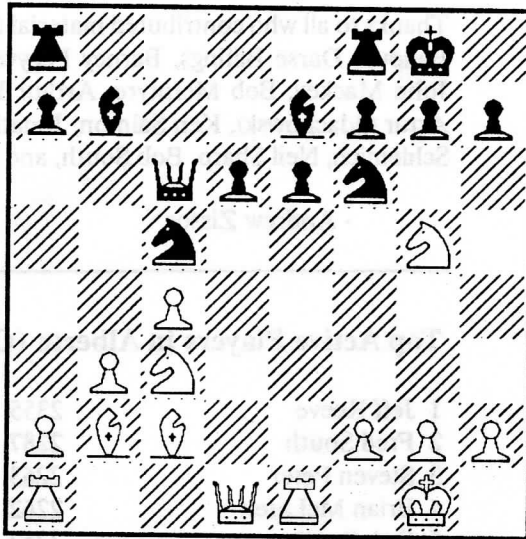


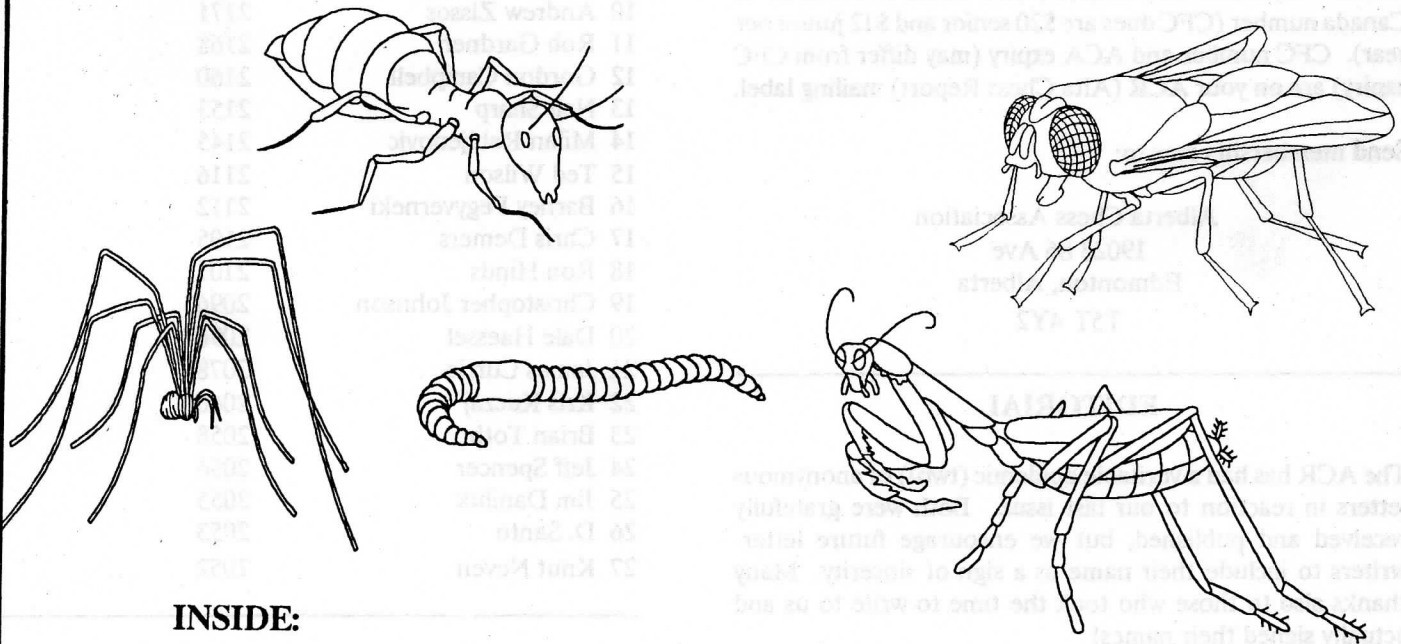
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EDITORIAL

The ACR has had a veritable epidemic (two!) of anonymous letters in reaction to our last issue. Both were gratefully received and published, but we encourage future letter-writers to include their name as a sign of sincerity. Many thanks also to those who took the time to write to us and actually signed their names!

Reaction to the October ACR was generally very favourable, but some criticisms were also voiced (see *In the Mail*). If anyone has suggestions for improvement, please do not hesitate to send them in. The more feedback we receive, the happier we will be!

My request for material in the October issue has been abundantly answered. Articles, reports and letters were

received from Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Hinton. But there is still a heavy Calgary bias. If you play chess outside Calgary please consider sending us news about your club or any local chess events. Remember: this is the *Alberta Chess Report*, not the *Calgary Chess Report*.

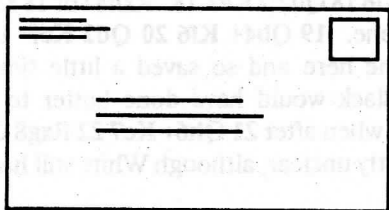
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- Andrew Zissos

Top Active Players in Alberta (Oct/87 Rating)

1	Jeff Reeve	2355
2	Fred South	2287
3	Steven Peter	2263
4	Brian McLaren	2262
5	Rob South	2257
6	Jonathan Schaeffer	2248
7	Branimir Brebrich	2225
8	P. Donald	2208
9	Roy Yearwood	2207
10	Andrew Zissos	2171
11	Rob Gardner	2168
12	Gordon Campbell	2160
13	Neil Sharp	2153
14	Milan Rabljenovic	2145
15	Ted Wilson	2116
16	Barney Fegyverneki	2112
17	Chris Demers	2105
18	Ron Hinds	2101
19	Christopher Johnson	2096
20	Dale Haessel	2096
21	James Currie	2078
22	Kris Kuczaj	2060
23	Brian Toth	2058
24	Jeff Spencer	2056
25	Jim Daniluk	2055
26	D. Santo	2053
27	Knut Neven	2052

The U of C Chess Club wishes to offer its congratulations to Dr. James Currie on the completion of his PhD. thesis in mathematics. We wish the best of luck to James, his wife, and new baby in Halifax. Dalhousie University has made a fine acquisition!



IN
THE
MAIL

To the Editor:

Re: Phil Chiu's comments in the October ACR. I always thought (since I was a "D" player) that 1 Nf3 f6 2 e4 e5 3 Nxe5 was a complete answer to Damiano's Defence. (See Phil Chiu's comments in *Experts' Forum*, Oct 1987 issue). If 3...fxe5 then 4 Qh5+ wins, while 3...Qe7 4 Nc4 seems enough to me, book or no book!!

- Arthur Milne, Calgary

To the Editor:

After an almost three-year absence from organized chess, and being a new face on the Alberta chess scene, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a copy of the October 1987 ACR. My membership is now up-to-date!

- Knut Neven, Edmonton

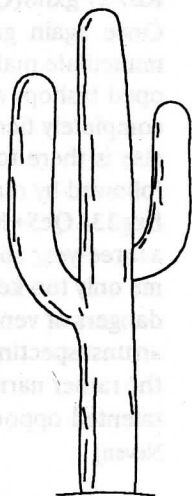
To the Editor:

I just read the October ACR. Most of the articles were interesting, but I thought the cartoons were a little much. They were generally silly and irrelevant, and just served to fill the magazine with material that it didn't really need. The most ridiculous item was the snake picture after the report on the US Open: what the ---- has this got to do with chess? And if this really is acceptable, I suggest you try a special "Wild West" issue next time!

- Anonymous

Editor replies:

Aah reckon that be just like a city-slicker to get all squirly at the sight of a critter! Lissun up yawl: there bees a newshurfin town. From here on in, we bees doin' thangs mah way - critters n' all. And aahm a-warnin' ya fair n' square: ya best not go a-cussin' in mah newslitter agin!



To the Editor:

Congratulations on the new ACR. I especially liked the graphics. I have a request for future issues. Although I have been playing chess for some time now and with some success, I still find myself plagued by analytic oversights and positional misunderstandings. I am willing to study to improve but do not know how or what to work at. Could one of your writers provide guidance for me and people like me in future issues, please!

Also, I hope future ACRs will include games of Phil Chiu's from both tournaments where he had an 1100 performance and tournaments where he had an 2400 performance!

- Anonymous

To the Editor:

Congratulations on being elected editor of the ACR. The new format for the October issue is a good indication that you will do well and have a large following.

We are not a large club in Hinton, but hopefully an active one. Besides our weekly gathering for chess activity, we also have a *Live Chess Theatre* which we take part in on various occasions in Hinton and also in other surrounding localities. We are proud of our *Live Chess Theatre*, the first in Canada that we are aware of. It is so popular with us here that Hinton held its own Royal Wedding when King Peter Bundscherer and Queen Annemiek Verhoef were wed on the chess board.

On August 29 the CBC crew of *Out Your Way* filmed a performance of our *Live Chess Theatre*, which is to be shown on November 26 at 7:30 pm, unless some other event occurs to preempt this showing.

-Bob McIntyre, Hinton

Editor's Note: I regret that this issue is published too late to alert our readers to the CBC programme in time. The chess-style marriage of Peter Bundscherer and Annemiek Verhoef was featured prominently in the Edmonton Journal (September 20, page C1), including two large colour photos of the ceremony - which did indeed take place on a life-sized chess board. The *Wedding Game* was played as follows:

1 d4 f5 2 e4 fxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 c6 5 Bxf6 exf6 6 Nxe4 Qb6 7 Qe2 Qxb2 8 Nd6+ Kd8 9 Qe8+ Kc7 10 Qxc8+ Kxd6 11 Rd1 Na6 12 Qxa8 Kc7 13 Qxa7 Bb4+ 14 Ke2 Qxc2+ 15 Kf3 Qf5+ 16 Kg3 Bd6+ 17 Kh4 Qg5+ 18 Kh3 Qh5 mate

Peter, whose *Queen's Bakery and Cafe* is the weekly meeting place of the Hinton Chess Club, is quoted as saying "I'm not a great chess player, but I'm a great chess promoter."

MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The result and gamescore of the most recent Karpov-Kasparov game in the current world title match can be found in the *Globe and Mail* newspaper (*World in Brief* section). The games are reported in the Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday papers.

The American magazine *Chess Life* reports that the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) may be providing weekly coverage of the match in the form of a half-hour program. Dates and times as yet unknown - consult your TV guide.

1987 ALBERTA OPEN GAMES

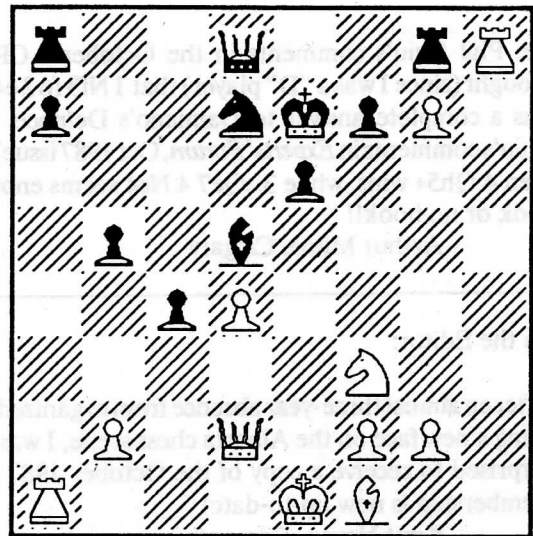
On the Labour Day weekend, Grande Prairie hosted the 1987 Alberta Open. The event was organized by Phil Lefkowitz of Grande Prairie. After six long rounds, there was a three-way tie for first place between Barney Fegyverneki, Knut Neven, and the computer program *Phoenix*. Fegyverneki was awarded first place and the trophy on tie-break. He and Neven took home \$250 each - computers are not entitled to cash prizes! For a full report and cross-table, please consult the October ACR.

Co-winner Knut Neven kindly submitted the following game:

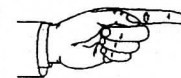
K. Neven - D. Palamarek (Round 2)

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nf3 e6 5 Bg5 dxc4 6 a4 Bb4 7 e4 b5 8 e5 h6 Not being familiar with the theory in this variation, I now decided to deviate from the "normal" 9 Bh4 g5 and for example 10 Nxc4 Nd5 11 Qh5 Qc7 12 Ne4 as in Van Scheltinga - Stumpers, 1947. As it turned out, my opponent was thoroughly prepared for my "innovation" - what follows is in fact the newest rage in playing this particular line of the Slav. 9 exf6 hxg5 10 fxg7 Rg8 11 h4! gxh4 Not 11...g4 12 h5 gxf3? 13 h6 and White wins. In this line, 12...Rxc4 13 Ne5 is also +- 12 Rxh4 Nd7 During the game I was more worried about 12...Qf6 when White's only way to realize an advantage seems to be 13 g3! threatening Ne5 followed by Rf4 and Bg2 with strong pressure on f7 and the long diagonal. For example 13 g3! Nd7 14 Bg2 Bb7 15 Nd2! and the threat of axb5 is hard to meet. 13 Rh8 Ke7! The only move. But apparently this has all been played before, much to my surprise. 14 axb5 cxb5 15 Qd2! Bb7 15...Rxh8 16 Nd5+! exd5 17 Qxb4+ also does not

look good for Black. 16 Nd5+ Perhaps executing the other threat was even stronger: 16 Qg5+ f6 (or 16...Nf6) 17 Qxb5 etc. 16...Bxd5 17 Qxb4+ Kf6 18 Qd2!? Ke7 18...Rxh8? or 18 Kxg7? both allow mate in one. 19 Qb4+ Kf6 20 Qd2 Ke7 I was running short of time here and so saved a little time by repeating moves. Black would have done better to play 18...Bxf3 or 20...Bxf3, when after 21 Qh6+ Ke7 22 Rxc8 Qxc8 23 gxf3 things are pretty unclear, although White still has the better of it.



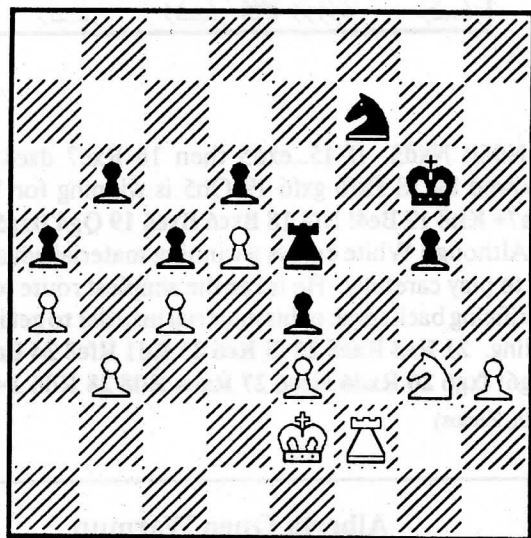
21 Ne5! Nxe5 It is all over. 21...Rxh8? loses a piece to 22 Qb4+ Kf6 23 gxh8(Q)+ Qxh8 24 Nxd7+, and 21...a5 fails to 22 Rxc8 Qxc8 23 Rxa5. 22 dxe5 Kd7?! After the game 22...a5 was suggested as an improvement but 23 Rxa5! is decisive. For example, 23...Rxa5 24 Qb4+ Kd7 25 Qd6+ Kc8 26 Qxd8+ Rxd8 27 Rxd8+ Kxd8 28 g8(Q)+. 23 Ra6 Qe8 The ending after 23...Rxh8 24 Rd6+ Kc8 25 Rxd8+ Rxd8 26 Qb4 is equally hopeless. 24 Rd6+ Kc8 25 Qb4 Rxh8 Finally removing the thorn in her side, but the infection has spread too far. 26 Qc5+ Kb7 27 gxh8(Q) Qxh8 28 Qxb5+ Kc8 29 Qc5+ Kb8 30 Qb5+ Once again gaining time on the clock. As there is no immediate mate, White needs to activate his as yet undeveloped bishop, which will bring about the decision. Black is completely tied up. 30...Kc8 31 f4 Qh4+ Pointless, but what else is there to do? 32 Kd1 Qh8 The threat was 33 Qe8+ followed by mate in two. If 32...Qe7 then 33 Bxc4. 33 Bxc4 Bxc4 34 Qc5+ Kb8 35 Rd7 Bf3+ 36 Kc2 Qc8 37 Qd6+ 1-0 After a three-year absence from tournament chess, this game made me only too keenly aware of my lack of preparation, and the dangers of venturing into a line prepared especially for such an unsuspecting opponent. Fortunately, I managed to stay on the rather narrow path leading to success. Credit goes to my talented opponent as well, for a game well played. (notes by Neven)



Arthur Odachowski submitted the following toughly-fought draw:

A. Odachowski - K. Neven (Round 3)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 e3 Bb7 5 Be2 Ne4 6 0-0 f5 7 Nbd2 Nf6 8 a3 a5 9 Ne5 d6 10 Nd3 Qd7 11 b3 Be7 12 Bb2 0-0 13 Rc1 Na6 14 f3 c5 15 Nf2 Qc7 16 Re1 e5 17 d5 Kh8 18 f4 Bc8 19 Nf3 Ng4 20 Bf1 Nxf2 21 Kxf2 e4 22 Ng1 Qd8 23 g3 Bf6 24 Bxf6 Qxf6 25 Nh3 h6 26 Qc2 Bd7 27 Be2 Nc7 28 a4 Na6 29 Rg1 Kh7 30 Rg2 Rae8 31 Qc3 Qe7 32 Rcg1 Rf7 33 Ke1 Qf6 34 Qxf6 Rxf6 35 g4 fxe4 36 Bxe4 Bxe4 37 Rxe4 Re7 38 Nf2 g6 39 Nd1 Nb4 40 Nc3 g5 41 fxe5 Nd3+ 42 Kd2 Rf2+ 43 Ne2 hxe5 44 R4g2 Rxe2 45 Rxe2 Ne5 46 Ng3 Kg6 47 h3 Nf7 48 Rf2 Re5 49 Ke2 Drawn.



Editor's Note - in a recent issue of *British Chess Magazine* there was an article entitled *Don't Resign - You may be Winning!* which gave several examples of grandmasters resigning in winning positions. The position above may be more a case of *Don't Take a Draw - You may be Winning!* White's position is certainly clearly superior. He enjoys better-posted pieces, and a more defensible pawn formation. Black's e-pawn in particular looks an inviting target. By combining attacks on the e-pawn with the threat of infiltrating with his rook, White may indeed have enough to win. For example:

A) 49...Re8 (passing; 49...Kg7 achieves the same effect) 50 Rh2! Re5 51 h4 gxe4 (51...g4 52 Rf2 followed by 53 Rf4 winning a pawn; 51...Kg7 52 hxe5 Nxe5 53 Rh5! zugzwang. Black now has nothing better than transposing into the main line with 53...Kg6 54 Rh8 etc) 52 Rxe4 Ng5 53 Rh8 Nf7 54 Rb8 +-.

B) 49...Re7 50 Rh2! Re8 (keeping the white rook out) 51 h4 gxe4 52 Rxe4 Ng5 53 Nh5! and now: (i) 53...Kf5? 54 Ng7+; (ii) 53...Rh8 54 Nf4+ Kg7 55 Rxe8 Kxe8 56 Ng6+ Kg7 57 Ne7 and

58 Nc8 +-; (iii) 53...Nf7 54 Nf4+ Kg5 (otherwise 55 Ne6 wins) 55 Rh7 Kf6 56 Nh5+ Kg6 57 Rg7+ Kxe5 58 Rxf7 Rg8 59 Kf2! Rg4 60 Rd7! (gaining a tempo) 60...Rg6 61 Rb7 +-; (iv) 53...Re7 54 Nf4+ Kg7 55 Rh8! winning as in (ii).

C) 49...Nh6 50 Rf8 Nf5 51 Nxf5 Rxf5 52 Re8 is immediately fatal.

The above analysis is far from exhaustive, but it does suggest that White may have been over-hasty in opting for a draw.

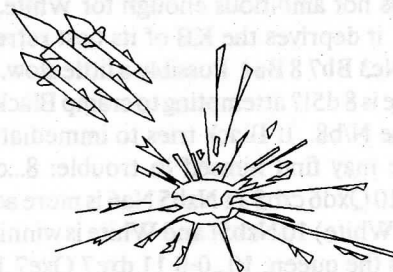
First-place finisher Barney Fegyverneki kindly submitted all his gamescores from the tournament. Two are included below, including his key victory over "Rocket" Rob Gardner in round four.

B. Fegyverneki - R. Plante (Round 3)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 dc 5 Nf3 c5 6 Qa4+ Nc6 7 dc Bc5 8 0-0 0-0 9 Nc3 Na5 10 Bg5 Bd7 11 Bf6 gf 12 Qc2 b5 13 Rad1 Qc7 14 Ne4 Be7 15 Qc3 f5 16 Nf6+ Bf6 17 Qf6 Qd8 18 Qh6 Qe7 19 Ng5 f6 20 Nh7 Bc6 21 Nf8 Rf8 22 Rd4 Bg2 23 Kg2 Nc6 24 Qg6+ Qg7 25 Qg7+ Kg7 26 Rd7+ Kg6 27 Rfd1 Rc8 28 Rb7 b4 29 Rc1 1-0

R. Gardner - B. Fegyverneki (Round 4)

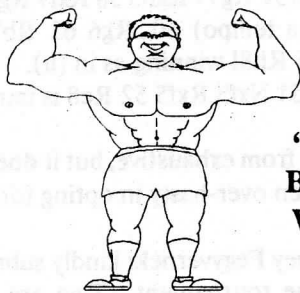
1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 ed ed 5 Ngf3 Nc6 6 Bb5 Bd6 7 0-0 Nge7 8 dc Bc5 9 Nb3 Bd6 10 Nbd4 0-0 11 h3 Ne5 12 Ne5 Be5 13 Nf3 Bd6 14 Re1 h6 15 c3 Nf5 16 Ba4 Bc5 17 Bc2 Qb6 18 Re2 Ng3 19 Rd2 Ne4 20 Be4 de4 21 Nd4 Qg6 22 Kh1 b6 23 Re2 Bb7 24 Be3 Rad8 25 b4 Be7 26 Qb3 Kh8 27 Rd1 f5 28 Bf4 Bd6? 29 Ne6 +- Bf4 30 Rd8 Rd8 31 Nd8 Ba8 32 Ne6 Be5 33 Rd2 Bf6 34 Qc4 Qe8 35 Nd4 e3 36 fe Qe3 37 Qd3?? (oops) Qe1+ 38 Kh2 Be5+ 39 g3 Qh1 mate.



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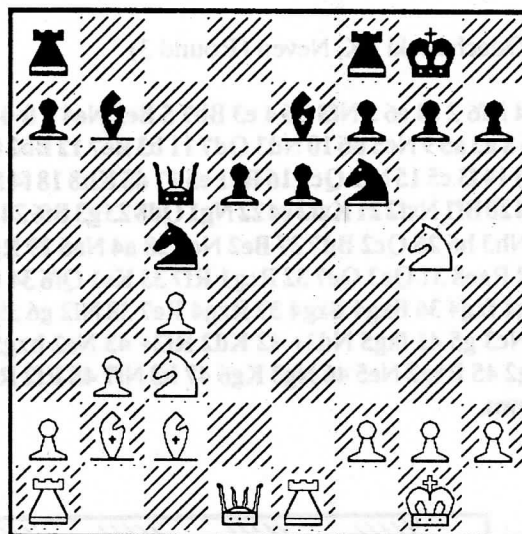
**"BRUISER"
BOB SOUTH
WARMS UP**

Calgary master Bob South is probably better known for his patient technique than for his tactical flair. However, in the recently-held Alberta Open Warmup tournament, Bob revealed that he is not averse to unleashing the occasional lightning attack...

When neither of their first round opponents showed up to play, Bob and Stefan Eisele - the eventual second-place finishers - agreed to have the pairings revised so that they could play each other. This unusually early pairing of two of the top contenders produced an interesting tactical struggle, with "Bruiser" Bob defeating his strong opponent with startling brutality.

R. South - S. Eisele (Round 1)

1 Nf3 b5 2 e4 Bb7 3 Bxb5 Bxe4 4 0-0 Nf6 5 d4 e6 6 c4 White is better advised to leave the c-pawn at home and go for active piece play if he wishes to try for a meaningful advantage. White is playing by analogy to reverse positions. But while the c-pawn advance may be an acceptable solution for the second player, it is not ambitious enough for White. Among other problems, it deprives the KB of its best retreat square (d3). 6...Be7 7 Nc3 Bb7 8 Ba4 Possibly a little slow. An interesting alternative is 8 d5!? attempting to cramp Black's position, and restrict the N/b8. If Black tries to immediately dissolve the centre, he may find himself in trouble: 8...c6 9 d6! cxb5?! (9...Bxd6 10 Qxd6 cxb5 11 Nxb5 Na6 is more accurate, but still better for White) 10 Nxb5! and White is winning (10...Bf8? 11 Nc7+ wins the queen; 10...0-0 11 dxe7 Qxe7 12 Nc7 wins the exchange). So Black should play more cautiously with 8...0-0 9 Re1 c6 10 d6 Bxd6 11 Qxd6 cxb5 12 Nxb5 Bxf3 13 gxf3 a6 (13...Nc6 14 Kh1 Ne8 15 Qg3 and White has play for his pawn weakness) 14 Nc3 and White may be a little better. 8...0-0 9 Re1 d6 10 Bc2 Nbd7 11 b3 c5 12 dxc5 Nxc5 13 Bb2 Qb6 14 Ng5 Qc6? After this move Black is lost. Instead he should play 14...h6, which leaves him with a better position. For example: 15 Ne4 Qc6. White's pieces are not well-coordinated, and he has no real K-side attack. Black on the other hand would have better minor pieces and an extra centre pawn. Sometimes the line between success and failure is very narrow indeed!



15 Nd5!! Nxd5 If 15...exd5 then 16 Rxe7 dxc4 17 Rxb7 followed by 18 Bxf6 gxf6 19 Qh5 is winning for White. 16 Bxh7+ Kh8 17 Be4! Nf4 18 Bxc6 Bxc6 19 Qg4 Bxg5 20 Qxg5 e5 Although White enjoys a winning material advantage, he has to play carefully. He takes the simplest route to victory - sacrificing back some of his material in order to get into a won ending. 21 Re3 Rae8 22 f3 Re6 23 Rd1 Rfe8 24 Ba3 Rg6 25 Qxg6! fxg6 26 Rxd6 Nce6 27 Rxc6 Rd8 28 Rd6 1-0 (notes by South, Zissos)

Alberta Open Warmup

by
Ken Salmon

Organized by Cal Chess Promotions, and held on the weekend of October 2-4, this turned out to be the strongest open tournament held in Alberta for some time. The top-ranked players were B.C. champion Dave Ross (2405), Alberta Closed Champion Jeff Reeve (2355), Steve Peter (2263), Rob South (2257), and West German Master Stefan Eisele (2250 FIDE). There were also nine experts. The interesting idea of offering free entry to players rated over 2150 was a major contributing factor to the strength of the event. It is unfortunate that 90% of the players in Calgary are rated less than 2000, and yet they were outnumbered 14-8 by the masters and experts.

The under 2000 players that did show up were treated to some good prize money and a chance to play against the big boys. Many of them rose to the challenge: Mike Barkwell (1758) defeated Neil Sharp (2153); Greg Huber (1985) defeated Steve Peter (2263) and Andrew Zissos (2171); Dianna Palamarek (1711) drew Ron Hinds (2101); Fred McFaul

drew Steve Peter and Ron Hinds; Artur Odachowski (1741) defeated Jim Daniluk (2055) - not bad for so-called "weaker" players!

Dave Ross played consistent and solid chess to take first. The big game took place when Dave Ross (3-0) had white against Alberta Champ Jeff Reeve (3-0), and showed why the Benko Gambit has lost favour among the world's stronger players. Rob South had a fine tournament, placing second and defeating third-place finisher Stefan Eisele.

Top finishers were: 1st Dave Ross (4.5); 2-3rd Rob South, Stefan Eisele (4); 4-5th Steve Peter, Neil Sharp (3.5). Under 1800: 1st Artur Odachowski, 2nd Hans Lassnig, 3rd Dianna Palamarek. Top Juniors: Chris Demers, Greg Huber.

Dave Ross - Jeff Reeve (Round 4)

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 e5 4 d5 b5 5 cb5 a6 6 ba6 Ba6 7 Nc3 d6 8 e4 Bf1 9 Kf1 Bg7 10 g3 0-0 11 Kg2 Nbd7 12 Re1 Qb8 13 Re2 Qb7 14 h3 Nb6 15 Rb1 Nfd7 16 Bf4 c4 17 Qd2 Na4 18 Na4 Ra4 19 Bh6 Bh6 20 Qh6 Ra2? 21 Ng5 Nf6 22 Re3 Rfb8 23 Rf3 Qa7 Note that if 23...Qc7 then 24 Rf6! ef6 25 Qh7+ Kf8 26 Ne6+ wins the black queen. 24 e5 de5 25 d6 Qb7 26 Kh2 Qf3 27 Nf3 ed6 28 Qh4 e4 29 Qf6 ef3 30 Qd6 Raa8 31 Qd5 Ra4 32 Qf3 Rab4 33 Qc3 h5 34 Qd4 Rb3 35 Rc1 Rb2 36 Rc4 R2b6 37 Kg2 Re6 38 Rc7 Rbe8 39 Qd7 Rf8 40 g4 hg4 41 hg4 Ree8 42 Qd4 Rc8 43 Rd7 Rce8 44 Kf3 1-0 Black cannot prevent the white K from advancing to h6.



BAAAAA!

(excerpted from the *Calgary Chess Report*)

NOVEMBER OPEN

Held in Edmonton, November 7 and 8. Neil Sharp and Zoltan Baunok journeyed from "Central Alberta" and ground their way to 4.5/5 scores, drawing one another in round 4. Neil placed first on a half-point Median tie-break margin. Alex Kuti and Pal Kalher did well against their A-class opponents in the final round, achieving 3.5-1.5 totals. Kuti was top "B", while Kalher was top "C". Len Steele (top "A" on tiebreak), Salah Chehayeb and Rob Gardner finished with 3-2 scores. The twenty players were directed by Mike Sekuloff, with some assistance from Len Steele, who provided this boring report (sorry folks, my writing talents are decaying almost as rapidly as my chess).

B. McLaren - N. Sharp (Round 3)

1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 f4 d5 4 fe5 Ne4 5 d3. More common is 5

Nf3 Be7 6 d4 0-0 7 Bd3 f5 8 ef6 Bf6 9 0-0 Nc6 as played by S. Peter against me in Red Deer, 1987. 5...Nc3 6 bc3 d4 7 Qf3. ECO gives only 7 Nf3 with 7...Nc6 8 cd4 Bb4 9 Bd2 Bd2 10 Qd2 Nd4 11 c3 Nf3 12 gf3 Qh4 13 Qf2 Qf2 14 Kf2 f6 as equal. After 7 Qf3 if Black could play 7...f5 without allowing the en passant capture, the game would transpose into a variation which is considered very good for Black which is reached by 5 Qf3 f5 6 d3 Nc3 7 bc3 d4 as in D. Johansen - Sharp, Grande Prairie, 1987. Not being able to play 7...f5 has its negative features, such as not being able to guard g7 from the side with an eventual Qd7, but on the positive side, Black is a tempo ahead. 7...Nc6 8 Qg3 Be6 9 Nf3 Qd7 10 h4 dc3. Unable to resist the temptation any longer! 11 h5 Nb4 12 Kd1 Qa4. In the post-mortem McLaren said he expected 12...Nc2 13 Kc2 Qa4 but after 14 Kc3 Bb4 15 Kb2 Ba3 16 Kb1 Qd1 comes 17 Qe1. If I could have found even a perpetual in this line, I might have taken it (even though I felt that Black must be better) but I still cannot find one. 13 Ne1 Be7. Not wanting to allow 14 Rh4, but 14 Qg7 0-0-0 did not bother me. 14 Bg5 Qd7. Time to regroup. 15 Be7 Qe7 16 a3 Nd5 17 Be2 0-0-0 18 Rh4 Ne3. Threatening 19...Nf5, a move perhaps missed by McLaren because of his annoyance with B. Knudskov's constant whistling at a nearby board. 19 Qe3 Qh4 20 Qa7 Bd5 21 Rb1. Missing Black's next move. However, after the suggested 21 Qc5 Bc6 22 g4 Qg5 23 Qc3 Rhd8 24 Nf3 Bf3 25 Bf3 Qe5 Black will win. 21...Qf4 0-1. There is no adequate defence to the problem on d2. (notes by Sharp)

Editor's Note - Zoltan Baunok also annotated some of his games from this tournament. Unfortunately, through an error on my part, the games did not arrive in time. They will be included in the next issue.

OTHER NEWS

Calgary Fall Open

Held from Sept 9 to Oct 21 at the Calgary Chess Club; directed by Barney Fegyverneki. Ted Wilson took first place with an undefeated 5.5/7 score. Barney Fegyverneki took second and Ron Hinds third, both with 5/7, edging out Brian Toth on tie-break. Top "A" class went to Greg Huber, also with 5/7. Mike Barkwell took top "B", while Stephen Gale was second "B". Andrew Wearing and Roger Quast finished first and second respectively in the race for the "C" class prize. Newcomer Augustin ("Speedy") Parrenas impressed with 3.5/7, winning top unrated on tie-break over Glenn Power

(Report: Barney Fegyverneki)

Gary Hart Memorial

The University of Alberta saw fit to mourn a political death by holding a one-day, three-round "quickie" tournament. Rocket Rob Gardner overcame all resistance for a seductively easy 3-0 victory.

A. Frialde - R. Gardner (Round 3)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 f4 Qc7 7 Be2 e6 8 g4 h6 9 Be3 b5 10 a3 Bb7 11 Bf3 Nc6 12 Nb3 Be7 13 Qe2 Rc8 14 0-0 b4 15 axb4 Nxb4 16 h4 Nd7 17 g5 a5 18 Qb5 Na2+ 19 Kb1 Nxc3+ 20 bxc3 Qxc3 21 Qd3 a4 22 Na1 Qb4+ 23 Kc1 Rc3 24 Qd4 Qxd4 25 Bxd4 Rxf3 26 Bxg7 Rh7 27 Bxh6 Rxf4 28 h5 Rg4 29 Rhg1 Rxg1 30 Rxd4 Bf8 31 Bxf8 Kxf8 32 h6 Be4 33 Rg4 d5 34 c4 0-1

(TD and Report: John Mackey; Org: Donna Rice)

Calgary CC Grand Prix Speed Tourney

The first event of the CCC Grand Prix of Speed Chess was held October 28, 1987. Halloween week was an appropriate time for this tournament considering some of the frightening and spooky results. Former speed champions Roy Yearwood and Branimir Brebrich were the favourites, along with Greg Huber and Jim O'Neil. But on this scary night, a true dark horse would beat the 100-1 odds to win.

Darse Billings finished first in the round-robin event with 12.5-2.5 (+13=3-1), by using poor play and some truly amazing luck. Greg Huber played well to finish 12-3, and deserved to win the tournament. Yearwood and O'Neil finished with 11.5-3.5, while Brebrich finished fifth with 10.5-4.5. Arthur Odachowski and Hans Lassnig were top "B" class with 7-8. Lassnig finished +1 against the top three finishers!

(TD, Org., Report: Darse Billings)

Editor's note - Darse also submitted an article on speed chess, which appears later in this issue.

Southern Alberta Open

Held November 21 - 22, at the Calgary Chess Club. Zoltan Baunok and Kris Kuczaj overcame all opposition to tie for first with 3.5/4. Baunok took first on tie-break. After the top finishers drew each other in round 3, the key games were played in the final round. Kuczaj quickly got a large advantage against Neil Sharp, and brought the point home without too much difficulty. Meanwhile, Baunok had a wild encounter with Jim Daniluk in which the advantage seemed to change hands several times. After the dust settled, the players had reached a drawn R vs N ending, which Daniluk (playing against the R) mishandled. Strong performances were turned in by Fred McFaul and Mike Yip, who tied with Daniluk for 3rd-5th with 3/4. Full report next issue!

Z. Baunok - G. Huber (Round 2)

1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5 3 ed Qd5 4 d4 cd 5 cd Nc6 6 Nf3 e6 7 Nc3 Qa5! 8 Bd3 Nf6 9 0-0 Be7 10 Bf4 0-0 11 Rc1 Bd7? A serious mistake. Black can maintain a slightly worse position with 11...Nb4. 12 Bb1 Nb4 13 Ne5 Rfd8 14 a3 Nbd5 15 Nd5 Nd5 16 Qh5 g6 17 Ng6! Bf6. Equally hopeless is 17...hg6 18 Bg6 fg6 19 Qg6+ Kh8

20 Be5+ Bf6 21 Rc3 and Black is lost. 18 Ne5 Be8 19 Qh7+ Kf8 20 Ng6+ 1-0

K. Kuczaj - N. Sharp (Round 4)

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 g3 Bf5 4 Bg2 e6 5 0-0 c5 6 c4 Nc6 7 cxd5 Nxd5 8 Ne5 Nxe5 9 dxe5 Bg6 10 Qb3 Nb4 11 Rd1 Qc7 12 Qa4+ Nc6 13 Nc3 a6 14 Nb5 Qb6 15 Nd6+ Bxd6 16 Rxd6 Rc8 17 b3 0-0 18 Bb2 Qb4 19 Qxb4 cxb4 20 e4 Rfd8 21 Rad1 Kf8 22 f4 Ke7 23 g4 f6 24 exf6+ exf6 25 Rxd8 Rxd8 26 Rxd8 Nxd8 27 Kf2 Nc6 28 Ke3 e5 29 h4 Kd6 30 g5 exf4+ 31 Kxf4 Ne5 32 Bxe5+ fxe5+ 33 Ke3 a5 34 Bf3 a4 35 h5 Bf7 36 bxa4 Bxa2 37 Kd3 Bf7 38 Bg4 b6 39 h6 Bg6 40 Bf5 Bxf5 41 exf5 1-0

COMPUTER CHESS TRIUMPH

by

Jonathan Schaeffer

On the Thanksgiving Day weekend, my computer programme *Phoenix* tied for first place at the Alberta Open with a score of 5/6. The Alberta Open was a warm-up event for *Phoenix* in preparation for the North American Computer Chess Championships which followed two weeks later. In the year since *Phoenix* last competed in a tournament, many changes had been made to the programme to "improve" its play. The only way to measure the "improvement" is for the programme to play serious games under observation. Our goal at the Alberta Open was not necessarily to win games, but rather to wait for the programme to make bad moves and then determine why it made them. Fortunately, we did not have to wait long!

Although *Phoenix* won five out of its six games at the Alberta Open, its play was inconsistent. You would see the programme make five or ten excellent moves in a row followed by one costly lemon. It was obvious that there were several problems that were affecting the programme's performance. After the tournament I retired to my laboratory to find out what was wrong. Fortunately, I found two small errors in my programme that had a tremendous impact on its play. So with a fixed programme, off we went to Dallas for the North American Computer Chess Championships.

Phoenix had a tremendous result: scoring 3-1 and tying for second place. Moreover, the wins included lop-sided victories over 2100 and 2200 opponents. Obviously, my "fixes" had worked! In the last round, we lost in a superior (if not winning) ending. This is the second time in a year that *Phoenix* has had a strong master-level performance. If I can ever get my computers frequently enough, I hope to enter more tournaments and get its rating over the 2200 mark.

The following game is against former world computer champion *Belle*, the first chess programme ever to achieve a master

rating. *Belle's* 10th and 11th moves are bad, after which it is all but over. Note how *Phoenix* consistently refuses to win a piece for two pawns, preferring instead to keep looking for something better.

Belle - Phoenix (Round 2)

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Ng8 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 Bd7 8 0-0 Qb6 9 Nf3 f6 10 dxc5 Bxc5 11 Qc2 fxe5 12 Bxh7 0-0-0 13 Bg5 Nf6 14 b4 Bd6 15 Bxf6 gxf6 16 Qg6 e4 17 Nfd4 Qc7 18 h3 Nd4 19 Nd4 e5 20 Nf5 Bxf5 21 Qxf5+ Kb8 22 Bg6 Rdg8 23 Rad1 Rh6 24 Rd5 Rhg6 25 g4 Qc3 26 Kg2 Qb4 and 1-0 in 40 moves.

In the next round, *Phoenix* played a nice positional game against *Bebe* (2100). Only three of White's moves merit serious criticism. On move 16, White should play g2-g4 before Bh4-g3, in order to keep the Black N off the f5 square. On move 29, since Black is tied up, it would be better to delay playing Nc6, and first improve piece placement. Move 42 was an hallucination: phoenix thought it was winning a pawn, only to discover on the next move that the opponent had a saving resource.

Phoenix - Bebe (Round 3)

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 Ne4 3 Bh4 d5 4 f3 Nd6 5 e3 g6 6 Nc3 Bh6 7 e4 dxe4 8 fxe4 Bg7 9 Qd2 0-0 10 0-0-0 Nc6 11 Nf3 Bg4 12 Qe3 a5 13 h3 Bd7 14 Be2 a4 15 a3 b6 16 Bg3 Be8 17 d5 Na5 18 e5 Nf5 19 Qf2 Nxc3 20 Qxc3 Nb7 21 Nd4 Nc5 22 Qe3 Qc8 23 Bg4 Qb8 24 Rde1 Qb7 25 Bf3 Rc8 26 Kb1 Qa6 27 Na2 Rd8 28 Nb4 Qc8 29 Nbc6 Bxc6 30 Nxc6 Rde8 31 h4 h6 32 h5 g5 33 Rhf1 Qf5 34 Qd4 Qc8 35 Bg4 Qa6 36 Be2 Qb7 37 Bb5 Qa8 38 Rf3 e6 39 Bc4 exd5 40 Bxd5 Ne6 41 Qc4 Qc8 42 Na7 Qd7 43 g3 c5 44 Nb5 Re7 45 Nd6 Kh8 46 Rxf7 Rxf7 47 Nxf7+ Rxf7 48 Bxe6 Qd2 49 Qe4 Ra7 50 Bc4 Qd4 51 Qxd4 cxd4 52 Re4 Re7 53 e6 Bf6 54 Bb5 Kg7 55 Bd7 Kf8 56 Kc1 Kg7 57 Kd2 Kf8 58 Ke2 Kg8 59 Kf3 Kf8 60 Kg4 Kg8 61 Kf5 Bh8 62 Kg6 Bg7 63 Bxa4 Kh8 64 b4 Kg8 65 Bd7 Kh8 66 Re1 Bf8 67 Kf6 1-0

Thanks to the Grande Prairie Chess Club, and in particular Phil Lefkowitz, for allowing Phoenix to participate in the Alberta Open. Computers, unfortunately, are not always welcome in human events.

Editor's Note - This last remark references a raging debate concerning the participation of computers in human chess tournaments. Those against such participation cite the computer's ability to store "book" knowledge virtually ad infinitum, which clearly constitutes a somewhat unfair advantage. Opponents also decry the lack of human effect - computers don't squirm, gloat, or sweat. They don't talk to you after the game. In short, win or lose, playing a computer is just not as satisfying as playing a human for some people.

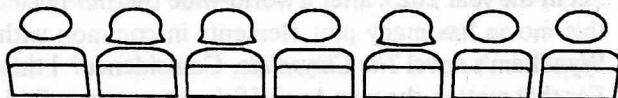
This may all be true, but there is another side to the issue.

Some people do occasionally enjoy pitting their wits against the "machine" in a tournament setting. Moreover, no matter how well they do, computers never receive cash prizes, while they always contribute to the prize fund through their entry fees. Finally, it should be remembered that, without the ability to test programmes "in the field", it would have been difficult for programmers to produce the fine array of inexpensive chess computers that so many players are happy to own today.

An increasingly popular solution is to let computers participate in human tournaments, but to allow each player the option of specifying "no computer pairings". This is in fact what was done at the 1987 Alberta Open as well as the 1987 U.S. Open. And as long as a reasonable number of players are willing to match wits with computers under tournament conditions, this will undoubtedly prove to be the best compromise.

ENDGAME - THE MOVIE!

by
Anne O'Tate



I recently rented out a video entitled *Endgame*. What chessplayer could resist such a title? Since I am spending a great deal of time studying endings, I hoped this movie would give me some insight into my own end-play. And I was not disappointed!

This futuristic film sees life as a chessboard. The characters represent chess pieces, both black (evil) and white (good). The psychic abilities of some of the characters vividly demonstrate the in-depth thinking a good chessplayer has to perform.

The main character, Al Cliver, is the strongest piece (queen), while the woman he helps rescue, Moira Chen, is the more restricted and valued piece (king). An interesting role reversal!

Sticking close to the metaphor of chess, the beginning of the movie concentrates on the less important characters (pawns). These are quickly and easily killed off - sacrificed for the sake of the stronger characters. In one of the most moving scenes of the movie, we see a classic battle between Black and White, where the heroes must conquer a group of evil monks who are using one of their own against them. At the end of this tactically-accurate sequence, I had learned more about pawn exchanges than I have ever learned through hours of studying!

Strength of the pieces is shown through the "knights" of the movie. What better way to provide insights into positional chess than with lines such as: "So you're Moose... Bull tells me you're strong as an ox."

The viewer is treated to some extravagant Coppola-esque imagery. A powerful anti-war sentiment is evident in the depiction of nightmarish weapons: hand-grenades which decimate humans without disturbing the desert sands on which they stand... Could this be the futuristic equivalent of today's neutron bomb? There are also humanoid creatures known as "Regressive Mutants", who took a wrong turn at the evolutionary crossroads after the nuclear holocaust. Think of a chessplayer who, after years of dedication to the Royal Game, decides to take up Scrabble instead.

Impossible as it may seem, almost every aspect of chess is covered in this brilliant movie. One of the characters disappears in the middle of the movie (very much like a pawn stuck in the middle of the board by another), and then reappears at the end by means of a magical *en passant* move. As well, a minor character, played by a child, promotes at the end of the movie to become the strongest piece. I've never seen so much chess symbolism in one movie.

Set in the year 2025, after a world-wide thermo-nuclear war, this movie has many plot elements in common with John Wyndham's novel *The Chrysalids*. Coincidence? I think not! For that matter, the new Arnie [Schwarzenegger - Ed.] movie *Running Man* borrows heavily from *Endgame* - the difference is that *Endgame* is really about chess, whereas Arnie can't run worth beans!

SPEED CHESS

by
Darse Billings

Five-minute chess is known by many names: Speed, Blitz and Lightning chess are among the more common terms. This highly exciting, much loved and much hated variation of chess is one of the more popular forms of the game. As any experienced player knows, it is a very different game from the usual tournament encounter.

Botvinnik supposedly abhorred the game, saying "I don't play freak chess!" On the other hand, Fischer strongly recommended it as being the fastest way to improve tactical vision and combinative play. Psychologists have found that playing speed chess may be a kind of motor skill, on a level comparable with driving. While some people, like me, learn very little from playing speed chess, enough of it gradually produces some positive effects in the understanding of chess as a whole.

But without a doubt, blitz owes its popularity to its excitement and unpredictability. Luck often plays a major role in who

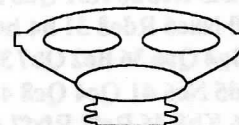
wins or loses, and upsets are the rule, not the exception.

A fine example of this occurred in the first Grand Prix Speed Tournament of the year for the Calgary Chess Club. In this tournament I had an astounding string of luck and finished in first place, despite playing poorly enough to deserve finishing below 50%. Thus, the old adage "it is better to be lucky than to be good" was proved yet again.

In the first round, I was methodically crushed by Greg Huber, who is rapidly becoming one of the stronger speed chess players in Calgary. Little did anyone suspect (least of all me) that this would be my last loss of the evening!

Billings - Usselman (Round 2; approximate moves)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 Nc6(?) 3 cxd5 Qxd5 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Nc3 Qh5 6 Bf4 Bg4 7 e3 g5(?) 8 Bg3 e5(!) 9 dxe5 Rd8 10 Qe2 (urghh!) Nd5 11 Nxd5 Rxd5 12 h3?? Bb4+. Oh goodie. 12 h3 doesn't threaten anything because of the R/h1, and now I get to choose how I want to lose my Queen! But in speed chess, even more than in normal chess, you should never give up. 13 Qd2 Bxf3 14 gxf3 Bxd2+ 15 Ke2 0-0 16 Bg2 Re8 17 Rad1 Nxe5(?) Of course 17...Red8 is much better. But it doesn't matter now, right? Wrong! Often the person clearly winning is the one who stops playing seriously. 18 Bxe5 Rxe5 19 Rxd2 Rxd2 20 Kxd2 Rd5+ 21 Ke2 Qh6 22 f4 Rc5 23 Rg1 Qa6+ 24 Kf3(!) gxf4?? 25 Bf1+ Rg5?? Black can still win with 25...Qg6. 26 Rxf5+ Qxf5?? And White claimed a win because of an illegal move!



Keep in mind that the comments to this game refer to speed chess, not normal chess. 8...e5(!) may not be a good move in reality, but against an average speed chess opponent it may well be the best move to make. Paul is a sharp player, who I feel truly understands the spirit of speed chess. Taking risks and playing for cheap tricks are perfectly valid ways of beating an opponent, and are especially effective against a stronger player.

In round three I won a queen against Lassnig, but then fell asleep. I noticed my flag fall and Roy Yearwood pointed out that I visibly slumped in my chair. Don't do this! Since there was no quick way of mating, I started removing his 6 or 7 remaining pieces, often with check. Be sure to announce check! in this situation, to keep the opponent's attention away from the clock! After I took his last pawn, he finally noticed that my flag was down, but the game was drawn because he lacked "mating material" (any piece or pawn).

After a lucky win against Daniluk in the next round, I could only be encouraged at my 2.5/4 score. Later, after Jim O'Neil let me capture his king, I was tied for first place, and we all had

a good chuckle. But seven straight wins later, things had gone from amusing to absurd!

Going into the final round I had a half-point lead over Greg Huber, but had to play Brebrich. Greg won quickly, and contentedly watched Branimir build up a crushing position. But about six moves before mating me, Branimir's flag fell, giving me a miraculous tournament victory!

The next CCC Grand Prix Speed Chess tournament is January 6, 1988. It is open to all players, and entry fee is just \$2.50. Note - if you don't feel that you are the kind of player who can roll fifteen "sevens" in a row, you could always try playing good chess!

TOURNAMENTS

1987 Alberta Over/Under 1800

Edmonton, Dec 12-13; Edmonton Chess Centre, 15110 Yellowhead Trail

Two five-round Swiss Systems: Section One for those rated 1800+; Section Two for those rated below 1800

Register: Saturday Dec 12, 9:00-9:30. Entry Fees: Section 1 \$20 (\$5 more if under 1800); Section 2 \$15. Juniors \$5 less in either section. ACA and CFC memberships required (available at site). Cash prizes, based on entry fees collected in each section. Initial time control 45/110 mins. NO SMOKING. NO COMPUTERS. Please bring your own chess clock! This is the final 1987 Grand Prix event - don't miss it! Suggested accomodation: Yellowhead Inn (447-2400), next to the Chess Centre.

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Calgary CC.

Bill Rusk (286-6137; 9, 3302 50 St. NW, Calgary T3A 2C6). Brian Toth (248-6589), Jim O'Neil (289-7103), Meets: New Rosedale Hall, 800-11 Ave NW, Wed., 7:00-11:00. Schedule: Nov 4 - Dec 16. CCC Championship. T.D. Barney Fegyverneki (266-2843). Jan 13 - Feb 24. Calgary Closed. T.D. Greg Huber (286-1873). Mar 9 - Apr 20. Calgary Open.

T.D. Brian Starkes (243-2026). May 4 - Jun 8. Spring Open. T.D. Darse Billings (284-3799). Jun 22. Last chess night of season. Oct 28, Jan 6, Mar 2, Apr 27 & Jun 15 Grand Prix Speed. T.D. Darse Billings.

University of Calgary CC.

Rob Woods, public affairs (239-7145; 76 Edgepark Way NW, Calgary T3A 3M3); Brian Wansleebe (288-8907); Graham Cooper (252-6352); Larry Manahan, accounting (255-6035; 2 Manor Rd SW, Calgary T2V 1Z7); Philip Chiu, special events (248-0465; weekend evenings). Meets: Room 318, MacEwan Hall (the other side of the Chaplains'), 2920-24 Ave NW. July to August (1987): Mon. and Wed., 1-4 p.m. (approx.), September to March, 12-5 p.m. (approx.). Fees: UCCC membership required for Calgary players; \$3 students and \$4 others.

Edmonton CC.

Tom Karpa (455-2704). Meets: 15110 Yellowhead Trail (upstairs; west of Yellowhead Inn) at the Edmonton Chess Centre (447-2564; answering machine on duty during off hours). Tues. 7:00-11:00 (main rated tournament night); Sat. 11:00-5:00 (approx. times; usually skittles, but tournaments may be held). Schedule: Nov 3 - Dec 8. ECC Fall Open. Dec 15. Open Speed event. Dec 16 - Jan 3. Closed. Jan 5. Open Speed event. Jan 12. Open Speed event. Registration Edmonton Closed and Reserves. Jan 19 - Mar 8. Edmonton Closed and Reserves Championships. Note: on Saturdays, whenever an event is not scheduled, quads (4-players; rated) will be run beginning at approx. 11:30 a.m. (time control 60 min/game).

University of Alberta CC.

Contact: John Mackey, Vice-President (#12, 11016-88 Ave, Edmonton T6G 0Z2. Phone: 433-3062); Tom Matty, President (963-2914). Meets: Room 229, Central Academic Building, U of A, Thurs 4:00 pm.

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Calgary Junior Chess Club

Information: Barney Fegyverneki (266-2843; #2308, 840-9 St SW, Calgary T2P 2T1) or Ted Wilson (240-4740).

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 \$2.00, Junior High \$2.50, Senior High \$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 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, 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).

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