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Battle of Alberta

The usual suspects from the South laid carnage on their Northern counterparts. The South put together a monster team that the North just couldn't deal with. In the end it was 14-10 for the South. Noticeably missing from this photo are Roy Yearwood and Alex Yam, who earned 3 points between them! Red Deer played host to yet another classic.

Back: Stephan Vasilev, Knut Neven, Greg Huber, Nicholas Moloney, Martin Robichaud, Victor Kaminski, Thomas Kaminski
Front: Dale Haessel, Eric Hansen, Jim Daniluk, Daniel Kazmaier.

15th Medicine Hat Open

Judging from the look on John's face, he couldn't have been too happy about the position on the board. Anton remains poker-faced at all times when he plays. Not your typical weekend swiss!



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Over / Under 1800

By Tony Ficzer

The Calgary Chess Club played host to this year's tournament. With sixteen players in the Over 1800 section, and thirteen in the Under 1800 section, this year's tournament was the best attended in recent history. It is getting tougher getting players in the Under 1800 section though, and it may be time to re-think the boundary. Perhaps it could be changed to the Over/Under 2000 in future editions.

Once again I was your tournament director. Things went smoothly for the most part, but problems on the CFC website made for some challenges with regards to the rating list. I had the list sent directly from the CFC as opposed to downloading it from their virus infected website. Should have been simple, but the file was corrupt. Some of the players ratings were not correct going into the first round. After the round got going, I received a clean file, and verified all the ratings once again. Corrections were made, and the rest of the tournament went well.

Roy Yearwood donated three plaques for each section (thanks again Roy!). The Over section featured three masters in the way of Daniel Kazmaier, Nicholas Moloney and Thomas Kaminski

(congratulations on surpassing the 2200 CFC mark Thomas!). But ratings are just numbers, you can't count on finishing first just because your rating is high. The numbers that matter the most are the points you accumulate during the tournament. Finishing on top in a three way tie with 3.5/5 were Roy Yearwood, Martin Robichaud and Nicholas Moloney. After tie-breaks, Roy was on top, and got to take home the 1st place plaque! Martin took 2nd on tie-break and Nicholas finished 3rd. This will likely be one of the last events we will see Nicholas play here in Alberta as he is making his way to Germany shortly. Art Milne and Chris Kuczaj captured the Top U2000 prize with 2/5.

The Under 1800 section saw Yuekai Wang take first undefeated, giving up two draws to finish with 4/5. 2nd-3rd was shared by Adie Todd and Simon Ong. Adie got to take home a plaque, and took the Top U1500 prize as it meant more cash. Phil Holmstrom of Edmonton scored 3/5 to claim the money for 3rd in the U1800 section. Stanley Wang took 2nd U1500 with 2/5.

Todd, Adie (1429)
Miller, David (1650) [E14]
(notes by Tony Ficzer)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 d6 4.d3 b6
5.d3 a6 6.d3 c7 7.b3 cxd4
8.exd4 d5 9.d2 d6 10.d5?!



Black is better here.

10...xb5 11.cxb5 Qc3 12.Qc2
Qxa1 13.d1?

A better try would be 13.0-0. The game gets very interesting here as Black makes some mistakes now.

13...d7 14.b2 Qxa2 15.e2

Castling is still better.

15...c8 16.d3 Bxc3 17.Qxc3
a3 18.Bb1 Qxb2 19.Qxb2 a3?

This move gives up any advantage Black had. Better would have been 19...a1.

20.c2 e7 21.Qc8



21...d6?

Throwing it all away. Black was still better after 21...a1 22.c7+ fd7 23.Qb7 Qxd4.

22.Qb7+ d7 23.bxc6 Bd8 24.c7
e8 25.c8 Bxc8 26.Qxc8 Qd6
27.b5 f8 28.Qc7+ 1-0.



Final round, top two boards. Moloney vs Yearwood (background), Robichaud vs Yam

Next ACA Casino Jan 31 - Feb 1, 2010

By Ford Wong

The next Casino for the Alberta Chess Association will be held on January 31st – February 1st, 2010, at Casino Calgary (1420 Median Road N.E.). Casino funding is one of the ACA’s major sources of income and helps pay for many ACA projects. These include room rentals, sponsorship of major tournaments such as the Canadian Open, travel to participate in national events such as the CYCC, the Canadian Chess Challenge, the Canadian Closed, the Canadian Junior, etc.

The ACA would like to again thank the following volunteers who helped out at our last Casino which was held September 13-14, 2008, in Edmonton:

Adrien Regimbald	Alexander Kazakevich
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Bing Wu	Robert Davies (**)
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Ford Wong (***)	George Sponga
Grant Brown	John Quiring (**)
Melania Perez (**)	Micah Hughey
Mike Sekuloff (****)	Nancy Van Camp
Nicolas Haynes	Pat Nolan
Peter Alderton	Richard Pua
Rick Pedersen	Rob Gardner
Robert McCullough	Rock Borger
Roland Schech	Sardul Purewal
Steve Panteluk (**)	Terry Seehagen
Tim Pradzinski	Tom Corsmeier
Vitaly Motuz	Vladislav Rekhson (**)
Vladimir Pechenkin	

As a Casino organizer, I take tremendous pride in the people who unselfishly come out and help when the call goes out for volunteers. It’s a great feeling when you solicit volunteers and they immediately respond “OK, when do you want me, just tell me where and when”. These people I just want to reach over and give a great big hug to these people (I would but don’t want to scare anyone away). The people who are willing to help, “no questions asked” are truly great supporters of chess. Special kudos go to those people who work more than one shift. Even tougher are those who work a double-shift, or come in from out of town. Ideally it would be nice to have one shift but sometimes this is not possible, and as a result, double-shifts do happen. A great big thanks to these people.

As many previous volunteers who have

worked at a Casino can attest, the work is not very demanding. It is also a good way to get to know your fellow chess players. Volunteering at a Casino is not without its perks. Meals are provided and one just drops by the Casino Restaurant or Snack bar and order whatever one wants to eat, for free (and there is generally lots of free time). The ACA is more than willing to front the bill as given the amount of money brought in by a 2-day casino this is a small price to pay. As far as I’m concerned, a volunteer can eat as much as he/she wants, as long as the food doesn’t get wasted. In 2008, volunteers generated a food / concession bill of \$1,365.00. The legal casino food allowance limit is \$925.00 and anything above must be paid by the organization itself. As expected, sometime in the morning of the 2nd day of the Casino, the Casino will tell the ACA’s General Manager (in 2008, it was me) that the Food Allowance “CAP” has been reached and ask if the food is to be cut off. I just smiled and said “it’s about time we reached it, keep those troughs open, there’s more food to eat – my volunteers and I are still hungry!”. This is a very small price to pay and one of the many perks when doing volunteer work at a Casino. Volunteers for the Casino can also be reimbursed for travel costs (eg Taxi) to and from the Casino.

In appreciation, I always try to get things for all the volunteers in appreciation for their work. As with every Casino where I am GM, I get used decks of cards (the Casino gives these away – you just have to ask – in the past they used to give away trinkets such as key chains, etc but not any more) for everyone. I apologize if I haven’t got the decks of the cards to everyone who helped in 2008. I hope to eventually get them to you. Many, many years ago, the ACA gave every volunteer a Casino watch. The Casino generally also has a draw for a Casino watch and every volunteer gets an entry for each shift worked. My only comment is the watches aren’t that great.

For the next Casino in Calgary the ACA will be counting on most members from Calgary and area for help. Tony Ficzer will be organizing and hopes to hear from you in the near future.

Road Warrior UPDATE

Sequillion has taken a commanding lead this year. The only player who could actually catch him would be Chris White of La Crete, and only if Chris plays in all of the remaining events!

Here are the top 20 after the Medicine Hat Open.

1	Aaron Sequillion	Edmonton	44.5
2	Roy Yearwood	Calgary	34.5
3	Rick Pedersen	Edmonton	22.0
4	David Miller	Grande Prairie	21.0
5	Nicholas Moloney	Calgary	20.0
6	Shanker Raman	Calgary	18.5
7	Ali Razzaq	Edmonton	18.0
8	Mike Zeggelaar	Edmonton	17.5
9	Jim Daniluk	Calgary	17.0
10	Chris White	La Crete	16.0
11	Rob Gardner	Edmonton	16.0
12	Mike Scholz	Calgary	15.0
13	Art Milne	Calgary	14.5
14	Chris Kuczaj	Calgary	14.0
15	Ford Wong	Edmonton	14.0
16	Tim Pradzinski	Grande Prairie	13.0
17	Micah Hughey	Edmonton	12.0
18	Bill Bentley	Calgary	11.0
19	Phil Holmstrom	Edmonton	11.0
20	Terry Chaisson	Lloydminster	10.5



2009 Remaining Road Warrior Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct 10-12	Alberta Open	Edmonton
Nov 21-22	Southern Alberta Open	Calgary
Dec 17-21	4th Edmonton International Chess Festival	Edmonton
Dec 19-20	WBX Team Tournament (part of EICF)	Edmonton

15th Medicine Hat Open

By Bill Taylor

For the third year in a row, the Medicine Hat “OPEN” Chess Tournament took place on a wonderful, warm, sunny, weekend. We couldn’t have asked for better weather! This year, we welcomed two special guests: GM John Fedorowicz (of the Bronx, New York) and Anton Kovalyov (a Ukrainian-born Grandmaster currently living in Montreal). Thanks to the considerable behind the scenes contributions of Tony Ficzero (the Executive Director of the ACA), they arrived a day prior to the weekend tournament to participate in events that I had planned for Friday, September 11th to celebrate the 15th anniversary of our tournament. The first event, starting just after 3:00 p.m., was a friendly exhibition game between John and Anton at the **GIANT CHESS SET Project**, located in beautiful downtown Medicine Hat on 1st St. S.E. Two local television stations and the Medicine Hat newspaper were in attendance to document this activity, and interview various participants including myself. John won the coin toss and chose to play the white pieces, which allowed him to stand in the shade. One of our young Junior players, Jordan Schibler, kindly documented the game. It was about a 35 move draw. After this friendly encounter, interviews were given by both Anton and John to the press. Just after 4:00 pm, we moved across the street to the Cutbanks room on the second floor of our Performing Arts Theatre (the Esplanade). GM John Fedorowicz gave a lively one hour lecture highlighting two interesting games of Anatoly Karpov. The word “torture” was used frequently during his presentation. This was most amusing and very well received by all in attendance. At 5:15 pm, we headed to the Terrace level (roof) of the Esplanade for a reception. I served as the Master of Ceremonies. John and Anton were welcomed to Medicine Hat by Judy Friesen, the Deputy Mayor of Medicine Hat. Several small City of Medicine Hat-logoed gifts were presented to our visitors by Julie. We enjoyed some fellowship, and wonderful hot hors d’oeuvres, cheese, fruit and drinks courtesy of Stan Sakamoto of Shooting Star Events. At 6:15 pm, GM Anton Kovalyov began a

Simultaneous Exhibition taking on 9 players. His final tally was 8 wins and 1 draw (that being against Roy Yearwood). At about 8:30 pm, John and Anton retired to the vicinity of their hotel with a group of other adventuresome chess players for some drinks and conversation at a local licensed eatery.

I’m pleased to say that we welcomed 22 participants to the actual tournament. Our returning champion, Keith MacKinnon (who was also our 2006 tournament champion!) was present to try and defend his championship. Several previous tournament champions, including Roy Yearwood, Ford Wong, Chris Kuczaj, and myself were also present, hoping to regain the crown. Tony Ficzero, the ACA Director, served as the main Tournament Director and I assisted him in his duties. In addition to our two visiting GMs, our tournament makeup consisted of five Med Hatters; Don and Keith MacKinnon from North Battleford, Saskatchewan; two players from Lethbridge; four participants from Edmonton; and seven participants from Calgary. It is always a pleasure to welcome new faces to our gathering.

True to the 15 year tradition of the Medicine Hat OPEN, no previous tournament winner has successfully defended their championship the following year. This was to be true again this year, as Keith (last year’s champion) was in tough against the two GMs. I believe he played well against both of them, but ultimately lost both his games. He did have a first round scare against our most accomplished

local Junior player (Jordan Schibler). The two GMs, John and Anton, met in Round 4. This game was to prove decisive in favor of Anton. He went on to achieve a perfect 5/5 record. Tied for second place were John Fedorowicz and Roy Yearwood. John won the second place position on tie-break over Roy.

Our first place winner, Anton, won a beautiful large, framed picture of a tranquil country scene on a rainy day. He also acquired a first-aid kit. Our second and third place winners (John and Roy) shared both cash and merchandise. Both Anton and John received “keeper” plaques commemorating their placing in our tournament. In the U 2000 section of our tournament, Phil Holmstrom was victorious with 3.5/5. There was a 5-way tie for second place in this section (2.5/5) including three former tournament winners (Ford Wong, Chris Kuczaj, and Dr. Bill Taylor). In the U 1700 section, Don Fedoruk was a clear first with 2/5. The top unrated player was Glenn Harper, a local product. In total, 13 of the 22 participants were awarded prizes.

Even our non-prize winners were treated to the usual Medicine Hat Chess Club and “Taylor-made” hospitality. This included free coffee, assorted types of muffins, and a plethora of various soft and hard candies/chocolates. This came courtesy of the generous support of 51 local sponsors. We continued our Saturday night “Dessert and Drinks” social (for the seventh consecutive year!), which this year featured a variety of fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, and store-bought pastries. A selection of soft drinks,



GM Kovalyov walks to make his next move while local television crews film

fruit juices, and low alcoholic beverages were also available. On Sunday at noon, we again offered our popular “Lunch for a Buck” for the 12th straight year. My good wife, Margaret, again championed this event by preparing large tureens of hearty minestrone soup, and offered a “make your own sandwich” tray of various cold cuts, cheeses, and condiments. For dessert, angel food cake topped by mixed berries and whipped cream was the fare. Thanks to our sponsors, \$160 of cash merchandise was injected into the tournament prize fund, over and above the entry fees. This is the 11th straight year that our prize fund has exceeded the value of the entry fees. With the anticipated ongoing support of our many sponsors, and the new sponsors that I continue to find, I will continue to offer all of these “perks” and enhancements next year.

Medicine Hat (and Canada’s) unique GIANT CHESS SET Project was in operation for a fourth full season. We once again hired two “Chess Educators/Civic Ambassadors” who worked for our Project from May 1st - September 2nd of this year. Along with their many roles relating to the GIANT CHESS set on a daily basis, they helped me conduct an educational “chess camp” in our club “home” (in a nearby school). They helped me conduct our second live chess event, which was held on Saturday afternoon, June 6th inside the Esplanade during Medicine Hat’s “Spectrum” festival, in downtown Medicine Hat. They also assisted in demonstrating interesting chess problems and games to an attentive crowd gathered in downtown to celebrate “Heritage Day” on Saturday, August 1st.

Funding for our Project was again obtained from a variety of sources, which regrettably did not include the ACA this year. The Medicine Hat Chess Society (MHCS) will be conducting its first casino in the middle of October (next month) which should lead to long-term sustainability of the Project. Note should be made that we replaced our permanently-surfaced chess board in early May with one that is larger (it now measures 19’4” x 19’4”). We applied for consideration of a Guinness World Record (GWR) for the “Largest Chess Set” in late May. To date, we are still awaiting news that we were successful in our claim. The wheels of assessment at the Records Management department of GWR move very slowly indeed (unless of course, you are

prepared to pay a hefty fee to expedite consideration of your claim). We live in optimism.

I continue to challenge other tournament committees and TDs elsewhere to offer similar enhancements at their tournaments. Such enhancements would not be possible without the support of sponsors. As stated many times before, (and worth repeating again!), SPONSORSHIP MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE!! Please feel free to contact me if you want some ideas on how to go about it. It’s not really that difficult. Until next year ...

**Kovalyov, GM Anton
Fedorowicz, GM John
Kings Indian Defense**

(Notes by John Fedorowicz)

1.♠f3 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.♙e2 e5 7.♙e3 ♗g4
My loyalty to the Kings Indian defense has taken a beating of late. This line has put the KID under a cloud.

8.♙g5 f6 9.♙c1

I lost tough games to Onischuk and Shulman with 9.♙h4. I figured out something playable against 9 Bh4.

9...♗c6 10.d5 ♗e7 11.h3 ♗h6 12.h4 ♗f7 13.h5 g5

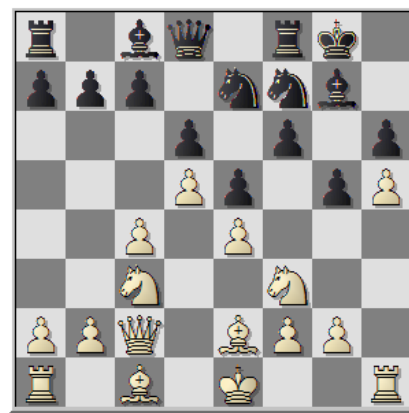
13...f5!/? is the most active try, but I was concerned with King safety. 14.hxg6 ♗xg6 15.♖b3 f4 (15... ♗f4 16. ♗xf4 exf4 17.0-0-0 ♖e8 18. ♗d3 ♗xc3 19. ♖xc3 fxe4 20. ♙c2 c6 was very sharp, but OK for Black, Vukanovic-Kempinski ICC blitz 2002).

14.♖c2

We’ll see that this innocent move has a serious idea behind it.

14...h6

Black is planning to break with ...f5



15.g4!

OH! OH! This move clamps down on my counterplay and the torture begins. Now I was wishing I played 13... f5 or perhaps a Queens Gambit!

15...c6 16.♙e3 a6 17.♗d2 ♗d7 18.a3 ♖c7 19.♖c1 ♖fc8 20.0-0 c5 21.b4 b6 22.♖b1 ♖cb8 23.f3 ♗f8 24.♖b2 ♖b7 25.♖fb1 ♖ab8 26.♗d3 ♗c8 27.♗d1!

Swapping White's so called bad Bishop for Black's good Bishop.

27...♙e7 28.♙a4 ♗xa4 29.♗xa4 ♖d7 30.♗c3

White is manoeuvring at his leisure.

30...♗a7 31.♖b3 ♗d8 32.♗f1 ♗c8 33.♙f2 ♖a7 34.♗e3 ♗b7 35.♗f5 ♗f8 36.a4 cxb4 37.♖xb4 ♗c5 38.♖c2 ♖ab7 39.♗f1 ♖c7 40.♗e2 ♖d7 41.♖a1 ♖c7 42.♖a3 ♗e7 43.♗e3 ♗c8 44.♗c1 ♗d7 45.♖c3 ♗c5 46.♗g2 ♗d7 47.♗f5 ♗c5 48.♗a2 ♖d7 49.♖a3 b5?

Hoping for active play, but with the Bf8 looking sad, passive defense was best.

50.axb5 axb5 51.cxb5 ♖xb5 52.♖xb5 ♖xb5 53.♗c3 ♖b4 54.♗d1 ♖b7 55.♖c3 ♖b5 56.♙xc5 dxc5 1-0.

Radjabov would've found counterplay, but I'm not Radjabov!

Battle of Alberta

By Tony Ficzer

As is usual, the Battle of Alberta was fought in Red Deer. Like last year, it was held at the Red Deer Lodge. The only difference was the room we booked. The lighting wasn't as good as we had hoped for, and the noise level in the hall outside the room was a bit much. Last year we were tucked away in the far corner of the facility, and there were no disruptions at all. Next year we will try to book the same room we had in 2008, or even look at another facility.

Micah Hughey captained the northern team, and also held down board four. Missing from the lineup was Edmonton's strongest player IM Edward Porper. Another notable missing player was Jeff Reeve. This may have been the difference between victory and defeat for the north. The average rating over the twelve boards was 2177.

Jim Daniluk captained the southern team, and did an excellent job lining up the players. This was likely the strongest team ever from the south. The south could boast an average rating of almost 2254. A big difference on paper.

The BOA seems to be getting stronger every year. It is quite possible in the near future for both teams to field masters on all boards.

Once again I was the TD for the event. There were no disputes over the board, and the rounds started in good time. There was some panic by the southern captain, Jim Daniluk, as at the start of the first round, three of his players had not arrived. Eric Hansen, Roy Yearwood and Alex Yam were not present when the clocks were started. They finally showed up about fifteen minutes later to start their games.

Six players in total made perfect scores; four from the south and two from the north. Vlad Rekhson scored the biggest upset of the tournament by winning both his games against Daniel Kazmaier. Their CFC rating difference was 109 points.

So the trophy will rest at the Calgary Chess Club until next year. Thanks to all the players who attended. We hope to see you all at the Alberta Open!

Here are a couple interesting games from the BOA.

Kazmaier, Daniel (2276)

Rekhson, Vlad (2167)

Notes by Vlad Rekhson

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.♙a4 ♟f6 5.0-0 ♟xe4 6.d4 exd4!?

I have to credit this to our captain Micah Hughey, who gave me a regular beating in this line which was supposed to be bad for Black. It got me thinking of it!

7.♞e1 d5 8.♙xc6+!?

Daniel finds an interesting line which hasn't been played too often in the past. The most common line here, which is not so easy to find during the game is: 8.♟xd4 ♙d6 9.♟xc6 ♙xh2+ 10.♟h1 ♞h4 11.♞xc4+ dxe4 12.♞d8+ ♞xd8 13.♟xd8+ ♟xd8 14.♟xh2 and White has a somewhat better position due to a superior development (Capablanca-Lasker, New York, 1915).

8...bxc6 9.♞xd4

White is down a pawn, but he creates problems for Black which are not so easy to deal with. The Knight pin on the e-file is annoying and its not so easy to see how Black will move the f8 Bishop in order to castle, due to the g7 weakness.

9...c5 10.♞e5+ ♙e6 11.c4 c6 12.♟c3 ♟xc3 13.bxc3 ♞d6 14.♞h5

14.♙f4 ♞xc5 15.♙xe5 and White has a dominating e5 Bishop that takes control of the b8 square and still puts pressure on g7. This was the variation I was worried about

[C80]

during the game. It is not so easy to see how to stop White's rook invasion to the b-file.

14...g6 15.♞h4 ♙g7 16.♙f4 ♞d8 17.♙g5 ♞d6 18.♞ab1!

Declining the implicit draw offer, and setting up some great attacking chances.

18...♙xc3 19.♞b7!? ♙xe1!?

19...h6! 20.♙c7 g5 21.♟xg5 hxg5 22.♞xh8+ ♙xh8 23.♙xd6 is the computer line which gives Black the best chances.

20.♙e7



20...g5

20...♞b8 21.♙xd6 ♞xb7 22.♟xe1 dxc4 leaves Black with too few pieces and too many dark holes around his King.

21.♞xg5 f6 22.♞g7

22.♞xf6! seems to be winning for White.

SOUTH						NORTH					
Captain	RTG	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	BRD	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	RTG	Captain			
Jim Daniluk								Micah Hughey			
FM Eric Hansen	2498	1w	0b	1	0b	1w	2380	FM Blagoj Gicev			
Victor Kaminski	2328	0b	0w	2	1w	1b	2376	FM Vladimir Pechenkin			
FM Greg Huber	2306	1w	0b	3	0b	1w	2244	Robert Gardner			
FM Dale Haessel	2276	1b	1w	4	0w	0b	2216	Micah Hughey			
Daniel Kazmaier	2276	0w	0b	5	1b	1w	2167	Vladislav Rekhson			
Nicolas Moloney	2262	.5b	.5w	6	.5w	.5b	2143	Sasa Grumic			
Knut Neven	2254	1w	1b	7	0b	0w	2142	Anastasia Kazakevich			
Thomas Kaminski	2218	.5b	1w	8	.5w	0b	2138	Richard Wang			
Roy Yearwood	2177	0w	1b	9	1b	0w	2117	Peter Kalisvaart			
Martin Robichaud	2170	.5b	0w	10	.5w	1b	2103	Rick Pedersen			
Stephan Vasilev	2145	1w	1b	11	0b	0w	2060	Bradley Willis			
Alex Yam	2132	1b	1w	12	0w	0b	2038	Aaron Sequillion			
Team Average	2254	7.5	6.5	---	4.5	5.5	2177	Team Average			
					14					10	



Vlad prays that his opponent won't show up for the game!

Here is one example of how White can achieve the win: 22...♙c3 23.♚xc3 d4 (23... ♖xe7 24. ♗xh8+ ♖f8 25. ♗xh7 ♖f6) 24. ♖a5 ♖f4 (24... ♗xe7 25. ♗xe7+ ♔xe7 26. ♖c7+ ♔f6 27. ♖e5+ ♔e7 28. ♔g5+-) 25. ♖e1 ♖f5 26. ♔g5 ♗g8 27. ♔xc6+- Of course all of that was quite difficult to see with only two minutes on the clock!

22...♗g8 23.♖xf6

During the game I thought that Bxd6 might be winning for white, however it is not so simple. 23.♙xd6 ♗xg7 24.♗xg7 ♙c3 25.♖c7+ ♔d8. Here I thought that after Bxd6, White would be up a piece, but Black has 26.♗xc6 ♔d7 27.♗c3 d4 28.♙c5 fxc5 29.♔xc5+ ♔d6=.

23...♙c3 24.♖h6??

A time pressure blunder. White would have the advantage after 24.♚xc3 ♖f4 (24... ♗xe7 25. ♗xe7+ ♔xe7 26. ♖e3 ♔d6 27. ♖f4+ ♔d7 28. ♔e5+±) 25.♙h4 d4 26.♖e1 ♗g6. Despite being up the exchange, Black will find it difficult to defend against White's numerous threats.

24... ♗xe7 25. ♗xe7+ ♔xe7 26. ♔g5 ♙d7 27. ♔xh7 ♗ab8 28. h4 ♙d4 29. ♔g5 ♖b2 30. ♔h2 ♗xf2 31. cxd5 cxd5 32. ♖xa6 ♙e5+ 33. ♔g1 ♖f4 34. ♖e2 ♔d6 35. g3 ♙d4+ 36. ♔h1 ♖f2 37. ♖a6+ ♙c6 38. ♖a7 ♗g8 39. g4 ♙e3 40. ♖a6 d4+ 41. ♔e4+ ♔d7 42. ♖a7+ ♔e6 43. ♖b6 ♗c8 44. ♖a6 ♔e5 0-1.

Vasilev,Stephan (2145)

Willis,Brad (2060)

[C02]

Notes by Stephan Vasilev

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 ♔c6

4...♙xc5?! 5. ♖g4 Keres.

5. ♔f3 ♙xc5 6. ♙d3 ♔ge7 7.0-0 ♖c7

If 7...0-0 8.♙xh7+! with the initiative.

8.♗e1 ♙d7

8...♖b6 deserves consideration.

9.c3 a6 10.a4 ♗c8 11.b4!?

An interesting alternative to 11.♔a3.

11...♙a7

11...♙b6 12.♔a3 threatening b5.

12.b5 axb5 13.axb5 ♔a5 14.♙a3

This gives White dynamic compensation for the weakness along the c-file.

14...♖b6 15.♗a2 ♔c4

If 15...♙xb5 16.♖b2 ♔c4 17.♙xc4 ♗xc4 (or 17...dxc4 18.♙xe7 ♔xe7 19.♖d6+)

18.♖b3.

16.♙xc4!?

Initiating a speculative plan by offering two pawns.

16...♗xc4

If 16...dxc4 17.♙xe7 ♔xe7 18.♖d6+ {Macfie} 18...♔e8 19.♖b4 and Black's King is stuck in the centre.

17.♔bd2

Not well received by my teammates at the time, but I had a plan.

17...♖xf2+ 18.♔h1 ♗xc3

If 18...♗c8 19.c4! with many threats, for example 19...dxc4 20.♗e2 ♖b6 21.♔c4 ♔f5 22.g4 ♔e3 23.♖d6 ♖d8



White to move.



Willis vs Vasilev

24.♖f8+!! ♜xf8 25.♘d6+ ♔e7 26.♘f5+ ♔e8 27.♘g7#, while 18...♙g4 {Purewal} is met with 19.♙c2 rather than the timid 19.♙g1.

19.♖a1!

19.♙c7 followed by 20.♖a1 is not as flexible.

19...♙xa3 20.♙xa3 ♖b8

If 20...♘c8 21.♙f1 ♖c5/b6 22.♘g5 0-0 23.♖b1 g6 24.♙h3 transferring the attack to the King-side or, if 20...♙c5 simply 21.♙a2 with many threats.

21.♙ae3!

Threatening 22.♙1e2 trapping the queen, reminiscent of a "Go" capture.

21...♙xb5 22.♖a8 0-0 23.♖xb7 ♘f5

23...d4 {Grumic} is countered with 24.♙b3.

24.♖xb5 ♘xe3 25.♙e2 ♖xe2 26.♖xe2 ♘f5 27.♖a6 h6 28.♘b3 g5 29.g4 ♘e3 30.h3 ♘c4 31.♘c5 ♙c7 32.♘d7 ♙d8 33.♖c6 ♙a5 34.♘d4 ♔g7 35.♘xe6+ ♙xe6 36.♖xe6 1-0.

Intuition was key to White's success in this game. Much of the annotator's enjoyment came from working without a chess engine. Thanks to Bob Macfie and Roy Yearwood for their assistance with annotating this game.

University of Calgary Chess Club holds 2 Master Simul

By Tony Ficzero

When I heard that Daniel Kazmaier and Nicholas Moloney were giving a free simul at the University of Calgary on October 1, I decided to check it out and play. When I got there, I was surprised to see that all 18 boards were going strong, and the giant chess set was being used for speed chess!

Adie Todd and Monica Sommerville organized the event, held in Macewan Hall. The site was excellent for a simul. There were hundreds of spectators all day long, and the food court was just around the corner if you needed refreshments. I asked Adie how the club was doing at the University and she told me that it's packed every Thursday. More than 30 players show up, and often there is not enough space, so some games spill over into the hall. These are the kinds of problems we

need in chess. Excellent work by Adie and Monica. In the short time since Adie has been organizing, she has shown amazing potential. What added to the day was the

commentary provided by Roy Yearwood. Roy acted as emcee while the event ran, providing colour commentary to the crowd of onlookers. Nice work Roy!



Nicholas Moloney ponders his next move, while in the background Adie Todd plays a big speed game

Southern Alberta Open

November 21-22

Calgary Chess Club

#274, 3359-27th St. NE (Parma Tech Centre, North Building)

Qualifier to the 2010 Alberta Closed

5 Round Swiss CFC & FIDE rated

CFC membership required, can be purchased on site

TD/Organizer: Tony Ficzero

Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 seconds

Rounds: Saturday 10 am, 2 pm, 7 pm Sunday 10 am, ASAP

Byes: ½ pt in first 3 rounds if notified before the start of round 1

Entry Fee: \$30 Adult, \$25 Junior

Registration: Advanced by email tficzero@telus.net or leave message 866-971-2437

On site Saturday 9-9:45 am

Prize Fund: Based on entries plus donations

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Chinatown Street Festival

By Simon Ong

The Chinatown Street Festival is one of the most popular festivals in Calgary. It consists of merchant booths and also has a variety of different activities for the crowd. It is located at 3rd Ave and 1st St SE. The festival usually attract 50,000 people from all parts of Calgary. Every year the festival has 3 on 3 soccer, mini golf, and Chinese Chess.

However, there was something different about the 9th annual Chinatown Street Festival. There were two tables set up with six chess boards and pieces under a 10'x 10' tent. Next to the tent was the Calgary Chess Club's giant chess board, set up by Bob Macfie, Angelo Tolentino, Roy Yearwood, Raymond Ong and myself. The giant chess pieces were assembled by our junior club players including the Tolentino brothers and Bill Xu. The youngest of the Tolentino brothers, Khino ("young Fischer"), placed the assembled pieces on the giant board and ready to start a game against any visitors.

Regardless of the chilly weather in the morning, more and more visitors gathered around the giant chess board observing the game between Bob Macfie and challengers from the crowd. The games were not short, the challengers actually giving Bob a hard time! Visitors also played chess against our president, Stephan Vasilev, and veteran Roy Yearwood at the tables.

Throughout the day, Stephan Vasilev, Roy Yearwood, and Bob Macfie talked with visitors and answered any questions about our club. We also gave out ACA&CCC pamphlets and Alberta Chess Reports. I helped answer questions regarding the junior chess club and passed out the new CJCC schedules. Stephan sold chess sets to anyone who wanted them. It was nice to see the cooperation of our CCC executives. Other than our CCC executives, we have many juniors playing chess in the festival including David Zhang, YueKai Wang, Tony Cai, Diwen Shi, Chenxi Zhao, Kevin Zhao, Lee Ma, Gordon Cheung and juniors which I had already mentioned earlier in the report.

Our juniors were playing blitz and bug-house. Some of our younger juniors were



challenged by visitors. It was surprising to see how our juniors were victorious against visitors who are many times their age. I remembered seeing the Alberta Grade 1 champion, Patrick Tolentino, checkmating a visitor who claimed that he has been playing chess for more than 10 years. Never underestimate our juniors. Later in the day, Raman Shanker dropped by to play a few chess games. The only game I saw Raman play was against Gordon Cheung. Raman easily won the game. Thanks for coming, Raman. Overall the promotion of our club in this festival was a great success. We hope that the visitors we met in this festival will come to our club in the near future. It was a very positive experience for our CCC executives, CJCC juniors, and visitors. It would be great if the CCC board will con-

sider running the same thing in the 10th Chinatown Chess Festival. If we are doing the same thing in the future, I strongly encourage our CCC/CJCC players to come out because after the festival you will be left with wonderful memories which I cannot explain; they have to be experienced.

Again, I want to say "thank you" to all who came to help out in promoting chess and/or play chess in this festival. Special thanks to Stephan Vasilev, Roy Yearwood, Bob Macfie, and Stacy Liu (Chenxi's mom) for helping with the tear down.

BEYOND ALBERTA

Albertans at the Canadian Closed

Four players from Alberta competed in the Canadian Closed held in Guelph this past August. It would have been five but Eric Hansen decided not to play. IM Edward Porper earned his spot by winning the 2009 Alberta Closed. Victor and Thomas Kaminski also made the trip, as well as FM Dale Haessel.

This year's tournament was a Zonal meaning that the winner would qualify to the FIDE World Cup.

IM Edward Porper finished with 5/9, losing only one game to Alexander Marchenko. Porper's record for this event was 2 wins, 6 draws, and 1 loss.

Victor Kaminski scored 4.5/9 with 2 wins, 5 draws and 2 losses.

Thomas Kaminski was not far behind at 4/9 with 2 wins, 4 draws and 3 losses. This was a great experience for Thomas and a solid result.

FM Dale Haessel also finished with 4/9 scoring 3 wins, 2 draws and 4 losses.

IM Porper at ZMD Germany

Porper had a busy summer. After finishing in a tie for first at the Canadian Open, he was off to Dresden Germany to take part in the ZMD Schachfest tournament. This super strong tournament featured 22 GMs and 5 IMs in the premier section. 278 players took part in this eight section event. With a prize fund of 24,000 €, there were plenty of cash prizes to go around.

What is unique with this tournament is the treatment of draws. If you drew your game, you then had to play a "rapid game" to get a decisive result. If that didn't do it, then you had to play another game at sudden death. The winner was destined to score 9/9. Edward managed to finish with 7/9 finishing in a tie for 8-22! The tournament winner was GM Vladimir Epshin with 9/9! Epshin had to play three rapid games to secure his top finish.



IM Porper vs Thomas Kaminski at the Canadian Closed

Lethbridge Chess Club

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November 7 & 8
Calgary Chess Club, #274, 3359-27 Street N.E.
Club Phone: 403-264-9498

Open to Albertan juniors who born in 1990 or later (age 20 and under)

CFC & FIDE* rated

(*at least 3 FIDE-rated juniors required)

CFC Membership is required. It can be purchased on site

Format: 5 round swiss or round robin, depending on the number of entries

Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 second increment

Registration: Sign-in at the club 9:30-9:45 am

Please Pre-register by e-mailing by October 31, 2009 to simong89@yahoo.ca

Round Times: Saturday 10:00 am, 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am, 2:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$20

Prize: Cash Prize, Trophies and Medallions* (*Depending on the number of entrants)

The Alberta Junior Champion earns the right to represent Alberta at the next Canadian Junior Chess Championship, expenses paid by the ACA

List of entrants will be posted on the Alberta Chess Association and Calgary Chess Club and Edmonton Chess Club Yahoo! Newsgroups starting November 1st.

Top 3 boards each round broadcast live on the ACA website via DGT technology

Tournament Director: Simon Ong
Tournament Director's Contact Information: (403)274-2954 • simong89@yahoo.ca

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Alberta Junior Reserve Championship 2009

November 7 & 8
Calgary Chess Club, #274, 3359-27 Street N.E.
Club Phone: 403-264-9498

Open to Albertan juniors who born in 1990 or later (age 20 and under)

**with a CFC rating of 1700 or lower
CFC rated**

CFC Membership is required. It can be purchased on site

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Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 second increment

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**Two great events in one!
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Calgary Chess Club Fall Active

Saturday, October 24th, 2009
 Calgary Chess Club
 #274, 3359 - 27 Street NE, Calgary

This is an open chess tournament organized by the Calgary Chess Club. CFC active chess rules apply and all participants must show proper chess etiquette

Format: 5 round swiss. Game in 25 min. +10 sec. increment each move

CFC Active Rated

CFC membership required, can be purchased at site. First time players are welcome!

Registration on site from 9:15am-9:55am (please arrive on time)
 Round Times: 10am, 11:10am, Lunch, 12:50pm, 2pm, 3:15pm

Entry: Adults \$20, Seniors\Juniors under 18 \$15, participating junior \$7

*There is an option to join the tournament in Rd3 with a 1.0 point BYE and with the entry fee reduced by 25%
 Only 0.5 BYE would count for prizes. All byes must be requested before the start of Round 1*

Organizer anticipates a \$350 prize fund based on 20 entries

Prizes	Open	1 st \$80, 2 nd \$50, 3 rd \$35
	U1800	1 st \$65, 2 nd \$40
	U1600	1 st \$50, 2 nd \$30

For pre-registration or more information please contact TD\Organizer
 Richard Kaminski at
 rkchess@gmail.com or call (403) 282-1892

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For more info, contact Roy Yearwood in writing at
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<p>Calgary Junior Chess Club #274, 3359-27th St. NE (Parma Tech Centre, North Building) Contact: Simon Ong Email: simong89@yahoo.ca Website: www.geocities.com/calgarychess4juniors/home.html</p>	<p>Hanna Chess Club United Church on Centre St. Contact Jon, 403.854.3412</p>	<p>Sherwood Park Second Cup on Baseline Road Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to closing time Contact: Les Jones, 780.467.7393</p>
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Upcoming ACA Events at a Glance

DATE	NAME	ORGANIZER	LOCATION
Oct 10-12	Alberta Open	Ford Wong	Edmonton
Oct 24	Junior Battle of Alberta	Bruce Thomas	Red Deer
Nov 7-8	Alberta Junior	Simon Ong	Calgary
Nov 21-22	Southern Alberta Open	Tony Ficzere	Calgary
Dec 17-21	Edmonton International Chess Festival	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton
Dec 19-20	WBX Tournament (part of EICF)	Vlad Rekhson	Edmonton

WBX Team Tournament

Part of the EICF

December 19-20

Edmonton Chess Club, #204, 10840 124 st.

TD: Aaron Sequillion

Time Control: Game in 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment from move one

Round Times: Saturday 10am, 2pm, 6pm, Sunday 10am, ASAP (2pm)

Official registration will begin at 9:15am Saturday morning

Fee: 120\$ per team. Discounts for juniors and FIDE titled players. \$10 per junior (18 and younger) and \$20 per FIDE title. FIDE titles must play in at least 3 games to be eligible for discount

This tournament will be CFC and FIDE rated

CFC membership required, can be purchased at site

Prizes: 1st place team, 2nd place team, 1st place brd 1, 1st place brd 2, 1st place brd 3

Format subject to changes

If you wish to play but are unable to find a team, email aaron_sequillion@hotmail.com

Advanced registration preferred. You can either contact me by email or by leaving a message on the ECC voicemail (780) 424-0283

This is the final *Road Warrior* event for 2009!

4th Edmonton International Chess Festival

December 17-21 2009

Visit the ECC\ACA websites for details

www.edmontonchessclub.org

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4th Edmonton International Qualifier/Fundraiser

The 4th Edmonton International will once again be a premier event featuring Alberta's finest alongside international top talent. This year's event will be a 10 player round-robin with GM/IM norm opportunities. As in previous years, we give the opportunity for everyone to take part in this prestigious event by holding a qualifier for one of the spots.

Edmonton International Qualifier details:

Dates: October 31-November 1

Rating system: CFC and FIDE rated

Location: Edmoton Chess Club. #204, 10840 124 st. Edmonton

Time control: 90 minutes+30 seconds increment.

Entry Fee: \$30. Non-CFC members, add \$20 for adults, add \$10 for juniors under 18

Prizes: 50% of entries as prizes, 50% towards the International. Class prizes expected

Registration: Saturday, October 31; 9:00-9:45 am.

Format: 5 rnd Swiss, Saturday 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm. Sun: 10:00 am, 2:00 pm

Late policy: Players arriving one hour after the scheduled start time will lose on time

Byes: Up to two half point byes available rounds 1-4 if requested before round 1

Qualification spot: The winner of the tournament will receive a spot at the 4th Edmon-ton International (must still pay the entry fee). In case of a tie for first, the prize money will be split; however, the spot will be awarded based on the official ACA tie-break rules.

Eligibility: Everyone!

If you think that you would be able to make, or for any additional questions please contact the event organizer Vlad Rekhson at: vrekhson@yahoo.ca

TOP 40 CFC RATED ALBERTANS

As of September 30, 2009

1	Porper, Edward	2518
2	Hansen, Eric	2494
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2391
4	Gicev, Blagoj	2386
5	Kaminski, Victor	2315
6	Reeve, Jeff	2306
7	Huber, Gregory	2304
8	Peter, Steven	2294
9	Haynes, Nicolas	2292
10	Haessel, Dale	2290
11	Neven, Knut	2266
12	Risticovic, Nenad	2262
13	Moloney, Nicholas	2258
14	Kazmaier, Daniel	2256
15	Gardner, Robert J.	2254
16	Kaminski, Thomas	2223
17	Rekhson, Vladislav	2206
18	Hughey, Micah	2204
19	Booker, Brad	2188
20	Yearwood, Roy	2174
21	Vasilev, Stephan	2170
22	Grumic, Sasa	2154
23	Yam, Alex	2154
24	Robichaud, Martin	2150
25	Wang, Richard	2130
26	Pedersen, Rick	2126
27	Kalisvaart, Peter	2124
28	Zhang, David	2101
29	Gold, Itohan	2087
30	Nguyen, Kim	2082
31	Perron, Sean	2081
32	Monaghan, Jim	2080
33	Daniluk, Jim	2080
34	Campbell, Gordon	2077
35	Gorelik, Lev	2076
36	Purewal, Sardul	2074
37	Karmali, Hafiz	2073
38	Gluckie, Jamin	2073
39	Willis, Bradley J.	2038
40	Tot, Nandor	1997

TOP 10 FIDE RATED ALBERTANS

As of September 25, 2009

1	Porper, Edward	2445
2	Hansen, Eric	2411
3	Pechenkin, Vladimir	2354
4	Kaminski, Victor	2245
5	Peter, Steven	2234
6	Reeve, Jeff	2230
7	Huber, Greg	2207
8	Risticovic, Nenad	2203
9	Haessel, Dale	2192
10	Haynes, Nicholas	2175

2009 ALBERTA OPEN Chess Championship October 10 - 12

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Location:Edmonton Chess Club, #204 10840 - 124 Street, Edmonton,
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Register: 9:00 to 9:55 AM, Saturday Oct 10th

Pre-register: email tficzere@telus.net

Number of entries limited to first 60 players

Entry Fee: Adult \$40.00, Junior \$35.00
Junior no prizes & under 14 \$20.00
Free entry to GMs & IMs

**Entrants must be CFC members
(Albertans must be ACA member)**

CFC & ACA Rates: CFC+ACA Adult = \$41, CFC+ACA Junior = \$27
CFC+ACA participating (junior only, no magazines) = \$13
Single tournament membership: \$20 Adult, \$10 Junior

Format: Six Round Swiss (CFC & FIDE Rated)

Times: Saturday 10:30am, 4:00pm, Sunday 9:30am, 5:00pm, Monday
9:30am, 2:00pm or ASAP

ACA AGM between rounds 3pm and 4pm Sunday October 11th

Time Control: Game\110 plus 30 second increments

Other: This is an Alberta Closed Qualifier (please see Alberta Closed
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Organizer: Ford Wong 780-481-6474 (hm), email fordie@shaw.ca

TD: Tony Ficzere 403-568-2773 email tficzere@telus.net

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Coming Events

October 17: October Open
December 5: 20 Days to Christmas Open
January 30-31: 2010 Trumpeter Classic

Junior Events

November 14: November Junior Open
December 12: December Junior Open
January 16: Trumpeter Classic Junior

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Alberta Chess Association AGM

ANNOUNCEMENT

This year the AGM will take place
in Edmonton during the Alberta
Open, October 10-12. We need to
fill the following positions:

ACA President
ACA Treasurer
4 Directors

Each position carries a 2 year term

If you are interested in volunteering
for any of the above
positions, please con-
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