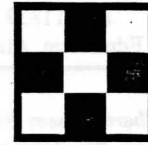


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1991 Canadian Women's Chess Championship

Report from Urmila Das

The 1991 Canadian Women's Chess Championship was held during the Victoria Day Weekend (May 18-20) in University Centre, Guelph, Ontario. It was organized on short notice as FIDE was attempting to synchronize men's and women's world championship cycles. Accordingly, they asked all member federations to select a representative by June, 1991. This tournament was of different format from the standard 9-10 round closed event. It was a 6-round Swiss System open to all female CFC members, and was directed by Hal Bond. There were two rounds each day, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., played at a time control of 40/2 then 30/1. Coffee, juices and light snacks were provided daily. Also, a reception was organized on Saturday evening following round 2. At the end of the tournament all players gave a surprise gift to Hal Bond as a small token of appreciation for his excellent job. The tournament ran very smoothly with no disputes or disagreements. The players' conduct was excellent and a friendly atmosphere prevailed at all times.

There were 17 women participating, most from Ontario and Quebec. The only other province represented was Alberta (Dianna Palamarek and Urmila Das). I would like to express many thanks to the Alberta Chess Association for help with my expenses — I was subsidized for my total travel expenses to Guelph and back. Without this help I would not have been able to participate. Also, I would like to point out that the location of this tournament was an important factor. One can clearly see that there was one great barrier for many participants from western provinces — financing.

I asked Hal why there was a departure from the standard format of this tournament. He replied that there were several reasons for the change. First of all, the tournament was organized with short notice and also, as a Swiss, would show some critics of women's chess that there were many dedicated female chess players. There were some new talents who needed more tournament practice and experience. Some of them may have a lower CFC rating, but played a high standard in their games. Another reason for the format change was the budget — a round robin would definitely be more expensive.

The Champion is again Nava Starr. She has proven over and over that she is a very strong, confident and knowledgeable chess player. Even with the new opposition she was hard to defeat. Second place has not yet been decided as Vesma Baltgailis, Natasa Serbanescu and Diane Mongeau all scored 4 points. A match must be organized to clearly establish who will be the runner up as only one of them can represent Canada in the 1992 Chess Olympics.

(Dianna Palamarek scored 3.5/6 and Urmila Das 3/6.)

M. Leger - U. Das (rd 4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 O-O 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 c6 10.O-O Re8 11.Qc2 Qc7 12.Bg3 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Rfc1 Nb6 15.h3 Be6 16.Nd2 Rad8 17.Na4 Nxa4 18.Qxa4 Qb8 19.b4 a6 20.Nb3 Nd7 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.bxc5 Qc7 23.Rab1 Bc8 24.Qc2 Re7 25.Bf5 Bxf5 26.Qxf5 Qd7 27.Qc2 f5 28.Rb6 Rf8 29.Rcb1 Qc8 30.Qb3 Rf7 (draw).

Report from Dianna Palamarek

This year was a zonal year for Canadian women as FIDE is going to synchronize the men's and women's world championship. Hal Bond of Guelph, Ontario, was planning to hold a women's open tournament in the spring, so it was decided that his event would be the Women's Zonal. It was held on the Victoria Day weekend, May 18 to 20 at the University of Guelph. Seventeen women participated in a 6-round Swiss. There were 8 players from Quebec, 7 from Ontario, and 2 from Alberta. Nava Starr won the tournament with 5.5 points. A bright young prospect from Quebec, Johanne Charest, was the only one to dent Starr's score. Vesma Baltgailis, Diane Mongeau and Natasa Serbanescu tied for second with 4 points. There will be a three-way playoff to determine the second place finisher, who will automatically qualify for the Olympic team. Johanne Charest, Manon Leger and I tied for fifth with 3.5. I would like to thank the ACA for paying my airfare to Toronto. Here is my third round win:

D. Palamarek - D. Moser (C41)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bg5 O-O 7.O-O Nc6 8.Qd2 Be6 9.h4?! *Makes a hole on g4. ECO gives 9.Bb5 or 9.Nd4 with no advantage. 9...a6 10.h5 If 10.Nd4, then 10...Nxd4 11.Qxd4 h6! 10... Ng4 Better is 10... h6, not fearing 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Qxh6 Ng4 [-+]. If 11.Bf4, perhaps 11...Bg4. 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nd5 Qd7 If 12... Bxd5 13.exd5 Nce5 14.Nd4 Qf6 15.f3 Nh6 16.Be2 Nf5 17.Nxf5 Qxf5 18.h6 g6 19.f4 Nd7 [=], but not 19... Ng4 20.Qd4 f6 21.Rh4 [+]. 13.h6 f6?! Not 13... Nxe6, when either 14.Nf6+ gxf6 15.Qxh6 or 14.Rxh6 Bxd5 15.exd5 gxh6 16.dxc6 Qxc6 17.Qxh6 win. If 13... g6, then 14.Ng5 Bxd5 15.exd5 and not 15...Nce5 16.f4! f6 17.Ne6 [+], but 15...Nd8 16.f3 Nf6 17.Qc3 Qf5 18.Ne4 Ne8 [±]. 14.hxg7 Qxg7 15.Bd3 Rac8? *Black should stop the e-pawn by placing a knight on e5. 16.e5 f5 16... Bxd5 17.Bh7+ Qxh7 18.Rxh7 Bxf3 19.Rdh1! [+]* Bxg2 20.exf6 mates. 17.Nf4 Qd7 If 17... Bf7 18.Bxf5! If 17... Bd7 18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.exd6 cxd6 20.Qxd6! threatening 21.Ng6. And if 17... Bxa2 18.b3 Ngxe5 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.Bc4+ Kg7 21.Ne6+ Kh8 22.Rxh7!! mates, or 19...Nxe5 20.Ne6 Nxd3+ 21.Qxd3 Qa1+ 22.Kd2 Qe5 23.Nxf8 Rxf8 24.Ra1 [+]. 18.Ng5 Nd8 19.Rxh7 19.Nfxe6 Nxe6 20.Bc4 [+]. 19... Qa4 19... Qxh7 20.Nxh7 Kxh7 21.Nxe6 Nxe6 22.exd6 cxd6 23.Qb4 [+]. 20.Ngxe6 20.Rdh1 mates quickly. 20... Nxe6 21.Nxe6 Kxh7 22.Rh1+ 22.Qg5 mates also. 22... Kg8 23.Qg5+ Kf7 24.Qxf5+ Ke7 If 24... Ke8 25.Qxf8+ Kd7 26.Rh7+ Kc6 27.Rxc7+! Kb6 28.Qxc8 mates. 25.Rh7+ (1-0).*

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(not including junior and school clubs)

CALGARY CC

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

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

CCC 91-92 Schedule

Sep 4: Opens for new season. Pre-register for Fall Open, and play chess!

Sep 11 - Oct 23: Fall Open. 7 rd.
(TD's: Bill Bentley, 288-0592h/269-8179w; Tim McMurphy, 253-9683).

Oct 30: Grand Prix Speed. Rd 1. (TD, all speed rds: Roy Yearwood 252-4948w).

Nov 6 - Dec 18: Club Championship. 7 rd.
(TD: Barney Fegyverneki 243-6351).

Jan 8: Grand Prix Speed. Rd 2.

Jan 15 - Feb 26: Calgary Closed. 7 rd RR.
(TD: Greg Huber 286-1873).

Mar 4: Grand Prix Speed. Rd 3.

Mar 11 - Apr 22: Calgary Open. 7 rd.
(TD: Brian Starkes 243-2026).

Apr 29: Grand Prix Speed. Rd 4.

May 6 - Jun 10: Spring Open. 6 rd.
(TD: Brian Toth 293-6569).

Jun 17: Grand Prix Speed. Rd 5.

Last chess (k)night of the season.

THE CHESS SET (Calgary)

(open during the summer)

Meets: Meadowlark Park Comm. Assoc., 623-58 Ave SW (just west of Chinook Ctr). Approx. 7:00-11:30, Fri. (also Wed., but for the summer only).

Summer 91 Schedule

Wed., July 10, 17, 24, 31: Calgary Stampede Open., 35/1.5 then 25/1. CFC-rated.

Wed., Aug 7, 14, 21, 28: Calgary August Point Harvest Open., 35/1.5 then 25/1. CFC-rated.

Each Friday night: Quick play; 5-6 rds; not CFC rated; 15 min/player/game.

Info: Roy Yearwood (244-6698; mail: 4125, 415-9737 Macleod Trail S, Calgary T2J 7A6).

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY CC

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

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

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Meets: at Branko's home (near Boyle).

Info: Branko Georgijevic (689-2476; mail: Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0).

GRANDE PRAIRIE CC

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

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

EDMONTON CC

(open during the summer)

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

Info: Rob Gardner (469-4925), George Heagle (425-1471).

ECC Schedule

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

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

Jul 18 - Aug 1. Summer RR's. Groups of 4 by rating. 3 rd. 45/2 hr then 15/30 min.

Aug 8. Speed Chess Tournament.

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

Sep 5. ECC Annual General Meeting.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CC

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

Info: Craig Vokey (mail: Box 92, Students Union Bldg, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

HINTON CC

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

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

RED DEER CC

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

Info: Brian Murdoch (343-6664).

MEDICINE HAT CC

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Info: Jerome Fitzgerald (526-4125).



* CLUBS *

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

1991 ALBERTA CLOSED

Last year's runaway winner, Rob South, didn't defend his title, but the tournament was indeed a strong one (average rating 2219). Six of Alberta's top ten rated players participated. Former champions among the entrants were **Jeff Reeve** and **Roy Yearwood**. Though Jeff was highest rated, he did not have a lot of recent tournament play under his belt. **Arnie Frialde** also had been unable to play very often, and he likely started off tired after driving down from Edmonton just before round 1. Though there could not really be a clear favorite in this field, **Greg Huber**, Alberta Open Champion, might have been considered to have the best chance — he had been playing frequently, with good results, including an excellent second place finish in the Canadian Junior. The Rocket, **Rob Gardner**, Alberta's most active player in rated events, had won the Southern Alberta Open and the Edmonton Closed. However, in this field no player could be considered a slouch — anyone could have a good tournament and take first! **Chris Demers** had been doing well recently, tying with Yearwood for first in the Calgary Closed. **Brad Willis**, Rural Qualifier winner, though heavily burdened by his legal caseload, always has to be watched because of his sharp style. **Roy Yearwood** plays whenever he can, and stays busy running his Calgary tournaments. **Andrew Paduch**, our 16 year old Alberta Junior Champ, was the lowest rated, but he had won the Canadian Cadet, and had World Cadet experience in his favor. Handicappers may have been able to somehow rate the field, but as we all know the only true rating is done over the chess board — let's see what happened, round by round (*time control was 40/2, then 20/1 — elapsed times are given at some stages for some games*):

Round 1				
=	Huber	(0.0)	(0.0)	Reeve =
1	Gardner	(0.0)	(0.0)	Frialde 0
1	Paduch	(0.0)	(0.0)	Demers 0
1	Willis	(0.0)	(0.0)	Yearwood 0

Huber and Reeve, the highest-rated participants, battled it out to a draw. Gardner overcame his "Frialde jinx" to give Arnie a zero. Paduch started off well by beating fellow Calgarian Demers. Willis served notice that he had to be watched, handing Yearwood a loss.

G. Huber - J. Reeve

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.d4 exd5 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd3 0-0 7.Ne2 c5 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7 11.Qb3 Bc5 12.Nce2

Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Ng4 14.g3 Qc5 15.Qc3 Qh5 16.h4 Nd7 17.Bf4 Nb6 18.Be2 Nd5 19.Qf3 Nxf4 20.Qxf4 Qe5 21.Qxe5 Nxe5 22.f4 Ng4 23.Bf3 Rd8 24.Rfd1 Ne3 25.Re1 Rxd4 26.Rxe3 Kf8 27.Rc1 Be6 28.a3 Rd7 29.Rec3 Rad8 30.R1c2 b6 31.b4 h6 32.Kf2 Bf5 33.Re2 Be6 34.Rec2 Ke7 35.Rc7 Rxc7 36.Rxc7+ Rd7 37.Rxd7+ Bxd7 38.Bd5 (draw).

R. Gardner - A. Frialde

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 f6 8.Bd3 g6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.h4 (0:18) Qa5 (0:12) 11.Qf3 (0:28) Bg7 (0:16) 12.h5 (0:54) Nxf5 (0:21) 13.Bd2 Qe5+ 14.Ne4 d5 15.Bc3 (1:05) d4 (0:32) 16.Bb4 Bf8 (0:45) 17.Bd2 Ra7 18.0-0-0 Rf7 19.Qg4 Nf4 20.Bxf4 (1:32) Qxf4+ (1:07) 21.Qxf4 Rxf4 22.g3 Rf5 23.g4 Rf4 24.g5 Be7 25.Rdg1 0-0 26.Rh2 (1:50) c5 (1:22) 27.Rgh1 h5 28.Nf6+ Bxf6 29.gxf6 R4xf6 30.Rg1 Kf7 (1:27) 31.Rg5 Bb7 32.Rxc5 Kg7 33.Rh4 Rd8 34.Rg5 (1:58) Kh6 35.f4 Rd5 36.Rg3 a5 37.Rh2 Bc6 38.Rhg2 Be8 39.Rg1 e5 40.Rg5 (1:59) Bf7 (1:59) 41.Bc4 Re5 42.Bxf7 Rxf7 43.Rxg6+ Kh7 44.R6g5 Kh6 (2:11) 45.Rh1 (2:12) (1-0).

A. Paduch - C. Demers

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 f6 5.c3 fxe5 6.dxe5 Nge7 7.Bd3 Nf5 8.0-0 g6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nbd2 Bd7 12.b4 0-0 13.Qe2 Rac8 14.h3 Qg7 15.Nb3 b6 16.Rae1 Qh6 17.Nh2 Kh8 18.Ng4 Qg7 19.b5 Nce7 20.Nf6 Ng8 21.g4 Nh4 22.g5 Nf5 23.Nd4 h6 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Bxf5 gxf5 26.Qh5 Rce8 27.f4 Qh7 28.h4 hxg5 29.Qxh7+ Kxh7 30.fxg5 Kg6 31.Rf4 Rf7 32.Kf2 Rh7 33.Rh1 Rh5 34.Rf3 Kf7 35.Ne2 Ne7 36.Nf4 Rhh8 37.h5 Ng8 38.Rfh3 a5 39.a3 Kf8 40.Ng6+ (1-0).

B. Willis - R. Yearwood

1.e4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.h3 Bd7 (0:13) 7.d4 (0:15) Qc8 e5 (0:32) Ng8 (0:21) 9.Qe2 (0:36) dxe5 (1:08) 10.dxe5 f6 11.Bf4 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nf6 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Qc4+ Be6 16.Qxc7 (0:53) Qxc7 (1:28) 17.Bxc7 Ne8 18.Bf4 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Rc8 20.Rhe1 Bxa2 21.Rxe7 (1:08) Rf7 (1:46) 22.Rxb7 Rxb7 23.Bxb7 Rxc3 (1:53) 24.Kb2 Rc5 25.Kxa2 Ra5+ 26.Kb3 Rb5+ 27.Kc3 Rxb7 28.Rd8 Kf7 29.Rb8 (1:29) Rd7 30.Kb4 Nf6 31.c4 Ke6 32.Be3 Rc7 33.Ra8 Rb7+ 34.Kc3 Ne4+ 35.Kd3 Nd6 36.Rxa7 Rb3+ 37.Kc2 Rb4 38.c5 Nf5 39.Kc3 Re4 40.Kd3 Rb4 41.Rxh7 (1-0).

Round 2

0	Reeve	(0.5)	(1.0)	Gardner	1
0	Demers	(0.0)	(1.0)	Willis	1
1	Frialde	(0.0)	(1.0)	Paduch	0
1	Yearwood	(0.0)	(0.5)	Huber	0

Gardner showed signs of what was to come by nabbing his second "2300 scalp", this time taking out Reeve. Willis kept pace with a win over Demers. Frialde evened his score when his tactics proved too much for Paduch to handle. Yearwood rebounded to win over Huber in an action-packed game.

J. Reeve - R. Gardner

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 b6 4.e4 d6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bb7 7.Bd3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.f4 a6 10.Kh1 (0:22) Qc7 (0:20) 11.Be3 0-0 12.Rc1 Nbd7 13.b4 Rac8 14.a3 Qb8 15.Qf3 (0:53) Qa8 (0:38) 16.Bd2 Rc7 17.Rce1 Rd8 18.Re2 Nf8 19.g4 d5 20.cxd5 (1:14) exd5 (1:14) 21.e5 Ne4 22.Nd1 Nxd2 23.Rxd2 a5 24.f5 Bg5 25.Rc2 (1:28) Rxc2 (1:39) 26.Bxc2 axb4 27.axb4 Rc8 28.Qf2 Rc4 29.f6 g6 30.e6 (1:45) fxe6 (1:50) 31.f7+ Kg7 32.h4 Be7 33.Qf4 Qd8 34.h5 Qd6 (1:57) 35.h6+ Kh8 36.Qf2 e5 37.Nf3 Rxg4 38.Rg1 Rxg1+ 39.Kxg1 Qxb4 40.Nxe5 Bc5 (1:59) 41.Ne3 (1:59) Be7 (2:21) 42.Qg3 Qd4 (2:37) 43.Kf1 Bh4 44.Nxg6+ hxg6 45.Qd5 Ba6+ (2:41) 46.Kg2 Qd2+ 47.Kh1 Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qf2+ 49.Ng2 Be7 50.Qe5+ Qf6 51.Qxd5 Qd6+ 52.Qxd6 Bxd6+ 53.Kh3 Bf1 54.Be4 Bxg2+ (0-1).

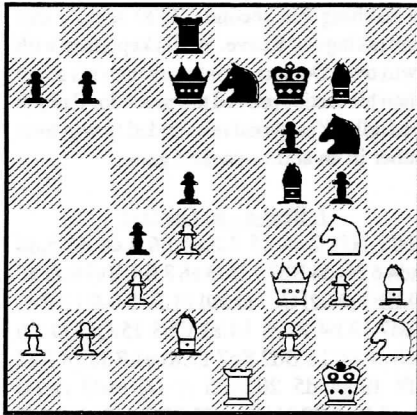
C. Demers - B. Willis

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe4 d5 (0:23) 6.Qf3+ (0:08) Kg8 7.Ng5 Qd7 8.d3 h6 9.N5h3 Qf7 10.Qg3 (0:23) Bd6 (0:36) 11.Ne2 Bf5 12.0-0 Qg6 13.Qxg6 Bxg6 14.f4 (0:38) Nd7 (0:52) 15.fxe5 Nxe5 (1:05) 16.Nhf4 Bf7 17.d4 Ng4 18.Ng3 (0:48) g5 (1:10) 19.Nfe2 Re8 20.h3 Ne3 21.Bxe3 Rxe3 22.Kf2 Re6 23.Nf5 (0:58) Rf6 (1:20) 24.Ke3 Rh7 25.c3 Bf8 26.Rf2 (1:10) Be6 (1:35) 27.g4 Bxf5 28.gxf5 Bd6 29.Raf1 Re7+ 30.Kd3 Ref3 31.b3 (1:25) Bf4 (1:44) 32.Nxf4 Rxf5 33.Ke3 Re7+ 34.Kd2 Rxf4 35.Rxf4 gxf4 36.Rxf4 Rf7 37.Ke3 Re7+ 38.Kf2 Kg7 39.Rf5 Rf7 (1:59) 40.Rxf7+ Kxf7 41.Kf3 Kg6 42.Kg4 Kf6 43.c4 c6 44.Kf4 Ke6 45.a3 dxc4 46.bxc4 b5 ! — Willis. 47.cxb5 cxb5 48.Ke4 a5 49.d5+ Kd6 50.Kd4 a4 51.Kc3 Kxd5 52.Kd3 h5 53.h4 Ke5 (0-1).

A. Frialde - A. Paduch

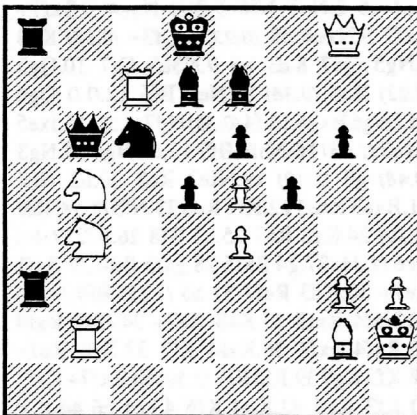
1.e4 e6 2.d3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nd2 g6 6.Ngf3 Bg7 7.0-0 Nge7 8.exd5 exd5 9.d4 c4 10.c3 0-0 11.Re1 Bf5 12.Nf1 Be4 13.Bf4 f6 14.h4 h6 15.N1d2 Bf5 16.Qc1 g5 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Be3 Qd7 19.Nf1 Ng6 20.N3h2 Rae8 21.Qd1 Rf7 22.Bd2 Rxe1 23.Qxe1 Re7 24.Ne3 Be6 25.Qd1 Re8 26.Qh5 Kf7 27.Re1 Rh8 28.Qf3 Rd8 29.Neg4 Bf5 30.Bh3 Nce7 (see diagram at top of next column) 31.Bxg5 fxg5 32.Ne3 Nf4 33.Bxf5 Nxf5 34.gxf4 Nxe3 35.Rxe3 gxf4 36.Qxf4+ Kg8 37.Rg3 Rf8 38.Qg5 Rf7 39.Ng4 Qd6 40.Ne5 (1-0).

Frialde - Paduch, after 30... Nce7



R. Yearwood - G. Huber

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 f5 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.b3 Qc7 10.Nd3 Be8 11.c5 Be7 12.Nf4 Bf7 13.Nd3 Nbd7 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.b4 Nh5 16.Be5 g5 17.e3 Nhf6 18.Rb1 Ng4 19.h3 Ngxe5 20.dxe5 Qc7 21.f4 a5 22.a3 axb4 23.axb4 b6 24.cxb6 Qxb6 25.Qd2 Ra3 26.Kh2 Rfa8 27.Rb2 Kg7 28.Rc1 Be8 29.Ne2 Qa6 30.b5 cxb5 31.Nd4 Nb8 32.Rc7 Kf8 33.fxg5 Bd7 34.g6 hxg6 35.e4 Qb6 36.Qh6+ Ke8 37.Nxb5 Kd8 38.Qh8+ Be8 39.Qg7 Nc6 40.Nb4 Bd7 41.Qg8+ (see diagram below) (1-0).



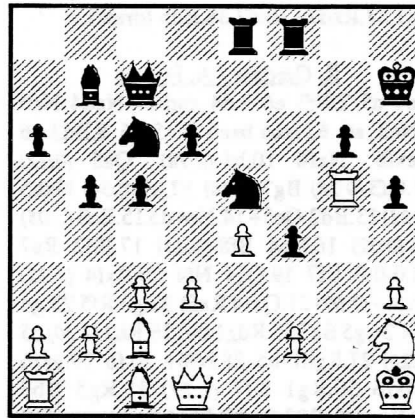
Round 3				
=	Gardner	(2.0)	(1.0)	Yearwood =
1	Huber	(0.5)	(2.0)	Willis 0
=	Frialde	(1.0)	(0.0)	Demers =
0	Paduch	(1.0)	(0.5)	Reeve 1

Yearwood slowed the Gardner express by securing a draw. Huber's winning assault on Willis' king knocked Brad from the lead. Frialde was still having difficulty getting untracked, drawing with Demers. Highest-rated Reeve justified Elo by defeating Paduch.

R. Gardner - R. Yearwood

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 d6 9.c3 Na5

10.Bc2 (0:10) c5 (0:19) 11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.Nf1 Bb7 13.h3 Nd7 14.Ne3 g6 15.Ng4 (0:23) f6 (0:36) 16.Nh6+ (0:26) Kh8 (0:37) 17.Nh4 (0:36) f5 (1:00) 18.Nf3 f4 19.g3 Kg7 20.Ng4 (0:50) h5 (1:07) 21.Ngh2 Nc6 22.gxf4 exf4 23.Kh1 Rae8 24.Rg1 Kh7 25.Ng5+ (1:08) Bxg5 (1:15) 26.Rxg5 Nde5



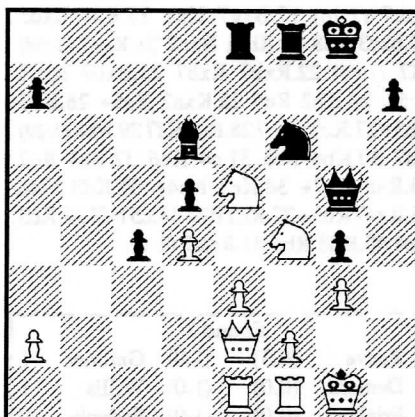
27.Rxh5+ gxh5 28.Qxh5+ Kg7 29.Bxf4 Rxf4 30.Qxe8 (1:23) Qf7 (1:37) 31.Rg1+ Kh7 32.Qxf7+ Rxf7 (draw). *Maybe I should have played for d4, rather than the sac — RG.*

G. Huber - B. Willis

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.h3 Be6 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.c3 Bb6 9.d4 Nxe4 10.Re1 d5 11.Nbd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 e4 13.Ng5 Qf6 14.f3 0-0-0 15.fxe4 Rde8 16.Kh1 Nd8 17.a4 c6 18.b4 h6 19.e5 Qg6 20.Nf3 Nf7 21.b5 Ng5 22.a5 Bd8 23.bxc6 Ne4 24.Qb3 Re7 25.c4 Qg3 26.Re2 Rf8 27.Be1 dxc4 28.Qxc4 b5 29.Qxb5 Rf5 30.Qa6+ (1-0).

A. Frialde - C. Demers

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 c6 7.e3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Ne4 9.Qc2 Ndf6 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nh4 Qc7 13.h3 0-0 14.Rac1 Qe7 15.Bf5 g6 16.Bxc8 Raxc8 17.Nf3 Nh5 18.Rce1 f5 19.Ne2 Rce8 20.Nc1 g5 21.Nd3 g4 22.hxg4 fxg4 23.Nfe5 Qg5 24.Qe2 Nf6 25.g3 c5 26.b3 b5 27.Nf4 c4 28.bxc4 bxc4

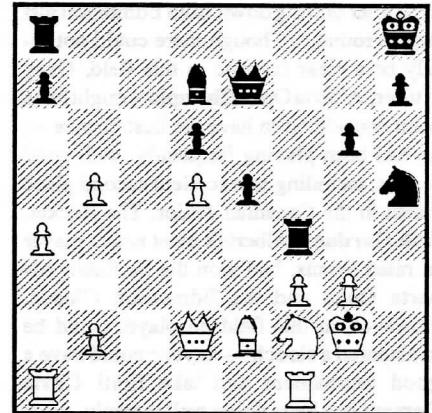


29.Nxc4 dxc4 30.Qxc4+ Rf7 31.Qc6 Bb8

32.d5 Qe5 33.Rd1 Qd6 34.Qb5 Qd7 35.Qc4 Bxf4 36.Qxf4 Kg7 37.Qg5+ Kh8 38.Rd4 Ne4 39.Qh6 Qf5 40.d6 (draw).

A. Paduch - J. Reeve

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.g4 fxg3 14.hxg3 Nh5 15.Kg2 c6 16.Be3 Kh8 17.Qd2 b5 18.cxb5 cxd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bd7 21.a4 Qe7 22.Bg5 Bf6 23.Bxf6+ Rxf6 24.Nf2 Rf4



25.Ne4 Bf5 26.Qe3 Rf8 27.Rh1 Bxe4 28.fxe4 Qg5 29.Bxh5 gxh5 30.Raf1 Rxf1 (0-1).

Round 4				
0	Paduch	(1.0)	(2.5)	Gardner 1
1	Reeve	(1.5)	(2.0)	Willis 0
1	Frialde	(1.5)	(1.5)	Huber 0
0	Demers	(0.5)	(1.5)	Yearwood 1

Gardner retained his full point lead by bopping Paduch. Reeve's win over Willis in an Exchange Ruy kept him in the hunt. Frialde came out on top versus Huber in a battle between two of Alberta's best. Yearwood won the "playoff match" with Demers (they had tied for first in the Calgary Closed).

A. Paduch - R. Gardner

1.c4 e5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Be6 6.Nge2 Qd7 7.d3 Bh3 8.Bxh3 Qxh3 9.Be3 (0:19) Nf6 (0:19) 10.Nd5 (0:26) Nxd5 (0:36) 11.cxd5 c5 12.Ng1 Qd7 13.Nf3 0-0 14.h4h5 15.0-0 (0:48) Qb5 (1:04) 16.Rb1 Nd7 17.Qe2 Nf6 18.Bg5 Rae8 19.Nd2 Nh7 20.f3 (1:19) f5 (1:25) 21.Kh2 Nxc5 22.hxg5 f4 23.g4 hxg4 24.fxg4 Kf7 25.Kg2 (1:29) Rh8 (1:32) 26.Nc4 Qd7 27.Nd2 Rh4 28.Rh1 Qxg4+ 29.Qxg4 Rxg4+ 30.Kf2 (1:33) Rxg5 (1:38) (0-1).

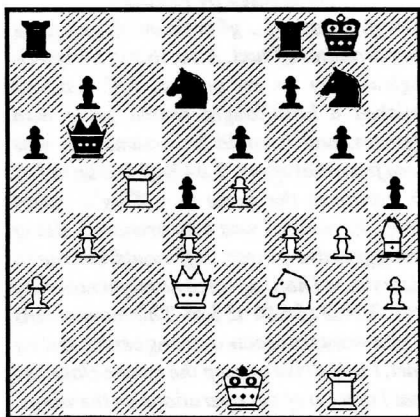
J. Reeve - B. Willis

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 f6 6.d4 Bg4 7.dxe5 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 fxe5 9.Rd3 Bd6 10.Nbd2 Nf6 (0:20) 11.Nc4 (0:02) Bxf3 (0:30) 12.gxf3 0-0-0 13.Bg5 (0:06) h6

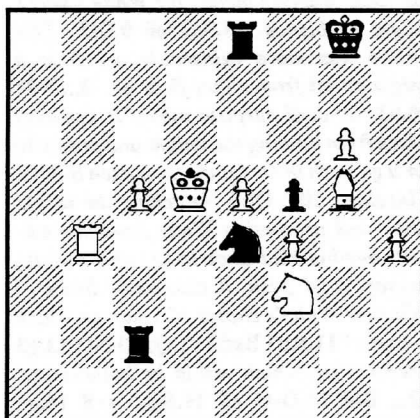
(0:37) 14.Bh4 (0:30) Rhe8 (0:52) 15.Rad1 Re6
16.Bg3 Rd7 17.Ne3 h5 18.h4 (0:52) b5 (1:08)
19.Kf1 Bc5 20.Ke2 Rxd3 21.cxd3 Bd6
22.Nf5 g6 23.Nxd6+ (1:05) cxd6 (1:24) 24.f4
Kb7 25.Rg1 Nd7 26.Bh2 exf4 27.Bxf4 d5
28.f3 (1:15) c5 (1:35) 29.Rg5 d4 30.Bg3 Kc6
31.f4 (1:20) c4 (1:38) 32.b4Nb6 (1:48) 33.Bf2
Rd6 34.e5 Re6 35.Bxd4 (1:28) cxd3+ (1:49)
36.Kxd3Nd5 37.Ke4Nf6+38.Kf3Ng4 39.f5
gxf5 40.Rxf5 Kd5 41.Rxh5 Rg6 42.Rg5
Nh2+ 43.Kg2 Rc6 44.Bc5 Rh6 45.Bf2 a5
46.bxa5 (1-0).

A. Frialde - G. Huber

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bh4 d5 4.Nd2 g6 5.f3
Nd6 6.e4 Bg7 7.e5 Nf5 8.Bf2 h5 9.f4 c6
10.Ng3 Nd7 11.c4 Qa5 12.a3 Bf8 13.b4
Qb6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Nb3 e6 16.Rc1 Be7
17.Rc3 0-0 18.Qc2 a6 19.Bd3 Qd8 20.g3
Nb8 21.h3 Bd7 22.g4 Ng7 23.Nc5 Bxc5
24.Rxc5 Bb5 25.Bh4 Bxd3 26.Qxd3 Qb6
27.Rg1 Nd7



28.gxh5 Nxc5 29.bxc5 Qb5 30.Qc2 Qc4
31.Qxc4 dxc4 32.hxg6 f5 33.Kd2 Rfe8
34.Kc3 Nh5 35.Bg5 Rab8 36.Rb1 Ng3
37.Kxc4 b5+ 38.Kd3 a5 39.h4 b4 40.axb4
axb4 41.Kc4 Ra8 42.Rxb4 Ra2 43.d5 Rc2+
44.Kd4 exd5 45.Kxd5 Ne4



46.Rxe4 fxe4 47.Kxe4 Rxc5 48.Bf6 Rc1
49.Nh2 Rg1 50.Kf5 Ra8 51.Ng4 Ra7 52.h5
Rg2 53.h6 Rg7 54.h7+ Kh8 55.Bxg7+ Kxg7

56.Kg5 Rg1 57.f5 Kh8 58.e6 Re1 59.Nh6
Rg1+ 60.Kf4 Rf1+ 61.Ke5 Re1+ 62.Kf6
Rxe6+ 63.Kxe6 (1-0).

C. Demers - R. Yearwood

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 c5 3.c4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5
5.Nb5 d5 6.cxd5 Qa5+ 7.N5c3 b5 8.g3 Bc5
9.Bg2 Bb7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a3 b4 12.axb4
Bxf2+ 13.Rxf2 Qxa1 14.Rxf6 gxf6 15.Be4
f5 16.Bxf5 Bc8 17.e4 Bxf5 18.exf5 f6 19.d6
Nd7 20.Bh6 Rf7 21.Nd5 Kh8 22.Ne7 Re8
23.Ng6+ hxg6 24.fxg6 Rg7 (0-1).

Round 5					
1	Gardner	(3.5)	-	(0.5) Demers	0
0	Yearwood	(2.5)	-	(2.5) Reeve	1
0	Willis	(2.0)	-	(2.5) Frialde	1
1	Huber	(1.5)	-	(1.0) Paduch	0

(Gardner: "Several of us met for lunch before the round, and Reeve seemed to cheer himself up by speculating who I could lose to.") Gardner defeated Demers in a Caro-Kann to maintain his front-running pace. Reeve won again, this time in a 21-mover with Yearwood. Willis eventually succumbed to a revitalized Frialde. Huber, newly out of the junior ranks, triumphed over Paduch, his "heir apparent".

R. Gardner - C. Demers

(annotated by Gardner)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6
6.Nge2 c5 7.Be3 Forgetting to play 7.h4.
7... Nc6 In the line 7.h4 h6 8.Be3 the move
8...Nc6 is supposed to be a mistake due to the
ideas of Bb5 and f4-f5. The same reasoning
may apply to 7... Nc6 in this game. In any
case, the few previous chances I have had to
exploit the book "mistake" have turned out to
be complicated rather than one-sided.
8.dxc5 Nxe5 9.Nd4 Nc6 10.Bb5 (0:08) Qd7
(0:13) 11.Qe2 (0:18) My plan probably was to
develop quickly, get the king into safety, and
get play on the center files and kingside.
11... Nf6 (0:16) 12.0-0-0 (0:32) If I had cal-
culated correctly (see next note), I might
have chosen this move anyways. Neither
12.f4 Ne4 nor 12.h4 h5 13.g5 Ng4 appeal to
me. 12.Nb3 protects the pawn, but is less
aggressive. 12... Bxc5 (0:26) I had planned
to meet this move with 13.Nxc6 (intending
14.Ne5, pinning the queen) 13... bxc6 14.Bxc5
cxb5 15.Nxb5, but I overlooked that the
capture 13... Bxe3 would be check. Despite
being a pawn down, White has good devel-
opment and aggressively placed pieces.
Hmmm — why are so many of my brilliant
pawn sacs unintentional? 13.Kb1 (0:50)
Bxd4 14.Bxd4 0-0 14... 0-0-0 15.Bxa7 or
14... a6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Nxd5. 15.Bxf6
Trying to weaken the pawn structure around
Black's king. I also hoped that the pawn

structure would be awkward for Black's
bishop in my upcoming pawn storm. 15...
gxf6 16.h4 h6 17.Qd2 During the game I
considered 17.f4, with the idea of f5 trying to
hem in the bishop. Both 17... f5 18.h5 Bh7
19.g5 and 17... h5 18.f5 Bh7 19.g5 Bxf5
20.Qxh5 give me the feeling that White is
starting to break through (though I am too
lazy to provide analysis to support my claim).
Black can also try weathering the storm
(17... Kg7, 17... Kh8, 17... Rfe8) or counter-
attacking (17... a6, with possibilities like
18.Bxc6 or 18.Bd3 Bxd3 or 18.Ba4 b5 19.Bb3
a5). 17.f4 seems like a plausible alternative
to 17.Qd2, but I am not sure whether it is
better or worse. 17... Kg7 18.h5 Bh7 19.f4
Qe7 20.Bxc6 (1:12) Another move based on
judgment rather than solid analysis. I felt my
knight would wind up being better than his
bishop. With the White pawn on h5, the move
20.f5 is less appealing because it gives up the
chance to push the g-pawn. After 20.f5, Black
could wait for a long time to find a good
opportunity to capture on f5 to free his
bishop. 20... bxc6 (0:42) 21.Rdg1 Rg8 22.g5
fxg5 23.fxg5 hxg5 23... Kh8 24.g6 fxg6
25.hxg6 when the exposed nature of Black's
king compensates for Black's pawn advan-
tage. 24.Rxg5+ Kh8 25.Qd4+ (1:24) f6 (0:49)
26.Rg6 The rook is aggressively placed and
it hems in Black's pieces. 26... e5 27.Qh4
Raf8 28.Nd1 Clearly, White's plan is to
transfer his knight to somewhere more use-
ful. 28... d4 Black's idea of ...Rg7, followed
by ...f5, might have worked better if he had
played it at this point. One possibility is 28...
Rg7 29.Ne3 f5 30.Qh3 Qd7 31.Ng2 with
White striving to get the knight around the
Black king (via h4 and g6) and Black striving
to create threats with his passed pawns.
29.Nf2 Rg7 30.Ne4 (1:39) f5 (1:04) 31.Ng5
Kg8 32.Rxg7+ I cannot remember whether
I was afraid of 32... Bxg6, which would have
been very good for White after 33.hxg6.
Probably 32.Rxg7+ was the only construc-
tive move I could think of and I was getting
a bit low on time. 32.Qh3 has the interesting
threat of 33.Ne6, but 33... Rf6 looks fine for
Black. 32... Kxg7 33.Qg3 Kh8 33... Rg8
might lead to 34.Nf3+, then capturing the e-
pawn. More ambitious for Black is 33... f4,
when 34.Qg2 Kh8 35.Nxh7 Qxh7 36.Qxc6 f3
looks close to winning. Maybe after 33... f4
a better try is 34.Qg4 Kh8 35.h6, though
Black's position still looks threatening.
34.Nxh7 Kxh7?? Also bad is 34... f4??
35.Nxf8 fxg3 36.Ng6+. 34... Qxh7 drops the
important e-pawn. Best is 34... Rg8, when
Black still has a reasonable position.
35.Qg6+ (1:49) Kh8 (1:12) 36.Qh6+ (1-0).

R. Yearwood - J. Reeve

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6 Bxe6 5.d4

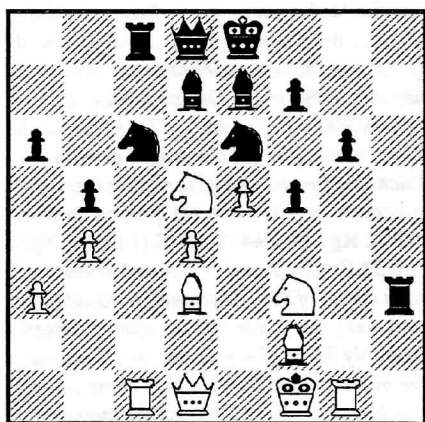
Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Qd3 Bf5 8.Bd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Qg5+ 11.Bd2 Qg6 12.Qe3 Qa6 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Qf3 Bg6 15.Re1 Nc6 16.Rxe4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Rxe4 19.Qxe4 Qxc4+ 20.Kb1 f5 21.Qe3 Qc2+ (0-1).

B. Willis - A. Frialde

1.e4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nge2 e5 6.d3 d6 7.h3 Nge7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 Rb8 10.a4 a6 11.Qd2 Nd4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.Qd1 f5 15.c3 Nxe2 16.Qxe2 f4 17.Bd2 b5 18.axb5 Rxb5 19.Bc1 Rb7 20.Be4 fxg3 21.fxg3 Rbf7 22.Be3 Bf5 23.0-0 Bxh3 24.Rxf7 Rxf7 25.Rxa6 Bf1 26.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Bf8 28.b4 cxb4 29.cxb4 Qc8 30.Rc6 Qh3+ 31.Kf2 Qh2+ 32.Bg2 h5 33.Bg5 Bh6 !! — Willis. 34.Rc8+ Kf7 35.Bxh6 h4 36.Rf8+ Ke7 37.gxh4 Qxh4+ 38.Kf1 Qxh6 39.Rf3 Qc1+ 40.Kf2 Qd2+ 41.Kg1 Qxb4 42.Rg3 g5 43.Be4 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Qf2+ 45.Kh3 Qf4 46.Rg4 Qf1+ 47.Kh2 Kf6 48.Rg3 Qf4 49.Kh3 Qh4+ 50.Kg2 g4 51.Kf2 Kg5 52.Bf3 Kf4 (0-1).

G. Huber - A. Paduch

1.e4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.c3 b6 6.Nf3 e6 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d5 9.e5 Nge7 10.Nc3 h5 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.Bd3 Bf8 13.Bf2 Nf5 14.Rg1 Be7 15.g3 a6 16.h3 b5 17.g4 Ng7 18.f5 exf5 19.gxh5 Rxh5 20.Nxd5 Ne6 21.a3 Rc8 22.b4 Rxh3 23.Kf1



Rxf3 24.Qxf3 Ncxd4 25.Qd1 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Bc6 27.Nxe7 Qxe7 28.Qh6 Nf3 29.Rg3 Qd7 30.Be2 Nxe5 (1-0).

Round 6				
0	Gardner	(4.5) - (2.5)	Huber	1
=	Demers	(0.5) - (3.5)	Reeve	=
1	Frialde	(3.5) - (2.5)	Yearwood	0
1	Paduch	(1.0) - (2.0)	Willis	0

Gardner needed "just" a split in his last two games to secure at least a tie for first. However, he was up against Huber, who seems to have Rob's number more often than not —

this time was no exception, with Huber's Sicilian proving too tough. Reeve could have moved to a share of the lead, but Demers did not cooperate (rumor has it that Chris had the better of it, but could not convert to a win). Frialde did move to the top, busting through to mate Yearwood. Paduch doubled his score by handing Willis his fourth loss in a row.

R. Gardner - G. Huber

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e6 7.Be3 Nbd7 8.Nb3 Qc7 9.a4 b6 10.Be2 (0:23) Bb7 (0:14) 11.Bf3 Be7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Qe1 (0:26) Qb8 (0:28) 14.Bd2 (0:42) e5 (0:30) 15.f5 (0:52) Qa8 (0:37) 16.Qe2 0-0 17.Kh1 Rfd8 18.Rfe1 d5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 (1:13) Bxd5 (0:49) 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Bc3 Qc4 23.Qxc4 Rxc4 24.Rad1 f6 25.Re2 (1:34) Kf8 (1:06) 26.a5 b5 27.g3 Ke8 28.Be1 Nc5 29.Rxd8+ Kxd8 30.Nxc5 Bxc5 31.b3 (1:45) Rd4 (1:15) 32.c3 Rd1 33.Rd2+ Rxd2 34.Bxd2 Kc7 35.Kg2 Kd6 36.Kf3 (1:51) Kd5 37.Be1 (1:56) g6 38.fxg6 hxg6 39.h4 f5 40.Bd2 (1:59) Bd6 (1:23) 41.Ke3 (2:23) Bc7 (1:29) 42.Be1 e4 43.Ke2 Ke5 44.b4 Kd5 45.Kd2 (2:46) Bd6 (1:38) 46.Ke2 Bf8 47.Ke3 Bh6+ 48.Ke2 Kc4 49.Bf2 (2:53) Kxc3 50.Bc5 Kc4 51.Bd6 Bg7 52.Ke3 Bd4+ 53.Ke2 Bc3 (1:50) 54.g4 fxg4 55.Ke3 Bxb4 56.Bc7 Kd5 (this was the move on Gardner's scoresheet; the computer disk version had the game ending after 56... Be1 — ed) 57.Bd8 (2:58) Bd6 (0-1).

C. Demers - J. Reeve

(Draw. Game score not received.)

A. Frialde - R. Yearwood

1.Nf3 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.d4 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 0-0 7.Nc3 c6 8.Rb1 a5 9.a3 Na6 10.c5 Nd7 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 b5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc7 15.Qd4 Nb8 16.h4 Bd7 17.Bg5 Be8 18.Ra1 Rxa1 19.Rxa1 Bh5 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.f4 h6 22.Kf2 Bg4 23.Nb1 g5 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.e3 Rf7 26.Ra8 Qb7 27.Qa1 gxf4 28.exf4 Kg7 29.Nd2 Kg6 30.Nb3 Bd1 31.Nd4 Ba4 32.Ra5 Na6 33.Rxa6 Qxa6 34.Nxe6 Qc8 35.Ng5 Rf8 36.Qb1 Kg7 37.Bh3 Rh8 38.Kg2 d4 39.Bxf5 Qg8 40.Be6 Qe8 41.Bf7 Qf8 42.Qg6 mate (1-0).

A. Paduch - B. Willis

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ne4 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 Nxd2 6.Bxd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Nc6 8.e3 Qe7 9.Be2 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Rfd1 Rd8 12.Qc3 (0:27) 0-0 (0:14) 13.Rd2 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Rad1 (0:36) d6 (0:18) 16.Nd4 (1:14) Ne5 (0:22) 17.f4 (1:16) Rg6 (0:24) 18.Bh5 Ng4 (0:35) 19.Nf5 Qe6 20.Bxg6 Rd7 21.Rxd6 cxd6 22.Rxd6 (1:33) Qxd6 23.Nxd6 Rxd6 24.Bc2 Be4 25.h3 Bxc2 26.Qxc2 Nf6 27.e4 Re6 28.c5 Nxe4 29.Qc4 (1-0).

Round 7				
=	Reeve	(4.0) - (4.5)	Frialde	=
1	Willis	(2.0) - (4.5)	Gardner	0
=	Huber	(3.5) - (1.0)	Demers	=
=	Yearwood	(2.5) - (2.0)	Paduch	=

Depending on the outcome of the last round games, first place could be won outright or at least shared by Reeve, Frialde or Gardner. However, Gardner, the terror of the first 5 rounds, lost his second in a row, in a relatively short game with Willis. Frialde, knowing that Gardner had already lost and that a draw would give him clear first, appeared to seek that outcome in his game with Reeve. Huber and Demers, one-time junior rivals, had a long battle featuring an active middle game, but it ended in a draw. Yearwood-Paduch was one of those last round quickie draws after a tiring tournament.

J. Reeve - A. Frialde

(annotated by Frialde)

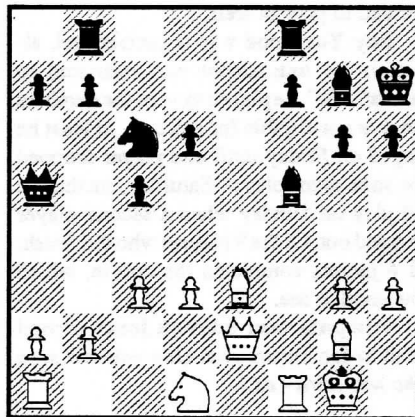
1.e4 g6 I played 1... g6 to throw off any game preparation Jeff had. Also, this is a psychological ploy on my part as Jeff had just finished a hard-fought drawn game with Demers, and it could be assumed he was tired from that effort. 2.d4 Bg7 It is up to Jeff to transpose the game to a King's Indian setup, for which I was also prepared. Being an aggressive player, Jeff would be true to his style, so I had expected he might now play 3.f4. 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 d5 5.e5 This move means White wants to create a strong centre. On my part, I will strive to keep the centre closed so that I can carry out operations on the wings. 5... h5 6.Bd3 This move clearly shows that Jeff was not ready for this particular variation. Nf3 or Be3 were the moves of choice because now I could more easily seek to exchange my queen's bishop for his "good" bishop. 6... Nh6 7.Be3 Bf5 For Black, this is the first step toward equalizing—exchange his "bad" queen's bishop for White's king's knight or bishop. 8.Nf3 e6 9.Bf2 This bishop was more vulnerable on e3 to a knight attack from either f5 or g4. 9... Nd7 10.h3 A dual-purpose move. It prevents Black from pinning the knight and prepares for a g4 push in the future to weaken Black's Kingside. 10... Qb6 Attacking the knight pawn and preventing White from immediately moving his bishop to e2, which would support a g4 push. It also helps Black to influence White's choice of a side on which to castle. 11.Rb1 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nf5 13.g3 Prevents h4, which would be bothersome. 13... Bf8 14.0-0 c5 15.Kg2 Rc8 16.g4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Bc5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 Not 19... Nxc5? because of 20.Qb5+ Ke7 21.Qxb6 axb6 22.Nb5!, and Black's Queenside pawns are in disarray. 20.Rbd1

If 20.Nb5 Qxc2+ 21.Qxc2 Rxc2+ 22.Rf2 Rxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Ke7 24.Nd6 hxg4 25.hxg4 g5! 26.Kf3 gxf4 27.Kxf4 Nxe5! 20... a6 21.Qd4 b5 22.Rf2 Nb6 23.Rd3 Nc4 24.Nd1 hxg4 25.hxg4 Rh4 26.Qxc5 Rxc5 27.b3 Nb6 28.Ne3 Nd7 29.g5 Rc7 30.Kg3 Rh8 31.Ng4 Nc5?? A waste of time, as you will see. 32.Nf6+ Ke7 33.Rd4 Nd7 34.Kg4 Nxf6+ 35.gxf6+ Kd7 36.c4 bxc4 37.bxc4 Rxc4 38.Rxc4 dxc4 I thought I was winning, but because of my recent relative inactivity in tournament play I had very little confidence in my endgame technique. 39.Rc2 Rc8 40.Kf3 Rc5 41.Ke3 Kc6 42.Rc3 Kb5?! My analysis is failing me again. (Readers may find it instructive to explore some of the possibilities in the latter stages of this game - ed.) 43.Kd2 Rd5+ 44.Kc2 Kc5? For a while, I thought I could get a brilliancy prize here, but luckily I didn't go for the trap of 44... Rd3?, which was totally inadequate. 44... Rd4 is the move, of course! Maybe I was thinking too hard of securing first place with a draw! 45.Ra3! Excellent. 45... Kb5 46.Rh3 Kc5 47.Rh7 Rd7 48.Kc3 Rd3+ 49.Kc2 Rf3 50.Rxf7 Rxf4 51.Rg7 Kd5 52.Rxg6 Kxe5 53.Kc3 Rxf6 The game was drawn after another ten moves or so. (draw)

B. Willis - R. Gardner

1.e4 c5 2.g3 Nc6 2... d5 calls White's bluff. If 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bg2 Qe6+ 6.Kf1 Nc6 and Black looks better. Therefore, White should play 4.Qf3, since if 4... Qxf3 5.Nxf3 the ending is surprisingly uncomfortable for Black because his pawn has advanced to c5; cf. Mednis, "Almost Symmetrical Endgames" in Chess, Sept. and Oct., 1990. 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Nge2 d6 In rd.5 Frialde played the inferior 5... e5?!, but after 6.d3 d6 7.h3 Nge7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 Rb8 I made the instructive positional error 10.a4? There followed 10... a6 11.Qd2 Nd4 and White had to fight for equality since the plan Nd1 and c3 couldn't be played on account of the weakening of b3. 6.h3 e6 7.d3 Nge7 8.Bg5 Nd4 9.0-0 h6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Nd1 Rb8 If 12... d5, not 13.c3 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 d4, but 13.Nf4! poses interesting problems for Black. White's setup promises no advantage but leads to unclear middlegames with chances for both sides — "dynamic equality", not drawishness. 13.c3 Nxe2+ 14.Qxe2 Nc6?! It is not logical to remove the knight from the kingside, since 15.d4 is not much of a threat. 14... b6 15.d4 Bb7 followed by ...f5 and Black has most of the play. It seems that White should therefore play 15.f4, so that if 15... Bb7 16.Nf2 d5 17.Rael [=]=, with an interesting battle shaping up. 15.f4 Qa5? The sort of error — taking the queen away from the scene of impending kingside action — that can only

be made by a D-class player or a master! A C-class player would have played the obvious 15... f5 with a perfectly defensible position. Then 16.e5 d5 would lead to a barricaded 83-move draw. Or after (say) 16.Nf2 Qc7 followed by ...b6, ...Bb7 and ...e5 Black would have equalized handily since White couldn't take advantage of the weakness at d5. The fact that Black can still equalize after a move like 14... Nc6 shows just how little compression White's engine generates. Nonetheless, there is lots of play in most lines. 16.f5 exf5 17.exf5 Bxf5? Black was still not lost. After 17... Qd8 his position is not enviable, but the retrograde N on d1 keeps the White QR from getting in the game, so Black (it seems) can hold: 17... Qd8 18.fxg6+ fxg6 19.Bd5 Rxf1+ is awkward. Black's move may be explained (I speculate) as follows: (a) It's tough to play ...Qd8 two moves after ...Qa5, for the same reason that Napoleon failed to retreat from Moscow while there was still time; (b) It was the last round and a win would have assured Rob of a clear first place; (c) Rob had beaten me twice running in last round games, once with Black; (d) I had just lost four games in a row (after winning the first two), so on recent form one could expect a hole in the forthcoming sacrifice on f5.



18.Rxf5 gxf5 19.Qh5 Ne7 Now Rob thought for a long time (16 min. before move 20, and another 21 min. before move 21). He said after the game that he "couldn't calculate all the variations" (Does he think he's Deep

Thought? - ed.), but I don't think there is a way out for Black. 19... c4 fails also, to 20.Bf4 and 21.Ne3 (if 20... Rbd8 21.Ne3 Ne7 22.Be4). 20.Bf4 Rbd8 21.Ne3 Ng6? After this it is all over quickly. Black could struggle on a pawn down with 21... d5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.Qxf5+ Kg8 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 (else 25.Be4) 25.Qxd5. 22.Bxh6 Rh8 23.Nxf5 Bf6 24.Bd5 Ne5 Now it's mate in two, but the threat of 25.Bg7+ Kg8 26.Qxg6 could not be parried. 25.Bg7+ (1-0). Total time: White 0:45; Black 1:45.

G. Huber - C. Demers

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Qc7 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.f3 Bh5 7.Ne2 e6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Re1 Bd6 10.c3 0-0 11.Nf1 dxe4 12.dxe4 Bc5+ 13.Be3 Bxe3+ 14.Nxe3 Ne5 15.Nf4 Qb6 16.Kh1 Bg6 17.Nxg6 Nxg6 18.Nc4 Qc7 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qd4 Rfd8 21.Qe4 b5 22.Na3 Nb6 23.f4 Ne7 24.Nc2 Na4 25.Nd4 Nxb2 26.g4 Na4 27.Rac1 Nc5 28.Qf3 Rac8 29.f5 Rd5 30.Qg3 Rd7 31.Re3 exf5 32.gxf5 Rxd4 33.f6 Nf5 34.Qg5 g6 35.cxd4 Ne6 36.Qxf5 gxf5 37.d5 cxd5 38.Rxc7 Rxc7 39.Rg3+ Kf8 40.Bxd5 Rc1+ 41.Rg1 Rxg1+ 42.Kxg1 Nf4 43.Bc6 Nd3 44.Bxb5 Nxe5 45.h3 Nf3+ 46.Kf2 Ng5 47.Bd3 Nxh3+ 48.Kg3 Ng5 49.Kf4 Ne6+ 50.Kxf5 Ke8 51.Ke5 h5 52.Bb5+ Kd8 53.Be2 h4 54.Bg4 Nc5 55.Kf4 Nd3+ 56.Ke3 Ne5 57.Bh3 Nd7 58.Kf4 Nxf6 59.Kg5 Ke7 60.Kxh4 Ne4 61.Bf5 Nc3 62.a3 Kf6 63.Kg4 Ke5 64.Bd3 a5 65.Bc2 Ne2 66.Bd3 Nd4 67.Kg3 f5 68.Kf2 Kf4 69.a4 Nb3 70.Bb5 Nc5 71.Bc6 Nb3 72.Bb5 Nd4 73.Bd3 (draw).

R. Yearwood - A. Paduch

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.e4 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.f4 e5 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.Be3 f6 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.f5 gxf5 11.Nh4 Qd7 (draw).

So, after the provincial chess smoke had cleared, Arniel Frialde stood alone in first place, thereby earning the title of 1991 Alberta Closed Chess Champion — Arnie will be Alberta's representative in this year's Canadian Closed. The other "plus scorers" were Rob Gardner and Jeff Reeve, who tied for second, and Greg Huber, who was fourth.

Crosstable for the 1991 Alberta Closed Chess Championship

	Tourn	Perf.	New	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Arniel Frialde	2301	2378	2312	x	0	=	1	1	1	1	=	5.0
2	Rob Gardner	2169	2340	2235	1	x	1	0	0	=	1	1	4.5
3	Jeff Reeve	2374	2311	2363	=	0	x	=	1	1	1	=	4.5
4	Greg Huber	2333	2259	2323	0	1	=	x	1	0	1	=	4.0
5	Brad Willis	2147	2172	2154	0	1	0	0	x	1	0	1	3.0
6	Roy Yearwood	2146	2172	2153	0	=	0	1	0	x	=	1	3.0
7	Andrew Paduch	2069	2126	2085	0	0	0	0	1	=	x	1	2.5
8	Chris Demers	2213	1991	2151	=	0	=	=	0	0	0	x	1.5

(ratings: Tourn = pre-event; Perf. = performance; New = post-event.)

Before formally ending the 91 Alberta Closed report, some credit should be handed out! Thanks to the following:

Fred South for acting as tournament director and submitting reports for rating and *En Passant* magazine.

Roy Yearwood for arranging for the tournament site in Calgary and providing a computer disk with an MS-DOS text file containing most of the game scores.

Ford Wong, ACA President, for the "early organizing" (determining eligible players and developing the final list of participants).

Rob Gardner and Brad Willis for providing their game scores with elapsed times, and for each annotating a game.

Arniel Frialde, the new Alberta Closed Champion, for providing a game score and annotations for his important last round game with Reeve (the game score was otherwise not available).

"Thanks in advance" to those participants who are able to annotate a game or two from the Closed for a future ACR (most did not have their game scores as the original scoresheets were collected on site without duplicates being made).

Qualifying for the 1992 Alberta Closed (full rules available from the ACA)

Participants must have at least 2 participation points since the previous Closed. Qualifying events 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 (even if by rating) must register in writing. The written registration must be received by the ACA by March 10. It is the potential entrant's responsibility to submit a registration - the ACA is not required to issue invitations.

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

Check rules for tiebreaking and procedure if a person qualifies more than once. If player(s) needed to fill vacancies (no automatic entrants by rating!), the highest rated registrant(s), using the latest CFC rating list prior to March 10, will be accepted.

Qualifying events for the '92 Alta Closed

'91 Alta Closed (A. Frialde); Alta Open; Alta Jr Closed; S. Alta Open; Edmonton Closed; Calgary Closed; N. Alta Open; "Rural Candidate" (rural qualifiers to be completed by January 31 — playoff required between winners if more than one rural qualifier).

Calgary Chess Club Championship

Section A was captured by Arthur Odachowski after he turned in a strong undefeated performance allowing only one draw en route to a 6.5/7 score. Jim Daniluk's 5/7 gave him second place, followed by John Parrott (4.5/7) in third. Rod Thiel won the Top Under 2000 category.

Section B featured a "minor upset" when **Bob MacFie** and Jeff Rouse finished at the top with 5/7. Bob took first on tiebreak. Half a point behind were Art Milne and Tim McMurphy (Art had the better tiebreak). Top Under 1500 was won by Roy Picou.

(TD: Barney Fegyvermeki; info taken from his report to *En Passant* magazine.)

Calgary Amateur Open by Ian Drummond

This tournament was held February 1-3 at good facilities in the Marlborough Community Hall.

Eleven people started the tournament, and three were from the Drummond family — two youngsters starting their chess playing careers, and one old-time who had been pressed into services as a chauffeur but who decided to play as well.

Roy Yearwood was organizer and, although the tournament was restricted to "under 2000", he played to even the numbers (he was not eligible for a prize). At least he played on Friday until one player dropped out, so he didn't play on Saturday, but then he did play on Sunday when a second player dropped out. Of the 9 players who did finish, all 4 juniors completed the course, which was good to see.

First prize went to **Frank Jones**, second prize to **Ian Drummond** (*Ian was not sure who was third - ed.*).

ECC Spring Open

by the Rocket Contributing Editor, TD

The composition of this tournament promised a good struggle. Only 141 points separated the top-rated player from the ninth-rated player. **Art Skeel** emerged from the fray to claim clear first with 4.5/5. John Quiring ended a long chess hiatus by taking clear second with 4 points. John took the prize for top 1500-1799, leaving four players with 3 points — Christiaan Dartana, Eric Schocat, Alex Kuti, and Cor Dewindt — to split the second place prize. Mike "The Mangler" Beaulieu was Top Under 1500 with 2 points. Aaron Sun, also with 2, was Top Unrated.

Calgary City Spring Open

Rob Gardner and **Greg Huber** tied for first after scoring 4.5/5 and drawing in their encounter. (*Thanks to Rob for this info - ed.*)

Victoria Day Open (Calgary)

Tom O'Donnell, rated 2468 and with an IM title to be confirmed by FIDE, likely surprised no one by placing first in the Victoria Day Open. What may have surprised some is that his 5-1 score was equaled by **Andrew Paduch** (Andrew defeated Tom in round 2 and lost to Rob South in round 3).

Greg Huber and Rob Gardner were close behind at 4.5/6 to share 3rd-4th overall. Fred McFaul, Steve Fairbairn and Larry Erdos tallied 3.5/6 and split the combined Under 2000 1st-3rd prize money, with Frank Jones and Jeff Rouse tying for 4th in that category. Lewis Harkes and David Gomboc were 1st and 2nd, respectively, in the Under 1600 division, and Aaron Sun received the Under 1300 award. Special prizes went to Andrew Paduch (Top Junior) and Lewis Harkes (Top Cadet). This "7+1" tournament, which had an average rating of 1930 (29 of the 30 entrants were rated) and gave out almost \$1500 in cash prizes, was organized by Roy Yearwood. (*Report based on the crosstable and list of prize winners from Roy. - ed.*)

90-91 Alta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix by Jim Kanester

B.C. players won all of the Grand Prix prizes for the 90-91 Peace River Grand Prix since Grande Prairie players failed to travel out sufficiently to qualify. There were six 4-round tournaments to play in, and 65 participants took part in them. Some active-format events were added to the schedule, and this one day format was very popular with our players. The overall victor, **Grant MacTavish**, was practically unstoppable, winning 5 out of 6 tournaments, 4 of them with perfect scores. Ray Irwin won the Top Novice prize and was the only one to beat Grant this year. Larry Stutzman of Ft. St. John took the second overall prize, and newcomer Brian Waldie of Dawson Creek was awarded the second Novice prize.

(Organizers for 90-91: **Jim Kanester**, **Phil Lefkowitz** and **Larry Stutzman**.)

The 91-92 Grand Prix circuit again includes six 4-round tournaments (schedule in the August ACR). We hope to see lots of chess players out, starting September 28-29 with the Golden Harvest Open in Dawson Creek! TD is Ray Irwin (604-782-4714).

Phil Chiu Where Are You? Active
by Darse Billings

Greg Huber and Dale Haessel tied for first, winning a Domino's Pizza each. The UCCC plans to hold frequent ACT's (active chess tournaments), so come out just for the fun of it! Sadly, not only did Phil Chiu not participate, he did not even make an appearance at his testimonial tournament.

(Phil Chiu is mentioned from time to time in the ACR, and now he has even been honored with a tournament — but he is no longer an ACA member, so does not receive the newsletter. If some kind soul sees Phil, please show him the ACR. Thanks to Roy Yearwood for relaying Darse's report. - ed.)

Greg Huber - Darse Billings

(annotated by Billings)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.h5 Bh7 8.Nf3 e6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qa6 12.c4!? I don't trust this move, since it hampers the natural Ne4 (the c-pawn is left hanging). Black also has access to d5. 12... Nf6 13.a3 Nbd7 14.O-O Bd6 White would like to have the Ne4 option at this point. That he must now commit to the broken pawn structure suggests that the opening could have been improved. Black may now be equal, but he didn't prove it in this game. 15.Rae1 Bxg3 16.fxg3 O-O 16... Nxb5 17.Rxe6+ would be horrible, especially at a fast time control. 16... O-O-O may be playable, but looks loose. 17.Ne5 Rad8 18.Rf4 Nxe5!? 19.Rxe5 Rd5!? Black's idea reduces the number of White pieces, but doesn't reduce the pressure. Greg adds to the pressure by playing incredibly quickly. At this point, he has used only 5 minutes to my 18. In any case, the plan of g4 and g5 was hard to meet. 20.b4 Rxe5 21.dxe5 Nxb5 22.Rh4 g6 23.Bxb6 Qb6+! 24.c5 Rd8 25.Qe3 Qb5?! (0:28) Greg pointed out that 25... Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Qd8 defends the knight. If this is true, then Black must be better. 26.Rxb5 Rd1+ 27.Kh2 Qf1 28.g4 (1-0; Black lost on time). I actually played 28... Kh7?!, but Greg graciously accepted the win on time rather than playing the mate in four with 28.Bf8+ Kg8 29.Rh8+. I had not considered 27.g4 when playing into this line, and with only a minute and a half left on my clock, I couldn't find the draw, which apparently follows from 28... Rd3 29.Qg5 Rd1 30.Rh3 Qg1+ 31.Kg3 Rd3+ 32.Kh4 Qf2+ 33.g3 Rxb3 34.Rxb3 Qh2+. The perpetual notwithstanding, Greg's better time management (he only used 10 minutes) entitled him to the win. I hope my effort was at least worth a piece of his pizza! (I'll just bet Darse lost that pizza piece on time, too! - ed.)

Annotated Game
from the CCC Spring Open
by Franck Pellerin

I am submitting some work, from the recently completed Calgary Chess Club Spring Open, which I offered to share with Jim Daniluk (*ACR Contributing Editor for Calgary - ed.*). Jim had expressed interest in a game I played with Dale Haessel.

F. Pellerin - D. Haessel

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 b5 7.Bb3 e6 8.O-O Be7 9.Re1 O-O 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Qb6 Certainly the QB seems misplaced, but Vasjukov-Platonov, SSSR 1971 - 12/1470 seems to show no concern: 11... Bb7 12.a3 Nc6 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Qd4 Qc7 15.Rad1 Rfd8 [=]. 12.Kh1 Nbd7 Better is Bb7 (Dale). 13.f4 Nxe4? "Criminal". Note the weak point on d6. 14.Rxe4 Bxh4 15.f5 Bf6 16.fxe6 Nc5 Trying not to lose the exchange while aiming at Bb3 or f2 for smothered mate! If 16... Bb7 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Nc5 19.exf7+ Kh8 20.Ne6 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Rad8 (21... d5 22.Qxd5 ±) 22.Qh5!? [+]. If 16... Bxd4 17.exd7 Bxc3 18.dxc8=Q Raxc8 19.bxc3 Rxc3 20.a4 [+]. If 16... Ne5, which may have been best, then 17.exf7+ Kh8 [±], or the evil stuff after 17... Nxf7 18.Nd5: (a) 18... Qd8 19.Nc6 Qd7 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Re7 and now (a1) 21... Qf5 22.Rxf7 Rxf7 23.Ne7+ [+]; (a2) 21... Qg4 22.Qxd6 [±]; (a3) 21... Qxc6 22.Qh5!? [+]. (b) 18... Qb8 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Nc6 Qb6 21.Qxd6 Kg7 22.Bxf7 Rxf7 (Now Franck has 23.Rxf7+, which isn't possible, followed by 23... Kxf7 24.Ne5+ [+]). Maybe some moves are missing, or he had a White rook left on e7 after analyzing the previous variation. 23.Re8 looks interesting. - ed.) (c) 18... Qa5?? 19.Nc6 [+]. (d) 18... Qc5 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Ne6 Bxe6 21.Rxe6 [±]. (e) 18... Qa7 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Bd5 Bb7 21.Re7 Rab8 22.Ne6 [+]. (f) 18... Qb7 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Qf3 d5 21.Bxd5 Qxd5 22.Rg4+ Bxg4 23.Qxd5 [±]. 17.exf7+ Not 17.Nd5?! Nxe4 18.Nxb6 Nf2+ 19.Kg1 Nxd1 20.exf7+ Kh8 21.Rxd1 [∞]. 17... Kh8 18.Re8 Bb7 19.Nd5 Bxd5 If 19... Qa7 20.Nxf6 gxf6 (20... Nxb3 21.Qd3 gxf6 22.Qg6) 21.Qh5 Kh7 22.Nf5 Bxg2+ 23.Kg2 Qb7+ 24.Kg1 [+]. If 19... Qa5!? 20.Nxf6 gxf6 21.Qh5 Qd2 22.Nf3 Bxf3 (22... Qf4 23.Qg6) 23.gxf3 Qg5 24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.Re1 Kg7 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Re8 [+]. 20.Rxf8+ Rxf8 21.Bxd5 [±] Na4? If 21... Bxd4 22.Qxd4 Nd7 23.Qxb6 Nxb6 24.Be6 [±]. If 21... Nd7 22.c3 [±]. 22.Ne6 Rxf7 23.Nf4! Nxb2 23... Rc7 24.Ng6+ Kh7 25.Qd3 [+]. 24.Qh5 Nd3 25.cxd3 Qd4 26.Rf1 Re7 27.Ng6+ 27... Kh7 28.Nf8+ Kh8 29.Qg6. (1-0). One for the killer B's.

University of Alberta Open
by Craig Vokey

The 1991 U of A Open saw 28 players brave the sunshine to capture the prizes offered by the rather cheap organizer (Craig Vokey). Of course, this tournament could also have been named "Day of the Dragon" since there were so many played. I didn't keep close count, but I think that the Dragon did get to breathe a little more than the sword was unsheathed.

Topspot went to Rob Gardner, who went 4.5/5. Rob certainly had his horseshoes with him this tournament as he overcame a first round draw to Franck Pellerin (Swiss Gambit?) and survived near disaster against Chris Dartana. Fate can be a funny thing: during Dartana's game with Gardner, Chris remarked that he felt that today was the day he was going to beat Rob; well, Chris had his chance, but after he missed the golden mate in two his game quickly fell apart. Oh well, Christiaan, I am sure Rob will give you another chance soon.

Sam Sia performed quite well, going 4-0 before losing the last round to Horseshoes Rob, but he performed well enough to tie for 2nd-4th along with Réjean Plante (always in the top few) and Grant Brown (not always in the top few).

Top Under 1800 was a tie between George Kohler and Cor "The Man" Dewindt, both with 3/5. Top Under 1600 was a 4-way split between Mike Pennings, Paul Montambault, Beatrice Wu (the giant killer) and Aaron Sun.

Eric Schocat, after three years of trying, finally beat Réjean Plante (now, if he could only get a date!).

I would like to thank Don Coward and Robby Gardner for stepping in and doing most of the directing for me when it suddenly became apparent that I had to work the weekend after all, and also thank those people who were good enough to watch the time trouble while the directors were busy elsewhere (Réjean and company). It's that kind of cooperation which makes my job darned easy.

Hello... hello... is anyone out there?

The Editor would like to hear from you. What do you think of the type size and style? Three-column format? Format of annotated games (moves played in bold, comments in italics)? Tournament reports — are they important? Crosstables? Junior section? More instructional articles? Fiction (due to a hint of "nonoriginality" in the past, the current editor avoids that category)? What would you like to see more of/less of?



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

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



Canadian Chess Challenge in Alberta by Rob Gardner, Contributing Editor

The Canadian Chess Challenge is the successor to last year's GEMS Chess Challenge and the XIOS-GEMS Chess Challenge from the year before. The Challenge involves students participating in school, regional, and provincial tournaments in order to qualify for the nationals.

The GEMS charity was only marginally involved this year since it was not able to find a sponsor. The Chess 'n Math (Échecs et Maths) Association, based in Quebec, had run the chess side of the tournament last year, and took over completely for 1991.

Participation was well down — partly due to reduced funding and the lack of a charity angle — but there were still almost 400 students playing at the school level in Alberta.

Thanks are owed to several people. David Bond organized the regional for Northwest Alberta. Richard Cullis obtained the site for the Calgary regional and Ian Drummond directed. The Central Alberta regional was held at Lacombe Junior High and directed by Neil Sharp. Directors at the Edmonton regional included Gerald Aspler, Nancy Emack, John Macnab, Wayne Mendryk, Aaron Sun, and Ford Wong. The site for the Provincial finals, Lindsey Thurber High School in Red Deer, was obtained by Addison Wilson. Directors at the Provincial included Nancy Emack, Bruce Kiely, David Ludwig, Neil Sharp, and Ford Wong.

Top finishers in the Provincial playdowns in each grade, as shown on crosstables supplied by Rocket Rob, are given below (apologies for errors or omissions in school or city/town! - ed.).

Grade 1: Paul Kirvan (Notre Dame, Morinville) took first with a perfect 4-0. Brent McLean (3-1; Rimbey Christian), was second and Greg Whelan (1.5-2.5; St. Richard) third.

Grade 2: Three players scored 5-1, necessitating a playoff. Seth Dodd-Flower (Andrew Davison, Calgary) won the playoff with 1.5 out of 2, followed by Pierre Escalona (1-1; St. Richard) and Amir Javidan (0.5-1.5; Lansdowne, Edmonton).

Grade 3: Nathan McLean (Rimbey Christian) had a convincing 7-0 result to place far ahead of the competition. Scoring 4-3 were Ian Basinger (St. Richard), Lisa Gyori (Rimbey Christian) and Andrew MacLeod (Lynnwood). Basinger won a

playoff match 2-0 over Gyori (MacLeod had left, so did not participate).

Grade 4: Qualifying for the final from Group A were Jesse Grutterink (4-0; Rimbey Christian) and Kevin Seitz (3-1; St. Richard, Edmonton). Qualifying from Group B were Douglas Wu (4-0; St. Richard), and Jonathan Reay (2-2, Lynnwood, Edmonton) after winning a playoff over Travis Magierowski (2-2; Assumption). In the final, Douglas Wu was triumphant, scoring 3-0. Jonathan Reay was second at 2-1, with Jesse Grutterink defeating Seitz to take third.

Grade 5: Qualifying for the final from Group A were Amanda Dodd-Flower (4-0; Andrew Davison, Calgary) and Alan Leong (2-2; Delton, Edmonton) after winning a playoff 2-0 over Jacob Bond (2-2; McGrath, Peace River). Reaching the final from Group B were Brad Olstad (4-0; Centennial, Wetaskiwin) and Aaron Singh (3-1; Calgary). Competition was fierce in the final. Alan Leong and Amanda Dodd-Flower scored 2-1. Alan won the playoff for first 2-0. Brad Olstad and Aaron Singh scored 1-2, with Brad taking the playoff for third 2-0.

Grade 6: Michael Eng (Calgary) romped to a 6-0 score. Second was Cynthia Wu (St. Richard, Edmonton) with 5-1. Russell Goodman (Assumption, Lethbridge) was third at 3.5-2.5.

Grade 7: Yet another grade with a perfect score, this time by Sherwin Chan (5-0; Grandview, Edmonton). Skylar Longley (4-1; Red Deer) was clear second, followed by David Kim (3-2; McKernan, Edmonton).

Grade 8: Danny Kiely (5.5-0.5; Calgary) was alone in first. Raymond Cheung (Grandview Heights) scored 1.5 out of 2 in a playoff for second with Bernard Kim (McKernan) after each had a 4.5-1.5 result in the round robin.

Grade 9-10: Adam Wu (St. Clement, Edmonton) won this grade with a 2-1 playoff victory over Lewis Harkes (Calgary) after both had scored 5-1 in the round robin. James Roy (4.5-1.5; Sexsmith Secondary) was close behind in third place.

Grade 11-12: Yet another playoff required, this time after two players scored 3.5-0.5 in the round robin. Geoff Newton (Ross Sheppard, Edmonton) took first by virtue of a win and a draw in a playoff with Igor Gorelik (also Ross Sheppard). Kyle Matrosovs (2-2; Priddis) was third.

National Scholastic Chess Title Won by Quebec

based on press releases from
Association Échecs et Maths

The National Perspective

One hundred of Canada's best young chessplayers gathered in Montreal on the Victoria Day weekend to compete for the title of national champion at each grade level.

The Quebec team successfully defended its title, winning a medal in every grade, for a total score of 73.5 out of 90. British Columbia (66.5) was second, followed by Ontario (64.5) and Alberta (53).

Individual championships were hotly contested — Quebec, B.C. and Ontario each took 3 gold medals; New Brunswick won the remaining title.

Each province sent a team of 10. The Nationals were the culmination of a series of tournaments and eliminations that saw over 7,500 school children from over 400 schools participate in this year's Canadian Chess Challenge, which was sponsored and organized by the Association Échecs et Maths.

The Alberta Perspective

Ten of Alberta's top school-aged chessplayers qualified for the 1991 Canadian Chess Challenge by virtue of placing at or near the top in the provincial finals after making it through school and regional playdowns.

The Alberta team's fourth place finish equaled 1990's (though the percentage score in 1991 was 58.88 versus 49.54 in 1990), and was again better than the first year, 1989's seventh place.

Rob Gardner repeated as Provincial Coordinator, after being convinced by the organizers to continue in that position.

Individual results for our talented Alberta representatives:

Grade 1: Paul Kirvan, 5/9, =6th.

Grade 2: Seth Dodd-Flower, 6/9, =4th.

Grade 3: Nathan McLean, 5.5/9, 5th.

Grade 4: Douglas Wu, 5.5/9, 4th.

Grade 5: Alan Leong, 4/9, 5th.

Grade 6: Michael Eng, 7/9, bronze - 3rd.

Grade 7: Sherwin Chan, 6.5/9, silver - 2nd.

Grade 8: Raymond Cheung, 3.5/9, =6th.

Grade 9-10: Adam Wu, 6.5/9, =4th.

Grade 11-12: Geoff Newton, 4/9, 7th.

Wandering River Elementary Junior High School News
by *Bernie Tynan*

Long in name, long in chess enthusiasm, and long in a list of accomplishments. Besides always placing high in interschool events, sending kids to the provincials 2 out of the last 3 years, 3 years ago 3 kids from the school went to Ottawa for the GEMS Nationals. Over the next two weeks we'll be holding our 4th annual school championship — 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes have been donated by local businesses. Not bad for a school with an enrollment of 70 kids (grades 1-9).

Although in the past year the interest of the junior high students has declined slightly, during the past month a half of the chess class has been made up of grade 1-4 girls. Maybe just an aberration or perhaps Branko's (Georgijevic) hard work in this area is starting to pay dividends. Hope to send in a full report on our school tournament as soon as it's over.

Grassland Community School Open
by *Bernie Tynan (TD) & Henry Desjarlais*

The Grassland School Open was held May 4th in the school library, and included students from Athabasca, Wandering River and Grassland. The Club President, Henry Desjarlais, was clear first with a perfect 5/5. Sean Paine placed 2nd on tiebreak and Byung Chun was 3rd (Byung's main claim to fame is a win vs Rocket Rob Gardner during a simul last year). Trevor Willcott was 4th on tiebreak, followed by Curtis Duma.

The tournament was well organized by the Grassland School Chess Club and Branko Georgijevic, and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to those who made sandwiches and supplied the Coke. Athabasca IDA drug store donated gift certificates for 1st & 2nd prizes, and the Athabasca SAAN for 3rd & 4th prizes — thanks to both businesses for their support!

1991 Edmonton High School Team Chess Championship
by *Rob Gardner, Contributing Editor*

Late notice and perhaps a poor date resulted in the lowest turnout yet for this tournament. The turnout was so low in fact that the tournament ended up being a match when only two teams showed up. The Ross Sheppard team defeated the J. Percy Page team 10.5 to 1.5 to take the championship for the third year in a row. Playing for Ross Sheppard were Geoff Newton, Igor Gorelik, Haran Thani, and Geoffrey Allan. The J. Percy Page team consisted of Bhavin Mistry, Kalok Lee, and Steve Lam.

Calgary Jr & Sr High School Team Championships
by *Ian Drummond*

On April 20th the Calgary Junior Chess Club held the team-of-4 tournaments for both senior and junior high schools.

The Senior High trophy was taken by Bishop Grandin. Their team of Jason Scammell, Chris Bukovits, Derrick Sullivan, and David Bedard was unopposed despite some efforts as late as 10 p.m. the previous evening to form a team by Father Lacombe Senior High (last year's winners).

The Junior High tournament was a spirited affair, with 7 teams from 4 schools (2 each from Annie Gale, A.E. Cross and R.T. Alderman, and 1 from St. Margarets). A.E. Cross "A" came in third with 14/24, St. Margarets was second with 16/24, and R.T. Alderman "A" won with 17/24. A close race indeed, but one that has been won for 5 years in a row by R.T. Alderman, no doubt due to the coaching and enthusiasm passed on to the teams by John Gomache, who teaches at RTA. Congratulations to the team of Chris Hsiung, John Enever, Tom Drew and Sean Campbell, as well as to John, their coach.

Many thanks also to the tournament director, Barney Fegyvermeki, who directed with his usual efficiency.

Calgary Elementary School Team Championship
by *Ian Drummond*

Held May 11th, this event is always fun, and this year we were fortunate to be able to hold it in a community hall where the noise and enthusiasm shown between rounds did not disturb the (sleeping?) patrons of the library reading room, which has been a problem in past years.

Over the 3 years I've been associated with the CJCC, it's clear there's a small core of teachers who run chess clubs in our city schools. It is a pleasure for me to recognize the teachers who brought teams to this tournament (number of teams in brackets):

Milt Saunders Hugh Sutherland (2)
Mary-lou Mutschler Prince of Wales (2)
Mrs. Godwin Sam Livingstone (1)
Kerry Smith Alice M. Curtis (3)
and finally Jack Norman who, as a student teacher returned to college, didn't come himself, but phoned each kid to get 2 teams from Dr. Coffin in the field.

The tournament was very closely fought, coming down to the last game, surrounded by a 2-deep crowd of anxious and excited kids. (continued top of next column)

In the end, *third place* was taken by Hugh Sutherland "A" with 13/20, *second place* by Sam Livingstone with 15/20, and the winning team was Alice M. Curtis "C" with 15.5/20. Congratulations to the winning team of B. Mallmes, Tarek Hageahmad, Wesley Dobkins, and Jeremy Koch.

Finally, thanks to Jim O'Neil as the patient and unflappable tournament director.

The next two events were held Oct 27-28, 1990, but the crosstables were only recently received. Thanks to Roy Yearwood, organizer, for finding and forwarding this information, and to Bob MacFie for acting as tournament director.

Calgary Junior and Calgary Cadet

Lewis Harkes scored 4.5 in this 5-round, 8-player Swiss System tournament to take clear first. Andrew Drummond and Michael Eng were second with 3.5, followed by Stephen Drummond at 2.5.

Alberta Jr Closed Qualifier (Calgary)

A 3-player double round robin resulted in Dave Gomboc notching a 2.5 score to snare first place. Chuck Mousseau was second with 2 points, followed by Jeff Rouse, 1.5.

More on "Chess Tournaments by Telecommunications"

Ian Drummond writes that he has talked to someone at "New in Chess", which markets the NICBASE program. They are apparently interested in this concept (see *Alberta Chess Report*, Vol. 16, No. 2, April/91, page 10). Ian will let the ACR — and thereby you — know should anything develop.

Juniors! One way to improve is...

...to study games from the Alberta Closed (pages 3-7). You can do your own analysis of the moves! You might answer such questions as: Why was the move made? Was it "good" or "bad" (the answer can depend on your own chess style)? Was there a better move? How did the move fit in with the apparent plan for the game? Was it an "attacking" move? Was it a "positional" move (i.e. made to make the position more sound)? Was it a "waiting" move? Was it a "defensive" move? Etc. The games were played by some of Alberta's best players, so you should be able to learn a lot by playing them over. If you can, analyze the game with a friend to benefit from the ideas you each have.

Calgary Junior Chess Club

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

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

CJCC Schedule of Events

(91-92 schedule in the next ACR)

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

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

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

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

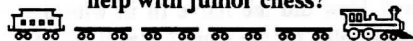
Leduc Junior Chess Club

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).

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Chess In Ireland

by Ken Salmon

Greetings from across the sea. I was reading the ACR the other day and heard the outcry for contributions (*article received May 16th - ed.*). My company has seen fit to send me here, to Ireland, for 6 months. Since I have probably played every player in Alberta, I decided to try and get involved in the Irish chess community during my visit. I checked the phone book and could find no listing of chess clubs, so I asked my secretary if she would mind checking the University for a hint of a chess club. She got back to me a few minutes later with the name of a chess organizer. I called this fellow and he invited me to stop by the club. After a few games of "sped cheeze" he asked me if I would like to play for their chess team. I agreed.

Chess here in Ireland is a little bit different than we in Calgary are used to playing. The league games are played all over the country. The teams consist of 5 players and the league is split into divisions. The top team in each division moves up to the next higher division, with the bottom team dropping down. The time control is 1:45 for the entire game, which totally eliminates adjournments and makes for some crazy finishes. My team, C.C.Y.S., finished second in Division 1.

Here is my first league game — my opponent was rated considerably lower at 1735, but the game was my baptism:

K. Salmon (1992) - R. Knight (1735)

Munster Chess League, Rd 6

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 From watching a few players at the Cork club I noticed many of them like to play the Gruenfeld. In my first game I didn't want to stumble into some prepared line. 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 c5 6.e3 cxd4 7.exd4 Keeping the dark-squared B under wraps. 7... O-O 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.O-O Qb6 10.Qc2 Usually dangerous because of the half-open c-file, but it will take time for a rook to reach c8. 10... Nc6 11.Nbd2 d5 Black has his Gruenfeld-type setup. 12.Rae1 Eying the e-pawn. 12... Bd7 13.Ne5 Hoping for 13... Nxe5 14.Rxe5 with threats on e7 and d5. 13... Be6 14.Kh1 f4 is coming. 14... Rac8 At last the rook comes to c8. 15.Qb1 a6 16.f4 Here comes the can opener. 16... Rfe8 17.f5 Bd7? Necessary was 17... gxf5 18.Bxf5 Bxf5. 18.Bxf6 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Bb5 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Nb3 Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Qd6 24.Qf3 Rf8 25.Rxd5 (1-0).

I don't know why, perhaps it is because I am so used to knowing the style of my opponent, but I seem to keep being placed on the defensive in most of my Irish games.

Here is my "mini" match with the number two player in Cork, Mel Kennedy. The first game is from the Chess League and the rematch is from the Cork Congress Tournament (held in mid-March).

M. Kennedy (2140) - K. Salmon (1992)

Munster Chess League, Rd 7

1.c4 f5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nc3 d5 5.d4 c6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.O-O O-O 8.Bf4?! This is a new move to me. More usual is 8.b3. After the game Mel said that he loved to attack the Dutch with an open g-file and two f-pawns. 8... Qe7 9.e3 h6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Ne5 Kh7? Not necessary. The simple Nbd7 allows Black normal Dutch play, while the text gives White a target. 12.Qc2 Nbd7? Incorrect. Better was Ne4. 13.cxd5 Nxd5 I didn't like the look of the c-file after cxd5. 14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.Rfe1 Rae8 16.Rad1 Rcl and Na4, with play on the weak Black pawns, seems like a better plan — the text allows Black to eliminate the nasty knight. 16... Nxc3 17.Qxc3 Qe7 18.Qc5? Throws White's edge away. 18... a6? After 18... Qcx5 19.dxc5 Re7 20.Rd6 e5 21.Red1 Be6, Black has threats of e4 and Bd5, cutting the rooks' communication; or 18... Qxc5 19.dxc5 Bc8 and Black can probably hold. 19.b4 Bc8? 19... Qxc5; if 20.dxc5 Re7 21.Rd6 e5, as before, or 20.bxc5 Bc8 and Black is OK. 20.f4 Qf6? Missing my last chance at Qxc5. 21.e4 Rd8 22.a4 Kh8 23.e5 Qf7 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 cxb5 26.Qxb5 Qe8 27.Qc5 Qa4 28.d5 b5 29.Ra1 Qb3 30.Rab1 Qa2 31.Rxb5 g5! Time is running out... anything to generate counterplay. 32.Qe3 Qa4 33.Rb6 gxf4 34.Qxf4 Qxf4 35.gxf4 Rg8 36.d6! Rd7 37.Kf2 Ra7 38.Bf3 Ra4 39.Rb8 Rxf4 40.Rc1 Bd7 41.Rxg8+ Kxg8 42.Rc7 (1-0). I missed my chances with Qxc5, but I will have revenge!!

The Cork Congress was an 11 round Swiss at 1 hour per player per game. I got my rematch with Mel in round 8. At the time I was 2 points off the pace set by Colm Daly at 7-0.

K. Salmon (5-2) - M. Kennedy (5.5-1.5)

Cork Congress, Rd 8

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Nbxd2 c5 7.e3 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.O-O O-O 10.Qe2 Nc6 11.Rfd1 Looking for play on the d-file after exchanges. 11... d6 12.Rac1 e5! A well-timed counter stroke; dxe5 is forced. 13.dxe5 Nxe5 Not dxe5; after Ne4 White has the d-file and can generate a K-side initiative. 14.Nxe5? 14.Bb1 is better as White can exploit his central rooks. 14... dxe5 15.e4 Sigh! ...another game with a bad B against Mel. 15... Bc6 16.Nf1 Heading for d5. 16... Qb7 17.f3 Nh5 18.Ne3

Nf4 19.Qc2 Ne6 20.b3 Rad8 21.Nd5 Nd4 22.Qb2 f5 23. b4 *When the center is closed, play on the wing — a rule followed by both players here.* 23... Qf7 24.Rf1 f4 25.Rf2 *Defending g2 laterally.* 25... Rd6 26.b5 *With b5 I start to create a safe haven for my K on the Q-side.* 26... Bd7 27.Kf1 g5 28.h3 h5 29.Ke1 g4 30.hxg4 hxg4 31.Kd2 Rh6 32.Kc3 Rh2 33.Rg1 *The Black K is starting to worry.* 33... Re8 34.Qc1 g3 35.Rb2 Kg7 36.Bf1 *Low on time, I decide to overprotect the entry points.* 36... Be6 37.a4 *Perhaps I can break through on the Q-side...one more thing for Mel to think about...tick...tick...tick.* 37... Qb7? *This horrible move allows White to grab the initiative.* 38.Nxf4! exf4 39.Qxf4 Qb8 40.Qg5+ Kf8 41.f4! *The naked Black king and White's spawns will prevail, if I have enough time. Mel has 3 minutes, I have 4.* 41... Rh7 42.Qxg3 Rf7 43.Rf2 Qd8 44.Rh1 Nf5 *Trying to give back the piece for activity, but White is having none of it.* 45.Rh8+ Ke7 46.Qg5+ Kd7 47.Qxd8+ Rxd8 48.Rxd8+ Kxd8 49.exf5 Bxf5 50.Bd3 Bg4 51.Be4 (1-0; *sweet revenge!*).

In the early going there were only two perfect scores after 3 rounds. Phil Short (no relation) and myself were on 3-0 and so we met in round 4.

P. Short (2365) - K. Salmon (1992)
Cork Congress, Rd 4

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e3 O-O 6.Bd3 d5 7.Nf3 c6 8.Ne5 Qe8 9.f4 Nbd7 10.O-O Nxe5 11.fxe5 Ng4 12.h3 Bxc3?! *Better was 12... Nh6 because, after 13.Bxh6 gxh6, Black can recycle his B to g5.* 13.bxc3 Nh6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Rf4 Bd7 16.Kh2 Kh8 17.Rh4 Qg6 18.Qh5 Rg8 19.g4 Qxh5 *The queens must come off now.* 20.Rxh5 dxc4! *This tempo is vital for Black to get counterplay.* 21.Bxc4 fxg4 22.Rxh6 g3+! 23.Kg2 Raf8 24.Rf1 Rxf1 25.Bxf1 c5! *The "bad" B comes alive.* 26.Bd3 Bc6+ 27.Kg1 Rf8 28.Rf6 *Forced.* After 28.Rxh7+ Kg8 *the Black rook and bishop will plunder the White position.* 28... Rxf6 29.exf6 cxd4 30.cxd4 b5?? *After all my hard work and most of my time this blunder throws away the game.* 30... Kg8! *is the move. Phil gives the line 30... Kg8 31.e4 Kf7 32.e5 when White cannot kill the g-pawn and Black's two wing majorities may very well win. Phil made short (no pun intended) work of me after this.* 31.e4 h5 32.h4 a5 33.Kg2 a4 34.Kxg3 b4 35.Kf4 a3 36.Ke5 Kg8 37.Kxe6 Kf8 38.d5 Ba4 *I should resign, but wanted to let Phil mate me.* 39.d6 Bb3+ 40.axb3 a2 41.d7 a1=Q 42.d8=Q mate (1-0).

I thought that Phil would go on to win, but a couple of losses allowed me to catch up

and play the following game to try for a share of equal first.

C. Daly (2210; 7-1) - K. Salmon (1992; 6-2)

Cork Congress, Rd 9

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Ng8?! *Good ole Victor.* 6.Be3 b6 7.Nf3 Qd7 8.a3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Qe2 Nb8 *White has more space and looks to be better, but the Black position is not so easy to crack.* 11.h4 h5 12.O-O Nc6 13.Rfd1 O-O-O 14.Qa6+ Kb8 15.Na2 Qc8 16.Qd3 Kb7 17.Nb4 Nb8 *Colm said he overlooked this move and that he thought White was just winning.* 18.Qb3 Nh6 19.Bxh6 *Forced. White cannot allow the knight into the game.* 19... Rxh6 20.a4 a6 21.a5 b5 22.Nd3 f6 23.Rdc1 *White is starting to put the pressure on.* 23... Ka7 24.Qc3 c6 25.b3 Qc7 26.Qd2 R6h8 27.c4 Qb7 28.Rc2 Rc8 29.Rac1 Qd7 30.g3 Ba3 31.Ra1 Be7 32.Re1 Rce8 33.Kg2 f5 *Time trouble is looming, so time to stir things up.* 34.cxd5 Qxd5 *Now the d-pawn becomes a target.* 35.b4 Rhg8 36.Nf4 Qd7 37.Ng6 Red8 38.Recl Kb7 39.Nf4 g5! *Black has taken the initiative in the time scramble.* 40.hxg5 Rxg5! *To paraphrase Mr. Kasparov: "a minor piece is better than a rook with no open file". Also, we were low on time and I was hoping the complications would give me an edge on the clock.* 41.Nxg5 Bxg5 42.Rd1 Rg8 43.Qe3 Bxf4 44.Qxf4 Rg4 45.Qe3 Qd5+ 46.Qf3 Rxd4 47.Qxd5 Rxd5 48.Re1 Rd4 49.Rb2 (1-0; *time*). *I lost on time here and Colm had 4 seconds left on his clock. The Black position is fine; after 49... h4 50.f4 hxg3 51.Kxg3 c5 52.bxc5 Kc6 he can try for a win with his Q-side pawns.*

That tough loss to Colm knocked me from a possible first all the way to sixth, but all in all the Congress was great fun. Colm won the tournament on 9-2 with Phil and Mel close behind on 8.5-2.5.

I found that Irish players are not much different from their Canadian counterparts. The guys are a great bunch and from their behavior patterns you would think you were still in a North American tournament as we share many traits. Between rounds we would hit McDonalds. After the day's chess we headed out for dinner with the conversation centering around chess politics, favorite GM's, the World Championship, etc. Some of us even have doubles: Irish master Colm Daly is the spitting image of Rob Hawkes, but plays with the style and aggressiveness of a Ted Wilson; Irish International Killian Hines could be a twin for Darse Billings; Bernd Thee is the doppelgänger of Neil Sharp. So, needless to say, I managed to feel right at home among these fellows.

You would think that the faster time controls would make the Irish good speed chess players, but alas this is not the case. I was invited to compete in the Munster Provincial Speed Championships. There were 36 players, which made for a gruelling struggle. I cruised to 33-0, defeating the number 1 and 2 players along the way (I was no. 3) until fatigue and carelessness cost me the last 2 rounds. Mel caught me at 33-2. I managed to win the playoff match 1.5-0.5. For this result I won a silver cup and a large keeper trophy as well as 50 Irish punts (\$100).

If any of you get the chance to play chess overseas, I hope that you jump at it. Chess in Calgary was becoming stale and this trip abroad rekindled my interest. Congrats to Greg Huber on his result at the Canadian Junior. We all know who should have won — right Greg!!

I know the above games are those of a "pooch", to quote Ted Wilson, but hopefully some of you will find enjoyment looking at them. Hope to see you all soon...

Memories of Fischer Open

by Rob Gardner, Contributing Editor

Alex Kuti was paired up three rounds out of four and played the two highest rated players, but still managed to claim the first place trophy with 3.5 points in this Edmonton Chess Club event. Second place was shared by Réjean Plante, Tracy Kolenchuk, Christian Dartana and Cor Dewindt, all with 3. Mike "the Mangler" Beaulieu was top Under 1600 with 2 points. The second Under 1600 spot was a logjam with Clarence Climenhaga, George Bukowski, Fred Linnemann and Ahmet Yamach all scoring 1.5. Wayne Mendryk, with 1.5, claimed the top unrated trophy. Except for one evening when a tall, middle-aged American beat Arniel Frialde fifty straight games of speed chess, there were no unusual events. (*TD & Fabricated Event creator: Rocket Rob.*)

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(as of June 24/91)

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Greg Huber	2310
Arniel Frialde	2297
Steven Peter	2297 •
Fred South	2272 •
Rob Gardner	2270
Andrew Paduch	2230
Zoltan Baumok	2183 •
Arthur Odachowski	2180
Dale Haessel	2166
Brad Willis	2160
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Neil Sharp	2118
Tony Peredo	2115
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Farzan Nazarian	2086
Gerry Aspler	2071
Omar Farid	2067
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Ted Wilson	2043
James Flemming	2040
Bob Bosenius	2035 •
Jim Daniluk	2028
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Chris Kuczaj	2023 •
Tracy Kolenchuk	2021

Those listed above have an ACA membership expiry date of March 1/91 or later. "*" = player not known (by the ACR) to have played in a regular (i.e. not active chess) rated tournament in Alberta within approx. the past year. P.S. Jeff Reeve is no longer on the Alberta list as he has moved to Montreal.

Articles anticipated in the August ACR

Weekend tournaments: U of A Summer Solstice Special; Canada Day Open & Heritage Day Open (Calgary); "Calgary RR"? (8 rd).
Club tournaments: Calgary Open & Calgary Spring Open (CCC); Summer Open, Summer RR's & Active Chess (ECC).
Junior chess news: report on the Canadian Cadet (Adam Wu).
Articles: Arnie Frialde ("chess autobiography" and an "instructional article").
News from the ACA: Ford Wong, ACA President.
Club section (including updates for clubs which provide new information).
Updated Weekend Tournament Info!
Plus: other news, articles and information from organizers, directors and readers!

Alberta Open (October 12-14, Red Deer, Red Deer Lodge)

(ACA Annual General Meeting Oct 13)

Speaking of the Alberta Open...

As seen above, the Alberta Open will once again be held outside of Calgary and Edmonton. This time the site is Red Deer, and we urge as many of you as possible to make plans now to participate in this year's Open (full details and an advance entry form will be included with the August ACR). It is even possible for those from locations such as the cities of Calgary and Edmonton to drive down each day (2 rounds per day), if desired, but there is plenty of accommodation available right in Red Deer. We would like to have as large a turnout as possible and rely on chess players from the "big cities" to support Alberta's most important open tournament — Red Deer is a good site for both cities (it really isn't that long a journey), so please do play if at all possible! We look forward to seeing you there!

U of A "Fall Open"

(September?-dates TBA, Edmonton)

Southern Alberta Open

(November 23 & 24, Calgary;
Cambrian Heights Hall,
600 Northmount Dr NW)

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Alta-B.C. Peace River Grand Prix

Sept 7 Dawson Creek vs Grande Prairie Team Match. Grande Prairie. Contact: Phil Lefkowitz (403)-538-1904.

Sept 28-29 Golden Harvest Open. Dawson Creek. TD: Ray Irwin (604)-782-4714.

Oct 26 Ft. St. John Fall Active Open. TD: Larry Stutzman (604)-785-7830.

Nov 23 Dawson Creek Fall Active Open. TD: Grant MacTavish (604)-782-7349.

Jan 18-19 Trumpeter Classic Open. Grande Prairie. TD: Phil Lefkowitz (403)-538-1904.

Feb 15-16 Mukluk Open. Ft. St. John. TD: Larry Stutzman (604)-785-7830.

Mar 7 Dawson Creek vs Ft. St. John Team Match. Dawson Creek. Contact: Gordon MacDonald (604)-782-4264.

Mar 28 Swan City Active Open. Grande Prairie. TD: Phil Lefkowitz (403)-538-1904.

Underlined events are the 6 Grand Prix tournaments (4-rd; active or regular rated). To qualify for Grand Prix points, based on scores in the 6 events, players must play in at least 4 events. Prizes: 1st & 2nd Overall, and 1st and 2nd Under 1650 (using regular ratings as of the August 1991 *En Passant*). No player can win more than one prize.

* 7 + 1 TOURNAMENT SERIES *

Third year — bigger and better than ever!

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

1. Calgary Amateur Open rated
2. St. Patrick's Day Open rated
3. Calgary City Spring Open rated
4. Victoria Day Open rated
5. Canada Day Open completed
6. Heritage Day Open Aug 3-5
7. Labour Day Open Aug 30-31, Sep 1
8. Calgary Winter Knights (see below!)

Calgary Winter Knights: in En Passant #108 (June 1991) an ad on page 4 gives Dec 27-29 as the dates, while an ad on page 56 shows the dates as Dec 20-22. You are advised to check with the organizer! If the ACR is informed as to which dates are correct, they will be printed in subsequent issues.

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

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

Grand Prix Series

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

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

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

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

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

The above events are solely the responsibility of Discover Diagonals - Roy Yearwood.