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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

April 29 - May 7	Edmonton	<u>WESTERN CANADA OPEN</u>
May 20 - May 22	Edmonton	Alberta Closed
May 20 - May 22	Edmonton	Victoria Weekend <u>OPEN</u>
"mid-June"	Calgary	Southern Alberta <u>OPEN</u>
July 22 - July 23	Edmonton	Edmonton <u>OPEN</u>



WESTERN CANADA OPEN -- you won't want to miss it!
(details on the last 2 pages of this issue)



VICTORIA WEEKEND OPEN



in
Edmonton
on the
Victoria Day Long Weekend
May 20-21-22, 1978

5th Floor General Services Building
116 St and 91 Ave (University of Alberta)

Swiss System
2 rounds per day

Registration: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 20
(or in advance to the ACA office)

Entry Fees: Senior \$8 Junior (under 18) \$5
(ACA and CFC memberships needed.
Bring your membership cards!)

Cash PRIZES to the top finishers overall, as
well as to top finishers in some 'classes'!

If you have a CHESS CLOCK, PLEASE BRING IT!

SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN



Calgary

mid - June

5 round weekend Swiss

Details next issue

EDMONTON OPEN



July 22 - July 23

5 round weekend Swiss

5th floor General Services Building
116 St and 91 Ave (University of Alberta)

Entry Fee: \$7 Senior, \$5 (under 18)

Register: 8:30 - 9:15, Saturday, July 22
(no smoking in the main room, but if
both players agree, the game may be
played in a separate smokers' room.)

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION, Membership Fees

Senior -- \$3.00
 Junior (under 18) -- \$2.00
 valid to Dec. 31, 1978

Each membership submitted should include the member's full name and address, and CFC (Chess Federation of Canada) number if known.

"Family" memberships (taken out at one time) are available at the rate of one membership at the regular cost (must be a Senior membership, if a Senior is joining), and the rest half-price. 1 ACR per household.

CFC memberships, which are valid for 1 year from date of purchase, can be obtained through the ACA. Rates, not including ACA dues are \$10 Senior, and \$6 Junior. The CFC will no longer sell CFC memberships directly to Albertans unless they purchase an ACA membership at the same time. Family of a regular (not Junior) CFC member may join at half-price (without subscription to the Bulletin) provided their addresses are the same and they take out their memberships at the same time.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND ORGANIZERS

(1) The ACR wants to announce your tournaments! Please send us full details far enough in advance for publication.

(2) Please check to see that all entrants in your rated tournaments are both CFC and ACA members for the duration of the event.

(3) Please send a copy of the final crosstable of your tournament to the ACA for publication in the ACR. A written report plus some game scores would be appreciated! The quality of our report on your tournament depends very much on what you send to us.

CHESS CLUBS

Please send us any details on your club's operation (meeting time and place, dues, Executive, upcoming tournaments, etc) that you would wish to have published in the ACR.

We hope that all clubs will make ACA membership a requirement at their club.

The NEXT ACR will be a "super issue" featuring very complete reports on both the WESTERN CANADA OPEN and the ALBERTA CLOSED, as well as other events and matters of concern to Alberta chess. The format will be quite similar to the CFC Bulletin. Material for inclusion in this special issue must arrive by May 26 if at all possible.

BACK ISSUES of the ACR are only 25 cents each postpaid. Fill in your missing issues of volumes 1 and 2!

DROPOUTS -- those who abandon play in a tournament without even giving notice must pay a \$5 fine before entering another Alberta tournament. Please post this message at your tournaments! Organizers will get lists on which dropouts are indicated. If you have a new dropout, send us details. Send us \$2.50 of the \$5 if you collect a fine.

NO CANADIAN TEAM AT THE OLYMPIAD? Maybe not. Donations are not exactly pouring in, but over \$10,000 is needed! The Federal government doesn't want to contribute even a penny, so we must request your donation. Send your contribution to us, and we'll forward it to the CFC. Please!

WANT DETAILS on clubs and/or tournaments in your area? Drop us a line, and tell us exactly what you want to know.

1978 ALBERTA CLOSED -- C. Evans, G. Campbell, J. Cummins, and R. South are already qualified as mandatory inclusions. The last 2 positions will be the highest rated players who wish to enter, and who have completed play in at least 2 Alberta tournaments since May 31, 1977. See the rating list for the top candidates (note: there is no minimum rating requirement).

TOP ALBERTA PLAYERS

(as of the Feb 28/78 rating revision)
 compiled by Murray Frank

1. Evans, C	Edmonton	2094
2. Ball, S	Edmonton	2086
3. Brebrich, B	Calgary	2081
4. Rabljenovic, M	Calgary	2081
5. Campbell, G	Edmonton	2049
6. Campbell, M	Edmonton	2026
7. Cummins, J	Edmonton	2010
8. Rosenbloom, E	Edmonton	1954
9. Steele, L	Edmonton	1954
10. Long, E	Edmonton	1937
11. Fullbrook, N	Edmonton	1918
12. Frank, M	Edmonton	1897
13. MacIntosh, J	Calgary	1882
14. Loadman, I	Edmonton	1877
15. South, R	Calgary	1870
16. Kuczaj, K	Calgary	1869
17. Milne, A	Calgary	1865
18. Szucs, B	Calgary	1861
19. Flemming, J	Calgary	1848
20. Litwinczuk, W	Calgary	1845
21. Taylor, B	Edmonton	1840
22. Willis, B	Edmonton	1840
23. Douziech, R	Edmonton	1836
24. Kralovic, J	Calgary	1834
25. Allan, P	Calgary	1830
26. Sharp, N	Lacombe	1826
27. Patterson, R	Priddis	1824
28. Raletich, G	Edmonton	1808
29. Zissos, A	Calgary	1806
30. Kolenchuk, T	Edmonton	1801x

The "Black Knight controversy": I received a phone call from Maurice Ormon one Monday night a while back. He still demanded a public apology in the ACR directed to his club for the "insult" in the September 1976 ACR: "We know that the Black Knight Chess Club has met to elect a new executive, but, despite public requests in the ACR, no information has reached us. Perhaps they are operating underground this year?"

Well, most of you must have seen the great amount printed on this topic in the last ACR, so I won't repeat it. Suffice to say that Mr. Ormon has felt it necessary to avoid sending reports to the ACR, and won't send any without a written public apology to the Black Knight club.

Mr. Ormon had some very harsh, unflattering, downright rude, and, I believe, unjustified things to say about the ACA, the ACR, and myself. It is no wonder that such comments were not put in writing. He informed me that the ACR stinks, and that he had never read anything in it except for the Sept/76 issue, and part of the last issue. He made it clear that the Black Knight was his club, and I must accede to his demands. Despite extended conversation, nothing was resolved. I was left with the impression that Mr. Ormon

and myself are "worlds apart" when it comes to our respective ideas of logic, reason, responsibility, "justice", etc.

I told Mr. Ormon that I felt it was him, and not the Black Knight club itself that was upset (in my opinion quite unreasonably so), and that I did not intend to publish an apology of the sort he demanded.

Two nights later he phoned back to inform me that, the previous night, the members of his club had unanimously voted to support him in his demands. The ACR would get no reports until an apology was printed in the way he insisted.

Needless to say, I was somewhat surprised at this development. I felt rather uneasy as to the circumstances that led to this vote. Subsequent information that I received "secondhand" (the source shall remain confidential) suggested that the "unanimous vote" was not arrived at without some coercion. Currently, the Black Knight club is wholly dependent on Mr. Ormon to run its tournaments, etc. It appears that no other members are yet able, in their own estimation, to "properly" run things. My understanding was that Mr. Ormon indicated he would resign unless the club members voted to support him. In this context, I find it less surprising that Mr. Ormon received his "unanimous support".

You, by now, know my feelings on and my assessment of this whole situation. Nevertheless, for the good of Alberta chess I will make just one more statement (hopefully the last!) on this subject (I trust Mr. Ormon will find it sufficient and no longer refuse to send reports to the ACR): I, Leonard Steele, hereby apologize directly to any and all past or present members of the Black Knight Chess Club who have at any time felt personally or collectively insulted by any comments I have made in the Alberta Chess Report.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS' WORKSHOPS will definitely be given this year (probably in September) in both Calgary (instructor: John Schleinich) and Edmonton (instructor: Len Steele). Any ACA member can attend. If you are interested, please write to us so that you may receive full details when they are available.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(1) From Ian Loadman

I was very upset to read in the most recent (Jan-Feb 1978) ACR of several attacks on the ACA for reasons which are to my mind hardly worthy of such great attention. Thank you for allowing me to elaborate on these issues.

The first of these issues is the sad case of the lack of tournament reports from the Black Knight Chess Club. I will not delve into the arguments presented in the January-February ACR, but I wish to make known the position of the Edmonton Chess Club (ECC) on the reporting of tournaments in the ACR. By the time this letter is published I will no longer be President of the ECC, but I believe that I speak for the new Executive as well. The ECC regards it as a privilege to have its tournaments advertised and reported in the ACR. I was one of a group of people who started the Edmonton Chess Report, the forerunner to the ACR, which was sold at a price of twenty five and later fifty cents

an issue. When we took a new issue to the ECC, we had no problems selling copies to 99% of its members. Is any greater proof of the assertion that people like to read reports of tournaments they play in needed? In those early days before the ACR we occasionally advertised weekend tournaments by sending a circular to all members of the CFC in Alberta -- the cost of this came out of the club's coffers or the tournament prize fund. Both of these services are now provided free of charge by the ACR to all who wish to take advantage of them.

It may well be worth mentioning another club of which the readers of your magazine may be unaware. The University of Alberta Chess Club presently has 59 paid members (I believe this makes it the third largest club in the province), and has recently begun its first CFC rated tournament, which will, I hope, be reported upon its completion.

As President of the ECC, I received a copy of Chris Evans' letter about the no-smoking rule at the U of A Winter Open. I was quite surprised to read of the petition against a no-smoking rule which was circulated in Calgary. Evans' letter had almost nothing to do with smoking, but rather concerned itself with the important issue of the advertising of conditions before a tournament. I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Evans' opinion that any deviation from the normal practice should be announced in the pre-tournament advertising and not changed at the last moment. I know from conversations with the organizers of the two no-smoking tournaments that they realize that the no-smoking rule should have been announced in advance, and will do so in the future. The assurances in the last ACR regarding accuracy of advertising should go further towards ensuring this. As for no-smoking tournaments being an issue within the ACA, as you pointed out, a rule towards establishing such tournaments has never even been considered. The people campaigning in favor of smoking would do well to direct their energies towards organizing tournaments rather than fighting phantoms.

This brings me to the most important and in my opinion the most serious criticism, that a group of people, myself included, is running the ACA for the benefit of Edmonton chess and to the detriment of the rest of the Province. I find it difficult to convey how depressed and upset this accusation makes me. I see three reasons for my feelings: firstly, the absolute untruth of these accusations; secondly, because I can see how a superficial look at the Alberta chess scene could lead one to make these charges; thirdly, because these charges distract people from the real problems in Alberta chess.

I would like to deal first off with the facts about the operation of the ACA with regards to tournaments, other ACA supported events, and the allocation of ACA funds. I believe that as a member of the ACA executive for the past two years and its present Treasurer I am qualified to speak on these issues. The ACA has five official tournaments which it is committed to holding: the Northern Alberta Open, the Southern Alberta Open, the Alberta Closed, the Alberta Open, and the Alberta Junior Closed. The first of these is held annually in Edmonton and the second in Calgary, while the other three alternate between the two cities. As these

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are the only official ACA tournaments, one can only draw the conclusion that, as far as tournaments are concerned, the ACA does not play favorites.

I have done a review of the 1976 and 1977 ACA budgets and would like to share the conclusions which I reached with all ACA members. Please note that in the breakdown that follows I have excluded operating expenses such as stationery, postage, and long distance phone calls. I have broken down expenses into three major categories: monies spent in Edmonton, Calgary, and province-wide or neutral expenses. The latter category includes ACR production costs, honorariums paid to TD's of official ACA tournaments, expense money paid to out-of-town participants in official ACA closed championships, and the airfares of Alberta Junior and Senior Champions travelling to Canadian Championships. This category encompasses fully 80% of the ACA's expenditures. I see no way in which any of these expenses can be held to be partisan. Into the category of Edmonton and Calgary go equipment purchases for use in these cities (although the equipment remains the property of the ACA, and is expected to be used at official ACA tournaments in these cities). In the past two years each city has received almost identical amounts of money. Outside of this the only uneven expenditure was a grant of two hundred dollars to the Western Canada Open to help defray advertising expenses. This expense will in my opinion prove more than worthwhile in view of the exposure which Alberta chess will receive. It is worth remembering that the 1975 Canadian Open and Closed were held in Calgary with the full support of the ACA. I hope that this will convince all that the ACA is not playing favorites.

I would now like to point out why a superficial look at the Alberta chess scene might lead one to believe that we in Edmonton were misusing ACA power. One has only to look at the ACR, which is produced and edited in Edmonton, to reach this conclusion. There are more Edmonton tournaments reported and advertised, and there are more and larger reports and games from Edmonton. If one was to stop here, the conclusion of ACA misuse would seem reasonable. This conclusion totally ignores the nature of the ACA.

The ACA is for the most part incapable of organizing events, any events. We are dependent upon the initiative of the local organizers, although in many cases the local organizer is also active in the ACA. When I organize a tournament in Edmonton, I am doing so as an individual, not an ACA official, although I have the support of the ACA and the ECC. Presently, the most active Edmonton organizers, Murray Frank, Bruce Thomas, and Harvey King, are not members of the ACA executive. The reason there are more Edmonton tournaments advertised and reported in the ACR is because we hold more tournaments (especially weekenders) than other areas, thanks mainly to the efforts of the above mentioned gentlemen.

I suspect that other areas of the province are unaware of the great assistance the ACA can supply, and as a result its true potential is unused. I heartily recommend that those who feel that Edmonton runs the ACA become active in organizing tournaments; I assure you that you will receive the same

assistance and benefits as those doing so now.

Since I have dwelt so long on essentially negative subjects, please allow me to compliment Messrs. Zissos and Ball for their excellent articles in recent issues of the ACR. I greatly enjoyed these articles, and hope to see more like them in the future.

Thank you for allowing me so much space in your magazine.

(2) From Bruce Thomas

As director of the University of Alberta Winter Open where a no-smoking rule was in effect, I would like to comment on both Mr. Evans' letter and other remarks made in the last ACR.

Because I was not aware of the ACR rule about giving prior notice about no-smoking at ACR-advertised events, I was in error and did apologize when Mr. Evans first circulated his letter. However, I would like to add that of the 24 players in the tournament, only two were observed to smoke. Early in the tournament I asked both these players how they felt about the no-smoking rule -- one shrugged his shoulders non-committally, and Mr. Evans surprisingly stated, "I can live with it."

It is a shame Mr. Evans did not express his true concerns about the rule when I asked him -- I would have realized my mistake and the rule would have been abandoned post haste. Instead, Mr. Evans chose to go home and write letters.

Mr. Evans and others are quite in their rights to debate the smoking issue. However, I can have little respect for threats from smokers about not playing. If smokers threaten to boycott non-smoking events, should not non-smokers do the same for events where smoking is allowed? What are the smokers going to do if and when smoking is restricted by law in public places (as is already the case in many progressive localities)?

Personally, I would rather see addicted smokers stay home and suffer poor health alone, instead of affecting mine and others' health. (Despite some absurd remarks attributed to a Calgary player in the last ACR to the contrary, there is clear scientific evidence that tobacco smoke is as harmful, if not even more harmful, to persons breathing secondhand smoke than to the actual smokers.)

As the smoking issue is apparently going to continue to be a problem, I would suggest that at tournaments and club meetings a vote be taken as to whether participants want to ban smoking from the main playing room. The end result of this democratic process might be that we will all live longer to play chess.

(3) From Murray Campbell

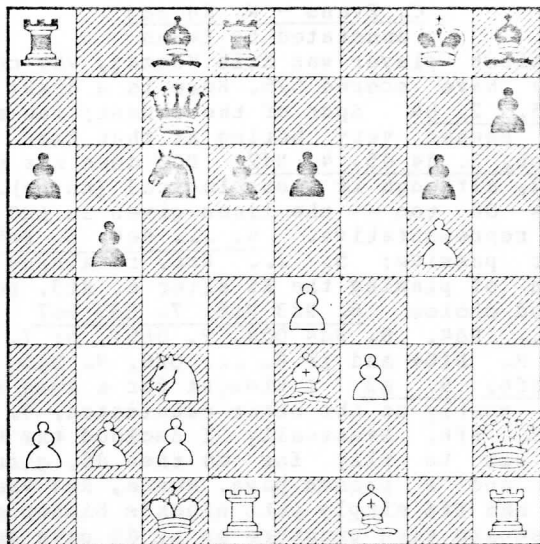
With reference to the game G. Campbell - J. Cummins (last ACR, p.7), after 7. ... b5, it seems to me that 8. Qb5 Bd7, 9. N2d4 (rather than Qg5 as in the game) White is just two pawns ahead. For example, 9. ... Nd4, 10. Nd4 Bb5, 11. Bb5+ Ke7, 12. Nc6+.

TEST YOUR CHESS

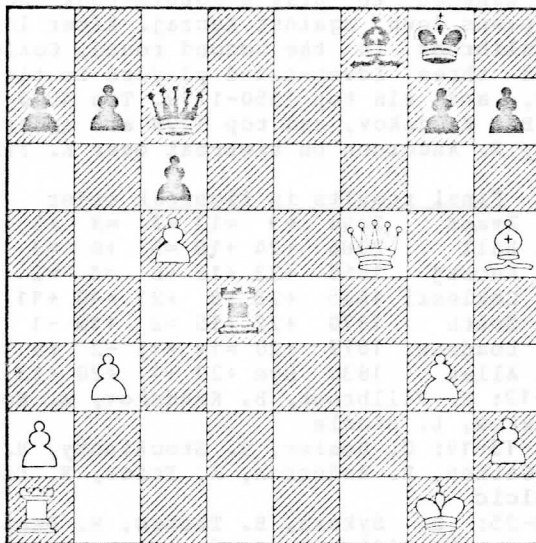
by Anonymous

Here are four positions in approximate order of increasing difficulty. In each case a decisive material advantage or mate can be achieved with accurate play: I is very easy; in II, from a famous game, the first move is

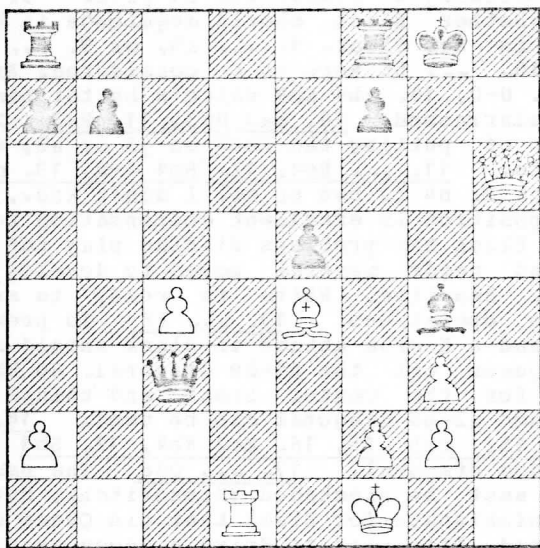
obvious, but the following play is neat; in III, Black is a rook up, but must prevent checkmate; and IV is rather difficult and probably cannot be solved without considerable analysis. (Solutions can be found on page 8, but don't peek!)



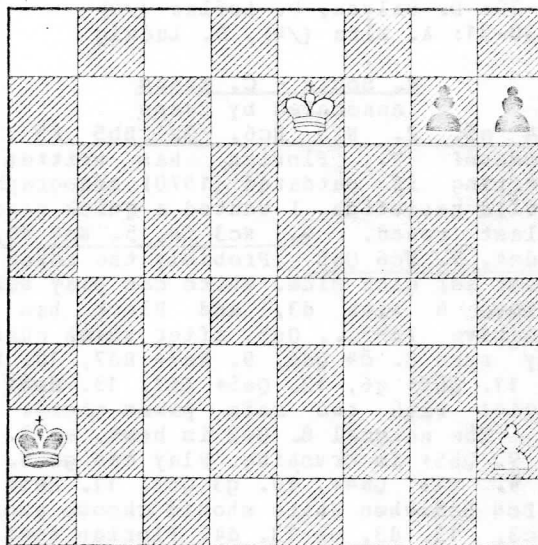
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CHESS WORKSHOP REPORT

by Bruce Thomas

Chris Evans and Murray Campbell, Alberta's current co-champions, conducted a chess workshop at the University of Alberta March 18 and 19.

Co-sponsored by the Alberta Chess Association and the U of A Chess Club, the workshop attracted 22 persons who attended all or portions of the two-day event. It was the first chess workshop to be offered in Edmonton in recent memory.

Included topics in the free workshop were: chess books and how to use them, common end games, general opening systems, and a test on combinations. The instructors ended the

workshop with a simultaneous in which they made alternate moves.

Considering this was the first such workshop, its few minor shortcomings were not surprising. In general, Mr. Evans and Mr. Campbell did a good job, and many of the participants indicated they picked up good pointers.

All the participants were from Edmonton, except for two St. Albert residents and an eager beginning player who travelled 225 miles from High Prairie.

(another workshop will probably be held in the fall in Edmonton. Hopefully, one can also be arranged in Calgary - ed).

1978 NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

T.D. and report: Harvey King

The third annual Northern Alberta Open, despite a disappointingly lower turnout than the previous two, was still a strong tournament. 1977 Alberta Closed Champion Chris Evans won out on tiebreak over Stephen Ball, Kris Kuczaj, and Dusan Cokleski. Evans came first by destroying R. South in a Schliemann Ruy Lopez in the last round, while Ball managed to draw a double-rook ending, two pawns down, against Kuczaj. After losing to Fullbrook in the second round, Cokleski played three lower-rated players to tie for first, and win top 1550-1799. Top 1300-1549 was B. Knudskov, and top 1299 and under was won by R. Anderson on tiebreak over K. Frier.

Final results in tiebreak order

1. C. Evans	2094	+9	=13	+7	=3	+5	4.0
2. S. Ball	2086	+24	+10	=5	+6	=3	4.0
3. K. Kuczaj	1869	+23	+16	+8	=1	=2	4.0
4. D. Cokleski	1635	+28	-8	+21	+10	+11	4.0
5. R. South	1870	+22	+15	=2	+12	-1	3.5
6. I. Loadman	1877	+20	=14	+11	-2	+9	3.5
7. P. Allan	1830	Bye	+29	-1	+20	+13	3.5

3: 8-12: N. Fullbrook, B. Knudskov, E. Rosen, R. Hawkes, L. Steele
 2.5: 13-19: C. Domier, T. Stochinsky, H. von zur Gathen, R. Anderson, K. Frier, R. Emond, B. Palcic
 2: 20-25: Z. Sykora, B. Thomas, W. Denison, J. Barry, K. Tilly, H. Gaede
 1.5: 26-27: J. Buchanan, D. Masson
 1: 28-29: D. Bilyea, D. Leflar (/4)
 0.5: 30-31: A. Wita (/4), D. Ludwig

R. South - C. Evans

annotated by Evans

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 f5 The Schliemann! T. Florian has written an interesting if outdated (1970) monograph on this wild variation. I wanted a quick game in the last round. 4. Nc3 fe, 5. Ne4 d5, 6. Ne5 de4, 7. Nc6 Qg5 Probably the moves are the best for each side. White can play safely on move 4 with d3, and Black has the alternative 7. ... Qd5, after which current theory runs 8. c4 Qd6, 9. Na7+ Bd7, 10. Bd7+ Qd7, 11. Qh5+ g6, 12. Qe5+ Kf7, 13. Nb5! c6, 14. Qd4! with two safe pawns ahead. 8. Ne5+? The natural 8. Qe2 is best, as 8. ... Qg2, 9. Qh5+ is crushing. Play can go 8. Qe2 Nf6, 9. f4! Qh4+, 10. g3 Qh3, 11. Ne5+ c6, 12. Bc4 Bc5 when White should choose amongst 13. c3, 13. d3, or 13. d4. Florian mentions 8. Nd4+ c6, when Black is better. 8. ... c6, 9. d4 Qg2, 10. Bf1 Qh1, 11. Qh5+ The essential difference between the present situation and that occurring in the note to White's 8th move is that e5 is not available to White's Queen. 11. ... g6, 12. Ng6 hg6, 13. Qh8 Ne7, 14. Bh6 Qf3, 15. Bg2 Qf7, 16. Be4 Bf5 and not 16. ... Qg8, 17. Bg6+! 17. Bf5 Nf5 and Black won on move 30. (0-1)

S. Ball - I. Loadman

1. d4 Nf6, 2. g3 d5, 3. Bg2 e6, 4. Nf3 Be7, 5. 0-0 0-0, 6. c4 dc4, 7. Nbd2 b5, 8. a4 c6, 9. e4 Bb7, 10. e5 Nd5, 11. Ne4 h6, 12. h4 a6, 13. Nh2 Re8, 14. Qh5 Bf8, 15. Ng4 Nd7, 16. Bg5 Qc7, 17. Bh6 gh6, 18. Nd6 Re7, 19. Bd5 cd5, 20. f4 f5, 21. ef6 Qd6, 22. Qg6+ Kh8, 23. Nh6 Bh6, 24. fe7 Qe7, 25. Qh6+ Kg8, 26. Rae1 Nf8, 27. Re5 Qd7, 28. Rg5+ (1-0)

T. Stochinsky - J. Barry

1. d4 e6, 2. c4 Nf6, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. e3 c5, 5. Bd3 Nc6, 6. Nf3 cd4, 7. ed4 Bc3+, 8. bc3 0-0, 9. 0-0 Qc7, 10. Re1 b6, 11. d5 ed5, 12. cd5 Nd5, 13. Bh7+ Kh7, 14. Ng5+ Kg8, 15. Qd5 Bb7, 16. Qe4 g6, 17. Qh4 Kg7, 18. Bf4 d6, 19. Qh7+ Kf6, 20. Re6+ Kf5, 21. Qh3+ Kf4, 22. g3+ (1-0)

C. Evans - K. Kuczaj

annotated by Evans

Unluckiest player was Kris Kuczaj, who could easily have scored 5/5. Here is a draw: 1. e4 c5, 2. b4 Spur of the moment; the main lines seemed very boring at that time 2. ... cb, 3. d4 d5, 4. Nd2 ECO does not give 4. Nd2, although it seems logical (to me). 4. e5 is OK too -- the lines given in ECO are quite representative. 4. ... de4, 5. Ne4 e6 Rather passive; 5. ... Nc6, retaining the option of pinning the KN after 6. Nf3, seems a good choice 6. Nf3 Nc6, 7. Bd3 Be7 not 7. ... Nd4, 8. Nd4 Qd4, 9. Bb5+, or 7. ... Nf6, 8. Nf6+ and if 8. ... Qf6, 9. Bg5 8. 0-0 Nf6, 9. a3 I thought for a long time here, mostly on the other candidates, 9. Re1 and 9. Nf6. Eventually I decided the best plan was to play for c4 then d5, gaining space and a passed pawn. Hence, Re1 wastes time, and Nf6 simply puts Black's bishop on a good square with pressure on my d4 pawn and a long look at the rook on a1. To play c4, it is necessary to remove the b4 pawn. 9. ... ba Whether Black should acquiesce in this plan is not clear. 9. ... a5, or 9. ... 0-0 and 10. ... b6 were to be considered. After 9. ... 0-0, 10. ab4 Nb4 White's better bishop is embarrassed 10. Ba3 Ba3, 11. Ra3 With hopes of putting the rook on g3 or h3, with threats. 11. ... Ne4, 12. Be4 0-0, 13. c4 Whether 2. b4 is bad or not I don't know, but this position is excellent compensation for a pawn. Black has problems finding play for the QB and needs several moves to develop the rooks. Meantime, White is ready to start active operations. 13. ... f6 To prevent Ng5 and a K-side attack if Black should move his Queen off the h4-d8 diagonal. So White goes for the center break and thinks the weakened a2-g8 diagonal can be used. 14. d5 ed5, 15. cd5 f5, 16. Bc2 Nb4, 17. Bb3 On the good diagonal. 17. ... Qd6 The passed pawn must be blockaded (Nimzovitch), but it is unfortunate for Black that his Queen must be used. It's easy to drive a Queen away. 18. Ra1 Bd7, 19. Re1 Na6 Rfe8 was better. Now White has several good moves: (i) 20. Ne5 Bb5 (if b5, 21. Ra6) 21. Nc6 Rfe8, 22. Ne7+ Kh8, 23. Nf5, or if 21. ... Rae8, 22. Ne7+ Kh8, 23. Re6 Qb4, 24. d6 Nc5, 25. Re3 Nb3, 26. Rb3 with good play. (ii) 20. Ng5 Rfe8, 21. Ne6 Be6, 22. Re6 Re6, 23. de6 Qd1, 24. Rd1 with strong threats of Rd7 or e7+, e.g., 24. ... Kf8, 25. Rd7 Nc5, 26. Rf7+ Kg8, 27. Ba2 g6, 28. e7. These lines are not conclusive, but give White good chances. However, a pointless move was played ... 20. Rc1? Rfe8!, 21. Re8+ Re8, 22. h4 Kf8!?

The King is exposed here, but out of the line of the b3 bishop. 23. Ra1? Nc5!, 24. Ba2 Not 24. Ra7 Qb6 (I overlooked this), 25. Ra3 Qb4 24. ... a5, 25. Rc1 b5, 26. Qd4 Ne4, 17. Qa7 a4 Clearly, I've blown it. Kris was short of time (about 10 min left), so I try to confuse things. 28. Rc7 Nf6, 29. Rc6 (what else) Bc6, 30. dc6 Re7, 31. Qa8+ Ne8, 32. g3 Qa3, 33. Bd5 Qd6 Using up moves. Both sides move quickly to move 45. 34. Ba2

Rc7, 35. Ng5 Rc6, 36. Qb7 Nc7, 37. Qc8+ Ke7, 38. Qf5 Qf6, 39. Qe4+ Kd8, 40. Bd5 Rc1+, 41. Kg2 Nd5, 42. Qd5+ Kc8, 43. Qa8+ Kc7, 44. Qa7+ Kc8, 45. Qa8+ Kc7, 46. Qa7+ Kd8 White has no perpetual. 47. Qa8+ Kd7, 48. Qd5+ Qd6, 49. Qf5+ Kc6, 50. Qc8+ Qc7 50. ... Kb6! wins. 51. Qc1 Qc6+, 52. Qc6+ Kc6 and the pawns cannot be stopped. Kris hallucinated; not uncommon after a long period of time pressure. 51. Qa6+ Kd5, 52. Qb5+ Kd6, 53. Qa4 Qb7+, 54. Qe4 Draw. White could try to win with 54. f3, but without serious chances -- it was time for the last round (in which Kris was two pawns up in a 2R+P's ending, but was held to a draw by excellent defence by S. Ball)

Calgary Rating Tournament
report: Rick Pedersen

Here's a crosstable of a rating tournament (a double round-robin) recently held in Calgary. We'll be holding another one (or two) of these on the Easter weekend. If they catch on at all, there could be a lot more chess activity in Calgary over the next few months than there has been for a while. See you at the Western (Canada) Open.

		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	
1. R. Pedersen	1783	---	2	1	1.5	4.5
2. R. Short	1650	0	---	1.5	1.5	3
3. J. Flemming	1848	1	.5	---	1	2.5
4. W. Coppin	1792	.5	.5	1	---	2

Single or double round-robin tournaments like this one are relatively easy to organize and run. We recommend that you consider holding such events -- you need only find 3 or so others rated "near" you, pick a few nights or a weekend, and play! To have your event rated, be sure all players are CFC and ACA members (get their numbers), and send the crosstable plus 25 cents per player rating fees to the ACA. We'll relay your report to the CFC. Please have one or more of the players sign the final crosstable to make the result official.

U of A Chess Club 1978 Tournament
report: Bruce Thomas

A three-way tie occurred in the University of Alberta Chess Club's 1978 club tournament in which a total of 16 players participated.

Sharing top honors were Bruce Thomas, Virgilio Celino, and Terry Seehagen; each collected six points during the 8-round competition.

The University Club is continuing to meet each Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., at the General Services Building (116 St & 91 Ave), room 511. Both students and non-students are invited to attend meetings and participate in the club's informal ladder tournament.

1978 Calgary Closed
(Calgary Chess Club)

T.D. and report: John Schleinich

Forty-eight players in six divisions participated in the Calgary Closed this year (Jan-March). Robert South, a newcomer from Ontario, took first place in Division I on tiebreak over Branimir Brebrich. Robert will play next May in Edmonton when 6 top Albertans will decide who is to represent the province in the upcoming Canadian Closed. Kris Kuczaj came in clear third. Here are the crosstables of all 6 divisions (note that updated ratings, many not available when the tournament began, have been inserted - ed):

Division I

R. South	1870	X	=	+	+	+	+	-	+	5.5
B. Brebrich	2081	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	5.5
K. Kuczaj	1869	=	=	X	-	+	+	+	+	5
J. Flemming	1848	-	-	+	X	-	=	+	+	3.5
J. Kassay-Farkas	1787	-	-	-	+	X	=	+	+	2.5
W. Zwirner	1797	-	-	-	=	=	X	=	=	2
B. Szucs	1861	-	-	-	-	-	=	X	-	1.5
W. Coppin	1792	-	-	-	-	-	=	-	X	0.5

Division II

R. Pedersen	1783	X	+	=	+	+	=	+	5
F. Kluytmans	1792	-	X	+	-	+	+	+	4
R. Short	1650	=	-	X	+	=	+	+	4
R. Chipperfield	1778	-	+	-	X	-	+	+	3
A. Zissos	1806	-	+	=	+	X	=	=	2.5
S. Faust	1666	=	-	-	-	=	X	=	1.5
T. Patten	1602	-	-	-	-	=	=	X	1
J. Parrott	1680	+						=	

Division III

B. Bentley	1548	X	+	=	+	+	+	=	+	6
R. Hawkes	1734	-	X	+	+	+	=	+	+	5.5
D. Meier	1550	=	-	X	=	+	+	+	+	4.5
J. Nemeth	1553	-	-	=	X	+	-	+	+	3.5
J. Solis	1398	-	-	=	-	X	+	+	+	3.5
S. Belzberg	1596	-	-	=	+	-	X	+	+	3.5
G. Donaldson	1659	=	-	-	-	=	-	X	+	1.5
P. Usselman	1590	-	-	-	-	-	-	X		0

Division IV

E. Leong	1452	X	-	+	+	=	+	+	+	5.5
J. Weitman	1496	+	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	5
A. Marcotte	1436	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	=	4.5
D. Maguire	1542	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	=	4
J. Chalupnicek	1604	=	-	-	-	X	+	+	+	3.5
I. Issa	1369	-	-	-	=	-	X	+	+	2.5
N. Falls	1493	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	+	2
B. Starkes	1407	-	-	=	=	-	-	-	X	1

Division V

D. Mulligan	1631	X	=	+	+	+	+	+	+	6.5
A. Wong	1416	=	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	5.5
D. Belak	1516	-	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	4
A. Lindquist	1398	-	-	+	X	=	-	+	+	3.5
D. Enevoldsen	1372	-	-	-	=	X	+	=	+	3
Y. Veillette	1363	-	-	-	+	-	X	+	+	3
H. Bovbjerg	1338	-	-	+	-	-	=	-	X	2
W. Rusk	1226	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	X	.5

Division VI

E. Lockert	1249	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	6
D. Young	1221	-	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	5
J. Burford	unr.	-	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	5
A. Menzel	1313	-	-	-	X	+	+	+	+	4
R. Sloat	1219	+	-	-	-	X	+	+	+	4
C. Fallis	1211	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	2
M. Poon	1230	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	1
R. Merrett	unr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	1

The ACR would be happy to have game scores, annotated or not, and articles, etc, from players throughout Alberta. We especially lack material from Calgary, simply because some tournament reports are not accompanied by game scores. Calgary players (and those from elsewhere)! -- please send us game scores and articles from your area.

1978 Edmonton Chess Club Open

T.D. and report: Ian Loadman

The 1978 ECCO was won jointly by Murray Campbell and Nigel Fullbrook with 8-2 scores. Tied for third, half a point back, were Chris Evans and Harvey King, while Ron Eriksson (rated only 1496) grabbed a bunch of rating points while finishing clear fifth.

The tournament had 57 entries, with Chris Evans and Gordon Campbell the pre-tournament favorites. Surprisingly, neither Chris nor Gordon was ever really in contention for top place: Gordon was annihilated in the second round by V. Verlik, while Evans drew in the fourth round with Fullbrook and lost to Murray Campbell in the next round.

For most of the tournament it looked like Murray Campbell was on his way to a perfect score; he was clear first after four rounds, and a point and a half ahead of the field after seven games. In the eighth round he was a pawn up with a better position against G. Raletich when he blundered a piece. Murray also lost in the ninth round against Fullbrook.

Going into the final round M. Campbell, Fullbrook and Harvey King (who had won a very energetically played game against Raletich in the ninth round) were tied with seven points each. The tenth round was rather anticlimatic as Campbell and Fullbrook quickly overcame Domier and Raletich, respectively, while King drew Gordon Campbell.

Top B was H. King (7.5), followed by R. Douzich (6.5) and a group with 6: F. Buenaventura, C. Domier, T. Stochinsky, and E. Culham. Top C went to R. Eriksson (7) with Verlik, Tilly and Marsland coming next at 6-4. J. Barry (6) took Top D, ahead of D. Harvey (5.5). Top Unrated was H. Ducasse (6). Here are the final results in tiebreak order (some newer ratings, not available when the tournament began, have been inserted):

1. M. Campbell	2026	+49	+19	+18	+9	+3	
		+4	+7	-6	-2	+10	8
2. N. Fullbrook	1918	+33	+29	+12	=3	-4	
		=10	+16	+11	+1	+6	8
3. C. Evans	2094	+44	+15	+11	=2	-1	
		+8	=6	=4	+10	+16	7.5
4. H. King	1772	+20	=25	+22	+24	+2	
		-1	+9	=3	+6	=7	7.5
5. R. Eriksson	1496	+52	+6	=8	-7	=17	
		-18	+45	+28	+24	+14	7
6. G. Raletich	1808	+39	-5	+49	+15	+24	
		+12	=3	+1	-4	-2	6.5
7. G. Campbell	2049	+37	-12	+21	+5	+35	
		+9	-1	-10	+8	=4	6.5
8. R. Douzich	1836	+30	+26	=5	-35	+19	
		-3	+33	+24	-7	+17	6.5

6: 9-17: F. Buenaventura, C. Domier, T. Stochinsky, V. Verlik, J. Barry, H. Ducasse, K. Tilly, E. Culham, T. Marsland

5.5: 18-21: A. Skeel, H. von zur Gathen, B. Thomas, D. Harvey

5: 22-31: V. Celino, C. Climenhaga, R. Bath, K. Affek, K. Lauterwald, K. Sieben, B. Knudskov (/9), R. Schmidt, T. Kolenchuk, W. Franiel

4.5: 32-35: G. Wetmore, G. Steele, D. Loe, T. Dean (/7)

4: 36-42: H. Vos (/9), R. Hein, G. Hartwig, D. Klaehn, S. Quigg, O. Rodil, D. Balsillie (/9)

3.5: 43-44: P. Mielke, P. Beley (/9)

3: 45-50: H. Hartwig, E. Page, J. Vandenberg, W. Stevenson, B. Davies (/7), J. Cenkovic (/6)

2: 51-52: R. Pietrzak (/8), B. Wong (/7)
 1: 53-55: K. Halvorsen, B. Corazza (/5), A. Kuti (/2)
 0.5: 56: R. Campbell (/1)
 0: 57: J. Crozier (/2)

C. Evans - M. Campbell

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 Be7, 4. Bd3 Nc6, 5. Nf3 Nb4, 6. Be2 de, 7. Ne4 Nf6, 8. Nf6 Bf6, 9. c3 Nd5, 10. 0-0 0-0, 11. c4 Ne7, 12. Be3 c5, 13. Qd2 cd, 14. Nd4 e5, 15. Nb5 Qd2, 16. Bd2 Bd7, 17. Bf3 Bc6, 18. Bc6 Nc6, 19. Rad1 Rad8, 20. Bc3 Be7, 21. a3 f5, 22. b4 Kf7, 23. Rfe1 e4, 24. c5 a6, 25. Nc7 Rd1, 26. Rd1 Rd8, 27. Rd8 Bd8, 28. Nd5 g5, 29. Ne3 Ke6, 30. Kf1 Bc7, 31. h3 f4, 32. Nd1 Kd5, 33. Bf6 Kc4, 34. Nc3 Kd3, 35. Nd5 Bd8, 36. Bd8 Nd8, 37. h4 h6, 38. hg hg, 39. g3 Kc4, 40. Nf6 Kd3, 41. gf gf, 42. a4 Ne6, 43. b5 Nc5, 44. ba ba, 45. Nd5 f3, 46. a5 Kc4, 47. Nf6 Kb5, 48. Ke1 Ka5, 49. Kd2 Kb4, 50. Kc2 Kc4, 51. Ng4 Nd3, 52. Ne3+ Kd4, 53. Nd1 Nf2, 54. Nf2 e3, 55. Nh1 (0-1)

G. Raletich - H. King

1. c4 Nf6, 2. Nc3 c5, 3. g3 g6, 4. Bg2 Bg7, 5. e3 Nc6, 6. Nge2 0-0, 7. 0-0 d6, 8. a3 Rb8, 9. d4 cd4, 10. cd4 Na5!, 11. b3 Qb6, 12. Rb1 Bf5, 13. Rh2 e5, 14. d5?! a6, 15. Re1 Qc7, 16. Bf1 b5!, 17. cb ab, 18. Bd2 Rfc8, 19. Nc1 Bd7, 20. Nd3 Nb7, 21. b4 Nd8, 22. Rb1 Qb7, 23. Bg2 Ra8, 24. Rb3 Ne8, 25. Qe2 f5, 26. h4 Nf7, 27. Kh2? e4, 28. Nf4 Ne5, 29. f3 ef, 30. Bf3 Nf6, 31. Ne6? Be6, 32. Nb5 Nf3+, 33. Rf3 Bd5, 34. Nd6 Ng4+!, 35. Kh3 Qd7, 36. Nc8 Qc8, 37. Rc1?! Qb7, 38. Rd3 Be4, 39. Rd6 Be5, 40. Re6 Ra3, 41. Re5 Ne5, 42. Bf4? Nd3, 43. Bd6? Nc1, 44. Qc4+ Bd5, 45. Qc1 Ra2, 46. h5 Bg2+, 47. Kh4 Qc6, 48. Qb1 Qe4+ (0-1)

M. Campbell - H. von zur Gathen

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. g4 Be7, 7. g5 Nfd7, 8. h4 a6, 9. Be3 Nc6, 10. Qe2 Nd4, 11. Bd4 e5, 12. Be3 f6, 13. 0-0-0 fg, 14. hg g6, 15. Kb1 Nb6, 16. Bb6 Qb6, 17. Nd5 Qd8, 18. Qc4 b5, 19. Qc6+ Bd7, 20. Nc7 Kf7, 21. Qa8 Qa8, 22. Na8 Ra8, 23. Rh7+ Ke6, 24. Bh3 mate (1-0)

R. Bath - K. Affek

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 a6, 5. Nc3 g6, 6. Be3 Bg7, 7. Qd2 Nf6, 8. Bh6 0-0, 9. 0-0-0 b5, 10. f3 Bb7, 11. Bg7 Kg7, 12. h4 Nc6, 13. Nce2 Qb6, 14. h5 Nh5, 15. g4 Nf6, 16. Qh6+ Kh8, 17. g5 Nh5, 18. Nf4 Nd4, 19. Nh5 Ne6, 20. Nf6 (Quicker is 20. Qh7+ Kh7, 21. Nf6+ Kg7, 22. Rh7 mate) Qe3+, 21. Kb1 (1-0)

Solutions to "Test Your Chess":

I: 1. Bb6

II: 23. Rf1 (a) 23. ... Qe7, 24. Bf7+ Kh8, 25. Bd5 or (b) 23. ... Rd8, 24. Bf7+ Kh8, 25. Be8 (Reti-Bogolyubov, New York, 1924)

III: 21. ... Qc4+, 22. Bd3 Be2+, 23. Be2 Qe6, or 23. Ke2 Qg4+, then 24. ... Qg7 (Hönlinger-Becker, Vienna, 1927)

IV: 1. h4 h5 (1. ... h6, 2. h5), 2. Kf8 (2. Kf7 g5, 3. hg h4=) g6, 3. Ke7+-, Not 1. Kf7 g5, 2. Kg7 Kb3, 3. Kh7 Kc4, 4. Kg6 g4= (Grigoriev, 1931)

As you probably know, on April 29th the BIGGEST, BEST CHESS TOURNAMENT ever held in Edmonton will begin at the University of Alberta in the Students' Union Building. Anywhere upwards of a hundred players will be taking part in competition for the WESTERN CANADA OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP!!

Since this is a "regional championship", we obviously need some topflight players as participants. Canadian Champion and IM Peter Biyiasis will be in attendance, as will Camille Coudari, Jon Berry, and Bruce Harper, all masters, plus Alberta's best.

BUT, this is an OPEN tournament, and it is designed for ALL levels of chessplayers. Some players have the mistaken idea that this is a tournament for just "good" players. They could hardly be more mistaken -- this tournament is a gift to ALL Alberta chess players. In our effort to provide a variety of chess tournaments, this is the showpiece. This is a tournament in which ANY player can win a good prize. In a typical weekend tournament in Alberta first prize is less than \$100, but in the WESTERN CANADA OPEN the class prizes will be over \$100. That means that anyone can get a large prize. All levels of players are coming from other provinces (Ontario, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, etc) to get a crack at those prizes -- why should they get them when we have so many capable players right here in Alberta? It's up to you to show the players from elsewhere just how it is done!

We on the organizing committee have put a great deal of time, effort, and money into making a first rate tournament for Alberta. It's now up to YOU. If you are able to come and play, then you are saying "yes, your effort was worthwhile, we want good tournaments in Alberta." We now have almost 70 entries (but that's not nearly enough!), however, response, especially from southern Alberta, has been much poorer than that from outside Alberta! Come on! - this tournament is just too big and too valuable and too rare an opportunity to be missed!

Let's show ourselves and all of Canada that we care about chess. PLEASE, COME AND PLAY IN A GREAT TOURNAMENT -- IT WILL BE FUN, AND, AFTER ALL, THAT IS WHY WE PLAY CHESS! See you there!

Murray Frank
WCO Tournament Director

P.S. It would very much be appreciated if you would make this tournament known to any of your friends you feel might be interested in coming! Please help us to ensure a large entry.

Edmonton and area chessplayers: Numerous out-of-town enquiries have come in from people who need low cost accommodation while they play in the WCO. Many of these players have asked us if we could arrange a "billet" at the home of an Edmonton player. If you can help, PLEASE, write to Murray Frank (address on the other side of this page).

Edmonton players will also find it convenient to play in the tournament as the rounds begin at 6 p.m. weekdays, making it quite possible and easy to play without the need of taking holidays. Also, if you can't play an adjournment off the next day because of work, just tell the TD, and your game can be completed at one sitting without adjournment.

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WESTERN CANADA OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 1978

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⇒ \$ 4,000.00 Estimated Prize Fund

(Based on about 150 players, not an exaggerated estimate in view of the more than 200 players at the Canadian Open in Calgary 1975.)

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