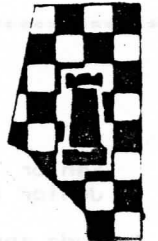




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# 1985 ● CANADIAN ● OPEN #  
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● JULY 13 - 21 ●  
EDMONTON CONVENTION CENTRE

ENTRY FEE  
only \$50  
(\$65 after June 1/85)  
(\$15 less if born after Sept 1/67)  
■ Please send in your entry early ■

10 Round Accelerated Swiss  
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\$7,000 Prize Fund  
(based on 150 entries)  
(min. 90% entry fees go to prizes)

D O N ' T M I S S I T !  
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(weekday rounds in the evenings)

For Information: David Johansen  
17956-57 Ave  
Edmonton T6M 1P4

★ CALGARY QUALIFIER ★  
TO  
1985 CANADIAN CLOSED

Room 205, MacEwan Hall  
University of Calgary

● APRIL 5 - 7 ●  
Five Round Swiss  
Register 6:30 pm April 5  
Round 1 at 7:00 pm

Entry Fee \$50      40/2 then 20/1

WINNER RECEIVES A PLACE IN THE 1985  
CANADIAN CLOSED IN EDMONTON

For more info: Darse Billings  
2316 Crestwood Rd SE  
Calgary T2C 0C6  
(phone 279-4778)

▶▶ NORTHERN ALBERTA OPEN ◀◀

★ Edmonton ★  
March 2 & 3  
(5 round Swiss)

5th Floor, General Services Bldg  
116 St & 91 Ave (U of A campus)

Entry Fee: \$15 (\$10 junior)  
(CFC and ACA membership required)

Register: 8:45-9:30 a.m.  
Saturday, March 2

TDs: Ian Loadman and  
Len Steele:  
Box 119 Sub P.O. 11,  
Edmonton, Alta T6G 2E0

**BRING YOUR CLOCK!**

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DETAILS INSIDE ON CLUB AND LOCAL TOURNAMENTS  
Check to see what's coming up in your area

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Please note, the NEW ACA ADDRESS is

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### ACA MEMBERSHIP FEES

	One Year	Two Years
Senior	\$5.00	\$8.00
Junior (under 18)	\$3.00	\$5.00

Include the member's full name and address, and Chess Federation of Canada number (CFC memberships, available from the ACA, are an additional \$15 senior and \$8 junior per year.)

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### ACA T-SHIRTS

Available for only \$8.00 each. White with navy trim and a navy blue ACA crest on the pocket area. Check at your club or write us for information.

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### ATTENTION ALL ACA MEMBERS

We welcome any and all submissions from our readers. Annotated games, reports on out of province tournaments you attended, book reviews, philosophical reflections, etc. -- anything to do with chess why not become an author famous across the province?

Send your item(s) to the ACR mailing address:

Alberta Chess Report (ACA)  
c/o #201, 11027-109 St  
Edmonton, Alberta T5H 3C3

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### REMINDER FOR TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, CLUB OFFICIALS, AND ORGANIZERS

Let us serve you We want to advertise and report on your tournaments. Please send full details of upcoming events as far in advance as possible. Please send a copy of the final crosstable of your tournament (tiebreak order, if possible) to us for publication. A written report (and some game scores) would be appreciated. The quality of our report on your tournament depends greatly on what you send to us.

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### \*\*\*\* JUNIOR CHESS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS \*\*\*\*

The ACA needs volunteers to assist in Junior Chess activities. If you are able to give some of your time to the next Bobby Fischer (and all of her friends) we need to know. We need people to help with: club activities; special events; coaching junior players; organizing. The pay is not great (in fact there is none), but the personal rewards are high. If you are able to share some of your experience, please contact:

Sylvia Huber - Calgary Junior CC - 286-1873  
Carol Miyagawa - Edmonton Junior CC - 483-8012

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### \*\*\*\* TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR KITS \*\*\*\*

The Alberta Chess Association has prepared TD Kits for Clubs and Organizers around the province. A TD Kit contains all supplies (except boards, pieces, clocks and players) needed to hold a 20-player Swiss. Kits can also be used to cover two 10-player tournaments. They contain: scoresheets, pairing cards, posting sheets, report forms for the ACA, ACR and CFC, as well as a sample prize and some instructions on how to hold the event. If you or your club would like some TD Kits, contact: Brian Toth, Calgary (273-1494), or Tracy Kolenchuk, Edmonton (425-9877)

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### ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

#### Boyle Chess Club

Contact: Branco Georgijevic (689-2476)  
Box 303, Boyle, Alta TOA OMO  
Meets: Boyle Library  
Wednesdays 7:00-9:00

#### Black Knight Chess Club

Contact: Barney Fegyverneki (244-5814)  
#903, 1011-12 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2R 0J5  
Meets: Mount Royal College E-Library  
4825 Richard Rd SW  
Tuesdays at 7:30

#### Calgary Chess Club

Contacts: Brian Toth 273-1494  
Jim O'Neil 289-7103  
Bill Rusk (286-6137)  
9, 3302 50 St. NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 2C6  
Meets: Rosedale Community Hall  
800-11 Ave NW  
Wednesdays 7:00-11:00

#### Calgary Junior Chess Club

Contact: Sylvia Huber (286-1873)  
415 Dalmeny Hill NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 1T7  
Meets: Basement Wm Castell Library  
616 McLeod Trail SE  
On selected Saturdays.

#### University of Calgary Chess Club

Contact: Kevin Alperstein (271-3994)  
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Meets: Room 209, MacEwan Hall, U of Calgary

#### Edmonton Chess Club

Contact: David Johansen (482-4176)  
Gregory Shvartsburd (462-3107)  
7423-15 Ave, Edmonton, Alta T6K 2T3  
Meets: Conference Rooms, Commonwealth Stadium  
11000 Stadium Road  
Tuesdays 7:00-11:00

#### Edmonton Junior Chess Club

Contact: Rob Gardner (469-4925)  
Carol Miyagawa (483-8012)  
14316-92A Ave, Edmonton, Alta T5R 5E2  
Meets: Woodcroft Library Program Room  
13420-114 Ave  
6:30-9:00 on the last Wednesday  
of the month (note: Dec. 19 not 26)

#### Edmonton Informal Club

Players in Edmonton can always find an opponent on Saturday and Sunday afternoons on the second floor of the library at Sir Winston Churchill Square. Bring your own pieces. There are no dues, but you must leave when the library closes.  
Saturdays 1:00-6:00. Sundays 1:00-5:00.

#### Grande Prairie Chess Club

Contact: Peter Bongers (539-6764)  
7316 Poplar Drive, Grande Prairie, Alta T8V 5A6  
Meets: St. Patrick's Community School Library  
Thursdays 7:00-10:00 p.m.

#### Red Deer Chess Club

Contact: Paul Provost  
#304, 3821 Ross St, Red Deer, Alta T4N 1W1  
Meets: Red Deer Recreational Centre  
45 St and 47 Ave  
Tuesdays 7:00-11:00

#### Wabasca Chess Club

Contact: Dick Roberts (891-3804)  
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Bill Rusk, Brian Toth

Top Active Alberta Players by CFC Rating

1. Rob Hawkes Calgary 2304
2. Jeff Reeve Edmonton 2297
3. Jonathan Schaeffer Edmonton 2233
4. Fred South Calgary 2226
5. Mike Dougherty Edmonton 2211
6. Rob South Calgary 2199
7. Ian Loadman Edmonton 2157
8. Andrew Zissos Calgary 2113
9. Branimir Brebrich Calgary 2112
10. Gordon Campbell Calgary 2104
11. Gregory Shvartsburd Edmonton 2036
12. Sid Belzberg Edmonton 2032
13. Mike Rijkers Calgary 2021
14. Neil Sharp Lacombe 2017
- 15= Wilf Lahrkamp Calgary 2002
- 15= Roy Yearwood Calgary 2002
17. Kris Kuczaj Calgary 1989
18. Bill Gnam Calgary 1986
19. Bradley Willis Edmonton 1983
20. Dragoslav Jurisich Lethbridge 1977

CALGARY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

The following information 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:** Registration at 9:30 a.m. Play begins at 10:00 a.m and will continue 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 and is available at the time of registration. ACA/CFC full Junior Membership \$11.00 per year; Participating Membership \$7.00 per year.

**Prizes:** Will be awarded and may consist of trophies, books, medals, etc.

**Lunch:** please bring a bag lunch.

**Feb. 23:** Valentine's Day Tourney.

**Mar. 23:** Elementary School Team Champ. (\*)

**Apr. 20:** Spring Speed Tourney.

**May 11:** Junior High School Team Champ. (\*)

**May 25:** Senior High School Team Champ. (\*)

Notices for events marked (\*) will be sent out. Regular CJC tournaments will not be held on these dates.

Alberta Grand Prix 1985

A new event on the chess scene is here. The Grand Prix '85 will provide some exciting competition and offer the chance to meet new challenges throughout the province. The prizes will be generated by a \$250 grant from the ACA and a \$1 per player fee from each event in the Grand Prix, with a total fund estimated to be over \$500 -- Open: 1st--50%, 2nd--25%; Under 1800 (as of Jan 1/85 ratings): 25% of prize fund.

Each player's score in an event will be prorated to six rounds (e.g. a score of 4 out of 6 remains as 4 points, but a score of 3.5 out of 5, will be worth 4.2 points on the "6 round basis"). There will be 9 tournaments in the Grand Prix series. A player's best 6 results will count toward his or her Grand Prix total (so you need not play in all events to have a shot at the big bucks). Grand Prix events are listed below (gaps in the list will be filled in as soon as possible -- organizers, please contact David Johansen if you can "fill in the blank"; his address is 17956-57 Ave, Edmonton T6M 1P4, and phone number 482-4176).

Grand Prix Events, 1985

Trumpeter Classic	Grande Prairie (completed)	
Northern Alta Open	Edmonton	Mar 2&3
Cdn Clsd Qualifier	Calgary	Apr 5-7
Canada Day Open	Edmonton	Jun 29&30/Jul 1
Canadian Open	Edmonton	July 13-21
Over/Under 1800	Red Deer	Aug 31/Sept 1&2
Alberta Open	Edmonton	Oct 12-14
Southern Alta Open	Calgary	Nov 30/Dec 1
?	Calgary?	?

CALGARY CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Feb. 20  
Speed Chess Tournament  
Feb. 27  
Team Tournament begins

For more information, contact Bill Rusk (286-6137) or Brian Toth (273-1494).

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Mar. 19 - 26

ECC Speed Chess Championships

Entry Fee: \$5. (Adjournments and unplayed games from the Closed and Reserves will be finished this night.)

Apr. 2 - May 14

Holowach Challenge & Shnitka Memorial

Holowach is open to all; Shnitka open to those rated below 1600. Entry Fee: \$30 (Holowach), \$25 (Shnitka) -- less \$5 Jr (under 18) or Sr (over 65).

May 21

To Be Announced

May 28 - June 25

The Unknown Swiss

5 Rounds. Entry Fee: \$15.

ECC Membership Fees: \$12 per year.

Nightly Dues are \$1 per visit, but please note that effective Jan. 1/85, tournament entry fees INCLUDE nightly dues for the duration of the tournament (rated events only).

## EDMONTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Regular monthly meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month, except in December when the meeting is on the 19th. See the clubs' section for further information.

For further info about the Edmonton Junior Chess Club and monthly Saturday tournaments, contact: Carol Miyagawa at 483-8012 or 432-5523.

## GRANDE PRAIRIE CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Please note that, unless otherwise stated, all events are CFC rated and therefore all participants must have valid CFC and provincial memberships.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR EVENTS! (contact Peter Bongers for further information -- address and phone number in club section).

## U OF C CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Club membership required. For more information, contact Kevin Alperstein (271-3994) or Graham Cooper (252-6352).

"Speed" chess tournaments will be played under the usual speed chess rules, and will probably be round robins -- 5 min. per player.

"Rapid transit" tournaments have a time control of 15 min. per player and will probably be Swisses.

## JUNIOR CHESS HAPPENINGS

### Edmonton Cadet Playoff

The last round turned out to be critical in this event. Bobby Schiller, suffering perhaps from a measure of overconfidence, drew against Kevin McCallum, despite winning much material in the opening. In a hard fought contest for second place, Ian Lyttle won some material but neglected to push his passed pawn. Alex Fyodorov cleverly found a way to trap Ian's queen, so he won the game. Bobby and Alex qualified to represent Edmonton in the Alberta Cadet Closed. Bobby, Alex and Kevin each received a book prize.

1. Bobby Schiller	+7	+6	+2	=3	3.5
2. Alex Fyodorov	+8	+5	-1	+4	3.0
3. Kevin McCallum	-6	+7	+5	=1	2.5
4. Ian Lyttle	-5	+8	+6	-2	2.0
5. Chris Nichols	+4	-2	-3	+7	2.0
6. Bruce Jakeway	+3	-1	-4	-8	1.0
7. Brian Vandeborn	-1	-3	+8	-5	1.0
8. David Hladky	-2	-4	-7	+6	1.0

(Report by Rocket Rob Gardner)

### Alberta Cadet Closed Edmonton, Dec. 1 & 2

Greg Huber swept his way to clear first in this event. Chris Demers easily beat the lower finishers, but he fell apart in his game against Huber. Third place was shared by Colin McCormick and Bobby Schiller. Colin used his calm attitude to help him gain his points. Bobby's aggressive style led to interesting if not necessarily "correct" positions. In last place was Peter Olesen, but at least he has four more years to get revenge.

The most noticeable aspect of play was the speed at which the moves were made. Many of the players missed moves which were not beyond their skill levels.

I would like to thank Tracy Kolenchuk, Ian Loadman and Carol Miyagawa for their assistance (hmmm ... a pretty long list for such a small tournament).

1. Greg Huber	X	1	1	1	1	+	4.0
2. Chris Demers	0	X	1	1	1		3.0
3. Colin McCormick	0	0	X	.5	1		1.5
4. Bobby Schiller	0	0	.5	X	1	1	1.5
5. Peter Olesen	0	0	0	0	X		0.0
6. Alex Fyodorov	-				0		

(Report by Rocket Rob Gardner)

## 1984 Southern Alberta Open

Jeff Spencer, a junior from Calgary, walked away with a perfect score and first prize from the SAO (hosted by the Calgary Chess Club at the Rosedale Hall on November 24 & 25). It was a 4-round accelerated Swiss, so no easy rounds appeared for the top players until they lost a couple of games themselves.

Jeff, seemingly with nerves of steel, sat through the 4 rounds, hardly getting up for a drink, never saying a word. He didn't behave "like a junior"; to me he looked like a poker player or a bounty hunter such as you see in the wild west movies. Kolenchuk was his first victim. Without a rest, he finished the "old fox" Kralovich with great precision and no mercy. The next day in the third round he was paired with Flemming. Since the game was not decided before the beginning of the 4th round, it had to be adjourned. I asked each player what he was playing for so that I could make the pairing for the next round. Flemming, after a bit of thinking, said he was trying for a draw. Jeff never hesitated -- he was playing for a win. In round 4 he met Wilson, who had finished his game earlier. With no food and no rest, Jeff started his fourth game and, after a hard fight, won. In the meantime, Flemming finished off Johansen and was ready to continue his adjourned game. Jeff obliged and, after some struggle, Flemming's nerves gave out. He hung a rook in the end game and lost. Spencer collected his money and disappeared, quietly just as he came (but most likely starving now).

The tournament missed some of the strongest players in Alberta, but it was very interesting and well fought. Twenty-eight players participated, all from Calgary, except for Kolenchuk and Johansen, who drove in from Edmonton. The CCC wants to thank those two for their participation and good play.

Following is a crosstable of the tournament. (Thanks to John Schleinich, the TD, for this report).

1. Jeff Spencer	1697	+13	+6	+3	+2	4.0
2. Ted Wilson	1878	+5	+19	+7	-1	3.0
3. Jim Flemming	1901	+12	+10	-1	+9	3.0
4. Paul Usselman	1799	+15	-7	+16	+13	3.0
5. James Currie	1715	-2	+17	+24	+14	3.0
6. Jan Kralovich	1874	bye	-1	+22	+8	3.0
2.5:	7. M. Theilgaard;	8. M. Yip;	9. D. Johansen;	10. C. Demers;	11. G. Barnes;	12. E. Graveline
2.0:	13. T. Kolenchuk;	14. H. Lassing;	15. P. Chiu;	16. G. Kodecki;	17. B. Fegyverneki;	18. S. Schlieff
1.5:	19. D. Billings;	20. M. O'toole;	21. A. Wong;	22. S. Sklenka		
1.0:	23. T. Lockert;	24. J. Koopman;	25. R. Forhmzway;	26. H. Kuzyk		
0.5:	27. J. Van Wyck;	28. J. Skvril				



**T. Wilson - J. Spencer**

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. d4 cd4, 4. Nd4 Nc6, 5. Be3 a6, 6. Be2 Nf6, 7. f3 Qc7, 8. a3 Be7, 9. Nc3 0-0, 10. g4 d6, 11. g5 Nd7, 12. Qd2 b5, 13. f4 Bb7, 14. h4 Nd4, 15. Bd4 e5, 16. Be3 Nc5, 17. Nd5 Bd5, 18. Qd5 Na4, 19. 0-0-0 Rac8, 20. Bd3 Nb6, 21. Bb6 Qb6, 22. f5 Rc5, 23. Qb3 Kh8, 24. Rdf1 f6, 25. Qe6 Qc7, 26. h5 fg5, 27. h6 Rf6, 28. hg7+ Kg7, 29. Rh7+ Kh7, 30. Rh1+ Kg7, 31. Qb3 Bf8 and Black eventually won (0-1).

**J. Spencer - J. Flemming**

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 a6, 4. Ba4 Nf6, 5. 0-0 Be7, 6. Re1 b5, 7. Bb3 d6, 8. c3 0-0, 9. h3 h6, 10. d4 Re8, 11. Nbd2 Bf8, 12. d5 Ne7, 13. a4 Bd7, 14. Nf1 Ng6, 15. Ng3 Be7, 16. Bc2 Nh7, 17. Be3 Ng5, 18. Ng5 Bg5, 19. ab5 Be3, 20. Re3 ab5, 21. Re1 Qg5, 22. Qh5 Qd2, 23. Qe2 Qg5, 24. Qh5 Qf6, 25. Qe2 Nf4, 26. Qf1 Qg5, 27. Kh2 Reb8, 28. b4 Ng6, 29. Bd3 Qd2, 30. Rac1 Ra3, 31. Rc2 Qg5, 32. Ra1 Ra1, 33. Qa1 Nf4, 34. Bf1 h5, 35. Qa5 h4, 36. Qc7 hg3+, 37. fg3 Rd8, 38. gf4 Qf4+, 39. g3 Qf6, 40. Qb6 Ra8, 41. Rf2 Qh6, 42. Qb7 Rd8, 43. Qc7 Qg5, 44. h4 Qe7, 45. Bb5 and White eventually won (1-0).

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**↑ Alex Kuznecov in Europe (1984) ↓**

The idea for my trip to Europe started in 1982 when my chess coach, Gerry O'Neill, suggested that I study chess in England for a year and he would provide financial support. I never really got serious about the idea until I met I.M. Glenn Flear of England at the World Youth Team Championship in Chicago. He generously offered to put me up at his place while I was in London and also to find out information on the tournaments in Europe for me. These international tournaments can be invaluable for making connections.

I arrived in London on January 7 at 7:30 a.m. I went straight to Hastings from London to play in a weekend Swiss that was being run at the same time as the famous Hastings tournament. Here I was introduced to the English weekend Swiss as well as to the consequences of jet lag (I flew to England from Toronto and lost 5 hours in the process. I recommend that, if you go to Europe for a tournament, that you arrive a couple of days in advance so that you can adjust yourself to the time zone difference).

The weekend tournaments in England are frequent and well organized. All of the tournaments provide chess sets and clocks and on a social note, most tournament sites have pubs. The weekend tournaments usually have a first prize (in British pounds) between 300 to 1,000 and they support a large number of upcoming players who want to become professionals. One rule that came as a bit of a shock is that after the first time control they have a 15 minute blitz finish where each player gets an additional 15 minutes to finish the game. It's not a bad rule once you get used to it because it guarantees a round will be finished by a certain time. I also had the surprise of running into a fellow Albertan, Neil Sharp, at the Hastings tournament.

After Hastings I went with I.M. Glenn Flear and I.M.-elect Geoff Lawton to Budapest, Hungary. They were playing in a Category 3 round robin. I just went along to see what I could find. There happened to be an eleven round Swiss club championship going on that included 5 I.M.'s. I was three rounds late, so they started me at 1 out of 3. The tournament was only open to players about 2100, so I was guaranteed good competition. I finished the tournament with 6 out of 8 (or 7

out of 11, taking my byes into account). It was good for 6-8 place out of 40 players. I scored 2.5 out of 4 against FIDE opposition of 2325, but the tournament won't be rated because the second time control was 1 hour to finish the game and FIDE won't rate any tournament with a time control of quicker than 45/2 hours at any point in the game. I also won 3000 forints (about \$80) -- it's not much by our standards, but it's about 3 weeks wages to them.

The people there were very hospitable. The chess club supplied me with a free hotel room during my 3 week stay in the same hotel as Flear and Lawton. We were also treated to some excellent Hungarian cuisine by G.M. Forintos' family. I also had the pleasure of meeting the Polgar family on several occasions. There are 3 sisters in the family (aged 15, 9 and 7). The 15 year old, Susan, has an FIDE rating around 2400 and she has already obtained an I.M. norm. The 9 year old is about 2100 and the 7 year old is about 1950.

During the month of February I played on the English weekend circuit. The highlight was the Arc Young Masters tournament, which included 3 G.M.'s, 10 I.M.'s and 45 players over 2200 I only got 2.5 out of 6, but the average FIDE rating of my opponents was 2400. Included in my result was a win against I.M. Nigel Povah and draws against I.M. Bill Hartston and G.M. Speelman.

In March I played in Lugano, Switzerland. Surprisingly, G.M. Sax from Hungary walked away with the tournament with 8 out of 9, a full point ahead of the rest of the field, which included Korchnoi, Spassky, Hort and Torre. There were 18 G.M.'s and 35 I.M.'s participating. A controversial rule at the tournament was that prize money was decided by a players' Buchholz in the event of a tie. Seirawan lost 800 francs (\$500) because one of his opponents withdrew.

At the end of the tournament I had a few vodkas with Spassky in the privacy of John Fedorowicz's apartment. One interesting thing he revealed was that he'll be playing for France in the future instead of the USSR. An indication of this was that he abstained from playing for the USSR in the USSR vs the Rest of the World match, held in June in London.

From April 8 to 17, I played in the Oakham School International Invitation Chess Tournament. This was probably one of the strongest junior tournaments ever held. It included the participation of World Junior Champion Kiril Georgiev of Bulgaria and G.M.-elect Nigel Short. There were 9 I.M.'s and 28 players with FIDE ratings above 2300. The first prize of 1,250 British pounds and appearance fees for the stronger players helped attract the strong field. The tournament was won by I.M. Niaz Murshed of Bangladesh, a full point ahead of the field. Murshed obtained a G.M. norm in the Commonwealth Championship held in Hong Kong. I was somewhat disappointed with my score of 3 out of 9 and tying for 35th place out of 41 players, but I was in some good company with the 1981 World Cadet Champion and with an I.M. below me.

During Easter weekend, I played in a 7-round Swiss in London. There were some other tournaments going on in England, so it wasn't as strong as it could have been, but it did include a few I.M.'s. I managed to tie for first and almost qualified for the British Championship, but someone else had a better tiebreak than me. The British Championship is open to the Commonwealth.

From April 26 to May 11 I was working in the Phillips and Drew tournament. The tournament was won convincingly by Karpov with 9 out of 13, a full point ahead of the field. The surprise of the tournament was Murray Chandler of England, who was second lowest rated but tied for second with his persistent fighting chess.

I was able to participate in the Phillips and Drew Kings vs Greater London Council soccer match, held in Fulham Stadium. Even with the help of the referee, we still lost 3-1. The game was taken seriously. Serious enough that Timman broke his ankle.

Immediately after Phillips and Drew, I flew down to Jersey. It's an island in the English Channel and is part of the United Kingdom. The tournament was very well organized, mainly due to the sponsorship of Lloyd's Bank. We were encouraged to drink at the tournament because there's no tax on alcoholic beverages, making them about half the price of mainland English prices.

The tournament was a success for me because it gave me an FIDE rating. To get a rating you need at least 9 games with a performance above 2200. I got 4 out of 6 against 2320 opposition, and Lugano or Oakham could make up the other 3 games. I finished with 6.5 out of 9, which was a tie for third.

During June and July I toured Germany and France. The French tournaments are especially good for women and juniors, with prizes of up to \$300 for these categories.

To finish off the trip, I played in the British Championship in Brighton, England. I was unable to qualify for the top section because I never had an FIDE rating of 2365. The only other Canadian at the tournament was Rob Hawkes. I can't understand why there weren't any Canadian I.M.'s present -- they would receive 300-400 pounds to cover their expenses.

The top section was won by Nigel Short, who will officially become a G.M. when FIDE ratifies his title at the Olympiad in Greece. He had competition from all of England's top grandmasters.

I played in the major open, which was open to Commonwealth players who did not qualify for the top section and to all non-Commonwealth players. The first prize of 1,000 pounds attracted lots of strong players. In 11 rounds I played no one rated below 2000. After 10 rounds I found myself in clear first by a half point. I made the mistake of playing the Gruenfeld against Malcom Pein, who had written a book for Batsford on the opening. The loss put me in a tie for fourth, which was worth 83 pounds (917 pounds less than a win).

The tournament was relatively inexpensive for me because I shared an apartment and cooking facilities with four English I.M.'s and Rob Hawkes. It only cost me a couple of pounds a day.

I would like to thank Gerry O'Neill for financing my trip, and the ACA for its financial support. I also must express my gratitude to Ian Loadman (currently ACA Past-President) and Tracy Kolenchuk (ACA President) for their help. A special thanks to Glenn Flear of England, whose help was invaluable during my trip.

#### A. Kuznecov - T. Tolrai (2300)

Budapest, January 1984

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 g6, 6. Be3 Bg7, 7. f3 0-0, 8. Bc4 Nd6, 9. Qd2 Bd7, 10. h4 Rc8, 11. Bb3 Ne5, 12. 0-0-0 Nc4 12. ... h5 is the other main move, played frequently by Miles. 13. Bc4 Rc4, 14. h5 Nh5, 15. g4 Nf6, 16. Kb1 This move, suggested to me by Brian Hartman, is a useful waiting move for White in the Dragon. 16. ... b5? GM Sax suggested 16. ... Qc7 in the post mortem. 17. b3 This move was found in analysis with Dave Ross. The game follows Muray-Sax, Moscow 1982, except 16. Kb1 and b5 are thrown in, which is to White's advantage. 17. ... Rc5 17. ... Rc8. 18. Nd5 e6, 19. Nf6+ Qf6, 20. Qh2, with a strong attack. 18. Ne6 fe Forced. 19. Bc5 dc, 20. e5 Qa5, 21. ef Bf6, 22. Qh2 Rf7 22. ... Bg7, 23. Qh7+ Kf7, 24. Ne4 Rh8, 25. Qh8 Bh8, 26. Rh8 Bc6, 27. Ng5+ Kf6, 28. f4 winning. 23. Rd7 Bc3, 24. Qb8+ Kg7 24. ... Rf8, 25. Qa7 Qa7, 26.

Ra7 Rf3, 27. Re7 when Black's king is stuck on the back rank, giving White a clear advantage. Black wants the same position with an active king. 25. Qe8 Qa3 25. ... Bf6, 26. Rd8 26. Rh7+ Kh7, 27. Qf7+ Bg7 27. ... Kh6, 28. Qf4+ g5, 29. Qc1 wins. 28. c3 Qa5 To answer 29. Re7 with 29. ... Qc3. 29. b4 29. Rd2 also wins. 29. ... Qa3 29. ... cb, 30. Re7 wins. 30. Rd2 Black cannot prevent mate. (1-0).

#### J. Gallagher - A. Kuznecov

Jersey, May 1984

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 a6, 6. f4 Gallagher won two convincing games with Black in this line against Nigel Short and Pia Cramling at Oakham a month before this game. I was surprised he played it against me. 6. ... e5, 7. Nf3 Nbd7 This is an attempt to save a tempo on the main line by omitting ... Qc7. One of its advocates is Z. Ribli. 8. a4 Be7, 9. Bc4 The best square for the bishop. If White develops it on d3 he just has an inferior version of the main line because Black has omitted ... Qc7. 9. ... 0-0, 10. 0-0 Qb6+, 11. Kh1 ef, 12. a5 White had insufficient compensation for the pawn after 12. Bf4 Qb2 in Sax-Withersohn, Bath, 1973. 12. ... Qc5, 13. Bd5 Ng4, 14. Nd4 Bf6, 15. Qg4 Black also got a good game in Bellon-Ribli, Linares 1981, after 15. Rf4 Bd4, 16. Rg4 Nf6. 15. ... Bd4, 16. Qf4 Nf6, 17. Bd2 Be5, 18. Qh4 Nd5, 19. Nd5 Be6 White was threatening 20. Ne7+ Kh8, 20. Ng6+, winning the exchange. Black is clearly better now, with his two bishops dominating the board. 20. Ne7+ Kh8, 21. c3 Qb5 This move shows the hopelessness of White's position. White now has to sacrifice a pawn to gain some counterplay. 22. Rf2 Qb2, 23. Raf1 Rfe8 White again threatened 23. ... Ng6+. 24. g4? This move hastens the end for White. The point is to set up 25. Rf3, followed by Qh7+ and Rh3 mate. 24. ... Qb5, 25. Rf3 Re7 Forced and winning. White threatened 26. Qh7+ and 25. ... g6 still loses to 26. Qh7+ Kh7, 27. Rh3+ Kg7, 28. Bh6+ Kh8, 29. Bf8 mate. 26. Qe7 Qe2, 27. R1f2 27. Bf4 Bg4 wins. 27. ... Qe4, 28. h3 Bd5, 29. Qg5 29. Kg2 is a better defence; if then 29. ... Qd3, 30. Qf7 But 29. ... f6, shutting out the queen, wins. 29. Kg1 loses to 29. ... Bh2+. 29. ... f6, 30. Qh5 Bg3, 31. Rf1 Qe2 (0-1) There is no way to defend against ... Qh2, ... Qf1 and ... Bf3. This game won me the brilliancy prize (a copy of the Encyclopedia of Middle Games).

#### ↑ACA President Cleans Up↑

(In no way does the status of ACA President bring with it little perks such as glowing reports in the ACR, but here's one anyway ...)

ACA President Tracy Kolenchuk's first "ever" clear tournament win occurred on October 30, 1984 at the Edmonton Chess Club. Displaying a prowess beyond compare (or was it that the other players were all off their oats?), Tracy scored 17 out of 20 in an eleven player double round robin speed chess (5 minutes each) tournament, a whopping two points ahead of the field. Shvartsburd and Gardner tied for second with 15 points each. During one game the kibitzers were so impressed by Tracy's brilliant moves that they showered him with coins (actually, one correspondent tells us they were really lead slugs). The ACR was going to publish some of Tracy's games from this event, but word has it that a spy for the USSR Chess Federation stole the scores and absconded to Moscow with them, doubtless for study by the elite GM's in the USSR. For this reason, the long awaited tome, "Tracy Kolenchuk's Best Games", will be delayed pending a future success so that there can be at least one game score included with his extensive biography.

The ACR thanks the many people who sent in reports of Tracy's accomplishment in this high level tournament (well, the club once played near the High Level bridge). Unfortunately, space would not permit inclusion of all the comments we received (nor will libel laws allow us to print them).

(Readers wishing similar reports on their wonderful accomplishments need only send an envelope containing small unmarked bills -- that's money, not bird parts -- to the ACR Editor or Assistant Editor, and let us know what you want us to print. Note: Tracy really did win the speed tournament with a 17/20 score.)

### ♠The Toronto International♠

by Michael Yip

All in all, a super tournament to watch and participate in for valuable experience. The top section, won by Igor Ivanov (8-2), will no doubt grab all the headlines, so I will add some news from my own section (under 2200; Expert Section).

Kevin Pacey (Toronto), 8-2, and Andrew Zissos (Calgary), 7.5-2.5, dominated the Expert Section, playing the best chess. Notable also was the collapse of some of the stronger experts -- Brett Campbell, Lorne Yee and David Southam. Enough said, though; now a game:

Michael Yip (1782) - Arthur Milne (1996)

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 g6 An old continuation which is not sufficient for equality according to ECO-C60, Keres and Geller. However, the move surprised me, so it had some value. White, by playing naturally, should get a good game -- or so I thought. 4. c3 d6, 5. d4 Bd7, 6. O-O Bg7, 7. Re1?! A move based on a misunderstanding of the position. White is content to play the white side of a closed Lopez regardless of how Black responds. However, White should be thinking of de5 at this point, with the idea of shutting down the dark square bishop. Therefore, a "?!" is in order. 7. ... Nge7, 8. a4 Played with the idea of restricting Queenside expansion. 8. ... O-O, 9. h3 f5, 10. Bc4+ Kh8, 11. ef5 Nf5 White has lost the thread of the game and has handed Black a lead in development as well as uncomfortable pressure on d4. 12. Bg5 Qc8, 13. d5 Nd8, 14. Nbd2 Nf7, 15. Ne4! Ceding the B-pair for control of e4. Black has allowed himself to get tangled up, losing any advantage he may have had. The game is now approximately equal. 15. ... h6!?, 16. Be3 Qd8, 17. Bd3 A strong positional move, reinforcing e4 and freeing the c-pawn. 17. ... h5?! Too ambitious, not to mention the hole on g5. 18. Bg5?! Good, but not the best. 18. Qd2!, reinforcing the hold on g5, is better. 18. ... Ng5, 19. Nfg5 Bh6, 20. Qd2! The voluntary pin is no bother to White as Black has no way to reinforce the attack on g5. White is now free to place the K-wing pawns as he sees fit. 20. ... Kg7, 21. Rf1 White has an abundance of moves at his disposal. I selected the plan of opening up the center and King's wing with f4 to expose the weakness of Black's advanced pawns. There is no reason to fear complications as White's pieces are all well placed. 21. ... c6, 22. Bc4!? Varying from White's originally intended c4 for the opportunity of activating the bishop. 22. ... Qe7, 23. Rae1 With the intended f4, White now has a potential x-ray on the Queen. 23. ... Nh4? A wasted move in a difficult position. 24. f4 ef4, 25. Rf4 Nf5, 26. h4 Rae8 Although I was conscious of the difference in our ratings in this complex position (it was hard not to be in such a tournament), I had no fear of my opponent as my pieces were well placed. 27. Re2 A quiet move,

allowing the N/e4 movement without disturbing my other pieces. 27. ... Qd8 Almost obligatory. 28. Ref2 Taking aim at f7 through the N/f5. White's plan in this position was to steadily increase the positional pressure whilst maintaining many tactical possibilities so that Black must burn up precious time calculating out White's real (and hopefully some imaginary) threats. This method of playing this position and my opponent's clock seemed logical, given that Black had only 14 minutes left to move 40. 28. ... Re5? Immediately succumbing to the most obvious 'threat'. Black just loses a pawn with no compensation. 29. dc6 bc6, 30. Nd6 Bg5, 31. hg5 Qg5, 32. Nf5+ Bf5, 33. Qd4 Qe7, 34. Re2 Re8, 35. Re5 Qe5, 36. Qa7+ Kh6, 37. Qf2 By appearances, Black may seem to have some activity for the pawn deficit, but White parries Black's tries with ease, while winning with the a-pawn. 37. ... c5 To take d4 from the Queen. 38. a5 Rd8, 39. Rf3 To free the rook for duty. 39. ... Rd1+, 40. Bf1 Qd6, 41. Qe3+ Kh7, 42. Qe2! To overprotect d3 and the a6-f1 diagonal. White is in no hurry, but just gradually consolidates the extra pawn. 42. ... Rd2, 43. Qb5 Be6?, 44. Rd3 Rd3, 45. Qd3 Qc6, 46. b4 c4, 47. Qd4 Bd5, 48. Qc5 Qc5?? Black is lost, of course (1-0). My best game in Toronto.

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The current "system" of relying on organizers, officials and/or directors is apparently not adequate. Would someone -- anyone! -- at each club PLEASE volunteer to send us reports of tournaments as they are completed? (We will reimburse you for postage and photocopying expenses, if you wish). Thank you in advance.



### SOLUTIONS to TEST YOUR CHESS

I. An easy one to start with. 1. Rc6+ bc, 2. Ba6 mate.

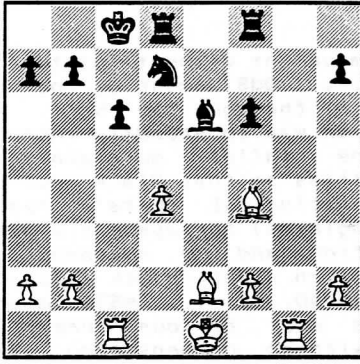
II. 1. Nf5+ Kh5 (1. ... gh, 2. Qf6+ Kh5, 3. Qg5 mate) 2. Qh7+ (diverting the knight) Nh7, 3. g4 mate.

III. If 1. Ra5 Kg3 and 2. ... Kg2, and Black won't lose. The way to win is 1. Rg6 (cutting off the King) a4, 2. Ke3 a3, 3. Kf4 a2, 4. Rg3 (threatening 5. Rh3 mate, to which the only defence is ...) Be6, 5. Rh3+ Bh3, 6. g3 mate.

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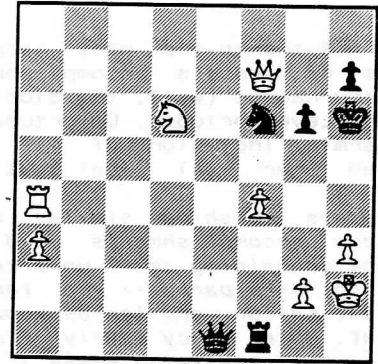
1. Rd8 loses to 1. ... Bf2+, so 1. Bg7 Bf2+ (not 1. ... Qg7, 2. Rd8+ or 1. ... Qb8, 2. Be5), 2. Kf1 (if 2. Kf2 Rb2+) Bb5+ (again 2. ... Qg7, 3. Rd8+ or 2. ... Qb8, 3. Be5), 3. Kf2 Qe2+, 4. Kg3 Qd1, 5. Bh8! (so that 5. ... Kh8, 6. Qf8 mate) Qd6+, 6. Kf2 (1-0).



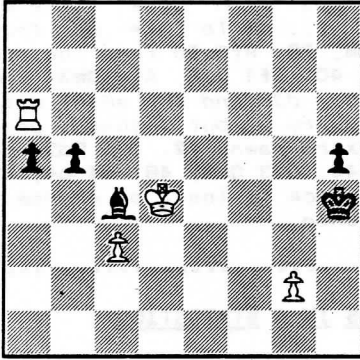


I. Carlsson - Rogand, Sweden, 1978

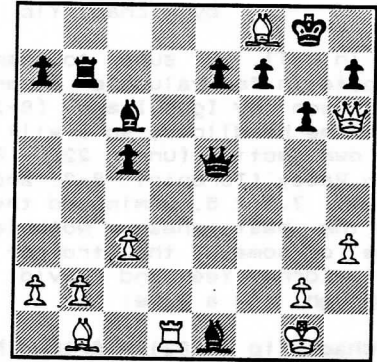
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II. Medina - Sanz, Olot, 1975



III. Moidoyanov & Samodanov, USSR, 1974



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