

ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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FRIALDE, HUBER WIN ALBERTA CLOSED

by John Quiring (TD)

Players came from all over the world to contest the 1996 Alberta Closed championship. Ok, this might be overstated just a bit, but consider this roster:

Greg Huber was born in Calgary, and is the top rated player. He has won numerous Alberta championships (cadet, junior, closed).

Yuri Vasylev was born in the Ukraine and came to Canada about a year ago. This was his first test against consistently tough opposition.

Nigel Fullbrook was born in Vancouver. He was Canadian Junior champion about 20 years ago, and has a great deal of experience against tough opposition.

Arniel Frialde was born in the Philippines and has won the Alberta Closed several times. Would several years of inactivity hurt his chances?

Sasa Grumic was born in Yugoslavia. He has been a Master strength player since about age 15.

Dale Haessel was born in the U.S. Once rated over 2300, he had fallen below 2200 not so long ago, but is on the rebound.

Paul Usselman was born in Manitoba and learned chess at age 15 from someone who didn't know much about the game (according to Paul). He was the surprise winner of the Alberta Open last year.

Hafiz Karmali was born in India and has played in the Closed before, with good results. Historically, he has been able to pull his game up to the level of his competition.

At stake was a trip to the Canadian Closed, which is a Zonal Championship this year (i.e. the winner advances to the Interzonal, which is the next step leading to the World Championship). When the final results were in, Arniel Frialde and Greg Huber had tied for first with 5.5/7. Nigel Fullbrook, finished with an excellent score of 5/7, which would normally score better than third place. Greg Huber decided not to contest a playoff for first, since he would not be able to play in the Canadian Closed due to work commitments, so Arniel will represent Alberta.

The Closed was played on the Easter weekend, with two games on Friday, three on Saturday and two on Sunday. The time control was 30 moves in 90 minutes, then 20 moves per hour, with adjournments after 5 hours of play. Day 1

adjournments would be played the evening of day 1; day 2 adjournments would be played the morning of day 3; and the day 3 rounds would both be played to completion.

The tournament site was the Edmonton Chess Club's new facility. It was the first weekend event at the club. In addition to the Closed, the Alberta Reserves was held in the same room on Saturday and Sunday. The five round schedule of the Reserves coincided with the five games played in the Closed on those two days.

And now the games. Notes are by David Ottosen, unless otherwise credited.

ROUND ONE

S.Grumic - A.Frialde

Black calmly refutes whites sacrifices, and finds the excellent 25...Rf7! to avoid the draw.

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bc4 d6 5.Qf3 e6 6.Bf4 Qe7 7.O-O-O Nd7 8.Qg3 e5 9.Bg5 Ngf6 10.f4 h6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nge2 exf4 14.Nxf4 Ne5 15.Bb3 O-O 16.h4 Kh7 17.Rhfl Qe7 18.h5 g5 19.Nfd5 exd5 20.Nxd5 Qc5 21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.Rxf6 Be6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Rd7+ Rf7 26.Rxf7+ Kg8 27.Rxb7 Rd8 28.Rxa7 Qd4 29.Rg7+ Qxg7 30.Rxg7 Kxg7 31.e5 Rd4 32.b3 Kf8 33.a4 Ke7 34.c4 Rg4 35.a5 Rxg2 36.a6 Ra2 (0-1)

G.Huber - H.Karmali

Encouragement for us putzes that one move blunders happen at any level.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.e5 Nd5 7.Qg4 Kf8 8.Bd2 d6 9.exd6 Qxd6 10.Be2 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Rd1 e5 13.Qh4 Bf5 14.O-O Rb8 15.Nxd5 Bxd2 16.Ne3 Be6 17.Bc4 Rb4 18.a3 g5 19.Qh6+ Ke8 20.axb4 (1-0)

Y.Vasylev - P.Usselman

Disgusted by his play AND his position, Black calls it a day.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nxe4 6.Bxe4 c5 7.Be3 Qa5+ 8.c3 cxd4 9.Qxd4 e5 10.Qd5 Nc6 11.Nf3 Qxd5 12.Bxd5 f6 13.O-O-O Bd7 14.Rd2 g5 15.Rhd1 b6 16.Be4 f5 (1-0)

...continued--see CLOSED, page 4

Greg Huber	X	1	=	0	1	1	1	1	5.5
Yuri Vasylev	0	X	0	0	=	1	1	1	3.5
Nigel Fullbrook	=	1	X	1	=	1	1	0	5.0
Arniel Frialde	1	1	0	X	1	1	=	1	5.5
Sasa Grumic	0	=	=	0	X	=	1	=	3.0
Dale Haessel	0	0	0	0	=	X	1	1	2.5
Paul Usselman	0	0	0	=	0	0	X	0	0.5
Hafiz Karmali	0	0	1	0	=	0	1	X	2.5

ALBERTANS SCALP GRANDMASTERS

by Chris Kuczaj

A group of four players from Calgary participated and enjoyed this year's National Open in Las Vegas. Greg Huber and Dale Haessel showed no respect for Grandmasters at all. Greg defeated Eduard Gufeld (author of *Sicilian Defense For The Tournament Player*) and Dale disposed of L. Shamkovich. Too bad that more players from Alberta did not join us. I highly recommend next year's event. It's fun!!

E.Gufeld (2561) - G.Huber (2365)

[Notes are from the tournament bulletins-ed.]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.f4 Qc7 9.Bf3 g6 10.O-O Bg7 11.Qd2 O-O 12.Rad1 Nb6 13.Qf2 Nc4 14.Bcl e5



The entire theme of this game is a battle for key squares; and in typical Las Vegas style Black wagers that e5 will be more important to him than d5 will be for White. Luck be a lady tonight! 15.Nde2 exf4 16.Nxf4 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.Rd3 Ne5 19.Rg3 Qd8 20.Nfd5 f5 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Qe1 Rxf1+ ...continued--see GM SCALP, page 8

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Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within 7 days after an event--you owe it to the players to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also, please send a written report to the *ACR*. Support your Alberta newsletter! Be warned: If you don't send something, we will write it ourselves with an excess of mockery of YOU! Report or be mocked!

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CALGARY CC

Meets: Sandman Inn (Blackgold Room), 7th Ave & 8th St. SW, Tues. 7:00-11:00
Info: Barney Fegyverneki (243-6351; mail c/o 1724 - 49 Ave. SW, Calgary T2T 2T9.
Spring Open: May 1-Jun 12; GP Speed: Jun 19

UNDER 1800 CLUB (CALGARY)

Meets: Words Books and Cappuccino Bar, 1715 - 17 Ave SW, during business hours.
Info: Tedde Davies (277-0209), Rook St. Peter (244-4239).

EDMONTON CC

Meets: Prince Of Wales Armoury, Suite 114A, 10440 - 108 Ave., Edmonton T5H 3Z9; entrance at south west corner. Open 7-11 pm.
Monday--casual chess tournaments, no membership required; relaxed noise controls
Thursday--CFC-rated tournaments, CFC membership required; strict noise controls.
Info: club phone (424-0283); Kurt Lauterwald (434-7536). Mail: see club address above.

GRANDE PRAIRIE CC

Meets: Royal Canadian Legion, 9912-101 Ave, Tues. 7:00 p.m. (Sept. 1 - Apr. 30).
Info: Phil Lefkowitz (538-1903; mail: c/o 9305-74 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 6G2).

MEDICINE HAT CC

Info: Bill Taylor (526-5484).

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES CC

Info: Bernie Tynan (771-3757).

PEACE RIVER CC

Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room), 9609-101 St. Sat. 9:00-4:00 Dates: Call Todd.
Info: Todd Seitz (624-3256). Mail: Bag 1200, Peace River T8S 1V1.

NORTHWESTERN ALBERTA ACTIVE CHESS SOCIETY

Info: La Crete: Keith Martin (928-2702), meets at La Crete Public School, recreational play June 1 & 15.
Info: High Level: Piotr Rajski (926-4658) or Mark Harding (926-3706), meets at High Level Public Library; recreational play June 2, 9, 16, 23; CFC rated Active on June 8.

RED DEER JR & SR CC

Meet: Red Deer Public Library, Sun. 1:30-5:00
Info: Neil Sharp (346-0420). Mail c/o 1512, 4902-37 St., Red Deer T4N 6M9.

RIMBEY CC

Info: Cameron McLean (843-3736).

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EDITORIAL

In March 1976, the *ACR* was born when Volume 1 #1 was published by Murray Frank. By issue #3, Len Steele had assumed primary responsibility for the *ACR*, and produced it for *at least* 13 of the last 21 years.

Earlier this year, Len gave notice to the ACA Board that he wished to step down. John was appointed Editor, and he asked David to be Associate Editor. Together, we bring our heavy involvement in all things chess and our enthusiasm to this job. We have (re-)anointed Len Steele as Patron Saint. It is a title he was awarded in 1975, for his indefatigable work for chess. It still fits.

- John

The king is dead...long live the new kings? Well actually, it is well known in *ACR* history that Len Steele never dies..he never fades away..he just lurks in the background until it is time for him to take his baby over again. Well, maybe we can give him a break, but remember: he has a couple hundred years experience doing this and we are newbys...so give us a chance. We will try to make up for what we lose in "beauty" with "substance" (Exactly the opposite of our real lives!) Len, thanks for all the years of effort and hard work; to me, you will always be THE *ACR* editor.- David

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Walter Watson

As this is my first term on the ACA board, I have learned much in the past few months as to what the ACA does and how it works. The most visible ACA activities are the weekend tournaments which it sponsors in various Alberta cities, and the Alberta Chess Report. It also sponsors the Alberta Closed Championship, and the junior and cadet championships. Besides those, the ACA provides support for ongoing chess activity in the province. The support includes money to help with room rental at the Edmonton and Calgary chess clubs, equipment supplied to a number of clubs, and money toward various junior chess expenses. Those interested in more details as to ACA activities might ask any of the board members to show them a copy of our general plan.

Besides some revenue from membership fees, we receive a yearly grant from the Alberta Sport, Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Foundation. With provincial cutbacks, the grant has been reduced leading to corresponding reductions in our budget. The province is also raising the membership requirements for organizations to obtain grants, and there are hints they may not continue the grants as they stand for much longer. Our other source of revenue is from casinos. Although they have been successful, the province must approve any expenditures of casino money. The money also provides a cushion as other

revenue sources disappear. We have committed \$10,000.00 of casino money toward this summer's Canadian Open in Calgary. The next casino will take place early next year in Edmonton.

Our quarterly board meetings are the major part of board membership. In November we set the 1996 ACA tournament schedule and discussed ways of making our tournaments more attractive to participants. We left the setting of sectional tournaments to the tournament directors' discretion. The January meeting was largely devoted to setting our budget for the general plan. Due to our smaller grant, it was hard to squeeze out enough money to produce a balanced budget and all board members were unhappy at certain of the cuts. The tournament director workshops were dropped. We also considered ways of increasing our membership to meet provincial standards. In April we discussed the Alberta Closed championship rules. There were no major changes, although we did agree that there should be a rural qualifier each year open only to those not participating in the top sections of the Edmonton Closed and Calgary Closed. We also agreed to hold the Alberta Open in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer in alternating years. The board consented to advance the Canadian Open committee a further \$1,000 toward attracting grandmaster participants, on condition that the committee match the \$1,000 from other funds. Our last meeting before the October Annual General

Meeting will be held in late August. Although the agenda has not been set, I anticipate that we will discuss the many calls we have received for money and equipment, with a view to formulating some principles in dealing with these matters. If you have an opinion on any of the above issues or on anything else you feel the board should consider, please inform me or another board member. My telephone number is 277-5620 in Calgary.

Another part of the president's job is to deal with crises as they arise. Fortunately, there have been few crises and I have been able to rely on the advice and support of other board members. I am especially grateful to past president Ford Wong and treasurer John Quiring for their hard work and the benefit of their experience. Ford has continued to do the government paperwork for using casino money, while this year John successfully did the massive job of preparing our general plan for government approval. Many of the other board members are also actively involved in promoting chess activities in the province, and I am constantly impressed by how much they do in volunteer positions. I would encourage anyone who can to volunteer to help out with the Canadian Open. The committee members are Ted Wilson (home 547-3441) and Greg Huber (work 287-2751). Please give them your support to ensure that the tournament is a success.

MAY ALMOST UNDER 1800 ACTIVE

by Walter Watson

Jordan Davies came from behind to win the May "Under 1800". Chris Vermette led with 3 points after three rounds, but his fourth round draw with Glenn Booth left Glenn, Jordan, and Garth Dunn only half a point back. In the last round, Glenn got "too greedy" and lost to Jordan. Meanwhile, Glenn got the worse of the opening against Garth, but managed to win it later on. Jordan then reversed the result of his previous speed chess playoff with Glenn by winning twice after losing the first game. Besides his individual trophy, Jordan's name was engraved with those of previous winners Glenn and Chris on a permanent trophy supplied by TD Tedge Davies. The final results included Jordan and Glenn 4 points; Chris and John Rajchel 3.5; Garth, Joe Nemeth and Steve Sauve 3; Terry Marks, Stephen Campbell, and Peter Waldburg 2.5. There were 16 entrants.

APRIL UNDER 1800 ACTIVE

by Walter Watson
The TD was overwhelmed at the second Under 1800 Active when 9 people showed up to buy memberships, including 7 first-time members. In all there were 19 entrants taking up almost all the tables. Chris Vermette scored his first tournament win with 4.5/5. He won his first 4 games and drew with Steve Sauve in a last round game that left both players annoyed that they hadn't won. Ken Bourassa came second with 4 points, playing steadily and losing only to Chris. Top-seeded Bruce Kiely and Jordan Davies survived slow starts to tie at 3.5 with Steve, who showed that his tie for first in the last tournament was no fluke. Tom McKay and newcomers Garth Dunn and Nick Todd had 3 points, while Bob McFie, newcomer Carlos Serpas and our host Rook St. Peter had 2.5. The new members played well, and should make their mark if they continue.

CALGARY OPEN

Farzan Nazarian topped the 26 player field in the 1996 edition of the Calgary Open. He started with a draw in round 1, then rattled off 6 consecutive wins for a final score of 6.5/7. A point back in second was Dale Haessel, and Walter Watson finished in third place with 5/7. Fine results were also posted by Tony Zaradic and Norm Luyben who scored 4 points each despite being rated in the bottom half of the crosstable.

W. Watson - B. Feggyvermeki [Notes by Walter Watson]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Bg5 Bg7 8.Qd2 *White's plan (criticized by several experts and masters) is to exchange the Black king's bishop, often a fearsome piece in the Benoni. I still think it was a good plan, but 8.e4 was probably better.* 8. ... O-O 9.Bh6 Re8 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.g3 a6 12.a4 Qa5 13.h4 h5 13. ... Bg4 *would have left Black better. Now White gains control of g5 and fights for e4.* 14.Bg2 b5 15.Ng5 Bf5 16.O-O *Barney later showed that White would have been better after 16.Qf4.* 16. ... b4 17.Nd1 Bc8 17. ... Bg4 *and the position is unclear.* 18.Ne3 Qc7 19.Nc4 Nbd7 20.h3 a5 21.Rf1 Ne5 22.Rac1 Ba6 23.Nxe5 Rxe5 24.e4 *White only now discovers the right plan.* 24. ... Rd8 *Barney criticized this move because he needed d8 for his queen.* 25.f4 Ree8 26.Qb2 Qb6 27.Kh1 Bb7 28.Nh7 *Barney felt this was a mistake.* 28. ... Kxb7 29.Qxf6 Qc7 30.f5 *Planning 33.e5.* 30. ... Qe7 31.fxg6+ fxg6 32.Qxe7+ Rxe7 33.e5 Rde8 34.e6 Rf8 35.Rf1 Rxf1+ 36.Rxf1 Kg7 37.Rf4 *I didn't know then what was White's proper plan to meet the threat of ...c4, and I still don't.* 37. ... Rc7 38.Be4 Ba6 39.g4 Be2 *Around now, Black has to try ...c4.* 40.g5 Kh7 41.Rf6 Rg7 42.Bxg6+ Kg8 43.Bf7+ Kh8 44.e7 (1-0) *My thanks to Jim Daniluk for some of the ideas expressed here.*

HOLOWACH CHALLENGE/SHNITKA

MEMORIAL by John Quiring

These tournaments are held every year, with the players roughly divided into two groups by rating. They used to be Over/Under 1600 sections, but the average rating of players seems to be climbing. The median rating of those players who showed up this year was about 1700, so that became the cutoff point. Ten players mounted the starting blocks in the Shnitka Memorial (Under 1700), with the unbeatable Lucien Lamoureux leading the way from the middle of the pack. He had the tournament wrapped up with a round to go and came home at 4.5/5. Second place was a tie between Fred Linnemann, Cor Dewindt and top rated Val Verlik who all scored 3/5.

L. Lamoureux - R. Davies

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 d4 4.e5 Ne7 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.g2 Ng6 7.Qe2 Qd5 8.Bg2 Nxe5 9.O-O Qd6 10.Nb3 Nc6 11.Qe4 f5 12.Qe2 Bd7 13.Re1 O-O-O 14.c4 dxc3 15.bxc3 h6 16.d4 Re8 17.Nc5 e5 18.Qb5 exd4 19.Qb7 Kd8 20.RxR BxR 21.Nxd4 NxN 22.PxN Qb6 23.Qc8+ Ke7 24.Bg5+ Kf7 25.Bd5 (1-0)

Twelve players were at the post for the Holowach Challenge (Over 1700). Ravi Trikha had a fine tournament, scoring 2.5/3 against higher ranked opponents and finishing tied for first with Yngvi Bjornsson and John Shepherd, all with 3.5/5. Carl Ninine followed with 3 points.

J. Shepherd - M. Jorgenson

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 axb5 6.Bxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Ne2 Nxd5 9.O-O Nxc3 10.Nxc3 e6 11.e4 Be4 12.Bd7 Nd7 13.Nxe4 Qc7 14.Qf3 Ra6 15.Bf4 Qa7 16.Rfd1 e5 17.Be3 Ra2 18.Ra2 Qa2 19.Nc5 Bc5 20.Bc5 a6 21.Qd5 Qc8 22.Bb4 h6 23.Ra1 (1-0)

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D.Haessel - N.Fullbrook

Black somehow grinds out a win from a very drawish looking ending.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.f4 h6 6.Bh4 c5 7.e5 Nh5 8.dxc5 Nxf4 9.exd6 g5 10.Bf2 O-O 11.Bd4 Bxd4 12.Qxd4 Nc6 13.Qf2 exd6 14.O-O Qf6 15.Kb1 dxc5 16.Nge2 Bg4 17.Qxc5 Rfe8 18.Qf2 Qf5 19.Ng3 Qe5 20.Rc1 Rad8 21.Bc4 Qd4 22.Qf1 Re3 23.Bb3 a6 24.Rg1 b5 25.Qf2 Rxc3 26.Qxd4 Nxd4 27.bxc3 Nde2 28.Nxe2 Nxe2 29.Rgfl Nxc1 30.Kxc1 Bh5 31.Rf2 Kg7 32.c4 Bg6 33.cxb5 axb5 34.Kb2 f5 35.c4 bxc4 36.Bxc4 f4 37.Kc3 Be4 38.a4 Kf6 39.a5 Ke5 40.a6 g4 41.g3 f3 42.Ra2 Rd1 43.a7 Rcl+ 44.Kb4 Kd4 45.Bb5 Rb1+ 46.Ka5 Kc5 47.Ba6 h5 48.Bd3 f2 49.Bxe4 fl(Q) 50.Rc2+ Kd4 51.Rd2+ Ke3 52.Bxb1 Qxb1 53.Rd8 Qa2+ 54.Kb6 Qb3+ After 5 hours of play, the game was adjourned here, and resumed later the same day, after round 2--JQ.

55.Kc6 (sealed) Qe6+ 56.Kb6 Qe6+ 57.Kb5 Qe5+ 58.Kc6 Qe6+ 59.Kc7 Qe7+ 60.Rd7 Qc5+ 61.Kb7 Qb5+ 62.Kc7 Qa6 63.Re7+ Kf2 64.Kb8 Qb5+ 65.Kc8 Qf5+ 66.Rd7 Qa5 67.Re7 Kg2 68.Kb8 Kxh2 69.a8(Q) Qxa8 70.Kxa8 Kxg3 71.Kb7 h4 72.Rc3+ Kg2 73.Rc2+ Kh3 74.Kc6 g3 75.Kd5 g2 76.Rc1 Kh2 77.Rc2 Kh1 78.Rc4 h3 (0-1)

A problem occurred during round 2. In the afternoon, the sun shines in the windows, which have no coverings, making the conditions unplayable for about 4 hours. This isn't just a problem, it is a BIG problem. With only 4 games going, I was somewhat successful in arranging them in the shade between the windows, but on the next two days the Alberta Reserves tournament would fill the room. What then?--JQ

ROUND TWO

N.Fullbrook - G.Huber

White entombs a B, but hacks off enough pieces to ensure a draw.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Nb3 Qe3+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 e6 11.O-O Be7 12.Bf3 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Bh5 Rg8 15.g4 Bd7 16.h3 b5 17.Rhe1 Rd8 18.Rd2 Kf8 19.Kb1 Bc8 20.a3 Bb7 21.f5 Kg7 22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.Rxd4 Rc8 24.Red1 Rgd8 25.Re1 Rc5 26.Nd1 e5 27.Rd2 d5 28.Nf2 dxe4 29.Rxd8 Bxd8 30.Nxe4 Rd5 31.c3 Be7 32.Kc2 a5 33.h4 Rd7 34.Re3 Rc7 35.Nd2 Bc5 36.Re2 b4 37.axb4 axb4 38.c4 Bd4 39.Kb3 Bc5 40.g5 hxg5 41.hxg5 fxg5 42.Rxe5 Kf6 43.Re1 Kxf5 44.Rf1+ Ke6 45.Re1+ Kf5 46.Rf1+ Ke6 47.Re1+ Kf6 48.Ne4+ Bxe4 49.Rxe4 Re7 50.Rg4 Re3+ 51.Ka4 After 5 hours of play, this game was adjourned here. Fullbrook's adjourned game with Haessel from round 1 was also pending, so after a supper break, Fullbrook-Haessel was played out starting at about 9:30 p.m., then this game was resumed at 11:15 p.m.--JQ 51. ... Kf5 (sealed) 52.Rg1 f6 53.Rf1+ Ke5 54.Kb5 Bd4 55.c5 Bxb2 56.Kxb4 f5 57.c6 Ba3+ 58.Kc4 Bd6 59.Bg6 f4 60.Rd1 Ke6 61.Bf5+ Ke7 62.Rd4 f3 63.Re4+ Rxe4 64.Bxe4 f2 65.Bg2 Ke6 66.Kd3 (0.5-0.5)

Y.Vasylev - D.Haessel

Black goes for a problem-like central break to win, then finds out hes got a big problem instead.

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.Nge2 Bg7 6.O-O e5 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 O-O 9.Qd2 Rb8

10.Bh6 b5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.f4 f6 13.f5 g5 14.a3 a5 15.g4 Nd4 16.Ng3 Bd7 17.Rael b4 18.axb4 axb4 19.Nd5 h6 20.Ne3 Be8 21.Ral Bf7 22.Ra6 Ra8 23.Rfal Rxa6 24.Rxa6 Qc7 25.c3 bxc3 26.bxc3 Nb5 27.Nc4 Rd8 28.Qb2 Bxc4 29.dxc4 Na7 30.Bf3 Rb8 31.Qa2 Nac8 32.Qa4 Kf7 33.Kg2 Rb6 34.Ra8 Qb7 35.Nh5 Nc6 36.Kg3 N6a7 37.Rb8 Qc7 38.Rxb6 Nxb6 39.Qa6 Ke7 40.Ng7 Nac8 41.Bd1 Qa7 42.Qb5 Qd7 43.Qb3 Qa7 44.Qb5 Qd7 45.Qb3 Kf7 46.Ne6 Qa7 47.Qb5 Qa1 48.Qb3 Qc1 49.Kf2 Ke7 50.Ke2 Qa1 51.Kd2 Qa6 52.Kd3 d5 53.exd5 Nd6 54.Nxc5 Qa7 55.Qb4 Nbx4 56.Bb3 Nb6 57.Ne4 Nbc8 58.Nxd6 Nxd6 (0-1)

P.Usselman - A.Frialde

Black has enormous pressure throughout, but can't find the breakthrough.

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 O-O 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 d5 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Rc1 Bf5 10.Qe2 Ne4 11.Bf4 f6 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Nh4 e5 14.Nxf5 gxf5 15.Bg3 exd4 16.O-O Qd5 17.Bf4 Rac8 18.Qh5 dxe3 19.Bxe3 Ne5 20.Kh1 Qd7 21.Rcd1 Nd3 22.Nb3 f4 23.Nc5 Rxc5 24.Bxc5 Rc8 25.Bxa7 Rc2 26.b4 f5 27.Bc5 h6 28.a4 Kh7 29.a5 Bc3 30.h3 Kg7 31.Kg1 Bf6 32.Kh1 Kh7 33.Bf8 Bg7 34.Bc5 Bf6 35.Bf8 Bg7 36.Bc5 Qd5 37.Rg1 Ra2 38.Rge1 Rc2 39.Rg1 (0.5-0.5)

H.Karmali - S.Grunic

Lots of trades lead to a difficult ending for both players.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nc3 a6 7.Be2 Qc7 8.f4 d6 9.O-O Be7 10.Bf3 Na5 11.Bf2 O-O 12.Qe1 Nd7 13.Rd1 Rb8 14.Nf5 Re8 15.Nxe7+ Rxe7 16.Bg3 b5 17.f5 Ne5 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.Qg3 Re8 20.f6 g6 21.Qg5 Qc5+ 22.Rf2 Qf8 23.Qxe5 Bb7 24.b3 Nc6 25.Qd6 Red8 26.Qxf8+ Kxf8 27.R2d2 Rxd2 28.Rxd2 Ke8 29.Kf2 Ne5 30.g4 g5 31.Re2 Rc8 32.Nd1 Nd7 33.e5 Bxf3 34.Kxf3 Rc5 35.Nf2 Nxe5+ 36.Kg3 Rc3+ 37.Kg2 Ng6 38.Nd3 Rxd3 39.cxd3 Nf4+ 40.Kf3 Nxe2 41.Kxe2 e5 42.Ke3 Kd7 43.Ke4 Ke6 44.b4 h6 45.a3 Kd6 46.d4 exd4 47.Kxd4 Ke6 48.Kc5 Kxf6 49.Kb6 Ke5 50.Kxa6 f5 51.gxf5 h5 52.Kxb5 g4 53.Kc4 h4 54.b5 g3 55.hxg3 hxg3 56.b6 g2 57.b7 gl(Q) 58.b8(Q)+ Kxf5 59.Qc8+ Kf6 60.Qf8+ Ke6 61.Qb4 Kd7 62.Qb5+ Kc7 (0.5-0.5)

DAY TWO. Garbage bags.

It's the only answer. (The category, in case you've forgotten, is "sunshine"). About 2 o'clock, I covered every window, top to bottom, with garbage bags. Not only did they block out the sun, but I also thought they looked fairly attractive.--JQ

ROUND THREE

D.Haessel - P.Usselman

Black declines to take the Q when it was offered (20...Rxd1), and loses instead.

1.e4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nf3 O-O 7.Be2 dxc4 8.O-O Be6 9.Ne5 c5 10.dxc5 Qa5 11.Na4 Rd8 12.Qc2 b5 13.Bf3 Bd5

14.a3 Qc7 15.axb4 Qxe5 16.Nb6 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nc6 18.Nxa8 Nd4 19.Qd1 Ne2+ 20.Kg2 Nd5 21.Kh1 Rxa8 22.Re1 Re8 23.Be3 Ndf4 24.Bxf4 Qxf4 25.Ra3 a5 26.Rxe2 Ra8 27.Qd5 Rb8 28.Rxa5 (1-0)

G.Huber - Y.Vasylev

Black gets a good position, but leaves his central outpost not well enough defended.

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Bc5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.O-O O-O 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 d6 8.c3 g5 9.Bg3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 a5 11.Qc2 Kg7 12.Kh1 Nh5 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 Bxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Qc3 Qf6 17.e5 dxe5 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.f3 Nxc3+ 20.Nxc3 Bd7 21.Rael Rfe8 22.f4 gxf4 23.Rxf4 f6 24.Nh5+ Kg6 25.Qg3+ Kh7 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.Nxe8 Rxe8 28.Rxd4 Bc6 29.Rg4 Qh7 30.h3 b5 31.Re5 (1-0)

A.Frialde - H.Karmali

White plays for a massive Kingside attack...and gets it.

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.Re1 Re8 9.e5 Nd7 10.Nf1 Qc7 11.Bf4 b5 12.h4 Bb7 13.N1h2 d4 14.Ng5 Bxg5 15.hxg5 Ne7 16.Qh5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Ng6 18.Ng4 f5 19.gxf6 gxf6 20.Rh1 Re7 21.exf6 Nxf4 22.gxf4 Nxf6 23.Nxf6+ Kh8 24.Rag1 Rf8 25.Qe5 Rg7+ 26.Kf1 Rxgl+ 27.Rxgl Qxe5 28.fxe5 a5 29.Ke2 c4 30.Kf3 c3 31.b3 (1-0)

S.Grunic - N.Fullbrook

Pawns get locked, players go home.

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Bd3 g6 7.Ne2 Bg7 8.O-O O-O 9.a4 a5 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Na3 e5 12.d5 Nb4 13.Nc3 f5 14.f3 f4 15.Bf2 Bf5 16.Be4 Rc8 17.b3 Nd7 18.Nab5 Nc5 19.Na7 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Ra8 22.Nb5 b6 23.Qg4 Rf7 24.Qe6 Kf8 25.Rfd1 Na6 26.Rd3 Nc5 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.Rh3 Qf6 (0.5-0.5)

ABSOLUTELY USELESS STATISTICS				
Player	Overall win %	White/Black win %	Moves per game	*Efficiency
Huber	78	100/50	47	60
Frialde	78	100/63	43	55
Fullbrook	71	88/50	44	63
Vasylev	50	88/0	40	81
Karmali	36	50/25	39	109
Grunic	43	50/33	47	109
Haessel	36	33/38	46	128
Usselman	7	13/0	34	472

*Note: Efficiency is the number of moves played for each point earned.

Tournament averages:
Moves per game: 42.5
Winning % (White/Black): 67.9/32.1

ROUND FOUR

Y.Vasylev - S.Grunic

Black gets White in his wheelhouse, but can't close the deal.

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.f3 O-O 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Qd2 b5 9.cxb5 cxd5 10.exd5 e4 11.fxe4 Re8 12.Nf3 Bf5 13.Bd3 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.Kf2 Nbd7 17.Rhe1 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Qh4+ 19.g3 Qh2+ 20.Kf3 Rxe3+ 21.Qxe3 Bxe5 22.Qf2 Qh3 23.Rh1 Qf5+ 24.Kg2 Qe4+

25.Qf3 Qc2+ 26.Qf2 Qc4 27.Rf1 Rf8 28.a4 Qxd5+
29.Qf3 Qe6 30.Rb1 h5 31.b4 h4 32.gxh4 Qc4
33.h5 Qc2+ 34.Qf2 (0.5-0.5)

D.Haessel - G.Huber

White sees his good position disintegrate in time pressure.

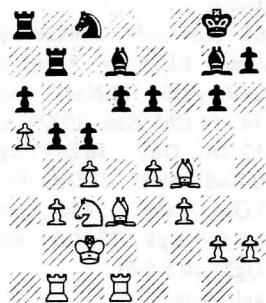
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6
6.f4 e5 7.Nh3 Nge7 8.O-O exf4 9.Nxf4 O-O
10.Nfd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Be6 12.Nf4 Qd7 13.c3
Rac8 14.Be3 Ne5 15.h3 Qb5 16.Qc2 Rfe8 17.Kh2
a5 18.b3 Qa6 19.Qd2 Nc6 20.Rac1 a4 21.b4 cxb4
22.cxb4 Nd4 23.Nxe6 Nxe6 24.Qf2 f6 25.Rxc8
Rxc8 26.d4 Kh8 27.Qd2 Qc4 28.e5 fxe5 29.dxe5
Bxe5 30.Bxb7 Qxf1 31.Bxc8 Nc7 32.Bg4 h5
33.Be2 Qf6 34.Kg2 d5 35.b5 d4 36.Bg5 Qd6
37.Bc4 Nxb5 38.Kg1 Qc5 39.Qd3 Nd6 40.Be6
Kh7 [Dale was in severe time trouble, with move 50
being the next time control. He was neither
recording his moves, nor keeping track of how many
he had made. Greg covered his score sheet with his
hand, to avoid helping his opponent, and Dale had no
idea how many moves had been made when his flag
fell-JQ] 41.g4 Qc3 42.Qxc3 dxc3 43.gxh5 gxh5
44.Bd7 a3 45.Bc1 Nc4 46.Kf2 Kg6 (0-1)

N.Fullbrook - A.Frialde

[Notes by Nigel Fullbrook]

*Arniel and I have played quite a few games in the
last couple of years and are getting to know each
other's style of play fairly well. As Black, he usually
plays the Pribyl against me, that is a sort of Pirc with
c6 instead of d6. I usually change my pawn
formation, but my strategy against him is to try and
occupy a lot of space. As an olympic style wrestler
in high school I sometimes would have a match
where the opponent would always seem to be on top
trying to pin me. Two or three rounds struggling
against his weight and position gets very tiring. That
is what it is like to play chess against an opponent
with a lot of space.*

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 Nc6 4.d5 4.Be3 or Nf3
may be better. 4. ... Nd4 5.Nc3 c5 6.Be3 Qb6
7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 d6 9.Nge2 Nd7 10.O-O-O Ne2+
11.Bxe2 Qb4 12.Nb1 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2? 13.Rxd2 is
more logical, with Kc2 & Nc3 to follow. 13. ... a6
14.a4 O-O 15.Kc2 Nb6 16.b3 Bd7 17.a5 Ne8
18.Nb1 b5 19.Nc3 Na7 20.Bd3 Rfb8 21.Rb1 e6?
I didn't like this, as it weakens his pawn chain.
22.Bf4 Ne8 23.dxe6 fxe6 24.Rhd1 Rb7



25.e5! Time to crack. 25. ... bxc4 26.bxc4 Rb4
27.exd6 Rab8 28.Be3 Bd4 29.Bxd4 cxd4 30.Rxb4
Rxb4 31.c5!? Interesting piece sac. 31. ... dxc3
32.Bxa6 Na7 33.Kxc3 Ra4 34.Rb1 Rxa5 35.Rb8+
Kf7 36.Rb7 Rxa6 37.Rxd7+ Kf6? Now 38.Rxa7
wins. 38.Rxh7? Nb5+ 39.Kd3 Nxd6 40.cxd6
Rxd6+ 41.Ke4 Re2 42.g4 e5 43.h4 Rd4+ 44.Ke3

**Ra4 45.Rb7 Ra3+ 46.Kf2 e4? 47.g5+ Ke5
48.Re7+ Kf5 49.Rxe4 Ra2+ 50.Kg3?? Now 50. ...
Rg2+! draws by "perpetual stalemate". 50. ... Ra1???**
**51.Rf4+ Ke5 52.Rf6 Rg1+ 53.Kh2 Rf1 54.Kg2 (0-
1) An interesting game with a few gross oversights.
Neither of us saw the perpetual until a spectator
pointed it out during the post-mortem.**

P.Usselman - H.Karmali

The players play the "Violation Variation", so named
because both violate every principle of chess in this
game (ie, development, king safety, pawn structure...)
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.e5 a6 6.a4
c4 7.d4 cxd3 8.Bxd3 Bc5 9.Ng5 g6 10.g4 h6
11.Nf3 Nb4 12.a5 Bd7 13.Bf1 Bc6 14.Na4 Bxa4
15.Rxa4 Rc8 16.c3 Nc6 17.b4 Ba7 18.b5 Nxa5
19.bxa6 Qb6 20.Nd4 bxa6 21.Rb4 Qd8 22.Bxa6
Rxc3 23.h4 Bxd4 24.Rxd4 Nb3 25.Ba3 Nxd4
26.Qxd4 Qa5 27.Bb5+ Kd8 28.O-O Rxa3 29.Rb1
Qa7 30.Qxa7 Rxa7 31.Bc6 Kc7 32.Be8 Ne7
33.Bxf7 Rb8 34.Rf1 Kd7 35.h5 gxh5 36.f5 hxg4
37.Bxe6+ Ke8 38.f6 h5 (0-1)

ROUND FIVE

A.Frialde - Y.Vasylev

Black tries for a win, and suffers a shocking reversal.
1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.d3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nf6
6.O-O O-O 7.c3 d5 8.Nbd2 e5 9.a4 h6 10.b4 cxb4
11.cxb4 Nxb4 12.Ba3 Nxd3 13.Bxf8 Bxf8 14.exd5
Nxd5 15.Ne4 N3b4 16.Rc1 Bg7 17.Qb3 b6
18.Rfd1 Be6 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Ne1 e4 21.Bxe4 Bxc3
22.Rxc3 Rxc3 23.Qxc3 Nxc3 24.Rxd8+ Kg7
25.Nc2 a5 26.Nxb4 axb4 27.Bc2 b3 28.Bxb3 Bxb3
29.Rd3 Ne2+ 30.Kf1 Bxa4 31.Rd6 Nc3 32.Rxb6
Bd7 33.f3 Nd5 34.Rd6 Be6 35.Kf2 g5 36.Rc6
Kf6 37.Ra6 h5 38.Ra8 g4 39.Rg8 Ne7 40.Rh8
Kg6 41.fxg5 hxg5 42.Ke3 Kg5 43.Re8 Ng6
44.Rb8 f6 45.Rb5+ Ne5 46.Rb8 Bd5 47.Kf2 Be4
48.Rh8 Bf5 49.Ke3 Nf7 50.Rf8 Bg6 51.Rb8 Ne5
52.Rb2 Nf7 53.Rb8 Nh6 54.Rb4 Bf5 55.Rb7 Be6
56.Rb5+ Nf5 57.Ke4 Bd7 58.Rc5 Bc8 59.Kd5
Bb7+ 60.Ke6 Be4 61.Kf7 Bb1 62.Ra5 Bd3
63.Rc4+ Bc5+ 64.Kf8 Be6 65.Rc3 Bd5 66.Rc5
Ne3 67.Rc3 Nc4 68.Rd3 Be6 69.Ke7 Kf5 70.Rd1
Ne5 71.Rf1+ Nf3 72.h4 Bc4 73.Rc1 Ne5 74.h5
Kg5 75.h6 Ng6+ 76.Ke8 Bb5+ 77.Kf7 Kxh6
78.Kxf6 Kh7 79.Rh1+ Kg8 80.Kxg6 Kf8 81.Kf6
Ke8 82.Rd1 Bc6 83.Rd2 Bf3 84.Rd4 Bc6
85.Rxg4 (1-0)

S.Grumic - D.Haessel

Black withstands the initial assault to maintain a
solid position

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.Qf3 Qc7 10.Qg3
O-O 11.Bh6 Ne8 12.Nce2 Bd7 13.Nf4 Kh8
14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Qxg5 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Rfe1
Nf6 18.f3 a5 19.c3 Rfd8 20.Rad1 a4 21.Bc2 b4
22.cxb4 Qb6+ 23.Kh1 Qxb4 24.e5 dxe5 25.Nh5
Ne8 26.Qxe5 Bd5 27.a3 Qb7 28.Nf4 Bb3 29.Be4
Qb6 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qh5 f5 32.Ng6+ Kg8
33.Ne7+ Kf8 34.Nc6 Nf6 35.Qh4 Rd2 36.Qf4 fxe4
37.Qxd2 Qxc6 38.fxe4 Nxe4 39.Qb4+ Nd6
40.Rf1+ Kg8 41.Qb8+ Ne8 42.Qf4 Nf6 43.Rc1 e5
44.Qe3 Qe6 45.Qa7 Ne8 46.Qa8 h5 47.Rc8 Kf8
48.h3 Kf7 49.Qf3+ Nf6 50.Rc7+ Kg8 51.Qb7 Ne8
52.Re7 Qg6 53.Qa8 Kf8 54.Rxe5 Qf7 55.Re1 Qd7
56.Rf1+ Kg8 57.Re1 (0.5-0.5)

H.Karmali - N.Fullbrook

White concocts a clever mate, shocking the crowd!
1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.exd6 cxd6 5.Nf3 g6

6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 Bg7 8.O-O O-O 9.Bf4 Nc6
10.c3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 d5 13.Re1 e6
14.Nd2 Na5 15.Be5 Bxe5 16.Rxe5 Qd7 17.Rae1
Rac8 18.h4 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qd8 20.h5 Nd7
21.R5e3 Qh4 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Qe2 Kg7 24.Rh3
Qf4 25.Qe3 Qxe3 26.R1xe3 Rc6 27.g4 Nf6 28.g5
Nh5 29.c4 Rd8 30.Rh4 Ra6 31.Rc3 Ra1+ 32.Kg2
dxc4 33.bxc4 e5 34.d5 b5 35.b3 Ra2 36.Ne4
Nf4+ 37.Kf3 Ne2 38.Rd3 bxc4 39.bxc4 Rc2
40.Nf6 Nd4+ 41.R3xd4 exd4 42.Rh7+ Kf8 43.d6!
Rc6+ 44.Kg2 Rxd6 45.Rh8+ Kg7 46.Rg8# (1-0)

G.Huber - P.Usselman

White preys on a helpless gaggle of weak pawns.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5
6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6
10.Nf3 Qb6 11.O-O Bd6 12.a3 Bd7 13.b4 a6
14.Bf4 Qc7 15.Qd2 O-O 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qg5 h6
18.Qg3 Qxg3 19.hxg3 Ng4 20.Nf4 Ne7 21.Rfe1
Rf6 22.Bf1 Raf8 23.Ra2 g5 24.Nd3 Nc6 25.Nde5
Ngxe5 26.Nxe5 Be8 27.Nxc6 Bxc6 28.f3 Ba7
29.Rc1 b5 30.Rc3 Rf5 31.Bd3 R5f7 32.Rc6 Re7
33.Re2 Kf7 34.Rxa6 Re8 35.Rb6 Rc3 36.Bxb5
Rxa3 37.Bxa4 Rxa4 38.Kf2 Ra3 39.Rd2 Rc7
40.b5 Rc4 41.Rb7+ Kf6 42.Rb2 Rxd4 43.b6 Rd1
44.Rb8 Raal 45.b7 Rf1+ 46.Ke2 Rfe1+ 47.Kd2
Rad1+ 48.Kc2 Rc1+ 49.Kb3 Rc4 50.Rf8+ Kg7
51.b8(Q) Re3+ 52.Ka2 Ra4+ 53.Kb1 Re1+ 54.Kc2
Rd2+ 55.Kd3 Rxb2 56.Rg8+ (1-0)

ROUND SIX

G.Huber - S.Grumic

Black drops a pawn in the opening, and white
queens it.

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4
Bg7 6.Nde2 Nf6 7.g3 O-O 8.Bg2 d6 9.O-O Rb8
10.a4 a6 11.Nd5 b5 12.axb5 axb5 13.Bg5 e6
14.Bxf6 6.Qxd6 Bb7 17.Qc5 b4 18.c3 Rfc8 19.f4
Qe7 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 21.Rfd1 bxc3 22.bxc3 Kf8
23.Ra7 Nc6 24.Ra2 Ke8 25.Kf2 Ne7 26.Rb1 Be6
27.Rxb8 Rxb8 28.Nd4 Bd7 29.Ke3 Rc8 30.Kd3
Rc7 31.e4 Nc8 32.Ra6 Rb7 33.e5 Rb2 34.Ne2 h5
35.Kc3 Rb1 36.Ra1 Rb8 37.Ra8 Rb1 38.c5 Kd8
39.Ra1 Rb8 40.Nb4 Bb5 41.Bc6 Kc7 42.Bxb5
Rxb5 43.Kc4 Rb7 44.c6 Ra7 45.Rxa7+ Nxa7
46.Kc5 Ne8 47.Na6+ Kd8 48.c7+ Kd7 49.Kb5
Ne7 50.Kb6 Kc8 51.Nb4 Nd5+ 52.Nxd5 exd5
53.Kc5 d4 54.Kxd4 Kxc7 55.Kd5 Kd7 56.h3 Ke7
57.g4 hxg4 58.hxg4 Kd7 59.f5 gxf5 60.gxf5 Ke7
61.f6+ Kd7 62.e6+ fxe6+ 63.Ke5 Kd8 64.Kd6 (1-
0)

P.Usselman - N.Fullbrook

Quote of the tournament from Usselman: "I came
here to ruin someone's weekend, I just didnt know it
would be mine!"

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 a6 4.e4 b5 5.a4 Bb7
6.e5 e6 7.Ng5 h6 8.Nh3 c5 9.axb5 axb5 10.Rxa8
Bxa8 11.Be3 cxd4 12.Bxd4 Nc6 (0-1)

Y.Vasylev - H.Karmali

Black goes for an all out attack in the opening and
pays for the structural weaknesses later.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3
Qb6 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.O-O d5 9.Nc3 dxe4
10.Nxe4 Be7 11.Bc5 Bd7 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Nxf6+
gxf6 14.Qf3 Bc6 15.Qxf6 Rg8 16.f3 Nd5 17.Qh4
Nf4 18.Rf2 Rd8 19.Re1 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Rd5
21.Qxh7 Kf8 22.Rxe6 Qb6 23.Qh6+ Rg7 24.Re3
Rg5 25.d4 Qb4 26.h4 R5g6 27.Qh8+ Rg8 28.Qe5
b6 29.d5 Ba4 30.Nd4 a5 31.Nf5 (1-0)

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ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



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1996 Canadian Cadet

by Doug Wu

The 1996 Canadian Cadet was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba over the spring break from March 23-28 in the Delta Winnipeg Hotel, organized and directed by Peter and Jeanine Henson.

3/22/96 - Day 1 - In the Beginning

On the day I arrived in Winnipeg I was picked up by Mr. Henson and, after a few moments of waiting for my baggage, was driven to the Henson's house. Upon arrival, I watched T.V. and played Mech Warrior II for the rest of the afternoon. Later in the evening I went with the Hensons to pick up Quebec representatives Lefong Hua and Eugene Cormos. Then I was sent to my billet Nigel Hanrahan's house.

3/23/96 - Day 2 - First and Second Rounds

I woke up the next morning and found myself in an empty house, save for Nigel's cat, bus tickets, and a note with brief directions on how to get to the hotel. After rummaging around in the kitchen, I came up with some tea and cereal. Then I hopped onto the bus and went to the site. The round started roughly on time at 9:30 am.

Round 1 - I started the tournament by playing Eugene Cormos of Quebec. Having a record of 0-4-0 against him, I was almost certain that this game would be just like the rest. Fortunately it wasn't. Instead of a tactical flurry inevitably ending in me getting mated by move 20, this game was a passive and even dull game which ended in a draw. Elsewhere, Quebec's Lefong Hua, in a mad time scramble, dropped an exchange to Stephen Glinert and ended up losing. Things didn't seem to be going well for Lefong.

Round 2 - In round 2, I played Joshua Henson of Manitoba. After thoroughly outplaying him throughout the game, I only just managed to slip a win by him. At this point in the tournament, only Stephen Glinert had a full two points. Things would change drastically during the next part of the tournament.

3/24/96 - Day 3 - The Case of the 'Salted' Drink

After having a great first day, I didn't want to slow things down so when I woke up the next morning I had a cup of tea and then left for the tournament.

Round 3 - This round I played Eric Bertrand of New Brunswick. The game was crazy and after many turnovers, I found myself

up a Queen for a rook and bishop. Unfortunately, I couldn't win(?) and the game ended in a draw. After the game I was quite disappointed.

Round 4 - "I'm bored..." "There's nothing to do..." "Oh well, I guess I'll just get another drink..." "Hmmm... No ones here..." "These drinks could use a little salt..." "Heh Heh Heh, Stephen drinks apple juice..." "I'll just spice it a little..." "No! Not salt! I know..." "I'll just run to the washroom and beep beep beep beep!" (exerpts from the thoughts of Xin Guo). Thus the mystery deepens and the plot thickens. What did Xin do to Stephen's drink? I'll leave it up to your imagination. Anyways, back to round four of the Canadian Cadet 1996. In this round, I played Alfred Pechisker of British Columbia, another long time nemesis of mine. This time, however, I beat him which gave me three points out of four and a brief first place standing. On another board we see that the 'salted' drink has affected Stephen's play as he loses to fellow Ontarionian Igor Zugic, thus ending his streak and starting his long downward spiral.

3/25/96 - Day 4 - The Dragonslayer (almost...)

After having a cup of tea, I ventured once again to the Delta Winnipeg.

Round 5 - In round 5 I played Garett Chin of Saskatchewan. In the game I sacrificed an exchange (more like dropped) to open up the position, after which my opponents position crumbled. It ended shortly afterwards. Xin Guo, coming up strong, crushes Igor Zugic in a surprise upset.

Round 6 - Game 6 was against Lefong Hua of Quebec, and after getting a far superior position against his Dragon Sicillian, I proceeded to blunder everything until I lost. Oh well... So much for my winning streak. At this point, Xin Guo looked to be a strong favorite to win the tournament.

3/26/96 - Day 5 - The Fall of Ontario

I took another cup of tea before leaving for the tournament.

Round 7 - This game was the highlight of my tournament, although the opening left much to be desired:

S.Glinert - D.Wu

1.e4 c5 2.d4 *The Morra gambit.* 2. ... cxd4 3.c3 dxc4 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 Nf6? *Correct was ...e6. Now black gets crushed.* 7.e5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Kxd8 9.Ng5 *The f-pawn cannot be defended.* 9. ... Kc7 10.Nb5+ Kb8 11.Nxf7 a6! *The only saving move. If now 12.Nxh8 axb5 13.Bxb5 Be6 traps the knight.* 12.Nc3 Rg8 13.f4 b5! *Pushes back the bishop*

with tempo. 14.Bd3 *With the idea of going to b1.* 14. ... Nb4 15.Bb1 e4! *Effectively stops White's development.* 16.Ne5 Bb7 *White's attack has been temporarily stopped while black can now use the weak white king position to his advantage. I was feeling a lot better around now.* 17.g4? *Weakens the king position even further.* 17. ... Nd3+ 18.Nxd3 exd3 19.Rg1 e5!! *Not ...e6? which is too slow and is answered by Bxd3. Sacrifices a pawn to free the deadly bishop pair.* 20.fxe5 Bc5 21.Rg3 Re8 *Now it is advantage black.* 22.Kf1 Ne4 23.Nxe4 Bxe4 24.Be3 Bb4 25.g5? *Makes his black squared bishop even worse.* 25. ... Kb7 *Stops threats on the h2-b8 diagonal.* 26.Bf4??? *Loses the bishop and the game.* 26. ... Rf8 27.Rg4 Bd2 28.Kf2 Bxf4 29.a4 Bd2+ 30.Kg3 Be1+ 31.Kh3 Rf3+ *If Kg2 then Rg3+! wins the exchange and shortly queens the d3 pawn.* (0-1)

I AM IN CLEAR FIRST!!!! HA! HA! HA! too bad it didn't last...

Round 8 - I draw Xin. Now tied for first with Lefong

3/28/96 - Day 6 - The Final Chips Fall

Round 9 - I draw Igor then lose playoff for second. Lefong wins Cadet.

I would like to thank the ACA for paying part of my airfare and Nigel for being a great billet. Also, I would like to thank Peter and Jeanine Henson for organizing a superb tournament.

Canadian Under 10 Championship--reprise

Last issue, we reported on the Canadian Youth Chess Festival. Here are a couple of games from the tournament's youngest player.

Nigel Sharp - M.Buscar

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.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nxe7 Qxe7 12.c3 f5 13.Qe2 f4 14.Qh5 Be6 15.Qf3 b4 16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Rd1 Qd7 18.Bc4 Bg4 19.Qc3 Bxd1 20.Kxd1 Nc6 21.Qd3 O-O 22.Qf3 Nd4 23.Qh5 Qa4+ 24.b3 Qxa3 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Qg5+ (0.5-0.5)

J.Perecowicz - Nigel Sharp

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.O-O Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.d3 O-O 7.Bg5 Nc6 8.h3 Bd7 9.Re1 a6 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 b5 13.Bb3 Qc7 14.Re3 Rfd8 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Bxe7 Re8 17.Rxe4 Rxe7 18.c4 b4 19.d4 Rd8 20.d5 Bc8 21.Qd2 f5 22.Re3 Qf4 23.Rd1 Qd6 24.Rd3 Qc7 25.d6 (1-0)

Canadian Chess Challenge: Alberta Finals

by Neil Sharp

Despite the snowy conditions, 124 players took part in the Provincial Championships at Red Deer College March 23rd. About 65 per cent of the players were new to Chess Challenge, which is encouraging. Hopefully these players will continue to participate so that this tournament can grow larger and larger each year.

Thanks to my able assistants Igor Shefer, David Ottosen, Tedde Davies, Keith Lavalley, John Quiring, David Bond, Todd Seitz and Ford Wong, the job of tournament director was not difficult for me again this year.

The top finisher in each grade qualifies for the National Championship to be held May 19-20 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. If that person decides not to go, the second place finisher qualifies. The 12 players from Alberta become the Alberta team, as there is a team trophy at the Nationals as well as 12 grade championships.

Since Doug Wu was representing Alberta at the Canadian Cadet championships which conflicted with this tournament, it was decided to have the grade 9 winner play a two game match against Doug to determine the Alberta grade 9 rep.

Here are the top three finishers in each grade:

Grade 1

1. Nigel Sharp, Red Deer
2. Shandy Booth, Calgary
3. Jonathan Martin, Lacrete

Grade 2

1. Mathew Lavalley, Peace River
2. Joshua Sealy-Harrington, Calgary
3. Donovan Anderson, Peace River

Grade 3

1. Stephen Hazeltine, Airdrie
2. Kevin Mayo, Edmonton
3. Scott Mayo, Edmonton

Grade 4

1. Wendy Lavalley, Peace River
2. Neil Todd, Calgary
3. Angie Seitz, Peace River

Grade 5

1. Gerard O'Reilly, Calgary
2. Scott Boyer, Hythe
3. William Young, Edmonton

Grade 6

1. Jeff Huang, Calgary
2. Paul Kirvan, Edmonton
3. Alec Mills, Calgary

Grade 7

1. Jordan Davies, Calgary
2. Karsten Chipeniuk, Edmonton
3. Louis Fok, Edmonton

Grade 8

1. Nathan McLean, Rimbey
2. John Rajchel, Calgary
3. Zak Murakami, Edmonton

Grade 9

1. Bernie Kan, Edmonton
 2. Jeremiah Gallinger, Edmonton
 3. Tim Van Aerde, Edmonton
- Grade 10

1. Louis Lim, Edmonton
2. Nino Caoile, Calgary
3. Michael Ma, Calgary

Grade 11

1. Dmitri Shefer, Edmonton
2. Cynthia Wu, Edmonton
3. Graham Sorgard, Lethbridge

Grade 12

1. Albert Caoile, Calgary
2. Doug Kondor, Edmonton
3. Vance Laboucan, Little Buffalo

[Doug Wu won the match against Bernie Kan, and will represent Alberta in grade 9--ed.]

Thanks also to the Alberta Chess Association for donating \$2100 which will be added to the profits from the Alberta regionals and Provincial Final. This money will then be divided among the twelve representatives to the Nationals to help defray the cost of their airfare. Their accommodation in Fredericton is provided at no charge.

Edmonton Junior Chess Club News

by Adam Wu

The EJCC Awesome April Aspirations

19 players aspired to victory, in this tightly contested affair. Ultimately, Beatrice Wu once claimed the book prize with 4.5/5. An overdose of the Wu sisters gave Matt Wong 3.5/5. With him in second place were Cynthia Wu, Bernie Kan, Rishi Patel and Steven Ho. David Rutledge waltzed off with the under 1200 prize with 3/5.

EJCC Mysterious May Melodies

Nine players came to the EJCC's concluding tournament. In this upset-laced 5 round swiss, the last round saw the first and second seeds playing the eighth and ninth, and the fourth seed getting a bye. When the dust had cleared, Matt Wong, who surrendered an upset loss to Steven Ho, tied for first with Paul Kirvan, with 4/5. Next at 3.5/5 were Rishi Patel and Steven Ho.

It has become a tradition of the EJCC to wrap up the season with a list of landmarks and accomplishments. So here goes ...

With the most wins was Matt Won, who scored 22 victories, followed closely by Rishi Patel, who won 21. Matt and Rishi were also 1 and 2 in the points category with 23.5 and 22.5 respectively.

The player with the highest winning percentage was Doug Wu, whose 11-0-4 record gave a win percentage of 87%. Doug and Dmitri Shefer, who scored a record of 6-0-4 were the only undefeated players.

The top participants this year were Rishi Patel and Paul Kirvan, both of whom played 35 games over 7 tournaments.

In the tournament victory category, things

were fairly even, with four players--Beatrice Wu, Doug Wu, Matt Wong and Eric Zhou--each winning twice, at least according to my possibly erroneous records. The other winners were Aaron Lovi, Cynthia Wu, David Rutledge, Faizal Virani, Jonathan Chi and Rishi Patel.

Well, that wraps up this year's season. I would like to wish all the players and their parents an enjoyable summer, and I hope that you'll all return next year, when hopefully the wandering EJCC will have found a permanent place of residence.

The 65th Square, by Eric Schocat

Hey! Let's get real for a moment. Are you a chess junkie? You know, the members of our society suffer from a variety of addictions and have organizations to turn to for help, e.g. AA, GA, etc. But what about chess? Honestly, are you a CHESSAHOLIC? If you answer yes to at least 4 of the following questions, please see me about our secret meetings.

- you work for a nuclear reactor facility and you're supposed to be watching the core reactor meltdown monitor, but you install a chess database into the computer so you can study chess.
- you decide not to marry the girl because she doesn't understand what "sacking the exchange" means.
- you decide to marry the girl because she promises to buy you "Deep Thought" and send you to the World Open in Philly.
- During weekend tournaments, you put up with going to meals with Ford Wong and listen to him mispronounce famous chess player's names (Alkaline, Bogojabalot).
- The only way to get to the Saskatoon tourney is by travelling with Ottosen and you agree to go ... and listen to him recite all the opening lines and variations he knows (and he knows them all!)
- You must have every book on chess that has been published, and if it comes only in German you're willing to learn a new language (Hello Dartana!)
- When people ask "How are you?", you answer "I feel kind of weak in my end game today."
- You agree to an evening of blitz chess with Fullbrook, knowing that he will pummel you 45 games in a row. "But maybe I'll learn something", you say. Yeah--humility.
- You name your kids Nigel, Nava, and Judit.

Hello, my name is Eric Schocat and I am a chessaholic.

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D Haessel - A Frialde

Shades of Frialde-Odachowski AB closed 93! Maybe Arniel and Nigel were racing this round...

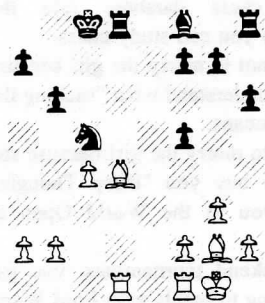
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Bg5 Qb6 5.e5 Qb2 6.Ne4 f5 7.Nc5 Qc3+ 8.Ke2 b6 [The threat of ... Ba6+ forces 9.Nd3 Qxd4-JQ.] (0-1)

ROUND SEVEN

A.Frialde - G.Huber

(Notes by Ottosen)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.O-O Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.Nbd2 Bf5 7.c4 d4 After this, the game becomes a reverse benoni. The extra tempo benefits white greatly in this line however, because black cannot achieve e5 to support his center. Therefore, Black attempts to prevent e3 by pressuring d3. 8.Qa4 Qd7 9.Nb3 e6 10.Qb5 Nb4 11.Qxd7+ Nxd7 12.Nh4! Exceptionally strong positional move! Once the B/f5 is eliminated, white will be able to disintegrate black's center with e3, as all the pressure on d3 is gone. Of no small consideration is the fact that white will obtain the two Bs in a soon to be opened position. 12...Nc6 13.Nxf5 exf5 14.e3! dxe3 15.Bxe3 O-O-O 16.d4 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Nc5 19.Rad1 b6? Loses a pawn to a simple looking move. 19...f6 is the only move that allows black to continue suffering on equal material terms.



20.Bh3! Wins a pawn and its just a matter of technique now. 20...f6 21.Bf5+ Kb7 22.b4 Na6 23.a3 Bd6 24.Be4+ Kc7 25.Bd5 Rhe8 26.Re1 Nb8 27.f4 Nc6 28.Bc3 Ne7 29.Bf7 Rf8 30.Be6 Nc6 31.Kg2 Rfe8 32.h4 Re7 33.Bd5 Rde8 34.Bxc6 Rxe1 35.Rxe1 Rxe1 36.Bxe1 Kxc6 37.Kf3 f5 38.h5 a5 39.Ke2 axb4 40.axb4 Kd7 41.Bc3 Bf8 42.Kd3 Kc6 43.Kd4 Kd6 44.c5+ bxc5+ 45.bxc5+ Ke6 46.Kc4 Kf7 47.Kd5 Be7 48.Be5 g6 49.c6 (1-0) The decisive game of the tournament.

S.Grumic - P.Usselman

Black gets a cramped position, so White pokes around a bit before finally smashing in on the f-file.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be3 Qc7 7.a3 c4 8.Be2 Na5 9.Nbd2 Be7 10.O-O Nh6 11.h3 Nf5 12.Bf4 h6 13.Bh2 g6 14.Qc2 b5 15.Rfc1 Qb6 16.Bd1 Rac8 17.Qb1 Kf8 18.Bc2 Nc6 19.Nf1 a5 20.g4 Nh4 21.Nxh4 Bxh4 22.Bg3 Be7 23.Re1 a4 24.Re3 Kg7 25.f4 Rcg8 26.f5 gxf5 27.gxf5 Bg5 28.Rf3 Kf8 29.fxe6 Bxe6 30.Bf5 Ke8 31.Kh2 Qd8 32.Qe1 h5 33.h4 Bh6 34.Bxe6 fxe6 35.Rf6 Qd7 36.Qe2 Rg4 37.Qf3 Ne7 38.Rf7 Rf8 39.Rxf8 Bxf8 40.Ne3 Re4 41.Qxh5+ Ke8 42.Rf1 Qe8 43.Qg5 Kd7 44.Ng4 Re2+ 45.Kh3 Kc6 46.Rf6 Nf5 47.Qxf5 (1-0)

N.Fullbrook - Y.Vasylev

(Notes by Nigel Fullbrook)

During lunch at McDonalds. Paul Usselman and I were preparing for our last opponents. He suggested

this weird looking line of the Ruy Lopez out of a book called "Secret Openings" and with about ten minutes preparation I was ready.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Qe1 This was the novelty we examined, the idea being to defend the e-pawn while avoidin g a pin of the f3 knight. 7. ... Be6 8.b3 Nd7 9.Bb2 f6 10.d4 The game went out of my preparation with his seventh move but I am happy with White's activity. I suggest 10. ... Bd6 10. ... exd4 11.Nxd4 Bf7 12.Nf5 O-O 13.Nd2 Re8 14.f4 Bf8 15.Rd1 Nc5 16.Qg3 g6 17.e5 Qd7? After this Black is lost. 17. ... Qc8 saves a critical tempo and gives the defense survival chances. 18.Ne3 f5 19.Nf3 Qc8 20.Ng5 h6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb4 Ne4 23.g4 Qe6 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.Kh1 Be5 26.Qh5+ Kg8 26. ...Qg6? 27.Rd7+ e7 28.e6+ +- 27.Nxf5 Nf2+ 28.Rxf2 Bxf2 29.Qg4+ (1-0) Did that look like a Ruy Lopez to you?

H.Karmali - D.Haessel

Neglecting dark squares: thou shalt pay one exchange.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 O-O 9.O-O Be6 10.f4 Qc7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 b5 13.a4 N8d7 14.axb5 exf4 15.Rxf4 Nb6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Rxd4 axb5 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Bxb5 Ra2 21.c4 Rxb2 22.Na5 Bd8 23.Nc6 Bb6 24.Kf1 Bxd4 25.Nxd4 Nxd5 26.cxd5 Rb4 27.Nf5 Rxb5 28.Nxd6 Rxd5 29.Ne4 f5 30.Nc3 Rd2 31.Ne2 Kf7 32.Kf2 Kf6 33.Kf3 g5 34.h3 Ke5 35.Ke3 Ra2 36.g3 Ra3+ 37.Kf2 Ke4 38.Nc1 Ra1 39.Ne2 Ra2 40.h4 Rxe2+ 41.Kxe2 gxh4 42.gxh4 Kf4 43.h5 Kg5 44.Kf3 Kxh5 45.Kf4 Kg6 (0-1)

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23.Qxf1 Qh4 24.Qf4 Rf8 25.Qg5 Qxg5 26.Bxg5 Be6 27.b3 Ng4 28.Rd3 Be5 29.Bf4 Bxf4 30.Nxf4 Rxf4 31.Rxd6 Ne3 32.h3 Kf7 33.Rd3 Nxc2 34.Ne2 Re4 35.Kf2 Nb4 36.Rd2 Re5 37.Nf4 Rf5 38.Kg3 g5 39.Ne2 Nc6 40.Nc3 h5 41.Ne4 h4+ 42.Kh2 Ke7 43.Rc2 Ra5 44.Nc5 Bc8 45.Nxa6 bxa6 46.Rxc6 Kd7 47.Rc2 Bb7 48.Kg1 Rf5 49.Rc4 a5 50.b4 Bd5 51.Rd4 axb4 52.Rxb4 Bxa2 53.g3 hxg3 54.Kg2 Be6 55.Kxg3 Rc5 56.Rd4+ Ke7 57.Rd3 Kf6 58.Rf3+ Kg6 59.Re3 Bf5 60.Ra3 Rd5 61.Rf3 Kh5 62.Kh2 Rd2+ 63.Kg1 Bd7 64.Rf7 Bxh3 65.Rh7+ Kg4 66.Ra7 Rg2+ 67.Kh1 Rf2 68.Ra3 Rf3 69.Ra5 Kg3! The simplest! 70.Rxg5+ Bg4 71.Kg1 Ra3 Gufeld now dejectedly sank his head into his hands for several moves before making one final move, then politely shook hands, collected his belongings, then left without comment. (0-1)

L.Shamkovich (2409) - D.Haessel (2152)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 b5 7.Bb3 e6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.a3 O-O 10.O-O Bb7 11.f3 Nbd7 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Ba2 Qc7 14.g4 h6 15.Qd2 Rfd8 16.Rae1 Rac8 17.Re2 d5 18.e5 Nfd7 19.Bf4 Nb6 20.Nd1 Nc4 21.Qe1 Qb6 22.Kg2 Nd3! 23.cxd3 Qxd4 24.dxc4 Qxf4 25.cxd5 Bxd5 26.Bxd5 Rxd5 27.Nc3 Rd3 28.Re4 Qd2+ 29.Qxd2 Rxd2+ 30.Rf2 Rxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Bxa3 32.bxa3 Rxc3 33.a4 Rc5 34.axb5 axb5 35.f4 Kf8 36.Rd4 Rd5 37.Ke3 Ke7 38.Ke4 Rc5 39.Rd6 g5 40.fxg5 hxg5 41.Rb6 Kf8 42.h3 Kg7 43.Rb8 Rc3 44.h4 Rc4+ 45.Kf3 Rc5 46.hxg5 Rxe5 47.Kf4 Rc5 48.Rb7 Kg6 49.Rb8 Rc4+ 50.Kg3 Rb4 51.Kh4 Rb1 52.Rg8+ Kh7 53.Rb8 b4 54.Kg3 b3 55.Kf2 b2 56.Kg2 Kg7 57.Kh2 e5 (0-1)

C.Kuczaj (2090) - T.Crispin (2228)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Qa5+ 6.Nbd2 bxc4 7.Bxf6 gxf6 8.e4 Rg8 9.g3 Rg4 10.Qc2 f5 11.Bxc4 Rxe4+ 12.Kf1 Rxc4 13.Nxc4 Qa6 14.Kg2 Bb7 15.Rad1 Be7 16.Rhe1 Kf8 17.Qc3 Kg8 18.Kg1 Bf8 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Qf6 Bxf3 21.Qg5+ Bg7 22.Qd8+ Bf8 (0.5-0.5)

My First Master Scalp

by Ravi Trikha

In a recent match, Nigel Fullbrook clobbered me 5-1. Ironically, I gained a few rating points due to our rating difference and managed to notch my first victory over a master.

R. Trikha - N. Fullbrook

1.d4! The first time I have opened with this move in four years. 1. ... b5 No respect! 2.e4 Bb7 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.Qe2 b4 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nbd2 d5?! I hesitate to ascribe any punctuation to Nigel's moves, noting our rating difference and the final outcome of the match, but 7. ... d6 seems a little more flexible. 8.e5 Nfd7 9.h4 c5 10.c3 Nc6 11.Rc1 c4 12.Bb1 Nigel thought I might try 12.Bxc4 dxc4 13.Nxc4 threatening 14.Nd6 with good play for the piece. I probably would have if I had analyzed that line at all. 12. ... h6 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nf1 Nb6 15.Ng3 g6?! To prevent 16.Nh5 but this move creates K-side weaknesses which, of course, I was hoping to provoke. After the game, Nigel felt he wasted too much time with K-side pawn moves instead of proceeding with his Q-side counterplay. For example, 15. ... a5 16.Nh5 Kf8. 16.h5 g5 17.Nh2 Nb8 18.Ng4 N8d7 19.O-O Na4 20.f4 bxc3 21.bxc3 gxf4 22.Rxf4 Qg5 23.Rcf1! Rg8 If 23. ... Nxc3 24.Qb2 24.Nf5!! A shocker which totally collapses Black's position. 24. ... exf5 25.e6 fxe6 26.Qxe6+ Kd8 27.Bxf5 Nab6 28.Qd6 Qc7 29.Qxc7 Kxc7 30.Bxd7 Nxd7 31.Rf7+ Kd6 32.Nxh6 Rgf8 33.g4 Rxf7 34.Rxf7 Rf8 35.Nf5+? In time pressure, I played this move to force the king back. The game continuation allows Black to play 38. ... Be6+. To preserve the victory, White should play 35.g5 Rxf7 36.Nxf7+ Ke7 37.g6 Kf6 or 37. ... Nf8 38.Nd6!. 35. ... Kc7 36.Rxf8 Nxf8 37.g5 Bc8 38.Nc7 Bg4?? Nigel played this lemon quickly, trying to flag me. After 38. ... Be6 39.g6 Kd7 the knight is trapped and the pawns can't queen, e.g. 40.Nf5 Nxg6! or 40.g7 Kxe7. 39.g6 Ne6 40.Nxd5+ Kd6 Time control (sigh). 41.h6 Nxd4 42.h7 Kxd5 43.cxd4 c3 44.h8(Q) c2 45.Qe5+ Kc4 46.Qe3 Bh5 47.g7 Bf7 48.Qb3+ Kxd4 49.Qxc2 Ke5 50.Qc8 Bxa2 51.g8(Q) Bxg8 52.Qxg8 And stunned like a groggy boxer, Black plays on until one move from mate, not quite convinced that a candidate master can mate with king and queen vs. king. This victory was particularly gratifying, as Nigel had been quoted as saying "The day I take a suggestion from Trikha is the day I quit chess". 38. ... Be6 anyone?(1-0)

MARCH OPEN

The March Open was held in Calgary on March 16-17. Among the 28 players were travellers from Saskatchewan (!), Dawson Creek (!), Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. The top three players had almost identical ratings, but that was far from obvious from the final standings. Saskatchewan master Robert Sasata defeated both Nigel Fullbrook and Dale Haessel en route to a 5/5 score, and hauled a bushel of ratings points, as well as first place prize money, out of Alberta. Alone in second place was Arthur Milne with 4 points, including a last round win over Dale Haessel, and in clear third with 3.5/5 was junior Nathan McLean, who drew Arthur Odachowski and defeated Chris Kuczaj.

A.Milne - D.Haessel

(Notes by Milne)

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.e3 b6 *Odd in this system. 5.a3 a5?! Probably a waste of time; White doesn't seriously intend to play a later b4. 6.Qc2 It is important to move the Q to the diagonal b1-h7 before playing Nf3 to restrain the advance ...e4. 6. ... Bb7 7.Nf3 d6 8.Be2 Be7 9.O-O O-O 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Nd7 13.Nd2 Ne5?! Condemning the king bishop to a passive role for the rest of the game; 13. ... Bf6 14.Qb2. 14.Ne4 Re8 15.Rfd1 Bf8 With the threat of a discovery against Ne4. 16.Ng3!? Playing for chances on the king-side. 16. ... Qd7 17.Qb2 Qe6 18.Nh5! With pressure on g7, and the possibility of transferring the Nh5 to f4 with tempo. 18. ... f5? After half an hour's thought, not a good choice, weakening the light squares around Black's king. 19.Rd2?! Played with the optimistic belief that the d-file might open after a future Bxe5, but there is no chance of that; better 19.Rac1 with the idea of playing for the break on c5 and opening lines for the White rooks. 19. ... Qf7 20.Rc1? The right idea, but bad timing; necessary is 20.Nf4 20. ... Kh8? Here Black misses 20. ... Nf3+! (Nazarian) 21.Bxf3 Bxf3 22.Nf6+!? (Daniluk) with an unclear position not unfavourable to Black. 21.Nf4 Nd7?? 22.Bh5! Qe7 23.Bxe8 Qxe8 24.Nd5!? The most promising plan for White is based on b4-c4; Nd5 is inconsistent with that plan. 24. ... Qd8 25.Re1 The e4 break cannot be executed for tactical reasons. 25. ... a4 Loosening up White's Q side pawn mass. 26.e4? Overlooking what follows. 26. ... c6! 27.Nf4 Played with less than a minute's thought, but 27.Nc3! is much better, as Black must compromise his position with 27. ... c5 if he wants to win the e-pawn, and even then it is not at all certain he can hang on to weak pawns on d6 and e4. 27. ... fxe4 28.Bc3 Qe7 29.b4 Re8 30.Re3 Qf7 31.Ne2 Ne5 31. ... Qxc4 32.Qc2 with various threats such as Rd4 or Qxa4 or Bxg7+. 32.Bxe5 Rxe5*

33.Qc2 Ba6 34.Rxe4 Rxe4 35.Qxe4 Qxc4 36.Qf5 Kg8 37.Qc2 Qe6 38.Qd1 d5 39.Nd4 Qh6 40.Nf5 (1:17) Qf4 (1:58) 41.Ne3 Bb5 42.Rxd5! *Two pawns and a B are worth a R. 42. ... cxd5 43.Qxd5+ Qf7 44.Qxb5 Qb3 45.Qd5+ Qxd5 Black can still offer stiff resistance with 45. ... Kh8! 46.Qxb3 axb3 47.Nc4! g6 48.Nd2 b2 49.Kf1 Bg7 50.Ke2 (50.Ke1?? Bd3 -+) Bd4 51.f3 Kg7 52.Kd3 Be5 53.h3 Kf6 54.Kc2 b5! 55.Ne4+ followed by 56.Nf2 and 57.Nd3 and White picks up the b2 pawn and should pull through with the full point. 46.Nxd5 Kf7 47.Nc3 And White mops up all Black's Q side pawns. (1-0)*

ALBERTA RESERVES

by David Ottosen

An even number of players (NO bye for Adrien!) attended the Alberta Reserves, cramming the new ECC to the maximum. However, the biggest impact was made by the player occupying the smallest amount of sheer volume; Kelly Huang, an 11 year old from Saskatchewan who enjoys blindfold chess much more than any 11 year old should! He stormed out to a 4-0 start, scalping up Daryl Bertrand, Chris Kuczaj, and his own father, before Geoff Newton finally stopped him in the last round, creating a tie for first. Geoff Newton, Kelly Huang, and Daryl Bertrand all scored 4/5 to take equal first. Other players having a good tournament were not me.

C.Kuczaj - K.Huang

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 g6 5.O-O Bg7 6.c4 O-O 7.Nc3 Qe8 8.d5 c6 9.Qc2 Na6 10.a3 Bd7 11.dxc6 Bxc6 12.b4 Qf7 13.b5 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nc5 15.Nd1 Nfd7 16.Bb2 Ne5 17.Bd5 e6 18.Bg2 Rac8 19.f4 Ng4 20.Rc1 h6 21.h3 Nf6 22.Nf2 Nh5 23.Bxg7 Qxg7 24.Qc3 Qe7 25.e4 Rf7 26.Kh2 Rg7 27.Bf3 Qf7 28.Rcd1 fxe4 29.Nxe4 Nxe4 30.Bxe4 d5 31.Bd3 Qc7 32.Qd4 dxc4 33.Rc1 Rd7 34.Qxc4 Qxc4 35.Bxc4 Rd2 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Rf3 Rd4 38.Rfc3 Nxc3 39.Rxc3 Rdx4 40.Rxc4 Rxc4 41.Rf3 Kf6 42.Kg2 Kf5 43.Kg3 h5 44.h4 Ke4 45.Kf2 Rc2+ 46.Kg3 Rc1 47.Rb3 Rf1 48.Rc3 Rg1+ 49.Kh3 Kxf4 50.a4 Rh1+ 51.Kg2 Rxh4 52.Rc7 Kg5 53.Rxb7 Rxa4 (0-1)

"Used To Be The" U of A Open

by Ford Wong

For the obvious reason of being moved to the Edmonton Chess Club, the U of A Open is now called the "Used To Be The" U of A Open. (I would like to add my appreciation to the members of the U of A chess club who through the years have helped the ACA get the rooms for tournaments at the U of A). Nigel Fullbrook rebounded from a

round two loss to John Quiring, and beat Chri Kuczaj in the last round to be clear winner with 4/5. The Pepto Bismol (biggest upset) prize went to Victor Bilodeau (1376) who overcame 424 and 598 point difference in rounds 1 & 2. (The victim's names are withheld to protect them from other 1300 hunters looking to fill their trophy rooms). Thanks to the 20 players who showed up, especially those from Edson, Ponoka, Calgary and Whitecourt; to Wayne who allowed me to sneak out to buy a Mother's Day card and to the anonymous donor of the upset prize.

Prizes: 1st N. Fullbrook; 2n/3rd: A. Wu, C. Dartana, J. Quiring; Top 1600-1850: C. Ninine; splitting 2nd 1600-1850: B. Wu, J. Cummer, G. Heagle, C. Dewindt; Top under 1600 and UNR: V. Bilodeau; splitting 2nd under 1600 and UNR: M. Obeydani, B. Kroeker.

<name withheld> - V.Bilodeau (Round 2)

White goes all out for the attack. [Sounds like Dartana to me--ed]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 g4 5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Ne5+ Ke8 7.Qxg4 Nf6 8.Qxf4 d6 9.Nf3 Qe7 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.a3 Qg7 12.d3 Be7 13.Bd2 Qxg2 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Nh4 Qh3 16.Nf5 Bxd1 17.Rxd1 Kd7 18.d4 Raf8 19.Qf2 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Rxf5 21.Qg1 Rhf8 22.Ng3 Rg8 23.Re1 Bh4 24.Qe3 Rf6 25.Qb3 Rgf8 26.Qxb7 Nxd4 27.Bc3 Rf1 28.Qe4 Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1 Bxg3 30.hxg3 Rf1 31.Qxd4 Rxe1+ 32.Kd2 Qxg3 (0-1).

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Oct 19-20 Southern AB Cadet; Jim Daniluk (248-7456)

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