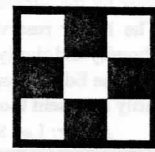


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Alberta Closed 1995

by John Quiring

Eight of Alberta's best competed in the annual Alberta Closed Chess Championship in Calgary on the Easter weekend. This was a 7-round, round-robin tournament. To avoid 3 games on one day, the players agreed to play one round in advance, so that left 2 games on each of the three weekend days. Paul Usselman organized and directed this tournament, and I hosted and supervised the advance round played between the Edmonton players.

Going into the tournament, I thought the three players to watch were Greg Huber, Nigel Fullbrook and Jim Daniluk. Greg was the highest-rated player, and was co-winner last year with Rob Gardner. Nigel Fullbrook was second-highest rated, and is probably Alberta's most famous player. He won the Canadian Junior in 1974, ahead of Kevin Spraggett, Bryon Nickoloff and Jean Hebert, and has enormous experience against tough competition. Jim Daniluk is on a hot streak. His rating was about 2030 year after year after year—now, suddenly, it is 2191. Perhaps someone showed him the secret handshake that lets chess players crack the master rating.

Here are the games (comments by John Quiring, unless otherwise specified; thanks to John for also entering the game scores-ed):

Round 1

=	A Wu	-	Dartana	=
0	Fullbrook	-	Karmali	1
1	Nazarian	-	Odachowski	0
=	Daniluk	-	Huber	=

A. Wu - C. Dartana

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.f3 O-O 6.Qd2 c6 7.Nge2 b5 8.Nc1 Nbd7 9.Be2 Nb6 10.Bh6 a5 11.h4 Rb8 12.h5 Nc4 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qh6+ Kg8 17.e5 dxe5 18.dxe5 Nh5 19.g4 Rxf3 (19...Bxg4 20.fxg4 Qd4 [Karmali]) 20.gxh5 Bf5 21.hxg6 Bxg6 22.Rg1 Qd4 23.Rxg6+ hxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kf8 25.Qh6+ Kg8 (draw)

F. Nazarian - A. Odachowski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c4 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Be2 Bd7 9.O-O O-O 10.h3 a6 11.Qd2 Re8 12.Nc2 Rb8 13.a4 Na5 14.Ra3 Be6 15.b3 Nc6 16.f4 Qa5 17.b4 Qc7 18.a5 Nd8 19.Bb6 Qc8 20.Ne3 Qc6 21.b5 Qc8 22.Ned5 Bxd5 23.cxd5 Nd7 24.Be3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts	
1 G Huber	2339	x	1	=	1	=	1	1	6.0	
2 N Fullbrook	2241	0	x	0	1	1	1	=	4.5	
3 H Karmali	2182	=	1	x	=	0	1	0	4.0	
4 F Nazarian	2161	0	0	=	x	1	0	1	3.5	
5 A Wu	2077	0	0	1	0	x	1	=	3.0	
6 J Daniluk	2191	=	0	0	1	0	x	=	3.0	
7 A Odachowski	2162	0	0	1	0	=	=	x	3.0	
8 C Dartana	2043	0	=	0	0	=	0	0	x	1.0

Nc5 25.Rc1 axb5 26.Nxb5 Rf8 27.e5 Qd7 28.Bxc5 dxc5 29.Rxc5 f6 30.e6 Qe8 31.Nc7 (1-0)

J. Daniluk - G. Huber

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.e3 Nf6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 O-O 9.Be2 a6 10.O-O Bf5 11.Nd4 Bxd4 12.exd4 Qb6 13.Bg5 Qxd4 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxd5 Rad8 16.Qa2 Rd2 17.Rfd1 (17.Rad1?? Qxc3!) Rfd8 18.Rxd2 Rxd2 19.Qb3 b5 (19...Nd4? 20.Qxb7!) 20.Re1 Be6 21.Bf3 Nd4 22.Rxe6 fxe6 23.Qa2 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Kf7 25.Ne4 Rd1+ 26.Kg2 Qg6+ 27.Ng3 h5 28.Qb3 Rd7 29.Qb4 Kg8 30.h4 Kh7 31.Qc5 Rd5 32.Qb4 Qf6 33.Qe4+ g6 34.b3 Kg7 35.Qe3 Rd7 36.Ne4 Qd4 37.Qg5 Rf7 38.Ng3 Kh7 39.Ne4 Kg7 40.Ng3 Kh7 41.Ne4 Qg7 42.Qd8 (draw)

N. Fullbrook - H. Karmali

(0-1; forfeit) Nigel took a nap after work and didn't wake up on time.

Round 2

=	Karmali (1.0) - (1.0) Nazarian	=
0	Dartana (0.5) - (0.5) Huber	1
=	Odachowski (0.0) - (0.5) Daniluk	=
0	A Wu (0.5) - (0.0) Fullbrook	1

H. Karmali - F. Nazarian

Nazarian gets the sort of winning end game advantage which you rarely see in books, because the opponent usually resigns, and the annotator says: "The rest is simply a matter of technique". Well, Karmali makes him play it out and gets more than he could rightly expect when Nazarian makes a gross blunder. 1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.c4 e5 4.dxe6 Bxe6 5.e4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Bf4 Qa5 9.Qd2 O-O 10.Bxd6 Rd8 11.e5 Ne8 12.Ne4 Qxd2+ 13.Nfxd2 Nxd6 14.Nxd6 b6 15.f4 f6 16.Nb5 Na6 17.O-O-O fxe5 18.fxe5 Bg4 19.Re1 Bh6 20.Nd6 Nb4 21.a3 Nc6 22.h3 Be6 23.Kc2 Bf4 24.Nf3 Nxe5 25.Nxe5 Rxd6 26.Bd3 R8d8 27.Rhf1 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Rxd3

29.Rxe6 Rd2+ 30.Kc1 Rxc2 31.Re7 R8d2 32.Rff7 Rc2+ 33.Kd1 Rgd2+ 34.Ke1 Re2+ 35.Kd1 Rxe7 36.Rxe7 Rxb2 37.Rxa7 Rb3 38.h4 Rh3 39.Ra6 Rxh4 40.Rxb6 Rxc4 41.Rc6 Kg7 42.Kd2 Ra4 43.Rxc5 Rxa3 44.Ke2 h5 45.Kf2 Kh6 46.Kg2 h4 47.Kh2 g5 48.Kg2 Kh5 49.Rc4 Rg3+ 50.Kh2 Rg4 51.Rc6 Rf4 52.Kh3 Rf3+ 53.Kg2 Kg4 54.Rc4+ Rf4 55.Rc3 Rb4 56.Rc2 h3+ 57.Kh2 Kh4 58.Rc8 Rb2+ 59.Kg1 h2+?? This chucks the win immediately. The Black king must find a safe haven from the White rook's checks. Is 60.Rh8+ a threat? Not really; after 60...Kg3 (threatening mate) 61.Kf1 h2 Black threatens 62...Rb1+ and the pawn queens. The troublesome checks come not from above, but from the side, so Black must position his rook to block the horizontal checks: 59...Re2 60.Rc4+ g4 61.Ra4 Kg5 62.Ra5+ (The threat was 62...g3, which would force White to play Ra1 to prevent mate, after which the Black king walks in with impunity). 62...Kf4 63.Ra4+ Kf3 64.Ra3+ Re3 (Now we see the point of move 59) 65.Ra1 g3 66.Rf1+ (What else is there? White's rook must protect against checkmate). 66...Ke4 67.Ra1 Rd3 68.Ra4+ Ke3 69.Ra1 Ke2 70.Ra2+ Rd2 71.Ra1 Rd1+ forces off the rooks and wins. 60.Kh1 Rb1+ Black cannot hang on to the pawn, for example 60...g4 61.Rh8+ Kg3 62.Rh3+! and the rook cannot be captured or it is stalemate. Now the rook hangs on to the king: 62...Kf4 63.Rf3+ Ke4 64.Re3+ Kd4, and I cannot see any escape from the checks. 61.Kxb2 Rb2+ 62.Kg1 g4 63.Rc3 g3 64.Rc8 (draw)

C. Dartana - G. Huber

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 Qc7 7.Qe2 a6 8.O-O d6 9.Rd1 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Rac1 O-O 12.h3 Re8 13.a3 Bd7 14.b4 b5 15.Bb3 Rac8 16.Qd2 Qb8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh6 Kh8 19.Ne2 Rg8 20.Nf4 Ne5 21.Qh5 Rg7 22.Nxe5 fxe5 23.Nd3

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Top-Rated Albertans

(as of May 15, 1995)

Greg Huber	2352
Nigel Fullbrook	2257
Sardul Purewal	2215
Dale Haessel	2198
Hafiz Karmali	2196
Neil Sharp	2196
Ted Wilson	2177
Jim Daniluk	2170
Farzan Nazarian	2165
Chris Demers	2154
Arthur Odachowski	2150
Ante Zaradic	2143
Adam Wu	2092
Paul Usselman	2088
Warrick Walker	2088
John Parrott	2070
Wilf Lahrkamp	2056
James Flemming	2052
Barney Fegyvermeki	2045
Gerald Aspler	2028
John Quiring	2019
David Ottosen	2014
Jeff Chrumka	2006
Christiaan Dartana	2001
Lev Gorelik	2248/10*
Sasha Grumic	2202/20*
Victor Maric	2191/5*
Nandor Tot	2146/24*
Sé (Shay) Randall	2129/9*
Walter Watson	2065/21*
Tim Pradzinski	2024/11*

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A. Odachowski - J. Daniluk

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Be2 d5 5.O-O Nbd7 6.Nbd2 O-O 7.b4 c6 8.c4 a5 9.bxa5 Qxa5 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.Bb2 e6 12.Qc2 Rd8 13.Rfc1 dxc4 14.Qxc4 Nb6 15.Qc2 Na4 16.Nc5 Nxb2 17.Qxb2 Ra7 18.Ne5 Nd7 19.Ncxd7 Bxd7 (draw)

A. Wu - N. Fullbrook

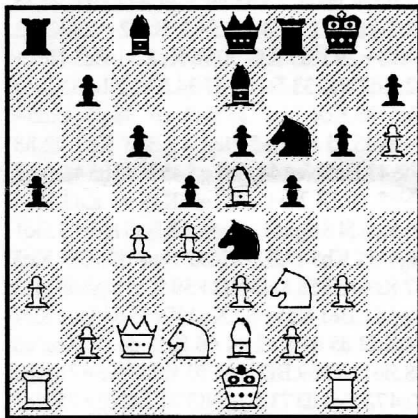
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Round 3

0	Daniluk (1.0) - (1.5) Karmali	1
1	Nazarian (1.5) - (0.5) A Wu	0
1	Huber (1.5) - (0.5) Odachowski	0
=	Fullbrook (1.0) - (0.5) Dartana	=

J. Daniluk - H. Karmali

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c6 4.Qc2 Bd6 5.g3 f5 6.Bg5 Nf6 7.h4 O-O 8.h5 Qe8 9.h6 g6 10.Bf4 Bb4+ 11.Nbd2 Ne4 12.a3 Be7 13.Rg1 Nbd7 14.e3 a5 15.Be2 Ndf6 16.Be5



16... Ng4 17.Rg2 Bf6 18.Bxf6 Rxf6 19.Ne5 Nxb6 20.Rh2 Nf7 21.Ndf3 g5 22.Nxf7 Qxf7 23.O-O-O Qg7 24.Rdh1 h6 25.Bd3 Bd7 26.Ne5 Be8 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.c5 h5 29.g4 h4 30.gxf5 exf5 31.Qb3+ Kf8 32.Rg1 Rh6 33.f3 a4 34.Qc2 exf3 35.Nxf3 g4 36.Nxb4 Qg5 37.Qf2 Bd7 38.Nxf5 Rxh2 39.Qxh2 Bxf5 40.Qf2 Kg7 41.Qg3 Re8 42.Kd2 Bg6 43.Rf1 Rf8 44.Rxf8 Kxf8 45.Qd6+ Kg7 46.Qc7+ Bf7 47.Qf4 Qxf4 (0-1)

F. Nazarian - A. Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.Rb1 f5 11.b4 f4 12.Bg4 Nf6 13.Bxc8 Rxc8 14.c5 g5 15.Nc4 g4 16.f3 h5 17.Qe2 a6 18.a4 Ng6 19.Ba3 Rf7 20.b5 Bf8 21.bxa6 bxa6 22.Na5 gxf3 23.Rxf3 Nh4 24.Rh3 Ng4 25.Kh1 Qg5 26.Bc1 Qf6 27.Bd2 Bh6 28.Rf1 Rcf8 29.g3 f3 30.Qd1 Ng2 31.Nc4 N2e3 32.Nxe3 Bxe3 33.Rxh5 Qg6 34.Rh4 Nf2+ 35.Rxf2 Bxf2 36.Qf1 Bxc5 37.Rh6 Qg7 38.Rh5 Rf6 39.Nd1 Kf7 40.Qh3 f2 41.Nxf2 Bxf2 42.Rh7 Qxh7 43.Qxh7+ Ke8 44.Qxc7 Bxg3 45.Bg5 Bf4 46.Bxf6 Rxf6 47.h4 Rh6 48.Kg2 Rxh4 49.Qc8+ Kf7 50.Qe6+ Kg7 (1-0)

G. Huber - A. Odachowski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 b5 8.Nd5 Nf6 9.Bg5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.Bg5 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qd8 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Bd3 Be7 15.c3 Qg6 16.O-O Bh3 17.Qf3 Be6 18.Nc2 O-O 19.Ne3 Bg5 20.a4 bxa4 21.Rxa4 a5 22.Bb5 Bd7 23.Nf5 Rab8 24.Qd3 Bd8 25.c4 Qg4 26.h3 Qg6 27.Bxa5 Nxa5 28.Bxd7 Nb7 29.b4 Qf6 30.Bc6 g6 31.Ne3 Qe7 32.Nd5 Qe6 33.Rd1 f5 34.exf5 gxf5 35.Nc7 Qg6 36.Bxb7 Bxc7 37.c5 dxc5 38.bxc5 Kh8 39.Ra7 Rg8 40.Bd5 Rg7 41.g3 h5 42.Ra6 Qg5 43.h4 Qg4 44.Rh6+ Rh7 45.Rxh7+ Kxh7 46.Bf3 (1-0)

N. Fullbrook - C. Dartana

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 c6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 O-O 7.Bd3 Na6 8.c3 Ng4 9.Qe2 Nxe3 10.Qxe3 Nc7 11.h3 Bh6 12.g4 e5 13.g5 exf4 14.Qxf4 Ne6 15.Qh4 Bxg5 16.Nxg5 Qxg5 17.Qxg5 Nxg5 18.h4 Nh3 19.Nc4 d5 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Nf4 22.Bc2 Re8 23.Kd2 Be6 24.Raf1 Nh5 25.Rhg1 Rad8 26.Bd1 Ng7 27.h5 Rf8 28.Rf4 Rd6 29.Bf3 Rfd8 30.Rg5 h6 31.Re5 Nf5 32.hxg6 fxe6 33.Bg4 Kg7 34.Bxf5 gxf5 35.Nxf5+ Bxf5 36.R4xf5 R8d7 37.a4 Kg6 38.Ke3 Kg7 39.b4 Kg6 40.Kf4 Rf6 41.Rxf6+ Kxf6 42.a5 b5 43.Kg4 Rg7+ 44.Kf4 Rd7 45.Rh5 Kg6 46.Kg4 Rd6 47.Re5 a6 48.Kh4 Kg7 49.Re7+ Kf6 50.Rb7 Ke6 51.Kh5 Rc6 52.Rb6 Rxb6 53.axb6 Kd6 54.Kxh6 Kc6 55.Kg6 Kxb6 56.Kf6 a5 57.bxa5+ Kxa5 58.Ke5 Ka4 (draw)

Round 4

=	Karmali (2.5) - (2.5) Huber	=
1	Fullbrook (1.5) - (2.5) Nazarian	0
1	A Wu (0.5) - (1.0) Daniluk	0
0	Dartana (1.0) - (0.5) Odachowski	1

H. Karmali - G. Huber

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.Bf4 Be6 10.Rc1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Qd7 12.Qd3 Bh3 13.Rfd1 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Rad8 15.Nf5 Bb4 16.f3 Qe6 17.Nb5 Rfe8 18.Nbd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qd7 20.Rc7 Qa4 21.R1c1 Nd7

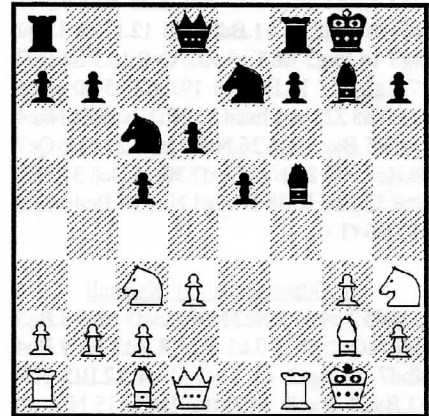
22.Nb3 b6 23.Kf1 Qxa2 24.Bg5 Be7 25.Qxd5 Bxg5 26.Rxd7 Qxb2 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Rc2 Qe5 29.f4 Rxd7 30.Qxd7 Qe4 31.Rc8 Qxe2+ 32.Kg1 Qe1+ 33.Kg7 Qe2+ 34.Kg1 Qe3+ 35.Kg2 Qe2+ 36.Kg1 Qe3+ (draw)

N. Fullbrook - F. Nazarian

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 O-O 6.Bd3 Na6 7.O-Oc5 8.Bxa6 bxa6 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.e5 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Rxd5 13.c4 Rd3 14.b3 Bh6 15.Ba3 Bxf4 16.Bxc5 Be3+ 17.Bxe3 Rxe3 18.Kf2 Rc3 19.Rac1 Rd3 20.Rfd1 Bf5 21.Rxd3 Bxd3 22.Ke3 Bf5 23.b4 Kf8 24.Nd4 Bd7 25.c5 Bb5 26.Nxb5 axb5 27.c6 Ke8 28.Kd4 Kd8 29.Kc5 a5 30.Rd1+ Ke8 31.bxa5 Rxa5 32.Kb6 (1-0)

A. Wu - J. Daniluk

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nh3 e5 7.O-O Nge7 8.f4 O-O 9.f5 gxf5 10.exf5 Bxf5



11.Rxf5 Nxf5 12.Be4 Nfe7 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Qh5+ Kg8 15.Ng5 Re8 16.Qxf7+ Kh8 17.Ne6 Rg8 (1-0)

C. Dartana - A. Odachowski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.O-O Nge7 7.c3 O-O 8.Re1 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nbd2 b6 11.Nc4 Bb7 12.Nce5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qc7 14.Ng4 h5 15.Ne3 Rad8 16.a3 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Ba6 18.d4 cxd4 19.cxd4 Bb7 20.Rc1 Qd7 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Qa4 Rc8 23.h4 Rfe8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Rc1 Rxc1 26.Bxc1 Qc8 27.Be3 a6 28.Qb3 Qc6 29.Kf1 b5 30.Ke2 Kf8 31.Kd2 Ke8 32.Qc3 Kd7 33.Qb4 Qd6 34.Qxd6+ Kxd6 35.Kd3 Kd5 36.b3 Bf8 37.a4 bxa4 38.bxa4 Bb4 39.Bg5 Be1 40.Be3 f6 41.Ke2 Bc3 42.Kd3 Ba1 43.f3 Bb2 44.g4 Ba3 45.gxh5 gxh5 46.Kc3 Bd6 47.Bf2 Bf4 48.Kd3 Bh2 49.Be1 Bg1 50.f4 Bxd4 51.Bg3 Bb6 52.Be1 Bc7 53.Bc3 Bd8 54.Be1 Bb6 55.Bg3 Bg1 56.Be1 Bh2 57.Ke3 Bg1+ 58.Kd3 Bb6 59.Bg3 e5 60.fxe5 fxe5 61.Be1 e4+ 62.Ke2 Kc4 63.Bd2 Bc5 64.Be1 Kb3 65.a5 Bb4 66.Bg3 Kc4 67.Bc7 Kd5 68.Bb6 Ke5 69.Bc7+ Kf5 70.Bd8 Bc5 71.Bg5 Bd4 72.Bd2 Bf6 73.Be1 Kg4 74.Ke3 Bxh4 75.Bxh4 Kxh4 76.Kxe4 Kg3 (0-1)

After 4 rounds, a surprise—Hafiz and Greg were tied with 3 out of 4. Greg still had to play Adam, Nigel and Farzan, which would appear to be tougher competition than Hafiz's opponents, Arthur, Chris and Adam. Hafiz, with his default win over Nigel and lucky draw with Farzan, appeared to have the combination of good play and good luck that often wins tournaments. But Greg had other ideas, and rolled through the rest of his games with consecutive wins that gave him a comfortable margin of victory.

Round 5

1	Huber (3.0) - (1.5) A Wu	0
1	Odachowski (1.5) - (3.0) Karmali	0
0	Daniluk (1.0) - (2.5) Fullbrook	1
1	Nazarian (2.5) - (1.0) Dartana	0

G. Huber - A. Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.g4 fxg3 14.hxg3 Bh3 15.Rf2 Qc8 16.Rh2 Bd7 17.Kg2 Rf7 18.Be3 c6 19.Qd2 c5 20.a3 a6 21.b4 b5 22.bxc5 bxc4 23.Nb2 dxc5 24.Nxc4 Qd8 25.Bxc5 Bb5 26.Nxb5 axb5 27.Nd6 Qc7 28.Rc1 Rf8 29.Nxb5 Qd7 30.d6 Nc6 31.Nc7 Rb8 32.Bb5 Rfd8 33.Kg1 Nh5 34.Bc4+ Kh8 35.Be6 (1-0)

A. Odachowski - H. Karmali

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 O-O 7.e3 Re8 8.Bd3 h6 9.Bh4 Nbd7 10.Nge2 c5 11.O-O c4 12.Bf5 Nf8 13.Bxc8 Rxc8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nf4 a6 16.Nfxd5 Bg5 17.Nf4 Ne6 18.Nxe6 Rxe6 19.Rad1 f5 20.Ne2 b5 21.a3 a5 22.Rc1 Qf6 23.Nc3 b4 24.axb4 axb4 25.Nd5 Qf8 26.Qa4 h5 27.Qxb4 Qxb4 28.Nxb4 Rb6 29.Nd5 Rb7 30.Rc2 Rd8 31.Nc3 Ra7 32.Rfc1 Rb8 33.Nd1 Rc8 34.Kf1 (1-0)

J. Daniluk - N. Fullbrook

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 Be7 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 O-O 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Na6 11.Bf4 Re8 12.O-O Nc7 13.a4 a6 14.Re1 Nd7 15.Qc2 Bf8 16.Rad1 Qf6 17.Bh2 b5 18.b3 g6 19.axb5 axb5 20.Be2 Rab8 21.Bf1 b4 22.Nb1 Bg7 23.Bc4 Qe7 24.Re2 Bd4 25.Nd2 f6 26.Nf3 Bc3 27.Nd2 Ra8 28.Qd3 Ra5 29.Bg3 Rea8 30.Kh2 Ne8 31.f4 Ng7 32.Nf3 Nh5 33.Rf1 Ra1 34.Rxa1 Rxa1 35.Qc2 Kg7 36.Bel Bxel 37.Rxel Rxe1 38.Nxe1 f5 39.Bb5 Nb6 40.e5 Nxd5 41.Qd2 Nhxg4 42.g3 Qxe5 43.gxf4 Qxf4+ 44.Qxf4 Nxf4 45.Kg3 g5 46.Bc4 d5 47.Bxd5 Nxd5 48.Nd3 Kf6 49.Kf3 h5 50.Kg3 h4+ (0-1)

F. Nazarian - C. Dartana

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 Nd7

10.b4 f5 11.a4 Nf6 12.f3 Bd7 13.c5 f4 14.Nc4 Ne8 15.Ba3 g5 16.b5 Bc8 17.a5 b6 18.axb6 axb6 19.cxb6 cxb6 20.Bb4 Bb7 21.Rxa8 Bxa8 22.Qa4 Bxd5 23.exd5 Nf5 24.Ne4 Ne3 25.Nxe3 fxe3 26.Qa3 Nf6 27.Nxd6 Qa8 28.Ra1 Qxa3 29.Rxa3 Rb8 30.Nf5 Rc8 31.Ne7+ (1-0)

Round 6

0	Fullbrook (3.5) - (4.0) Huber	1
0	Nazarian (3.5) - (1.0) Daniluk	1
0	Dartana (1.0) - (3.0) Karmali	1
=	A Wu (1.5) - (2.5) Odachowski	=

N. Fullbrook - G. Huber

1.e5 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 e6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Bb5 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bd7 10.O-O Nxe5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Rb1 Be7 13.Qa4 b6 14.Rd1 Bxb5 15.Qxb5+ Qd7 16.Qxe5 Bf6 17.Qh5 O-O 18.Rd3 g6 19.Qe2 Rac8 20.Bh6 Rfd8 21.Rh3 e5 22.Qf3 Qc6 23.Rd1 exd4 24.cxd4 Qxf3 25.Rxf3 Rxd4 26.Re1 Bg7 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.h3 Rc7 29.Ra3 Rd2 30.R1e3 Rcc2 31.Rxa7 Rxf2 32.Rf3 Rxf3 33.gxf3 Kf6 34.Rb7 Rb2 35.a4 Rb4 36.Kg2 Ke6 37.Kg3 h5 38.Rc7 f6 39.Rc6+ Ke5 40.h4 g5 41.a5 gxh4+ 42.Kh3 bxa5 43.Rc5+ Kf4 44.Rxa5 f5 45.Kxh4 Kxf3+ 46.Kxh5 f4 47.Kh4 Rb2 48.Rf5 Rh2+ 49.Kg5 Rg2+ 50.Kh4 Re2 51.Kh3 Re4 52.Ra5 Kf2 53.Ra2+ Re2 54.Ra1 f3 55.Kh2 Rd2 56.Rb1 Rd8 57.Rb2+ Ke3 58.Rb7 Rh8+ 59.Kg3 Rg8+ 60.Kh2 Ra8 61.Re7+ Kf2 62.Rh7 Kf1 63.Kg3 f2 64.Kh2 Re8 65.Rf7 Rh8+ 66.Kg3 Kg1 67.Rf6 fl(Q) 68.Rf5 Rh3+ (0-1)

F. Nazarian - J. Daniluk

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 f5 3.e4 d6 4.exf5 Bxf5 5.Qb3 Nc6 6.Qxb7 Nge7 7.Nb5 Rb8 8.Qxc7 Rxb5 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.cxb5 Nd4 11.Kd1 Bc2+ 12.Ke1 Bf5 13.d3 Nc2+ 14.Kd1 Nxa1 15.Be3 Nd5 16.Kc1 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Be6 18.Kb1 Nb3 19.axb3 Bxb3 20.Nf3 Be7 21.Nd2 Ba4 22.d4 exd4 23.exd4 Bg5 24.Ne4 Re8 25.Bd3 Bxb5 26.Nxg5 Bxd3+ 27.Kc1 h6 28.Nf3 Re2 29.Ne1 Be4 30.Rg1 g5 31.h3 h5 32.g3 a5 33.Rf1 g4 34.hxg4 hxg4 35.Rf8+ Ke7 36.Rf4 d5 37.Kd1 Rxb2 38.Rxg4 a4 39.Rg7+ Kf6 40.Ra7 Rb4 41.Nc2 Rb1+ 42.Kd2 Rb2 43.Rc7 Kf5 44.Kc1 Rxc2+ 45.Rxc2 Bxc2 46.Kxc2 Kg4 47.Kc3 Kxg3 48.Kb4 Kf3 49.Kxa4 Ke4 50.Kb3 Kxd4 (0-1)

C. Dartana - H. Karmali

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.Re1 Re8 9.e5 Nd7 10.Nf1 h6 11.h4 b5 12.Nh2 f5 13.c3 Ba6 14.d4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rc8 16.Be3 Nb6 17.Nd2 Nb4 18.Qh5 Bf8 19.g4 f4 20.Bxf4 Nd3 21.Bxh6 Nxe1 22.Rxe1 gxh6 23.g5 Re7 24.Ng4 Rh7 25.Ne4 Nd7 26.Nef6+ Nxf6 27.Nxf6+ Kg7 28.Bf1 Qa5 29.b4 Qxb4 30.Rd1 Rc3 31.Nxh7 Kxh7 32.Bd3+ Rxd3

33.Rxd3 Qb1+ 34.Qd1 Qxd1+ 35.Rxd1 hxg5 36.hxg5 b4 37.Kg2 Bc4 38.Rd2 a5 39.f4 Kg6 40.Kf3 a4 41.Rh2 Bg7 42.Rb2 Bf8 43.Rh2 a3 44.Rh8 b3 45.axb3 a2 46.Rxf8 a1(Q) 47.Rf6+ Kg7 48.bxc4 dxc4 49.Rxe6 Qxd4 50.Rd6 Qc5 51.Ke4 c3 52.Kf5 Qc8+ 53.e6 Qc5+ (0-1)

A. Wu - A. Odachowski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.f4 h6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Qxd6 Qb6 13.e5 Rd8 14.Qa3 Qe3+ 15.Kb1 Rxd1+ 16.Nxd1 Qxa3 17.bxa3 Be7 18.Bc4 Rb8+ 19.Kc1 Bxa3+ 20.Kd2 Bb7 21.Ne3 Rd8+ 22.Ke2 Kf8 23.Rb1 Rd7 24.Bd3 Bc5 (draw)

Round 7

1	Huber (5.0) - (3.5) Nazarian	0
0	Karmali (4.0) - (2.0) A Wu	1
0	Odachowski (3.0) - (3.5) Fullbrook	1
1	Daniluk (2.0) - (1.0) Dartana	0

G. Huber - F. Nazarian

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 e5 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nb5 Qa5+ 8.Bd2 Qa4 9.Bf4 Nf6 10.Nxd6+ Ke7 11.Nf3 Rd8 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nxc8+ Rxc8 14.Bd3 Qb4+ 15.Nd2 Nxf2 16.Bg5+ Kd7 17.Kxf2 Qxb2 18.Qe2 Rf8+ 19.Nf3 Qd4+ 20.Qe3 Qb2+ 21.Kg3 Nc6 22.Rab1 Rxf3+ 23.gxf3 Bxe5+ 24.f4 (1-0)

H. Karmali - A. Wu

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nbd2 g6 5.e4 d6 6.cxb5 a6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Qc2 O-O 9.bxa6 Bxa6 10.Nc4 Nbd7 11.Bd3 Nb6 12.O-O Nfd7 13.Rfd1 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bxc4 15.Qxc4 Qb6 16.Rd3 Rfb8 17.a4 Qb4 18.Qxb4 Rxb4 19.Nd2 Raxa4 20.Rxa4 Rxa4 21.Ra3 Nb6 22.Rxa4 Nxa4 23.b3 Nc3 24.Kf1 Bh6 25.f3 Nb5 26.Ke1 Nd4 27.Bb2 Bxd2+ 28.Kxd2 Nxb3+ 29.Kd3 Kf8 30.f4 Ke8 31.Bc3 Nc1+ 32.Kd2 Na2 33.Ba5 Kd7 34.Kc2 Nb4 35.Kc3 Na6 36.Kc4 Nc7 37.Bc3 e6 38.g3 exd5+ 39.exd5 f5 40.Ba5 Ne8 41.Bc3 Ke7 42.h3 Nf6 43.Ba5 Ne4 44.Be1 g5 45.Kd3 h5 46.fxg5 Nxg5 47.h4 Ne4 48.Ke3 Kf6 49.Kd3 Ke5 50.Kc4 f4 51.gxf4+ Kxf4 52.Ba5 Nf6 53.Be1 Ng4 54.Kb5 Nf6 55.Kc6 Ne4 56.Kb5 Ke3 57.Kc4 Kf3 58.Kd3 Nf2+ 59.Kc4 Ng4 60.Ba5 Ke4 61.Be1 Ne5+ 62.Kc3 Kxd5 63.Bg3 Ke4 64.Kd2 d5 65.Kc2 c4 66.Kd2 d4 67.Kc2 c3 68.Be1 Nf3 69.Bf2 Kd5 70.Kd3 Ne5+ 71.Kc2 Kc4 72.Kd1 d3 73.Bg3 Nf3 74.Bf2 c2+ 75.Kc1 Kb3 76.Be3 d2+ 77.Bxd2 Nxd2 (0-1)

A. Odachowski - N. Fullbrook

After the game, Nigel couldn't find his scoresheet, and Arthur had gone home, taking his scoresheet with him, so Nigel sat down with a board and rattled off the moves from memory. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.Nge2 O-O 9.O-O Na6 10.h3 Nc7 11.Ng3 a6 12.a4 Rb8

13.f4 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qf3 c4 16.Bb1 Nd7 17.Rd1 b4 18.Ne2 Nc5 19.Bc2 Nb5 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Bh6 b3 23.Be4 Bxb2 24.Rab1 Be5 25.Rf1 c3 26.Bxf8 Qxf8 27.Nf4 c2 28.Nxg6 hxg6 29.Bxg6 cxb1(Q) 30.Bxf7+ Kg7 31.Nh5+ Kh8 32.Rxb1 Rb7 (0-1)

J. Daniluk - C. Dartana

Chris was content with a short draw in the last round, and made several draw offers. This is not normal behaviour for Chris, who will go to great lengths to avoid draws in Edmonton Chess Club tournaments. Jim, however, would have none of it. With a high rating to defend, and a tired opponent in front of him, the result was predictable.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.Nf3 d6 6.O-O c6 7.Nc3 Bf5 8.Re1 Na6 9.e4 Bd7 10.e5 Ne8 11.h3 Nec7 12.exd6 exd6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bf4 d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.g4 Kh8 17.Qd2 Rf7 18.Nh2 Bc6 19.g5 Qd7 20.Ng4 fxg5 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.Bxe5+ Kg8 23.Qxg5 Raf8 24.f4 Ne6 25.Qg4 Nb4 26.Rad1 Rf5 27.Rd2 Qf7 28.a3 Nxf4 29.axb4 h5 30.Qg3 Ne6 31.b5 Ng5 32.bxc6 bxc6 33.Bd6 Nf3+ 34.Bxf3 Rxf3 35.Qg2 h4 36.Kh2 Rf2 37.Rxf2 Qxf2 38.Re2 (1-0)

Alberta Reserves
by John Quiring

The Reserves is a tournament traditionally held during the last two days of the Alberta Closed Championship. It is played at the same site as the Closed, so the rest of us can watch the Big Boys play their brilliant moves while we struggle with our infantile efforts.

There were several newcomers in the tournament, but most of the attention was grabbed by **Viktor Maric**, who had a FIDE rating near 2300. This was not an ordinary newcomer, but **David Ottosen** wasn't fazed. He maintained a share of the lead with a third round draw against Viktor, and in the end Viktor and Dave tied for first with 4/5.

Other prize winners (score/5 in brackets):

- A =1st: Tony Kowalczyk
Kevin Yano (3.5)
- B 1st: Douglas Wu (3.5)
- B 2nd: Cor Dewindt (2.5)
- C 1st: Jordan Davies (2.5)
- C =2nd: Bob Macfie
Peter Alderton (2.0)
- Top Junior: William Dixon (2)
- Top unrated: Sebastien Sieber (2)

ACA Casino - Edmonton May 19-20
by Ford Wong

The two-day casino, held at Casino ABS South in Edmonton, was a success. On day one, the casino slowly gained momentum until the end, making a tremendous gain during the last three hours. It was gratifying to know that, after the first day, the casino had made enough to cover all expenses and that day two would all be gravy (barring a total collapse). Day two was off to a very slow start, as four hours in there was no profit. However, like the day before, the casino began to build momentum until the end. Here is a blow-by-blow description of how the casino progressed in terms of how money was made (approximate values):

Time	Day one	Day two
4:00	\$ 2,400	\$0
5:00	\$ 4,300	\$ 1,000
6:00	\$ 7,300	\$ 3,500
7:00	\$ 8,900	\$ 5,300
8:00	\$ 10,300	\$ 8,600
9:00	\$ 11,700	\$10,100
10:00	\$ 14,300	\$15,300
11:00	\$ 25,800	\$25,000
12:00	\$ 33,000	\$32,000

When the smoke cleared, the casino had made a profit of \$35,385.79 (after expenses; note: the food bill being accumulated by the voracious and hungry ACA volunteers threatened to cut into the profits, but in the end was insignificant towards expenses—the food, by the way, was terrific). The ACA will probably get much less than \$35,000 as this money will go into a pool where it will be shared with 24 other organizations. The exact amount we get will not be known until the end of the pooling period (June). Pooling at the previous casino in Calgary was very beneficial, as the ACA contributed only \$12,852.65 into that pool but ended up with \$ 21,692.29. This time, it's our turn to "over-contribute".

For many volunteers, this was their first look inside a casino and first time working a casino. Some were quite in awe of the amount of money being handled or that they were able to touch large sums of real cash. When not needed to do work, volunteers were free to do as they please. There was plenty of time to grab a meal (meals, snacks and beverages were paid for by the ACA), wander around, watch TV, and play chess. The chess games managed to attract several spectators, some of whom were brave enough to challenge some volunteers; Dale Haessel got to demonstrate that he did indeed know how to mate with knight and bishop, amidst jeering from fellow ACA members who were watching. Dave Ottosen got the call to defend the honor of the ACA chess players against a casino pit boss and the "Danish Gambit" came through again.

In some instances, games would be rudely interrupted by the telephone asking for a chip-runner (Heaven forbid, didn't they know that there was a chess game in progress!).

The count room staff worked as a very efficient and well-oiled machine on both evenings. At times it resembled a massive poker game with lots of cash in the middle. However, by the end of the night all the money ended up at Nigel's or Henry's end. Perhaps the table was just angled in that direction.

The ACA wishes to extend a great big thank you to the following members who helped: Ford Wong, John Quiring, Barney Fegyverneki, Aaron Lovi, Paul Usselman, Rob McCullough, Peter Alderton, Bernie Tynan, Dave Ottosen, Jeff Cummer, Tom Karpa, Steve Panteluk (*fortunately, I was on a different shift than those last two jokers! - ed*), Alex Kuti, Len Steele, Bob Davies, Jan Vandenberg, Kurt Lauterwald, Pat McCall, Dave Gomboc, Dale Haessel, Derrick Comfort, Nigel Fullbrook, Adam Wu, George Kohler, James Ireland, Chris Dartana, Henry Vandervaart.

Special thanks to Bernie Tynan, Paul Usselman, Barney Fegyverneki, Dale Haessel, Dave Gomboc and Henry Vandervaart, who came from out of town, and to George Kohler and Pat McCall, who responded to an emergency call for help on Saturday. Acknowledgement also goes to Cor Dewindt, who like a true trooper, would have been there if he could have. John Quiring and Barney Fegyverneki are to be commended in doing another tremendous job as cashiers (probably the hardest job at the casino), putting in double shifts on both days (*they also did the same at our first casino, in Calgary; those two guys just like handling all those chips and bills! - ed*).

In addition to a free meal at the casino, every volunteer will get playing cards which were used at the casino, a pen, and a mini address book keychain (courtesy of ABS Casino) as appreciation for their efforts.

Kudos also go to Nykie Starr (Director Casino ABS), Peter Wong and Bob Arnett (Casino Managers), Neil (who updated the running count every hour), and to all the staff at ABS Casino. Not to be forgotten, the ACA would also like to thank all the people who patronized the ABS Casino and helped contribute to the ACA's cause. For those who came and did not (*i.e. did not lose money - ed*), we'll get you next time.

Lastly, a great big warm thank you to Evelyn "Wovvy" Curtis, our Casino Advisor and Bill Humphrey (who also gets a special hug from the banker no. 2, wink, wink), our Count room advisor, for showing everyone what to do, for making everything run

smoothly, and for their sense of humor, let alone the tasty cookies which they brought. Besides doing a terrific job (e.g. on Saturday night, when the numbers did not add up, Evelyn re-added all the numbers until they did), she also gets a special commendation for putting up with the practical jokes and bantering in the Cashier's cage (which is appropriately named a cage to contain the wildness in there; *hey, Ford, the loons were on the night shift, we day-shifters were a sane lot - ed*). Friday night was particularly exciting as the San Jose - Calgary NHL playoff game was on the TV, and everyone in the Cashier's room was cheering on their favorite teams until Bill and Evelyn said that TV's were automatically turned off near closing time. Imagine the uproar when the TV set went off during the

Stories From A Casino

by John Quiring

I worked as a cashier throughout both days of the casino, sitting in the cashiers' cage with the bankers, fill clerks and our casino advisor, Wovvy Curtis. The pressure was enormous for me and fellow cashier Barney Fegyverneki, as we sat under bright lights with \$40,000 cash each, under constant surveillance by security cameras, serving people who all wanted money. It was all we could do to control the urge to roll naked in the cash (too bad the people hidden back in the count room were less disciplined with their urges. What a gruesome sight that was!).

Here are a few observations of chess players at the casino:

1. Len Steele knows how to play chess. I had heard rumours (I thought they were myths) of Len playing in the Alberta Closed in the '70s, but there has been scant evidence recently that he even knows how the pieces move. Yet there he was at the speed chess table, demonstrating the power of the Hammerschloch Defense (1.f3, 2.Kf2; *let's get it right, John...Hammerschlog Attack! - ed*).

2. The volunteers could eat for free at the casino cafeteria—just order the food and sign the sheet. The menu was a bit limited, but the line-up of chess players seemed to indicate the food was edible. I hesitate to mention the two people who ordered the most food; but in our defense, let me just say that Ford and I also worked every shift!

3. After his first trip carrying chips, Peter Alderton made an early return trip to the banker's cage with the pit boss, who said "There's a \$100 chip missing". I guess if you're going to "accidentally lose" a chip you might as well make it the biggest one, right Peter? Fortunately, the pit boss spotted the chip on the floor where Peter had "acciden-

second period of sudden death overtime (actually caused by Bill in the other room, invisible behind a one-way window, using the remote control). It was a stitch a minute in the cashier's cage (*the practical joke was specifically designed by Ev to get back at Tom Karpa!; he bit, hook, line and sinker - ed*).

For those who were unable to help at this casino, there will be another opportunity in two years. I'm quite pleased with the support given by the ACA volunteers. I hope that each volunteer had a good time and found that working a casino is not as scary as one might think. I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you. Thank you, thank you...(25 more)...thank you! I hope to see all your tremendous volunteers back again at 1997's casino.

tally" dropped it, otherwise we would have had to subject Peter to a device known simply as "Mr. Truth", to find out what he did with the \$100.

4. In the cashiers' cage, we watched the game where San Jose eliminated the Flames. Since Barney Fegyverneki was the only Calgarian in the lunatic asylum (er, I mean the cashiers' cage), he bore the brunt of the anti-Calgary assault from us Edmontonians. In reality, most of us would probably have preferred to see the Canadian team win, but you can't ignore these golden opportunities to stab our southern neighbours.

5. Most of what happened in the cashiers' cage was too offensive to report. Suffice it to say we had an awful lot of fun.

6. Ford Wong, ACA President and main casino organizer, was absolutely determined to get souvenirs from ABS Casino for all the volunteers. Using a method known as "endless whining", he got card decks, pens, key chains, CD-ROM encyclopedias, stereo equipment and carving knives for everybody (well, part of this might not be quite true). The annoying thing was that, after whining for key chains, Ford found he had miscounted the number of volunteers, and I had to listen to him whine about the fact that he would have to whine some more to get more key chains.

7. Running these casinos is the only fund raising the ACA does, and it is very effective. And it is all due to the efforts of our Grand Poobah, Ford Wong. He pursued the idea several years ago, overcoming years of fund-raising apathy by ACA Boards, and single-handedly forced us to raise this money. At the first casino, which was in Calgary, Paul Usselman provided a lot of help in arranging volunteers. This time Ford did it all. Kudos to "Mr. Big", and many thanks to the volunteers who donated their time and effort to make this casino a success.

Farzan Nazarian wrote to John Quiring, ACA Secretary:

The Alberta Closed 1995 was one of the most disorganized tournaments that I have played in the last 5 years. Not only the TD didn't have a clue about the starting of the next rounds, he also had a bad attitude (I asked him once if he can ask the hotel staff to bring us some fresh cold water and he responded if he looked like a caretaker to me?!).

The tables were also placed very poorly since they were out of sight of the other interested players and that resulted in them knocking down the pole that held the rope, which was quite disturbing. I know that the ACA is always short of good TDs and that's why perhaps we always (*always? - ed*) had to settle for less or be content to what is available, which brings me to my important suggestion for the ACA: "Why don't we just pay some money—\$20 or \$30 a day—to the person who runs the tournament?" After all he is spending long hours trying to get the job done.

Every time that we have a problem with TDs, we are told that we don't have enough volunteers to help ACA with the task, however, if you advertise in ACR well in advance that you are looking for a TD to run a particular tournament and are willing to pay that much a day, I am sure you will be surprised to see so many interested people coming forth!

...and John Quiring replied:

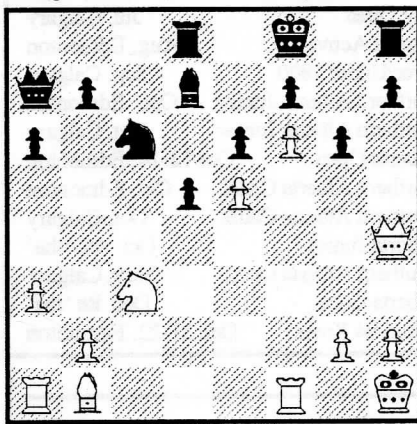
Thank you for your letter. I found your comments both valuable and eye-opening. The ACA DOES pay tournament directors (TDs), and has done so for many, many years. The honorarium is \$25 per day for every tournament, which comes to over \$1000 per year for all the tournaments. I guess I always assumed everybody knew this, but that is clearly not the case. (*Editor's comments: The ACA could more prominently and more regularly announce the \$25 per day honorarium for directors of ACA-sponsored tournaments, however, I would hope most people direct, "every so often", because they want to contribute to chess, to give something back to the game, not because they get paid or only if they get paid. That said, I also think it is important that there be an honorarium, if not simply because the TD is not usually allowed to play in the event. Looking back in ACR issues, the existence of a TD honorarium was mentioned in Nov/94 in the article "If Life as a TD isn't Tough Enough...", but the amount wasn't specified. Back in Nov/93, in the President's Report..., Ford Wong did state that "...the ACA, in recognition of the work of its volunteers, will provide honoraria for all*

Daryl Bertrand - Vir Turingan Rd1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.f3 Bc5 8.Bg5 Qe5 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qd2 d6 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g4 Rd8 13.g5 Ne8 14.f4 b5 15.Nb3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Bb7 17.Bf3 Nd7 18.f5 Ne5 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Nd4 Qe7 21.Rhf1 Rac8 22.Nce2 Nc4 23.Qb3 d5 24.h4 dxe4 25.Bg4 Bd5 26.Nf4 Nc7 27.Nxd5 Rxd5 28.Qg3 Rc5 29.Qh3 Re5 30.Nc6 Qc5 31.Nxe5 Qxe5 32.c3 b4 33.Rd7 bxc3 34.Qxc3 Nd5 35.Bxe6+ Kh8 36.Bxd5 Qxc3+ 37.bxc3 Ne3 38.Rff7 *Black's flag fell* (1-0)

Nigel Fullbrook - Bill Bentley Rd2

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Bb1 Qa7 15.a3 Nc6 16.f5 Nd4 17.Qd1 Rd8 18.Bg5 Be7 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 20.Qg4 Kf8 21.Qh4 Nc6 22.f6 g6



23.Bxg6 Nxe5 24.Nxd5 exd5 25.Qh6+ Ke8 26.Rae1 Be6 27.Rxe5 Kd7 28.Bxf7 Bxf7 29.Re7+ Kc6 30.Rc1+ Kb5 31.Qd2 a5 32.Qd3+ Kb6 33.Qd4+ (1-0)

Ahmet Yamach - Nandor Tot Rd2

(notes by Yamach)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nf3 O-O 7.e3 c6 8.Bd3 Ne4 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Qc2 f5 11.Ne5 Nd7 12.f4! Nxe5?! 13.Bxe4?? Ng4 14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Qe6 16.Qb3 Rd8 17.Nc7 Qxb3 18.axb3 Rb8 19.Kd2 a6 20.Rac1 Rd6 21.Rc2 Bd7 22.h3 Nf6 23.Rhc1 Rb6 24.Ke2 Rxb3 25.d5 Rd8 26.Kf2 Rd3 27.Ne6 Re8 28.Re2 Bxe6 29.dxe6 Rxe6 30.Rc8+ Kf7 31.Rc7+ Re7 32.Rxe7+ Kxe7 33.Rc2 Kd6 34.Ke2 Rd5 *White resigned.* (0-1) *This game is a good illustration of the difference between an 1800 and a 2000 player. After an excellent 12.f4, White blunders with 13.Bxe4?? because of the fear of 13...Qh4+ 14.g3 Nxc3? White failed to see 15.Qf2, pinning the knight. Thanks for the lesson Nandor! (PS: Ford, thank you for a great weekend.)*

Harold Climenhaga - George Kohler Rd3

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0

Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4 16.Qd3 Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Rae8 18.Nd2 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Ree1 Bxf2+ 21.Kh1 Bxe1 22.Ne4 Rxe4 (0-1)

Sasha Grumic - Adam Wu Rd3

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 Bd7 9.Bc4 Rc8 10.Bb3 Ne5 11.0-0-0 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Rxc4 13.Qe2 Rxc3 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.Kb2 0-0 16.Nb3 Qc7 17.Bd4 e5 18.Bf2 Rc8 19.Be1 Be6 20.g4 a5 21.a4 Bc4 22.Qd2 Bf8 23.Ra1 b5 24.Bh4 Nd7 25.Rhb1 Ra8 26.Bf2 bxa4 27.Rxa4 Bb5 28.Rba1 Bxa4 29.Rxa4 Nb6 30.Bxb6 Qxb6 31.Qd5 Rc8 32.Rxa5 Qf2 33.Qb7 Re8 34.Qd7 Rb8 (draw)

John Ferrar - Sasha Grumic Rd4

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.a4 Qc7 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Bb3 Neg4 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Rad1 0-0 14.h3 Ne5 15.f4 Nc6 16.Nf3 Rfe8 17.e5 dxe5 18.fxe5 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Nh5 20.Ne4 Be7 21.g4 f6 22.gxh5 fxg5 23.Nexg5 Bxg5 24.Nxg5 Qxe5 25.Qg4 Nb8 26.Nxe6 Bxe6 27.Rde1 Qc7 28.Rxe6 (1-0)

Cor Dewindt - Bill Bentley Rd4

1.d4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 f5 4.Be2 Nf6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.Ne5 0-0 7.Nd2 Bd7 8.f4 Be8 9.Ndf3 b6 10.b3 Ne4 11.Bb2 Bh5 12.Nd2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qe8 14.Rac1 Nd7 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.c4 Bxe5 17.dxe5 c6 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Ba3 Rf7 20.Rc6 Nxe5 21.Rc2 Nd3 22.Qg4 Rc8 23.Qe2 Rfc7 24.Rd2 Qb5 25.Bb2 g6 26.g4 Qd7 27.Be5 Rc1 28.Bb2 Nxb2 29.Rxb2 Qc6 30.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 31.Kf2 Qa1 32.Kg3 Qg1+ 33.Kh4 Rc3 34.Qb5 Rc8 35.Qd7 Qe1+ 36.Kg5 Qc3 37.Qxe6+ Kh8 38.Qf6+ Qxf6+ 39.Kxf6 Rc3 40.Re2 Rd3 41.Rc2 (1-0)

Nigel Fullbrook - Nandor Tot Rd4

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Be2 Nf6 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.c4 Qa5 12.Qb3 h6 13.Rd1 Rd8 14.Bb2 Ne4 15.Qe3 Nd6 16.g4 b5 17.cxb5 Nxb5 18.d5 Nb4 19.dxe6 *White has less than 10 minutes to reach time control (40).* 19...Nd5 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Bc4 Nbc7 22.Qe5 Rg8 23.Rxd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd5+ Kf8 25.Re1 (1-0)

Virgilio Turingan - Ahmet Yamach Rd4

(notes by Yamach)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nbd2 e6 9.Qa4 Qc8 10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Bb5 Qc8 13.0-0 a6 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.c4? Be2 17.Re1 Bxc4 18.Nf3 Be7 19.Ne5+ Ke8 20.Bd2 Bf6 21.b3 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Bd3 23.Rac1 Kd7 24.Rc3 Bg6 25.Re1 Rhc8

26.Kf1 Rxc3 27.Rxc3 Rc8 28.Ke2 Rxc3 29.Bxc3 Kc6 30.Bb4 Bb1 31.a3 Ba2 32.Bf8 Bxb3 33.Bxg7 d4 34.g4 Kd5 35.f3 b5 36.f4 Ke4 37.Bh6 Bc4+ 38.Kd2 a5 39.h4 b4 40.axb4 axb4 41.h5 b3 42.g5 Kf5 43.Kc1 Kg4 44.g6 fxg6 45.hxg6 hxg6 46.Kb2 Kf3 47.Kc1 Ke2 48.Kb2 d3 49.Kc3 d2 *White resigned.* (0-1) *After White's blunder on move 16, Black's job was to turn a decisive advantage into a win.*

John Ferrar - Nigel Fullbrook Rd5

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.h4 c5 6.d5 b5 7.Bxb5+ Nbd7 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nf4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Rxb5 12.h5 Ne5 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Re1 Bf5 15.f3 Qc7 16.g4 (draw)

The U of A Open almost changed to a two-section tournament. Prior to the first round, I polled all the entrants. The majority favored splitting into two sections, but some objected and the U of A Open was not advertised as such, so it remained as a single-section swiss. [The ACA is considering hosting more two-section tournaments where entrants will be split into two groups according to rating (players in a lower rating group may choose to enter in the higher group, sometimes, there may be a slightly higher entry fee to get into it? - ed). This would give lower-rated players a better opportunity to play others rated close to themselves and score more points than they ordinarily might in one large swiss. The competition would be closer. In the future, the ACA will be hosting more two-section tournaments (in addition to the 1800 and Over / Under 1800).]

My First Master 'Scalp'

by Eric Schocat

S. Grumic (2215) - E. Schocat (1948)

Edmonton CC - Holowach Challenge

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 d3 5.Bxd3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c4 d6 8.h3 Nf6 9.Nc3 O-O 10.Be3 Be6 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Ng5 a6 13.b3 h6? 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.f4 Qa5? 17.Bb1? e5 18.f5 g5 19.Qf2 Qd8 20.Nd5 Qe8 21.h4? Ng4 22.Qg3 Nxe3 23.Nxe3 Nd4 24.Rce1 Qh5 25.hxg5 Qxg5 26.Qh3 Rg8 27.Nc2 Nc6 28.Qd3 Bf6 29.Rf2 Qg7 30.Re3 Bh4 31.Rfe2 Bg3 32.f6 exf6 33.Qd1 Rcd8 34.Qf1 Bf4 35.Rf3 Qg4 36.Kh1? Bg3 37.Rxg3 Qxg3 38.Re3 Qg5 39.Rh3 Rg6 40.Ne3 Nd4 41.Nf5 Nxf5 42.exf5 Rg7 43.Be4 b5! 44.Qe2 bxc4 45.bxc4 Rc8 46.Bd5 Rb8 47.Qc2 Qf4 48.Rf3 Qh4+ 49.Kg1 Qd4+ 50.Qf2 Rxg2+? (50. ... Rb1+ mates quickly) 51.Kxg2 Rb2 52.Qxb2 Qxb2+ 53.Kh3 Qb1? 54.a4 a5 55.Be6 h5 56.Rg3?? Qh1 mate (0-1) *My first master scalp! I've beaten Sasha before, but he didn't have a Canadian rating then.*

The Daniluk-Nazarian Rivalry
by Jim Daniluk

In recent years Farzan Nazarian and I have had the kind of 'bloody' rivalry that only comes about when both players believe with religious fervor that they are superior to the other. Since Farzan and I have split our last two games, this seemed an appropriate time to share them publicly. Warning: the following games contain scenes of violence that may be disturbing to some viewers...

Daniluk - Nazarian

April 11, 1995 Calgary CC Championship
1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.c4 e5 4.e4 g6 5.g3 Bg7
6.Bg2 Ne7 7.Ne2 O-O 8.O-O a6 9.a4 f5
10.Nbc3 Nd7 11.Be3 Nf6 12.Qc1 fxe4
13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Nf5 15.Qd2?! White
is drifting. 15...Nd4 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.Qd3
Bh3 18.Rfb1?! White abandons the kingside
in hopes of a queenside breakthrough. A risky
proposition to say the least! 18...Bh6! Very
astute; not allowing White's knight to the f4
post. 19.b4 b6 20.a5!/? bxa5 21.bxc5?!
Trying too hard for active play. 21...dxc5
22.Rb7 Threatens Bxg6. 22...Qf6 23.f4?!
Better is f3!? 23...Rae8 24.Rxa5 Rxe4!

Without this Black stands worse. 25.Qxe4 Bf5
26.Qe7? I was afraid that on 26.Qe5 Black
could just refuse to trade queens, but subse-
quent analysis shows White's control of b8
maybe crucial. 26...Qxe7 27.Rxe7 d3 28.Nc3
Bg7 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 About here I thought
White was doing fine. I intended 30.Rxc5, but
then realized that, after 30...Rb8, Black pen-
etrates decisively. After the game Farzan
suggested 30.Rxa6, but I had seen 30...Rb8
31.Ra3 Rb2, when there is no stopping...Rc2,
d2, Rc3! 30.Ra1 Rb8 31.Rb1 Intending
31...Rxb1+? 32.Nxb1, when White is winning.
31...Rb4! I simply missed this crusher. 32.d6
Rxc4 33.Rb7+ Kf8 White resigned. (0-1) A
well-played game by Farzan.

Nazarian - Daniluk

April 16, 1995 Alberta Closed
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 f5 2...Nc6 first is sounder, but
I wanted an unbalanced game. 3.e4?! 3.d4!
exd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qe3+ with the idea of
6.Nd5! is uncomfortable for Black. 3...d6
4.exf5 Bxf5 5.Qb3!/? Nc6 6.Qb7!/? I couldn't
believe this and spent nearly an hour on my
clock trying to refute it. If 6...Nd4 7.Nd5 Rc8
8.Ne3!, White will stand better. So... 6...Nge7
7.Nb5 Rb8! 8.Qxc7 8.Nxc7+? Kd7 -+.
8...Rxb5 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.cxb5 Nd4

11.Kd1 Bc2+ 11.g4!/? was interesting, trying
to make use of the h1-a8 diagonal. 12.Ke1
Bf5? 12...Bg6 is sounder because 13.g4! is
still "on". Here I offered a draw, which was
promptly refused (see intro). 13.d3 Nc2+
14.Kd1 Nxa1 15.Be3 Nd5 Around here one
begins to see why an earlier g4 could have
been very important for White's game. 16.Kc1
Nxe3 I was tempted by 16...Nb4, but was
having "nightmares" about saving my piece
while White tries to queen a pawn. The position
is very unclear. 17.fxe3 Be6 Settling for an
equal ending. 18.Kb1 Nb3 19.axb3 Bxb3
Farzan thought he was winning here. I can't
agree. 20.Nf3 Be7 21.Nd2 Ba4?! I wanted to
prove that my bishop doesn't get trapped
here, but 21...Bf7 is simply good. 22.d4 exd4
23.exd4 Bg5 24.Ne4 Re8?!/? This move is
objectively wrong, giving White two pieces
for the rook, but Farzan was starting to get in
time trouble, so I felt like giving the soup a
stir! 25.Bd3? Bxb5 Farzan was so flustered
by this turn of events that he failed to make the
correct capture on b5 which makes a draw
seem likely. 26.Nxg5? Bxd3+ 27.Kc1 and
here he offered a draw, saying that I wasn't
winning before, so I should take it. Huh?
27...h6 and Black won on move 53. (0-1) See
the full game on page 4 - ed.

1995 Calgary Open
by Brian Starkes, TD

The 1995 version of the Calgary Open
Championship was held at the Sandman
Inn March 7 to April 18. The winner was a
very happy Art Milne, with 5.5/7, whose
only loss was in round 2 to F. Nazarian,
who tied for places 2-5 with W. Watson, V.
Turingan and B. Bentley. Winner of the
U1600 prize was L. Nagle, with 4 pts; 2nd
prize 1/2 point back was J. Managase. In the
U1500 it was a tie at 3.5 pts between J.
Davies and G. Singh. Top Junior prize
went to J. Huang, with 3 pts.

(Editor's note: I received the above re-
port and the following game separately,
and have assumed that the 'Calgary Open'
and the 'Calgary Spring Open' were the
same event. If they aren't, oh, well...)

V. Turingan - A. Milne
Calgary Spring Open

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Transposing to the Pirc.
2...Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 Inviting the Pribyl Vari-
ation, 4.f4. 4.Nf3 Qc7!/? In the past, I have
played 4...Qa5 here, as in the analogous
position in the Pribyl Variation, generally
facing 5.Bd2 followed by 5...Qc7. True, the

White B is not well-placed at d2 and will
have to move again, but in the meantime it
serves a function and Black has handed
White a free tempo. White generally does
not play Bd2 in the Pribyl Variation, and it
is a good question why not. 5.a4!/? 5.Bc4
b5 with counterplay. 5...e5 A critical point;
5...Bg4 is to be considered, followed by
6.Bc4 or Be2. Black has to be careful not to
lose the option of playing...e5. Black enters
the Philidor Defence to the King's Pawn,
which has a passive reputation. 6.Be2
6.Bc4 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5. 6...Be7 6...Bg4; 6...a5.
7.O-O a5 Black is running out of time to
accomplish all his objectives, but figures
that restraining White from 8.a5 is worth
more than posting the QB to g4. Definitely
not the moment to O-O. 8.h3 O-O 9.Be3
Better than the pseudo-aggressive 9.Bg5,
which affords Black the opportunity to trade
off his passive KB. 9...Nbd7 10.Nh2!
Threatening 11.f4, with pressure on Black's
centre. 10...Rd8 Reinforcing e5, if White
should play 11.f4 and 12.Nf3. 11.d5?!
Releasing the pressure on Black's centre is
the last thing White should do in this
position. 11.f4! with a spatial bind.
11...Nc5 12.Bd3 Nfd7?! Strong pointing e5
in case White plays f4. 13.f4!/? exf4 14.Bxf4
14.Rxf4 Bg5 15.Rf3 Bxe3+ 16.Rxe3 Qb6,

with advantage to Black. 14...Ne5
15.Bxe5!/? 15.Nf3. 15...dxe5 16.Qh5 g6?/
16...Rf8. 17.Qf3 Rf8 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Bc4
Be6 20.Bxe6 Nxe6 21.Kh1 Rab8 22.b3
Nd4 23.Qd3 Rbd8 24.Qc4 With the idea
25.Nd5. 24...Qb6 25.Ne2 Qb4! Now
Black's R becomes active on d4, and B on
b4. 26.Qxb4 Bxb4 27.Nxd4 Rxd4 Black
has the advantage. 28.Ng4 Only move.
28...Bc3 29.Rad1 f5!/? An unclear move.
Black totally overlooked the possibility of
Nh6+ for White, winning the f-pawn in
some variations. 30.Rxd4? Move order is
critical 30.exf5 h5 31.Ne3 Rxd1 32.Rxd1
gxf5 and White's control of the d-file and
Black's scattered pawns ensure White the
better endgame. 30...Bxd4 31.exf5 h5!
32.Nh2 Rxf5! 33.Rxf5?? The losing move.
33.Re1 Kf7 is probably still in Black's
favour. 33...gxf5 -+. The Black pawns and
B dominate White's N. 34.Nf3 Bc3 35.Kg1
Kf7 36.Kf2 e4?! 37.Nh2?! 37.Ng5+.
37...Ke6 38.Ke3 Ke5 39.Nf1 f4+ 40.Ke2
Kd4 41.Nh2 Bb4 42.Nf1 c5 43.Nh2 c4
44.bxc4 Kxc4 45.Nf1 Bc3 46.g4 hxg4
47.hxg4 Kd4 48.g5 Ke5 49.Nd2 Bxd2 The
sealed move. White resigned, for if 50.Kxd2
Kf5, Black picks off the g-pawn and reenters
the square of the c-pawn should White
choose to advance it. (0-1)

Red Deer Closed

Feb-May/95

by Neil Sharp

Neil Sharp won the Red Deer Closed by taking David Ottosen's sacrificed material and not giving it back. Otherwise, Ottosen and Jens Kaastrup had successful results. Nathan McLean decided not to participate in the Red Deer club after his sixth consecutive defeat—4 of them miniatures. Skylar Longley also withdrew after having a shotgun pushed in his face at a convenience store by three of Edmonton's morally-challenged youth.

D. Ottosen - N. Sharp

1. d4 d5 2. e4 c6 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. f3 exf3 5. Nxf3 Bg4 6. h3 Bh5 7. Bc4 e6 8. O-O Nf6 9. g4 Bg6 10. g5 Nd5 11. Nxd5 exd5 12. Re1+ Be7 13. Bd2 O-O 14. Be2 Nd7 15. h4 f6 16. c4 Be4 17. gxf6 Bxf6 18. Be3 Bxh4 19. Rf1 Qc7 20. Bf2 Bxf2 21. Rxf2 Rf6 22. cxd5 Bxd5 23. Rg2 Raf8 (0-1)

Red Deer Open

June 3-4/95

by Neil Sharp

Nigel Fullbrook seemed to be cruising for first until his last round game against John Ferrar. Needing only a draw with White, Nigel's opening play showed his intentions. However, a timely exchange sacrifice by Ferrar led to a quick collapse in Fullbrook's position (*see game score*) and they split first prize with 4/5.

Ford Wong and Ahmet Yamach tied for third prize. Dean Mah and Gord Cannon won the under 1800 prize, while Daryl Bertrand took the junior prize.

The biggest upset took place in round one when Nathan McLean mated Paul Usselman.

B. Bentley - N. Fullbrook Rd 3

1. Nf3 b5 2. g3 Bb7 3. Bg2 Nf6 4. O-O c5 5. d3 d5 6. Nbd2 e6 7. Re1 Be7 8. e4 d4 9. h4 Nbd7 10. e5 Nd5 11. a3 h6 12. Nf1 Qc7

13. Bd2 N7b6 14. Qe2 Na4 15. Rb1 a5 16. Rec1 b4 17. axb4 axb4 18. Qe1 O-O 19. c4 dxc4 20. bxc4 Naxc3 21. Rb2 Ra3 22. Ne3 Nxe3 23. Qxe3 Nd5 24. Qe2 Qa5 25. d4 Ba6 26. Qe1 c4 27. Rbb1 c3 28. Be3 b3 29. Bf1 Bxf1 30. Qxf1 Nxe3 31. fxe3 c2 (0-1)

N. Fullbrook - J. Ferrar Rd 5

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bg5 e6 7. Qd2 a6 8. O-O-O h6 9. Bxf6 Qxf6 10. Nxc6 bxc6 11. f4 e5 12. f5 Qg5 13. Qxg5 hxg5 14. g4 Bb7 15. h3 O-O-O 16. Bc4 f6 17. Rd3 Be7 18. Rhd1 Rh4 19. Bf7 Rdh8 20. Bh5 Kc7 21. Na4 Bc8 22. c4 R8xh5 23. gxh5 Rxe4 24. b3 Bxf5 25. Rf3 Be6 26. h6 gxh6 27. Rdf1 f5 28. Rxf5 Bxf5 29. Rxf5 Rf4 30. Rxf4 exf4 31. Kd2 h5 32. Kd3 g4 33. hxg4 hxg4 34. Nc3 f3 35. Ke3 Bg5+ 36. Kf2 Bh4+ 37. Ke3 Kd7 38. b4 Be1 39. Ne4 Ke6 40. Kf4 d5 41. cxd5 cxd5 42. Nc5+ Kf6 43. Ke3 Bxb4 44. Nxa6 Bd6 (0-1)

News from the Edmonton Chess Club

TD & Rep: John Quiring

The ECC Capablanca was a four round tournament held Apr 13 - May 4. There are pros and cons to holding such a short tournament. On the plus side, players need commit to only 4 weeks of play, which is welcomed by those who have busy lives. On the minus side, it means one bad result will eliminate a contender's chances.

The top three (Nigel Fullbrook, Sasha Grumic, Chris Dartana) all took byes in round 1, which would appear to give chances for one of the lesser mortals to sneak through with a win. However, when top players take byes, it is my practice as Tournament Director to give them half point scores, but pair them as if they scored full points (yes, this is in the rules... sort of... section 614). Consequently, the top three players were thrown into the group with perfect scores and quickly thinned their ranks.

With a large field of 32 players, it was not surprising to find a tie for first: **Sasha Grumic** and **Yngvi Bjornsson** both scored 3.5/4. Yngvi is a new player to the club, coming from Iceland, and I put him at 1700 for pairing purposes; this appears to be a 300 point error. Perhaps our editor can devise a lab test that will more accurately establish the playing strength of new players. Tied for 3rd with 3 points were Eric Schocat, John Shepherd, Ahmet Yamach, George Kohler and George Bukowski. This was quite an astonishing result for George Bukowski, who came in after a multi-year absence with a rating of 1435, and took a 550 rating point scalp from Dave Ottosen (which was, come to think of it, quite an astonishing result for Dave, too).

1995 Northern Alberta Open - Games

(written report was in April ACR)

There wasn't room in the previous ACR to include the NAO games, but there is room in this 'extra large' issue, so here goes...

N. Fullbrook - R. Trikha Rd 2

1. e4 Nc6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. Nf3 e6 5. c4 Bb4+ 6. Nc3 Qd8 7. d5 exd5 8. cxd5 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 Nce7 10. c4 Nf6 11. Be2 O-O 12. O-O Ng6 13. Qd4 Re8 14. Bd3 Bg4 15. Bxg6 hxg6 16. Ne5 Bf5 17. Bb2 a5 18. Rfe1 Ra6 19. h3 g5 20. g4 Bh7 21. f4 gxf4 22. Qxf4 Bg6 23. Nxc6 fxc6 24. g5 Nh5 25. Rxe8+ Qxe8 26. Qe5 Qd7 27. Kh2 Qa4 28. Qe4 b5 29. Be5 b4 30. Bxc7 b3 31. Be5 Rb6 32. d6 b2 33. Rb1 Rb4 Qxc6 Rxc4 35. Rxb2 (1-0)

G. Newton - C. Dewindt Rd 2

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. Nf3 Nd7 7. h4 h6 8. h5 Bh7 9. Bd3 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 e6 11. Bf4 Ngf6 12. O-O-O Nb6 13. Ne5 Nbd5 14. Bd2 Qc7 15. Kb1 Bd6 16. f4 O-O-O 17. c4 Nb4 18. Qb3 Na6 19. Rhe1 Bxe5 20. dxe5 Nd7 21. Ne4 N7c5 22. Nd6+ Qxd6 23. exd6 Nxb3 24. axb3 Rxd6 25. Bc3 Rxd1+ 26. Rxd1 f6 27. Rd6 (draw)

D. Ottosen - N. Fullbrook Rd 3

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Bc4 Bg7 5. f3 c6 6. Be3 b5 7. Bb3 a5 8. a4 b4 9. Nce2 Nbd7 10. Nh3 O-O 11. Qd2 Ba6 12. g4 e5 13. g5 Nh5 14. Ng3 exd4 15. Bxd4 c5 16. Bxg7 Nxc7 17. Bd5 Rc8 18. f4 c4 19. Qd4 Nb6 20. f5 gxf5 21. exf5 Nxd5 22. Qxd5 Re8+ 23. Kd1 Rc5 24. Qf3 c3 25. b3 Qe7 26. Qf2 Rd5+ 27. Kc1 Rd2 28. f6 Qe5 29. Qg1 Ne6 30. Nf2 Nd4 31. Ra2 Nf3 32. Ng4 Qf4 33. Nh5 Rd1+ (0-1)

S. Grumic - C. Dartana Rd 3

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg2 3. f4 d6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Nc3 O-O 6. e5 dxe5 7. fxe5 Nd5 8. Bc4 c6 9. O-O a5 10. Nxd5 cxd5 11. Bd3 Nc6 12. c3 Qb6 13. Kh1 Bd7 14. Qe2 Nd8 15. Be3 Rc8 16. Rf2 Ne6 17. c4 Bc6 18. c5 Qd8 19. a3 b6 20. b4 bxc5 21. dxc5 axb4 22. axb4 Bd7 23. Rc1 Ra8 24. b5 Ra4 25. c6 Bc8 26. b6 d5 27. c7 Qd5 28. Bd2 Nc5 29. Bb5 d3 30. Qe3 Ne4 31. Bxa4 Nxf2+ 32. Qxf2 Bb7 33. Qd4 (1-0; on time)

J. Cummer - E. Schocat Rd 4

(notes by Cummer)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bc4 (Bb5) e6 6. O-O Nge7 7. d3 O-O 8. Bd2 d6 9. Rb1 a6 10. a3 b5 11. Ba2 b4 12. Ne2 Rb8 13. a4 Bd7 14. b3?!? a5?!? 15. c3 (c4!) Qc7 16. c4 d5 17. e5 f6 18. exf6 Rxf6 19. Be3 d4 20. Bc1/ Nf5 21. Ng3 Nxc3 22. hxg3 Rff8 23. Rb2 e5 24. fxe5 Nxe5 25. Nxe5 Bxe5 26. Rbf2 Rxf2 27. Rxf2 Bxg3 28. Rf1 Bc6 29. Qg4 Bd7 (time trouble) 30. Qf3 Bc6 31. Qg4 Bd7 32. Qf3 Bf5 33. Bh6! Be5?? (Qd6) 34. g4! Bh2+ 35. Kh1 Bd6 36. gxf5 Re8 37. fxc6 hxg6 38. Qd5+ Kh8 39. Qf7? (Rf7!!) Qxf7 40. Rxf7 Re1+ 41. Kg2 Rd1 42. Rf3 Be7 43. Bf4 g5 44. Bc7 g4 45. Rf2 Bh4 46. Re2 Rxd3 47. Bxa5?? Rg3+ 48. Kh1 d3 49. Rh2 d2?? (Re3) 50. Rxd2 Bg5 51. Rg2 Rd3 52. Rxc4 Be3 53. Rg2 Rd1+ 54. Kh2 Bf4+ 55. Kh3 Rd3+ 56. Kg4 Rd4 57. Kf5 Be3 58. Bc7 Rd7 59. Be5+ Kh7 60. Ke6 Rd1 61. a5 Re1 62. Kd7 Rd1+ 63. Kc6 Rd8 64. a6 Bd4 65. Bxd4 cxd4 66. Bb1+ (finally) (1-0)

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ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT

(A special section of the Alberta Chess Report, June 1995)



Canadian Chess Challenge National Finals

by Jim Daniluk, Alberta Team Captain

The National Finals of the Canadian Chess Challenge were held in Toronto on May 21-22. This event pits the Grade 1 to Grade 12 champions from each province against their counterparts in a combination of individual and team championship. Alberta had the misfortune of facing the powerhouse Quebec and Ontario teams in the first two rounds. By the end of six rounds, we were in fifth place, 8.5 points behind Newfoundland.

That night the team seemed to react positively to my encouraging (threatening?) pep talk and came out swinging the next day. The next morning we tied the powerful B.C. team 6-6, beat Newfoundland 6.5-5.5, and squashed Saskatchewan 9.5-2.5, while Ontario annihilated Newfoundland 10.5-1.5 on their way to their first team championship over the usually dominant Quebec. As a result, we only missed fourth place by 1.5 points.

Some outstanding individual results included first-time competitor Stephen Hazeltine taking the Gold medal in Grade 2 with a terrific 7.5/9. Also impressive was

Nino Caoile, another newcomer, who took Bronze in Grade 9 with 7/9. Grade 1 was lopsided competitively, as Matthew Lavalley scored an impressive 6/9 but had to settle for 4th place. Douglas Wu also missed the podium by only 1/2 point after scoring 5.5/9 in the tough Grade 8 group. The rest of the team struggled somewhat, although John Rajchel exorcised past demons with a solid 4/9 in Grade 7.

Overall, the team really enjoyed the tournament, and I would like to thank all the team members and their parents for helping to hold Alberta's head high.

EJCC Marvelous March Active

by Adam Wu

The attendance curve continued on its upward trend, as the EJCC welcomed seven new players to the chessic realms. The total attendance was 23, making this, for the third month in a row, the biggest EJCC tournament ever.

In the A Section, Matthew Wong and Aaron Lovi were heavily favoured, and quickly distanced themselves from the crowd. In this 16-player, 4-round swiss (the perfect number for a four round swiss), the competition was tense and exciting, with Matthew and Aaron anxiously looking at the crosstable and the results of the other players, not to see if they would play each other, but to see which colour they would get when they played each other (both wanted white). This issue was decided in the second round when Alim Merali failed to hold a draw against Bernie Kan in an ending that was theoretically won for Bernie, but in which, for a span of five or so moves, Bernie appeared not to know how to proceed. The result of this game meant that Aaron would, in all likelihood, have white against Matt in round four, instead of Matt having white against Aaron in round three.

That is not to say that things were set in stone, however, as the third round produced more harrowing excitement. The pairing situation gave Matt white against third-ranked Bernie. Both Aaron and Matt thought that Matt would have the tougher third round and black in the round four showdown to boot. Aaron's opponent, Angie Seitz, however, had other ideas. For the third time in a row, Angie opened the tournament with two straight wins and earned for her efforts a stint on the top boards. And while Matt defeated Bernie in a tough, but not unexpected result, Aaron spent

most of his game pondering how, if he had Angie's position against himself, he would win! In the longest game of the round, Angie held a small but definite advantage most of the way through, before she went astray and lost material.

After the fireworks of the third round, the fourth round final was somewhat of an anticlimax, as Matthew dropped a piece inexplicably and Aaron Lovi converted without difficulty to claim the book prize for first overall. The only other exciting moment of the round saw Bernie sacrifice material for a speculative and utterly unsound attack. Fortunately for Bernie, Angie did not react properly and lost quickly.

In this section, the seven unrated newcomers made quite a mark. In round one Karsten Chipeniuk had fourth-ranked Paul Kirvan utterly busted, only to see Houdini Paul pull off a miraculous victory. Pierre Escalona, who suffered throughout the tournament from the 'I can't compete with anyone more than two years older than me' syndrome as well as the 'win with white, try not to lose with black but fail' syndrome, was one of many to log a respectable 2/4 score. The winner of the under 1000/unrated prize was Gurbir Gill who scored 2.5/4, winning the last round in dramatic fashion after trailing Karsten, who lost his last round to Alim Merali, by 0.5 going into the fourth round.

Matt was caught in the last round by both Bernie Kan and Alim Merali, and they ended up deadlocked for second with 3/4. Paul Kirvan scored 2.5/4. Joining Angie, Karsten, and Pierre with 2/4 were Mike McCall and Stevenson Aung.

Section B was an seven player round-robin won by, guess who, Scott Mayo, with 5/6. He edged out brother Kevin by virtue of Kevin's loss to Helen Kirvan, who shared second with

Kevin with 4.5/6. Fourth place went to Brian Chan, who dented Scott's record with a draw and scored 4/6. Scott's rating was 969 going in and may break 1000 soon. Helen, like Angie, has improved immensely in recent months and, also, like Angie, is beginning to make some of the perennial favourites nervous, as Aaron "don't you hate it when you play a 1000 and she turns out to be strong?" Lovi can surely attest to.

The following was one of the most exciting games of the tournament.

Angie Seitz - Aaron Lovi

1.e4 c5 2.g3 g6 2...d5 was the sharper try. Aaron probably was intending to play it safe and wait for his opponent to screw up. 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.O-O d6 6.d3 Nf6 Now we've got a King's Indian Attack, or KIA. My opinion of this white setup had not been high in the past, although time and experience is slowly changing this. Nevertheless, it must take guts to play an opening whose initials correspond to the acronym of "killed in action." 7.c4 7.c3 is probably better, keeping a fluid pawn structure. 7...O-O 8.Nc3 Nd7 9.Be3 Nb6 10.Qd2 Re8 Again a 'timid' kind of move. Aggressive moves are riskier, but offer greater rewards. 11.Bh6 Bh8 12.Qf4 f5?! This looks VERY anti-positional to me. White's attack looks more dangerous than it really is, but after this, appearance takes a step closer to reality. 13.exf5 White is better off not exchanging yet, and Black will have to be very careful. i.e. 13.Ng5 e5?! 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Nd5 with advantage White because the N/d5 can't be removed (...Nxd5?? 17.Bxd5+ and Black is in deep trouble!) or 13...Be5 14.Qh4 e6? 15.f4 Bf6? (after ...Bh8 White can have a draw if she wants one with Bf8) 16.exf5 exf5 17.Nd5 and Black's in trouble again. Black, of course, has better lines,

but you can see how his options are severely limited. 13...Bxf5 14.Ng5 e5 15.Qf3 Bf6 16.Qe3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.Qxd6 Qe7 20.Qd2 Rad8 21.Qh6 Qg7 22.Qe3 Nxc4 23.Qe2? During this previous sequence of moves, Aaron had been feeling quite uncomfortable. I think this nervousness was not so much due to the position itself, but to the fact that his opponent in this position was a 1000 rated 10-year-old kid! White did probably have a slight edge, but not, in my opinion, as great as Aaron thought it was during the game. Here, though, counterattack with 23.Qxc5 was the only viable plan. 23...Nb6 24.Rad1 Nd4 25.Qg4 Qd7 26.Ne4!/? This cute way of saving the Q has the unfortunate drawback of landing the N on an awkward square. 26...Qxg4 27.Nf6+ Kg7 28.Nxg4 Rd7 (This move was missing; I've assumed it was ...Rd7 - ed) 29.Rfe1 R7e7 30.Re3?? The losing move. The plan of doubling on the e-file to pressure the weak pawn there fails to tactical considerations. 30...h5 Note how the N is trapped on g4. Incidentally, even if the N was somewhere else, Black had Nc4, winning. 31.Nxe5 Rxe5 32.Rf3? 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.Bxb7 was the "best" chance. Ofcourse, a player of Aaron's calibre "should" be able to win with an extra piece. I say "should" because this is by no means a 100% rule! 32. ...Nxf3+ and Black went on the win. (0-1)

EJCC Alluring April Active
by Adam Wu

I was under the impression that the April tournament had been cancelled, and must apologize to those who didn't come because I told them there was no tournament! In the end, 23 players were drawn in on this April Fool's day to play chess. In the A section, a fifteen player swiss, **Matthew Wong** was the class of the field, and won with a perfect 4/4. Jeremiah Gallenger was closest to beating Matthew, finishing as part of the four-way tie for second with 3/4. Also in second were Bernie Kan, Marc Dowdell, and Steven Rutledge, who entered as the second lowest ranked! The B section, an 8 player round robin, was a competitive affair, won by **David Rutledge** with 6/7. Kevin Mayo and Brian Chan had 5/6, while Scott Mayo had 4.5 and Helen Kirvan scored 4.

**Edmonton Junior Chess Club
Season Wrap-Up**
by Adam Wu

This season was one of the most successful in recent memory, with a string of consecutive record-breaking attendances up until the final tournament in May, which had less players due to the concurrent scheduling of the Edmonton Senior High Team Chess Championships. There were enough players most days for us to have two separate sections on a regular basis. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made this success possible: the players for the presence and sportsmanship, the parents for their support and dedication (I don't know how long it takes for the Seitz's to drive to Edmonton, but they came every time!) and organizer Ford Wong (need I say more?). I'd also like to thank Aaron Lovi for directing the May tournament (*report on the way, Aaron? - ed*)

Matt Wong was the dominant force in the club this year, with the most wins (29), the most points (30), the highest winning percentage (92.19%), and the most tournament victories (5). Bernie Kan came close to Matt in wins with 27, but he needed an extra tournament in which to do it. Among the younger group, Kevin Mayo logged the most wins with 25, but brother Scott had the most points with 28 and the highest winning percentage of 68.75%. Each won two of the tournaments in their group. Top attendance goes to Angie Seitz, who played a total of 41 games, and participated in all nine tournaments. The Mayo twins both played 40 games over seven tournaments in the younger group.

This year we were entertained by a series of side matches that ran concurrently with some of the tournaments and finished with the following scores: A. Lovi 4 - C. Wu 0; A. Lovi 3 - D. Wu 1; A. Lovi 2 - D. Wu 2; A. Wu 4 - D. Ottosen 0. Aaron also challenged Beatrice Wu to a match, but, aside from being out of town for that weekend, she had more 'important' things to do.

The year end draw was won by Carol Chan. Since I was not present at the May tournament, I don't know what the prize was.

I'll finish off by wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer, and hope that you'll all return next year.

**Edmonton Senior High
Team Chess Championship**
by Adam Wu

The ESHTCC was held at Old Scona Academic on May 13. Five teams of four players each participated.

Old Scona continued its domination of the local scholastic chess scene, winning for the fourth year in a row, and sending three teams for the third year in a row. **The Old Scona A** team of **Beatrice Wu, Matthew Wong, Cynthia Wu, and Arthur Kan** finished first with an impressive 13/16. Old Scona B, consisting of Raymond Cheung, Jing Hu, Kathy Wong, and Marc Dowdell finished second with 9/16, marking the third consecutive year that teams from Old Scona won first and second.

The battle for second, however, was much tighter this time, for the third place team from McNally of Edwin Jong, Saul Warhaft, Brian Lee, and Sean Houge scored 8.5/16. The second and third places were decided in the final individual game of the final round, where Saul and Old Scona C's Ed Hsung drew when Saul could not checkmate with the knight and bishop (he had no pawns) against Ed's connected passers. If a playoff match had occurred, things would have been quite interesting, since Old Scona B's first board had to leave early and would have defaulted.

The big question now is whether or not Old Scona will be able to pull off an unprecedented fifth consecutive victory, since many of their strongest players will be graduating at the end of this year.

CALGARY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Site: McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca St SE. Selected Saturdays. Entry fee \$3. Registration 9:30 a.m. (rd 1 at 10:00). Interested in playing or helping out?—*contact Andrew Beingsner (249-3384).*

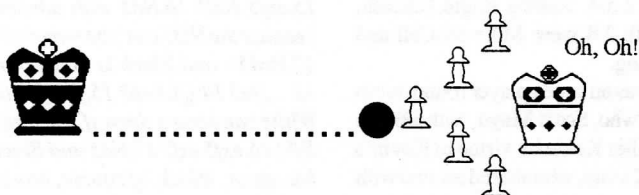
Tournaments: to be announced

EDMONTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Tourneys some Saturdays. Site: Heritage Room, City Hall, 1 Sir Winston Churchill Square. 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Due to limited time, tournament registration is promptly at 11:00. Low entry fees. Usually active chess (30 minutes per player). CFC/ACA memb. needed. Equipment is supplied. Interested in playing or helping?—*call Ford Wong (481-6474) or Mark Kirvan (939-5986).*

Tournaments:

- September 9
- October 14
- November 4
- December 2



Adam Wu's 'January Chess Lesson'

This time I'll discuss material imbalance, or to be more exact, how to win with a material advantage. This is targetted largely at the younger members of the club...those who can comfortably win when up a piece need not read further.

How does one convert a material advantage? Let's first look at the simplest possible material advantage, where you are up a whole piece or pawns. When your advantage is a piece, the standard wisdom is to exchange pieces. Of course, your opponent, if he knows what he's doing, will try to avoid exchanges. The key is to go on the offensive. The fact that you are up a piece means that you will always be able to attack with more firepower than your opponent can defend with, and essentially, you'll win on strength of numbers. Also, by attacking a fixed point (i.e. the usually immobile king), you draw your opponent's pieces into contact with your own, and will thus get opportunities to exchange them. In order to employ this strategy, of course, you will have to learn how to checkmate the lone king with an extra rook, queen, two bishops, etc. These methods are published in most beginner's chess books.

If your advantage amounts to one or more pawns, once again you will have to exchange pieces. Winning endgames with two pawns or more extra is usually relatively easy. Again, you must learn the endgame process on your own.

Sometimes the material edge is not quite so simple. If the advantage lies in a piece imbalance, such as Q vs R, R vs B or N, Q vs R + B or N, etc, the strategy you employ will be dependent on the nature of the imbalance. The most common and useful method is to keep as many pawns on the board as possible while exchanging pieces. Eventually, your greater firepower enables you to fix and win your opponent's pawns, and then you simply queen your own.

Cases where you have a single minor piece advantage and your opponent has one or two pawns compensation are common, and if you are not careful, two pawns can sometimes defeat a piece. As above, the best strategy is to fix your opponent's pawns and win them with the extra firepower your piece gives you.

Ultimately, it all comes down to the endgame, and this is usually the beginner's weakest area. I've been told that in the former USSR children taught chess are taught the endgame first. Nearly 50% of the world's strongest chess players are products of the former USSR. Every world champion, except for Fischer, since World War II has been from the Soviet Union (or Russia, now). It's hard to argue with a success ratio like that.

Adam Wu's 'February Chess Lesson'

Keeping to the theme of material imbalance, but opposite to the 'January' article, this lesson covers how to defend with a material deficit. (I haven't been giving much exact chess annotation in the articles, partly because, ultimately, those seeking to improve in chess must work on it themselves, and partly because I'm writing this at 10:00 pm!)

We've all been faced with situations where we were down material. How to proceed from there? Throw in the towel, or fight on?

To answer this, you must consider who your opponent is. If you are down a Q or R, it's usually a hopeless case, but if you suspect that your opponent doesn't yet know how to mate with an extra Q, there may still be a chance of a stalemate or 50-move-rule draw. In this article, I'm going to focus on small deficits where you have a fighting chance.

The first situation I'll consider is one where you are down a piece, but have 1 or 2 extra pawns. To defend this, you should seek pawn exchanges, trying to eliminate all your opponent's pawns (you can do this as you have a surplus). Without pawns to queen, an extra piece can be useless. Given that your opponent has an extra piece, you will likely have to sacrifice some pawns to achieve this aim. It would also be helpful to be familiar with several chess exceptions, where a player with a piece and pawn against a lone king cannot win. There are: K+B+P on the a- or h-files where the queening square is the 'wrong' colour, and the defending K controls that square; and K+N+P on the a- or h-files where the defending K has trapped the attacking K in front of his own P on the edge of the board,

and the N, due to its peculiar move, cannot play a waiting move, so can't drive away the defending monarch to liberate his own.

The second situation is the case of the exchange: i.e., one player has a R for a B or N. The defender must remember that the R's primary advantage over a B or N is its ability to (a) attack both sides of the board at once, and (b) control an entire rank or file. Therefore, try to exchange off all the pawns on one side. Then, on the other side, try to lock the pawns and build a fortress. If you have an extra pawn in addition to your minor piece, the best defence is offence. Counterattack, force a passer with your pawn majority, and use its threat of queening to divert your opponent from his schemes. If you're lucky, you may even pull off a win in such situations.

In defending losing material imbalance it's even more important to know your endgames than in trying to win them. There are several endgames where the side with extra material cannot win (K+R and pawns vs K+R and less pawns endings are notorious for this). If you know these, you can try to steer the game into one. Certain pawn tricks that can generate outside passers can often turn the tide of a game quite suddenly. Resourcefulness is important. Make life difficult for you opponent. Make his road to victory narrow and perilous, with unexpected turns and treacherous pitfalls. Every trap, every unexpected turn, every threat of counterplay, increases the chance of your opponent messing up. If he does, then your defence has succeeded. If he doesn't, then at least you put up a good fight. After all, if that 'lumpo' sitting opposite you is going to take a point from you, you might as well make him suffer for it.

Educational Chess Videos and CD-ROM

by Ford Wong

This year the ACA asked for and received a Recreation, Parks and Wildlife grant of \$285 for the purchase of instructional material for teaching chess in schools. As a result, the ACA has purchased the items listed to the right.

These are free for ACA members to borrow (borrowers may have to pay for the cost of returning them to the ACA). If you are interested in borrowing any of these materials, please contact Ford Wong at 481-6474 or John Quiring at 468-9173.

For beginners:

Videotapes: Opening Principles;
Understanding Chess

CD-ROM: Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess

For advanced players:

Videotapes: How To Visualize
Combinations
Pawn Structures
Middlegame Analysis

RPW Travel Assistance for Alberta Chess Challenge Team

by Ford Wong

This year the ACA also asked for and received an RPW grant of \$3,100 to assist with the travel costs of the Alberta Chess Challenge team to the Canadian Chess

Challenge Finals in Toronto. Combined with an ACA contribution of \$1,200 from casino revenues, travel costs paid by our representatives should be minimal.

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N. Fullbrook - S. Grunic Rd 4

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
a6 6.f4 e6 7.Bd3 Qc7 8.O-O Be7 9.g4 Nc6
10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.g5 Nd7 12.b3 Qa5 13.Bd2
O-O 14.Qh5 Qc5+ 15.Kh1 g6 16.Qh4 f5
17.b4 Qa7 18.exf5 exf5 19.Bc4+ Kg7 20.Rae1
Bd8 21.Qh6+ Kh8 22.Rf3 Qd4 23.Rh3 Qg7
24.Nd5 cxd5 25.Bc3 d4 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7
27.Bxd4+ Ne5 28.Rxe5 dxe5 29.Bxe5 Bf6
30.gxf6+ Rxf6 31.Bxf6+ Kxf6 32.Rxh7 Be6
33.Bxe6 Kxe6 34.Rg7 Kd5 35.Rxg6 Ke4
36.c4 Kxf4 37.Kg2 Rc8 38.c5 a5 39.a3 axb4
40.axb4 Ra8 41.b5 Ra2+ 42.Kh3 Rb2 43.b6
Ke5 44.Rg7 Kd5 45.Rc7 f4 46.b7 f3 47.c6 f2
48.Kg2 (1-0)

C. Dartana - B. Bentley Rd 4

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ng3 c5 5.g3
Nc6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.O-O b6 8.Re1 Bb7 9.h4
Qc7 10.e5 Nd7 11.Qe2 h6 12.Nf1 O-O
13.Bf4 Rdg8 14.h5 g6 15.hxg6 Rxg6 16.c3
Bg5 17.Bxg5 hxg5 18.d4 g4 19.Nh4 Rxh4
20.gxh4 cxd4 21.Rac1 Ndx5 22.Ng3 d3
23.Qd1 Nf3+ 24.Bxf3 gxf3 25.Qxf3 d2 26.Qe3
dxc1(Q) 27.Rxc1 Qe5 (0-1)

B. Ficko - D. Ottosen Rd 4

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.Bd3 Be6 12.O-O
Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.c4 bxc4 15.Bc2 Qc7
16.Ba4+ Kd8 17.Rc1 Qc5 18.Rxc4 Qa7
19.Qd2 Qb6 20.Rfc1 h5 21.R1c3 Rb8 22.Rb3
(1-0)

G. Newton - N. Fullbrook Rd 5

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5
6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nfxd7 8.Be3 cxd4
9.Bxd4 Bxd4 10.Qxd4 O-O 11.O-O Nc6
12.Qe3 Qb6 13.Qxb6 Nxb6 14.Nd5 Nxd5
15.exd5 Nb4 16.c4 Nd3 17.Nd2 Rfc8 18.b3
b5 19.Rf3 bxc4 20.Nxc4 Nb4 21.Ne3 Rc5
22.a3 Nxd5 23.b4 Rb5 24.a4 Nxe3 25.axb5
Nd5 26.R3a3 (draw) *A draw ensured Nigel
clear first.*

*** ACA Canada Day Open ***

July 1-2 Calgary

Quality Inn
2359 Banff Trail NW (in 'Motel Village')

5 round Swiss System

Register: 9:00-9:45 am
(Rd 1: 10:00 am)

Entry Fee: \$20 senior \$15 junior
(CFC/provincial membership required)

Time Controls: 40/1:50 15/30

☎ Jim Daniluk (248-7456)

ACA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE for the remainder of 1995

Check future issues for updates (contacts given in separate ads can verify details)

All events: no smoking, no computers.

Jul 1-2	Calgary July Open	Calgary
Aug 12	Calgary Active	Calgary
Sep 2-3	Alberta Over / Under 1800	Edmonton
Sep 16	Grande Prairie Fall Active	Grand Prairie
Sep 23-24	Medicine Hat Open	Medicine Hat
Sep 30-Oct 1	S./N. Alberta Junior Qualifiers	Calgary/Edmonton
Oct 7-9	Alberta Open	Calgary
[Oct 8	ACA Annual General Meeting	Calgary]
Oct 21-22	S./N. Alberta Cadet Qualifiers	Calgary/Edmonton
Oct 28-29	Alberta Junior	(tba)
Nov 25-26	Southern Alberta Open	Calgary
Dec 9-10	Alberta Cadet	(tba)
Dec 16-17	Two Weekends Before Xmas Open	Edmonton

(for a preliminary listing for 1996, see the box on page 7)

Clocks, vinyl boards, chess pieces for sale. The ACA plans to make them available at as many as possible of the ACA-sponsored tournaments.

**Tournament Director Workshop
Saturday, June 24, 1995 Calgary**

Location: Solarium, Quality Inn,
2359 Banff Trail NW (in 'Motel Village')

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

Seating is limited

Advance registration only

Contact Jim Daniluk at 248-7456

Cost: Free to ACA members

Sponsored by: Alberta Chess Association.

Instructor: Len Steele

This is your chance to learn about organizing and directing a chess tournament. This workshop will teach you about tournament chess rules, how pairings are done, what to do in a time scramble, how to deal with problems, etc. Participants will get a hands-on opportunity to run a simulated tournament.

The ACA is always looking for able and willing tournament directors. Future opportunities exist for interested individuals to direct ACA weekend tournaments. The ACA pays an honorarium of \$25.00 per day for directing (see box on page 7 - ed).

[Unfortunately, this issue of the *ACR* came together about a week later than planned. If the mail moves quickly, Calgary-area ACA members may get this issue in time to see this notice about the TD Workshop. Sorry if you would have liked to attend, but didn't hear about it soon enough! Hopefully, interested people will have seen a notice or heard an announcement at the Calgary Chess Club.

A note to Edmonton-area members: there should be a TD workshop in **Edmonton** this fall. Dates yet to be finalized. If you want to receive info on it directly, write the ACA.]