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This issue of ACR was unavoidably delayed due to the fact that all members of the production crew were writing or studying for final exams at the U of A for most of April. For this reason we have only now been able to type the issue, and have had to delay mailing until early May. The May issue shall be produced shortly, probably when we receive the results for the Calgary Closed, which, hopefully, will be sent to us very soon!

# Top 30 Alberta Players in order of latest CFC rating:

1.	Zaradic, A	Calgary	2147
	Evans, Ć	Edmonton	2136
	Brebrich, B	Calgary	2121
	Campbell, G	Edmonton	2092
5.	McLaren, B	Calgary	2063
6.	Ball, S	Edmonton	2050
	Rabljenovic, M	Edmonton	2014
	Kuczaj, K	Calgary	1994
	Pedersen, R	Calgary	1975
	Campbell, M	Edmonton	1960
	MacIntosh, J	Calgary	1915
	Long, E	Edmonton	1885
	Szucs, B	Calgary	1859
	Zwirner, W	Calgary	1859
	Steele, L	Edmonton	1858
16.	Loadman, I	Edmonton	1849
17.	Zelenka, J	Calgary	1845
	Litwinczuk, W	Calgary	1844
	Kluytmans, F	Calgary	1836
	Frank, M	Edmonton	1831
21.	Hawrelak, A	Edmonton	1831
	McKay, A	Edmonton	1830
23.	Barkwell, L	Calgary	1822
	Newall, J	Calgary	1819
25.	McGillivray, D	Edmonton	1815
26.	Kralovic, J	Calgary	1813
27.	Skidmore, D	Calgary	1813
28.	Watson, W	Edmonton	1798
29.		Edmonton	1797
	Shiu, J	Calgary	1781

## Top 10 Alberta Juniors in order of latest CFC rating:

1.	Campbell, M	18	Edmonton	1960	
	Loadman, I	19	Edmonton	1849	
3.	Frank, M	19	Edmonton	1831	
	Wyllie, D	16	Calgary	1712	
	Ali, S	15	Edmonton	1704	•
	Turingan, V	18	Calgary	1662	
	Zissos, Á	15	Calgary	1649	
	Lake, R	18	Edmonton	1648	
	Trace, A	16	Edmonton	1643	
	King, H	18	Edmonton	1622	

ANYONE WHO PURCHASES A MEMBERSHIP FROM THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA MUST ALSO HAVE, OR MUST BUY AN ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP (IF HE IS A RESIDENT OF ALBERTA, OF COURSE). YOU CAN GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FROM US: Senior \$3, Junior \$2. (junior is under 18)

The 'Alberta' Youth Chess Association (TAYCA), an organization active only in Calgary to date, recently produced the first issue of its as yet unnamed magazine. This 50 page publication is very nicely designed. The magazine will apparently be coming out every second month.

The editor for the first issue was Dan R. Repay, but we understand that Brian McLaren has now taken over as editor.

The first issue includes annotated games, opening articles (on the Giuoco Piano and the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit), as well as introductory material, all aimed at the aspiring junior. TAYCA has entered the book marketing field and the magazine includes reviews of the 5 books which they have for sale.

The reports that are included of TAYCA tournaments could be improved by giving cross tables and scores, instead of just the order in which the participants finished.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of TAYCA's first magazine, or in getting information of any type regarding TAYCA should write to:

TAYCA P.O. Box 7, Stn. T Calgary, Alberta T2H 2G7

Alberta Chess Clubs:

Last issue we made a request for information to be sent to us on the various chess clubs throughout the province. We received exactly zero letters on this subject, so the following list is the best we can do. Please try and get the Executive of your Club to send us the necessary information!:

#### Edmonton

- 1) Edmonton Chess Club -- Monday evenings in the upstairs meeting room of the Kinsmen Fieldhouse (in the river valley southwest of the 105th St. Bridge). Hours are 7:15 11:30. Open the year round.
- 2) Londonderry Chess Club -- Thursdays, 7:00 11:00, in the Staff Cafeteria of the M. E. LaZerte High School, 6808 - 144 Ave.
- 3) U of A Chess Club -- Thursdays, 7:00 11:00, during the university term (September - March) in room B-39 of the Henry Marshall Tory Building, which is at 112 St and Saskatchewan Drive.

#### Calgary

- 1) Black Knight Chess Club -- Tuesday nights in the E Library at Mount Royal Junior College.
- 2) Calgary Chess Club -- Monday evenings (6:45 11:00) in the cafeteria at SAIT, 16th Ave NW & 14th St.
- 3) TAYCA -- Lewis Stationery Building, Room 10, 3rd floor, 240 11 Ave SW. (See TAYCA report)

Medicine Hat

The Club apparently meets Wednesday nights, but we unfortunately do not have any further information.

Red Deer There is a Club, but that's all we know so far!

Slave Lake

The Slave Lake Chess Club meets during the winter months and is becoming more and more a going concern. (See report elsewhere in this issue.) We are not sure where the meetings will be held in the fall, but information can be obtained from the Club's Secretary, Bruce D. Thomas, Box 541, Slave Lake, Alberta TOG 2AO.

CLUB EXECUTIVE ARE REMINDED THAT ALL MEMBERS SHOULD JOIN THE ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION, AND THAT FEES ALONG WITH ADDRESSES, ETC SHOULD BE SENT PROMPTLY TO THE ACA!! PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT [EVERYONE] JOINS THE ACA---WE CAN ONLY THRIVE IF WE HAVE A LARGE MEMBER-SHIP BASE TO WORK WITH.

Report from the Slave Lake Chess Club

Submitted by the Club's Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce D. Thomas, Box 541, Slave Lake, TOG 2AO, phone 849-4350.

Slave Lake Chess Club concluded its 1975 - 1976 season with an unrated 5-round Swiss tournament divided into A and B events. Only six of the Club's twelve members were able to attend, along with four non-members. Results of the tournament were: A event -- 1. B. Thomas, (5),2.Len Fedorus, (4), 3. Al Burger (3), 4. Jerry Richard (3) and 5. Larry Saidman (2). B event -- 1. Ken Van Buul (3), 2. Jean Guy Laliberte (2), 3. John Van Buul (2), 4. Mark Janzen (1), and 5. Shayne Janzen (0).

In late February the Slave Lake Chess Club sponsored a 5-round Swiss Tournament as part of the 1976 Peace Winter Games. The Games are open only to residents of Northwestern Alberta; this was the first time

chess had been offered as a Games Event.

Gordon Campbell, Edmonton CC Champion, adjudicated the unrated and unclocked Winter Games Tournament which attracted 14 entries in a senior division, and 12 in a junior division. Mr. Campbell also amazed hundreds of Games' spectators by playing 14 games simultaneously in the noisy lobby of Slave Lake Arena -- he won 13, and drew 1.

Results of the Winter Games Chess Tournament were:

Senior Event: Gold Medal -- A. Rodriguez, Slave Lake Silver Medal-- C. Hemmerling, Slave Lake Bronze Medal-- A. Burger, Faust

Junior Event: Gold Medal -- C. Piper, Peace River
Silver Medal-- J. G. Laliberte, Slave Lake
Bronze Medal-- S. Janzen, Slave Lake

The 1976 Peace Winter Games Committee has suggested that chess be continued as an official Games event in

future years.

Slave Lake Chess Club has, until this year, been a relatively isolated group with only local residents meeting weekly to play informally and participate in a simple ladder tournament. However, the Club's horizons

are quickly expanding.

Recently, 8 Club members joined the Chess Federation of Canada and match games with clocks are replacing the previous informal, happy-go-lucky games. The Club hopes that during 1976-77, not only will the Club's membership increase, but there will be enough CFC-rated players in Slave Lake and area to host an open tournament which will attract players from Edmonton and elsewhere.

Slave Lake Chess Club welcomes the publication of the Alberta Chess Report and will contribute articles

and notices on a regular basis.

The Club has suspended its weekly meetings until fall, however, anyone wishing information about chess activities in Slave Lake and area may contact Bruce Thomas at the address and phone given above.

(The ACR would like to thank Bruce for submitting this report. Hopefully, it will be an example for other Clubs in the province!)

We would definitely like some input from YOU, the readers!! Please send us your comments, games, reports, etc, or any items you feel will be of interest.

If possible, and especially with annotated games, please try and put them in the general format in which they are typed in the Alberta Chess Report. That will help us a lot.

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE? WE CAN'T TELL, BECAUSE WE JUST DON'T GET MUCH RESPONSE FROM ALBERTA CHESS PLAYERS. LET US KNOW YOU EXIST!

In conjunction with the 1976 Alberta Closed ... The

# VICTORIA DAY OPEN

MAY 22 - 24

5 Round Swiss

CFC RATED

At the Alberta College of Arts (Cafeteria), CALGARY

Prizes: lst, 2nd, 3rd, Top 'B', Top 'C', Top 'B' & Unrated', and Top Junior. All entry fees will be returned in prizes (except CFC registration). One prize per person. Specific amounts will be announced following Round 1.

Entry Fee: \$7.00 Senior, \$5.00 Junior (under 18).

Time Control: 40 moves in 2 hours, then 20 moves/hour.

Schedule: In order to coincide with the Closed, Rounds 1 and 2 are 9:30 am and 4:30 pm, Saturday, May 22. Rounds 3 and 4 at 9:00 am, and 4:00 pm, Sunday, May 23. Round 5 at 9:00 am, Monday, May 24. Note: there will be a ½ hour adjournment following the first 4 hours of play in each round.

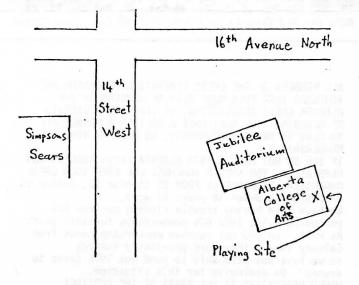
REGISTRATION: Saturday, May 22 starting at 8:00 am until 9:00 am at the playing site. Proof of CFC membership will be required. Bring proof of ACA membership if you are able. Both types of memberships can be purchased at the site.

Tournament Director: Bill Bentley

●PLAYERS MUST BRING OWN SETS AND CLOCKS. Boards will be provided.

(sponsored by the Calgary Chess Club)

Map:



The 1976 ECCO was a 10 round Swiss System event with 54 participants. B. Knudskov was tournament director.

The vast majority of the top rated Edmonton players, including C. Evans, S. Ball, G. Campbell, and L. Steele, competed. Stephen Ball ran away with the tournament, despite his sixth round loss to Chris Evans, by winning nine games. This result is even more impressive when it is realized that he played all of the players who finished from second to seventh place. Nevertheless some of Ball's wins came from rather dubious positions. In the fourth round Len Steele surprised Ball with Van't Kruys opening (1. e3), and then surprised the entire Edmonton Chess Club (with the exceptions of Ball and Steele) by obtaining a much superior position, only to lose due to an extreme case of brain failure. Against G. Campbell, Ball won on time in a position which was almost certainly winning for Campbell. Len Steele finished clear second with a  $7\frac{1}{2}$  -  $2\frac{1}{2}$  score, losing only to Ball. Len's crucial game was his last round win against Gordon Campbell (annotated elsewhere in this issue). Six players (G. Campbell, G. Raletich, C. Evans, I. Loadman, E. Long, and M. Zukiwski) tied for third, all with 7 - 3 scores. (report by I. Loadman)

#### Three unannotated games from the ECCO:

F. Borloi -- I. Loadman Round 10

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 g6,
6. Be3 Bg7, 7. f3 Nc6, 8. Bc4 0-0, 9. Qd2 Bd7, 10. 0-0-0
Rc8, 11. Bb3 Ne5, 12. h4 Nc4, 13. Bc4 Rc4, 14. h5 Nh5,
15. g4 Nf6, 16. Nde2 Re8, 17. Bh6 Bh8, 18. Nf4? Qa5,
19. g5? Ne4!, 20. Ne4 Qa2, 21. Qd3? Qb2+, 22. Kd2 Rd4,
23. Ke3 Rd3+, 24. Rd3 Qb6+, 25. Kd2 Bb5, 26. Ra3 Qd4+,
27. Nd3 d5, 28. Nf2 e5, 29. c3 Qc4, 30. Nc1 Qf4+,
31. Kc2 Qf3, 32. Resigns.

R. DeKimpe -- L. Steele Round 9
1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. c3 d5, 4. ed Qd5, 5. d3? Bg4,
6. Be2 Nf6, 7. O-O e6, 8. Nel Be2, 9. Qe2 Be7, 10. Nc2
0-O, 11. Rd1 Rad8, 12. Nba3 e5, 13. Be3 Qe6, 14. h3 Rd7,
15. Nel Nd5, 16. Nac2 f5, 17. f3 Qg6, 18. d4? cd, 19. cd
e4, 20. fe fe, 21. Bf2 Nf4, 22. Qg4? Qg4, 23. hg4 Ne2+,
24. Kf1 Ned4, 25. Kg1 Ne2+, 26. Kf1 Rd1, 27. Rd1 Bc5,
28. Ke2 and White avoided mate by resigning.

G. Campbell -- I. Loadman Round 6

1. e4 c6, 2. d4 d5, 3. e5 Bf5, 4. g4 Be4, 5. f3 Bg6,
6. Be3 e6, 7. c3 h5, 8. Nd2 Qb6??, 9. b4 a5, 10. a3

Qd8, 11. Ne2 hg, 12. fg Be7, 13. Nf4 Bh4+, 14. Ke2 Ne7,
15. Bg2 Qb6, 16. Ng6 Ng6, 17. Nf3 Qa6+, 18. Qd3 Qd3+,
19. Kd3 b5, 20. a4 ab, 21. ab Ra1, 22. Ra1 cb, 23. cb
Be7, 24. Kc3 Nc6, 25. Bf1 O-O, 26. Bb5 Nb4 Draw agreed.

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1976 Londonderry Open Edmonton, April 3 & 4

The 1976 LO was a 5 round 34 player weekend Swiss. B. Knudskov was TD.

Milan Rabljenović took clear first with 4½ - ½, disposing of experts Gordon Campbell and Brian McLaren on the way to his victory. Second to fourth on tiebreak were Len Steele, Alan Trace (top junior), and Brian McLaren, all scoring 4 - 1. The last round began more than one hour late because of a six hour marathon 4th round game between Steele and Murray Frank, a game which had to be completed before the 5th round. In the last round Steele needed a win against Rabljenović to take first. After about 20 moves he had what was probably a 'crushing' position, but the tiring effects of the long 4th round game finally took hold, and he mysteriously offered a draw to Rabljenović. Meanwhile, Trace and McLaren won over somewhat lower rated opponents to join in the tie for second.

### Final Results (in tiebreak order):

1. M.	Rabljenović	+23	+ 3	+ 4	+ 6	= 2	41/2
	Steele	+31	=15	+ 7	+17	= ]	4
	Trace	+18	- 1	+10	+20	+ 9	4
	McLaren	+19	+11	- 1	+15	+12	4
5. M.	Zukiwski	+10	=26	=22	= 7	+17	31/2
	. Campbell	+32	+ 8	=17	- 1	+15	31/2
	Sharp	+29	+25	- 2	= 5	+16	31/2

3 points: 8. P. Allan, 9. H. Lewis, 10. T. Morris, 11. S. Ali, 12. H. von zur Gathen, 13. S. Purewal, 14. C. Domier

2½ points: 15. H. King, 16. J. Solis, 17. M. Frank(4), 18. E. Caraher, 19. T. Dean

2 points: 20. J. Kaastrup, 21. A. Kuti, 22. A. Jones (3), 23. M. Chaykowski, 24. E. Chrusciel, 25. J. Aguirre (3), 26. I. Loadman (3)

1½ points: 27. D. Harvey

1 point: 28. B. Thomas, 29. W. Braga, 30. W. Martin
0 points: 31. V. Verlik (4), 32. P. Green (2),
33. D. Masson (2), 34. H. Vullings (2)

Underlined games are wins by default. Numbers in brackets indicate the number of games completed by that player before he withdrew, or, unfortunately, in some cases simply quit without giving notice.

H. von zur Gathen -- B. McLaren Round 5

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 Qe7, 4. O-0 Nd8, 5. d4 f6, 6. Nc3 c6, 7. Be2 d6, 8. d5 c5, 9. Bb5+ Kf7, 10. Nh4 g6, 11. f4 a6, 12. Bd3 Bh6, 13. f5 Bc1, 14. Rc1 Nh6, 15. Qf3 g5, 16. Qh5+ Kg7, 17. Nf3 Qf7, 18. Qf7+ Ndf7, 19. Na4 b5, 20. Nb6 Rb8, 21. Nc8 Rhc8, 22. Be2 Ng8, 23. c4 bc, 24. Bc4 g4, 25. Ne1 Rb2, 26. Bg6 Ra8, 27. Bc4 Ng5, 28. Nd3 Rd2, 29. Nf2 Ra4, 30. Bb3 Rb4, 31. Bc2 Rb2, 32. Bb1 h5, 33. a4 Rd4, 34. Rc2 Rbb4, 35. Ra2 Ra4, 36. Ra4 Ra4, 37. Nd1 Ne4, 38. Be4 Re4, 39. Nc3 Rd4, 40. Resigns.

High School Tournament, Edmonton, 1976:

S. Ali -- A. Trace
1. e4 d6, 2. d4 Nf6, 3. f3 g6, 4. c4 Bg7, 5. Nc3 0-0, 6. Be3 c6, 7. Bd3 Nbd7, 8. Nge2 a6, 9. Qd2 b5, 10. g4 e5, 11. d5 b4, 12. Nd1 c5, 13. h4 h5, 14. Nf2 a5, 15. Bh6 Nb6, 16. Bg7 Kg7, 17. Ng3 hg, 18. h5 gf, 19. h6+ Kh7, 20. 0-0-0 Ba6, 21. Nh3 Nc4, 22. Bc4 Bc4, 23. Ng5+ Kh8, 24. h7 a4, 25. Nf3 Ba2, 26. Rdg1 a3, 27. Nf5 ab+, 28. Kb2 Qa5, 29. Qh6 Qa3+, 30. Kc2 Qc3+, 31. Kd1 Bb6+, 32. Ke2 Ra2+, 33. Nd2 Bc5+, 34. Ke1 Qc1+, 35. Kf2 (0 - 1).

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G. Raletich -- G. Campbell Round 9 (Notes by Campbell)

1. d4 Nf6, 2. Nf3 g6, 3. e3 Bg7, 4. Bd3 0-0, 5. 0-0 d5, 6. h3

Probably a wasted move; I would not play ... Bg4 as, with my pawn on g6, I would be unable to play ... Bh4 in response to a later h3.

6. ... c5, 7. c3 Personally, I would never play as passively as White does here. His position is sound but cramped, and Black has certainly gained equality with only routine moves.

7. ... Nbd7, 8. b3 I was surprised that White did not try for  $\epsilon 4$ with Nbd2.

8. ... a6, 9. a4 Re8, 10. Ba3 Qc7, 11. Nbd2 e5, 12. de Ne5, 13. Ne5 Qe5, 14. Nf3 Qc7, 15. Rc1 b5,

16. c4 This gives Black a positionally won game. White has no counterplay, and will certainly lose the endgame. 15. Qe2 was probably needed to delay

the Black pawn advance.
.. dc, 17. bc b4, 18. Bb2 Bb7, 19. Rel Rad8, 20. Qe2 Bc6, 21. Bc2 Ne4, 22. Be4 Be4, 23. Bg7 Kg7,

24. Qb2+ f6, 25. Nd2 Bc6, 26. Ral Ba8, 27. a5 Rd3, White now scarcely has a move.

28. Nfl Red8, 29. Qe2 Qf7, 30. Recl b3, 31. Qb2 Qb7, 32. f3 Qb4,

Black now has the position he has been aiming for. White is completely tied up, but Black seems to lose his objectivity and achieves nothing over the next eight moves; this is to some extent explained by the imminent time control.

33. Ra3 Rb8, A poor move by Black. He is completely obsessed with trying to play ... Qa3 next move. Instead 33. ... Rdl wins quickly, threatening ... Qel. 34. Raal Rbd8, 35. Ra3 Bc6, 36. Raal R8d7, 37. Ra3

Rb7, 38. Raal Rbd7, 39. Ra3 Rd8, 40. e4 Rb8, Nothing has been achieved except the time control!

41. e5?! Qa3, At last, but Black is now lucky that White does not draw or even win.

42. ef+ Kh6, 43. Qf2 g5, 44. Rel Here the game was adjourned. Fortunately, Black makes the only winning sealed move. All others probably lose to Qg3 and h4.

... b2, 45. Qg3! b1(Q)!, Black is now a Queen and a Rook up, but still on a knife edge.

46. h4 Qacl, 47. f7? Kg6, 48. Rcl Qcl, 49. Qb8 Kf7, 50. Qc7+ Bd7 and White resigned a few moves later.

However, to return to the most interesting part of the game -- the adjourned position after 44. Rel:

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44. ... b2, 45. Qg3!

If instead 45. f7, Qc3

or 45. f4, Rg3 or 45. h4, Rf3, 46. gf Qf3, 47. Qf3 Bf3, 48. f7 Bh5! wins

45. ... b1(Q)!, 46. h4 Qac1!, 47. Rc1 Better than 47. f7

47. ... Qc1, 48. Qb8 Kg6! The only move; in all other lines Black can get mated, e.g., 48. ... Rd1, 49. Qf8+ Kg6, 50. Qg7+ Kf5, 51. g4+ Ke5 (forced), 52. f7+ Ke6, 53. f8(N)+! and at least draws.

49. Qg8+ If 49. Qf8, Rd7 wins.

49. ... Kf6, 50. Qh8+ And now follow a long series of checks, and Black must play carefully to avoid perpetual check.

.. Ke6 (forced), 51. Qc8+ Bd7, 52. Qg8+ Ke5,

53. Qh8+ Kd6, 54. Qf8+ Kc6, 55. Qa8+ Kc7, 56. Qa7+ Kd6, 57. Qb8+ Ke7, 58. Qe4+ Kf2 And Black wins as White has no prospect of any more checks. The game certainly illustrates the dangers of losing one's determination to win after a 'won'

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postion has been achieved.

G. Campbell -- L. Steele Round 10 (Notes by M. Frank)

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 d5, 4. Nf3 Be7, 5. cd The Exchange Variation against the Queen's Gambit Declined has a good reputation. White has two alternative plans. He may castle queen side and attack on the king side -- this leads to very sharp play. The second and most popular plan is to castle short and initiate a minority attack against Black's queen side pawns with an eye to a favorable endgame.

5. ... ed, Here Black could play Nd5, avoiding the Exchange Variation and going into the Semi-Tarrasch.

This is overly passive. Better is either Bf4 or Bg5, and later play e3 without henming in the

Queen's Bishop.
6. ... 0-0, 7. Bd3 c6, 8. 0-0
An indication of White's passive frame of mind. Perhaps preferable is 8. Qc2.

8. ... Bg4, 9. Bd2 Nbd7, 10. Rc1 White is playing without a plan. With 8. 0-0 he renounced the first mentioned plan, and now he has also renounced the second. More reasonable is 10. Rb1 followed by pushing the b-pawn.
... Re8, 11. h3 Bh5, 12. g4?! Bg6, 13. Bg6 hg,

14. Ne5 Bb4. Black now stands better.

15. Nd3 Probably better is 15. Nd7 Qd7, 16. Ne2.

15. ... Bc3, 16. Bc3 Ne4, 17. Be1 Why is White protecting a bad Bishop from being exchanged for a good Knight?

17. ... Qe7, If 17. ... Qh4?!, the only point to 17. Bel is revealled by 17. ... Qh4, 18. f3 which is rather unclear after 18. ... Qh3, 19. fe Re4, 20. Nf2 Qe3, or else 20. ... Qg3+, 21. Kb1 Re3 when Black may have no more than a draw.

Heading to the wrong side of the board.

18. ... Ng5, 19. Kg2 Qc4+, 20. f3 Qe3, 21. Bh4 Ne6,

22. Rc3 Nb6, 23. Bf2 Qg5, 24. h4 Qf6, 25. Ne5?!

From here on White's play is in a large measure due to his time pressure.

25. ... Nf4+, 26. Kh2 Ne2, 27. Rc2 Qf4+, 28. Kh3 Nd4, 29. Bd4 Qd4, 30. f4 f6, 31. Nf3 Re3, 32. Rc3 Rae8,

33. Rfcl Qf4, 34. Qdl R8e4, 35. Re3 Qg4+, 36. Kh2 Re3, 37. Rc3 Rc3, 38. bc Nc4, 39. Qe2 Ne5, 40. Qg2 Nf3,

41. Kh1 Qh4+, 42. Resigns.

# Opening Analysis -- The Closed Sicilian

by Murray Campbell

#### Blatny -- Taimanov Dessin 1975

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3

White's intention with this move is to block the center, aiming at a Kingside attack. Neither player will be able to break the center with d4 (d5) easily.

2. ... Nc6,

Black has a number of choices here, though many will transpose back to the game. The only independent plan is e6, with the idea of d5. However, this leads to a different type of game, and will not be discussed here.

3. g3

The alternative is 3. f4, though Black has either ... g6, or ... e6, which appear to be quite good for him.

**3.** ... g6

Countering White's pressure on d5 with control of d4.

4. Bg2 Bg7, 5. d3 d6. Also 5. ... e6, 6. Be3 Nd4, 7. Nce2 b6, 8. c3 Ne2, 9. Ne2 Bb7, 10. Qd2 f5, with equality.

White has a number of choices here: I: 6. Nh3 Nf6, 7. 0-0 Bg4, 8. f3 Bh3, 9. Bh3 0-0, 10. Be3 Ne8, 11. Qd2 Nc7, 12. Rael b6, 13. Ndl and Black equalizes with 13. ... d5.

II: 6. Nf3, a rather slow move. 6. ... e5!, 7. 0-0 Nge7, 8. Be3 0-0, 9. Qd2 Nd4, 10. Bh6 f6! and

Black has a good position.

III: 6. Nge2. Though better than 6. Nf3, this move need not create any problems for Black. 6. ... e5!. An often recurring idea. This move increases Black's control of the center. White cannot effectively exploit the weakness on d5, as Black can easily contest the square with his minor pieces. 7. 0-0 Nge7, 8. Be3 0-0, 9. f4 Nd4, 10. Qd2 Be6, 11. Rael Qd7, 12. Ncl Rad8, 13. Ndl b6, 14. c3 Ndc6 and Black has a reasonable position.

IV: 6. Be3. After 6. f4, this is the most common move in the position. Black has two possibili-

A: 6. ... e6, 7. Qd2 Qa5, 8. Nge2 Nd4, 9. 0-0 Ne2, 10. Qe2 Bc3, 11. bc Qc3, 12. Rabl Ne7, 13. Bh6 Nc6 with an unclear position, or B: 6. ... e5!, 7. Qd2 Nge7, 8. f4 (White's attempts at an attack -- 8. h4 or 8. Bh6 -- seem no better) Nd4, 9. Nf3 0-0, 10. 0-0 ef, 11. Bf4 Nf3, 12. Rf3 Be6, 13. Bh6 Nc6, 14. Bg7 Kg7, 15. Rafl Qe7 -- equal.

6. ... Rb8, In this line White is aiming at a Kingside attack, spearheaded by f4 - f5, while Black launches a counter offensive with his Queenside pawns. Black has in this position a number of tries to lessen the force of White's attack, mainly involving f7 - f5:

I: 6. ... f5, 7. Nf3 Nf6, 8. 0-0 0-0, 9. Kh1 Bd7, 10. Be3 Rb8, 11. Qe2 b5, 12. Bg1 b4, 13. Nd1 Ne8, 14. c3 Qc8, intending Qa6. White has a

minimal advantage.

II: 6. ... e6, 7. Nf3 Nge7, 8. 0-0 0-0, 9. Be3 Nd4, 10. Rb1 Rb8, 11. Ne2 Nf3, 12. Bf3 White now gains a slight initiative with c3 and d4. III: 6. ... Nh6. The 'Canadian' move. 7. Nf3 0-0, 8. h3 f5, 9. 0-0 Bd7, 10. Be3 Nd4, 11. Qd2

Nf7, 12. Rael e5 with complex play.

IV: 6. ... e5! This will normally transpose into the 6. Be3 lines after 7. Nf3 Nge7, 8. 0-0 0-0, 9. Be3 Nd4. White can try 7. Nh3, but after 7. ... Nge7, 8. 0-0 ef, 9. Nf4 0-0, 10. Nfd5 Nd5, 11. Nd5 Be6, 12. Nf4 Bd7, 13. c3 b5, 14. a3

a5, he has no advantage.

A mistake, weakening his pawns where Black intends to attack. After 7. Nf3 b5, 8. 0-0 b4, 9. Nd5 e6, 10. Ne3 Nge7, 11. a3 a5, 12. ab ab, 13. f5 ef, 14. ef Bf5, 15. Nf5 Nf5, 16. Ng5 Ne5, 17. Bd5 0-0, 18. Ra7 Black is in difficulties.

7. ... Nf6, 8. Nf3 0-0, 9. 0-0 a6, 10. Nh4?!

Better is 10. h3, keeping control of d4. 10. ... Bg4!,

Forcing White's Queen to block the Bishop, since the c-pawn must be kept defended against such moves as Nd4.

11. Qd2 Bd7, 12. Ne2 b5,

Clearly, Black's attack is the more powerful. 13. ab ab, 14. h3 Qb6, 15. f5 b4, 16. g4

If Kh1, then ... c4 anyway.

16. ... c4, 17. Kh1

17. d4 c3!, 18. bc bc, 19. Qc3 Ng4!

17. ... b3!

Now if 18. dc, Ne5!

18. g5 Ne8, 19. Nf4??

Much better is c3, though Black retains a large advantage. The rest is silence.

19. ... c3!, 20. bc b2, 21. Bb2 Qb2, 22. Nd5 e6, 23. fe Be6, 24. Nf6 Nf6, 25. gf Bf6, 26. Ra6 Bh4, 27. Rc6 Rbc8,

28. Rc8 Rc8, 29. Qh6 Be7, 30. a4 Bc4 White resigns.

Edmonton CC Spring Challenge, 1975

H. King -- F. Buenaventura (Notes by H. King)

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 g6, 6. Be3 Bg7, 7. f3 0-0, 8. Bc4 Nc6, 9. Qd2 Bd7, 10. 0-0-0 Rc8, 11. Bb3 Na5, 12. Kb1

Perhaps better is 12. h4 Nc4, 13. Bc4 Rc4, 14. h5

Nh5, 15. g4 Nf6, 16. Nde2 or 16. Bh6

12. ... a6?!, 13. Bh6 Nc4, 14. Bc4 Rc4, 15. Bg7 Kg7,

16. g4 (perhaps 16. h4) e6 (... Qa5 seems called for),

17. h4 h5, 18. gh Nh5, 19. f4 Qa5?, 20. Rhg1 Qc7?

(... Qd8 was best), 21. f5 e5,

If 21. ... Qd8 (to prevent Qg5), 22. Qe2 wins. If 21. ... ef, 22. ef, and if 21. ... Nf6, 22. fg

22. fg! Rd4 22. ... fg, 23. Qg5 wins (23. ... Nf4, 24. Nf5+)

23. gf+ Kf7, 23. ... Kh7, 24. Qg5 Rd1+, 25. Nd1. If 23. ... Kf6,

24. Qg5+ 24. Rdf1+ Nf6,

24. ... Ke7, 25. Qg5+ Ke8 (25. ... Ke6, 26. Rf8), 26. Rf8+ Kf8, 27. Rf1+ Ke8 (27. ... Nf6, 28. Qf6+), 28. Qg8+ Ke7, 29. Rf7+ Ke6, 30. Qg6+ Nf6, 31? Qf6 mate.

or 24. ... Ke8, 25. Rf8+ Kf8, 26. Qh6+

or 24. ... Nf4, 25. Rf4+ or 24. ... Ke6, 25. Rg6+ (25. Qh6+ Rf6, 26. Rg6 or 26. Qh5) Qd8, 26. Qh5.

25. Rf6+!! Kf6,

25. ... Ke7 (25. ... Ke8, 26. Rf8+ Kf8, 27. Qh6+), 26. Rg7+ Ke8, 27. Rf8+ Kf8, 28. Qh6.

26. Rf1+ Ke7,

26. ... Ke6, 27. Qh6+ Ke7, 28. Qf8+ Ke6, 29. Qf6 mate. or 26. ... Kg6, 27. Qg5+ Kh7, 28. Rf8. or 26. ... Kg7, 27. Qg5+ Kh7 (or h8), 28. Rf8.

27. Qg5+ Ke8, 27. ... Ke6, 28. Rf8.

28. Qg6+ Kd8,

28. ... Rf7, 29. Rf7 Kd8, 30. Qg8+ Rd8, 31. Rc7.

29. Rf8+ Be8 Black Resigns

> (We apologize to H. King for editting out some of the notes due to space limitations.)

In future issues we will be publishing some selected annotated games from the 1975 Canadian Closed which was held in Calgary. Annotations will be by one of the players involved. These will be excellent games to study, and we thank Frank Kluytmans for making them available to us.