.O-O h6 11.d4 g5 12.de5 de5 13.h4 ♖e7 14.  
hg5 ♗g4 15.c3 hg5 16.♙g5 f6 17.♙h4 O-O-O  
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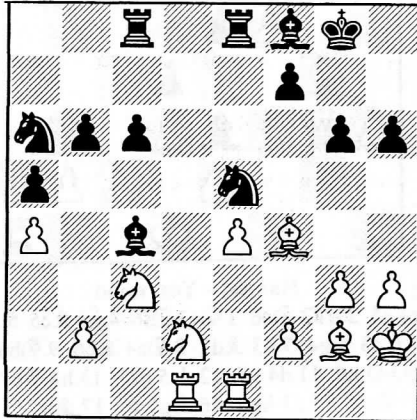


23.a5 ♗e7 24.ab6 cb6 25.♖d2 ♖e6 26.♞a8 ♗c7  
27.♞g8 ♗g8 28.♖d8 ♗c6 29.♙h3 ♗8h6 30.  
♗h2 ♗f7 31.♖f8 ♞h8 32.♖g7 ♗h2 33.♙e6  
♗f3 34.♗g2 ♗h4 35.gh4 ♙e6 36.♖f6 ♞h6 37.  
♖e7 1-0.

**Round 4:** This was the round it rained inside. Water poured from the ceiling in several places, mostly the southeast corner where no one was playing. Arthur Odachowski did get a bit wet on Board 2 in the northwest corner, and finished his game with Andrew Lapidès in the centre of the room. They finally drew. Greg Huber had his table moved twice to avoid dripping water, but beat Dale Haessel to win the best game prize. Warrick Walker was in time trouble again. When he flagged his scoresheet showed 35 moves, but Leo Danglapen's showed that Warrick had made only 34. We played over the game, and found that Leo had missed a move. Warrick was up ♞ and two ♙s against ♖ in sudden death, but dropped the ♞ in acute time pressure and drew. Jim Daniluk should have beaten Rob Gardner but drew in time trouble. Mike Smith beat Colin Chrumka (1851) to score the tournament's second biggest upset. Nandor Tot (2210) took over 4 hours to beat Jun Plana (1472). We later learned that a blocked pipe had caused the leaks. [Please go to page 6.]

**Lapides – Odachowski**

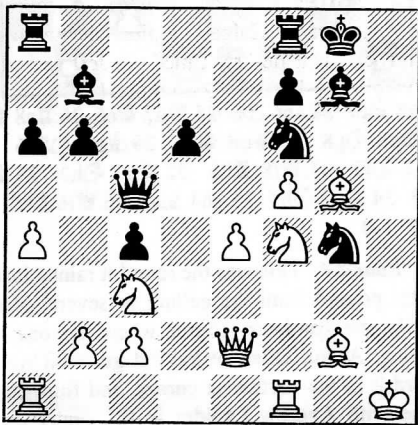
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 10.♗d4 a6 11.♗g5 ♗b8 12.a4 h6 13.♗e3 ♗c5  
 14.♗c2 a5 15.♗ad1 ♗e7 16.♗fe1 c6 17.♗c1  
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 ♗c4 25.♗d2



b5 26.b3 b4 27.♗e5 bc3 28.♗c4 ♗b3 29.♗a5  
 ♗a3 30.♗c1 ♗b4 31.♗c4 ♗d3 32.♗a3 ♗c1 33.  
 ♗c3 ♗a3 34.♗d1 ♗b3 35.♗f6 c5 36.e5 c4 37.  
 ♗c6 ♗c8 38.♗d5 ♗c5 39.♗c4 ♗e4 40.♗a6  
 ♗c7 41.♗d8 ♗c2 42.♗b6 ♗f2 43.♗d8 ♗g7 44.  
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 ♗e5 ½-½.

**Haessel – Huber**

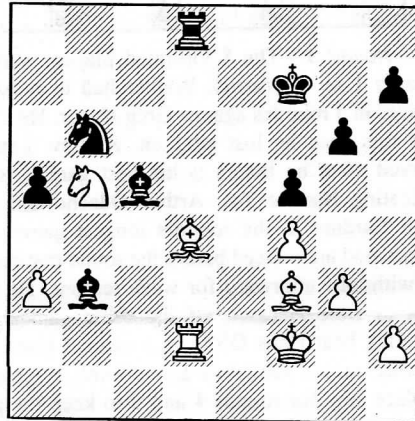
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 10.♗e3 ♗b7 11.f4 e5 12.g4 ed4 13.♗d4 a6 14.  
 f5 g5 15.h4 h6 16.hg5 hg5 17.♗d2 c5 18.♗e3  
 ♗g4 19.♗g5 ♗df6 20.♗f4 c4 21.♗e2 ♗c5 22.♗h1



♗e3 23.♗ae1 ♗g3 24.♗f3 ♗h7 25.♗e7 ♗fe8  
 26.♗g4 ♗e7 27.♗fd5 ♗e5 28.♗g1 ♗h4 29.♗g2  
 ♗ae8 30.♗h1 ♗g5 31.♗h5 ♗d8 32.♗c4 ♗f6  
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 37.♗f5 ♗g6 38.♗h1 ♗f5 0-1.

**Gardner – Daniluk**

1.f4 d5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.e3 c5 4.b3 e6 5.♗b2 ♗d6  
 6.♗e2 ♗c6 7.O-O O-O 8.♗e5 ♗d7 9.♗c6 bc6  
 10.d3 f5 11.♗d2 e5 12.♗e1 ♗e8 13.♗g3 ♗e7  
 14.♗h5 ef4 15.ef4 ♗e3 16.♗e3 ♗e3 17.g3 g6  
 18.♗f3 ♗f8?! [ ♗ 18...♗a6 ] 19.♗f2?! [ ♗ 19.  
 ♗fe1, e.g. 19...♗e1 20.♗e1 ♗e6 21. c4 Δ 22.cd5  
 cd5 23.♗c4! ] ♗e8 20.c4 ♗e6 21.♗ac1 ♗ac8  
 22.cd5 cd5 23.♗fe1 ♗c7 24.d4 ♗a5 25.♗e2  
 ♗b6 26.cd5 ♗c5 27.♗c5 ♗c5 28.♗e1 ♗f7 29.  
 ♗d1 ♗c8 30.♗b1 ♗d7 31.♗d2 ♗b6 32.a3 a5  
 33.♗c3? d4 34.♗b5 ♗b3 35.♗e1 ♗e8 36.♗f2  
 ♗d8 37.♗d4

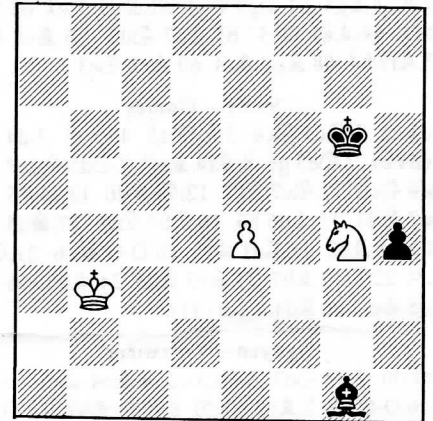


♗c4?! [ 37...♗c4 38.♗d3 ♗a4 -+ ] 38.♗c5 ♗d2  
 39.♗e1 ♗h2 40.♗b6 ♗b5 41.♗a5 ♗e6 42.  
 ♗b4 h6 43.♗d2 h5 44.♗e3 h4 45.g4 ♗h4 46.  
 ♗f2 ♗d6 47.♗g3 ♗h7 48.♗d4 ♗c6 49.♗d1  
 ♗h1 50.♗b3 ♗d5 [ ♗ 50...♗f1 ] 51.♗a4 ♗e7?!  
 52.♗b5 ♗d1 53.♗c5 ♗f7 54.♗b4 ♗b1 55.♗a4  
 ♗g1 56.♗f2 ♗g4 57.♗d2 ♗g2 ½-½. [Black  
 offered the draw with 3 minutes left in sudden  
 death.] **JD**

**Round 5:** This was the round during which the western football final was being shown on TV upstairs. From the loud cheering we heard during the afternoon, we didn't need to ask to know that Calgary was winning. Greg Huber took a 12-move draw with Arthur Odachowski to claim first place with 4½/5. Dale Haessel turned down a draw with Andrew Lapides and lost. Andrew and Odie won second-third prizes with 4 points. Art Milne beat Warrick Walker on time to tie for the Under 2100 prizes with Jim Daniluk at 3½. Mike Smith capped a super tournament by drawing with Jim Fleming (2046). He scored 2½ points against 5 players whose average rating was over 2000. A very welcome John Lancaster from Cranbrook, B.C. tied with Mike for the Under 1700 prizes. Rod Weis had a win against Chris Kuczaj, and then should have drawn a very interesting ♗ against ♗ ending, but finally lost.

**Weis – Kuczaj**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 c5 4.cd5 cd4 5.de6 dc3  
 6.ef7 ♗e7 7.fg8=♗ ♗e8 8.♗d8 ♗d8 9.♗g5  
 ♗e8 10.O-O-O cb2 11.♗b2 ♗c6 12.♗f6 gf6  
 13.♗f6 ♗g8 14.e4 ♗e6 15.f4 ♗c8 16.♗c3 b5  
 17.a3 a5 18.♗f3 b4 19.ab4 ab4 20.♗e5 b3 21.  
 ♗b5 ♗g2 22.♗d2 ♗d2 23.♗d2 ♗e7 24.♗c3 ♗f7  
 25.♗c6 ♗c6 26.♗a1 ♗h6 27.♗a7 ♗g8 28.♗f3  
 ♗f4 29.♗d4 ♗c1 30.♗b1 ♗c3 31.♗e6 h5 32.  
 ♗g7 ♗h8 33.♗c7 ♗c7 34.♗c7 ♗f4 35.♗d5  
 ♗h2 36.♗f6 h4 37.♗g4 ♗g1 38.♗b2 ♗g7 39.  
 ♗b3 ♗g6



40.♗e5 ♗h5 41.♗f3 h3 42.e5 ♗g4 43.e6 ♗c5  
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 ♗g5 62.♗e5 ♗f3 63.♗h2 ♗g2 64.♗g4 ♗g3  
 65.♗f5 ♗c1 0-1.

**Smith – Fleming**

1.c4 g6 2.♗c3 ♗g7 3.♗f3 d6 4.e3 e5 5.e4 ♗c6  
 6.♗e2 ♗ge7 7.d3 O-O 8.O-O ♗g4 9.♗g5 f6  
 10.♗e3 f5 11.c5 d5 12.♗b3 ♗f3 13.♗f3 ♗d4  
 14.♗d4 ed4 15.♗d5 ♗d5 16.ed5 ♗h8 17.♗b1  
 ♗b8 18.a3 b6 19.cb6 ab6 20.♗b4 ♗d7 21.♗fe1  
 ♗fe8 22.♗e8 ♗e8 23.♗e1 ♗e1 24.♗e1 ♗g8  
 25.♗e6 ♗e6 26.de6 ♗f8 27.♗d5 ♗e7 28.a4  
 ♗h6 29.b3 ♗d2 30.g3 ♗b4 31.h4 ½-½.

**Rajchel – Clark**

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.c3 ♗c6 4.♗b5 ♗ge7 5.d4  
 cd4 6.cd4 a6 7.♗c6 ♗c6 8.♗c3 ♗e7 9.d5 ♗a7  
 10.♗f4 d6 11.de6 fe6 12.♗d2 O-O 13.h3 ♗c6  
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**Things Worth Repeating (when there's extra space)**

- 1. Alberta Closed Rules:** The version of the Closed Rules that was printed on page 3 of the August 1998 issue is now the official version for the current cycle.
- 2. Major Tournament Sponsorship:** The ACA wishes to sponsor a major tournament in 2000 or 2001. See page 3 for details. *Initial proposals are due to be received by April 1999!*

- 3. Logo Contest** — see page 2 for details.
- 4. Youth Championships** — See page 3 for details. Also, stay tuned for details of the regional and provincial Scholastic Championships (by school grade rather than by age), sponsored by the *Chess 'n' Math Association*. Contact Glen Booth at 284-2159 or bootglen@neb.gc.ca for details.
- 5. ACA Web page** (under construction) — see page 2.



## Edmonton Chess Club News

by John Quiring

### ECC Monday Night, 1998 Wrap-Up:

The casual chess tournaments at the Edmonton Chess Club have been held every Monday night since the club moved to the Prince Of Wales Armouries. This is due solely to the good graces of the volunteers who run the tournaments, and for 1998 we owe many thanks to Micah Hughey, Scott Blundell, Bob Davies, Aaron Lovi, Kurt Lauterwald and John Quiring.

Each tournament is a four-round casual active event, rated by the John Rating System, which lives in my basement. Over 230 people now have John Ratings.

Through the first 11 months of 1998, 23 players have won or shared first place in Monday tournaments. The top winners are Micah Hughey (13 wins), David Ottosen (9), Ferenc Borloi and Brady Ficko (6 each), Nigel Fullbrook (5), Joe Keresztes and Scott Blundell (4 each), and Jim Lynn and Jonathan Day (3). For 1998, (through 11 months), here are the important statistics:

#### Most Games Played In 1998

Ferenc Borloi	138
Jonathan Day	105
Micah Hughey	103
Otto Benedik	102
Alvin Doo	99
Scott Blundell	94
Brady Ficko	88



(It is worth noting that the player who showed up most often was Micah Hughey, but he often ran the tournaments and took byes when there were an odd number of players, otherwise he would have played many more games.)

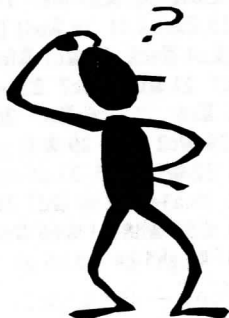
#### Most Wins In 1998

Ferenc Borloi	80
Micah Hughey	77
Jonathan Day	56
Jim Lynn	51
Brady Ficko	50
Otto Benedik	48
Scott Blundell	47



#### Highest Winning Percentage in 1998 (minimum 25 games played)

Nigel Fullbrook	89%
David Ottosen	85%
Micah Hughey	77%
Joe Keresztes	74%
Ferenc Borloi	62%
Jim Lynn	60%
Brady Ficko	59%



## Calgary News

by Walter Watson

### Calgary Chess Club Grand Prix #1:

As the Grand Prix was held the day after the Alberta Open ended in Calgary, players were still chessed out. Attendance was really low at the Club that night, and only 13 players entered the Grand Prix. Warrick Walker and Art Milne both started with 7-0 scores, but Roy Yearwood and Arthur Odachowski passed them in the stretch. Roy gave up only two draws to score 11/12, half a point ahead of Odie and a point up on Warrick. Other leading scores were Farzan Nazarian and Art Milne 8, Chris Kuczaj 6½, Gordon Campbell 6, and John Ferrar and John Raichel 5. Roy and Odie both won money, as this year half the prize fund is awarded to tournament winners and the other half to the overall Grand Prix winners.

### Words November Under 2000 Active:

John Redes led from start to finish to win his second Words active with a 4½/5 score. John had a perfect 5 points within his grasp, but failed for several minutes to notice that his 4<sup>th</sup>-round opponent, Colin Chrumka, had flagged. When John's flag fell too, the game was drawn. Steve Sauve lost only to John, and finished with 4 points. Alan Clark and Bert Valeroso had 3 points, and Colin had 2½. Of the other players, 7-year old Brandon Eshleman had an impressive two wins. After Brandon won in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, it was entertaining to hear him telling his adult opponent what the opponent should have done. There were 10 players.

(For the Words November Under 1700 Active report, see the next *En Passant*. -ed.)

### Words December Under 2000 Active:

The December Active was the last Under 2000 tournament for the foreseeable future. Starting in January, there generally will be an Under 1800 event on the first Saturday of each month and a non-CFC tournament on the third Saturday of each month. Chris Kuczaj benefited from his active rating being temporarily under 2000, and got his name on the Zinner & Sara trophy in his first and only try. He won 3 games, and drew with John Rajchel and Ron Hinds to finish with 4/5. Ron survived his usual time troubles to score 2 wins and 3 draws, claiming second with 3½. He was followed by Andre Min, John Rajchel, and Brian Miller at 3. Brian and Andre had been tied for first with Chris going into the last round. Norm Luyben, Jeff Huang, Mike Smith, and Walter Watson had 2½ points. There were 12 players, 8 of whom will qualify for the Under 1800.

### Southern Alberta Cadet Chess Championship

by Nenad Ristic, TD

This year's Calgary Cadet Championship took place at the Webber Academy. Just 6 players 15 years old and younger participated. Tam Erik took first place and qualified for Alberta Cadet Championship. He played with the most maturity and deserved first place. Paul Lapidès drew in the last round with Erik Tam, which was enough for securing second place, because Calgary Junior Champion Jeff Huang lost to Shandy Booth. Using the Sonenberg-Berger coefficient tie-break method, Jeff took third place ahead of Shandy Booth and Ashton Anderson, all of whom finished with 2½ points. I wish to point out 9-year-old Shandy Booth's excellent play. He had a winning position in the game against Erik Tam but lost because of a lack of experience. The tournament finished in fair and sporting spirits.

No.	Name of player, rating	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	Points	Place
1.	Shandy Booth, 1543	X	½	0	0	1	1	2½	4 <sup>th</sup>
2.	Paul Lapidès, 1446	½	X	1	½	0	1	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3.	Ashton Anderson, 1545	1	0	X	0	½	1	2½	5 <sup>th</sup>
4.	Erik Tam, 1699	1	½	1	X	1	1	4½	1 <sup>st</sup>
5.	Jeff Huang, 1707	0	1	½	0	X	1	2½	3 <sup>rd</sup>
6.	Brandon Eshleman, 1309	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	6 <sup>th</sup>



## Blank Space

There are two reasons for blank spaces like these: (1) Organizers and TDs do not submit reports or games for their events — including club events — and (2) the editor doesn't know what won't be coming until too close to the deadline to start rounding up more material. So, please, everyone — organizers, TDs, and players alike — make an effort to get me enough material, soon enough, so that I can fill the issue!

Also, the details for some of the up-coming tournaments (see page 10) are sometimes pretty sketchy. Organizers, please make sure I know the facts!

## Another Saturday of Junior Chess Life in Edmonton

By 10:30 Nov. 6, 12 people managed to trickle through the stark weather and into this year's third EJCC tournament. Among them were regular prize contenders Nic Haynes and Ke Sun. Stasy Kazakevich was unable to join in on the fray this time around, as she was attending the closing ceremonies of the World Girls Under 10. (Go, Stasy, go!). [See her report below. -ed.] To heighten the intrigue and competition, really old timer Dmitri Shefer decided to grace the tournament with his presence, claiming that it was his last year as a junior and that he just *had* to show up at least one more time. The other 9 people contained a hodge podge of old and new members including our newest addition (yes! another new member!!) Joshua Fanaeian, who, having self-taught himself how to play chess, did exceedingly well in his first tournament.

The 5-round Swiss tournament went rather smoothly until the very end, when the Stadnyk brothers had to withdraw, leaving the pairing colors fretfully hard to match. Ultimately, we pulled Joshua up to first board and everything slowly fell into place. When the smoke from the last round cleared, Dmitri found himself with a perfect 5/5 score, but having decided to decline paying the full entrance fee, had lost his right to winning a book prize. Since he was about 400 rating points higher than his nearest competition, this of course was a noble sacrifice, and he left issuing a challenge to other "really old" juniors, such as Doug Wu, to come next month to play for a book.

Second place was uneventfully gobbled up by Nic Haynes (another book for you, sir), but third place was strung with ties. Going into the last round there were 5 people with two points. But because a couple of them had to be siphoned off to play the single-point players, only two of them, Ben Williamson and Jonathan Pasca, actually had to play each other. This led to the possibility of a four-way tie for third. The possibility was terminated when Ben and Jonathan's game ended in stalemate, ironically after a false claim for stalemate occurring just 10 minutes earlier. Still, there were 3 players, Ke, Matthew Lui, and John Pop, left standing in third place and the EJCC saw its first-in-a-long-time speed-chess playoff! All of the players (except those nervous three actually in the playoffs) became very excited and gathered around to watch the 6-round, double-round-robin, 5-minute playoff match. After a blur of flying pieces and hands, and a string of alternating spectacular blunders, illegal moves, and excellent combinations, Ke pulled through to claim the book prize, winning all 4 of his playoff games. Matthew and John traded their two games, finishing the playoff with 1 point a piece. The tournament ended with an enthusiastic several rounds of Siamese [or "bughouse"] chess in which the parents that came to pick up their kids literally had to drag the participants away from the chess board, stuff them into their warm winter jackets, and package them into their cars. Great to see y'all having so much fun and come again next month!

## EJCC December Members

Six days before my flood of university finals, I decided to jettison studying Physiology and once again spend a bright and beautiful Saturday at the EJCC. My, I'm sure, most-appreciated dedication was rewarded by this year's biggest-yet turnout... and the most competitive, too, I might add. Returning from afar to our esteemed club were Hans Olson and brother Erik, Jeff Ryan and new comer Graham Jensen. Now that's the kind of people we want! Many new club regulars plus last year's club regular Josh Nobleman rounded out participation to 17 players!

Having coughed myself hoarse from one of those you-gotta-get-it-just-before-finals colds, I left all - well, almost all - of the shouting and hollering to TD Beatrice. I contented myself with working out the pairings for 17 players. Having kindly been bestowed by Hans with this influx of "big, higher-ranked" kids, we decided to split the list in half and offer a book prize for the top half and a book prize for the bottom. All else proceeded as a normal 5-round Swiss tournament. The tournament proceeded smoothly as only a few players actually decided to try their hand at convincing me why I should *always* pair them with lower ranked players, and a new diversion some participants engaged in between rounds was a hearty game of suicide chess. The biggest upset came in round three when Matthew Lui tricked Jeff Ryan out of a winning position in what ended up to be a peculiar ♙ + ♘ mate, most of which I failed to catch having been engrossed in a game of suicide chess with Michael Pettinato. When I asked if Jeff wanted the game published, he only replied that he was going "to have the evidence burned."

The lower half was dominated by three players. Unfortunately, Stephen McNie had to withdraw from the last round and could not fight for first with his 2½ points. That left Joshua Fanaeian and John Pop. John played an exceedingly good tournament, losing only to top-ranked Hans and third-ranked Nic, comfortably finishing with 3 points. Joshua, having a chance to catch him in the last round, ultimately failed to keep his ♖ in a ♘ vs. ♖ ending and drew, half a point shy of first. A dazed and surprised John happily picked up his first EJCC book prize. Although Hans was the favored player in the top half, long-time prize contender Nic Haynes decided that he would not let him walk away as easily as Dmitri Shefer had in November. The two drew each other in the third round and continued on their otherwise perfect scores, eliciting, at the end, another speed-chess play off. The two experienced old players seriously sat down and calmly played out their match. The first ended in yet another draw, but the second was taken by Hans, as Nic dropped a piece in a middle-game scramble. Rather than declining the book as Dmitri had, Hans instead picked up a book he vowed would be donated to his school library. Congrats to all the players, and keep on coming!

— reports by Cynthia Wu

## World Youth Championships — Girls Under 10

by Anastasia Kazakevich

The 1998 World Youth Chess Championship for ages 10-18 was held in Spain from October 24 until November 7. There were 847 players from 85 countries in a small Spanish town named Oropesa, which probably translates into "really, really hot." It was a great challenge for me to represent Canada in this competition in the Girls

Under 10 category. It was a great experience and I made many new friends from all over the world. Also, I had the opportunity to meet some of the best female chess players ever — for example Nona Gaprindashvili and Nona Alexandria. I scored 5½ points out of 11 and earned 36th place among 70. The Canadian team scored 51 points, which nailed down a solid 29th place.

Anastasia Kazakevich — Kata Rudolf (Hungary)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e6 4.♘f3 d5 5.♙g5  
 ♙e7 6.e3 h6 7.♙h4 O-O 8.cd5 ed5 9.♙d3 ♙g4  
 10.h3 ♙h5 11.O-O ♘e4? 12. ♙e7 ♖e7 13.♘d5  
 ♖c6 14.♘c7 ♙f3 15.♘e6 ♙d1 16.♙ad1 [Better  
 is 16.♘f8.] fe6 17.♙e4 ♙ac8 18.♙c1 ♙fe8 19.  
 ♙c6 bc6 20.♙c5 ♙e7 21.♙fc1 ♙ec7 22.b4 ♙f7  
 23.b5 ♙e7 24.♙c6 ♙c6 25.♙c6 ♙c6 26. bc6  
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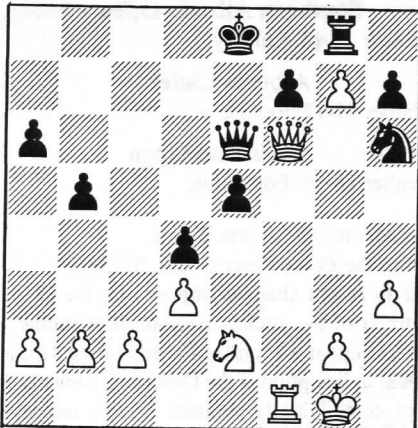
**Dufferin Games Alberta Junior** ...continued from p. 1: 13.de5 ♖e8 14.♗d8 ♖d8 15.♙b6 ♖c8 [? 15...♙b8 would have avoided the pain and agony that follows.] 16.♗d5 [16.♖c6!] e6 17.♖c6 ♖c6 18.♗e7 ♗h8 19.♗c6 ♙c6 20.♙c5 ♖g8 [? 20...♙f3 was necessary, though not sufficient: 21.♙f3 ♖g8 22.♙e1 ♗c7 23.♙d6 ♗d5 24.♙e5 ed5 25.♖d1 ♖c8 26.♖d5 ♖c2 27.♙d4 with a clear advantage.] 21.♗g5 [Winning something by virtue of the smothered mate threat.] ♙f8 22.♗f7 ♗g7 23.♗g5 ♙d5 24.♙f8 ♖f8 25.♖d1 [? 25.♙g4! ♗c7 26.♖c1 -+ would have immediately dispelled any Black hopes.] h6 [Maybe 25...♖f5 would give something to Black.] 26.♖d5 ed5 27.♗e6 ♗f7 28.♗f8 Kf8 29.a4 ♗c7 30.ab5 ab5 31.f4 ♗f7 32.♗f2 ♗e6 33.♗e3 g5 [?] 34.♙g4 ♗e7 35.f5 ♗f7 36.♗d4 ♗e7 37.♙f3 1-0.

**Wu - Olson**

I have never won against Doug. We seem to have a growing list of draws! 1.d4 d5 2.e3 ♙f5 3.♙d3 ♙d3 4.cd3 [For some reason, this came as a surprise to me. It gives White some potential in the center so Black will have to chip away at it with c5.] ♗f6 5.♗f3 e6 6.♗c3 c5 7.♙d2 ♗c6 8.♙a4 ♗d7 9.a3 ♖c8 10.♖c1 cd4 [Giving Black a mini-combo to complete development.] 11.♗d4 ♗d4 12.♗d4 ♙c5 13.♙h4 O-O 14.O-O a6 [14...d4!? 15.♗e4 ♗e4 16.♙e4 ♖fd8 is also possible.] 15.♗e2 ♙b5 16.♗f4 e5 17.♗h5 ♗h5 18.♙h5 ♗d3 [Taking the goods and hoping that nothing bad happens.] 19.♙c3 [At this point, I had some fairly weird stuff on my mind, such as 19...♙e3 20.fe3 ♙e3 21.♗h1 d4, but probably chickened out because of things like 20.♙f3 or 20.♖c1, although Black could possibly take on f2 with the ♙ and try to play with some extra pawns. This is ?!. Better is 19.♖c5.] f6 [? Unnecessarily weakening. 19...d4! gives Black a clear advantage.] 20.♙g4 ♙c4? [Putting the ♙ in the White ♖'s line of fire can't be a very good idea. Maybe 20...♙e4 instead. 20...♙e4 21.♙d7 d4 22.♙b4 b6 23.♙e6 ♗h8 24.♙c5 bc5 25.b4 ♗d3 26.bc5 ♙a3 is not exactly stellar for Black. I took a quick look at 20...f5 21.♙a4 f4 22.♙d7 but couldn't find anything that works here, either.] 21.♙e6 ♗h8 22.♙e5 ♙e4 23.♙h3 [Maintaining the pressure on the ♖/c1.] fe5 24.b4 b6 25.bc5 bc5 26.♙e6 c4 27.♙a6 c3 28.♙e2 ♙a4 [Black now monkeys around by not playing d4 in time to realize any advantage, if there is one at all.] 29.♙d3 ♙c4 [? 29...d4! would allow Black to play on for a win.] 30.♖fd1 ♖fd8 [?! 30...c2 31.♖d2 ♗d3 32.♖d3 ♖c5 is more accurate.] 31.g3 [? Now White should be busted. Instead, 31.♙c4 ♖c4 32.♖d3 d4 33.f4 and White can start walking his ♗ over.] ♙a4 32.f4 [32.♖a1 should lose to 32... d4 (e.g. 33.♙e4 ♗d1!; 33.♗f1 ♙a8!; 33.ed4 ed4).] ef4 33.gf4 ♙a3 34.♖c2 ♙c5 [?! 34...♖c5 35.♙d4 ♙b3 36.♖dc1 (36.♙c5 ♙c2 37.♖d5?? ♙b1 followed by ♙a2 -+) ♖dc8 37.♗f2 ♖c7 38.♗f3 ♖c4 39.♙e5 ♙b7 and Black is slowly making progress.] 35.♙d4 ♙d4 [? Black has nothing now.] 36.♖d4 ♖d6 37.♗f1 ♗g8 38.♗e2 ½-½.

**Rajchel - Tam**

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.♗c3 ♗c6 4.♙b5 ♗d4 5.♙c4 a6 6.♗d4 cd4 7.♗e2 b5 8.♙b3 ♙b7 9.d3 ♙b4 10.♙d2 ♙d2 11.♙d2 e5 12.f4 d6 13.O-O ♗h6 14.h3 ♗d7 15.f5 d5 16.f6 ♗d6 17.♙d5 ♙d5 18.ed5 ♖g8 19.♙g5 ♖c8 20.♖a1 ♗d5 21.fg7 ♖c6 22.♖f6 ♖f6 23.♙f6 ♙e6 24.♖fi



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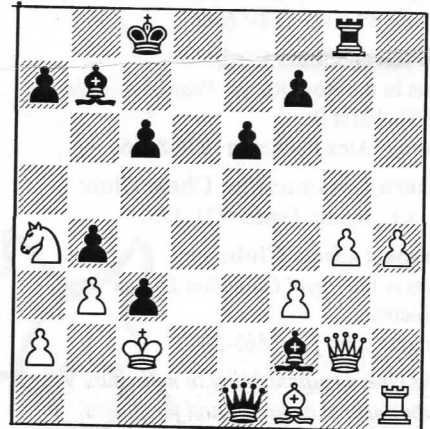
**Huang - Lapidis**

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**Lapidis - Tam**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 c6 4.♗f3 ♗f6 5.♙g5 dc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.♙h4 g5 9.♗g5 hg5 10.♙g5 ♗bd7 11.ef6 ♙b7 12.♙c2 ♖g8 13.♙e3 ♗f6 14.h3 ♙c7 15.O-O-O O-O-O 16.b3 b4 17.

♗a4 c3 18.f3 ♗d5 19.♙f2 ♙h6 20.♗b1 ♗e3 21.♙e3 ♙e3 22.h4 ♖d4 23.♖d4 ♙d4 24.g4 ♙g3 25.♙g2 ♙e1 26.♗c2 ♙f2



27.♙c4 ♗d2 28.♗b1 c2 0-1.

**Note:** Important information for players under the age of 20 is provided on page 3.

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- Contact: Warrick Walker 294-0753; or Walter Watson 277-5620.

### Under 1800 Club:

- Meets at *Words Books & Cappuccino Bar*, 1715 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW. during business hours.
- Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.

### Edmonton Chess Club:

- Meets in #114A, *Prince of Wales Armoury*, 10440 108<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Meets at the *University of Lethbridge*, Rm. A844  
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., September to April.
- Contact: Brian Tittle 380-6751.

### 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.

### Lloydminster Chess Club:

- Meets at *Cappuccino Voltaire Coop*, 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
- Contact: Doug 825-0528, or Eugene Gibney 875-6352.

### 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 101<sup>st</sup> Ave., Grande Prairie  
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., September to April.
- Contact: Phil Lefkowitz 538-1903.  
9905 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. T8V 6G2

### Peace River Chess Club:

- Meets in the Rose Room, *Peace Valley Inn* 9609 101<sup>st</sup> 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

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

## 1999 Tournament Schedule

### Words Books Under 1800 Active

- January 2*  
Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.

### Calgary Chess Club Grand Prix #2

- January 5*  
Contact: Warrick Walker 294-0753.

### Edmonton Closed † & Reserves

- January 7 to February 18* (7 rounds)  
TD & info: John Quiring 468-9173.

### Calgary Junior Chess Club

- January 10*  
Contact: Kevin Adolph 686-2129.

### Calgary Closed † & Reserves

- January 12 to February 23* (7 rounds)  
Contact: Warrick Walker 294-0753.

### Calgary School Team Championship

- January 23*  
Contact: Glen Booth 284-2159.

### Trumpeter Classic ‡

- January 23-24*  
Grande Prairie  
Contact: Phil Lefkowitz 538-1903.

### January Open

- January 30-31*  
Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary  
5 round Swiss system in 1 section  
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.  
Contact: Roy Yearwood 272-8392.

### Words Books Under 1800 Active

- February 6*  
Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.

### Calgary Junior Chess Club

- February 7*  
Contact: Kevin Adolph 686-2129.

### 2nd annual Hinton Foothills Classic

- February 13-14*  
Crestwood Hotel, Highway 16, Hinton-Hill  
4 round Swiss system (times: 10, asap, asap, 9)  
Time controls: 30/90; SD/30  
Entry fees: \$25; juniors, seniors, women \$10.  
Prizes: 2x\$\$ BEN (entries matched by Crestwood Hotel) + \$\$ G 200 (sponsored by Weldwood Canada) + trophy. (1st prize expected to be \$500)  
Accommodation: Crestwood Hotel (request 'chess rates') 1-800-661-7288  
Organizer: Brian Goude 865-7745  
TD: Piotr Rajski 865-3822.

### Alberta Scholastic Cycle Regionals

- February 20*  
Contact: Glen Booth 284-2159.

### Northern Alberta Open †

- February 20-21*  
Edmonton Chess Club  
5 round Swiss system in 1 section  
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.  
Contact: Ford Wong 481-6474.

### Words Books Under 1800 Active

- March 6*  
Contact: Tedge Davies 277-0209.

### Calgary Junior Chess Club

- March 7*  
Contact: Kevin Adolph 686-2129.

### March of Kings

- March 13-14*  
Quality Inn, Motel Village, Calgary  
5 round Swiss system in 1 section  
Entry fee: adults \$20; juniors \$15.  
Contact: Roy Yearwood 272-8392.

### Peace River Spring Active ‡

- March 20*  
Peace Valley Inn, Rose Room  
Contact: Alex Phimester 624-8866  
phimnetster@hotmail.com

### Alberta Closed & Reserves

- April 2-4*, Calgary.  
(No participation points awarded for this tourney.)

### Stardust Classic ‡

- April 24-25, High Level.

### U of A Open

- May 15-16, Edmonton.

### Canada Day Open

- June 26-27, Calgary.

### Battle of Alberta

- August 14, Red Deer.

### Over / Under 1800 †

- September 4-5, Edmonton.

### Medicine Hat Open

- September 18-19, Medicine Hat.

### Northern Alberta Junior

- September 25-26, Edmonton.

### Southern Alberta Junior

- September 25-26, Calgary.

### Alberta Open †

- October 9-11, Edmonton.  
(AGM held on October 10, between rounds.)

### Northern Alberta Cadet \*

- October 16-17, Edmonton.

### Southern Alberta Cadet \*

- October 16-17, Calgary.

### Alberta Junior †

- October 23-24, Red Deer.

### Peace River Fall Classic ‡

- October 23-24, Peace River.

### Southern Alberta Open †

- November 13-14, Calgary.

### Alberta Cadet \*

- December 11-12, Red Deer.

### Christmas Open

- December 18-19, Edmonton.

† Qualifier to the Alberta Closed.

‡ Part of the Peace River Grand Prix series.

\* Due to recent changes imposed by the CFC on the format of the youth championships (under 18, under 16, under 14, under 12, and under 10), it is not clear at this point if the Cadet tournaments will take place as initially planned. Please see page 3 for more details.

**Note: Northern Alberta receives a new area code — 780 — on 25 January 1999.**