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U. of A. WINTER OPEN



January 19 & 20

→ Registration: 9:00-9:30 a.m.

5th Floor General Services Building
91 Ave & 116 St

Entry: Seniors \$8.00, Juniors \$6.00

BRING YOUR OWN CLOCK!! (No clocks will be available at the tournament site due to the conflict of this event with the Winter play downs.)

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CALGARY OPEN CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

→ Registration: January 2 ONLY

★ First Round January 9
8 Round Swiss

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EDMONTON CHESS CLUB OPEN

→ Registration: January 7, 14 & 21

★ First Round January 21
6 Round Swiss

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● ADVANCE NOTICE -- Northern Alberta Open ▲

This Swiss tournament will be run on the weekend of March 1 & 2 on the 5th floor of the General Services Building, 91 Ave and 116 St, U of A. Further details next ACR. Plan to attend!

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

TOP 30 ALBERTA PLAYERS BY CFC RATING

1. S. Ball	Edmonton	2144
2. C. Evans	Edmonton	2134
3. F. South	Calgary	2112
4. R. South	Calgary	2109
5. M. Rabljenovic	Calgary	2073
6. S. Briem	Edmonton	2069
7. D. Ross	Calgary	2063
8. J. Babb	Edmonton	2052
9. B. Brebrich	Calgary	2048
10. M. Campbell	Edmonton	2021
11. A. Zissos	Calgary	2007
12. R. Hawkes	Calgary	1988
13. N. Fullbrook	Edmonton	1976
14. I. Loadman	Edmonton	1975
15. G. Campbell	Edmonton	1961
16. L. Barkwell	Calgary	1953
17. M. Frank	Edmonton	1948
18. E. Rosenbloom	Edmonton	1935
19. I. Yearwood	Calgary	1934
20. P. Allan	Calgary	1892
21. K. Kuczaj	Calgary	1891
22. E. Long	Edmonton	1890
23. A. Milne	Calgary	1889
24. D. Ariel	Calgary	1864
25. W. Litwinczuk	Calgary	1864
26. S. Klamer	Calgary	1863
27. F. Parrott	Calgary	1863
28. J. MacIntosh	Calgary	1861
29. A. Hangartner	Leduc	1855
30. L. Steele	Edmonton	1844

The above list takes into account new ratings published in the November-December issue of Chess Canada Echecs.

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Membership Fees

Senior -- \$3.00
Junior (under 18) -- \$2.00
{valid 1 year from month of purchase}

ACA members receive a subscription to the bimonthly Alberta Chess Report.

Each membership submitted should include the member's full name and address, and CFC (Chess Federation of Canada) number, if known. Please indicate if the membership is new or a renewal.

"Family memberships" (same family, same address, bought at same time) are available at the rate of one membership at the regular cost (\$3, unless all are juniors), and the rest at half-price. One ACR per household.

CHESS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The Foundation administers and invests a fund of money which has evolved through sale of CFC Life Memberships (see CFC Yearbook, p. 17), donations, etc. The interest is given annually to the Chess Federation of Canada to support country-wide chess activities. If you would like to contribute to help the fund grow and boost Canadian chess, then won't you please send your donation to the Foundation to: Martin Jaeger, Chairman, Chess Foundation, 409-3311 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1M 1R1. Mr. Jaeger will also be glad to handle any request for information.

Membership in the CFC is required for all those who wish to play in rated tournaments. Alberta CFC members must also be ACA members. CFC dues for Albertans, including ACA dues, are:

Senior -- \$13
Junior (under 18) -- \$8

CFC memberships are valid one year from date of purchase. Along with your membership you will receive the bimonthly publication "Chess Canada Echecs". This magazine is produced by Jon Berry, CFC Business Manager, and it would be well worth your while to join the CFC just to receive it! Why not join if you are not yet a member or your membership should be renewed? Send your dues to us, join at your local club, or write directly to the CFC (Box 7339, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 8E4).

Juniors who wish to get a "participating CFC membership" (includes CFC Yearbook; can play in rated events; no CFC magazine, but you get the ACR), can join for \$5. Family memberships (same family, same address, bought at the same time) in the CFC can be purchased (first membership at the adult rate, the rest \$5 each plus half-ACA dues; one magazine per household).

HELLO TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND ORGANIZERS

We would like to announce your tournaments in the ACR! Please send us full details far enough in advance for publication.

Please check to see that all entrants in your rated tournaments possess current ACA and CFC memberships. A list of ACA members is available on request to directors and organizers.

PLEASE send a copy of the final crosstable of your tournament to us for publication in the ACR (in tiebreak order, if possible). A written report plus game scores would be a definite asset. The quality of our report on your tournament depends very much on what you send us.

OLYMPIAD FUND

Since the Federal Government obstinately refuses to recognize the value of chess, the CFC must go hat-in-hand to its members for financial help in sending our team to the 1980 Olympiad. The total cost for last year's Olympiad venture was \$10,312.03, and 1980 will probably require a like amount. Won't you make a donation, no matter how small? Clubs are invited to hold events wherein a "cut" of the entry fees goes to this Fund, and they might consider making a donation from their general revenues. Stronger players might hold simultaneous displays and forward the "profit" to the Olympiad Fund. Donations should be sent to: CFC Olympic Fund, Box 7339, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 8E4 -- thank you in advance!

CHESS COMPUTER RAFFLE

Val Verlik won the Chess Challenger 7 computer in the December 10 draw at the Edmonton Chess Club. Val had purchased 4 of the 240 tickets sold. The \$130 "profit" will be donated to the Olympiad Fund (see details of that Fund above). The draw was made by D. McDonald (a bystander who was not a ticket holder). Len Steele conducted the raffle on behalf of the Fund.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Alberta Junior Closed

This year's Alberta Junior Closed differed from past events in that two of its participants -- Andrew Zissos and Rob Hawkes -- had already qualified for the Canadian Junior Closed by other means. Thus, what was at stake was whether a third Alberta junior would be playing in the national championship in December.

Despite a large number of upsets, the tournament was fittingly decided by the 6th round encounter between Rob Hawkes and Bill Gnam, the two strongest players remaining in the tournament. Gnam needed only a draw to take first place, but after achieving a strong position from the opening, he failed to find his way through the maze of complications created by Hawkes, and so lost the game.

Hawkes thus becomes the 1979 Alberta Junior Champion, in spite of a forfeit to Gardner in an early round (Hawkes slept in!!), and a draw with Stacey Nichols. Notable performances were turned in by both Peter Patsula and Stacey Nichols, who tied for 2nd place with 4/6. Patsula's record is all the more impressive if it is considered that he defeated Zissos (last year's champion) before the latter dropped out of the tournament.

1. R Hawkes	X	.5	1	1	1	OF	1	-	4.5
2. S Nichols	.5	X	.5	0	1	1	1	.5	4
3. P Patsula	0	.5	X	.5	1	1	1	1	4
4. B Gnam	0	1	.5	X	0	1	1	-	3.5
5. C MacKay	0	0	0	1	X	1	0	-	2
6. R Gardner	1F	0	0	0	0	X	1	-	2
7. D Bilyea	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	-	1
A Zissos	-	.5	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.5

Hawkes - Gnam

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 d6, 3. Nf3 e6, 4. d4 cd, 5. Nd4 Nf6, 6. Bg5 a6, 7. f4 Be7, 8. Qf3 Qc7, 9. 0-0-0 Nbd7, 10. g4 b5, 11. Bf6 Nf6, 12. g5 Nd7, 13. Rg1 b4, 14. e5 Bb7, 15. Ne4 de, 16. fe Nc5, 17. Bd3 Qe5, 18. Nc6 Qc7, 19. Rgf1 Rf8, 20. Nc5 Qc6, 21. Nb7 Bg5+, 22. Kbl Qf3, 23. Rf3 Be7, 24. Bc4 1-0.

TD: S. Ball REPORT: A. Zissos

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Tenth North American Computer Chess Championship

Belle was seeded first in this event, but was edged out in the last round by Chess 4.9. Unfortunately, we do not have the deciding game for publication -- the second round draw with Chaos is however, not uninteresting.

1. CHESS 4.9	+ 9	+ 8	+ 3	= 2	3.5
2. BELLE	+ 5	= 4	+10	= 1	3
3. DUCHESS	+ 7	+10	- 1	+ 4A	3
4. CHAOS	+12	= 2	+ 8	- 3A	2.5
5. L'EXCENTRIQUE	- 2	+12	+ 9	= 6	2.5
6. MYCHESS	-10	+ 7	+11	= 5	2.5
7. AWIT	- 3	- 6	+12	= 9	1.5
8. BLITZ 6.9	+11D	- 1	- 4	=10	1.5
9. OSTRICH	- 1	+11	- 5	= 7	1.5
10. SARGON 3	+ 6	- 3	- 2	= 8	1.5
11. BS'66'76	- 8D	- 9	- 6	+12T	1
12. RUFUS	- 4	- 5	- 7	-11T	0

T=time, D=Default, A=Adjudication

Belle - Chaos

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. e3 c5, 5. Bd3 0-0, 6. a3 Bc3+, 7. bc Nc6, 8. Ne2 d6, 9. e4 e5, 10. d5 Na5, 11. 0-0 b6, 12. f4 Qe8, 13. fe de, 14. Bg5 Nh5, 15. Qc2 Ba6, 16. Qa2 Qa4, 17. g4 Nf4, 18. Nf4 ef, 19. Bf4 Bc4, 20. Bc4 Nc4, 21. Kg2 Ne5, 22. Qe2 Rfe8, 23. Rfe1 Nc4, 24. Qa2 Na5, 25. Kf3 f6, 26. d6+ Kh8, 27. Qd5 Qd7, 28. Qf5 Rad8, 29. Qd7 Rd7, 30. e5 fe, 31. Re5 Re5, 32. Be5 Nc4, 33. Bf4 b5, 34. a4 g5, 35. Bg5 ba, 36. Ra4 Nd6, 37. Ra5 Rf7+, 38. Bf4 c4, 39. Rc5 Rf8, 40. Rc6 Nf7, 41. Kg3 Kg7, 42. Rc4 a6, 43. Rc7 Ra8, 44. c4 a5, 45. c5 a4, 46. Be5+ Kf8, 47. Bb1 a3, 48. c6 Ra6, 49. Bf6 Ra8, 50. Rb7 a2, 51. c7 Rc8, 52. Rb8 Nd6, 53. Kf4 Ke8, 54. Rc8+ Nc8, 55. Kg5 Kd7, 56. Kh6 Kc7, 57. Kh7 Nd6, 58. Be5 Kd7, 59. g5 Nf7, 60. Bb2 Ng5+, 61. Kg6 Nf3, 62. Kf5 Nh2, 63. Ke4 Kc6, 64. Kd4 Kb5, 65. Kc3 Ka4, 66. Kc2 Nf3, 67. Bf6 Ka3, 68. Be7+ Ka4, 69. Kb2 a1=Q+, 70. Ka1 draw.

Thanks to Dr. Tony Marsland for providing the information for this report!

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Edmonton Chess Club 1979 Open Swiss

This 51 player Swiss tournament saw Carlos Tobias in the lead up until the last round, when unrated Alan Reid managed to take a point away from Tobias to finish in a tie for first.

1. Tobias	+31	+20	+ 7	+27	+ 6	+ 3	+ 4	- 2	7
2. Reid	-14	+26	+47	+19	+27	+16	+ F	+ 1	7
3. VZGathen	+33	+12	+19	+14	+11	- 1	= 7	+10	6
4. Knudskov	+35	+23	+10	- 6	+32	+ 5	- 1	+16	6
5. Bath	+40	+13	-27	+12	+14	- 4	+ F	+11	6
6. Culham	+26	+47	+28	+ 4	- 1	+15	- F	= 7	5.5
7. Johansen	+24	+25	- 1	= 8	+34	+21	= 3	= 6	5.5
8. Affek	+46	-10	+42	= 7	+28	+14	-11	+18	5.5
9. Stevenson	-10	-44	+41	+39	=20	+28	+17	+14	5.5

5.0: 10. P. Patsula, 11. V. Verlik, 12. H. Bjorge, 13. J. Baser.

4.5: 14. J. Vandenberg, 15. G. Steele, 16. N. Layseca, 17. T. Kolenchuk, 18. A. Calderon, 19. A. Berberakis, 20. W. Hennig, 21. D. McAllister, 22. D. McDonald.

4.0: 23. S. Skoda, 24. K. Beaulieu, 25. P. Beley, 26. J. Potocska.

3.5: 27. V. Celino, 28. G. Wilkinson, 29. R. Fortune, 30. C. Bertrand, 31. K. Lauterwald.

2.0: 32. S. Quan, 33. H. Vos, 34. P. Mielke, 35. W. Lagran, 36. E. Page, 37. K. Parker, 38. R. Frost, 39. D. Smith.

2.5: 40. G. Glazebrook, 41. S. Brown, 42. J. Stolte(/5),

2.0: 43. D. Tilroe.

1.5: 44. J. Ventura, 45. P. Remillard.

1.0: 46. B. Kemick(/3), 47. J. Toutant(/3).

0.5: 48. R. Bowland(/5), 49. B. Wong(/3).

0.0: 50. T. Cameron(/3), 51. T. Stochinsky(/2).

TD: Bruce Thomas

BKCC Autumn Swiss

The Black Knight Chess Club held a six round "Autumn Swiss" with sixteen participants. Hans Palloks scored an impressive 5.5 points for a clear first place win. Art Marcotte, Zoltan Zalan and Jaime Solis all shared a tie for second place with four wins apiece.

1. H. Palloks	+15	+7	+3	+6	=5	+2	5.5
2. A. Marcotte	+16	-5	+9	+3	+6	-1	4
3. Z. Zalan	+9	+4	-1	-2	+7	+5	4
4. J. Solis	+10	-3	+11	-5	+9	+7	4

3.5: 5. M. Glasser, 6. L. Perpina

3: 7. H. Bovbjerg, 8. A. Leonard, 9. H. Krause, 10. B. Rusk

2.5: 11. R. Slood, 12. M. Bayle, 13. M. Grewe

2: 14. J. Hodgson

1: 15. W. Molinari, 16. S. Hansen

TD and Report: W. Rusk

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Grey Cup Tornado Tournament

Nigel Fullbrook knocked off Fred South on his way to a perfect score of 4.0 in the Grey Cup Tornado, played November 24 at the University of Alberta. South, the highest rated player in the 18-man field, also was upset by Richard Douzich. Douzich, George Raletich and David Johansen all suffered only one loss to tie at 3 points each.

The tournament was played at the rate of 45 moves per hour. The first round started at 9:30 a.m. and before 6 p.m. the fourth and final round was over.

1. N. Fullbrook	1976	+17	+8	+7	+2	4.0
2. G. Raletich	1756	+13	+14	+5	-1	3.0
3. D. Johansen	1672	+16	-7	+6	+10	3.0
4. R. Douzich	1824	-14	+15	+12	+7	3.0
5. N. Sharp	1823	+12	=6	-2	+8	2.5
6. F. McFaul	1473	+18	=5	-3	+9	2.5

2.0: 7. F. South, 8. T. Kolenchuk, 9. R. Mastre, 10. H. von zur Gathen, 11. J. Smit, 12. J. Potocska, 13. M. Bertovic.

1.0: 14. D. Bilyea, 15. K. Hruday, 16. P. Remillard, 17. D. Soluk.

0.0: 18. D. Lawrence.

TD and Report: Bruce Thomas

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SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

On November 17th and 18th the Calgary Chess Club hosted the Southern Alberta Open. This tournament, a four round Swiss, attracted 36 players from many parts of Alberta. The top rated player, after losing his third round game to N. Fullbrook, decided to watch a football game instead, and dropped out of further competition. The top spot was shared by three players after N. Fullbrook drew an endgame with D. Ross, having 2 pawns and a knight against Dave's rook. The complete standings were as follows:

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

1. N. Fullbrook	1976	+6	+30	+18	=4	3.5
2. A. Zissos	2007	+24	=12	+15	+9	3.5
3. B. Gnam	1826	=22	+33	+23	+8	3.5
4. D. Ross	2063	+5	+11	=9	=1	3
5. J. Solis	1711	-4	+31	+27	+13	3
6. P. Rispler	1707	-1	+32	+17	+16	3
7. R. Douzich	1824	-8	+36	+30	+15	3

2.5: 8. R. Hawkes, 9. K. Kuczaj, 10. A. Rico, 11. B. Paicic, 12. H. Palloks, 13. A. Jones, 14. J. Parrott

2: 15. S. Nichols, 16. J. Vocelle, 17. D. Bjojin, 18. S. Ball (/3), 19. J. Flemming, 20. J. Keresztes, 21. T. Bosgra

1.5: 22. Y. Veillette, 23. C. Mackay, 24. D. Johansen, 25. K. Parker, 26. M. Clarke, 27. F. McFaul, 28. J. Smit, 29. R. Slood

1: 30. L. Perpina, 31. T. Lockert, 32. H. Bovbjerg, 33. S. Company, 34. G. Cooper, 35. K. Alperstein

0: 36. R. Baptiste

S. Ball - N. Fullbrook

1. g3 Nf6, 2. Bg2 d5, 3. f4 Bf5, 4. d3 e6, 5. Nf3 c6, 6. c3 Qb6, 7. Qb3 Nbd7, 8. Nbd2 Bc5, 9. Qb6 Bb6, 10. h3 O-O, 11. Nf1 Rfe8, 12. Be3 c5, 13. g4 Bg6, 14. Nh4 h6, 15. Ng6 fg, 16. g5 Nh5, 17. Bf3 Bc7, 18. Rg1 Nf4, 19. gh gh, 20. Bf4 Bf4, 21. Rg6+ Kh7, 22. Rg4 Ref8, 23. d4 cd, 24. cd Rac8, 25. Ng3 Rf7, 26. e4 Bd6, 27. Nh5 Rc2, 28. Bg2 Rff2, 29. Rg7+ Kh8, 30. Rd7 Bb4+ 31. Kd1 Rfd2+ 0-1

TD and Report: J. F. Schleinich

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Edmonton Chess Club Championship

In spite of some rather unusual circumstances surrounding his games, Leonard Steele succeeded in capturing the Edmonton Chess Club Championship. It would seem that he plans to take the trophy every tenth year -- the last time he won this event was in 1969! It seemed that fate was on his side when he overstepped the time limit in one game, but his opponent missed the golden opportunity for a free point. Another game was played to a draw, after which his opponent confessed to having violated the "touch move" rule while Steele was absent, and conceded the game!

N. Fullbrook - L. Steele

1. e4 e6, 2. Nc3 d5, 3. g3 de, 4. Ne4 Bd7, 5. Bg2 Bc6, 6. Qh5 Nf6, 7. Nf6 Qf6, 8. Bc6 Nc6, 9. Ne2 g6, 10. Qb5 O-O-O, 11. O-O h5, 12. d4 Rd5, 13. Qb3 h4, 14. c4 Rd4, 15. Be3 Rd7, 16. Rfd1 hg, 17. fg Rd1+, 18. Rd1 Bh6, 19. Bf2 Rd8, 20. Rd8+ Qd8, 21. Qa4 Qd2, 22. Kf1 Be3, 23. Be3 Qe3, 24. b4 Qd3, 25. Qb5 Qb1+, 26. Kf2 Qb4, 27. h4 Qd6, 28. Nf4 Qd4+, 29. Kg2 Qe4+, 30. Kh2 a6, 31. Qc5 Qc2+, 32. Kh3 Qf5+, 33. Qf5 ef, 34. Nd3 b6, 35. h5 gh, 36. Kh4 Kd7, 37. Kh5 Ke7, 38. Kg5 Nd4, 39. c5 f6+, 40. Kg6 a5, 41. cb cb, 42. Nf4 b5, 43. Nd5+ Ke6, 44. Nf6 b4, 45. Nh5 Ke5, 46. Nf4 Ke4, 47. Kg5 a4, 48. Nh3 Kf3, 49. Nf4 b3, 50. ab a3 and Black won with no further difficulty.

1 L Steele	1844	X	1	.5	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
2 G Raletich	1756	0	X	1	1	1	1	0	1	5
3 I Drummond	1739	.5	0	X	1	.5	1	1	1	5
4 R Patsula	1661	0	0	0	X	.5	1F	1	1	3.5
5 A Skeel	1803	0	0	.5	.5	X	0	.5	1	2.5
6 N Fullbrook	1976	0	0	0	0F	1	X	.5	1	2.5
7 F Borloi	1745	0	1	0	0	.5	.5	X	0	2
8 R Douzich	1824	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1

Junior vs Senior Training Tournament

A training tournament pitted four of Calgary's (and Alberta's!) best juniors against four top "senior" players. As can readily be seen from the crosstable, the seniors didn't have an easy time!! With Dave Ross, Andrew Zissos and Rob Hawkes all having qualified to play in the Canadian Junior Closed this year, an event of this caliber should give them a good means of preparation. An excellent idea put into practice by Gerry Donaldson, who both organized and directed the event.

	FS	RS	MR	KK	T	
Dave Ross	2063	.5	1	.5	0	2
Andrew Zissos	2007	1	.5	.5	1	3
Rob Hawkes	1988	0	0	0	.5	0.5
Bill Gnam	1826	.5	0	1	.5	2
						7.5

	DR	AZ	RH	BG	T	
F. South	2112	.5	0	1	.5	2
R. South	2109	0	.5	1	1	2.5
M. RabiJenovic	2073	.5	.5	1	0	2
K. Kuczaj	1891	1	0	.5	.5	2
						8.5

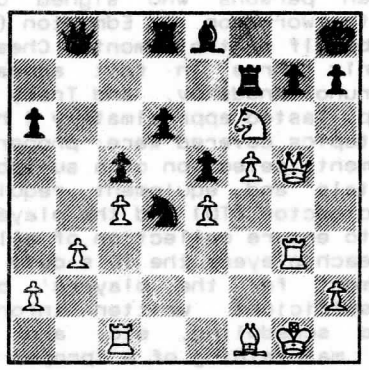
CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION RULES

All entrants in the Alberta Closed and the Alberta Junior Closed 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 (run at the city clubs), plus any other major tournaments that may be put in this category (e.g., the 1979 Canadian Open). All other Alberta tournaments are worth one-half a participation point each if they are CFC rated tournaments (matches do not count). Participation points are not given to dropouts. Note: juniors may also get participation points through TAYCA tournaments (the value of most is less than one-half point). TAYCA members should consult that organization for further details.

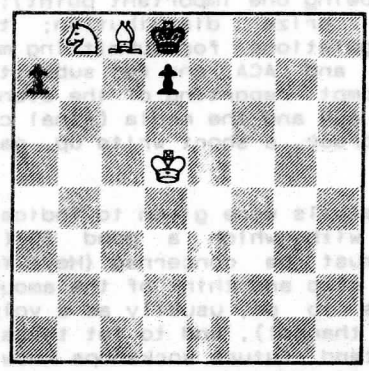
TEST YOUR CHESS
by C. Evans

White has mating material in #2, but must avoid further material loss (or must he?). See #3 last month for a clue. The third diagram is a variation of the theme in several famous Reti studies. It seems impossible for White to draw, and there is the threat of ... Bf5+ to deal with. The Black bishop can go to c8 to both protect its own pawn and prevent White's promoting.

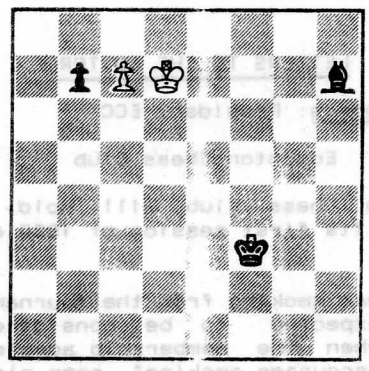
#1. Daskalov - Padevsky, 1971
White to play and win



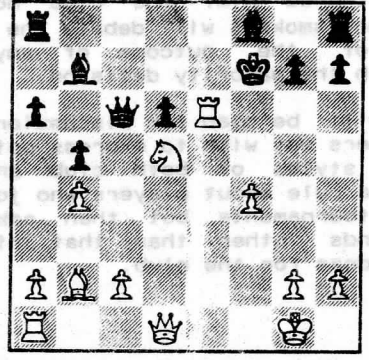
#2. Study, J. Gunst, 1922.
White to move and win.



#3. Study, A.V. and K.V. Sarychev, 1928
White to move and draw



#4. Saverymattu - Juhnke, 1971
White to move and win



Tournament Directors' Workshop

Of the seven persons who signed up for this November 28th workshop in Edmonton (run by Len Steele on behalf of the Edmonton Chess Club and the ACA) only three in fact appeared: David Johansen, Bruno Knudskov, and Tracy Kolenchuk. The workshop lasted approximately 2 hours. Some of the many topics covered were: proper promotion of a tournament; selection of a suitable playing site; materials and equipment required by the tournament director (TD) and the players; use of entry forms to ensure collection of all necessary data about each player; the TD's duty to conduct the tournament for the players' benefit by providing sufficient written information on rules, round scheduling, etc. and up-to-date crosstables; maintaining of a "proper tournament atmosphere"; the need for accuracy and consistency while directing; the rules of tournament chess (especially the tricky ones!); how to make proper Swiss pairings (color allocation being one important point); running a round-robin; prize distribution; tiebreaking systems; regulations for submitting memberships to the CFC and ACA, and for submitting rating reports; prompt reporting of the event to Chess Canada, the ACR and the media (final crosstables in tiebreak order, a short write up, game scores, etc.); etc.

The above details were given to indicate some of the things with which a good TD (and a good organizer) must be concerned {Hey! You players out there: stop and think of the amount of work your TD has to do, usually as a volunteer and with little thanks!}, and to let those who might wish to attend future workshops know what they can expect. If your group can guaranty a minimum attendance of 5 persons and you wish a workshop to be held in your city or town, contact Leonard Steele at the ACA office address. Further arrangements can then be made.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Bruce Thomas: President ECC

Edmonton Chess Club

The Edmonton Chess Club will hold a general meeting at its first session of 1980 on January 7, 7:30 p.m.

A motion to ban smoking from the tournament games area is expected to be considered. Since September, when the membership adopted a vague policy to "discourage smoking", some players have been agitating for a complete ban. One player quit the club -- in the midst of a game -- because smoke from his opponent and others severely bothered him. The club hopes both smokers and non-smokers will debate the issue and regardless of the outcome of any motion, cooperate with the majority decision.

The floor will be open for discussion of other matters. Members may wish to express opinions on: lengths and styles of both club and weekend tournaments; a rule about players who join Monday night club tournaments but then ask to play several rounds other than that night; and promotional ideas for the club.

From Joseph W. Terichow, Surrey, B.C.:

In ACR Sept-Oct 1979, I looked with startled interest at the game B. Brebrich - F. South (E63 King's Indian Defence). The Informant number is, of course, not E63, but D73/d. White's 8th move should be given a ?. A good plan would be 8. Bd2!?, as in Smejkal-Sax, Belgrade 1977. The game continued ...Nd7, 9. e3 e5, 10. d5 Ne7, 11. e4 h6, 12. Ne1 c5, 13. Nd3. At this point, the reader will see that White has now combined the g3 variation in wonderful fashion with an idea in the variation D99/d, which goes: 1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. Nc3 Bg7, 4. e4 d6, 5. Be2 O-O, 6. Nf3 e5, 7. O-O Nc6, 8. d5 Ne7, 9. Ne1 Nd7, 10. Nd3. A similar combining of ideas occurs in the Old Indian Defence variation R73/a: 1. c4 e5, 2. Nc3 Nf6, 3. Nf3 d6, 4. d4 Nbd7, 5. Bg5 c6, 6. e3 Qa5!?, when Black has appeared, until move 4, to be playing the English opening R33/a, but transposes to the Old Indian.

It's a good idea to give, as much as possible, Informant numbers to all games appearing in ACR. I hope that I can contribute a few ideas to the readers of ACR.

[My apologies to readers who interpreted E63 as being an Informant designation -- it is actually the coding used by the Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings. Thanks to Mr. Terichow for his most interesting and informative letter. In future, I shall give both Informant and ECO codings. Editor.]

SO YOU'RE GOING TO WITHDRAW?

If, during a tournament, you wish to withdraw, then PLEASE give notice as soon as possible. The Tournament Director has to make pairings for the next round, and he needs to know if you will not be coming. It is not a nice thing to have people simply drop out -- their scheduled opponent then has to sit around, and, since he entered the tournament to play, he surely is entitled to have someone to play! So, kindly give notice when you must withdraw. The ACA has a rule that dropouts can be charged \$5 before they can enter another ACA event. Please be considerate. Thank you.

"Yearwood's September Swiss", Calgary

This tournament was organized and directed by Imlach Yearwood. As of December 14th 1979, the ACA has not received information to show that Mr. Yearwood has submitted the ACA and CFC memberships and fees which he collected. Furthermore, no report has been received for rating by the CFC. It is unfortunate that this has occurred, and, though the ACA is not responsible for this happening, we do wish those concerned to know who is the cause of the problem. Mr. Yearwood will not be allowed to hold a rated tournament in Alberta without first clearing up the mess of his first such venture.

Organizers and Tournament Directors should check with the ACA before permitting Mr. Yearwood to play in any events requiring CFC and/or ACA membership.

SOLUTIONS TO TEST YOUR CHESS

- #1. 1. Qg6 hg, 2. Rh3 mate.
- #2. 1. Bb7! Kc7, 2. Ba6 Kb8, 3. Kd6 Ka8, 4. Kc7 d5, 5. Bb7 mate. An elaboration of Troitzky's position, the main point of which is that after 1. Ba6 Kc7 White has no way to lose a tempo without destroying his mating possibility. Thus 2. Kc5 d6+, 3. Kd5 Kb8, 4. Kc6 d5 =. Another interesting point is the strong mutual defence of the knight and bishop after, for example, 1. Bb7 a5, 2. Na6.
- #3. 1. Kc8! (Impossible but true!) b5, 2. Kd7 (Threatening Kc6) Bf5+, 3. Kd6! b4, 4. Ke5 Kg4, 5. Kd4 =. White's first move drives the Black pawn to an exposed position (!) and his third retains the option of attacking either pawn or bishop.
- #4. 1. Rf6+ Kg8 (or 1. ... Ke8, 2. Qe2+ Kd8, 3. Rf8+ +- ; 1. ... gf, 2. Qh5+ Kg8, 3. Nf6+ Kg7, 4. Nd7 +-) 2. Rf8+ Kf8, 3. Bg7+ Ke8 (3. ... Kg7, 4. Qg4+ Kf7, 5. Qf5+ Ke8, 6. Re1+ Kd8, 7. Qf6+ +-) 4. Qh5+ Kd8, 5. Bf6+ +-

GRAND PRIX 1980

The ACA announces the Grand Prix 1980 to promote better competition at all levels of chess and encourage more participation throughout the year. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each of three sections:

- OPEN open to all (including Amateur and Novice)
- AMATEUR open to all rated 1400-1699
- NOVICE open to all under 1400 & unrated

Points will be awarded based upon a person's finish (divided equally for ties), and the number of participants in a tournament.

All residents of Alberta are eligible, and any OPEN tournament held within the Province of Alberta may have Grand Prix points awarded provided it is CFC rated and a copy of the Final Crosstable (one sent to the CFC for rating) is sent to the ACA soon after completion of the event.

Complete details will appear in a later issue of the ACR.

Report: David Johansen

Alberta Winter Games Report

Chess is being promoted heavily around the province in order to attract the interest of new players in the 1980 Alberta Winter Games Chess Tournament and in organized chess in general. The Winter Games chess competition will be held February 29 to March 1 in Grande Prairie.

The tournament itself and playdowns leading to the Grande Prairie 5-round Swiss final are a first for the provincial games. While these events are for novice players only (defined as unrated or under 1400 CFC rated), it is expected that future Games -- winter or summer -- will have an open chess competition.

Playdowns for the 1980 Games are being held in 8 zones. Edmonton held its playdowns December 15

and 16. Other playdowns and their preregistration contacts are:

Zone 1 -- Saturday, December 29 at the Taber Community Center; contact Keith Nishi, Bow Island, 545-6425.

Zone 4 -- January 19 and 20 at Red Deer's Dawe Centre; contact Allan Quinn, 12 Pearson Cres., Red Deer, 346-4872.

Zone 5 -- January 19 and 20 at the Jubilee Manor, Barrhead; contact Ken Tilly, General Delivery, Westlock, 349-5647.

Zone 7 -- January 19 at Bonnyville Agriplex; contact Bonnyville Recreation Office, Box 308, Bonnyville, 826-3496.

Zone 8 -- January 12 and 13 at Valleyview Polar Palace; contact Bruce Thomas, Box 541, Slave Lake, 849-4033.

For Calgary and Zone 2 (Calgary area) playdowns, entrants should contact John Schleinich, 3916 Vardell Rd NW, Calgary, 288-6721. The top three finishers in both junior and senior classes at each zone playdown will have the right to advance to the Grande Prairie finals. There is no entry fee for the playdowns for current ACA members. The playdowns and finals will not be rated, so CFC membership is not required; however, clocks will be used.

Upcoming Edmonton Chess Club Tournaments

Edmonton's 1980 tournament season will begin early with a speed tournament or special novelty tournament planned for Monday, January 14. Details will be announced at the January 7 Edmonton Club general meeting.

A regular weekend tournament in the form of the University of Alberta Winter Open will be held January 19 and 20. Registration for the 5-round event will take place 9:00-9:30 a.m. on the 5th floor of the General Services Building, 91 Ave & 116 St, U of A. Entries will also be taken in advance at the Edmonton Chess Club; fees are \$8.00 for seniors and \$6.00 for students showing a valid student card. ACA and CFC membership is required.

Monday night rated tournament action will resume at the Club on January 21 with an open tournament at the Kinsmen Sports Centre. The 6-round Swiss will last through February. Entry fees and other details will be posted at the Club in early January. Another open 6-round Swiss will begin at the Club in early March. Watch for further details in the ACR and at the Club.

1979 ACA Annual General Meeting

As you know, circumstances prevented this meeting from being held at its normal time. As a compromise solution, the Calgary and Edmonton Chess Clubs split the duties of holding meetings to elect the ACA Executive and Directors for 1980. Those persons elected held their first meeting on December 23rd in Calgary to formulate ACA plans for the next year and years to come.

The Interzonal Crosstables

Riga, Latvia 1979.09.04--10.04	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	+	-
1. Tal (USSR) 2615	X	1	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	14	11	
2. Polugaevsky (USSR) 2625	0	X	½	½	1	1	1	1	0	½	1	1	1	½	½	1	1	1	11½	8	2
3. Adorjan (Hungary) 2525	½	½	X	0	0	1	½	1	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	7	2
4. Ribli (Hungary) 2595	½	½	½	X	1	0	0	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	½	½	1	1	11	7	2
5. Gheorghiu (Romania) 2540	0	½	1	0	X	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	10½	7	3
6. Romanishin (USSR) 2560	0	0	1	1	½	X	1	0	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	10½	7	3
7. Larsen (Denmark) 2620	½	0	0	1	½	0	X	0	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	½	1	10	7	4
8. Kuzmin (USSR) 2565	0	0	½	½	0	1	1	X	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	1	9	5	4
9. Miles (England) 2560	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	0	X	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	7	6
10. Tseshkovsky (USSR) 2560	0	1	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	X	0	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	9	5	4
11. Tarjan (USA) 2525	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	X	0	1	0	0	1	½	1	8	4	5
12. Grinfeld (Israel) 2430	½	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	½	1	X	0	1	0	1	½	1	7½	4	6
13. Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) 2590	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	1	X	½	1	½	1	0	6½	3	7
14. Bouaziz (Tunisia) 2420	½	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	0	1	0	½	X	½	0	1	1	1	5½	3	9
15. van Riemsdyk (Brazil) 2435	½	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	0	1	1	0	½	X	½	½	0	5½	2	8
16. Mednis (USA) 2510	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	1	½	X	½	1	1	5½	2	8
17. Trois (Brazil) 2415	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	1	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	X	½	5	2	9
18. Rodriguez (Philippines) 2370	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	0	1	0	1	0	½	X	4	2	11

Rio de Janeiro 1979.09.22--10.22	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	+	-
1. Portisch (Hungary) 2640	X				0	1	1	0	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	0	11½	9	3
2. Petrosian (USSR) 2610		X				1			1				1	1	1	1	1	1	11½	6	
3. Hubner (W.Germany) 2595			X		1		1	1		1	0					1	1	1	11½	7	1
4. Timman (Netherlands) 2625				X			0	1	1		1	1		1			1	1	11	6	1
5. Sunye (Brazil) 2375		1	0		X	0	1	0	0		1	1		1	1				9½	6	4
6. Ivkov (Yugoslavia) 2525		0	0			1	X		1	1							1		9½	4	2
7. Balashov (USSR) 2600		0	0	1	0		X		1							1	1		9	4	3
8. Torre (Philippines) 2520		1	0	0	1	0		X	0	0			1	1	1	1			9	6	5
9. Sax (Hungary) 2590		0	0		0	1		0	1	X		1	0	1	0	1	1	1	9	7	6
10. Shamkovich (USA) 2495			0			0		1		X	1		1	1	0	0			8½	4	4
11. Smejkal (Czechoslovakia) 2550				1	0	0				0	X		1	0		1	1		8½	4	4
12. Vaganian (USSR) 2570		0			0	0						X	0	1	1	1	1	1	8	4	5
13. Garcia, G. (Cuba) 2490		0	0					0	1	0	0	1	X	1	0		1		7½	4	6
14. Velimirovic (Yugo.) 2515		0		0	0				0	0	1	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	7½	5	7
15. Harandi (Iran) 2410		0	0		0	0	1	1		0	1	0	X	0		1			6½	4	8
16. Bronstein (Argentina) 2555		0	0					0	0	1	0	0		0	1	X	1		6	3	8
17. Hébert (Canada) 2365		0	0					0	0	0	0	0					X	0	4½		8
18. Kagan (Israel) 2445		1	0	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0	1	X		4½	2	10

Our own Jean Hébert, as can be seen, did not do too well. But remember that he performed up to his FIDE rating and that only Yanofsky, Suttles and Biyiasas have done better than him. Vaitonis, Fuster, and Vranesic all did worse in their day.

Stolen from 'The News #15' by Jonathan Berry

The playoff match between Adorjan and Ribli was 'won' by the former.

The pairings for the Candidates Matches are as follows:

- Petrosian - Korchnoi (Again!!)
- Spassky - Portisch
- Adorjan - Hubner
- Tal - Polugaevsky

Sources predict that the Petrosian - Korchnoi match will be held in Iran, with Ayatollah Khomeini as match arbiter. (This is a grudge match, with fireworks in the offing, in case you haven't already guessed.)