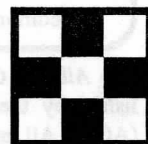


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Women's Olympiad

by Dianna Palamarek

The Canadian Team left for Zagreb, Croatia on November 10, six days early for the Olympiad. In Zagreb a match was set up with Croatian women. Here is how the match went:

1	V. Macek (2190)	0-1	V. Baltgailis
2	T. Belamaric (2220)	1/2-1/2	D. Mongeau
3	M. Zelic (2050)	1/2-1/2	D. Palamarek
1	V. Baltgailis	0-1	V. Macek
2	D. Mongeau	0-1	T. Belamaric
3	D. Palamarek	0-1	M. Zelic

Here is my first game with Zelic:

Marina Zelic - Dianna Palamarek

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 c4 13.Nbd2 Bd7 14.Nf1 Nb7 15.Ng3 Nc5 16.Be3 Rfc8 17.Qd2 Ne8 18.Nh2 Bh4 19.Nf5 Bf5 20.ef5 Be7 21.f4 Bh4 22.Re2 Nf6 23.fe5 de5 24.Nf3 Bg3 25.d6 Qc6 26.Bg5 e4 27.Bf6 gf6 28.Nd4 Qd6 29.Be4 Bf4 30.Qc2 Ne4 31.Re4 Re8 32.Qe2 Re4 33.Qe4 Rd8 34.Nc6 Rf8 35.Re1 Qc5+ 36.Qd4 Qd6 37.Qd6 Bd6 38.Rd1 Bg3 39.Ne7+ Kg7 40.Nd5 Re8 41.Nb4 Re2 42.Rb1 a5 43.Nc6 a4 44.Nd4 Re5 45.Rf1 Kf8 46.Rd1 Kg7 47.Rf1 Kf8 48.Rd1 Kg7 (draw).

Zagreb was foggy and cool when I was there. The hotel was comfortable but the food was dreadful. The site of the matches was a fancy hotel which was nice. On November 15th we took a four-hour bus trip to Novi Sad, Vojvodina. The countryside reminded me of southern England. An unusual sight was stooked cornstalks.

The site of the Olympics was a huge sports center with two big halls, a swimming pool, a skating rink and shopping mall. In the mall there were displays of chess cartoons, restaurants, open chess tournaments, and a large chess set.

Our hotel was a ten-minute walk away from the site. It was a very pleasant hotel with good food. At the hotel there were the Scottish, Indian, Polish and Brazilian teams, as well as the Hungarian women's team.

I started out well, as can be seen in the results, but did poorly later on. We were seeded 30th and finished 53rd out of 66 teams. Quite a big disappointment.

Country	Vujosevic	Baltgailis	Palamarek	Mongeau
Spain	0	0		1
Yugoslavia C		0	1/2	1/2
Egypt	1/2		1/2	1
Puerto Rico	1	1		1
Argentina	0	0		0
Sweden	1/2	0	1/2	
Belgium	0		1/2	0
Venezuela		0	1	1/2
Italy	0	0	0	
Syria	1	0		1
New Zealand	1		0	1
Malaysia	1		1/2	1/2
Ireland		0	1/2	1
Portugal	0		1/2	1/2

Here is my win:

Sequera - Palamarek

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 ed4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.O-O Ne4 6.Re1 d5 7.Bd5 Qd5 8.Nc3 Qh5 9.Ne4 Be6 10.Nd4 Qd1 11.Rd1 O-O-O 12.Be3 Nd4 13.Rd4 Be7 14.Rad1 Rd4 15.Rd4 Rd8 16.Rd8 Kd8 17.Ng5 Ba2 18.Kf1 Bd5 19.Nh3 Bf6 20.c3 Kd7 21.Nf4 Bc4+ 22.Ke1 g6 23.f3 Be5 24.g3 Bf4 25.Bf4 c5 26.Kd2 Kc6 27.Ke3 Kd5 28.Kf2 a5 29.Bd2 b5 30.Ke3 b4 31.Bc1 Bb5 32.cb4 ab4 33.h3 Kc4 34.Kd2 Kb3 35.h4 Bc6 36.f4 h5 37.Kd3 Bb5+ 38.Kd2 Ba6 39.Ke1 Kc2 40.Be3 Kb2 41.Bc5 b3 (0-1).

The Hungarian team (*featuring the Polgar sisters -ed.*) took first place on tiebreak over the Soviet Union, both scoring 35/42, while China (29/42) was third.

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Editorial Comments

What am I doing, in the ACR, "complaining about things"? I do get somewhat bothered when reports aren't sent in, updated info (tournaments, clubs) is lacking, etc. Maybe I'm too quick to think this shows "lack of support for Alberta (ACA) chess" — someone may just have forgotten or been too busy. I'll try not to complain when I see a report in *En Passant* or know a tournament has been held, but didn't get a thing for the ACR — I'll just print something, even if late.

I'll try not to be annoyed if organizers seem to "bypass" the ACA. As Rocket Rob inferred, any chess event is of benefit to "Alberta chess". I would prefer to see organizers cooperate more with the ACA, at least to minimize scheduling conflicts, but we can't now insist on that as long as tournaments meet the necessary requirements.

I believe an "organizer", especially if accepting an elected position, should try and take on a little more work (than he/she might do otherwise) to help local and provincial chess become and remain strong — but that can't be demanded of everyone, all the time.

I guess what I'm trying to say is: if you have the time and the means to help the ACA to accomplish its (and your!) aims, please take that time, *even if it's only a "little time"*.

And now for something completely different...

Regarding my suggestion that (longer) articles be sent in on disk in a computer text file, if possible and convenient, here's an amusing comment from Brad Willis: "Unfortunately, I still haven't mastered the intricacies of this machine (a Laser, IBM-compatible), so I can't send you this stuff on a disk and am using the old method of the scribes of yore, taught to me in days now dim in the memory of living men, i.e. handwriting. I hope to do better in future reports but technology can usually give me Rook odds, so I don't want to make any bold promises." Reminds me of a saying something like the following: "To err is human, to really mess things up takes a computer!"

Top-Rated Albertans

Jeff Reeve	2374
Robert South	2356
Greg Huber	2308
Steven Peter	2297
Arniel Frialde	2272
Fred South	2272
Chris Demers	2195
Zoltan Baunok	2183
Robert Gardner	2178
Tony Peredo	2167
Gordon Campbell	2160
Réjean Plante	2160
Brad Willis	2147
Milan Rabljenovic	2145
John Parrott	2142
Farzan Nazarian	2123
Neil Sharp	2118
Jim Daniluk	2117
Dale Haessel	2103
Barney Fegyverneki	2092
Roy Yearwood	2092
Andrew Paduch	2089
Omar Farid	2067
Darse Billings	2065
Len Steele	2043
Arthur Odachowski	2041
Lev Becker	2037
Bob Bosenius	2035
Tracy Kolenchuk	2028
Chris Kuczaj	2023
Vincent Young	2020
Paul Usselman	2007

The list includes players whose ACA membership expiry date is 900901 or later (Alberta residents only), and includes "inactive" (in rated events) members. Twenty-three of the above are from Calgary! Ratings as of the January 13/91 CFC membership list.

There was at least one "oops"...

In the last ACR (Dec/90), at the top of column 1 on page 5, there was a game shown between R. Gardner and G. Kohler. Doubtless, Mr. Kohler was rather surprised to find out he had "lost" (even if it was to one of Alberta's higher-rated players) in a tournament in which he did not even play! The correct opponent was I. Kalher... C'est la vie.

Coming soon to the ACR (*articles "anticipated" next ACR*)

Tournament reports: Calgary Closed, Edmonton Closed (1-R. Gardner 6/7, 2-G. Aspler 5.5/7, 3-R. Plante 4/7), Calgary City Amateur, Northern Alberta Open, Mukluk Open, St. Patrick's Day Open (Calgary), etc.

Junior Chess: report(s) on the *Canadian Junior* by Alberta participants.

Profile: Branko Georgijevic, energetic "school chess organizer" in the northeastern area of Alberta (if we can slow him down long enough for an interview!).

Important Information about the Alberta Closed

Full rules for the Alberta Closed are available from the ACA. Here is a summary:

Participants must have at least 2 participation points in the year before the Closed (essentially since the previous Closed). Qualifying tournaments are worth 1 pt; all other rated Alberta events 1/2 pt. (TD's can get up to 1 participation point through directing.)

All those wishing to participate (even if by rating) must register **in writing**. The written registration must be **received** by the ACA by **March 10**. It is the **potential entrant's responsibility** to submit a registration - the ACA is **not** required to issue invitations.

Eight participants. Single round robin Easter weekend. Site TBA. EF \$20 (all to prize fund; *qualifying tournaments contribute \$1 per entry toward prizes*; minimum of \$250: 1st-50%, 2nd-30%, 3rd-20%). Each candidate must have been an Alberta resident at least 6 months in the year before the Closed.

Check rules for tiebreaking and procedure if a person qualifies more than once (persons listed in the next column are *not necessarily winners* of the events; changes may still be made to the list). If player(s) are needed to fill vacancies, the highest rated registrant(s), using the latest CFC rating list prior to March 10, will be accepted.

The following are the qualifying tournaments for the Alberta Closed:

- previous Alberta Closed (Robert South)
- Alberta Open (Greg Huber)
- Alberta Junior Closed (Andrew Paduch)
- Southern Alberta Open (Rob Gardner)
- Edmonton Closed (Gerry Aspler)
- Calgary Closed (TBA)
- Northern Alberta Open (TBA)
- "Rural Candidate" (TBA)

Rural qualifying tournaments should be completed by January 31 (a playoff is required between the winners if there is more than one rural qualifier).

UACC S.M.H. Open by Craig Vokey (TD)

The 1990 S.M.H. Open (only the players know what it means) was held over a four-week period in October to November at the U of A Chess Club. This cozy club tournament attracted 12 players and saw Craig Vokey capture first place with 3.5/4. Eric Schocat and Tom Asquith tied for second with 3 points each.

1 Craig Vokey	+6	=4	+2	+8	3.5
2 Don Coward	+7	-3	-1	+11	2.0
3 Eric Schocat	+9	+2	-8	+4	3.0
4 Paul Jachowicz	+10	=1	=6	-3	2.0
5 Peter Pisz	=11	-8	+9	+7	2.5
6 Louis Wang	-1	+11	=4	+12	2.5
7 Eric Holleman	-2	+9	=12	-5	1.5
8 Tom Asquith	+12	+5	+3	-1	3.0
9 Mike Beaulieu	-3	-7	-5	+10	1.0
10 Crystal McHughen	-4	-12	-11	-9	0.0
11 Jake Doruiter	=5	-6	+10	-2	1.5
12 David Bullas	-8	+10	=7	-6	1.5

ECC Christmas Active by Rob Gardner (TD)

Randy LaBoucane had some dangerous positions, but survived in style with four straight victories. Second place in the ten-player field was claimed by the steady Art Skeel with 2.5/4. The under 1650 prize was shared by Cor Dewindt and Brock Dagenais with 2 points each. When flying around between rounds, the TD noted that Brock often seemed to be in a state of light-hearted shock over fees, beating and drawing higher-rated players, or winning prize money.

Red Deer Fall Open by Brad Willis

I was lucky to win the tournament, especially since Mr. Bye held me to a draw in round 1. I enclose two swindles so you won't accuse me of false modesty: the decisive game against Brian Murdoch (2nd with 4-1) and Willis-Kaastrup. The story of the tournament was 12-year old Skylar Longley, who had both Michel Cyr and Jens Kaastrup "busted", but let them escape with draws. Unfortunately, Skylar's game scores were the victim of a domestic tragedy; his mother washed the jeans in which he'd stuffed them, obliterating the scores and creating an insoluble problem for some future would-be editor of the *Complete Chess Games of Skylar Longley*.

1 B Willis	bye	+6	+2	+4	+5	4.5
2 J Kaastrup	+6	bye	-1	=8	+7	3.0
3 M Cyr	+7	=8	+6	-5	-4	2.5
4 B Murdoch	+8	+9	+5	-1	+3	4.0
5 G Cannon	+9	+7	-4	+3	-1	3.0
6 G Ahlquist	-2	-1	-3	+9	+8	2.0
7 J Fletcher	-3	-5	-8	bye	-2	0.5
8 S Longley	-4	=3	+7	=2	-6	2.0
9 J Cust	-5	-4	bye	-6	bye	1.0

B. Murdoch - B. Willis

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.c3 d5 9.d4 Ne4 10.de Be6 11.Nd4 Qe8 12.Re4 de4 13.Be6 fe6 14.Ne6 Qf7 15.Nf8 Rf8 16.Qb3 Ne5 17.Qf7+ Kf7 18.Be3 Nc4 19.Nd2 Nb2 20.Ne4 Rd8 21.Bd4 Na4 22.f4 c5 23.Be5 c4 24.Bd4 Rd5 25.Kf1 b4 26.Rc1 b3 27.ab cb 28.Rb1

b2 29.Ke2 g6 30.Ke3 Rb5 31.c4 Rb3+ 32.Kd2 Ba3 33.Kc2 Rb4 34.Nd2 Rb8 35.Nb3 Nb6 36.Bb2 Bb2 37.Rb2 Nc4 38.Ra2 Ne3+ 39.Kc3 Nd5+ 40.Kc4 Nf4? 41.Rf2 g5 42.g3 Rc8+ 43.Kb4 Re8 44.Nc5 Re2 45.Rf3 Rh2 46.Nd3 Kg6 47.gf4 g4 48.f5+ Kf6 49.Rf1 Rh5 50.Rf4 a5+ 51.Ka4 g3 52.Rg4 Rg5 53.Rg5 Kg5 54.Nf4 Kf5 55.Ng2 h5 56.Ka5 Kg4 57.Kb5 h4 (0-1).

B. Willis - J. Kaastrup (annotated by Willis)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nd4!?! Not as lousy as it looks. Specifically, if 4.Ne5, Qg5 wins! It's actually Bird's Defense to the Ruy Lopez minus an additional tempo, since White's bishop doesn't need to return to c4. 4.O-O Nf3+ 5.Qf3 Nf6 6.Qb3 Qe7 7.Nc3 c6 8.a4 d6 9.d3 h6 10.f4 Be6 11.Be6 fe6 12.Ne2 O-O-O 13.Be3 c5 14.fe de 15.Kh1 Qd6 16.Qc4 Qc6 17.b4? Too impatient. 17. Ra3-c3, followed in due course by b4, should win routinely. 17... Ng4 18.Bg1 cb 19.Qc6+ bc6 20.h3 Nf6 21.Ba7 c5 22.Bb6 Rd7 23.a5 Kb7 24.c3?! Again in too much of a hurry. ...c4 is threatened, but 24.c3?! only works because Black cooperates. White had to play 24.Ng3, followed by Rfb1, Rb3, Rab1 and Ng3-f1-e3-c4. Then c3 should win. 24... bc? After 24... Rd3 White would have had to fight for a draw. Now the planned combination works... sort of. 25.Nc3 Rd3 26.a6+ Kb6 27.a7 Bd6 28.Rfb1+ Kc6 29.Ra6+ Kd7 30.Rb7+ Kc8? 31. a8=Q+ (1-0)

UACC New Years Open

by Craig Vokey (TD)

The 1991 'New Years Open' was held on the weekend of January 12-13 at the University of Alberta and was hosted by the U of A Chess Club. Twenty-eight attended the event, which saw Réjean Plante go 4-0 to take first place honors. Richard Trost finished second with 3.5/4. John Macnab captured top under 1700 prize with a score of 3-1.

The tournament — while enjoyed by all — was, however, considered a complete flop as new ACA President Ford (Mr. Big) Wong was not able to play. Special thanks to Len Steele and Bruno

Knudskov for playing on in drawn positions (I never like to leave too early after the round) (*harrumph!* - *ed*); to Robbie (*a.k.a. Rockie?*) Gardner for covering while the TD was away; and to Louis Wang, Scott Kiss, Eric Holleman, the Academy, my Mom, and all the little people for helping with sets and registration. Extra special thanks go to my analyst, Eric (Freud) Schocat, who was able to explain my TDing style as a suppressed cry for approval and attention, stemming from a deprived childhood.

1 R Plante	2118	+16	+18	+4	+3	4.0
2 R Trost	1820	+6	+13	=8	+7	3.5
3 R Gardner	2187	+15	+20	+12	-1	3.0
4 G Aspler	1925	+26	+17	-1	+14	3.0
5 L Steele	2043	=7	=19	+15	+12	3.0
6 J Macnab	1520	-2	+23	+22	+20	3.0
7 P Pisz	1666	=5	+22	+9	-2	2.5
8 B Knudskov	1826	+21	=9	=2	=10	2.5
9 B Murdoch	1717	+23	=8	-7	+19	2.5
10 C Dartana	1967	-13	+27	+16	=8	2.5
11 F Pellerin	1734	+25	-12	=19	+21	2.5
<u>2.0:</u> 12 R Douzich; 13 A Wu; 14 G Heagle;						
15 C Dewindt; 16 P Jachowicz;						
17 L Wang; 18 E Schocat.						
<u>1.5:</u> 19 E Holleman; 20 G Kohler;						
21 R Allin; 22 A Jones.						
<u>1.0:</u> 23 N Chehayeb; 24 S Chan; 25 S Kiss;						
26 M Beaulieu.						
<u>0.0:</u> 27 P Montambault 28 A Yamach.						

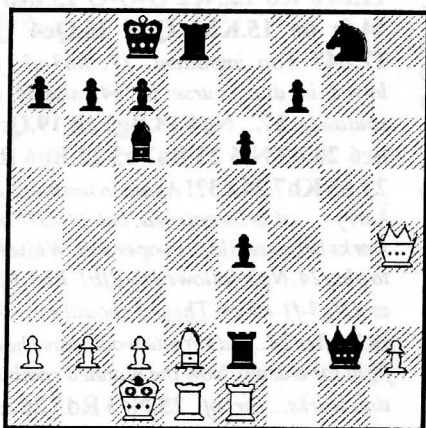
G. Heagle - E. Schocat

(annotated by Heagle)

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.Nc3 cd 5.Nd4 Nc6 6.Be3 d6 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.f3 O-O 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.O-O-O Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.Kb1 Nc4 13.Bc4 Rc4 14.h4! a6? *Too slow; perhaps h5 is better.* 15. h5! g4 *is an unnecessary waste of time.* 15... Nh5 16.g4 Nf6 17.Bh6 Ne4! *Best chance.* 18. Qh2! *Not Ne4?? White keeps pressure.* 18...Nc3+ 19.bc3 Be5 20.Bf4 h5 21.gh Bf4 22.Qf4 e5 23. Qh6 Qf6? *Maybe ...g5?!* 24.hg Qg7 25. gf7+ Kf7 26.Qd6 ed4 27.Qd7+ Kf6 28.Qd6+ Kf5 29.Qd5+ Kf6 30.Qc4 (1-0).

P. Pisz - A. Jones

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 Bc3 5.Bc3 de 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qg7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Rg6 9.Qh4 Nc6 10.O-O-O Bd7 11.Ne2 Qe7 12.Nf4 Rg4 13.Qh6 O-O-O 14.d5 Ng8 15.Qh7 Rf4 16.dc6 Bc6 17.Be1 Rf5 18.Be2 Qg5+ 19.Bd2 Qg2 20. Rd1 Rf2 21.Qh4 Rd2?



22.Qd8+! Kd8 23.Bg5+ Ke8 24.Rd8 mate (1-0).

R. Gardner - R. Plante

(annotated by Plante)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.O-O Nf6 9.Bf3?! *Novelty or mistake? This move limits White in the control of the center. Necessary is 9.Qd3 d6 10.f4 Nbd7 = Gheorghiu-Forintos, Soci 1964.* 9... d6 10.g4 *Attempting to redeem himself.* 10... h6 11.Bg2 Nc6! 12.Nc6 Bc6 13.Qe2 Be7 14.Bf4? *An important strategical mistake. White wants to provoke e5 and then later put pressure on d5. More to the spirit of the game is 14.f4 Nd7, with a sharp game.* 14... g5! *Forcing a bind.* 15.Bg3?! *Be3 is better.* 15... e5 -+ *White gains control of d5, but Black controls the c-file and the strong outpost c4. In addition, White's two bishops have little or no counterplay.* 16.f3 Nd7 17.Rfd1 Rc8 *To stop Nd5.* 18.Rd2 Nb6 19.Nd1 Bd7 20.Ne3 Be6 *Black controls c5 five times!* 21.Qd1 *To keep an eye on b3 after c3 is played.* 21... O-O ...at last. 22.c3 Nc4 23.Nc4 bc4 24.Bf1 Rb8 25.Qa4 *Freezes the bishop on e6.* 25... Rb5 *Setting up a trap.* 26.Qa6 Ra5 *wins the Queen.* 26.b4? *Eager to get rid of the weakness on b2, Rob took into account only taking of the rook on b5 after the en passant capture.*

(see diagram at right)

26... cb3! *Yes, the en passant capture.* 27.Bb5 ab5 28.Qb5 Qc3 29.Rad1 Qf3 *Notice how throughout the game White has not been able to utilize d5.* 30.Qb7 Re8 31.a4 d5! 32.Qb5 *Tempo.* Rc8 33.Rd3 Qg4 34.ed5 Bc5+ 35. Qc5 35.Kf1 Qe4 -+. Rc5 36.de6 Qe6 37.Rb1 Qc6 38.Rdb3 Rc1+ 39.Be1 Qc5+ 40.Kg2 Qc2+ (0-1).

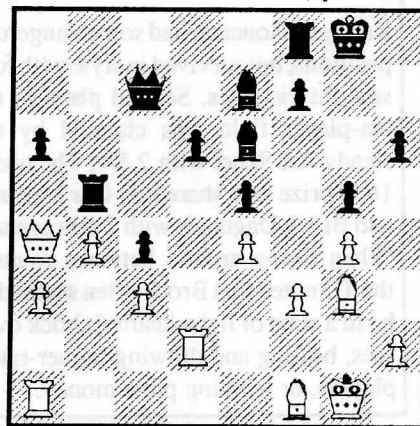
R. Douzich - R. Gardner

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb5 a6 5.ba6 Ba6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Nf3 g6 9.e4 Bf1 10.Kf1 Bg7 11.g3 O-O 12.h3 Ra7 13.Qc2 Qa8 14.Kg2 Nb6 15.Rhd1 Ne8 16.Nd2 h6 17.Bf4 f5 18.f3 fe4 19.fe4 Nc7 20.Kh2 Rb8 21.a3 Na4 22.Na4 Ra4 23.Rab1 Nb5 24.Be3 Nd4 25.Bd4 Rd4 26.Nc4 Qb7 27. Rd4 Bd4 28.b3 (28.Rf1 - RG) 28...Rf8 29.Qd3 Rf2+ 30.Kh1 Qc8 31.g4 Qf8 32.Qg3 Rf3 33.Qg2 Qf4 34.Rd1 Rf2 (0-1).

C. Dartana - A. Wu

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd 3.c3 dc 4.Nc3 d6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bc4 g6 7.O-O Bg7 8.h3 O-O 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qe2 Bd7 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 a6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.Bb3 b5 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bc4 Rc4 17.b3 Rc3 18.Rc3 Ne4 19.R3c1 b4 20.Qa6 Nc3 21.Rd2 Bd4 22.Bd4 Bb5 23.Qb7 Ne2+ 24.Re2 Be2 25.Re1 Bd3 26.Qb4 Re8 27.Qc3 Bb5 28.a4 Bd7 29.a5 Bb5 30.b4 Qd7 31.Qe3 f6 32.Rc1 e5 33.fe fe 34.Bb6 Re8 35.Rc8+ Qc8 36.Qd2 Qc6 37.Qg5 Qd7 38.Qd8+ Qd8 39.Bd8 Kf7 40.Kf2 Ke6 41.g3 d5 42.Ke1 d4 43.Kd2 Kd5 44.Be7 e4 45.Bc5 e3+ 46.Kc2 Ke4 47.Bd6 d3+ 48.Kd1 Ba4+ (0-1).

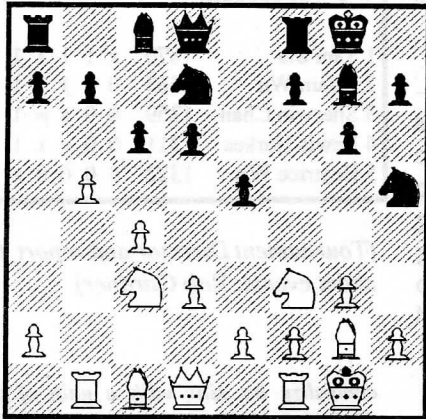
(after 26.b4)



B. Willis - G. Huber

(1990 S. Alta Open; annotated by Willis)
(this game, unannotated, was
also in the Dec/90 ACR, page 6)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.O-O
O-O 5.c4 d6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.d3 c6
8.Rb1 e5 Anderson-Polugayevsky, Hilver-
sum 1973, went 8.... a5 9.a3 Nb6 10.Bd2 d5;
"a cagey alternative... with an unclear posi-
tion" (Povah, How to Play the English
Opening, p.108; Informant 15/20). 9.b4
Nh5 10.b5



10... c5?! Too radical a solution. Of course, 10... cb? loses to 11.Nb5 followed by 12.Ba3. If 10... h6 11.bc bc 12.Ba3 is awkward. Perhaps, therefore, 10... Re8 was necessary, more or less as in Andersson-Kavalek, Manila, 1974 (given in full by Povah on p. 108), though Kavalek too played for ...d5 rather than ...f5-f4 and the N might be misplaced on h5. 11.Ng5 An awkward move to meet; ...f5 is prevented and Black seems to have no useful developing move. 11... h6 Again, 11... Re8 might have been worth a try, intending ...Nf8-e6. Then, however, b6 (after Nd5) will threaten Nc7. Interesting would be 11... Nb8!? 12.Nge4 Ndf6 13.Nf6+ Nf6 14.Bd2 Waste of time. Preferable was 14.Bb2-a1. 14... Nh5 The flank attack should not succeed, given the hole on d5 and White's mastery of the h1-a8 diagonal (easy to say in retrospect!). The alternative, 14... Ne8, looks better, although White has the initiative after 15.Nd5 followed by e3 and f4. 15.Nd5 f5 16.b6 a6 If 16...ab, 17.Nb6 Ra2 18.Nc8 Qc8 19.Rb7, so the text is forced. 17.Nc7 Directed against ...Bd7-c6, when Black's Q-side is consolidated and he can proceed on the K-side. 17... Rb8 18.e3 18.Bd5+ Kh7 19.Ne6 Be6 20.Be6 Qf6 21.Bd5 obtains the two Bishops, but they're not all that powerful in this blocked position. If Black now plays passively, White should prevail either by preparing d4 or by playing f4, Bc3, Q-c1-b2, doubling rooks on the f-file, and so on.

8th Annual Trumpeter Classic
by Phil Lefkowitz

The Grande Prairie Chess Club held the 8th Annual Trumpeter Classic on the 12th of January. We decided to run the tournament as an active chess event to perhaps make it more interesting to the "less serious" players.

The Classic could have been termed a Dawson Creek vs Grande Prairie team match, with 5 Dawson players and 6 from G.P. Dawson's Jim Kanester took first overall, and Grande Prairie's Joe Kish and John Seaman along with D.C.'s Grant Mactavish tied for second. Joe took first under 1700. It was an excellent battle overall with great sportsmanship. (TD/Organizer: Phil Lefkowitz and Jim Kanester.)

1 Ray Irwin	+6 +3 -4 -8 2.0
2 Forrest Nelson	+7 -4 =5 -3 1.5
3 Grant Mactavish	+8 -1 +7 +2 3.0
4 Jim Kanester	+9 +2 +1 =5 3.5
5 John Seaman	+10 +6 =2 =4 3.0
6 Phil Lefkowitz	-1 -5 bye +7 1.5
7 Gord MacDonald	-2 +9 -3 -6 1.0
8 Joe Kish	-3 +11 +10 +1 3.0
9 Gerry Scherer	-4 -7 +11 bye 1.5
10 Paul McGinnis	-5 bye -8 +11 1.5
11 Gary Doll	bye -8 -9 -10 0.5

So Black proceeds consistently with what, in hindsight, was a positionally unjustified attack, but what was doubtless his best practical chance. 18... f4 19.Bc3 Qg5 20.ef 20... Nf4 worried me during the game, but Huber showed me immediately afterwards that it's a hallucination: 21.gf4 Rf4 22.Bd2 Bh3 23.Qf3 21.Bg7 Ng7 21... Kg7 22.Re1 22.Nd5 Ne6 23.h4 Qe5 If 23... Qd8, not 24.Be4 on account of 22... Nd4 23.Bg6 f3 24.Qd2 Qd7 25.Qh6 Ne2+ 26.K-moves Qh3 mate. White must play 24.Qg4. If 24... g5, 25.Qh5 followed by 26.Be4 wins. 24.Ne7+ Kf7 If 24... Kh7, 25.Be4; if 24... Kg7, 25.Qg4. 25.Re1 Qf6 26.Nc8 Rfc8 27.Bd5 Re8 28.Qg4 h5 Forced on account of the threat of 29.Re4-30.Rf4. 29.Qh3 Qf5 30.Qf5 gf5 31.Re2

(see diagram at right)

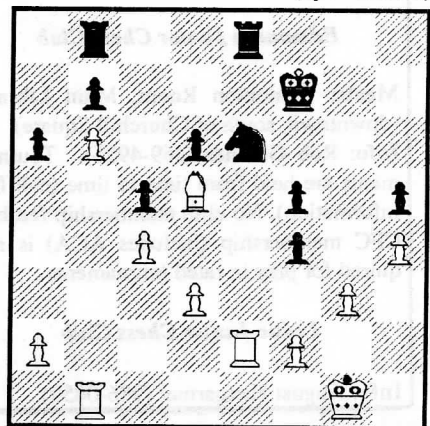
31... Kf6 Loses without much of a fight. 31... Re7 was better, however, Black is in zugzwang, so White can win by marching his K to a5 (taking care to avoid a zwischenzug knight check on d4), thus: 31... Re7 32.Rbe1 Rbe8 33.gf Kf6 34.Kf1 Kf7 (What else? If

1990-91 Peace River Grand Prix
Standings after Four Events
by Jim Kanester

After 4 tournaments out of the 6 in our Grand Prix, Grant Mactavish of Dawson Creek has the lead at 13.5 points in the 1700-and-over class, followed by Jim Kanester of Dawson Creek with 9.6 points. Grant looks to be a shoo-in for another Grand Prix after going undefeated in the first two tournaments of the year. In the novice (under-1700) class, two unrated players, Ray Irwin of Dawson Creek and Derek McCracken of Prince George, are first and second at 8.0 and 3.5 points, respectively. The addition of some active events has turned things a little upside down. Ray Irwin will have an incredible provisional active rating of over 2000 as a result of his winning the Dawson Creek Fall Active with 4 straight wins against 1700 and 1800 rated players. He seems to be Grant's nemesis after two big active chess wins against him. No Alberta players will qualify for the Grand Prix this year as they did not travel to the B.C. tournaments in Dawson Creek and Chetwynd to get in the necessary minimum 4 events. Too bad for them! We will take their Grand Prix monies and spend them for them!

the N moves, either the b-pawn or the h-pawn is lost after the exchange of rooks; 34... Nd8 35.Re7 Re7 36.Re7 Ke7 37.Bf3) 35.Re3 Kf6 36.R1e2 Kf7 37.Ke1 Kf6 38.Kd1 Kf7 39.Kc1 Kf6 40.Kb2 a5 (or the K simply marches to a5 preparatory to the exchange sac) 41.Ka3 a4 42.f3 Kf7 43.Re6 etc. 32.Rbe1 Ng7 33.Re8 Ne8 34.Re6+ Kg7 35.Re7+ Kf6 36.Rb7 Rd8 37.Ra7 Ke5 38.Ra8 Ra8 39.Ba8 Nf6 40.Bc6 d5 41.b7 (1-0).

(after 31.Re2)





ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

(A special section of the Alberta Chess Report, February 1991)



Alberta Junior Championship

Andrew Paduch (Calgary) won the Alberta Junior with a perfect 5-0 score in a 6-player round robin, held late in 1990 in Calgary. Andrew thereby became Alberta's representative in the Canadian Junior. Geoff Newton (Edmonton) was clear second with 4-1.

(Thanks to Geoff Newton for the above information! The ACR hopes to be able to give you at least a complete crosstable in a future issue...)

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Meets: Selected Saturdays, basement, Hounsfeld Hts./Briar Hill Community Hall. 1928-14 Ave NW. Close to North Hill Shopping Centre. Right by Lion's Park LRT Station.

Info: Ian Drummond (288-4034). Prizes (trophies, books, etc.) awarded. Membership open to anyone born after 1972-01-01. Participating ACA membership (\$1) is only membership needed. Tourney fees: \$2 elementary; \$2.50 junior high; \$3 senior high. Players grouped by strength. Some coaching and simultaneous displays. New members welcome - bring a friend.

CJCC Schedule of Events

Feb 23: Mid-Winter Tourney
Mar 23: Last Chance Tourney
Apr 20: Jr and Sr High School Team (of 4) Championships.
May 11: Elementary School Team (of 4) Championship.

Register: 9:30 a.m. Play 10:00 a.m. to approx. 3:00 p.m., depending on number of players. Bring a bag lunch (no official break for lunch).

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Meets: Edmonton Room, Main Library (downtown, south of Churchill Square).

Info: Rob Gardner (469-4925). Tournaments are held from time to time (call for information). No club membership fee, but CFC membership (includes ACA) is required for play in rated tournaments.

Leduc Junior Chess Club

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).

Northern Alberta Cadet Playoff

Due to some eligible cadets declining to play, this event became a family affair. Ultimately, the Wu family took control both in number of participants (three) and in order of finish. Adam Wu was first and Beatrice Wu was second.

There was an interesting incident during the tournament. While the players were eating lunch, noises came from the ceiling and one of the tiles started to buckle. Soon a fellow started sticking his arms and legs through the ceiling tiles. Apparently he was overly eager to get into the office next door after he had locked himself out.

1 Adam Wu	1563	x 1 1 1 1 1	5.0
2 Beatrice Wu	1322	0 x 1 1 1 1	4.0
3 Sherwin Chan	1359	0 0 x 1 1 1	3.0
4 Bernard Kim	1243	0 0 0 x = 1	1.5
5 Cynthia Wu	1157	0 0 0 = x 1	1.5
6 David Kim	1228	0 0 0 0 0 x	0.0

Adam Wu - Sherwin Chan (round 1)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.c3 Not one of the usual choices. **6... b5** ECO gives 6... Nxe4 with lines where White regains the pawn, but Black gets the two bishops and a slight advantage. **7.Bc2 Bb7 8.Re1 O-O 9.d4 d6 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.a4 Qd7 12.Nf1 Nd8 13.dxe5** Beginning a phase of the game with many simplifying trades. **13... dxe5 14.Qxd7** If **14.Nxe5** then **14... Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Nxe4 (16.Rd7 Bd6)**. **14... Nxd7 15.Be3 Bd6 16.axb5 axb5 17.Bd3 b4 18.cxb4 Bxb4 19.Rxa8 Bxa8 20.Ra1 Bb7 21.Bb5 c6**

(see diagram)

22.Rd1 This move appears to be aimed at creating tension. **22... cxb5 23.Rxd7 Bxe4 23... Bc6 24.Rd1 f6** also looks fine. **24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Rxd8+ Bf8 26.b4 Bc6** To meet **27.Bc5** with **27... Be8** or **27... Re8**. **27.Rc8 Be8 28.Bc5 Bxc5 29.bxc5 Kf8** Activating the king. The stage has been reached where good king position becomes crucial. **30.f4** The placement of this pawn becomes a factor in the upcoming pawn ending. **30... Re1** Permits White to

Alberta Cadet Championship

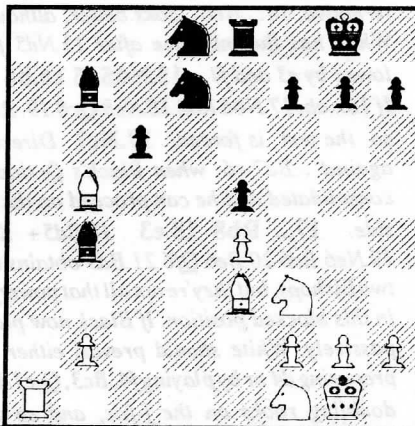
Sam Sia lived up to the expectations his 300-point rating advantage created. Sam won all four of his games and qualifies for the Canadian Cadet. Adam Wu was second.

1 Sam Sia	1870	x 1 1 1 1	4.0
2 Adam Wu	1563	0 x 1 1 1	3.0
3 Sherwin Chan	1359	0 0 x = 1	1.5
4 Lewis Harkes	1311	0 0 = x 1	1.5
5 Beatrice Wu	1322	0 0 0 0 x	0.0

(Tournament Director and report, both cadet events: Rob Gardner)

centralize his king with a gain of time. **31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Nd2 Rc2 33.Ke3** Over the past few moves, Black has moved his rook around while White has centralized his king. **33... Ke7 34.Kd3 Kd7** Black permits a pawn ending without calculating the outcome. **35.Rxe8 Rxd2+ 36.Kxd2 Kxe8 37.Kc3 Kd7** Either side can create double zugzwang on the queenside so the key issue is who has the most tempos on the kingside. **38.g4 38.Kb4 Kc6 39.g4** might simplify matters by eliminating the possibility of tempo moves by the Black king. After **39.g4** (or **38.g4**), White's f- and g-pawns restrict the advance of Black's pawns, leaving White's h-pawn for tempo moves at some crucial time. **38... f6 39.g5 fxe5 40.fxe5 g6 41.h3 Kc7 42.Kb4 Kc6 43.h4 Kc7 44.Kxb5 Kb7 45.c6+ Kc7 46.Kc5 Kc8 47.Kd6 Kd8 48.c7+ Kc8 49.Kc6 (1-0)**.

(after 21... c6)



*** CLUBS ***

Please ensure that info in the ACR is correct (a schedule of activities would be an asset).

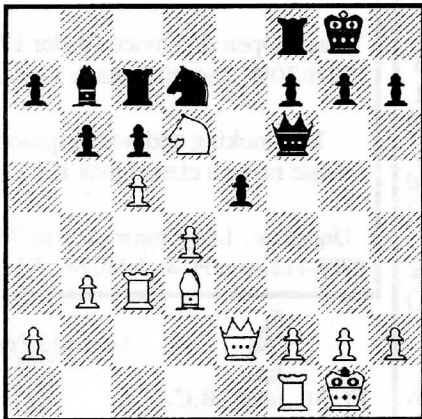
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Planning "weekend" tournament(s)?
Please send in details well in advance.

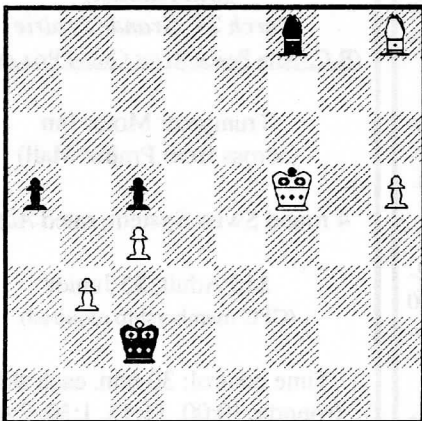
*** TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ***

We would appreciate receiving a copy of your *En Passant* report (or even a more in-depth story written for your fellow Alberta chessplayers). Also of interest would be a crosstable and game score(s), if available.

Problem Positions



Problem #1: White to move and win.
L. Toth - A. Szigety, Budapest 1946.



Problem #2: White to move and draw.
M. Taimanov - V. Cseshkovsky, 1976.

Solutions

1. Bx7+ Kx7 2. Rb3+ Kg8 3. Qd5 Qd6
4. Nf5 Qd5 5. Ne7+ Kx7 6. Rb5 mate.
2. 1. b4! ab (...ab 2. c5! may win) 2. Kd4
b3 3. Kd5 b2 4. Bb2 Kd2 5. Nc6 Bb6 6. Kd5
(draw). In the game: 1. Kd4? Kd3 2. Kd5
Kd4 and Black's pawns won. II 1. Kg6
Kd3 2. Bg7 Bg7 3. Kg7 a4 4. Nc6 a3 5. N7
a2 6. Nc8+ 0-0=0 7. Kd7 Qd8+ 8. Kd8
Kd4 wins.

ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

Calgary CC

Meets: New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW. Wed., 7:00-11:00.

Info: Bill Rusk (286-6137; mail: #9, 3302-50 St NW, Calgary T3A 2C6).

CCC Schedule Feb-Jul, 1991

Feb 27. *Grand Prix Speed*. Round 3.
(TD: Roy Yearwood, 252-4948/work).

Mar 6 - Apr 17. *Calgary Open*. 7 rd.
(TD: Brian Starkes, 243-2026).

Apr 24. *Grand Prix Speed*. Round 4.
(TD: Roy Yearwood, 252-4948/work).

May 2 - Jun 5. *Spring Open*. 6 rd.
(TD: Brian Toth, 248-6589).

Jun 12: *Grand Prix Speed*. Round 5.
(TD: Roy Yearwood, 252-4948/work).

Jun 19: *Last Chess (K)night of season...*

The Chess Set (Calgary)

Meets: Canyon Meadows Comm. Assoc. (lower hall), 844 Cantabrian Dr SW. Approx. 7:00-12:00, Fri. ('91-'92 dates, subject to change, are: Feb 8/22, Mar 1/22, Apr 5/19, May 10/31, Jun 7/21, Jul 19/26, Aug 9/23, Sep 13/27, Oct 4/25, Nov 1/22, Dec 13/27, Jan 3/17).

Info: Roy Yearwood (244-6698/252-4948; mail: #42151, 415-9737 Macleod Trail SW, Calgary T2J 7A6). Tourn./lessons for beginners, intermediate, juniors; rated tourn.; semi-active, active, rapid transit & speed tourn; simuls and lectures may be arranged.

University of Calgary CC

Meets: 209L MacEwan Hall, Univ. Calgary, T2N 1N4. September to March.

Info: Taco Van Ieperen, President and Special Events Coord. (295-0139; mail: 1311-56 Ave NW, Calgary T2K 5M2).

Northern Communities CC

Meets: at Branko's home (near Boyle).
Info: Branko Georgijevic (689-2476; mail: Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0).

Grande Prairie CC

Meets: St. Patrick's Community School Library, Thurs., 7:00-10:00.

Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: 9305-74 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

Red Deer CC

Meets: Wed., 7:00 p.m. at "Club 89", 4950 Ross St.

Info: Brad Willis or Brian Murdoch (both at 343-6664).

Edmonton CC

Meets: Oliver Community Hall, 10326-118 St, Edmonton T5K 2K9, Thurs., 7:00-12:00.

Info: Rob Gardner (469-4925), George Heagle (425-1471), Club (482-1484, answering machine stolen!).

ECC Schedule Feb-Sept, 1991

(EF \$10 adult, \$7 junior, or as specified)

Feb 14 - Mar 14. *Holowach Challenge* (1600 & over). *Shnitka Memorial* (under 1600). 5 rd. 45/2 hr then 15/30 min. \$15 adult, \$10 junior.

Mar 21-28. *Active Chess* (rated). 4 rd.

Apr 4 - May 2. *Spring Open*. 5 rd. Faster time control: 40/90 min then 15/30 min. \$15 adult, \$10 junior.

May 9. *Speed Chess Tournament*.

May 16 - Jun 6. *Memories of Fischer Open*. 4 rd. 45/2 hr then 15/30 min. Trophies for prizes.

Jun 13-27. *Summer Open*. 3 rd. 40/100 min then 15/30 min.

Jul 4-11. *Active Chess* (rated). 4 rd.

Jul 18 - Aug 1. *Summer Round Robins*. Groups of 4 by rating. 3 rd. 45/2 hr then 15/30 min.

Aug 8. *Speed Chess Tournament*.

Aug 15-29. *August Open*. 3 rd. 45/100 min then 15/30 min. Book prizes.

Sep 5. *ECC Annual General Meeting*.

University of Alberta CC

Meets: SUB 030D (basement), approx. 11:00-4:00 weekdays.

Info: Craig Vokey (492-7252 at Club; mail: Box 92, Students Union Building, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

Hinton CC

Meets: Hinton Municipal Library. "Group play" Wed., 5:00-8:00. "Casual play" during regular library hours.

Info: Bob McIntyre (865-2778; mail: 270 Eaton Dr, Hinton T0E 1B0).

Medicine Hat CC

Meets: Public Library, Thurs., 7-10:00.
Info: Jerome Fitzgerald (526-4125).

Chess Hackers Bulletin Board

Call our "chess doors" via your computer. 500 chess boards available. Tournaments started regularly. 24 hours per day. 456-5808. Parameters: 8N1, 1200 or 2400 baud. Info: Bruno Knudskov (457-1348, *voice only!*). On sale "soon": postal chess style recorder albums (made in Edmonton).

To help you plan ahead, we offer our latest information on these open weekend tournaments. Good chess, good fun, and a way for you to improve your game through experience with a wider variety of players!

Calgary



* NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN *

February 16-17, Edmonton

Room 032 (Saturday) and
L'Express lounge = room 142 (Sunday)
Students Union (114 St & 89 Ave)
University of Alberta

Registration: 9:00-9:40 a.m.

\$20 senior \$15 junior+1st-time players
(CFC/ACA membership required)

5-round Swiss System

Sat-10/2:30/7; Sun-9:30/2

Time Control: 40/1:50, 15/0:30

Prizes based on entries
No smoking and no computers
Please bring a chess clock if possible

Organizer/TD - Len Steele

(an Alberta Closed Qualifier)



Edmonton



* U of A OPEN *

May 4-5, Edmonton

L'Express lounge (room 142)
Students Union (114 St & 89 Ave)
University of Alberta

5 rounds (3 Sat./2 Sun.)

Registration: 9:00-9:45 a.m.

\$20 Senior, \$15 Junior
(CFC/ACA membership required)

Advance entry (by May 1) \$15 (snr/jnr):
UACC, Box 92, Students Union Building,
U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7

Time control: 45/1:50, then 15/0:30

Prizes based on entries
No smoking and no computers
Please bring a chess clock if possible

* 7 + 1 TOURNAMENT SERIES *

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8 events. More prizes, more cash, and a Grand Prix with a \$1000 prize fund. Swiss system. Tournaments #2-#8 held in room 206MacEwan Hall, Univ. of Calgary:

1. Calgary Amateur Open.....completed
2. St. Patrick's Day Open..... Mar 15-17
3. Calgary City Spring Open . Apr 27-29
4. Victoria Day Open May 18-20
5. Canada Day Open Jun 29-30, Jul 1
6. Heritage Day Open Aug 3-5
7. Labour Day Open ... Aug 30-31, Sep 1
8. Calgary Winter Knights Dec 20-22

#s 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 are 5 rounds; round 1 at 7:30 p.m. on Friday (registration 6:30-7:00 p.m.)

#s 4, 5, 6 are 6 rounds; round 1 at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday (registration 9:00-10:30 a.m.)

Grand Prix Series

Prizes for total points — the more you play, the better your chance! *Overall:* 1-\$300; 2-\$200; 3-\$100. *1800-2000:* 1-\$100; 2-\$50. *1500-1799:* 1-\$100; 2-\$50. *Unrated-1499:* 1-\$100. (Only 1 prize per player! First *En Passant* rating list of 1992 used to determine rating categories.)

Entry fees (all events *except* #4): Masters-free; Experts(2000-2199)-\$30; A(1800-1999)-\$25; B(1600-1799)-\$20; C(1400-1599)-\$17; D(unrated-1399)-\$15.

Prizes (all events *except* #4): 1-\$200; 2-\$125; 3-\$100; 4-\$50. Each of Under 2000 and Under 1500: 1-\$75; 2-\$50. Top Junior-\$50; Top Cadet-\$50. Based on 35 entries.

Event #4, the **Victoria Day Open**, has a **\$1500 prize fund guaranteed!** Entry fees: Section A (open)-\$40; B(under 2000)-\$35; C(under 1600)-\$30; D(under 1300)-\$25.

CFC (incl. ACA) memb. required. Please bring clocks and sets. Time control: 45/120, then 25/60. Byes available rds 1-4 (1-5 if 6 rds) if requested in writing before round 1.

Advance entries: Roy Yearwood, 42151, 415-9737 Macleod Trail SW, Calgary T2J 7A6 (252-4948 work/244-6698 home).

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* MUKLUK OPEN *

February 16-17, Ft. St. John, BC
(B.C.-Alta Peace River Grand Prix event)

Artspace Information and Ticket
Centre (10003-100 St)

4 round Swiss System

Registration 9:00 am Saturday on site

\$20 Adult, \$15 Junior

No entry fee for new, unrated players
(CFC membership required)

Time Control

45/90, then 30 min sudden death
Rounds: Sat-9:45/2:00 Sun-9:00/1:00

Prizes, Open & Novice (under 1700):
1st-30%, 2nd-20% (each section)

No smoking and no computers
Please bring a chess clock if possible

Organizer - Larry Stutzman (785-7830)
9708-112 Ave, Ft. St. John, BC V1J 2W3



Ft. St. John (B.C.)

Grande Prairie



* SWAN CITY OPEN *

(8th Annual)

March 23, Grande Prairie
(B.C.-Alta Peace River Grand Prix event)

Trumpeter Motor Inn
(across from Prairie Mall)

4 round Swiss System, rated *Active*

\$10 Adult, \$5 Junior
(CFC membership required)

Time control: 30 min. each side
(rounds: 10:00, 11:15, 1:30, 2:45)

Prizes based on entries
No smoking and no computers
Please bring a chess clock if possible

For more info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903)

And even more...

Alberta Open (October 12-14, Calgary or Red Deer); *Southern Alberta Open* (November "TBA", Calgary); *U of A "Fall Open"* (TBA, Edmonton).