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SOUTH RECLAIMS BATTLE OF ALBERTA

SOUTHERNERS SURVIVE SECOND ROUND FIGHTBACK

By Alan Clark

In a very close contest, Ron Hinds and his motley crew exacted revenge for last year's defeat by edging out the northerners in this year's Battle of Alberta in Red Deer. The teams were very evenly matched on paper, and it was finely balanced on the boards too. The final score was 12.5-11.5.

I did not receive a report on the event from either captain, and there was no TD, so I have written one myself.

The team from the north came into the event confidently, being as they were holders. They sported two masters and six experts, but were outgunned by the team from the south who boasted four masters and three experts. Seven of last year's players from the North returned, while of the South team five competed a year ago.

After the first round, the South was ahead by the apparently insurmountable score of 9-3, and it looked like it was all over bar the shouting. Somebody wrote down the required number of points required for victory on the whiteboard, and things looked gloomy for those Edmontonians during the lunch break who gathered in Wendy's to marshal strength and spirit. The second round started, and soon the North had claimed a number of quick wins. As time wore on though, the points required by the South slowly diminished, and they dragged themselves across the finishing line with the North in close pursuit. The North had won the second round of games by a score of 8.5 to 3.5, just shy of the 9 points required to tie the match and retain the trophy.

Here are my comments, along with the gamescores. Sadly, I did not receive all the scores, as non-playing Edmonton captain Adam Tassone, in a controversial move, did not copy the games during the event. This makes a good argument for the games to be recorded using carbon paper next year. To say nothing of the year after that. And the year after that etc. Hopefully the games will be unearthed

sometime in the future in order to complete the set.

Board 1, Dale Haessel vs. Jeff Reeve

In game one, Dale nurtured a slight but persistent advantage for some time before winning a pawn, then another. In the tricky minor piece endgame that resulted, Jeff achieved enough activity to draw the game. The second game featured the same

Nf4+ 47. Kf2 Rxb3 48. Bg3 Kf5 1/2-1/2

Reeve - Haessel Round 2

1. Nf3 c5 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nc3 g6 4. g3 Bg7 5. Bg2 e5 6. d3 d6 7. a3 Nge7 8. Rb1 f5 9. Bd2 a5 10. h4 h6 11. Qc1 Nd4 12. b4 axb4 13. axb4 cxb4 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Nxf3+ 16. Bxf3 Qe7 17. Rxb4 Bf6 18. O-O g5 19. Bh5+ Kf8 20. Rc4 Kg7 21.Kh2 Bd7 22. Qb1 b5 23.Rc7 Rhc8 24. Rfc1 Rxc7 25. Rxc7 Qd8 26. Rb7 Qc8 27. Qxb5 1-0

Calgary 12.5 Edmonton 11.5

1	Dale Haessel	0.5 - 1.5	Jeff Reeve
2	Greg Huber	1.5 - 0.5	Rob Gardner
3	Fred South	2.0 - 0.0	Micah Hughey
4	Kris Boehmer	1.0 - 1.0	Zoltan Baunok
5	Roy Yearwood	1.0 - 1.0	David Ottosen
6	Ron Hinds	0.5 - 1.5	Brian Knapper
7	Kim Nguyen	1.0 - 1.0	Grant Brown
8	Sune Anderson	1.0 - 1.0	Alan Clark
9	Jim Flemming	1.0 - 1.0	Dave Gomboc
10	Harold Thimm	0.5 - 1.5	Ford Wong
11	Taco Van Iperen	1.5 - 0.5	Alfredo Tinio
12	Archie Robertson	1.0 - 1.0	Harold Climenhaga

opening (Jeff was observed reading a book about the English on the drive down), and once again Black failed to equalize. When White achieved a rook on the seventh rank, a visually impaired man could see that the advantage was big.

Hassel - Reeve

Round 1

1. c4 g6 2. g3 Bg7 3. Bg2 d6 4. Nc3 c5 5. a3 Nc6 6. Rb1 a5 7. d3 e5 8. e3 f5 9. Nge2 Nf6 10. O-O O-O 11. f4 Kh8 12. fxe5 dxe5 13. Na4 Qd6 14. Nb6 Rb8 15. Nxc8 Rbxc8 16.Nc3 Rcd8 17. Qb3 Rf7 18. Nd5 h5 19. Bd2 h4 20. gxh4 Nh5 21. Qb6 f4 22. Be4 Qe6 23. Rf2 f3 24.Kh1 Bf6 25. Rxf3 Bxh4 26. Rxf7 Qxf7 27.Rg1 Rf8 28. Qc7 g5 29. Qxf7 Rxf7 30. Bc3 Kg7 31. Nb6 Re7 32.Nc8 Re6 33. Bd5 Rf6 34. Bxc6 Rxc6 35. Ne7 Re6 36. Nf5+ Kf6 37. Rf1 Kg6 38.Bxa5 e4 39. dxe4 Rxe4 40. b3 Nf6 41. Bd8 Nd7 42. Kg2 Ne5 43. Be7 Nd3 44.Nxh4+ gxh4 45. Rd1 Rxe3 46.Bxh4

Board 2, Greg Huber vs. Rob Gardner

It was perhaps inevitable that these two would add another chapter to their long-running personal battle, and Greg's fine play brought an important victory for his team. In game one, a Scheveningen-type game, something obviously went wrong for White as Black got the d5-break in, and also won a pawn. The pawns on e5 and d5 that marched all the way down to the third rank were too much for Rob to handle, and Greg soon claimed the win. Game two saw Rob play a nice temporary exchange sacrifice (19...Rxd3!) and that was enough to deliver a draw.

Gardner - Huber

Round 1

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e6 7. O-O Nbd7 8. f4 b5 9. Bf3 Bb7 10. f5 e5 11. Nb3 Rc8 12. Nd5 Nxd5 13. exd5 Be7 14. Bd2 Qc7 15. Ba5 Qc4 16. Re1 O-O 17. c3 Nf6 18. Bb4 Bxd5 19. Na5 Bxf3 20. Qxf3 Qc7 21. Rad1 d5 22. Bxe7 Qxe7 23. Nb3 h6 24. Rd2 Rfe8 25. Kh1 b4 26. Rde2 Ne4 27. cxb4 Qxb4 28. h3 Qd6 29. Rd1 Nf6 30. Qg3 Rcd8 31. Nd2 e4 32. Qh4 Qe5 33. g4 e3 34. Nf3 Qe4 35. Qg3 d4 36. Rg2 d3 37. g5 Nh5 38. Qg4 Qxg4 39. Rxg4 e2 0-1

Huber - Gardner

Round 2

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bc4 Qb6 7. Nb3 e6 8. Be3 Qc7 9. Bd3 a6 10. f4 Be7 11. Qf3 b5 12. a3 Bb7 13. g4 d5 14. e5 d4 15. exf6 Bxf6 16. Ne4 dxe3 17. Nxf6+ gxf6 18. Nc5 O-O-O 19. Nxb7 Rxd3

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EDITORIAL

The spotlight briefly shifted from the World Championship athletics in "Deadmonton" recently to Red Deer, where the annual North vs. South chess match was taking place. As usual, it was a close run affair, the South shading it by 12.5-11.5. Such a close score was made even more remarkable by the fact that the South led 9-3 after the first round.

Here in the North, the investigation into the causes of the defeat is still at the preliminary stage. While no evidence of Calgarian subversion has yet been discovered, it is still too early to rule anything out. Certainly, it would be unfair and churlish to single out anyone from the North team for criticism before the full findings are published. There can be no doubt though, that Micah Hughey's role in the affair will come under close scrutiny.

After the tournament I left without collecting copies of the scoresheets, leaving me with the task of obtaining them in the small period of time that remained before publication. This had one pleasant upshot though, and that is that a number of games arrived annotated.

Having completed a year's worth (six issues) of ACRs, I have decided to let someone else take over the editorship.

Juraj Pivovarov has recently taken over control of the Alberta Chess Association (www.albertachess.org) website. I wish him good luck in his activities. He has also set up some email addresses, through which one will be able to directly contact the following -

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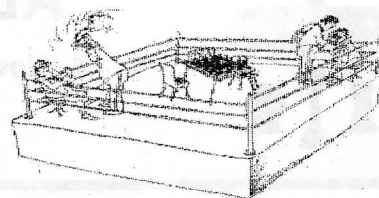
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Until next,

Alan "unfair and churlish" Clark B.Sc.



UPCOMING BATTLES

Dance of Power

Prince of Wales Armory, EDM
All Thursdays in November

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Hampton Inn and Suites, CGY
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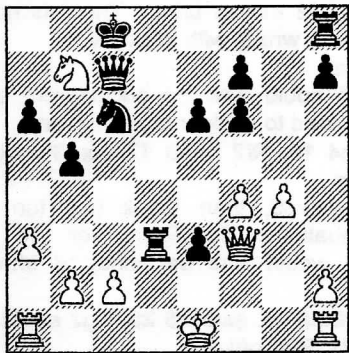
Prince Of Wales Armory, EDM
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Position after 19...Rxd3

20. cxd3 Nd4 21. Qe4 Nc2+ 22. Ke2 Nxa1 23. Rxa1 Qxb7 24. Rc1+ Kb8 25. Kxe3 Qb6+ 26. d4 Rd8 27. Rc6 Qb7 28. Rc5 Qd7 29. Rc6 Qb7 30. Rc5 Qd7 31. h3 1/2-1/2

Board 3, Fred South vs. Micah Hughey

The games from this are missing, and all I remember about them is Micah telling me that in the first game he blundered a rook in a difficult position. Micah has been rightly denounced for his play in these games by his teammates. He has however promised that he will score "at least" two points next year.

Board 4, Kris Boehmer vs. Zoltan Baunok

After White opened aggressively in game one, suddenly the tables were turned as Black pawns and pieces started taking up strong positions, but White managed to steer the ship toward calmer waters. Game two saw an early tactical skirmish before a draw was called.

Baunok – Boehmer

Round 1

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd 4. Nd4 g6 5. Nc6 bc 6. Qd4 Nf6 7. e5 Ng8 8. e6 Nf6 9. ef Kf7 10. Bc4 d5 11. 0-0 e5 12. Qd1 Bd6 13. Be2 Kg7 14. f4 Qb6 15. Kh1 Ne4 16. Qe1 ef 17. Nc3 Rf8 18. Ne4 de 19. Qc3 Kh6 20. g3 Qc7 21. gf Bf5 1/2-1/2

Boehmer – Baunok

Round 2

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 d5 5. 0-0 0-0 6. c4 c6 7. cd cd 8. Nc3 Nc6 9. Ne5 e6 10. f4 Qb6 11. e3 Rd8 12. Rf2 Ne4 13. Ne4 de 14. Be4 Be5 15. fe Ne5 16. Qf1 f5 17. de fe 18. Rf7 Rd1 19. Rf8 Kg7 20. Rf7 Kg8 21. Rf8 Kg7 22. Qd1 Kf8 23. Qa4 Qc6 24. Qb4 Kg8 25. b3 a5 26. Qd4 Bd7 27. Ba3 Qd5 28. Rc1 1/2-1/2

Board 5, Roy Yearwood vs. David Ottosen

Here, two exciting and interesting Sicilian Dragon games featured opposite-side castling. In the first, Roy combined kingside hacking with central control and broke through first, while the second was vintage Ottosen as his strong exchange sacrifice inconvenienced the Black king and eventually reaped dividends.

Yearwood – Ottosen

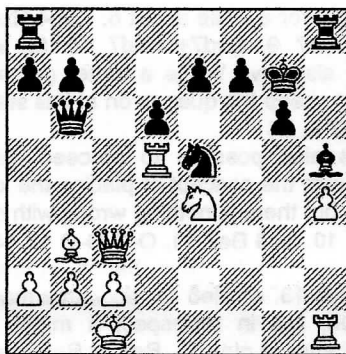
Round 1

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. Be2 O-O 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. O-O-O Bd7 10. h4 h5 11. f3 Ne5 12. Rdg1 Rc8 13. g4 Nc4 14. Bxc4 Rxc4 15. gxh5 Nxh5 16. Qd3 b5 17. Kb1 Qa5 18. Nb3 Qa6 19. Nd5 e5 20. Rd1 Re8 21. Qd2 f5 22. Rhg1 f4 23. Bf2 Re6 24. Nb4 Qa4 25. a3 a5 26. Na2 b4 27. Qd5 bxa3 28. Rxc4 Nf6 29. Qxa5 axb2 30. Rdg1 Ne8 31. Qd5 Kf7 32. h5 Qc6 33. h6 Qxd5 34. Rxc4 Nxg7 35. Rxc4 Kf8 36. exd5 Rxc4 37. Rxd7 Rh1+ 38. Kxb2 Rh2 39. Nd2 Ra4 40. Ne4 Rxe4 41. fxe4 Rxf2 42. Rxd6 Re2 43. Nc3 Re3 44. Re6 f3 45. Rxe5 Kf7 46. d6 1-0

Ottosen – Yearwood

Round 2

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. Bc4 O-O 8. f3 Qb6 9. Qd2 Nxe4 10. Nxe4 Bxd4 11. Bh6 Bg7 12. Bxg7 Kxg7 13. O-O-O d6 14. h4 Ne5 15. Bb3 h5 16. g4 Nxf3 17. Qc3+ Ne5 18. gxh5 Bg4 19. Rd5 Bxh5



Position after 19...Bxh5

20. Rxe5 dxe5 21. Qxe5+ f6 22. Qxe7+ Kh8 23. Nd6 Qc6 24. Re1 Qf3 25. Nf7+ Rxf7 26. Qxf7 Qf4+ 27. Kb1 Qxh4 28. Rf1 b5 29. a3 a5 30. Rxf6 a4 31. Bd5 Rd8 32. Qe7 1-0

Board 6, Ron Hinds vs. Brian Knapper

These games are not available, but I recall Brian playing a nice Blackmar-Deimar in game one to claim a win. Game two was unclear as Brian had a mass of pawns against Ron's extra piece, but as the last

game to finish, Brian accepted Ron's draw offer.

Board 7, Kim Nguyen – Grant Brown

Kim played aggressively in game one, a Tarrasch French, and it seemed his preparation for this system put him on better footing. In the end, the passed h-pawn decided the issue. Game two is difficult to assess, as it looked like it was all over after 27...Nxf4, but then White's Knights became active and it ended up with Black being an exchange down in the endgame.

Nguyen – Brown

Round 1

Annotations by Grant Brown

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Ndf3 Qb6 8. h4 cxd4 9. cxd4 Bb4+ 10. Kf2 f6 11. Be3 fxe5 12. fxe5 Be7 13. Qd2 Qc7?!

Not only did Micah lose his own two games, he helped me to lose this one as well. He assured me that Kim plays the Winawer variation of the French, so I spent the day before booking up for that. My explicit knowledge of the game variation ended with 8.h4, although I was able to find theoretical moves up to this point. Now, however, I lost my nerve and rejected 13... O-O, being unduly worried about h4-h5-h6 and Bf1-d3, Qd1-c2. Both of these ideas can be answered adequately with h7-h6 – if indeed White had time to execute either of them.

14. Bd3 Nb6 15. Qc2 Bd7

A semi-deliberate gambit: I wouldn't have offered the P/h7 other things being equal, but given the inaccuracies earlier, I hoped I would have enough activity should Kim choose to accept it.

16. Bh7 O-O-O 17. Bd3 Rdf8 18. Ke2 Be8 19. g4!

Kim is playing with great energy, and won't let my pieces occupy good squares. His pawn advances disrupt the coordination of my attack.

19... Qd8 20. h5 Kb8 21. a3 g6 22. h6 g5 23. h7 Rf7 24. b4

And now he's coming after my K as well...!

24... Bd7 25. b5

Perhaps hasty, as it gives my N a good post at c4.

25... Na5 26. a4 Nac4 27. Bc1 Qf8 28. Bg6 Rg7 29. Nh3 Be8 30. Be8 Rgxh7!?

I'm still losing after this, but at least I finally get a bit of freedom for my pieces, which requires Kim to play accurately.

31. Bh5 Rxh5 32. gxh5 g4 33. Nhg5 Rg8 34. Nh4?

Finally I get a break. 34.Rg1 would have forced the capture on f3 and ended all of Black's activity.

34... Bg5 35. Bg5 Rg5 36. Raf1 Qb4??

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Way too optimistic, overlooking the main threat left for White. 36...Qh6, killing the P/h5, is probably good enough for a draw (37.Ng6? Rg6 38.hg6 Qe3+ etc.). 37.h6 Ne5 38.h7 Rh5 39. Ng2 1-0

Brown – Nguyen**Round 2****Annotations by Grant Brown**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.O-O d6 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.e4 Nd7 10.Be3 a5 11.Qd2 Nc5 12.Bh6 Anticipating f7-f5, I decide to strip Black's K-side of its main defender and then exchange on f5, exposing the K. I also have in mind the maneuver Nf3-g5-e6, when its capture opens the long diagonal for my B/g2. Kim is undeterred.

13.f5 Bg7 Kg7 14.ef5 gf5 15.Rad1 Ng6 16.Ng5 Rb8 17. a3

Having diverted the R/a8, this method of ejecting the N/c5 becomes possible.

17...h6 18.Nh3 Qf6

This is a dubious placement for the Q, in my judgment. I would have played 18...f4 (threatening 19...f3) 19. f3 (19.gf4 Nf4 20.Nf4 Rf4 and White's K is not so safe, either.) when Black's activity has to be handled carefully.

19.f4 e4

This move commits Black to a middle-game attack, as most endings will be bad for him now.

20.Nf2 h5

Perhaps buoyed by his first-round win, Kim was playing with visible confidence here - perhaps over-confidence.

21.Nb5 Na6 2.Rfe1

22.Qa5? e3 23.Nd3 e2 +-

22...b6 23.Nd4 Re8 24.Qe2?

I had considered the B sac on e4 here and earlier, but overlooked the essential preparation, 24.Qc3! If then 24...Bd7 25.Be4! fx4 6.Ne4 Black probably has to give back an exchange with 26...Re4 in order to avoid being over-run. Then material is equal, but White still has a strong initiative.

24...h4 25.g4??

This is what I had planned when I played 24.Qe2?, and I simply forgot to double-check to make sure it was sound. I forgot that my P/f4 was no longer defended, after moving all 3 of its defenders away since move 19!

25...Nf4 26.Qe3 Ng2 27.Kg2 f4 28.Qc3

[I finally find the right square for the Q, but it's too late...]

28...e3 29.h3 Bd7 30.Nd3 Nc5??

Anxious to bring his off-side pieces into the action, Kim stumbles on the last move of time control. 30...Re4! is the only move, but it should be enough to preserve a winning advantage.

31.Nf4 Qe5

31...Qf4?? 32.Ne6+

32.Re3 Ne4 33.Nde6+ Be6 34.Qe5+ de5 e4!

35.Ne6+ Re6 36.de6 Nd6 37.Re5 Nc4

38.e7 1-0

38...Ne5 39.Rd8 Nc6 40.e8=Q Nd8 and Black can't move a piece without losing more material.

1-0

Board 8, Sune Anderson vs. Alan Clark

Anderson was forced onto the back foot in game one after ceding a positional advantage, but defended resourcefully and may have been better later on. Time trouble brought a dangerous attack for White, but the talented Scot missed his chance for an easy win with 33.d6. Game two descended into farce when Alan, having survived a dodgy opening position to win two pawns with some slick maneuvering, played the ludicrous 30...Re8 instead of the winning 30...Qh1+ 31. Ke2 Re8+. After this tomfoolery, Alan could only think of what might have been. Sune made the most of this turn of events and Black's king was too exposed to escape the checks.

Clark – Anderson**Round 1****Annotations by Alan Clark**

1. e4 c5 2. c3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bg4?! 6. d5 Ne5 7. Nxe5!+=

This secures spatial superiority for White in the center.

7...dxe5

Of course 7...Bxd1 loses to 8. Bb5+ and White will emerge a piece ahead.

8.f3

I thought for a while about 8. Qxg4 Nxd4 9. Bb5+ Qd7 9. Qxd7+ Kxd7 10. f3, which would also give White a better game, but opted to keep the queens on at this stage.

8...Bd7 9. c4

It was also possible to proceed with 9. Nbd2 with the concept of placing the knight on c4, but there is nothing wrong with c4.

9...e6 10. Nc3 Be7 11. O-O O-O 12. f4?!

This was a hasty move, based on the trick 12...exf4 13. e5 Ne8 14. d6 with a massive position, but in retrospect it might have been better to play 12. Be3 or Bg5 or some such move. White's center now becomes rather loose.

12...Bd6

More or less forced.

13. Be3

An important alternative was the space-gaining 13. f5, and post-game analysis has shown that Black must play 13...exf5 14. exf5 e4!, and now if White takes twice on e4 Black gets Bxh2+ and Qh4+ in, regaining the pawn with a dynamically even position.

13...Qc7!

Exposing the fragility of White's pawn structure. If now 14. f5, then a similar tactic arises as in the last note: 14...exf5 15. exf5

14. g3 h5!?

A curious move, intending to further pressure the f4 pawn which was so hastily moved 12 moves prior. There is nothing obviously wrong with this move.

15. Qe2

15. f5 could now be considered, and it would lead to unclear complications.

15...h4 16. Rf2 hxg3 17. hxg3 exd5 18. Nxd5=

If 18. exd5, then Black has too good continuations: 18...Rae8, or 18...Ng4, which would also be annoying after 18. cxd5.

18...Nxd5 19. exd5 f5 20. Kg2 e4 21. Bc2 Be7 22. Rh1 g6!

It turns out that Black can comfortably defend the kingside, by challenging the h-file. White cannot claim any advantage here.

23. Kf1 Kg7 24. Rfh2 Rh8 25. g4!

White's last try at a winning attack

25...Rag8?!

The solid 25...Bf6 must be considered.

26. gxf5 Bxf5 27. Qg2!+-

All of a sudden, White has an extremely dangerous attack.

27...Bd6 28. Bxe4 Rxh2 29. Rxh2 Bxf4?

This is in fact a losing move. 29...Bxe4 30. Qxe4 had to be tried, but White is obviously better.

30. Bxf5 Bxh2 31. Qxg6+ Kf8 32. Bh6+ Rg7 33. Qf6+

33. d6 wins here, see next note.

Kg8 34. Qxg7+?=

Having drummed up a winning attack White completely mis-assesses the ending. The game is over after 34. d6 Bxd6. (34...Rg1+ 35. Kf2 loses a rook) 35. Bxg7 Qxg7 36. Qxd6. I was sure that I had an immediate win, but did not see the d6 idea and with the clock ticking mercilessly toward time control, I bailed into a dead drawn opposite-bishop endgame, hoping against all logic that I could grind out a win.

34...Qxg7 35. Bxg7 Kxg7 36. Ke2 Kf6 37. Bc8 b6 38. Kd3 Ke5 39. a3 a5 40. Kc3 Kd6 41. b4 axb4+ 42. axb4 Be5+ 43. Kb3 cxb4 44. Kxb4 Bd4

The fat lady has long since retired to the dressing room.

1/2-1/2

Anderson - Clark**Round 2****Annotations by Alan Clark**

1. e4 c5 2. c3

This is my primary opening as White, and would prefer not to play against it, but you can't always get what you want.

2...Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. cxd4 Nc6 6. Nf3 d6 7. Bc4 Nb6 8. Bb5 a6 9. Bxc6+ bxc6 10. O-O g6 11. Nc3 Bg7 12. Bf4

I was concerned at the prospect of 12. exd6. After 12...Qxd6, Black has a weak

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 pawn on c6 and cannot play c5 for some time (e.g. 13. Re1 c5? 14. dxc5 Qxc5? 15. Be3 Qb4 16. Bxb6 Qxb6 17. Rxe7+), while the positionally desirable 12...exd6 fails tactically, for example 13. Re1+ Be6 14. Ng5 Qd7 15. d5 and the Black king is still uncastled with material loss inevitable.

12...O-O

The Black king runs for the hills while it still can. Having got out of that mess, I could confidently face the middlegame.

13. exd6 exd6 14. Ne4 d5

Leaving a hole on c5, but I was beginning to formulate a plan based on pressuring the e4 pawn.

15. Nc5 Bg4!

Juice! As Roy Yearwood might note, Black is better now - White has to go into some contortions to try and save a pawn, which he eventually loses anyway; the bankruptcy of White's position is laid bare for all to see.

16. Be5 Bxe5 17. dxe5 Nc4 18. Nd3 Qb8 19. Qe2 Re8 20. Qc2

Placing either rook on e1 to defend the pawn would be met with 20...f6.

20...Bxf3 21. gxf3 Nxe5 22. Nxe5 Rxe5 23. f4 Re6 24. Rfe1 Qxf4 25. Rxe6 Qg4+ 26. Kf1 Qxe6 27. Rc1 Rc8++

The festivities are over, and Black is trivially winning. All that's left now is to simplify into the endgame, or maybe go and finish off the White king. Black can choose how to win.

28. b4 Qd6 29. Qa4 Qxh2 30. Rxc6 Re8??

But what's this? This is not simply no good. After 30...Qh1+ 31. Ke2 Re8+ (it was my idea to transpose into this, but forgot to consider my opponent's threats) 32. Ke3 Qf3+ and White goes down in flames.

31. Rxc6+

All that good work wasted.

31...hxc6 32. Qxe8+ Kg7 33. Qc6 Qh1+ 34. Ke2 Qe4+ 35. Kf1 Qxb4

I had a long look at 35...Qb1+ 36. Kg2 Qxa2, defending both pawns on d5 and a6, but thought that I would not be able to escape the checks after Qc3+ etc. This is probably incorrect, but it will be a while before the Black king is able to evade the attentions of the White queen, and I did not wish to allow some random king chase across all sides of the board.

36. Qxa6 d4 37. Qd3

It does not appear that Black has a win here though, as the King is too far away to help and any attempt to bring it into the fray would result in a plethora of checks. White also has the possibility of throwing the a-pawn up the board, distracting Black from his own objective of queening the d-pawn
 g5 38. Ke2 f6 39. Qb3 Qc5 40. a4 g4 41. Qb7+ Kh6 42. Qb3 Qe5+ 43. Kd3 Qf5+ 44. Ke2 Qe4+ 45. Kd2 d3 46. Qxd3 Qxa4 47. Ke2 Qf4 48. Kf1 f5 49. Qd8 Qe5 50.

Qf8+ Kg6 51. Qg8+ Kh5 52. Qf8

Sune offered a draw hereabouts. I asked Dave Ottosen if he thought there was winning chances and he replied "probably not with your endgame technique". I really set myself up for that one!

Kg5 53. Kg2 Kf4 54. Qh6+ Ke4 55. Qe3+ Kd5 56. Qb3+ Kc6 57. Qc4+ Kd6 58. Qb4+ Ke6 59. Qb6+ Qd6 60. Qe3+ Qe5 1/2-1/2

Board 9, Jim Flemming vs. Dave Gomboc

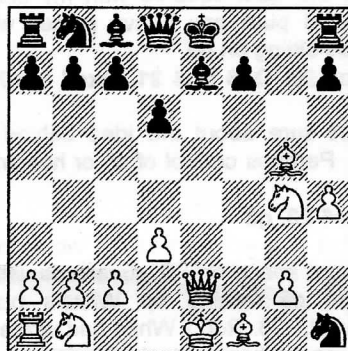
Dave blundered in time trouble, sacrificing a piece with 21...Nxc2 which was refuted by 23. f3. When the dust had settled, White was a piece up with more to follow. The second encounter saw Dave exact a heavy toll, mating Jim in only 12 moves to provide a spur for a Northern recovery.

Flemming - Gomboc Round 1

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Nf3 dxc4 5. a4 Bb4 6. e3 b5 7. Ne5 Bb7 8. Bd2 a5 9. Be2 f6 10. Nf3 Ne7 11. O-O Nf5 12. Qc2 Nd6 13. e4 O-O 14. e5 Nf5 15. exf6 gxf6 16. Rad1 Bxc3 17. bxc3 Qd5 18. Bc1 Kh8 19. Qd2 Na6 20. Ne1 Nh4 21. Qf4 Nxc2 22. Nxc2 c5 23. f3 b4 24. Ne3 Qh5 25. Kf2 cxd4 26. Rxd4 e5 27. Qh4 Qxh4+ 28. Rxh4 f5 29. Nxc4 Nc5 30. cxb4 axb4 31. a5 1-0

Gomboc - Flemming Round 2

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 g5 4. h4 g4 5. Ne5 Nf6 6. Nxc4 Nxe4 7. d3 Ng3 8. Bxf4 Nxc1 9. Bg5 Be7 10. Qe2 d6



Position after 10...d6

11. Nf6+ Kf8 12. Bh6# 1-0

Board 10, Harold Thimm vs Ford Wong

Ford looked busted after 20...Bxf3, but Harold could not take advantage of the exposed king and instead forced the repitition, just after Ford had declined a draw offer. The second game saw Ford equalize, and cashed in on a good position with the tactical 28...Nxf4+. In the endgame, the White knight was no match

for the Black Bishop, which had free reign of the board. Rakingage is known to have occurred.

Wong - Thimm Round 1

Annotations by Ford Wong

I have never met Harold before but he is a very nice gentleman who owns his own consulting company that provides consulting on environmental things in the oil patch. From talking to him, he is originally from Australia and has worked around the world, Egypt, etc. Originally I thought that I would be playing Jim Flemming a QGD player then it was Taco Van Iperin. I was supposed to play Taco but a mix-up had me playing Harold Thimm. Harold had kindly even filled out a scoresheet for me so who was I to argue. However, I was wrong.

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 e6 4. Bg5 Nbd7

This move is inaccurate but couldn't remember what was wrong with this.

5. e3 Be7 6. Nf3

A QGD.

6...O-O 7. Qc2

I decided to try this new move (for me anyways) as I thought that I would be playing Jim Flemming and wanted to try something different against his QGD which I know he plays well. This move is supposedly good for QGD attacking type players. Earlier in the week, I told myself that I would look at this opening further but never got around to it. Yuk. Now I wished that I had as that preparation would have come in handy here. Oh well.

7... c5

I really didn't expect this move and it came as kind of a surprise but this move is okay.

8. Bd3?

8. cxd5

8...dxc4 9. Bxc4 cxd4 10. exd4

I didn't mind this isolated P pos. Time will tell.

10...Nb6 11. Bd3 h6 12. h4!?

A dangerous gambit which B cannot accept. However, I should have looked deeper into it B doesn't accept it the h-pawn now looks silly and weak.

12... Nbd5

After the game I was thinking that there certainly should have been a >= move than this. Perhaps building up the attack. However I really didn't feel like 0-0-0. It might have been that I didn't want to look at what if Black accepts the piece. Lazy.

12...hxc5?? 13. hxc5 Black must give back the N otherwise get mated on h7. eg. 13... Nfd5 14. Bh7+ Kh8 15. Bg8+ Kxg8 16. Qh7#

13. Nxd5 Qxd5

Now I realized that I have just helped Black develop and get his queen into a good defending position. My piece sac now

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looks horrible and I have weaknesses everywhere.

14. Bd2

A humble retreat. Now if 0-0 then my h-pawn looks silly and weak.

14...Bd7 15. O-O

Time to get my K to safety even at the cost of a P.

15...Rac8 16. Qd1 Bc6 17. Bc3 Ne4 18. Re1 Nxc3 19. bxc3 Qh5 20. Re5

Fighting for counterplay.

20... Bxf3 21. gxf3

Maybe I can get something out of the open g-file **21...Qxh4**

Black is winning but I have attacking possibilities.

22. Re4

The rook is headed for g4 and to help defend my king. Any other non-rook move would lose the exchange

to Bd6 possibly and the trade of my Q after Qh1+.

22... Qh5 23. c4

Hanging on to my other weak P. At least I have control of the center somewhat.

23... b6**23... Bd6!****24. Qe2**

I really don't want to allow Black to get a Qh1+ and trading off my queen.

24...Bd6 25. Rg4 Qh2+ 26. Kf1 Qh1+ 27. Rg1 Qh3+ 28. Ke1 Qh2 29. Kf1

29. Kd2: this was a very risky move if I wanted to go for the win by connecting rooks but at what cost. Perhaps my king instead. After looking at this I thought that this was very risky so decided against it.

29...Qf4+ 30. Kc2 Qxd4

29. Rf1: After the game I saw this move but my position is very passive. It at least keeps the game going.

29... Qh3+

Black offered a draw here. After the game Black said that he didn't like that I might have some attacking possibilities should I manage to break free of my bind. I personally like B as he could plant his queen on f4 which stops my queen and bishop battery.

30. Rg2

I declined saying that there was lots more to play here. However I forgot about B's next move.

30...Qh1+ 31. Rg1

Draw accepted. Time: W 81 mins B 35 mins. I was outplayed by my opponent who plays very conservatively and doesn't like to give his opponent many chances. I was fortunate to draw as B was clearly better.

After the game he said that he didn't want to give me any attacking chances. After the game Dave asked me where the pictures were, i.e. the ones which I had of Harold which I supposedly was blackmailing him with, hence his draw offer. Harold was kind enough to buy me a pop

as I had left my wallet in the car.

1/2-1/2**Thimm - Wong****Round 2****Annotations by Ford Wong**

Start of round 2. Northern Alberta was seriously behind at 3 to 9. Someone wrote on the board that the magic number for Southern Alberta was 3.5. I wasn't sure how my game was going to end but knew that I was evenly paired with my opponent. He played a QGD last time which implies a conservative type player. What or will he play against my King's Indian?

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Nf3

Does W prefer playing the KID Classical?

4... d6 5. Bg5

Nope. Its going to be a positional struggle!

5...Nbd7 6. e3 h6 7. Bxf6 Nxf6 8. Be2 O-O**9. O-O c6**

A waiting move. Perhaps Qa5 or Qb6 later.

10. Qc2 Re8**10... Bf5 11. e4****11. Rfd1 Qc7 12. Rac1 e5**

Perhaps I should have looked at this move closer but I felt that I needed to contest the file right away.

13. dxe5 dxe5 14. e4 Be6 15. Rd2 Rad8**16. Rcd1 Rd7 17. Rxd7 Nxd7 18. b3**

A quiet move which gives me a tempo to do something.

18...Nf8

Heading to d4 via e6

19. Qd2

Although White has control of the open file, I felt that I could repel any invaders as I can control the dark squares with my bishop. Bf8 would punt any heavy pieces which might be sitting on d6.

19...Bc8 20. Qd6 Ne6 21. Qxc7 Nxc7 22. Na4

I wasn't sure about the idea behind this move. Perhaps control of c5 or heading to c5?

22... Ne6 23. g3

I felt that a good plan for W would be to grab more space on the queenside with b4 or even c5 freeing up White's bishop somewhat. 23. Rd6 - White had wrote this on his scoresheet but changed his mind. Tempting as it is, if he would have played it then the rook get trapped.

23... Nd4

Threatening Bf8.

24. Nc3 Rd8 25. Kg2**25. Kf1 Bh3+ 26. Ke1?? Nc2#****25...Kf8 26. Ng1 Ke7 27. f4 Nxe2 28. Rxd8 Nxf4+**

Winning a P. W must have overlooked this move.

29. gxf4 Kxd8

Now its two bishops vs two knights. I felt that my bishops were better here.

30. fxe5**30. Kf3!****30...Bxe5**

This also centralizes my B on a good square.

31. Nce2 Ke7 32. Nc1 Bg4

To trade off a N in what I consider a better bishop vs. knight endgame as the knights haven't found good squares yet.

33. Nd3 Kd6 34. h3

34. c5+ This would also take away c5 away from the knight 34... Ke6

34...Bd1 35. Nf3 Bxf3+ 36. Kxf3 f6

Freeing my K to move around. I need to penetrate White's position with my king somehow. The queenside pawns can hold off White on that side and any time White's knight gets in the sights of my bishop is off he goes.

37. Ke3 h5

To create a passer on the kingside or even connected passed pawns if White plays h4.

38. Kf2 g5 39. Kf3

White is bidding his time. Hopefully eventually either White's knight or king will have to move giving way for my king to penetrate.

39...b6 40. a4?

I really didn't like this move as it puts holes in white's queenside. During the game I thought that ideally White would like to create a pawn phalanx on b4 and c4 and cripple any pawn advances over there perhaps. After the game Harold thought that this was hasty and should have delayed this move. If W plays another move then I was going to play either a5 or Ke6 followed by f5.

40...a5

Controlling b4

41. Nf2 Kc5 42. Nd3+ Kd4

The decisive breakthrough.

43. Ke2 Kxe4 44. c5

A last effort by White to get some counterplay.

44... Bd4 45. cxb6 Bxb6 46. b4 g4 47. bxa5 Bxa5

47...Ba7 could be played but I decided against taking any chances and maybe ending up with a surprise.

48. Nf2+ Kf4 49. hxg4 hxg4 50. Kf1 Kf3**51. Kg1**

What else to do? White missed my next move.

51... Bb6 52. a5 Bxf2+ 53. Kh1

Hoping for a cheapo statemate?

53... g3

Time: White 64 mins, Black 85 mins. Another game were I stood worse but played quietly. White missed an in-between check which won me a P and the resulting ending was two bishops versus two knights and me with an extra pawn. A "GOOD" game.

0-1**Board 11, Van Iperen - Tinio**

No gamescores here, and to be honest I
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Alberta Open 2001 Edmonton Ford Wong

Normally, chess tournaments in Edmonton are held at the beautiful Edmonton Chess Club with its wooden boards and fancy pieces. But due to a massive wedding in the same building where the club is located, this years Alberta Open treated Alberta players and two from British Columbia to a chess tournament in the Fantasyland Hotel in West Edmonton Mall with cardboard boards and standard tournament pieces. However, the mall gave players the benefit of lots of things to do and access to plenty of "food" between rounds. "There is no excuse for wasting away to nothing!". Some players had time to swim in the waterpark while others went shopping. Paint ball was available but I wasn't aware of anyone doing this or even going for the mindbender to get oneself ready for ones next game.

Overall, the Fantasyland Hotel and West Edmonton Mall was a nice venue to host a chess tournament where a person is not confined to the tournament room and having to drive somewhere. Although the location was great, the playing room was not overly bright (with some shadowing) but tolerable and the piped music was at times annoying. The later of which could be turned off by turning off the power to 1/5 th of the mall. My request to do so was denied. The water refill servant was a bit noisy at times too! Use of the hallway to set up a table with a few boards for post game analysis and skittles was denied as the hallways were very busy with other functions. All in all, I still feel that playing in the Fantasyland Hotel in West Edmonton Mall was very enjoyable and think that the ACA should host more events there. It was quite nice to be able to walk down the mall after the tournament to find a "SNACK". It is also only a short 5 minute drive home unless you go out of your way to take the extra hour to drive other people home.

So here is what happened at the Alberta Open. The tournament was late starting to give players time to drive over from the

Edmonton Chess club in case some people showed up there. No one showed up there but you never know. While waiting for the tournament to start several players snuck out for breakfast. The sets and boards were late in arriving as the "WGTDA" was delayed in waiting for the hotel staff to provide a dolly. There were initially 44 registrants but 2 players joined in later. It looked to be a strong event with 13 players rated 2000 plus (5 masters, 1 former master, 6 experts). Round one saw no major upsets other than 4 draws in the upper middle boards. Round two saw Bentley draw Haessel putting Dale temporarily behind by ½ point. Day one is over. Did I mention that there was lots of places to eat in the mall? Round three sees Reeve and Hughey draw leaving Gardner and Yearwood leading with 3.0 pts. Round three is over and there is some time before the ACA AGM starts. Did I mention that there was lots of places to eat in the mall? Round four sees Gardner, all alone with 4 pts and the lead by beating Yearwood. Haessel is 2nd with 3.5. Bentley stunts Hugheys efforts with a draw. Day two is over. Did I mention that there was lots of places to eat in the mall? Round five sees the lead change to Haessel (4.5) who defeats Gardner with Huber, Reeve, Gardner, Hughey and Yearwood chasing (all with 4.0). Reeve, Hughey and Yearwood put Bentley, Pivovarov, and Milne respectively back into the trailer pack led by Nguyen with 3.5. It is still anybody's tournament in all classes. The last round features the top six rated players all playing each other. Huber defeats Haessel, Reeve defeats Gardner and Hughey defeats Yearwood leaving a three way tie for first amongst all the winners of round six. Jeff Reeve, the silent one, qualified for the Alberta Closed by tie break. Other excitement in round six... Whoever wins between Nguyen and Tinio wins 1st in 2000-2200 class and Nguyen converts his advantage. Doo finishes with 3.5 pts and sneaks in to take 1st place in the 1600-1800 class with a win against Karmali as class leaders Pivovarov and Eshleman can't find wins with Hinds and Milne to add to their 3.0 pts. For Doo this is a good showing despite starting with a zero pt bye in round one. Kazmaier gives

up a draw to Yamach allowing Paicic to catch him with a win against Wihnon to split the 1400-1600 prizes. Deimert loses in the last round while Boik wins giving each a share of the Under 1400 prize with 2 pts. Suspense was high to find out who all would finish tied for 2nd in the 1600-1800 class. It turned out to be a seven way tie and an even split of \$35.00 for \$5.00 each. The tournament is officially over and as is tradition, everyone goes out for a post tournament meal. Seeing as everyone has pretty well O'Dd from eating in the mall, it was time to go elsewhere. The Outback Restaurant was chosen and I could tell you what I had (hint: it wasn't turkey) but I won't as I wouldn't want you all copying me the next time we go there. To sum up, in case you forgot the Alberta Open is held on Thanksgiving and yous gotta eat...Gobble, Gobble. Pass the gravy please?

The tournament went quite smoothly with no problems other than this TD having to shake off the rust from having not run a tournament in a while. There were the usual time scrambles including several games where the TD couldn't keep up with recording the moves. Overall a good tournament.

Thanks to everyone for playing. Besides the usual carloads of Calgarians, out of town players included Chris Miller (Cold Lake), Kirk Duvall (Ontario via Calgary), David Deimert (Grande Prairie), and Alfredo Tinio (Wainwright). Keith Aartsen and Alex Schmeisser came all the way from Prince George. They were in town for their yearly Thanksgiving getaway and decided to take in the Alberta Open. The 2.5/10.0 possible pts that they collectively earned together is probably not indicative of the fun that they had this weekend. But then what happens in Edmonton, stays in Edmonton. Additional thanks go to the ACA who contributed \$75.00 to the prize fund and to the two anonymous contributors (Ron and Ford - oops). As usual thanks to everyone who helped set up boards and pack up and to those who helped monitor time scrambles. Tournament thanks wouldn't be complete without a big thankyou to the World's Greatest TD assistant (you know who you are) who brought the boards, sets, clocks,

scoresheets, pairing cards, etc.

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Crosstable

NAME	rtng	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Pts
1 Reeve, Jeff	2319	W33	W9	D3	D8	W12	W7	5.0
2 Huber, Greg	2323	W22	W10	L6	W25	W8	W4	5.0
3 Hughey, Micah	2206	W24	W26	D1	D12	W20	W6	5.0
4 Haessel, Dale	2241	W42	D12	W16	W19	W7	L2	4.5
5 Nguyen, Kim	2049	D18	W34	L19	W28	W26	W13	4.5
6 Yearwood, Roy	2144	W35	W21	W2	L7	W9	L3	4.0
7 Gardner, Rob	2264	W27	W31	W13	W6	L4	L1	4.0
8 Hinds, Ronald	2085	D34	W18	W23	D1	L2	W20	4.0
9 Milne, Arthur	1925	W30	L1	W22	W10	L6	W19	4.0
10 Duval, Kirk	1921	W14	L2	W42	L9	W27	W18	4.0
11 Daniluk, Jim	2098	BYE	W20	L12	D27	W35	W21	4.0
12 Bentley, Bill	1904	W40	D4	W11	D3	L1	D16	3.5
13 Tinio, Alfredo	2010	W17	W32	L7	D21	W25	L5	3.5
14 Kazmaier, Daniel	1479	L10	D15	W45	W22	D21	D26	3.5
15 Doo, Alvin	1746		D14	W36	D18	D17	W29	3.5
16 Gomboc, Dave	2026	D25	W36	L4	W34	D19	D12	3.5
17 Palcic, Branko	1520	L13	W41	L20	W37	D15	W25	3.5
18 Beebe, Greg	1652	D5	L8	W33	D15	W32	L10	3.0
19 Eshleman, Brandon	1783	W44	D29	W5	L4	D16	L9	3.0
20 Pivovarov, Juraj	1749	W41	L11	W17	W29	L3	L8	3.0
21 Bertrand, Daryl	1896	W38	L6	W24	D13	D14	L11	3.0
22 Milward, Dave	1723	L2	W30	L9	L14	W40	W36	3.0
23 Rajski, Piotr	1784	BYE	W39	L8	BYE	D28	W35	3.0
24 Brodmann, David	1710	L3	W46	L21	L30	W44	W37	3.0
25 Wihnon, Jason	1577	D16	W45	W29	L2	L13	L17	2.5
26 Yamach, Ahmet	1855	W46	L3	W35	BYE	L5	D14	2.5
27 Camphaug, Lincoln	1721	L7	D43	W40	D11	L10	D28	2.5
28 Kazakevich, Anastasia1659		L29	W37	D32	L5	D23	D27	2.5
29 Karmali, Hafiz	2050	W28	D19	L25	L20	W30	L15	2.5
30 Macfarlane, Don	1495	L9	L22	W39	W24	L29	D33	2.5
31 Quiring, John	1896	W43	L7	BYE	BYE	BYE	W39	2.5
32 Regimbald, Adrien	1763	W37	L13	D28	BYE	L18	W34	2.5
33 Kazakevich, Alexander1722		L1	D40	L18	W43	D34	D30	2.5
34 Stark, Mark	1671	D8	L5	W43	L16	D33	L32	2.0
35 Chi, Jonathan	1698	L6	W44	L26	W38	L11	L23	2.0
36 Miller, Chris	1512	D45	L16	L15	W41	D42	L22	2.0
37 Deimert, David	1336	L32	L28	W46	L17	W38	L24	2.0
38 Boik, Andrew	UNR	L21	L42	W44	L35	L37	W40	2.0
39 Eshleman, Lucas	1164	BYE	L23	L30	L40	W46	L31	1.5
40 Dewindt, Cor	1410	L12	D33	L27	W39	L22	L38	1.5
41 Chi, Megan	1295	L20	L17	BYE	L36	L43	W46	1.5
42 Skrzypniak, George	1719	L4	W38	L10	BYE	D36	wd	1.5
43 Aartsen, Keith	1406	L31	D27	L34	L33	W41	wd	1.5
44 Schmeisser, Alex	UNR	L19	L35	L38	W46	L24	wd	1.0
45 Ward, Fouad	UNR	D36	L25	L14				0.5
46 Jolicoeur, Simon-Daniel	UNR	L26	L24	L37	L44	L39	L41	0.0

List of Prize Winners:

Open:	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Greg Huber, Jeff Reeve, Micah Hughey
2000-2200	1 st	Kim Nguyen
	2 nd	Roy Yearwood, Ron Hinds, Jim Daniluk
1800-2000	1 st 2 nd	Art Milne, Kirk Duvall
1600-1800	1 st	Alvin Doo
	2 nd	Greg Beebe, David Brodmann, Dave Milward, Juraj Pivovarov, Adrien Regimbald, Brendan Eshleman, Piotr Rajski
1400-1600	1 st 2 nd	Branko Palcic, Daniel Kazmaier
Under 1400/UNR	1 st 2 nd	David Deimert, Andrew Boik

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Games:**

Wihnon, J - Ward, F
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1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.g3 d4
5.Ngf3 f6 6.Bg2 Nh6 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Nb3
a5 9.Bxh6 gxh6 10.Nxe5 Ke7 11.Nf3
Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Bg6 14.Nbxd4
Kf7 15.Nf5 Bc5 16.Re1 Bxf5 17.exf5
Nd7 18.Qd2 Kg7 19.d4 Bb6 20.Re2
Qc7 21.Re7+ Kf8 22.Rae1 Ne5
23.Rxc7 Nxf3+ 24.Bxf3 Bxc7
25.Qxh6+ Kf7 26.g5 Bd8 27.Bh5+ Kg8
28.Re8# 1-0

Beebe, G - Nguyen, K
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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0
5.Nf3 d6 6.d3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.Bg5 h6
9.Bd2 c6 10.Qc1 Kh7 11.Qc2 Ng8
12.b4 f5 13.Rab1 Ne7 14.b5 c5 15.a4
Qe8 16.Rb3 g5 17.Rfb1 Qh5 18.a5
Rb8 19.Ne1 Kh8 20.Qd1 Nf6 21.f3 g4
22.f4 Ng6 23.e3 Be6 24.Qe2 exf4
25.exf4 Rfe8 26.Qf1 Nd7 27.Nc2 Ngf8
28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.Bxd5 Ne6 30.Bc3
Nd4 31.Nxd4 cxd4 32.Bb4 Nc5
33.Bxc5 dxc5 34.R3b2 Re3 35.Re1
Qe8 36.Rbe2 Qe7 37.Qf2 Qc7
38.Rxe3 dxe3 39.Qa2 Re8 40.Re2
Bc3 41.a6 b6 42.Qc2 Qg7 43.Kg2
Qd4 44.Qb1 Bd2 45.Kf1 Kg7 46.Kg2
Kf6 47.Kf1 Rd8 48.Kg1 h5 49.Kg2 Kg6
50.Kg1 Rh8 51.Kg2 h4 52.Kg1 hxg3
53.hxg3 Rh3 54.Kg2 Qh8 55.Qg1
Qb2?? [Mate in 2 or lose the queen
55...Rxc3+!! 56.Kxc3 Qh3#] 56.Qxe3!
Bxe3 57.Rxb2 Rh8 58.Re2 Re8
59.Bc6 [Yuri Vasylev suggests
59.Be4!? as winning, but 59...fxe4
60.Rxe3 Kf5 seems to hold as the c-
pawn is vulnerable.] 59...Re7 60.Bd5
Kg7 61.Bb7 Kg6 62.Bd5 Kg7 63.Bb7
½-½

Pivovarov, J - Chi, M
Alberta Open 2001 (1)
[Juraj Pivovarov]

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.Nf3
Nc6 5.c3 Bc5 6.d4 Nxe5 7.Nxe5 Bb6
8.Nd2 d6 9.Nef3 Bf5 10.e3 0-0 11.Bc4
Qe7 12.0-0 d5 13.Bb3 c6 14.Bc2 Be4
15.Ng5 h6 16.Ndxe4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4
dxe4 18.f3 Qg5 19.f4 Qe7 20.f5 Rfe8
21.Rf4 Qf6! 22.Qf1 Re7 23.Bxe4??

Rae8! 24.Bd3 Rxe3 25.Kh1 Ba5!
26.Rf3 Rxf3?! 27.Qxf3 Bxc3 28.Rb1
Re7 29.d5 c5 30.d6 Qxd6 31.Bc4 Bf6
32.Rd1 Bd4 33.g3 b6 34.Bd3 Re8
35.h4 Re3? 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.f6+ g6
38.h5 Qxf6 39.Rf1! Qe6 40.hxg6+
[40.Rxf7+! Qxf7 41.hxg6+ Qxg6
42.Qxa7+ (42.Bxg6+ not as good.)
42...Bg7 43.Bxg6+ Kxg6 44.Qxb6+
also wins ~Milne] 40...Kg7 41.Rxf7+
Qxf7 42.gxf7 Kxf7+- 43.Qxa7+ Kf6
44.Qxb6+ Re6 45.Qd8+ Ke5 46.a4
Bc3 47.a5 Bxa5 48.Qxa5 Kd5 49.Kg2
Re3 50.Bb5 Rb3 51.Qd8+ Ke5
52.Qh8+ Kd5 53.Qg8+ Kd4 54.Qxb3
Ke5 55.Qc4 Kd6 56.Kf3 Ke5 57.Ba4
Kd6 58.Bb3 Kc6 59.Ke4 Kd6 60.Qe6+
Kc7 61.Kd5 Kb7 62.Qc6+ Kb8 63.Qd7
Ka8 64.Kc6 Kb8 65.Qb7# 1-0

Bertrand, D - Yearwood, R
Alberta Open 2001 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.0-0 e6
5.a4 Ngf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.d4 cxd4
8.Nxd4 a6 9.Be2 Nc5 10.Bf3 Qc7
11.Be3 Rb8 12.b4 Ncd7 13.Ndb5
axb5 14.Nxb5 Qd8 15.Nxd6+ Bxd6
16.Qxd6 Qe7 17.Bc5 Qxd6 18.Bxd6
Ra8 19.Rfd1 Nb6 20.e5 Nfd7 21.a5
Nc4 22.b5 Ncxe5 23.Be2 f5 24.a6
bxa6 25.bxa6 Nf7 26.Bf3 Rxa6
27.Rxa6 Bxa6 28.Ra1 Nxd6 29.Rxa6
Ke7 0-1

Gardner, R - Quiring, J
Alberta Open 2001 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5
Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5
8.Ne2 0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.h4 Qa5
11.Kf1 Rd8 12.Rb1 cxd4 13.cxd4 e6
14.h5 a6 15.d5 b5 16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Bb3
exd5 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Bxd5 Bb7
20.Rc1 Qd7 21.Bc3 Ne5 22.Nf4 Rac8
23.Bxe5 Bxd5 24.Nxd5 Bxe5 25.Rh3
Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Bg7 27.Qc5 Qd6
28.Qc2 Kf8 29.Rd3 Qe5 30.Qc5+ Qd6
31.Qc2 Qe5 32.f4 Qd6 33.e5 1-0

Milne, A - Duval, K
Alberta Open 2001 (4)
[Milne & Duval]

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 c5
5.e4 Nc6 6.Nge2 d6 7.d3 h5 8.h3 Bd7
9.Bg5 Nh7 10.Be3 Nf8 11.d4 cxd4
12.Nxd4 Ne6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qd2
Qa5 15.Rc1 Rb8 16.b3 c5 17.0-0 Nd4

18.f4 Qc7 19.Nd5 Qc8 20.Kh2 e6
21.Nc3 0-0 22.f5! exf5 [22...gxf5
23.Bh6 Qd8 24.exf5 exf5 25.Nd5]
23.Nd5 Qd8 24.Bg5 f6 25.Bf4 Be6
26.exf5 Nxf5 27.Rce1 Qd7 28.Nc3
Rbd8 [28...Kh8 29.Nb5 Rbd8] 29.Rxe6
g5 30.Qd5 1-0

Miller, C - Milward, D
Alberta Open 2001 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Be3 Bd7
9.Qd2 Nc6 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.h4 Rfc8
12.Bb3 Ne5 13.Rdg1 Nc4 14.Bxc4
Rxc4 15.g4 Rac8 16.Nb3 Qc7 17.h5 b5
18.a3 a5 19.Rg2 b4 20.axb4 axb4
21.Nb1 Qb7 22.Qd1 Ba4 23.Na1 Nxe4
24.b3 Nc3 25.Nxc3 Rxc3 26.Bd4 Bxd4
27.Qxd4 Qxf3 28.Rgh2 Bxb3 29.Re1
Bxc2 30.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 31.Nxc2 b3 32.h6
Rxc2+ 33.Kb1 f6 34.g5 Qa8 35.Qa1
Qxa1+ 36.Kxa1 b2+ 37.Kb1 Rc1+
38.Rxc1 bxc1Q+ 0-1

Gomboc, D - Eshelman, B [A20]
Alberta Open 2001 (5)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4
Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 exd4
7.Qxd4 d5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Nc3
Nc6 10.Qc5 Be6 11.Nf3 Rc8
12.0-0 a5 13.Rad1 b6 14.Qa3
Nb4 15.e4 0-0 16.exd5 Nfxd5
17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Ne1 Rc5
19.Nd3 Bxg2 20.Nxc5 Qa8
21.Nd3 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Nc2
23.Qa4 Rc8 24.Rc1 Qc6
25.Qxc6 Rxc6 26.Ne1 Nd4
27.Rxc6 Nxc6 28.f4 Kf8 29.Kf2
Ke7 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.g4 f5 32.h3
b5 33.Nc2 g6 34.Kf3 Kf6 35.gxf5
Kxf5 36.Ne3+ Ke6 37.Ke4 Nb4
38.a3 Na6 39.Kd4 Kd6 40.h4
Nc5 41.f5 Nd7 42.fxg6 hxg6
43.Nd5 Ne5 44.Ke4 Nc4 45.Nf4
Ne5 46.b3 a4 47.b4 Nc4 48.Kd3
Nxa3 49.Kc3 Nc4 50.Nxg6 Ke6
51.Nf4+ Kf5 52.Nd5 Kg4 53.Nc7
Nd6 54.Kb2 Kxh4 55.Ka3 Nc4+
56.Ka2 Nd6 57.Ka3 Nc4+
58.Ka2 Nd6 59.Ka3 ½-½

Alberta Open 2001
Games from the winners circle:

Brodmann, D - Hughey, M
 Alberta Open 2001 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.f3 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6
 8.Qd4 c5 9.Qd6 Qe7 10.Qg3 0-0
 11.e5 Nd5 12.Bh6 f6 13.Bd2 fxe5
 14.Qxe5 Bb7 15.Bd3 Qh4+ 16.Qg3
 Qd4 17.Qh3 g6 18.Qg4 Nxc3 19.Qxd4
 cxd4 20.bxc3 Bxc3 21.Bxc3 dxc3
 22.Rb1 Bd5 23.a3 Rab8 24.Rb4 Rxb4
 25.axb4 Rb8 26.Kf2 Rxb4 27.Ra1 Rb7
 28.Ra3 Rc7 29.Ke3 Kf8 30.Be4 Bxe4
 31.Kxe4 Ke7 32.Kd3 Kd8 33.Kd4 d6
 34.Rb3 Kc8 35.Ra3 Kb7 36.Rb3+ Kc8
 37.Ra3 Kd7 38.Ra5 e5+ 39.Kd5 Rc5+
 40.Rxc5 dxc5 41.Kxc5 Ke6 42.Kc4 g5
 43.h3 h5 44.g4 hxg4 45.hxg4 Kd6
 46.Kxc3 Kc5 47.Kb3 Kb5 48.Kc3 a6
 49.Kb3 a5 50.Ka3 Kc4 51.Ka4 Kc3
 52.Kxa5 Kxc2 53.Kb4 Kd3 54.Kc5
 Ke3 55.Kd5 Kxf3 56.Kxe5 Kxg4
 57.Ke4 Kg3 58.Ke3 g4 59.Ke2 Kh2 0-1

Hughey, M - Yamach, A
 Alberta Open 2001 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.c4 e6
 5.Qb3 Qc8 6.Ne5 Bf5 7.Nc3 c6 8.Bd2
 Nbd7 9.Rc1 Bd6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nb5
 Bc7 12.Nxc7+ Qxc7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7
 14.Qa3 Ne4 15.Bb4 a5 16.f3 Nf6
 17.Be2 Qd8 18.Bd6 Nd7 19.0-0 Nb6
 20.e4 Be6 21.Rfe1 Kd7 22.Bc5 Re8
 23.Qb3 dxe4 24.Qxb6 Qxb6 25.Bxb6
 exf3 26.Bxf3 Bxa2 27.Rxe8 Kxe8
 28.Rxc6 Ra6 29.Rc8+ Ke7 30.Bc5+
 Kd7 31.Bxb7 Rf6 32.Ra8 Bc4 33.Bf3
 g5 34.Rxa5 Kc7 35.Ra7+ Kb8 36.h3
 Rf5 37.b4 1-0

Yearwood, R - Huber, G
 Alberta Open 2001 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nge2 a6 4.d4 cxd4
 5.Nxd4 b5 6.Be3 Bb7 7.f3 d6 8.Qd2
 Nd7 9.0-0-0 Ngf6 10.g4 h6 11.Kb1 b4

12.Nce2 d5 13.exd5 Bxd5 14.Nf4 Qa5
 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Nb3 Qc7 17.Bd4 f6
 18.Bd3 Kf7 19.Be4 N7b6 20.Bxb6 1-0

Reeve, J - Hughey, M
 Alberta Open 2001 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d4 exd4
 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 a6 8.a4
 c5 9.Nde2 Nc6 10.Nf4 Nb4 11.a5 Re8
 12.Ncd5 Nbx5 13.Bxd5 Bf8 14.f3
 Qc7 15.Be3 Be6 16.c4 Rab8 17.Bd2
 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 g6
 20.Bc3 Bg7 21.Qd2 Qe7 22.Bxg7
 Kxg7 23.b4 Rec8 24.bxc5 Rxc5
 25.Rfc1 Rbc8 26.Rxc5 Rxc5 27.Rc1
 Qc7 28.Rxc5 Qxc5+ 29.Kf1 f6 30.h3
 b6 31.axb6 Qxb6 32.g4 ½-½

Wihnon, J - Huber, G
 Alberta Open 2001 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 Be7
 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Re1
 Qc7 9.a4 a6 10.Nc4 Nd7 11.Qe2 Rb8
 12.a5 b5 13.axb6 Nxb6 14.Nxb6 Rxb6
 15.e5 d5 16.h4 Bd7 17.c3 Rfb8
 18.Rb1 a5 19.Qc2 Be8 20.Bf4 Qb7
 21.Re2 a4 22.Qc1 a3 23.b3 Rxb3
 24.Rxb3 Qxb3 25.Qa1 c4 26.dxc4
 Qxc4 27.Bf1 Qd3 28.Re3 Rb1
 29.Rxd3 Rxa1 30.Kg2 a2 31.Rd2 Rxf1
 0-1

Pivovarov, J - Hughey, M
 Alberta Open 2001 (5), 08.10.2001
 [Juraj Pivovarov]

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6
 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Na3 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.Bd2
 b6 9.Nc2 Bb7 10.a3 Qc7 11.b4 dxc4
 12.dxc4 Ne4 13.b5 Nxd2 14.Qxd2??
 this loses a pawn by force. White can't
 defend against the cavalry infiltration to
 either b3 or c4. [14.Nxd2 was neces-
 sary.] 14...Na5 15.Rad1 Rfd8 16.Qc1
 Nxc4 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Nce1 Nd6
 19.Nd3?? A complete blunder
 19...Nxb5 20.Qc2 Nxa3 0-1

Hughey, M - Yearwood, R
 Alberta Open 2001 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Nbd2 Bb7 4.e3 e6
 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 d6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qe2
 Be7 9.e4 0-0 10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4
 12.Bc2 Qc7 13.Re1 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6
 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Qxg4
 Rg6 18.Ndf3 Rf8 19.Qh3 Rh6
 20.Nxe6 Rxh3 21.Nxc7 Rhxf3 22.gxf3
 Bd6 23.Nb5 Bb8 24.f4 Rf6 25.Re8+
 Kh7 26.Be3 Bc6 27.c4 Bxf4 28.Bxf4
 Rxf4 29.Nxa7 Rg4+ 30.Kf1 Bg2+
 31.Ke2 Rxc4 32.Rd1 Nf6 33.Re7 Nd5
 34.Re5 Rc2+ 35.Rd2 Bf3+ 36.Kd3
 Rc1 37.a3 Kg6 38.Nc8 Kf6 39.Re8 b5
 40.Rf8+ 1-0

Gardner, R - Reeve, J
 Alberta Open 2001 (6)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.e5 c5
 5.c3 Nc6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Qb6
 8.Ndf3 Bd7 9.Ne2 Bb4+ 10.Kf1 h5
 11.a3 Be7 12.b4 0-0-0 13.Bd2 f6
 14.b5 Nxd4 15.Nexd4 fxe5 16.Nxe5
 Qxd4 17.Rc1+ Bc5 18.Be3 Qxe5
 19.Rxc5+ Kb8 20.Qa4 Qd6 21.Rc2 b6
 22.Ke2 Ne7 23.Rd1 Rhf8 24.g3 e5
 25.Kf1 Qf6 26.Rc7 a5 27.Bxb6 Qxb6
 28.Rc2 e4 29.Bxe4 dxe4 30.Qxe4
 Bh3+ 31.Ke1 0-1

Huber, G - Haessel, D
 Alberta Open 2001 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.d4
 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.g3 e5 7.Nde2 Nbd7
 8.Bg2 b6 9.h3 Bb7 10.g4 h6 11.Ng3
 b5 12.a3 Nb6 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5
 Nfxd5 15.Re1 f6 16.Qd3 Qd7 17.Be4
 Be7 18.Nf5 Kf7 19.Nxe7 Kxe7 20.f4
 Nxc3 21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Bxb7 Ra7
 23.Bg2 Ncd5 24.Rd1 1-0

Bentley, B - Hughey, M
 Alberta Open 2001 (4)

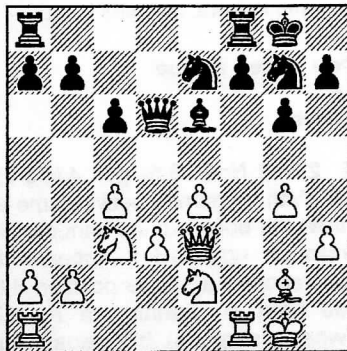
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nbd2 d5 4.e3 c5
 5.c3 Be7 6.Bd3 b6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe2
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 12.g4 ½-½

TACTICAL PUZZLES

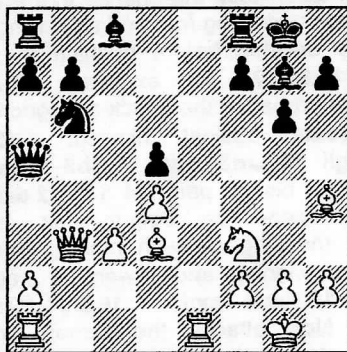
By Juraj Pivovarov

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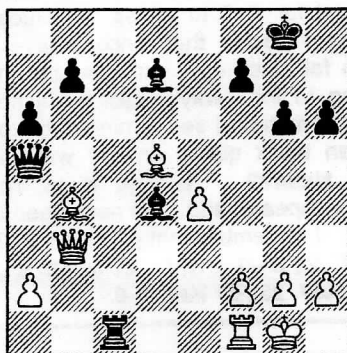
1. White to play



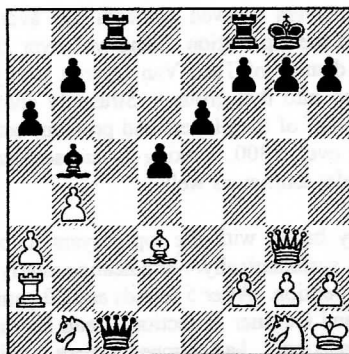
2. White to play



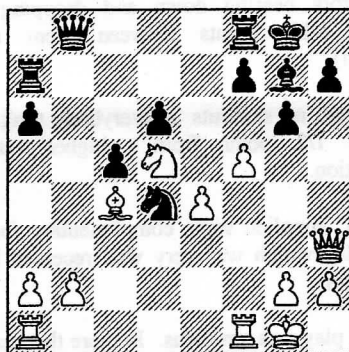
3. Black to play



4. Black to play



5. White to play



CALGARY STAMPEDE ACTIVE

By Tom McKay

The Calgary Stampede active chess tournament was held at the Calgary Chess Club in the Elephant and Castle July 10 and July 17, 2001. It was a six round swiss tournament with 12 players.

Having recently participated in the Tournament Directors workshop facilitated by John Quiring I was anxious to direct a tournament for the first time. The tournament had lots of exciting chess and more than its share of blunders.

In the first round all the favorites won their games. In round 2 Roy Yearwood lost to Art Milne when Roy lost his queen. Mark Cole had Ted Borowski on the ropes, he was up a piece and had an attack on Ted's exposed king with his queen a bishop and a rook, but somehow managed to lose his queen then resign out of frustration. I was sitting down updating some pairing cards and expecting Mark to win, then I heard him cursing and Ted giggling.

Round 3 saw Art Milne in first place with 3 wins. Ron Hinds and Roy Yearwood had a very exciting game that ended in a draw. I lost fairly quickly to Aaron Ryner and was able to watch the last 10 minutes of so of Ron and Roys game. The game went down to a pawn and king versus a lone king but Ron had his king on the right squares to hold the draw.

Aaron Ryner didn't bother to show up for round 4, but Joe Santbergen agreed to take his place. Joe beat Ron Hinds then lost to Arthur Milne and then beat Riana Hinds.

Walter Watson returned to playing chess and nearly won the tournament, he was up a piece against Roy Yearwood in round 6, where a win would have given him first overall with 5 points, but somehow managed to lose, so Roy, Art Milne and Kim Nguyen split the first and second place prize money 3 ways with their scores of 4.5. Ted Borowski won first place in the under 1600 section.

Thanks go out to everyone who participated in this tournament.

BATTLE OF ALBERTA *Continued from page 6*
cannot remember anything about them apart from thinking that Alfredo was winning in the first game before Taco's passed pawn suddenly became too dangerous.

Board 12, Robertson - Climenhaga

Again, I did not receive the scores, suffice to say that if I recall correctly, Archie won the first one but Harold regrouped and levelled the score in the second.

Alberta Active Championship 2001

By Greg Beebe

The Alberta Active Championship was held at the Edmonton Chess Club on the weekend of November 3-4.

The top Section was won by Jeff Reeve who tied with Rob Gardner with 8-1/2 points out of 10, but bested Rob 1-1/2 to 1/2 in their battles with each other.

The bottom section was won outright by Alvin Doo with a stunning 9-1/2 points out of 10. The most stunning part about it was the sheer number of games that Alvin won from a lost position.

I originally decided to run this active tournament for a couple of reasons. First, while reading a copy of En-Passant I found it quite annoying to see how few players we had in Alberta with current active ratings. Second I wanted to see a round robin tournament instead of the usual swiss events. Considering how difficult it is to have a round robin of more than 4 or 5 rounds with regular time controls it was a perfect opportunity to get it all at once.

It was also a good opportunity to try something weird. I decided to try to get people fighting a little harder for wins by awarding a portion of the prize money for section wins and a portion to be split up between all the games won for each section. This would give people who get off to a poor start something to fight for and I hoped would prevent any draws in under 15 moves. It worked in that there were only 5 draws in 60 games in the tournament. Unfortunately, it also caused some confusion

Turnout was a little lower than I had expected with only 12 people including myself showing up to play. This, however, made pairings very simple with 2 sections of 6 people competing

in a 10 round double round robin. Plenty of strong players showed up with the average rating of the top section being well over 2000 (to the dismay of Taco Van Ieperen who just squeaked into that group.) Strangely enough exactly half of the players had previous active ratings over 1800, making it an accidental over/under tourney as well.

Saturday began with the top players in both sections systematically eradicating nearly all the competition. After 5 rounds and 20 games, Reeve and Gardner in section 1, and Day and Doo in section 2 had dropped a mere 4 points between all of them.

Sunday saw more of the same, with these 4 competitors bearing down and dropping a meager 2-1/2 points between them all. (WOW!!)

There were no shutouts as everybody took at least a 1/2 point from higher rated competition.

The ECC supplied some complimentary food on Sunday which was very well received by the players.

My own play was atrocious. In more than half the games I played in the tournament I found myself either lost or drawn after being up a full piece. This is in direct contrast to the situation Alvin Doo found himself in, as he was able to find a way to draw or win after being down severe material in probably 75% of his games.

Many of his opponents found the clock to be their enemy as they blundered time and time again, or simply ran out of time, while trying to avoid the Doo-Doo traps that Alvin was laying.

This was my first shot at directing a tournament and I found it to be generally a wonderful experience with the only problem being a brief prize dispute at the end of the tournament.

From this experience I can offer some free

advice to anyone who would like to direct a tourney for the first time. First, if you intend to do anything out of the ordinary make absolutely sure that everybody in the tournament understands what is happening. Repeat it, write it down, and pass it out.

Alvin Doo -Greg Beebe Round 6

By Greg Beebe

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 e6 With all games between me and Alvin, throw the book out the window. But aside from an ugly QB it appears that black has reached a stable position 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d3 Alvin is planning a Kingside attack (what a surprise)..b7 preparing my own kingside attack 8.Qe1 0-0 Can't castle queenside 9.Be3? Loses material. This position is just begging for a d pawn push by black Bb7 I took the chance that Alvin missed the upcoming fork and took 1 more move to develop before pushing the d pawn 10.Rd1?? as expected, Alvin continues preparing the attack and ignores the threats against himself. ..d5!! Incoming!! 11.exd5 exd5 12.Bb3 Intends to keep the bishop pair ..d4 13.Bd2 dxc3 14.Bxc3 keeps the Bishop pair and watches the kingside with more pieces. ..Nd4 I'm winning and I want to trade pieces 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Bb4 Re8 17.Qg3 Nd5 attacks the bishop and threatens to fork the rooks on e3 18.f5!! A typical Doo-Doo Mine. Leave material hanging and press the kingside attack. I immediately see that Kh8 is safe and there is potential for Re3 to chase the Queen around so I decide that since I have a safety to fall back on I can spend some time trying to find a way to take the bishop and not get mated. I see a mirage that on Kh7 I can block queen checks with the bishop ..Nxb4?? 19.fxg6 hxg6 The mirage disappears, and I am neck deep in Doo-Doo. I remember that g6 dies if Kh7. Its over!! 20.Bxf7+ Kf8 21.Qxg6 Re3 22.Bd5+ Ke7 23.Rf7 Ke8 1-0

Alberta Active Championship 2001

Crosstables

Section 1

	Saturday						Sunday						Totals
1. Jeff Reeve	W6	W5	W4	D3	W2	W6	W5	W4	D3	D2	8-1/2		
2. Rob Gardner	W5	W4	W3	W6	L1	W5	W4	W3	W6	D1	8-1/2		
3. Roy Yearwood L4	W6	L2	D1	W5	W4	W6	L2	D1	L5	5			
4. Dave Gomboc W3	L2	L1	W5	W6	L3	L2	L1	L5	D6	3-1/2			
5. Micah Hughey L2	L1	W6	L4	L3	L2	L1	W6	W4	W3	4			
6. Taco Van Ieperen	L1	L3	L5	L2	L4	L1	L3	L5	L2	D4	1/2		

Section 2

7. Jonathan Day	L12	W11	W10	W9	L8	W12	W11	W10	W9	L8	7
8. Alvin Doo	D11	W10	W9	W12	W7	W11	W10	W9	W12	W7	9-1/2
9. Branco Palcic	D10	L12	L8	L7	W11	W10	W12	L8	L7	L11	3-1/2
10. Andrew Boik	D9	L8	L7	D11	W12	L9	L8	L7	W11	W12	4
11. Greg Beebe	D8	L7	W12	D10	L9	L8	L7	L12	L10	W9	3
12. Mark Stark	W7	W9	L11	L8	L10	L7	L9	W11	L8	L10	3

Editorial II: The Sequel

By Greg Beebe

As you know from our first episode Alan Clarke, the (unfair and churlish), has chosen to hang up his editorial keypad and move on to bigger and better things, (like playing more chess). Alans tenure as editor has produced a years worth of accurate and insightful articles, games, and chess problems. All for our reading and learning pleasure.

But, as always happens with Kings and Friday the 13th movies, one reign/episode ends and another immediately begins, in an eternal unending chain. All the same, and all different.

I, Greg Beebe, am now taking over as editor of the ACR. I hope to continue to provide you with the quality publications you have come to expect from Alan. However, you can probably also expect to see a few odd and unconventional things happening. This will be my first editing project, and I intend to enjoy it.

For those of you who do not know me here is a little background about myself. I

live in Edmonton and am a member of the Edmonton Chess Club. This year I chose to volunteer some of my time for the club and I signed on as one of this years directors. I help out occasionally at the Junior club every month and as you now know, I have also signed on as the new Editor of the ACR.

I am 30 years old, married, and have 3 kids. So much for free time. For those of you groaning and shuddering at the thought, it really isn't that bad. For one thing it means I have 3 chances of raising the next world champion.

Since my rating makes me a B class player you probably won't see a lot of insightful annotations by myself. I am counting on the experts and masters to bail me out on that point.

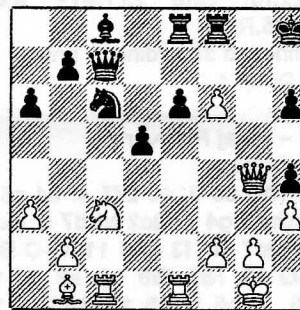
Please feel free to send games and chess related topics and articles to me if you feel they would contribute to the ACR. While I make no guarantees that it will be published I do promise that I will give every request the proper consideration.

So now, ever onward we must go. It is time to face new challenges, set new standards, and achieve new goals.

Good Luck Alan Clark, in whatever you put your talents to next.

Clark, A (2003) - Pallson, H(2204) Canadian Open 2000—Round 5

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 Bd6 11.0-0
Qc7 12.Nc3 a6 13.Re1 0-0 14. h3
Bd7 15.Bg5 Rae8 16. Rc1 Nh5 17.Ne5
Nf6 18.Bb1 Bc8 19.a3 h6 20.Bh4
Bxe5 21.dxe5 g5 22.exf6 gxh4
23.Qg4+ Kh8



24.Qg6 d4 25.Qxh6+ Kg8 26.Qg6+
Kh8 27.Re4 Qh7 28.Rxh4 1-0

Queens Bakery Active—Hinton

By Greg Beebe

The Queens Bakery Active was a 4 round swiss tournament that was organized again this year by Peter Bundscherer, and directed by Piotr Rajski.

With 9 players showing up to run this 4 lap race it quickly became a quaint but personal competition.

The race began with Micah Hughey, Brian Goude, David Brodmann, and Elroy Deimert all pulling ahead after the first lap.

Lap 2 saw Goude take Brodmann into the rail at the first turn while Hughey stole the wheels right from under Deimert sending him to the pits. Rajski seized the opportunity and climbed into sole possession of third with an outside lane pass on Vince Gibson.

Lap 3 hits and Hughey throws one of his spare tires at Goude and slows him down. Brodmann runs over David Deimert and taking air flies right into a neck and neck struggle with Goude for third while Rajski takes over second, half a length back.

Lap 4, the final lap, and Rajski makes his move. He throws a tow line and hooks the Hugheymobile. With the line secured Piotr slows Hugheys speed and attempts to pass. Using all his skills Hughey is able to hold Rajski 1/2 length back and crosses

the finish line proceeding to the winners circle. Goude and Brodmann take advantage of the slower leaders and catch up to cross the line in a 3 way tie for second with Rajski. What a finish!!

I must apologize since due to an e-mail problem I was unable to add the 2 games that Piotr had sent me from this event. I will try to get them into the next issue.

From comments I received both from Micah and Piotr the event was an success. I was told that the competitors found the tournament very enjoyable and that it was well organized by Peter. Great Work!

Queens Bakery Active Crosstables

						Total
1.	Micah Hughey	W6	W5	W2	D4	3.5
2.	Brian Goude	W7	W3	L1	W5	3
3.	David Brodmann	W8	L2	W7	W6	3
4.	Piotr Rajski	Bye	W6	W5	D1	3
5.	Elroy Deimert	W9	L1	L4	L2	1
6.	Vince Gibson	L1	L4	W9	L3	1
7.	David Deimert	L2	W8	L3	Bye	1.5
8.	Peter Bundscherer	L3	L7	Bye	W9	1.5
9.	Paul Parent	L5	Bye	L6	L8	0.5

READER'S GAMES

Mike Smith - Dave Milward

June Open, Calgary

Annotations by Juraj Pivovarov

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 O-O 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 Na6 8.Be2 Nc7 9.O-O e6 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Ng5 a6 12.Nxe6 Nxe6 13.f5 Nd4 14.Bd3 Qc7 15.Bg5 Qb8 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nd5 Be5 18.Qd2

A good idea to bring the queen into the game on h6. 18.Nb6 is a win too, with Nd7 to come.

18...b5 19.Qh6 Bg7 20.Qh3 bxc4 21.Bxc4 21.fxg6! hxg6? is mate in 1 (21...fxg6? is a mate in 6! 22.Ne7+

Kh8 23.Nxg6+ Kg8 24.Bxc4+ d5 25.Bxd5+ Ne6 26.Bxe6+ Rf7 27.Bxf7#) 22.Ne7#

21...Ra7 22.f6! Bh8 23.Ne7+ Rxe7 24.fxe7 Re8 25.Rxf7!

25.Bxf7+ is fine too according to Fritz.

25...Bg7 26.Rf8#! 1-0

Chris Clark - Juraj Pivovarov

June Open, Calgary

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e3 Bf5 4. c4 c6 5. Nbd2 e6 6. Nh4 Bg4 7. Qc2 Nbd7 8. cxd5 exd5 9. Bd3 Qc7 10. f3 Bh5 11. O-O Bd6 12. f4 O-O-O 13. Nf5 Bf8 14. a3 g6 15. Ng3 Bd6 16. Nxb5 Nxb5 17. Nf3 f5 18. Ng5 Rde8 19. Nf7 Rhf8 20. Nxd6+ Qxd6 21. Be2 Ndf6 22. Bd2 Ng4 23. Bxg4 fxg4 24. Bb4 Qe6 25. Bxf8 g3

Wrong, but an active choice.

26. h3 Rxf8??

26... Qxe3+ was the entire idea behind g3, I just "forgot" somehow to play it.

27. Qd3 Ng7 28. b4 Nf5 29. Rf3 h5 30. Rc1 h4 31. Kf1 Re8 32. Ke2 Nd6 33. b5 Nc4 34. bxc6 Qxc6 35. f5 Rf8 36. fxg6 Rxf3 37. gxf3 Qf6 38. Rxc4+! dxc4 39. Qxc4+ Kd7 40. Qf7+ Qxf7 41. gxf7 Ke7 42. d5 b5 43. e4 a5 44. e5 b4 ??

44...Kxf7 and Black wins! since his pawns are faster.

45. e6 b3 46. d6+ Kf8 47. d7 1-0

Alan Clark - Dale Haessel

Anderson Rock Lacroix Farewell, Edmonton

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Bc4 Nb6 7. Bb3 d5 8. exd6 Qxd6 9. O-O Be6 10. Bxe6 Qxe6 11. Nxd4 Nxd4 12. Qxd4 Rd8 13. Qh4 Qe2 14. Nd2 Rxd2 15. Bxd2 Qxd2 16. Rfd1 Qh6 17. Qg3 Qc6 18. Rd4 Nc8 19. Rad1 Nd6 20. Qe5 f6 21. Qa5 Kd7 22. c4 e5 23. Rd5 Qxc4 24. Qxa7 Ke6 25. Qa5 Be7 26. b3 Qe4 27. Qc7 Qb4 28. h3 Rd8 29. Qc2 Kf7 30. Qxh7 Qb6 31. Qd3 Kg8 32. a3 e4 33. Qc3 Kf7 34. b4 f5 35. Qc5 Qc6 36. R5d2 Ke6 37. Qe3 Nc4 38. Qb3 Rxd2 39. Rxd2 b5 40. Rd1 Bg5 41. Qg3 Bf6 42. Qb8 e3 43. Qg8+ Ke7 44. Qd8+ Kf7 45. Rd7+ Kg6 46. Qe8+ Kh6 47. fxe3 Ne5 48. Qh8+ Kg6 49. Qe8+ Kg5 50. h4+ Kg4 51. Rd4+ Kg3 52. Qxc6 Nxc6 53. Rd5 Bb2 54. Rxb5

SYRENA CLUB ACTIVE

By Piotr Rajski, TD

On June 9th, 2001, Polish Club "Syrena" (Syrena, or Siren, is a patron of the Polish Capitol - Warsaw) held an active chess tournament as a part of the 5th Anniversary Celebrations. The prize fund of \$300 attracted 14 players and allowed the members of Polish chess community to compete against the best in the province.

Jeff Reeve (3.5/4) beat Robert Gardner in the last round and received Fritz 6.0 as the first prize, while Robert (3/4) settled with the book about Khalifman. Jeff's only draw was against Alan Clark in round 3. Until 1900 category was confidently taken by Janusz Gorzko (3/4), who had a better position against Gardner in round 3 but crumbled under the time pressure. He was followed by Alvin Doo (2.5/4). Under 1700 category was won by George Skrzypniak (2.5/4), followed by Emanuel Chodkiewicz (2/4). First not-rated player was Laszlo Bergman (2/4), while the first junior was Daniel Lypian (1.5/4), who achieved a draw against Skrzypniak in round 1. All the above players received chess books as a reward for their efforts.

It is worth mentioning that this small tournament is an example how an institutional sponsorship can make chess more attractive. The prize fund, a result of donations by Polish-Canadian Association and the Club Syrena, was likely bigger than in many serious competitions in Alberta. Many bigger or smaller organizations may

be interested in sponsoring chess and we should not hesitate to approach them. The game of chess offers many intellectual, educational and psychological benefits. It is not accidental that it has been known as a "royal game." As such it has been a part of our cultural heritage for centuries. Small, attractive tournaments, such as this one, can improve participation in CFC/ACA events and enlarge membership.

Also the proximity of the Club Syrena to the Edmonton Chess Club is an interesting factor, which may be considered by the prospective tournament organizers. Either the players may be encouraged to have a meal there in return for some sponsorship \$\$ or some events can be held in the club itself on the same basis. It may be a win-win situation for both the chess community and the Syrena Club.

Jeff Reeve - Alan Clark

Round 3

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Be3 Be7 8. Qe2 O-O 9. O-O-O Qc7 10. Bb3 a6 11. g4 Nxd4 12. Rxd4 b5 13. g5 Nd7 14. Rg1 Nc5 15. Qh5 Nxb3+ 16. axb3 g6 17. Qh6 f5 18. gxf6 Bxf6 19. h4 Bg7 20. Qg5 Bd7 21. h5 Be8 22. Rd2 Rc8 23. Bd4 Bxd4 24. Rxd4 a5 25. Qd2 Qc5 26. hxg6 Bxg6 27. Kb1 Rf3 28. Rg5 e5 29. Rxd6 Rxf2 30. Rg5+ hxg6 31. Rxg6+ Kf7 32. Qh6 Ke8 33. Rg8+ Kd7 34. Rg7+ Kd8 35. Qg5+ Ke8 36. Qg6+ Kd8 37. Qg5+ Ke8 38. Qg6+ 1/2-1/2



Jeff Reeve receives Fritz 6.0 from Piotr Rajski, TD.

Bxa3 55. Rxf5 Bxb4 56. Rg5+ Kxh4 57. Rxg7 Ne5 58. Kf2 Bc5 59. Ke2 Ng4 60. e4 Kg3 61. e5 Kf4 62. e6 Nf6 63. e7 Kf5 64. Rf7 1-0

World Youth Chess Championship 2001

By Greg Beebe

The 2001 World Youth Chess Championship is an international Tournament run by FIDE and features some of the best young talent in the world. This years tournament was held in Oropesa Del Mar, Spain from Oct. 20 to Nov. 3.

We were very fortunate this year to have a pair of local players joining a strong Canadian Team of representatives for this event.

Anastasia Kazakevich in the Girls Under 14 category and Megan Chi in the Girls Under 12 category were both pumped up and rarin' to play some fighting chess against some of the worlds best.

Both of these girls hail from the Edmonton Chess Club and are well known in the provincial chess circles as tough opposition and fierce competitors for their young age.

Whenever anyone travels abroad they immediately become ambassadors, representing and creating stereotypes of their home regions. It can be a great responsibility and sometimes a great burden. Too many people nowadays ignore or shirk this responsibility. In the most extreme cases the actions of a few affect the lives of many. On behalf of us at the club, in the province, and in Canada, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Anastasia and Megan for a job well done. Both as competitors and as diplomats you made us proud.

For anyone who would like to get more information on how team Canada fared at the World youth Chess Challenge you can log onto:

<www.worldyouthfestival2001.com>

Now, a little something from our two competitors:

Anastasia Kazakevich

Results: 4/11

Rank: Tied for 64th (girls U14)

It was my 3rd time in the World Youth Chess Championship. It was in Spain again. My second game was the longest game I ever played with 122 moves. It wasn't my best game on this championship but it was the most interesting game. I expected the time controls to be 120 min/40 moves and 60 min/game, but 1 day before the championship I found out that it was 90

min/game plus 30 sec per move.

Kazakevich, Anastasia (Canada) -
Solymvary, Roxanne (Belgium)
(annotated by A. Kazakevich)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 It is better to move 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 With a better position for white according to Nunn's Chess Openings. 4...Bg7 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.e4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 c5 10.Be2 Nc6 11.e5 Qc7 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Qc1 Bg4 14.Rd1 Rac8 15.Be3 Rd7 15...Bxf3 16.Bxf3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Black cant take the pawn here 17...Nxd4 Because of 18.Qxc7 Rxc7 19.Bxd4 b5 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Rcd8? Better is 17...cxd4 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 19.cxd4 Rdc7 20.Qa3= 18.Qb2 b6 19.a4 Na5 20.Be2 Nc6 21.Bb5? I forgot that my Bishop was defending the Rook on d1. I should have played 21.Rac1 Na5 22.Bf4= 21...Bxe5 22.Rd2 [A little better was 22.Rac1 22...Bg7 Black should have played 22...cxd4 23.cxd4 Bxd4 24.Bxd4 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Nxd4 26.Rc1Qf4 23.Rad1 cxd4 24.cxd4 Rc8 Somewhere around this move me and my opponent had only 5 min left and we still did 100 more moves 25.Rc1 Qb7 26.Rdc8 Rd6 27.Qb3 a6 28.Be2? Losing the Initiative. Better is 28.d5 axb5 29.Qxb5 Qd7 30.dxc6 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Qc7+ 32.g3 Rxc1 33.Rxc1 28...Rcd8 29.Bf3 Na5 30.Qa2 Qd7 31.Rc7 Qe6 32.Qxe6 Rxe6? Much better is 32...fxe6 33.Rxe7 Bf6 34.Ra7 Nb3 33.d5 Red6 34.Rxe7 Bf6 35.Rec7 Better is 35.Ra7 Nb3 36.Rd1 35...b5 36.Bf4 R6d7 37.Rxd7 Rxd7 38.axb5 axb5 39.Rb1 Rb7 40.d6 Rb6 41.d7 Bd8 42.Re1 Faster way to win is 42.Ra1 Ra6 43.Be2 42...Re6 43.Rc1 Nc4 44.Bd5 Re7 45.Bc6 Nb6 46.Bg5 Much better is 46.Bxb5 Kg7 (46...Nxd7 47.Rd1 Bb6 48.Rxd7 Rxd7 49.Bxd7+-) 47.Rc8 46...Rxd7 47.Bxd7 Bxg5 48.Rd1 b4 49.Bb5 Be7 50.g4 Kg7 51.Kg2 Nc8 52.Rd7 Kf6 53.f4 Nd6 54.Rxd6+? Here I only had 1 min left. I grabbed the Rook and only then saw that my Bishop was under attack. Since it was touch move I had to move my Rook. Better was 54.Ba4 h6 55.Bb3 54...Bxd6 55.Bc4 Bxf4 56.Kf3 Bd6 57.Bb3 Ke7 Here Black got 2 extra pawns but, it is a drawn endgame because of the different coloured Bishops. My opponent still wanted to win so we played 65 more moves. 58.Ke4 f6 59.Ba2 Be5 60.Bb3 Bc3 61.Ba2 Kd6 62.Bb3 Ke7 63.Ba2 Kd6 64.Bb3 Kc5 65.Ba2 Kc6 66.Bd5+ Kc5 67.Ba2 Kb5 68.Bb3 Kc6 69.Bd5+ Kd7 70.Bb3 Ke7 71.Ba2 Kf8 72.Bb3 Kg7 73.Ba2 h5 74.gxh5 gxh5 75.Kf5 Bd2 76.Bb3 Bg5

77.Ba2 h4 78.Bb3 Kf8 79.Ke6 Ke8 80.Ba4+ Kd8 81.Kd6 Kc8 82.Kc6 Kb8 83.Kb6 f5 84.Kc5 Bd2 85.Kd4 f4 86.Ke4 Kb7 87.Bb3 Kb6 88.Ba2 Kb5 89.Bb3 Be3 90.Kd3 Kc5 91.Ke4 Bc1 92.Ba2 Kb5 93.Bb3 Be3 94.Kd3 Bf2 95.Ke4 Bg3 96.Kf3 Kc6 97.Ke4 Kc5 98.Ba2 f3 99.Kxf3 Kd4 100.Bf7 Kc3 101.Ke3 b3 102.Bg6 b2 103.Bb1 Be5 104.Ke4 Bf6 105.Ke3 Bg5+ 106.Kf3 Kd2 107.Kg4 Bd8 108.Kf3 Kc1 109.Ba2 b1Q 110.Bxb1 Kxb1 111.Kg2 Kc2 112.Kf2 Kd2 113.Kg2 Ke2 114.Kh2 Kf2 115.Kh1 Kg3 116.Kg1 Kxh3 [116...Ba5 117.Kh1 Bc7 118.Kg1 Bb6+ 119.Kh1 Kf3 120.Kh2 Bf2 121.Kh1 Be3 122.Kh2] 117.Kh1 Kg3 118.Kg1 Bc7 119.Kh1 h3 120.Kg1 h2+ 121.Kh1 Kg4 122.Kg2 1/2-1/2

Megan Chi

Results: 4/11

Ranking: tied for 64th (girls U12)

I had the opportunity to represent Canada in the World Youth Chess Festival which was held in Oropesa del mar, Spain. There were seventy-eight participants in the U12 Girl category. I had three wins, two draws and six losses against these world-class players. I consider this a very good result for me, especially because I drew the USA representative who finished ninth overall and I only finished tied for 64th out of 78. This was a tremendous experience for me and I really had a good time in Spain. One thing the Canadian Team stood out from the others was we had no team uniforms this year

-Megan Chi

Pelletier, Katharine (USA) -
Chi, Megan (Canada)
(annotated by Megan Chi)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 prepares for the d-pawn push. This push strengthens the centre 4...d6 5.d3 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bb3 Qe7 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.h3 Rad8 10.Re1 Rfe8 11.Nf1 h6 12.a4 a5 13.Ng3 Bxb3 14.Qxb3 Bb6 15.Qc2 Qe6 16.Nf5 d5 clears a file for Black's rooks. White cannot prevent the trade. Black doubles up rooks after. 17.Bd2 dxe4 18.dxe4 Rd7 19.b4 Red8 20.b5 Ne7 protects the knight and boots White's outposted knight on f5. Ne7 is also the only move that still lets the knight have some play. 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.c4 Nh5 23.Bc3 f6 24.Bb2 Bc5 25.Rad1 Qe6 26.Rd5 b6 27.Red1 Nf4 28.Rxd7 Rxd7

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29.Rxd7 Qxd7 30.Qd2 Qxd2 31.Nxd2 Kf7 32.Nb3 White's knight threatens to trade and leave Black's pawn's doubled. 32...Bb4 33.Kf1 Ke6 34.Bc1 Nd3 35.Ke2 Nc5 36.Nxc5+ Bxc5 37.f3 Kd6 38.Kd3 Bd4 39.Ba3+ Bc5 40.Bc1 [40.Bxc5+ Kxc5 41.Kc3 A) 41...g6 42.g4 (42.g3 h5 43.h4 g5 44.g4 gxh4 45.gxh5 h3 46.h6 h2 47.h7 h1Q loses for White; 42.h4 g5 43.h5) 42...g5 White loses after 43.Kb3 (43.Kd3 Kb4) 43...Kd4; B) 41...h5 42.g4 White loses 42...hxg4 43.hxg4 (43.fxg4 g5 44.Kd3) 43...g5 44.Kd3 Kb4; C) 41...g5 42.g4 Kd6 43.Kd3 Kc5 (43...c6 44.bxc6 Kxc6 45.Kc2 Kc5 46.Kc3) 44.Kc3 is a draw] 40...h5 [40...g5 A) 41.g3 Bd4 42.h4 (42.f4 Bf2 43.Ba3+ c5 44.bxc6+ Kxc6 45.Be7 Bxg3 46.Bxf6 Bxf4) 42...gxh4 43.gxh4 h5; B) 41.g4 41...Ke6 draw; 40...g6 41.g3 h5 42.h4 Ke6 draw; 40...Bb4 41.Bd2 Kc5 42.Be3+ Kd6 draw] 41.f4 Bd4 42.Ba3+ Bc5 43.Bc1

Medicine Hat Open

By Dr. Bill Taylor

TRUST DESTROYED!

Unfortunately, that was the pervading feeling I was left with at the conclusion of the latest edition of the Medicine Hat Open. I will elaborate on this, a bit further on.

Eighteen players attended this years Medicine Hat Open, including 3 juniors. Lethbridge players were conspicuously absent from the first five Medicine Hat Opens, but turned out in numbers last year, when we had 6! Obviously the tide was out this year as only Graham Sorgard made the trip "East". It would seem that chess may be on the decline in Lethbridge with the distant departure on Dr. Grant Brown. Still, yours truly, is hopeful that his vision of a "Southeast" version of the Battle of Alberta will ultimately come to fruition. Numerically speaking, Edmonton Participants were outshone by Calgary Participants by a score of 6 - 4. I wonder if that small fact, and the recent thrashing of the Edmonton team by Calgary in The Battle of Alberta, was responsible for their prodigious reclaiming of the 2 hallowed spots on the 2001 annual plate on the coveted Taylor Cup. Medicine Hat (M.H.) players responded dramatically to my call for local participants. We managed to field a team of 7, and as usual, were mindful of our ethical obligation not to collectively embarrass our out of town

participants OTB. Way to go gentlemen! A heartfelt thank you to all who came!

Last year's tournament began dramatically with my inability to gain access to our tournament site (the Rainbow Room of Southview Community School). I learned a lesson. This year I arranged for the principal of the school (Doug Dalton) to be available to let us in, should the security guard fail to show up at 0845, as requested. Sure enough, the security guard did NOT show up. I called Doug on a cell phone. He promptly came over, opened the school, and saved the day. Access was gained by about 0900 hrs, and with the able assistance of my fellow M.H. chess colleagues, we were able to get the playing room organized, and registration completed by 1000 hrs, the proposed starting time.

None of the previous champions were present to defend their title, so a new champion was crowned. I'm happy to report, that Micah Hughey finally achieved the pinnacle of success. He went undefeated in the tournament, finishing with 4/5 (3 wins and 2 draws). Ford Wong reappeared this year, after a 2 year absence, and charged into a tie with Micah, with his last round pummeling(!) of your intrepid reported/TD. His only loss was to Micah in round 3. Micah, by virtue of his victory over Ford, was awarded the 1st place plaque that we provide at our tournament. Roy Yearwood finished tied for third with Juraj Pivovarov with 3.5/5. Roy pressed hard for a victory in his last round with Micah, but couldn't find one. I'm proud to report that 13 year old, quiet, well mannered, Daniel Karanier (of Calgary) finished second in the "bottom" section with a score of 3/5.

In case you are wondering, "Big John" (Quiring) honored us with his presence. It is worth reporting that John is distinguished (beside his wit, charm, and good looks) as the only out-of-towner who has attended all our tournaments thus far. His perfect attendance record is untouchable. Way to go John! Regrettably, John and I share the ignoble "accomplishment", of failing to secure a place on the "WINNERS" plaque of the coveted Taylor Cup. After promising starts, our late round failures again relegated us to relative obscurity of "after pans". Still we will not give up our dreams of being champions. Next year John! Next year.

Earlier, I referred to the phrase "TRUST

DESTROYED". I will not try to be too nerdy. This came about because of the disappearance of some "new", excellent quality, Ebony and Roxwood chess pieces (2 black pawns and 1 white pawn) during round 2. Their disappearance was discovered at the end of round 2. An extensive search prior to round 3 and a plea by several individuals for their return, produced nothing. By the end of the tournament the pieces had not shown up.

Why did they disappear and who took them? Various theories were advanced (e.g. Theft by a spectator, theft by a participant, inadvertent displacement by a chess player to another location, etc.). There were no witnesses, no admissions of guilt, and no proof for any hypothesis. Still, I have a very good idea who took them. Several pieces of soft evidence seemed to support my theory. Perhaps, not enough to convince a judge; but enough to convince most of the members of our club in attendance. I will not mention the name of the individual, but implore him to do the right thing, and apologize in writing to our club, thereby restoring his integrity as an individual.

The pieces were eventually found in the playground near a swing set on Tuesday (September 19) by a student the school. The pieces were then turned in to the vice-principal, who returned them to me on Wednesday. I leave you to form your own conclusions as to what happened to our pieces. So the MHCC has received the return of our pieces, but we are awaiting the return of our trust. Enough said.

Free coffee, muffins, and Werther's originals were again enjoyed by the participants, courtesy of the Medicine Hat Chess Club, Safeway, and the generous support of 27 local sponsors. Thanks to these sponsors, \$70 cash and \$70 of merchandise was injected into the prize fund, and a "Lunch for a Buck" was again offered on Sunday to all players. This consisted of Soup, bunwiches, and a veggie tray with dip courtesy of my gifted and hardworking wife, Margaret. Where else can you get all this for a loonie? I challenge TD's and TD committees to offer similar enhancements to their tournaments. Sponsorship makes it all possible.

-Bill Taylor, TD

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2001 Alberta Junior Championship

By David Ottosen

The 2001 Alberta Junior was held November 3 in Red Deer Alberta. This tournament was plagued by a number of problems. First, the usual site of Red Deer College was unavailable due to provincial exams being held there. Second, it was unfortunately scheduled in conflict with the World Youth Chess Championships, which had both Anastasia Kazakevich and Megan Chi attending. Third, most of the top contenders from last year were either now too old (eg, Hans Olson, Kim Nguyen) or appear to have dropped out of chess (eg, Nic Haynes). However, this didn't stop the eight players who did show up from giving it their all. One thing was certain...whoever won would obtain their first ever Alberta Junior Championship!

The first surprise for me upon arriving was that absolutely no one from Edmonton had come. Not a single person (myself excluded). This can be explained in part due to the WYCC schedule conflict, but I still found it surprising. So, the eight Calgaryans lined up to play.

Round one saw absolutely no surprises, although I felt that top seed John Rajchel was not exactly blowing his opponent out of the water. I found this even more surprising since she (Cornelia Dinca) was one of the few kids I hadn't seen before. However, her serious approach and demeanor at the board reminded me a fair bit of Anastasia Kazakevich (the fact that I had seen her preparing openings with Dr. Ron Hinds before the tournament didn't hurt either!). In any event, she was slowly ground down and in the end all the top seeds won.

Round two saw the first big upset as Daniel Kazmaier played a good game to defeat second seed Brandon Eshelman. When I asked Brandon about the game, he said "I

played good, but he played more good!". Chess can be simple sometimes! Richard Canal and John Rajchel played an interesting game (see below).

Canal,R - Rajchel,J [C50] Alberta Junior

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d4 d6 5.d5 Nb8 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.c4 Nf6 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Be3 Nc5 11.Bxc5 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 dxc5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qe3 b6 15.Rae1 a6 16.f4 Nd7 17.f5 Bg5 18.Qf3 Bd2 19.Re2 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nf6 21.g4 Ne8 22.Rg2 f6 23.Kf2 h6 24.h4 Kf7 25.Rfg1 Nd6 26.g5 hxg5 27.Qh5+ Ke7 28.hxg5 Kd7 29.Qh7 Rf7 30.g6 Re7 31.Rh2 Qf8 32.Ke3 Ree8 33.Rgh1 Qe7 34.Be2 Rg8 35.Kd3 b5 36.cxb5 axb5 37.Bd1 c4+ 38.Ke3 Nb7 39.a4 Qc5+ 40.Kd2 Nd6 41.Bc2 b4 42.cxb4 Qxb4+ 43.Ke2 c3 44.Rb1 Qd4 45.Rd1 Qc4+ 46.Kf3 c6 47.a5 c5 48.Rhh1 Kc7 49.Rb1 Nb5 50.a6 Nd4+ 51.Kg3 Qxa6 52.Ra1 Qc8 53.Rxa8 Qxa8 54.Ra1 Qxa1 55.Qxg8 Qg1+ 56.Kh3 Qe3+ 57.Kh2 Qd2+ 58.Kh3 Qe3+ 59.Kh2 Qf2+ 60.Kh1 Nf3 61.Qf7+ Kb6 62.Qe6+ Ka5 0-1

Round three saw an epic battle on board 2 between Cornelia Dinca and Brandon Eshelman. Cornelia won a pawn early and seemed to be pressing the advantage until the late ending, when Brandon managed to get to a drawn rook and pawn vs. rook and pawn ending. However, she was not familiar with the technique for

drawing it, and ended up losing. On board one, Daniel Kazmaier was defeated by top seed John Rajchel, giving Rajchel a guaranteed share of first.

Round four saw Richard Canal and Daniel Kazmaier exhorting Brandon to win and allow them to catch up. Brandon, while seemingly distracted by a pizza sitting on a far table, steamrolled Rajchel's passive play and caught up to first. Meanwhile on board 2, Daniel was struggling with Cornelia, and eventually lost. This allowed Richard Canal to be the final person to tie for first, as he won handily against Tudor Dinca.

I found the results of this tournament a bit surprising, as I thought that the people who played best were Cornelia and Daniel; Cornelia in particular merely needs a bit of finishing power before she will become a very dangerous opponent and Daniel seemed to take a very serious approach to the game which should prove rewarding.

A playoff will be held later this month to determine the Alberta Junior Champion.

Alberta Junior Championship

Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1 John Rajchel	W5	W4	W3	L2	3.0
2 Brandon Eshelman	W6	L3	W5	W1	3.0
3 Daniel Kazmaier	W7	W2	L1	L5	2.0
4 Richard Canal	W8	L1	W7	W6	3.0
5 Cornelia Dinca	L1	W8	L2	W3	2.0
6 Tudor Dinca	L2	L7	W8	L4	1.0
7 Lucas Eshelman	L3	W6	L4	W8	2.0
8 Simon-Daniel Jolicoeur	L4	L5	L6	L7	0.0

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TACTIAL PROBLEMS - SOLUTIONS

Diagram 1

Juraj Pivovarov - Mark Cole
 June Open, Calgary

1. e5 Qe7 2. Ne4 Ne8 3. Nf6+ Nxf6 4. exf6 b6 5. Qh6 1-0

Diagram 2

Jim Flemming - Juraj Pivovarov
 June Open, Calgary

1. Be7 Bd7
 1...Re8 2.Bb4 and the Queen is trapped.
 Rxe1+ 3.Rxe1 doesn't help, either.
 2. Bxf8 Bxf8 3. Ne5 Rc8 4. Nxd7 Nxd7 5. c4 1-0

Diagram 3

Mike Smith - Juraj Pivovarov
 June Open, Calgary

1...Bxf2+
 Both of us missed this in the post-mortem.
 The idea is that the king has to protect the rook on f1, and will get skewered to his rook by Bb5.
 2. Kxf2 Qb6+ 3. Ke2 Bb5+ 4. Kd2 Rxf1 -+

Diagram 4

Juraj Pivovarov - Erik Tam
 June Open, Calgary

1...Qxg1+ 0-1

Diagram 5

Mike Smith - Dave Milward
 June Open, Calgary

1. f6 Bh8 2. Ne7+ Rxe7 3. fxe7 Re8 4. Rxf7 Bg7 5. Rf8#

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Hughey, M (2192) - Wong, F (1963)
 Medicine hat Open

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d5
 5.Be2 Bg4 6.Be3 e6 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3
 Nd7 9.Qd2 Nb6 10.b3 dxe4 11.Nxe4
 Nd5 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.Rd1 b6 14.c4 Ndf6
 15.0-0 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Nf6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6
 18.d5 exd5 19.cxd5 c5 20.d6 Rb8
 21.Qh6 Bd4 22.Rfe1 Qxd6 23.Bxg6+ Kd7
 24.Bf5+ Kc7 25.Qh5 Qf6 26.Re2 Rbe8
 27.Rde1 Rxe2 28.Rxe2 h6 29.Be4 Rd8
 30.Bf3 Bc3 31.Qg4 Rd1+ 32.Kh2 Be5+
 33.g3 Rd4 34.Qh5 Bd6 35.Bd5 Rf4?
 36.gxf4 Qxf4+ 37.Kg2 Qh2+ Kf1 1-0

RANK	NAME	RATING
1	Greg Huber	2329
2	Jeff Reeve	2326
3	Arthur Odachowski	2307
4	Fred South	2289
5	Rob Gardner	2252
6	Dale Haessel	2238
7	Andrew Lapides	2226
8	Sasha Grumic	2214
9	Micah Hughey	2191
10	Nandor Tot	2189
11	Kris Boehmer	2185
12	Roy Yearwood	2099
13	Grant Brown	2083
14	David Ottosen	2083
15	Jim Daniluk	2077
16	Walter Watson	2071
17	Ron Hinds	2067
18	Brian Knapper	2058
19	Zoltan Baunok	2050
20	Alan Clark	2049
21	Kim Nguyen	2033
22	Chris Kuczaj	2018
23	Ford Wong	2003
24	Dave Gomboc	1995
25	Kirk Duval	1994

Wong, F (1963) - Taylor, B (1918)
 Medicine Hat Open

1.d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7
 5.e3 dxc4?! 6.Bxc4 b6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Qf3
 c6 9.Ne4 Be7 10.Ne2 Nd7 11.Qg3 Nf6??
 12.Qxg7 Kd7 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Qxf7+
 Qe7 15.Bxe6+ Kd8 16.Qxe7+ Bxe7
 17.Bxc8 Rxc8 18.0-0 Rg8 19.Rfd1 Kc7
 20.d5 c5 21.Nc3 Bf6 22.Rab1 a6 23.Ne2
 Rg6 24.Nf4 Rh6 25.Ne6+ Kd6 26.f4 Rg8
 27.e4 Be7 28.e5+ Kd7 29.Rbc1 Rhg6
 30.Rc2 h5 31.f5 Rg4 32.f6 Bf8 33.Nxf8+
 Rxf8 34.e6+ Kd6 35.e7 1-0