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The ACR is being produced in a new way, hence the change in format and type. It is hoped that you will find it acceptable. The editor apologizes for the delay in this issue. You may have noted that Ian Loadman is no longer an editor -- this is because he has journeyed to Ottawa to join Stephen Ball (also a former ACR editor) and work for the CFC. As a result, Ian had to resign as an ACA Director (joining the resignation of Nigel Fullbrook, former ACA Vice President, who's now in B.C.).

***** ALBERTA OVER/UNDER 1800 *****

Red Deer, August 30 & 31, September 1
G.H. Dawe Community Centre
56 Holt St (just off 67 St overpass)

6 round Swiss (T.D. -- Neil Sharp)
Two events (1800 and up; under 1800)
Entry fee \$20

Register 9:00-10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 30

Please bring your chess clock
(some billets available)

A 1986 ACA Grand Prix Event -- Don't Miss It!

***** ALBERTA OPEN *****

Calgary, October 11, 12 & 13
New Rosedale Hall
800 - 11 Ave NW

6-round Swiss system

Please bring your chess clock
Directed by Darse Billings

(for information, phone him at 284-3799)

A 1986 ACA Grand Prix Event -- Don't Miss It!

Club Tournaments (more info in Club Section): Calgary Chess Club Fall Open begins Sept. 10. Edmonton Chess Club Open begins Sept. 16 (note: Edmonton Chess Club at NEW LOCATION starting Sept. 2nd).

ACA Membership Fees

Senior \$5.00/yr ... \$8.00/2 yrs
Junior (under 18) .. \$1.00/yr ... \$2.00/2 yrs

(note reduced junior fee)

Include the member's full name and address, and Chess Federation of Canada number (CFC memberships, available through the ACA, are an additional \$20 senior and \$12 junior per year). CFC number and ACA expiry (may differ from CFC expiry) are shown on your ACR (Alta Chess Report) mailing label.

Alberta Grand Prix 1986

The Grand Prix '86 has proven to be an incentive to chess players. Prizes arise from a \$250 ACA grant and a \$1 per player fee per event, with an estimated fund of \$500+. Open: 1st-40%, 2nd-20%; Under 1800 (on Jan 1/86 ratings): 1st-25%, 2nd-15% (% total prize fund). Each player's score in an event is prorated to 6 rounds (e.g. 4 out of 6 remains as 4 pts, but 3.5 out of 5, counts as 4.2 pts on the "6 round basis"). A player's best 7 results will count toward the Grand Prix total. After 8 events, the leaders are: I. Loadman 26.0; R. Gardner 24.5; D. Johansen 23.3*; J. Reeve 20.7; S. Purewal 12.3; F. Wong 12.0*; W. Bentley 11.4; C. Turner 10.8*; J. Vandenberg 10.2*; G. Huber 10.0 (a "*" indicates eligible for "Under 1800" prize).

Table listing chess events and their completion status: Trumpeter Classic (completed), Red Deer Open (completed), Northern Alta Open (completed), Western Qualifier (completed), Spring Open (I&II) (completed), Swan City Open (completed), Victoria Wknd Open (completed), Canada Day Open (completed), Over/Under 1800 (completed), Alberta Open (Oct 11-13), Fall Open (Nov 1-2), Southern Alta Open (Nov 29-30).

Top Alberta Players by CFC Rating

Table listing top Alberta players by CFC rating: 1 Rob Hawkes (Calgary, 2384), 2 Jeff Reeve (Edmonton, 2316), 3 Fred South (Calgary, 2294), 4 Rob South (Calgary, 2247), 5 Branimir Brebrich (Calgary, 2225), 6 Jonathan Schaeffer (Edmonton, 2205), 7 Neil Sharp (Lacombe, 2178), 8 Andrew Zissos (Calgary, 2144), 9 Dale Haessel (Calgary, 2115), 10 Ted Wilson (Calgary, 2105), 11 Rob Gardner (Edmonton, 2098), 11 Tony Dy-Reyes (Edmonton, 2098), 13 Roy Yearwood (Calgary, 2077), 13 Gordon Campbell (Calgary, 2077), 15 Christopher Johnson (Claresholm, 2059), 16 Richard Douziech (Edmonton, 2050), 17 Sardul Purewal (Edmonton, 2046), 18 Greg Shvartsburd (Edmonton, 2042), 18 Bill Gnam (Calgary, 2042), 20 Barney Fegyverneki (Calgary, 2029), 21 Bob Bosenius (Edmonton, 2028), 21 Jeff Spencer (Calgary, 2028), 23 Chris Demers (Calgary, 2023), 24 Brian Toth (Calgary, 2010), 25 Bradley Willis (Edmonton, 2001).

ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

(also see Junior Chess Section)

This is the last info we had. Phone for confirmation.
(Clubs: send us any changes.)

Boyle Chess Club. Branco Georgijevic (689-2476; Box 303, Boyle, Alta T0A 0M0). Meets: Boyle Library, Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00.

Black Knight Chess Club. Barney Fegyverneki (244-5814; #903, 1011-12 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2R 0J5). Meets: Mount Royal College E-Library, 4825 Richard Rd SW, Tuesdays, 7:30.

Calgary Chess Club. Brian Toth (248-6589), Jim O'Neil (289-7103), Bill Rusk (286-6137; 9, 3302 50 St. NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 2C6). Meets: New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW, Wednesdays, 7:00-11:00.

1986/87 Schedule of events:

Sep 3. Fall Open registration; skittles.

Sep 10 - Oct 22. Fall Open.

Nov 5 - Dec 17. CCC Championship.

Jan 14 - Feb 25. Calgary Closed.

Mar 11 - Apr 22. Calgary Open.

May 6 - Jun 10. Spring Open.

Jun 24. "Last" chess night; skittles.

Grand Prix Speed rounds on:

Oct 29, Jan 7, Mar 4, Apr 29 & Jun 17.

University of Calgary Chess Club. Philip Chiu (248-0465; 2011-40 St SE, Calgary T2B 1B6), James Currie (286-2996), Graham Cooper (252-6352). Meets: Room 318, MacEwan Hall, U of Calgary, Monday to Friday, 12-5 p.m. (approx.).

Edmonton Chess Club. David Johansen (487-9240; 17956-57 Ave, Edmonton T6M 1P4), Tom Karpa (455-2704). Meets (new location as of Sept 2): 15110 Yellowhead Trail (west of Yellowhead Inn). Tuesdays, 7:00-11:00. Schedule of events:

Sep 2. Skittles.

Sep 9. Annual Meeting (please attend). Registration for Club Open.

Sep 16. Club Open (6 rd Swiss) begins.

Edmonton Informal "Club". "Meets" Saturday (1:00-6:00) and Sunday (1:00-5:00), 2nd floor of main library (downtown). Take a set. An opponent usually appears.

Fort McMurray Chess Club. George Wilkinson (743-9360res, 790-6343work; 145 Beaverlodge Close, Fort McMurray T9H 2V6). Meets: #237 Keyano College (downtown), Mondays, 7:00-11:00.

Grande Prairie Chess Club Cliff Turner (532-9737; 9408-125 Ave, Grande Prairie, Alta T8V 5Y8). Meets: St. Patrick's Community School Library, Thursdays, 7:00-10:00

Red Deer Chess Club. Neil Sharp (Box 1736, Lacombe T0C 1S0). Meets: Red Deer Recreational Centre, 45 St and 47 Ave, Tuesdays, 7:00-11:00.

Wabasca Chess Club. Dick Roberts (891-3804; 12 Stump Hollow St, Wabasca, Alta T0G 2K0). Meets: St. Theresa School Library.

JUNIOR CHESS SECTION

**** Junior Chess Needs Volunteers ****

The ACA needs volunteers to assist in Junior Chess activities. If you are able to give some of your time, please let us know. We need people to help with: *club activities; special events; coaching junior players; organizing.* If you are able to share some of your experience, please write the ACA or contact:

Sylvia Huber - Calgary Junior CC - 286-1873
Rob Gardner - Edmonton Junior CC - 469-4925

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Sylvia Huber (286-1873; 415 Dalmeny Hill NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 1T7). The following information applies to all CJCC events unless otherwise noted:

Location: Basement, Wm. Castell Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE. Free parking at the Public School Board Building (kitty-corner from library).

Time: Meets on "selected Saturdays". Registration 9:30 a.m. Play begins at 10:00 a.m and continues until about 3 to 4 p.m., depending on number of players.

Fees: Elementary school age \$2.00, Junior High age \$2.50, Senior High age \$3.00.

Memberships: Membership in the ACA and CFC is required (except for school team competitions) and is available at the time of registration.

Prizes: Will be awarded and may consist of trophies, books, medals, etc.

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch. No lunch break.

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Rob Gardner (469-4925). Meets: Woodcroft Library Program Room, 13420-114 Ave, 6:30-9:00 on the last Wednesday of the month. Call for further info about the Club and monthly Saturday tournaments.

Regional and Provincial Events. Contact Sylvia Huber or Rob Gardner (see above) for details. Our information is sketchy, so dates are unconfirmed. Events we know of, and "anticipated dates" are: *Junior Playdowns*, September, Calgary and Edmonton; *Alberta Junior*, October 4-5, Calgary; *Cadet Playdowns*, October, Calgary and Edmonton; *Alberta Cadet*, November, Edmonton.

Chess Lessons

Rob Hawkes, FIDE Master, highest rated Albertan, many time Alberta champion, offers chess lessons at reasonable rates. Call 286-8418 (Calgary).

Greg Huber Reports on the Canadian Cadet

This year Victoria was the host city of the Canadian Cadet Chess Championship. It was held in the Hudson's Bay Co. from February 23 to March 2.

The winner of the ten-player event was a surprise: 8th rated Morgan Butt. He was a very good squirmer -- he came back from many lost or drawn positions. Also, he can perhaps attribute some of his success to two of the higher rated players who hung rooks or pieces in won positions (Chris Demers and myself, both of Calgary). I managed to lose very easily-won games to Jeff Back (5.5) and Morgan Butt (6.5). My result of four out of nine was quite disappointing.

As for other items of interest, Chris Johnson (one of the favorites) finished with 5.5, as did Chris Demers.

A special thanks to the ACA for the funding and the Bay for the tournament site and refreshments. I also give my thanks to Lynn Stringer for organizing and directing an excellent tournament.

Some games (annotated by Huber):

M. Butt - G. Huber

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 e5 *The Pelikan - a recent addition to my repertoire.* 6. Ndb5 d6, 7. a4 Bg5 is more common and objectively stronger. 7. ... a6, 8. Na3 Be7 Be6 is book, but this should transpose. 9. f3?! This is somewhat of a waste of time as it is not necessary to defend this pawn again. Bc4 would be more in keeping with White's setup. 9. ... Be6, 10. Bc4?! Nc4 is better, as now the N/a3 is very passive, unless White makes the exchange on e6, which is good for Black. 10. ... O-O, 11. Be3 Nb4! Immediately realizing Black's goal of playing d5, which is now forced. 12. Be6 fe6, 13. Nc4 d5!, 14. Bb6! If 14. ed ed, 15. Bb6 (if 15. ... Ne5?, then d4! -/+) Qd7, 16. Ne5 Qe6, 17. Bd4 Nd7, 18. Qe2 Ne5, 19. Be5 Nc2+, 20. Qc2 Qe5+ and Black has a better game due to piece activity. 14. ... Qd7, 15. Ne5 Qd6, 16. Bd4 de, 17. O-O! If 17. fe Nc2+ and White's King is very exposed. 17. ... Nc2, 18. Ne2 Na1, 19. Qa1 e?! The start of a string of errors. e3 would be better, keeping lines closed. 20. Nf3 Rac8, 21. Qb1 Qd5, 22. Nc3 Qf5?! This allows tactics on the f-file. 23. Qe1 Bc5, 24. Kh1 Nd5?, 25. Bc5! Rc5, 26. Nd2 Nf4 If Q-any, Rf8+ and Qf2+. 27. g3 Qe5, 28. Qe5 Re5, 29. Rf4 Rf4, 30. gf4 Rf5, 31. Ne2 g5, 32. Kg2 gf, 33. Kf3 e5, 34. Nc4 e4+?? Time trouble. 35. Ke4 f3, 36. Ng3 f2??, 37. Kf5 (1-0). In my time trouble analysis I only looked at Nf1 and playing on. I never noticed this option.

G. Huber - G. Tierney

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. Nc3 c5 Bg7 is normal, but this may transpose to a K.I.D. anyway. 4. d5 Bg7, 5. Nf3 d6, 6. e4 O-O, 7. Bd3 Bd7?! Nbd7 is more natural, as Bd7 locks in the Black knight. Play might have continued 7. ... Nbd7, 8. O-O Ne8, 9. Be3 Ne5 and 10. ... Bg4, 11. ... f5. 8. O-O a6, 9. h3 b5 The b-pawn is immune due to the weak pawn on e4. 10. Re1 b4, 11. Ne2 a5, 12. Be3 Qc7, 13. Qc1 Trying to exchange the powerful B on g7. 13. ... Re8!, 14. Bh6 Bh8, 15. Ng3 a4, 16. Rb1 16. a3 would probably be better. If 16. ... ba, then 17. Ra3. 16. ... b3 halts Black's attack and makes a post for a White piece on c3. 16. ... Bg7? Defeats the whole purpose of his 13th and 14th moves, and allows White to open the center favorably. 17. Bg7 Kg7, 18. e5 Now is the time to open the center as Black is very undeveloped. 18. ... de, 19. Ne5 e6, 20. d6! The start of a combo. 20. ... Qd6, 21. Qh6+ Kg8 If Kh6, then 22. Nf7+ and 23 Nd6 and White gets a better ending due to Black's weak e-pawn. 22. Bg6! hg6 Declining the sac is useless, for if 22. ... Qf8, then 23. Bf7+ and 24. Ng6+-. Better than what Black played is 22. ... fg, then 23. Ng6 Bc8 (to clear the 7th rank for defence), 24. Rbd1 Qc7, 25. Nf5. Now, if 25. ... Qf7, then 26. Ne5 produces a winning attack. If 25. ... efs, then 26. Re8+ and Qf8 mate. Finally, if 25. Ra7, then 26. Qg5 wins. 23. Ng6 fg6, 24. Qg6+ Kf8, 25. Qf6+ Kg8, 26. Re4 (1-0).

G. Huber - C. Demers

1. d4 d5, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. Bg5 Be7, 5. Nf3 O-O, 6. e3 b6 h6 has usually been played by this time, but the difference between that and the game is only marginal. 7. cd To try to close the h1-a8 diagonal. 7. ... ed If instead 7. ... Nd5, then 8. Nd5. If now 8. ... ed5, 9. Bf4 gives White a nice position. If 8. ... Bg5, 9. Nc7 Be3, 10. Na8 wins. 8. Be2 Bb7 8. ... Be6 would be better, as that would support the Q-side advance more adequately. 9. O-O Nbd7, 10. Rc1 c5, 11. Qc2 Ne4 Strengthening c5 even more. 12. Be7 Qe7, 13. Rfd1 Rac8, 14. Qb1 The Queen is very exposed on the c-file, so it keeps its good diagonal and opens the file for the rook. 14. ... Rfe8 Threatening 15. ... Nf2!, 16. Kf2 Qe3+, 17. Kf1 cd winning. 15. dc Ndc5, 16. Nd5 Bd5, 17. Rd5 Nf2, 18. Re5! This move proves that Black's 14th move was unsound. He probably should have opted for 14. ... Rfd8 instead. 18. ... Qd6, 19. Re8+ Re8, 20. Kf2 Qe6,

21. Qh7+? There is no need to give up the piece for a pawn. 21. Bb5! would be better. Then 21. ... Qe3+, 22. Kf1 Ne4, 23. Qc2 Rd8, 24. Re1 Nd2+, 25. Qd2 wins. 21. ... Kh7, 22. Ng5+ Kg6, 23. Ne6 Re6, 24. Rd1 Rc6 Trying to get the rook onto Black's 7th rank. 25. Bb5 Rc7, 26. Rd6+ f6, 27. Rc6 Re7 Not 27. ... Rc6, because of 28. Bc6 Nd3+, 29. Ke2 Nb2, 30. Bb5! winning. If 27. ... Rd7, then 28. Rc5 Rd2+, 29. Ke1!. 28. b4 Ne4+, 29. Ke2 Rd7?, 30. Bd3 Re7 If 30. ... Kf5, 31. Rc4 Re7, 32. Kf3. 31. Kf3 (1-0).

1986 Calgary Elementary School
Team Championship

The 1986 Elementary Team Tournament was the largest and most exciting in several years. Fifteen teams participated from as far away as Carstairs.

Glenbrook Elementary "A" scored a 4-0 knock-out in the last round to come from behind and squeak-out Andrew Sibbald "A" by one-half point for first place. Glenbrook was lead by the country's finest young player, Lev Alishaev, who scored an effortless 8-0. Steve Caldwell, Paul Optland and Shane Armand rounded out the team. Jason Beck scored the day's only other perfect score, on Board 3, and teammate Felix Lee took Board 2 honours (7-1) for the second place finishers.

Hugh Sutherland (Carstairs) fielded three teams, all of which finished in the top six! The remarkable depth of this club was demonstrated by the "C" team taking third place. For several years their program has produced one of the strongest clubs in the province. The "C" team was anchored by Corey Downie, whose 7.5-.5 score took top Board 4 honours. Michelle Beatcher also contributed 6 points, equalling the highest score by a female.

Prince of Wales "A" team took the medals for fourth place, just a half point out of third. Brock Ramsay equalled the top Board 4 score of 7.5-.5.

Midnapore Elementary had a good performance, and Darren Hill was victorious on Board 1 in the final round against Andrew Sibbald "A", which prevented that team from winning the tournament.

Capitol Hill School was represented by two teams. Judy "?" [sorry, but surname was not supplied -- Ed] of the "B" team scored 6 points to win top female honours.

Rosedale Elementary had two high-spirited teams. Their less experienced players improved considerably as the day went on, and Andrew Simonson had a fine performance.

(The tournament was organized by the Calgary Junior Chess Club, and Directed by Darse Billings, who submitted this report.)

1986 Calgary High School
Team Championship

This year's Team Tournament was small, but competitive, as only one-half point separated first and second, and one-half point separated third from fourth and fifth.

The tournament was dominated by two premier teams. At the wire, it was Sir Winston Churchill "A" team ahead of defending champion William Aberhart. Both teams were made up of players who had previous tournament (CJCC) experience.

Aberhart was lead by Jeff Spencer and Dale Haessel with perfect scores, with support from Peter Zissos and Graham Lai. Churchill also had two perfect scores, from Brian Wansleben on Board 3, and Bill Donaldson on Board 4. Chris Levin and Andre Min rounded out the new championship team.

Bishop Grandin "A" took third place on the strength of Cory Milan's results.

Bishop Grandin "B" was lead by unheralded Pat Garcia, who stunned Churchill's Chris Levin on Board 1,

late in the competition. The loss looked like the end for Churchill, but Bill Donaldson came back from yet another losing position to preserve the team's victory.

Carol Fox took yet another top female prize. Although she was the only female, she showed her competence on Board one of S.W.C. "B" team.

All participants in the tournament scored at least one victory!

(The tournament was organized by the Calgary Junior Chess Club, and Directed by Darse Billings, who submitted this report.)

Old Scona High School Teams

McNally "A", with 13.5 points, was out in front of the pack in this 10-team, 4-round tournament. Holy Trinity and Old Scona "A" were next with 10 points, followed by McNally "B" with 9.5.

Saleh Chehayeb (McNally "A") and Pawel Jachowicz (Holy Trinity) lead Board 1 with 3.5 points, drawing in their game. S. Ching (McNally "B") followed with 3 points.

I. Danial (Old Scona "B") had a perfect 4 points on Board 2. B. Trenchard, A. Murthy and A. Chodkiewicz followed with 2.5 points.

Nigel Fullbrook organized and directed. He has now "fled" to B.C., taking the secret of interpreting the team scores' crosstable with him!

Edmonton Elementary School Open Championship

(report by Brad Willis, "chief instigator")

On May 24th, 224 elementary-school kids spent the whole day playing chess in the first annual Edmonton Elementary School Open Championship. Fifty late entries had to be turned away, and we expect at least 400 (!) participants next year.

With the assistance of about 40 adult volunteers, including Ian Loadman, Rob Gardner, Alan Jones, Arnold McKay and Bill Cairns (to mention only names that may be familiar to CFC members), we somehow managed to run two five-round Swisses and two knock-out playoffs between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The Senior Section (Grades 4, 5 and 6) was won by Grade 6 student Jason Baden of York Elementary. Second and third, respectively, were Grade 5 student Daniel Lishingman of St. Richard, and Conrad McCallum, a Grade 6 student at Greenfield. All had perfect 5-0 scores. Ken Wong, 4-1, won the 4th Grade trophy in a playoff with Ian Berg of Fort Saskatchewan and Andrew Gillespie of Holyrood.

The Junior Section (Grades 1, 2 and 3) was won by Shane Goth, a Grade 3 student at Lynwood Elementary, with a 5-0 score. Mark Bennet (Grade 3, St. Thomas) was second with 4.5-.5; Sherwin Chan of Lynwood won the Grade 2 trophy with a 4-1 score, and Sundararaj Shanmugaraj of Satoo Elementary was top Grade 1 with 3.5-1.5. Every child received a participation certificate from the Edmonton Journal.

The event was sponsored by the ACA, the Edmonton Journal and the Edmonton Public Library (whose public relations director, Iolani Domingo, deserves the credit for the incredibly high turnout). Strathcona MLA Gordon Wright, who is a keen chessplayer, and Canadian Woman's Kickboxing Champion Laura Anderson (who plays chess to get in the right frame of mind for kickboxing!) participated in the prize-giving ceremony.

All of us had a lot of fun and found the experience very worthwhile. There were hardly any disputes, few dropouts and hardly any losers' tears; the kids seemed to have had a good time.

Anybody who is thinking of doing something like this in their community may be interested to know how we

managed it. The salient points are these:

(1) No game lasted more than an hour. After 40 minutes, the players were given chess clocks and the game became a 10-minute game. Playoffs were conducted as 15-minute games.

(2) Adult monitors verified all checkmates and stalemates, and answered any questions about the rules. Monitors would then enter the results on each player's pairing card.

(3) Pairings were made as results came in. A Herculean task in the 156-player Senior Section, but somehow Loadman, Gardner, Cairns & Co. managed it!

(4) Players were assigned a colour and board number, not a name; so it wasn't necessary to prepare a separate sheet setting out the pairings for each round and the cumulative score chart could also function as a round-by-round pairing sheet.

As a result of this tournament, many new school chess clubs will be formed, and we can anticipate a much-expanded base of chessplayers in Edmonton in the future.

As part of our biggest Junior Section ever, we have an article written some time ago by Nigel Fullbrook (after the 1985 Alberta Open):

Nigel Fullbrook Annotates

During the '85 Alberta Open I had the misfortune to play two of Alberta's top juniors. They both played very well and I only collected one-half point from the two games.

An established master looks at the chess world from the viewpoint of an old time gunslinger. You are always wondering when you're going to be shot down. At least at chess you get up again! Here is my round 1 game:

Chris Johnson - Nigel Fullbrook

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 g6 I have been playing 5. ... Nc6 in this position, but after 6. Be3 or 6. Bc4, if 6. ... g6, then 7. Nc6 bc, 8. e5! is uncomfortable for Black. 6. Be2 This declares White's intention to play a safe positional game castling Kingside. It avoids the mad tactical scrambles with Kings on opposite wings. However, I don't believe it offers much advantage for White. 6. ... Bg7, 7. O-O O-O, 8. Kh1 Nc6, 9. Be3 d5! This move gains equality for Black. It is possible to play it now due to the passive position of the Bishop on e2. 10. Bf3? 10. ed Nd5, 11. Nd5 Qd5, 12. Bf3 is better. 10. ... Ne4, 11. Nc6 bc? 11. ... Nc3, 12. Ne7+ Qe7, 13. bc Bc3, 14. Rb1 Be6 is slightly better for Black. 12. Ne4 de, 13. Be4 Ba6, 14. Bc6? Losing material by force. Better is 14. Rg1. 14. Rc8, 15. Bd7 Rc7, 16. Ba4 Bf1, 17. Qf1 Bb2, 18. Rb1 Bg7 Now the situation has clarified and I'm a clear exchange ahead. Unfortunately, my opponent hasn't started to fight yet. He now "kicks and screams" [figuratively! - Ed.] so much on his way to the boneyard that I lose my toehold. 19. Rd1 Qc8, 20. Bb3 Rd8, 21. Rb1 Bd4, 22. Bf4 e5, 23. Bg5 Rd6, 24. Qd3 Qg4, 25. Bh6 Bc5 If 25. ... g5, 26. Bf7+! 26. Bd5 Rb6, 27. Re1 Bf2, 28. Rf1 Bd4, 29. c3! Qh4, 30. Qd2 Rf6? Bc3 31. Rb1 Bb6, 32. Bf3 Re6, 33. g3 Qa4?? Tired of defending against back rank mates, I doubled onto e8. 33. ... Qf6, Qe7 would eventually win. 34. Rb6 ab, 35. Qd8+ Qe8 If 35. ... Re8, 36. Qf6. 36. Qc7 Now the two B's come into their own. 36. ... e4, 37. Be2 Rc6, 38. Qf4 Qe6, 39. Bg4 f5? Loses fast. I could prolong the agony with 39. ... Qe8. Now there are too many pieces on the a2-g8 diagonal. 40. Bd1 Kf7 If 40. ... Rc3, 41. Bb3 Rb3, 42. Qb8+ Kf7, 43. Qf8 mate. 41. Bb3 Rc4, 42. Qb8! Qd5, 43. Qf8+ Ke6, 44. Bc4 Black resigns. After 44. ... Qc4, 45. Qg8+ wins a Queen. Chris displayed a ferocious tenacity and refused to collapse after being outplayed in the opening.

After a couple of short games, I found myself paired against another junior. The Alberta Junior Champion, Dale Haessel, seems to play the same solid style as Andrew Zissos. When he stopped offering me draws, I got worried and thought I'd better offer him one.

Dale Haessel - Nigel Fullbrook

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 Nc6, 3. g3 g6, 4. Bg2 Bg7, 5. d3 e6, 6. Be3 b6, 7. Nge2 Nge7, 8. O-O O-O, 9. Qd2 d5 *I believe this position to be roughly equal. White can eliminate the dreaded Dragon B at g7, but it costs him a few tempi to do so.* 10. ed *I don't like this move as it frees Black's QB. More consistent would be 10. Bh6.* 10. ... ed, 11. d4 Be6, 12. Rad1 *If 12. dc, d4! is good for Black.* 12. ... c4, 13. Nf4 b5 *Now Black has some edge due to the misplaced rook on the Queenfile. If 14. Nb5, Rb8 wins back the pawn and pries open the Queenside. Of course, I wouldn't mind him taking my "big pawn" on e6 either.* 14. Nce2 Bf5, 15. Nc3 Be6 *Testing-testing.* 16. Nce2 b4, 17. Ne6 fe, 18. Nf4 Qd6, 19. h4 Nf5, 20. c3 Rab8, 21. Ne2 bc, 22. bc Qa3, 23. Rb1 Nce7? *Where is this going? I should play 23. ... h6 or some other useful move.* 24. Bf4 Bb6, 25. Bc7? *Rb6 is called for, followed by Rb1.* 25. ... Ra6, 26. Rb2 Rc8, 27. Bf4 Nc6?? *Now was my only opportunity to win, by playing 27. ... Nd4, winning a centre pawn and the game.* 28. Rfb1 h6 *Now 28. ... Ncd4, 29. cd c3 is answered by 30. Qc1.* 29. Be3 Kh7, 30. Qc1 e5 *Sacking a pawn, but I've got to break through somehow.* 31. Bd5 ed *Hang on to your hats.* 32. Nd4 Ncd4, 33. Bd4 Nd4, 34. cd Rd6 *Bd4 meets* 35. Rb7+ Bg7, 36. Rg7+ Kg7, 37. Rb7+ Kf6, 38. Qf4 *mate.* 35. Be4 Rd4, 36. Bg6+ *The move I missed. If Kg6, 37. Rb6+ picks up my Q.* 36. ... Kh8, 37. Rc2 Qf3, 38. Qe1 Rcd8, 39. Re2 Be5, 40. Be4 Qh5, 41. Kg2 Rf8 *I'm still trying to sack my way in on the Kingside, but he's defending in a rock-like manner.* 42. Rb7 c3, 43. Rc2 Qg4, 44. Bc6 Bg7, 45. Qc3! *I didn't believe he could play this move, but I couldn't refute it either.* 45. ... Rd6, 46. Qc4 Qc4 *Dale stopped offering me draws now, so I headed for a drawn opposite-colored B's ending.* 47. Rc4 Rd2, 48. Rf4 Rf4, 49. gf Bd4, 50. a4 Rf2+, 51. Kg3 Bb6, 52. Rd7 Rc2, 53. Bf3 Rc7 *Draw.*

I feel Dale played this whole game like a 2100+ player. His solid play throughout the complications makes me think that he's going to get a lot stronger. [Nigel knew what he was talking about; Dale is rated 2115 in the latest list -- ed.]

Would anyone else like to sign a petition against letting juniors play in open events?

A game of Lev Alishaev from the '85 Grand Prix Finale:

L. Alishaev - J. O'Neil (Grand Prix Finale)

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. e5 c5, 5. a3 bc3+, 6. bc3 Ne7, 7. Nf3 Nbc6, 8. dc5 Qc7, 9. Bb5 O-O, 10. Bf4 Qa5, 11. Qd3 Bd7, 12. O-O a6, 13. Bc6 Nc6, 14. Nd4 Nd4, 15. cd4 Bb5, 16. Qg3 Bf1, 17. Bh6 g6, 18. Bf8 Rf8, 19. Rf1 b6, 20. cb6 Qb6, 21. Qd3 Rc8, 22. h3 Qa5, 23. Qb3 Rc3, 24. Qb4 Qa3, 25. Qa3 Ra3, 26. Rcl Kf8, 27. c4 dc4, 28. Rc4 Ral+, 29. Kh2 (1/2-1/2)

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

1986 Alberta Closed

This year's Closed was held over two weekends, with rounds 1-3 in Calgary on May 3 and 4, and rounds 4-7 in Edmonton on May 10 and 11. Another change was that it was expanded to eight players (average rating 2182).

Rob Hawkes snagged the Championship, scoring 5-2 this time around. He was just ahead of Branimir Brebrich (4.5-2.5). Neil Sharp, the only player to defeat Hawkes, scored 4-3, for third place. Tied for 4th-6th, with 3.5-3.5, were Nigel Fullbrook, Rob South and Ian Loadman. Ted Wilson (2.5-4.5), and Andrew Zissos (1.5-5.5) completed the field.

Here are most of the game scores from the '86 Closed (thanks to David Johansen, organizer and TD, for providing rounds 1-4 in "computer readable" form):

Round 1

T. Wilson - I. Loadman

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. Be3 Be7, 7. Be2 O-O, 8. O-O Nc6, 9. Kh1 a6, 10. f4 Qc7, 11. Qe1 Nd4, 12. Bd4 b5, 13. a3 Bb7, 14. Bf3 Bc6, 15. Rad1 a5, 16. e5 de, 17. Be5 Qb7, 18. Qe2 b4, 19. ab ab, 20. Bc6 Qc6, 21. Nb5 Rfc8, 22. Nd4 Qe4, 23. c3 bc, 24. bc Qe2, 25. Ne2 Ra2, 26. Ncl Rc2, 27. Nd3 Ne4, 28. Rcl Rd2, 29. Nb4 f6, 30. Bd4 Bb4 (0-1).

R. Hawkes - A. Zissos

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nd2 a6, 4. e5 c5, 5. c3 Nc6, 6. Ngf3 cd4, 7. cd4 Qb6, 8. Bd3 Nd4, 9. Nd4 Qd4, 10. Nf3 Bb4+, 11. Ke2 Qb6, 12. Be3 Bc5, 13. Bc5 Qc5, 14. Qb3 Ne7, 15. Rhcl Qa5, 16. Rc3 Nc6, 17. Racl Bd7, 18. a3 Qc7, 19. Kf1 Rc8, 20. Qa4 Qb8, 21. Qg4 Kf8, 22. Qh4 Ne7, 23. Rc8 Bc8, 24. Qb4 f6, 25. Ba6 Kf7, 26. Bd3 Ng6, 27. Bg6+ hg6, 28. Qb6 Re8, 29. Qc7+ Qc7, 30. Rc7+ Kg8, 31. b4 Rd8, 32. Ke2 b5, 33. Nd4 fe5, 34. Nc6 Re8, 35. Rc8 (1-0).

B. Brebrich - N. Sharp

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 a6, 4. Bc6 dc6, 5. O-O f6, 6. h3 Bd6, 7. d4 Ne7, 8. Be3 Be6, 9. Qe2 Ng6, 10. Rd1 Qe7, 11. c4 ed4, 12. Nd4 Bd7, 13. Nc3 Qe5, 14. Nf3 Qh5, 15. c5 Bc5, 16. Rd7 Kd7, 17. g4 Qh3, 18. Bc5 Qg4+, 19. Kf1 Rad8, 20. Ng1 Qe2, 21. Nge2 Kc8, 22. Be3 Ne5, 23. b3 Rd3, 24. Rc1 g5, 25. Rc2 h5, 26. Ng3 h4, 27. Nhl Rhd8, 28. Ke2 Ng4, 29. Nd5 Ne3, 30. Ne3 R3d7, 31. f3 h3, 32. Ng4 f5, 33. ef5 Re8+, 34. Kf2 Rd1, 35. Ng3 Red8, 36. Nf1 Rf8, 37. Nge3 Rd3, 38. Kg3 Rh8, 39. Re2 Kd7 (1-0).

N. Fullbrook - R. South

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nf6, 3. Ne5 d6, 4. Nf7 Kf7, 5. Nc3 g6, 6. d4 Nc6, 7. Bc4+ Kg7, 8. f3 Be7, 9. Be3 Na5, 10. Be2 d5, 11. Qd2 Re8, 12. e5 Ng8, 13. O-O-O c6, 14. g4 b5, 15. h4 Nc4, 16. Bc4 bc4, 17. h5 g5, 18. h6+ Kh8, 19. Rdf1 Rf8, 20. Nd1 Be6, 21. Rf2 Rb8, 22. Rh5 Bf7, 23. Rg5 Bg5, 24. Bg5 Qc8, 25. Be7 Ne7, 26. Qg5 Bg6, 27. Qe7 Rf7, 28. Qg5 Qd8, 29. Qe3 R7b7, 30. f4 Be4, 31. f5 Qa5, 32. e6 Rb2, 33. Nb2 Qa2, 34. Qc3 Qa1+, 35. Kd2 Qb2, 36. Qb2 Rb2, 37. e7 Rb8, 38. f6 Bg6, 39. f7 Bf7, 40. Rf7 Kg8, 41. Rg7+ Kh8, 42. g5 a5, 43. Rf7 Kg8, 44. g6 hg, 45. Rf8+ (1-0).

Round 2

N. Sharp - R. South

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. d4 cd4, 4. Nd4 Nc6, 5. Nc3 a6, 6. g3 Qc7, 7. Bg2 Nf6, 8. O-O Nd4, 9. Qd4 Bc5, 10. Qd3 d6, 11. Be3 O-O, 12. Bc5 Qc5, 13. Rfd1 Rd8, 14. Qd4

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A. Zissos - T. Wilson

1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. g3 Bg7, 4. Bg2 d6, 5. d4 O-O, 6. O-O Nbd7, 7. Nc3 Rb8, 8. a4 a5, 9. b3 e5, 10. de5 de5, 11. Ba3 Re8, 12. Ra2 e4, 13. Ng5 e3, 14. fe3 Re3, 15. Nd5 Re5, 16. Nf6 Bf6, 17. Bb2 Bg5, 18. Be5 Ne5, 19. Qd8 Bd8, 20. Rd2 Bg5, 21. Rd5 Be3+, 22. Kh1 Nc6, 23. Rd3 Bg5, 24. Bd5 Be6, 25. Be6 fe6, 26. Rd7 Rd8, 27. Rfd1 Rc8, 28. h4 Bf6, 29. Rf1 Ne5, 30. Rd4 Rd8, 31. e3 Rf8, 32. Re4 Bg7, 33. Rf8 Kf8, 34. c5 Ke7, 35. b4 Nd3, 36. c6 b6, 37. ba ba, 38. Kg2 Ne5 (0-1).

I. Loadman - N. Fullbrook

1. d4 d5, 2. Nf3 Nf6, 3. c4 e6, 4. Nc3 c5, 5. cd ed, 6. g3 Nc6, 7. Bg2 Be6, 8. O-O Be7, 9. Bg5 Ne4, 10. Be7 Qe7, 11. Rcl Nc3, 12. Rc3 c4, 13. b3 cb, 14. Qb3 O-O, 15. Rbl Rac8, 16. Qb7 Qb7, 17. Rb7 Nd4, 18. Rc8 Ne2+, 19. Kf1 Bc8, 20. Ra7 Nc3, 21. Nd4 Be6, 22. Ra3 Ne4, 23. Be4 de4, 24. Ne6 fe6, 25. Ke2 Kf7, 26. Ra4 (1/2-1/2).

B. Brebrich - R. Hawkes

1. e4 c6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 de, 4. Ne4 Bf5, 5. Ng3 Bg6, 6. Nf3 Nd7, 7. Bc4 Ngf6, 8. O-O e6, 9. Qe2 Be7, 10. Rel Nb6, 11. Bb3 O-O, 12. c3 Nfd7, 13. Ne4 Qc7, 14. Bc2 Rfe8, 15. Bg5 Nd5, 16. Be7 Re7, 17. Neg5 Nf4, 18. Qd2 h6, 19. Ne4 Rd8, 20. Ng3 c5, 21. Bg6 Ng6, 22. Rad1 Nf6, 23. Qc2 cd, 24. Rd4 Rd4, 25. Nd4 Qa5, 26. a3 Nf4, 27. Nf3 Rd7, 28. Rd1 Rd1, 29. Qd1 Qb6, 30. Qd2 g5, 31. h4 Qc6, 32. hg hg, 33. Nf1 Qe4, 34. Ne3 g4, 35. Nel Qbl, 36. Nd1 e5, 37. Qc2 Qal, 38. Nd3 Qa2, 39. Nf4 ef, 40. Qf5 Qd5, 41. Qf6 Qd1+, 42. Kh2 Qd2, 43. Qg5+ Kf8, 44. Qg4 Qf2, 45. Qc8+ Kg7, 46. Qb7 Qh4+, 47. Kgl Qel+, 48. Kh2 (1/2-1/2).

Round 3

T. Wilson - B. Brebrich

1. e4 Nf6, 2. e5 Nd5, 3. c4 Nb6, 4. d4 d6, 5. f4 de, 6. fe Nc6, 7. Be3 g6, 8. Be2 Bg7, 9. Nf3 O-O, 10. O-O Bf5, 11. Nc3 f6, 12. e6 Nb4, 13. Rcl Be6, 14. d5 Bf7, 15. a3 Na6, 16. Nd4 Nd7, 17. Ne4 Nac5, 18. Qc2 Ne4, 19. Qe4 f5, 20. Qc2 Re8, 21. Ne6 Be6, 22. de6 Ne5, 23. Qb3 Qc8, 24. c5 c6, 25. Rfd1 Qc7, 26. Rd7 Qc8, 27. Rcd1 Kh8, 28. Bf4 b6, 29. Qg3 Nd7, 30. ed7 Qb7, 31. de8(Q) Re8, 32. Be5 Bf6, 33. Qc3 Kg7, 34. b4 b5, 35. Bf3 Qc8, 36. Qd4 Qe6, 37. Bf6+ Qf6, 38. Bc6 e5, 39. Qd6 Re6, 40. Qc7+ Kh6, 41. Rd6 e4, 42. Re6 Qd4+, 43. Kf1 Qd1+, 44. Kf2 Qd2+ (1/2-1/2).

R. Hawkes - N. Sharp

1. e4 e5, 2. f4 ef 3. Nf3 d5, 4. ed Nf6, 5. Bb5+ c6, 6. dc Nc6, 7. d4 Bd6, 8. O-O O-O, 9. Nbd2 Bg4, 10. Nc4 Bc7, 11. Bc6 bc6, 12. Qd3 Qd5, 13. Nfe5 g5, 14. h4 h6, 15. hg hg, 16. Rel Kg7, 17. b3 Rh8, 18. Bb2 Rad8, 19. Nd2 Bb6, 20. c3 Rh6, 21. Qc4 Rdh8, 22. Qd5 cd5, 23. a4 Bf5, 24. Kf2 Ne4+, 25. Ne4 de4, 26. c4 f6, 27. Nc6 Bg4, 28. Rgl e3+, 29. Kf1 Rh2, 30. Rel Re8, 31. Bcl Bf5, 32. Ke2 Bc2, 33. c5 Bc7, 34. d5 Bb3, 35. d6 Ba4, 36. Ne7 Ba5, 37.

Rd1 Bd1+, 38. Kd1 Re7, 39. de7 Kf7, 40. Ke2 Ke7, 41. Ba3 Kd7, 42. Rd1+ Bd2, 43. Kf3 Kc6, 44. Ral f5, 45. Bb2 a5, 46. Bd4 g4+, 47. Kf4 e2, 48. Kg3 Rg2+, 49. Kg2 el(Q), 50. Rel Bel (0-1).

N. Fullbrook - A. Zissos

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. e5 c5, 4. c3 Nc6, 5. Nf3 Qb6, 6. Bd3 cd, 7. cd Bd7, 8. O-O Nd4, 9. Nd4 Qd4, 10. Nc3 a6, 11. Rel Ne7, 12. Be3 Qe5, 13. Rcl Bc6, 14. f4 Qd6, 15. Bbl Rd8, 16. Bb6 Rd7, 17. Qd4 Nc8, 18. Na4 Qb4, 19. a3 Qd4, 20. Bd4 Ba4, 21. Rc8+ Rd8, 22. Rc3 Kd7, 23. Rg3 f6, 24. R3e3 Bd6, 25. Re6 Rde8, 26. Bf5 Kc7, 27. g3 Re6, 28. Re6 Bd7, 29. Kf2 Be6, 30. Be6 Kc6, 31. b4 a5, 32. b5+ Kb5, 33. Bd5 Bc5, 34. Bc5 Kc5, 35. Bb3 Rd8, 36. Be6 h6, 37. g4 Rd3, 38. a4 Rd4, 39. Kf3 Ra4 (0-1).

Round 4

B. Brebrich - N. Fullbrook

1. e4 d6, 2. d4 Nf6, 3. Nc3 g6, 4. Be2 Bg7, 5. Nf3 c5, 6. dc Qa5, 7. O-O Qc5, 8. Be3 Qa5, 9. Nd4 Nc6, 10. Nb3 Qd8, 11. h3 O-O, 12. Qd2 a5, 13. a4 Be6, 14. Nd4 Nd4, 15. Bd4 Rc8, 16. Qe3 Nd7, 17. Bg7 Kg7, 18. Qd2 Qb6, 19. Nb5 Bc4, 20. b3 Bb5, 21. ab5 Qc5, 22. c4 b6, 23. Kh1 Nf6, 24. Bf3 g5, 25. Rfel Qe5, 26. Qe3 Rc5, 27. g3 Rg8, 28. Bg2 Kh8, 29. Ra2 g4, 30. h4 Nd7, 31. Rd1 Rg6, 32. Qd4 Qd4, 33. Rd4 Re5, 34. Re2 Nc5, 35. Re3 Rg8, 36. Rd5 Ra8, 37. Rd2 Kg7, 38. Ra2 Rc8, 39. Rd2 a4, 40. ba Na4, 41. Rc2 Rb5, 42. Bf1 Rb2, 43. R3e2 Rc2, 44. Rc2 b5, 45. Ra2 Nc3, 46. Ra3 b4, 47. Rb3 Ne4, 48. Rb4 Nf2+, 49. Kg2 Ne4, 50. Bd3 f5, 51. Rb7 Rc5, 52. Rb8 Ra5, 53. Rb2 Ra3, 54. Be4 fe4, 55. Re2 e3, 56. c5 d5, 57. Rc2 d4, 58. c6 d3, 59. c7 Ra8, 60. Rc4 d2, 61. Rd4 e2, 62. Rd8 el(Q) (0-1).

A. Zissos - R. South

1. Nf3 c5, 2. c4 Nc6, 3. d3 Nf6, 4. d4 d5, 5. cd Nd5, 6. e4 Qa5+, 7. Bd2 Ndb4, 8. d5 Nd4, 9. Nd4 cd4, 10. a3 e6, 11. Qb3 ed, 12. Bb4 Bb4, 13. Qb4 Qb4, 14. ab4 de, 15. Bb5+ Bd7, 16. Bd7+ Kd7, 17. Nd2 Rhc8, 18. O-O f5, 19. Rfel d3, 20. Rc3 Rc6, 21. Nc4 Ke6, 22. b5 Rc5, 23. b6 a6, 24. Kf1 Rac8, 25. b3 R8c6, 26. Rlcl f4, 27. Kel Kd5, 28. f3 Kd4, 29. fe Rg5, 30. Nd2 Rc3, 31. Nf3 Ke3, 32. Rc3 Rg2, 33. Kdl Kf3, 34. Rd3+ Ke4, 35. Rd7 f3, 36. Rb7 Rgl+, 37. Kd2 f2, 38. Re7+ Kd5, 39. b7 (0-1).

R. Hawkes - T. Wilson

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. Bc4 e5, 7. Nde2 Be7, 8. O-O Be6, 9. Bb3 a6, 10. Qd3 O-O, 11. Rd1 Qc7, 12. Nd5 Bd5, 13. ed5 Na5, 14. Ng3 Rfe8, 15. c3 Nb3, 16. ab3 Bf8, 17. Ra4 g6, 18. Rc4 Qd7, 19. Qf3 Bg7, 20. Bg5 e4, 21. Qf4 b5, 22. Rcd4 Ng4, 23. Re4 f5, 24. Re8+ Re8, 25. h3 Ne5, 26. Qd2 Nf7, 27. Be3 Ne5, 28. f4 Nf7, 29. Bd4 Bh6, 30. Bf6 Nd8, 31. Ral Qa7+, 32. Qf2 Qb7, 33. Qf3 Nf7, 34. Kh1 b4, 35. Ne2 bc, 36. Bc3 Qb3, 37. Nd4 Qc4, 38. Ne6 Nd8, 39. Nd8 Rd8, 40. Rel Qf4, 41. Qe2 Qe4, 42. Qf2 Qf4, 43. Qb6 Qh4, 44. Re6 Bg7, 45. Bel Qg5, 46. h4 (1-0).

N. Sharp - I. Loadman

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. Be2 Be7, 7. O-O O-O, 8. Be3 Nc6, 9. Kh1 a6, 10. f4 Qc7, 11. a4 Bd7, 12. Qel Nb4, 13. Bd3 b6, 14. Qg3 g6, 15. Rael Rad8, 16. h3 Bc8, 17. Qf2 Bb7, 18. f5 e5, 19. Nde2 Nd7, 20. Bh6 d5, 21. Bf8 Rf8, 22. ed Nf6, 23. Ng3 Bc5, 24. Qe2 Bd4, 25. Nge4 Nh5, 26. fg hg, 27. Nf6+ Nf6, 28. Rf6 e4, 29. Ne4 Bf6, 30. Nf6+ Kg7, 31. Ng4 Nd5, 32. Qe5+ Qe5, 33. Re5 Rd8, 34. Rel f5, 35. Ne5 Nf4, 36. Nc4 Bg2+, 37. Kh2 b5, 38. ab ab, 39. Ne3 Bc6, 40. Rd1 Re8, 41. Rel Kf6, 42. Bf1 b4, 43. Kg3 g5, 44. Kf2 Rh8, 45. Rd1 Ke6, 46. Nc4 Bd5, 47. Ne3 Be4, 48. Kg3

Nd5, 49. Nd5 Bd5, 50. Rd4 Rb8, 51. Bc4 Bc4, 52. Rc4 Kd5, 53. Rc7 Ke4, 54. Re7+ Kd4, 55. Rg7 Ke3, 56. Rg5 f4+, 57. Kg4 Rf8, 58. Re5+ Kd2, 59. Kf3 Kc2, 60. Re2+ Kd3, 61. h4 Kc4 (adj), 62. h5 Kb3, 63. h6 Ka2, 64. h7 b3, 65. Rh2 Rh8, 66. Kf4 Rh7, 67. Rh7 Kb2, 68. Ke3 Kc2, 69. Rc7+ Kd1, 70. Kd3 b2 (1/2-1/2).

Round 5

N. Fullbrook - R. Hawkes

1. e4 c6, 2. d4 d5, 3. e5 Bf5, 4. Nc3 e6, 5. g4 Bg6, 6. Nge2 c5, 7. Be3 Nc6, 8. h4 cd, 9. Nd4 h5, 10. Bb5 Qc7, 11. f4 hg, 12. f5 Bf5, 13. Nf5 ef5, 14. Nd5 Qe5, 15. Qd3 Qg3+, 16. Kd2 Nge7, 17. c4 O-O, 18. Rhd1 f4, 19. Bc6 bc6, 20. Kc2 cd5, 21. cd Qe3, 22. Qa6+ Kb8, 23. Rd3 Rc8+, 24. Kd1 Qg1+, 25. Kd2 Qf2+, 26. Kd1 Nd5, 27. Qb5+ Nb6, 28. Qe5+ Kb7, 29. Qe4+ Rc6, 30. Qc6+ Kc6, 31. Rcl+ Kb7 (0-1).

T. Wilson - N. Sharp

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bc4 Bc5, 4. b4 Bb4, 5. c3 Ba5, 6. d4 d6, 7. Qb3 Qd7, 8. O-O Bb6, 9. Bb5 a6, 10. Bc6 Qc6, 11. Ng5 Nh6, 12. de de, 13. Nd2 f6, 14. Ngf3 Be6, 15. c4 O-O, 16. Ba3 Rfd8, 17. Qc2 Bc5, 18. Bb2 Nf7, 19. Racl Rd7, 20. Nb3 Rad8, 21. Qe2 Rd3, 22. Nel R3d7, 23. h3 Ba7, 24. Nf3 Qa4, 25. Rc3 Nd6, 26. Rfcl b5, 27. cb Nb5, 28. Rc6 Bb3, 29. ab3 Qb3, 30. Ra6 Rd1+, 31. Kh2 Rcl, 32. Bcl Bb6, 33. Bb2 Qd3, 34. Qd3 Rd3, 35. Be5 Rf3, 36. gf3 fe5, 37. Kg3 Bd4, 38. Kg4 Kf7, 39. Ra2 c5, 40. f4 ef, 41. Kf4 c4, 42. Ra4 c3, 43. Rc4 Ke6, 44. Kf3 (0-1).

R. South - B. Brebrich

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nd2 c5, 4. Ngf3 Nc6, 5. Bb5 a6, 6. Bc6+ bc6, 7. O-O cd, 8. Nd4 Qc7, 9. Qe2 Bd6, 10. N4f3 Ne7, 11. Rel Ng6, 12. c4 O-O, 13. b3 d4, 14. e5 Bb4, 15. Rbl Rd8, 16. a3 Be7, 17. Bb2 c5, 18. Qe4 f5, 19. ef gf, 20. Qa8 Bb7, 21. Qa7 Ra8, 22. Qa8+ Ba8, 23. Re6 Nf4, 24. Ra6 Bb7, 25. Ra4 Ne2+, 26. Kh1 Nc3, 27. Bc3 dc3, 28. Nf1 Qf4, 29. Ne3 Bd6, 30. Nd5 c2, 31. Rel Qh6, 32. h3 cl(O), 33. Rcl Qcl+, 34. Ngl Bd5, 35. cd5 Qd1, 36. Rg4+ Kf7 (0-1).

I. Loadman - A. Zissos

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nf3 b6, 4. a3 Bb7, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. d5 c6, 7. e4 ed, 8. cd cd, 9. ed Be7, 10. Bc4 O-O, 11. O-O Nbd7, 12. Rel Ne5, 13. Ba2 Nf3+, 14. Qf3 Re8, 15. Bf4 Qd7, 16. h3 (1/2-1/2).

Round 6

R. Hawkes - R. South

1. e4 e5, 2. f4 Bc5, 3. Nf3 d6, 4. c3 Nf6, 5. fe de, 6. Ne5 O-O, 7. d4 Ne4, 8. Qf3 Nf6, 9. Bc4 Qe7, 10. Be3 Nbd7, 11. Nf7 Rf7, 12. O-O Bd6, 13. Nd2 Nb6, 14. Bf7+ Qf7, 15. Ne4 Nbd5, 16. Bg5 Qh5, 17. Qh5 Nh5, 18. c4 h6, 19. Bh6 gh6, 20. cd5 Bf4, 21. Rael Bd7, 22. Rf4 Nf4, 23. Nf6+ Kf7, 24. Nd7 Nd5, 25. Ne5+ Kg7, 26. Re4 Nf6, 27. Re3 Rd8, 28. Rg3+ Kh7, 29. Rg6 Rd6, 30. h4 Re6, 31. Rg3 c5, 32. Nf3 Re2, 33. dc Rb2, 34. Ne5 Re2, 35. Ng4 Ne4, 36. Ra3 h5, 37. Kf1 Rc2, 38. Ne3 Rcl+, 39. Ke2 a6, 40. Ra5 Rc5, 41. Rc5 Nc5, 42. Nd5 Kg6, 43. Nf4+ Kf5, 44. Kf3 Ne6, 45. Nh5 Nd4+, 46. Kg3 Ne2+, 47. Kf3 Nd4+, 48. Ke3 Nc2+, 49. Kd2 Nb4, 50. a3 Nd5, 51. Ng7+ Kg6, 52. Ne6 Kf5, 53. Nc5 Kg4, 54. g3 Kg3, 55. h5 Nf6, 56. h6 Kf4, 57. Ne6+ Kf5, 58. Nf8 b5, 59. h7 Nh7, 60. Nh7 a5, 61. Kc2 Ke5, 62. Kb3 Kd4, 63. Nf8 Kc5, 64. Ne6+ Kd5, 65. Nd8 Kc5, 66. Nf7 Kd5, 67. Ng5 Kc5, 68. Nf3 Kd5, 69. Nd2 Kc5, 70. Kc2 Kd5, 71. Kd3 Kc5, 72. Nb3+ Kb6, 73. Kd4 a4, 74. Ncl (1-0).

N. Sharp - A. Zissos

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nd2 a6, 4. Ngf3 c5, 5. ed ed, 6. dc Bc5, 7. Nb3 Ba7, 8. Bd3 Nc6, 9. c3 Nge7, 10. O-O O-O, 11. Rel Nf5, 12. Bf4 h6, 13. h3 Nh4, 14. Bg3 Nf3+, 15. Qf3 Be6, 16. Rad1 Qg5, 17. Bbl Rfe8, 18. Re2 Rad8, 19. Kh2 Re7, 20. Nd4 Nd4, 21. cd4 h5, 22. Re5 f5, 23. Bf5 Bf5, 24. Rf5 Qg6, 25. Rd5 Rd5, 26. Qd5+ Qf7, 27. Qf7+ Kf7, 28. d5 Rd7, 29. d6 Bc5, 30. a3 a5, 31. Rd5 b6, 32. Rh5 Bd6, 33. Bd6 Rd6, 34. Rb5 (1-0).

T. Wilson - N. Fullbrook

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 g6, 6. Be3 Bg7, 7. f3 O-O, 8. Qd2 Nc6, 9. O-O-O d5, 10. Nc6 bc6, 11. ed cd, 12. Nd5 Nd5, 13. Qd5 Qc7, 14. Qc5 Qb7, 15. Bd4 Bf5, 16. Bg7 Rfc8, 17. Qc8+ Rc8, 18. Bc3 Qb6, 19. Bd3 Be6, 20. a3 Qe3+, 21. Kbl Qg5, 22. g3 Qd5, 23. f4 Qa2+, 24. Kcl Rc3, 25. bc3 Qa3+, 26. Kd2 Qc5, 27. Rdel Bd5, 28. Rhf1 e6, 29. Ral h5, 30. Rfel Kg7, 31. Ra4 Qf2+, 32. Re2 Qg1, 33. Be4 Be4, 34. Rae4 Kf6, 35. Re5 Qb6, 36. Rg5 a5, 37. Ree5 Kg7, 38. Ra5 Qf2+, 39. Kcl f5, 40. h4 Qe3+, 41. Kd1 Qc3, 42. Re5 Kf6, 43. Kcl (1/2-1/2).

B. Brebrich - I. Loadman

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. Be2 Be7, 7. O-O O-O, 8. Kh1 Nc6, 9. Be3 a6, 10. f4 Qc7, 11. Bf3 Nd4, 12. Bd4 e5, 13. Be3 ef, 14. Bf4 Be6, 15. Nd5 Bd5, 16. ed5 Nd7, 17. c3 Bf6, 18. Be4 g6, 19. Rf3 Ne5, 20. Rh3 Bg7, 21. Qd2 Rae8, 22. Rel f5, 23. Bd3 Qc5, 24. Be5 (1/2-1/2).

Round 7

N. Fullbrook - N. Sharp

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 ed, 4. c3 d5, 5. ed Qd5, 6. cd Bg4, 7. Be2 Bb4+, 8. Nc3 Bf3, 9. Bf3 Qc4, 10. d5 Bc3+, 11. bc3 O-O-O, 12. Qb3 Ne5, 13. Qc4 Nc4, 14. Be2 Nd6, 15. O-O Ne7, 16. c4 b6, 17. Bb2 f6, 18. Racl Nb7, 19. Rfel Rhe8, 20. Bh5 Ng6, 21. g3 Nc5, 22. Ba3 Nd3, 23. Re8 Re8, 24. Rc3 Rel+, 25. Kg2 Ndf4+, 26. gf4 Nf4+, 27. Kf3 Nh5, 28. c5 Kd7, 29. c6+ Kd8, 30. d6 cd, 31. Bd6 Kc8, 32. c7 Rd1, 33. Rc6 f5, 34. Be5 Rd3+, 35. Ke2 Rd7, 36. Re6 Nf6, 37. a4 Kb7, 38. Rc6 Kc8, 39. Re6 Rf7, 40. Kd3 Rd7+, 41. Kc4 Kb7, 42. Rc6 Kc8, 43. a5 ba, 44. Ra6 Ne8, 45. Ra5 Nc7, 46. Ra7 g6, 47. f4 Kd8, 48. Rb7 Ne8, 49. Rb8+ Ke7, 50. Kc5 Nf6, 51. Rh8 Ke6, 52. Ra8 Ng4, 53. Ra6+ Kf7, 54. h4 Ne5, 55. fe5 Rd1, 56. h5 gh, 57. Rf6+ Ke7 (1/2-1/2).

R. South - T. Wilson

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 d6, 4. O-O Bd7, 5. c3 Nf6, 6. Rel Ne5, 7. Ne5 de5, 8. a4 e6, 9. Na3 Be7, 10. Nc4 a6, 11. Bd7+ Nd7, 12. a5 Qc7, 13. Qb3 O-O, 14. d3 Kh8, 15. Re2 f5, 16. ef ef, 17. f4 Bf6, 18. Ne3 e4, 19. de Qf4, 20. Qb7 Qe4, 21. Qe4 fe4, 22. Nc4 Rae8, 23. Be3 Be7, 24. Rd1 Nf6, 25. h3 h6, 26. Nd6 Rd8, 27. Red2 Bd6, 28. Rd6 Rb8, 29. Rb6 c4, 30. Rd6 Kh7, 31. Bd4 Nh5, 32. Rd7 (1/2-1/2).

A. Zissos - B. Brebrich

1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. c4 c5, 3. Nc3 g6, 4. d4 cd, 5. Nd4 Bg7, 6. e4 d6, 7. Be2 O-O, 8. O-O Nc6, 9. Nc2 Be6, 10. Kh1 Nd7, 11. Bd2 f5, 12. Qcl Nc5, 13. f3 fe4, 14. Ne4 Ne4, 15. fe4 Rf1+, 16. Bf1 Ne5, 17. Nd4 Bf7, 18. Be3 Rc8, 19. b3 a6, 20. Qd2 Ng4, 21. Bgl Be5, 22. Rad1 Nf6, 23. Nf3 Qc7, 24. Ne5 de5, 25. Bd3 Rd8, 26. Qc2 Be8, 27. c5 Kg7, 28. Rf1 Rd3, 29. Qd3 Bb5, 30. Qf3 Bf1, 31. Qf1 Ne4, 32. b4 Nf6, 33. Qel e4, 34. Bd4 Qf4, 35. Be3 Qf5, 36. h3 Nd5, 37. Qd2 Ne3, 38. Qe3 Qd5, 39. Qc3+ e5, 40. a4 (0-1).

Canadian Women's Championship

(report by Urmila Das)

The tournament was organized between June 14-20 at Hart House, University of Toronto. There were 8 participants: 3 from Ontario, 3 from Quebec and 2 from Alberta. Thus, the western representation was solely from Alberta.

The out-of-town players were housed at the organizers' expense at St. Hilda's College, a modest but satisfactory accommodation. Over and above this, the Chess Federation of Canada made a contribution of \$110 towards tournament fee as well as living expense. At the tournament, the atmosphere was friendly and the organizers did a very good job so that the participants could concentrate on chess.

Nava Shterenberg, from Ontario, was the clear winner of this event. She played smooth, consistent chess to score 6 out of 7 points. Urmila Das and Diane Mongeau tied for second place with 4 points. Liz Fournier and S. Vujosevic score 3.5 points. The youngest participant, Diana Palamarek (Alberta), played well and scored 3 points.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Alberta Chess Association for providing me with return air fare.

An earlier match game between our representatives:

Dianna Palamarek - Urmila Das

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 Bb4+, 10. Bd2 O-O, 11. O-O Qa5, 12. a3 Bd2, 13. Qd2 Qd2, 14. Nd2 Nb6, 15. Racl Bd7, 16. Nf3 Rfc8, 17. Rc2 Na5, 18. Nd2 Rc2, 19. Bc2 Bb5, 20. Re1 Rc8, 21. Nc3 Bd7, 22. Nb3 Nhc4, 23. Nc5 Rc7, 24. Re2 Nb2, 25. Nd7 Nd7, 26. Nb5 Rc4, 27. g3 a6, 28. Nd6 Rd4, 29. Bh7+ Kh7, 30. Rb2 Ne5 (0-1).

Fifth World Computer Chess Championship

This year's Championship was held in Cologne, West Germany, with the programs generally being operated over international-scale distances by telecommunication links to the respective base computers. There was a 4-way tie for first place: "Cray Blitz" (Hyatt, Nelson and Gower, University of Alabama and Cray Research), "Hitech" (Berliner *et al.*, including former Edmontonian Murray Campbell, Carnegie-Mellon University), "Bebe" (Scherzer, Chicago), and Sun Phoenix (Schaeffer and Olafsson, University of Alberta). This unprecedented 4-way tie could not practically be broken by playoffs, so tiebreaks were used, giving Cray Blitz the title. Alberta had another representative, "Awit" (Marsland, University of Alberta).

[This brief report based upon an extensive article submitted by Jon Schaeffer to "En Passant" magazine. Jon kindly gave the ACR permission to use the report, and it is quite interesting, but space limitations just don't permit it this issue. We expect to publish at least some of his report in the next ACR, likely depending on how much "En Passant" uses. We also have some annotations by "Hitech" of the game Hawkes-Reeve from the Grand Prix Finale. The use of high speed computers, dedicated machines designed only for chess, or multiple computers "hooked" together, in concert with good chess programming, is resulting in computers with high ratings. For example, Hitech is now rated somewhere in the 2350 range in the U.S.]

Why wait? Participate!

Canada Day Weekend Open

Ian Loadman came to the fore, scoring 4.5-.5. Chris Johnson was clear second at 4-1. Rob Gardner and Bill Bentley were next at 3.5-1.5. David Johansen directed this Edmonton event. (In the last round, one participant simply walked away rather than resign his game. This meant his opponent had to wait over an hour to win on time. "Abandoning" a game without even having the courtesy to resign is reprehensible behavior and could lead to expulsion from the ACA, preventing participation in Alberta chess events. Anyone considering such behavior in the future should take that as a both a notice and a warning! ACA "regulations" indicate that members must be in "good standing", and unethical or unsportsmanlike behavior can put one in "bad standing" ...)

Calgary Chess Club Closed

The 1986 Closed took the form of three 8-player round robins and was directed by Wolfgang Muller. In the premier section, Ted Wilson notched first with an undefeated 5-2 total. Roy Yearwood and Andrew Zissos tied for second with 4.5-2.5 scores. Brian Toth came fourth with an even score. Section II saw Jim O'Neil in first at 5-2, followed by Wolfgang Muller at 4-3. Ron Hinds, Jeff Spencer and Jim Flemming had even scores. Section III was lead by Fred Henderson and Hans Lassnig, both with 6-1. Peter Amerl ended up at 4.5-2.5, with Norman Luyben scoring 3.5-3.5. (Thanks to John Schleinich and Bill Rusk for the crosstables.)

Swan City Open

Nineteen players from Grande Prairie and Fort St. John met at the Trumpeter Inn for two days of great chess. Approximately \$400 in prizes was divided into several sections. Newcomer Max Scherer continued his strong play, fighting to a 108-move draw with Cliff Turner, in which Cliff twice promoted a pawn to Queen to replace a lost Queen. Turner went on to win the tournament, scoring 4.5-.5. Winners of other categories were: Under 1900, Larry Stutzman; Under 1600, Joe Kish; Under 1400, Ed Friesen; Unrated, Dan Crowley; Junior, Kristen Sutzman. Stephen Harding directed and provided this report.

Central Alberta Closed

Neil Sharp (as usual, we must say), was way out in front of Division 1, scoring 6.5 out of 7 in the 8-player round robin. It's not known by the ACR who drew him, but congratulations to that person anyway. Dianna Palamarek continued her fine play to take second with 4.5 points. Alex Grefner was third at 4-3. Jens Kaastrup and Adolf Grieb had even scores. Division 2 was won by Gene Massey with 7 points from 8 games. Second was Jim Marshall with 6.5. (Report by Neil Sharp.)

Red Deer CC May Rating Tournament

You know who was first with a perfect 5-0 result in Division 1. Dianna Palamarek settled into second with 3.5 points. Division 2 was won by Jim Marshall (5-0) and Don Patterson came next with 4-1. (Report by you know who, as well!)

Calgary Spring Open

Ian Loadman traveled down from Edmonton to cruise to 4.5-.5 in the Open section. Chris Demers and Ron Hinds finished ahead of some "high rateds" to tie for second with 3-2 results. The Intermediate section fell to Edmonton's (rub it in to all those Flame fans!?) David Johansen (4.5-.5), with Peter Amerl (4-1) second. George Kodecki (3-2) was third.

Holowach Challenge, Edmonton CC

Greg Shvartsburd proved himself the best by achieving a 6-0 score in this Swiss (designed for players rated over 1600). Rob Gardner and David Johansen tied for second at 4-2, with Joe Tumpek next with 3.5 points.

Abe Shnitka Memorial

Held concurrently with the Holowach at the Edmonton CC, the Shnitka this year saw Mike Begic and Kurt Lauterwald garnering 5-1 results. Aktary (4-2; no initial provided) took third. Warren Hennig and Steve Panteluk finished with 3.5 points.

Calgary CC Grand Prix Speed Chess

This year's Grand Prix Speed was again dominated by Roy Yearwood and Branimir Brebrich. This time they tied for top honours, both finishing with two firsts and two second places, for a total of 99 G.P. points. Jim O'Neil won the one speed tournament the big guns didn't play in, and finished third overall with 63 points. Honourable mentions to Chris Demers (51/4 events), James Currie (38/4) and Darse Billings (35/3). (TD, Org. & Report: who else, Darse Billings. See the Club Section for the dates of this year's Calgary CC G.P. Speed events.)

Calgary CC Spring Open

Barney Fegyverneki and James Flemming scored 4-1 to share first place in the season's final Swiss tournament. Jeff Spencer, James Currie, Darse Billings and Michael Yip were close behind. Hans Lassnig had yet another prize-winning performance. His three points included wins over two A-players to take Top B. (TD and Report: Darse Billings.)

D. Billings (1912) - G. Huber (2017)

(annotated by Billings)

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 c5, 3. d5 g6, 4. Nc3 d6, 5. e4 Bg7, 6. Nf3 O-O, 7. Be2 e6 *Black's curious move order (used to avoid the strong White lines with 7. f4 and 8. Bb5+) allows the interesting 8. de6 Be6, 9. Bf4 Ne8. Black's position may look suspect, but has the full range of Benoni dynamics. Hawkes and Huber had prepared lines for this and for 8. Be3, but White plays conservatively, allowing direct transposition to normal lines. 8. O-O ed, 9. cd a6 I consider the 9. ... Re8, 10. Nd2 Na6, 11. f3 Nc7 lines for Black to be more enterprising. 10. a4 Bg4, 11. Nd2!? BCO gives 11. Bf4 Bf3, 12. Bf3 Ne8, 13. Qd2 Nd7, 14. Bh6 Nef6, 15. Bg6 Kg7 +/-, or 11. Bf4 Re8, 12. Nd2 Be2, 13. Qe2 Nh5, 14. Be3 Nd7, 15. g4 Nh6 +/- (with 16. h3 or 16. f4!?). White's idea is to deny the first option, and by exchanging the bad B/e2 and playing the N-wheel N/f3-d2-c4, to obtain a position which is strategically easy to play. The temporary delay in development of the B/c1 seems harmless. 11. ... Be2, 12. Qe2 Nbd7?? 12. ... Re8 is probably stronger, putting White's idea to a tougher test. 13. Nc4 Ne5? If 13. ... Nb6?! , 14. Ne3 and the N/b6 is more misplaced than the B/c1. But if 13. ... Qe7, 14. Bf4 Ne8, Black has a position with many dynamic chances [Hawkes, Huber]. 13. ... Ne5? is a very bad move, showing uncharacteristically poor positional judgement. After the exchange on e5, (1) the pawn/e5 will reduce the power of the B/g7, (2) White will obtain a permanent plus in the protected passed pawn/d5, and (3) the c-pawn will become isolated and vulnerable, forcing the passification of Black's position. 14. Ne5 de5, 15. a5 Qd6, 16. Na4 Nd7, 17. Be3 Rfc8, 18. Rfc1± f5, 19. f3 Bf8, 20. Rc4 Here White's generous offer of a draw was declined, again demonstrating questionable judgement. 20. ... b5, 21. ab6 e.p. Nb6, 22. Nb6 Qb6, 23. Rac1 f4, 24. Bf2 a5, 25. Qc2 Rc7, 26. Qc3?! Here and throughout 'til time control, White's play is not very accurate. But he does manage to consolidate the permanent advantages by blockading the*

weak a- and c-pawns, keeping the Black B immobile and passifying all Black's pieces. Black defends with tricks. 26. ... Bd6, 27. h3 Qb5, 28. Ra1 Kf7, 29. Qc2 Rb8, 30. Ra2 Kg7, 31. Be1 Ra7, 32. Qa4 Kf6, 33. Qb5 Rb5, 34. Bc3 Ke7, 35. Kf1 Kd7, 36. Ke2 Bc7, 37. Kd3 Kd6, 38. Rca4 Rb8, 39. Kc2 Kd7, 40. Kd3 Kd6, 41. Kc4 Rba8, 42. R2a3 Bb6, 43. Rb3 Ra6, 44. Rb5 R1a7?! Black should be seeking active counterplay, such as g5, h5, Rg8 and g4. 45. Be1 g5, 46. Bf2 The sealed move. Luckily, White has enough advantage to win on the Queenside. Opening a Kingside file would have been laborious and messy. 46. ... h5?! 46. ... Ra8! gives the best practical chances after 47. Rb6+ Rb6, 48. Bc5+ Kc7, 49. Bb6+ Kb6, 50. b4 Rc8+, 51. Kb3 ab4, 52. Rb4+ Ka6, but is still pretty bleak. 46. ... Rc7 is met strongly by Ra3, b3, and Rb7. One set of rooks will be exchanged to prevent mating threats, then the White King will penetrate, spelling the end. 47. Rb6+! Rb6, 48. Bc5+ Kc7, 49. b4! Rab7, 50. Bb6+ Rb6, 51. Ra5 Kd7, 52. Ra7+ Kd6, 53. Rg7 Rb8, 54. Rg6+ Kd7, 55. Rg5 Rc8+, 56. Kb3 Kd6, 57. h4 Rh8, 58. Rg6+ Kd7, 59. Re6 Rg8, 60. Re5 Rg2, 61. Rf5 (1-0)

UCCC Not the Team Tournament

The scheduled team event was cancelled due to lack of interest, but a hard fought Swiss was played in its place. After a first round bye, Darse Billings (a.k.a. Mr. X) won all his remaining games to finish first on tie-break ahead of Ron Hinds. James Flemming lost to the former, finishing third. Most impressive was the play of Larry Manahan. After destroying Phil Chiu handily, he played weird and exciting games against the tournament winners. He came within a whisker of winning and finishing with a terrific result. (TD and Org.: Phil Chiu)

B. Fegyverneki - R. Hawkes

(Grand Prix Finale)

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 c5, 4. d5 ed5, 5. cd5 d6, 6. e4 g6, 7. Nf3 Bg7, 8. Be2 O-O, 9. O-O Re8, 10. Nd2 Nbd7, 11. f4 c4, 12. Kh1 Nc5, 13. Bf3 b5, 14. Nb5 Nfe4, 15. Ne4 Ne4, 16. Be4 Re4, 17. Qf3 Re7, 18. g4 Bb7, 19. f5 Qb6, 20. a4 Qc5, 21. Rd1 Rae8, 22. Bf4 Re3, 23. Be3 Re3, 24. Qf2 a6, 25. Nd6 Bd5+, 26. Kgl Bd4, 27. Rd4 Qd4, 28. h3 Rg3+ (0-1)

F. McFaul - R. Yearwood

(Grand Prix Finale)

1. Nf3 d5, 2. c4 e6, 3. b3 Nf6, 4. Bb2 c5, 5. d3 Nc6, 6. Nbd2 d4, 7. a3 e5, 8. e3 Bd6, 9. e4 O-O, 10. Be2 Nh5, 11. Nd4 Nf4, 12. Nf5 Bf5, 13. ef5 Ng2+, 14. Kf1 Nh4, 15. f6 Qf6, 16. Ne4 Qe7, 17. Rgl f5, 18. Nc3 Ng6, 19. Nd5 Qh4, 20. Bh5 Nf4, 21. Nf4 Qf4, 22. Bf3 Rf6, 23. Bd5+ Kh8, 24. Bcl Qd4, 25. Be3 Qb2, 26. Bg5 R6f8, 27. Rg3 e4, 28. Rh3 ed3, 29. Rh7+ Kh7, 30. Qh5 mate (1-0)

A. Zissos - W. Kidder

(Grand Prix Finale)

1. Nf3 d5, 2. g3 Nf6, 3. Bg2 c5, 4. O-O Nc6, 5. d4 e6, 6. c4 dc4, 7. Ne5 Ne5, 8. de5 Nd7, 9. f4 Rb8, 10. a4 h5, 11. Na3 h4, 12. Nc4 hg3, 13. hg3 Be7, 14. Ra3 Qc7, 15. Nd6 Bd6, 16. ed6 Qb6, 17. Rb3 Qa6, 18. f5 e5, 19. Re3 b5, 20. ab5 Rb5, 21. Bd5 Rb4, 22. Bf7+ Kf7, 23. Qd5+ Kf8, 24. f6 Nf6, 25. Qe5 Kg8, 26. Rf6 gf6, 27. Qe8+ Kg7, 28. Re7 mate (1-0)

Thanks to Brian Toth for the above games.

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