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1979 Canadian Open Chess Championship

July 7 - July 15, 1979

Chateau Lacombe

Edmonton, Alberta

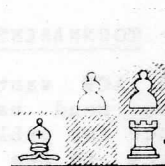
10 Round Swiss System Tournament

Class Prizes

Regional Prizes

Over \$5,000 Minimum Prize Fund

(All Entry Fees go into Prize Fund.)



PRIZE FUND

Class Prizes:

Expert, Classes A, B,
C, D, and Unrated -

First - \$100
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Third - \$50

(The above prizes will be raised if entry fees surpass the minimum prize fund.)

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Elsewhere.

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Overall:

First - \$1,000
Second - \$750
Third - \$550
Fourth - \$400
Fifth - \$250
Sixth - \$150
Seventh - \$100
Eighth - \$100
Ninth - \$50

Tournament Schedule:

Late Registration begins Saturday, July 7, 1979,
11:00 a.m., at the playing site, Third Floor, Chateau
Lacombe, Edmonton. (One half-point bye allowed
during first five rounds if director is notified prior to
round.)

First Round: Saturday, July 7, 6:00 p.m.

Second Round: Sunday, July 8, 11:00 a.m.

Third Round: Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Rounds Four through 8: Monday through Friday,
July 9 - 13, 6:00 p.m.

Ninth Round: Saturday, July 14, 1:00 p.m.

Final Round: Sunday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.

Awards Ceremony and Buffet: Sunday, July 15,
approximately 4:00 p.m.

Accommodations:

Chateau Lacombe is offering rooms at \$37.00 single
or double occupancy. The playing site is centrally
located in downtown Edmonton, near a number of
other hotels. The YMCA and YWCA are within
walking distance. A limited number of billets will be
available if requested before June 1.

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ENTRY FEES:

Before June 1, 1979 -

Senior \$35.00

Junior \$25.00

After June 1, 1979 -

Senior \$45.00

Junior \$35.00

All entrants must hold current membership in the Chess
Federation of Canada during the tournament. Junior category
is open to any entrant under the age of 18 as of July 15, 1979.
Rating order to be used: CFC, USCF, ELO, Northwest (U.S.).

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION, Membership Fees

Senior -- \$3.00
 Junior (under 18) -- \$2.00
 [valid to Dec. 31/79]

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 Alberta Chess Report (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. Family of a regular (not Junior) CFC member may join at half-price (without subscription to the Bulletin) provided their addresses are the same. Alberta CFC members must also be ACA members.

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

Check to see that all entrants in your rated tournaments are both CFC and ACA members for the duration of the event.

PLEASE send a copy of the final crosstable of your tournament to the ACA for publication in the ACR (tiebreak order, if possible). 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.

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There is still need for donations to help reduce the deficit which arose from sending Canadian teams to the Chess Olympiad. If you can help, please do so by sending your donation to us, or directly to the CFC. Thank you!

Participation rules for the Alberta Closed and the Alberta Junior Closed: All entrants in either of these two events must have at least 2 "participation points" in the year prior to each Closed (normally since the previous Closed). The following tournaments are worth 1 participation point each: Alberta Open, Northern Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open, Calgary and Edmonton Championships, plus any other major tournaments that may be put in this category should the situation warrant. All other Alberta tournaments are worth one-half a participation point each (must be CFC rated tournaments, and matches do not count). Note that participation points are not given to dropouts. Note also that juniors may get participation points through TAYCA tournaments. TAYCA members should see that organization's publication "Knight Moves" for further details.

TOP ALBERTA PLAYERS BY CFC RATING

1. C. Evans	Edmonton	2171
2. F. South	Calgary	2077
3. R. South	Calgary	2077
4. B. Brebrich	Calgary	2075
5. M. Rabljenovic	Calgary	2070
6. M. Campbell	Edmonton	2056
7. S. Ball	Edmonton	2051
8. N. Fullbrook	Edmonton	2016
9. I. Loadman	Edmonton	1962
10. K. Kuczaj	Calgary	1961
11. E. Long	Edmonton	1937
12. E. Rosenbloom	Edmonton	1936
13. L. Steele	Edmonton	1928
14. P. Allan	Calgary	1920
15. M. Frank	Edmonton	1911
16. G. Campbell	Edmonton	1910
17. H. King	Edmonton	1901
18. J. MacIntosh	Calgary	1882
19. R. Muskath	Calgary	1878
20. D. Ariel	Calgary	1867
21. S. Klamer	Calgary	1863
22. F. Buenaventura	Edmonton	1861
23. S. Purewal	Edmonton	1852
24. W. Litwinczuk	Calgary	1845
25. J. Kassay-Farkas	Calgary	1840
26. A. Milne	Calgary	1840
27. B. Taylor	Edmonton	1840
28. B. Willis	Edmonton	1840
29. R. Pedersen	Calgary	1836
30. B. Szucs	Calgary	1833
31. N. Sharp	Lacombe	1826
32. D. Wyllie	Calgary	1819
33. G. Raletich	Edmonton	1812
34. F. Kluytmans	Calgary	1809
35. J. Shiu	Calgary	1807
36. J. Flemming	Calgary	1806
37. R. Douziech	Edmonton	1805

The above list takes into account new ratings published in the September-October and November-December CFC Bulletins. Players who are known to be "inactive" and those who are no longer Alberta residents have been excluded from the list.

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Solutions to "Test your Chess".

#1: 1. Ng7+ Bg7, 2. Qh5+ Rh5, 3. Bg6+, winning the Exchange.

#2: 1. Nf6+ Ke6, 2. Re5+ Ke5, 3. Ne8!, winning a rook.

#3: 1. ... Qh2+, 2. Kh2 Rh6+, 3. Kg3 Ne2+, 4. Kg4 Rf4+, 5. Kg5 Rh2!, 6. Qf8+ Kf8, 7. Nf3 h6+, 8. Kg6 Kg8, 9. Nh2 Rf5, 10. Nf5 Nf4 mate!

#4: 1. Nc7+ Qc7, 2. Rc5 Qe7, 3. Re5 Qe5, 4. Qd7+ Kf8, 5. Rf1+ and mate.

TOURNAMENT REPORTSCANADIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.ALBERTAN FIFTH RANKED IN CANADA!

It has been many years since Alberta has had a person in the top five on the rating list or who is skilful enough to finish second in the National Championship. Mrs Urmila Das, of Calgary, has achieved both of these distinctions. At the Second Women's

Championship, held in Victoria, B. C., she finished in a tie for second place with Claire Demers of Quebec, behind the very experienced N. Shterenberg. Unfortunately, Mrs Das was not able to take part in a match to secure the second board on the Olympiad team, but she gained 120 rating points from this tournament to move into fifth place on the national ladies rating list, with 1512.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs Das!

ALBERTA OPEN

This year the Alberta Open Chess Tournament was held in Calgary on the Thanksgiving weekend, 7-9th of October. Fifty four players participated in the tournament of whom five were experts and eleven were A-class players. It was a long and difficult struggle, and five players tied for first place with a 5-1 score.

Chris Evans won on tiebreak, his first victory in this event, but the performance of Andrew Zissos is the outstanding feature. His rating should approach that of an expert as a result of this tournament, and his result was certainly not due to good fortune; for example, his draw against Evans was only as a result of his inexperience in time pressure.

Larry Barkwell also had a good tournament, in which he twice used the defence (if that's the right word) 1. e4 Nc6, 2. Nf3 f5!?. The one serious dispute came when Gordon Campbell's flag fell before he had completed his 45th move against Rob Hawkes (Campbell was winning easily at this stage). Campbell's claim that the flag was defective was eventually upheld, and the game was entirely replayed, Campbell winning.

1 C Evans	2171	+29	+7	=5	+9	+6	=2	5
2 M Rabljenović	2070	+48	+17	+13	=6	+4	=1	5
3 R South	2077	+37	+12	+18	-4	+10	+11	5
4 S Ball	2051	+25	+22	+35	+3	-2	+12	5
5 A Zissos	1796	+54	+23	=1	=10	+26	+18	5
6 K Kuczaj	1961	+39	+27	+24	=2	-1	+16	4.5
7 L Barkwell	1822	+47	-1	+42	+38	+9	=8	4.5
8 F South	2077	+40	-35	+21	+24	+13	=7	4.5

4: 9-15: J. MacIntosh, P. Allan, G. Campbell, W. Litwinczuk, R. Muskath, R. Hawkes, H. Bovbjerg

3.5: 16-20: S. Belzberg, J. Kassay-Farkas, A. Milne, I. Pattie, H. Knudsen

3: 21-34: S. Faust, J. Flemming, I. Loadman, J. Shiu, J. Weitman, L. Steele, T. Stochinsky, P. McFaul, J. Nemeth, Y. Veillette, A. Rico, M. Ormon, B. Fegyverneki, J. Stone
2.5: 35-36: R. Douziech, H. Bjorge

2.0: 37-47: K. Tilly, B. Palcic(/5), F. Schulz, T. Kolenchuk, J. Solis, K. Kelly, L. Perpina, V. Verlik, J. Vandenberg, M. Barkwell, T. Bosgra

1.5: 48-49: A. Fierlbeck, G. Cooper

1.0: 50-53: W. Rusk, K. Bodnar, M. Glasser, K. Hansen

0: 54: J. Mazac(/2)

T.D.'s J. Schleinich and W. Rusk.

We don't appear to have any other games from this event so here is a game from the last round which could have led to a clear winner had either player been prepared to take risks:

M. Rabljenović - C. Evans.

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nf3 d5, 4. Nc3 Be7, 5. e3 0-0, 6. Bd3 c5, 7. 0-0 Nc6, 8. h3 a6? {8. ... cd, 9. ed dc, 10. Bc4 =} 9. b3 b6, 10. Bb2 Bb7, 11. cd e1, 12. Rc1 Re8, 13. Bb1 cd, 14. Nd4 Nd4, 15. Qd4 Bc5, 16. Qh4 Ne4, 17. Qd8 Rad8, 18. Na4 Nd2, 19. Nc5 bc, 20. Rfd1 Nb1, 21. Rb1 {If Rc5 d4} 21. ... c4, 22. Bd4 Bc6, 23. Rbc1 Rdc8, 24. Rc3 cb, 25. ab Bb7, 26. Rdc1 Rc3, 27. Rc3 Rc8, Draw.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA OPEN September 16-17

The U of A Open was convincingly won by Fred South of Calgary who conceded a draw only in the last round in order to lock up clear first. His victories over Fullbrook and Ball are given below the table. Fellow Southerner Phil Allan was clear second with four points. Fast-improving S. Purewal, Winnipegger J. Babb, and M. Frank shared third place, while class prizes were won by: R. Short and C. Domier (top 1450-1800), and R. Anderson and S. James (top under 1450). A notable feature was the good performance of Tony Marsland's program Awit (alias Wita).

The tournament was marred by no fewer than seven withdrawals; usually following a loss to a lower rated player. This, of course, is disappointing, but with so many of these tournaments decided by tiebreaking it is very unfair to your opponents to withdraw for trivial reasons. We consider that entry into a tournament involves a moral obligation to complete the allotted number of rounds if at all possible. The Australian I.M., C. J. S. Purdy (former World Correspondence Chess Champion, and Editor of "Chess World") considered as always satisfactory only one excuse for withdrawal from a tournament: death of the player!

1. F. South	2026	+13	+3	+19	+6	=5	4.5
2. P. Allan	1867	=18	+8	=4	+7	+6	4.0
3. S. Purewal	1826	+11	-1	+22	+4	+8	3.5
4. J. Babb	2007	+24	=14	=2	=3	+11	3.5
5. M. Frank	1878	+10	-6	+13	+14	=1	3.5
6. N. Fullbrook	2002	+22	+5	+15	-1	-2	3.0
7. R. Short	1785	+21	-15	+9	-2	+14	3.0
8. C. Domier	1781	+17	-2	+23	+18	-3	3.0

2.5: 9-14: F. McFaul, R. Anderson, A. Wita, S. James, K. Tilly, H. King

2.0: 15-16: I. Loadman(/3), K. Kuczaj(/3)

1.5: 17-19: J. Vandenberg, R. Rosales(/3), S. Ball(/3)

1.0: 20-23: R. Doo, D. Bilyea, D. Cokleski(/3), A. Sykora(/3)

0.5: 24: J. Smit; 0: 25: R. Eriksson(/2)

N. Fullbrook - F. South

1. e4 Nc6, 2. d4 e5, 3. de Ne5, 4. f4 Ng6, 5. Nf3 Bc5, 6. Nc3 d6, 7. Bd3 Nf6, 8. Qe2 0-0, 9. Be3 Bb4, 10. Bd2 Bc3, 11. bc Re8, 12. Kd1 Ne4,

13. Be4 d5, 14. Bg6 Re2, 15. Bf7+ Kf7, 16. Ke2 Bg4, 17. Raf1 Qd7, 18. Be3 Re8, 19. Kd2 Bf3, 20. Rf3 Qb5, 21. Re1 c5, 22. Bf2 Re1, 23. Ke1 b6, 24. Be3 Qb1+, 25. Kd2 Qa2, and Black won.

F. South - S. Ball

1. e4 g6, 2. d4 Bg7, 3. c4 c5, 4. Nf3 cd, 5. Nd4 Nc6, 6. Be3 d6, 7. Nc3 Nf6, 8. Be2 0-0, 9. 0-0 Rd7, 10. Qd2 a6, 11. Rac1 Rc8, 12. f3 Ne5, 13. b3 Kh8, 14. Nd5 Be6, 15. Nf6 Bf6, 16. Ne6 fe, 17. f4 Nd7, 18. f5 ef, 19. ef Ne5, 20. fg hg, 21. Rc3 Rf7, 22. Qd5 Qd7, 23. Bd4 Rh7, 24. Kh1 Qc6, 25. Qe6 Qd7, 26. Rf6 ef, 27. Qf6+ Kg8, 28. Bf3 Qf5, 29. Bd5+ Nf7, 30. Bf7+ Kf8, 31. Qd6+ resigns (1-0). A logical and pleasing game.

CALGARY CHESS CLUB "WARM-UP".

Forty two players participated in this six round Swiss in which Kris Kuczaj, Jack MacIntosh, and Larry Barkwell emerged sharing the honours. The complete standings were:

1 K. Kuczaj	+23 +21 +3 =4 =8 +5	5.0
2 J. MacIntosh	+16 +9 -4 +15 +13 +8	5.0
3 L. Barkwell	+33 +20 -1 +24 +18 +9	5.0
4 J. Kassay-Farkas	+32 +15 +2 =1 -7 +13	4.5
5 A. Milne	+26 +10 =13 +7 +9 -1	4.5
6 J. Solis	-18 +39 +12 +F +15 =19	4.5

4: 7-12: J. Parrott, A. Zissos, B. Gnam, S. Faust, R. Muskath, I. Pattie

3.5: 13-17: R. Hawkes, J. Weitman, D. Maguire, Y. Veillette, D. Ferguson

3.0: 18-23: J. Mazac, W. Mueller (/5), F. Schulz, B. Bentley, J. Stone, A. Wolff

2.5: 24-30: V. Taerum (/5), T. Bosgra, B. Starkes, S. Ellis, J. Bezjack, M. Asif Shakur, A. Lindquist.

2.0: 31-36: J. Nemeth, D. Blitt, A. Menzel, G. Beaulieu, W. Rusk, M. Theilgaard (/3)

1.5: 37-40: I. Issa, Z. Zalan, H. Bovbjerg, J. Wansleben

0.5: 41: M. Kirkendall 0: 42: P. St. Louis

W. Rusk directed.

On October 25th a speed tournament was held which attracted sixteen competitors. Rob Hawkes won, ahead of Branimir Brebrich with John Parrott taking third place.

ALBERTA JUNIOR CLOSED

November 5-13

(report by S. Ball)

The Junior was an eight man round robin this year and for the first time was held under the authority of TAYCA. The first two rounds were played Nov. 5th, with Bill Gnam, Tim Dean, Ken Sawyer, and Dean Harvey playing in Edmonton, while Andrew Zissos, Rob Hawkes, Doug Wyllie, and Terry Patten played in Calgary. When all the players got together to finish the tournament in Calgary the following weekend, Gnam had the lead with 2 pts, while Zissos and Hawkes trailed with 1.5. In round 3, Gnam won

an exchange in the opening against Sawyer, but played carelessly and allowed a draw by perpetual check. Harvey blundered a piece in a slightly inferior position to give Zissos a share of the lead, while Patten agreed to a draw in a superior (but complex) position against Hawkes. Zissos and Gnam won their fourth round games without difficulty to reach 3.5-0.5 scores, while Hawkes lost, thereby finishing the round tied for 3rd to 5th with Wyllie and Sawyer at an even score of 2-2.

Round 5 saw a clash between the two leaders. Zissos won the exchange, relaxed for a moment, and was obliged to return the material. A draw was eventually agreed. Hawkes drew with Dean, and Patten with Harvey, while Doug Wyllie improved his position with his third win in a row to reach third place.

In round six Wyllie scored again, over Gnam, but Zissos defeated Sawyer to move ahead by a full point. Hawkes was in 4th place, 0.5 points behind Gnam and Wyllie.

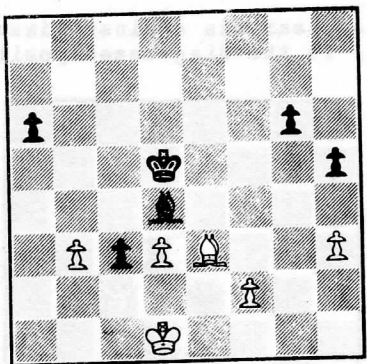
The seventh round was crucial to everyone except Zissos who had at worst a share of first place. Gnam faced Hawkes, while Wyllie had to contend with Zissos. Zissos and Hawkes both won, thereby qualifying for the Canadian Junior Closed (being held in Calgary in December of this year). Alberta is allowed two players by virtue of being the host region this year. Congratulations to all the players!

1. A. Zissos	1796	=2 +5 +8 +6 =3 +7 +4	6.0
2. R. Hawkes	1700	=1 +4 =5 -7 =6 +8 +3	4.5
3. B. Gnam	1649	+6 +8 =7 +5 =1 -4 -2	4.0
4. D. Wyllie	1819	-5 -2 +6 +8 +7 +3 -1	4.0
5. T. Patten	1651	+4 -1 =2 -3 =8 +6 =7	3.5
6. T. Dean	1613	-3 +7 -4 -1 =2 -5 +8	2.5
7. K. Sawyer	1702	=8 -6 =3 +2 -4 -1 =5	2.5
8. D. Harvey	1471	=7 -3 -1 -4 =5 -2 -6	1.0

Zissos - Gnam

1. e4 c5, 2. b3?! e6, 3. Bb2 d5, {Transposing into irregular lines of the French. Also good for Black is normal Sicilian-type development with Nc6, Nf6, d6, Be7, 0-0. Eventually White will probably be obliged to play d4 and may run into trouble down the c-file.} 4. ed ed, 5. d4 b6?! {Black equalises with Nf6, 6. Nf3 Nc6, 7. Be2 cd, 8. Nd4 Bb4+, 9. c3 Bc5= as in Fuderer-Fichtl, 1954. Black should not fear having an isolated pawn in these positions -- he is playing a Tarrasch position where White has forsaken normal plans in order to fianchetto his Queen Bishop.} 6. Nf3 Qe7+? {A mistake blocking normal development. Simply Nf6, Be7, 0-0, Nc6, Re8, etc., should be quite satisfactory.} 7. Qe2+? {Returning the favour. Development with Be2, 0-0, Re1 is called for. If 7. Be2 Ba6?, 8. c4 dc, 9. 0-0 is very embarrassing for the Black Queen. White has an effective lead in development of roughly four moves which should guarantee a quick win at this early stage of the game.} 7. ... Ba6, 8. Qe7+ Ne7, {Not Be7, 9. dc followed by Bg7} 9. Nbd2?! {The Knight has a poor future on d2. More to the point is 9. Ba6 Na6, 10. Nc3 followed by 0-0-0 and Rhe1. Black's pieces are very awkwardly placed in such lines. His d-pawn is very weak and he will almost certainly be forced to play f6 at some stage.} 9. ... Bf1, 10. Rf1?! {less natural but probably better is Nf1 followed by 0-0-0, Ne3, and Rhe1. The Nd2

interferes with the harmony of the White position.) 10. ... Nbc6, 11. 0-0-0 f6, (Not 0-0-0?? 12. Ng5 winning material) 12. Rfe1 Kf7, 13. Nf1 g6! (Neither player has handled the opening well, but it looks as though White is now making progress, whereas Black has just felt obliged to weaken the long diagonal to promote his development) 14. dc bc?? (Overlooking the threat. Black should interpolate Bh6+ before recapturing.) 15. Ng5+ fg, (Best. If Kg7, 16. Ne6+ Kf7, 17. Nc5 and Black has no compensation for the pawn.) 16. Bh8 d4, 17. Be5?! (To rescue the Bishop, but 17. c3 is much better, as Black now gets a bind on the black squares.) 17. ... Nd5, 18. Bg3 (Practically forced. Otherwise Nc3 threatening Re8 rescues the lost material.) 18. ... Nc3, 19. Rd3 g4! 20. Bf4 (To get the Nf1 in play and prevent checks on the c1-h6 diagonal. Black is threatening 21. ... Nb4, 22. Rd2 Bh6,) 20. ... c4!?, 21. Rc3! (Unwise is 21. Rd2?? Ba3 mate; also 21. Rg3?? Ba3+, 22. Kd2 Bb4 is winning for Black. The only other choice is 21. bc Ba3+, 22. Kd2 Bb4 after which (a) 23. a3 Ne4+, 24. Ke2 Be1, 25. Ke1 Re8 wins material, or (b) 23. Ra1 Re8 is also a disaster, and (c) 23. Kc1 Na2+ 24. Kd1 (if Kb2 Be1, 25. Ka2 Nb4+) Be1, 25. Ke1 Re8+, 26. Kd2 Nc3, 27. Ng3 h5, doesn't offer White any real chance of surviving.) 21. ... dc, 22. Nc3 cb, (Worse is 22. ... Ba3+, 23. Kb1 and the Bishop is badly placed (but not 23. Kd1 Rd8+, 24. Ke2 Rd2+, 25. Kf1 Bc5)) 23. ab h5, 24. Nd5 Bg7, 25. Be3?! (25. Bg5!?) Pe8 (The saving move) 26. Re8? (Missing the best winning chance by 26. Nc7 Re3, 27. fe when the passed centre pawn leaves White with a better ending) 26. ... Ke8, 27. Kd1 Kd7, 28. Be3 (Interesting but very risky is 28. b4 Ke6, 29. Nc7+ Kf5, 30. b5 Nd4, 31. Bd6 Be5, 32. Bc5 Ke4 but Black is winning this (I think). This isn't a line I'd recommend unless White absolutely had to win.) 28. ... Ke6, 29. Nf4+ Kf5, 30. Ne2 a6, 31. Ng3+ Ke6, 32. Ne2 Kf5, 33. Ng3+ Ke6, 34. Ne4 (Still trying to win. However Black's active King and pieces should enable him to draw without any difficulty, although his bad pawns make a Black win unlikely.) 34. ... Kd5, 35. Nc5 Bb4, 36. Nd3?! Nd3, 37. cd Be5!, 38. g3 (After this there are no more chances for a win.



going into the last round. The next dispute involved adjournments; many players wanted to know exactly when they would have to play more than six hours in a day (i.e., the regular game and an adjourned session). Biyiasas suggested that there should be an adjournment session played immediately after the round (say after a one hour break) so that as little analysis as possible could be done with outside help [Ed - presumably Biyiasas was concerned that his rivals for first place would gang up on him in analysis of unfinished games; in any case Biyiasas plays the endgame better than most Canadians so it would be to his advantage to have as little analysis as possible done]. Players objected to the lighting (which was fair), the tables (small), the chairs, etc ...

"In the first round I managed to fight fatigue and Biyiasas and emerged with a winning position in frantic time trouble but then blundered on the 39th move. I went to my billet with the family of Phil Morenz, who were generous and pleasant, but who lived in Etobicoke, which is one hour from Toronto by bus and subway. The next four rounds were a numbing collection of games which I would rather forget. I did manage to play a few games with which I was happy, but several were simply no contest, e.g. against Day, Spraggett, and Hebert. Coudari and Biyiasas managed to produce a dispute which many felt was the fault of Biyiasas, but the game was declared drawn. As Coudari missed the I. M. norm narrowly this game will probably be knocked flat by opposing advocates. [Ed.-- It was later decided by the C. F. C. that the game should be replayed. Biyiasas refused to play, so Coudari was awarded the game, and presumably the I. M. title.] Biyiasas was playing strongly before this dispute but lost a couple of silly games after it (he may have felt badly about the players signing a petition against him!). Hebert played steadily, recovering from successive losses to Coudari and Piasetski in later rounds. Nickoloff and Lipnowski both missed chances for the I. M. title; Lipnowski drew against Kirton in the 14th round and Nickoloff was obliterated by Harper.

R. South - B. Nickoloff

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 g6, 3. c3 Bg7, 4. d4 cd, 5. cd Nf6?, 6. e5 Nd5, 7. h4 Nc6, {7. ... h5 would weaken the Kingside but what happens is worse} 8. h5 d6, 9. h6 Bf8, 10. Bc4 de, 11. de Qa5+, 12. Bd2 Qc5, 13. Qb3 Be6, 14. Nc3 Nf4, 15. Be6 Ne6, {after the game Nickoloff suggested that 15. ... Nd3+, 16. Ke2 Qf2+, 17. Kd3 Rd8+, was better as 18. Kc2 Rd2+, 19. Nd2 Nd4+ but even here 20. Kc1 Nb3, 21. Bb3 is good for White} 16. Na4 Resigns (1-0) as a piece is lost.

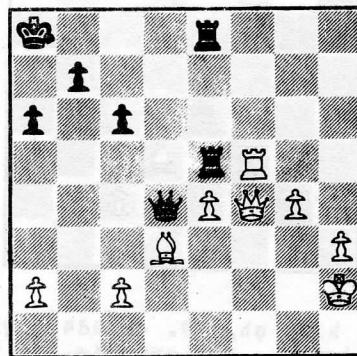
"By and large, though, my chess was more in the style of the games against Coudari and Piasetski, with mistakes on both sides and with victory going to the more patient and alert (or luckier). Unfortunately I've misplaced the complete score of my game with Piasetski, so here is the game against Coudari, which he needed for the title:

C. Coudari - R. South

1. c4 g6, 2. Nc3 Bg7, 3. g3 c5, 4. Bg2 Nc6, 5. Bb1 e6 {this plan is not part of theory, as far as I know, but it seemed a good idea against a nervous opponent} 6. a3 Nge7, 7. e4 {I thought 7. b4 was more thematic as Black now gets the

squares d4 and e5.} 7. ... d6, 8. Nge2 b6, 9. d3 Bb7, 10. 0-0 Qd7, 11. Be3 Nd4, 12. Bd4 {A typical Coudari plan; enterprising but not particularly sound} 12. ... cd, 13. Na2 0-0, 14. Nb4 e5, {or d5} 15. Qd2 f5, 16. Bh3 a5, {White prevents ... f5, but Black finds a way past the obstruction}, 17. Nc2 Qc7, 18. f3 Bc8, 19. b3 Kh8, 20. Bg2 f4 {this advance, depending on 21. gf Bh6, ensures a Black initiative on the Kingside} 21. b4 g5, 22. Rb2 Ng6, 23. g4 Nh4, 24. Nc1 h5, 25. h3 Bf6, 26. Ne1 Bd7, 27. Rf2 Kg7 {the Black Bishops are superior to the White Knights even though the position is blocked. The files under dispute are the b- and h-files and Black uses his Bishops to guard entry squares on the b-file.}, 28. Bf1 Rh8, 29. Qd1 Rh6, 30. Rh2 Qc8, 31. ba ba, 32. Qb3 Bc6, 33. Be2 Bd8, 34. Na2 Bc7, 35. Bd1 Rb8, 36. Qc2 Bb6, 37. Qh1 Qc7, 38. Rb3 R6h8, 39. Rbh2 Ba7, 40. Nc1 Rb3, 41. Nb3 a4, 42. Nd2 Qa5, 43. Kf2 Bc5, 44. Rb4, Kf6, 45. Nc2 hg, 46. hg Ng6, {White has no play as things stand so taking on b4 would be very generous. Instead Black hits on a winning plan: occupy the h-file and give mate!}, 47. Nf1 Qa8, 48. Rb2 Rh1, 49. Nb4 Bb4 {The sealed move. I looked at a couple of lines, saw a wonderful position and went to sleep.} 50. ab Qh8, 51. Ke1 Qh3, 52. Rf2 Nh4, 53. b5 Ng2+ {retreating the Bishop with the idea of Ng2, Rg2 Qg2, Be2 Rf1, Bf1 Qf3 was another idea but on move 50. Black missed the winning plan of 50. ... a3! The point will appear soon.}, 54. Rg2 Qg2, 55. Be2 Qg3+ {Were the a-pawn on a3 Black wins by ... Rf1+, 56. Bf1 Qb2. I was in time trouble as Coudari had played quite quickly up to the first adjournment}, 56. Kd2 Bd7, 57. b6 Rf1, 58. Qf1 Bc6, 59. Qb1 Qf2, 60. Qb4 Qe3+, 61. Kd1 Ke6, 62. b7 {The second adjournment and White has a win which we both found} 62. ... Qg1+ 63. Kc2 Bb7, 64. Qb7 Qe1, 65. Bd1?? {He forgets to play the winning move; 65. Qd5+ protects c4} 65. ... Qc3+, 66. Kb1 Qd3+, 67. Bc2 Qf1+, 68. Kb2 Qc4, 69. Bb1 {The position is a draw but Coudari is flustered and angry with himself} 69. ... Qc3+, 70. Ka2 Qc4+, 71. Ka1 Qc3+, 72. Ka2 Qc4+, 73. Ka3 Qc3+, 74. Ka4?? {The game is finally decided} 74. ... Qa1+, 75. Kb5 Qh1+, 76. Resigns (0-1).

"I missed a clear win against Piasetski at the adjournment. In the diagrammed position



"I sealed 41. Re5, which was best, and play continued; 41. ... Re5, 42. g5 c5, 43. Qf6! c4, 44. g6 cd, 45. cd??, and White lost. However, 45. g7 cd, 46. g8=Q+ Ka7, 47. Q8g5 and White wins.

"My thanks to the A. C. A. for paying my fare ; better luck to the next representative."

CALGARY JUNIOR CLOSED.

This tournament, run by TAYCA, was held to determine those Calgary juniors who would qualify for the Alberta Junior Closed. Andrew Zissos apparently qualified automatically and so did not play. The tournament was won by Doug Wyllie with a score of 4.5/5.0 (draw with Gnam), second was Terry Patten with 4.0/5.0, and third was Bill Gnam with 3.0/5.0. Rob Hawkes (2.0), Philip Chiu (1.0), and Graham Cooper (0.5) also played. Wyllie and Patten qualified for the provincial tournament automatically, Hawkes qualified by rating, and Gnam was added as an acknowledgement of his rapid progress, a decision amply justified by his fine performance in the final. Incidentally, there was no preliminary tournament in Edmonton; the three players were selected by TAYCA officials in Edmonton.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITIONS.

Simultaneous exhibitions are being scheduled on a regular basis in Edmonton in order to promote both the Edmonton Chess Club and the 1979 Canadian Open which will be held in the city July 7th to 15th.

At each exhibition, challengers from the public are given a free pass good for one nights dues at the Edmonton Chess Club. In addition, the exhibitions are designed to encourage people to begin playing organised chess and to prepare themselves for the Canadian Open.

Ian Loadman, Chess columnist for the "Edmonton Sun", conducted the first exhibition on Nov. 5th at the Centennial Library. He scored +41 =1 -4 in 4 1/4 hours. Stephen Ball took on the public on Nov. 25th at Abbotsfield Shoppers Mall, and lost only two games in four hours.

Other exhibitions are to be held in the first half of 1979 at Capilano Mall, Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre, Westmount Shopping Centre, and Southgate Mall. That at Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre will be held Feb. 14, 15 and 16th, 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Other exhibitions are still dateless, but will be announced at the Edmonton Chess Club meetings and in future Reports.

Arrangements for these simultaneous displays are being handled by Bruce Thomas who indicates he is seeking volunteers who can spare a Saturday morning or afternoon, or a weekday evening, to help either as a player or an information assistant. Interested persons can reach him at 466-5383 or on Monday evenings at the Edmonton Chess Club.

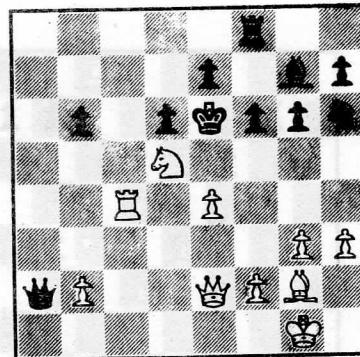
LETTERS.

We received a letter from Curtis Materi of Regina. It reads:

"The Alberta Chess Report has developed something of a following here in Regina. I found the May-June, 1978 issue particularly interesting. The games were well played and particularly well annotated. However, it would

be unusual for so many annotated games not to have a few mistakes. I'd like to point out what seem to be a few slight inaccuracies.

"In particular, the game Ball - Campbell (Alberta Closed) comes to mind. In Ball's analysis to 19. ... Bd5, he suggests the correct move instead as 19. ... Qa2. He gives as a continuation 20. Rfc1 Rc4, 21. Rc4 Kf7(?), 22. Ne6 Ke6, and then 23. Nb6, when Black can consolidate. I wonder, though, if Black's position can be taken seriously after 22. ... Ke6. Surely, White should not play to win the pawn but play instead 23. e5! (see diagram)



At the cost of a pawn (which Black must take) White lays waste to Black's position. Let's look at a few possibilities after 23. e5!

(1.) 23. ... Nf5?? 24. ef+ winning outright.
(2.) 23. ... de, 24. Nf4+ when if 24. ... Kf5, 25. Be4+ followed by h4 mate. or if 24. ... Kd7, 25. Qd3+ Ke8, 26. Qd5 forces a quick mate, or 24. ... Kd6 which allows mate in one.
(3.) 23. ... fe, 24. Rc7! when there are six possibilities:

(a) 24. ... Nf5, 25. g4 which wins the Knight (White mates shortly).

(b) 24. ... Ng8, 25. Nb6 Qb1+, 26. Kh2 Qf5, (or 26. ... e4, 27. Qg4+) 27. Qc4+ Kf6, 28. Nd7+ Kg5, 29. Qh4 mate.

(c) 24. ... Kf7, 25. Ne7 which wins shortly.

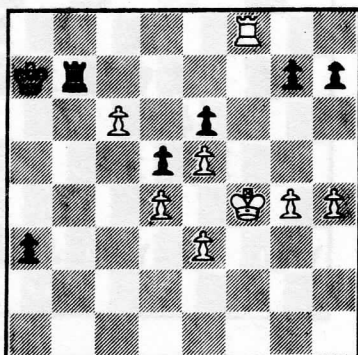
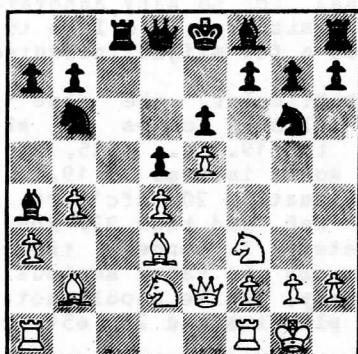
(d) 24. ... Rf7, 25. Nb6 Qb1+, 26. Kh2 followed by Bd5+ and Nd7+.

(e) 24. ... Qb1+, 25. Kh2 Re8, 26. Qc4!, when none of 26. ... Bf8, 27. Ne7+ Kf6, 28. Ng8+ or 26. ... Bh8, 27. Ne7+ Kf6, 28. Nd5+ or 26. ... Kf7, 27. Nf4+ Kf8, 28. Ne6+ Kg3, 29. Ng5+ Kh8, 30. Nf7+ Nf7, 31. Qf7 Rf8, 32. Qe7 Rg8, 33. Bd5 Qe1, 34. Qf7 and mate (there may even be something quicker than this last) are sufficient to save Black.

(f) 24. ... Re8, 25. Nb6 Qb1+, 26. Kh2 Nf8, (if 26. ... Bf8, 27. Be4! Qa1, 28. Qf3) 27. Bd5+ Kf6, 28. Nd7+ Kg5, 29. Qd2+ Kh5, 30. Bf3 mate.

"These lines look fairly conclusive, which just goes to show that you should not play games with your king when the rest of your position is falling apart.

"Another slight inaccuracy was made by Baragar in his analysis of his game with Donaldson (p8). In the position in the second diagram, Donaldson played 14. g3! to which Baragar commented that he wasn't really threatening Nf4 because of the answer 15. Bb5+ in reply. However 14. ... Nf4 is a threat as after 15. Bb5+ Ke7! Black wins material.



"Also interesting was the game R. South - J. Cummins (p12). In the position in the third diagram, Cummins played 45. ... Rb8, but 45. ... a2!, 46. cb Kb7, gives Black a queen and chances to win (it is very hard for him to lose because the White king becomes exposed and Black can always settle for a perpetual, it would seem)."

We thank Curtis for this fine analysis, and would only point out in fairness to the annotators concerned that their notes had to be prepared in a short time.

FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS.

Edmonton.

U. of A. Winter Open (brrr!).

To be held in the General Services Building, U. of A., (the usual place on the fifth floor), this five round Swiss takes place on the weekend of 13-14th of January. \$5 entry fee.

Edmonton Chess Club Open.

A ten round open tournament to be played each club night at the Aquatic Centre rooms. Entry fee: \$8; kick off on Jan. 15th, register Jan. 8th please.

Northern Alberta Open.

To be held on the weekend of March 3-4th in the General Services Building, U. of A. Entry fee \$7 (\$5 for Juniors). Five rounds.

Calgary.

Calgary Chess Club.

A new tournament starts Jan. 10th; register Jan. 3rd. Rosedale Community Centre, 800-11 Ave NW. For further information call John Schleinich at 288-6721.

TEST YOUR CHESS.

The first two and fourth positions are winning for White, the third for Black. Can you discover how? In the second and third, as a hint, try to trap the enemy king with your knight! As usual, the first is rather easy, the others a little more testing. Solutions on p. 2 but you shouldn't need them!

