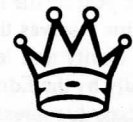




ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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Alberta Open 1997 by TD Neil Sharp

The 1997 Alberta Open was held in Red Deer on October 11, 12, and 13. Thirty-two players from various parts of Alberta attended. The ACA guaranteed a prize fund of \$1000 but it is difficult to compete with the Prairie Open in Saskatoon, held at the same time with an even larger guaranteed prize fund.

The deserved winner of the tournament was Nigel Fullbrook of Edmonton. He played dynamic, exciting chess throughout and definitely made watching the rounds enjoyable. Second place was split between three Calgarians, Dale Haessel, Nenad Ristic, and Warrick Walker.

Two more Calgarians, Philippe Jackson and Ante Sokol, tied for first in the Under 1800 section while Nathan McLean won the junior prize vacated by Jackson.

The players all behaved admirably which resulted in nary a whiff of dispute, thus making the tournament director's job easy.

The ACA annual general meeting was held between rounds three and four.

Round 1:

The top ten players won, although not

Alberta Open 1997							
Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
1.N. Fullbrook	+25	+16	+14	+7	+5	=3	5.5
2.N. Ristic	+23	+10	-7	+16	=4	+4	4.5
3.D. Haessel	+21	+11	+13	-5	+7	=1	4.5
4.W. Walker	+12	+28	-5	+17	=2	+8	4.5
5.G. Huber	+31	+8	+4	+3	-1	-2	4
6.R. South	+24	-14	+12	+18	-8	+16	4
7.A. Odachowski	+32	+22	+2	-1	-3	+14	4
8.C. Kuczaj	+18	-5	+28	+26	+6	-4	4
9.A. Milne	=0	=0	=0	+23	=14	+18	4
10.F. Wong	+19	-2	-18	+28	+13	=13	3.5
11.B. Goude	+20	-3	-26	=19	+24	+21	3.5
12.A. Sokol	-4	+15	-6	+27	+26	=10	3.5
13.P. Jackson	+17	+30	-3	=14	-10	+25	3.5
(3 pts.): 14.J. Quiring, 15.N. McLean, 16.A. Gomes, 17.J. Vandenberg, 18.C. Vermette, 19.C. Dewindt, 20.T. Zaradic							
(2.5 pts.): 21.S. Hansen, 22.K. Nguyen							
(2 pts.): 23.S. Sauve, 24.R. Weis, 25.H. Olson,							
26.J. Day, 27.D. Macfarlane							
(1.5 pts.): 28.P. Alderton							
(0.5 pts.): 29.C. Miller, 30.N. Sharp							
(0 pts.): 31.J. Kaastrup, 32.F. Knoll							

without some excitement.

Kaastrup played well for 29 moves against Huber before succumbing to some tactics. Hansen missed some interesting tactics against Haessel (14...Nd4). Vermette missed the winning 29. Be4 and later the drawing 33. Bg2 against Kuczaj.

Huber.G - Kaastrup.J [C28]

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 Na5
5.Nf3 Nxc4 6.dxc4 d6 7.0-0 Be7 8.h3 c6
9.Qd3 h6 10.Be3 Be6 11.Rad1 0-0 12.b3
Nd7 13.g4 b6 14.Ne2 Nc5 15.Bxc5 bxc5
16.Ng3 g6 17.Qe3 Kh7 18.Nxe5 Qc7
19.Nf3 a5 20.a4 Bf6 21.e5 dxe5 22.Qxc5
Rfd8 23.Rde1 Be7 24.Qe3 f6 25.Kg2 e5
26.Ne2 Bd7 27.Nc3
Bc6 28.Nd5 Bxd5
29.cxd5 Rxd5
30.Qe4 (diagram)
Rdd8 31.Nh4 Rg8
32.Nxg6 Rxg6
33.Qxa8 f5 34.f3 Bh4
35.Rd1 e4 36.f4 fxg4
37.Qxe4 gxh3+
38.Kxh3 Qc8+ 39.f5 Rf6 40.Qe7+ 1-0



Haessel.D - Hansen.S [C50]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6
5.Re1 0-0 6.c3 Re8 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Ng4
9.cxd4 d5 10.Bb5 Be7 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Bd3
Bf8 13.Ng5 h6 14.Nf3 h5 15.h3 Nh6
16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Bb1 Na5 18.Qd3 Bb4
19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Qxh6+ Ke7 21.Ng5 Rf8
22.Bf5 Bxf5 23.Qf6+ Ke8 24.Qxf5 Be7
25.e6 fxe6 26.Qg6+ Kd7 1-0

Vermette.C - Kuczaj.C [B48]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6
5.Nc3 Qc7 6.f4 a6 7.Be3 b5 8.a3 Bb7 9.Be2
Nf6 10.0-0 d6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bf3 Rc8
13.Rc1 Be7 14.Qe2
0-0 15.Kh1 Rfe8
16.g4 Qb7 17.Bd4
d5 18.e5 Ne4
19.Nxe4 dxe4
20.Bg2 Red8 21.Bf2
b4 22.Rfe1 bxa3
23.bxa3 Bxa3
24.Rb1 Qe7
25.Qxa6 Bd5



26.Bxe4 Bb4 27.Bxd5 Bxe1 28.Bb6 Rxc2
(diagram) 29.Bxd8 Qxd8 30.Be4 Rxh2+
31.Kxh2 Qh4+ 32.Kg1 Qg3+ 33.Kh1 Qh3+
34.Kg1 Qe3+ 35.Kh1 Qxe4+ 36.Kg1 Qe3+
37.Kh1 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Bf2+ 39.Kf1 Bg3+ 0-1

Round 2:

The only upset on the top boards was Quiring over South.

Haessel blundered his Queen and survived a hopeless position—23.Qh5 by Goude would have certainly cinched things.

Quiring.J - South.R [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bb5
Nd4 6.e5 Nxb5 7.Nxb5 Nd5 8.0-0 a6 9.Nc3
Nxc3 10.bxc3 d5 11.d4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Qa4
13.Kh1 Bd7 14.Qb1 Bb5 15.Rf2 Be7 16.Qb3
g6 17.Rb1 0-0-0 18.Be3 c4 19.Qxa4 Bxa4
20.g4 h5 21.Ng5 hxg4 22.Nxf7 Rh3 23.Nxd8
Bxd8 24.Re2 g3 25.Rg1 Bh4 26.Rgg2 Kd7
27.Kg1 Ke8 28.hxg3 Bxg3 29.Bc1 Bh4
30.Rxg6 Kf7 31.Reg2 Rxc3 32.Rg7+ Ke8
33.Rh7 Bg3 34.Bd2 Rf3 35.Be1 Bxc2 36.Rxb7
Bd3 37.Rxg3 1-0

Goude.B - Haessel.D [B87]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
a6 6.Bc4 b5 7.Bb3 e6 8.a3 Be7 9.f3 0-0 10.Be3
Bb7 11.Qe2 Nbd7
12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nxe6
Qa5 14.b4 Rfc8 15.bxa5
Rxc3 16.Bd4 Rc4 17.0-0
Kf7 18.Ng5+ Kg6
19.Be3 Rac8 20.Rfc1 d5
21.f4 Nxe4 22.f5+ Kf6
(diagram) 23.Nxh7+
Kf7 24.Qh5+ Kg8
25.Ng5 Nxe5 26.Bxg5
Bc5+ 27.Kf1 Rf8 28.g4 Ne5 29.Re1 Nxg4
30.Be7 Rf4+ 31.Kg2 R8xf5 32.Qe8+ Kh7
33.Bxc5 d4+ 34.Kg3 Nf2 35.Qe2 Ne4+
36.Qxe4 Bxe4 37.Bxd4 Rf3+ 38.Kg4 R5f4+
39.Kg5 Bf5 40.h3 0-1



Round 3:

After the third round there were four leaders with a perfect score.

Walker made two tactical blunders to lose quickly against Huber. Odachowski played brilliantly against Ristic, Fullbrook won quickly against Quiring, and Haessel won quickly against Philippe Jackson, a new grade 12 junior from Quebec.

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Reminder to Tournament Directors

The CFC requires a rating report to be submitted within 7 days after an event—you owe it to the players to send in rating and membership reports ASAP. Also, please send a written report to the *ACR*. Support your Alberta newsletter!

Editorial

Another issue, another editor... Actually, this is a one issue stint for your associate editor to step up and put together this issue of the *ACR*.

I've learned that putting together an *ACR* is a huge load of work. But, so long as the submissions keep coming in, the work isn't a burden. In fact, there was probably enough material submitted to fill another entire *ACR*. Keep those submissions coming in! If they didn't find their place in this issue, they will in the annual overflow issue that comes out next summer.

The only place where I couldn't find enough material was for the tournament schedule. If you're a tournament organizer, you shouldn't need reminding that you need to tell the editor-in-chief (David Ottosen) the when's and where's of your tournament. That being said...

What about chess in Alberta today? This time of year is always an exciting one for Alberta chess. The big Alberta Closed/Alberta Reserves tournaments are coming up in early 1998 and the battle lines have been drawn for the Closed. An interesting reversal in fortunes in the struggle between Northern Alberta and Southern Alberta masters seems to have occurred. Winning the Alberta Open, and so qualifying was Edmonton master Nigel Fullbrook. Winning the Southern Alberta Open (covered in the next *ACR*) so qualifying was another Edmonton master—Rob Gardner (who wrote most of the Junior section in this issue!).

A surprise qualifier for the Alberta Closed was near-Edmonton Hans Olson. He won the Alberta Junior Closed over favorites Douglas Wu and Nathan MacLean. Hans will apparently be facing eight(!) masters at the Canadian Junior. Good luck Hans! (We'll be expecting your report for the next *ACR*...)

Your Associate Editor,
 Aaron Lovi

Top Rated Albertans

This list comprises the top-rated ACA members who live in Alberta.

1. Huber, Gregory	2363
2. Hawkes, Rob	2362x
3. Ristic, Nenad	2353
4. Fullbrook, Nigel	2319
5. South, Robert	2304
6. Gardner, Robert J.	2293
7. Haessel, Dale	2281
8. Maric, Victor	2275p
9. Yearwood, Roy	2275
10. South, Fred	2272x
11. Sharp, Neil	2245
12. Odachowski, Arthur	2242
13. Demers, Christopher	2238
14. Schaeffer, Jonathan	2238x
15. Brebrich, Branimir	2225
16. Grumic, Sasha	2221
17. Purewal, Sardul	2215
18. Tot, Nandor	2210
19. Frialde, Arniel	2207
20. Walker, Warrick	2206
21. Gibney, Eugene	2199
22. Ferrar, John	2161
23. Campbell, Gordon	2160
24. Rabljenovic, Milan	2145
25. Zaradic, Ante	2145
26. Daniluk, Jim	2135
27. Brown, Grant	2133
28. Gomboc, Dave	2129
29. Willis, Bradley J.	2126
30. Kuczaj, Chris	2113
31. Baunok, Zoltan	2110
32. Turingan, Virgilio	2099
33. Monaghan, Jim	2090
34. Milne, Arthur	2068
35. Flemming, James	2056
36. Ottosen, David	2052
37. Aspler, Gerald	2049
38. Newton, Geoff	2047
39. Danglapen, Leo	2041
40. Nazarian, Farzan	2038
41. Karmali, Hafiz	2030
42. Bjornsson, Yngvi	2029
43. Davies, Tedde	2021
44. Watson, Walter	2019
45. Zwirner, Walter	2018
46. Hinds, Dr. Ronald	2001
47. Tumpek, Joseph	2000

Top Rated Albertans "Legend"

x-Player has been inactive

p-Player's rating is provisional

Coming Next Issue...

The Southern Alberta Open

The 1998 Canadian Junior

NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

By Walter Watson, President

When the ACA board elections were recently held, directors Daryl Bertrand, Ken Bourassa, and Paul Usselman did not run for re-election. I want to thank all three of them for the work they did for the ACA. Paul especially deserves mention as a longtime hard working board member. Before I was on the board, he was invaluable in doing the groundwork to set up the first ACA casino in Calgary. I still remember his efforts to sign up volunteers.

Paul was also the original force behind the Canadian Open coming to Calgary last year, and he made many original contributions to board debates. Thanks Paul.

The complete board is listed in column 1 on page 2. I look forward to the contributions of new members Nigel Fullbrook, Steve Hansen, and Nenad Ristic. At our first meeting in Red Deer on November 30, we will set our 1998 tournament schedule, appoint organizers, and consider some of our tournament policies. We will also prepare for the casino being held in Calgary next spring,

and organize our role for the generous sponsorship our vice-president Grant Brown obtained for us from the Dufferin Game Room. ACA members have recently been giving much feedback to me and other board members regarding our tournaments. The feedback helps us in our planning. If you feel strongly about something, put it in writing as it is easier to present to the board that way. Volunteers are always needed. That is especially true with the casino coming up, but we can use people to help out with tournaments and all sorts of organizational work.

Letters to the Editor

I've included this feature to this edition of the *ACR* in the hopes that it becomes a regular feature. Apparently, your thoughts and letters are important to the ACA since I've been asked for copies of the following letter by both Walter Watson (ACA President) and Dave Ottosen (ACA Secretary) who intend to make it part of the agenda for the next ACA board meeting.

A reminder—the ACA's (and *ACR*'s) address is:

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ALBERTA CLOSED RULES

I have a question regarding the Alberta Closed rules—it states that all players must satisfy rule 7c, and this rule effectively means that to qualify a player will have to have played in at least 3 tournaments to accumulate the necessary participation points. Since 3 of the six qualifying tournaments are closed one way or another (Junior/Calgary Closed/Edmonton Closed), these regulations are heavily biased against players who (a) do not reside in Edmonton or Calgary and (b) do not have unlimited time to participate frequently in tournaments. Even were a player to win one of the three open qualifying tournaments, according to your published rules, he would be excluded on the basis of rule 7c. Indeed the introduction to the rules published in *ACR* October 1997 is misleading—"winning a qualifying tournament earns you the right to play"—this, apparently, is not the case! Even so, the rules are contradictory with regard to the defending champion—if he is not obliged to compete in even one qualifying tournament, how is he expected to gain his participation points (he is hardly expected to compete in five non-qualifying tournaments!).

Perhaps you could publish the above paragraph in *ACR* as a letter to stimulate discussion on this matter.

Yours Sincerely,
Eugene Gibney

TOURNAMENT PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS

By Steve Hansen

There is a great and undying controversy over the prize distribution at the Alberta Open (Oct. 11 to 13 in Red Deer, Neil Sharp director). For those of you who were not there, approximately half the players were rated under 1800, while under 1800 class prizes totalled only 19% of the \$1,000 ACA-guaranteed prize fund.

To help answer the question of whether this was a good idea, I have invited four distinguished panelists to give us their ideas. First, Neil Sharp expressed his views to me in several phone conversations. I have endeavored to translate his ideas as accurately as possible. Next, Tedge Davies, President of the Calgary Chess Club and another frequent tournament director, will offer opinions that sharply conflict with Neil's (!) As for regular players, Chris Vermette and Greg Huber give their contrasting views. So here goes!

NEIL SHARP - This tournament had an unfair prize distribution - unfair to the good players! For example, Greg Huber had a performance rating of 2293, and collected only 12 bucks for his efforts. Arthur Odachowski, who beat Nenad and had a performance rating of 2164, also only collected 12 dollars. Many of Alberta's top players finished with no money at all. On the other hand, we had several players collect 40 dollars or more for finishing well below these good players in the overall standings. They were given prizes based on age or for finishing better than expected, and this had nothing to do with their actual chess ability. This is most unfair to the better players.

Weaker players are also eligible for more than one prize, and collect the largest one they qualify for (Eg. Junior, class prizes and overall prize). How is this fair to the player who works hard at their game? Many improve so much, they regularly win nothing at all! For example, a player who stays at 1700 his whole life and makes no effort to improve will regularly win class prizes. A player who struggles to improve

and increases their rating to 2100 will most often get stomped by the 2300 players in their section and win nothing. Where is the incentive for improvement?

Giving out prizes is a form of gambling, and enforced gambling at that. Only Juniors currently have the option of paying \$5.00 and playing with no prize eligibility. Everyone else should have this option too, and if players want to make voluntary side bets to win some money, that's their own business. Many players in the bottom of their class (an arbitrary line drawn at the whim of the director), have essentially no chance at a prize. As the sections (classes) can only be made up once the director knows how many people and at what rating are going to be playing, one is gambling ones hard earned dollars in the hopes that they do not wind up in the bottom of their class. It is wrong that players are forced to gamble their money in this way.

Advertising prize structures in advance is not possible, as the organizers do not know in advance how many people at a given rating will enter the tournament. A couple of years ago a kid having a rating less than 1200 won \$200 at a Canadian Open, simply because he was the only person in this section and the organizers had been foolish enough to advertise this class prize in advance. This is an extreme example, but one that should serve to illustrate the potential unfairness of publishing prize funds before all players have registered.

The lower rated players have even less reason to complain in an open tournament, as they are given the opportunity to play some of the best players in our province. These good players charge hefty hourly fees for chess lessons. A game with one of these guys is an \$80 or \$100 dollar value, an amount far exceeding the entry fee. And what does the higher rated player get for his trouble? A mediocre game and the risk of being scalped. A very good deal for the lower rated player and a poor one for the higher rated player.

I am philosophically opposed to the whole concept of class prizes or junior prizes. Other sports do not have 'ratings'. There is a

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continuously sliding money scale for finishing 1, 2, 3 and so on down the line. In our sport we see fit to give prizes to numbers 1, 2, 7, 9, 15 - you get the idea. It makes no sense.

If there is a controversy regarding prize fund distributions at this tournament, it is the wrong controversy. All of the money should have been distributed strictly according to how high the player finished. No sectional prizes and no Junior prizes. This should apply in all tournaments.

TEDGE DAVIES - Prize fund distribution from the Tedgeman perspective should be equal in and equal out. If possible, the number of participants should be split in the middle as in an under and an over tournament, with half of the money being shared equally among both groups. If the more gifted players feel they deserve bigger prize money, then they should use their talents to find some sponsorship money and not expect a less talented player to contribute more for the honor of playing them. In any case, the amount that would be put into the top section is not substantial enough to make a big difference without sponsorship anyhow. So why can't we just be fair about it. There are a number of lower rated players that have studied and contributed to chess as much as any of the higher rated players, and the same respect should be given no matter what class they are playing in.

CHRIS VERMETTE - I enjoyed playing in the Alberta Open and look forward to next year's tournament in Calgary. However, I felt that the prizes were grossly distributed in favour of the top-rated players. With the \$1000 guaranteed prize fund (of which about \$300 was donated by the ACA), there should have been a more balanced prize distribution. I would not have disagreed with the prize distribution if it had been advertised prior to the registration day of the tournament. As with most major Open tournaments in Canada and the U.S., the prize breakdown is published with the advertisement of the event well in advance! If this was done with the Alberta Open in October, it would have eliminated any issues regarding the prize

distribution. It was brought to my attention that it is hard to know how many players are registered. But with the guaranteed prize fund, I don't think that this should have been the case.

I feel that if the method to determine the prize distribution in the Alberta Open is used in the future, it will discourage out of town and new chess players from attending Alberta tournaments. How can you expect a competitive under 2000 player to attend a tournament that is, for example, 250 km away, and is paying for his/her own accommodations and travel expenses, to play in a tournament where they can win a maximum of \$60? Or a new player paying a \$25 entry fee and the \$38 dollar CFC registration and then seeing the prizes distributed to the top rated players? He/she may feel very discouraged from playing in future tournaments.

I recommend that a set distribution be in place for every annual Alberta, Southern and Northern Open tournament where the ACA is donating money for the prize fund. I also feel that the prize distribution should be advertised in advance of the event. Otherwise I foresee the participants of future Alberta tournaments will only be local players that do not have travel and accommodation expenses. The province of Alberta does not have enough chess players to be dedicating prize funds to only top rated players and expect average player strength participation in their tournaments. I feel that if this trend continues it will only discourage the majority of players from attending our prestigious tournaments and will stagnate tournament play in Alberta.

GREG HUBER - I think the issue of prize distributions can only be resolved by understanding the motivations for players to compete in tournaments. There are many possible reasons, but it seems to me that they boil down to the main two:

- 1) Playing for the competition and challenge.
- 2) Playing for the chance to win a prize.

Ideally, everyone would have both needs met every tournament, but this is impossible in

practical terms. Most often, a player has to be content with having one of the two needs met. For instance, a lower rated player may have no practical chance at a prize but certainly has lots of chances to play higher rated players. On the other hand, a high-rated player has very few chances to play higher rated competition, but has a better shot at winning a significant prize.

This brings up the issue of class prizes. By allocating some prizes among various rating groups, it certainly helps the lower- to medium-rated players have both their needs met: they get the chance to play high-rated players plus get a shot at prizes. However, if this distribution is not done carefully, it leaves the place prizes being worth insignificantly more than the class prizes. This can lead to the higher-rated players having almost no reason to play, as they likely will only play 1 or 2 players near their rating, and at best will win a small prize. Personally, when I am in a tournament where I am medium- to low- rated. I am quite content to have the opportunity to play the IM's and GM's and not be particularly concerned about whether I have a shot at a class prize or not. On the other hand, when I am one of the top-rated players, I do not very often play unless there are decent prizes.

I recommend trying an approach where some tournaments have the conventional structure with lots of class prizes, and some tournaments that have a much higher percentage in the place prizes. I think the recent Alberta Open in Red Deer was a good prize structure to encourage higher-rated players to compete, and I would be much more likely to play in such tournaments. However, I do think the prize structures should be advertised well in advance so that people understand what they are getting into. That way they can decide if they want to play in a tournament with more class prizes and fewer high-rated players, or less class prizes and more high-rated players. Perhaps after a year of having both types of tournaments it will be apparent that one or the other is more popular, and then that type can be held more often.

By watching which type of tournament is better attended, perhaps a structure can be found that helps players of all levels participate in and enjoy as many tournaments as possible.

The Art Gallery

Quiring, J - Milne, A [D06]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 The Baltic Defense 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Bd2?! Condemning this B to passivity. [5.Bg5!? Qd7] 5...Nf6 6.e3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bb5 0-0 Black doesn't fear 9.Bxc6 bxc6 because White's hold over c5 is too loose. 9.0-0 Qd6 10.Rc1 Now Black must do something about the intended capture on c6. 10...Nd8! Now the B looks silly on b5, and the Black N comes to the centre on e6. 11.Ne2 Intending 12.a3 to solve the problem of the QB.

11...c6 12.Ng3 Bg6 Remaining on the vital b1-h7 diagonal. [12...Bg4 13.Bd3!] 13.Ba4?! This B has no future and no function here. 13...Ne4 Otherwise 14.a3 and 15.Bb4. 14.a3 Nxd2 15.Nxd2 Ne6 16.f3? Loosens the pawn chain and weakens e3 especially. 16...Bf6 [16...f5? 17.f4! kills Black's QB which he has struggled hard to keep active.] 17.Qe2?! Giving up three pawns and possibly four for a piece. 17...Nxd4! 18.exd4 Bxd4+ 19.Kh1 Rfe8 Grabbing the e file, which the immediate 19...Bxb2 20.Rce1

gives up, but in so doing, Black overlooks White's 21st. 20.Qd1 Bxb2 21.Nc4! Qf6 22.Nxb2 Qxb2 23.Bc2 Qxa3 24.Bxg6 hxg6 With four connected passed pawns, Black has a decisive edge. 25.Rb1 Re7 26.Re1 Rae8 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Ne2 Qe3 29.Nd4 c5 30.Nb3 b6 31.h3 d4? Giving up the vital c4 and e4 squares [31...Re5!] 32.Nd2 Qe2 33.Qc1 Kf8?! Motivated by vague ideas of protecting the R and bringing the K to the centre, but better is simply 33...Re3! 34.Ne4 Rd7?? 34...Rc7 and march the pawns still wins easily. 35.Nxc5! bxc5 36.Qxc5+ Ke8 Forced. 37.Rb8+ Rd8 38.Qc6+ Ke7 39.Qc5+ Rd6 40.Qg5+! f6 41.Qxg6 Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Qe5+ 43.Kh1 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Qe5+ ½-½

**Canadian Amateur
Championship 1997
by Eugene Gibney**

The Candian Amateur Chess Championship was held in Kamloops, BC from August 28th-30th. The event was restricted to Canadians rated less then 2200. There were 36 entrants, including Albertans like myself (from the chess Mecca of Lloydminster—just joking!) and Chris Kuczaj—fresh from his excellent performance at the Canadian Open in Winnipeg. The tournament was well organized by the efficient and approachable George Hara, and was played in a friendly atmosphere.

The chess was uncompromising, with only a handful or two of draws in the whole event. There were three rounds each on days one and two, with two rounds on the final day. Rate of play was 30/75, game/1. I got off to a good start with 5 out of 5, then drew my last three games to finish on 6.5/8, a score which was matched by Harold Nishida, who finished strongly winning his last two games. We were declared co-winners, and received a nicely engraved trophy, a cash prize, and the honour of a national chess title! Here are two of my wins:

Neufeld, Greg - Gibney, Eugene [D00]

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Bf5 3.f3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6 5.Bxf6 gxf6 6.e4 Bg6 7.Nh3 e6 8.Nf2 Bd6 9.Qd2 h5 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.f4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Nxe4 Qc7 14.Rf1 f5 15.Ng5 Nf6 16.g3 0-0-0 17.0-0-0 h4 18.Rh1 Nh5 19.Be2 (diagram) Nxf4! 20.Nxf7? Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Qxf7 22.Rhf1 hvg3 23.hvg3 Bvg3 24.Rf3 Bd6 25.Qc4 Rh2 26.Re1 Re8 27.b4 Kb8 28.a4 Qg6 29.b5 cxb5 30.Qxb5 Rc8 31.Rb3 Rhxc2+ 32.Kb1 b6 33.Qd3 Qh6 34.Qxc2 Rxc2 35.Kxc2 Qh2+ 36.Kb1 Qd2 37.Rxe6 Qxd4 38.a5 f4 39.Re1 f3 40.axb6 axb6 41.Ree3 f2 0-1



After 19.Be2

Gibney, Eugene - Woodward, Greg [B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 g6? 4.cxd4 d6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Bb3 a6 10.h3 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Be3 Nc6 13.Rc1 Qb8 14.Bb6 Nd7 15.Nd5 Nxb6 16.Nxb6 Ra7 17.Ng5 Qc7 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Bd5 Qe8 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Rc4 h6 22.Nf3 Qe6 (diagram) 23.Qa4 Rc8 24.Rfc1 f5 25.Rxc6 Rxc6 26.Rxc6 Qd7 27.Qc4+ Kh7 28.Nh4 Qd1+ 29.Kh2 Qd4 30.Qe6 Rd7 31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.Nxf5 Bf5 33.Nxd4 exd4 34.Rc8 1-0



After 22...Qe6

**Words Books <2000 Active
November 1, 1997
by Steve Hansen**

A strong field of 18 Alpha Males showed up to contest the <2000 five round day-after-Halloween tournament at Words Books and Cappuccino Bar. Gnawing on chocolates pilfered from youngsters the night before, the insulin-challenged players overcame nausea to put on a great show. As a measure of how strong this tournament was, after the first round the leaders only had 1 point! But seriously, with a median rating of 1750, even the best players could not take anyone for granted (with the exception of Jason Flodberg, who bagged a chocolate covered goose egg.)

After 4 rounds, Leo Danglapen and junior Alvin Remoroza were tied with 3.5 points. Only the large Walter Watson with 3 points had a chance of catching them. When the Graval(R) dust had cleared there emerged a tie for first place, with all three Smartie (R) pantses having 4 points.

Tradition mandated that speed chess determine the winner, and so over the objections

of the tournament director (who wanted a stomach bumping contest), the playoffs began. First, Leo chewed up Alvin two straight, and then Walter took 1.5/2 from Leo, the win coming with Mr. Watson playing a French defence. Walt now needed only 0.5/2 from Alvin to get his name on the Zinner and Sara trophy. In the penultimate game, Alvin squeezed his bulky opposition until he exploded. In the final game, with a crowd of enormous pimply spectators watching, Walter castled - and forgot to punch his clock! In a few minutes he realized his folly and punched, but eventually lost on time. Congratulations to our winner Leo!

Turning in performances well above expectations were Ted Borowski and Mike Smith with 3 points, and munchkin Brandon Eshleman with 2. Everyone else either did pretty good or kinda stunk, but they will all be back for more. Chess is like a Glossettes Peanut (R) in that regard.

**Tesla and Billy Invitational
(TABI)
By Steve Hansen**

The first Tesla and Billy Invitational (TABI), was held at the home of Steve Hansen on August 23 in Calgary. Six players participated, with ratings between 1569 and 1882.

As the host, I failed to convey the message that the main purpose of this tournament was to give me rating points. Accordingly, in the first round I was squashed by the "Vermettinator", who would not lose a game the entire tournament despite being the lowest rated player! Other first round upsets included the great gentleman Mr. Bruce Kiely, who, judging from the final results, is entering another playful experimental phase.

The only other undefeated player was the superior human being Rod Weis. Mr. Weis had four draws and a win (against your stunningly incompetent author), despite playing on only 4 hours sleep.

Money winners were Chris Vermette, with 4 points and a clear first, followed by Rod and Norm Luyben with 3 points each. The host did as well as could be expected for someone who has no clue how to play the game, (but I did beat Dave Ottosen in the Alberta Reserves—see last ACR) while Mr. Kiely acted as a very generous point donor. Steve Sauve with a 50% score did not suck, but did not not suck.

After the Active tournament, it was decided to play a double round robin speed tournament. Incredibly, once the final game had been played, ALL SIX PLAYERS HAD 5 POINTS!

Accordingly, 24 beers were purchased, and the speed tournament was played again. This time a clear winner emerged, with the speed freak Steve Sauve coming first with 8 points. Mr. Sauve had also consumed the least beer at this point

shocking all who expected him to come in last for just this reason.

The tournament was named in honour of my cats, who became teenagers a day earlier. Ultra special thanks to my wife Lorie for buying and preparing all the snacks! Thank you tweety bird!!!! We look forward to doing this again, with a field that is aware of their responsibility to occasionally hang a Queen for the needy host.

TABI Active-August 23, 1997

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
Vermette	x	½	1	½	1	1	4
Weis	½	x	½	½	1	½	3
Luyben	0	½	x	1	1	½	3
Sauve	½	½	0	x	½	1	2.5
Hansen	0	0	0	½	x	1	1.5
Kiely	0	½	½	0	0	x	1

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ALBERTA JUNIOR CHESS REPORT



(A Special section of the Alberta Chess Report, November 1997)

The Dufferin Games Room Stores Alberta Junior 1997 by Rob "Rocket" Gardner

This year's edition of the Alberta Under 20 chess championship benefitted from the generous sponsorship by the Dufferin Game Room Stores. Through Grant Brown of Lethbridge, they have agreed to pay this year's winner's costs to travel to the Canadian Junior. A similar arrangement will apply to the Alberta Cadet (under 16) champion. Altogether the Dufferin Game Room Stores will contribute \$1350, a very generous sum.

The winner of this trip to the Nationals will be a surprise to some, but not to those who peruse the CFC crosstables on the internet. This summer in Kamloops B.C. at the so-called Canadian Amateur, Hans Olson of Camrose performed at a 2074 level for eight games, finishing fourth ahead of many strong players.

By scoring three wins on Saturday and coasting home with two draws on Sunday against the perennial favourites Doug Wu and Nathan McLean, Hans found the best way to celebrate his sixteenth birthday, winning the Dufferin Game Room Stores Alberta Junior 1997. His other birthday present on Sunday was some future lessons from

David Ottosen, fresh from his GM norm at the Battle of Alberta.

The tournament was held in Red Deer on October 25, 26 and was directed by Neil Sharp. Once again there were no disputes and the T.D.'s job was made easy. Hans Olson was never in trouble in any of his games and missed some very good lines in his draw with Doug Wu, and also missed a win in his draw with Nathan McLean. Thus his tournament win was anything but lucky.

Finishing second was Gurb Singh, 18, of Calgary. He played some fine attacking chess. Third was defending champion Douglas Wu, 15, from Edmonton who was, shall we say, exceedingly generous with his draw offers. Nathan McLean, 15, from Rimbey fell to withering attacks by Singh and also to Jeff Huang, 12, of Calgary. Jeff also won in the first round against John Rajchel, 14, of Calgary. After achieving a won position, John dithered too long and lost this first round encounter. He never recovered.

McLean, N - Wu, D [B98]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qa5 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.g4 Nc6 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.h4 b5 14.Kb1 Rc8 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.a3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Qc4 18.f5 Qxd3 19.cxd3 (diagram) 0-0 20.d4 Kh8 21.d5 e5 22.h5



Rg8 23.Rhg1 Bf8 24.Na5 Bh6 25.Rd3 Kg7 26.Na2 Kf8 27.Nb4 Bg5 28.Nbc6 Rc7 29.b4 1/2-1/2

Singh, G - Olson, H [C50]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.b4 Bxb4 6.c3 Ba5 7.d4 Nf6 8.Qb3 0-0 9.dxe5 Nxe4 10.exd6 Nxd6 11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Na3 Nxc4 13.Nxc4 Qf5 14.Nxa5 Nxa5 15.Qb4 Nc6 16.Qb3 b6 17.Rfe1 Bb7 18.Qa4 Rfe8 19.Bf4 b5 20.Nd4 Qxf4 21.Qxb5 Qd6 22.Qxb7 Nxd4 23.cxd4 Qxd4 24.Qxc7 Rac8 25.h3 Qxa1 26.Rxa1 Rxc7 27.a4 g6 28.Rb1 Re4 29.Ra1 Rcc4 30.a5 Re5 31.a6 Rcc5 32.Rd1 Re6 33.Rd8+ Kg7 34.Rd7 Rxa6 0-1

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Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
Hans Olson	x	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	4
Gurb Singh	0	x	1/2	1	1	1	3.5
Douglas Wu	1/2	1/2	x	1/2	1	1/2	3
Nathan McLean	1/2	0	1/2	x	0	1	2
Jeff Huang	0	0	0	1	x	1	2
John Rajchel	0	0	1/2	0	0	x	0.5

Huang, J - Olson, H [C50]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.0-0 Be6 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.Bxd5 a5 11.Qd2 Qe7 12.c3 Rab8 13.h3 Nd8 14.a3 c6 15.Ba2 b5 16.Rfe1 Bb6 17.Ra1 c5 18.Bd5 Ne6 19.Bxe6 Qxe6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Nh2 Qe6 22.Nf1 f5 23.Ne3 f4 24.Nd5 f3 25.g4 Bd8 26.Ne3 Bg5 27.Kh1 h5 28.Rg1 Rf6 29.Qe1 Bxe3 30.Qxe3 Kf7 31.Rg3 hxg4 32.hxg4 Rh8+ 33.Kg1 Rh4 34.g5 Rff4 35.Kf1 Rh1+ 36.Rg1 Qh3+ 37.Ke1 Rxc1+ 38.Kd2 Rxc1 39.Kxc1 Qf1+ 40.Kd2 Qe2+ 41.Qxe2 fxe2 42.Kxe2 Rg4 43.b4 axb4 44.axb4 Kg6 45.bxc5 dxc5 46.c4 b4 47.Ke3 b3 48.Kd2 Rg1 49.Kc3 Kxg5 50.Kxb3 Rf1 51.Kc2 Rxf2+ 52.Kd1 Kf4 53.Ke1 Ke3 54.Kd1 Rh2 55.d4 Kd3 56.Ke1 Kxd4 57.Kf1 Ke3 58.Kg1 Ra2 59.Kf1 Rb2 60.Kg1 Kf3 61.Kh1 Kg3 0-1

Singh, G - Wu, D [B92]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0-0 9.f4 b5 10.Bf3 Bb7 11.Be3 Nbd7 12.a3 Rc8 13.Qe1 Nb6

Alberta Cadet Closed

December 13-14, Red Deer
Winner qualifies to play in Canadian Cadet Closed Championship
Entrance by invitation only
Contact: Neil Sharp (346-0420)

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

"The year of the Sicilian"
December Dragon: December 6
January Na'j'dorf: January 3
Site: Prince of Wales Armoury, 10440 108 Ave, Edmonton
Registration: 9-10 am
Type: 4 or 5 rounds active chess
Contact: Beatrice Wu (462-0838)

Calgary Chess'n'Math Club

Nov 30-Alan Wall (271-0562)
Site: ABC Charter Public School, 414-11a Street NE
Registration: 12:00 - 12:30
Players play according to Chess'n Math rating levels; unrated players play with players of the same age

14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Qg3 Nc4 17.Bh6 Ne8 18.Kh1 Nxb2 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Kh8 21.Bg4 Rd8 22.Rxd8 Bxd8 23.Be3 Nf6 24.Bf5 g6 25.Bh6 Rg8 26.Bg4 Nxe4 27.Qf3 f5 28.Bxf5 gxf5 29.Qxf5 Bg5 30.Bxg5 Nxc5 31.h4 Qe7 32.hxg5 1/2-1/2

Rajchel, J - McLean, N [C77]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd5 c6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.b4 Nb7 16.c4 Nd8 17.a4 bxc4 18.dxe4 Nf7 19.b5 axb5 20.axb5 cxb5 21.cxb5 Qe7 22.Ra6 Qb7 23.Qa4 Rfb8 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Qc4 d5 26.exd5 exd5 27.Qc6 Qxc6 28.bxc6 Kf8 29.Re1 e4 30.Nd4 Ke7 31.f3 Nd6 32.fxe4 dxe4 33.Kf2 Kf6 34.Re2 Ke5 35.Rd2 (diagram) e3+ 36.Ke2



exd2 37.Kxd2 Kxd4 38.Ke2 Rc8 39.Kf3 Rxc6 40.Kg4 Ke4 41.Kh5 Rc5+ 42.Kh4 Kf5 43.g4+ Kg6 44.Kg3 Kg5 45.h4+ Kf6 46.Kf4 Rc4+ 47.Kf3 Ke5 48.h5 Rc3+ 49.Ke2 Ke4 50.Kd2 Rg3 51.h6 gxh6 52.g5 hxg5 53.Kc2 Kd4 54.Kd2 Rg2+ 55.Kd1 Ke3 56.Kc1 Kd3 57.Kb1 Kc3 58.Ka1 Kb3 59.Kb1 Rg1# 0-1

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The tournament was small, but fiercely contested. Only three contestants showed up (perhaps due to regular players overlooking the notice in the ACR), so it was decided to make the tournament a one-day round robin. The round-one game between Stasy Kazakevich and Alim Merali was hotly contested until Stasy allowed her queen to be pinned. Nine-year-old Stasy played with lots of poise, though, and this paid off with a nice round-two victory against Jeff Ryan. This left Jeff needing a victory against Alim to tie things up, but Alim played very cautiously. Jeff overlooked a chance to win a rook and the game petered out to a draw. As a result, Alim and Stasy grabbed the two spots in the Alberta Cadet.

Ryan, Jeff - Kazakevich, Stasy [D10]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Bf5 Stasy brings out her light-squared bishop before playing ...e6 so that it will not be blocked in by her own pawns. 4.Nc3 e6 5.c5 Nf6 6.Nf3 b6 7.Na4 Nbd7 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Ne4 10.Bd3 The White c-pawn has become a weakness that is difficult to defend. White had the chance to trade off this weak pawn with 10.cxb6 10...b5 11.Nc3 Bxc5 12.0-0 0-0 Obviously, both players understand classical development. After getting out their minor pieces and fighting for control of the center, the two players have castled their kings into safety. 13.Qf3 Nxc3 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Bd2 g6 Both players have a dark-squared bishop. Since White has some pawns stuck on dark squares, it looks like Black's bishop will have more targets to attack. 17.Rfd1 Qa4 18.Qf4 (diagram) Qxf4 Black is a pawn ahead with the better bishop, so the queen trade looks like it will give her a good endgame. Since she has a majority of 4 pawns to 2 on the

queen side (files a to d), Black can hope to get a passed pawn and maybe even a queen on that side of the board. Of course, she can wait until she figures the time is right before advancing her queenside pawns.

19.exf4 Rfe8 20.Re1 Rad8 21.h3 h6 22.a4 a6 23.axb5 axb5 24.Be3 White could try 24.Ra6 invading down the open file and attacking the weak c6-pawn. 24...Bxe3 25.fxe3 Both sides had a reason to trade bishops. Since Black is a pawn ahead, she can reason that each piece trade leads to a simpler endgame in which she will have an advantage. On the other hand, the White pawn is better on e3 than f2 since it can assist in stopping the Black queenside pawns. 25...Kg7 Fighting for control of the open file with 25...Ra8 looks like a good idea. 26.g4 fxg4 27.hxg4 g5 28.Ra7 White uses the open file to get to the dreaded seventh rank. Rooks often find tasty tidbits to nibble on once they invade on the seventh rank. 28...Kg6 Black overlooks a trick. 29.Rc7 White misses his chance. After 29.f5+ Kg7 30.e6, White wins the pinned f7 pawn - thanks to his aggressive rook - and winds up with two strong passed pawns. Trying to protect the f4-pawn with 30...Rf8 allows the fork 31.e7. 29...Rc8 30.f5+ Oops! Now White does not have time to avoid a rook trade while protecting the e-pawn. 30...Kg7 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.Rf1 Invading along the open file with 32.Ra1 followed by 33. Ra6 seems like a better chance. 32...Re8 Black attacks White's weakest pawn. 33.f6+ Kg6 34.Rf5 h5 Good move! The protection of the rook on f5 will soon disappear which means that White cannot keep his e5-pawn protected. 35.Rf2 Rxe5 36.gxh5+ Kxh5 37.Rh2+ Kg6 Realizing that he will soon be 3 pawns down, White resigns. 1-0



judging by his results both before and after this tournament. He lost a key game to Nathan in round 3 though, and his inability to beat Dmitri in round 4 left him no longer in control of his own fate.

Cynthia Wu obtained some decent positions, but tended to play too passively. One wonders if Cindy is wasting her time studying university courses rather than chess.

Duncan Campbell had his work cut out for him as one of the lower-rated players, and he put in a good showing.

Stasy Kazakevich was the youngest player by far. She played with patience and poise unusual for a nine-year-old.

Wu, Cynthia - Campbell, Duncan [C02]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nge7 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Qb6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 Reaching the Milner Barry Gambit, though it is more common to have a pawn on a6 than a knight on e7. The disappearance of the White central pawns could help the White pieces get to the Black king. For instance, ECO give 11.Nb5 Qxe5 (forced since 11...Qb6 allows 12.Nd6+ Kd8 13.Nxf7+ winning the rook and 11...Bxb5 12.Bxb5+ wins the Black queen) 12.f4 Qb8 13.f5 a6 14.Qf3 which supposedly gives White an advantageous attack - though it is not so clear to me how White should proceed. 11.Re1 Black has an extra pawn, but it will be a long time before that can be exploited in an endgame. In the meantime, White has extra development and the pawn structure gives White more space in which to move her pieces. Cynthia decides to start with a natural developing move guarding her pawn. 11...Qb6 12.Qc2 Rc8 The threat of 13...d4 causes Cynthia to move her queen again, but at least Duncan no longer has the option of castling queenside. 13.Qe2 a6 14.Bd2 A trick! It looks like Duncan can safely play 14...Qxb2 but 15.Rab1 Qa3 16.Rb3 (16.Rxb7 Rxc3) 16...Qc5 17.Rxb7 and Cindy regains one pawn while obtaining the dreaded rook on the seventh rank. 14...Nc6 15.Bf4 Qd8 16.a3 h5 Black decides to leave his king in the center and use his kingside pawns to attack. I suspect that white should be able to beat off the attack since the central pawn structure will make it difficult for Duncan to get all his pieces into the attack. 17.h3 Perhaps a defensive measure against a future back-rank checkmate, but this makes it more attractive for Duncan to advance a pawn to g4. 17...Nd4 18.Qd1 g5 19.Bh2 g4 20.hxg4 Cindy could try to regain the gambit pawn with 20.Bxa6 bxa6 21.Qxd4, but Duncan would retain practical attacking and endgame chances. 20...Qg5 21.f4 This exposes the White king, but gains control of the g5 square. On 21.gxh5 Cindy was probably concerned about 21...Rxc6 followed by 22...Qh6. 21...Qh4 Threatening 22...hxg4 or 22.gxh5 Rxh5 with a deadly pin on

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With the appearance of six players for a five round tournament, the director and the organizer came up with the brilliant plan of having a round robin. Despite the organizer's constant fibs about how to spell the names of the players (Hans is not spelled with a "z", Dave), the tournament was soon started.

Nathan McLean emerged in clear first. His Dragon in round one looked rather sickly, but it recuperated and Cynthia went down in a torrent of flames. Nathan's style in many of his games seemed to be to point a lot of pieces at the enemy king and hope for mayhem. The spectators were

wondering what would happen in the final round as Nathan faced Dmitri's rock-solid style, but the two players agreed to a quick draw allowing both players to qualify to the provincials.

Dmitri Shefer preferred to lock up the center and try to grind out his victories. This strategy was fairly successful, leading to three victories, a crucial hard-fought draw against Hans in round 4, and the safe last-round draw against Nathan.

Hans Olson has been improving recently,

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1.Nathan McLean	X	.5	1	1	1	1	4.5
2.Dmitri Shefer	.5	X	.5	1	1	1	4
3.Hans Olson	0	.5	X	.5	1	1	3
4.Cynthia Wu	0	0	.5	X	0	1	1.5
5.Duncan Campbell	0	0	0	1	X	.5	1.5
6.Stasy Kazakevich	0	0	0	0	.5	X	0.5

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Huber.G - Walker.W [B24]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 d6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 b6 8.Be3 Nge7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Rad1 Ba6 11.Rfe1 Nd4 12.Nc1 Rc8 13.Nb1 e5 14.c3 Ndc6 15.Na3 d5 16.Qc2 d4 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bd2 b5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.Qb3+ Kh8 21.Qxb5 Qd6 22.Qa4 Nd8 23.b4 Ne6 24.bxc5 Nxc5 25.Qa3 dxc3 26.Bxc3 Nxe4 27.Bb4 Qb6 28.Bxe4 Rc2 29.d4 Rxa2 30.Nxa2 1-0

Odachowski.A - Ristovic.N [D31]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.e3 Ne7 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Nge2 Nf6 10.Qc2 g6 11.f3 0-0 12.0-0 Nf5 13.Bxf5 Bxf5 14.Qd2 Rad8 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Ng3 Bc8 17.e4 dxe4 18.fxe4 Ng4 19.h3 Qh4 20.Qf4 g5 21.Qf3 Nh6 22.e5 Rxd4 23.Nce4 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Qf4 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Qc3 Be6 27.Rf1 Qh4 28.Qd3 Ng8 29.Qd6 Rc8 30.Nf5 Qc4 31.Nxg8 Rxc8 32.Nh6 Re8 33.Rxf7 g4 34.Rf8+ Kg7 35.Nf5+ Kg6 36.Rf6+ Kh5 37.Ng7+ Kg5 38.Qd2+ Kh4 39.Qh6+ Kg3 40.Nh5+ Kh4 41.Nf4+ Kg3 42.Nh5+ Kh4 43.Ng7+ Kg3 44.Qe3+ 1-0

Quiring.J - Fullbrook.N [B02]

1.e4 Nf6 2.d3 d5 3.e5 Nfd7 4.d4 e6 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Bc2 cxd4 9.cxd4 f5 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nbc3 0-0 13.h3 Bd7 14.a3 Rac8 15.Qd3 Na5 16.Bg5 g6 17.Rab1 Nc4 18.Nf4 Nxb2 19.Nxg6 Nxd3 20.Rxb6 axb6 21.Nxf8 Rxc3 22.Bxf6 Bxf8 0-1

Haessel.D - Jackson.P [C43]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5 5.Nxe5 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nd2 Nd7 8.Nxe4 Nxe5 9.dxe5 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxe5 11.Bxh7+ Kxh7 12.Qh5+ Kg8 13.Qxe5 Re8 14.Qc3 Re6 15.Bf4 Rc6 16.Qg3 Rxc2 17.Be5 g6 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Qf4 Bf5 20.Rfe1 Kh7 21.g4 Be6 22.g5 Rc4 23.Rd4 Rxd4 24.Bxd4 Kg8 25.Qe5 f6 26.gxf6 1-0

Round 4:

After four rounds, two players—Fullbrook and Huber—maintained a perfect score.

Huber sacrificed a piece and ran Haessel's King into the open. Fullbrook brilliantly mated Odachowski.

Haessel.D - Huber.G [B32]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Be7 7.Be3 Be6 8.Be2 a6 9.N5c3 Bg5

10.0-0 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Nf6 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Rd1 Qb6 14.b3 Rad8 15.Kf2 Nb4 16.Qd2 a5 17.Bf3 Ng4+ 18.Bxg4 Bxg4 19.Rf1 f5 20.Kg3 fxe4 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Kxg4 d5 23.h4 Nd3 24.Nxd5 Qe6+ 25.Kg3 Qg6+ 26.Kh3 Qf5+ 27.Kg3 Qg6+ 28.Kh2 Qg4 29.Nbc3 Qxh4+ 30.Kg1 Nf2 31.Kf1 Ng4+ 32.Ke2 Rf2+ 33.Kd1 Qh1+ 34.Qe1 Rf1 0-1

Fullbrook.N - Odachowski.A [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 e6 6.cxd4 b6 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qc7 9.Bd2 Bb7 10.Bd3 d6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Re1 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Rxe5 Bd6 15.Rh5 g6 16.Rh3 0-0 17.Qg4 f5 18.Qh4 Rac8 19.Re1 Rfe8 20.Bb5 Re7 21.Bg5 Rg7 22.Rxe6 Bd5 23.Re1 Qb7 24.Rhe3 Bxa2 25.Re8+ Rxe8 26.Rxe8+ Bf8 27.Bh6 Qd5 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Qf6+ Qf7 30.Qd8+ Qe8 31.Qxe8# 1-0

Round 5:

Fullbrook assured himself a place in the Alberta Closed by pummelling Huber. Odachowski's rook sacrifice was refuted by Haessel. Milne had 4 connected passed pawns for a piece against Quiring, but blundered into a draw.

Huber.G - Fullbrook.N [B34]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Nde2 Nf6 7.g3 b5 8.Bg2 b4 9.Nd5 0-0 10.0-0 a5 11.a3 Ba6 12.Re1 Ng4 13.h3 Nge5 14.Ra2 e6 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.b3 Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Nd4 18.Qd1 Nb5 19.Bb2 Rac8 20.axb4 axb4 21.Kh2 Nc3 22.Bxc3 Rxc3 23.Qe2 Nc6 24.Nc4 Qc5 25.e5 Nd4 26.Qe4 d5 27.exd6 f5 28.Qb7 Nf3+ 29.Kh1 Nxe1 30.Ra7 Qd4 31.f4 Nf3 32.Bxf3 Rxf3 33.Ne5 Rf1+ 0-1

Odachowski.A - Haessel.D [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 Nc6 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.Na3 a6 10.0-0 e6 11.cxd4 Be7 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Rd1 Rd8 14.Be3 Bf6 15.Rac1 Bd7 16.Ng5 Qf8 17.Qh5 h6 18.Ne4 Be7 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Nb1 Nd5 21.Nd2 e5 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.Nc4 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Be6 26.Nxe5 Bxa2 27.Nxc6 bxc6 28.Rd6 Bd5 29.Rxh6 gxh6 30.Bxh6 Re8 31.h3 Re1+ 32.Kh2 Qb8+ 33.f4 Qxb2 34.Qg4+ Kh7 35.Qf5+ Kxh6 0-1

Round 6:

Fullbrook's quiet draw with Haessel gave him the \$300 first place money.

Ristovic joined Haessel in second place with a quick win over Huber, while Walker made something from nothing against Kuczaj to also tie for second.

Fullbrook.N - Haessel.D [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 d6 6.cxd4 e6 7.Nbd2 Nc6 8.Nc4 dxe5 9.Ncxe5 Be7 10.Bd3 1/2-1/2

Ristovic.N - Huber.G [A63]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.g3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 Qe7 13.e4 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Na5 Rb6 16.Nc6 Qe8 17.Ra8 Kh8 18.Bf4 Ne5 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.Bh3 Rxc6 21.dxc6 Qxc6 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bxc8 Qxc8 24.Nxb5 Nxe4 25.Qd5 f5 26.Ra1 1-0

Kuczaj.C - Walker.W [B07]

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nd2 Bg6 9.f4 h6 10.f5 exf5 11.exf5 Bh7 12.Nce4 d5 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.c3 Nd7 15.Bd3 0-0 16.Qg4 Bg5 17.Nb3 Bxc1 18.Raxc1 Nf6 19.Qf3 Re8 20.Rce1 Qb6 21.Qf2 a5 22.Nc5 Qc7 23.Qf4 Qxf4 24.Rxe8+ Nxe8 25.Rxf4 Nd6 26.f6 Bxd3 27.Nxd3 g5 28.Rf1 Re8 29.Ne5 Ne4 30.h4 a4 31.h5 Ng3 32.Ng4 Nxf1 0-1

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB CASUAL CHESS

By John Quiring
Monday night continues to be "casual chess night" at the Edmonton Chess Club. A four round active tournament is played, with informal rules and relaxed noise controls, and the results are rated by the infamous John rating system. Currently, 185 players have John ratings.

Recent tournament winners are Micah Hughey, Tim Dean, Geoff Newton, Brady Ficko, Ferenc Borloi, Jonathan Day, Ravi Trikhia, Yuri Vasylev and David Ottosen. Tournament directors are Tim Dean, Bob Davies, Kurt Lauterwald and John Quiring.

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the h-file. **22.g5** Cynthia has regained her gambit pawn while ensuring that the Black h-pawn remains to obstruct the Black rook. **22...Bc5 23.g3?** One must be careful about allowing a double check. Perhaps Cindy assumed that Duncan had to immediately move his queen. White is okay after 23.Kh1 since 23...Nf5, which has the nasty threat of 24...Ng3 mate, can be met by 24.Bxf5 **23...Nf3+ 24.Kf1** 24.Kh1 Qxh2# or 24.Kg2 Qxh2+ followed by 25...Qf2# **24...Qxh2?** 24...Nxb2+ 25.kg2 Qg4

26.Kxh2 is only a trade of pieces, but 24...Qh3+ 25.Ke2 Qg2 is mate. **25.Qxf3 h4** Trying to open a path for the rook. After 25...Qxb2 26.Ne2, White would have to choose between trying to survive a tough ending or trying to expose the Black king with a move like g6. **26.Re2??** Blocking the only escape square for the upcoming check. The natural 26.Ne2 which seems to guard g3 and g1 while shielding b2 leads to problems after 26...hxg3 since the pawn cannot be safely captured. 27.Nxg3 Rh3 wins material and 27.Qxg3 Qh1+ 28.Ng1 Bxg1

29.Qxg1? Qf3+ 30.Qf2 Rh1 is mate. Perhaps White should try 26.g4. If 26...Qxb2 then 27.Ne2. The menacing h-pawn might eventually become a target. At least the struggle would continue. **26...Qg1# 0-1**

Shefer, Dmitri - Wu, Cynthia [A48]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.d5 Dmitri seems to prefer positions with blocked centers. **8...a5** By making

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it difficult for White to get a pawn to b4, Cindy is making a safe outpost for her knight on c5. 9.e4 Nc5 10.Bg5 h6 With this kind of central pawn structure, Black often tries to play ...f5. To make this possible, Cindy begins by driving away the bishop. 11.Be3 Nfd7 Cindy could have played 11...Nxd3. However, with so many White pawns on light squares, it was not clear whether that bishop had a good future. 12.Bc2 f5 13.Ne1 f4 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Na4 Nxa4 16.Bxa4 Qe7 17.f3 This pawn is now the base of White's pawn chain on the central files. Black can follow the common strategy of attacking the base of the pawn chain by advancing the g-pawn to g4. The blocked center makes it relatively safe for Black to advance the pawns in front of her king. 17...g5 18.h3 h5 19.Kf2 The White king announces that he is considering moving to a new home. Such a strategy is also helped by the blocked center. 19...Bf6 I think playing for ...g4 is still the right strategy for Black. It is possible to play the immediate 19...g4, but Black also has the option of maneuvering her pieces waiting for the right circumstances. 20.Nd3 Kf7 21.Ke2 Rh8 22.Qc2 Bd7 This was likely played to free the rook on a8. However, Dmitri gets to trade off his bishop This bishop is theoretically "bad" because so many of the White pawns are stuck on light squares. I would have been tempted to play 22...g4 reserving the option of a bishop trade for later. 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.a4 b6 Black's bishop is also bad. During the rest of the game, it is hemmed in by its own pawns. The move 24...b6 helps to cripple the bishop. Instead, a plan like ...Bd8, ...c6, ...Bb6, followed by ...Bd4 or ...Be3 would get the bishop actively placed in enemy territory. The move ...c6 would also create the possibility of trading off some pawns to expose the White king. 25.Nf2 Kg6 26.Qc3 Rbh8 White controls b5 so Black will need special circumstances to force ...b5. It looks like 26...Rhb8 is just a waiting move. 27.Qb3 Kf7 28.Qb5 Ke7 29.Rfb1 Dmitri can play b4 at the time of his choosing in order to exploit his good

knight against the bad bishop. 29...Ra7 30.Nd1 Rba8 31.Nc3 Qxb5 After the game, Dmitri said he thought this exchange helped his cause. 32.cxb5 Kd7 33.Nd1 Rc8 34.Nf2 Dmitri is trying to secure the g4 square before preparing his breakthrough on the queenside. 34...Raa8 35.b4 axb4 36.Rxb4 Ra5 This blockade prevents a5, but White can use the knight to eject the rook if necessary. 37.Rb3 Rg8 38.Rc3 Rg7 39.Kd2 Kc8 39...g4 might be better. White cannot gain a pawn with 40.hxg4 since 40...Bh4 drives away the knight. Once the bishop gets to h4, White will find it awkward to prevent it from getting to a better diagonal. It would be hard for Dmitri to concentrate on the queenside if he also had to cover the f2 square. 40.Kc2 Kb7 41.Kb3 Ra8 42.Rac1 Bd8 Cynthia decides to defend passively. Sometimes this works, but in this game Dmitri gradually makes progress. 43.R3c2 Kc8 44.Nd3 Kb7 45.Nb4 Bf6 46.Nc6 Kc8 Cindy faced a tough decision. Should she have left her king on b7 trying to stop the White king from penetrating or was she concerned that her king might wind up being a target once the a-file was open. 46...g4 looks like it might still have had good annoyance value. 47.Kb4 Kd7 48.Ra2 Rgg8 49.Rca1 Rgc8 50.a5 bxa5+ 50...Re8 51.axb6 Rxa2 52.Rxa2 cxb6 53.Ra7+ Kc8 looks frightening for Black, but it is not clear how White achieves a breakthrough. For instance, 54.Rf7 Bd8 55.Nxd8 Rxd8 56.Rg7 h4 57.Rxg5 Rh8 seems to give Black a solid fortress. 51.Rxa5 Rxa5 52.Rxa5 Ke8 53.Ra7 The dreaded rook on the seventh rank. 53...h4 Still passively defending, but the arrival of the White king is going to be a serious problem. 54.Ka5 Bh8 55.Ka6 Bf6 56.Kb7 Kd7 57.Ra1 Rh8 58.Rc1 Rh7 59.Nb8+ Kd8 60.Rc6 Allowing 60...c6+ would have complicated matters. 60...Rg7 61.Na6 Rd7 62.Rxc7 Now the b-pawn is a monster. 1-0

Olson, Hans - McLean, Nathan [A08]

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.d3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Bg5 e5 White has allowed Black to occupy the center with his pawns. Sometimes such pawns become

weak and targets of attack. In this game though, the pawns stay strong enough to help Black attack. 6.Nbd2 h6 If White retreats his bishop, it will become trapped by pawns, so he must trade it. If Black wants to attack quickly, it can sometimes (definitely not always) help to trade off a short-hopping knight for a long-reaching bishop. 7.Bxf6 gxf6 Doubled pawns are not always weak. The f6-pawn might eventually become a target of attack, but for now it strengthens Black's pawn center. Also, Black can put a queen or rook on the g-file without his pawn getting in the way. 8.c4 d4 It looks like Black has a wedge of pawns in the middle of the board. This will make it harder for White to move his pieces from side to side. 9.Nb3 f5 10.Nfd2 Bd7 11.0-0 The way the pawns are locked up on the c and d-files is called a pawn chain. The angle of this pawn chain makes it easier for Black to attack on the kingside than on the queenside. Perhaps White should have planned to eventually castle on the queenside. 11...h5 12.Re1 h4 Black wants to trade off pawns to make it easier to get to the White king. 13.Bxc6 This bishop was needed to guard the squares f3 and h3 that the g-pawn could no longer defend. 13...Bxc6 Black's bishop is suddenly attacking very sensitive squares right next to the White king. 14.Nf3 hxg3 15.fgx3 f4 The protection of the White king looks flimsy. Black is trying to rip away the remaining protection of the White king, so he does not bother to defend the e5-pawn. After 16.Nxe5 f3 17.Nxc6 (17.hxg3 Qg5) 17...Qh4 there are no White pieces to defend the White king. 16.Qd2 f3 17.hxg3 Bh6 The attack on the White queen gains time for Black to get his other bishop to an extremely aggressive outpost. 18.Qc2 Be3+ 19.Kg2 Qg5 Now the queen joins the action. 20.Rh1 0-0-0 Played to get the last Black rook into the action while getting the king out of the way. 21.Na5 Rdg8 Now every Black piece is pointed at the White king whereas three White pieces are blocked off helplessly on the queenside. 22.Rxh8 Qxg3+ Mate cannot be stopped. 0-1

ECC November Dance 'o' Joy by Aaron Lovi

The editors realize they will never get a tournament report from the ECC secretary, so they have to write this themselves. That being said...

The four round tournament was attended by nineteen fox-trotters attempting to capture their opponent's mambo kings. In the end, top rated Dave Ottosen tap-danced his way to a perfect 4-0 score. Micah Hughey, despite sitting out a lambada with a bye, strapped on his tutu and balleted his way to second place with 3.5 points. Relegated to doing the Macarena in the corner by himself was ECC secretary Aaron Lovi with 1.5 points.

Newton, G - Ottosen, D [B25]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.f4 Bd7 7.Rb1 Rb8 8.Be3 b5 9.Nf3 Qa5 10.0-0 b4 11.Ne2 Qxa2 12.e5 Qa5 13.Ng5 dxe5 14.Nxf7 Kxf7 15.fxe5+ Nf6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bd5+ Kg7 18.Qd2 h5 19.Bg5 Nd4 20.Rbel Nf5 21.Bxf6+ exf6 22.Nf4 Rhe8 23.Ne6+ Bxe6 24.Bxe6 Nd4 25.Qf4 Qd8 26.Bc4 Ne2+ 27.Rxe2 Rxe2 28.Ra1 Qe7 29.Qxb8 Qe3+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+ 0-1



U of A CC Ladder Tournament by Aaron Lovi

The U of A Chess Club's Ladder Tourney is in full swing. All games are all played at game/15. Currently, first place is bouncing between Dave Ottosen, Yngvi Bjornsson, and Dmitri Shefer.

Here's a game between #10 Aaron Lovi, defending his rung from #11 Adrien Regimbald.

Lovi, A - Regimbald, A [D02]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Bg4 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 dxc4 7.Nc3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Qxd4 9.Bxc6+ 1-0

All the results can be found at <http://www.ualberta.ca/~chess/ladder.html>

Alberta Club Listings and Schedules

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mail to 302 - 312 - 6 Ave NE, Calgary AB T2E 0L9

WORDS BOOKS CLUB

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Calgary, AB, 10am-4:30pm. All tournaments \$7
Active time controls. CFC rated.
Contact: Rook St. Peter 244-4239, Walter Watson 277-5620,
or Tedge Davies jdavies@cwave.com
Tournament Schedule (starts 10 a.m.):
January 3: Under 2000 February 7: Under 2000
January 17: Under 1699 February 21: Under 1699

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Info: club phone (424-0283); Aaron Lovi (481-7278).
Schedule for Thursday tournaments:
Dec: Alekhine Active: Dec 4, 11, 18 (9 rds)
Jan: Edmonton Closed & Reserves: starts Jan 8 (7 rds)

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Meets: Peace Valley Inn (Rose Room), 9609-101 St. Sat. 9:00-4:00
Dates: Call Todd.
Info: Todd Seitz (624-3256).
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