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FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS.

Edmonton.

♔ Northern Alberta Open. ♔

March 3-4 in the General Services Building, U. of A. (fifth floor.) The entry fee is \$7 for Seniors, \$5 for Juniors, entries accepted up to 9.30 am. This tournament will be a five round Swiss system event.

Edmonton Open.

This tournament has been postponed until later in the year, so that those players wishing to go to the Northern B. C. Open can do so. Why not take a trip to Prince George!

Calgary.

Calgary Closed.

This will be a series of seven round robins, open to all Calgary residents. It will commence on the 14th or 21st of March, with entries accepted on the 10th March. Please enter early if you can! Play will take place at the Rosedale Community Centre, 800 11th St.N.W. Phone John Schleinich for any other details, at 288-6721.

British Columbia.

Two interesting tournaments are to be held in B.C. in the near future.

In Prince George, between April 13-15th will be held the 4th annual Northern B.C. Open with \$5,000 in prizes. There are Open and Reserve Sections, and further details are in the CFC Bulletin for Jan.-Feb., p3, or write to Ignac Vucko, 2411 Lindsay Place, Prince George, BC. V2N 3C3 (604) 562-5718.

The Dawson Creek C.C. is planning a large open tournament for March 24-25. It will be a five round Swiss at the Northern Lights College in D.C. There will be separate sections for those rated above and below 1500. Entry fee \$10 (juniors \$6). Contact Jim Kanester, 1706 110 Ave, Dawson Creek BC, or phone 782-5637.

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION, Membership Fees

Senior -- \$3.00
 Junior (under 18) -- \$2.00
 {valid to Dec. 31/79}

Each membership submitted should include the member's full name and address, and CFC (Chess Federation of Canada) number, if known.

"Family memberships" (taken out at one time) are available at the rate of one membership at the regular cost (must be a Senior membership, if a Senior is joining), and the rest half-price. 1 Alberta Chess Report (ACR) per household.

CFC memberships, which are valid for 1 year from date of purchase, can be obtained through the ACA. Rates, not including ACA dues, are \$10 Senior, and \$6 Junior. Family of a regular (not Junior) CFC member may join at half-price (without subscription to the Bulletin) provided their addresses are the same. Alberta CFC members must also be ACA members.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND ORGANIZERS

The ACR wants to announce your tournaments! Please send us full details far enough in advance for publication.

Check to see that all entrants in your rated tournaments are both CFC and ACA members for the duration of the event.

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

BACK ISSUES of the ACR are only 25 cents each postpaid. Why not fill in your missing issues of volumes 1, 2, & 3?

There is still need for donations to help reduce the deficit which arose from sending Canadian teams to the Chess Olympiad. If you can help, please do so by sending your donation to us, or directly to the CFC. Thank you!

Participation rules for the Alberta Closed and the Alberta Junior Closed: All entrants in either of these two events 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, plus any other major tournaments that may be put in this category should the situation warrant. All other Alberta tournaments are worth one-half a participation point each (must be CFC rated tournaments, and matches do not count). Note that participation points are not given to dropouts. Note also that juniors may get participation points through TAYCA tournaments. TAYCA members should see that organization's publication "Knight Moves" for further details.

EDITORIAL.

Consequent to the 1978 Annual General Meeting, editorship (etc!) of the A. C. R. has been taken over by yours truly, Chris Evans. Unfortunately, during the changeover of duties from Len Steele to myself, and because of my inexperience, we missed one issue which is why the last issue was for the four months September through December. We apologise for this; it is hoped there will be seven issues this year to make up the missing number.

For a variety of reasons, Len Steele is virtually retiring from chess administration and organization as of now, although if no-one else is willing to take over, he will complete this year as secretary of the A. C. A. This is a sad blow to chess in this province as he has been a worker of truly outstanding dedication and energy and it is no exaggeration to say that the A. C. A. would be in a very much less healthy state without his efforts. To acknowledge the debt we all owe to him, the A. C. A. executive has decided to award Len a Life Membership in the Association and also to purchase a Life Membership in the Canadian Chess Federation on his behalf.

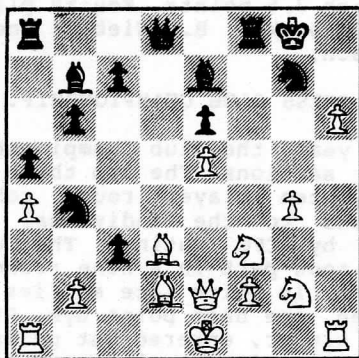
It is hoped we will still see the English - Hippopotamus opening being played in tournaments from time to time!

Canada finished in 11th place at the Olympiad, which was held in Argentina. Previously, Canada had finished in 8th place at Haifa in 1976 when the East European countries (among others) were absent, and also in 11th place at Siegen in 1970. Biyiasis, on second board, had the fine score of +7, =4, -1 and had the second board prize wrapped up until the very last round when he lost to Kuligowski, of Poland, who himself won the gold medal. Normally, a player certain of a gold medal would be rested in this situation, but Biyiasis wanted to help the team and played, finishing with the silver medal. This good team spirit is considered the reason our team did so well (they were seeded 25th).

The ladies team finished tied for first (second on tiebreak) in Section C. Quoting from Jon Berry's report: "Only three players were sent on the Women's team, and that contributed to our relatively poor showing. The second place tie in the Canadian Women's Closed set up the necessity of a playoff match between Das and Demers for a place on the team. Das could not play because she was out of the country, though she wanted to play in Buenos Aires. Demers, who had been quite insistent on the match, announced that she could not get time off work. By this time Das was out of the country, and could not change her plans to play in Buenos Aires. In view of the poverty of the Olympic Fund and the lack of strong replacements, it was decided to send a 3-woman team. Angela Day caught a bad cold in the middle of the tournament and should have been rested. But she played better than before, proving our Canadian resilience in the face of adversity."

Readers will remember that we reported Mrs Das's fine result in the Woman's Championship in our last issue.

This month we introduce a new feature, which we hope will be permanent. Each issue will present a position of some complexity and readers are invited to analyse this position and send the results of their analysis to the Editor. Two prizes will be awarded, one for the best analysis by a Senior player and one for the best analysis by a Junior. The prizes, of \$5 each, may both be awarded to a Junior if his/her analysis is the best received. The position will not be of the type presented in the feature "Test Your Chess", where there is a single line of play which leads to an winning position; rather, the position will be of an uncertain nature and so will better resemble the type found in actual play on most occasions. We hope readers will attempt this contest, not only because of the opportunity of personal enrichment (well, a few bucks, anyway!) but also because such exercises are extremely beneficial to your play. The editor's decision will be subject to appeal and, of course, the winning entries will be published. This issue's position is from the computer game BELLE - CHESS 4.7 which is given elsewhere in the Report. The position is that which could have occurred if CHESS 4.7 had played 21. ... dc3!? instead of 21. ... Nd3+. Entries should be postmarked not later than March 31st, 1979.



This month we also have some art work by Jan Vandenberg of Edmonton. Jan is a professional artist and teacher at Alberta College. Welcome!

There is a new Ladies World Champion! Seventeen year old Maia Chiburdanidze, of the Soviet Union, defeated perennial Champion, Nona Gaprindashvili by a score of 8.5 - 6.5.

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CHess PEACE.
by Bruce Thomas.

Chess will once again be an official event in the 1979 Peace Winter Games, February 24 and 25th, in the town of Peace River.

Introduced in the northwest Alberta regional games in 1976 at Slave Lake, chess was also included in the 1977 winter games at High Prairie, but not in the 1978 games at Fahler. As organized chess is practically non-existent north of Edmonton the Peace Winter Games tournaments are not CFC-rated and are not played with clocks. The tournaments are usually five round Swiss events.

In each of the last two Peace Winter Games chess events there were about thirty players of all ages, but only two or three with CFC ratings; the same will probably be true for the 1979 games.

Gordon Campbell of Edmonton directed the past Peace Winter Games tournaments and also conducted simultaneous exhibitions.

TOP 30 ALBERTA PLAYERS BY CFC RATING

1. C. Evans	Edmonton	2171
2. M. Rabljenovic	Calgary	2106
3. R. South	Calgary	2078
4. S. Ball	Edmonton	2075
5. B. Brebrich	Calgary	2075
6. M. Campbell	Edmonton	2056
7. F. South	Calgary	2056
8. N. Fullbrook	Edmonton	2002
9. J. Babb	Edmonton	1995
10. K. Kuczaj	Calgary	1988
11. A. Zissos	Calgary	1949
12. I. Loadman	Edmonton	1937
13. E. Rosenbloom	Edmonton	1936
14. P. Allan	Calgary	1913
15. M. Frank	Edmonton	1911
16. H. King	Edmonton	1901
17. J. MacIntosh	Calgary	1898
18. G. Campbell	Edmonton	1892
19. L. Steele	Edmonton	1881
20. L. Barkwell	Calgary	1870
21. D. Ariel	Calgary	1867
22. W. Litwinczuk	Calgary	1864
23. S. Klamer	Calgary	1863
24. F. Buenaventura	Edmonton	1861
25. S. Purewal	Edmonton	1852
26. R. Muskath	Calgary	1844
27. A. Milne	Calgary	1842
28. B. Willis	Edmonton	1840
29. J. Kassay-Farkas	Calgary	1833
30. B. Szucs	Calgary	1833

The above list takes into account new ratings published in the January-February CFC Bulletin.

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SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN, 1978.

The following game, held over from a previous issue, is very well annotated by the tournament winner:

F. South - R. Stone

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 e6, 5. Nc3 Qc7, 6. g3 a6, 7. Bg2 d6, 8. 0-0 Bd7, 9. b3 Nf6, {9. ... Nd4, 10. Qd4 Be7, 11. Bb2 Bf6, 12. Qe3 Rac8, 13. Nd1 Bb2, 14. Nb2 Qc2?, 15. Nc4 (+)}, 10. Bb2 Be7, 11. Nce2 {White is playing for a Maroczy bind setup, a good plan against the Paulsen} 11. ... 0-0 {If 11. ... b5, 12. Rcl!, followed by c4 is good for White}, 12. c4 Rfd8, 13. Rac1 {More consistent with White's plan of controlling space on the Q-side than 13. Khl as in Hausner-Malich, Decin, 1976.} 13. ... Rac8, 14. Qd2 Be8, 15. f4!? {15. Rfd1 seems more consistent, preventing ... d5 i.e. 15. Rfd1 Qb8, 16. a4 Nd7 (+) and not 15. ... d5?, 16. cd ed, 17. Nf5 de?}, 18. Qg5+- } 15. ... d5, 16. cd ed, 17. e5 Ne4, { If White ever wins a pawn by exchanging his B on g2 for the N on e4, Black will have adequate compensation with the two Bishops and open lines.} 18. Qd3?! {Better is 18. Qe3 e.g. 18. ... Qb6, 19. Khl Bc5, 20. Rcd1 Ne7, 21. f5 Bb5, although Black has counterplay.} 18. ... Qb6, 19. a3?! {This loses material. 19. Qe3 seems to be necessary, as 19. Khl is also bad because of 19. ... Nb4, 20. Qbl? Nd2, and if 19. a4 Nc5, 20. Qe3 Na4, 21. ba Qb2, 22. Rbl Qa3, 23. Qa3 Ba3, 24. Rb7 Nd4, 25. Nd4 Rc4 (+)} 19. ... Nd4, 20. Nd4 {20. Bd4 Qb5 wins at least the a-pawn} 20. ... Bb5, 21. Qd1 Rcl, 22. Bcl? {or 22. Qcl Ba3 (+)}. Unfortunately, Fred South played below his usual excellent form in this game} 22. ... Nc3, 23. Resigns. 0-1.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following is abstracted from the treasurer's report for the year 1978.

Income.	
Government Grant 1978	3500.00
Government Grant 1977	3000.00
Grant, 25% fare to Mexico(S.Ball)	87.00
CFC Membership rebates	22.30
ACA Memberships	990.00
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	7599.30

Balance from 1977	1800.00
Income 1978	7599.00
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	9399.30

Expenses.	
Equipment	870.82
Travel	471.85
Stationery, etc	677.76
Tournament Expenses	2724.69
T.D., Editor fees	629.28
CFC Affiliation	25.00
Misc. Expenses	49.49
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	5448.89
	9399.30
	5448.89
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	3950.41

Of that amount spent on tournaments, \$2000 is earmarked for the Canadian Open this year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The past year was rather active for the Association. Beside the regular tournaments we are committed to holding i.e. the Alberta open and Closed, the Northern and Southern Alberta Opens, and the Junior Closed, this year in Edmonton for the first time the Western Canada Open was held. This might become an annual affair, with locations in some years outside of our province.

The membership rose to an all time high of almost 400; this is partly due to the requirement of ACA membership in local clubs. We gained many players from other provinces who are temporarily seeking jobs in Alberta. We hope they will find a good home here and stay with us.

There were several workshops held in various parts of the province, e.g. the Tournament Directors workshops held in Edmonton and Calgary, and the teaching workshop held in Edmonton.

A major feat was achieved by our member Branimir Brebrich. He broke the World Record for the most number of games played simultaneously without interruption, and his great achievement is now listed in the Guinness Book of World Records!

From a success to a near miss; the Universal Innovation Co. of Montreal bid for the Karpov - Korchnoi match; had their bid to FIDE been successful, they were willing to have the match played in Calgary!

We received a Government Grant for 1977 and will most likely receive one for 1978 as well. Most of the work towards this funding was done by Len Steele, for which we would like to extend him our sincerest thanks. At this time I would like also to thank all the many volunteers who helped us in 1977/78 either as executives or organisers of some sort for the many hours of work. Without your generous gift of time - a gift more precious than money - we could not function and provide Albertans with the wonderful game of chess.

Yours in chess,
J. F. Schleinich.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS.

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB INFORMAL TOURNAMENT.

An informal tournament for beginning players at the Edmonton Chess Club attracted 14 players.

August Hangartner of Leduc won the five round unrated swiss on a 4-point tiebreak against Rick Anderson. Ken Beaulieu was clear third with 3.5 points. Fourth place was shared by J. Potocska, B. Wiebe, and J. Orr; 3.0 points each.

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

This year the club Championship was played in four sections. The top three sections were initially ten player round robins in which allocations to the individual sections was strictly by CFC rating. The remaining forty players took part in a nine round swiss system tournament, in which late entries were accepted and given one half point bye. Stephen Ball, a previous winner, entered but pulled out leaving nine players in the "A" section. This number was later reduced to eight when Ontario expert Steve Peter disappeared after playing four games. The truncated tournament remaining was narrowly won by Chris Evans, just ahead of Ian Loadman and Gordon Campbell. Since Nigel Fullbrook was playing vastly below his potential these three players dominated the tournament, and the final placings were not decided until the very end of events.

		C	I	G	N	R	C	G	H		
		E	L	C	F	D	D	R	K		
1.	C. Evans	2171	x	=	1	1	1	1	1	6.5	
2.	I. Loadman	1937	=	x	=	1	1	1	1	6.0	
3.	G. Campbell	1892	0	=	x	1	1	1	1	5.5	
4.	N.Fullbrook	2002	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	3.0	
5.	R. Douziech	1801	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2.0	
6.	C. Domier	1766	0	0	0	1	0	x	0	1	2.0
7.	G. Raletich	1812	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	2.0
8.	H. King	1901	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	0
9.	S. Peter	2024	=	1	F	1	0			2.5	

The game Campbell - King excited many spectators, especially during the time scramble at the end of the session.

G. Campbell - H. King
(notes by Harvey King.)

1. e4 e5, 2. Bc4 Nc6, 3. Nf3 Nf6, 4. Nq5 d5, 5. ed5 Na5, 6. Bb5+ c6, 7. dc6 bc6, 8. Qf3 {More usual is 8. Be2 - 8. Qf3 is an inferior seldom-played line} 8. ... Rb8, 9. Bc6+ {Given as losing in E.C.O. More usual is 9. Bd3 h6, 10. Ne4 Nd5, 11. Ng3 g6, 12. 0-0 Bg7, 13. Nc3 0-0, which is held to be slightly better for Black.} 9. ... Nc6, 10. Qc6+ Nd7, 11. Nf3 Bb7?,

F. Borloi - R. Bath.

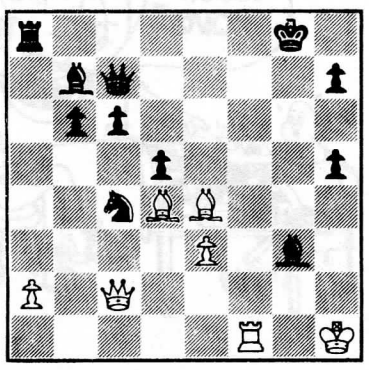
{Inferior. 11. ... Rb6 is much superior.} 12. Qc4 Bf3, {Interesting but inferior to 12. ... Be7.} 13. gf3 Bc5, 14. Nc3 0-0, 15. b3 e4, {This leads to an interesting sacrifice. Now 16. Qe4 or 16. Ne4 are good for Black.} 16. fe4 Bf2+, 17. Kd1 {If 17. Kf2 Qh4+ followed by Ne5 is good for Black. The refusal of the sacrifice takes the steam out of the attack.} 17. ... Qh4, 18. Ba3 Rfe8, 19. Kcl Rbc8, 20. Qa4 Nb6, 21. Qb5 Bd4, 22. Bb2 Bc3, {Both sides have less than five minutes to reach move 40 - the game rapidly deteriorates.} 23. Bc3 Qe4, {Black is closing in, but has serious weaknesses of his own.} 24. Rql Nd5, {Too risky - 24. ... g6 is safer.} 25. Rg7+ Kf8, 26. Qd7 Qf3, {Black is but one move short of Nc3, with winning chances.} 27. Rg3 Qe4, 28. Bg7+ Kg8, 29. Bh6+ Kh8, 30. Bg7+ Kg8, 31. Bh6+ Qg6, {His flag was falling, and I declined what I thought was a draw offer. However, he did intend to continue the game, when I would have had good chances!} 32. Rg6+ hg6, 33. Qd5 and White won in 40 moves - with 10 seconds to spare!

Ferenc Borloi won the B section at a canter, Tamir Stochinsky's enterprising play won him second place, and Birger Knudskov and Ken Tilly played solidly to tie for third place.

	F	T	B	K	A	E	K	R	T		
1. F. Borloi	1736	x	0	1	1	=	1	1	1	6.5	
2. T. Stochinsky	1612	1	x	1	1	0	0	0	1	5.0	
3. Bi. Knudskov	1675	0	0	x	1	=	1	0	1	4.5	
4. K. Tilly	1486	0	0	0	x	=	1	1	1	4.5	
5. A. Skeel	1635	=	1	=	=	x	0	1	0	4.0	
6. E. Culham	1596	0	1	0	0	1	x	=	0	3.5	
7. K. Sawyer	1671	0	1	1	0	0	=	x	=	3.0	
8. R. Bath	1591	0	0	0	0	1	1	=	x	3.0	
9. T. Marsland	1603	0	0	0	0	=	0	1	=	x	2.0
T. Dean	1610	0				=					

A fascinating position was reached at the adjournment in the game Bath - Sawyer, and several of the club's stronger players spent an entertaining evening analysing the consequences. Black sealed 41. ... Bg3? with the idea of building a blockade on the g file supported by a pawn on h4 if necessary. No doubt after Be5 instead, to block the long diagonal, Black can win without real difficulty since his King is safe on h8.

A draw was agreed without further play since after 42. Bf5 it seems the only move to avoid loss is 42. ... Bc8 when 43. Bh7+ Qh7, 44. Rf8+ Kf8, 45. Qh7 is a draw by perpetual check. Readers may care to work out the consequences of other Black 42nd moves themselves, to see if there is truly nothing better for Black.



1. e4 g6, 2. d4 d6, 3. c4 Bg7, 4. Nc3 Nc6, 5. d5 Nb8, 6. f4 c6, 7. Be3 Nf6, 8. Be2 Qa5, 9. Bf3 Bg4, 10. Bg4 Ng4, 11. Qg4 Bc3+, 12. bc3 Qc3+, 13. Kf2 Qal, 14. Qc8+!!

	H	B	B	G	I	V	D	W	K	J		
1. H.v.z.Gathen	1484	x	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	7.0	
2. Br. Knudskov	1528	0	x	=	1	1	=	1	=	1	6.5	
3. B. Thomas	1572	0	=	x	=	1	1	1	=	1	5.5	
4. G. Wilkinson	1495	1	0	=	x	1	0	0	1	1	5.5	
5. I. Kos	1475	1	0	0	0	x	1	1	0	1	5.0	
6. V. Celino	1511	0	=	0	1	0	x	=	1	=	4.5	
7. D. Harvey	1460	0	0	0	1	0	=	x	1	1	3.5	
8. W. Franiel	1435	0	=	0	1	0	0	x	0	1	3.0	
9. K. Affek	1408	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	1	x	2.5	
10. J. Barry	1455	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	2.0

The Swiss, Section "D", was won by Carlos Tobias, who learned the game in the Philippines, his homeland. Welcome! He rolled off seven wins in a row, building up a 1.5 point lead, before faltering against Ron Patsula, who finished fourth. Val Verlik and G. Hartwig tied for second, with Verlik having a small tiebreak edge. Other previously unrated players who did well are W. Hennig, S. Bennell, and L. Connolly. Two father - son combinations played in the Swiss, and in each case the senior did better (but for how long?!). Ian Marsland also played in the Swiss, while his father was in Section "B".

1. C. Tobias unr. +18 +22 +34 +10 +2 +14 +3 -4 +8 8.0
2. V. Verlik 1419 +6 +23 +11 +12 -1 -3 +16 +10 +15 7.0
3. G. Hartwig 1179 +13 -10 +21 +34 +12 +2 -1 +11 +4 7.0
4. R. Patsula unr. +25 +19 =24 +13 -10 +12 +11 +1 -3 6.5
5. W. Hennig unr. -19 +25 -20 +18 =9 +35 +13 =15 +10 6.0
6. J. Vandenberg 1183 -2 -35 +40 -19 +25 +26 +20 +23 +11 6.0
7. S. Bennell unr. bye -24 +36 +35 +23 -13 +17 =16 +14 6.0
- 5.5 pts. 8. L. Connolly, 9. R. Schmidt.
- 5.0 pts. 10. A. Bagdan, 11. P. Barrett, 12. P. Beley, 13. H. Bjorge, 14. J. Toutant, 15. K. Lauterwald, 16. D. Balsille(/8), 17. S. Marsden, 18. H. Hartwig.
- 4.5 pts. 19. G. Olynyk, 20. S. Quigg, 21. H. Vrolyk, 22. D. Loe.
- 4.0 pts. 23. D. Paruk, 24. G. Glazebrook, 25. L. Day, 26. D. Tilroe, 27. P. Patsula.
- 3.5 pts. 28. J. Atzberg.
- 3.0 pts. 29. S. Antoniuk, 30. B. Hughes, 31. R. Bowland, 32. A. Jacka.
- 2.5 pts. 33. E. Page.
- 2.0 pts. 34. P. Mielke.
- 1.5 pts. 35. R. Day(/7), 36. I. Marsland, 37. P. Hurst(/5).
- 1.0 pts. 38. G. Steele(/2).
- 0.5 pts. 39. A. Dawrant(/7).
- 0.0 pts. 40. Davies(/3).

SPEED TOURNAMENT.

A ten round robin speed tournament was held at the ECC on the 10th of December. Two Juniors, Dean Harvey and Ken Sawyer, tied for first place, and Harvey won the playoff match 2 - 1.

NORTH AMERICAN COMPUTER CHESS COMPETITION.
By Tony Marsland and Murray Campbell.

The ninth North American Computer Chess Competition was held in Washington, D. C., during the 3rd to 5th December at the Association for Computing Machinery annual convention. An enhanced version of the BELLE program (developed at the Bell Laboratories in New Jersey) convincingly won the tournament, defeating the seven time champion CHESS 4.7 from Northwestern University. The U. of Alberta entry, AWIT, although seeded eighth, had a hard time. Not only did it lose tight games to former joint champion DUCHESS, from Duke University, and another strong contender, BLITZ, but it also participated in the only other real upset of the tournament by losing to SARGON, which ran on a Z-80 microprocessor.

The overall calibre of the games was excellent, with the best programs exhibiting high A class strength. This degree of performance, without exception, is achieved by brute force methods, that is, by examining every possible move for both sides for at least two and one half moves, followed by a fairly selective search involving at least checks and captures for another two moves. In the endgame six move searches are common. The best programs are therefore tactically devastating (as shown by their speed chess performance) but have difficulty in formulating appropriate long range plans (they often develop peculiar pawn structures). A special guest at the tournament was Dr. Edward Lasker, who came to celebrate his 93rd birthday.

Here are the final standings:

Program	+8	+2	+3	+4	Score	t/b
1. BELLE	+8	+2	+3	+4	4.0	9.5
2. CHESS 4.7	+9	-1	+6	+7	3.0	9.5
3. CHAOS	+5	+7	-1	=6	2.5	11.5
4. BLITZ	+10	=6	+11	-1	2.5	8.5
5. SARGON	-3	+12	=8	+11	2.5	6.0
6. DUCHESS	+11	=4	-2	=3	2.0	9.0
7. OSTRICH	+12	-3	+9	-2	2.0	7.5
8. MIKE	-1	=9	=5	=10	1.5	6.0
9. BLACK KNIGHT	-2	=8	-7	+12	1.5	6.0
10. BS6676	-4	-11	+12	=8	1.5	5.0
11. AWIT	-6	+10	-4	=5	1.0	8.5
12. BRUTE FORCE	-7	-5	-10	-9	0.0	7.5

The first game is a very typical game between two programs of the selective search type, with both ratings at about class C. AWIT studied approximately 250 positions per move during this game, while BS6676 reputedly examined 10 positions per move.

(Note by Editor: Although the best programs use the "brute force" methods described above, it was believed that such an approach would never produce a truly outstanding program. Dr. Marsland's program, which is also much less expensive to run, attempts to select pertinent moves to analyse, in much the same manner as human players who only consider moves which seem to have an important influence on the program. However, recent advances in hardware have been so dramatic that Hans Berliner is predicting a World Champion program of the brute force type in 10 years (Murray says in 15).)

BS6676 - AWIT

1. d4 Nf6, 2. Bf4 d6, 3. Nc3 Nc6, 4. Nf3 g6, 5. e4 Bg7, 6. Bb5 Nh5, 7. Be3 Bd7, 8. a4 {BS6676 is noted for its aggressive pawn moves.} 8. ... 0-0 9. a5 e6, 10. Qe2 a6, 11. Bd3 b6?, {The real reason why AWIT played this move is unknown} 12. Ba6 ba, 13. Bb5 Nb4, 14. Bc4 c6, 15. Bcl Qc7, 16. g4? Nf6, 17. g5 Nh5, 18. Rf1? {This move by BS6676 makes no real sense} 18. ... Rb8, 19. Bb3 c5, 20. Qc4 Ra7, 21. dc a4, 22. Ne2 dc, 23. c3 Bb5, {Also good for AWIT is ...ab, 24. Ra7 Nc2+,} 24. Bf4 Nf4, 25. Qb5 Rb5, {AWIT demands its opponent's resignation!} 26. Nf4 Qf4, 27. Ra4 Ra4, 28. Ke2 Qe4+, 29. Kd2 Qd3+, 30. Kel Bc3+, 31. bc Nc2+, 32. Bc2 Re4 mate.

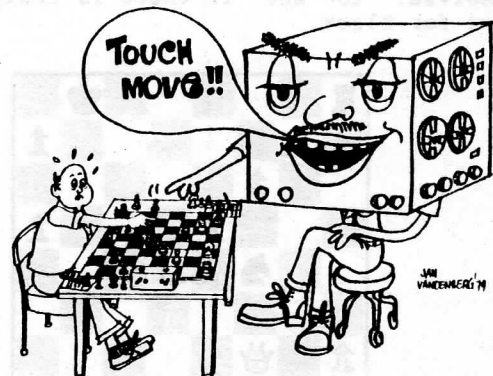
BELLE - CHESS 4.7

notes by M. Campbell.

1. e4 Nc6, {This is Nimzovich's Defence, which has been played by Chess 4.7 numerous times in the past} 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 e6, 4. Nf3 Bb4, 5. e5 Ne7, 6. Bd2 Nf5, 7. Ne2 Be7, {An alternative of about equal merit is 7. ... Bd2+ to help alleviate the cramped nature of Black's position.} 8. c3 0-0, 9. Nf4 f6, 10. Bd3 {White appears to have gained some advantage from the opening mainly in the form of attacking chances on the kingside.} 10. ... fe5, 11. de5 g5?! {With the idea of g4 after the knight moves, winning the e-pawn. However it does loosen Black's king position.} 12. g4! {Offering Black a chance to ventilate the g-file ...} 12. ... Nq7, { ... gratefully declined!} 13. Nq2 b6, 14. Qe2 {perhaps with the idea of Bc2 and Qd3, and also overprotecting the e-pawn.} 14. ... Bb7, 15. Rg1? {There were threats developing along the h1-a8 diagonal, sometimes in connection with the exchange sacrifice ... Rf3, but 15. h4! seems consistent and strong.} 15. ... a5, 16. a4 Kh8?, 17. h3? Kq8? {Clearly, both programs are at a loss to find a good plan.} 18. Rh1 h6, 19. h4 d4!, 20. hg5 Nb4! {Black's only chance to avoid a quick kill on the Kingside} 21. gh6 Nd3+?? { 21. ... dc3 has been suggested, when the complications are horrendous. A sample line is 22. Bh7+ Kh7, 23. hg7+ Kg7, 24. Bh6+ Kg8, 25. Bf8 cb2, 26. Rd1 Qf8, and Black is doing well, though no guarantee on the quality of White's moves is made. Though there is probably a win after 21. ... dc3, it is unclear who for.

NOTE: The position after 21. ... dc3 is the subject of our analysis contest for this month; see the Editorial!

22. ... Qd3 {Now BELLE's Queen gets to the kingside} 22. ... dc3, 23. Qg6! cd2+, 24. Nd2 Rf7, 25. hg7 Rg7, 26. Qe6+ Rf7, 27. Qh6 Rg7, 28. Qh8+ Rf7, 29. e6+ Ke6, 30. Qg7 Bg2, 31. Rh6+ Kd7, 32. 0-0-0 Bd5, 33. Ne4 {Play has been forced since move 22, and now BELLE wins more material, clinching the win.} 33. ... Kc8, 34. Rh8 Be4, 35. Rdd8+ Bd8, 36. Qe7 and White won (1-0).



CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 1978 Canadian junior Championship was held in Calgary, under the control of TAYCA. The tournament ran from Dec. 26th until Jan. 6th with a rest day on New Year's day, when the Speed Championship was held. A full report from the organizer, Gerry Donaldson, is attached to this issue (q.v.). The two Alberta representatives fared less well than many had hoped with Andrew Zissos scoring 50% for 6-7th place, and Robert Hawkes scoring 3.5/11 for 11th place in the twelve man tournament. Andrew Zissos has kindly written his impressions of his performance for the ACR.

"The 1978 Canadian Junior was something of a disappointment for both Alberta entrants, my own performance of 5.5/11 being particularly suspect in view of the fact that this was my second such tournament.

"What makes my score even more reproachable is that I consistently managed to mishandle really strong positions against so many of my opponents (the list includes my games versus Pacey, Findlay, Pineault, Ross, and Pajak). In fact, by the end of the tournament an all too familiar pattern was evident in my play. I generally played well for about the first 30 moves, but in doing so I would consume too much time on my clock, and then proceed to mutilate my position in time pressure.

"Because of this tendency to falter in time pressure, a number of games which otherwise evidence some of the finest chess I have ever played have been rendered unpublishable. The following is probably my best overall effort of the tournament.

S. Morgan - A. Zissos Rd. 8
1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. ed ed, 5. Bd3 Nc6, 6. Nge2 Nge7, 7. 0-0 Bf5, 8. Re1? {8. Ng3 Bd3, 9. Qd3 0-0, 10. Bg5 f6, 11. Bd2=} 0-0, 9. a3 Ba5, {9. ... Bd6, 10. Nb5; 9. ... Bc3, 10. bc3 when White has play based on Ba3 and Rb1, and so has a slight advantage} 10. Be3 Qd7, 11. Ng3 Bg6, {11. ... Bd3, 12. Qd3 Bc3, 13. Qc3 is equal, but leaves Black no hope of winning.} 12. b4 Bb6, 13. Nce2 Nf5, 14. Nf5 Bf5, 15. Ng3 {15. Bf5 Qf5, 16. Ng3 Qd7, 17. a4 a5, 18. b5 Ne7, 19. Qd3 seems slightly better for White e.g. 19. ... c6, 20. Re1 Bc7, (20. ... Rfb8, 21. Bf4 Bc7, 22. Bc7 Qc7, 23. b6) 21. bc6 bc6, (21. ... Qc6, 22. Nf5 Rfe8, 23. Ne7+ Re7, 24. Rb5 with advantage.) 22. c4 (22. Rb7?! Rfb8, 23. Rb1 Qc8,=) dc4, 23. Qc4 with pressure.} 15. ... Bg6, 16. c3 Ne7, 17. Qd2 {17. h4?! Rae8, 18. h5 Bd3, 19. Qd3 Qg4! threatening ... f5 - f4 followed by Nf5, e.g. 20. h6 f5, 21. hg7 Kg7, 22. Nf1 f4, 23. Bd2 Nf5, with advantage.} 17. ... c6, 18. Re2 Rae8, 19. Rael Nc8, {The Knight heads for d6 where it commands the crucial c4 and e4 squares.} 20. Bf4 Re2, 21. Qe2 Bd8, 22. h3 f6!, 23. Bg6 hg6, 24. Qg4 Qg4, 25. hg4 Kf7, 26. Nf1 Be7, 27. Nd2 Bd6, 28. g3 Bf4, 29. gf4 Nd6, {The Knight reaches its cherished outpost at last!} 30. a4 Ra8(!), {30. ... Re8?!=. The text leaves Black microscopically better.} 31. a5 Nb5, 32. Re3 b6, 33. Kf1 Rh8, {By threatening ... Rhl+, Black gets his rook to b8 with tempo.} 34. Kg2 Rb8, 35. Kf1? {35. ab6 ab6, 36. Kf1 Ra8, 37. Nbl Ral, 38. Re1 when Black is only slightly better.} 35. ... ba5, 36. ba5 Nd6, 37. Ke2 Rb5, 38. a6 Rb6, 39. Kd3 Ra6, 40. Nb3 Ra2, 41. f3?! Nc4, 42. Re2 Nb2+, 43. Ke3 Nd1+ 43. Resigns (0-1) {as 44. Kd3 Re2, 45. Ke2 Nc3+, 46. Kd3 Nb5, 47. Na5 Ke6, 48. Nc6 Kd6, with a won ending.}

"Throughout the tournament (and well before it had started, in fact) I was fortunate enough to be under the guidance of Stephen Ball, who acted as my "second". This was the first time I had played under such an arrangement, and I, unfortunately, know of no other Albertan juniors who have had a similiar experience. I say unfortunately because I feel that, quite apart from the Canadian the Canadian Junior itself, having a second has improved my game considerably and is likely to do the same for other juniors in the province.

"Long before the tournament had started, my second provided me with his analysis of my play (pointing out relative weaknesses and strengths) based on my most recently-played games. He also, after helping me select the opening systems I would play, sent me many pages of analysis, coupled with advice on preparation in general.

"During the tournament my second helped me prepare against each of my opponents, advising me as to his style of play and apparent opening preferences. Among other things, this resulted directly in a 25 move victory against fellow Albertan Rob Hawkes.

"Adjournments were, of course, the time when having a second proved most advantageous - and here Stephen greatly exceeded my expectations, although I, unhappily, did not live up to his. (In both the lost adjournments positions I presented him with he managed to find lines which, correctly anticipating certain mistakes on my opponent's part, led to drawn games. Unfortunately, I managed to "sabotage" his efforts by losing both games after reaching the drawing lines.) One may wonder how, with such resources at my disposal, I only managed an even score for the tournament. I can only suggest that my game still suffers from certain "technical" weaknesses which I hope to have ironed out before next year's Junior".

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U. of ALBERTA WINTER OPEN.
 report and direction by Earl Culham

The annual U. of A. Winter Open was held on January 13 and 14th. It was a five round swiss style tournament. Robert South, an expert from Calgary, placed first with a perfect score. Murray Frank, an A class player from Edmonton, defeated one expert and drew with another to place an uncontested second. Third position was shared by Fred South and George Kosinski. George, a C class player, had a fine tournament. He finished ahead of three A class players and two experts.

1. R. South	2078	+9	+14	+15	+10	+6	5.0
2. M. Frank	1911	+25	+18	+11	+3	+10	4.5
3. F. South	2056	+21	+4	=5	=2	+13	4.0
4. G. Kosinski	1552	+27	-3	+16	+11	+12	4.0
5. H. King	1901	+23	+17	=3	-6	+18	3.5
6. C. Evans	2171	=9	+37	+24	+5	-1	3.5
7. G. Campbell	1910	+35	-12	=17	+21	+9	3.5
8. J. Babb	1995	-11	+35	=9	+17	+22	3.5

3.0 pts. 9. Z. Sykora, 10. N. Fullbrook, 11. V. Verlik, 12. Br. Knudskov, 13. J. Rovelli, 14. B. Thomas, 15. R. Eriksson, 16. W. Johnson. 2.5 pts. 17. K. Tilly, 18. F. McFaul, 19. R. Patsula, 20. D. Cokleski, 21. F. Wong, 22. T. Glowski, 23. J. Baser.

2.0 pts. 24. J. Toutant, 25. R. Doo, 26. D. Harvey, 27. P. Patsula, 28. W. Franiel, 29. S. Marsden.

1.5 pts. 30. C. Wong, 31. S. James.

1.0 pts. 32. S. McLellan, 33. M. Bertovic, 34. G. Smith, 35. P. Mielke(/4).

0.0 pts. 36. D. Bilyea, 37. B. Palcic(/2).

N. Fullbrook - M. Frank.

notes by M. Frank.

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd4, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. Bc4 e6, 7. Bb3 Be7, 8. Be3 a6, 9. f4 0-0, 10. Qf3 Nd4, {Black gets the better game by this move, according to Velimirovic; see Encyclopedia B/88.} 11. Bd4 b5, {Upon discovering Black's 14th move, it became clear that this move is correct. It was disappointing, but not surprising, to discover later that the rook sacrifice had been played before.} 12. e5 {Otherwise Black will play Bb7, with a fine game.} 12. ... de5, 13. fe5 {Better would be 13. Be5, but Black stands well. For example 13. Be5 Ra7, {Or Qb6, according to Shamkovich} 14. 0-0 Rd7, 15. Rad1 Qb6+, 16. Khl Rfd8, followed by Bb7.} 13. ... Qd4, 14. ef6 {If 14. Qa8 Qe5+} 14. ... Bc5! {The key move but not too hard to find.} 15. Qa8? {After considerable reflection, Fullbrook took the rook. Theory quotes Hermlin - Shamkovich, USSR, 1972, which went 15. fg7 Rd8, 16. Rd1 Qe5+, 17. Qe4 Rd1+, 18. Kdl Qe4, 19. Ne4 Be7, with a great ending for Black.} 15. ... Qe3+ {Possible also is 15. ... Qf2+, 16. Kdl Be3!, 17. Ne4 Rd8+ which also wins.} 16. Ne2 Rd8, 17. Bd5 {What a fate for the Sozin bishop! Fullbrook now realised that if 17. Qf3?? Qd2+, 18. Kf1 Qd1+ and mate.} 17. ... ed5, 18. Rd1 Re8, 19. Rd2 Bg4, 20. Qe8+ Qe8, 21. h3 Bh5, 22. q4 Qe4, 23. Rf1 Bg6, 24. fg7 Be3, 25. Rd3 Qb4+, 26. c3 Qe4, 27. Rd1 Qe5, 28. h4 Bc2, 29. Ral d4, 30. Nd4 Qg3+, 31. Ke2 Bd4, 32. cd4 Bd3+, 33. Kd2 Bf1, and Black won shortly.

R. Eriksson - R. South.

notes by R. Eriksson

1. b3 Nf6, 2. Bb2 g6, 3. e4 d6, 4. g3 e5, 5. Bg2 Bg7, 6. Ne2 c5, 7. Nc3 Nc6, 8. 0-0 0-0, 9. h3 Be6, {Better would be Rb8.} 10. Nd5?! {Much better is 10. f4; in fact, it may show 9. ... Be6 to be dubious due to a loss of a tempo from a later f4-f5.} 10. ... Bd5, 11. ed5 Ne7, 12. c4 {Probably the best although 12. c3 intending d4 needs to be considered.} 12. ... Nf5, 13. Nc3 Nd4, 14. Ne2 {Here White wastes valuable time and Black seizes the initiative. 13. f4 would have left White standing much better.} 14. ... Nd7, 15. Nd4 cd4, 16. d3 f5, 17. Bcl? {White needed counterplay somewhere, and it will probably not be found on the Kingside. 17. b4 (as suggested by Murray Frank) should be played here. Since it was not, Black makes to play it difficult in the future.} 17. ... a5!, 18. Bd2? {18. a3? fails to Nc5 followed by Qb6. 18. Ba3 was Whites last chance to make a playable game.} 18. ... Nc5, 19. Qc2?? {A hastily played move which destroys all White's practical chances. White should still play for Ba3 by Bcl.} 19. ... e4!, {Black has a crushing position.} 20. Rad1 Nd3, 21. f3 Nc5, 22. fe4 d3, 23. Qcl fe4, 24. Be3 Qe7, 25. Rfel Qe5, 26. Bc5 dc5, 27. Re4 Qg3, 28. Rg4 Qf2+, 29. Khl Rae8, 30. Re4 Re4, 31. Be4 Be5, 32. Qd2 Qe2, 33. Bg2 Rf2, 34. Qd3 Rf1+, 35. Resigns (0-1).

LETTER.

From Mr. D. S. Ball, Edmonton.

"I wish to take exception to a couple of remarks published in the Sept.-December issue of the Alberta Chess Report.

"With regard to the letter from Curtis Materi: in fairness to Mr. Materi, I should point out that the annotators (including myself) had ample opportunity in which to send in corrections to their notes. In particular, the sacrifice suggested by Mr. Materi in my game vs. Campbell is one which had not occurred to me - and never would have, had Mr. Materi not taken the time and trouble to point it out.

"I am delighted that sloppy analysis will no longer go unchallenged in the ACR: in the past, I have had occasion to wonder if anyone even took the trouble to read through the notes! I think greater praise for Mr. Materi's efforts and no excuse for the annotators would have been in order.

"Secondly, under the heading "Calgary Junior Closed", it is claimed that the arbitrary addition of Bill Gnam to the Alberta Junior was amply justified by his performance. Do the ends then justify the means? And what of the performance of the other additional player?

"The International Chess Federation (FIDE) itself set a precedent when it denied Bobby Fischer a place in the Palma de Mallorca interzonal tournament of 1970. FIDE said it would not arbitrarily increase the size of the tournament to accommodate Fischer - but if one of the other qualifiers from the United States was willing to cede his place to Fischer, then FIDE would accept that decision. In that manner, the strongest player in the world qualified to the interzonal. But the rules of qualification and the number of participants were not altered.

"Where qualification rules are explicitly stated, they must be adhered to. The only way in which a player can demonstrate that he deserves to be in a closed tournament is by meeting those rules. Anything less leaves the organizer open to charges of favouritism.

"If I were in the place of either Mr. Philip Chiu or Mr. Graham Cooper (the other players in the Calgary Junior), I would protest most vigorously that I, too, had not been added to the Alberta Junior. And who could gainsay such a protest?"

Mr. Ball has scored hits with both barrels. The wonderful analysis by Curtis of the Ball - Campbell game delighted me also, and was that which suggested the idea of having the contest announced in this issue. I hope other readers will realise that they face tough competition from Regina!

The second point will be discussed next issue.