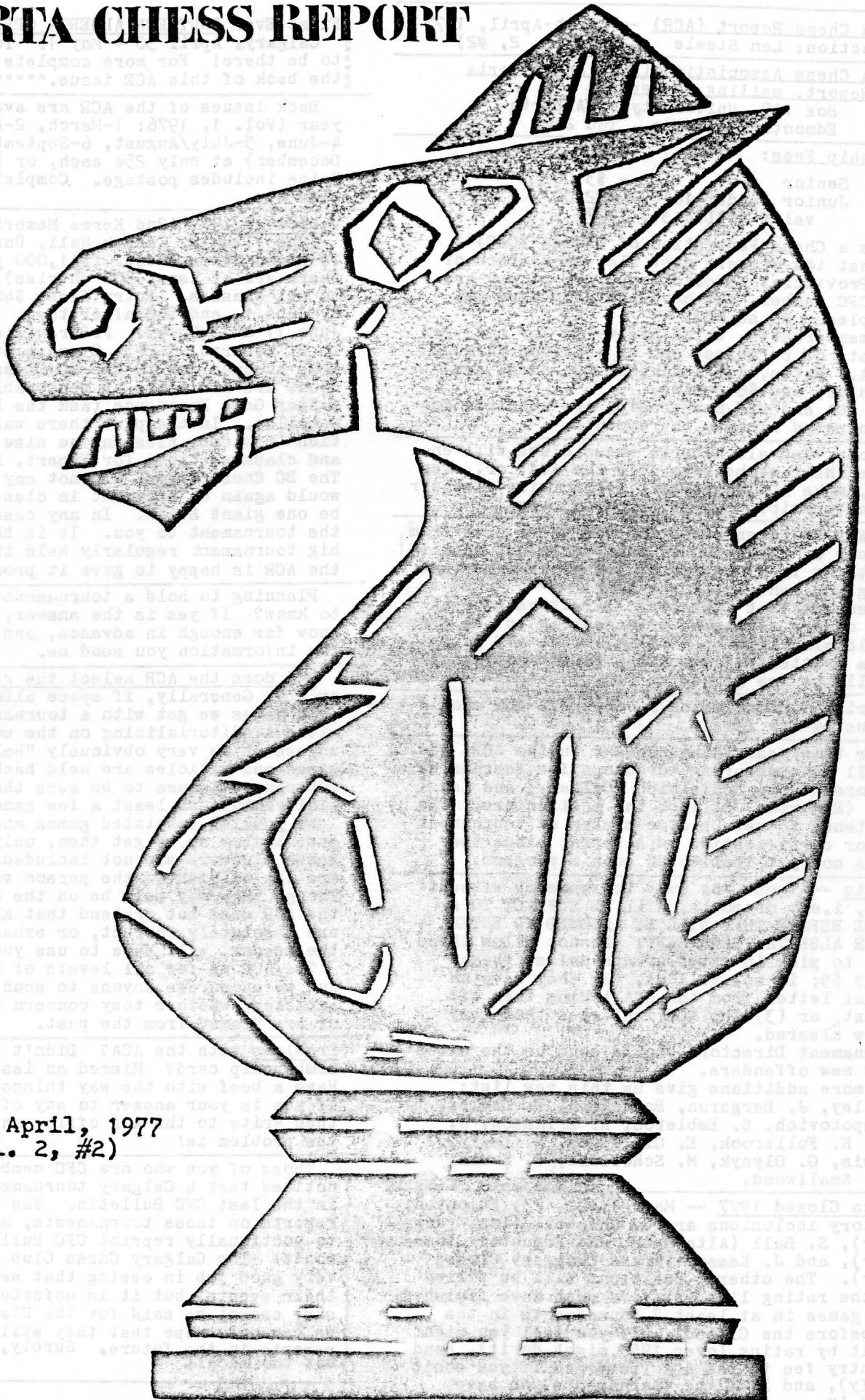


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It is a Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) rule that its members must also be members of their Provincial Association. So, if you are now a CFC member, but have not paid your ACA dues, please do so now.

CFC memberships, which are valid for one year from date of purchase, can be obtained through the ACA. Rates, not including ACA dues, are \$10 Senior, and \$6 Junior.

Both ACA and CFC memberships are required for play in rated Alberta tournaments.

We hope that all Alberta chess clubs will encourage their members to join the ACA, or, even better, make ACA membership a condition of their club membership. Support Alberta chess!

The ACR is intended to include chess news from ALL areas of Alberta. If there does not seem to be anything from your area, you can assume that nothing was sent in to the ACR.

We request that Tournament Directors send us a copy of any rating reports sent in to the CFC. We would also like to receive, if at all possible, a written report on the tournament, and, hopefully, a few games.

Material for inclusion in the next ACR should reach us by May 25th.

Later this year (announcement in the ACR) the ACA will be sponsoring workshops for tournament directors. John Schleinich (Calgary) and Len Steele (Edmonton) will be the instructors. The ACA intends to set up some system of tournament director certification in Alberta, since the CFC has not yet instituted such a program.

Dropouts -- Those who quit tournaments without notice, i.e., dropouts, WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$5 FINE BEFORE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ANOTHER ALBERTA TOURNAMENT. Do not allow these people to play in rated events unless they: (1) pay \$5; if so, tell us, (2) they have an official letter from the ACA taking them off the list, or (3) the ACR indicates that they are now cleared.

Tournament Directors should send us the names of any new offenders.

Six more additions give us this new list:
T. Bailey, J. Bergeron, Bordeleau, R. Davies, M. Despotovich, S. Embleton, R. Eriksson, J. Fiala, N. Fullbrook, E. Gilliland, H. Lewis, L. Lewis, G. Olynyk, M. Schofield, C. Small, and K. Smallwood.

Alberta Closed 1977 -- May 21, 22, 23, Edmonton. Mandatory inclusions are G. Campbell (last years winner), S. Ball (Alta Open, and Edmonton Closed winner), and J. Kassay-Farkas (Calgary Closed winner). The other 3 positions will be filled from the rating list (players must have finished there games in at least 2 tournaments in the year before the Closed). If you feel you might make it by rating (over 1950 might do it), send \$15 entry fee to the ACA (returned if you don't qualify), and list the tournaments you have played in.

*First Ever SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN!*****
* Calgary, April 30 - May 1. You will want to *
* to be there! For more complete details, see *
* the back of this ACR issue.*****

Back issues of the ACR are available for last year (Vol. 1, 1976: 1-March, 2-April, 3-May, 4-June, 5-July/August, 6-September, 7-October/December) at only 25¢ each, or \$1.50 for all 7. Price includes postage. Complete your collection now.

Vancouver 1977 (2nd Keres Memorial Tournament)
June 11 - 19. Brock Hall, University of BC. 10 Round Swiss Event. \$11,000 prize fund (if there are at least 300 entries). Cash prizes to all classes. Entry fees: \$40 by May 1, \$50 by June 1, and \$60 after that. Entries close June 11 at 2:00 pm. Pre-register by writing to B. McLaren, 5-2634 Cypress Street, Vancouver. Make cheques out to the BC Chess Federation. Rooms are available at reasonable rates in the Walter Gage Residence (ask the BCCF for more details). In the past there was an Open section (masters, plus anyone else who wants in), and class sections for Expert, A, B, C, and D. The BC Chess Report did not say whether this would again be an event in classes, so it may be one giant Swiss. In any case, we recommend the tournament to you. It is the only really big tournament regularly held in the West, and the ACR is happy to give it promotion in Alberta.

Planning to hold a tournament? Want people to know? If yes is the answer, then let the ACR know far enough in advance, and we will print the information you send us.

How does the ACR select the games it will print? Generally, if space allows, we publish what games we get with a tournament report, without editorializing on the worth of a game, unless it is very obviously "below par". Some games and articles are held back for use in subsequent issues to be sure that each ACR will contain at least a few game scores.

We publish annotated games and articles essentially as we get them, only checking that gross blunders are not included. Annotations are the opinion of the person who submits them. Though they may well be on the expert level, the ACR does not pretend that all annotations are absolutely correct, or exhaustive. You, the reader, will have to use your own judgment.

The ACR is for all levels of chess players, and we encourage anyone to send in games or articles, whether they concern recent events, or are "gems" from the past.

Problems with the ACA? Didn't get your ACA membership card? Missed an issue of the ACR? Have a beef with the way things are run? Etc. If yes is your answer to any of these questions, then write to the ACA office and tell us what the problem is!

Those of you who are CFC members may have noticed that 4 Calgary tournaments were reported in the last CFC Bulletin. The ACR did not get reports on those tournaments, and we do not want to continually reprint CFC Bulletin items, so we won't! The Calgary Chess Club is now doing a very good job in seeing that we get reports on their events, but it is unfortunate that the same cannot be said for the Black Knight Club. We can only hope that they will send us some reports in the future. Surely, the effort is not too much!!

Chess in the 1977 Peace Winter Games: Chess was an official event in the 1977 Games held in High Prairie, March 19 & 20. The annual Games are open to all residents of Northwestern Alberta.

The chess event attracted 60 advance registrations, however, only 32 actually showed up to play. There was a nearly equal number of adult and youth players.

Gordon Campbell of Edmonton served as adjudicator for the five round event, and also held a public simultaneous exhibition in which he won at least 20 games.

In the "expert" class, Bruce Thomas of Slave Lake won the gold medal with five straight wins. Barry Jordison of Rycroft was awarded the 2nd place silver medal on tiebreak over Al Burger of Faust.

In the "novice" class, Kevin Werboweski of Spirit River captured the gold award. Rick Sekulich of Slave Lake took the silver, while Ronald van Roostelaar of Spirit River won the bronze medal.

This was the second year chess was an official event in the Peace Winter Games. The majority of the participants had never played in an organized tournament. Mr. Burger was the only 1977 medal winner to have also won a medal in 1976 (a bronze in the senior class).

(Thanks to Bruce Thomas for this report.)

Alberta Junior Closed, Calgary, Feb. 26-27:

(Report submitted by Brian Starkes, who was the Tournament Director.)

The result of the 1976 Alberta Junior Closed (the 1977 Closed is in November) at the Alberta College of Arts was a two way tie for first between R. Chipperfield (Calgary) and H. King (Edmonton), both with 3½ points, followed by T. Patten and S. Belzburg, both from Calgary, with 2½ points, while C. Domier (2) and T. Glowski (1), both from Edmonton, filled in the final two spots. Going into the fifth and final round there was a four-way tie for first between Chipperfield, King, Patten, and Belzburg, all with 2½ points. Chipperfield exchanged a bishop for 3 pawns and went on to beat Belzburg, while Glowski beat Patten (the only undefeated player going into the fifth round), and King managed to beat Domier by sacrificing a knight for a winning position.

Here is the final crosstable in tiebreak order:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1. R. Chipperfield	1726	X	1	1	0	1	3½
2. H. King	1670	0	X	1	1	1	3½
3. T. Patten	1510	½	½	X	1	0	2½
4. S. Belzburg	1337	0	0	½	X	1	2½
5. C. Domier	1607	1	0	0	0	X	2
6. T. Glowski	1592	0	0	1	0	0	X

Normally, Chipperfield and King would have had to play a match to see who would go to the Canadian Junior Closed, but, since neither was able to travel to Montreal at Easter, we did not send a representative to the Canadian tournament. It was unfortunate that a breakdown in communication with the CFC prevented us from knowing the dates of the Canadian Junior until the last minute! The very least we could have done was form a region with Saskatchewan (they haven't enough CFC members by themselves) so that they could send their tournament winner (only the Provincial tournament winner can go, the highest rated who will go does not qualify as the Provincial representative in the Canadian championship).

Anyway, we should be able to send someone to the next Canadian Junior!

Here are some games from the Junior:

H. King - R. Chipperfield Round 4

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. Nc3 Bg7, 4. e4 d6, 5. Be2 O-O, 6. Nf3 e5, 7. Be3 Nc6, 8. d5 Ne7, 9. Nd2 Ne8, 10. b4 f5, 11. f3 c6, 12. Nb3 Nf6, 13. Rc1 cd, 14. cd h6, 15. Nb5 fe, 16. Nc7 ef, 17. Bf3 e4, 18. Be2 Nf5, 19. Bd4 e3, 20. O-O Rb8, 21. Ba7 Ne4, 22. Bb8 Qh4, 23. Rf4 Qf4, 24. Qf1 Qh4, 25. Rc4 Be5, 26. g3 Nfg3, 27. Qg2 White resigned. (0-1)

R. Chipperfield - C. Domier Round 1

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. e5 c5, 5. a3 Bc3, 6. bc3 Ne7, 7. Qg4 Qc7, 8. Qg7 Rg8, 9. Qh7 cd, 10. Ne2 Nbc6, 11. f4 Bd7, 12. Qd3 dc, 13. Nc3 a6, 14. a4 Nf5, 15. Ba3 Qa5, 16. Rb1 d4, 17. Rb7 Qc3+, 18. Qc3 dc, 19. Kf2 Kcd4, 20. Rc7 Rc8, 21. Rc8 Bc8, 22. Bd3 Bb7, 23. Rg1 Nh4, 24. g3 Nhf3, 25. Rb1 Bc8, 26. Rb8 Kd7, 27. Ba6 Nh2, 28. Bd3 Ng5+, 29. Kg1 Ne3, 30. Bc5 Nec2, 31. Kf2 Kc6, 32. Ba7 Kc7, 33. Rb1 Na3, 34. Ra1 Nec2, 35. Rc1 Re8, 36. Ke2 Kc6, 37. Bb8 Ba6, 38. Ba6 Rb8, 39. Bd3 Rb2, 40. Bc2 Rc2+, 41. Rc2 Nc2, 42. Kd3 Nd4, 43. Kc3 Ne2+, 44. Kd3 Ng3, 45. Ke3 Kc5, 46. Kf3 Nf5, 47. Kg4 Kb4, 48. Kg5 Ne3, 49. Kf6 Nd5+, 50. Kf7 Nf4, 51. Ke7 Ka4, 52. Kf6 Kb4, 53. Kg5 Ne2, 54. Kf6 Nd4, 55. Kg5 Kc5 White resigned. (0-1)

C. Domier - H. King Round 5

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. e5 c5, 5. a3 Bc3+, 6. bc3 Ne7, 7. Qg4 Qc7, 8. Qg7 Rg8, 9. Qh7 cd, 10. Ne2 Nbc6, 11. f4 Bd7, 12. Qd3 dc, 13. Nc3 a6 (up to here, the same sequence as the previous game where Domier was Black. Now he varies from Chipperfield's play), 14. Rb1 Na5, 15. h3 Nc4, 16. g4 O-O-O, 17. Bg2 Qc5, 18. Rb3 Bc6, 19. Bf3 Ng6, 20. Ne2 Qa5+, 21. Bd2 Qc7, 22. h4 Nge5, 23. fe5 Ne5, 24. Qd4 Nf3+, 25. Rf3 e5, 26. Qa7 d4, 27. Qa8+ Qb8, 28. Qb8+ Kb8, 29. Rf1 Bf3, 30. Rf3 Rg4, 31. Bg5 Rd7, 32. Kf2 Kc8, 33. Ng3 e4, 34. Rb3 f6, 35. Bc1 Rh4, 36. c3 d3, 37. Bd2 Rh2+, 38. Ke3 Rh3, 39. Kf2 e3+, 40. Be3 d2, and White resigned. (0-1)

T. Glowski - T. Patten Round 5

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 a6, 3. d3 e6, 4. Nbd2 d5, 5. g3 e6, 6. Bg2 Bg7, 7. O-O Ne7, 8. Ne1 d4, 9. f4 e5, 10. Nc4 Nbc6, 11. Nf3 Qc7, 12. fe Be6, 13. Nd6+ Kd7, 14. Ng5 Ne5, 15. Ndf7 Nf7, 16. Ne6 Ke6, 17. Bh3+ Nf5, 18. ef5+ Ke7, 19. fg hg, 20. Qg4 Kf8, 21. Bf4 Qb6, 22. Qe6 Qe6, 23. Be6 Ke7, 24. Rae1 Nd8, 25. Bg4+ Kf7, 26. Bd6+ Kg8, 27. Re8+ Kh7, 28. Rh8+ Kh8, 29. Bc5 Nc6, 30. Re1 Ne5, 31. Bd1 Rd8, 32. Kg2 Rd5, 33. b4 a5, 34. a3 ab, 35. ab Kh7, 36. Re4 Nd7, 37. Bf3 g5, 38. Re7 Rc5, 39. bc5 Nc5, 40. Bb7 Na4, 41. Be4+ Kh6, 42. Re6+ Kh5, 43. Bg6+ resigns (1-0)

R. Chipperfield - S. Belzburg Round 5

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 a6, 6. Bg5 e6, 7. f4 Be7, 8. Qf3 Qc7, 9. O-O-O Nbd7, 10. g4 b5, 11. Bf6 Nf6, 12. g5 Nd7, 13. f5 Bg5+, 14. Kbl Nc5, 15. Bb5+ ab, 16. Ndb5 Qa5, 17. Nd6+ Ke7, 18. Qh5 g6, 19. Qg5+ f6, 20. Qh6 Bd7, 21. Qg7+ Kd8 Black resigned. (1-0)

The next "Monday night" tournament at the Edmonton Chess Club begins April 25. This is the 4th annual ABE SHNITKA MEMORIAL. Entry is limited to those rated below 1800. 5 round Swiss. T.D. Harvey King. Entries will be accepted until 7:30 pm April 25. If you wish to enter, please arrive before 7:30. This will be a rated tournament.

FINAL RESULTS -- 1977 NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

NAME	RATING	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	POINTS	PLACE	TIEBREAK
1 EVANS, C	2009	+25	= 7	+30	+23	+ 2	4.5	1	8.50 14.50 12.75
2 CAMPBELL, B	2054	+27	+15	+ 5	+ 3	- 1	4.0	2	11.00 18.00 13.50
3 BALL, S	2104	+14	+31	+ 4	- 2	+ 6	4.0	3	10.50 16.50 12.50
4 LOADMAN, I	1931	+ 8	+12	- 3	+17	+18	4.0	4	9.50 16.50 12.50
5 SHARP, N	1794	+16	+13	- 2	+33	+12	4.0	5	9.00 15.00 11.00
6 BUENAVENTURA, F	1747	=24	+ 9	+41	+ 7	- 3	3.5	6	9.50 15.00 9.75
7 KING, H	1665	+18	= 1	+26	- 6	+23	3.5	7	9.00 16.00 10.25
8 KIDDER, W	1522	- 4	+19	=32	+30	+26	3.5	8	7.50 13.50 8.50
9 FARROTT, J	1725	=23	- 6	+34	+41	+13	3.5	9	7.50 12.50 7.75
10 EHOND, R	1460	-31	+32	+47	=14	+25	3.5	10	6.50 10.50 7.00
11 KNUDSEN, H	1149	=40	+50	-23	+32	+24	3.5	11	6.00 9.50 6.25
12 ZISSOS, A	1634	+33	- 4	+19	+20	- 5	3.0	12	10.00 16.00 8.00
13 CORLESKI, D	UNR.	+21	- 5	+15	+16	- 9	3.0	13	9.50 16.50 9.00
14 ZOMERSCHOE, D	UNR.	- 3	+35	+45	=10	=17	3.0	14	8.50 14.00 6.75
15 STOCHINSKY, T	1667	+20	- 2	-13	+42	+30	3.0	15	8.00 13.50 6.50
16 ROVELLI, J	1500	- 5	+43	+36	-13	+39	3.0	16	7.00 12.50 5.50
17 BENTLEY, W	1397	+48	=27	+40	- 4	=14	3.0	17	7.00 12.00 5.25
18 VERLIK, V	1415	- 7	+47	+44	+31	- 4	3.0	18	7.00 12.00 4.50
19 KUTI, A	1357	+42	- 8	-12	+44	+33	3.0	19	6.50 11.50 5.00
20 GIESINGER, J	1457	-15	+49	+43	-12	+38	3.0	20	6.50 11.00 5.00
21 DCHIER, C	1607	-13	-30	+37	+36	+35	3.0	21	6.00 11.00 6.00
22 NACHTIGALL, A	UNR.	-34	-40	+48	+47	+31	3.0	22	4.50 7.50 4.00
23 USSELMAN, P	1466	= 9	+24	+11	- 1	- 7	2.5	23	10.50 17.50 7.75
24 FIERLBECK, A	1472	= 6	-23	+51	+29	-11	2.5	24	9.00 13.00 5.25
25 GOUBE, B	1553	- 1	=29	+50	+40	-10	2.5	25	8.00 13.50 4.00
26 GREEN, P	1368	=50	+37	- 7	+28	- 8	2.5	26	8.00 12.50 5.00
27 VON ZUR GATHEN, H	1597	- 2	=17	-28	+51	+42	2.5	27	7.00 11.50 3.50
28 KIRKENDALL, M	UNR.	-30	+42	+27	-26	+41	2.5	28	6.00 10.00 4.75
29 RODIL, D	UNR.	+46	=25	---	-24	+40	2.5	29	5.50 8.00 4.25
30 BJORGE, H	1389	+28	+21	- 1	- 8	-15	2.0	30	9.50 16.50 5.50
31 FLEMMING, J	1685	+10	- 3	+35	-18	-27	2.0	31	9.50 15.50 5.50
32 WILLIAMSON, T	1351	+52	-10	= 8	-11	=37	2.0	32	9.00 14.00 4.25
33 WONG, F	1401	-12	+34	+38	- 5	-19	2.0	33	8.00 14.00 4.00
34 SINGH, B	UNR.	+22	-33	- 9	-35	+49	2.0	34	7.00 12.00 4.50
35 AFFEK, K	1366	+51	-14	-31	+34	-21	2.0	35	7.00 10.50 2.50
36 THOMAS, R	1165	-38	+46	-16	-21	+47	2.0	36	6.50 10.50 2.50
37 WESTLUND, K	UNR.	=41	-26	-21	+50	=32	2.0	37	6.00 10.00 2.75
38 WARNER, C	UNR.	+36	-41	-33	+45	-20	2.0	38	5.50 10.00 3.50
39 BILTEA, D	UNR.	-49	-45	+46	+43	-16	2.0	39	4.50 9.00 3.00
40 GRAVELLS, D	UNR.	=11	+22	-17	-25	-29	1.5	40	9.00 15.00 4.75
41 DENISON, W	1214	=37	+38	- 6	- 9	-28	1.5	41	8.00 13.50 3.00
42 SLYUKA, R	UNR.	-19	=28	+49	-15	-27	1.5	42	8.00 12.50 2.75
43 DOO, R	UNR.	+44	-16	-20	-39	=46	1.5	43	6.50 11.00 2.25
44 LERNER, R	UNR.	-43	+48	-18	-19	=45	1.5	44	6.00 10.00 1.75
45 WOLSKI, E	1323	-47	+39	-14	-38	=44	1.5	45	5.50 9.50 2.75
46 GRAVELLS, C	UNR.	-29	-36	-39	+48	=43	1.5	46	5.50 9.50 1.75
47 TILLY, K	UNR.	+45	-18	-10	-22	-36	1.0	47	8.00 13.00 1.50
48 HALLSCHMID, C	UNR.	-17	-44	-22	-46	+51	1.0	48	6.00 9.50 .50
49 WITA, A	1197	+39	-20	-42	---	-34	1.0	49	5.50 8.50 2.00
50 PACK, T	UNR.	=26	-11	-25	-37	---	.5	50	7.00 10.50 1.25
51 QUIGG, S	UNR.	-35	=52	-24	-27	-48	.5	51	6.00 9.50 .75
52 FIALA, J	1331	-32	=51	-42	---	---	.5	52	2.00 4.00 .25

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TIEBREAK: MEDIAN+SOLKOFF+SONNENBORN-BERGER

DIRECTED BY LEONARD STEELE

Chris Evans took the title in the 1977 Northern Alberta Open (Edmonton, March 5 & 6). Evans' unintentional "Swiss gambit" in the second round allowed him to sneak up on Gordon Campbell, who had a perfect score after 4 rounds. Evans defeated Campbell to take clear first, while Campbell (4-1) took second on tiebreak ahead of Stephen Ball, Ian Loadman, and Neil Sharp (who was also top B). Ball's only loss was a weird hallucination time forfeit in the 4th round to Campbell, while Loadman and Sharp got their -1's in the 3rd round, losing to Ball and Campbell. Other category winners were: C - Wayne Kidder, of Calgary, D - Harvey Knudsen, Hinton, junior (under 18) - Andrew Zissos, Calgary, and unrated (in 1st tournament) - Miles Kirkendall, Calgary.

I. Loadman - W. Kidder Round 1

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 a6, 6. Bc4 e6, 7. Bb3 Be7, 8. O-O O-O, 9. f4 Nbd7, 10. f5 e5, 11. Nde2 Nc5, 12. Ng3 b5, 13. Bd5 Bb7, 14. Bb7 Nb7, 15. Nh5 Nc5, 16. Nf6+ Bf6, 17. Qg4 Re8, 18. Nd5 Nd7, 19. Bh5 Kh8, 20. Nf6 gh, 21. Ne8 Qe8, 22. f6 resigns. (1-0)

H. Borge - C. Evans Round 3

1. d4 e6, 2. c4 f5, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. a3 Bc3+, 5. bc3 Nf6, 6. f3 b6? (O-O), 7. Qc2 Bb7, 8. Nh3 O-O, 9. Nf2 d6, 10. e4 fe4, 11. fe4 e5, 12. Be2 ed4, 13. cd4 Ne4, 14. Ne4 Qh4+, 15. Ng3 Bg2, 16. Rg1 Qh2, 17. Bf1? Qg3+, 18. Kd1 Bf3+, and White resigned. (O-1)

G. Campbell - C. Evans Round 5

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 Nc6, 3. g3 g6, 4. Bg2 Bg7, 5. d3 d6, 6. f4 f5, 7. Nf3 Nh6, 8. O-O O-O, 9. Kh1 Rb8, 10. Be3 Nd4, 11. Bg1 Bd7, 12. Rb1 Bc6, 13. Nd4 cd4, 14. Ne2 e5, 15. c3 dc3, 16. bc3? b6, 17. Qc2 Qd7, 18. d4 fe4, 19. fe5 de5, 20. de5 Be5, 21. Nd4 Nf5, 22. Be4? Ng3+, 23. hg3 Qh3+, 24. Bh2 Rf1+, 25. Rf1 Qf1+, 26. Bg1 Bd4, 27. cd4 Qh3+, 28. Bh2 Rf8, 29. Qc4+ Kg7, 30. Bc6 Rf1+ and White kept going until he resigned on move 51. (O-1)

D. Zomerschoe - S. Ball Round 1

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 e5, 6. Ndb5 d6, 7. Bg5 a6, 8. Na3 b5, 9. Bf6 gf6, 10. Nd5 f5, 11. Bd3 Be6, 12. O-O Bg7, 13. c4 bc, 14. Nc4 O-O, 15. f3 f4, 16. Qa4 Nd4, 17. Qb4 Kh8, 18. Qd6 Qg5, 19. Nd2 Rg8, 20. Rf2 Bf8, 21. Qb6 Rc8, 22. Qa6 Bc5, 23. Bf1 Nc2, 24. Rc1 Qh4, 25. Qe2 Rg6, 26. Rc2 Rh6, 27. h3 Bh3, 28. gh3 Rg8+, 29. Kh1 Qh3+, 30. Bh3 Rh3+, 31. Rh2 Rg1 mate (O-1)

N. Sharp - A. Zissos Round 5

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nd2 Nf6, 4. e5 Nfd7, 5. Bd3 c5, 6. c3 Nc6, 7. Ne2 Qb6, 8. Nf3 cd4, 9. cd4 f6, 10. ef6 Nf6, 11. O-O Bd6, 12. Re1 O-O, 13. Nc3 a6, 14. a3 Bd7, 15. Bg5 h6, 16. Bh4 Qc7, 17. Rc1 Rac8, 18. Bb1 Qb8, 19. Qd3 e5, 20. Nd5 Nd5, 21. de5 Nf4, 22. Qh7+ Kf7, 23. ed6 Qd6, 24. Ba2+ Ne6, 25. Qf5+ Ke8, 26. Qg6+ Rf7, 27. Be6 Ne5, 28. Bf7+ (1-0)

Calgary Closed, Calgary Chess Club:

The Calgary Closed was held from January 24 to March 7, 1977. There were 6 round-robin sections, A-F. The final crosstables, and a few games are given below. (Thanks to John Schleinich for sending us the results.)

Joe Kassay-Farkas qualified for the Alberta Closed when he took first place in "A" section on tiebreak over Kris Kuczaj, both at 4½ - 2½:

Section A		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. J. Kassay-Farkas	1736	X	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4½
2. K. Kuczaj	1971	½	X	½	½	½	½	½	½	4½
3. R. Pedersen	1880	0	½	X	½	½	½	½	½	4
4. P. Allan	1811	1	0	½	X	½	½	½	½	3½
5. R. Castle	1920	½	0	½	½	X	0	0	½	3
6. J. Kralovic	1831	0	½	0	½	½	X	½	½	3
7. W. Coppin	1724	0	1	0	0	½	½	X	½	3
8. R. Chipperfield	1726	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	X	2½

Section B		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. A. Zissos	1634	X	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6
2. Doug Wyllie	1706	0	X	½	½	½	½	½	½	4½
3. J. Parrott	1725	0	0	X	½	½	½	½	½	4
4. S. Faust	1575	½	½	½	X	½	½	½	½	3½
5. R. Short	1632	0	0	½	½	X	½	½	½	3
6. J. Nemeth	1663	½	-	-	½	½	X	½	½	3
7. J. Solis	1591	0	0	0	½	½	½	X	½	2½
8. A. Wolff	1627	-	½	0	0	½	½	½	X	1½

Section C		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. T. Patten	1487	X	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6
2. A. Hahn	1536	0	X	½	½	½	½	½	½	5
3. P. Usselman	1466	0	0	X	½	½	½	½	½	5
4. B. Bentley	1397	½	½	0	X	½	½	½	½	4½
5. D. Maguire	1404	½	½	0	½	X	½	½	½	4½
6. W. Kidder	1522	0	½	0	0	-	X	½	-	3½
7. A. Lindquist	1409	0	0	0	0	½	0	X	½	1½
8. B. Starkes	1397	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	X	1

Section D		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1. B. Hamilton	1349	X	½	½	½	½	½	½	5
2. N. Falls	1291	½	X	0	½	½	½	½	4½
3. D. Enevoldsen	1262	0	1	X	0	½	½	½	3½
4. R. Baptiste	1107	0	0	1	X	½	½	½	3
5. H. Bovbjerg	1285	½	0	½	0	X	½	½	3
6. B. Rusk	1259	0	0	0	1	0	X	0	1
7. K. Bodnar	1287	0	0	0	0	0	½	X	1

Section E		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1. E. Leong	-----	X	½	½	½	½	½	½	5
2. I. Issa	1222	0	X	½	½	½	½	½	4
3. D. Young	-----	1	0	X	0	½	½	½	3
4. M. Baker	-----	0	1	1	X	0	0	½	3
5. M. Kirkental	-----	0	0	0	1	X	½	½	3
6. T. Hewit	1290	0	0	0	1	0	X	½	2
7. R. Sloot	1223	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	1

Section F		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1. B. Hillard	-----	X	½	½	½	½	+	4
2. E. Lockert	-----	0	X	½	½	½	½	4
3. C. Fallin	-----	0	0	X	½	½	½	3
4. M. Walters	822	1	0	0	X	½	½	2½
5. F. May	-----	0	0	0	0	X	½	1
6. C. Kidder	-----	-	0	0	½	0	X	½

J. Parrott - D. Wyllie Section B

1. f4 d5, 2. Nf3 c5, 3. e3 Nc6, 4. Bb5 a6, 5. Bc6+ bc6, 6. d3 Nf6, 7. Nbd2 e6, 8. Ne5 Qc7, 9. Ndf3 Nd7, 10. b3 Ne5, 11. Ne5 Bd6, 12. Bb2 0-0, 13. 0-0 f6, 14. Nf3 a5, 15. a4 Rb8, 16. Nd2 Ba6, 17. Rb1 e5, 18. f5 e4, 19. de Bf1, 20. Nf1 de, 21. Qe2 Kh8, 22. Qc4 Rb4, 23. Qe2 Rfb8, 24. Ba3 Rb6, 25. Qc4 Qe7, 26. Ng3 Re8, 27. Rd1 R3b1, 28. Qa6 Qc7, 29. Qc4 Rbd8, 30. Rf1 Bg3, 31. hg3 Qg3, 32. Qc3 Rd5, 33. Bc5 Red8 (0-1)

R. Castle - W. Coppin Section A

(Kings' Indian Attack - annotated by Coppin)
 1. Nf3 d5, 2. g3 c5, 3. Bg2 Nc6, 4. 0-0 Nf6, 5. d3 e5, 6. Nbd2 Bd7, 7. b3 Better is e4 or c4 Be7, 8. c4 0-0, 9. Bb2 Dubious. The bishop belongs on the c1-h6 diagonal. g4, 10. Ng5 Re8 The stereotyped 10. ... Bg4, 11. h3 Bd7 would lead to approximate equality. The text and Black's next are more ambitious attempts to refute White's inexactitudes on moves 7 and 9. 11. Nge4 Ne8, 12. Ndf3 The 'aggressive' 12. f4 would severely weaken the dark squares, in particular e3, e.g., 12. ... f5, 13. Nf2 ef, 14. gf Bd6?, 15. 13. Ned2 Nd6 Better than 13. ... Nf6, when White gets a measure of counterplay by 14. Ng5, threatening Bd5+, opening the position. 14. Ne1 Be6, 15. e4? Closing the center allows Black to comfortably prepare his K-side attack. 15. e3 was better, although White would still face many problems. f4, 16. a3 a5, 17. Bc1 Qd7, 18. Rb1 18. Ra2 saves a tempo in setting up a defence along the second rank. g5, 19. f3 A further weakening of the g3 square, but the threat of g4 and f3 had to be met. h5, 20. Rb2 Rf7, 21. Nbl White had just 14 minutes left to reach move 40. Rcf8, 22. gf Opens lines - for Black! gf, 23. Kh1 Bh4! The good move is usually the one before the combination. Black intends a little surprise. 24. Rg1 Rg7, 25. Bf1 Bg3! Very Strong. White had less than 5 min to search through the complications. 26. hg3 fg, 27. Qd2? The quickest and prettiest way to lose, however, it is hard to find an adequate defence. Qe7!, 28. Ng2 Rf3, 29. Qh6 Nf7, 30. Qd2 Rg4, 31. Qe1 Rh4+, 32. Nh4 Qh4+, 33. Kc2 Qh2! (0-1)

W. Coppin - K. Kuczaj Section A

1. e4 c6 A surprise. White had come well armed for the expected French. 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 de, 4. Ne4 Nd7 The Knight Variation Deferred. 5. Nf3 Nf6, 6. Nf6 Theory gives 6. Ng3 as more likely to give an advantage. Nf6, 7. Bc4 e6 Very passive. 7. ... Bf5 would equalize. 8. 0-0 Qc7, 9. Qe2 Bd6 Since Black intends 0-0, more circumspect seems 9. ... Be7, preparing c5, and avoiding White's potentially embarrassing Bg5. 10. Re1 0-0, 11. Bg5 Be7 After 11. ... Nd5, 12. Qe4, White prevents c5 and threatens Bd3, with a dangerous K-side initiative. 12. Rad1 Bd7, 13. Ne5 Black's inaccuracies have given White an imposing position by means of simple natural development. Of course, Kuczaj has been very successful at humbling the over-optimistic owners of such 'imposing' positions. Nd5, 14. Be7 Ne7, 15. Bd3 Nd5, 16. Qe4 f5? The text maximizes Black's cheapo potential in the coming race against the clock. 17. Qh4 Rf6 Holds the K-side for the time being so White concentrates on the center. 18. c4 Ne7, 19. Qe3 Qd8, 20. Qe3 Ng6, 21. Nf3 Qc7, 22. Ng5 Qf4, 23. g3 Qe3, 24. Re3 h6, 25. Nf3 The run from here to move 40 was made at near blitz tempo by both players. f4, 26. Re2 fg, 27. hg Rf3, 28. Bg6 Rf6, 29. Bh5 Rf8, 30. Bg4 Bc8, 31. Rd3 Rc8, 32. Re4 e5, 33. d5 ed, 34. Bc8 Rc8, 35. Rb5 b6, 36. Re7 Rf7, 37. Rdd7 There goes a free pawn -- time! Re7, 38. Re7 Re8, 39. Kc2 Kf8, 40. Rd7 a6 A hearty collective sigh of relief. The question is, can White still win? With plenty of time now to adjourn and subject the position to searching analysis, White sealed 41. Rb7 and was overjoyed to find a forced win after the obvious 41. ... b5, 42. cb ab, 43. a3 Ra5. Black came to the same conclusion and graciously resigned without continuing. (1-0)

(Thanks to Coppin for these games, and we apologize for some editing of the notes to make sure the games fit on this page!)

FINAL RESULTS -- 1977 EDMONTON CHESS CLUB OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

NAME	RATING	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	RD6	RD7	RD8	RD9	RD10	POINTS	PLACE	TIEBREAK
1 EVANS, C	2009	+22	+18	= 6	+ 3	+ 4	- 2	+ 7	+20	+ 5	+11	8.5	1	38.00 64.00 52.25
2 STEELE, L	1848	+23	+24	+15	+20	+ 7	+ 1	= 3	- 5	+10	+ 6	8.5	2	35.50 62.00 52.00
3 BALL, S	2104	+40	= 4	+17	- 1	+13	+15	= 2	+11	+ 7	+ 5	8.0	3	37.50 63.00 46.50
4 PUREWAL, S	1555	+35	= 3	+11	+28	- 1	+ 6	- 5	+21	+20	+12	7.5	4	34.00 59.00 40.50
5 CAMPBELL, G	2054	x+9	+26	+ 8	- 7	+12	=20	+ 4	+ 2	- 1	- 3	6.5	5	39.50 63.50 38.00
6 SHARP, N	1794	+30	+21	= 1	-37	+17	- 4	+ 9	+19	+15	- 2	6.5	6	36.50 62.50 36.25
7 RALETICH, G	1843	+50	+27	+28	+ 5	- 2	+37	- 1	=15	- 3	+16	6.5	7	36.00 62.00 34.25
8 BORLOI, F	1747	+12	+34	- 5	+23	-37	-21	=16	+30	+19	+15	6.5	8	32.00 53.00 33.75
9 SENG, P	UNR.	-18	-22	+44	+39	+23	+14	- 6	+24	=16	+20	6.5	9	30.50 50.00 30.75
10 LONG, E	1847	-34	+46	+29	+21	-15	+26	=20	x+37	- 2	+17	6.5	10	28.50 49.00 28.00
11 DRUMMOND, I	1777	=38	+32	- 4	+13	+34	+18	+12	- 3	+14	- 1	6.0	11	35.50 59.00 30.50
12 BATH, R	1648	- 8	+35	+31	+43	- 5	+29	-11	+26	+21	- 4	6.0	12	30.00 52.50 26.50
13 DOUZIECH, R	1493	-28	+33	+30	=11	- 3	-16	=38	+25	+29	+22	6.0	13	28.50 49.00 26.50
14 DOMIER, C	1607	+44	-37	-22	+32	+38	- 9	+34	+27	-11	+21	6.0	14	28.50 47.50 24.50
15 KING, H	1665	+46	+25	- 2	+22	+10	- 3	+24	= 7	- 6	- 8	5.5	15	35.50 60.00 27.25
16 CULHAM, E	1588	+43	-28	-23	=25	+31	+13	= 8	+22	= 9	- 7	5.5	16	31.50 53.50 28.50
17 BUENAVENTURA, F	1747	+47	=29	- 3	+45	- 6	+33	-19	+23	+24	-10	5.5	17	31.00 53.50 25.25
18 KNUDSKOV, B	1494	+ 9	- 1	-45	+35	+36	-11	-22	+38	=28	+30	5.5	18	28.50 50.00 23.75
19 LOAHMAN, I	1931	-25	-43	+39	+42	=29	+30	+17	- 6	- 8	+28	5.5	19	28.50 47.50 22.75
20 LEITER, A	1791	+39	+38	+37	- 2	+24	= 5	=10	- 1	- 4	- 9	5.0	20	37.00 60.50 23.50
21 BELEY, P	1424	+45	- 6	+32	-10	+43	+ 8	x+37	- 4	-12	-14	5.0	21	34.00 55.00 23.00
22 AFFEK, K	1366	- 1	+ 9	+14	-15	x+45	-24	+18	-16	+27	-13	5.0	22	33.50 56.00 25.50
23 MARTIN, W	1345	- 2	+44	+16	- 8	- 9	+35	=31	-17	+36	=26	5.0	23	30.50 52.50 21.00
24 VON ZUR GATHEN, H	1509	+42	- 2	+25	+34	-20	+22	-15	- 9	-17	+32	5.0	24	30.00 51.50 20.50
25 KUTI, A	1357	+19	-15	-24	=16	=27	+43	-26	-13	+40	+36	5.0	25	30.00 48.00 21.75
26 BERFRAKIS, A	1435	+48	- 5	-43	x+47	+28	-10	+25	-12	=32	=23	5.0	26	29.00 43.75 16.75
27 HERODEK, H	1503	+41	- 7	-34	=30	=25	+44	+29	-14	-22	+35	5.0	27	27.00 46.00 19.75
28 CHARCHUK, M	UNR.	+13	+16	- 7	- 4	-26	-34	+44	+40	=18	-19	4.5	28	31.50 52.00 20.75
29 UERLIK, V	1415	+36	=17	-10	+40	=19	-12	-27	+34	-13	=31	4.5	29	31.00 49.50 18.75
30 HARVEY, D	1290	- 6	+41	-13	=27	+40	-19	+35	- 8	+38	-18	4.5	30	29.00 48.00 15.50
31 GREEN, P	1368	-37	+42	-12	=33	-16	+36	=23	-32	+41	=29	4.5	31	26.00 43.50 15.50
32 JELLEY, P	UNR.	+33	-11	-21	-14	+39	-38	x+46	+31	=26	-24	4.5	32	25.50 42.25 15.50
33 CHECKMO	UNR.	-32	-13	x+50	=31	x+47	-17	-40	-36	+48	+41	4.5	33	20.25 34.50 10.25
34 LOH, G	1353	+10	- 8	+27	-24	-11	+28	-14	-29	+42	---	4.0	34	31.00 46.00 18.00
35 BARRY, J	1120	- 4	-12	+46	-18	+42	-23	-30	+48	+39	-27	4.0	35	27.00 43.50 10.00
36 VANDENBERG, J	UNR.	-29	x+50	=40	=38	-18	-31	+48	+33	-23	-25	4.0	36	23.50 36.75 9.25
37 FULLBROOK, N	2057	+31	+14	-20	+ 6	+ 8	- 7	x-21	x-10	---	---	4.0	37	22.00 35.00 23.50
38 WEEKS, W	1275	=11	-20	x+49	=36	-14	+32	=13	-18	-30	-39	3.5	38	28.50 46.50 14.25
39 DODMAN, W	UNR.	-20	=49	-19	- 9	-32	+48	+42	-41	-35	+38	3.5	39	24.00 39.00 8.50
40 LAUTERWALD, K	1370	- 3	+48	=36	-29	-30	=46	+33	-28	-25	-42	3.0	40	24.00 40.00 7.50
41 CAFR, P	UNR.	-27	-30	-47	-44	+48	+42	-43	+39	-31	-33	3.0	41	24.00 36.50 6.50
42 TILROE, D	1181	-24	-31	+48	-19	-35	-41	-39	x+46	-34	+40	3.0	42	22.50 35.25 5.25
43 DAY, L	1187	-16	+19	+26	-12	-21	-25	+41	---	---	---	3.0	43	22.50 34.00 13.00
44 DAY, J	1136	-14	-23	- 9	+41	+46	-27	-28	---	---	---	2.0	44	21.00 33.50 6.50
45 PARUK, D	UNR.	-21	+47	+18	-17	x-22	---	---	---	---	---	2.0	45	9.00 20.00 10.00
46 OLYNYK, G	1237	-15	-10	-35	+48	-44	=40	x-32	x-42	---	---	1.5	46	11.00 22.50 2.00
47 EMBLETON, S	1254	-17	-45	+41	x-26	x-33	---	---	---	---	---	1.0	47	3.00 13.50 3.00
48 LINDSAY, C	UNR.	-26	-40	-42	-46	-41	-39	-36	-35	-33	BYE	.5	48	20.00 31.00 .00
49 BORDELEAU	UNR.	x- 5	=39	x-38	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.5	49	.00 3.50 1.75
50 DESPOTOVICH, M	UNR.	- 7	x-36	x-33	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.0	50	.00 6.50 .00

(DRAW =) (DEFAULT x) (BLACK -)
 TIEBREAK: MEDIAN+SOLKOFF+SONNENBORN-BERGER DIRECTED BY TAMIR STOCHINSKY

Chris Evans won his second tournament of the year by virtue of an 8½-1½ score and a better tiebreak than Len Steele in the 1977 Edmonton Chess Club Open Championship. Stephen Ball came clear third with 8-2, and Sardul Purewal was alone in fourth with 7½-2½. Purewal was also Top C. Neil Sharp (6½-3½) was Top B, Karl Affek (5-5) Top D, and Peter Seng (6½-3½) Top Unrated. L. Steele's "positive horseshoes" were counterbalanced by the "negative horseshoes" of an unnamed A player, i.e., the luck balanced out. Tournament Director was the renowned Tamir Stochinsky, famous Guppy person.

C. Evans - S. Ball Round 4
 1. e4 c5, 2. d4 cd4, 3. Nf3 Nc6, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 e5, 6. Nf3 Bb4, 7. Bd3 d5, 8. e5 Nd5, 9. O-O Nc3, 10. bc3 Bc3, 11. Rb1 O-O?, 12. Rb3 Qa5, 13. Ng5 h6, 14. Ne4 Bd4, 15. Qh5 Ne7, 16. Bh6 f5, 17. Bc4+ Nd5, 18. Qg6 Rf7, 19. Nf6+ Resigns. (1-0)

L. Steele - N. Sharp Round 10
 1. c4 Nf6, 2. Nc3 e6, 3. Nf3 d5, 4. cd ed, 5. d4 c6, 6. h3 (psychological?) Bd6, 7. Qc2 O-O, 8. e3 Nbd7, 9. Bd3 Re8, 10. O-O Qe7, 11. Nd2 Nf8, 12. a3 Ne6, 13. Nf3 g6, 14. b4 Ng7, 15. b5 c5, 16. dc Bc5, 17. Bb2 Bf5, 18. Na4 Bd6, 19. Bf5 Nf5, 20. Qc3 Kg7, 21. g4 d4, 22. Qd3 Resigns. (1-0)

G. Raletich - S. Ball Round 9
 1. Nf3 f5, 2. g3 Nf6, 3. Bg2 d6, 4. d4 e6, 5. O-O Be7, 6. c4 O-O, 7. Nc3 Qe8, 8. Qc2 Qh5, 9. a3 Nc6, 10. b4 e5, 11. d5 Nd8, 12. Nb5 c6, 13. Nc7 Rb8, 14. b5 Nf7, 15. dc6 bc6, 16. bc6 e4, 17. Nd4 Ne5, 18. f3 Bd8, 19. Ncb5 Bb6, 20. e3 Bc5, 21. f4 Nd3, 22. h3 g5, 23. Qd1 gf, 24. gf Qh4, 25. Nb3 Kf7, 26. Nc5 dc5, 27. c7 Rb6, 28. Bd2 Rg8, 29. Ra2 Qh3, 30. Qe2 Nh5, 31. Be1 Rh6, 32. Rf2 Nhf4, 33. Kf1 Qh1+ (0-1)

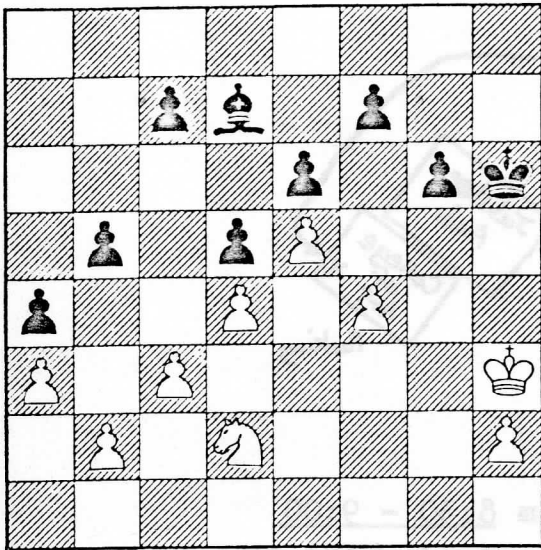
L. Steele - C. Evans Round 6
 1. e4 c5, 2. b3 (the Snyder Var!) Nc6, 3. Bb2 e5, 4. Ne2 Nf6, 5. Ng3 g6, 6. Nc3 Bg7, 7. Bc4 a6, 8. a4 h5, 9. h3 Rb8, 10. Nf1 Nd4, 11. Ne3 b5, 12. ab ab, 13. Bd5 O-O, 14. Ne2 Nd5, 15. Nd5 Bb7, 16. c3 Ne6, 17. Qc2 Qg5, 18. O-O Bd5, 19. ed5 Nf4, 20. Nf4 ef4, 21. Qd3 c4, 22. Qf3 cb, 23. Ba3 Rfe8, 24. Rab1 Qf5, 25. Bd6 Rb6, 26. Bf4 Qc2, 27. Rfc1 Qa2, 28. Qd1 b2, 29. Rc2 Qd5, 30. Rcb2 Rbe3, 31. Be3 f5, 32. Rb5 Qd3, 33. Qf1 Qe4, 34. R5b4 Qa8, 35. Qc4 Kh7, 36. Qd3 R1e7, 37. Rf1 Bf6, 38. Ec5 Rf7, 39. Bd4 Be7, 40. R5b1 Qd5, 41. Rb5 (sealed) Qc6, 42. Rb6 Qd5, 43. Re6 Qe6, 44. Qb1 Qd6, 45. Qa2 Rf8, 46. Rb1 Bf6 (Black should not let both the rook and bishop go!), 47. Rb6 Qe7, 48. Rf6 Rf6, 49. Bf6 Qf6, 50. Qd5 Qe7, 51. Kf1 Kg7, 52. d4 d6, 53. c4 Qg5, 54. g3 Qc1+, 55. Kg2 h4, 56. gh Qf4, 57. c5 Qh4, 58. Qd6 Qe4+, 59. Kh2 Qh4, 60. Qe5+ Kf7 61. Qe3 g5, 62. d5 f4, 63. Qf3 Ke7, 64. Kg2 Qh7, 65. Qe2+ Kd8, 66. d6 f3+, 67. Qf3 Qc2, 68. c6 (1-0)

We now proceed with our continuing saga by presenting the following letter from Chris Evans:

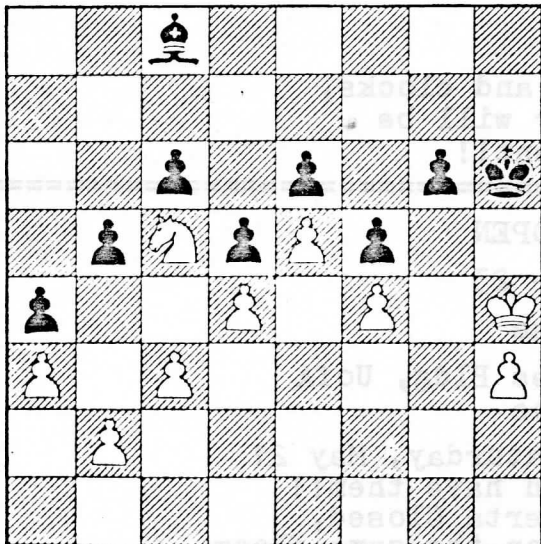
Esteemed Sir:

At the risk of being regarded as a critic lurking in the undergrowth, or the slightly less appalling prospect of being regarded as a blood brother to the Irishman, who, observing a donnybrook, enquired whether it was a private fight or might anybody join in, I wish to comment on Mr. Ball's remarks in ACR, Vol. 2, #1, p. 5 concerning an endgame position won by Mr. King from Mr. Patten, and reported in this journal (ACR, Vol. 1, #7, p. 5).

Our knowledge of this position starts with the following position:



Instead of the next move 35. ... Kh5 selected by Mr. Patten, Mr. Ball suggests as an improvement 35. ... f5, and supports his contention that this will prove sufficient to draw the game by considering two lines for White. In the first White does not capture the pawn, but continues 36. Kh4 Be8, 37. Nf3 Bd7, 38. Ne1 Bc8, 39. Nd3 Ba6, 40. Nc5 Bc8, 41. h3 c6, with this position:

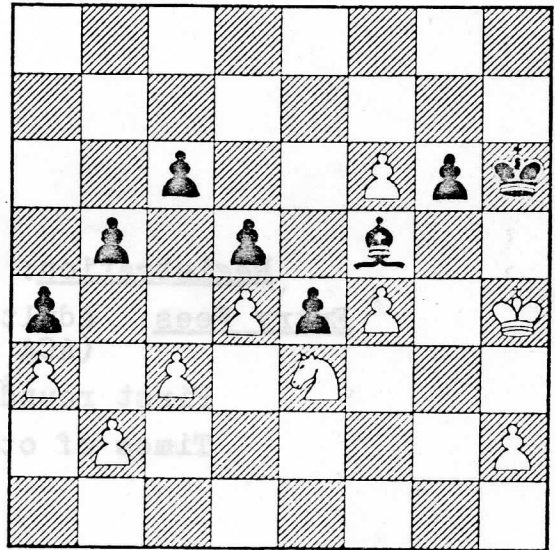


It seems to this correspondent that White wins this position easily with 42. b3 (the only reasonable continuation, aiming to clear space on the Q-side for the entry of the knight) ab3, 43. Nb3 Ba6 (or anywhere else), 44. Nc5 Bc8, 45. a4 (threat: 46. a5, etc) ba4, 46. Na4, and now White's knight can enter via b6. An amusing possible continuation, which highlights the uselessness of the Bishop, is 46. ... Bd7, 47. Nb6 Be8, 48. Nc8 Bf7, 49. Nd6 Bg8, 50. Ne8 Bh7, 51. Nf6 and wins. Keeping Black's bishop more active also fails, e.g., 46. ... Ba6, 47. Nb6 Bf1, 48. Na8 Ba6, 49. Nc7 Bc8, 50. Ne8 Ba6, 51. Nd6, threatening Nf7+, followed by Nd8.

These variations highlight the uselessness of Black's bishop, which cannot attack worthwhile targets. In the opinion of this correspondent, Mr. King played the endgame in fine style.

Brad Willis also wrote in, and, fortunately, he wished to dispute Ball's second line:

I think I've found the refutation of Stephen Ball's interesting defensive try for Black in King-Patten. Ball's analysis (see the first diagram) runs as follows: 35. ... f5, 36. ef (ep) e5+, 37. Kh4 e4, 38. Nf1 c6, 39. Ne3 Bf5 "and White cannot improve his position".



I suggest the following procedure:

Stage I: Win the Black c-pawn via zugzwang. 40. nc2 Bd7, 41. Nb4 Be8, 42. f7 Bf7, 43. Nc6

Stage II: Maneuver the knight to e2, e.g., 45. ... Be6, 44. Nb4 Bf7, 45. Nc2 Be6, 46. Ne3 Bf7 (I can't see any active defensive plan for Black. His King cannot move on account of Kg5 et. seq, so he can do nothing but wait for White to execute his plan), 47. Nf1 Be6, 48. Ng3 Bf5, 49. Ne2 Be6

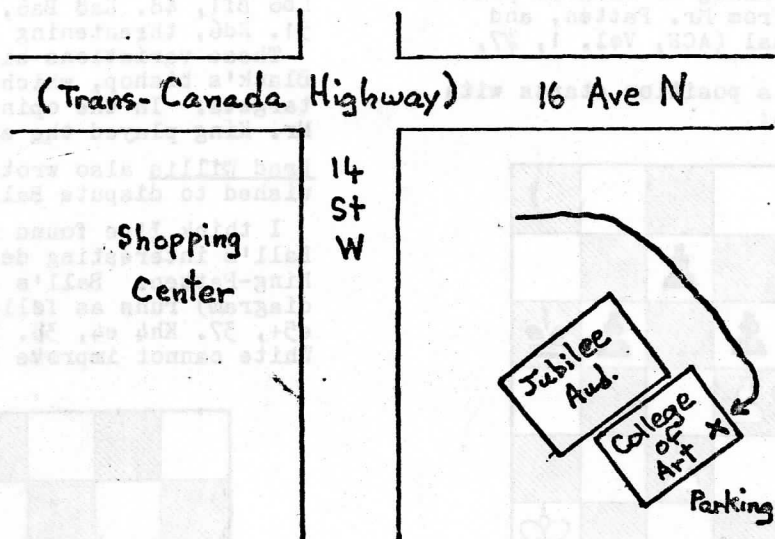
Stage III: Attack the Black pawn chain, creating an outside passed pawn. 50. c4! bc (50. ... dc is worse; it removes the e-pawn's support), 51. Nc3 Bf7, 52. Na4, and after 53. Nb6, White advances the a-pawn and wins easily.

We've dealt with this particular endgame for three straight issues, and we hope that you have learned something from the byplay generated over the analysis!

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