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JANUARY OPEN 2002—DEMERS DOMINATION

By Juraj Pivovarov

The ACA January Open was run at the new venue of the Ramada Inn located in downtown Calgary. Although most players knew about the location, we received one call from a player at the old site, in Motel Village. Hopefully no one else missed us.

Very positive comments were received on the new tournament site. It is much more convenient to get to and reduces travel times for most. Also, being in downtown, many possibilities are open to pass the time between rounds.

A total of 21 players showed up, and unfortunately no one from Edmonton. This is understandable though, with the ACA packing 3 tournaments back to back in January, to accomodate the awkward and early Canadian Closed.

As for the games, round one saw a nice draw from Victor Kaminski against higher rated Ashton Anderson. In round four, Brandon Eshleman scored an upset against Taco Van Ieperen, and Bob Macfie held Jim Flemming to a draw. Chris Demers cleaned up in all 4 first rounds with 4.0/4 and the closest behind him had 3.0/4. Chris drew in the last round, needing only a draw to win first place, but playing nonetheless for a win. Roy Yearwood had a strong tournament with 4/5. Clear third was Kris Boehmer.

The prize money was dealt out in

such a way that everyone had a good shot at a decent prize. The ratings were clustered into three evenly sized groups, so prizes were allocated accordingly. Rod Weis took first in the mid section and Tom McKay took the clear first place in the bottom section. The rating spread in the top prize section was about 250 pts, 150 pts in the mid section, and only a tight 50 pt spread in the bottom section. Everyone had a chance!

Thank you to all the players for participating. I am grateful to chiefly Tom McKay, as well as to Kevin Ward, Rod Weis, and Bob Macfie for their help cleaning up after the tournament. Thanks to Roy Yearwood too for helping with the equipment. Also, Chris Demers was very kind in buying the TD Sunday lunch. Players appreciate the help from Chris and Roy in analyzing their games in between rounds.

"I've Read That" bookstore came to the tournament as well, offering a large selection of quality chess books.

-Juraj Pivovarov

**Chris Demers (2251) -
Kim Nguyen (2002)
Calgary Open—Jan. 2002**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 Nd4
4.d3 g6 5.Nd5 e6 6.Ne3 Bg7 7.c3
Nxe2 8.Bxe2 Ne7 9.Qb3 Qc7
10.0-0 Nc6 11.f4 Rb8 12.f5 b5
13.a3 Ba6 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.b4 cxb4
16.axb4 Rb6 17.d4 Nc6 18.Qd3

Bf8 19.Bd2 gxf5 20.exf5 Bd6



21.Bh5 Nd8 22.Ng4 Be7 23.Ne5
Bb7 24.Qg3 exf5 25.Rxf5 Bd5
26.Nxf7 Nxf7 27.Qxc7

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**Chris Demers (2149) -
Bob Macfie (1691)
Calgary Open—Jan 2002**

1.c4 d6 2.Nc3 f5 3.e4 Nf6 4.Bd3
g6 5.exf5 gxf5 This is the sort of
position I get for being addicted to
pushing the f pawn 6.Nge2 Nc6
7.Ng3 e6 8.Bc2 Nd4 9.Ba4+ Bd7
10.d3 Bxa4 11.Nxa4 c5 12.Nc3
Qd7 13.Be3 Nc6 14.Bg5 Bg7
15.Nce2 0-0 16.Qd2 Qf7 17.0-0
Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Nd7 19.Nc3 Nb6
20.Nb5 Nc8 21.Bh6 a6 22.Qg5



22...Qg6 We're both in time trouble by this point, but it's not hard to see that I was headed for a lot of trouble before we got there 23.Qxg6 hxg6
24.Nc7 Nb6 25.Bxg7 Kxg7
26.Nxa8 Nxa8 27.Ne2 Nc7 28.h4
b5 29.Rad1 e5 30.f4 Re6 31.Kf2
bxc4 32.dxc4 e4 33.g4 Nb4
34.Nc1 Nc2 35.gxf5 e3+ 36.Kf3 [I
felt Ke2 was playable here, but Chris

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Reminder for 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 or e-mailed (e-mail preferred) report to the ACR. Note the game scores are the property of the tournament directors. Prizes can be withheld until players submit their games.

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EDITORIAL

Chaos, delays, and dead computer have caused me a world of grief in recent months. I am currently operating on a standby computer without my database or some submissions (currently locked in my dead machine) for this issue. The lack of a March issue will be made up with a soon to come Closed Issue I intend to publish next. The closed issue will feature all the closed tourneys and a mess of related games. Please e-mail me your favorite game from any of the recent closed tournaments for this issue.

I hope you enjoy this issue and forgive my tardiness in getting it to you.

Brandon Eshleman's rating continues to skyrocket as he keeps posting decent results against some of the top players in the province. I have personally witnessed him honing his trash talk skills outside the Alberta Closed this year.

And I may be mistaken but it looks like out top players both in Alberta, and in Canada are getting feistier as we seem to be seeing less and less of the GM draw and more games of the decisive variety. I do not know what is causing it but I definitely like the trend, and I hope it continues.

Thanks to all those who sent in games for all our enjoyment. I'm looking for the rest of YOU to send in the next ones.

-Greg Beebe

LECTURE SCHEDULE

ARTHUR ODICHOWSKI
Opposite Colored Bishops—
Middlegame Strategy
June 23 Bridgeland Chess Center

Handling Material Imbalances
July 28 Bridgeland Chess Center

GREG HUBER
TBA
August 25 Bridgeland Chess Center

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

CCC June Open

Elephant & Castle, CGY
May 28—June 25

Spring Sectional

Prince of Wales Armory, EDM
June 15-16
Bridgeland June Junior Active
Bridgeland Chess Center, CGY
June 16

End of School Year Tournament Edmonton Hostel

10647—81 Ave, EDM
June 23

Canada Day Open

Ramada Inn Downtown, CGY
June 29—30

CCC Active Chess #1

Elephant & Castle, CGY
July 2—July 9

Bridgeland July Open Active
Bridgeland Chess Center, CGY
July 7

CCC Active Chess #2

Elephant & Castle, CGY
July 16—July 23

CCC Active Chess #3

Elephant & Castle, CGY
July 30—August 6

Bridgeland August Open Active
Bridgeland Chess Center, CGY
August 4

Battle of Alberta

Red Deer
August 10

CCC Active Chess #4

Elephant & Castle, CGY
August 13—August 20

CCC Grand Prix #4 Speed Chess

Elephant & Castle, CGY
August 17

Bridgeland August Junior Active

Bridgeland Chess Center, CGY
August 18

Over/Under 1800

Prince of Wales Armory, EDM
August 31—Sept 1

CCC Fall Classic

Elephant & Castle, CGY
September 3—October 1

IN PASSING—WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO PAVED THE WAY



Remembering Jan Kralovic 1911-2002

By Juraj Pivovarov

I was at the Calgary Chess Club a few years back, and overheard someone speaking Slovak. Being a Bratislava native, I introduced myself. This is how I met Mr. Kralovic and his wife Marta, and little did I know what good friends we would become. After playing chess a few times at the club, they invited me over to their place for lunch. Marta would prepare some delicious traditional Slovak dishes, and after dinner Mr. Kralovic and I would play chess. I was only about 1500 at the time, and was always amazed how Jan would sac one, then two pieces, and then produce a checkmate a few moves later. My materialistic views would soon change. He talked to me about development, and how the pieces "need to breathe". He talked to me about the French and how he used to play it for 20 years, and never with great results (but occasionally he did, see the nice win against Mr. Brebric). He told me about endings, and

how it was so important to study them, and to know them stone cold. He lectured me on the dangers of being overconfident. He was at the Keres Memorial in Vancouver one year, and was boasting to a friend how he had a beautiful queen sacrifice for mate-in-two. He returned to his board, sat down, and then grabbed ... his Knight! This one time I had a good position against Jan (or so I thought later as a 1650) with good activity and two clear pawns up. I told him I would eat my shirt if I lost the game. An hour later, he asked if I wanted mustard with it. He told me a similar story how he was in a tournament in Europe and a player threatened to eat his Rook if he lost a game. At the big dinner that evening, each player brought a rook and set it on the table. I will never tell anyone that I will eat *anything* ever again because I lose a chess game.

Mr. Kralovic played chess all his life and even at age 89 he would be seen in the skittles area of the Calgary Chess Club, which he had attended for well over 25 years. While visiting Marta, I noticed a chess trophy for first place in the Calgary Fall Open in 1984 – at age 73!

Besides the many entertaining and highly instructive chess lessons, we talked about life and fun times of the past. He was a real storyteller. One of his favorite stories is how he crushed Boris Spassky at the Keres Memorial once ... at tennis. He traveled the world with his wife and often for a chess tournament. I know he reflects back fondly on going to watch the chess Olympiads in the Philippines and Switzerland . During his

travels, he had met Boris Spassky, Paul Keres, Viktor Kortchnoi, Mikhail Tal among many other chess legends.

Mr. Kralovic passed away on January 10, 2002, at the age of 90 years. I was extremely surprised because I had seen him only on Monday Jan 7th, and we were laughing at some stories while having a Budweiser. In May of 2001, he celebrated his 90th, in fine style, with a formal dinner party for over 60 guests, organized by his wife and daughter.

But although we will miss him and remember him, we are not sad but rejoice in the full life that he lived. There's a rhyme in Slovak: "Dobry Den, Kazdy Den" – it means "Good day, Every Day!" and that is always how he would answer the phone when I called and said "Dobry Den". This reflected his bright outlook on life, right to the very end.

I hope the attached games will give some insight into his lively and spirited style of play. The first game was published in a Bratislava newspaper in 1959, and the Slovak annotations were translated by me. The other two games represent his characteristic style of play – activity at any cost! They are against some well known names in Alberta chess Branomir Brebric and Arthur Milne.

Sad news: Kurt Lauterwald has passed away at age 74

May 15 '02

I am saddened to announce that one of my favourite players at the Edmonton Chess Club, Kurt Lauterwald, has passed away at age 74. I received a phone call from his wife just two hours ago, asking me to inform the ECC that he died of complications due to a stroke. Kurt was a regular at the ECC since the 1950's, was treasurer of the club for many years, and was one of the nicest people I've ever met. I will

miss him.

~Micah Hughey

Kurt was never an intimidating player, I was always happy to draw his name as an opponent because I always knew I was in for an enjoyable game. He always took the game seriously but never lost control or did anything to try to put his

opponents off their game. From what I have seen he played the way he lived: Straight forward and honorably. There is no doubt that he will be sorely missed by all who knew him

-Greg Beebe

APRIL OPEN EDMONTON 2002

BY DAVE GOMBOC (TD)

Roy Yearwood from Calgary and David Ho from Red Deer joined 13 Edmontonians at this years April Open. **Rob Gardner** cruised to a clear victory with a the dominating final score of 4.5/5, having been slowed down only slightly by Micah Hughey.

An exciting last round finish left Jonathan Day, Stasy Kazakevich, Danny McIntosh, and Dave Milward all tied for top under 1900 honours.

Richard Pua played some fantastic chess, drawing both Micah Hughey and Ahmet Yamach en route to his first place strangleold of the under 1650 section. To make it even more impressive he played the black pieces in both games. His fine play vs. Micah earned him the biggest upset prize: A \$10 CFC gift certificate generously donated by the ECC.

Thanks to all the participants for coming out... and my sincerest apologies to Jonathan Chi and Cor Dewindt for giving them byes in error!

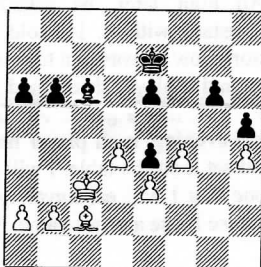
Here are a couple of games for your enjoyment.

-Dave Gomboc

**Micah Hughey (2108) -
Richard Pua (1604)**
April open 2002
Round 3

1.Nf3 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.d4 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Ne5 0-0 9.0-0 e6 10.Bg5 Qe8 11.Qd2 Ne4 12.Nxe4 fxe4 13.Rac1 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Bh6 b6

16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rc3 Bb7 18.Bh3 Rac8 19.Rfc1 Qf7 20.Qf4 Qxf4 21.gxf4 Rxc3 22.Rxc3 Kf6 23.Kf1 Rc8 24.Rxc8 Bxc8 25.Ke1 h6 26.Kd2 Ke7 27.Kc3 Kd6 28.e3 Ba6 29.Bg4 Kd7 30.h4 h5 31.Bd1 Bb7 32.Kd2 Ke7 33.Ba4 a6 34.Bc2 Bc6 35.f3 Kf6 36.fxe4 dxe4 37.Kc3 Ke7

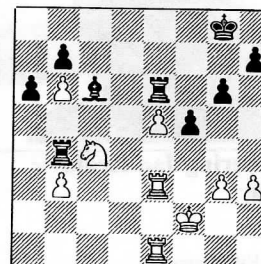


Here, White appears to have the superior Bishop, more active king, and a better pawn structure than black.

38.Bd1 Bb5 39.Bc2 Bc6 40.Bd1 Bb5 41.Kb4 K d6 42.Bb3 Bd3 43.Bc4 Bxc4 44.Kxc4 Kc6 45.a4 Kd6 46.b4 Kc6 47.b5+ axb5+ 48.axb5+ Kd6 49.Kc3 Kd7 50.Kb3 Kc7 51.Ka3 Kd7 52.Kb4 Kc7 53.Kc3 Kd7 54.Kc4 Kd6 55.Kc3 Kd7 56.Kc2 Kc7 57.Kb2 Kd7
Draw (1/2-1/2)

**Stasy Kazakavich (1817) -
Rob Gardner (2256)**
April open 2002
Round 2

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Be2 Ngf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.a4 Ne4 11.b3 Qe7 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 Qh4 14.g3 Qe7 15.Re1 Nf6 16.Nc4 Ng4 17.f3 exf3 18.Bxf3 Bc7 19.Qe2 Qg5 20.e4 Qg6 21.e5 c5 22.Bb2 cxd4 23.Bxd4 f6 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.Qg2 Qd3 26.Qe4 Qxe4 27.Rxe4 f5 28.Re3 Re6 29.Kg2



38...Bd5 39.Rd3 Bxc4 40.Bxc4 Rbxb6 41.Kf3 Rbc6 42.Rd4 Rc7 43.Rd6 Kf7 44.Rd4 Rc7 45.Rc1 b5 46.c5 Rxc5 47.Rxc5 Rxc5 48.Rd7+ Ke6 49.Rd6+ Ke5 50.Rxa6 Rc3+ 51.Kf2 f4 52.gxf4+ Kxf4 53.Rb6 Rc2+ 54.Kf1 Rb2 55.Rb7 h5 56.Rg7 g5 57.Rf7+ Kg3 58.Rg7 g4 59.hxg4 hxg4 60.Rb7 Rb1+ 61.Ke2 Kg2 62.Rg7 g3 63.Rg8 Kh2 64.Rh8+ Kg1 65.Kf3 g2 66.Rg8 Kf1 67.Rxg2 Rb3+ 68.Ke4 Kxg2 69.Resign (0-1)

**Jonathan Chi (1631) -
Jonathan Day (1757)**
April open 2002
Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Be7 5.Bg5 d5 6.e3 b6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Nf3 Bb7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bd3 Qe7 12.0-0 a6 13.Qc2 g6 14.Qb3 Rd8 15.Rfe1 Bg7 16.Re2 Nd7 17.Na4 Qd6 18.Rec2 Rac8 19.h3 b5 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.Rxc5 Re8 22.Qc2 Re7 23.b4 f5 24.g3 c6 25.Kg2 Rf8 26.Nd2 f4 27.Nf1 fxe3 28.fxe3 Ref7 29.Nh2 Rf2 30.Qxf2 Rxf2 31.Kxf2 Qf6+ 32.Nf3 Bf8 33.R5c3 Bd6 34.R3c2 Qe6 35.Rh1 Bc8 36.Re2 Qf6 37.Kg2 Bf5 38.Bxf5 Qxf5 39.Rd1 Qe4 40.Kf2 h6 41.R2d2 Qf5 (1/2-1/2)

MARCH OF KINGS—CALGARY 2002
BY ROY YEARWOOD (TD)

The 2002 March of Kings Open chess tournament held at the Ramada Hotel in Calgary City Centre was attended by 24 avid chess fans. Nenad Ristic won the event by a full point ahead of the rest of the field.

The City of Edmonton was represented by Micah Hughey, Adrian Regimbald, and Steve Hamblin. All three finished more or less where their ratings indicated they should. Of these three Micah played the most interesting games, in particular, his round 1 game vs. Bob Macfie.

In addition to Mr. Ristic, other Calgarians posting above average results were Ashton Anderson, Victor Kaminski, + Alberta Youth Champion Brandon Eschleman. These three among others are youth chess players to watch out for.

The event went smoothly but, there are three things that, I feel, would make this event even more successful next year:

- 1) More Master and youth participation.
- 2) Doubling the number of participants, perhaps with better promotion and lower entry fees.
- 3) Having a guaranteed prize fund. Perhaps a sponsor could be found for this one.

In closing I would like to thank

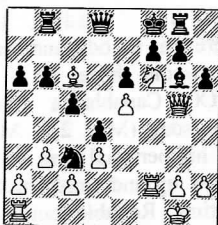
Juraj Pivovorov, Nelson and Vonnice Eschleman, Bob Macfie, and Art Milne. These individuals helped to make this a very pleasant event to both play in and to direct.

See you again next year!!

T.D. Roy Yearwood

**Kevin Ward -
 Rodney Weis
 March of Kings—2002**

1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.b3 e6 5.Be2 Be7 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Bb2 c5 8.d3 a6 9.Nbd2 Ng4 10.Qc1 Nxe3 11.Re1 Bf6 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bxe5 14.fxe5 d4 15.Bf3 Rb8 16.Nf1 Nd5 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Be4 b6 19.Re2 Nc3 20.Bc6+ Ke7 21.Rf2 Rf8 22.Nh5 Rg8 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.Nf6 h6



25.Nd7+!! Qxd7 26.Qxg6 Qe7 27.Raf1 f5 28.Rxf5+ exf5 29.Rxf5+ Qf6 30.Rxf6+ gxf6 31.Qxf6#

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January Open (Continued from page 1)

thought it was better to return the exchange for the pawn and take away some of my counterplay.]

36...Nxe1+ 37.Rxe1 gxf5 38.Rxe3 Rxe3+ 39.Kxe3 Kh6 I rarely get to play endings nowadays. Trying to figure out exactly when to move the king or the knight, and where. These are exercises I need to do more often in my spare time, I think. 40.Ne2 Ne6 41.b3 I liked this move at the time. 41.Kg6 [If I'd played 41...Kh5 then 42.Ng3+ Kxh4 43.Nxf5+ Kg4 44.Nxd6 Nxf4 which, upon reflection seems to offer me the better drawing chances. But at the time all I could see is that I'd lose the f-pawn. It's always the f-pawn with me, isn't it?] 42.Kf3 Kh6 43.Nc3 Nc7 44.a3 Kh5 45.Kg3 Kg6 46.b4 and here I resigned, to the confusion of my opponent. I just didn't see any way of keeping his pawns from invading the queenside. Kris felt that 46...cxb4 47.axb4 was worth a try. If white tries b5 at any point then a5 makes things quite awkward. White maintains the advantage, but it may have been too early to resign. (1-0)

**Ashton Anderson (1829) -
 James Chapman (1508)
 Calgary Open—2002**

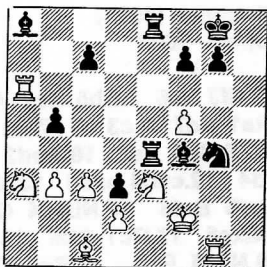
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qc7 4.0-0 d6 5.Re1 Bd7 6.c3 e5 7.d4 a6 8.Bf1 Nf6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Nbd2 b5 11.h3 cxd4 12.cxd4 exd4 13.Nb3 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nbxd4 Qb6 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe5 Be6 20.Rc6 Qa5 21.Ng6 Rd8 22.Qe2 Rd2 23.Rxe6+ fxe6 24.Qxe6+ Kd8 25.Nxh8 Rxb2 26.Qd6+ Kc8 27.Rc1+ Kb7 28.Qd7+ Resign (1-0)

Boros - Kralovic

Bratislava, 1959

Bratislava Chess Columnist

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.Bb5 dxe4 5.Nxe5 Qd5 6.Qa4 Nge7 7.Nc4 The Ponziani opening today has disappeared from tournament play because White's 3rd move is in actuality a waste of time. 7...a6 8.Bxc6+ Nxc6 9.Ne3 defending against b7-b5, but now the Black Queen permanently cripples the White queenside. 9...Qd3 10.Rf1 Bd6 11.Qc4 0-0 12.Qxd3 exd3 13.f4 Even an exchange of queens hasn't improved White's situation. Since Black cannot play Bxh2, 13. f4 and is an unnecessary weakening of the kingside. 13...Re8 14.h3 Re4 15.f5 Bf4 16.g4 h5 17.Kf2 hxg4 18.hxg4 Ne5 Although Black could win a pawn with [18...Bxe3+ 19.dxe3 Rxc4 he doesn't want to aid White in his queenside development.] 19.Rg1 b5 20.b3 Bb7 21.a4 Re8 mobilizing the forces against whites King. 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ra7 Bc6 24.Ra6 Ba8 25.Na3 Nxc4+! The decisive combination. Since white would be faced with the loss of another pawn after a king move, he must capture the knight.



26.Rxc4 The only way to capture. [26.Nxc4?? Re2+ 27.Kf1 Re1+ 28.Kf2 R8e2#] 26...Bxe3+ 27. Kg3 Bf2+ Black will walk the white king to h5, where a mating net will be constructed. 28.Kf3 Re2+ 29.Kf4 R8e4+ 30.Kg5 f6+ 31.Kh5 Bd5 The threat is 32...Bf7+ 33.Rg6 and Rh4# 32.Re6 Rxe6 Black declines the exchange sacrifice, and keeps his light bound bishop 33.fxe6 Bf3 34.Nxb5 Re5+ and white resigned. (0-1)

Milne, Art - Kralovic, Jan 1976

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Nc3 fxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Nxe5 dxe4 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bxc6+ Bd7 9.Qh5+ Ke7 10.Qe5+ Be6 11.Bxa8 Qxa8 12.Qxc7+ Bd7 13.0-0 Nf6 14.f3 Kf7? 15.fxe4 Ke8 16.d3 Qc6 17.Qb8+ Bc8 18.Bf4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Ng4 20.Bg3 h5 21.Qf4 Be6 22.h4 Be3 23.Qb8+ Bc8 24.c3 g5 25.Rae1 Bb6 26.d4 gxh4 27.Bxh4 Qc7 28.Qxc7 Bxc7 29.g3 Rg8 30.Kg2 Rg6? 31.Rf5 Rb6 32.Rxh5 Rxb2+ 33.Kg1 Nf2 34.Rh8+ Kd7 35.Rf8 Nh3+ 36.Kf1? Ba6+ (0-1)

ECC APRIL OPEN—2002

ROB GARDNER and MICAH HUGHEY tied for 1st place in the ECC April Swiss. They each scored 3.5/4, which included three wins each, plus a hard fought draw in their face to face matchup. JONATHAN DAY and THEO BUITENDYK tied for 3rd place with 3.0/4

17 players competed overall. Special thanks go out to ECC President Bob Davies, who not only directed the tournament, but kindly took byes when there was an odd number, so no one else would have to. The five-round ECC Capablanca Classic starts next Thursday (May 2). Micah Hughey sends his personal dare to Rob Gardner to show up and finish in clear first place this time. Reliable sources say it won't happen.

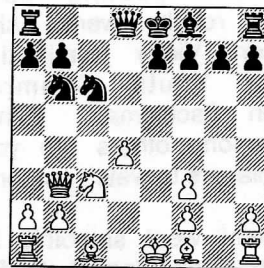
ECC CAPABLANCA CLASSIC

MICAH HUGHEY won the ECC Capablanca Classic with 4.5/5 after a last round win over Grant Brown. It would appear that his "Reliable" sources finally guessed right.

ROB GARDNER finished 2nd with 3.5/5 after beating Jonathan Day. There was a tie for third place between GRANT BROWN, AHMET YAMACH, ADAM TASSONE, STEVEN HAMBLIN and JASON VENTURA who all finished with 3.0/5

Hughey, Micah (2126)
Gardner, Rob (2273)
Capablanca Classic—2002
Notes by Micah Hughey

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.d4 cxd5 5.Nc3 ...{We have transposed into the Caro Kann, Panov-Botvinnik attack} 5... Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3! {This is a sharp line played by world #4 Michael Adams, for one.} 8...Bxf3 9.gxf3 Nb6 {Not 9...Nxd4 when 10. Bb5+ wins a piece. With the kingside broken up, White will castle queenside and try to break up black's position with d5 before black can castle. In exchange for the ruined pawn structure, white has a lead in development and the two bishops.}



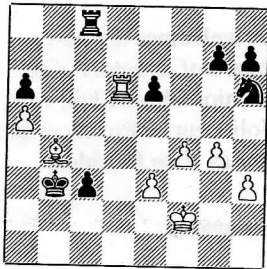
10.Be3 e6 {Not 10...Nxd4 11. Bxd4 Qxd4 12. Bb5+ Nd7 13. Rd1 Qe5+ 14. Ne4 and Black is in trouble.} 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.Kb1 0-0-0 {...Be7 might be better, intending to castle kingside.} 3.Nb5 Qb8 14.d5! Although I hadn't calculated the upcoming lines very well, this sacrifice does put black under pressure.} 14...Nxd5 15.Bh3! {threatening Rxd5} 15...Nxe3?? {White to play and win. Instead, 15...Qe5! would leave black still kicking after 16. Nxa7+ Nxa7 17. Bxa7 White would have good attacking chances against Black's exposed king, but if the attack doesn't work, black would have the better endgame. I've seen the Rocket squirm out of worse positions than this and still win.} 16. Bxe6+! {resigns} 1-0

READERS GAMES

1-0

Jim Roy - David Ottosen
Trumpeter Classic—2002
 Notes by Dave Ottosen

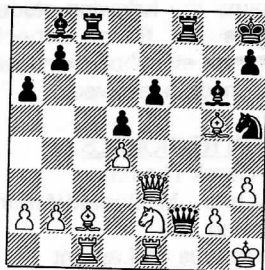
1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 an aggressive opening which suits my style. My results with it have been acceptable. 3.e3 one of the more passive lines 3...e5 4.dxe5 dxc4 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.f4 Be6 7.Nf3 Nb4 8.Na3 Nd3+ 9.Bxd3 cxd3 10.Nb5 c5 11.0-0 a6 12.Nc3 b5 13.a4 b4 14.Ne4 c4 I had no idea what was going on in this position. Are my pawns cramping and strong, or are they overextended? Positions like this feel to me like I'm a plate spinner trying desperately to keep everything going. 15.a5 Nh6 16.Nfg5 Be7 17.Nxe6+ fxe6 18.Bd2 Kd7 19.Rfc1 Rhc8 20.Ra4 Nf5 21.g4 Nh6 22.h3 Rab8 23.Nd6 Bxd6 24.exd6 Kxd6 25.Rxb4 Rxb4 26.Bxb4+ Kd5 I felt reasonably confident that the worst was over at this point. Obviously, I'd like to have kept the b pawn, but my king is reasonably active and I've kept the cramp on. 27.Kf2 Ke4? awful!!!, terrible, the losing move! I considered the correct 27...e5! But I can't remember why I didn't play it. Black has good winning chances after that move. 28.b3 d2 29.Bxd2 Kd3 30.Bb4 c3 31.Rd1+ Kc2 32.Rd6 Kxb3



33.Bxc3!! Rxa6 Black is now totally lost. A fantastic concept by Jim to sacrifice the piece and play the ending. In the end blacks far away king and pathetic knight spell doom. 34.Rxa6 e5 35.Ra7 exf4 36.exf4 Kd4 37.Rxg7 Ke4 38.Rxh7 Nxc4+ 39.hxg4 Kxf4 40.Rf7+ Kxg4 41.a6 Kg5 42.a7 Kg6 43.Rb7 Ra8 44.Ke3 Kf6 45.Kd4 ah, for one more tempo with which to draw, oh well. <RESIGN>

Kim Nguyen-Bill Bentley
May 2002
 Notes by Kim Nguyen

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Qb6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nc3 (A multi purpose move. My main ideas were to open the e-file for my rook and facilitate the development of the dark squared bishop. For example 12...0-0 13.Bg5 is possible due to the strong initiative that white gets in threatening to trap the black queen, after 13...Qxb2 there follows 14.Nb5 Bb8 15.a3 and the maneuver Re1-e2 to trap the queen is in the air.) 12...a6 13.Re1 0-0 14.Bg5 Kh8 15.Bc2 Bd7 16.Ne5 Be8 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h3 (Necessary to prevent Bh5 followed by Ng4 with a decisive attack. The alternative 18.Rc1 Bh5 forces f3 which is more weakening than the text as the a7-g1 diagonal as well as the h2 point is weak.) 18...Rd8 (almost as if only to play the rook sacrifice on move 22) 19.Rc1 Bb8 20.Ne2 Qd7 21.Qd2 Qf7 22.Bh4 (22.Qe3 prevents the following combination) 22...Nh5! (the rook is immune!) 23. Qd3 A mistake which hands over the initiative to black.Qe3 is still good. The text allows Bill to show me the depth of his combination!) 23...g5! 24.Bxg5 Qxf2+ 25.Kh1 Bg6 26.Qe3 Rc8?



(A decisive mistake! Surely after 26..Qxe3 27.Bxe3 Bxc2 28.Rxc2 the f-file is black's and the mobility of white's knight and bishop is limited by a rook invasion on f2 or a knight check on g3 while the

bishop on b8 guards against a white rook invasion on c7 as well as training itself in the sector of the white king.) 27.Qxf2 Rxf2 28. Bxg6 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 hxg6 30.Rc8+ Kg7 31.Rxb8 Rxe2 32.Rxb7+ Kg8 (The last five moves being forced white emerges a pawn up and with a more mobile minor piece, my plan is clear as I noticed that if my pawns were on a5 and b4 I could make the b5 break at the right time and there is nothing to stop my rook from supporting the pawn with a check due to the unfortunate position of the black king.) 33.Kh2 Re4 34.g4 Nf4 35. Bf6 Re3 36.a4!? Rxh3+ (My 36th might be over optimism but perhaps sound anyway I was just blind to black's check rearing back in my seat as Bill jokingly announces mate!) 37.Kg1 Rf3 38.Be5 Ne2+ 39.Kg2 Rd3 40.b4! (a few pawns can be invested to get the a-pawn through) 40...Nxd4 41.Bxd4 Rxd4 42.a5 Rxg4+ 43.Kf3 Re4 44.b5 axb5 45.a6 Ra4 46.a7 e5 47.Rb8ch Kf7 48.a8(Q) Rxa8 49.Rxa8 Kf6 50.Rb8 Kf5 51.Rxb5 d4 52.Ra5? (1/2—1/2)

(the rest of the game was a time scramble for me and the next few moves is lost on me but I kept shifting my rook on the fifth rank uselessly and probably should have lost but just held on with my teeth. Had i properly analyzed the position I would have played 52.Rb8! leading to a win as after 52..e4ch 53.Ke2 g5 54.Rd8 Ke5 55.Rd7 g4 56.Rf7 and soon the pawn duo must weaken itself or the g-pawn lost as it treks too far down.) The game was drawn. I didn't have the benefit of a chess program in this analysis so don't be surprised if some holes in the analysis is discovered but hey!

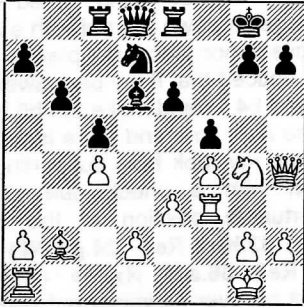
That's part of the fun!

-Kim Nguyen

MIND GAMES

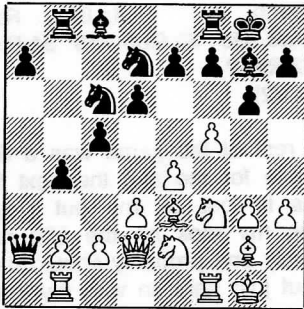
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1. WHITE TO MOVE



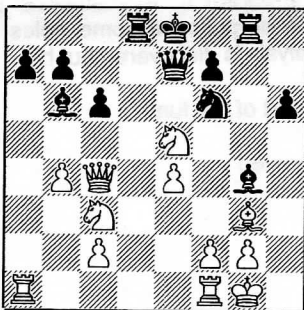
Black just played f5, attacking the queen and the knight. What should white do??

2. WHITE TO MOVE



Does Ra1 win blacks queen?

3. BLACK TO MOVE



JUNIOR NEWS

In April of this year the grade school chess challenges (sponsored by Chess N' Math) took place in Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer.

This year I had the opportunity to assist in organizing the Edmonton Regional Challenge.

What began in Edmonton with a madhouse at signup and a late start turned into a very enjoyable and well run tournament, thanks primarily to Bruce Thomas and Alex Kazakevich. There were also a host of other volunteers who made this event a success, including Alberta Master Rob Gardner.

The thing that amazed me the most was the fact that more than half the students who had shown up were unrated, and most of them had never entered a chess tournament before. It was at that moment that I realized the amazing potential this yearly tournament has for expanding chess within the province. While the Veteran players pretty much walked away with first place in nearly all categories I had several students and their parents mention that they really enjoyed themselves and would look forward to future opportunities to play.

Supporting these tournaments and other tournaments like this is essential and rewarding. And I hope even more people step forward to organize events such as this.

While I name the following students as Winners of their respective grades, in truth everybody wins when we get the children involved.

EDMONTON REGIONALS

Grade 1—Derek Thomas
 Grade 2—Luke McDonald/Amanda Wang
 Grade 3—Marcus St. Laurent
 Grade 4—James Maiman/Adam Leigh/Eric Reuter/Andrew Buitendyk
 Grade 5—Mitchell Ng
 Grade 6—Megan Chi
 Grade 7—Jered Fokkema
 Grade 8—David Lin/Anastasia

Kazakevich

Grade 9—Jonathan Chi
 Grade 10—Andrew Boik
 Grade 11/12—Alexander Petrosky

CALGARY REGIONALS

Grade 1—Ben Parker
 Grade 2—Thomas Kaminski
 Grade 3—Hunter Spink/Lucas Eshleman
 Grade 4—Scott Malo
 Grade 5—Victor Kaminski
 Grade 6—Brandon Eshleman
 Grade 7—Cornelia Dinca
 Grade 8—Daniel Kazmaier
 Grade 9/10—Ashton Anderson/Jeffrey Mo
 Grade 11/12—Eric Wong

Provincial Championship—Red Deer

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 Grade 10—Ashton Anderson
 Grade 11/12—Richard Canal

NEW CJCC BOARD ELECTED

The ACA welcomes the newly elected board of directors of the Calgary Junior Chess Club, with Jovette Jolicoeur as President and Jeff Parker as Vice President.

~ Juraj Pivovarov

The Edmonton Junior Chess Club will be following suit in the next month. If you would like to help out this year contact Bruce Thomas at (780) 473-1557.

- Greg Beebe

LOOKING FOR A LECTURE??

Arthur Odachowski filled in for Roy Yearwood at Bridgeland for our first chess lecture of a 4-lecture series this summer. About 10 players showed up on May 5 for the topical discussion on the Sicilian Dragon.

The lecture was as much about middlegame strategy and tactical ideas based on a position as it was on the Dragon itself, making the material applicable across many levels. They day itself was gorgeous so the lecture was moved outside at the halfway point. Many players went away with not only more chess understanding, but a slightly sun- burnt nose as well.

Following the lecture, Odi graciously volunteered his time to give a simul, where he won all the games.

The next lecture at bridgeland is by Mr. Odachowski on June 23. The topic is "Middlegame Strategy with Opposite-Coloured Bishops".

Bring your sunglasses!

**BRIDGELAND GRAND RE-OPENING
May 5, 2002**

After a lengthy closure, the bridgeland chess center has reopened. Twenty-two players packed the joint for the May Active Open on the 5th. In clear first with 4 ½ was **Richard Canal**, and in second was **Rod Weis** with 4. The bottom section saw notable performances by **Joel Boulet** 3 ½, **Hunter Spink** 3, and **Shandy Booth** 3.

Juraj Pivovarov, TD.

GRANDE PRAIRIE CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY DAVID DEIMERT

David Deimert has won the 2002 Grand Prairie Chess Championship with the excellent score of 4/5 . At just 13 years old, David started the tournament with a four game winning streak. This incredible run was finally stopped in the last round by Phil Lefkowitz. But those four wins were enough to take clear first. David Deimert will now focus his attention on the Alberta Youth Chess Championships in Red Deer, on June 8.

**BRANDON TAKES BRIDGELAND
(Bridgeland June Active Open)**

Brandon Eshleman won the Bridgeland Active Tournament (Sunday June 2nd) with 4.5 / 5, and came extremely close to 5/5. In second place were Jim Daniluk and Juraj Pivovarov, tied at 3.5 / 5 each. Jim managed an amazing draw against Brandon, after being down immense amounts of material, by finding a perpetual check with Queen and Knight. If Brandon hadn't let that one little technicality through, he would have had a perfect 5.0. Both Juraj and Jim can claim the slimiest second place finishes ever, beating children far less than half their age with unscrupulous cheap shots. Congratulations Brandon - fabulous performance. Also, a big thanks goes to six year-old Thomas Kaminski for directing the tournament. Juraj had started off as the TD, and asked Thomas to help with the pairing cards a little. By the third round, Thomas assumed the TD role exclusively, managing swiss pairings, including proper color assignments and crosstable maintenance, all on his own.

MIND GAMES - SOLUTIONS

1. **Danny McIntosh - Jonathan Chi April Open 2002**

19.Nh6+ !! Kf8 20.Bxg7+ and black resigned with mate imminent.

2. **Steven Hamblin - Greg Beebe May 2002 Thursdays - ECC**

No, the queen always has one escape route. After 14.Ra1 Qxb2 all attempts to block the queens escape on d4 or e5 are foiled by either ...b3 or a knight capture on e5 threatening the fork on f3.

If white does not block, and plays Rfb1 immediately then the queen is traded for both rooks on a1 or has the option to retreat.

I felt quite confident as black in this position but ended up spending too much time concerning myself with the queen safety and eventually blundering her off in time trouble. OUCH!!!

3. **Dave Ottosen - Micah Hughey ECC Spring Open March 1 2002**

1...Be6!! And the Bishop on g3 will now please lay down and die a horrible death.

Dave chose to resign at this point rather than stare into a smug Hughey mug for another 2 hours.

We welcome new CFC members John Fegyverneki, Terry Summers, and Philip Spink..

See you next week for some casual Sunday afternoon chess at Bridgeland.

Juraj

ALBERTA VENUES

CALGARY VENUES

Elephant & Castle Restaurant
8th Ave and 4th Street S.W.
Tuesdays 7:00—11:00 PM
Contact: Ron Hinds (403) 201-1653
Admission: \$2.00 per night

Bridgeland Community Center
Next to Bridgeland C Train Station
Sundays 12:00—6:00 PM
Contact: Ron Hinds (403) 201-1653
Admission: FREE

Timothy's
10th Street and Kensington Road.
Fridays 6:00—11:45 PM
Contact: (403) 270-9614
Admission: Buy a Coffee

Devonian Gardens in TD Square
Most afternoons (casual)
2:30—4:40 PM
Admission: Free

The Planet
2212—4th Street S.W.
Most evenings (casual)
Contact: (403) 541-0960
Admission: None

Bad Ass Coffee Company
10th Street & 17th Ave Sw
Most Evenings (casual)
Admission: None

EDMONTON VENUES

Prince of Wales Armory
#114A 10440—108 Avenue
Mondays 7:00—11:45 PM (Casual)
Contact: (780) 424-0283
Admission: \$2.00 per night

Thursdays 7:00—11:45 PM
(Rated Tournaments)
Contact: (780) 424-0283
Admission: \$2.00 per night + \$3.00
per Tournament.

Delwood Chess Club
Delwood Hall
7515—Delwood Road
Thursdays 2:30—4:00 PM
(during school year)
Contact: Bruce Thomas
(780) 473-1557
Primarily for elementary students
and beginner adults

Stanley Milner Library
100 Street & 102 Avenue
Most afternoons (casual)
Admission: None

OTHER VENUES IN THE PROVINCE

COLEMAN
Royal Canadian Legion

GRANDE PRAIRIE
Royal Canadian Legion
9912—101 Avenue
Tuesdays 7:00—11:00 PM
(September—April)
Contact: Phil Lefkowitz
(780) 538-1903

HINTON
Queens Bakery and Café
124 Market Street
Contact: Peter Bundscherer
(780) 865-5050

LETHBRIDGE
University of Lethbridge
Room A844
Tuesdays 7:00—11:00 PM
(September—April)
Contact: Brian Titley
(403) 380-6751

LLOYDMINSTER
Cappuccino Voltaire Coop.
50th Street
Tuesdays 7:30M
Contact: Doug (780)825-0528
Or Eugene Gibney (780) 875-6352

MEDICINE HAT
Southview Community School
Coffee corner room
(September—April)
Wednesdays: 7:00-10:15 PM
Contact: Bill Taylor (403)526-5484

NORTHERN COMMUNITIES
Contact: Bernie Tynan
(780) 771-3757

PEACE RIVER
Peace Valley Inn
Rose Room 9609—101 St.
Contact: Alex Phimester
(780)624-8866

Top Active CFC Rated Albertans (Played at least 1 Tourney in the last yr.)

Rank	Name	Rating
1	Jeff Reeve	2360
2	Nenad Ristovic	2318
3	Arthur Odichowski	2294
4	Greg Huber	2290
5	Rob Gardner	2273
6	Dale Haessel	2267
7	Christopher Demers	2250
8	Sasha Grumic	2200
9	Nandor Tot	2189
10	Roy Yearwood	2177
11	Micah Hughey	2126
12	Kris Boehmer	2110
13	Grant Brown	2107
14	Dr. Ronald Hinds	2087
15	David Ottosen	2062
16	Zoltan Baunok	2050
17	Kirk Duval	2031
18	Walter Watson	2030
19	Ford Wong	2020
20	Kim Nguyen	1989
21	Geoff Newton	1989
22	Hafiz Karmali	1979
23	Bill Bentley	1947
24	James Flemming	1946
25	Tinio Alfredo	1944