



# ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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## TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



### CALGARY CLOSED



Calgary Chess Club: Rosedale Community Hall.  
8 person round robins. Formed by rating order.  
Winner goes to the Alberta Closed. Rd.1 March 19.

You MUST register March 5, March 12, or by phoning  
John Schleinich at 288-6721 BEFORE March 19th.

\*\*\*Note: There is NO registration on March 19.\*\*\*



### MARCH TORNADO



Edmonton. 40 moves per hour. 5 rounds.

General Services Building. March 22 & 23.

### ALBERTA CLOSED & VICTORIA DAY OPEN



Six rounds, in Edmonton.  
General Services Building.



### EDMONTON CHESS CLUB EVENTS



March 3 Speed Tournament  
March 10 to April 14 6 round Swiss  
April 28 to June 23 1980 Club Championship.  
7 rounds.



**NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN** EDMONTON March 1&2



5th floor, General Services Bldg, 116 st & 91 ave, U of A



Entry Fees: \$10 senior, \$7 junior-under 18 **5 round Swiss**  
aca & cfc memb. required



Register 9-9:30 am Saturday  
bring clocks & sets, none supplied!



TOP 30 ALBERTA PLAYERS BY CFC RATINGALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

1. C. Evans	Edmonton	2134
2. S. Ball	Edmonton	2122
3. R. South	Calgary	2109
4. M. Rabljenovic	Calgary	2073
5. F. South	Calgary	2064
6. D. Ross	Calgary	2054
7. J. Babb	Edmonton	2052
8. B. Brebrich	Calgary	2048
9. M. Campbell	Edmonton	2021
10. N. Fullbrook	Edmonton	2012
11. I. Loadman	Edmonton	1975
12. L. Steele	Edmonton	1974
13. A. Zissos	Calgary	1971
14. G. Campbell	Edmonton	1961
15. L. Barkwell	Calgary	1953
16. M. Frank	Edmonton	1948
17. E. Rosenbloom	Edmonton	1935
18. R. Hawkes	Calgary	1934
19. I. Yearwood	Calgary	1927
20. P. Allan	Calgary	1892
21. K. Kuczaj	Calgary	1892
22. B. Bachmann	Calgary	1890
23. E. Long	Edmonton	1890
24. W. Mueller	Calgary	1873
25. D. Ariel	Calgary	1864
26. W. Litwinczuk	Calgary	1864
27. S. Kiamer	Calgary	1863
28. A. Hangartner	Leduc	1855
29. J. MacIntosh	Calgary	1855
30. G. Raletich	Edmonton	1854

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

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ACA GRAND PRIX 1980  
LEADERS (to Jan. 31)

Open Section:	1. S. Ball	18	(Edmonton)
	2. N. Sharp	10	(Lacombe)
	3. K. Kuczaj	10	(Calgary)
	4. T. Kolenchuk	10	(Edmonton)
	5. L. Erdos	10	(Lethbridge)
Amateur:	1. T. Kolenchuk	18	(Edmonton)
	2. B. Knudskov	12	(St. Albert)
	3. P. Patsula	12	(Edmonton)
	4. L. Erdos	10	(Lethbridge)
Novice:	1. D. Soluk	18	(Edmonton)
	2. K. Parker	10	(St. Albert)
	3. K. Hruday	10	(Edmonton)
	4. J. Baser	10	(Edmonton)

[Editor's Note: In order to have a good chance to win the Grand Prix, you'll probably find it necessary to play in a number of tournaments. One doesn't have to finish first in the section every time -- lots of points are available to lower places! Not only do you play more chess, you may be rewarded for doing so! The player who enters the most events has the best chance of winning the Grand Prix. After all, a few points in every tournament will add up rather quickly. Why not make this the year in which you play in EVERY tournament you possibly can. It may pay off!]

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Look for an announcement concerning Lone Pine 1980, to be held in Alberta later this year. For more details of this event, write to the ACA.

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. {\*Note: clubs may adjust your fee and/or expiry date so that ACA and club memberships expire at the same time.}

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.

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CHESS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The Foundation administers and invests a fund of money which has evolved through sale of CFC Life Memberships, donations, etc. The interest is given annually to the CFC to support country-wide chess activities. If you would like to contribute to help the fund grow and boost Canadian chess, then please send your donation to: Martin Jaeger, Chairman, Chess Foundation, 409-3311 Kingston Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1M 1R1.

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

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

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).

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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.

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!

GRAND PRIX 1980

All persons who are residents of Alberta on January 1, 1980 are eligible. As well, any person who moves into Alberta becomes eligible for the remainder of the year. All persons must be members of both the CFC and the ACA.

Sections

There will be three sections of competition:

- OPEN open to all (including those in lower sections)
- AMATEUR Open to all rated 1400 - 1699
- NOVICE Open to all under 1400 and unrated.

\*\*Note: a person may collect points in different sections if his rating changes.

Tournaments Eligible

Any open tournament held within the borders of Alberta may have Grand Prix points awarded to participants provided it is CFC rated, and a copy of the final crosstable is sent to the ACA immediately after the tournament has ended (no later than two weeks).

Prizes

- Open Section: First - \$100, Second - \$50
- Amateur Section: First - \$75, Second - \$40
- Novice Section: First - \$75, Second - \$40

Awards

Points will be awarded based upon placing and the number of participants in each tournament. Points will be divided equally in case of ties. Any tournament over six rounds may add two points to

each place (e.g. Level 4 becomes 18 14 10 7 4). The following table indicates the number of Grand Prix points which will be awarded to tournaments.

Lvl	# of plyrs	Place										Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	5-14	10	6	2								18
2	15-19	12	8	5	2							27
3	20-24	14	10	6	2							32
4	25-29	16	12	8	5	2						43
5	30-34	18	14	10	6	2						50
6	35-39	20	16	12	8	5	2					63
7	40-44	23	19	15	12	8	5	2				84
8	45-49	26	22	18	15	12	8	5	2			108
9	50-59	29	25	21	18	15	12	8	5	2		135
10	60-74	32	29	25	21	18	15	12	8	5	2	167
11	75-99	35	32	29	25	21	18	15	12	8	5	200
12	100+	40	35	32	29	25	21	18	15	12	8	235
Place	---	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Special Notes

The following major tournaments will have guaranteed minimums:

- Alberta Open Level 11 (1st - 35)
- Southern Alberta Open Level 8 (1st - 26)
- Northern Alberta Open Level 8 (1st - 26)

- Alberta Closed 1st 25 5th 9
- Calgary CC Championship 2nd 20 6th 6
- Edmonton CC Championship 3rd 15 7th 4
- 4th 12 8th 2

(Only these three round-robins will have points awarded without special application.)

Please direct all questions, comments, and problems to D. Johansen, c/o ACA Box 119, U of A, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2E0.

ACA Regulation

Any organizer or tournament director who fails to submit memberships and/or a rating report within the period set by the CFC (2 weeks for memberships, 1 month for rating reports) may lose his ACA membership and may not be allowed to play in or direct/organize any ACA tournament until such time as fully acceptable restitution has been made.

DROPOUTS

The following players have dropped out of a tournament without notifying the tournament director:

- Tamir Stochinsky
- Tom Cameron
- Ron Bowland

They have thereby qualified for a \$5 penalty.

TOURNAMENT REPORTSEdmonton Speed Tournament

A speed tournament was held on November 26, 1979 with 22 participants. As was expected from the start, Nigel Fullbrook swept through it with a perfect 10/10. George Raletich finished second, losing only to Fullbrook. Wes Braga was the top under 1500 (6/10) and Ken Parker took under 1300 honours with 5/10.

TD & Report: D. Johansen

Edmonton December Tornado

This tournament at the Edmonton Chess Club was run at a rate of 50 moves per hour, with two games each of the first two nights, and one game the final night. The event ran from December 3 to 17. It was relatively successful with 28 players. Nigel Fullbrook easily won, taking his fourth tournament in a row. All the other high rated players lost in early rounds leaving the door open for Tracy Kolenchuk, who won his first four games to take second place (on tiebreak). Val Verlik was the top player under 1600 with 3.5 points. Top under 1400 was John Baser.

1. N. Fullbrook	1976	+12	+9	+8	+6	+2	5
2. T. Kolenchuk	1513	+25	+4	+3	+10	-1	4
3. R. Douziech	1824	+14	+13	-2	+9	+7	4
4. A. Skeel	1803	+7	-2	+17	+13	+10	4
5. F. Borloi	1745	+20	+16	-6	+19	+8	4
6. V. Verlik	1563	+21	+19	+5	-1	+16	3.5

3.0: 7. R. Baser, 8. B. Knudskov, 9. P. Patsula, 10. R. Patsula, 11. A. Berberakis.

2.5: 12. D. Johansen, 13. H. von zur Gathen, 14. W. Franiel, 15. K. Potocska.

2.0: 16. K. Affek, 17. G. Wilkinson, 18. D. McDonald.

1.5: 19. D. Babb, 20. P. Beley, 21. H. Vos, 22. T. Hooper, 23. D. Heise.

1.0: 24. W. Lagran, 25. S. Skoda, 26. R. Mastre.

0.5: 27. E. Page.

TD & Report: D. Johansen

Santa's Swiss December 15-16

Due mostly to the extremely cold temperatures, few players turned out for the last tournament of 1979. However the ten that showed up enjoyed the tournament. It ran smoothly, and all rounds started on or before the scheduled times. Nigel Fullbrook once again took top honours, with Bruno Knudskov clear second after a last round upset of R. Douziech. Another last round upset saw WITA, the computer program, defeat third ranked Sardul Purewal.

1. N. Fullbrook	1976	+2	+7	+4	+5	+6	5
2. B. Knudskov	1590	-1	+6	+9	+3	+4	4
3. A. Berberakis	1547	-4	+8	+6	-2	+10	3

2.5: 4. R. Douziech, 5. S. Purewal.

2.0: 6. J. Keresztes, 7. D. Johansen, 8. WITA, 9. H. von zur Gathen.

0.0: 10. D. Bilyea.

TD & Report: D. Johansen

Calgary Chess Club Open

The Calgary Chess Club held its annual championship tournament from October 31 through December 12. Only 28 players participated in this prestigious event. Most of the elite were missing. Perhaps they are preparing for the Calgary Open and Closed, so a little thing like Chess Club Champ, with only a name on a trophy to show for the effort, holds no attraction for them any more. We miss them, but in the meantime we will go on playing and enjoying the game of chess with or without the aces of Calgary.

The tournament was a seven round Swiss, won by Wolfgang Mueller with six points, a full point ahead of runner-up Jaime Solis.

1. W. Mueller	+3	+11	=4	+10	+2	=6	+5	6
2. J. Solis	+13	+18	+9	+7	-1	-5	+6	5
3. J. Vocelle	-1	+6	+13	+20	=8	=7	+9	5
4. E. Leong	+25	+10	=1	=15	-6	+19	+8	5
5. U. Das	-6	+17	+23	+14	+7	+2	-1	5

4.5: 6. M. Blue, 7. J. Parrott.

4.0: 8. Y. Veillette, 9. T. Bosgra, 10. J. Bezjack, 11. D. Maguire, 12. A. Lindquist.

3.5: 13. B. Rusk, 14. A. Ricco, 15. B. Knudskov, 16. S. Schlieff.

3.0: 17. K. Bodnar, 18. I. Olthof, 19. S. Company.

2.5: 20. D. Enevoldsen, 21. A. Menzel.

2.0: 22. E. Lockert, 23. H. Bovbjerg, 24. P. Smithwick.

1.5: 25. S. Gibb.

TD & Report: J.F. Schleinich

Lethbridge Swiss Open

Larry Erdos was the winner in a six-round Swiss sponsored jointly by the Lethbridge Chess Club and the Lethbridge Public Library on 2-4 January, 1980. Although only eight players took part, five were new CFC/ACA members, and two were reactivating lapsed or inactive memberships.

Winning the junior prize was Mark Horton. Although Mark did not win any games, his play improved perceptibly throughout the tournament. Those of us who have memories (nightmares?) of our first tournaments will appreciate Mark's resilience and good humour, and express the hope that he will go on to play in many more.

The upset of the tournament was turned in by Marv Paxman, who defeated Alan Aycock in the third round. Playing the White side of a French, Paxman accepted Aycock's poorly motivated pawn sacrifice, defended intelligently, and played an impeccable endgame to wrap up the point.

1. L. Erdos	-	1	0	1	1	1	-	1	5
2. A. Aycock	0	-	1	1	0	1	1	-	4
3. R. Poulette	1	0	-	0	1	-	1	1	4
4. H. Pharis	0	0	1	-	-	1	1	1	4
5. M. Paxman	0	1	0	-	-	1	1	1	4
6. L. Spencer	0	0	-	0	0	-	1	1	2
7. D. Shields	-	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1
8. M. Horton	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	-	0

M. Paxman - A. Aycock  
(Notes by Alan Aycock)

"Big Cheese" Tournament

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 Be7 {The Romanishin variation, played in recent years with considerable success by the young Soviet GM.} 4. Nf3 Nf6, 5. e5 Ne4 {Either 6. Ne4 de, 7. Ng1 c5; or else 6. Bd3 Nc3, 7. bc c5 leads to a satisfactory game for Black. This is why White usually plays 5. Bd3 before 6. e5.} 6. Qd3!? Nc6? {Black sacs a pawn to chase the White Queen around a little. Better would have been 6. ... Nc3, 7. Qc3 Nc6 (or O-O) with normal development, since White has lost a tempo on his Kingside attack. Alternatively, since White's Queen move isn't all that out of place in a closed position, I might have done well to play 5. ... Nfd7, with a subsequent ... c5, and avoid the whole problem -- except that this might lead to playing a tempo down in the Classical French, since the Bishop usually recaptures on c5 without the intermediate move Be7.} 7. Ne4 Nb4, 8. Qe2 de, 9. Qe4 Bd7, 10. c3 Bc6, 11. Qe2 Bf3? {At this point I decided to commit myself to a Queenside attack on White's pawns, so I eliminated his Knight to make ... c5 more threatening. In retrospect, I think that I would have done better to play an immediate 11. ... Nd5 and try for some play against White's Kingside with by QB and QN in conjunction with ... Bg5, particularly since White will need a move or two to untangle his pieces.} 12. gf Nd5, 13. Bg2?! c5? {A better plan is to try to fix the doubled f-pawns by Bg5-f4 and Qh4.} 14. dc Qc7 {Of course not 14. ... Bc5?, 15. Qb5+. Black doesn't mind not castling, since he wants his King close to the centre for the endgame.} 15. Qb5+ Kf8, 16. f4 a6 {The point is to get the White Queen out of the way to have the option of capturing the pawn at c5 with either the KB or the Queen, since the latter may be useful (for example) to recapture at d5 when White exchanges his strong KB for Black's strong Knight. Furthermore, I don't want the Queen putting pressure on my Queenside when I play Rd8. Finally, if White moves his Queen to b3 or c4, I gain additional time on the Queenside for my attack.} 17. Qe2 Rd8, 18. O-O Bc5? {Instead, 18. ... Qc5 and g5 suggests itself.} 19. c4? Nb4 {Threatening Nd3 and Qb6} 20. Rd1 Ke7, 21. Rd8 Rd8, 22. Be3 Nd3, 23. Rd1 Be3, 24. fe Nb4, 25. Rd8 Qd8 {I had planned 25. ... Kd8 at this time, but realized too late that I had overlooked 26. Qd2, so I had to lose the tempo. I avoided 24. ... Nc5, although it protected the b-pawn, because of b4 and the pawn roller.} 26. a3 Qd3 {I might have prolonged the inevitable by retaining Queens, but I didn't think that idea would be particularly effective with so many pawns on the board. At least this way I could harass White's Queenside, and my King is a couple of moves closer to the scene of the action.} 27. Qd3 Nd3, 28. Bb7 Nb2, 29. Ba6 Kd8, 30. Kf2 Kc7, 31. Ke2 Kb6, 32. Bb5 Kc5, 33. Kd2 f6 {It is all really a matter of technique, as it has been for the last ten or so moves. I am just playing it out to see whether my opponent, who is somewhat less experienced in end games than I (for all the good it did me!) might make an error in opposition. He did not.} 34. ef gf, 35. Kc2 Nc4, 36. Bc4 Kc4, 37. Kb2? e5, 38. fe fe, 39. Kc2 e4, 40. a4 Kb4, 41. a5 Ka5, and Black resigned on the 47th move.

(A special thanks to Mr. Aycock for sending along this game. I have always thought that a report without a game is incomplete. Perhaps some of the players out there who concur with this view will give the TD an assist in this area? -- Editor)

TD & Report: A. Aycock

Nigel Fullbrook continued his winning ways by capturing the January "Big Cheese" tournament at the Edmonton Chess Club. Fullbrook became the "biggest winner" in the 16-player one night 15-minute/game event by defeating Wally Franiel.

Meanwhile, Peter Patsula earned the "Best of the Losers" title by defeating George Wilkinson.

In the final match, Fullbrook knocked off Patsula to earn the "Big Cheese" award as well as a "Please No Smoking" lapel button which he proudly wore while blowing smoke over the board.

Prior to this fun tournament, the club held a general meeting at which about 40 members again tangled with the question of smoking. No one put forth a strict "ban the smoking" motion, but Fullbrook did move that the club "ENCOURAGE smoking". That motion was soundly defeated. Discussion was dropped and, therefore, the club's official policy will remain as one to "discourage smoking", with no penalties for anyone who does smoke.

TD & Report: Bruce Thomas

U. of A. Open

Stephen Ball coasted through this event, winning with a perfect 5-0 score (in the recent style of Nigel Fullbrook!). Neil Sharp (Top B) and Tracy Kolenchuk (Top C) finished tied for 2nd to 4th with Kris Kuczaj. Dan Soluk had an excellent result with 3.5-1.5 to take the D prize.

- 1. S. Ball 2144 +12 +10 +11 + 3 + 2 5
  - 2. N. Sharp 1823 +23 +30 + 4 + 6 - 1 4
  - 3. K. Kuczaj 1953 +19 + 9 +15 - 1 + 5 4
  - 4. T. Kolenchuk 1513 +28 + 8 - 2 +12 + 9 4
- 3.5: 5. D. Soluk, 6. B. Knudskov, 7. P. Patsula.
- 3.0: 8. K. Parker, 9. J. Vandenburg, 10. B. Palcic, 11. S. Purewal, 12. K. Hruday, 13. H. von zur Gathen, 14. J. Baser.
- 2.5: 15. R. Patsula, 16. J. Ivanov, 17. D. Bilyea.
- 2.0: 18. R. Deline, 19. D. Babb, 20. C. Wong, 21. M. Bertovic.
- 1.5: 22. D. Johansen, 23. R. Vanden, 24. R. Doo, 25. A. Kruger, 26. D. A. Tilroe.
- 1.0: 27. WITA (computer), 28. P. Remillard, 29. B. Corazza, 30. R. Trost, 31. G. Ustina.

N. Sharp - S. Ball

1. e4 c6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 de, 4. Ne4 Nf6, 5. Nf6+ gf, 6. Nf3 Bf5, 7. Bd3 Nbd7 {The Encyclopedia of Chess Openings only gives Bg6?! If White captures on f5, Black can recover the Bishop with Qa5+.} 8. Be3 e6, 9. Qd2 Bd3, 10. Qd3 Qc7, 11. O-O-O O-O-O, 12. Kbl Nc5? {Better is f5, followed by Nf6. The move played was based upon a hope for a short game in order to see the Superbowl!} 13. Qe2 Na4, 14. Nd2?? {Both Rd3! and Bc1 are adequate, leaving White with some advantage.} 14. ... Ba3!, 15. Nc4 Bb2! {The Bishop leads a charmed life in view of the threat of Nc3+ winning the White Queen.} 16. Qd3 Bc3, 17. g3 b5, 18. Bf4 Qe7, 19. a3 bc, 20. Qc4 Qb7+, (0-1).

K. Parker - P. Patsula

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 Bc5, 4. c3 d6?, 5. d4 ed, 6. cd Bb4+, 7. Nd2?! (7. Kf1! d5, 8. Qe4 de, 9. Bc6 bc, 10. Qc6±) 7. ... a6, 8. Bc6 bc, 9. Qa4 Bd2, 10. Bd2 Bd7, 11. O-O Nf6, 12. Rfe1 O-O, 13. Qc2 Re8, 14. e5 Nd5, 15. Ng5 f5, 16. e6 h6 {White has played the opening aggressively and has a clear advantage.} 17. Qf5 hg, 18. Qf7+ Kh8, 19. ed Rf8, 20. Qe6 Nf4, 21. Bf4 gf, 22. Re4 Rf6, 23. Qe8+ Rf8, 24. Rae1 Qg5, 25. Qa8 Ra8, 26. Re8+ Kh7, 27. Ra8 f3, 28. g3 Qg4, 29. d8=Q g5, 30. Qg8+ (1-0).

TD: D. Johansen. Report: S. Ball

Finals of Zone Playdowns

Of the Winter Games zone playdowns, the two zones which might have been expected to attract the most participants (Edmonton & Calgary) actually had the poorest turnouts. In some cases, finalists had to be chosen by random selection from club ranks.

Players from Calgary's Zone 3 going to Grande Prairie are: Greg Gibb, Esteban Villa and Jim Wanamaker for the seniors; and Graham Cooper, Ian Olthof and Keven Alperstein for the juniors.

Edmonton (Zone 6) will be represented by seniors John Baser, Steve Skoda and Kevin Icq; and junior Doug Lee and two other; juniors yet to be decided.

Results from playdowns in Zones 2 and 4 will appear in the next ACR, along with the final results from Grande Prairie Winter Games.

The ACA extends its thanks to the persons who assisted with the Zone playdowns and who, in the process, sold over 60 new ACA memberships: John Schleinch, Keith Nishi, Allan Quinn, Ken Tilly, and David Johansen.

Len Steele Simultaneous

On January 14, the new Edmonton Chess Club Champion (Len Steele) was asked (forced?) to give a simultaneous exhibition against club members who wished to take a shot at the "champ". This is one of the few rewards (punishments?) which the winner of the club championship receives.

In a dazzling display, Len finished with a score of +11 =3 -5. W. Franiel was one of those who managed to draw, while K. Hruday, B. Knudskov, P. Patsula, and K. Affek were among the winners. Unfortunately, I don't have the names of all the people who took points from Len. Those who struggled and lost will remain (as they no doubt prefer!) anonymous.

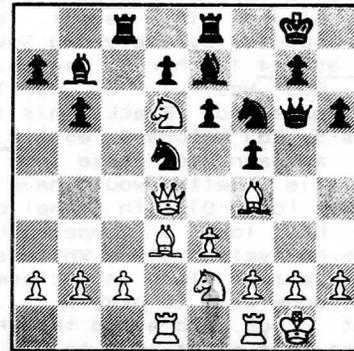
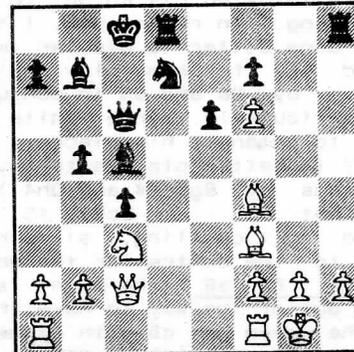
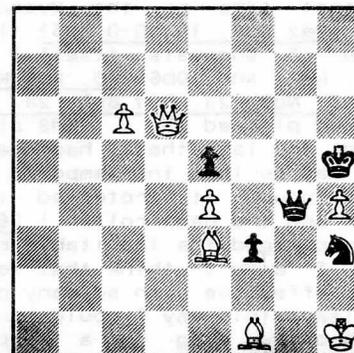
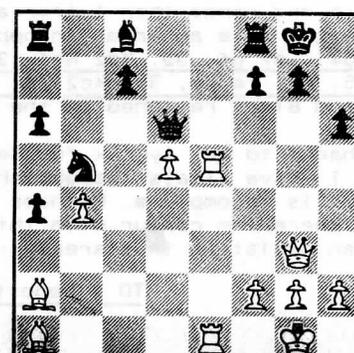
Thanks to all who participated!

Report: S. Ball

TEST YOUR CHESS

by Stephen Ball

All four problems involve a sudden death in the royal family. Look for a quick mate in the first two. (And thanks to Len Steele for the first position!!) Black is short a piece in #3, but has he a saving resource? The fourth is rather difficult. The player of the White pieces didn't quite find the win. Can you?

#1. Based upon a game CC7 - L. Steele.  
Black to move.#2. Johansson - Ekenberg, Sweden 1974.  
Black to move.#3. Rodriguez - Vaisman, Bucarest 1974.  
Black to move.#4. Krantz - Dahlin, Sweden 1974.  
White to move.

ALBERTA WINTER GAMES REPORT

Canadian Junior Closed 1979-1980  
by Stephen Ball

Zone 1

Ben van Goolen easily won the round-robin playdowns for Zone 1 of the Alberta Winter Games Chess Tournament. A recent arrival from Holland, he registered a perfect three points in the playdowns held December 29 at the Taber Community Centre.

Keith Nishi of Bow Island took second place with two points, while Vern Schultz of Medicine Hat finished third with one point.

In the junior category, Rod Brilz of Medicine Hat, Dan Williams of Medicine Hat, and Bill Haynes of Taber will advance to the Winter Games finals in Grande Prairie. Brilz, 17 years old, defeated both the other juniors while 16-year-old Williams beat 14-year-old Haynes in the round-robin competition.

Zones 5 & 7

On January 19, chess playdowns were held in both Barrhead and Bonnyville. Perhaps the most interesting result occurred in Barrhead, where a woman actually played and finished in third place to advance to the Winter Games finals.

Norma McCullough of Sherwood Park trailed George Pon of Rich Valley and Barry Schuller of Busby in the Zone 5 senior playdowns. Meanwhile, her son, Robert, captured the junior competition, followed by Wade Seely and Kevin Seely, brothers from Drayton Valley.

If any of the above Zone 5 players cannot go to Grande Prairie, substitute players will be Bill Price of Pickardville and Ed Caraher of Westlock as seniors, and Ronald Despins, Patrick Sequin and Ronald Henderson, all juniors from Vimy.

At Bonnyville, Gilles Bordeleau scored a clear first in the senior playdowns for Zone 7. Another Grande Prairie resident, Walter Dodman, took second place. Ray Shalka of Fort Kent was third.

Blaine Pollom of St. Paul won the junior category, beating Fred Jelschen and David Rowe, both of Bonnyville.

Zone 7 substitute players will be: Peter Ashcroft, Dennis Bordeleau and Len Belcourt, all seniors from Grande Centre, and Chris Dutchyn and Michael Ferrao, Bonnyville juniors.

Zone 8

Dick Roberts of Wabasca won the January 12 playdowns with 3.5 points. Tom Wilson of Grande Prairie took second place in the four-round senior category with 3 points, while Albert Burger of Faust and Jim Williams of Grande Prairie scored 2 points each.

Michael Williams of Grande Prairie led the Zone 8 juniors, defeating each of the four other competitors. Thomas Marchand of Beaverlodge was second with 3 points and David Warren of Valleyview followed with 2 points.

If any of the above players cannot represent Zone 8 in the Winter Games, substitute players will be: Ron Patrick of Falher and Byron Kachman of Beaverlodge in the seniors; Rene Roberge and Steven Bonertz of Valleyview in the junior section.

Winter Games Reports: Bruce Thomas

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1	J Pajak	2083	X	=	=	1	1	1	=	1	1	1	1	9.5
2	S Barbeau	2026	=	X	=	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
3	D Filipovich	2031	=	=	X	0	1	1	1	=	1	1	1	8.5
4	R Hamilton	2033	0	0	1	X	0	1	=	=	1	1	1	7
5	R Graham	1835	0	1	0	1	X	0	=	1	=	1	0	6
6	M Billard	1929	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	1	1	1	1	6
7	D Ross	2063	=	0	0	=	=	1	X	=	=	0	1	5.5
8	K Pacey	2019	0	0	=	=	0	0	=	X	0	0	1	3.5
9	A Zissos	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	1	X	=	=	3.5
10	J Woodley	1597	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	=	X	0	13.5
11	R Hawkes	1988	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	=	1	X	3
12	D Demers	1442	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	=	X 1

In past years, it has been traditional for the Alberta representatives to write a report for the ACR on their experiences in the Canadian Junior, and to submit one or two of their better games with notes. Since these individuals received considerable financial support from Alberta chess organizations, it didn't seem to be particularly onerous to write a report on the event as a token of thanks for the assistance given.

This year, Alberta was represented by no less than THREE people -- one quarter of the participants in the Canadian Junior!! While none of them fared as well as might have been hoped, I (as editor of the ACR) nevertheless expected to receive some sort of writeup on the event. To date, nothing of the sort has arrived.

Since I was present for the entire event, I do have most of the gamescores. In a reversal of past tradition, I have selected one of the WORST games played by each -- generally characterized by some major blunder. No doubt, after playing through these games, you will wonder how in the world any of these individuals managed to qualify to play in the national championship.

If any of them would care to send me some notes for the next issue of the ACR in rebuttal, I would be delighted to offer "equal time".

In passing, I should mention that I wrote to each of them and specifically requested that they write an article on the event. I realize that they found their individual results in the tournament disappointing, but I don't think this relieves them of any responsibility.

D. Ross - J. Woodley

- Nf3 g6, 2. g3 Bg7, 3. Bg2 d6, 4. O-O f5, 5. d4 Nf6, 6. b3 O-O, 7. Bb2 Nfd7, 8. c4 e5, 9. de de, 10. Qd5+ Kh8, 11. Ne5?? {Somewhat of an oversight, to put it mildly!!} c6, 12. Qd6 Ne5, 13. Be5 Qd6, 14. Bd6 Rd8, 15. Bb8 Rb8, 16. Na6 Bb2, 17. Nc2 Ba1, 18. Ra1 Rd2, 19. Rc1 Re2, 20. Kf1 Re8, 21. f4 Be6, 22. Nd4 c5, 23. Nf3 Kg7, 24. Ne5 Rad8, 25. Rc2 Bc8, 26. Bd5 Kf6, 27. Re2 Re7, 28. Kf2 Rd6, 29. h4 b6 {Considering the way the opening went, White has managed rather well. Unfortunately, even with his very active minor pieces, it seems that the exchange is sufficient advantage for Black.? 30. Bf3 Bb7, 31. h5 Bf3, 32. Kf3 Rd1, 33. hg hg, 34. g4 Rh7, 35. g5+ Kg7, 36. Nc6 Rh3+, 37. Kg2 Rh4, 38. Re7+ Kf8, 39. Ra7 Rf4, 40. Ra8+ Kf7, 41. Ne5+ Ke6, 42. Re8+ Kd6, 43. Rd8+ Ke5, 44. Rd1 Rg4+ {Black has converted one advantage for another: the Rook and Pawn ending is won.} 45. Kf3 Rg5, 46. Re1+ Kf6, 47. Rd1 Rh5, 48. Rd6+ Kg5, 49. Rb6 Rh3+, 50. Kg2 Rc3, 51. Rc6 f4, 52. Rc5+ Kg4, 53. Re5 g5, 54. Re1 Rc2+, 55. Kf1 Kf3, 56. a4 g4, 57. a5. (0-1).

Kevin Pacey - Rob Hawkes

1. d4 g6, 2. e4 Bg7, 3. Nf3 d6, 4. Bc4 c6, 5. Nc3 Na6, 6. O-O Nc7, 7. e5 d5, 8. Bd3 h5, 9. h3 Bh6 {Hawkes is treating the opening phase of the game in rather a cavalier fashion, while his opponent seems to have formed rather a good plan.} 10. Ne2 Be6, 11. Ng5 Qd7, 12. Ne6 Qe6, 13. f4 c5, {Desperation already, but Black's position can hardly be expected to withstand the destructive effects of the impending 14. f5.} 14. dc O-O-O, 15. Nd4 Qd7, 16. b4 {White has established almost complete control in the centre, and now launches a decisive attack on the Black King.} 16. ... f6?, 17. e6 Ne6??, 18. Bb5 1-0 {Black loses a piece without even significantly slowing White's attack.}

[I have just received the following annotated game from A. Zissos, so I wish to retract any nasty references to him made above. His worst game has been deleted from this report. Editor.]

M. Billard (Quebec) - D. Ross (Alta.)  
Notes by A. Zissos

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. Bb5 Nd4, 5. a4 {Better is 5. e5 Nb5, 6. Nb5 Nd5, 7. c4!? Nb4.} Qc7?! {A new try in this position. More usual is 5. ... g6, or a6, both of which give Black complete equality.} 6. O-O {Seemingly best. Other moves don't cause Black much trouble: e.g. 6. Nd5 Nd5, 7. ed e6!, 8. Nd4 cd, 9. Qe2 a6, 10. Bd3 Bd6 with equality.} 6. ... Ng4?! {An over-hasty attempt to make inroads on White's Kingside. 6. ... e6 is better.} 7. g3 h5, 8. Nd5 Qb8, 9. c3?! {The more flexible 9. Re1! secures the advantage for White.} 9. ... Nb5, 10. ab e6, 11. Ne3 Ne3, 12. fe Be7, 13. d4 d6, 14. Bd2? {14. e5! seems to give White the edge: 14. ... Bd7 (14. ... b6, 15. ed Bd6, 16. e4 and Black has difficulties) 15. ed Bd6, 16. dc Bc5, 17. b4 Be7, 18. Nd4!} 14. ... e5, 15. d5?? {A horrible positional blunder. White closes the centre, leaving himself with a bad Bishop, weakened light squares around his King, and no breaks at all in sight. A much better idea was to exchange pawns, thus gaining some play in the centre, and the possibility of liberating the Bishop (c4 followed by b4).} 15. ... Bh3 {The rest of the game is a fine example of the exploitation of large positional advantages.} 16. Rf2 Qc8, 17. Be1 h4, 18. Rc2 Qg4, 19. Nd2 Qg6, 20. Qf3 Bg4, 21. Qg2 Bg5, 22. Nf1 h3, 23. Qd2 {If 23. Qh1, then O-O followed by f5 leaves Black with a decisive advantage.} 23. ... Qe4, 24. b3 Rh6, 25. Ra4 Qf5, 26. Qf2 Qd7, 27. Bd2 Rf6, 28. Qe1 Bf3, 29. e4 Bg2, 30. Ne3 Be3+, 31. Be3 Rf1+, 32. Qf1 Bf1, 33. Kf1 Qb5+, 34. Kf2 Qb3, 35. Raa2 Qc4, 36. Kf3 f5. (0-1).

#### 75th ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT

Some of you will wonder why for this event appeared in Chess Canada Echecs, but is not mentioned elsewhere in the ACR. It's a long story, but (briefly) it seems the provincial government finally got around to "approving" our application (made in OCTOBER!!) sometime in December. The ACA has not yet received written confirmation!!!! Worse yet, "approval" does NOT mean the government plans to help fund the tournament (as far as we can tell). If you find this kind of bureaucratic delay excessive, perhaps a letter of complaint to your MLA will help us get some action.

Until then, the tournament will be: a) postponed until the fall, b) cancelled, or c) held on a reduced scale. Take your pick!! [Editor]

#### Solutions to Test Your Chess

#1. 1. ... Qg2+, 2. Kg2 Nf4+, 3. Kg3 {3. Kg1 Nh3 mate} Nf5 mate.

#2. 1. ... Qf3!, 2. gf Rdg8+, 3. Bg3 Rg3! (1-0). {If 4. hg Bf3, and there is no defence against Rh1 mate.}

#3. Black does indeed have a draw as follows: 1. ... Nf2+!, 2. Bf2 {2. Kh2?? Qh4+, 3. Kg1 Qg3+ -+} Qh3+!!!, 3. Kg1 Qg4+, 4. Kh2 Qh3+ (Draw) {Since capturing the Black Queen is stalemate.}

#4. One last Queen thrown to the winds! 1. Qg7!! Kg7, 2. Rg5+ Kh7, 3. Rg7+ Kh8, 4. Rf7+ Kg8, 5. Rg7+ Kh8, 6. Rc7+ Kg8, 7. Rg7+ Kh8, 8. Rg3+? {White wins after 8. Ree7! Qe7, 9. Re7+ Kg8, 10. d6+ +-; or 8. ... Rf6, 9. Rgf7 Kg8, 10. Rf6 +-} 8. ... Kh7, 9. Bb1?? {9. Rg7+ and continue as above} Bf5, 10. Rg7+ Kh8, 11. Ree7 Qf6!, 12. Bf6 Rf6, 13. Bf5 Rf5, 14. Rh7. (Draw). {Since 14. ... Kg8, 15. Reg7+ Kf8, 16. Rd7! and Black cannot avoid the checks without getting mated.}

#### TEAM TOURNAMENT SERIES

The first Alberta team tournament will be held March 29 in Red Deer. The Red Deer Chess Club will be the host.

The rated competition will be divided into 6 classes (2000 and above, 1800-1999, 1600-1799, 1400-1599, 1200-1399, and 1199 and below or unrated). Any group of players can enter as a team with one player per class. It is not necessary to enter all classes and a player may enter a class higher than his rating.

A point system will be in effect which will enable teams without entrants in the higher classes to have a good chance of winning the team tournament. A small per-player entry fee will be charged and all fees minus expenses will be awarded as both team and individual class prizes.

Depending upon the number of teams entered, the play will be held just on Saturday, March 29, but could possibly extend into Sunday if more teams participate. At the moment, two teams from Edmonton, one from Grande Prairie, at least one from Calgary, and a team from the host city are expected. Each team should choose a captain and that individual should enter the tournament by contacting Allan Quinn, 12 Pearson Cr., Red Deer, T4P 1L9, phone 346-4872.

If the first team tournament is a success, look forward to others in Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie and possibly elsewhere!!

Report from: Bruce Thomas

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