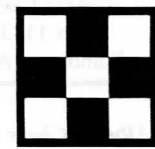




# ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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## Edmonton Winter Open

by Ford Wong, TD

This December 19-20 event wasn't just the "weekend before Christmas tournament", but included a special Christmas treat: **Mike Yip** stopped by to use this tournament as a warm-up and got an early Xmas present by winning the Winter Open with 3-0-1 in this 4-round Swiss, playing 3 blacks and 1 white. The draw came at the hands of Cor Dewindt, Mike's dreaded arch enemy and one of the few people who doesn't fear him. The game was a good-B vs bad-B of same color ending, with Mike failing to obtain some penetration squares for his King. Said a disappointed Mike after the game: "I played like a YIP!"

With 25 players, an accelerated Swiss might have seemed best, but it was not done and proved unnecessary as a clear winner was determined in 4 rounds. In round 1, Beatrice Wu, newly crowned "Alberta Cadet Champion" upset 3rd-seeded Tracy Kolenchuk (Tracy had somewhat of a bad

weekend). Round 3 saw Adam Wu defeat Rob Gardner, when Rob laid back and invited Adam to get him and Adam obliged, using deflection as the theme for his mating attack. After 3 rounds, Adam Wu and Mike Yip emerged as the leaders and headed for a showdown in round 4. Mike showed good positional understanding, sacrificing the exchange against Adam, leading to the win.

Other tournament highlights include Eric Schocat's several attempts to disprove the theory that "bishops of opposite colors is a draw" in long "drawn" out endgames. However, he managed to be successful once when his opponent resigned prematurely.

Mike, after several years of living in the competitive chess-deprived Yellowknife, is taking time off from working to satisfy his chess-starved appetite for a chess tour, including visiting Hungary. Good luck Mike—if you make it big, remember the "Winter

Open" got you off to a good start, and don't forget to send us a postcard.

To those wanting to know what to study to improve their chess, Mike Yip said, stretching-out the phrase: 'ennn...spee...elll' (Ford's attempt at Mike's German for 'end game'—ed.)

The winners couldn't be determined until the last games were finished. Congratulations to: 1st overall—Mike Yip; splitting 2nd and 3rd overall—Rob Gardner, Sam Sia and Adam Wu; 1700-1899: 1st—Harold Climenhaga & 2nd—John Seaman, Gerhard Reuter and Cor Dewindt; 1500-1699: 1st—Mike Beaulieu & 2nd—Paul Montambault; splitting 1499 & under and top junior: Douglas Wu, Beatrice Wu and Aaron Lovi. Thanks to everyone else who came out to play, including Colin Smith and Andrew Elliott, playing in their first tournament, and those from out of town.

### Rodney Thiel - David Ottosen (round 1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 e6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.e4 Qxb6 8.Nf3 d6 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a4 a5 12.Bc4 e5 13.Qe2 Ba6 14.Nd2 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 Qb4 16.Nb5 (1-0).

### Tracy Kolenchuk - Beatrice Wu (round 1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.Nc3 Bd6 6.d4 Bg4 7.dxe5 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Bxe5 9.Bf4 Qe7 10.Bxe5 Qxe5 11.Qg4 Ne7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.f4 Qc5+ 15.Kh1 f5 16.Qg5 h6 17.Qh5 Rxd1 18.Qxd1 fxe4 19.Qe2 Qb4 20.Nxe4 Qxb2 21.Nc5 Qb5 22.Nd3 Nd5 23.Qe6+ Kh8 24.Re1 Nxf4 25.Qe7 Rf5 26.Qe8+ Kh7 27.Ne5 Qd5 28.Nf3 Nxe2 29.Re6 Nh4 (0-1).

### Aaron Lovi - Ahmet Yamach (round 2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 0-0 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.0-0 c5 9.h3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nc5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Rad1 Bg7 15.f4 Qc8 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 e6 18.Nf3 a6 19.b4 Nd7 20.c5 Qc7 21.Rd6 Rad8 22.Qe3 Rfe8 23.Qf4 Nb8? (23...f6—AL) 24.Ne4 Nd7 25.g4 Bf8? 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Nf6+ Kh8 28.Nxe8 Qd8 29.Qf6+ Qxf6 30.Nxf6 (1-0 at move 60).

### Mike Yip - Cor Dewindt (round 2)

1.d4 f5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 d6 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nbd2 d5 9.c4 c6 10.Qc2 Qe8 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.f3 exf3 15.Bxf3 Qg6 16.Qxg6 hxg6 17.Rac1 Bg5 18.Rc3 Rb8 19.Ba3 Rf7 20.Bd6 Ra8 21.Rd3 Bd7 22.Kg2 Be7 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.Rfd1 Rd8 25.Bg4 Kf8 26.c5 Rf7 27.h4 Ke7 28.Rf3 Rxf3 29.Kxf3 Rf8+ 30.Ke3 b5 31.Bf3 a5 32.a3 Rb8 33.Kd3 Rf8 34.g4 Be8 35.Ke3 Kd7 36.Rd4 Rh8 37.g5 Rf8 38.Rf4 Rxf4 39.Kxf4 Ke7 40.b4 axb4 41.axb4 Bf7 42.e3 Kd7 43.Be2 Kc7 44.Bd3 Kd7 45.h5 gxh5 46.g6 Be8 47.Kg5 Ke7 48.Kxh5 Bd7 49.Kg5 Be8 50.Kf4 Kd7 51.Kf3 Ke7 52.Ke2 Kd7 (draw on move 60).

### Rodney Thiel - Mike Yip (round 3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Nbd7 7.Bd3 e6 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.g4 Nc5 10.0-0 Be7 11.g5 Nfd7 12.Bd2 b5 13.b4 Nxd3 14.cxd3 Bb7 15.Rac1 Qd8 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh6 Bf8 18.Qh3 Bg7 19.Be3 0-0 20.f5 exf5 21.exf5 Bxd4 22.Bxd4 Qxg5+ 23.Qg3 Qxg3+ 24.hxg3 Ne5 25.Ne4 Bxe4 26.dxe4 Nc4 27.Rf4 g5 28.Rf2 f6 29.Rh2 Rae8 30.Re1 Kg7 31.Kf2 Ne5 32.Bxe5 dxe5 33.Rc1 Rc8

34.Rhh1 Rfd8 35.Ke3 h5 36.Rxc8 Rxc8 37.Kd3 Kh6 38.a3 g4 39.Kd2 Kg5 40.Kd3 Rc4 41.Rg1 h4 42.gxh4+ Kxh4 43.Rh1+ Kg3 44.Rh6 (0-1).

### Rob Gardner - Adam Wu (round 3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.f4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 0-0 5.Ne2 d6 6.0-0 c5 7.Nd2 Nc6 8.c3 cxd4 9.exd4 e5 10.f5 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb4 12.Bb1 Nbd5 13.Nf3 Qe8 14.fxg6 hxg6 15.Re1 Bg4 16.Ng3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qd7 18.Ne4 Nh5 19.Kh1 Nhf4 20.Nc3 Nh3 21.Rf1 Ndf4 22.Ne4 d5 23.Nf2 Qb5 24.Nxh3 Nxh3 25.Kg2 Qd7 26.f4 Bxd4 27.Qxd4 Qg4+ 28.Kh1 Rfe8 29.Bd3 Re1 30.Qe3 Rxe3 31.Bxe3 Re8 32.Bd2 f5 33.Rac1 Re2 34.Bxe2 Qxe2 35.Rc8+ Kh7 36.Rfc1 (0-1).

### Adam Wu - Mike Yip (round 4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Be2 h5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Nb3 Bd7 14.f5 Bh6 15.Qd3 Ne5 16.Qg3 h4 17.Qf2 Bg5 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Qb6 Rc8 20.Qd4 h3 21.g3 Ke7 22.Rbd1 Rxc3 23.Qxc3 Rc8 24.Qd4 Rxc2 25.Rf2 Rxe2 26.Na5 Be3 27.Nc4 Nf3+ (0-1).

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**ACR Deadline**

Material for inclusion in the next *ACR* should be received by: **March 12**. Items received after that date may be delayed to a later *ACR*. (Up to 5 *ACR*'s are published each year.)

**Reminder to Tournament Directors**

CFC regulations require a report to be submitted within 7 days of the end of an event. You owe it to your participants to send in rating and membership reports to the CFC as soon as possible. A written report should also be sent to the *ACR* (please support your Alberta newsletter too!).

**Always Get a Receipt**

When you pay for a CFC/ACA membership, be sure to get a dated receipt signed by the person who collected your money. Retain the receipt until your new CFC card arrives.

**Alberta Chess Clubs** (not including junior and school clubs)

(We rely on clubs to keep the list current; you may wish to verify info before attending)

**CALGARY CC**

**Meets:** Rosemont Community Assoc. Hall 2807-10 St NW, Tues., 7:00-11:00.

**Info:** Barney Fegyvermeki (243-6351; mail: c/o 1724-49 Ave SW, Calgary T2T 2T9).

**CCC 1993 Schedule**

**Grand Prix Speed.** (TD: Ted Wilson 240-1419): Mar 2, Apr 27, Jun 22

**Active Tournaments.** (6 rds, 3/night):

Feb 16 & 23, Mar 16 & 23, Apr 13 & 20, May 11 & 18, Jun 8 & 15.

Mar 9 - Apr 20/93: Calgary Open. 7 rds. (TD: Brian Starkes 243-2026).

May 4 - Jun 15/93: Spring Open. 7 rds. (TD: Jim Van Wyck 265-0098).

**EDMONTON CC**

**Meets:** Oliver Community Hall, 10326-118 St, Edmonton T5K 2K9, Thurs., 7:30-12:00.

**Info:** Arniel Frialde (481-2552); Kurt Lauterwald (434-7536).

**ECC 1993 Schedule**

Feb 11-Feb 18: Valentine Active. 4 rd Swiss. Winner qualifies for 1994 Edmonton Closed.

Feb 25: Simultaneous. Chess Instruction.

Mar 4-Apr 8: 6 rd Swiss. Holowach Challenge. (1600+). *Shrutka Memorial* (<1600).

Apr 15: Speed Chess.

Apr 22-Apr 29: Spring Active. 4 rd Swiss.

May 6-May 27: First ECC "Triathlon". 4 rd Swiss. Each round: speed game, active game, and regular game against same player.

Jun 3-Jun 24: Memories of Fischer. 4 rd Swiss.

Jul 1: Canada Day Active. 3 rds. Groups/4.

Jul 8: Speed Chess. Chess Instruction.

Jul 15-Jul 29: Summer RR. 3 rds. Groups/4.

Aug 5-Aug 26: August Open. 4 rd Swiss.

Sep 2: Annual General Meeting.

Sep 9: Edmonton Open begins.

**GRANDE PRAIRIE CC**

**Meets:** Royal Canadian Legion, 9912-101 Ave, Tues., 7:00 p.m. (Sept. 1 - Apr. 30).

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

**HINTON CC**

**Info:** Peter Bundscherer, President (mail: c/o Queen's Bakery & Cafe, P.O. Box 3217, Hinton T0E 1C0).

**NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC**

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

**RED DEER CC**

**Meets:** Dawe Centre, room 709. Monday evenings, starting at 7:30 p.m.

**Info:** Brian Murdoch (343-6664 daytime only), c/o 97 Oliver St, Red Deer T4P 1W2.

**RIMBEY CC**

**Info:** Cameron McLean (843-3736; mail: c/o Box 733, Rimbey T0C 2J0).

**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CC**

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

**Info:** Louis Wang (430-9706; mail: Box 92, SUB, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

**Top-Rated Albertans (as of Nov 29/92)**

Greg Huber .....	2286
Arniel Frialde .....	2267
Andrew Paduch .....	2250
Robert South .....	2248
Dale Haessel .....	2247
Rob Gardner .....	2238
Arthur Odachowski .....	2147
Tony Peredo .....	2142
Barney Fegyvermeki .....	2127
Chris Demers .....	2122
Réjean Plante .....	2118
John Parrott .....	2082
Ted Wilson .....	2075
Wilf Lahrkamp .....	2062
Jim Daniluk .....	2060
Warrick Walker .....	2053
Farzan Nazarian .....	2048
Ford Wong .....	2032
Darse Billings .....	2027
Adam Wu .....	2023
Tracy Kolenchuk .....	2019
Sardul Purewal .....	2017
Hafiz Karmali .....	2014
Lev Becker .....	2013
Ken Salmon .....	2013
Lloyd Yeudall .....	2013
Pal Kalher .....	2007
Mike Yip .....	2004
Tony Dy Reyes .....	2001

Only current or 'recent' (expired in the past year) ACA members are included. Those not known (by ACR) to have played in a regular-rated Alberta event in about the past year are: F. South 2272; Z. Baunok 2194; G. Campbell 2160; B. Willis 2160; M. Rabljenovic 2145; N. Sharp 2118; O. Farid 2058.

## NEWS FROM THE ACA

by Ford Wong, ACA President

### ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ Volunteers Urgently Needed for Calgary Casino ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

Volunteers are still needed to help with the ACA's 2-day casino to be hosted in Calgary during the period of July-September 1993. Before the ACA can successfully host a Casino, it must demonstrate that it can provide enough Volunteers to help out. All volunteers must be pre-registered several months in advance. January and February may be the last time to sign up. Signup lists have been posted at the Edmonton Chess Club and at the Calgary Chess Club. You can also register by phoning Paul Usselman at

270-0493 in Calgary or myself at 481-6474 in Edmonton. **Time is running out and NOW is the time to sign up.** Please sign up now, if you think that you may be able to help. Signing up does not mean you're fully committed—the date of the Casino may conflict with your schedule, etc. (the date will not be known until February 23rd). Ideally, 60 volunteers are needed and to date *only 20 have been signed up!* If the ACA is unable to register enough volunteers, its Casino application may be cancelled.

### Objectives of the Alberta Chess Association

For those of you who do not know what the Alberta Chess Association is about, I have listed the Objectives of the ACA, as taken from our Constitution:

- (a) To foster, promote, administer and coordinate chess activities in Alberta.
  - (b) To give guidance to any group wishing to form a chess club in the province and to help maintain existing clubs.
  - (c) To give direct assistance to junior chess, recognizing a need for special assistance.
  - (d) To host specific Sponsored Events to give continuity to chess in Alberta.
  - (e) To represent the Alberta chess community to the Chess Federation of Canada, local government and other associations.
- The ACA has traditionally listed another objective, which is not in our original constitution:
- (f) To provide leadership and organizational training to those individuals and

groups involved in chess in Alberta. In a nutshell, the mission of the ACA might be considered to be:

To promote and foster the growth of competitive and recreational chess by administering and supporting chess activities in Alberta for all people residing in Alberta.

and our purpose is:

To promote and foster the game of chess in Alberta and to ensure that chess is available for recreation, education, enjoyment, and competition.

I am considering proposing the above as part of our Constitution, which would necessitate agreement by a "Special Resolution" passed by 75% of members at the next Annual General Meeting.

If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the ACA's Constitution, please write to us.

### ➔ Changes to Travel Support to National Championships ➔

The ACA has been paying full travel costs of its reps to national tournaments (i.e. Closed, Women's Closed, Junior, and Cadet). Henceforth, due to decreased funding, representatives to the Canadian Closed, Canadian Women's Closed and Canadian Junior will be reimbursed for 75% of their travel costs to a maximum of \$500. In addition, to receive travel assistance to the National Tournament the rep must have at least 2 participation points from playing in Alberta tournaments and these points must be accumulated *prior to* the Alberta Championship tournament. For the Alta Closed Champion, this isn't a problem as 2 participation points are already an Alta Closed entry requirement. For the Alta Women's Closed, Alta Junior and Alta Cadet, some participants

who qualify by rating may be invited to play who aren't active in Alberta chess. Should such a player win the tournament and become Alberta Champion, that player has the right to represent Alberta at the national tournament *but* would have to self-finance the travel. Participation points have been added to encourage our reps to participate in Alberta tournaments.

Alta Closed qualifiers are worth 1 point (see column 3). *For juniors only and only to determine eligibility for travel assistance if the junior wins the Alta Junior or Women's Closed*, there are additional "1 point events": N. & S. Alta Cadets, Alta Cadet & Junior, and N. & S. Alta Juniors. All other tournaments are worth 1/2 point (a maximum of 1 point can be earned for directing).

### Qualifying for the 1993 Alberta Closed — full rules available from the ACA —

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

**All wishing to participate (qualifiers or by rating) must register in writing. The ACA must receive the written registration by March 10. It is the potential entrant's responsibility to register—the ACA need not issue invitations.**

Eight participants. Round robin Easter weekend. Site: Calgary. 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. Candidates qualify by their earliest eligible qualification opportunity. Check rules for tiebreaking. *If player(s) still needed (no automatic entrants by rating!), the highest rated registrant(s) in the latest CFC rating list prior to March 10, will be accepted (but must have completed at least 1 qualifying event).* Note: organizers must apply to hold "Rural Qualifiers".

Qualifying events for the '93 Alta Closed '92 Alta Closed; Alta Open; Alta Jr Closed; S. Alta Open; Edmonton Closed; Calgary Closed; N. Alta Open; "Rural Candidate".

### You can get into the 1993 Alberta Closed by Rating, but...

There will be at least one player who will qualify based on rating as no rural qualifier is planned. Remember, though, that anyone qualifying for the Alberta Closed by rating (or by a Qualifier!) **MUST** send a written submission to the ACA, to be received on or before March 10/93, stating a desire to play in the Alberta Closed. If you do not write, you will not be considered.

### Even More Alberta Closed Info

- Travel subsidies for out of town entrants in the Alberta Closed are *no longer provided* due to reduced funding available to the ACA.
- The format for the Alberta Closed will be a three-day tournament with three rounds on the first day, two rounds on the second day and two rounds on the final day.
- The 1994 Alberta Closed is in Edmonton.

### Please Don't Let the

#### Alberta Closed Players Feel Lonely

The ACA has scheduled 2 open tournaments and the Alberta Women's Closed to run at the Alberta Closed site and on the same weekend. This will give you a chance to play alongside Alberta's best. You can enter the Alberta Active, a one-day active event on Friday, April 9, and/or the Alberta Reserves, a two-day, four-round Swiss April 10-11.

#### The Board of Directors will be Meeting and You can Send In Your Comments

Schedule: April 25; June \_\_ (to be determined at April 25 meeting); September 12; October 10 (Annual General Meeting); and November 20. If you have any concerns which you feel the ACA Board of Directors should discuss, please forward your comments to a member of the ACA Board.

#### Edmonton Rocket Reaches Orbit at the '93 Trumpeter Classic

by Phil Lefkowitz

The Rocket (**Rob Gardner**), who tied for first in the 1986 Trumpeter Classic, made no mistake this time in the 10th annual event, winning all 4 of his games in Grande Prairie.

Mr. Big (Ford Wong), also an Edmonton invader, tied for 2nd Over 1725 with Grant MacTavish of Dawson Creek and Larry Stutzman of Ft. St. John, each with 3 points.

There was a 3-way tie in the Under 1725 category—Jim Roy, a junior from Sexsmith, Paul McGinnis (Grande Prairie) and Brian Waldie (Dawson Creek) had 2 apiece.

Thanks to John Quiring, ACA Treasurer, and a shaken David Ottosen (from Mr. Big's snoring!) for making the long trip from Edmonton (John drove the 4 "southerners").

Phil Lefkowitz and Jim Roy co-directed. 1994's Trumpeter (\$500+ prize fund!) is the 3rd weekend of January—*please do not schedule a conflicting event that weekend.*

Mr. Big says that John Quiring was the "unofficial" Trumpeter Speed Champion (8 of them played Saturday night)—John has

#### Read All About the Library Guys at the 1992 Eaton Centre Action Chess Championship and the

#### Eaton Amateur Chess Championship

by Ford Wong

The 9-player Action Chess Championship went to **Arniel Frialde**, who beat out newcomer Mohammed Robele (USCF 2270; a "library guy") in the last round to take first. Alex Kuti and Fred Fedorash (library guys) split the Under 1800 & Unrated prize.

The Eaton Amateur Chess Championship had just 10 players (30 last year), maybe due to the major snowstorm that weekend.

### More Active-Chess Tournaments so You can be More Active

In 1993 the ACA will be hosting more active tournaments (additional info on page 8):

Calgary March Active Sat., March 6  
Swan City Active Sat., March 27  
Alberta Active Fri., April 9  
Edmonton June Active Sat., June 19

For those of you who don't have time to play in a full-weekend chess tournament, 1-day active events may be more to your liking.

#### Mr. Big said to

#### Thank Craig Vokey...

Thanks to Craig for running tournaments at the U of A over the last few years (and for his interesting tournament reports!). Craig is in Ontario for about 6 months, then it's off to B.C., following his physician wife. Hmmm, too bad she's not a psychiatrist, eh, Craig?

apparently always claimed he hates speed and active chess...go figure, eh!

Grant MacTavish - Rob Gardner (round 4)  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bb7 10.f3 Be7 11.Qd2 0-0 12.Rad1 Ne5 13.Nde2 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Rfe1 Qc7 16.Bg5 Rfd8 17.Bf4 Nh5 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.Qxg5 Nf6 20.Qe3 Rab8 21.b3 cxb3 22.cxb3 Rbc8 23.Na4 Nd7 24.Rd2 d5 25.exd5 Bxd5 26.Red1 Nf6 27.Qb6 Rd6 28.Qxc7 Rxc7 29.Nac3 Kf8 30.Nxd5 Rxd5 31.Kf2 Rxd2 32.Rxd2 *Grant now proposed a draw.* 32...Nd5 33.Rd4? Rc2 34.Ke1 Rxa2 35.Ra4 Rxe2+ 36.Kxe2 Nc3+ 37.Kd3 Nxa4 38.bxa4 Ke7 39.Kc4 Kd6 40.Kb4 Kc6 41.Ka5 Kb7 42.g4 f6 43.h4 g6 44.g5 f5 45.f4 e5 46.fxe5 f4 47.e6 Kc6 48.Kxa6 f3 (0-1).

John Quiring - Rob Gardner (round 3)  
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.c4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.e4 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.0-0 h6 11.Nd2 f5 12.f3 f4 13.Bf2 fxg3 14.hxg3 g5 15.b4 Ng6 16.c5 Nf6 17.Rc1 Rf7 18.Nc4 Bf8 19.Rc2 g4 20.cxd6 Bxd6

The new 1992 Edmonton Amateur Chess Champion is **David Ottosen** (a library guy), who beat out Sam Chandler (another library guy!) in the last round. David will have his name engraved on the Edmonton Amateur Trophy, which is displayed at the Edmonton CC. Sam took home 2nd prize by winning the playoff between himself, Doug Sturm and Rick O'Leary.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who participated.

Ford went on to say that the "library guys" can be found most days, including weekends, at the Centennial Library (downtown). It's an informal "meeting" where one

### Canadian Correspondence Chess Association

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Manny Migicovsky  
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21.Nxd6 cxd6 22.Be3 h5 23.f4 exf4 24.Bxf4 h4 25.Qd4 Nh5 26.Rcf2 Ngxf4 27.gxf4 h3 28.Bxh3 gxh3 29.Kh2 Qh4 30.Rg1+ Kh7 31.Ne2 Bg4 32.Qe3 Bxe2 33.Qxe2 Rg8 34.f5 Rxc1 35.Kxg1 Rg7+ 36.Kf1 (0-1).

#### Ford Wong - Larry Stutzman (round 2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.e4 Be7 6.f4 exd5 7.cxd5 0-0 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Bc4 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.a5 b5 13.axb6 Nxb6 14.Qd3 Nxc4 15.Qxc4 Qb6 16.h3 Bd7 17.Be3 Reb8 18.e5 Bb5 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.Qd3 Nd7 21.Qf5 Nf8 22.Ng5 f6 23.Nxh7?! *Unsound!* 23...dxe5 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 26.b4?! 26.fxe5! 26...exf4 27.Rxf4 Ra1+ 28.Kf2 Ra2+ 29.Kf3 Ra3 30.Qc8+ Kf7 31.bxc5 Bxc5 32.Qd7+ Be7 33.Re4 Qd6 34.Qxb5 g5 35.Qc4 35.Re6? *Qf4+* 35...Qc5 36.Qxc5 Bxc5 37.Ke2 Ra2+ 38.Kd3 Bxe3 39.Rxe3 Rxc2 40.d6 Rg1 41.Kd4 Rd1+ 42.Kc5 f5 43.Kc6 Rc1+ 44.Kb7 Rb1+ 45.Kc7 Rc1+ 46.Kd8 f4 47.Re7+ Kf8 48.Re5 Rd1 49.d7 Kf7 50.Rxc5 Kf6 51.Rc5 Ke6 52.Rc6+ Kf7 53.Rc4 Ke6 54.Re4+ Kf5 55.Re7 Kf6 56.Ke8 Rg1 57.Rf7+ (1-0).

#### \* CLUBS \*

Please ensure that info on page 2 is *correct*. Remember, *your members* would like to see reports in the ACR on *your activities!*

#### \* ORGANIZERS OF EVENTS \*

Please send ACR details well in advance.

#### \* TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS \*

We'd appreciate a written report (especially since *En Passant* has greatly reduced its reports). Prize list, x-table, and/or game(s) an asset. Thanks for supporting your newsletter!

can usually find a game or two in progress and an opponent if you need one. Some fairly good players, most without established ratings, hang out there! It's a good place to enhance your chess skills via casual games.

### DH Homeruns at Summer Active #4

▼  
**Dale Haessel** actively captured first at 5.5/6, drawing with Chris Demers (who scored 4/6, as did Art Milne). Max Carcamo lost only to Dale, coming second with 5/6, and winning 1st Under 1800. Rand Dodd's 3.5 gave him 1st Under 1600, with Kevin Turner and Lee Nagle following in that category. Arthur Odachowski directed this Calgary event.

### Dale Delivers at Alberta 1800 & Over

▼  
**Dale Haessel** overcame another batch of opponents, scoring 4.5/5 and outdistancing Arthur Odachowski, who was second at 3/5. Due to the small turnout (too common a stat for Calgary weekenders recently), the 6 entrants played a round robin. Lev Becker was 3rd at 2.5/5, followed at 2/5 by Jim Daniluk and Paul Usselman. Bill Bentley trailed with a single win—not too surprising since he was the lowest-rated entrant. Jim Van Wyck and Dale Haessel were co-TD's.

### Two Top Alberta Under 1800

▼  
**Kevin Yano** and **Andrew Beingessner** were co-winners of 1992's Under 1800. They scored 4-1 in the 12-player Swiss. Brian Murdoch, flying Red Deer's flag, was clear 3rd at 3.5-1.5. Others scoring 50% or better were Arthur Milne and Michael Eng, 3-2, and Dave Gomboc and Bill Rusk, 2.5-2.5.

### Familiar Winner at Calgary Fall Open

▼  
**Dale Haessel** (Where have we heard that name before?) surprised no one when he finished with 6.5 points in this 7-round Calgary CC Swiss. (In the middle of this tournament, Dale took time out to win the Alberta Open!) Arthur Odachowski's 5.5 gave him second place, a half-point ahead of Wilf Lahrkamp. Max Carcamo (4) was 1st Under 1900, and Art Milne (3.5) 2nd. Kevin Turner (4) took the 1st Under 1500 prize. Lee Nagle and Lenny Leung headed the Unrated group. Tim McMurphy directed.

### Hassling at the Southern Alberta Open

▼  
**Dale Haessel** hustled all opponents to win another Alberta Closed Qualifier by notching a perfect 4-0 in this 12-player Swiss. Réjean Plante lost only to Haessel to take second. His 3-1 score was matched by Franck Pellerin, who was 1st Under 1800, followed by Ben Vandermeer. Vern Taerum and David Ottosen tied for the Under 1600 prize. Barney Fegyverneki directed (thanks to Barney for the prize lists and crosstables used by the Editor to write the reports in this column).

### 3-Way Tie at Golden Harvest Open

by Jim Kanester (Organizer)

▼  
A small turnout of 9 came to this first tournament of the 1992-93 Alberta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix. It was held September 26 and 27, 1992 at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery. **Grant MacTavish**, winner of the Grand Prix for the past two years, tied with **Forrest Nelson** and **Derek McCracken** (Prince George) at 3 points. Disappointingly, no Grande Prairie players turned up; however, they insist that they will be at later tournaments. No problem, because we would have beaten them anyway!

John Clemens of Dawson Creek won the Under 1700 section with 2.5 points. Steven Reynolds was the Top Junior and won a full membership for his efforts against the big, bad adults.

### Larry Does it All at Ft. St. John Fall Active

by Jim Kanester

▼  
This 2nd Peace River Grand Prix tournament was held Saturday, Oct. 24/92. Ten players from Dawson Creek, Grande Prairie, and Ft. St. John participated in the 4-round active event. **Larry Stutzman** was organizer, tournament director, and the undefeated winner (4-0). Grant MacTavish of Dawson Creek was second with 3 wins, while two players—Gordon MacDonald of Dawson Creek and Phil Lefkowitz of Grande Prairie—shared the Under 1700 cash at 3 wins.

Grant MacTavish had the Grand Prix lead after this event with 6 points.

### Grant Great at D.C. Fall Active

by Jim Kanester

▼  
A small group of only 7 players turned out for this 4-round active tournament held on November 28 in Dawson Creek. **Grant MacTavish** of Dawson Creek was undefeated at 4 points, again proving himself the best in the west (northeast?). He won a \$60 CFC gift certificate for his efforts. His main opposition, Larry Stutzman of Ft. St. John, was second with 3 points. Gordon MacDonald was first in the Under 1700 class with 2 points and won himself a chess clock.

This tournament, directed by Grant MacTavish, was the third of 6 in the 1992-93 Peace River Grand Prix. Grant, last year's Champion, is in the lead this year. The next area tournaments are the Trumpeter Classic in Grande Prairie (won by "Rocket" Rob Gardner, as the report on the previous page already revealed—ed.), the Mukluk Open (Ft. St. John, February 20-21), and the Swan City Active (Grande Prairie, March 27).

### All Pal's at Active Chess Challenge

by Wayne Mendryk, TD

▼  
The Edmonton CC held a 6-round active chess tournament Oct. 23 to Nov. 6, with 14 participating. Unrated (in active chess) **Inderpal Kalher** took first with 5.5/6. Even more impressive than Pal's score was his playing the top 5 rated players (in consecutive rounds!), scoring 4.5/5 in those games.

Eric Schocat came 2nd on tiebreak over Ferenc Borloi and Geoff Newton (all 4/6). George Kohler's 3/6 gave him first "Under 1700", followed by Randy Gouge (2.5).

Editor: Thanks, Wayne, for having been our main source of ECC news! Somebody (not Wayne) said there's still smoking going on inside the hall (despite ECC 'policy'?...and a bylaw). I don't have your allergy, Wayne, but find it hard to play when my eyes are burning, so no ECC 'comeback' for me, I guess. I hope someone sends in ECC reports!

### Murdoch Files Winning Writ at Red Deer Fall Open

▼  
**Brian Murdoch** yielded only one draw on the way to finishing first with 4.5/5, a point ahead of Jens Kaastrup in this eight-player Swiss. Henry Vandervaart, Gordie Cannon and Josh Denneboom also scored over 50% (3-2).

Brian also sent (his words) one "disgusting" draw in a King's Gambit—disgusting, he said, because he had not played this opening before, but did so in a moment of weakness, and because, having misplayed the opening, he was lucky to get a draw by repetition.

Brian also relayed the good news that the attendance at the Red Deer Chess Club has been 15+ the "last two weeks"—with quite a number of new players who have never played in a rated tournament.

### B. Murdoch — J. Kaastrup (round 4)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 d6 5.Bc4 Be6 6.Qe2 Bxc4 7.Qxc4 Nh5 8.Qb5+ Nd7 9.Qxh5 Be7 10.d3 g6 11.Qh3 g5 12.g3 h5 13.Qg2 g4 14.Ng1 f3 15.Qf2 c6 16.h3 Bf6 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Qxb6 axb6 19.Nd1 Ke7 20.Bc3 Ne5 21.Ne3 Rag8 22.d4 Nd7 23.Kf2 c5 24.Nf5+ Kd8 25.Nxd6 Ke7 26.Nf5+ Kd8 27.Nd6 (the Editor would play 27.Nxf3 and calculate later...) Ke7 28.Nf5+ (draw).

### Co-Winners at RDCC Winter Open

▼  
**Henry Vandervaart** and **Jens Kaastrup**, with excellent 6-1 scores, headed the field in this 8-player round robin. Jens lost to Henry in round 2, while Henry lost in round 5 to Skylar Longley, who finished in third place with 4.5/7. Gordie Cannon was also in the plus column, coming fourth with 4 points.



# ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

(A special section of the Alberta Chess Report, January 1993)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 B. Wu	x	0	1	1	1	1	4.0
2 S. Chan	1	x	0	=	1	1	3.5
3 C. Wu	0	1	x	1	0	=	2.5
4 M. Eng	0	=	0	x	1	=	2.0
5 D. Kiely	0	0	1	0	x	=	1.5
6 K. Schade	0	0	=	=	=	x	1.5

**Beatrice Wu** (4-1-0/w-1-d), who had failed to qualify via the Northern Alberta Cadet but got in by rating, is the 1992 Alberta Cadet Champion, beating out Sherwin Chan (3-1-1), Cynthia Wu (2-2-1), Michael Eng (1-2-2), Danny Kiely (1-3-1) and Kevin Schade (0-2-3). Honorable mention goes to Sherwin Chan, who suffered an early setback and a quick draw in round three which cost him his chance to represent Alberta again. Congratulations to Beatrice and good luck at the Canadian Cadet in 1993! Here's a round-by-round, blow-by-blow description:

### Round 1

D. Kiely—B. Wu: Danny, in a winning position, gave back his extra pawn when he forced the trade of the remaining Queens and then created an outside passer, thinking that it would win. However, the pawn was 'within the square' and was quickly gobbled up, leaving Beatrice with a won pawn ending.

K. Schade—M. Eng: Kevin gave Michael an isolated d-pawn early but was unable to win it, and after several tactical attempts, the game was drawn.

C. Wu—S. Chan: Sherwin and Cynthia found themselves in a very double-edged position, with Cynthia generating a dangerous Kingside. Tempted by the win of an exchange, Sherwin blundered, overlooking a mate.

### Round 2

S. Chan—K. Schade: Just as it seemed that Sherwin's Queenside pawn storm would be stopped, leaving Kevin with a Kingside pawn storm of his own, Sherwin tried to break through with c5. The subsequent exchanges on c5 allowed a discovered check, winning Kevin's Queen.

D. Kiely—C. Wu: Black dropped a piece early and was never able to recover it.

B. Wu—M. Eng: Beatrice converted her two extra pawns to win in a long rook ending after Michael missed winning her Queen.

### Round 3

This was a very strange round where friends were paired against each other and

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December 12-13, Edmonton  
by Ford Wong

with games starting at different times—they started when opponents were available.

K. Schade—D. Kiely: A very quick draw from a wierd Caro-Kann, with both players noticeably absent. Danny appeared to make a move and left. Then Kevin appeared and, as he was quickly walking out the room, mumbled something about their game being drawn as they had to leave soon. I wasn't sure about the "Spirit of Competition", however what would you expect between friends! (He left so quickly that I didn't have time to tell him when the next round started. Fortunately for me, I stumbled upon them 20 minutes later downstairs in the Arcade while they were waiting for their ride!).

S. Chan—M. Eng: Sherwin almost had to forfeit this game due to a previous school engagement, but decided to play. Sherwin managed to secure a quick draw against Michael so that he could still attend the function. In retrospect the lost half-point may have been very costly.

B. Wu—C. Wu: Beatrice won a piece early and secured the point in 70 moves in a quick 30 minute game against her sister.

After three rounds, Beatrice (3 pts) had a commanding lead, with only Sherwin (1.5) or Danny (1.5) having a chance to catch her as Chan-Kiely remained to be played.

### Round 4

B. Wu—S. Chan: Beatrice allowed Sherwin to mount a rapid all-out offensive by way of an early Queen thrust that soon led to a quick mate.

D. Kiely—M. Eng: After some quiet manouvering, Danny may have got impatient and sacrificed the exchange, opening up the position to Michael's advantage.

C. Wu—K. Schade: A long, hard-fought draw, with Kevin missing a chance to win in a knight vs knight endgame.

### Round 5

Sherwin and Michael had a chance to catch Beatrice, but needed help from Kevin.

S. Chan—D. Kiely: Sherwin, in lightning fashion, opened up the position and quickly blitzed Danny into submission.

C. Wu—M. Eng: In what looked like a drawn rook vs rook ending, Michael allowed the trade of rooks, which cost him a pawn and the game.

K. Schade—B. Wu: Beatrice took control of her own destiny and was not to be denied. She outplayed Kevin, winning a pawn via combination for the victory.

### Beatrice Wu - Sherwin Chan (round 4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 Bc5 4.f4 d6 5.Nf3 Ng4 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 0-0 8.Be2 Qh4+ 9.g3 Qh3 10.Bf3 Nxf2 11.Rg1 Bxd4 12.Bg2 Qxg3+ 13.Ke2 Bg4+ 14.Bf3 Qxf3+ 15.Kd2 Qe3+# (0-1).

### Danny Kiely - Michael Eng (round 4)

1.d3 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 e5 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Re1 Be6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Nbd2 b6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.e4 d4 11.Rf1 Qd7 12.a4 a5 13.Kh1 g5 14.b3 g4 15.Ne1 h5 16.f4 Qc7 17.f5 Bd7 18.h3 gxh3 19.Bxh3 0-0-0 20.Rc1 Rdg8 21.Rg1 Bg5 22.Nef3 Be3 23.Rg2 f6 24.Rb1 Be8 25.Nc4 Bh6 26.Qe2 Nd8 27.Rbg1 Bf7 28.Nfd2 Nc6 29.Nf3 Bxc4 30.bxc4 Nd8 31.Nh4 Qd7 32.Ng6 Rh7 33.Ra1 Be3 34.Kh2 Nc6 35.Qf3 Kc7 36.Qe2 Qe8 37.Qf3 Ne7 38.Kh1 Rh6 39.Nxe7 Qxe7 40.Re1 Qe8 41.Rxe3?! dxe3 42.Qxe3 Qf8 43.c3 Rg5 44.d4 cxd4 45.cxd4 exd4 46.Qxd4 Qb4 47.e5?! Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qxe5 49.Qd2 h4 50.Kh1 hxg3 51.Rxg3 Rxg3 (0-1).

### Kevin Schade - Beatrice Wu (round 5)

1.d3 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 0-0 9.Re1 Ng4 10.Re2 Rd8 11.Nc3 Be6 12.h3 Nf6 13.Bg5 Be7 14.a3 h6 15.Be3 Nd4 16.Rd2 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Rxd2 18.Bxd2 Bxh3 19.Rd1 a6 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Bd7 22.Be3 Bd6 23.c4 Ba4 24.Rc1 Rd8 25.c5 Be7 26.b4 f5 27.Bd1 Bxd1 28.Rxd1 Kf7 29.Kg2 Ke8 30.Kf1 Kd7 31.Bc1 b6 32.Be3 bxc5 33.bxc5 Rb8 34.Rd3 Rb5 35.Rc3 g5 36.Kg2 f4 (0-1).

### Sherwin Chan - Danny Kiely (round 5)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bg5 Nge7 6.e3 dxe3 7.Qxd8+ Nxd8 8.Bxe3 Nec6 9.Be2 Bf5 10.0-0 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Nd5 Ne6 13.Nxe7+Nxe7 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Nc6 16.Bc3 Rfe8 17.f4 f6 18.Bf3 Bd3 19.Bd5+ Kf8 20.Rf3 Bg6 21.exf6 gxf6 22.f5 Bh5 23.Rh3 Bg4 24.Rxh7 Ne5 25.Bb4+ c5 26.Bxc5+ (1-0).

### Alberta Junior 1992

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 A. Paduch	x	1	=	1	1	1	4.5
2 A. Wu	0	x	1	1	1	1	4.0
3 J. Roy	=	0	x	=	1	1	3.0
4 D. Gomboc	0	0	=	x	1	=	2.0
5 D. Wu	0	0	0	0	x	1	1.0
6 C. Mousseau	0	0	0	=	0	x	0.5

## Southern Alberta (Calgary) Junior

Dave Gomboc and Chuck Mousseau were Co-Champions at 4-2 in this double RR. Sylvester Lachowski and Amanda Dodd-Flower also played. Jim Daniluk directed.

### Edmonton Junior Chess Club

The EJCC holds tourneys on some Saturdays at the Main Library (downtown south of Churchill Square; Edmonton Room, left of check out area, as you enter). Low entry fees. Usually active chess (30 minutes per player). CFC/ACA memb. needed. Chess equipment is supplied. For now, contact Ford Wong (481-6474) — but he's rather busy as ACA Pres., so someone else may take over...

#### EJCC Schedule

February Firefight (February 6)  
March Migraine (March 6)  
April Assault (April 3)  
May Mayhem (May 1)

## Southern Alberta (Calgary) Cadet

Danny Kiely (5-1) nailed down this 9-player, 6-round Swiss. Kevin Schade (4.5) was second, and Michael Eng (4) third. Barney Fegyverneki directed.

### Calgary Junior Chess Club

The Calgary Junior CC is back in operation! Site: St. Andrews Heights Community Assoc. Hall, 13 Ave & University Dr NW.

#### CJCC Tournament Dates

March 6 April 3 May 1

Register: 9:30 a.m. (round 1 at 10:00)

Anyone interested in playing or in helping out can contact Paul Usselman at 270-0493 (come on, folks, lend a hand).

### Leduc Junior Chess Club

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).

← Special thanks to the Alberta Vocational College for donating the excellent facilities for the Southern Alberta (Calgary) Cadet and Junior Championships!

## EJCC November Nuclear Attack

by Ford Wong, TD



So that everyone got at least 4 games, the tournament was made a 5-round Swiss, which led to interesting pairings in the last 2 rounds of this 9-player event. It was also a good way to show aspiring TD, Adam Wu, how a Swiss is run. After 3 rounds, **Beatrice Wu** emerged clearly leading and finished to win with a 4.5 score (hanging on for a draw in the last round against Paul Kirvan, who performed well). The "Under 1000 & Unrated" prize went to Aaron Lovi, who beat Paul Kirvan in a 2-game playoff. Aquino Nguyen played in his first tournament and went home still looking for his first full point—hopefully he'll find it next tournament.

## EJCC December Disaster

by Adam Wu

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The presence of four unrated newcomers made this the largest turnout of recent memory, leading to an unexpected problem: there weren't enough working chess clocks to go around. As a result, the last two boards had to go without them. Luckily, time was never a factor there. In the higher boards, however, blitzkriegs came fast and furious. In one game, Douglas Wu checkmated his opponent, Rob Curtis, one second after his flag fell. Unfortunately, Rob noticed this two seconds too late. In another game, Aaron Lovi lost on time with a queen advantage against Douglas (Aaron had previously dropped a piece, but Douglas returned the favor with interest).

When the dust had settled, **Valentine Pui** claimed first prize in the 15-player Active whirlwind, defeating Dave Ottosen in the last round in a tactical blizzard. In the Under 1300 section, Cynthia Wu and Paul Kirvan, each with 2.5, had to play six hurricane playoff games before Cynthia claimed the book prize. In the Under 1000 section, Bernie Kan and Matilda Machnowski tied at 2/4 each, with Bernie winning the playoff.

### Val Pui - Dave Ottosen

notes by Val

(bracketed comments by Adam Wu)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 a6 is called for (...Nf6 is known as the Berlin Defence, and while playable, is somewhat cramped) 4.d3 a6 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.O-O Bd6 7.Nc3 O-O 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5?! At this point I felt that a N sac would profit me, as I had seen several

of these before. After due consideration... 10.Nxg5! (I have seen and played several of these before, and most are technically unsound. However, fortune favors the bold!) 10...hxg5 11.Bxg5 Be7 (Kg7 maybe?) 12.f4 Attempting to trap the white-squared bishop. 12...Bg4 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.h3 Be6 (The idea of Bh5, followed by f6 and Bf7, was likely better.) 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 I felt that trading was to my advantage, getting rid of defenders. 16.f5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 f6 Maybe necessary. (In view of the pending threat of Rg5+, Rh5+ and Qh6, probably necessary.) 18.Qf2 Kf7 19.Rf1 Rg8 Attack on g2! (Counterattack may well be Black's only chance.) 20.Qh4 (d4, aiming to open the center, is interesting.) 20...Rg6 21.g4? Trying to attack f6. (Unnecessarily weakening the K-position. N-d1-e3, followed by c3 and d4, is a possibility. Once the center disintegrates, Black will suddenly find himself out of the frying pan and into the fire!) 21...Rag8 22.Kh2 Wasted move—maybe Nd1, c3, d4. (In view of g4, Kh2 would probably have to be played sooner or later.) 22...Ke8 (Time to beat a strategic retreat.) 23.Qh5? Wasted move. 23...Qg7 24.Qh4 Rh8 25.Rh5 Rgh6 26.Rff5 Nf8! 27.Rxh6 Rxh6 Here I contemplated Qf2, but Qxg4 was imminent. However, I wanted the Q on the e-file and the R on the f-file. (White's difficulties with Black's inspired defence stem largely from the lack of a second front. Note that no piece, except for Black's R/a8 has crossed the d-file since the start of the game! White should open up the center.) 28.Qg3 Ng6 29.Rf3 Nf4 30.Nd1?? (Could have been a losing move. Rxf4 is forced and good.) 30...Qh7? 30...Rxh3! Need we say more? 31.Nf2 Sorry, nice try.

(Opportunity only knocks once!) 31...Ne2 Offering a draw, but I have a mentality to play to win or lose all games and have about an 8% draw percentage. 32.Qg2 Nf4 33.Qf1 (Tesuji!) 33...Kf7 (This is the beginning to the time pressure blitzkrieg, and the next few moves show it.) 34.Nd1 Kg6? 35.Ne3 Kf7 36.Nf5 Rg6 37.Rg3 Intending push, but exchange sac better. 37...Kf8 38.d4! Finally, I see that it just might profit me. (I suggest to the editor that we italicize 'Finally'! I gave you an underline—ed.) 38...Kf7 39.dxe5 fxe5 40.Qf3 Rf6? 41.g5 Rg6 42.Qg4 Ke8 43.Nh4 Rg8 44.g6 Preparing for check, cutting off f7, causing havoc, cramping (etc., etc.). 44...Qg7 45.Qc8+ The beginning to the end (or perhaps the end of the end?). 45...Ke7 46.Qxc7+ Kf8? 47.Qd8 mate (1-0).

In all fairness to Dave, we also present the following miniature...

### Cynthia Wu - Dave Ottosen

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.dxc5 e5 4.Nc3 Bxc5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bg5 O-O 7.a3 e4 8.Nxe4? Nxe4 9.Bxd8 Bxf2 mate! (0-1). The final position is a modified Legal's Mate, one of the rarest of all opening traps.

In all fairness to Cynthia, we would have included one of her better games, but this column has run out of room...

(To which the editor says: Actually, Adam, it has not run out of room. So, since you did not include a "fairness to little sister" game, I will just have to fill the space by thanking you for your report, and for your helping to keep the Edmonton Junior Chess Club in operation!)

**1993 NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN**  
February 20 & 21, Edmonton

Site: L'Express Lounge (room 142)  
Students' Union (114 St & 89 Ave), UofA  
Register: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Saturday

**Please be on time!**

(round 1 at 10:00 a.m.)

(late arrivals not guaranteed round 1 bye!)

Entry Fee only: \$20 senior, \$15 junior

(CFC/ACA membership required)

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

Swiss System (one section)

3 rounds Saturday, 2 rounds Sunday

**\* Cash prizes \***

- top finishers, and by rating category
  - junior prize(s) with sufficient entrants
- All but \$3 of each entry returned as prizes!

No smoking in the playing room, nor

outside it in or near the 'analysis area'

Final '93 Alberta Closed Qualifier!

TD/Org: Len Steele. Sponsor: ACA

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**Calgary March 'Active'**

March 6, Calgary

Site: Quality Inn,  
2359 Banff Trail (in 'Motel Village')

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

5 round Swiss (round 1: 10:00 a.m.)

Time Control: 30 min/player/game

Entry Fee: \$20.00 senior \$15.00 junior

TD/Org: B. Fegyvermeki (243-6351)

**Swan City 'Active'**

March 27, Grande Prairie

Contact: Jim Roy (568-3961)

**1992-93 9th Annual**  
**Alta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix**

(remaining events)

**Feb 20-21 Mukluk Open.** Ft. St. John.

Contact: Larry Stutzman (604)-785-7830.

**Mar 6** Dawson Creek vs Ft. St. John Team

Match. Dawson Creek. Contact: Gordon

MacDonald (604)-782-4264.

**Mar 27 Swan City Active.** Grande Prairie.

Contact: Jim Roy (403)-568-3961.

**Apr 24** Ft. St. John vs Grande Prairie Team

Match. Ft. St. John. Contact: Larry Stutzman

(604)-785-7830.

Underlined events are in the Grand Prix (4-rd; active or regular rated). To qualify for GP

pts (sum of 4 best scores), must play in at least 4 GP events. Based on \$1.50 fee/entrant/event: 1st overall & 1st under 1700,

each 30% of prize fund; 2nd overall & 2nd under 1700, each 20% (using regular ratings

as of Aug/92 *En Passant*). No player may win more than one prize.

**1993 Alberta Closed**

April 9-11, Calgary

Site: Quality Inn,  
2359 Banff Trail (in 'Motel Village')

7 round RR (round 1: 9:00 a.m.)

Time control: 40/2, 25/1

(limited to 8 players; no on-site entry)

TD: Ted Wilson

**Alberta 'Active'**

April 9, Calgary

Site: Quality Inn,  
2359 Banff Trail (in 'Motel Village')

Register: 9:00-9:45 am

5 round Swiss (round 1: 10:00 a.m.)

Time Control: 30 min/player/game

Entry Fee: \$20.00 senior \$15.00 junior

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**1993 Alberta Women's Closed**

April 9-11, Calgary

Site: Quality Inn,  
2359 Banff Trail (in 'Motel Village')  
•format depends on number of entries•  
It's possible the dates may be changed to suit competitors' schedules (this is the Editor's feeling, not a statement from the ACA).

**Alberta Reserves**

April 10-11, Calgary

Site: Quality Inn,  
2359 Banff Trail (in 'Motel Village')

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

4 round Swiss (round 1: 10:00 a.m.)

Time Control: 45/2, 25/1

Entry Fee: \$20.00 senior \$15.00 junior

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**Canadian Chess Challenge**  
**National Finals**  
**in Alberta this Year!**

The Canadian Chess Challenge National Finals features matches between Provincial (and Territorial) teams—composed of one representative per team in each school grade (1-12)—to determine the top players in Canada in each grade and the top teams.

Alberta will be the host this year for the Chess Challenge Nationals (May 23-24, Banquet Room, Lister Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton).

Many schools in Alberta have already held tournaments to qualify students to the various regional playdowns (February 27 in Calgary, Edmonton, the northeast region, and Grande Prairie; the ACR Editor is not sure of the dates of other regionals). The regionals will determine those qualified in each grade to play in the Alberta Finals (March 27 in Athabasca).

Though I have not yet been asked to print a request in the ACR for volunteers to help out with the Chess Challenge National Finals, I am sure that **additional help is needed** (for example, there will be a need for persons to drive kids and their chaperones between the airport and the city).

If you can offer to assist with some part of the Chess Challenge—even a "small" part—**please do contact the ACA.**

The more people helping, the easier it will be for everybody, and the more pleasant the experience for the school children from across the country.

With your help we'll show the rest of Canada that "we can do it, and do it well!"

There are many opportunities for tournament play on weekends in 1993! Check out the schedule, and make your plans now!

**And even more tournaments**

June 5-6 Red Deer Open, Red Deer

June 19 June Active, Edmonton

(details similar to U of A Open, but "active")

July 10-11 July Open, Calgary

Sept 18-19 1800 & Over, Edmonton

and Under 1800, Edmonton

Sept 25-26 S. Alberta Cadet, Calgary

S. Alberta Junior, Calgary

N. Alberta Cadet, Edmonton

N. Alberta Junior, Edmonton

Oct 9-11 Alberta Open, Calgary

Nov 6-7 Alberta Junior, Edmonton

Nov 13-14 S. Alberta Open, Calgary

Dec 11-12 Alberta Cadet, Edmonton

Dec 18-19 Winter Open, Edmonton