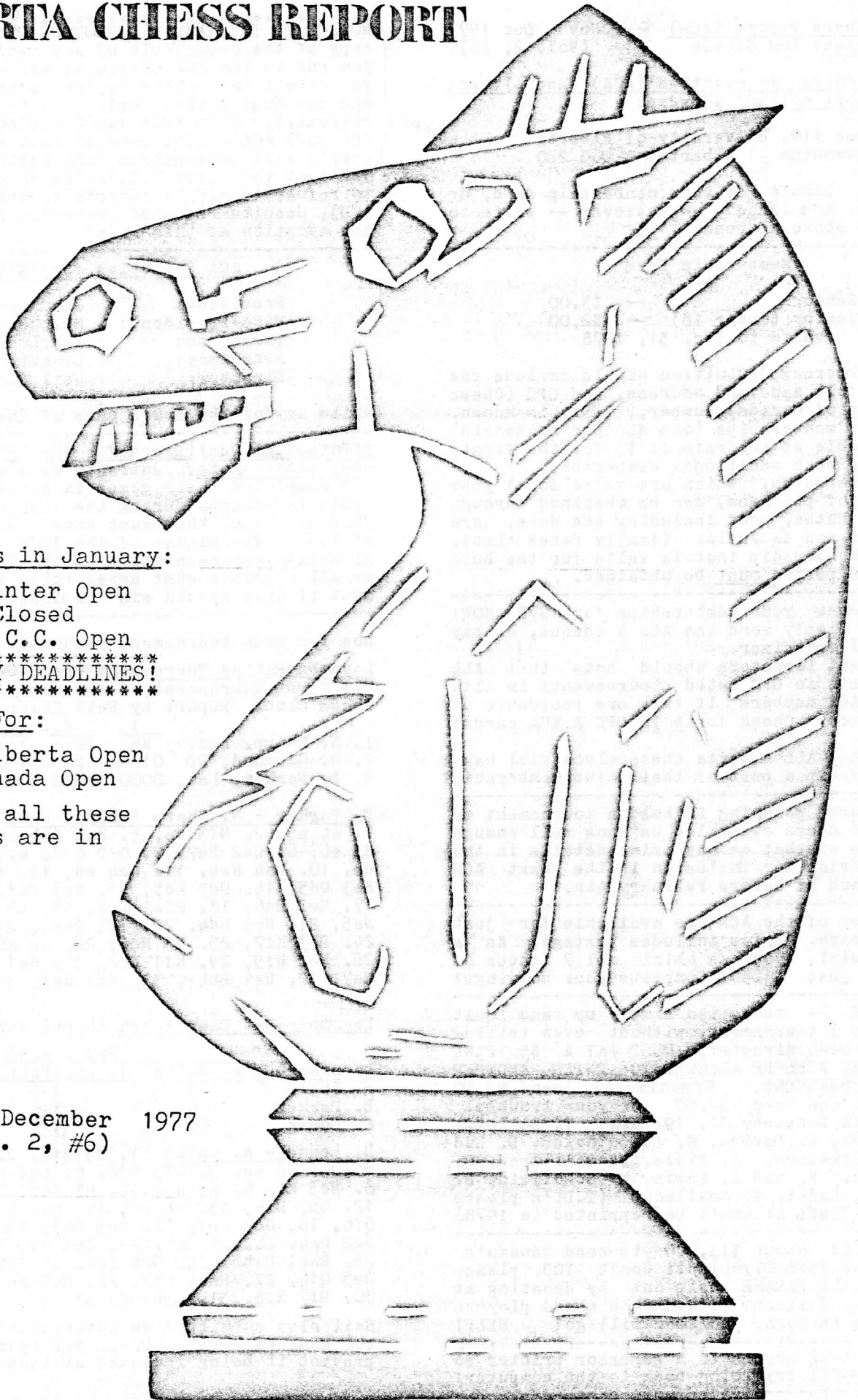


ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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 other chess event let us know well enough
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 The list to December 31, 1977 is: T. Bailey,
 J. Bergeron, R. Davies, M. Despotovich, D. Lud-
 wig, R. Eriksson, J. Fiala, E. Gilliland, C.
 Hallschmid, H. and L. Lewis, M. Schofield, R.
 Dryden, C. Small, K. Smallwood. (T.D.'s please
 keep this list; it won't be reprinted in 1978)

 It will cost about \$13,000 to send Canada's
 team to the 1978 Olympiad!! Won't YOU please
 PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE help out by donating at
 least a few dollars? If Canada's chess players
 don't come through, no team will go! **HELP!**

 We're getting access to a superior printer so
 next ACR we'll try going back to the computer!

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 copy of the crosstable of any rated tournament
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 you submit the rating report to the CFC! (Post-
 age and duplicating costs will be 'refunded' on
 request.). This rule was OFFICIALLY passed at
 the 1977 ACA Annual General Meeting. Failure to
 comply will necessitate some action by the ACA.
 The fact that some T.D.'s and/or clubs continue
 to refuse to supply reports to the ACA (and the
 ACR), despite repeated requests, necessitated
 the adoption of this rule!

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 Write any of the above care of the ACA office.

****Potential Qualifiers for the 1978 Alberta Clo-
 sed, please note:** entrants must have played in
 and completed their games in at least 2 tourna-
 ments in Alberta during the year prior to the
 Closed. Also, they must have a minimum rating
 of 1900. The winner of the 1978 Closed becomes
 Alberta's representative in the Canadian Closed,
 so all entrants must agree to go to that tourna-
 ment if they should win the Alberta Closed.

 Now for some tournament reports!

Lacombe Rating Tournament One (Aug - Sept 1977)
 The first tournament of the newly formed Lacombe
 Chess Club. Report by Neil Sharp.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
|--------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. N. Sharp, Lac. | xx | 10-- | 1111 | 5 / 6 |
| 2. R. Gaumont, RD | 01-- | xx | 1101 | 4 / 6 |
| 3. D. Parker, Lac. | 0000 | 0010 | xx | 1 / 8 |

D. Parker - N. Sharp (E80/a, B50)

- e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. Bc4 Nc6, 4. c3 Nf6, 5. d3 e6, 6. Qe2 Be7, 7. O-O O-O, 8. d4 d5, 9. Bd3 de, 10. Be4 Ne4, 11. Qe4 cd, 12. cd Bf6, 13. Be3 Qd5, 14. Qd5 ed5, 15. Nc3 Rd8, 16. a3 Bg4, 17. Ne2 Rd6, 18. Rfe1 Re8, 19. h3 Bf3, 20. gf3 Na5, 21. Nc3 Nc4, 22. Bf4 Rde6, 23. Re6 fe6, 24. Be3 Kf7, 25. b3 Nd6, 26. a4 a6, 27. f4 Rc8, 28. Ne2 Nf5, 29. Kf1 Rc2, 30. Ke1 Rb2, 31. Ra3 Be7, 32. Ra1 Bb4+, 33. Kd1 Ne3, 34. fe3 Rd2+ (0-1)

Lacombe--Red Deer Match (Sept. 1977)--N. Sharp

| Lacombe-6 | Red Deer-3 | | |
|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|
| | A. Quinn | J. Kaastrup | A. Grieb |
| N. Sharp | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| D. Parker | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| S. Leung | 1 | 1 | 0 |

- S. Leung - A. Quinn
- d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. g3 d5, 4. cd ed, 5. Nf3 Bd6, 6. Bg2 c6, 7. O-O O-O, 8. Nc3 h6, 9. a3 a5, 10. h3 Re8, 11. Re1 Nbd7, 12. Qc2 Nf8, 13. e4 de, 14. Ne4 Bf5, 15. Nf6+ Qf6, 16. Qc3 Bc7, 17. Be3 Bh3, 18. Bh3 Qf3, 19. Bg2 Qg4, 20. d5 Be5, 21. Qb3 cd, 22. Bd5 Ne6, 23. Rac1 Rab8, 24. Rc4 Qg6, 25. Bh6 Qh6, 26. Re5 Qf6, 27. Rce4 Nc7, 28. Re8 Ne8, 29. Rf4 Qd6, 30. Bf7 Kf8, 31. Bg6 (1-0)

Neil also submitted an interesting position from
 the game Parker-Kaastrup, but space considerations
 prevent it being included at this time.

1977 ALBERTA JUNIOR CLOSED Edmonton Nov 11-13

Andrew Zissos of Calgary qualified as Alberta's entrant in the 1977 Canadian Junior when he scored a fine 4½-½ in our Junior Closed. Calvin Domier of Edmonton finished a strong second, losing only to Zissos. Tournament Director was Murray Campbell.

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| 1. Andrew Zissos | 1768 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 4½ |
| 2. Calvin Domier | 1632 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 3. Doug Wyllie | 1732 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4. Rob Hawkes | 1581 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 5. Shamsheer Ali | 1658 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | ½ | 1 |
| 6. Ken Sawyer | 1712 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | x | ½ |

Zissos - Domier 1. e4 g6, 2. d4 Bg7, 3. Nc3 d6, 4. Be3 Nf6, 5. f3 0-0, 6. Qd2 Nbd7, 7. h4 c5, 8. Nge2 a6, 9. dc5 Nc5, 10. Bh6 b5, 11. 0-0-0 Qa5, 12. Kb1 e6, 13. h5 b4, 14. hg fg, 15. Bg7 Kg7, 16. e5 bc3, 17. ef6+ Kg8, 18. Qd6 Bb7, 19. Qh2 Rf7, 20. Nc3 Bd5, 21. Nd5 ed5, 22. Bd3 Rb7, 23. Bg6 Rb2+, 24. Kb2 Qb4+, 25. Kc1 Qa3+, 26. Kd2 Qb4+, 27. Ke2 Qc4+, 28. Kf2 Black resigns (1-0)

Zissos - Wyllie 1. e4 c5, 2. c3 d5, 3. ed Qd5, 4. d4 Nc6, 5. Nf3 Bg4, 6. Be2 cd, 7. cd Nf6, 8. Nc3 Qd7, 9. d5 Bf3, 10. gf3 Nd5, 11. Qd5 Qd5, 12. Nd5 0-0-0, 13. Ne3 Nd4, 14. Bd2 e5, 15. Bc3 Kb8, 16. Rd1 Bc5, 17. Kf1 Rhe8, 18. Rd2 Re6, 19. Nc2 Kc7, 20. Bd4 ed4, 21. Rg1 g6, 22. Bd3 Rf6, 23. Kg2 Rd5, 24. Be4 Rd7, 25. Rc1 Kb8, 26. Ne1 Bb4, 27. Rdc2 a6, 28. Nd3 Bd6, 29. Rc4 Re6, 30. Rd4 f5, 31. Nc5 Rc7, 32. Ne6 Rc1, 33. Rd6 and Black soon resigned. (1-0)

Wyllie - Domier 1. e4 g6, 2. d4 Bg7, 3. c4 d6, 4. Nc3 Nf6, 5. f3 0-0, 6. Be3 e5, 7. d5 Nh5, 8. g4 Nf4, 9. Ne2 Qh4+, 10. Bf2 Qe7, 11. Nf4 ef4, 12. Qd2 Bg4, 13. Qf4 Bd7, 14. 0-0-0 f5, 15. Qe3 fe4, 16. fe4 Bg4, 17. Be2 Be2, 18. Qe2 Nd7, 19. Rde1 Ne5, 20. Bg3 a6, 21. Rhf1 Qg5+, 22. Kb1 Qg4, 23. Qg4 Ng4, 24. c5 Be5, 25. cd6 cd6, 26. Be5 Ne5, 27. Kc2 Kg7, 28. Ne2 Nf3, 29. Rc1 Nh2, 30. Rf8 Rf8, 31. Nd4 Rc8+, 32. Kd2 Rc1, 33. Kc1 Kf6, 34. Ne6 Ng4, 35. Kd2 h6, 36. Kd3 Ne5+, 37. Kd4 g5, 38. Nd8 b6, 39. Nc6 Nf3+, 40. Ke3 g4, 41. Na7 Ne5, 42. Nc8 Nc4+, 43. Kf4 h5, 44. b3 Ne5, 45. Nd6 Nd3+, 46. Ke3 g3, 47. Kf3 h4, 48. Nf5 Ne1+, 49. Ke2 g2, 50. Kf2 h3, 51. Ne3 Nf3, 52. Ng2 h2 and White resigned. (0-1)

Hawkes - Wyllie 1. c4 Nf6, 2. Nc3 g6, 3. d4 Bg7, 4. e4 d6, 5. Bg5 0-0, 6. f4 Nbd7, 7. e5 de, 8. de Ne8, 9. Qc2 c6, 10. 0-0-0 Nc7, 11. h4 Ne6, 12. Nf3 Ng5, 13. hg5 Qb6, 14. g4 Qe3+, 15. Kb1 Qf4, 16. Qg2 Ne5, 17. Qh3 h6, 18. gh6 Bg4, 19. hg7 Bh3, 20. gf8=Q+ Rf8, 21. Ne5 Bf1, 22. Re1 Bc4, 23. Re4 Qf5, 24. Nc4 b5, 25. Ne3 Qf3, 26. Rf1 Qh3, 27. Re7 a6, 28. Rd1 Kg7, 29. Nc2 Qg4, 30. Re4 Qf3, 31. Nd4 Qg2, 32. Rde1 c5, 33. Nb3 c4, 34. Nc5 Rd8, 35. R4e2 Qc6, 36. N5e4 Re8, 37. Nd1 Qd5, 38. N5c3 Qd3+, 39. Ka1 Re2, 40. Re2 b4, 41. Re3 bc, 42. Rd3 c2 (0-1)

Andrew Zissos will be providing a report on the Canadian Junior for the next issue of the ACR.

A shorthand method of recording chess positions is the Forsythe Notation. The board is listed from White's side; Black pieces are lower case, white upper case. Begin with the 8th rank; put a '/' after each rank. An example is: r1b1r1k1/5pp1/p2p4/2p2P2/2QpP q2/B/PPP2B2/1K2R2R (Numbers give empty squares). white to move. This is the position mentioned on the last page.

Remembrance Day Long-weekend Opens

In conjunction with the Alberta Junior, it was decided to try a new format in weekenders in Alberta. Entrants would be placed in order from highest to lowest rating, and be put into 6-player round-robin sections (working from the highest player to the lowest in order). It was a lucky thing for us that exactly 30 players showed up, making it easy to form the sections! Here are the final crosstables for sections I to V; note that the ratings given are the very latest, i.e., some players changed from the list we had at the time; therefore, it may seem that some players are in the 'wrong' section.

SECTION I

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| 1. N. Fullbrook | 1956 | x | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 3 |
| 2. A. Milne | 1830 | ½ | x | 0 | ½ | 1 | 2 |
| 3. C. Evans | 2139 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | - | 2 |
| 4. I. Loadman | 1910 | ½ | ½ | 0 | x | ½ | 1½ |
| 5. K. Kuczaj | 1849 | 0 | 0 | + | ½ | x | 1½ |
| M. Frank | 1837 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | | |

SECTION II

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| 1. R. Chipperfield | 1774 | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 2. F. Buonaventura | 1819 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | ½ | 3½ |
| 3. R. Emond | 1504 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 4. G. Donaldson | 1619 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 | 3 |
| 5. T. Stochinsky | 1641 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | x | 1½ |
| 6. A. Fierlbeck | 1505 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 |

SECTION III

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. H. von zur Gathen | 1516 | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 2. B. Fitcher | 1442 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 3. K. Tilly | 1527 | 1 | 0 | x | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 4. J. Cenkovican | 1413 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 2 |
| 5. G. Bordeleau | 1449 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 |
| 6. J. Baser | 1317 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

SECTION IV

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. G. Benedict | 1528 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 2. Z. Sykora | 1339 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 3. R. Doo | 1356 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4. K. Frier | 1322 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 2 |
| 5. G. Grant | unr. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 |
| 6. D. Ludwing | unr. | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 |

SECTION V

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. H. Ducasse | unr. | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 2. W. Dodman | 1258 | 0 | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 3. Wita (computer) | 1170 | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4. D. Bilyea | 1184 | 0 | 1 | 0 | x | 0 | 2 |
| 5. J. Buchanan | unr. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 1 |
| 6. J. Vandenberg | 1125 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Fullbrook - Milne 1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. g3 g6, 3. Bg2 Bg7, 4. d3 d6, 5. Nc3 Nc6, 6. h3 h6, 7. e4 e5, 8. Be3 Be6, 9. d4 d5, 10. Ne5 Ne5, 11. de5 Ne4, 12. Ne4 de4, 13. Be4 Be5, 14. Bb7 Bb2, *16. Rb1 Qf6, 17. Ba8 Ra8, 18. Rb2! Qb2, 19. Bd4 Qb7!, 20. Qe2 Bh3, 21. f3 Bf1, 22. Qe5 Kf8, 23. Bc5+ and the game was drawn by repetition. (½-½) (* oops! 15. 0-0 0-0)

Fullbrook - Loadman 1. e4 c5, 2. f4 e6, 3. Nf3 Nc6, 4. g3 g6, 5. d3 Bg7, 6. Bg2 d6, 7. c3 Nf6, 8. 0-0 0-0, 9. h3 Ne8, 10. g4 f5, 11. Be3 b6, 12. Nbd2 Bb7, 13. Ng5 Qd7, 14. Qb3 Nc7, 15. gf Na5, 16. Qc2 ef, 17. Rad1 Rae8, 18. Rc1 h6, 19. Nf3 Rf7, 20. Nh4 Kh7, 21. Kh1 d5, 22. e5 d4, 23. cd cd, 24. Bg1 Ne6, 25. b4 Bg2+, 26. Ng2 Nb7, 27. Nf3 g5, 28. Bh2 Nbd8, 29. Qc8 Qd5, 30. Qc4 Rd7, 31. Qd5 Rd5, 32. Nc8 Bf8, 33. a3 a5, 34. Rb1 ab, 35. ab Re7, 36. Rb8 b5, 37. Ra1 Nc6, 38. Rc8 Nb4, 39. fg hg, 40. Ng5+ Ng5, 41. Rf8

Nh3, 42. Rf5 Nd3, 43. Bg3 R5e5, 44. Be5. Re5, 45. Re5 Ne5, 46. Ra5 d3, 47. Rb5 d2, 48. Ne3 Nf2+, 49. Kg2 Nc4, 50. Kf2 Ne3, 51. Rd5 d1=N+, 52. Ke2 Kg6, 53. Rd1 Nd1, 54. Kd1 Draw. (½-½)

1977 Calgary Chess Club Championship

Between the end of September and the 3rd of November the Calgary CC held its annual Championship Tournament. This year 60 players started out in what turned out to be a very strong tournament. It was a 6 round Swiss, with the first two rounds by accelerated pairings. Clear first (as expected) was A. Zaradic (5½-½), followed at 5-1 by P. Allan (= Top A), A. Zissos (Top Junior) and B. Szucs (= Top A). R. Pedersen, D. Wyllie and T. Patten tied for Top B, and K. Wilson, P. Usselman and R. Hawkes for Top C. J. Weitman was Top D, while the Top Unrated was D. Mulligan. Report by J. Schleinch. Here is the crosstable:

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1. A Zaradic | 2177 | =19 | +53 | +15 | +22 | +9 | +5 | 5½ |
| 2. P Allan | 1806 | +39 | +4 | +31 | +12 | =5 | =8 | 5 |
| 3. A Zissos | 1768 | +11 | +8 | +41 | -5 | +26 | +16 | 5 |
| 4. B Szucs | 1852 | +23 | -2 | +32 | +30 | +29 | +12 | 5 |
| 5. R Castle | 1853 | +33 | +21 | +13 | +3 | =2 | -1 | 4½ |
| 6. J MacIntosh | 1895 | +35 | -10 | +23 | +11 | =21 | +9 | 4½ |
| 7. J K.-Farkas | 1812 | =15 | +19 | -20 | +43 | +22 | +21 | 4½ |
| 8. K. Kuczaj | 1849 | +56 | -3 | +24 | +39 | +20 | =2 | 4½ |
| 4: 9-19: | R. Hawkes; W. Zwirner; P. Usselman; F. Kluytmans; R. Pedersen; J. Kralovic; T. Patten; E. Rosen; K. Wilson; J. Weitman; D. Wyllie. | | | | | | | |
| 3½: 20-22: | D. Mulligan; R. Chipperfield; G. Donaldson. | | | | | | | |
| 3: 23-37: | R. Nephew; A. Lindquist; B. Bentley; T. Schultz; N. Falls; R. Roche; D. Meier; B. Hamilton; B. Starkes; H. Bovbjerg; S. Faust; J. Solis; A. Marcotte; R. Short; P. Brauti. | | | | | | | |
| 2½: 38: | D. Belak. | | | | | | | |
| 2: 39-50: | E. Leong; A. Wong; D. Maguire; M. Kirkendall; R. Fohrmzway; B. Rusk; G. Dunning; V. Taerum; M. Poon; C. Fallis; R. Slood; Y. Veillette. | | | | | | | |
| 1½: 51: | R. Leavis. | | | | | | | |
| 1: 52-55: | J. Kamphuis; P. Sand; A. Menzel; s. Sköblack. | | | | | | | |
| 0: 56-58: | W. Coppin; I. Mohr; D. Cerny. | | | | | | | |

Castle - Zaradic 1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. ed ed, 5. Bd3 Bg4, 6. f3 Bh4, 7. Bg5 Be7, 8. Qe2 O-O, 9. O-O-O Re8, 10. Qd2 Nc6, 11. g4 Bg6, 12. Bg6 fg6, 13. h4 b5, 14. Nge2 Na5, 15. Nf4 Nc4, 16. Qd3 c6, 17. h5 gh, 18. Bf6 Bf6, 19. Nh5 h6, 20. f4 Qd6, 21. a3 Re3, 22. Qg6 Re6, 23. Qd3 b4, 24. Nb1 Re3, 25. Qf5 ba, 26. ba Rf8, 27. Qg6 Qb8 White resigned (0-1)

1977 Edmonton Chess Club Championship

Neither of the top two round-robin sections is finished yet. Evans has the inside track to take the Championship, however, Jim Cummins is not yet completely out of it. 10 players began play in section A, but Willis and Steele soon abandoned ship, leaving 8 in the fight. Rick Douziech has locked up first in B, an 11-man round-robin (originally 12, but, to the surprise of no one, Ali quit). Reports and games from these two sections will be in the next ACR.

Section C, a 40 player Swiss, did finish, and the final crosstable is in the next column. Tim Dean took first with 8½-1½, with Stanley Mah right behind, clear second, with 8-2. Harvey King was the Tournament Director.

Section C 1977 Edmonton C. C. Championship

| | | 1/6 | 2/7 | 3/8 | 4/9 | 5/10 | |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
| 1. T. Dean | 1463 | +35 | +5 | +11 | =3 | +16 | |
| | | +31 | +12 | -2 | +6 | +9 | 8½ |
| 2. S. Mah | 1541 | +30 | -16 | +22 | -27 | +7 | |
| | | +19 | +4 | +1 | +3 | +5 | 8 |
| 3. J. Cenkovic | 1413 | +22 | +32 | +13 | =1 | -4 | |
| | | +8 | +11 | =6 | -2 | +12 | 7 |
| 4. V. Verlik | 1448 | +21 | +23 | +17 | -16 | +3 | |
| | | -11 | -2 | +14 | +8 | +7 | 7 |
| 5. Hein | 1238 | +37 | -1 | -27 | +21 | +15 | |
| | | +17 | +16 | +11 | +12 | -2 | 7 |
| 6. G. Steele | 1307 | +40 | -13 | +32 | +17 | -19 | |
| | | +27 | +31 | =3 | -1 | +16 | 6½ |
| 7. B. Davies | Unr. | -9 | +25 | =8 | +28 | -2 | |
| | | +24 | +13 | +17 | =11 | -4 | 6 |
| 8. J. Barry | 1252 | +27 | -11 | =7 | +36 | +13 | |
| | | -3 | =19 | +25 | -4 | +17 | 6 |
| 9. A. Fierlbeck | 1505 | +7 | -17 | +23 | =13 | =12 | |
| | | -10 | +22 | +28 | +16 | -1 | 6 |
| 10. B. Thomas | 1402 | -17 | +21 | +33 | -31 | +20 | |
| | | +9 | -14 | -12 | +28 | +18 | 6 |

5½: 11-15: A. Berberakis; H. von zur Gathen; K. Affek; K. Tilly; R. Pietrzak.

5: 16-20: P. Beley; R. Schmidt; S. Quigg; P. Mielke; D. Harvey.

4½: 21-26: V. Celino; D. Paruk; J. Vandenberg; A. Bagdan; S. Embleton; H. Hartwig.

4: 27-31: W. Stevenson; P. Green; G. Hartwig; K. Lauterwald; P. B. Knudskov(7).

3½: 32-34: C. Climenhaga; A. Kuti; D. Klaehn.

2½: 35: D. Tilroe.

1½: 36: F. Henderson (4).

1: 37-39: B. Shepansky; E. Page(7); K. Sawyer (1).

0: 40: E. Neilsen(3).

(in brackets: number of games played)

World Student Team Championship Mexico 1977

Part II by Stephen Ball, Canadian Captain

After being slaughtered by the Soviets, we got going again for 1 round. We defeated Scotland 3-1 with only a few problems. I give my game against Swanson here, partly because it is the only one I have, and partly because I've never before seen a Queen so awkwardly placed as Swanson's was at move 32.

S. Ball (Canada) -- S. Swanson (Scotland)

1. d4 d6, 2. c4 e5?!, 3. e4?? (After 3. de de, 4. Qd8+ Kd8 White has a small initiative. Another alternative is 3. Nf3. The move played just loses a lot of time.), 3. ... ed, 4. Qd4 Nc6, 5. Qd1 (The Queen has no good retreat squares: 5. Qc3?? d5!, threatening to win the Queen by Bb4.), 5. ... g6, 6. Bd2 Bg7, 7. Bc3 (Black is playing a normal King's Indian Defense. I was playing White, and I have no idea what I was doing: White certainly stands worse at this point), 7. ... Nf6, 8. Nd2 O-O, 9. Bd3 Qe7, 10. Ne2 (Forced. After 10. Ngf3 Ne4, 11. Ne4 --11. Bg7?? Nc3+ wins the Q-- Bc3+, 12. bc f5, and Black gets the piece back with the better ending.), 10. ... Nh5, 11. O-O Bg4, 12. f3 Be6, 13. f4 Bg4 (Black probably should have tried developing his rooks, rather than indulging in this lengthy manoeuvre with the bishop, only to exchange it for a knight. In this case the bishop should have retreated to d7, not e6, followed by f5 and Rae8.), 14. Bg7 Kg7?!, 15. Nf3 Qf6 (Much better is Rae8. Now, the knight on h5 has nowhere to go.), 16. Qd2 Bf3, 17. Rf3

Nd4, 18. Rf2 Kg8, 19. Nc3 Qd8 (White obviously has the superior position, with more space and better development.), 20. g4 Nf6, 21. h3 Nd7, 22. Raf1 Qh4, 23. Qe3 c5, 24. Rg2 (Threatens g5, Rg4, Qg3, and Rh4, winning the Queen), 24. ... Qh6, 25. g5 Qg7, 26. h4 a6, 27. h5 Nc6 (Trying to exchange the Queens by Qd4.), 28. Qh3 Nb6, 29. e5! de, 30. Ne4 Rfd8 (Black gets mated very quickly in other lines: this one puts the Queen in the dungeon and the King on the rack.), 31. Nf6+ Kf8, 32. h6 Qh8, 33. Re2 Rd4, 34. Be4 Nd8, 35. Bd5 e4, 36. Rfe1 Nc4, 37. Re4 Black resigns. (1-0)

The 28th of July was our first rest day. We were all loaded onto buses and shipped out to the remains of a major Aztec city: Teotihuacan. We spent the day climbing through the ruins, and bargaining for trinkets at the small market nearby.

The final round of the preliminaries saw us playing Brazil. We expected Germany to defeat Scotland by at least 2½-1½ (and the early stages of the games indicated the score would probably be 3½-½). Thus, if we were to get into the A final, we would need a score of at least 3-1 against Brazil. This would drop Brazil into 4th place. Nurmi defeated Sunye on board 1 (see ACR, vol. 2, #4, for the gamescore), but Baragar, Taylor and Stone all lost.

Filguth (Brazil) -- Baragar (Canada) 1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nd2 Nf6, 4. e5 Nfd7, 5. Bd3 c5, 6. c3 Nc6, 7. Ne2 cd, 8. cd Qb6, 9. Nf3 f6, 10. ef Nf6, 11. 0-0 Bd6, 12. Nc3 0-0, 13. Bg5 Kh8, 14. Na4 Qa5, 15. a3 Qd8, 16. Re1 Qe8, 17. Bh4 Bd7, 18. Nc3 Qh5, 19. Bg3 Bg3, 20. hg3 Ng4, 21. Be2 e5, 22. de Nce5, 23. Nh4 Qh6, 24. Bg4 Ng4, 25. Qd4 Rf2, 26. Re7! Rd2, 27. Qb4 Qc6, 28. Rf1 Nf6, 29. Rf7 Be6, 30. R1f6!! Bf7, 31. Rc6 bc6, 32. Qf4 Black resigned. (1-0)

As I recall, Taylor sacrificed a pawn to gain several tempi, but Black's position was too solid and never appeared to be in serious danger. Stone reached a lost adjournment, and was not able to hold the position when it was resumed.

What was really disappointing was the fact that Germany finished with a 2-2 split against Scotland. Thus, all we needed was 2-2 against Brazil. Had Baragar and Taylor played a bit more cautiously, we might have managed to get that score.

It was a very demoralized Canadian team that faced Wales in the first round of the B-final. We actually lost the match 2½-1½. Taylor won a piece (and the game), Buchholz drew quickly. I managed to lose a drawn endgame, and Nurmi just didn't play very well.

Meanwhile, the Soviet machine started off the A-final with a 4-0 score against Germany. (Why couldn't they have done that in the preliminaries?!!) Romanishin made no mistake against Wockenfuss this time.

Romanishin (USSR) -- Wockenfuss (Germany) 1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 Nc6, 3. Nf3 Nf6, 4. g3 d6, 5. Bg2 g6, 6. d4 cd, 7. Nd4 Bg4, 8. Nde2 Bg7, 9. h3 Bd7, 10. 0-0 0-0, 11. Nd5 Rc8, 12. c3 Re8, 13. Be3 Ne5, 14. b3 Bc6, 15. Rc1 Qa5, 16. c4 Bd5, 17. ed5 b5, 18. f4 Ned7, 19. Nd4 bc, 20. Nc6 Qa2, 21. Rc4 Qa6, 22. Ra4 Qb7, 23. Ra7

Qb5, 24. g4 Nc5, 25. Ne7+ Re7, 26. Re7 Nb3, 27. g5 Nh5, 28. f5 Be5, 29. fg hg, 30. Qf3 f5, 31. gf Bg3 Black resigned. (1-0)

The second round matched Canada against the unknown Panamanian team (they had arrived too late to be included in the preliminaries). Nurmi drew on Board 1, Baragar won on Board 2 (at last!!), Ray Stone slaughtered his opponent, but Buchholz was unable to hold on, and finally gave up the ghost on move 77.

Stone (Canada) -- Gardellini (Panama) 1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 g6, 6. Be3 Bg7, 7. f3 Nc6, 8. Qd2 0-0, 9. Bc4 Bd7, 10. 0-0-0 Ne5, 11. Bb3 Qa5, 12. Kb1 Rfc8, 13. Bg5 Nc4, 14. Bc4 Rc4, 15. Nb3 Qe5, 16. Rhe1 Bc6, 17. f4 Qe6, 18. e5 de, 19. fe Nd7, 20. Nd4 Qg4, 21. Nc6 Rc6, 22. h3 Qb4, 23. Qd7 Rc3, 24. Bd2 Rac8, 25. Qc8+ (1-0)

The USSR scored only 2½-1½ against Brazil: Romanishin lost a long game against Sunye and Chavez held Belyavsky to a draw (the only ½ point Belyavsky gave up in the whole tournament!). The game I liked was:

Dorfman (USSR) -- Filguth (Brazil) 1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. d4 b6, 4. g3 Bb7, 5. Bg2 Be7, 6. 0-0 0-0, 7. Nc3 Ne4, 8. Qc2 Nc3, 9. Qc3 c5, 10. Rd1 Bf6, 11. Qd3 Nc6, 12. dc bc, 13. Qd7 Qb6, 14. Bf4 Rad8, 15. Qc7 Qb2, 16. Rdb1 Qe2, 17. Qb7 Ba1, 18. Qc6 Qa2, 19. Rf1 Rc8, 20. Qe4 h6, 21. g4 Rfd8, 22. g5 hg, 23. Ng5 g6, 24. Qb7 Rf8, 25. Nf7 Bd4, 26. Ng5 Black resigned. (1-0)

That was 5/7-ths of the material Stephen gave us for this report. Due to limited space, the rest, along with his next installment, will be in the January-February 1978 ACR. Stay tuned!

We received a letter from Robert Short of Calgary. He is the new President of the Alta Youth Chess Association (TAYCA). TAYCA has up to now been active only in Calgary (despite its name!), but the new executive seek to rectify the situation. ANYONE in Edmonton (or other areas of the Province) who is willing to accept some responsibility for helping TAYCA to get going in his area should write to them and let them know (TAYCA, P.O. Box 247, Stn M, Calgary, Alta T2P 2H9). TAYCA and the ACA are not connected officially in any way, but we are happy to help them when possible.

Short also had a few other comments. He mentioned "two nauseating encounters" (names of the players withheld!) in which the stronger players "in each case refused to accept a draw in a clearly drawing position". I sympathize, after all I remember such a game where I was on the losing end in the Alta Closed, but ...

He also commented on "that piece of irrational and totally unsolicited (?) editorializing which Murray Frank was allowed to include ... in a recent ACR. (condemnation of smoking) ... Surely, Mr. Frank, if smoking is indeed a health hazard, then the real victim is the smoker and the non-smoking opponent should be happy to have the advantage of playing a distracted, debilitated nicotine addict!"

I'll answer that 'silly' stuff above: BUNK!! Many smokers could give a hoot about where they blow their smoke, or where they put their ashes (all over floor and tables). I am bothered by smoke, and so are many others! No more space ... I'll continue next issue!

This will be a 5 round "divisional Swiss tournament". There will be 2 groups: A -- for players rated 1600 and up, and B -- for players who are rated under 1600. (Note: the 1600 dividing line may be changed if there is an imbalance of entries in any one group, or if making such a change can make each group an even number of players.)

Registration: Saturday, January 14, 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. ==*****

Where: General Services Building, U of A campus, 116 St & 91 Ave Room 559 (where else?!) PLAYERS MUST BRING SETS/BOARDS/CLOCKS

Entry Fee: \$6.00 (1/2 price for first time CFC and ACA members!)

Tournament Director: Bruce Thomas See you there! Bring a friend!

1978 CALGARY CLOSED *****

Begins January 25th at the Calgary Chess Club, which meets Wednesdays in the cafeteria of the Crescent Heights High School. It will be composed of round-robin sections formed by ratings, and will probably last for 7 rounds.

*** Registration will take place ONLY on January 4, 11 and 18!!! *****
*** NO entries will be accepted after the 18th!

Please bring your 1978 CFC and ACA cards, or buy any new one you need!

Speed chess will be played on January 11 and 18. Come out and support your club on nights when no tournament play takes place. The rent has to be paid regardless!

1978 EDMONTON CHESS CLUB OPEN !! *****

Always one of the strongest and most exciting tournaments of the Edmonton Chess Club season! This year's tournament promises to be even stronger. Expected entrants include four former or current Alberta Closed Champions: Stephen Ball, Gordon Campbell, Chris Evans and Murray Campbell, as well as such perennial tournament victors as Nigel Fullbrook, Len Steele, Eric Long, and many others. The 1978 Edmonton C.C. Open will be a 10-round Swiss tournament (to give everyone a chance at the above mentioned "experts"). There will be cash prizes to the top finishers overall as well as in each class group.

Entry fee: only \$5.00 / Juniors under 18 just \$3.50
All players must be Chess Federation of Canada, Alberta Chess Association, and Edmonton Chess Club members for the duration of the tournament. These memberships will be available at the time registrations are sold.

*** Registration: January 9, 7:30-11:30 and January 16, 7:00-7:20 --NOTE*****

The tournament will commence 7:30 January 16th. REGISTER IN TIME!!

Free entries to the Western Canada Open will be prizes at the two Clubs!

*** NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN !!! Edmonton March 4 & 5 Full details next time!

To be held at the U of A. Make your plans now to play in this event! We've had over 50 players the last 2 N.A.O.'s -- let's do it again! Prizes will be given to top finishers overall, and in each class.