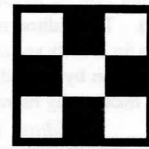


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1994 Alberta Closed

Eight of Alberta's top players, including four of the top five by rating, gathered in Calgary on April 1-3 to battle it out in the '94 Alberta Closed. Adam Wu, who qualified as Alberta Junior Champion, wanted to play but did not get his written intention to enter in by the deadline...too bad strict enforcement of the rules nailed him this time, but that's the way it goes.

Greg Huber and **Rob Gardner** were certainly the class of the Closed, finishing undefeated at 6-1, 2.5 points ahead of the field. Greg's Sonnenborn-Berger tiebreak was slightly better than Rob's, so Greg is placed first in the crosstable. Paul Usselman did well, finishing in 3rd tied with Dale Haessel, each scoring an even 3.5-3.5. Farzan Nazarian played in the first 4 of 7 rounds, losing to some of the higher-rated players before he withdrew (since Farzan played enough games, the results counted in the crosstable, with three players each getting a full-point "+" against him for the unplayed games).

Round 1

Gardner 1-0 Karmali

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.N2f3 Qb6 8.g3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Kf2 f6 11.Kg2 0-0 12.Bd3 Rf7 13.Ne2 Nf8 14.g4 Bd7 15.Ng3 fxe5 16.dxe5 Ng6 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Qd3 Ne7 19.a3 Bb5 20.Qd1 Bc5 21.b4 Be3 22.a4 Bxc1 23.Qxc1 Bc4 24.Ng5 R7f8 25.Qd2 d4 26.Rhc1 Nd5 27.Rxc4 Rxf4 28.a5 Qa6 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Qxd4 Qc6 31.Kg1 Rf8 32.Rf1 Rxf1+ 33.Nxf1 b6 34.Qf2 Qe8 35.Qh4 Ne7 36.Qh7+ Kf8 37.Nxe6+ Kf7 38.Ng5+ Kf8 39.Qh8+ Ng8 40.e6 Qd8 41.Nh7+ Ke7 42.Qxg7+ Kxe6 43.Qxg6+

Haessel 0-1 Huber

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.e3 0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 c6 8.d3 a5 9.Rb1 Be6 10.a3 Qc8 11.Na4 Nbd7 12.b4 axb4 13.axb4 e4 14.Nd4 Bg4 15.f3 exf3 16.Nxf3 b5 17.Nc3 bxc4 18.dxc4 Ne5 19.Qb3 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 21.Rxf3 Qh3 22.Qc2 Ng4 23.Nd1 Rfe8 24.b5 cxb5 25.cxb5 Rac8 26.Qd2 Rc5 27.Qg2 Qh5 28.Ba3 Rxb5 29.Rxb5 Qxb5 30.h3 Ne5 31.Rf2 Qb3 32.Bb2 Qxd1+ 33.Rf1 Qd3 34.Bd4 Nc4 35.Qd5 Rf8

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1. Greg Huber	2327	x =	1 1 =	1 1 =	1 1 =	1 1 =	1 1 =	1 1 =	6.0
2. Rob Gardner	2229	= x	= 1 1 =	= 1 1 =	= 1 1 =	= 1 1 =	= 1 1 =	= 1 1 =	6.0
3. Paul Usselman	2046	0 =	x = 1 =	x = 1 =	x = 1 =	x = 1 =	x = 1 =	x = 1 =	3.5
4. Dale Haessel	2201	0 0	= x = 1 =	= x = 1 =	= x = 1 =	= x = 1 =	= x = 1 =	= x = 1 =	3.5
5. Arthur Odachowski	2292	= 0	0 = x =	0 = x =	0 = x =	0 = x =	0 = x =	0 = x =	3.0
6. Hafiz Karmali	2070	0 0	= 0 = x 1 +	= 0 = x 1 +	= 0 = x 1 +	= 0 = x 1 +	= 0 = x 1 +	= 0 = x 1 +	3.0
7. Ted Wilson	2245	0 0	1 = = 0 x 0	1 = = 0 x 0	1 = = 0 x 0	1 = = 0 x 0	1 = = 0 x 0	1 = = 0 x 0	2.0
8. Farzan Nazarian	2045	0 0	- 0 - - 1 x	- 0 - - 1 x	- 0 - - 1 x	- 0 - - 1 x	- 0 - - 1 x	- 0 - - 1 x	1.0
Average rating: 2182 Tournament Director: Barney Fegyverneki									

Odachowski 0-1 Usselman

(notes by Usselman)

1.d4?! *Arthur abandons his English in search of excitement.* 1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 *I haven't much familiarity with these lines, or the opening, but tried here to probe for a hole in Arthur's preparation.* 5.Ne2 Bb7 6.a3 Be7 7.Ng3 h5 8.f3 h4 9.Ne4 d5 10.Nf2 a6 *Arthur thought this was bad and acted on that assumption.* 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.e4 *Black can't prevent this anyway, so I'd prefer piece development.* 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 c5 14.Be3 *Better was Be2.* 14...cxd4!? 15.cxd4 b5 16.Be2 Qa5+ 17.Qd2 Nc6 *Black has come out on top in the opening.* 18.Nd3 *To prevent 18...Bb4!* 18...Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Na5 *Arthur opined the next day that 19...Rd8 would just win a pawn, but the text makes sense as well.* 20.Nc1 Rc8 21.Bd3 Kd7 22.Ke2 *A cheapo try.* 22...Rh5 23.Bd2 Nc4 24.Bxc4 Rxc4 25.Nb3 Ba8 26.Rhc1 *That this is possible makes me think 22...Rh5?! might have been a bit artsy.* 26...Rxc1 27.Bxc1? *A serious positional error.* 27.Rxc1! Bxa3? 28.Ra1! *recovering the pawn on a6 and if 28...b4?! 29.Nc5+ recovering it anyway with good play in both cases. Now with the opportunity missed, Black opens it up.* 27...f5 28.Kd3 Rh8 29.Bd2 h3 30.g3 Rf8 31.exf5 exf5 32.f4?! *Time pressure is a factor.* 32...Rc8 33.Bb4 Be4+ /34.Ke2 Rc2+ 35.Nd2 Bd8 36.Ke3 Bd5 37.Rb1 *Here and later Kd3 was the defence, but White's flag was elevated.* 37...Ba2 38.Rg1 a5 39.Bc5 Be7 40.g4?? *Making time control.* 40.Rxc5! 41.Ra1 Rc3+ 42.Kf2 *White resigned.*

Round 2

Huber 1-0 Usselman

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd4 cxd4 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 g6 6.Bf4 Be6 7.Nf3 f6 8.0-0 Nh6 9.Re1 Qd7 10.Na3 a6 11.Qd2 Nf7 12.c4 g5 13.Bg3 Bh6 14.Qe2 Bg4 15.cxd5 Nxd4 16.Qe4 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Bh5 18.Rac1 Bg6 19.Qe2 Bxd3

20.Qxd3 e5 21.Nc4 Rd8 22.Bxe5 fxe5 23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Rxe5+ Kf7 25.d6 Qxd6 26.Qf5+ Kg7 27.Re6 Qf4 28.Re7+ Kg8 29.Qe6+ Kf8 30.R1c7

Wilson 0-1 Gardner

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5 8.f3 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 19. Qd2 Qc7 11.0-0-0 Rd8 12.Qf2 Nc6 13.h4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Rb8 15.g4 a5 16.a3 Nd7 17.f4 Nc5 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.Rxd8+Bxd8 20.Rd1 c4 21.Ba2 b4 22.axb4 axb4 23.Ne2 b3 24.Bb1 e5 25.f5 Be7 26.Nc3 Bc5 27.Qd2 Bb7 28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.exd5 bxc2 30.Bxc2 Qb6 31.Qc3 Be3+ 32.Rd2 Bxd2+ 33.Kxd2 Qd4+ 34.Qxd4 exd4 35.b3 cxb3 36.Bb1 Kf8 37.Kd3 Rb4

Round 3

Gardner 1-0 Haessel

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 b5 7.Bb3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qf3 Qb6 10.Be3 Qb7 11.Qg3 Bd7 12.Nf5 exf5 13.Qxg7 Rf8 14.Bg5 Ng8 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Nd5 Ng6 17.Nf6+ Ke7 18.Nxh7 Be8 19.exf5

Usselman 0.5-0.5 Karmali

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 f5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bd6 7.Nh3 Nf6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Bxf4 10.Nxf4 Qe8 11.Qc2 Ne4 12.b4 g5 13.Nfxd5 Qf7 14.Bxe4 fxe4 15.Qxe4 cxd5 16.Qxd5 h6 17.Rac1 Be6 18.Qd6 Bc4 19.Qxh6 Bxf1 20.Qxg5+ Qg7 21.Qd5+ Qf7 22.Kxf1 Nc6 23.a3 Rad8 24.Qxf7+ Rxf7 25.f3 Ne7 26.Ne4 Nd5 27.Kf2 Rc7 28.Rc5 Kf7 29.h4 b6 30.Rxc7+Nxc7 31.Ke2 Kg6 32.g4 Nb5 33.a4 Nc7 34.f4 Nd5 35.h5+ Kg7 36.b5 Nxf4+ 37.exf4 Rxd4 38.Ke3 Rxa4 39.f5 Rb4 40.f6+ Kf8 41.h6 Rxb5 42.h7 Rb3+ 43.Kd4 Rh3 44.Ng6 Rh4 45.Kd5 a5 46.Kc6 a4 47.Ne4 Rxh7 48.g5 a3 49.g6 Rh2 50.Ng5 Rf2 51.Ne6+ Ke8 52.Nc7+ Kf8 53.Ne6+

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The CFC requires a report to be submitted within 7 days after an event—you owe it to your participants to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also send a written report to the *ACR* (please support your Alberta newsletter!)—prize list, crosstable, and/or game(s) an asset.

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(TD: Ted Wilson, 547-3441)
current series: June 21—#5
new series: Oct 25—#1; Dec 20—#2.

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[6 rounds, 3/night; TDs to be announced]
July 5 & 12—#1 July 19 & 26—#2
Aug 2 & 9—#3 Aug 16 & 23—#4

Skittles: June 28, Aug 30, Dec 27.

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Info: Kurt Lauterwald (434-7536).

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

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Info: Peter Bundscherer (c/o Queen's Bakery & Cafe, PO Box 3217, Hinton T0E 1C0).

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Info: Cameron McLean (843-3736; mail: c/o Box 733, Rimbey T0C 2J0).

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Info: Henry Vandervaart (341-3415, c/o #307, 40 Cardinal Ave, Red Deer T4P 2T1).

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Info: Dave Bullas (440-3966; mail: Box 92, SUB, U of A, Edmonton T6G 2J7).

Top-Rated Albertans

(as of April/94)

Greg Huber	2327
Arthur Odachowski	2292
Arniel Frialde	2251
Ted Wilson	2245
Rob Gardner	2229
Sardul Purewal	2215
Dale Haessel	2201
Chris Demers	2168
Neil Sharp	2152
Warrick Walker	2139
Dale Haukenfers	2118
Adam Wu	2078
Wilf Lahrkamp	2074
Hafiz Karmali	2070
Paul Usselman	2046
Farzan Nazarian	2045
Barney Fegyvermeki	2032
Jim Daniluk	2021
John Parrott	2007

Lev Gorelik	2341/5*
Sé (Shay) Randall	2206/5*
Nandor Tot	2121/14*

* = provisional rating/games played

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Tournament Schedule

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Nazarian 0-1 Huber

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 a5 10.Rb1 Nd7 11.a3 f5 12.b4 Kh8 13.Nb3 axb4 14.axb4 Ng8 15.c5 Ndf6 16.f3 Nh5 17.Be3 Nf4 18.Qd2 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 f4 20.Bf2 g5 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.Ra1 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 h5 24.Nb5 g4 25.Ra8 Qf6 26.Na5 Qg6 27.Ra7 Rf7 28.Nc4 Bf8 29.Nb6 gxf3 30.Qxf3 Bg4 31.Qd3 Rg7 32.Bh4 Bf5 33.Qe2 Bxe4

Round 4

Huber 1-0 Karmali

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 c6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.e3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Nge2 Nbd7 11.0-0 b5 12.Nf4 a5 13.g4 Nxc4 14.Rhg1 Ndf6 15.Rg2 Rxe3 16.fxe3 Nxe3 17.Qf2 Nxc2 18.Nxc2 Qxh2 19.Qg1 Qxg1 20.Rxg1 g6 21.Nf4 Bd7 22.Bc2 Re8 23.Nd3 Bf5 24.Ne5 Bxc2 25.Kxc2 Re6 26.Ne2 Nh5 27.Kd2 f6 28.Nd3 Kf7 29.Nc5 Re7 30.Rc1 f5 31.Nb3 f4 32.Ng1 a4 33.Na5 Rc7 34.Nxc6 Kf6 35.Nf3 g5 36.Rh1 Ng3 37.Rh6+ Kf5 38.Nb4 g4 39.Ne5 f3 40.Nxd5 f2 41.Rf6+ Ke4 42.Nxc7 f1(Q) 43.Rxf1 Nxf1+ 44.Ke2 Ne3 45.Nxb5 h5 46.Nc3+ Kxd4 47.Nc6+ Kc5 48.Nxa4+ Kxc6 49.Kxe3

Nazarian 0-1 Gardner

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 cxd4 4.exd4 d5 5.Bd3 Bg4 6.c3 e6 7.Qb3 Bxf3 8.Qxb7 Be4 9.Bxe4 Nxe4 10.Qxa8 Qc7 11.a4 Bd6 12.Na3 a6 13.c4 Bb4+ 14.Ke2 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Qxc4+ 16.Kf3 0-0 17.Be3 Nc6 18.Rc1 Nxd4+ 19.Kg4 Qe2+ 20.f3 Qxg2+

Round 5

Gardner 0.5-0.5 Huber

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a4 Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.f3 Qc7 11.Qe1 0-0 12.Qf2 Rac8 13.Nb3 Ne5 14.Bb6 Qb8 15.Nd2 Bc6 16.f4 Ned7 17.Ba7 Qc7 18.a5 e5 19.f5 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.c3 Rfd8

Usselman 0.5-0.5 Haessel

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 c5 6.d5 b5 7.e3 bxc4 8.Bxc4 Bb7 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Ne2 0-0 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 e5 13.Qb3 Bc8 14.Nb5 Qb6 15.d6 Nc6 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.Rfd1 Na5 18.Qxb6 Rxb6 19.Bd5 Bb7 20.b3 Kh8 21.g4 Rxd6 22.Bxb7 Nxb7 23.Rxd6 Nxd6 24.Rd1 Rc8 25.Na6 Rc6 26.Nb8 Rc8 27.Nxd7 Ne4 28.Nxe5 f6 29.Rd8+ Rxd8 30.Nf7+ Kg8 31.Nxd8 Nc3 32.Nb7 Nxa2 33.Kf1 Kf7 34.Ke1 Ke6 35.Nxc5+ Kd5 36.Nd3 Ke4 37.Kd2 Kf3 38.h3 g5 39.b4 Kg2 40.b5 Kxh3 41.f3 Kg3 42.Ne1 Kf2 43.f4 Nb4 44.fxg5 hxg5 45.e4 Kg3 46.Kc3 Na2+ 47.Kb2 Kxg5 48.Nd3

Round 6

Huber 1-0 Wilson

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.e5 Nd5 9.Ne4 Na6 10.Qe2 Qb6 11.a4 Bg4 12.c3 Rfd8 13.Bc4 Qa5 14.0-0 Nac7 15.Ra3 Ne6 16.h3 Bf5 17.Nh4 Nb6 18.Nxf5 gxf5 19.Ng3 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 Qc7 21.Nxf5 Rd7 22.Ra1 Rad8 23.Qe4 Rd1 24.Be3 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Bf8 26.Rf1 c4 27.Rf3 Rd1+ 28.Kh2 Kh8 29.Rg3 Rf1 30.Rg4 Qe6 31.Qxc6 bxc6 32.Ng3 Ra1 33.f5 Nc7 34.Rxc4 Re1 35.Bxa7 Bh6 36.Rxc6

Gardner 1-0 Odachowski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qa5 11.Rd3 Rd8 12.Rg3 e5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Qf2 Rd6 15.Bc4 Bd7 16.Nd5 Rxd5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Bxd5 Kf8 19.Rf1 Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Kb1 Bc6 22.c4 b5

Haessel 1-0 Karmali

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c6 3.e4 d5 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.e5 d4 6.exf6 exc3 7.bxc3 gxf6 8.d4 Qc7 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.Bd3 f5 11.Ne2 Rg8 12.g3 e6 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Qd2 Bd7 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Rb1 0-0 17.0-0 Ne7 18.Qf4 Qa3 19.Qc1 Qa5 20.Qb2 Bc6 21.f3 Nd5 22.Bb5 Qc7 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Qa3 Kd7 25.Rb3 Rb1 26.c4 Rxb3 27.axb3 Ne3 28.Rc1 f4 29.Kf2 h5 30.Nxf4 Nf5 31.Ne2 h4 32.Ra1 Ra8 33.Qc5 a5 34.f4 Nd6 35.Nc3 f5 36.Kf3 Nb7 37.Qe5 Qxe5 38.fxe5 hxg3 39.hxg3 Rh8 40.Kg2 Rg8 41.Rh1 f4 42.Rh7+ Kc8 43.Ne4 fxg3 44.Nd6+ Nxd6 45.exd6 Rg4 46.Rc7+ Kd8 47.Rxc6 Rxd4 48.c5 Rd3 49.Ra6 Kd7 50.Rxa5 Rxb3 51.Ra7+ Kc8 52.c6 Kb8 53.Re7 Rc3 54.Re8+ Ka7 55.Rc8 Kb6 56.d7 Rd3 57.d8(Q) Rxd8 58.Rxd8 Kxc6 59.Kxg3 Kc7 60.Rd1

Round 7

Usselman 0.5-0.5 Gardner

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Na3 Bg7 8.Ne2 0-0 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Be2 Nb6 11.0-0 Ne8 12.Be3 Nc7 13.Qd2 axb5 14.Naxb5 Nxb5 15.Bxb5 Ba6 16.Rfc1 Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Na4 18.Rab1 Qb6 19.Nc3 Rfb8 20.Nxa4 Rxa4 21.b3 Ra3 22.Kh1 Qa6 23.Rc2 Ra8 24.h4 h5 25.Bg5 f6 26.Be3 Kf7 27.Kh2 Rxa2 28.b4 Rxc2 29.Qxc2 cxb4 30.Rxb4 Rc8 31.Qa4

Wilson 0.5-0.5 Haessel

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 g6 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb3 Nbd7 10.Be3 Nc5 11.f3 Bd7 12.Qd2 Rc8 13.Kh1 e5 14.Nde2 Nxb3 15.cxb3 Be6 16.b4 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bc5 Nxc3 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Nxc3 Rd2 21.Rf2 Rcd8 22.Rxd2 Rxd2 23.Rd1 Rxd1 24.Nxd1 b5 25.Nc3 Bd7

26.a5 f5 27.Kg1 Kf7 28.Kf2 Ke6 29.Ke3 Bc6 30.g3 (assumed; score ACR got had 'f3 -ed') Bd5 31.h3 g5 32.g4 Bb7 33.Bb6 Bf6 34.Bc5 Bc6 35.Bb6 h5 36.Bc5 Bg7 37.Bb6 Kf6 38.Bc5 Kg6 39.Kf2 e4 40.fxe4 fxg4 41.hxg4 h4 42.Kf3 Be5 43.Kg2 Kf6 44.Be3 Bd6 45.Bc5 Bf4 46.Bd4+ Ke6 47.Kh3 Bc1 48.Kh2 Bxb2 49.Nxb5 axb5 50.Bxb2 Bxe4

(Thanks to John Quiring for 'pressuring' to get the crosstable and game scores sent in—the ACR was held up until we got them. A few games were missing, and a few could not be fully deciphered, but we've printed most.)

'94 Alberta Active (April 1, Calgary)

From Lee Nagle, the TD: According to the tournament announcement, this was to be a 5-round Swiss, with time control of game/30 minutes, and a 10:00 a.m. first round start. The start was delayed while hotel management was summoned to unlock the doors to the playing area (we'd arranged to open for registration at 9:00, but nobody told them we meant in the morning). Since there were only eight entries, the players unanimously agreed to change the format to two four-player double robins. All of the entry fees, except for the \$2 rating fee/player, were returned as prizes. First prize in the top section went to **Art Milne**. Second prize was a pat on the back. **Chuck Mousseau** and **David Ottosen** tied for first in the lower section and shared the first and second place prizes (the cash, and a hearty handshake).

From David Ottosen: Due to the surprisingly poor turnout the Active was run as a 2-section, 4-player double round robin. In the upper section **Art Milne's** 4-2 score was good enough to surpass Ford Wong and John Quiring, who each scored 3-3. (Eric Shocat taxied into 4th with 2 points-ed.) In the lower section, two of the more "confident" players met in the last round with 4-0 scores, but **David Ottosen** and **Chuck Mousseau** could only 'draw', and finished tied for first, ahead of TD Lee Nagle and Peter Alderton.

1994 Alberta Reserves

The Reserves was held in Calgary on April 2-3 at the site of the Alberta Closed. At John Quiring's suggestion the ACR contacted **Gerald Aspler** and found that he had tied for first with **James Flemming**, both at 4-1. [There are sometimes excessive delays before we get a report (or the CFC gets a rating report), particularly for some Calgary events. Rating reports must be sent in promptly, and at least a crosstable copy should reach the ACR soon after an event, indicating the prize winners—if necessary, we'll do the 'report!]

**Alberta Women's
Championship**
by David Ottosen

			1	2	3	4	Pts
1	B Wu	1672	xx	=1	11	11	5.5
2	C Wu	1576	=0	xx	11	11	4.5
3	L Chang	1314	00	00	xx	10	1.0
4	M Machnowski	989	00	00	01	xx	1.0

The 1994 Alberta Women's Championship was held in conjunction with the University of Alberta Open on the weekend of April 30 - May 1. The format was a 4-player, double round robin, so six games had to be squeezed into two days. Fortunately, the contestants wasted very little time (other than to mock a certain large red bear with a tiny cerebrum, known as the TD...*hmmm, I guess I won't hint further as to the TD's identity-ed.*), and actually finished well ahead of the regular tournament.

Beatrice Wu and Cynthia Wu were by far

Cynthia Wu - Beatrice Wu

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Nbd7 7.Be3 e6 8.a4?! An odd mix of systems—usually White would prevent b5 with the move Qf3, so that if b5, then e5. The move 8.a4 creates weaknesses on the queenside that are quickly exploited. 8...Qa5 9.Qd2 Qb4 9...b5 would be a blunder due to 10.Nc6! Qb6 11.axb5. 10.b3 Nc5! 11.e5 Black's pressure on the e4 pawn has forced White into a premature and weak advance. 11...dxe5 12.fxe5 Nfe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxb4 Bxb4+ Now the inherent problems with 8.a4 are exploited. The weakness of b2

the higher rated, and, as expected, their games were the decisive ones of the championship. After a draw in their first game, Beatrice broke through on the black side of a Sicilian Najdorf to win the tournament with 5.5/6. Cynthia finished a close second with 4.5, while Lian Chang and Matylda Machnowski split their series to finish at 1/6.

This win qualifies Beatrice to play in the Canadian Women's Championship, held in Toronto over the July 1st long weekend.

forced b3, and now the weakness of c3 forces White to lose castling privileges. 15.Ke2 O-O 16.g3 Rb8 17.Bg2 Nc3+ 18.Kd3 Nd5 19.Bf2 Rd8 White's position is not harmonious—the pawn on e5 is glaringly isolated, the queenside is a dark-square Swiss cheese, and Black controls the only open file, which White's king is on to boot. One gets the sense that White's demise is imminent. 20.Be1 Bc5 22.c3 Nb4+ 22.cxb4 Bxd4 23.Rd1 Bxe5+ 24.Ke2 Rxd1 25.Kxd1 b5 26.Bf2 bxa4 27.bxa4 Rxb4 28.Kc2 Rb2+ 29.Kd3 Rxf2 and White resigned after Black's 43rd (0-1)

**Holowach Challenge
and Shnitka Memorial**
by John Quiring, TD

The Holowach Challenge and the Shnitka Memorial are annual tournaments held by the Edmonton Chess Club in which players are divided into two sections by rating.

The top half play in the Holowach, and this year top ranked **Dale Haukenfers** ripped through his opposition like a knife through warm butter to take first place with 5.5/6, giving up only a half point bye. This gave him the coveted first prize of glory and a handshake. Second prize (handshake only) went to Bruno Knudskov with 4.5, who was ranked only 8th, but has been winning a lot of games lately. Twelve players competed.

The Shnitka, which had 11 players, was a much closer contest. **Otto Benedik** led the field by a half point by round 3, but was hounded by Jan Vandenberg and Robert Davies in the last half of the contest. A final round win over top ranked Cor Dewindt gave Otto 5/6, and first place. Robert's last round win over Jan gave him second place with 4.5.

Of course, the effort put in by the players pales in comparison to that of the TD, who had to pair two six-round Swisses with 12 and 11 players, respectively.

**Edmonton Chess Club
Summer Open**
by David Ottosen

The Edmonton Chess Club celebrated the return of summer by frolicking about in a four round Swiss with the theme of everyone's favorite season.

Numerous players chose to commemorate summer's late arrival by showing up a week or two after the tournament had started and pleading with the benevolent Tournament Director, Cor Dewindt, to let them enter. Perhaps overcome with heatstroke, Cor generously let all latecomers in, proving once again that his is the sunniest personality at the club.

As for the games, **Hafiz Karmali** and **Randy Gouge** used a combination of good play and bikini tops (well, maybe just good play) to finish equal first at 3.5/4, drawing their individual game in round 2. Second overall went to the "old boys network": Alex "Cool Hand" Kuti, Ferenc "Bowl ya over" Borloi and Bruno "Bruise'em up" Knudskov, all with 3/4.

In the Under 1800 category, Ravi Trikha and Duane Kimball scored 2.5/4 to tie for first and win approving looks and free round trip tickets to the happy playground outside the club.

Calgary Chess Club Fall Open
by Chuck Mousseau, TD
and Barney Fegyverneki

Greg Huber became champion of the 23-player Fall Open by scoring +5 -0 =2 for six points. The runner-up was Dale Haessel who, after joining in the second round, netted five wins and a draw. Emerging for third place via tie-break was John Parrott.

Rand Dodd and Chris Vermette finished 1-2 in the under 1800 section, both with 4 points. Hats off to Tom McKay, whose 3 wins came against opponents 200 to 400+ points higher rated. Keep it up Tom! (Participants: the tournament was rated in the April/94 *En Passant*—ed.)

March of Kings
by Chuck Mousseau, TD

The March of Kings was the first ACA tournament held in the Sandman Inn (the home of the Calgary Chess Club—ed.), but by the time registration was officially over, only 10 had entered. While the tournament format was being debated, Wilf Lahrkamp and Dale Haessel joined in (much to the chagrin of Paul Usselman, who until then was the highest rated and a favorite for first overall), and finally Cheryl Jones and myself entered to make a total of 14 players.

First place was taken by Dale 'No Hassle' Haessel, who scored yet another perfect tournament. Second place was up for grabs in the last game, but a drawn result meant the two competitors, Wilf Lahrkamp and Jim Daniluk, had to settle for a tie, both ending up with a +3 -1 =1 score.

Arthur Milne also had a +3 -1 =1 score, and that was good enough for first in the 1700-1900 class. Dave Gomboc put in a strong tournament with a score of +2 -1 =2 (draws against Milne and Usselman) and, although achieving a higher performance rating than Arthur, had to settle for second in the 1700-1900 class.

Jordan Davies and Gerard O'Reilly both achieved +3 -2 scores and thus split first in the under 1500 class and top cadet honors. (Gerard, who got a time forfeit against an oversleeping Usselman in round 4, wound up playing Dale Haessel in the final round!)

All in all, it was a good tournament, with the small exception of the distractions of other events going on in the hotel (the first day featured a 'Latino Disco' down the hall, while the second day had Reverend Gagnon and his choir just down the stairs), and the door that squeaked when it closed. The tournament also generated some walk-by interest, as many guests staying in the hotel had never before seen a 'real' chess tournament.

U of A Open
by Ford Wong, TD

Rocket "Rob" Gardner rolled to clear first with a near perfect record, blemished only by a 4th round draw against Chris "I slowed down a rocket!" Dartana (when Rob ran low on fuel with a knight plus two extra pawns vs knight ending) leaving him with 4 1/2 points.

The U of A Open provided several people with some slurpee money for their way home: First overall: Rob Gardner. Tied for second overall with 3 1/2 points were Lev Gorelik, Chris Dartana (top 1900-2000), and Mario Gonzalez (top 1600-1899). The Top Unrated and Under 1599 prize was shared by Daryl Bertrand and Paul Montambault. Top Junior went to Nathan McLean. Daryl Bertrand had a strong performance and could have cleanly taken the Top Unrated and Under 1599 class, if not for the wiley Cor Dewindt, who snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with an epaulettes mate in their last round game.

Honorable mention goes to Ravi Trikha and Eric Schocat, who fought valiantly to a draw in the last and the longest (but interesting) game (what's a tournament without a long Schocat game?).

The only cause for concern during the tournament was whether or not the lighting was adequate. No one wanted to move to the well lit cafeteria area prior to the start of round 3, so everyone played in the dim light. Some players were given the opportunity to move their games to a better lit area, but declined. Everyone seemed quite at home playing in the dark.

Thanks to the 18 players, especially those from out of town; to Wayne, the TD's helper; Eric for getting the playing site; and the Chaplaincy for letting us use their room. This tournament was announced as a "clean" tournament and indeed it was. Cor Dewindt went a step further by having a shower before coming to play.

Dale Haukenfers - Brady Ficko

A first round upset.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 0-0 6. Be3 Nc6 7. Bd3 a6 8. Nge2 Rb8 9. Qd2 e5 10. 0-0 Nh5 11. d5 Ne7 12. g4 Nf6 13. h3 Ne8 14. Ng3 f5 15. Nh1 f4 16. Ba7 Ra8 17. Bf2 g5 18. Rfc1 Nf6 19. Be1 h5 20. Nf2 Ng6 21. Be2 hxg4 22. hxg4 Kf7 23. Qc2 Rh8 24. Nd3 Bd7 25. c5 Rh6 26. Bd1 Qh8 27. Qg2 Qh7 28. Rc2 Rh8 29. Nf2 Qg8 30. cxd6 cxd6 31. Nb1 R8h7 32. Nd2 Qh8 33. Nf1 Nh4 34. Qh3 Nf5 35. Qxh6 Nxb6 36. Rc7 Qb8 37. Rac1 Rh8 38. Bb4 Bf8 39. Nd3 Be7 40. Nd2 Rc8 41. Rxc8 Bxc8 42. Kg2 Nhxg4 43. fxg4 Nhxg4 44. Nc4 b5 45. Na5 Ne3+ 46. Kf2 Nxd1+ 47. Rxd1

Qb6+ 48. Kg2 Qe3 49. Nf2 Bh3+ 50. Nxb3 Qxe4+ 51. Kh2 Qe2+ 52. Kg1 Qxd1+ 53. Kf2 g4 54. Ng1 Bh4+ 55. Kg2 Qxd5+ 56. Kh2 Bg3+# (0-1)

Ravi Trikha - Chris Dartana

A double-edged round 3 game with

White under considerable time pressure.

1. e4 d6 2. d4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Be3 Nf6 5. Qd2 Ng4 6. Bf4 Nc6 7. h3 Nf6 8. Nf3 0-0 9. Bh6 e5 10. Bxg7 Kxg7 11. d5 Ne7 12. 0-0-0 a6 13. h4 h5 14. Be2 b5 15. Ng5 b4 16. Na4 Bd7 17. Qxb4 Bxa4 18. Qxa4 Nd7 19. Qb4 Rb8 20. Qd2 Nc5 21. g4 Qe8 22. gxh5 Qa4 23. Kb1 Qa3 24. b3 Na4 25. c3 Rxb3+ 26. axb3 Qxb3+ 27. Kc1 Rb8 28. h6+ Kxh6 29. Ne6+ Kh7 30. Ng5+ Kg7 31. Qc2 Qa3+ 32. Kd2 Rb2 33. Qxb2 Qxb2+ 34. Ke3 Nxc3 35. Rd2 Qa3 36. Rd3 Qc5+ 37. Kf3 Nb5 38. Kg2 c6 39. h5 gxh5 40. Rxb5 Ng6 41. Rh7+ Kg8 42. Bh5 Nf4+ 43. Kg3 Nxb5+ 44. Rxb5 Nd4 45. Kg4?! Qc1 46. Rg3 Ne2 47. Rf3 Nf4 48. Rh7 f6 49. Rb3 Qd1+ 50. Kf5 Qxb3 51. Kxf6 cxd5 52. Rd7 Qb6 53. Rg7+ Kf8 54. Rf7+ Ke8 55. Re7+ Kd8 56. Nf7+ Kc8 57. Re8+ Kd7 (0-1)

Lev Gorelik - Rob Gardner

The decisive game of the tourney (round 3)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+ Bd7 4. Qe2 Nc6 5. c3 a6 6. Ba4 b5 7. Bc2 Bg4 8. a4 b4 9. h3 Bh5 10. a5 Qc7 11. Ba4 Kd8 12. Bxc6 Qxc6 13. cxb4 cxb4 14. 0-0 g5 15. d4 Nf6 16. d5 Bxf3 17. Qxf3 Qc2 18. Re1 Rg8 19. Nd2 h5 20. Qe3 g4 21. h4 Nd7 22. Nb3 Ne5 23. Nd4 Qc7 24. Bd2 Nc4 25. Qe2 Nxd2 26. Nc6+ Ke8 27. Qxd2 g3 28. f3 e5 29. Qxb4 Be7 30. Rac1 Qd7 31. Qb6 Kf8 32. Nxe7 Qxe7 33. Rc7 Qf6 34. Rd7 Rg6 35. Qb7 Re8 36. Qxa6 Qxh4 37. Qa7 Rf6 38. Qe3 Qh2+ 39. Kf1 Qh1+ 40. Ke2 Qxg2+ 41. Kd1 Qxb2 42. Qxb6 Qa1+ 43. Kd2 Qa2+ 44. Kd1 Rxf3 45. Qxd6+ Kg8 46. Qb4 Rd3+ 47. Kc1 Rc8+ (0-1)

Chris Dartana - Rob Gardner

Round 4

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f4 e6 7. Be2 Be7 8. 0-0 Qc7 9. a4 Nc6 10. Kh1 0-0 11. Be3 Na5 12. Qd3 Bd7 13. g4 Rac8 14. Rad1 Nc4 15. Bc1 Nb6 16. g5 Ne8 17. a5 Nc4 18. f5 Qxa5 19. fxe6 fxe6 20. Rxf8+ Bxf8 21. Qh3 Ne5 22. Rf1 Nc7 23. Nf3 Be7 24. Nxe5 Qxe5 25. Bf4 Qc5 26. e5 Bc6+ 27. Bf3 Bxf3+ 28. Qxf3 dxe5 29. Be3 Qc6 30. Qxc6 bxc6 31. Ne4 Rb8 32. b3 Rb5 33. Nc3 Rb7 34. Ne4 Nd5 35. Bc5 Bxc5 36. Nxc5 Rf7 37. Re1 Nc7 38. Rxe5 Rf5 39. Nd7 Rxe5 40. Nxe5 c5 41. c4 Kf8 42. Nd7+ Ke7 43. Nxc5 Kd6 44. Nd3 e5 45. Kg2 e4 46. Ne1 Ke5 47. Nc2 Kf4 48. Kf2 Ne6 49. b4 Kxg5 50. Ke3 Kf5 51. b5 axb5 52. cxb5 Nc7 53. Na3 g5 54. Kd4 Nxb5+ 55. Nxb5 Kf4 56. Nc3 (draw)

Frank Pellerin - Lev Gorelik

Round 4. Annotated by Gorelik.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Bd3 Nf6 7. g4 h6 8. Qf3 Nc6 9. Nxc6 dxc6 10. h4 Nd7 11. Qg2 Nc5 12. g5 h5 13. g6 f6 14. Be2 e5 15. Be3 Bd7 16. 0-0-0 0-0-0 17. Rhf1 Ne6 18. Qg1 Nf4 18... Bb4 19. f4 Nxf4 20. Bb6 Bxc3 21. Rxf4 Bd4 Note: all Black pieces are working! 19. f3 Nh3 19... Bb4 20. Bb6 Bxc3 21. Bxc7 Nxe2+ 22. Kb1 Nxf1+- 20. Qg3 Nf4 21. Qg1 Nh3 22. Qg3 Nf4 23. Qg1 (draw) After the game Lev felt that the move ...Bb4 was better. He'd analysed it during the game but somehow never did play it.

Ravi Trikha - David Ottosen

An interesting king walk in round 4.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 0-0 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. 0-0-0 d5 10. Nxc6 bxc6 11. e5 Nd7 12. Bh6 Nxe5 13. h4 Nd7 14. h5 Nf6 15. hxg6 fxg6 16. Bxg7 Kxg7 17. Qh6+ Kf7 18. g4 Rh8 19. Bd3 Bd7 20. g5 Nh5 21. Rxb5 gxh5 22. Qxh5+ Ke6 23. Re1+ Kd6 24. Qh2+ Kc5 25. Na4+ Kb4 26. a3+ Kxa4 27. Qf4+ (1-0)

Eric Schocat - Ravi Trikha

Round 5, hard fought and double-edged.

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 e6 3. e3 d5 4. Bd3 Bd6 5. b3 0-0 6. Bb2 Nbd7 7. Ne5 b6 8. f4 Ne4 9. 0-0 Ndf6 10. g4 h6 11. Nd2 [Questionable] 11... Bxe5 12. Bxe4 Bxf4 13. Rxf4 Nxe4 14. Nxe4 dxe4 15. Ba3 Re8 16. Qf1 Qg5 17. Qf2 Qa5 18. Bb2 f5 19. a4 Rd8 [19... g5!] 20. gxf5 exf5 21. Qg2 Qd5 22. h4 Qf7 23. c4 Rd6 24. Kf2 Rg6 25. Qh2 c6 26. Ke2 b5 27. axb5 cxb5 28. d5 bxc4 29. bxc4 Rb8 30. Bd4 Rb4 31. h5 Rg5 32. Rf2 a6 33. Rc1 Rxb5 34. Qd6 Ra4 35. Rc2 Kh7 36. Qc6 Bd7 37. Qc7 Rg5 38. Kd2 Rg1 39. Kc3 Ra1 40. Qd8 Ba4 41. Rg2 Bxc2 42. Bxg7 Qg8 43. Qf6 Ra3+ 44. Kd4 Rd1+ 45. Ke5 Qb8+ 46. Qd6 [46. Ke6!] Qxd6+ 47. Kxd6 Ba4 48. Bd4 h5 49. Ke6 Rb3 50. d6 Rb7 51. Kxf5 Rf1+ 52. Ke5 Bc6 53. c5 a5 54. Ke6 Bd7+ 55. Kd5 Rc1 56. Rg7+ Kh6 57. Rxd7 Rxd7 58. c6 Rxd6+ 59. Kxd6 Rg1 60. c7 Rg6+ 61. Kd7 Rg8 62. Bf6 Kg6 [62... Ra8-+] 63. Bd8 Rg7+ 64. Be7 (draw)

Edmonton Reserves

The Edmonton Chess Club staged the Reserves championship from January 13 to February 3. **Alex Kuti** justified his highest rated status by capturing first with 3.5 out of 4, drawing Art Skeel in round 3—Art had a good tournament, finishing clear second with an undefeated 3/4. Ravi Trikha, Ahmet Yamach and Ted Allen followed with 2.5. Ted took the Under 1700/Unrated category. (Thanks to Cor Dewindt for the crosstable and prize list.)

1994 Northern Alberta Open

The '94 NAO was held at the Highway Motor Inn in Edmonton. Ford Wong located the site, and made a deal to get the room at a substantial discount over regular rates. It was a bit out of the way, without close bus access, which may have accounted for the slightly low entry of 27. The ball room was easily big enough for a tournament of well over 100. There were no problems, aside from the occasional brown-out of some lights (the hotel had tried to increase the wattage of lights for us, but the circuit breakers couldn't handle the load consistently).

Rob Gardner (who may travel east to work with Chess 'n Math Association) continued his winning ways, engulfing all opposition en route to a 5-0 score. Dale Haukenfers, formerly of Ontario (and once behind only the famous D. Burgess in the most-games-played-per-year list), scored 4-1, losing only to Rob, to tie for second with Adam Wu. Scoring 3.5-1.5 were Eric Schocat and Art Milne (tops in the 1800-1999 category), and Douglas Wu (top in 1600-1799).

David Ottosen (3-2) was second behind Douglas in the 1600-1799 group. Both David and Douglas made impressive rating gains as a result of their fine play in the NAO.

The leaders in the Under 1600/Unrated prize category were: Cynthia Wu, Henry Vandervaart, Aaron Lovi, Carlos Vizcarra, and Keith Jones.

A., C. & D. Wu combined to win just over \$100—no doubt they immediately handed it over to their parents (ha, ha...).

From a directing standpoint the NAO went well—no disputes, and no withdrawals. The only negative thing was the need to give byes (I hate having to do it!). And, after initial 'startlement', I got used to Art Milne's between move 'diagonal charges' back and forth across the open area stretching from his game table to the vicinity of the TD's table!

Here are some games from the NAO. (Thanks to the players who submitted games—I couldn't fit them all in...sorry.)

D. Ottosen - A. Wu (round 2)

(David demanded that this game be in the ACR...something about finally beating the 4th Wu) 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.O-O-O Rc8 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 h5 13.Bg5 Nc4 14.Qe2 Ne5 15.g4 Nfxg4 16.fxc4 Bxc4 17.Qe3 Bxd1 18.Rxd1 Ng4 19.Qg1 Kh7 20.Nd5 Qd7 21.Ne3 Nxe3 22.Bxe3 e6 23.Nf3 Qc6 24.Ng5+ Kg8 25.Bxa7 Bh6 26.Be3 Bxc6 27.Bxc6 Qxe4 28.Rxd6 Rc6 29.Rxc6 bxc6 30.Qe3 Qf5 31.Qf4 Re8 32.Qxf5 gxf5 33.Kd2 e5 34.Kd3 Kg7 35.Bd2 Rd8+ 36.Ke2 f4 37.Be1 e4 38.a4 Kf6 39.a5 c5 40.Bc4 Kf5 41.a6 Kg4 42.Ba5 f3+ 43.Kf2 Re8 44.a7 e3+ 45.Ke1 Kg3 46.Bc7+ Kg2 47.Bd5 (1-0)

R. Gardner - D. Ottosen (round 3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bc4 O-O 8.Qd3 Bxc3

9.bxc3 Qc7 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Bd6 Qb6 12.O-O a6 13.Rab1 Qa7 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qc4+ Kg6 16.Nh4+ Kg5 17.Qf7 Rg8 18.Nf3+ Kf4 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.g3+ Kg5 21.Bxe5 Qc5 22.Bf4+ Kg4 23.Kg2 g6 24.Qxf6 g5 25.h3+ Kh5 26.g4+ Kh4 27.Bg3# (1-0)

T. Kowalczyk - D. Haukenfers (round 3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Be2 Be7 8.O-O a6 9.Kh1 O-O 10.f4 Qc7 11.Bf3 h6 12.Bh4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Bxh4 14.Nxc6 d5 15.Ne5 dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bf6 17.Ng4 Bxb2 18.Rb1 Bc3 19.Bd3 b5 20.Qf3 Bb7 21.Qg3 h5 22.Rb3 Rac8 23.Ne3 b4 24.Qg5 Qc5 25.f5 Bd2 26.Be2 Bxe3 27.Rxe3 f6 28.Qg3 h4 29.Qh3 e5 30.Bd3 Rfd8 31.Rfe1 Rd4 32.R3e2 Rf4 33.Rd2 Qc3 34.Rde2 e4 35.Qe3 exd3 36.Qxf4 dxe2 37.Qh4 Rd8 38.Qf2 Rd1 (0-1)

E. Schocat - A. Milne (round 3)

Annotated by Milne

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 dxe5 4.Qxd8+ Kxd8 5.e4 c6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.Nf3 f6 8.Be3 Nd7 9.a3!? a5? *Creates a terrible weakness at b6.* 10.O-O-O Kc7 11.Na4 Ne7 12.Nd2! *With the idea of an eventual Bc4.* 12...Nc8 *Bolstering b6.* 13.c5 Na7 14.Bc4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 +- *Weaknesses at b6, a5, d7.* 15...Rd8 15...Nb5 16.Rxd7+ +- 16.Nxa5 16.Bd2! 16...Nb5 17.Nc4 Be7 18.Ncb6 Nd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Rd3 Rf8 22.f4 f5 23.e5 g5 24.g3 Rd5 25.b4 gxf4 26.gxf4 Rg8 27.Nb6 Rdd8 28.Rhd1 Bc8 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Rxd4 Bh6 31.e6 (1-0) *There's nothing to be done about 32.e7.*

J. Mackey - D. Wu (round 4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.O-O Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 10.b3 Ne8 11.a3 f5 12.f3 Bh6 13.Rb1 Be3+

1	Gardner, R	2243	+16	+13	+7	+2	+4	5.0
2	Haukenfers, D	2114	+25	+14	+8	-1	+7	4.0
3	Wu, A	2061	+17	-7	+16	+10	+11	4.0
4	Schocat, E	1907	bye	+19	+5	+12	-1	3.5
5	Milne, A	1927	bye	+6	-4	+15	+12	3.5
6	Wu, D	1601	=9	-5	+19	+14	+13	3.5
7	Ottosen, D	1718	+22	+3	-1	+8	-2	3.0
8	Kowalczyk, T	1994	+20	+23	-2	-7	+17	3.0
9	Dartana, C	2011	=6	+15	=12	-11	+16	3.0
10	Quiring, J	1916	+21	-12	+25	-3	+18	3.0
11	Beresinski, P	1868	-23	+26	+17	+9	-3	3.0

2.5: 12—Zukiwski, M; 13—Climenhaga, H; 14—Mackey, J; 15—Dewindt, C.
 2.0: 16—Dagenais, B; 17—Wu, B; 18—Lovi, A; 19—Jones, K; 20—Wu, C; 21—Vandervaart, H; 22—Vizcarra, C.
 1.5: 23—Montambault, P; 24—Masson, R.
 1.0: 25—Davies, R.
 0.5: 26—Jmaeff, G; 27—Alderton, P. TD: Len Steele

14.Kh1 Bd4 15.Nb5 Be3 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Na4 18.Qb3 f4 19.Ra1 Nc5 20.Qc3 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Na6 22.Qc3 Qh4 23.Nb3 Bf2 24.Bd2 Bg3 25.h3 Bxh3 (0-1)

C. Dartana - P. Beresinski (round 4)

Moves 16-19 were hard to read on the scoresheet—I hope I got them right...

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 f5 7.exf5 Nf6 8.h3 Bxf5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nh4 Bf7 11.Nf5 Bf8 12.O-O g6 13.Ng3 Nbd7 14.Nf3 Qb6 15.Re1 O-O-O 16.a3 Bd6 17.b4 Rdf8 18.Ng5 Bg8 19.c4 c5 20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Ng5e4 cxb4 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.Ne4 Qb6 24.axb4 Kb8 25.Re2 h5 26.Be3 Nxe3 27.Rxe3 hxg4 28.hxg4 Rf4 29.Rb1 Ba2 30.Rb2 Be6 31.g5 Qd8 32.Rg3 Nb6 33.Qe2 Rfh4 34.Nc5 Bd5 35.Qxe5+ Ka8 36.Ne6? Rh1+ (0-1)

D. Haukenfers - R. Gardner (round 4)

A tense battle.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.O-O-O Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 Nc5 14.f6 gxf6 15.gxf6 Bf8 16.Rg1 [At this point White had used about 1 minute, Black 2 minutes.] 16...h5 17.Rg7 b4 18.Nd5 exd5 19.exd5 Bg4 20.Re1+ Kd8 21.Qe3 [White took about 42 minutes for this move.] 21...Kc8 22.h3 Bd7 23.Kb1 Bxc7 24.fxc7 Rg8 25.Qe7 Bb5 26.Bxb5 Qxe7 27.Rxe7 Rxc7 28.Bf1 Rg1 29.Rxf7 Ne4 30.Nb3 Ng3 31.Nd2 Nxf1 32.Nxf1 Kd8 33.Kc1 Ke8 34.Rf5 Ra7 35.Kd2 Rf7 36.Ne3 Rxf5 37.Nxf5 Kd7 38.h4 Rg6 39.Kd3 Kc7 40.Kc3 Kb6 41.Kf3 Kc5 42.Ng3 Rg4 43.Nxh5 Rxh4 44.Nf4 Rh2 45.Nd3+ Kc4 46.Nf2 Kxd5 47.Nd3 Kc4 48.Nf2 Rh5 49.Nd3 Rh1 50.Nf2 Ra1 51.Ne4 Rxa2 52.Nxd6+ Kd5 53.Ne8 a5 54.Nf6+ Kc4 55.Ke2 Rxb2 56.Kd1 Rb1+ 57.Kd2 a4 58.Ng4 a3 59.Ne5+ Kb5 60.c4+ bxc3+ (0-1)

A. Milne - M. Zukiwski (round 5)
Annotated by Milne

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7?! 4...Qxd7. 5.c4 Nb6?! *Wastes time, since ...Nxc4 is not a threat due to Qa4+.* 6.O-O g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Nc3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nf6 10.f3 O-O 11.b3 a6 12.Be3 Nbd7 *See note to 5...Nb6.* 13.Qd2 Ne5!/? *Alternative is 13...Nc5.* 14.Rac1 e6!/? 15.Nde2 Qc7 16.Rfd1 Ne8 16...Rad8 17.Na4 Rd7 18.Nb6 Rdd8 19.Qa5, *with the idea of 20.c5.* 17.Na4 f5!/? 18.c5!/? 18.Nf4!/? Qe7 19.c5!/? Rd8 20.Qb4 Rf7 21.cxd6 Rxd6 22.Rxd6 Qxd6 23.Qxd6 Nxd6 unclear. 18...Rd8!/? 19.Bg5!/? fxe4!/? 20.Bxd8 Qxd8 21.f4 21.fxe4 21...Bh6!/? 21...Nd3 22.Rc2 d5 and *Black has compensation.* 22.cxd6 Nd3 23.Rc4 Nxf4 *With the threat Nh3+-.* 24.Kh1 Nd3 25.Qxh6 Nf2+ 26.Kg1 Nxd1 27.Qd2! Nf2? 27...b5! 28.Rxe4 bxa4 29.Qxd1 Qxd6, *with minimal advantage for White.* 28.d7! *With the idea of Rc8+-.* 28...Nc7 *Only move.* 29.Qd6 Qf6 *With the idea Nh3+-.* 30.Qf4! +- *Wins a piece.* 30...Nd5 30...Qa1+ 31.Rc1 Rxf4 32.d8(Q)+ Rf8 33.Qxc7+- 31.Qxf6 Nxf6 32.Kxf2 Nxd7+ 33.Kg3 b5 34.Rc7 bxa4 35.Rxd7 axb3 36.axb3 e3 37.Rd6 e5 38.Rxa6 Rf2 39.Ra2 h5 40.h4 Kg7 41.Nc3 Rf4 42.Rb2 Rg4+ 43.Kh3 Kh6 44.b4 g5 45.hxg5+ Kxg5 46.b5 Rc4 47.Ne2 Rh4+ 48.Kg3 e4 49.b6 Rg4+ 50.Kh2 Rh4+ 51.Kg1 Rg4 52.b7 Kh4 53.b8(Q) Rg8!/? 54.Qh2+ Kg5 55.Qg3+ (1-0)

R. Gardner - E. Schocat (round 5)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 e5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.f4 O-O 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 e6 9.O-O exd5 10.exd5 Ng4 11.h3 Nh6 12.f5 Nf6 13.Nh4 Nh5 14.f6 [1:12] Bxf6 [1:04] 15.Nf3 Bg7 16.Be3 Ng3 17.Re1 Ngf5 18.Bf2 g5 19.Qc2 [1:36] Bxc3 [1:26] 20.bxc3 Qf6 21.Qd2 g4 22.hxg4 Nxg4 23.Qf4 Nfh6 24.Qxf6 Nxf6 25.Bg3 Ne8 26.Ng5 Bf5 27.Bxf5 Nxf5 28.Bf4 Nf6 29.Bh2 h6 30.Nh3 Rae8 31.Rf1 [1:46—i.e. 4 minutes to time control at move 40] 31...Re3 [1:47] 32.Rxf5 Ne4 33.Bf4 Rxc3 34.Nf2 Nxf2 35.Kxf2 Rc2+ 36.Kg3 Kh7 37.Kh3 Rxc4 38.Bxd6 Rc3+ 39.g3 Rg8 40.Rxf7+ Kg6 41.Raf1 Rd3 42.Kh4 Rg7 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 44.Bxc5 b6 45.Bf8+ Kg6 46.d6 h5 47.Kh3 b5 48.Be7 a5 49.Rf6+ Kg7 50.Rf5 Kg6 51.Rxb5 a4 (1-0)

Don't get rusty—participate!

The back page has the ACA tournament schedule for the rest of the year—call the contact(s) listed for details when it gets near to the date of an event.

There is also a separate notice for the **Red Deer Open, June 4-5**. Why not enter? It's a reasonable drive to Red Deer from Calgary, Edmonton, etc.

Red Deer Closed
by David Ottosen

This was the final tournament of the Red Deer Chess Club season. The four qualifiers (see RDCC 'Report' below), who have played each other interminable times, still found enough fighting spirit to create numerous exciting games, and produce a dramatic final round confrontation for the trophy.

As a double round robin, there was the possibility that one player could wrap up the title early and coast to the finish. Indeed, this seemed to be the case as David Ottosen stormed out to a big lead after four rounds. At that point, Ottosen had 3.5, Carlos Vizcarra 2, Henry Vandervaart 1.5, and Gord Cannon trailed with 1. However, in round 5, Vandervaart defeated Ottosen, while Vizcarra beat Cannon, setting up a last round battle between Vizcarra and Ottosen. David Ottosen used some lively knight play to subdue Vizcarra and take the Championship, while Vandervaart overcame Cannon in a tactical melee to slide into second.

Vizcarra-Ottosen (round 6)

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Be2 e6 5.d3 h6 6.e5?! Ng4 7.Bf4 g5 8.Bg3 Bg7 9.Nxg5! Nxf2! 10.Nxf7?? [Now White loses a piece by force—just watch the dancing knights! Best was 10.Bxf2 hxg5 11.Bxc5 Nxe5 with an unclear position.] 10...Nxd1 11.Nxd8 Nxc3 12.Nxc6 Nxe2 13.Kxe2 dxc6 14.Rhf1 Rf8 15.Rf3 Rf5 16.Rxf5 exf5 17.c3 Be6 18.d4 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rd8 20.Kd3 c5 (0-1)

Cannon-Vandervaart (round 6)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Bd7 4.O-O f6 5.d3 e5 6.e4 d4 7.a3 Qc8 8.c3 Bg5 9.Nbd2 h5 10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Qa4+ b5 12.Qa5 Qd7 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.e5 c6 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Nb3 h4? 17.Nxd4! Qxd4 18.Bxc6+ Kf7 19.Bxa8 Bd6 20.Be3 Qxd3 21.Qxa7+ Kg6 22.f3 Rxa8!! 23.Qxa8 Qxe3+ 24.Kh1 Bh3 25.gxh4 Qe2 26.Rg1+ Kh7 27.Rxg7+ Kxg7 28.Rg1+ Kf7 29.Qa7+ Ke6 (0-1)

Red Deer Chess Club Report
by David Ottosen

The next to last tournament of the season saw David Ottosen and Gord Cannon come out equal first, with 3.5/4, and qualify for the Red Deer Closed. By virtue of their placings, also qualifying were Henry Vandervaart and newcomer Carlos Vizcarra.

The Under 1600 group was taken by junior Duong Huynh, an impressive new player who has scored several surprising results since coming to the club. Second in this group was shared between Peter Simieritsch and new member Allan Loftager.

My First Master Scalp
by John Quiring

So there we were, eating chicken between rounds of the Southern Alberta Open, when I said to no one in particular, "I'm paired against Dale Haessel next, what does he play with Black?" "Oh," said Dave Ottosen, "he plays the Sicilian Sozin; here, look at this game from Linares where Kasparov whips Gelfand." and he pops a 6 month old issue of *Inside Chess* out of his knapsack and shows me the game. (Yes, this is a true story). Twenty minutes later...

Quiring - Haessel

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5 8.O-O Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.Qg3 O-O 11.Bh6 Ne8 12.Rad1 *So far, exactly as in Kasparov-Gelfand.* 12...Bb7 *I knew this wasn't the move Gelfand played, but Gelfand lost. Now I was on my own. [Kasparov - Gelfand concluded 12...Bd7 13.Nf3 b4 14.Ne2 a5 15.Nf4 Kh8 16.Bg5 Nf6 17.Qh4 Bb5 18.Nd4 Be8 19.Ndxe6 fxe6 20.Nxe6 Qa7 21.e5 dxe5 22.Nxf8 Bxf8 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Rd8 Nd7 25.Qg4 1-0]* 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Nxe6 Qc4 14...Qd7 *is better, protecting the Bishop on e7—more on this in the next note. This is one of the ridiculously complicated Sicilian positions that make so many players choose 1.d4 instead of 1.e4. Consider this continuation: 14... Qd7 15.Nxg7 Rf6 16. Nxe8+ Rg6 17. Rxd6 Rxg3 18.Rxd7 Nxd7 19.hxg3 Rxe8 and I don't know who is winning.* 15.Nxg7 Kf7 15...Rf6 *can be answered by 16.Nf5+ (because the bishop on e7 is not protected, as noted earlier)* 16...Kf7 17.Bg5 Rxf5 (not 17...Re6, as 18.Nxe7 Rxe7 19.Qf4+ wins the rook) 18.exf5 and White is winning. 16.Nxe8 Rxe8? *Now White can force mate. After 16...Kxe8 17.Bxf8 White is winning but there is work to be done. The game position is quite neat; the pieces are positioned just right, so that Black's king can't escape.* 17.Qg7+ Ke6 18.Qg4+ Kf7 19.Qh5+ (1-0)

Vizcarra-Ottosen

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 *Famous Red Deer Attack vs Sicilian.* 3...e6 4.O-O a6 5.a3 b5 6.Be2 Nf6 7.d3 Qc7 8.Nc3 d5?! *Somewhat premature.* 9.exd5 exd5 10.h3?! Bd6 11.Bg5 h6? *Overlooking White's threat.* 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxd5 Qd8 14.c4 Rg8 15.Kh1 Be6 16.cxb5 Bxd5 17.bxc6 Bxc6 18.d4?! *Black has superior development, but his K is stuck in the center. Opening the center aids Black in his search for compensation for the blundered pawn.* 18...Bd7 *Note the B tour, Be6-d5-c6-d7.* 19.Bc4 Qc8 20.dxc5? Bxh3! *Black has the two bishops—en prise.* 21.Nh4? Bxg2+ 22.Nxg2 Qh3+ (0-1)

**More Games from our 'de facto
Calgary Annotator' — Art Milne**

Daniluk-Milne

Calgary Closed 1994, "A" section

1.d4 d6 "Risking" a Pirc with 2.e4 or an English with 2.c4 e5. 2.Nf3 Bg4 Tartakower's Opening. 3.e4 3.c4 is the alternative. 3...e6 Black aims for a French in which his Q-bishop is outside the pawn chain with ...d5, at the price of a tempo. Alternative is ...c6!? 4.Nc3 4.c4, with the idea of d5, cuts across Black's plan. 4...Nf6 5.Be2 Be7 6.O-O O-O 7.Be3 d5 8.exd5 exd5 Now Black has light holes at c4 and e4 available. 9.Ne5?! It must be wrong to trade off the light bishops, accentuating the weakness of c4 and e4. 9...Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Nbd7 11.Rad1 c6 12.f4?! Accentuates the 'problem' bishop and loses control of e4. 12...Ne8! With the idea of Nd6, Ndf6-e4 or Ndb6-c4. 13.Qf3 Nd6 14.b3 Now the dark squares on the Q-side become weak. In any event, it may be better to make Black waste a move with Nb6 before playing this, or avoid it altogether if Black plays N-f6-e4. 14...Nf6 15.Kh1 Nfe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.c4 Prising open the c-file, but Black's B can control c1. 17...Qa5! Most aggressive. 18.cxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 keeps the c-file closed, avoiding the following duel, but Black is well-positioned to prise the c-file away from White anyhow, and Qxd5 loosens Black's grip on e4. 19.Rc1 Rfc8! 19...Rac8 20.Nd7 Rfd8 21.Qg4 and White has tactical cheapos on the diagonal g4-c8. The weakening of f7 is not significant. 20.Qg4 Challenging for the c-file. 20...Qd8! 20...Rc3 21.Qd7!; 20...Nd6 21.Qd7! 21.Nd3?! 21.Qf5 Nd6 22.Qg4 — Black has little better than ...Ne4, repeating moves, because the Nd6 blocks the Be7 from a3. Possibly 21.Qf5 Nf6!? 22.g4!? Qe8 and White's pawns look shaky. 21...Ba3 Now the c-file comes to roost. 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.f5 Air for the B! 23...Rc3 24.Rd1 Qf6 With the idea of N-d6-xf5. 25.h4 Nd6 26.Qe2 Qxh4+ + 27.Kg1 Ne4 Idea Bd6. 28.Bf4 Rxd3 29.Rxd3 Qxf4 30.Qc2 Qc1+ 31.Qxc1 Bxc1 32.Kf1 Kf8 33.Ke1 Ke7 34.Rd1 Bd2+ 35.Kf1 Kf6 36.g4 Kg5 (0-1)

Nazarian - Milne

Calgary Closed 1994, "A" section

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Bg4 Tartakower's Opening (see Daniluk-Milne, above). 3.Nbd2 Nf6 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 Qc8 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 O-O 8.O-O Nbd7 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4 c6 12.f4!?! Loosens the K-side, which proves significant later in the game. 12...Ne8 12...Ne4?! 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Bxh4 15.g5 and Black's B looks silly. 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Nf3 d5 Thematic; Black controls the light squares with his pawns, his dark squares

with his minor pieces. 15.Bd2 With the idea Bb4, liquidating the 'bad' bishop. 15...Nd6 Forcing the issue on c4. 16.cxd4 cxd4 16...exd4 invites a minority attack. Now White grabs the c-file which, unlike Daniluk-Milne, Black is unable to contest. 17.Bb4 Nb6 Opting for c4 instead of e4 with 17...Nf6. 18.Rac1 Nbc4?! The N is unstable at c4. 19.e4! Qd7 So that Black can contest the c-file with Rfe8, but invites Ne5 by White, forcing an exchange in the centre which seems to favour White; 19...Qd8. 20.exd5 exd5 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.fxe5 Nc4 22...Ne4 23.Bxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxd5+- 23.Bxd5?! 23.Bxe7 Qxe7 24.Rfd1 with the idea of 25.Bxd5+- 23...Bxb4 24.Qxc4 Rad8 25.Bxf7+?! 25.Qxb4 Qxd5 26.Rcd1+- 25...Rxf7 26.Rxf7 Qxf7 27.Qxb4 Qf4! 28.Qc3 Rxd4 29.e6?? Now Rd2 follows without the cross check at c4; 29.Qe1 Rd2 30.Rc8+ Kf7 31.Qf1= 29...Rd2 + 30.Qc5 Qh2+ 31.Kf1 Qe2+ 32.Kg1 Qg2# (0-1)

Milne-Bolianatz

Calgary Spring Open 1994

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.O-O Bg7 6.Re1 e5 6...Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.c4 Nc7. 7.c3 Playing for the immediate d4 break. 7...Qb6?! Inviting N-a3-c4. 8.Na3 d6 9.Nc4 Qc7 10.d4 White banks on his superior development offsetting Black's 2 B's. 10...cxd4 Or else 11.dxc5 and Black's pawns are loathsome. 11.cxd4 Ba6 11...Be6 12.Qd3. 12.Ne3 Not a particularly attractive square, but nothing else is available. 12...exd4 Otherwise 13.dxe5 and Black's Bg7 is dead and c6 weak. 13.Nxd4 Nf6 Not really attacking e4 as long as the K is at e8. 14.Qa4! An aggressive move, retaking c4 for the N. 14...Bb7 More or less forced. 15.Nc4 O-O Again, more or less forced. 16.Bf4 Rfd8 17.e5 Nd5?! 17...dxe5 18.Bxe5 Qd7 19.Rad1. 18.Bg5 dxe5 18...f6 19.exd6 Qd7 20.Bd2. 19.Bxd8 Rxd8 20.Nf3 f6 21.Na5 21.Qxa7?? Ra8 22.Qc5 Bf8 -+. 21...Ba8 22.Rac1 White's main counterplay is against the c-pawn. Black's play is based on opening up the long diagonal for the Ba8. 22...c5 Suddenly the Ba8 looms as a threat. 23.b4 White plays for the win of the c-pawn, followed by blocking the long diagonal with c6. This proves too ambitious. 23...Nb6 24.Qb5 Bf8 25.bxc5 Nd5 26.Red1 Rb8 27.Qa6 Kg7 28.Nb3 Nf4 In conjunction with the Ba8, a strong post. 29.Qc4 Overlooking the next... 29...Qc8! With the idea of Qg4. 30.c6 Qg4 31.Qf1 Rc8 32.Rc4? Overlooking Black's next. Simply 32.Na5 and, if 33...Bb4, 34.Nb7! 32...Nh3+ 33.Kh1 Nxh2+ Winning back the exchange, or forcing a repetition of moves with 34.Kg1. 34.Qxf2 White feels optimistic in view of the exposed position of Black's king. 34...Qxc4 35.Rd7+

Kh6?! 35...Kg8 and Black is better, e.g. 36.Qh4 Qf1+ 37.Ng1 h5. 36.Nbd4? 36.Nfd4! 36...Qc1+ 37.Ng1 Qf4 38.Qxf4 exf4 39.c7 Bc5 40.Nb5 g5 41.Nf3 a6 42.Nbd4 Bb6 43.Ne6 g4 44.Nfd4 f3 45.Nf5+ Kg6 46.Ne7+ Kh6 47.Nf5+ Kh5 48.Ng3+ Kh6 49.Nf5+ (draw)

[Editor's note: Art, this is not a criticism of your games, but how about annotating a game or two from time to time involving two 'Calgary players' other than yourself? Such games might be more of a challenge to annotate, but would be of interest...]

This Story is a Real Snorer...

In the Nov/93 ACR David Ottosen mentioned that Mr. Big Snore (a.k.a. F. Wong jr.), while in Saskatoon, was asked by hotel management to move to a room which had no neighbors (his snores were keeping people awake!). Mr. Big Problem tells us he has joined the Borg (STNG fans know those nasties)—the Medicos at a sleep clinic have been attaching lots of electrodes and wires to him, likely trying to figure out what's going on in the 'snore section' of his brain (perhaps a presnoral lobotomy is called for?).

Purse Snatcher Hit by a Ford

Earlier this year, Mr. Past Big (y'all know who he is...) was outside the Main Library, where the Edmonton Junior Chess Club meets, when he spied a purse snatcher running from his victim. Mr. Still Big pounced upon the purse snatcher. Unfortunately, this story does not have a perfect storybook finish, because the purse snatcher managed to get the purse to an accomplice, who made off with it...even a speedy Ford couldn't have caught him—but Mr. Big Enough did sit on the first villain until the police arrived.

This game from the 1994 Northern Alberta Open fits best in the Junior Chess Section, but it's full, so I popped it here, nearby—ed.

A. Lovi - R. Davies (round 4)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Be7 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Nf3 O-O 9.Rc1 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 c6 12.Qc2 Qd6 13.Bd3 Bd8 14.Ke2 Bc7 15.Rcg1 Rfe8 16.h4 g6?? [h6—AL] 17.h5 Nd7 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Bxg6 hxg6 20.Rxg6+ Kf8 21.Rxd6 Bxd6 22.Rh8+ Ke7 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Qg6 Bc7 25.e4 Kd8 26.e5 Bb6 27.Qg5+ Kc8 28.Kd3 Rf8 29.Qg4 Kb8 30.f4 Rd8 31.f5 c5 32.Qf4 cxd4 33.e6+ Bc7 34.Qxd4 Bb6 35.Qg7 Nc5+ 36.Ke2 d4 37.e7 d3+ 38.Kd1 Re8 39.Qf8 (1-0)



ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



(A special section of the Alberta Chess Report, May 1994)

Canadian Cadet Championship

by Nathan McLean

It was an honor and a privilege to represent Alberta in the Canadian Cadet (under sixteen) held in Toronto over the Easter holidays. This trip was different from any other chess tournament I've been to because my Dad wasn't with me—Neil Sharp, my chess coach, accompanied me instead. After an uneventful flight (which meant to Mr. Sharp that we didn't crash or get highjacked), we landed in Toronto, expecting to get picked up at the airport. Somehow Larry Bevand didn't connect with us, so Mr. Sharp (resourceful as he is) got us to the hotel for less than half the cost of a taxi.

We had rambunctious Peter Marshall from Ottawa as our roommate for the first two days, and it didn't take long for Mr. Sharp and him to find a mutual love, arguing over politics. I was relieved to find out that Mr. Sharp didn't snore, but he wasn't too delighted when he found out that I let out the odd bloodcurdling scream most nights.

We awoke about 6:00 a.m. Alberta time to get ready for the first day of chess action held at the Chess'n Math Association. This started with the excitement of the draw for pairings. I drew tournament favorite Eduardo Teodoro, from Toronto, in the first round. He eventually won the Tourney with a 7.5/9 performance. Andrew Ho (B.C.), and Lafong Hua (Quebec) tied for second with 6.5 points each. I finished with a 2/9 record.

In round one I wanted to play a solid first game, but it ended abruptly when Teodoro (2300) got me in a mating net on move nineteen. So much for the solid start. I also had blowouts in round 2 vs Marshall (1987), round 5 vs Ho (1975), and against Casinathan (2139) from Toronto in round 9.

In round 3 against Chu (2001) from Ontario I could have had a draw, in a blocked up game, but I went for the win, and ended up losing when I let his rook become too active.

In round 4 I picked up my first win, against Furrow (1568) from Nova Scotia in a Kings Indian as Black.

In round 6, against Hua (2029), my play was too defensive and I gave him too many tempos, which eventually led to my downfall. At one point I had a chance to trade off his good bishop, but I overlooked it.

In round 7 against Lipnowski (1775), I had an extra kingside pawn, and when all the pieces came off, his king had to stop my queenside pawn, while my king gobbled up

his kingside pawns, leaving a clear path for my pawns to queen, and win.

In round 8 against Parker (2062) from Ottawa, a French was played with me as White. The position seemed blocked, but he eventually penetrated, to win the game.

I would like to thank the Alberta Chess Association for its contribution towards my trip. The experience was fantastic—it was great to meet and play against top caliber players.

Perhaps the most important lesson from this tournament came after returning to Alberta. Having to write this article and annotate a game for the *Alberta Chess Report* brought me to a new point of growth as a chess player, as I was forced to take an in-depth look at my games. I now see the benefit of doing my own annotations. Much thanks to Mr. Sharp, who has annotated for me in the past, but refused this time because he knew it was for my best. So here goes with my first solo annotation!

Nathan McLean - Samuel Lipnowski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.Bg5 a6 9.Qd2 Qc7 10.Rad1 b5 11.Nb3 *The idea being to get two attacks on d6, so that when my bishop takes on f6 it forces him to double his pawns or lose a pawn.* 11...Bb7 12.Bxf6 *Looks like a good move but, as you shall see, White's pawn on e4 drops.* 12...Bxf6 13.Qxd6 Qxd6 14.Rxd6 b4 15.Nd1 Bxe4 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Rxd3 Rc8 18.c3 a5 19.Re1 a4 20.Nd2 a3 21.Ne4 Be5 *21...axb2 would have been better because, after 22.Nxf6 gxf6 23.Nxb2 Rxa2 24.Nd1 bxc3, Black is up a pawn.* 22.Nd2 bxc3 23.bxc3 *Of course not Rxe5 because, after c2, White is lost.* 23...Nc6 24.Nc4 Bf6 25.Ree3 Rd8 26.h3 Rxd3 27.Rxd3 Ne5 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.Kf1 Kf8 30.Ne3 Ke7 31.Ke2 Rb8 32.Nc4 Bf6 33.Nxa3 Rb2+ 34.Rd2 Bxc3 35.Rxb2 Bxb2 36.Nc4 Bd4 37.f3 Kd7 38.Kd3 Bc5 39.a4 Kc6 40.Ne5+ Kb6 41.Nd7+ *This is better than Nxf7 because, after the pieces come off, the black king has to stop the pawn on a4 and White's king can easily take most of Black's pawns.* 41...Kc6 42.Nxc5 Kxc5 43.Ke4 Kb4 44.Ke5 Kxa4 45.Kd6 Kb5 46.Ke7 e5 47.Kxf7 Kc5 48.Kxg7 Kd5 49.Kxh7 e4 50.fxe4+ Kxe4 51.g4 Kf4 52.Kh6 Kg3 53.g5 Kf4 54.g6 Ke4 55.g7 Kd5 56.g8(Q)+ Ke4 57.Qg5 (1-0)

Canadian Chess Challenge Edmonton Regional

Grandview Heights Junior and
Elementary School

by Ford Wong

The following players qualified for the Canadian Chess Challenge Alberta Provincial Championships:

Grade and Name	School
1 Scott Mayo	Steinhauer
Kevin Mayo	Steinhauer
2 Colin Regan	St. Richard
Estevan Mardones	St. Richard
Ryan Murphy (alt.)	St. Richard
3 Daniel Lenkiewicz	St. Richard
Spencer Whelan	St. Richard
4 Greg Whelan	St. Richard
Paul Kirvan	Georges Vanier
Alim Merali	Lynnwood
5 Karsten Chipeniuk	Lago Lindo
Andrew Luu	St. Richard
Pierre Escalona	St. Richard
6 Kris Steinbach	Mills Haven
Benjamin Fotty	Lago Lindo
7 Douglas Wu	St. Clement
Lian Chang	Vernon Barford
Bernie Kan	Vernon Barford
8 Louis Lim	Grandview Hts
Humam Al-Shiraida	T.D. Baker
9 Vijay Rai	Grandview Hts
Cynthia Wu	St. Clement
10 Sherwin Chan	Old Scona Acad.
11 Beatrice Wu	Old Scona Acad.
12 Adam Wu	Old Scona Acad.
Aaron Lovi	Old Scona Acad.

Overall, the tournament went fairly quickly and was almost problem-free.

Grade 2 had to be decided by "closest to the TD's number". After four double round robins between three players, two winners could not be decided. Fatigue and parent unrest were about to take their toll (including the TD!). The participants wanted to play on. Ryan Murphy was the unfortunate loser, but still managed to get a medal for his efforts.

Grade 3 was very trying on the TD as illegal positions were the norm.

For Grades 4, 5, and 7 the tournament format introduced the following problem (for TD's anyway): if more than eight players are entered, then three players would qualify and players would be split into two groups with the winner of each group qualifying automatically. The problem was deciding

the third qualifier. It was decided that the 2nd place finishers in each group would play off for this position. However, it was not foreseen that there could be ties for second place. This resulted in playoffs for 2nd place, followed by a playoff for the third qualification position.

Grade 7 required a three player round robin playoff in one group and a two player match in the other group to determine 2nd place...and then the playoff match began for the 3rd qualification position. After several drawn matches, it came down to sudden death games. Again after several draws, the 3rd qualifier was decided when Jeremiah Gallinger, in a winning position, allowed a back rank mate, to fellow school nemesis Bernie Kan. Needless to say this was the last game of the day!

Thanks to the 64 eager participants and to the following volunteers: John Quiring, Wayne Mendryk, John Macnab, David Ludwig, Chris Dartana, Kurt Lauterwald, Tom Karpa, and Rob Gardner. Special thanks go to John Macnab and Grandview Heights Elementary School for providing the site, and to Chris Dartana for buying supper for some of us.

Canadian Chess Challenge Alberta Championships Calgary

[The organizer(s) didn't provide a written report—at least not in time for this issue—but Ford Wong came to the rescue with a list of our Alberta Team members.]

Alberta Champions in each grade are indicated below in bold type. In grades 4-6, the Team member is the alternate, and the Champions are listed in brackets (they were unable or chose not to attend the Nationals—too bad they had to miss out!).

Grade and Name	From
1 Adam Sherman	Calgary
2 Angie Sietz	St. Isidore
3 Gerard O'Reilly	Calgary
4 Alim Merali	Edmonton
(Brent McLean)	Rimbey
5 Michael Hazeltine	Airdrie
(Jordan Davies)	Calgary
6 John Rajchel	Calgary
(Nathan McLean)	Rimbey
7 Douglas Wu	Edmonton
8 Louis Lim	Edmonton
9 Cynthia Wu	Edmonton
10 Sherwin Chan	Edmonton
11 Beatrice Wu	Edmonton
12 Adam Wu	Edmonton

(We should have a report on the Canadian Chess Challenge Nationals in the next ACR...)

EJCC March Mayhem

by Beatrice Wu

Jeremiah Gallinger came in clear first with 5/5, defeating his nearest competitors, Duncan Campbell and Rob Curtis, in close games. Duncan and Rob finished with 3/5 and 4/5, respectively. Paul Kirvan also played a good tournament, totaling a score of 4/5.

In the Under 1000 plus Unrated category, the playoff between **Kevin Ko** and **Lorne Raffin** (both with a score of 3/5) was

won by Kevin. New player Brian Dembinsky created quite a stir by upsetting Duncan Campbell in round 1, and 6 year old Bryan Tung claimed his first tournament victory—against Kevin Mayo—in the last round.

Surrounded by various suicide and monster chess games and watching the ever inventive Mayo twins along with Bryan Tung create new and improved piece stacking methods, it was interesting to say the least. My thanks to Ford, who prevented any disasters from happening!

EJCC April Aggression

by Adam Wu

Thirteen players participated (5 were unrated). Outranking the field by nearly 200 points, **Aaron Lovi** entered as a heavy favorite. However, he was stunningly upset in the second round by **Ben Berci**, who was rated almost 500 points lower. Ben continued as if inspired, going undefeated until the last round, when he lost to **Jason Poon**. As a result, Aaron, Ben, and Jason were tied for first place, each with 4/5. Jason happily walked away with the under-800/unrated book prize, leaving Aaron and Ben to slug it out in a two game playoff. This time, Aaron took no chances, winning both games to claim the book prize.

Aaron arrived about 5 minutes late for the following second round game, which would ironically return to haunt him. With only 1 minute left on the clock, he visibly panicked just before making his 33rd move. Aaron Lovi annotated his game with Berci. We went over the game later and I recall that we found several other strong lines for both players, but I can't remember precisely what they were, so I'll let the reader find them...

Aaron Lovi - Ben Berci

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.cxd5 I should have played e3 or Nf3 4...exd5 5.Bf4 I was already looking for cheap shots against the Black c-pawn, but the bishop has better squares (d2 or g5). 5. ...Bb4 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.a3 Bd6!? Weakening White's Q-side pawns by Bxc3+ would have been better. Instead, Black chooses to drive White's dark-squared Bishop from its inactive post. 8. Bg5 The B should have been put here in the first place (after ...Nf6). 8...O-O?? Be6 would probably have equalized. 9.Nxd5 Be7 10.Nc3 10.Nxf6 Bxf6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.e3 also leads to a superior game, but I believed in the usefulness of the N posted on c3. 10...Bf5 Maybe Bg4 would leave the B on a more active square. 11. d5 Rcl first, to command the half-open file and protect the N from cheap shots, is better. 11...Na5 Apparently, Black wishes to play Nc4-d6 after which the

white d-pawn becomes vulnerable as it is indefensible by the c-pawn and immobilized by the N. 12.Bxf6 Battling to gain the e4 square for the pawn. 12...Bxf6 13.b4?? Nc4?? As it is with many of the less experienced juniors, Ben is more worried about attacked pieces than attacking pieces. 13...Bxc3+ 14.Nd2 Nc4! or...Bxa1 15.Qxa1 Nc4 -/+ 15.Qb3 Bxd2+ 16.Kd1 Qxd5! Discovered threats against the Queen and mating nets around the King are threatened by 17. ...Ne3+ 14.Qb3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3 Nd6 Not ...Qxd5?! 16.Rc1 N-any 17.Qxc7 trading off the somewhat weak d-pawn for the stable c-pawn. 16.Rd1 Ne4 17.Qd4 Qe7 18.e3 Rad8 19.Qc4 Rd6 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Be2? Played with the belief that developing the B at this point was necessary. Far better would have been 21.Qxc7: (a) 21...Re8? 22.Qxb7! Rb6 23.Nf5! (Qxa7?? Qd6, with the idea of Rcb8, Ra6 trapping the Queen) 23...Qd8 24.Qxa7 Rcb8 25.Nd4 +/- (b) 21...Rxd5 22.Qxb7 Re5 (Rd6? 23.Nf5) 23.Qxa7 +/- 21...Qf6 Rc8 aiming at c6 is probably better. 22.O-O Ba4?! A passive post for the B. 23.Rd3 Rfd8 24.f3 Qg5?? 25.fxe4 a6 26.Rf5?! Qh6 27.Nf3 This N belongs on f5. At f3, it hampers the B's mobility. 27...Re8 28.Qxc7 Rf8 29.Kh1?! Played in time pressure. Kf2, Kf1, and Qxb7 would have been useful moves. As played, White is subjected to minor back rank threats; however, the pressure is released from the e3 pawn. 29...Qg6 30.Nh4?! The N should have been left alone. Qxb7 is still feasible. 30...Qh6 31.Rh5?! Qxb7 31...Qf6 32.e5 Qf2! 33.Rd2?? (0-1) 33.Nf3! Qxe2 34.exd6 Qxd3 35.d7 Bxd7 36.Qxd7 +/- In light of Aaron's 33rd move, his comment on minor back rank threats is most interesting...

Paul Kirvan—Postal Chess Champ

The Canadian Correspondence Chess Association's magazine *Check!* (#507, Jan/Feb 94) stated that **Paul Kirvan** of Morinville tied with Mark Koussaya of Montreal for first in the Grades 1-3 section of the 1992 Canadian Open Scholastic Correspondence Chess Championship. Way to go, Paul!

EJCC May Meltdown

by Adam Wu

Aaron Lovi entered this final tournament of the season voicing his considerations of retiring from active EJCC play due to lack of serious competition, and then discovered that he was NOT the highest ranked player in this tournament. Nevertheless, Aaron won without too much difficulty, posting a perfect 5/5 score. This was a full 1.5 points ahead of the field.

The under-1000/unrated section came down to a playoff between Jason Poon, who, due to certain, shall we say, inefficiencies in Ottawa, STILL didn't have a rating (*Editor's note: be sure to tell those guys in Ottawa that your tournaments are active chess...*), and **Matthew Wong**, a newcomer hailing from the Old Scona Chess Club, which already produced the monster Aaron Lovi (not to mention the author of this report.) In two tense, see-saw games, Matthew managed to emerge ultimately on top and claimed the book prize. Each player had 3.5/5. Duncan Campbell, entering with the highest rating, generally played well (3/5), but was bested by both Aaron and Matthew. Also scoring 3/5 were Kevin Ko and Bernie Kan. This tournament wrapped up the EJCC season.

Edmonton Junior High School Team Championship

by John Quiring, TD

The Edmonton Junior High School Team Championship is held whenever an organizer and director can be found. Teams consist of four players from the same school, and the format of the tournament depends on how many teams show up. This year, 5 teams registered, including a brave trio who played one player short, and the tournament was a round robin.

The winning team, scoring 13/16, was from **Grandview** and consisted of **Vijay Rai, Philip Kim, Talib Rajwani** and **Jason Ding**. Second place with 11 points went to Vernon Barford, whose team was Jeremiah Gallinger, Bernie Kan, Lian Chang and Wesley Hellyer. Third place awards went to St. Clement and the team of Cynthia Wu, Douglas Wu, Eric Yeh and Kenny Matsuba.

This tournament was organized by Rob Gardner, who arranged facilities, publicity and trophies. The TD was John Quiring, who was mean but fair (*fairly mean?—ed.*), and would like to know if anything short of electric shock treatment can stop kids from talking at the board. John was aided by Ford Wong, who brought supplies and wrote the schedule on the blackboard with tiny scraps of chalk.

Highlights of the EJCC Season

by Adam Wu

This year can be considered a kind of 'changing of the guard.' Several of the tournaments, including the last three, were "Wu-less" except for the TD. Another of the old guard, Sherwin Chan, only appeared once, in September. Although the older players were moving on to other things, they were quickly replaced by a surge of new players. My apologies if I forget anyone... some of these new players were Mike McCall, Ben Berci, Brian Tung, Alim Merali, Marc Fiset, Cheuk Yin Tang, Kevin Ko, Jason Poon, Matthew Wong, and Brian Dembinski. Best of luck to all of you in the future.

Chess-wise, this season was dominated by the following players: Douglas Wu won the October Ogrifest and the February Food Fight. Cynthia Wu won the December Dalliance and the January Joyride. Aaron Lovi won the November Nightwatch, April Aggression and May Meltdown. Sherwin Chan and Jeremiah Gallinger won the other two tournaments. The second sections, when they existed (usually unrated/u1000), were won by Chris Steinbach in September and November, Rob Curtis in January, Kevin Ko in February and March, Jason Poon in April, and Matthew Wong in May.

An interesting fact: Bryan Tung joined the Mayo twins as the youngest players in the club (they're all six). This also makes the age differences of the club this year rather interesting, being two-tiered. In addition to the really young group, there was a group that included Douglas Wu, Jeremiah Gallinger, Bernie Kan, Lian Chang, Duncan Campbell, Rob Curtis and perhaps several others who were all the same age (12, I think, since they're all in grade 7).

Now for some recognition (my records are not complete on this, so if something's wrong, don't sue...please?):

Most points: Aaron Lovi, 26.5

Greatest winning percentage (must have played in more than one tourney): Douglas Wu, 90% over three tournaments.

Appeared the most often...here, I'm not certain, but the following players were all very 'present': Aaron Lovi, Kevin Mayo, Scott Mayo, Paul Kirvan.

Most time trouble problems: Aaron Lovi (Aaron practically owns this category).

Most bad luck: Originally, Aaron would have this unfortunate distinction due to all the times he failed to win a prize because he couldn't beat one of the Wu's in the clutch, but all this changed after the April and May tournaments, which he won. Therefore, the winner, from her tribulations in the May Meltdown, is Lian Chang. Running the

gamut from stalemate to corridor mate to touch move, anything that could have happened to her, did. Out of five games, she drew a won position, lost a drawn position, lost a won position, and had chances to win all five games. It was not to be. The only thing that didn't happen to her was losing on time (this, Aaron had patented long ago). Of course, having bad luck is part of the game (boy, do I know this one well!) and I'm sure Lian will bounce back next year.

Best game...now this is a tough one. Only two games were submitted: C.Wu - D.Wu and Lovi - Berci, and neither game can be considered an example of crystal clean play. I personally will give the nod to Douglas in the first game as winner of the best game prize, but since both games have been published, you can decide for yourself.

Youngest to win a game: Kevin Mayo.

Oldest to win a game: Aaron Lovi.

Biggest upset: Ben Berci (he beat Aaron, a 500 point rating difference).

Also, I'd like to take some time here to recognize the ladies in the club: Lian Chang, Cynthia Wu, and Matylda Machnowski. Female players are still a rarity, and more encouragement should definitely be given to those brave enough to break the ice. It's a shame, really, since the few girls who do play are certainly very competitive. Their best result was probably the December Dalliance, where Cynthia and Lian finished 1 and 2, utterly destroying the competition. I hope to see more girls play next year.

The club also saw two side events, i.e. matches. The first was two games between Dave Ottosen and Beatrice Wu. The second was a four game active match between Dave and Douglas Wu. Dave won both by a game, although he had certain difficulties with Douglas, who is learning from his brother too well (see A. Wu - Casinathan, Canadian Cadet), and accepted in one game a draw offer with a mate in one available to be played. Dave's actually got a stunning record against our family, a situation which somebody will have to try to remedy soon...

Now for some thanks: Ford Wong and Mr. Kirvan, of course, have been the tireless organizers of the club for at least the past two years and deserve all the recognition they can get; Len Steele, for directing the September Seance, and Beatrice Wu, the March Mayhem, have my eternal thanks; whoever is responsible for the influx of new players must also be recognized; all the parents, for their unbelievable patience and support, such an important thing for young players. Finally, I extend both thanks and congratulations to all the players. Without your support and dedication, none of this would have been possible. I hope you all return next year.

**Edmonton High School
Team Championship**

The 11th annual running of this event had a respectable turnout of seven teams. This was probably helped by the fact that mid-February is not a busy time for high school students. Adam Wu squeaked out a draw in the last round (against Old Scona C) to lead the **Old Scona A** team to victory with 14 points out of a possible 16. Aside from **Adam Wu** on Board 1, the team consisted of **Beatrice Wu** (Bd 2), **Sherwin Chan** (Bd 3), and **Aaron Lovi** (Bd 4). The members of the second place Old Scona B team (13.5) points were 1-Jerome Wong, 2-Matt Wong, 3-Jeremy Sit, and 4-Val Pui. The other teams were: McNally (9 pts), Ross Sheppard (8), Old Scona C (6.5), Victoria (6), and Paul Kane (6). In case these scores confuse the mathematicians among you, there was a full-score bye given each round (including a 3-point bye to the 3-player Paul Kane team). Thanks to Gary Pansegrau for once again providing the site at Ross Sheppard. (*And thanks to the report writer! Unfortunately, it is uncredited, and the editor can't remember who submitted it! Maybe the Rocket?*)

Rocket Simul
by Ford Wong

On March 10, Rob Gardner took on 19 members of the Laurier Heights Elementary School chess club (some had assistants) in a noon hour simul. After 45 minutes playing time, Rob was well on the way to a perfect score when the students were saved by the bell. Mr. Past Big, an interested spectator, says it takes a special kind of patience to simultaneously play 19 elementary students.

Here's the 93-94 info on junior clubs—see a future ACR for 94-95 information:

CALGARY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Site: McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca St SE. Selected Saturdays. Entry fee \$2. Registration 9:30 a.m. (rd 1 at 10:00). Anyone interested in playing or in helping out can contact **Jim Daniluk** (248-7456).

EDMONTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Tourneys on some Saturdays at the Main Library (south of Churchill Square; Edmonton Room, left of checkout area, as you enter). Low entry fees. Usually active chess (30 minutes per player). CFC/ACA memb. needed. Chess equipment supplied. *Formore information contact Ford Wong (481-6474).*

LEDUC JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Info: August Hangartner (986-0459).

ACA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The sites for Calgary and Edmonton tournaments have not been finalized. For info on Calgary tournaments, call Barney Fegyverneki (243-6351); for Edmonton tournament info call Ford Wong (481-6474) or John Quiring (468-9173).

June 4-5, RED DEER OPEN
(see box to the right)

*June 11, Edmonton June Active
June 12, Alberta Blitz (Edmonton)
'POSTPONED' indefinitely!*

**July 23-24
JULY OPEN**
Calgary

**August 20
CALGARY ACTIVE**
Calgary

**September 17-18
ALBERTA 1800 AND OVER
ALBERTA UNDER 1800**
Calgary

**September 24-25
Northern Alberta Junior—Edmonton
Southern Alberta Junior—Calgary**
(by invitation)

**October 8-10
ALBERTA OPEN**
Edmonton

**October 15-16
Northern Alberta Cadet—Edmonton
Southern Alberta Cadet—Calgary**
(by invitation)

**October 29-30
Alberta Junior**
Calgary (by invitation)

**November 12-13
SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN**
Calgary

**December 10-11
Alberta Cadet**
Edmonton (by invitation)

**December 17-18
WEEKEND BEFORE
CHRISTMAS OPEN**
Edmonton

Please don't let all this "site and details to be announced" stuff keep you away! Just call for info as a tournament date nears.

RED DEER OPEN
June 4-5

Site
Red Deer College, Room 823

5 round Swiss
3 Saturday, 2 Sunday
(round 1: 10:00 a.m.)

Register
9:00-9:45 a.m. Saturday (please be on time)

Entry Fees
\$20 adult \$15 junior
(CFC/ACA membership required)

**June Active and Alberta Blitz
'POSTPONED'**

(= who knows if and when?)
Originally scheduled for Edmonton June 11 and 12, these tournaments have been "withdrawn from the tournament schedule for now" (*Editor's words*). Should they resurface, the ACR will let you know!

NOTE

Tournament information is as accurate as we can make it at publication time (phone to verify, if you wish; information is updated each ACR—check for changes).

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How many entries from Alberta? None! They've got entries from all across Canada, but Alberta's chess players don't seem to have the message...yet.

So, here it is: come on, save 10 bucks and ENTER NOW, in advance, and make your hotel reservations, too. Why wait until the last minute?

Winnipeg is within reasonable driving distance...that's usually not the case for a Canadian Open site, so why not take advantage of the opportunity?