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Alberta "Grand Prix"

Grand Prix events have been very popular. A \$250 ACA grant and a \$1 per player fee per event give an estimated prize fund of \$500+. Open: 1st-40%, 2nd-20%; Under 1800 (Jan 1 rating): 1st-25%, 2nd-15% (% total prize fund). Each player's score is prorated on a "6-round basis". A player's best 6 results count toward the Grand Prix total. (For the 1986 Grand Prix winners, see the article in this issue.)

1987 Grand Prix:

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| Trumpeter Classic | Grande Prairie | Jan 17-18 |
| Red Deer Open | Red Deer | Feb 7-8 |
| Northern Alta Open | Edmonton | Feb 21-22 |
| (Spring Open) | Calgary | Mar 21-22 |
| Clsd Qualifier Open | Red Deer | Apr 17-19 |
| Victoria Wknd Open | (TBA) | May 16-18 |
| Over/Under 1800 | Red Deer | Sep 5-7 |
| Alberta Open | Grande Prairie | Oct 10-12 |
| November Open | Edmonton | Nov 7-8 |
| 1987 S. Alta Open | Calgary | Nov 28-29 |

TRUMPETER CLASSIC

Grande Prairie, January 17 & 18

(phone for site; Trumpeter Inn?)

5-round Swiss

Entry Fee \$20

Rounds at: Sat. -- 10/1/5; Sun. -- 9/1

Organizer: Steve Harding (539-0333)

Please bring your chess clock

No Smoking. No Computers.

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RED DEER OPEN

Red Deer, February 7 & 8

G.H. Dawe Community Centre

(just off 67 St overpass)

5-round Swiss / Entry Fee \$15

Register 9-10:00 a.m. Saturday

Information: Jens Kaastrup (346-6380)

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NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN

Edmonton, February 21 & 22

Edmonton Chess Centre, 15110 Yellowhead Trail

(upstairs; west of Yellowhead Inn)

5-round Swiss / Time Control 45/2

Entry Fee \$15 (Juniors \$10)

Register 9-9:50 a.m. Saturday

T.D.: Len Steele

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SWAN CITY OPEN

Grande Prairie, March 28 & 29

(site to be announced)

5-round Swiss

Entry Fee \$20 / Time Control 45/2

Organizer: Steve Harding (539-0333)

(phone for information)

Please bring your chess clock

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CLOSED QUALIFIER OPEN

Red Deer, April 17, 18 & 19

G.H. Dawe Community Centre

(just off 67 St overpass)

6-round Swiss / Entry Fee \$25

Information: Jens Kaastrup (346-6380)

Open only to those who have NOT played

in 1987 Calgary Closed or Edmonton Closed

(winner qualifies for Alberta Closed!)

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ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

(also see Junior Chess Section)

This is the last info we had. Phone for confirmation.

Boyle CC. Branko Georgijevic (689-2476; Box 558, Boyle T0A 0M0). **Meets:** (contact Branko).

Black Knight CC. Barney Fegyverneki (244-5814; #2308, 840-9 St SW, Calgary T2P 2T1). **Meets:** Mount Royal College E-Library, 4825 Richard Rd SW, Tues., 7:30.

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

Jan 14 - Feb 25. Calgary Closed.

Mar 11 - Apr 22. Calgary Open.

May 6 - Jun 10. Spring Open.

Jun 24. "Last" chess night; skittles.

Jan 7, Mar 4, Apr 29 & Jun 17. Grand Prix Speed

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

Edmonton CC. David Johansen (487-9240; 17956-57 Ave, Edmonton T6M 1P4), Tom Karpa (455-2704). **Meets:** 15110 Yellowhead Trail (upstairs; west of Yellowhead Inn). Tues. 7:00-11:00 (main rated tournament night); Sat. 11:00-5:00 (approx.; usually skittles, but tournaments may be held). Schedule:

Jan 13. Registration for '87 Closed and Reserves.

Jan 20 - Mar 3. Edmonton Closed Championship; Edmonton Closed Reserves.

Mar 10. Completion of unfinished games.

Mar 17 - Mar 31. Quads (4-player RR's).

Apr 14 - May 2. Holowach Challenge and Shnitka Memorial (class tournaments).

May 19. Speed chess.

May 26 - Jun 23. Spring Hexagonals (6-player RR's).

Jun 30 - Sep 1. (watch for details).

Sep 8. Annual General Meeting.

Fort McMurray CC. Max Burry (791-3528; 157 Greely Rd, Fort McMurray T9H 3Y7). **Meets:** (contact Max).

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

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

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

JUNIOR CHESS SECTION

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

Volunteers are needed to assist in Junior Chess activities. Can you 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 let the organizers in your area know of your interest.

Calgary Junior Chess Club

Information: Graham Barnes (244-4380; #1401, 924-14 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2R 0N7). The following 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: Trophies, books, medals, etc.

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch. No lunch break.

Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Information: Brad Willis (452-1095; 12518 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton T5N 3N5).

Meets: Idylwilde Branch Library, approx. 85 St & 88 Ave (north end of Bonnie Doon Shopping Center), 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month.

The emphasis is on casual games and instruction, but there will be an ongoing ladder tournament and occasional rated tournaments.

The club is open to all players under 18. There is no membership fee, but players must join the ACA (\$1) and, if playing in a rated event, the CFC (\$12).

CJCC Remembrance Day Tourney (T.D.; Report: Graham Barnes)

Eleven juniors came to the November meeting of the Calgary Junior Chess Club. Two round robin tournaments were held. The grouping of players into sections was done with regards to both age and rating.

Lev Alishaev, the youngest participant in his section, won the senior group very easily with a score of 4.5 out of 5 (he had to take a bye in round 4). Bill Donaldson came second with 3.5 points, followed by Bob Rodgers with 2.5.

Andrew Masterson won the younger section, scoring four wins and a loss (to Chris Rice). Close behind at 3.5 points was Jason Rauser. The final round game between these two players was decisive. Evan Spence was third, scoring 2.5 points.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

1986 "Denizens" Invitational

The annual "Denizens" Invitational is a closed Swiss system tournament for people who have made a significant achievement or contribution to chess in Alberta over the previous year. Winners have their names engraved on a permanent trophy, on display at the University of Calgary Chess Club.

The tournament is organized and directed by NTD Darse Billings (and cosponsored by the UCCC). Darse has been the most active tournament director in Calgary for several years. He has directed the majority of Calgary CC tournaments since 1984, is the principal director of the Calgary Junior CC, and founded the UCCC in 1981. In addition, he has directed the 1983 Canadian Cadet and the 1985 Canadian Open, which earned him his national director's (NTD) title.

Here's a "who's who" of the 1986 Denizens (in brackets after each name is given the pretournament rating / highest rating ever achieved by that player):

Fred South (2294/2297). Fred is a former Alberta Closed Champion (1985). He also won the 1985 Calgary Closed, and was equal first in the 1985 Canadian Closed Qualifier (Calgary). He is currently ranked third in Alberta and 37th in Canada.

Robert South (2247/2303). Fred's older brother was the 1985 Alberta Open Champion and is ranked fourth in Alberta. His most recent success was finishing equal first in the Oregon Open, held in Portland on the Labour Day Weekend. He was in good company, with IM's John Donaldson, Jeremy Silman and Nickolai Minev.

Neil Sharp (2143/2178). Neil had a surprisingly strong result in the 1986 Alberta Closed, finishing clear third despite being ranked seventh. In the last five rounds he scored +3 =2 -0, and was the only player to defeat the Alberta Champion, FM Rob Hawkes. Neil organizes the lion's share of tournaments in central Alberta, and is rewarded by winning the large majority of them.

Barney Fegyverneki (2075/2075). The long time director of the Black Knight Chess Club expanded his chessplaying sphere this year, with great success. Among his achievements were equal first in the Calgary CC Spring Open, and defending his Creston Open Championship in B.C. En route, he has boosted his rating by over 100 points.

Jeff Spencer (2037/2037). At age 19, Jeff is a strong up-and-comer, and could be a future master. He consolidated his candidate master status with considerable success in UCCC events in the past year.

James Flemming (2012/2012). James enjoyed a string of prize-winning performances at the Calgary CC this year, including equal first in the Spring Open. His consistent play vaulted his rating past the 2000 barrier.

Brian Toth (2010/2010). Brian contributed much to the Calgary Chess Club, and directed several tournaments in 1985. Despite a recent lay off from chess to pursue academic studies, he broke 2000 and is still in the top ten most active Albertans. He has had numerous successes against master class opposition.

Michael Yip (1990/1990). Michael has contributed to the instruction of juniors (including Dale Haessel, Jeff Spencer, and Lev Alishaev). He also has one of the most extensive chess libraries in Alberta.

Greg Huber (1952/2017). Greg won the Alberta Cadet Championship (under 15) for an unprecedented four years in a row. He finished third in a Canadian Cadet Championship, and prior to this event was the most active Albertan (having played 81 tournament games). If he chooses to continue playing chess, he could become a future star.

Phil Chiu (1932/1947). Phil has done a tremendous amount of work over the past year in organizing and directing the U of C Chess Club. He has also contributed to the Calgary Junior Chess Club. His style of play ("berserk") makes him a crowd pleaser. (*His "sparring" with Darse is also becoming legendary!*).

Arthur Milne (1864/2060). Art was organizer of an international charter service to the 1984 Karpov - Kasparov world championship match in Moscow, with English GM Raymond Keene. He has several international chess connections, and has met World Champions Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov.

Michael Barkwell (1755/1824). Michael has been very active in tournament play this year, and won the Alberta Amateur Championship, held in Edmonton. He has travelled throughout Alberta to play in Grand Prix events.

Brian Toth had a performance rating of 2374 and a score of 3-1 (defeating Robert South and James Flemming; drawing Neil Sharp and Fred South), taking first on tiebreak over Robert South and Fred South. Neil Sharp and Jeff Spencer were the only others to better 50%, scoring 2.5-1.5. The best game award went to Brian Toth for his win over Rob South in the first round:

R. South - B. Toth

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. Bg5 h6, 5. Bh4 c5, 6. d5 b5, 7. e3 Bb7, 8. Nf3 g5, 9. Bg3 Ne4, 10. Be5 O-O, 11. Nd2 ed5, 12. Nde4 de4, 13. Qh5? (*Bd6!*) Qe7, 14. Bb8 Rab8, 15. Qh6 Qe5, 16. Rcl bc4, 17. h4 g4, 18. h5 d5, 19. Rh4 f5, 20. Be2 Qf6, 21. Qf6 Rf6, 22. Kf1 Bc6, 23. Rd1 Bc3, 24. bc3 Rb2, 25. Bc4 dc4, 26. Rd8+ Kh7, 27. h6 Rb1+, 28. Ke2 Rb7, 29. Rc8 Ba4, 30. Rc5 Bc2, 31. Kd2 Bd3, 32. a4 Rfb6 (0-1).

F. South - J. Spencer

1. Nf3 c5, 2. g3 g6, 3. Bg2 Bg7, 4. O-O Nc6, 5. c4 e6, 6. Nc3 d5, 7. cd ed, 8. d4 cd4, 9. Nb5 a6, 10. Nbd4 Nge7, 11. b3 Nd4, 12. Nd4 Nc6, 13. Bb2 O-O, 14. Nc6 bc6, 15. Bg7 Kg7, 16. Rcl Bb7, 17. Qd4+ Qf6, 18. Qb6 Rab8, 19. e3 Rfd8, 20. Rfd1 Qb2, 21. Qd4+ Qd4, 22. Rd4 Kf6, 23. Bf1 Ke5, 24. Rc5 Kd6, 25. Ra5 Ra8, 26. Rda4 Kc7, 27. Rd4 Kb6, 28. b4 Rdc8, 29. Rh4 h5, 30. Rf4 f5, 31. h3 c5, 32. Rc5 Rc5, 33. bc5+ Kc5, 34. g4 hg4, 35. hg4 fg4, 36. Rg4 Rg8, 37. Bd3 g5, 38. f4 Bc8, 39. Rg5 Rg5, 40. fg5 Kb4, 41. Bh7 Be6, 42. Kf2 Kc3, 43. g6 d4, 44. g7 de3+, 45. Ke3 Ba2, 46. Bb1 Bg8, 47. Ke4 a4, 48. Ke5 a4, 49. Bf5 (draw).

UCCC Kan No Kokoro

On the weekend of November 1 & 2 there was a small Swiss at the University of Calgary. Jeff Reeve copped first, scoring 3 wins and a draw, with a performance rating of 2278. Ken Salmon (perf. 2053) was second with 3-1 (drawing Reeve and R. Hinds). M. Yip (perf. 2051) and R. Hinds (perf. 1981) completed the plus scores (2.5-1.5). James Currie directed and sent in a copy of the crosstable which he had submitted to the CFC. Ken Salmon was kind enough to provide a crosstable in order of placing, and including the performance ratings.

1986 Southern Alberta Open

(T.D., Report: Brian "Go Stamps Go" Toth)

Twenty six players showed up for this event, held in Calgary on the Grey Cup weekend. For those Edmonton players who decided to stay home and watch the Eskimos, all I can say is "Yey Tiger Cats!" (*We Edmontonians are sure -- well, fairly sure! -- that the Eskimos could beat the Calgary Flames in football, so there! Ha, Ha -- ed.*). Neil Sharp, 3.5 out of 4, emerged the victor with a last round knockout over James Currie. Mike Yip (Top A), Currie and Jeff Reeve shared second place at 3-1. Ken Salmon headed a group of eight players with 2.5-1.5 scores, the group including Hans Lassnig (Top B) and Harold Skroblinnis (Top C). Thanks to Ken Salmon for doing the crosstable.

Here is a round 3 game, with notes by Wilson (TW) and Salmon (KS):

M. Barkwell - T. Wilson

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 *Mike thought it was best to keep the position closed because Ted is a tactician.* 2. ... Nc6, 3. g3 d6, 4. Bg2 g6, 5. d3 Bg7, 6. f4 e6, 7. Nf3 Nge7 *Black is playing for f5 (TW)*, 8. O-O O-O, 9. Be3 *The Nc3 seems misplaced (TW)* 9. ... Nd4 *Hoping for exchanges to put a clamp on the center*, 10. Qd2 Rb8, 11. Nd1 Nf3+, 12. Bf3 Nc6, 13. c3 Qa5 *I'm playing waiting moves (TW)*, 14. Nf2 *I think the Q belongs on f2, trying to open the center with d4 (KS)* 14. ... e5 *Forever preventing d4*, 15. Bg4 f5! *Inviting Black to attack (TW)*, 16. Bh3 Kh8 *Expecting the g-file to open*, 17. a3 Qd8, 18. Rab1 *If White intends b4, he shouldn't waste this tempo (KS)* 18. ... Be6, 19. b4 b6, 20. b5 Na5?! *Ne7 is a better post for the knight ... or is it? [see move 33] (KS)*, 21. c4 Bg8 *Waiting (TW)*, 22. ef5? *gf5 White's d3 square soon becomes a liability (TW)*, 23. Qc2 Rb7? *(TW)*, 24. Bd2 ef4, 25. Bf4 *Black, too, has a weakness on the d-file. (TW)* 25. ... Bd4, 26. Rbe1 Rg7 *Giving up the exchange for the initiative (TW)*, 27. Bh6 Rg6, 28. Bf8 Qf8 *Threatening f4 (TW)*, 29. Qe2 f4, 30. g4 Be3, 31. Kh1 Qh6 *Preventing Nd1 (TW)*, 32. Qf3 Nb3 *The point of 20. Na5*, 33. Ne4 Nd4, 34. Qg2 Qh4 *Threatening 35. ... f3*, 36. Rf3 Qe1+ *(TW)*, 35. g5 *Now, if f3, then Qg3 35. ... d5 Activating the B/g8*, 36. Bf5?? *cd5 is preferable to dropping a piece* 36. ... Nf5, 37. Nf6 Rg5, 38. Rf4 Qe1+, 39. Rf1 Qh4, 40. Qf3 Ng3+, 41. Qg3 Rg3 (0-1).

Edmonton November Open

Rob Hawkes and Jeff Reeve tied for first with 4-1 scores, drawing in their game and participating in the "4-player bye" (also Ross and Zissos) at round 3. Dave Ross and Len Steele scored 3.5-1.5. Unfortunately, memory does not help with other placements, but Mike Sekuloff thinks he won something for something. David Johansen directed.

Edmonton Chess Club Fall Open

Kris Kuczaj got his company to send him to work in Edmonton for a while so that he could teach the Edmonton CC patzers how to play. This he did, easily taking first with a 5.5 score, drawing David Johansen in the last round of this 6-round Swiss. David Johansen and JOE TUMPEK (the great one himself) followed with 4.5-1.5 totals. Scoring 4-2 were Mike Begic and Hank Binnema, who shared the under 1800 prize, and Mike Sekuloff, who took the under 1500 prize. Mike directed this event, but couldn't quit finagle the pairings so that he could win it!

Edmonton December Open

This 4-round Swiss was directed by Bob Bosenius. The Christmas season didn't stop 23 jolly chess players from jingling into battle. Alex Kuznecov and Jeff Reeve, both masters, drew in the last round after each won three straight, to share first place. The 3-1 group was comprised of G. Basanta (also a master; lost in round 3 to Reeve), R. Gardner, B. Bosenius (experts) and D. Johansen (expert-in-waiting). The other plus scores (2.5-1.5) were by L. Rusnell and A. Chodkiewicz.

Grand Prix 1986 -- Final Report

The ACA Grand Prix continues to grow, and hopefully will soon become a fixture in Alberta chess. Jeff Reeve (now of Calgary) came from fourth place with only three events to go to clinch the title (and the \$240 first prize) for the second year in a row, with a first place tie in the Edmonton November Open. His final result (3 out of 4 in the Southern Alberta Open) merely widened the margin of victory. The home stretch was made easier by the fact that all the competition evaporated in one way or another.

Second place (27.5) went to Rob Gardner, even though he did not play since the Alberta Over 1800 early in September. Just goes to show you that you don't have to play all year (just lots in a small time frame). Jeff's other competition, Ian Loadman, a former ACR editor, moved to Ottawa in August, and just missed the money with 26 points (in only six events, good for fourth place overall). Ian is now battling in the EOCA Grand Prix (is that the big leagues or the minors?). Neil Sharp (19.35/5) and Rob Hawkes (19.20/4) were fifth and sixth overall, respectively.

Third place overall, and Top Under 1800 (based on ratings on Jan. 1/86, that is) went to David Johansen (author of this report). I was at first very surprised, but it demonstrates one of the main reasons for this year-long competition -- to play in as many events as possible. I was the only one to play in more than seven

events (the top seven scores counted out of twelve), this while directing three Grand Prix events as well. Much more chess than I had planned on at the start of the year.

Second in the under 1800 class (and seventh overall) was Ford Wong Jr. of Edmonton, who scored 18.6 in six events. Others in the hunt for the under 1800 prizes were Dianna Palamarek of Lacombe (15.3/6), Tom Karpa (11.7/5) and Mike Sekuloff (11.4/6). Some of those in the under 1800 class have shown marked improvements in the past year. The winners (James Currie in '85 and David Johansen in '86) have each gone up over 150 rating points during the year, and some others show leaps in rating (e.g. Mike Sekuloff, from 1251 to about 1500!). So, if you are a "class player" striving for the upper levels, this demonstrates that one of the best ways is to PLAY, PLAY, PLAY!

The prize fund (\$500 in '85; \$600 in '86) should be even larger in 1987 (see front cover for prize distribution), so we expect to see YOU at GRAND PRIX events!

Hitech Talks

Many years ago, another computer program, T. (= Tinker) Belle, supplied notes to the ACR for a Karpov-Korchnoi match games. However, the disparity of strength between the annotator and the players rendered the notes more amusing than enlightening. The game below was played in Calgary during January 1986 between Rob Hawkes [2385] and Jeff Reeve [2253]. Hitech's USCF rating is about 2350, so its comments should be of interest. Thanks to former Edmontonian [and former chess player?] Murray Campbell for interpreting Hitech's notes:

Hitech has won the North American computer chess championship and has tied for first in the World computer chess championship. Hitech is the work of a team at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh: Hans Berliner, Carl Ebeling, Gordon Goetsch, Andy Palay, Larry Slomer, Skef Wholey and myself (*Murray Campbell*). Hitech has a USCF rating of about 2350. The following is Hitech's first attempt at annotating. Each position was examined for about 2 minutes, and the move that Hitech would have played was compared with the move that was actually played. If Hitech evaluated its move significantly higher than the actual move, I included it in the notes, sometimes with Hitech's expected line of play. Of course, it is possible that Hitech has misunderstood a position or failed to look deeply enough. With this disclaimer, we begin:

R. Hawkes - J. Reeve

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 Nc6, 3. g3 g6, 4. Bg2 Bg7, 5. d3 d6, 6. Be3 b5, 7. Qd2 b4, 8. Nd1 e5, 9. a3 a5, 10. ab cb *Hitech thinks White has a small advantage*, 11. Ne2 Nf6, 12. O-O Ng4, 13. Bg5 f6, 14. Be3 O-O, 15. f4 Ne7, 16. Kh1 Ne3, 17. Ne3 Bb7, 18. c4 bc, 19. bc f5, 20. Ra3 Ra6 *So far, Hitech has had only minor disagreements with either side's play, but it does not like 20. ... Ra6, favoring instead 20. ... Bc6*, 21. Rfa1 Kh8, 22. Qa2 *Hitech would rather go after the a-pawn with 22. Nc4. The reasoning*

will become apparent in the next note. (Reeve would have answered 22. Nc4 with 22. ... d5) 22. ... fe, 23. de Qd7 Never one to give up material without a fight, Hitech suggests 23. ... Bh6, which would not make as much sense if 22. Nc4 had been played, 24. Ra5 Ra5, 25. Qa5 Ra8, 26. Qa8 Ba8, 27. Ra8 Ng8 (Here both Reeve and Hawkes felt 27. ... Nc8 would have been much better), 28. Nd5 Hitech prefers White's position 28. ... h5, 29. f5 Hitech would play 29. Ng1, predicting 29. ... Kh7, 30. Bh3 Qb7, 31. Rd8, and assessing it as somewhat better for White 29. ... Qb7, 30. Rd8 gf, 31. ef Qb1+, 32. Ng1 Kh7, 33. h4 After this, Hitech thinks White only has a draw. Possibly 33. Rd6, though after 33. ... Qf5 White's advantage is miniscule. 33. ... Nh6, 34. f6 Ng4, 35. Bf3 Hitech would have taken the draw with 35. fg7 Nf2+, 36. Kh2 Ng4+, etc. 35. ... Bf6, 36. Rd7+? Hitech thinks this loses a crucial tempo. Better is 36. Rd6, when Black appears to have nothing better than 36. ... Bg7 (Around this point both players were in time trouble) 36. ... Bg7, 37. Rd6 Qc2? 37. ... Qe1 looks stronger. Hitech gives 38. Bg4 hg4, 39. Kg2 Bf8, 40. Nf6+ Kg7, 41. Nh5+ Kh8, 42. Rf6 Bc5, 43. Rf1 Qc3 as an example of a line where Black gets a strong advantage, 38. Ne2 e4? With 38. ... Qb1+, Black can try and transpose into the previous note, e.g. 39. Ng1 Qe1, etc. 39. Bg4 hg4, 40. Ndf4 Be5, 41. Re6 Bf4, 42. Nf4 Qd1+? Hitech thinks 42. ... Qc3 is much stronger, and Black has some advantage. (42. ... Qf2! is stronger still, but the time control is at 45 moves and there was no time to think. When told that 42. ... Qf2 was thought to be stronger, Hitech reconsidered at a deeper level and agreed) 43. Kh2 Qd2+, 44. Ng2 Qc3? Hitech prefers 44. ... Qc2, 45. Re4 Now Hitech thinks White is slightly better. 45. ... Qc8? After 45. ... Qf3, Hitech sees no immediate way for White to win the pawn on g4. 46. Ne3 Kh8, 47. Re5 Qc1, 48. Rh5+ Kg8, 49. Rg5+ Kh7, 50. Ng4 Although Hitech considers this position to be to White's advantage, it was unable to find a clear way to win. 50. ... Qd1, 51. Nf6+ Kh6, 52. Ng4+ Kh7, 53. Nf2 Qc2, 54. Kg2 Qc6+, 55. Kh3 Qf3, 56. Ng4 Qf1+, 57. Kh2 Qe2+, 58. Kg1 Qe1+, 59. Kg2 Qe4+, 60. Kf2 Qc2+, 61. Kg1 Qb1+, 62. Kh2 Qf1, 63. Re5 Qf3, 64. Re4 Kh8, 65. Rf4 Qe2+, 66. Nf2 Kg7, 67. Kg2 Qd2, 68. Re4 Kg6, 69. g4 Qd5, 70. Kg3 Qb3+, 71. Kf4 Qf7+, 72. Ke3 Qa7+, 73. Kf3 Qf7+, 74. Rf4 Qb3+, 75. Kg2 Qb7+, 76. Kg3 Qc7, 77. h5+ Kh6, 78. Nh3 Qe5, 79. Kh4 Qe1+, 80. Rf2 Kg7, 81. g5 Qe4+, 82. Kg3 Qe5+, 83. Rf4 Qe3+, 84. Rf3 Qe1+, 85. Nf2 Qg1+, 86. Kh4 Qg2, 87. Rf4 Qh2+, 88. Nh3 Qd2, 89. h6+ Kg6, 90. Rf6+ Kh7, 91. Nf2 Qe2, 92. Rf7+ Kg6, 93. Rg7+ Kf5, 94. Rf7+ Kg6, 95. Rf6+ Kh7, 96. Kg3 Qe3+, 97. Kg4 Qe2+, 98. Kh4 Qd2, 99. Kh5 Qd5, 100. Rf4 Qe6, 101. Rg4 Qg6+, 102. Kh4 Qc2, 103. Nh3 Qc6, 104. Rf4 Qe6, 105. Nf2 Qe2, 106. Rf6 Qd2, 107. Kh5 Qd5, 108. Rf4 Qe6, 109. Rf3 Qe8+, 110. Kh4 Qe2, 111. Rf7+ Kg6, 112. Rf6+ Kh7, 113. Ng4 Qe1+, 114. Kh3 Qc3+ (draw).

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R. Hawkes - 1. Rescued
1. 44 45. 1. 50 51. 2. 52 53. 3. 54 55. 4. 56 57. 5. 58 59. 6. 60 61. 7. 62 63. 8. 64 65. 9. 66 67. 10. 68 69. 11. 70 71. 12.
thinks White has a small advantage. If White plays
O-O Nf3, 17. Rg2 Bb7, 18. Bc4 Bc7, 19. Bc5 Bc8, 20.
for White has had only minor disagreements with other
this plan but it does not like 20... Rb8, favouring
instead 20... Rb8, 21. Nf1 Rb8, 22. Qd2 White would
rather go after the queen with 22. Nd4. The following

interprising Hirsch's notes.
Hirsch has won the North American computer
championship and has had for first in the World
computer chess championship. Hirsch is the
years at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. His
father, Carl Frieberg, Gordon Gotsch, Andy Palfrey,
Larry Shuster, Sid Woolsey and myself (Marvin
Carmichael). Hirsch was a USCF rating of about 2250. The
following is Hirsch's first attempt at annotating. Each
position was examined for about 2 minutes and the
move that Hirsch would have played was compared with
the move that was actually played. If Hirsch evaluated his
move significantly higher than the actual move, I
included it in the notes, sometimes with Hirsch's
expected line of play. Of course, it is possible that
Hirsch has underestimated a position or failed to look
deeply enough. With this disclaimer, we begin.

Hirsch Talks

Many years ago another computer program, T-1 =
Taheri, wrote up another computer program. T-1 =
Taheri's notes, supplied notes to the ACR for a
Karpov-Gorbatchev match game. However, the disparity of
strength between the annotator and the player weakened
the notes more than they enlightened. The game
below was played in Calgary during January 1986
between Rob Hawkes [2285] and Jeff Ross [2215].
Hirsch's USCF rating is about 2350, so his comments
should be of interest. Thanks to former Edmontonian
[and former chess player] Murray Campbell for
inspiring Hirsch's notes.

The game (and 1986 in 85; 2000 in '86) should be
to PLAY, PLAY, PLAY!
rather well, this demonstrates that one of the best ways
to play is to play. (e.g. Mike Sokoloff, from 125) to about
rating points during the year, and some others show
David Johnson in '86) have cashed in on their
in the past year. The winners (James Crane in '85 and
the model. White has shown marked improvement
David Johnson and Mike Sokoloff (125) to about
was paid about 12 of a tournament who scored 14.5 in an
Second in the world and several others.

more chess than that of the
year
events (the top 25
while checking their Grand Prix events as well. Much
more chess than that of the