

# ALBERTA CHESS REPORT

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## DALE HAESSEL: 2001 ALBERTA CLOSED CHAMPION

### HAESSEL WINS CLOSED

By John Quiring, TD

Dale Haessel of Calgary won the 2001 Alberta Closed and will now represent the province at the Canadian Zonal Championship in Montreal in August. His score of 6/7 in a strong field was overpowering, a full point ahead of second place Jeff Reeve and 2 points ahead of Greg Huber and defending champion Arthur Odachowski who tied for third.

The Closed was held at the Ramada Inn in downtown Calgary, as arranged by tournament organizer Ron Hinds, who also brought in high quality boards and sets to give the championship an elegant tone. This site was excellent for chess, providing good lighting, quiet carpets, and good separation between the playing room and a skittles area.

A few notes about the winner: Dale was born in Ames, Iowa. His father was a professor who held a series of three-year appointments in various places, so Dale grew up in Iowa, Ghana, Ontario, Pennsylvania, and Quebec. It was in Montreal in Junior High that Dale started playing chess. He has played in several Alberta Closed tournaments in the past, without challenging for the lead, and I asked him what was different this time. "I played the same as always", he replied, "my opponents played worse". He mentioned a couple of factors that contributed to his success. First, he was able to use his digital clock in all his games, and he is much more comfortable with digital than analog clocks. Also, Dale's home was just a few blocks from the tournament site, so he could relax and prepare between rounds much more easily than most of his opponents.

Thanks to the players for coming to play, and thanks to the Alberta Chess Association for sponsoring the tournament. Best wishes to Dale at the Canadian Zonal. Last year's champion, Arthur Odachowski, will also be at the Zonal, so Alberta will be exceptionally well represented.

### ROUND 1

J. Reeve - G. Huber

[Opening research by Ron Hinds]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 h5 [8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Bxd5 11.c4 Bb4+ 12.Kf2+/-; 8...Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0 a5 (10...b5 11.g4 b4 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 a5 14.Kb1 Qc7) 11.Bb5 Nc6 12.Kb1 Qb8 13.Nd5! Bxd5 14.exd5 Nb4; 8...Nbd7 9.Qe2 Be7 10.g4 h6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Kb1 Nb6 13.Na5!? Qc7 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.b4] 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 [10.Nd5!?] 10...Be7 [10...Rc8 11.Kb1 Be7 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.g3 0-0 16.Bh3] 11.Kb1 b5 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6 14.Na5 Nbx5 15.Nc6 Qc7 16.Nxe7 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Qxe7 18.g4 hxg4 19.fxg4 Rc8 20.Be2 Rc5 21.g5 Nd5 22.Qg3 Nf4 23.Bg4 0-0 24.h4 Rd8 25.Rde1 Qc7 26.Rh2 Ne6 27.Bxe6 fxe6 28.g6 Rf8 29.Qg4 Rf5 30.h5 Rc4 31.Qh3 Rf6 32.b3 Rcf4 33.Qg2 Qc3 34.Reh1 Qf3 35.Qd2 Rd4 36.Qa5 Rd1+ 37.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 38.Kb2 Qd4+ 39.c3 Rf2+ 40.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 41.Ka3 Qc5+ 42.Qb4 Kf8 43.Qxc5 dxc5 44.Kb2 Ke7 45.Kc2 Kf6 46.Kd3 Kg5 47.Ke4 Kxh5 48.Kxe5 Kxg6 49.Kxe6 Kg5 50.c4 bxc4 51.bxc4 Kf4 52.Kd5 g5 53.Kxc5 g4 54.Kd6 g3 55.c5 g2 56.c6 g1 Q 0-1

D. Ottosen - D. Haessel

David arrived 57 minutes late for this game, after learning a lesson about plugging alarm clocks into outlets which are controlled by light switches.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 h6 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e3 b6 5.Ne2 Bb7 6.Ng3 g6 7.Nd2 f5 8.Nf3 Qe7 9.Qd2 f4 10.Ne2 fxe3 11.fxe3 Bg7 12.0-0-0 13.Nf4 Re8 14.Re1 Be4 15.Bd3 Nc6 16.h4 a5 17.Rh3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Bxd4 19.Be4 Be5 20.h5 g5 21.Nd3 Bg7 [21. ... Qe6] 22.Nf2 a4 23.a3 Ra5 24.f4 Rb5 25.c3 Na5 [25. ... Bxc3 26.bxc3 Qxa3 27.Kd1 Rxe4 28.Nxe4 Rb1+ 29.Ke2 Rb2 wins] 26.Qd3 c6 27.fxg5 Rxf3 28.Bf5 d5 29.Rf3 Nc4 30.e4 Ne5 31.Qd1 Nxf3 32.Qxf3 d4 33.Nh3 dxc3 34.Nxg5 cxb2+ 35.Kb1 Qxg5 36.Qd1 Qg3 37.Rg1 Qxa3 38.Rxg7+ Kxg7 39.Qd4+ Kg8 0-1

N. Haynes - R. Gardner

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.g3 d5 5.exd5 cxd5 6.Bg2 e6 7.h4 Nc6 8.Nf3 h5 9.0-0 Nge7 10.b3 Nf5 11.Ne2 0-0 12.Bb2 b6 13.c4 Nce7 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Rc1 Ba6 16.Qd2 Rc8 17.Qd3 Nc6 18.Rfd1 dxc4 19.Qe4 cxb3 20.Ng5 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 Ncx4 0-1

R. Yearwood - A. Odachowski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 4.0-0 Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Ba4 b5 8.Bc2 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 g6 11.Qe3 Bg7 12.a4 0-0 13.Qe2 b4 14.d3 Qb8 15.Be3 Nd7 16.Qd2 Rc8 17.Bd1 Rc7 18.c4 1/2-1/2

### ROUND 2

A. Odachowski - J. Reeve

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 Bd6 6.Nf3 Bc7 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Nc4 Rb8 13.Bf4 Nf8 14.a5 Ng6 15.e4 Ng4 16.Qd2 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Qh4 18.h3 Nf6 19.f5 g6 20.Ne3 gxf5 21.exf5 Kh8 22.Ra4 Qg5 23.f4 Qg7 24.Kh2 Bd7 25.Raa1 Rg8 26.Qf2 Rbe8 27.Ncd1 Qh6 28.Bh1 Bb5 [28. ... Bxf5! 29.Nxf5? Ng4+] 29.Rg1 Lost on time 0-1

D. Ottosen - R. Yearwood

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.h4 Rfc8 12.Bb3 Ne5 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Rxc3 15.h5 [15.bxc3 Qxc3 16.Kb1 a5 looks like serious trouble, so White goes on tilt. But Black has all the good cards] 15...Rxb3 16.hxg6 Rxb2 17.gxh7+ Kh6 18.Nf5 Bxf5 [18. ... Rxc2+ leads to the quickest mate, but the game move leads to an even quicker resignation] 19.Rxd6 Qc3 0-1

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Dale Haessel	x	1	=	1	1	1	=	1	6
2	Jeff Reeve	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	5
3	Arthur Odachowski	=	0	x	=	1	=	=	1	4
4	Greg Huber	0	1	=	x	=	0	1	1	4
5	Rob Gardner	0	0	0	=	x	1	1	1	3.5
6	David Ottosen	0	0	=	1	0	x	0	1	2.5
7	Roy Yearwood	=	0	=	0	0	1	x	=	2.5
8	Nic Haynes	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	x	0.5

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**Deadline for next issue: August 31, 2001**

#### Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within a month, but strongly urges submissions within seven days. You owe it to participants to submit a report ASAP. Also, please support your newsletter by sending a written report to the ACR. Not that game scores are the property of tournament directors. Prizes can be withheld until players submit their games.

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## EDITORIAL

First of all congratulations must go to Dale Haessel who after some years of trying, "broke his duck" (it's a cricket term) and won the Alberta Closed. Arthur Odachowski, last years winner, is left with no choice but to hand over the metaphorical trophy. Nice going, Dale!

Thanks to Juraj Pivovarov and Bob MacFie, I can't bitch and moan too much about the lack of reports from Calgary this month. Juraj, in his role as tournament director of the recent Calgary Team Championship, correctly occasioned to send a full report. Bob was TD of the March of Kings tournament and also submitted an article. Hopefully other Calgary TDs will follow their lead.

Back in Edmonton, Adam Tassone made an fine job of TD'ing a weekend tournament (the Abe Yanofsky Memorial). I enjoyed playing in this tournament, which was interspersed with soccer games on the nearby playing field between rounds. Suggestions that in keeping with past summer weekend meets the turnout would be low were refuted - 25 or so players competed, including two masters and four experts. However, the tournament was not without controversy. David Ottosen called in for a fourth-round bye, but Adam neglected to check the ECC answering machine and so paired David with Stacy Kazakevich, who duly won on time. To penalise Stacy by retracting the result would have been harsh, as she may have proceeded to win her game anyway; but clearly David was not at fault. The impasse was resolved when David agreed to withdraw his claim and grant Stacy the win.

A similar incident occurred just days after this, when Daryl Bertrand attempted to request a bye for a Thursday game only to find that the answering machine was not working. So, Cor Dewindt collected the win when Daryl didn't show up for the game. Hopefully the answering machine will be fixed in time to avoid any further episodes.

Some of this issue is in a smaller font, in order to fit it all in.

For this issues articles I thank John Quiring, Juraj Pivovarov, Ford Wong, Bob MacFie, David Ottosen and Micah Hughey for their efforts.

Until next,

Alan Clark B.Sc.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By David Ottosen

A word about volunteers and the ACA.

In the past 5 years or so, much of the ACA work has been devoted to building a solid financial base from which to run the ACA for the future. Doing so has involved a lot of paperwork, volunteer effort at casinos, and ACA board red tape. The reward has been to give the ACA a great financial position overall, and the credit for this hard work has to go to the ACA board and especially John Quiring for his decade of service as Treasurer.

However, recent events have made me question the way the ACA handles it's volunteer workload. A number of events have been attended with varying results; some events are well attended and fill the room, others are small. The key question is generally how much work the organizer/TD has put into promoting the event. Some of you receive the ACA email, and more check the ACA/CFC web sites. But still, nothing beats a phone call and a personal invitation to tournaments. The problem of course, is that this requires time and effort on the part of the TD/organizer.

So, hopefully you are starting to see the conundrum in the ACA. We require a great deal of volunteer time and effort to create good conditions for tournaments (basically, to get the financial resources to purchase clocks and equipment, and to rent the sites so that all of the entry fees can go into prizes). We also require a great deal of volunteer time and effort to promote the tournaments (for example, to produce the ACR, maintain the ACA web site and to contact players). So, we know what we need to do. The problem is: we don't have enough volunteers within the ACA, and those that are doing the work are getting burned out.

In October, a number of ACA board positions are going to become open, including President and Treasurer. The main reason these two positions are opening up is burnout of volunteers. Its been said before, by many ACA presidents, in many ways, in many different President's messages: THE ACA NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS.

## CALGARY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

By Juraj Pivovarov

It was time for the team tournament again in Calgary, and after some hard canvassing efforts, we broke last year's turnout of 24 and had 30 people participate. A big thanks goes out to all of the new CFC members for being brave and giving tournament chess a try. Among the newcomers were Casey Farn, Alex Kluyts and Robin Walsh. Welcome!

The Team Championship saw Jim Daniluk's team start off with a 5-0 sweep in the first round to catapult them into a first place advantage. But, much to their dismay, this advantage would only last 4 rounds! In the final round, after leading all tournament long, they were displaced by Kim Nguyen's team. Although Kim and Ted didn't have stellar performances, their other team mates all nailed first on their board, including Erik Tam's sweep with a 5-0 score and 2205 performance. Brandon Eschleman cleaned up with 4.5 and Peter, tying with Steve Campbell, earned first on his board with 4.0.

The board races were all exciting, especially on board 3 where they couldn't make up their minds as to who the best chess player was. Sharing in a 3-way tie for first with 3.0/5 were Don Macfarlane, Aaron Ryner, and Kevin Ward. On Board 1, Jim Daniluk had a killer performance with 4.5/5, conceding (earning?) only one draw to Ron Hinds.

This was Juraj's first try at tournament directing, and to give himself a pat on the back, he maintained a live website for the tournament. Players could find their pairings on the internet, look at standings, as well as browse over some of the completed games. One of the best features of the website was a "Black List" of people who borrow pens but don't return them. Pens magically started coming back promptly in later rounds.

## READER'S GAMES

Jason Wihnon - Rob Gardner

Rob Gardner Simul

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d3 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 Nc6 6. O-O e5 7. Nbd2 Nge7 8. Nc4 O-O 9. c3 f5 10. exf5 gxf5 11. Re1 Ng6 12. Ng5 d5 13. Qh5 h6 14. Qxg6 hxg5 15. Bxg5 Qd7 16. Nxe5 Nxe5 17. Rxe5 1-0

Will Graham - Mark Stark

Edmonton Open

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 e6 4. a4 g6 5. O-O Bg7 6. c3 Nge7 7. d4 d5 8. exd5 exd5 9. Ba2 cxd4 10. Nxd4 O-O 11. Nf3 Bg4 12.

Bg5 h6 13. Be3 d4 14. Bf4 Qb6 15. b3 dxc3 16. Na3 c2 17. Nxc2 Bxa1 18. Qxa1 g5 19. Ne5 Nxe5 20. Bxe5 Nf5 21. b4 Kh7 22. a5 Qg6 23. Ne3 Nxe3 24. fxe3 Be6 25. Rf6 Qh5 26. Bb1+ Kg8 27. Bc2 Qe2 28. Bh7+ Kxh7 29. Qb1+ Kg8 30. Rg6+ Kh7 31. Rg7+ 1-0

## USED TO BE U OF A OPEN

By Adam Tassone, TD

This month I was the TD of the May tournament at the Edmonton Chess Club. The month of May is usually slow at the Edmonton Chess Club with few players showing up for some unknown reason. The first round saw only 13 players show up with a rating gap between the 1<sup>st</sup> player and the 2<sup>nd</sup> player of about 400 points. But by round 2 we had 19 players which included Dave Gomboc 2004 and Daryl Bertrand 1931, finally Micah would have a challenge for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Round 3 saw the pairing of Micah Hughey vs. Daryl Bertrand, the week leading up to this game saw both players exchanging cheap shots over email as Daryl accused Micah of playing like Tarrasch or Trashy. Contrary to Daryl's accusations it was he who played worse, dropping a piece to a nice tactic, which eventually forced his resignation. While everyone was concentrating on Micah, Adrien Regimbald was doing quite well with an impressive win over Daryl Bertrand and a draw with Dave Gomboc which left him tied for 1<sup>st</sup> at the end of round 4 with 3.5 points. Unfortunately he had to withdraw after round 4, or as some might say he chickened out under the pressure.

At the end of 5 rounds Micah walked away with 1<sup>st</sup> place with 4.5/5, at which point he realized he can now make a serious run at 2200, so this is just a warning to players who might encounter Tarrasch Jr. Unfortunately during this tournament two players forfeited their games because they did not show up, or call in for a bye. Once again I will remind these people for the millionth time that you can call in for a bye before 7PM or say something the week before, the number once again is (780) 424-0283.

Mark Stark - Greg Beebe

1. Nf3 (Forfeits on time)  
1-0

Steven Hamblin - Cor Dewindt

1. (Forfeits on time)  
0-1

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Juraj Pivovarov writes:

Dear ACR Editors,

I played through all the games in the April 2001 ACR. Most of the magazine was great and it contained an interesting collection of games, with some pretty final combinations as in Bertrand - Yearwood, and Hughey - Gardner.

However, I was surprised how many errors I found in some of the other games. For example, in the Alberta O/U 1800, in the Gardner - Yearwood game, I found at least 5 mistakes. Then in Kuczaj - Boehmer there were at least another 6 or 7. The report of the Medicine Hat Open had two completely incomprehensible games. This was a shame in particular, since they were annotated by Bill Taylor, and I wanted to benefit from his comments and analysis.

I know the ACR runs on a low budget, and overall I do like the magazine. But I think some improvements are in order and I would like to suggest ways to reduce game mistakes to a minimum: use chess software! There are many programs that let you enter a game graphically, dragging pieces around, without having to enter the text of the moves. The nice thing is that you can visually tell if the moves are correct, and if there is an earlier error, then subsequent moves in the game score will usually point it out. These software packages can output the PGN for the game, and this should be the starting point for a published game analysis. Otherwise we see errors of ambiguous moves (Nxd4 ... which Knight?) or descriptive notation appearing in the middle of an algebraic game (NxR, RxP) etc, that we saw in the last ACR. And these kinds of errors aren't even so bad. Other games, like from the Medicine Hat Open, lost track of move numbering, played two moves for White on the sixth move, and then suggested playing one of those again later on. It was a comedy of errors. These kind of mistakes can be avoided.

*[Editor's reply: April's ACR was a bit of a rush job due to the need to get it out in time to advertise the Alberta Closed, Reserves and Women's Championship. Unfortunately this meant that the proofreaders and myself were not able to check it as much as previous ACRs, and so some errors slipped through. I have taken your suggestions on board for checking the legality of game scores; it would also help if readers would make sure their submitted games are entirely correct and all moves are unambiguous.]*

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**G. Huber - N. Haynes**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 exd6  
6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nge2 Nc6 9.b3 Bf6  
10.Be3 Re8 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Qd2 Qd7 13.Ne4 Be7  
14.N4g3 Bxe2 15.Bf5 Qd8 16.Nxe2 Bf6 17.Rad1  
Ne7 18.Bb1 d5 19.Qd3 g6 20.Ng3 Nc6 21.a3 a5  
22.h3 Qe7 23.c5 Nd7 24.Nh5 Bg5 25.Nf4 Bxf4  
26.Bxf4 Nf8 27.Be3 Ne6 28.Qd2 Qh4 29.Kh2 f5  
30.f4 Re7 31.Bf2 Qh6 32.Bg1 Rae8 33.b4 axb4  
34.Ba2 bxa3 35.Bxd5 Ncd8 36.Bb3 c6 37.d5  
cxd5 38.Bxd5 Nf7 39.Rde1 Ned8 40.Rxe7 Rxe7  
41.Qa2 g5 42.fxg5 Qg7 43.Rxf5 Qb2 44.Rf2  
Qe5+ 45.Kh1 Qxg5 46.Bb3 Qc1 47.Rd2 Kf8  
48.Qc2 Qe1 49.Qc3 Ke8 50.Kh2 Qh4 51.Bf2  
Qf4+ 52.Bg3 Qe3 [52...Re3 53.Bxf4 Rxc3]  
53.Rd3 Qe4 54.Bxf7+ Nxf7 55.Qxa3 Kf8 56.Rf3  
Kg7 57.Qc3+ Kg8 58.Bd6 Re6 59.Qb3 Nxd6  
60.cxd6 Qe5+ 61.Rg3+ Kf8 62.Qxb7 Rg6  
63.Qe7+ Qxe7 64.dxe7+ Kxe7 65.Ra3 Kf6  
66.Ra6+ Kf7 67.Rxg6 Kxg6 1-0

**D. Haessel - R. Gardner**

1.c4 f5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 d6  
6.e4 e5 7.exf5 gxf5 8.Nge2 Nc6 9.f4 Be6 10.b4  
Qd7 11.b5 Nd8 12.Bb2 0-0 13.0-0 c6 14.a4 Nf7  
15.Qd2 Rad8 16.a5 d5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Na4  
Neg4 19.Nc5 Qe7 20.Nxe6 Qxe6 21.Nd4 Qe3+  
22.Qxe3 Nxe3 23.Ne6 Nxf1 24.Rxf1 dxc4  
25.Nxf8 Rxf8 26.dxc4 cxb5 27.cxb5 b6 28.axb6  
axb6 29.Rxf5 h6 30.Bc6 Ng4 31.Bd5+ Kh7  
32.Rxf8 Bxf8 33.Bd4 Bc5 34.Bxc5 bxc5 35.b6  
Ne5 36.b7 Nd7 37.Kf2 Kg6 38.Ke3 Kf5 39.Bc6  
Nb8 40.Bb5 Ke5 41.Kd3 Kd6 42.Kc4 Kc7  
43.Kxc5 Kxb7 44.h4 h5 45.Kd6 Kb6 46.Be8 Na6  
47.Bxh5 Nc5 48.Bg6 1-0

**ROUND 3**

**N. Haynes - A. Odachowski**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6  
6.Nf3 Nc6 7.b3 a6 8.0-0 Rb8 9.Nd5 Nxd5  
10.cxd5 Na7 11.e4 c6 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Bb2 d5  
14.e5 h6 15.Rc1 Be6 16.h3 Qd7 17.Kh2 Rbc8  
18.Ne1 f5 19.Nd3 b6 20.Nf4 g5 21.Nxe6 Qxe6  
22.Qf3 Rfd8 23.a3 Qd7 24.Rfe1 e6 25.Bf1 b5  
26.Bd3 Qf7 27.b4 h5 28.Rc2 g4 29.Qe3 Qg6  
30.f4 Na7 31.Rec1 Qe8 32.a4 Bf8 33.axb5 axb5  
34.Rc7 Rxc7 35.Rxc7 Rd7 36.Rxd7 Qxd7  
37.Qd2 Qc6 38.hxg4 hxg4 39.Kg1 Qa6 40.Qc3?  
[40.Bc3] 40...Nc6 41.Be2 Bxb4 42.Qd3 Na7  
43.Kf2 Kg7 44.Qc2 Qb6 45.Qd1 Be7 46.Bxg4  
fxg4 47.Qxg4+ Kf8 48.Qh5 Qc6 49.Qh8+ Kf7  
50.Qh5+ Kg7 51.Qg4+ Kf8 52.Qh5 Qc2+ 53.Qe2  
Qxe2+ 54.Kxe2 Kf7 55.g4 Kg6 56.Kd3 Nc6  
57.Kc2 Nb4+ 58.Kd2 Nc6 59.Kc2 Na5 60.Bc3  
Nc6 61.Kb3 Bh4 62.Bd2 Bf2 63.Bc3 Be3 0-1

**J. Reeve - D. Ottosen**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6  
6.Be3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Bb7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4  
Nc5 11.g5 Nfd7 12.a3 Qa5 13.Kb1 Na4 14.Nxa4  
Qxa4 15.Nb3 Rc8 16.Bd4 d5 17.Bc3 Nb6 18.Qe3  
Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Na5 Qc7 21.Nxb7 Qxb7  
22.exd5 Bc5 23.Qe5 b4 24.axb4 Bxb4 25.Bxb4  
Qxb4 26.Qxg7 1-0

**R. Gardner - G. Huber**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6  
6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.f3 d5 10.exd5  
Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 Bxd5 13.c4 Bb4+  
14.Kf2 Be6 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.Bxc5 0-0-0 17.b4

Rd2+ 18.Ke3 Rc2 19.Bd3 Rxg2 20.b5 Nd4  
21.bxa6 bxa6 22.Bxd4 exd4+ 23.Kxd4 Rd8+  
24.Kc3 Rf2 25.Raf1 Rxa2 26.Ra1 Rf2 27.Be4 f5  
28.Ba8 Rdd2 29.Rhc1 Ra2 30.Rxa2 Rxa2  
31.Kd4 Rxh2 32.Bd5 Rh6 33.Ke5 Bd7 34.Rg1 g6  
35.f4 Kc7 36.Rb1 Bc8 37.c5 Rh2 38.Rb6 Re2+  
39.Kf6 Rd2 40.Rc6+ Kd7 41.Rd6+ Kc7 42.Rc6+  
Kd7 1/2-1/2

**R. Yearwood - D. Haessel**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.c3 Ngf6 5.Qe2 a6  
6.Ba4 Qa5 7.Bb3 Ne5 8.Nxe5 dxe5 9.0-0 e6  
10.d3 Be7 11.Nd2 b5 12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Bd2 Bb7  
14.a4 Qb6 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxa8+ Bxa8 17.Ra1  
0-0 18.Be3 Bc6 19.Bc2 Qb7 20.Nd2 Ra8 21.Qd1  
Nb6 1/2-1/2

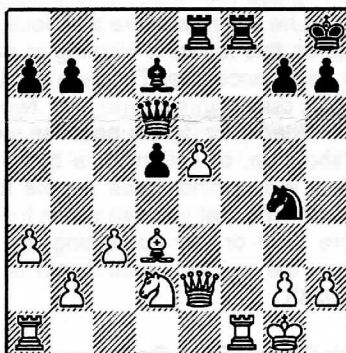
**ROUND 4**

**D. Haessel - G. Huber**

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6  
6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bg5 d4  
10.Qc2 Bb6 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Nc3 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6  
14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Nxb6 Qxb6 16.Rd2 Be6 17.b3  
Rfd8 18.Rad1 a5 19.Qb2 a4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4  
21.Rxd4 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 axb3 23.axb3 Ra2  
24.Qxa2 Qxd4 25.Bxb7 Qd1+ 26.Kg2 Bxb3  
27.Qa8+ Kh7 28.Be4+ g6 29.Bd3 Be6 30.h4 h5  
31.Qf3 Kg7 32.Qe3 Bh3+ 33.Kf3 Qa1 34.Qe4  
Bf5 35.Qc4 Be6 36.Qc5 Bg4+ 37.Kg2 Bh3+  
38.Kh2 Bg4 39.Bc4 Qc3 40.Qb5 Qd4 41.Kg2 Bf5  
42.Qb3 Qf6 43.Bd5 Bg4 44.e3 Bd7 45.Qc4 Be6  
46.Bxe6 fxe6 47.Qd4 e5 48.Qc3 Qe6 49.f4 Qa2+  
50.Kf3 Qd5+ 51.e4 Qd1+ 52.Kf2 Kh7 53.fxe5  
Qb1 54.Qf3 Qb2+ 55.Ke3 Qb3+ 56.Kf2 Qb2+  
57.Kg1 Qb1+ 58.Kh2 Qb2+ 59.Kh3 Qa2 60.Qf6  
Qb1 61.Kh2 Qc2+ 62.Kh3 Qb1 63.Qf7+ Kh6  
64.Qf4+ Kh7 65.Kg2 Qc2+ 66.Kh3 Qb1 67.Qf3  
Qa1 68.e6 Qa2 69.Qf7+ Kh8 70.Qf6+ Kg8  
71.Qxg6+ Kh8 72.Qxh5+ Kg7 73.Qg5+ Kh8  
74.Qh6+ Kg8 75.e7 Qf7 76.Qf8+ 1-0

**R. Yearwood - J. Reeve**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.Qe2 d5  
6.e5 Nd7 7.Bb5 Be7 8.0-0-0 9.d4 Qb6 10.Be3  
Kh8 11.a3 f6 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bxc5  
Qxc5 15.Bd3 Qd6 16.Re1 Bd7 17.Nbd2 e5  
18.Nxe5 Rae8 19.f4 Ng4 20.Rf1 Ncxe5 21.fxe5



Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Rf2 23.Qe1 Rxf1+ 24.Bxf1 Nf2+  
25.Kg1 Nh3+ 26.Kh1 Qg1# 0-1

**D. Ottosen - N. Haynes**

1.e4 g6 2.Bc4 d6 3.Qf3 Nf6 4.d4 Nc6 5.Ne2 Bg7  
6.h3 0-0 7.Be3 a6 8.Nd2 d5 9.exd5 Nb4 10.0-0-0  
b5 11.Bb3 Bb7 12.Ne4 Nfxd5 13.h4 h6 14.h5  
Nxe3 15.fxe3 g5 16.c3 Nd5 17.N2g3 e6 18.Nc5  
Bc6 19.e4 Nf4 20.Ne2 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Qe7

22.e5 Bd5 23.Bc2 f5 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Rh1 Rxf1  
26.Rxf1 Bc4? [26. ... Rf8] 27.Qe4 Bxf1  
28.Qxa8+ Bf8 29.Bb3 Bc4 30.Bxc4 bxc4  
31.Qxa6 Kf7 32.Qxc4 Qf6 33.Nd3 Bd6 34.Kc2  
Qf5 35.Qc6 Ke7 36.Qf3 Qa5 37.Kb1 Qb5 38.Qe4  
Kd8 39.Nc1 Bf4 40.Nd3 Bd6 41.g4 Qc4 42.Qa8+  
Kd7 43.Kc2 Qb5 44.b3 Qb6 45.a4 Ke7 46.a5  
Qb5 47.c4 Qd7 48.a6 Bf4 49.Qe4 1-0

**A. Odachowski - R. Gardner**

1.d4 c5 2.d5 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 fxe4  
6.Ng5 Bg7 7.Be2 Qb6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ngxe4 Nxe4  
10.Nxe4 d6 11.Ng5 Na6 12.Bd3 Bf5 13.c3 Nc7  
14.Bc4 h6 15.a4 a5 16.Ne6 Nxe6 17.dxe6 Rad8  
18.Bd5 g5 19.Qe2 Rf6 20.g4 Bh7 21.f4 gxf4  
22.Bxf4 Rdf8 23.Be3 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 Rxf1+  
25.Kxf1 Qd8 26.Bxb7 d5 27.Qf3 d4 28.cxd4 cxd4  
29.Bd2 Qc7 30.Qc6 Qd8 31.Qc8 Qxc8 32.Bxc8  
d3 33.b3 Be5 34.Bxa5 Bxh2 35.Bd2 Be4 36.Kf2  
Kg7 37.Ke3 Bg6 38.Bc3+ Kf8 39.Ba6 h5 40.gxh5  
Bxh5 41.Bxd3 Bd1 42.Bc4 Bc7 43.Bd5 Ke8  
44.a5 Kd8 45.a6 Bb6+ 46.Bd4 Kc7 47.a7 Bxa7  
48.Bxa7 1-0

**ROUND 5**

**G. Huber - A. Odachowski**

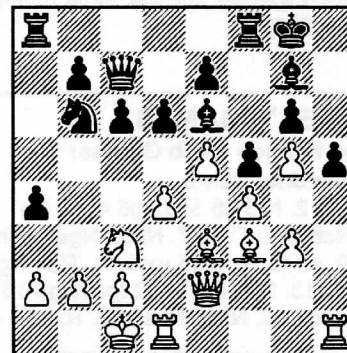
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10.f4 b5 11.a3 Bb7 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qf3 Nd7  
14.Qf2 Rb8 15.Rad1 b4 16.axb4 Nxb4 17.Bd4  
Nxd3 18.Rxd3 0-0 19.Rdd1 Bf6 20.Rfe1 Rfd8  
21.Kh1 Bxd4 22.Qxd4 Nf6 23.Ra1 Bc8 24.Red1  
Bb7 25.Re1 Bc8 26.Red1 1/2-1/2

**N. Haynes - R. Yearwood**

1.d4 d6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg7  
6.Nh3 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d5 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Qd3  
Kh8 11.Bf4 Qb6 12.Bxd6 Rd8 13.Na4 Qa6  
14.Nc5 Qxc4 15.Nxb7 Qxd3 16.exd3 Rd7  
17.Bxb8 Rxb7 18.Be5 Nd5 19.Bxg7+ Kxg7 20.b3  
Rb6 21.Rfe1 Bg8 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Re7+ Kf6  
24.Rxh7 a5 25.Nf4 Bf7 26.h4 a4 27.bxa4 Rxa4  
28.Rh8 Rxa2 29.Rxa2 Bxa2 30.Kg2 Bd5+  
31.Nxd5+ cxd5 32.Rd8 Ke5 33.Kf3 Kd4 34.Kf4  
Kxd3 35.Rxd5+ Ke2 36.f3 Rb4+ 37.Kg5 Kxf3  
1/2-1/2

**R. Gardner - D. Ottosen**

1.f4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c6 5.d4 Nh6  
6.e4 0-0 7.h3 Nd7 8.Be3 f5 9.e5 Nb6 10.Qe2 Nf7  
11.Nc3 Qc7 12.h4 h5 13.0-0-0 a5 14.Ng5 a4  
15.Bf3 Nng5 16.hxg5 Be6



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**ALBERTA CLOSED** *Continued from page 4***J. Reeve - D. Haessel**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 Be7 10.g4 h6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.h4 Nb6 13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Kb1 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bd7 17.Be2 a5 18.f4 0-0-0 19.Qd3 exf4 20.Qc4+ Kb7 21.Qxf4 Bxh4 22.Qxf7 Bf6 23.Nd2 Rb8 24.Bd3 a4 25.Ne4 Re7 26.Qg6 Be5 27.g5 hxg5 28.Qxg5 Rde8 29.Nd2 Bf6 30.Qf4 Be5 31.Qg5 Bb5 32.Bxb5 Qxb5 33.Nf3 Bf6 34.Qf4 Qc5 35.Ng5? [35.Rde1] 35. ... Re2 36.Rc1 b3 37.c3 bxa2+ 38.Ka1 a3 0-1

**ROUND 6****R. Yearwood - R. Gardner**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.c3 Ngf6 5.Qe2 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bc2 c4 8.b3 Qc7 9.bxc4 bxc4 10.Na3 Nb6 11.Rb1 Nfd7 12.Rb4 a5 13.Nb5 Qc5 14.Rb1 e5 15.Ba3 Qc6 16.d4 cxd3 17.Qxd3 Nc4 18.Nd2 Nxa3 19.Nxa3 Be7 20.Bb3 Rb8 21.Qf3 0-0 22.0-0 Ba6 23.Bd5 Qc5 24.Rxb8 Nxb8 25.c4 Nd7 26.Rb1 Nf6 27.Bb7 Bxb7 28.Rxb7 Bd8 29.Nc2 Bb6 30.Qe3? [30.Ne3] 31. ... Ng4 31.Qxc5 Bxc5 32.Nb3 Bxf2+ 33.Kf1 a4 34.Na5 f5 35.h3 fxe4 36.hxg4 Bb6+ 37.Ke2 Bxa5 38.Ne3 g6 39.Nd5 Bd8 40.Ke3 Bg5+ 41.Kxe4 Rf2 42.Nc7 Rxd2 43.Ne6 Rxd4+ 44.Kd5 Bf4 45.Rg7+ Kh8 46.Rf7 0-0 47.Kxd6 Bg3 48.Rf8+ Kh7 49.Rf7+ Kh6 50.Rf8 e+ 51.Ke7 Be5 52.c5 e3 53.c6 e2 54.c7 Rc4 0-1

**J. Reeve - N. Haynes**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c4 Nb6 8.exd6 cxd6 9.d5 exd5 10.cxd5 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Ne5 12.Be2 Be7 13.a4 a5 14.Bb5+ Ned7 15.Qb3 0-0 16.Bf4 Nc5 17.Qf3 Bf6 18.Nc3 Nb3 19.Rad1 Nd4 20.Qg3 Nf5 21.Qh3 Ne7 22.Ne4 Nxd5 23.Bxd6 Be7 24.Be5 Qc8 25.Qg3 f6 26.Bd4 Rd8 27.h4 Qf5 28.Qb3 Kh8 29.Ng3 Qc8 30.h5 h6 31.Bd3 Bb4 32.Bxb6 Nxb6 33.Qf7 Qg4 34.Bf5 Qg5? [34. ... Qc4] 35.Rxd8+ Rxd8 36.Qc7 1-0

**D. Haessel - A. Odachowski**

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e4 e5 6.Nge2 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 Be6 9.Nd5 Qd7 10.Be3 Nd8 11.Rb1 Nc8 12.f4 c6 13.Ndc3 Ne7 14.b3 1/2-1/2

**D. Ottosen - G. Huber**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 g6 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Nb4 8.Ng3 Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 c6 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.h3 0-0-0 13.Qc4 Rhf8 14.Rhe1 Kb8 15.Re3 Bh6 16.Rf3 Bg5 17.Nce2 h5 18.Ra3 h4 19.Nf1 f5 20.f4 Be7 21.Qa4 b6 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Ne3 Bd7 24.d5 c5 25.Qe4 Rfe8 26.Qf3 Bf6 27.Ng4 Bg7 28.Nc1 Re7 29.Qf2 Rh8 30.Re1 Rxe1 31.Qxe1 Qd8 32.Re3 Re8 33.Rxe8 Bxe8 34.Nb3 Bd7 35.Nd2 f5 36.Nf2 Qf6 37.c3 Qf7 38.Nf3 Bf6 39.c4 b5 40.Ne5 dxe5 41.fxe5 bxc4 42.exf6 Qxf6 43.Nd1 f4 44.Nc3 f3 45.gxf3 Qxf3 46.a3 Qf6 47.Qe2 Bf5+ [Here, in sudden death time pressure, Greg picks up the bishop and almost blunders with Bxh3, then finds a better spot for it.] 48.Ka2 Qd6 49.Qxc4 Bxh3 50.Qxh4 Bd7 51.Qc4 Bf5 52.Nb5 [52.Na4] Qe7 53.Nc3 Qd6 54.Na4 g5 55.Nxc5 g4 56.Qb5+ Qb6 57.Qe8+ Kc7 58.Qf7+ [58.Qe7+ Kc8 59.d6 +] 58. ... Kd8? [58. ... Kd6] 59.Nb7+ Kc8 60.Qxf5+ Kxb7 61.Qxg4 1-0

**ROUND 7****R. Gardner - J. Reeve**

1.f4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4 Bb4 5.Bd3 f5 6.Qh5+ g6 7.Qe2 Qh4+ 8.Kd1 Bxc3 9.bxc3 fxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxe4 11.Qxe4 Nc6 12.a4 Nf6 13.Qf3 Qg4 14.Qxg4 Nxd4 15.Ke2 Nf6 16.Nf3 Na5 17.Kd3 d6 18.Bd2 Kd7 19.c4 Nc6 20.a5 Rae8 21.Bc3 Rhf8 22.g3 Ng4 23.Rhf1 e5 24.dxe5 dxe5 25.Bxe5 Ngxe5+ 26.Nxe5+ Nxe5+ 27.fxe5 Rxf1 28.Rxf1 Rxe5 29.Kd4 Re7 30.Rf8 bxa5 31.Ra8 Re2 32.h4 Rg2 33.Rh8 Kc6 34.Rxh7 Rxg3 35.Rh6 Kb7 36.Kc5 a4 37.h5 g5 38.Kb5 a3 39.c5 c6+ 40.Rxc6 Rg1 41.Rg6 Bb1+ 42.Kc4 a2 43.Rg7+ Ka6 0-1

**G. Huber - R. Yearwood**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 Nd4 7.Qd2 Qa5 8.f4 Ne7 9.Nh3 d6 10.0-0 f5 11.Qf2 Bd7 12.Nd1 Qa6 13.Qd2 Rb8 14.Ndf2 b5 15.c3 Ndc6 16.a3 Na5 17.Qc2 c4 18.Kh1 h6 19.Rfe1 0-0 20.Rad1 Bc6 21.dxc4 Nxc4 22.Bd4 Qb7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.b3 Nb6 25.Rxd6 Rfd8 26.Rxe6 Kf7 27.Rxc6 Qxc6 28.exf5 Qd6 29.fxg6+ Kg7 30.f5 Qxa3 31.Qe4 Ng8 32.Nf4 Nf6 33.Qe5 Nbd7 34.Nh5+ Kh8 35.g7+ Kh7 36.Nxf6+ Nxf6 37.Qxf6 Rg8 38.Qg6# 1-0

**N. Haynes - D. Haessel**

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 Be7 10.0-0 b5 11.Qf2 Qc7 12.g4 h6 13.h4 Qc6 14.Bg2? [14.Be2] 14. ... b4 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Kb1 a5 17.Ng3 Nxb3 18.cxb3 a4 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.Nf5 Kf8 21.Nxe7 Kxe7 22.Bb6 Rhc8 23.bxa4?? [23.g5] 23... Bxa2+ 0-1

**A. Odachowski - D. Ottosen**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 c5 4.d5 Nf6 5.Nc3 b5 6.e5 b4 7.exf6 bxc3 8.bxc3 exf6 9.Bxc4 Bd6 10.Qe2+ Qe7 11.Qxe7+ Kxe7 1/2-1/2

**ALBERTA RESERVES, 2001****By John Quiring**

Kris Boehmer of Calgary won the hotly contested Reserves with an undefeated score of 4/5. Just a half point back was a party platter of players tied for second: Ashton Anderson, Taco Van Ieperen, Rod Weis, Daryl Bertrand, Dave Gomboc, Ron Hinds, and Micah Hughey.

In the Under 1750 section, unrated Archie Robertson won first place with score of 3/5. Once he gets a published rating, he obviously won't be competing in the lower section anymore. And second place featured a large group of players with 2.5 points: Victor Kaminski, Brandon Eshelman, Mike Smith, Bob Macfie, Peter Lacroix, and Kevin Ward. Between the two sections, the four prizes were shared among 15 of the 26 players in the tournament.

The Reserves coincided with the first round of the NHL playoffs, which was as usual a non-event in Calgary (ha!) but a number of Edmontonians were seen making their way to Peter Lacroix's hotel room during round 2 to watch their plucky lads cater the Feast Of Victory in Dallas. (Alas, a single game does not a series make).

A special feature of the tournament was a chess trivia quiz. At the beginning of each round, I posed a trivia question for the consideration of those players who showed up on time. I was armed with additional clues in case no one could answer the questions, but the knowledgeable crowd usually didn't require clues.

Try your luck at these questions; answers are at the end of this article.

1. For several decades, Miguel Najdorf of Argentina was one of the strongest players in the western world. But Najdorf was actually born in Poland. What caused him to move to Argentina? Clue 1: He stayed in Argentina after playing in the Chess Olympics in Buenos Aires, 1939.

2. In 1963, Bobby Fischer was 20 years old. Why wasn't he drafted for the Vietnam War?

3. The World Junior Chess Championship was held in Toronto in 1957. Who won with a perfect score?

Clue 1: He was an American

Clue 2: Instead of becoming a chess professional, he became a priest.

Clue 3: He was Bobby Fischer's second in the 1972 world championship match.

4. Which grandmaster, during his entire life, won the most chess tournaments?

5. (A) Which American won the World Junior Chess Championship in 1979?

Clue 1: He lives in Seattle.

Clue 2: He publishes a chess magazine.

(B) What city was he born in?

**M. Hughey - Alex. Kazakevich**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Bxf6 exf6 6.e4 Be6 7.exd5 Bxd5 8.Qe2+ Kf8 9.0-0-0 Bh6+ 10.Kb1 Kg7 11.g4 Re8 12.Qd3 Be6 13.h3 Na6 14.d5 Bd7 15.Qd4 Kg8 16.Bg2 Bg7 17.Qd2 Rb8 18.Nd4 c5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Nxc6 Qb6 21.Na4 Qb5 22.Nxb8 Nxb8 23.Nc3 Qb6 24.Qd4 Qa5 25.Qd5 Qb4 26.Qb7 Qe7 27.Bf3 f5 28.Rhe1 Qd8 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8 30.Qc7 Be6 31.Rd8 1-0

**D. Bertrand - K. Boehmer**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nb3 a5 8.Na4 0-0 9.f3 d6 10.Bb5 e6 11.Qd2 d5 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.e5 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Bxd7 16.Nxa5 Bxe5 17.Rb1 Bxb2 18.0-0 Bg7 19.Rxb8 Qxb8 20.a4 Qb2 21.Nb3 e5 22.Bc5 Rb8 23.Bd6 Bxb3 24.Qa5 Rb8 25.Qa7 Qb6+ 0-1

**A. Robertson - S. Hansen**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxd5 4.d3 e6 5.Nf3 b6 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Bc4 Bd6 8.Bxd5 cxd5 9.Nc3 Nd7 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Nb5 Bb8 12.Nbd4 Re8 13.0-0 Nf8 14.Nc6 Qc7 15.Nxb8 Rxb8 16.d4 Ng6 17.Ng5 e5 18.Qb5 Bf5 19.dxe5 Rxe5 20.Nf3 Ree8 21.c3 Rbd8 22.Be3 Qc8 23.Rad1 Bg4 24.Rxd5 Bxf3 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.gxf3 Qb7 27.Qg5 Rd5 28.Qg4 Ne5 29.Qe4 Nxf3+ 30.Kh1 Ne5 31.f4 Ng6 32.c4 Rd7 33.Qxb7 Rxb7 34.Rd1 f5 35.Kg2 Re7 36.Kf2 Kf7 37.b3 Ke8 38.Rd5 Rf7 39.Kf3 Ne7 40.Re5 Kd7 41.c5 bxc5 42.Bxc5 Nc6 43.a3 g6 44.b4 Rf6 45.b5 Na5 46.Rd5+ Kc8 47.Bxa7 Rf7 48.Bb6 Nb7 49.a4 Rd7 50.Rxd7 Kxd7 51.Ke3 Nd6 52.Kd4 g5 53.fxg5 f4 54.Bc5 f3 55.Ke3 f2 56.Kxf2 Ne4+ 57.Kf3 Nxc5 58.a5 Ne6 59.Kg4 Kd6 60.Kh5 Nd4 61.Kh6 1-0

**P. Lacroix - R. Weis**

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nxe4 Bf5 4.Qf3 Bxe4 5.Qxe4 c6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Qb4 Qc7 8.Bc4 e6 9.Qb3 Bd6 10.d4 0-0 11.Bd2 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 b5 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Qxe6+ Kh8 15.Ng5 Nb6 16.Qf5 Qd7

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17.Ne6 Rf7 18.Rde1 Nfd5 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qh4 Re8 21.Ng5 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Re7 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Qh6 Bf4 0-1

### Bob Macfie - Dave Gomboc

1. f4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 Bf5 4. b3 e6 5. Bb2 Nbd7 6. h3 Ne4 7. g4 Bg6 8. Rg1 h5 9. d3 hg 10. hg Nd6 11. Qe2 c6 12. Nc3 Qa5 13. Kf2 Be7 14. Bg2 Bf6 15. Qe1 O-O 16. g5 Be7 17. Rh1 f6 18. Nh4 Bh5 19. gf Bxf6 20. d4 g5 21. fg Bxg5 22. Nf3 Rdf8 23. Ne2 Ne4+ 24. Kg1 Bxe3+ 25. Kf1 Nd2+ 26. Qxd2 Qxd2 27. Bc3 Qxc2 28. Be1 Bxf3 29. Bxf3 Rxf3+ 30. Kg2 Qxe2+ 31. Bf2 Qxf2# 0-1

### Chess Quiz answers:

1. Many people immediately knew the answer without any clues: World War 2
2. Peter Lacroix guessed medical reasons, and that was close enough. "... Bobby took his physical examination and was rejected, for reasons that have never been made public." Frank Brady, Bobby Fischer: Profile Of A Prodigy
3. Nic Haynes identified William Lombardy after the second clue.
4. Anatoly Karpov has been both active and successful during his chess career, winning over 140 chess tournaments, far more than anyone else. Dave Gomboc answered this question correctly.
5. A sea of voices shouted out Yasser Seirawan's name, without needing any clues. But it was Rod Weis's lone voice which identified Yaz's birth place: Damascus, Syria.

## ABE YANOFSKY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

### By Adam Tassone, TD

This was the first annual Abe Yanofsky Memorial Tournament, and it was held May 26-27 at the Edmonton Chess Club. I decided to create this tournament because there were no other tournaments being held in May plus there was a huge gap between tournaments at the Edmonton Chess Club. According to other chess players May tournaments have usually been dismal with poor turnouts, so I decided to advertise this tournament and hope for the best. I sent out tons of emails, printed out countless posters, and harassed all the players at the club with reminders. So after all that hard work it was time to see the results... and they were excellent. 25 chess players showed up for the event, though a couple of them were forced to play. In addition to the large turnout 3 players came from out of town: Roy Yearwood, Nandor Tot, and Alfredo Tinio. What was also surprising was the amount of donuts people ate. I bought 65 donuts for the weekend and they were all gone before the 5<sup>th</sup> round began. I expected some people to maybe eat 2 or 3

but there were a few, such as Simon Yewchuk who ate over six donuts. Hey, when something is free you might as well take advantage of it was what one chess player said as he went up for his 3<sup>rd</sup> donut.

**Round 1** was the usual as the higher rated player forced the lower rated player to cough up one point, except for one game. Micah Hughey was playing an unrated player; Alfredo Tinio who's World Chess Network rating is around 2200. Micah did not let this bother him and played his normal passive style, yet found himself in a lost rook ending where he was down a pawn. To add to matters Micah also had less than 5 minutes on his clock, but with nerves of steel he calmly drew the game. This was also a relief for myself since this was my first time acting as a TD and I did not want to interfere and decide whether or not it was a draw if Micah flagged.

**Round 2** still had the lower rated players getting beat up by the veterans, except again for one case. George Skrzpniak was able to hold a draw against Master Nandor Tot. Another exciting game was John Anderson vs. Dave Ottosen. Dave was challenged by Micah to beat John using less than 10 minutes on his clock. If he does Micah would buy Dave a soccer ball, if he doesn't Dave buys Micah the soccer ball, which was later donated to the club for use between rounds. Without breaking a sweat and using less than 5 minutes on his clock Dave had John resigning.

**Round 3** saw Micah Hughey once again involved in an exciting game. Micah had white against Roy Yearwood, who was trying to gain some rating points and regain the coveted title of Master. Even though Roy was winning 99% of the game it was the last 1% that counted at which point Micah created an unstoppable mating net around Roy's king.

**Round 4** this was the most difficult round for the TD as some players thought the start time was 9:00 while others thought it was 9:30. So after the round finally got way at 9:30 another problem arose. Dave Ottosen had not shown up for his game yet and it was almost an hour past start time. After the loss was awarded to Dave I recalled the device known as an answering machine...uh oh. Peter Lacroix and I then took the machine outside to listen to the message since we did not want to disturb other players or let them hear Dave's message. It took a while to sort out but in the end Dave was extremely generous and agreed to give up the rating points as long as he can make fun of me

forever...seemed fair enough.

**Round 5** saw the battle for prize money in both the Open section and the Under 1682 section or better known as the Under Regimbald section. On board one Micah Hughey beat Rob Gardner with black after Rob declined a draw offer by Micah...ouch! And only one board over we saw Peter Lacroix and Alfredo Tinio draw. Therefore Micah and Rob split 1st in the Open section and Alfredo and Peter split 1<sup>st</sup> in the Under Regimbald section, congratulations.

### Rob Gardner - Simon Yewchuk

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 Be7 5. e3 0-0 6. Qc2 Nbd7 7. g4 Re8 8. g5 Nh5 9. cxd5 Nb6 10. dxe6 Bxe6 11. Bd3 g6 12. e4 c6 13. Be3 Qc7 14. Ne2 Bd6 15. e5 Bf8 16. Ng3 Nxd3 17. hxd3 Nd5 18. Bd2 Rad8 19. a3 Qb6 20. Rh4 c5 21. Kf1 Rc8 22. Kg2 Ne7 23. Rg1 Nf5 24. Rg2 Bg7 25. dxc5 Rxc5 26. Bc3 Qc6 27. Be4 Bd5 28. Bxd5 Qxd5 29. e6 Bxc3 30. Qxc3 Kf8 31. Rxf7 Kg8 32. Rh8# 1-0

### Rob Gardner - Micah Hughey

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Be7 6. Be2 O-O 7. Be3 d5 8. e5 Ne4 9. Nxe4 dxe4 10. Bc4 c5 11. Nb5 Qb6 12. O-O a6?!  
Nc6 was better  
13. Nc3 ?!  
Nd6 is strong for white  
13...Qxb2 14. Nd5 Qxe5 15. Bf4 Qe6 16. Qe2?!

16.Nxe7! Qxe7 17.Bd6 is better for white  
16... Bd8 17. Nc7 Qf5 18. Nxa8 Qxf4

With this move, I offered a draw. This was based on a miscalculation of the second place prize money. Those of you who think I should have been calculating chess moves instead of prize money, you are correct. Lucky for me, my opponent declined my draw offer, and lost material with his next move.

### 19. Bd5??

After the game, Gardner suggested 19.a4! to try and create an escape square on b6 for the knight

### 19...Nd7!

Now the knight is permanently trapped and will be captured soon.

20. Qxe4 Qb8 21. Rab1 Nf6 22. Qc4 Nxd5 23. Qxd5 Qxa8 24. Qxc5 Bd7 25.Rfe1 Bc6 26. Rb3 b6 27. Qd4 Bf6 28. Qg4 b5 29. Rd3 Bd5 30. a3 Be6 31. Qg3 Qc8 32. Rd6 a5 33. Qd3 Qc5 34. Ra6 b4 35. axb4 Qxb4 36. Qe4 Bc3 37. Qxb4 Bxb4 38. Re3 Rc8 39. h3 g6 40. c3 Rxc3 41. Rxc3 Bxc3 42. Rc6 Bb4 43. Rb6 Kg7 44. Kf1 Kf6 45. Ke2 Ke5 46. Kd3 Kd5 47. Rb8 Bf5+ 48. Ke2 Kc4 49. g4 Be6 50. Ra8 Kb3 0-1 (Hughey)

## THE MARCH OF KINGS

By Bob Macfie, TD

It has been some time since I last saw 28 entrants to a weekend event in Calgary – including one entrant from Lethbridge and two from Edmonton, five juniors, and at least five people who had never entered a rated tournament before this. And this was despite a transit strike! (For those who are curious, the tournament site is approximately an hour from downtown on foot – at least at my pace.)

The unknown factors made themselves significant as early as round one, when Neil Campbell took advantage of a slip to defeat Graham Sorgard, and Archie Robertson defeated John Rajchel. Meanwhile, Roy Yearwood barely escaped his demise on the board at the hands of Adam Tassone, who had to content himself with a draw.

Round two demonstrated that these occurrences were not some mere blips on the radar. Archie defeated Roy in a game that saw a queen and four pawns against a rook, knight and bishop, later simplifying down to a contest between three pawns and a bishop that couldn't stop them all. Meanwhile, Neil forced Jim Fleming to struggle to hold a draw. And Bob Macfie took strange delight in being one of the two frontrunners at this point, taking a bye to keep the pairings even and concentrate on preparing matters for the third round. (I know that's not how it works, but it's nice to pretend once in a while).

Bob was forced to abandon his delusions in round three when Jim brought the roof down on him. And Reality, grim Reality, selected Chris Kuczaj to serve as its avatar to defeat the (until then) unstoppable Archie. Neil, in the meantime, secured yet another triumph by winning a bishop in the endgame, with Steve Hansen's pawns about to perish as well.

Round four saw Bill Bentley appointed as Reality's messenger when he handed Neil his only defeat of the event. Archie met grief against Ron Hinds, a man eager to demonstrate that missing the first two rounds would not be enough to take him out of contention for first place. Meanwhile, only one player held a perfect score by the end of this round – Nandor Tot, ranked second at the start of the event, and the man who played King of the Mountain with board one from the second round on. By standing a full point ahead of his closest opposition, he was already guaranteed at least a share of first place, if not sole possession of it. Meanwhile, second place was still in contention by five hungry hopefuls.

Round five saw one of those hopefuls, Jim Daniluk, change the stakes considerably by managing to hand Nandor his only defeat in what is almost traditionally a quiet round on board one. It looked like a two-way tie when Chris Kuczaj drew with Ron Hinds and Jim Flemming handed his extra pawn back to Bill Bentley in time pressure. But with the onset of the second time control, Bill miscalculated, and dropped another pawn. In the longest and arguably most brutal game of the tournament, Bill missed his final chance to force a draw in the king and pawn endgame that resulted, and Jim Flemming took a share of first place, along with Nandor Tot and Jim Daniluk, for a total of \$100 each. Ron and Chris shared fourth to seventh places with Steve and Neil (who gave Bob a hard lesson about the perils of accepting a position containing EVERY bad pawn that was to be found in the room that round) to each wind up with \$30, Neil winning the \$50 top junior prize. Meanwhile, by defeating Colin Chrumka, Archie managed to secure top unrated prize (\$25) and place 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> overall.

I'd like to thank all of the players who tolerated the madness that overcomes Bob Macfie when he is given a small amount of power, Walter Watson for his assistance and a good dose of reality (when I was feeling a rush of omnipotence from my fourth round win he reminded me in his usual gentle fashion that I had been hopelessly losing that game), and the maintenance staff at the Hampton Inn for managing to get the room's temperature controls fixed.

I also feel that Roy Yearwood deserves special thanks – he was the main director for this event, the second Calgary weekend tournament in a row he's had to run, and this one at very short notice (i.e. Friday). He deserves a break from having to run the next event – and I'm sure it couldn't hurt his suffering rating either. Be warned, Calgary -- I could end up directing again.

Selected games:

### Mike Smith - Jonathan Day

Notes by Mike Smith [additional comment by Bob Macfie]

#### 1.b4

I was getting sick of the usual so I dusted off my Polish

1. ... Nc6 2.b5 Ne5 3.d4 Ng6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 e6 6.Be2 b6 7.O-O Bb7 8.a4 Be7 9.Bd3

I also considered 9.h4, threatening h5 and trapping the knight on g6, but felt he had too much room to maneuver out of it, and

my kingside would be weakened afterwards.

9...O-O 10.Bxg6 fxc6

[I was surprised to see Black capture away from the centre here—perhaps he was focusing on adding pressure against the knight on f3?]

11.Nbd2 d6 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.c4 h6 14.Ngf3 Qe8 15.Qc2 g5 16.Ba3 Nd7 17.e4 g4 18.Ne1 h5 19.d5

I wanted to block the long diagonal to limit his light-squared bishop.

19...Bg5 20.Bc1 h4 21.Nb3 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 e5

[22...exd5 looks appealing, as Black has better control of the open file at the moment, but he can't hold it after exd5, Nd3, and Rce1—it is better for him to close the centre and concentrate on his kingside assault.]

23.a5 Qf7 24.a6

[Too early, I believe—White should hold the tension here a bit longer; 24.Nd3 might have been a better choice]

24...Bc8 25.f3 g3 26.h3 g5

[Notice that White's 24<sup>th</sup> move has driven Black's bishop to a contributing position in the following attack]

27.Qe2 Nf6 28.Nd3 Nh5 29.Qe3 Qg6 30.Na1 Bd7 31.Nb3??

[It might not be the best move, but surely it's not a blunder?]

31...Rae8 32.Na1 Re7 33.Nc2 Ref7 34.Ncb4 Qf6 35.Nc6 g4

[I admire the idea and the courage it must have taken to play it]

36.hxg4 Bxg4 37.Nxa7!!

Saving my butt later. [Though it's bold, I'm not sure it's enough; while it offers more counterplay than 37.Qe2, there may not be time to benefit from such an aggressive approach]

37...h3

Now ...hxg2 leads to ...Qh4 and mate whether Kxg2 or not.

38.Rc2

[38.gxh3 might be a bit better—38...Qh4 39.fxg4 Qxh3 40.Qe2 or 38...Bxh3 39.Rfd1 seem to hold, though Black can sweep the kingside pawns]

38...hxg2

[Black overlooks 38... Qh4 exploiting the pin on f3; for example, 39.Nc6 h2+ 40.Kh1 Bxf3 41.gxf3 Qh3 42.Qe1 – or 42.Qe2 Nf4 – 42...Rxf3 or 39.gxh3 Bxh3 40.Rd1 Rxf3 41.Qe2 Rf1+ 42.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 43.Qxf1 Bxf1 44.Kxf1 Qh1+ 45.Ke2 Qxe4+ 46.Kd2 Nf4]

39.Rxg2 Bh3

[39...Qh4 is still stronger – the threat is to play ...Rh7, though whether to play this before ...Nf5 to close the f-file or after it is uncertain to me]

40.Nc6 Bxg2 41.Kxg2 Kg7

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**MARCH OF KINGS** *Continued from page 7*  
 [How about 41...Rh7 intending ...Qh4 and an attack along the h-file?]

**42.a7 Ra8**

Preventing Nb8

**43.Rh1 Nf4+**

I wanted to kill the g-pawn but 44.Kxg3 Qg6+ makes things ugly.

**44.Nf4 exf4 45.Qc1**

To block infiltration of his queen.

**45. ... Kg6**

[It can't be a good idea to bring the king so close to lines that White can open]

**46.Qc2**

Threatening the e5 disco.

**46. ... Kg5 47.Qc1**

[47.Rh3 screening h3 and threatening Rxc3+ might be better]

**47...Kg6**

[Black may be able to gain control with 47...Rh8, as 48.Nb8 Rfh7 allows Black to come crashing in on either wing, while 48.Rxh8 Qxh8 49.Qg2 Rh7 also looks crushing]

**48.Qc2 Kg5 49.Qc1 Rff8**

I avoided swapping off the queens because without them Jonathan can force the rooks off and his king will have the opposition forcing the g-pawn down my throat. I see no opportunity for me to force an attack here so I am playing for a draw but watching for errors.

**50.Rh3**

Threatening Rxc3.

**50...Kg6 51.Qc2**

[Here Mike misses a win with the central break 51.e5 dxe5 52.Qc2+ Qf5 - any other move allows 53.Qh7 and mate soon after - 53.Ne2+, or the more careful 51...Qg5 52.Qc2+ Rf5 53.Nd4 dxe5 54.Nxf5 Rxa7 (54... Qxf5 will lose the queen to 55.Rh6+) 56.Nd6+ when 55...Kf6 loses the queen to Ne4+ and 55...Kg7 56.Qh7+ mates next move]

**51...Kg5 52.Qc1 Kg6 53.Qc2 Kg5**

If 53.Kg7 I would play 54.e5 with ideas on the h7 square, if his queen blocks then I swap and advance my rook to h4 hitting the f4 pawn. If 53.Kf7 I play 54.e5 dxe5 55.Rh7+ Ke8 and it is a little unclear, but still scary. [Is it ironic that Mike was prepared to play e5 in these other positions but missed the fact that it wins in this one?] Jonathan offered me a draw at this point and I jumped on it.

1/2-1/2

**Neil Campbell - Graham Sorgard**

Notes by Bob Macfie

**1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.f4 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nc3 O-O 6.Nf3 Nxe4 7.Nxe4**

Declining (or overlooking) the alternative 6.Bxf7+

**7...d5 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.Bxe4 c5 10.c3 Qb6 11.O-O cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6 13.Be3 Bg4**

**14.Bxc6 Qxc6 15.Qb3 Be6 16.Qb4 Bxa2??**

Black sees that he can fork the rook and bishop on his next move, but overlooks the fact that the absence of the pawn from the a-file means the rook can now move to defend the bishop. I suspect also that the difficulty in defending e7 was a factor in this error.

**17.Rxa2 Qe6 18.Ra3 a5 19.Qb3 Qe4**

**20.Qd3 Qe6 21.Ng5 Qd6 22.Ne4 Qd5**

**23.Nc3 Qh5**

Black was understandably tired of having his queen kicked around, but she accomplished little out here. 23...Qd7 guarding e7 and obstructing the path of White's isolated d-pawn, seems like a better alternative.

**24.Qb5 Qg4 25.Qg5 Qe6 26.f5 Qd7**

**27.Qf4 Rae8**

I don't see any reason for Black to surrender the a-pawn. In fact, 27...b5 might be in order to try to create some - not enough, but some - counterplay.

**28.Rxa5 Qc6 29.Qf3 Qc7 30.Rc5 Qb8**

d7 is a more active square, but I can understand why this queen might feel the need for seclusion after so many swings at her

**31.fxg6 hxg6 32.Nd5 Qd6 33.Qe4**

What about 33.Rc7?

**33...e5 34.Qd3 Rd8 35.Bg5 e4? 36.Qc4**

There is no reason to reject the pawn. Things look fine after 36.Qxe4 Rde8 37.Qh4

**36...b6 37.Bxd8**

Is there a bigger prize to be had after 37.Ne7+ with Rd5, Rf4 and Rh4+ to follow?

**37...Bxd4+**

Perhaps it was better to play 37...bxc5 and maintain some control over the dark squares around the Black king.

**38.Qxd4 bxc5?? 39.Nf6+ Kg7 40.Qxd6**

While this wins, 40.Ne8+ Kh6 41.Qg7+ Kh5 42.Qh7+ Kg4 43.Qh3# seems more effective, to my mind, and perhaps more refined.

1-0

## KERES MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

**By Juraj Pivovarov**

The 26th Annual Keres Memorial was held in Vancouver over the May long weekend this year. Six players from Alberta joined the other 100 or so participants from BC and the United States. The weekend weather was sunny and warm, encouraging a lot of players to visit the picturesque city between rounds.

The tournament was very well organized by Lynn Stringer, Mark Barnes, and Peter Stockhausen.

Kris Boehmer had an exceptional tournament, with a performance of 2437, including a win against IM Valvo and a chance against IM Orlov. He finished in a four-way tie for 3rd place. Erik Tam scored very well in the U2000 section, also tying for 3rd place.

Here's a brief summary of the results.

### Open Section

Name	Rtg	Perf	Score
Boehmer, Kris	2125	2437	5.0/7
(Four way tie for 3rd place)			
Huber, Gregory	2333	2261	4.5/7
Gardner, Robert J.	2333	2248	4.5/7
Nguyen, Kim	2015	1986	3.5/7
Pivovarov, Juraj	1807	1766	2.0/7

### U2000 Section

Name	Rtg	Perf	Score
Tam, Erik	1901	2011	4.5/6
(Two way tie for 3rd place)			

### Kris Boehmer - IM Michael Valvo

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. c4 d6 6. O-O Nc6 7. Nc3 a6 8. d5 Na5 9. Nd2 c5 10. Qc2 Rb8 11. b3 b5 12. Bb2 e5 13. e3 Bf5 14. e4 Bd7 15. Rae1 Nh5 16. Nd1 Bh6 17. Ne3 f5 18. exf5 gxf5 19. f4 exf4 20. gxf4 Nxf4 21. Rf3 bxc4 22. Rg3+ Ng6 23. Qc3 Kf7 24. Ndx4 Nxc4 25. Nxc4 Bc8 26. Rh3 Nf4 27. Qg3 Rg8 28. Qh4 Qxh4 29. Rxh4 Rg6 30. Bc1 Bg7 31. Bxf4 1-0

### Rob Gardner - Tristram McPherson

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be2 a6 7. O-O b5 8. a3 Nf6 9. Be3 Be7 10. f4 Bb7 11. Bf3 d6 12. Qd3 O-O 13. Rad1 b4 14. Nxc6 Bxc6 15. axb4 Rfd8 16. Qc4 Rdc8 17. Qb3 Qb7 18. f5 e5 19. Nd5 Bxd5 20. exd5 Rab8 21. Bd2 e4 22. Be2 Nxd5 23. Bc4 Nxb4 24. Bxf7+ Kh8 25. Bc3 Qb6+ 26. Kh1 Nc6 27. f6 Bxf6 28. Rxf6 Qxb3 29. cxb3 Ne5 30. Bxe5 dxe5 31. Rxa6 1-0

### James Chan - Eric Tam

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Bg5 c6 7. Qd2 Qc7 8. Rc1 Nbd7 9. Nh3 Nb6 10. Nf2 Be6 11. b3 c5 12. d5 Bd7 13. Be2 a5 14. a4 Be8 15. Bh6 Nbd7 16. O-O Qb6 17. Rb1 Ne5 18. Bxg7 Kxg7 19. h3 Rd8 20. f4 Ned7 21. Nd3 e5 22. f5 h6 23. h4 Nh7 24. Ne1 g5 25. hxg5 Nxc5 26. f6+ Nxf6 27. Qe3 Nfh7 28. Bg4 Bd7 29. Bf5 f6 30. Nf3 Bxf5 31. exf5 Qc7 32. Nh4 Rg8 33. Kf2 Nf7 34. Ne4 Nhg5 35. Ng3 Kf8 36. Nh5 Nh7 37. Ng6+ Ke8 38. Rh1 Kd7 39. Nhf4 Nhg5 40. Ne6 Qb6 41. Nxd8 Qxd8 42. Rh4 Kc7 43. Rbh1 Qd7 44. g4 Kb8 45. Qe1 b6 46. Qe2 Kb7 47. Ke3 Ka7 48. Qd1 Ka6 49. R1h2 Kb7 50. Qh1 Ka6 1/2-1/2



# ALBERTA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

By John Quiring, TD

Six players attended the Women's Championship, so a round robin tournament perfectly fit the schedule I was hoping to use. Four players returned from last year: Dawn, Carolyn, Riana and defending champion Stasy. And they were joined by two youngsters in their first Championship, Megan and Adie. Many of the games were close, but in the final analysis Stasy repeated her performance of last year, playing the most solid chess over the course of five games to win her second consecutive Women's Championship.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
1. Anastasia Kazakevich	X	1	1	=	1	1	4.5
2. Megan Chi	0	X	0	0	1	0	1
3. Carolyn McMaster	0	1	X	1	1	1	4
4. Dawn Rock	=	1	0	X	=	1	3
5. Riana Hinds	0	0	0	=	X	0	0.5
6. Adie Todd	0	1	0	0	1	X	2

## Anastasia Kazakevich - D. Rock

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Ngxe5 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.e3 Bb4 8.Bd2 d6 9.Be2 Bf5 10.Nb1 Bc5 11.Bc3 Qe7 12.0-0 13.Nd2 Qe6 14.b3 Bg4 15.Bxg4 Nxb3 16.Re1 Qf5 17.Qf3 Qg6 18.Qg3 Rae8 19.h3 Ne5 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Qxg6 fxg6 22.Nf3 Ref5 23.Re2 g5 24.Rd1 c6 25.Nd4 Re5 26.Nc2 a5 27.a3 Rf6 28.b4 axb4 29.axb4 Bb6 30.Red2 Ree6 31.Nd4 Re4 32.Rd3 c5 33.Nb5 Rxc4 34.Nxd6 Rxb4 35.Nxb7 c4 36.Rc3 Rb2 37.Rf1 Bxe3 38.fxe3 Rxb7 39.Rxc4 Re7 40.Rc3 Kf7 41.Rf3 Kg6 42.Kf2 h5 43.g4 hxg4 44.hxg4 Re4 45.Rxf6+ gxh6 46.Kf3 Re5 47.Rc6 Kf7 48.Rc7+ Ke6 1/2-1/2

## C. McMaster - A. Kazakevich

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd2 c6 6.Ne4 Qf5 7.Nxf6+ Qxf6 8.Be3 e5 9.Be2 Bd6 10.Nf3 h6 11.dxe5 Bxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Bd4 Qg5 14.Bf3 0-0 15.0-0 Rd8 16.Re1 c5 17.Re5 Qf4 18.Re4 Qc7 19.Qe2 cxd4 20.Re8+ Rxe8 21.Qxe8+ Kh7 22.Re1 Be6 23.h4 Qc8 24.Qb5 Nc6 25.Be4+ Kg8 26.Qd3 Qd7 27.Bh7+ Kh8 28.a3 Bc4 29.Qxc4 Kxh7 30.f3 Re8 31.Rd1 Qe6 32.Qxe6 Rxe6 33.c3 Rd6 34.cxd4 Rxd4 35.Rxd4 Nxd4 And Black won on move 50. 0-1

## C. McMaster - D. Rock

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bxf6 Nxf6 7.e3 c6 8.c5 b6 9.b4 bxc5 10.dxc5 0-0 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.f4 Rd8 13.Bd3 Ne4 14.Ne2 Bf6 15.Nd4 Bb7 16.Ndf3 a5 17.Qc2 axb4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 Qa5 20.0-0 Qxc5 21.Ng5 Bxg5 22.fxg5 Rf8 23.Nd7 Qxg5 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Rab1 Rb8 26.Rxb4 f5 27.Qxe6+ 1-0

# TACTICAL PROBLEMS

Juraj Pivovarov of Calgary submitted the following positions from his games in the April Team Championships.

Diagram 1 is Black to play, the remainder are White's turn. Answers on back page.

Diagram 1

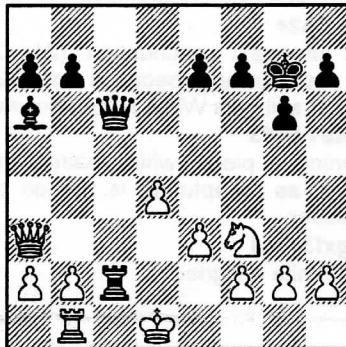


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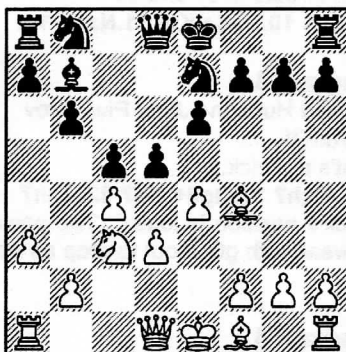


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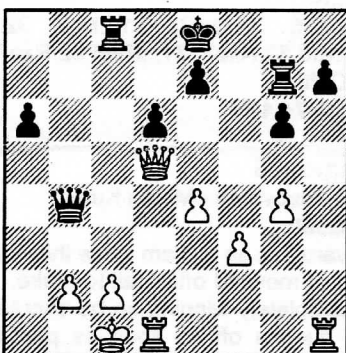


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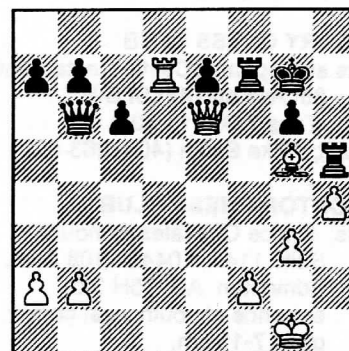
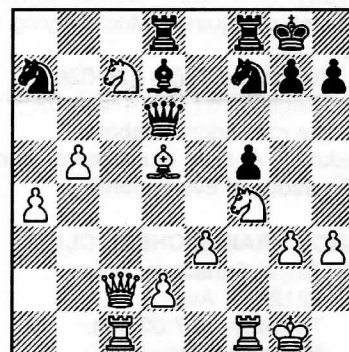


Diagram 5



# BLUE CROSS DONATES COMPUTER

By John Quiring

The Edmonton Chess Club has seen a number of changes in 2001. Players who attend regularly can't help but notice the new furniture and equipment, which make the club a better place to play. And now, thanks to the generosity of Alberta Blue Cross, the Club has a computer.

By today's standards, the computer is a dinosaur (i.e. over 3 years old). But it fits the Club's needs perfectly, and will be used for administrative purposes such as keeping membership lists, financial records, rating lists and communications. It will also be used for tournament administration, such as calculating and printing pairing sheets, and printing tournament cross tables. And over the Internet, the Club can liaise with the national federation, and keep up with chess news from around the world.

We thank Blue Cross for this generous donation.

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 Schedule: A new tournament starts the first Thursday of every month.

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Meets: Royal Canadian Legion,  
 9912-101 Ave,  
 Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
 September thru April  
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Info: Bernie Tynan (780) 771-3757.

**MEDICINE HAT CHESS CLUB**

Meets: Southview Community School,  
 Coffee corner room  
 Wednesdays 7-10:15,  
 during the school year  
 Info: Bill Taylor (403) 526-5484.

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Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room)  
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 Room A844  
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 Info: Brian Titley (403) 380-6751

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Meets: Cappucino Voltaire Coop,  
 on 50 Street  
 Tues 7:30 pm.  
 Info: Doug (780) 825-0528  
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Meets: Queens Bakery and Cafe

**TACTIAL PROBLEMS - SOLUTIONS**

**Diagram 1**

Juraj Pivovarov - Brian Miller  
**21... Be2+**  
 The strongest continuation. (21...Qc4 is not as strong, because of 22.Nd2. 22.Ng1 still gets White mated however.  
**22.Ke1 Bxf3**  
 Winning a piece, while maintaining the attack, as recapturing is not an option.  
 However,  
**23.gxf3 Qc4**  
 And White resigned  
**0-1**

**Diagram 2**

Juraj Pivovarov - Archie Robertson  
**9.Nb5!**  
 With threats at c7 and d6  
**9...Na6 10.Nd6+ Kf8 11.Nxb7 1-0**

**Diagram 3**

Richard Hudson - Juraj Pivovarov  
**30.Rxh7!**  
 That's the trick.  
**30...Rxh7 31.Qg8+ Kd7 32.Qxh7**  
 Black's position is lousy. The pawns are all weak with g6 about to drop as well.  
**1-0**

**Diagram 4**

Erik Tam - Juraj Pivovarov  
**31.Bf6+!!**  
 Crushing.  
**31...Kh7**  
**31...Kh6 32.Qxf7; 31...Kg8 32.Rxe7; 31...Kf8 32.Rxe7; 31...Rxf6 32.Rxe7+ Kh6 33.Qxf6**  
**32.Qxf7+ 1-0**

**Diagram 5**

Juraj Pivovarov - Martin Kuwair  
**26.Qc5!**  
 I award this an exclam since these are the kind of moves I often fail to make. White is completely winning so he should takes the queens off as soon as possible, to decrease the chance of a fluke mating attack by Black. This move eliminates counterplay in the most efficient manner possible.  
**26...Nc8 27.Qxd6 Ncxd6 28.Nce6**  
 Winning more material.  
**1-0**

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3	Rob Gardner	2322
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5	Arthur Odachowski	2309
6	Fred South	2276
7	Dale Haessel	2270
8	Christopher Demers	2259
9	Eugene Gibney	2239
10	Andrew Lapidis	2226
11	Sasha Grumic	2214
12	Kris Boehmer	2207
13	Nandor Tot	2199
14	Jim Daniluk	2141
15	Roy Yearwood	2122
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19	Grant Brown	2076
20	Brian Knapper	2074
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22	Chris Kuzcaj	2018
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