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"ROCKET" - THE KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS WINS AGAIN

Two Weekends Before Christmas, 2001

By Adrien Regimbald, TD

I ended up directing this tournament as the original TD, Peter Alderton, was not going to be available for the whole weekend. At first, I was rather worried when no masters had shown up by 9:45am on Saturday, which left Micah Hughey as the only player rated over 2000 in the tournament. Fortunately, the merry band of jokers Greg Huber, Rob Gardner, and Roy Yearwood showed up at the last minute, rounding up the number of players at 20 and making the event significantly more competitive at the top. With these last minute additions, I was pleased with the turnout and strength of the tournament, especially considering how close it is to the Christmas holidays.

After some hectic moments at the start, the tournament ran rather smoothly for the rest of the weekend. There weren't many time scrambles, and there weren't any disputes at all for the whole tournament. This gave me plenty of time to enter in game scores on the ECC's computer, which is now up and running. I tried to get as many of the games as I could; in the end, I managed to get 33 out of 47 total games. The games should all be available on the ACA's web site

<http://www.albertachess.org>
and the ECC's web site
<http://www.edmontonchess.org>

The tournament ended up being rather exciting among the top seeds, with only one draw in the games among the players rated over 2000. In fact, in the last round, Hughey pulled off a huge upset over Huber in a thrilling game. The Hughey vs. Huber game ended up deciding the tournament, and allowed Rob Gardner to finish in clear 1st place. The tournament prize winners ended up being:

The only other big anomaly in terms of results was the impressive string of 4 draws in a row by Dave Gomboc. It seemed that Gomboc was in rough shape

for the tournament, and unfortunately it showed through in his results. In fact, in the last round, I made a special exception to get him a bye after having paired the last round since he was feeling incredibly bad. Luckily, David Ottosen stepped in to help out by playing for a single last round game. Unluckily however, after I'd finished with the initial last round pairings, someone mixed up the pairing cards while looking through them. This made for a stressful scramble, but eventually someone found a missing pairing card for me!

Once again, a large amount of excitement was had away from the chessboard. For example, Gardner managed to have the TD crack up on more than one occasion (mid round I might add) via ridiculous impressions of the other top players at the tournament! Of course, there was many a caper to be had when we left the tournament site to eat! For example, we managed to somehow lose Bertrand and Brodmann while going to the Red Robins on the first night. The once well respected mud pie challenge at Red Robins has been sullied by the removal of the dreaded tar layer, yet a number of people tried it anyway. Much to the shock and disappointment of everyone in attendance, Hughey somehow managed to not finish the mud pie, even in this much less intimidating version! The shame! Whenever possible, I suggest that everyone refer to this shameful player as "The player without a name"! On the second night, a few of us went over to Fargos after all the games were over, and all was well until a garbage can in the bar went up in flames and a lot of smoke!

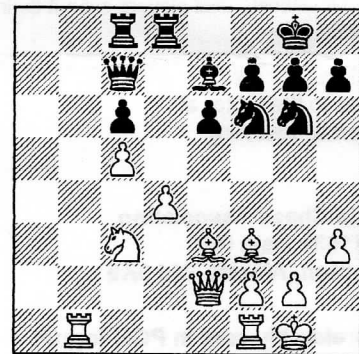
All joking aside, there were many interesting games of chess at the tournament. Of course, you should be able to download all of them as mentioned above, but here is a selection of some of the most interesting games for your enjoyment:

Gardner, Rob - Pua, Richard Round 1

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Be2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nb5 a6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.dxc5 Qxc5 12.b3 Ne4 13.Bb2 Rd8 14.Rc1 Qb6 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qg6 17.Bf3 Be6 18.Rc7 b5 19.Bh5 Qg5 20.f4 Qh6 21.f5 Bd7 22.Rf4 Qd6 23.Rc1 Rac8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Rxe4 Bxf5 27.Qd4+ Kg8 28.Re5 Rc1+ 29.Kf2 Rc2+ 30.Be2 Be6 31.Rg5+ Kf8 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qxh7 Rxa2 34.Qh4 Kd7 35.Rg8 Qe7 36.Qd4 Kc6 37.b4 Kb7 38.h4 Ra4 39.Bf3 Rxb4 40.Bxd5+ Bxd5 41.Qxd5+ Kb6 42.g3 Qf6+ 43.Kg2 Rb2+ 44.Kh3 Rf2 45.Rg5 Rf3 46.Qc5+ Ka5 47.Rg4 Qe6 48.Qc7+ Qb6 49.Qc3+ b4 50.Qa1+ Kb5 51.Qb2 Qe6 52.Qe2+ Kc5 53.Qxf3 b3 54.Qf4 f5 55.Rg5 b2 56.Qd4+ Kc6 57.Qxb2 f4+ 58.Kh2 fxc3+ 59.Rxc3 1-0

Yearwood, Roy - Kazakevich, Anastasia Round 1

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.c4 Qd8 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.b4 a6 13.Qe2 Rd8 14.Be3 Nbd7 15.a4 Rac8 16.c5 Nf8 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Ng6 19.bxc6 bxc6



20.Qa6 Rd7 21.Rb6 Nd5 22.Nxd5 cxd5 23.Rfb1 Qd8 24.Bg4 Nf8 25.Bf4 Ra8 26.Qb5 Rda7 27.Rb8 Rxb8 28.Qxb8 Qxb8 29.Rxb8 Ra1+ 30.Kh2 Ra4 31.c6 R c4 32.c7 g5 33.Be5 f6 34.Bxe6+ Kg7 35.Bxd5 1-0

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Deadline for next issue: March 1, 2001

Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be
submitted within a month, but strongly urges
submissions within seven days. You owe it to
participants to submit a report ASAP. Also,
please support your newsletter by sending a
written report to the ACR. Note that game
scores are the property of tournament directors.
Prizes can be withheld until players submit their
games.

Submissions

Send email to the editor at:
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with no special formatting or characters
- just plain ASCII text. Games sent in
another format run the risk of being
rejected.

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EDITORIAL

Move over Y2K, for the Alberta Chess
World, 2001 was the year of change
and chaos.

Oliver Schulte, our highest rated player,
followed in Nigel Fullbrook's footsteps
and went west to reside in the nether
regions of BC. While we wish him good
fortune in his future endeavors we are
hoping he will soon come to his senses
and return to our land of plenty here in
Alberta.

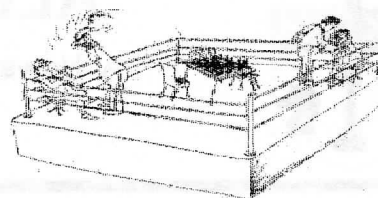
Our local and regional websites became
much more prominent with more options
and more regular updates. This was the
result of input and volunteered time from
many people. A few prominent ones
are: Juraj Pivovarov, Alan Clark, Steve
Hamblin, Adam Tassone, and Adrien
Regimbald. Thanks to them and all the
other people who put time and energy
into these sites. Your hard work enriches
us all.

In 2000 a very large majority of the
volunteered duties were done by a small
group of individuals, each of whom wore
many hats over the years. In 2001 a few
of those individuals came to the
conclusion that there is actually life
outside of chess (gasp) and chose to
share some of those carefully hoarded
hats with the rest of us, along with the
duties that go with them. (I chose the
Hard Hat). There was also a complete
revamping of the ACA and the ECC
Boards. All those who have cut back on
their volunteer activities will be sorely
missed. However, this had the positive
side effect of getting many new people
involved, including myself. Whenever
you can spread out the volunteered time
involvement amongst the masses, it is
never a bad thing.

On a lighter note, Roy Yearwood was
successfully cloned in October down in
Calgary, (most countries consider cloning
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UPCOMING BATTLES

Edmonton Closed/Edm. Reserves
Prince of Wales Armory, EDM

January 3—Feb 21

Calgary Closed

Elephant & Castle
8 Ave-4 St SW, CGY

January 8—Feb 19

Trumpeter Classic

Grande Prairie

January 19-20

January Open

Calgary

January 26-27

Northern Alberta Open

Prince Of Wales Armory, EDM

January 26-27

Alberta Closed

Prince Of Wales Armory, EDM

February 16-18

Alberta Reserves

Prince Of Wales Armory, EDM

February 16-17

Alberta Women's Championship

Prince Of Wales Armory, EDM

February 16-17

CCC Grand Prix #1 Speed Chess

Elephant & Castle, CGY

February 26

CCC Championship

Elephant & Castle, CGY

March 5-April 2

ECC March Open

Prince Of Wales Armory, EDM

March 7-28

March of Kings

Ramada Hotel

708—8 Ave SW, CGY

March 9-10

Canadian Zonal Championships

Richmond, BC

March 21-April 2

CCC Grand Prix #1 Speed Chess

Elephant & Castle, CGY

April 9

April Open

Prince Of Wales Armory, EDM

April 16-17

CCC Team Championship

Elephant & Castle, CGY

April 16-May 14

ROCKET... (Continued from page 1)

**Brodmann, David - Bertrand, Daryl
Round 3**

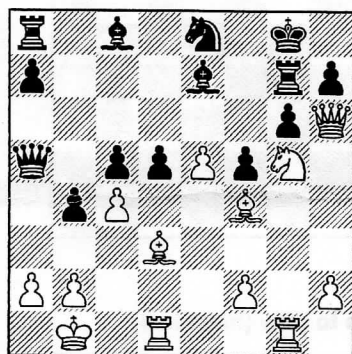
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5.0-0 Bg4 6.h3 h5 7.d3 Qf6 8.Nbd2 Ne7
9.Re1 Ng6 10.d4 exd4 11.hxg4 hxg4
12.e5 Qd8 13.e6 f5 14.e7 Bxe7 15.Ne5
Nf4 16.Ndc4 Nxc2 17.Kxg2 Qd5+ 18.f3
0-0-0 19.Bf4 Rh3 20.Ng6 Bf6 21.Nce5
Re8 22.c4 Qg8 23.Qd3 Qh7 24.Qxf5+
Kb8 25.Qxg4 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Rxe5
27.Bxe5 Rh6 28.Ne7 Qc2+ 29.Kg1 Qe2
30.Qc8+ Ka7 31.Bxd4+ c5 32.Bxc5+ b6
33.Qxc7+ 1-0

**Gardner, Rob - Hughey, Micah
Round 3**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Bd3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3
Ne5 9.Be2 c6 10.f4 Ned7 11.Be3 Nc5
12.Bf3 a5 13.g4 Be6 14.b3 Kh8 15.Qe2
d5 16.exd5 cxd5 17.f5 Bd7 18.Nxd5
Nxd5 19.Bxd5 h6 20.Qd2 Bf6 21.Rf3 Kg8
22.Rd1 Re8 23.Ne2 Qe7 24.Ng3 Ra7
25.Nh5 Be5 26.f6 gxf6 27.h3 b6 28.Qf2
Bc8 29.Bxh6 1-0

**Yearwood, Roy - Huber, Greg
Round 3**

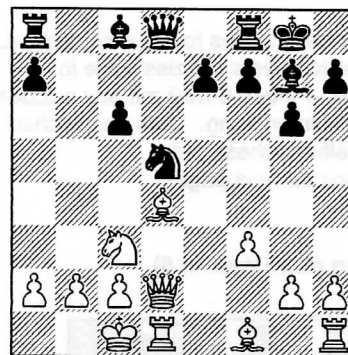
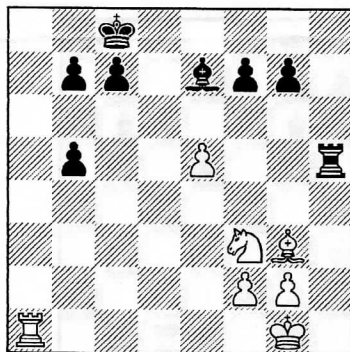
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Nf6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Ne5 Nxe5
9.dxe5 Ne8 10.Qh5 f5 11.Nf3 g6 12.Qh6
Rf7 13.Ng5 Rg7 14.g4 Qb6 15.0-0-0 Qa5
16.gxf5 exf5 17.Kb1 b5 18.Rhg1 b4 19.c4



19...Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Be6 21.cxd5 Bxd5
22.b3 c4 23.bxc4 b3 24.axb3 Qc3 25.Ka2
Rb8 26.Rb1 Rb6 27.cxd5 Qxd3 28.e4
Qc2+ 29.Ka3 Ra6+ 0-1

**Huber, Greg - Gardner, Rob
Round 4**

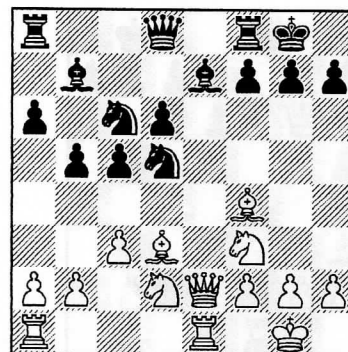
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5.Qxe2 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 0-0-0
8.Rd1 e6 9.c4 Qh5 10.Nc3 Bd6 11.c5
Be7 12.b4 e5 13.dxe5 Rxd1+ 14.Nxd1
Ng4 15.Bf4 Qf5 16.Bg3 Nxb4 17.Qb5
Qe4 18.Nc3 a6 19.Qa4 Qc4 20.a3 Qxc3
21.axb4 h5 22.b5 Rh6 23.h3 Qxc5
24.hxg4 Qxb5 25.Qxb5 axb5 26.gxh5
26...Rxb5



12...e5 13.Bc5 Be6 14.Ne4 Nb6 15.Bxf8
Qxf8 16.Kb1 Nd5 17.g4 Rb8 18.c4 Nb6
19.Qc2 Qe7 20.g5 Bf5 21.h4 Qb4 22.a3
Qa5 23.Ka1 Na4 24.b4 1-0

**Hughey, Micah - Huber, Greg
Round 5
By Micah Hughey**

1.d4 b5 2.e4 Bb7 3.Bd3 e6 4.Qe2 a6
5.Nf3 c5 6.c3 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 d6
9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.d5 exd5
12.exd5 Nxd5



27.Rc1 c5 28.e6 fxe6 29.Nd4 Kd7
30.Nxb5 Kc6 31.Nd4+ Kd5 32.Ne2 e5
33.Rb1 Kc6 34.Nc3 c4 35.f3 Bc5+ 36.Bf2
Bd4 37.Nb5 Bxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Rh8 39.Na3
Kc5 40.Rxb7 Ra8 41.Nb1 Ra2+ 42.Kg3
g6 43.Nc3 Ra3 44.Rb5+ Kc6 45.Nb1
Kxb5 46.Nxa3+ Kb4 47.Nc2+ Kc3 48.Ne3
Kd3 49.Kf2 c3 50.g4 g5 51.Nd5 e4
52.fxex4 Kxe4 53.Nxc3+ 1/2-1/2

**Gardner, Rob - Yearwood, Roy
Round 5**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0
9.0-0-0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6
12.Bd4

13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Bg3 g6 15.Qd3 Kxh7!
[15...Nf6!? 16.Bxg6 fxe6 17.Qxg6 is
unclear] 16.Qxd5 Qd7? [16...Qb6]
17.Ne4 Rad8 18.Bxd6! f6 19.Rad1 Nd4
20.Qxc5 Bxe4 21.Bxe7 Qg4 22.Rxd4
Rxd4 23.Qxd4 Greg's flag fell, but he is
lost anyway. 1-0

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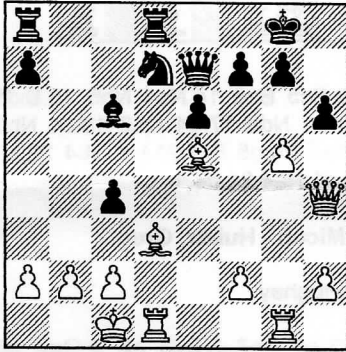
Two Weekends Before Christmas Tournament Winners

1st	Rob Gardner	4.5
2nd	Micah Hughey	4.0
3rd	Greg Huber	3.5
Under 2000		
1st	David Brodmann	3.5
2nd	Geoff Newton & Daryl Bertrand	3.0
Under 1700		
1st - 2nd	Alex Kazakevich & Anastasia Kazakevich	2.5

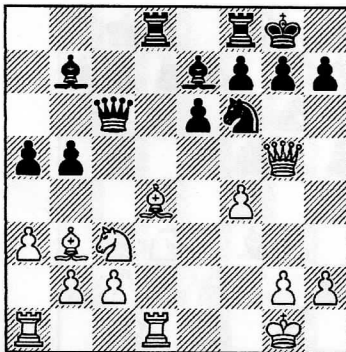
TACTICAL PUZZLES

Here are a few puzzles for your enjoyment. I would like to have a puzzles page in every issue. Please e-mail me any puzzles that you find interesting. I can be reached at <acr@albertachess.org> (all solutions on next page)

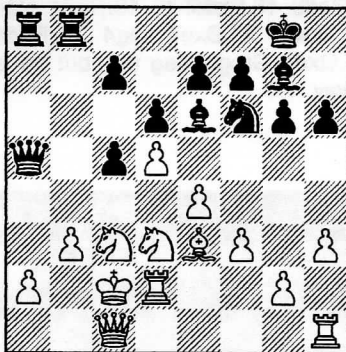
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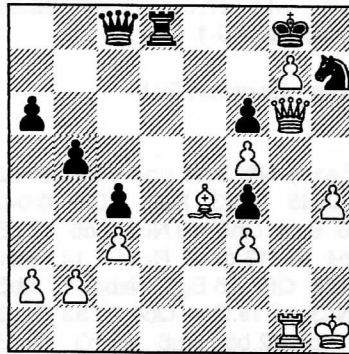
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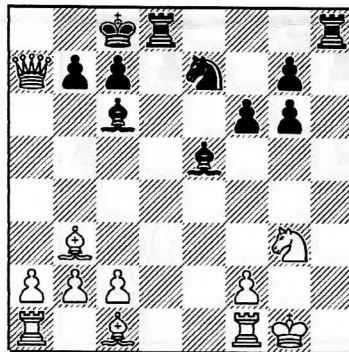
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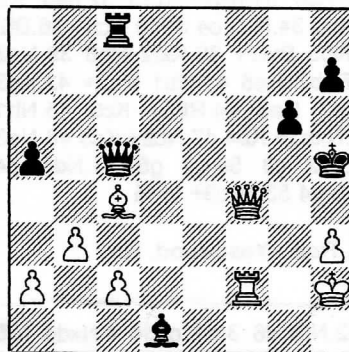
4. White to play



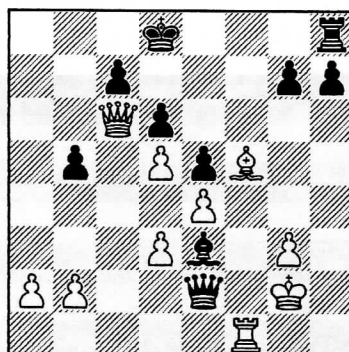
5. Black to play



6. White to play



7. White to play



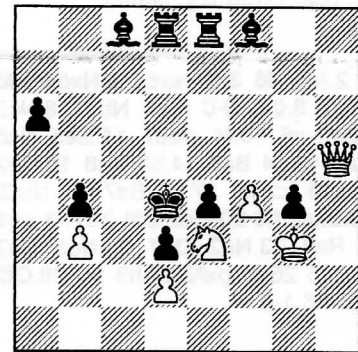
COMPOSED PUZZLES

These are much more difficult than standard problems. You probably won't find much use for these in real games, but they do force you to think outside your normal comfort zone. They might make you a better chess player.

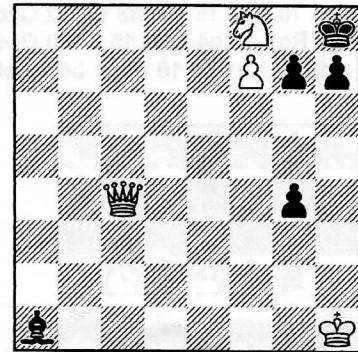
...They also might drive you crazy!

These 3 were composed by the American Samuel Loyd, who is also the inventor of the game "Parcheesi"

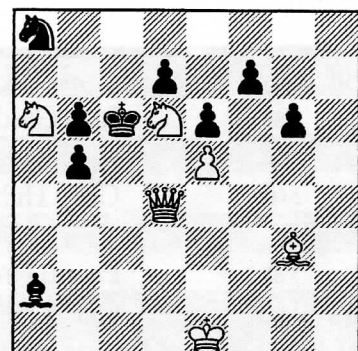
1. White to play (Mate in 2)



2. White to Play (Mate in 3)



3. White to Play (mate in 4)



TACTICAL PROBLEMS - SOLUTIONS

Diagram 1

Spielmann - L'Hermet
Magdeberg, 1927

1. Qxh6! Pxd6 2. PxP+ Kf8 3. Rg8+ Kxg8
4. h7+ Kf8 5. h8/Q mate 1-0

Diagram 2

1... Rxd4! 2.Rxd4 Ne4 3.Bd5 Nf2+
4.Kg1 Qb6 5.Qg3 Qxd4 6.Qxf2 Now,
once the queens are removed and black
eats the bishop on d5 Black will be up a
full bishop.

Diagram 3

1...Qxc3+ !! White gets mated if he takes
the queen (2.Kxc3 Nxd5+ double check
3.Kc4 Nxe3 mate 2. Kb1(or Kd1) Qxc1+ 3.
Kxc1 Bd7 and black has won a knight and
simplified.

Diagram 4

Fischer—Benko (US Championship 1965)
1...Qe8+ ..Resign
Black avoids mate with (1...Rxe8 2. Bd5+
Re6 3. Bxe6+ Qxe6 4. Pxe6) Now white
is up a rook and 2 pawns to the knight and
will soon queen a pawn for the win

Diagram 5

1...Rh1+ 2.Nxh1 Bh2+ 3.Kxh2 Rh8+
4.Kg3 Nf5+ 5. Kg4 or f4 ..Rh4++ 0-1

Diagram 6

Kohn—Steinitz (Cologne 1898)
White played Be6 and drew. The winning
combination is:

1.Re2!! Threatening Re5 (..Bxe2??
2.Bxe2 mate), 1...g5 2.Bf7+ Kh6
3.Qf6++ 1-0

Diagram 7

1.Rf2 (sacrifice of a rook stops the
perpetual check) Qxf2+ 2.Kh3 now black
must sacrifice the queen for the bishop to
prolong the game ...Qxf5+ 3.exf5 Re8 or
Rf8 prevents the eventual skewer of the
king to the queen. 4. Qxb5 and white
should have few problems in the endgame
by forcing further concessions with the
advance of the A pawn.

If black attempts to retain the queen with
2...Ke7 then 3.Qxc7+ White wants blacks
king on either f8 or f6 ...Ke8 4.Qd7+ Kf8
5.Qxd6+ now Ke8 is a forced mate after
(6.Bd7+ Kf7 7. Qe6+ Kf8 8.Qe8 mate or
6...Kd8 7.Bc6+ Kc8 8.Qd7+ Kb8 9.Qb7
mate) so ...Kf7 6.Qd7+ Kf8 if Kf6 then
7.Qe6+ Kg5 8.Qe7+ Kh6 9.Qh4 mate
7.Qc8+ Spears the rook on the next move
and white will continue the attack by
having the next check on the following
move

COMPOSED PROBLEMS - SOLUTIONS

Diagram 1

Samuel Loyd
V Boston Gazette
1859

1. Qa5! Now any move by black leads to
immediate mate. Try it and see.

Diagram 2

Samuel Loyd
Leipziger Illustrirte Zeitung
October 23, 1869

1.Qf1 Bb2 2.Qb1 g6 3.Qxb2#
(other) 3.Qxh7#
...Bc3 or Bd4 2.Qd3 same threat
...Be5 or Bf6 2.Qf5 same threat
...g3 2.Ng6+ hxg6 3.Qh3#
...h6 or h5 2.Qb1 g6 3.Qxa1#

Diagram 3

Samuel Loyd
Saturday Courier Tourney
New York Clipper
October 11, 1856

1.Qg1 Nc7 2.Nb4#
Kd5 2.Qg2 Kd4 3.Qd2#
(other) 2.Bf2 Kd5 3.Bxb6 Kxe5
4.Qd4#
(other) 3.Bxb6 (any)
4.Qc5#

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EDITORIAL (Continued from page 2)

of chess player to be a highly illegal activity
and are denouncing this scientific
breakthrough). Roy's response to these
hardline critics, "JUICE!". Since October
this response can now be heard in
stereo!!

And finally, we also had some great
international successes as Anastasia
Kazakevich and Megan Chi placed well at
the world Juniors in Spain.

For this issue I thank Micah Hughey,
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Quiring, Ford Wong, and especially Juraj
Pivovarov, without whom, much of this
issue would have driven me stark raving
mad.

The Alberta Chess Association presents....

Alberta Closed Championship

Date: February 16-18, 2002

Site: Edmonton Chess Club,

10440 108 Avenue,

Prince of Wales Armouries,

Edmonton

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TD: John Quiring 468-9173

Format: 8 player round robin

Players: Determined by application
and qualification rules.

Entry fee: \$20

Alberta Reserves

Date: February 16-17, 2002

Site: Edmonton Chess Club,

10440 108 Avenue,

Prince of Wales Armouries,

Edmonton

424-0283

TD: John Quiring 468-9173

Format: 5 round swiss,

3 games Saturday, 2 games Sunday

Registration: Saturday Feb 16, 9:00 -
9:45 AM

Time control: 30 moves in 90 minutes,
game in 45 minutes

Entry fee: \$20 regular, \$15 junior

(under 20), \$5 option for players under

14 with no prize eligibility

CFC & ACA membership required

Alberta Women's Championship

Open to all females resident in Alberta
for 6 months.

Date: February 16-17, 2002

Site: Edmonton Chess Club,

10440 108 Avenue,

Prince of Wales Armouries,

Edmonton

424-0283

TD: John Quiring 468-9173

Format: 5 round Swiss or round robin,
depending on the number of players.

Registration: Saturday Feb 16, 9:00 -
9:45

Time control: 30 moves in 90 minutes,
game in 45 minutes.

Entry fee: \$20.

CFC and ACA membership required;
may be purchased on site

SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN 2001

Rob Gardner took clear first with 4.5/5 in the Southern Alberta Open, held in Calgary. Roy Yearwood directed the tournament, and the junior tournament that ran parallel to the main event was quite successful and will be considered as an option in future events. It allows more people to participate, and younger players don't become so exhausted from playing an entire weekend.

Brandon Eshleman and Daniel Kazmaier, both juniors, performed exceptionally well in this very strong tournament with scores of 3/5. Brandon drew with Micah Hughey in the last round, while Daniel beat Art Milne and drew with both Kris Boehmer and Jim Daniluk. Congrats on a stellar performance.

Pivovarov, Juraj -Gardner, Robert

1.c4 e5 2. g3 Nc6 3. Bg2 g6 4. Nc3 Bg7 5. e4 Nge7 6. Nge2 d6 7. O-O Be6 8. d3 Qd7 9.Nd5 h6 10.Nec3 Nd4 11.Be3 c6 12.Nb4 Bh3 13.Bxd4 exd4 14.Ne2 h5 15.Nf4 Bxg2 16.Nxg2 O-O-O 17.f4 f5 18.Re1 fxe4 19.dxe4 Bf6 20.h4 Rhe8 21.Nd3 Ng8 22.Re2 Nh6 23.Nf2 Qe6 24.Qa4 a6 25.Rc1 Nf5 26.Kh2 Ne3 27.Ne1 Ng4+ 28.Nxg4 Qxg4 29.Rcc2 Bxh4 30.gxh4 Qxf4+ 31.Kg1 d3
0-1

Ibach, Horst-Pivovarov, Juraj

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Qd3 Nxe4 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.Rd1 Bxc3+ 11.Bxc3 Qxc3+ 12.Qxc3 Nxc3 13.Ra1 Bf5 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.cxd3 O-O-O 16.Kd2 Ne4+ 17.Ke3 Nf6 18.h3 e5 19.Rhe1 Rd5 20.Rad1 Rhd8 21.Rd2 Nh5 22.g4 Nf4 23.Red1 Nxh3 24.Rh1 Ng5 25.f4 exf4+ 26.Kxf4 R8d6 27.Re1 Rf6+ 28.Kg3 Rf3+ 29.Kg2 Rd4 30.Re8+ Kd7 31.Rde2 Rxg4+ 32.Kh1 Rh3+ 33.Rh2 Nf3 34.Re1 Rxh2#
0-1

Pivovarov, Juraj-Sorgard, Graham

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nge2 e5 7.O-O d6 8.f4 Bg4 9.h3 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Nh5 11.f5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Qf3 Be5 14.g4 Nf4 15.d3 g5 16.Bd2 Kg7 17.Kf2 Rh8 18.Rh1 Qd7 19.h4 h6 20.a4 a6 21.Bf1 Rab8 22.Be2 b5 23.a5 bxc4 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.Rxh8 Rxh8 26.Bxf4 Bxf4 27.Rh1 Rxh1 28.Qxh1 c3 29.bxc3 dxc3 30.Bd1 Qb5 31.f6+ Kxf6 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qxc3 Kd7 34.Bb3 Be5 35.Qc4 Qxc4 36.Bxc4 Bc3 37.Bxf7 Kc6 38.Bc4 Kb7 39.Ke3 Bxa5 40.d4 Bb6 41.Kd3 c5 42.Bd5+ Kc7 43.dxc5 Bxc5 44.Kc4 Bf2 45.Kd3 Kd7 46.Bb3 Ke7 47.Ba4 a5 48.Bc6 Ke6 49.Bb5 Ke5 50.Bd7 Bd4 51.Bf5 d5 52.exd5 Kxd5
1/2-1/2

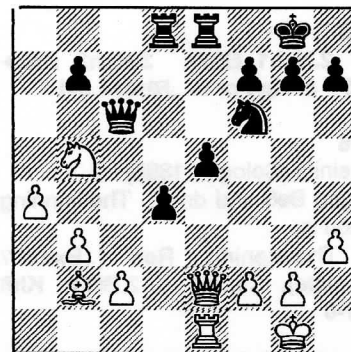
Eshleman, Brandon-Pivovarov, Juraj

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nge7 6.Bd3 Nf5 7.g4 Nh4 8.Nbd2 Ng2+ 9.Kf1 Nf4 10.Bc2 Be7 11.Nb3 Ng6 12.Nxc5 Bxc5 13.dxc5 Ngxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Qd4 f6 {Black has better pawn structure and a safer King.} 16.Bf4 Nc6 17.Qa4 e5 18.Bg3 Bd7 19.Qb3 Na5 20.Qb4 Nc6 21.Qb3 Ne7 22.Rg1 Bc6 23.Rd1 Qd7 24.f3 g5 25.h4 h6 26.h5 O-O-O 27.Kf2 e4 {A risky move to play before time control.} (27... Rhe8 {looks better, with a plan to play f5 eventually.}) 28.Bxe4 Ba4 29.Qa3 f5 30.gxf5 Nxf5 31.Rxd5 Qxd5 32.Bxd5 Rxd5 33.Qxa4 Rhd8 34.Kg2 Ne3+ 35.Kh3 Rf8 36.Qe4 Rxf3 37.Qe8+ Rd8 38.Qe6+ Rd7 39.c6 g4+ 40.Kh2 bxc6 41.Qe8+ Rd8 42.Qxc6#
1-0

Milne, Arthur-Kazmaier, Daniel
By Juraj Pivovarov

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 {black has the bishop pair} 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.O-O e6 9.b3 Be7 10.Bb2 O-O 11.Rfe1 Qc7 12.Rad1 {whites rooks are actively holding up the center to prevent counterplay by black} 12...Rad8 13.Qxa7 {white takes the pawn but it is poisoned} 13...Nxe4

{the key point in the game; even though it looks like black has blundered a piece. If white does: Nxe4, Bxe4, Rxe4, Qxc2! The black queen has a triple attack on the undefended rooks and bishop. Black will then regain the piece and be a pawn up.} 14.Qe3 {White recognizes the 2 move triple attack and brings his queen back to reorganize his troops.} 14...Nf6 {Black brings his Knight back to safety and prepares to advance his central pawns.} 15.Nd4 {White plays a good move in attacking blacks strong bishop} 15...d5 {black prepares for Ng4 crushing whites kingside} 16.h3 Rfe8 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.Qe2 {White plays an interesting yet defensive move.} 18...Bb4 {Black brings his inactive bishop into the attack and will pin the Knight to the Rook. White must now go down the exchange.} 19.Nb5 Bxe1 20.Rxe1 e5 21.a4 {White advances his pawn and makes the Knight a strong outpost.} 21...d4 {Black hastens his center pawns and blocks in the bishop}



22.Na3 22...Nd5 {Black prepares to put his Knight on f4 or on c3} 23.Qg4 Rd6 24.Nc4 Rg6 25.Qf3 Nf4 {White must now trade off Queens leaving the Kingside under attack} 26.Qxc6 bxc6 27.Bxd4 Rxg2+ 28.Kf1 Rh2 29.Kg1 Rxh3 30.a5 30..Re6 {Threatning Rg6+, Kf1, Rh1# Resign 0-1 An excellent and exciting game played by both sides.}
0-1

Smith, Mike-Pivovarov, Juraj
By Juraj Pivovarov

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 O-O 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Be5 Bf5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.Bxc7 Nc6 (9...Na6

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WORDS OF "POWER"

John Chess--The Year In Review

By John Quiring

2001 was another exciting and record breaking year for the Edmonton Chess Club's Monday night active chess tournaments, which are called John Chess events because the results are rated by the world famous John Rating System.

There were 51 Monday night tournaments in 2001, with a total of 151 different players competing over the course of the year, playing 1761 games.

The largest tournament was June 25 (33 players) and the smallest was December 17 (10 players). The average number of players was 22.2, which is over 10% higher than last year.

Once again in 2001 the prime organizer was Micah Hughey, who ran just about every tournament and played in most of them as well, as you will see below.

Thanks, Micah. Also worth special mention is a feat which I will call the highlight of the year, as Alan Clark was first or equal-first in 10 consecutive tournaments. This is an amazing accomplishment, as the second longest streak was about 3.

And now the statistics:

Tournament Wins

An astounding 29 players had their moment of glory in 2001, finishing first or equal-first in at least one tournament. (Because of ties, there are more winners than tournaments).

Honour roll please ...

1. (23 wins) Alan Clark

2-3. (7 wins) Daryl Bertrand and Micah Hughey

4. (4 wins) Brian Knapper

5-8. (3 wins) Greg Beebe, Dave Gomboc, Nic Haynes, Ahmet Yamach

9-12. (2 wins) Ferenc Borloi, Will Graham, David Ottosen and Carmen Scornaiencki

13-29 (1 win) David Brodmann, Grant Brown, Lincoln Camphaug, Rob Gardner, Steven Hamblin, Shane Kulba, J. Libo-on, Zhuoran Li, Jim Lynn, Geoff Newton, Sardul Purewal, John Quiring, Mario Rutsatz, Nelson Sanchez, P. Shaikitwattana, Mark Stark, Jason Wihnon

Most tournaments played

1. Micah Hughey, 49
2. Val Verlik, 45
3. Alan Clark, 41
4. Ferenc Borloi, 39
4. Alvin Doo, 39

Most games won

1. Alan Clark, 104
2. Ferenc Borloi, 82
3. Micah Hughey, 71
4. Ahmet Yamach, 63
5. Mark Stark, 62
6. Val Verlik, 61

Highest Winning Percentage

1. Micah Hughey, 76.1%
2. Alan Clark, 74.7%
3. Dave Gomboc, 72.4%
4. David Ottosen, 71.4%
5. David Brodmann, 70.0%

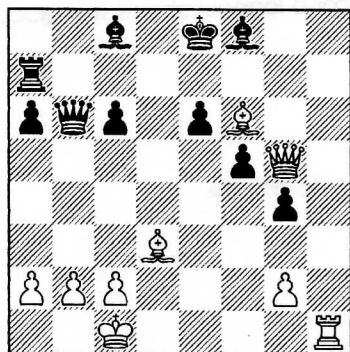
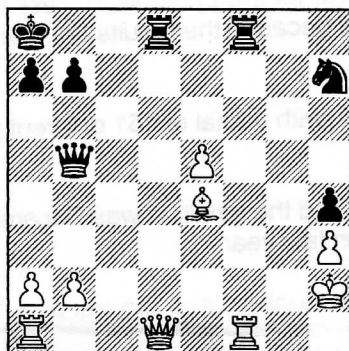
Clash of the Edmonton Titans

REEVE—GARDNER MATCH

December 1-2, 2001

Reeve, Jeff - Gardner, Rob Round 1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nc6
8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.e5 h6 10.Bh4 g5
11.fxg5 Nd5 12.Ne4 Qb6 13.Bd3
hxg5 14.Bg3 dxe5 15.Bxe5 Rh4
16.Qd2 f5 17.Nf6+ Nxf6 18.Bxf6
Rxb2 19.0-0-0 Rxb1 20.Rxb1 g4
21.Qg5 Ra7



22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Qg6+ Kd7 24.Qf7+
Kd6 25.Rd1+ Kc5 26.Bd4+

1-0

Gardner, Rob - Reeve, Jeff Round 2

Rob Gardner stormed back to tie the match after two games

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.f4 c5 4.e4 d6
5.d3 Nc6 6.c3 Nf6 7.h3 e5 8.Ne2
Be6 9.0-0 Qd7 10.Kh2 h5 11.Na3 0-
0-0 12.Nc2 d5 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Bf4
Nc6 15.e5 Nh7 16.d4 g5 17.Bd2
cxd4 18.cxd4 Kb8 19.Nb4 Nxb4
20.Bxb4 f6 21.Bd6+ Ka8 22.Nc3 h4
23.gxh4 gxh4 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5
Bf8 26.Bxf8 Rhxf8 27.Be4 fxe5
28.dxe5 Qb5

29.Rxf8 Qxe5+ 30.Kh1 Rxf8 31.Bxh7
a6 32.Qe1 Qf4 33.Qe4 Qf2 34.Qg2
Qe3 35.Rf1 Rc8 36.Be4 Rc1
37.Bxb7+ Ka7 38.Rxc1 Qxc1+
39.Qg1+ Qxg1+ 40.Kxg1 Kxb7
41.Kf2 Kc6 42.Kf3 Kd5 43.Kg4 Kd4
44.Kxh4 a5 45.Kg4 Resigns

1-0

Jeff Reeve - Rob Gardner Round 3

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.c4
c6 5.Nc3 cxd5 6.cxd5 Nbd7 7.h3
Bh5 8.a4 a6 9.a5 h6 10.d4 g5 11.g4
Bg6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7
14.f4 gxf4 15.Bxf4 Bg7 16.Qe2 Nc5
17.Qe3 Rc8 18.Ra3 h5 19.gxh5
Rxb5 20.Be2 e6 21.d6 Nd7 22.Bxh5
Qh4+ 23.Qg3 Qxh5 24.0-0 Nxe5
25.Rb3 Nd7 26.Rxb7 Bd4+ 27.Kh2
Qxa5 28.Qg2 Nc5

29.Qg5 (even better is Re7+, forcing
mate by move 37) Qd8 30.Re7+ Kf8
31.Be5 Bxe5+ 32.Qxe5 Kg8 33.Rg1
Qf8 34.Qf6 Qg7 35.Rxf7 Resigns

1-0 White wins again!
For the third time in a row.

Rob Gardner - Jeff Reeve Round 4

1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.c3 d6 4.d4 Bd7
5.e4 g6 6.Ne2 Bg7 7.0-0 Nh6 8.f4
Bg4 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.d5 Ne7 11.h3
Bxe2 12.Qxe2 0-0 13.c4 b6 14.Be3
f6 15.Nc3 c5 16.a3 Rb8 17.h4 Qd7
18.Qd2 Nf7 19.Kh2 Nd6 20.Bh3 f5
21.b3 Rf7 22.Rae1 Re8 23.Bh6 Bf6
24.exf5 Nexf5 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Rxe4
Bd8 27.Rfe1 Bc7 28.Bxf5 Rxf5
29.Bf4 Ref8 30.Be3 Bd6 31.Re2 Rf1
32.Rf2 R8xf2+ 33.Bxf2 Qf5 34.Re2
Qf3 35.Bg1 e4 36.Rg2 Qg4 37.Qg5
Qxg5 38.hxg5 Rf3 39.Re2 Rxb3
40.Kh1 Rxb3 41.Rxe4 Re5 42.Rg4
Kf7 43.Bf2 Re2 44.Kg2 h5 45.Rh4
Kf6 46.Rh3 Kf5 47.Kf1 Re8 48.Rf3+
Bf4 49.Bg3 g5 50.Bxf4 gxf4 51.Rd3
h4 52.Kf2 Kg4 53.Rd1 f3 54.d6 h3
55.Rg1+Kf4 56.Rg7 Re2+ 57.Kf1 h2
58.Rh7 Rd2 59.d7 Rxd7 60.Rxb2
Ke3 61.Ke1 Rd3 62.b4 Rxa3
63.bxc5 Ra1#

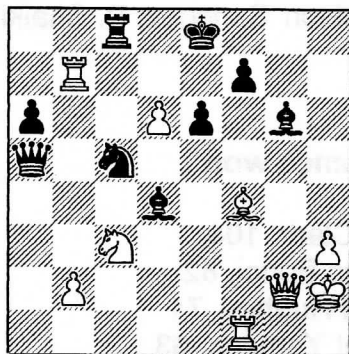
These last few moves were played in
extreme time-pressure

0-1

The Final Results

Reeve 3.0/4 - Gardner 1.0/4

Congratulations Jeff Reeve!!!!



Tales From The Junior Files

NEW CHAMPION CROWNED AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 10!!!

**Brandon Eshleman:
2001 Junior Champion**

By Greg Beebe/Brandon Eshleman

In November of 2001 the Alberta Junior Championship Tournament was held in Red Deer. It was a closely contested affair with three competitors finishing in a tie for first place. Brandon Eshelman, Richard Canal, and John Rajchel outdistanced the competition and prepared to face off with each other in Calgary for a tie breaker.

The Tie Breaker began with another tie after 3 active games. The time controls were reduced to 5 minute blitz and Brandon emerged the victor.

Congratulations Brandon!!!!!!

Brief History on Brandon
by Brandon:

I started playing chess when I was three in Macau while on vacation at the Westin Hotel. My dad taught me with giant (about 3-4 feet high) chess pieces that were outside on a large outdoor board on the ground.

When I came home from vacation to Hong Kong, my mom bought me a chess set and a book and I used to ask for the chess book to be read to me as my bedtime reading. My first chess coach was an FM , Mrs. Ho and I was taught by her at the age of about three and a half. My first major tournament was in Shen Zhen and I played there at the age of five. There were around two-hundred kids there just in my 5 year old age group and it was a twelve round swiss. There were no ratings so the kids got their playing numbers on the cross-table by the order that they signed up. I think I finished around 20.

I moved to Calgary when I was 6 1/2

and after 2 weeks, my mom found Jim Daniluk to be my coach After a few years, I switched to Nenad Ristic who had more time than Jim. I've won the Alberta grade championship for my grade in grade 3,4 and 5 and the Alberta under 10 for the last 3 years. I've come in 2nd and 3rd at the grade n a t i o n a l s .

I'm in grade 6 now and will turn 11 in January. I will be going to Winnipeg in January to play in the Canadian junior and then to New York in February to play in the North America Chess challenge. Lots of chess to play. Brandon Eshleman

White "Robertson, Archie" (1902)
Black "Eshleman, Brandon"(1750)
Annotator "Brandon"

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3 d6 5. h3 (5. Bg5 {is another option.}) 5... Be7 6. Nc3 O-O 7. Nd5 Nxd5 8. Bxd5 Be6 9. Bxe6 9... fxe6 {Here, I've achieved a slight advantage} 10. O-O d5 11. exd5 exd5 12. Qe2 Bf6 13. Bd2 Qd6 14. Bc3 Rae8 15. Nh2 e4 16. Bxf6 Qxf6 17. Ng4 Qxb2 18. Rfb1 18...Nd4 \$1 19. Qe3 Qc3 20. Re1 \$2 {This fatal blunder was a failing effort to trick me into NxC2 but NxC2 wins the exchange.} 20... Nxc2 21. Rac1 Qxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Nxe3 23. Rxe3 23... d4 {This allows me to get the rooks off though it costs me a pawn.} 24. Rxe4 Rxe4 25. dxe4 c5 26. Kf1 d3 27. Ne3 b5 28. Ke1 c4 29. f3 c3 30. Nd5 c2 31. Kd2 a5 32. a3 Rd8 33. Ne3 Rc8 34. Kc1 d2+ 0-1 d2+ 0-1

Calgary Junior Chess Club Events
Jan 13, Feb 3, Feb 24 Regular Tourney

Mar 17 Club Chmpionship
Webber Academy
1515-93 st S.W.
Calgary, Alberta

April 06, 2002
Calgary School Grade Championship
Location TBA
Contact: Vonnie Eng
(403) 287-2370

April 27, 2002
Calgary School Team Chess
Challenge
Location: TBA
Contact: Glenn Booth
(403) 284-2159

**Edmonton Junior Chess Club
Events**

Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 09 Regular Tourney

May 11-12 EJCC Championship
Sept. 21-22 Edmonton Junior Championship

Prince Of Wales Armoury,
Suite 114A, 10440 - 108 Ave.,
Edmonton AB T5H 3Z9
Contact: Alex Kazakevich
(780) 484-4362

April 6, 2002
Edmonton Scholastic Challenge
Location: TBA
Contact: Alex Kazakevich
(780) 484-4362

ACA Junior Events

April 13, 2002
Alberta School Grade Championship
Location TBA, Red Deer
Contact: Vonnie Eng
(403) 287-2370

June 8, 2002
Alberta Youth Championship
Red Deer, Alberta
Contact: Arthur Odachowski
(403) 236-7853

November 2-3, 2002
Alberta Junior Championship
Red Deer, Alberta
Contact: David Ottosen

GETTING BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

\$ 63,890.79 (ACA Casino August 2001)

The ACA's latest Casino, held August 21 and 22nd at Casino Calgary in Calgary, raised \$63,890.79. This consisted of \$ 41,063.63 from Tables and \$ 22,827.16 from Slots. The ACA's Casino would not have been possible if not for the help of its volunteers led by Ron Hinds (General Manager) and Rianna Hinds (Count Room Supervisor). Special thanks goes to Rianna who organized and rallied the volunteers who included, at Big A Guy: David "I don't feel too well" Ottosen, at Banker: Walter Watson, Ford "no longer the best banker" Wong, Juraj "I wannabe a banker" Pivovarov, at Cashier: John "the contested ACA Greatest Cashier" Quiring, Adrien "never made a mistake giving out the cash" Regimbald, Greg (I'm a Master Cashier) Huber, Nelson Eshleman, Vince Rajchel, Albert Kaiser, Smarira Pradhan, Tom "I rather be a Chippy" McKay, Sune Anderson, and Taco Van Ieperen, at Chip Runner: Wayne Potoroka, Mark Cole, Kim Nguyen, Paul Usselman, Don MacFarlane, Rod Weis, and Art "gimme the chips" Milne. The mysterious count room was manned by Rianna Hinds, Alex Kluyts, Martin Kuwair, Aaron "I'll do anything to help" Lovi, Peter Papez, Bob Macfie, Robin Walsh, and Archie Robertson. As with people who work the count room, everyone remains tightlipped about what happens there. Urban legend has it that it is supposedly an ACA tradition that someone gets to roll around naked in all the money being counted. If this is true then based on the amount of money counted that there was lots to go around. What ever happened, it must have been good, to lure Archie Robertson and Robin Walsh back again to work the second day. Additional thanks to our Casino Advisor Sandra Weis and our Count Room Advisor Jodi Frank. Lastly a great big thank you to all the people who laid their money down and contributed to the Association.

In addition to food and snacks at the Casino restaurant, all the volunteers were given watches for their efforts.

For members who couldn't help at this Casino, members will get another chance at the next ACA Casino scheduled to be held in Calgary 3rd Quarter, 2003.

Ford Wong

CALGARY OPEN 2001

By Bob MacFie

A confusing tournament was had by many this fall, for a number of reasons. First, the tournament director's inexperience showed in the need to fix pairings at the last minute two weeks in a row (and mistakes were still made). Second, pairings had to be fixed again when one of the players dropped out of the event the day before round four. And finally, most of the players seemed to think this was a five round event, instead of running to six games.

While a few games saw players drop a piece and go on to win, there were bigger surprises. The first involved Mike Smith promoting a White pawn to a Black Queen against Chris Tse in the second round (it was straightened out very quickly, fortunately). The second involved Roy Yearwood finding his third round game against Bill Bentley well underway even before he got to the table! Topping his stunt from the previous week, Mike came disguised as Roy for Hallowe'en. We lost a few minutes to the general amusement this caused, but I think everyone agrees it was worth it.

It seems that six is a lucky number for Rxb4 Qxb4 33.Qa4 Rc8 34.Rxb4
Kris Boehmer and an unlucky one for Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Rxc2 36.Rb8+ Kg7
Taco van Ieperen. Without that sixth 37.Rc8 Rxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Qxa4 39.Rd8
round, Taco would have taken first d5 40.Rc8 d4 41.Rd8 Qc2+ 42.Kg1
place with 4.5 points, half a point d3 43.Kf1 Qe2+ 44.Kg1 d2 45.Rxd2
ahead of Kris, Ron Hinds, and Walter Qxd2 46.h4 Kf6 0-1
Watson. Instead, Kris overtook the

frontrunner, while Ron and Walter drew a very double-edged game. And so, with 5.5 points, **Kris Boehmer** took first place ahead of the other three. **Taco van Ieperen** received the U1900 prize, with second in that category shared by Juraj Pivovarov, Kevin Ward, and Rod Weis (each scoring of 3.5). And **Richard Canal** took what is likely to be his last (if not only) U1700 prize with an impressive score of 4 points. A point behind him was second place in the section, Steve Campbell.

Ibach, Horst-Pivovarov, Juraj

1.e4 e6 2.d4 a6 3.e5 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7
5.a3 c5 6.Nc3 Qc7 7.d5 b4 8.d6 Qa5
9.Ne2 g6 10.Bd2 Qb6 11.axb4 cxb4
12.Be3 Qd8 13.Ned4 Bg7 14.g3
Bxe5 15.Bg2 Bxd6 16.O-O Bf8
17.Re1 Bg7 18.Ng5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2
Ne7 20.Qf3 . O-O 21.Qxa8 Nd5
22.Qa7 Nxe3+ 23.Rxe3 Qxg5 24.Nf3
Qf5 25.Nd4 Qd5+ 26.Nf3 Bxb2
27.Rb1 Nc6 28.Qxa6 Bd4 29.Rd3
Ne5 30.Rxd4 Qxf3+ 31.Kg1 Ng4 32.

Campbell, Steven-Pivovarov, Juraj

1.Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. g3 g6
5. Bg2 Bg7 6. O-O O-O 7. e4 a6 8.
Rb1 Rb8 9. d3 b5 10. Bf4 d6 11. e5
Ne8 12. exd6 Nxd6 13. Re1 Bg4 14.
cxb5 axb5 15.Qd2 Qd7 16. Ng5 Nd4
17. h3 Be6 18. Nce4 Nxe4 19. Nxe4
Rbc8 20. b3 Bxh3 21. Bh6 Bxg2
22.Kxg2 f5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Ng5
Qd5+ 25. f3 e5 26. Rh1 Rh8 27. Rbf1
h6 28.Nh3 Rce8 29. Rf2 e4 30. Nf4
exf3+ 31. Kf1 Qe5 32. Qd1 g5 33.
Nh5+ Kf7 34.Qa1 Re6 35. Rd2 Rhe8
36. Rhh2 Qe1+ 37. Qxe1 Rxe1+ 38.
Kf2 R8e2+ 39. Rxe2 Rxe2+ 40. Kg1
Rxb2 41. Kxb2 Ne2 42. a4 bxa4 43.
bxa4 Nc3 44. a5 Kg6 45. a6 Nb5 46.
g4 fxg4 47. Ng3 Kf6 48. Ne4+ Ke5 49.
Nxc5 Kd4 50. Ne6+ Kxd3 51. Kg1 Ke2
52. Nd4+ Nxd4 53. a7 f2+ 54. Kh2
f1=Q 55. a8=Q Nf3+ 56. Qxf3+ Qxf3
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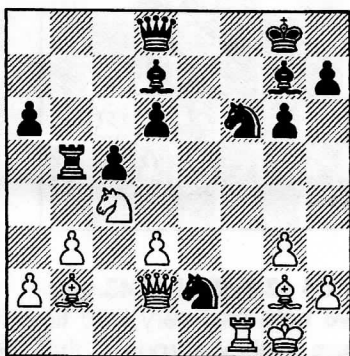
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Hinds, Ron-Nguyen, Kim

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 {The Najdorf Sicilian.} 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 {Poisoned Pawn Variation} 9.Nb3 Qa3 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Be2 Nc6 (11...h5 12.O-O Nc6 13.Kh1 Bd7 14.Nb1 Qb4 15.Qe3 Ne7 16.a3 Qa4 17.Nc3 Qc6 18.Rad1) 12.O-O Bd7 13.Kh1 Rc8 14.Bh5 Na5 (14...Bg7 15.Rf3 O-O 16.Rd1) 15.Rf3 Qb4 16.f5 Be7 17.Rb1 Nc4 18.Qd4 Qa3 19.fxe6 Bxe6 20.Rxf6 Bxf6 21.Qxf6 Kd7 22.Bxf7 Bxf7 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.Nd5 Re8 25.Nf6 Qa4 26.Nd5 Rxe4 27.Qf6+ Kd7 28.Qf5+ Re6 29.Nd4 Rce8 30.Nxe6 Rxe6 31.Qf7+ 1-0

Watson, Walter-Pivovarov, Juraj

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.e4 O-O 7.Nge2 a6 8.O-O Rb8 9.f4 d6 10.Rb1 Bd7 11.Nd5 b5 12.Ne3 Ne8 13.cxb5 Rxb5 14.f5 Nc7 (14...Qa5 {with some chances to generate counterplay ~Kevin Ward}) 15.Qd2 e6 16.b3 exf5 17.exf5 Nd4 18.fxc6 fxc6 19.Bb2 Nce6 20.Rxf8+ Qxf8 21.Rf1 Qd8 22.Nc4 Nxe2+ {The losing move in my opinion. ~JP}



(22... Bc8 {is better as it threatens to get Bb7 in and contest White's light square control. ~Bob. JP: I have to agree and I think this pinpoints the mistake that lost the game. The Nd4 is a strong piece, why trade it off for nothing? I was under time pressure and thought trading a few pieces off couldn't hurt and would bring me closer to making time control. As this game shows, this is a very poor idea

when other factors of the resulting position are neglected.}) 23.Qxe2 Nd4 24.Bd5+ {A comfortable square for the white bishop} 24...Kh8 25.Bxd4 Bxd4+ (25...cxd4 26.Nxd6 Qb8 27.Nf7+ Kg8 28.Bc4) 26.Kg2 Bc8 (26...Bf5 27.g4 Bc8 28.Re1) 27.Rf7 a5 (27...Rb8 28.Qe7 Qxe7 29.Rxe7) 28.Re7 Bd7 29.Nxd6 Bh3+ (29...Bc6 30.Nf7+ Kg8 31.Bxc6 Rb4 32.Nxd8 Be3 33.Qxe3 Re4 34.dxe4 Kf8 35.Re8+ Kg7 36.Ne6+ Kf7 37.Qf3#) 30.Kxh3 Qxd6 31.Nxc8 Rb6 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Qe7+ Kh6 34.Qh4+ Kg7 35.Rg8#) 31.Re8+ Kg7 32.Rg8+ Kh6 (32...Kf6 {doesn't change anything anymore} 33.Qf3+ Kg5 34.Qg4+ Kf6 35.Qh4+ Kf5 36.g4+ Kf4 37.Qh6+ Ke5 38.Qg5#) 33.Qd2+ g5 (33...Be3 {cannot undo what has already been done} 34.Qxe3+ Qf4 35.Qxf4+ Kh5 36.g4#) 34.Qxg5# 1-0

Pivovarov, Juraj-Miller, Brian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.f3 O-O 8.Bc4 Qb6 9.Qd2 Qxb2 10.Rb1 Qa3 11.Ncb5 Qa5 12.Nxc6 Qxd2+ 13.Bxd2 dxc6 14.Nc7 Rb8 15.Na6 Ra8 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.Na6 1/2-1/2

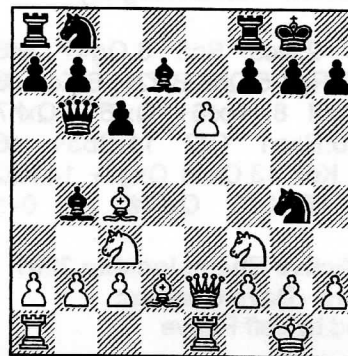
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1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5

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getting the tempo on White's B/c7 before pouncing to b4 and then c2.} 10.a3 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Qxd4 12...Bxd4 {and Black is winning} 13.Bf4 Rfd8 (13... Bxb2 {just wins}) 14.Bc1 Bc2 {Black still has a huge lead in development, but should have taken the free material earlier.} 15.e3 Bf6 16.Be2 Rd6 17.O-O Bb3 18.f4 Rc8 19.g4 Rc2 {throwing away an exchange for nothing} 20.Bf3 b6 21.Bd1 Rdc6 (21... Rc3 {is the best continuation, saving the exchange or getting enough pawns to get near compensation.} 22.bxc3 Bxd1 23.e4 Bxc3 24.Ra2 Bxg4) 22.Bxc2 Bxc2 23.Rf2 Bh4 24.Rd2 Be4 {Black is down an exchange, but has very active pieces and White has a very difficult time sorting out his

4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Bc4 Bd7 8.O-O c6 9.Re1 Bb4 10.d5 Ng4 11.Qe2 O-O 12.dxe6



Bc8 13.exf7+ Kh8 14.Ne5 Qd4 15.Nf3 Qd8 16.Qe4 Qb6 17.Be3 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Nd7 19.Ne5 Nf6 20.Qh4 Bf5 21.Ne4 Qd4 22.Bd3 Rad8 23.Qf4 Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Nxe4 25.Ng6+ 1-0

development.} 25.b4 f6 26.Bb2 Bf3 27.h3 Re6 28.Bd4 Rc6 29.b5 Rc4 30.Rd3 Rc2 31.Bc3 Bf2+ ({This leads to mate instead!} 31...Rg2+ 32.Kf1 Rh2 33.Kg1 Rh1#) 32.Kh2 Be1+ 33.Kg1 Bxc3 34.Rb1 Be4 35.Rd8+ Kf7 36.Rbd1 Ra2 37.h8 h5 (37... Bd2 {looks good, trying to play a mate, but isn't as strong as the text.} 38. Rxh7+ Kg8 39.Rxd2 {is necessary to stop} (39.Rxe7 Bxe3+ 40.Kf1 Bg2+ 41.Ke1 Bf2#) 39...Ra1+ 40.Kf2 Kxh7 41.Rd7) 38.Rh7+ Ke6 39.gxh5 gxh5 40.Rxh5 Bf3 0-1

Readers Games

ECC Christmas Classic (Round 4) Geoff Newton—Micah Hughey

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bc5 3.Qg4? Nf6
4.Qxg7?? Rg8 5.Qh6 Bxf2+! 6.Kd1 d6
7.Nd5 Rg6! 8. Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.Qxh7
Bxg1 10.Rxg1 Qf2 11.Bb5+ c6
12.Qh8+ Ke7 13.Qxc8 Qxg1+ 14.Ke2
Rxg2+ 15.Kd3 Qd4# 0-1

Alberta Active Championship 2001 Jeff Reeve - Dave Gomboc Annotated by Jeff Reeve

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6
8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5
11.Bxb5 axb5 12.Nxb5

In this line, white has three ways of trying to find compensation for the piece (after Nbc7+ and Kd7): 1) attacking the weak f7 and f5 pawns with Qh5; 2) attacking on the queen-side with the major pieces; and 3) trying to push the a-pawn to a8. Which method he chooses depends on how black defends.

12...Ra4

Although there are alternatives, this seems to be the strongest move.

13.b4

13.Nbc7+ Kd7 14.c4 Rxc4 15.0-0 is similar, trying to open up files on the queenside to get to the black king. Unfortunately after 15...Nd4, white seems to have difficulty finding adequate compensation.

13...Rxb4 14.Nbc7+ Kd7 15.0-0 Qg5

I chose 13.b4 because a couple of days before the tournament, I'd looked at Shirov-Topalov, Leon (rapid) 2001. It continued 15...Qc7 16.c3 Re4 17.Qh5 Kd8 18. Nc7 Kc7 19.Qf7 Be7 20.Rab1 and white ended up winning. Some of these moves are hard to understand, to say the least, but I'm willing to mindlessly parrot the moves of any 2700 player. I didn't know the move 15...Qg5, and was surprised to find that in both games in my database, white played 16.Nb4, winning one and losing one.

16.Rb1 Rxb1

Although Fritz assesses this position as -3 (which translates roughly to "white should feel free to resign"), I think that black's position now be-

comes difficult. Possibly he should try 16...Rg8 17.g3 and now either 17...Rd4 18.Qe2 Rxe4 (18...fxe4 19.Qb5 Be7 20.c4) 19.Qb5 Be7 20.Na8 Bd8 21.c4; or 17...fxe4 18.Nxb4 Nxb4 (18...Kxc7 19.Nxc6 Kxc6 20.Qe2) 19.Rxb4 Kxc7 20.Qd5. White probably has sufficient compensation in each of these lines.

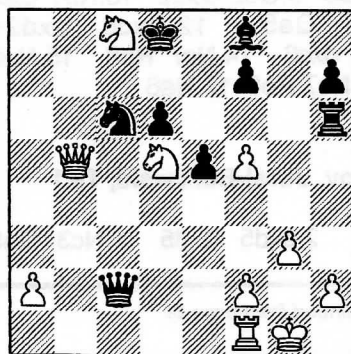
17.Qxb1 Rg8 18.g3 Rg6?

This move prepares for an attack along the h-file, and also defends the f6 square so that the Q can move away. On the negative side, it's a bit slow, and exposes the R to attack after an eventual ef5. Black probably should have played 18...fxe4 19.Qb5 Qd2 (19...f5 20.Na8 Rg7 21.Nab6+ Kd8 22.Nxc8 Nd4 23.Qb8+) 20.Na8 Qxc2 21.Nf6+ Ke6 22.Nxg8 when white might have a slight advantage.

19.Qb5 Qd2 20.Na8?

A common idea in this variation, but badly timed. Both 20.exf5 Rh6 21.c3 and; 20.c3 fxe4 21.Na8 seem very strong.

20...Qxc2 21.exf5 Rh6 22.Nab6+ Kd8 23.Nxc8



Kxc8?

Black misses his chance to draw with 23...Nd4! 24.Qa5+ Ke8 25.Qa8 Ne2+ 26.Kg2 Qe4+ 27.f3 Nf4+ 28.gxf4 Qc2+ 29.Rf2 Rxh2+ 30.Kxh2 Qxf2+ 31.Kh3 Qxf3+ 32.Kh4 Qf2+= Apparently we both overlooked 23...Nd4. It's often difficult to make yourself look for alternatives to recapturing a piece that's just been taken.

24.Qa6+ Kd8 25.Qa8+ Nb8

25...Kd7 26.Qb7+ Kd8 27.Qc7+ Ke8 28.Qc8+ Nd8 29.Qxc2+-

26.Qxb8+ Qc8 27.Qb6+ Ke8

27...Kd7 28.Qa7+ Ke8 29.Rb1+-

28.Rb1 Be7 29.Qa7 Bd8 30.Kg2??=-

An electrifyingly bad move! I avoided 30.Rb8 because of 30...Qc1+ 31.Kg2

Qe4+, but the Q can't get from c1 to e4 in one move. After 30...Qd7 31.Qe3+ wins easily.

30...Qxf5

I completely overlooked this. Qh3+ is now a threat (thanks to 30.Kg2), but only after about 30 seconds did I notice that the R on b1 was also hanging.

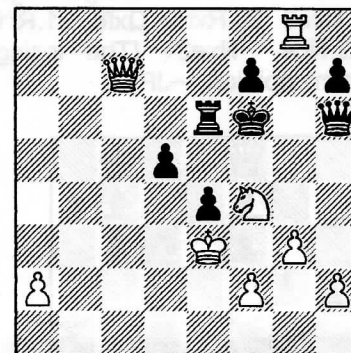
31.Qa4+ Kf8 32.Rb8 Qh3+

32...Rxh2+ (g2 just isn't a lucky square for the K in this position!) is the easiest way to draw. 33.Kxh2 Qxf2+ 34.Kh3 Qf1+ 35.Kg4?? (35.Kh2=) 35...h5+ 36.Kxh5 Qf5+ 37.Kh6 Qg6#. Dave showed me this line after the game, but unfortunately during the game he'd only considered 34...Qf5+? 35.Kg2 +-.

33.Kf3 e4+?+-

33...Kg7! 34.Rxd8 Qf5+ 35.Ke2 (35.Ke3 Qg5+-) 35...Rxh2 36.Rg8+ Kh6 37.Qa7? (37.Nf4 =) 37...Qc2+ 38.Kf3 e4+ 39.Kg4 Qd1+ 40.Kf5 Qxd5+ -+. Of course, this is hard to see in time pressure. In this line, black takes advantage of the fact that white's pieces look as if they've been spewed at random onto the board, and offer each other no support.

34.Ke3 Re6 35.Rxd8+ Kg7 36.Nf4 Qh6 37.Qa8 d5 38.Rg8+ Kf6 39.Qd8+ Ke5 40.Qc7+ Kf6



41.Ke2 d4 42.Nd5+ Kf5 43.g4#

Here we both had very little time left, and were slightly surprised that there were no squares left for the king. 1-0

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