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We thought it might be a good idea to put in a little International News, and Ian Loadman wrote the following about the quarter finals of the Candidates Matches:

Lajos Portisch of Hungary defeated Bent Larsen of Denmark 6½-3½ in the first match to finish. This was the only match in which draws did not outnumber decisive games. Portisch was, as always, well prepared, and Larsen had a surprising amount of difficulty equalizing against Portisch's Exchange Variation of the Queen's Gambit.

Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union defeated Henrique Mecking of Brazil by a score of 6½-5½. Polugaevsky won the second game with a fine exchange sacrifice after Mecking had failed to take advantage of a favorable middlegame. All other games, although hard fought, were drawn.

Victor Korchnoi, formerly of the Soviet Union, defeated ex-countryman Tigran Petrosian 6½-5½. This match was scarred by short draws and some bad blunders, and was held in an atmosphere of hate. The animosity between Korchnoi and Petrosian is well known and has heightened since Korchnoi's defection.

Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union defeated Hort of Czechoslovakia. After 12 games the score was tied at 6 points each, and Spassky was the first to win after that. Time trouble was responsible for both of Hort's losses.

In the semi-finals of the Candidates Matches, Portisch is pitted against Spassky, while Korchnoi will face Polugaevsky.

Meanwhile, World Champion Anatoly Karpov continues to prove that he is the strongest player in the world. After winning the Soviet Championship at the beginning of the year, Karpov won a strong tournament in West Germany with 12 pts from 15 games, a full 2 points ahead of 2nd place finisher Jan Timman. Recently, Karpov scored 5 points from 5 games in the European Team Championship, which was won by the Soviet Union.

We received a couple of letters. Mr. Szpajcher of Leduc ordered all 1976 ACRs, and said he would like some more Guppy stuff. Also, he had a question about the Sicilian. We referred it to Mr. Murray Campbell, well known Sicilian Mawster. The second letter was from Stephen Ball, who said:

"I would like to congratulate Mr. Evans on his fine refutation of my suggested improvement in the King-Patten ending (see the last few ACRs). His entry into the "donnybrook" is indeed appreciated. I found a trivial improvement upon Black's play in the lines suggested by Mr. Evans, but it serves only to prolong the battle slightly, having no effect on the final result.

Mr. Willis' suggestion is slightly less convincing, but it hardly seems worth the trouble to try to find an error when the line suggested by Evans is so clear cut. (Which is not to say that Willis is incorrect: only that I believe, without any substantive analysis to justify the belief, that Black's play may be improved upon in the lines that he suggests.)

I hate to do this, but Mr. King's analysis of his game against Drummond (ACR, Jan-Feb/77, p.3) contains some serious oversights. The note after King's 16th move suggests 16. ... Ncd4, 17. Rh3!? Rh3, 18. gh Rc8(?), etc. Surely, 18. ... Nf3+, winning White's Queen, is more efficient. In the same note 16. ... Ncd4, 17. Bb2 Rc8, 18. Rh3!(??) also loses the Queen to the same Knight fork.

In the note following Black's 19th move, White does not reach the unclear ending after 19... d4, 20. Ne2 Ng3!, and White loses material. Thus, Black's capture on e5 with the Knight at move 16 can hardly be criticized; it seems to win by force.

I have also included some hastily made notes to my games from the Alberta Closed (see later in this issue) -- hopefully, you will receive all in time to meet your publication deadline."

Red Deer Chess Club Championship (10/76-4/77)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1. N. Sharp	x	1	1	1	1	1	9½
2. J. Koolman	0	0	x	0	½	1	6½
3. R. Gaumond	0	0	1	½	x	1	6
4. J. Kaastrup	0	½	0	0	1	x	5
5. R. Allen	0	0	0	0	0	½	2
6. A. Grieb	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

N. Sharp - R. Gaumond (E61/b, B32)

- e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd4, 4. Nd4 e5, 5. Nb5 a6, 6. Nd6 Bd6, 7. Qd6 Qf6, 8. Qd1 Nge7, 9. Nc3 d6, 10. Be3 Be6, 11. Qd2 d5, 12. ed5 Rd8, 13. Bg5 Qg6, 14. Bd3 Bf5, 15. dc6 f6, 16. cb7 Nc6, 17. 0-0-0 Bd3, 18. Be3 0-0, 19. cd3 Nb4, 20. Bc5 Nd3, 21. Qd3 Rd3, 22. Bf8 (1-0)

Central Alberta Closed (3/77-4/77)

	1	2	3	4	Total
1. N. Sharp	x	1 1	1 1	1 1	6
2. R. Gaumont	0 0	x	1 1	1 1	3 1/2
3. A. Fierlbeck	0 0	1/2 0	x	1 1	2 1/2
4. J. Kaastrup	0 0	0 0	0 0	x	0

N. Sharp - R. Gaumont (E70/a, B35)
 1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd4, 4. Nd4 Nf6,
 5. Nc3 e5, 6. Ndb5 d6, 7. Bg5 a6, 8. Na3 b5,
 9. Bf6 gf6, 10. Nd5 f5, 11. Bd3 Bb7, 12. ef5
 Qa5, 13. c3 b4, 14. Nf6 Ke7, 15. Nc4 Qd8,
 16. Nd5 Ke8, 17. Ncb6 Rb8, 18. cb4 Nb4, 19.
 Qa4 Bc6, 20. Qb4 Bd5, 21. Qa4 Ke7, 22. Nd5
 (1-0)

Southern Alberta Open, Calgary Apr 30 - May 1

Invaders from the north (Edmonton) captured the top 4 places in this tournament. Stephen Ball and Chris Evans ended up with 4 1/2-1/2, with Hall getting a very slim tiebreak edge. Tied for 3rd-4th, with undefeated 4-1's, were Len Steele and Murray Campbell. John Schleinich was the T.D., and he supplied the schreible.

1. Stephen Ball	+21	+11	+10	=2	+6	4 1/2
2. Chris Evans	+20	+15	+5	=1	+9	4 1/2
3. Len Steele	+14	=13	=8	+15	+10	4
4. Murray Campbell	+23	+17	=6	=8	+11	4
5. Rick Pedersen	+26	+7	-2	=19	+8	3 1/2
6. R. Chipperfield	+30	+22	=4	+18	-1	3 1/2
7. Albert Hahn	+33	-5	+23	=16	+19	3 1/2

pts: 8. J. Flemming, 9. B. Brebrich, 10. P. Allan, 11. J. Parrott, 12. A. Zissos, 13. S. Faust, 14. F. Wong, 15. S. Ellis, 16. H. King, 17. J. Solis

2pts: 18. I. Loadman, 19. T. Patten, 20. B. Bentley, 21. D. Johansen

2 pts: 22. K. Tilly, 23. D. Owen, 24. R. Easton, 25. D. Milutinovich, 26. I. Issa, 27. A. Wong, 28. R. Slood, 29. E. Lockert

1pts: 30. S. Sunderland

1pt: 31. P. Usselman, 32. B. Hillard, 33. C. Gravells, 34. D. Gravells

0pts: 35. G. Cooper

Brebrich - J. Flemming Round 2

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 a6, 4. Ba4 Nf6,
 5. 0-0 Be7, 6. Re1 b5, 7. Bb3 d6, 8. h3 Na5,
 9. c3 Nb3, 10. Qb3 c5, 11. d4 Qc7, 12. d5 0-0,
 13. d4 Bb7, 14. ab5 ab5, 15. Ra8 Ra8, 16. Na3
 Qa5, 17. Qc2 Qa4, 18. b3 Qa6, 19. Nd2 Nh5,
 20. Bb2 Bg5, 21. Nf3 Bh6, 22. Kh2 Rf8, 23. Ra1
 Qc8, 24. Qe2 Nf4, 25. Qf1 Qe8, 26. g4 g6,
 27. Ng1 f5, 28. gf5 gf5, 29. f3 fe4, 30. fe4
 Qg6, 31. Qf3 Nh3, 32. Qf8+ Kf8, 33. Nh3 Qh5
 (0-1)

Somehow, that was the only game I had from the S. Alta Open. If more appear, they may be published in the next issue.

Let me say now that we have games and reports, etc, like crazy for the tournaments reported in this issue. Games (some annotated) which are not included in this issue will be put in the next ACR (July/August).

Calgary CC Spring "Break-in Tournament"

The Calgary Chess Club has just completed its Spring Break-in Tournament. It was a 6 round Swiss in which a total of 32 players participated. The "Aces" of Calgary were again missing, but a young generation of promising chess players has kept quite active. Two Juniors tied for first place: Doug Wyllie and Andrew Zissos, both with 5 out of 6. They were followed by three players with 4 1/2-1 1/2: S. Faust (Top C), J. Nemeth

(Top B), and R. Castle, a newcomer from California. Top D was B. Hamilton, top Junior was S. Ellis (also a newcomer), while E. Leong took top unrated, and T. Lockert was top senior. (Report by J. Schleinich)

1. Doug Wyllie	+18	+15	+4	-2	+8	+6	5
2. A. Zissos	+28	+24	+23	+1	=6	=4	5
3. S. Faust	+22	+26	-1	=15	+21	+11	4 1/2
4. J. Nemeth	+31	=15	=14	+25	+7	=2	4 1/2
5. R. Castle	+25	-23	+24	=10	+14	+9	4 1/2

4pts: 6. R. Pedersen, 7. J. Parrott, 8. R. Chipperfield

3pts: 9. B. Hamilton, 10. S. Ellis, 11. W. Coppin, 12. B. Bentley, 13. I. Issa

3 pts: 14. P. Usselman, 15. B. Starkes, 16. E. Leong, 17. J. Solis, 18. D. Enevoldsen, 19. M. Baker, 20. E. Lockert

2pts: 21. R. Baptiste, 22. J. Mazac

2pts: 23. A. Hahn, 24. H. Bovbjerg, 25. D. Maguire, 26. R. Slood, 27. C. Fallis, 28. B. Hillard, 29. M. Kirkendall

1pt: 30. M. Walters, 31. B. Rusk

D. Wyllie - A. Zissos Round 4

1. d4 e6, 2. c4 Nf6, 3. Nc6 d5, 4. Nf3 Nbd7,
 5. e3 Be7, 6. Bd3 c6, 7. 0-0 0-0, 8. Qc2 h6,
 9. b3 b6, 10. e4 de, 11. Ne4 Ne4, 12. Be4 Bb7,
 13. Bb2 Qc7, 14. Bh7+ Kh8, 15. Bd3 Bf6, 16.
 Rad1 Rad8, 17. Rfe1 Rfe8, 18. Qe2 c5, 19. Ne5
 Be5, 20. de5 Nf8, 21. Qh5 Rd7, 22. Bc1 Red8,
 23. Re3 Ng6, 24. Rg3 Qe5, 25. Rg5? Rd3, 26.
 Rf1 Qd4, 27. Rg4 Qf6, 28. Bg5 Qf5, 29. f3
 Kg8, 30. h4 hg5 (0-1)

The Calgary 14000 -- by Bill Bentley

The 2nd "annual" Calgary 14000 was held on Saturday May 14th at Mount Royal College. This was a major accomplishment as the first such event was held in June 1974. The 14000 is a 10 board team challenge between the Calgary CC and the Black Knight CC for the Calgary 14000 trophy. It is rather unique in that it caters to the lower rated club members by restricting participation to those with ratings less than 1600 such that the accumulated team rating is less than 14000 (hence the name). Boards are assigned by rating, with each player playing two games (one of each color) against the corresponding board of the opposing team.

After a shaky start the CCC rallied to convincingly defeat the weaker defending champions by a score of 14 to 6. I say shaky because in round 1 Zissos forfeited his game, Starkes surprisingly lost quickly to Rusk, and Hahn, in trying too hard to win a drawn B vs N ending, lost to unrated Gnam in a 100 move marathon. I would like to thank all who participated in making this a very pleasant success.

Board	Calgary CC	Score	BK CC
1	Patten (1576)	1 1/2-1/2	Ellis (1576)
2	Zissos (1575)	1/2-1 1/2	Belzberg (1492)
3	Hahn (1536)	1/2-1 1/2	Gnam (unr.)
4	Hamilton (1435)	2-0	Bovbjerg (1277)
5	Starkes (1414)	1-1	Rusk (1239)
6	Bentley (1397)	2-0	Kamphuis (unr.)
7	Schulz (1386)	2-0	Sunderland (1188)
8	Issa (1222)	1 1/2-1/2	Windsor (unr.)
9	Mazac (unr.)	2-0	D. Gravells (unr.)
10	Lockert (unr.)	1-1	Cooper (unr.)
		14-6	

Captains: B. Bentley (& TD's)

M. Ormon

Patten - Ellis Round 2

1. d4 g6, 2. c4 Bg7, 3. Nc3 d6, 4. e4 Nd7,
5. f4 c5, 6. d5 Ngf6, 7. Nf3 O-O, 8. Bd3 Re8,
9. O-O Nb6, 10. e5 Nfd7, 11. a4 Nf8, 12. Qe1
- e6, 13. a5 Nbd7, 14. Nb5 de, 15. d6 Nb8, 16.
- fe Na6, 17. h4 h6, 18. Qg3 Nh7, 19. h5 g5,
20. Bh7+ Kh7, 21. Bg5 hg, 22. Ng5+ Kg8, 23.
- Nf7 Kh7, 24. Nd8 Rd8, 25. Qg6+ Kh8, 26. Rf7
- Rg8, 27. h6 (1-0)

Rusk - Starkes Round 2

1. d4 Nf6, 2. Nf3 g6, 3. c4 Bg7, 4. Nc3 d6,
5. h3 O-O, 6. e3 Nbd7, 7. Bd3 e5, 8. O-O Re8,
9. Nd2 c6, 10. Ne4 ed, 11. ed Ne4, 12. Ne4
- Nf6, 13. Qf3 Ne4, 14. Be4 Bd4, 15. Rd1 Qb6,
16. Rd2 f5, 17. Bd3 Re1+, 18. Kh2 Bd7, 19.
- Rb1 Rf8, 20. b3 Be5+, 21. g3 f4, 22. g4 Re3,
23. Qd1 f3+, 24. Kg1 Bg3, 25. fe Qe3+, 25.
- Kf1 Qh6, 27. Rh2 Qh4, 28. Rh1 Bg4, 29. Be4
- Bh3+, 30. Kg1 f2 mate (0-1)

The Calgary Team Championship -- by B. Bentley

In an effort to stimulate activity and cooperation in the Calgary CC, we have organized the first Calgary Team Championship. Should this prove to be successful, we intend to include it in the annual schedule of events. As it stands now the tournament is a 5 round Round-Robin involving 6 four man teams. The teams were selected from the entry field by the TD, Bill Bentley, such that each team is roughly of equal overall strength. The selection was made from the ranked field based upon ratings and recent performances according to a strict procedure. We are offering a prize to the top team as well as individual prizes for best performance on each board. At the time of writing round 1 has just been completed, so it's too soon to make any predictions; but a report and results will follow in the next issue, along with a post-mortem of the tournament's success.

The Abe Shnitka Memorial (Edmonton CC) will be finishing about the time this ACR is being reproduced. Report next issue.

Double Round-Robin Edmonton April-May, 1977

	1	2	3	4	
1. Gordon Campbell	x	0 1	1 1/2	1 1/2	4
2. Nigel Fullbrook	1 0	x	0 1/2	1 1	3 1/2
3. Ian Loadman	0 1/2	1 1/2	x	0 1/2	2 1/2
4. Murray Campbell	0 1/2	0 0	1 1/2	x	2

N. Fullbrook - G. Campbell

1. e4 e5, 2. f4 ef, 3. Nf3 d6, 4. Bc4 Be6,
5. Be6 fe, 6. d4 Be7, 7. h4 Be7, 8. hg Bg5,
9. g3 e5, 10. Rh5 Be7, 11. de fg, 12. Nc3 c6,
13. Bf4 Qb6, 14. Qd2 de, 15. Be5 Nf6, 16. O-O-O
- Nbd7, 17. Bf6 Nf6, 18. Qh6 Rd8, 19. Re5 Rd1+,
20. Nd1 Rf8, 21. Ne3 Kd8, 22. Nf5 Bc5, 23.
- N(3)d4 g2, 24. Qg7 Rf7, 25. Ne6+ Kc8, 26. Qg2
- Be3+, 27. Kb1 Rd7, 28. a3 Rd1+, 29. Ka2 Rd2,
30. Qg7 Rc2, 31. Qf8+ Kd7, 32. Qd6+ Kc8,
33. Ne7 mate (1-0)

Gordon Campbell gave us an annotated version of his game (as White) with Murray Campbell. It was a draw. The game will be published in the next ACR.

Victoria Weekend Open Edmonton May 21-23/77

The annual Victoria Weekend Open, held in conjunction with the Alberta Closed, attracted 36 entries this year. The two strongest active Alberta players who were not involved in the Closed, K. Kuczaj and N. Fullbrook, were the favorites for first place. Kris Kuczaj of Calgary took first with a 5 1/2-1/2 score. He was in trouble in only one of his games -- against A. Zissos, who blundered in a favorable position. Against C. Domier, his one draw, Kris missed wins

after sacrificing the exchange. No one was able to come closer to Kuczaj than a whole point back at 4 1/2-1/2 where there was a 5-way tie for second between C. Domier, N. Fullbrook, E. Culham, M. Frank, and F. Buenaventura. This was an excellent result for both Domier and Culham; their ratings should jump up about 100 points. Domier beat Frank and drew Kuczaj, while Culham beat Fullbrook in an exciting game which both players have promised to annotate (see the next ACR -- ed). Top B was C. Domier, Top C A. Zissos, Top D B. Fitcher, and Top Unrated Z. Sikora.

The Tournament Director was Ian Loadman (assisted by Harvey King). Ian supplied this report along with a zillion games, a few of which will be reproduced below, and more will appear in the next ACR.

1. K. Kuczaj	1987	+27	+17	+26	=2	+7	+4	5 1/2
2. C. Domier	1611	+32	+5	+15	=1	-6	+11	4 1/2
3. N. Fullbrook	2002	+21	=7	+13	+10	-4	+12	4 1/2
4. E. Culham	1636	+36	+23	=10	+12	+3	-1	4 1/2
5. M. Frank	1839	+22	-2	+21	+15	+17	=6	4 1/2
6. Buenaventura	1742	+30	-15	+24	+26	+2	=5	4 1/2

- 4pts: 7. A. Zissos, 8. H. King, 9. R. Pedersen
 3pts: 10. S. Ellis, 11. R. Lake, 12. D. Johansen,
 13. D. Zomerschoe, 14. B. Fitcher
 3pts: 15. J. Rovelli, 16. B. Taylor, 17. D. Co-
 kieski, 18. W. Denison, 19. Z. Sikora, 20. R. Doo
 2pts: 21. K. Affek, 22. A. Kuti, 23. A. Fierl-
 beck, 24. K. Tilly, 25. J. Baser
 2pts: 26. Bruno Knudskov, 27. W. Bentley, 28. O.
 Rodil, 29. D. Bilyea, 30. A. Wita
 1pts: 31. S. Quigg
 1pt: 32. M. Delorme, 33. Phaedrus, 34. R. Lerner
 1pt: 35. C. Hallschmid
 0pts: 36. R. Slywka

The above results are in tiebreak order.

Domier - Kuczaj Round 4

1. f4 g6, 2. Nf3 Bg7, 3. g3 c5, 4. Bg2 Nc6, 5. d3
- d5, 6. O-O Nf6, 7. c3 d4, 8. cd cd, 9. Na3 O-O,
10. Re1 Be6, 11. Bd2 Rc8, 12. b3 d6, 13. Nc4 b5,
14. Nfe5 bc4, 15. Nc6 Rc6, 16. Ec6 c3, 17. Bc1
- Nd5, 18. Bd5 Qd5, 19. Kf2 Qh5, 20. Kg1 Qd5,
21. Qc2 Bd7, 22. Kf2 Bc6, 23. Rg1 Qh5, 24. h4
- Bf6, 25. Ke1 Re8, 26. e4 de(ep), 27. Be3 e5,
28. Qe2 Bf3, 29. g4 Bh4+, 30. Bf2 Bf2+, 31.
- Kf2 Be2, 32. gh5 Bd3, 33. hg fg, 34. Ke3 e4,
35. f5 Kf7, 36. fg+ hg, 37. Rac1 c2, 38. Rg2
- Rc8, 39. Rg4 Kf6, 40. Rf4+ Ke5, 41. Rg4 Rc6,
42. Rg2 Kf6, 43. Rf2+ Kg7, 44. Rg2 a5, 45. Rg5
- (1-1/2)

Kuczaj - Culham Round 6

1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. g3 Bg7, 4. Bg2 O-O,
5. O-O d6, 6. d4 Nbd7, 7. Nc3 Rb8, 8. d5 e5,
9. de(ep) fe, 10. Bg5 h6, 11. Be3 Ng4, 12. Bd2
- Nge5, 13. Qc2 Nc4, 14. Bn6 Nce5, 15. Bg7 Nf3+
16. ef3 Kg7, 17. Nb5 Ne5, 18. Qc3 c6, 19. Nd6
- Qd6, 20. Rad1 Qc7, 21. f4 Rf7, 22. fe5 Rd7,
23. Rd6 resigns (1-0)

Zissos - Pedersen Round 4

1. e4 d6, 2. d4 Nf6, 3. Nc3 g6, 4. f3 c6,
5. Be3 b5, 6. Qd2 Qa5, 7. Bd3 Nbd7, 8. Nge2
- Ba6, 9. O-O b4, 10. Nd1 Bd3, 11. cd3 h5, 12.
- Nf2 Rb8, 13. Rfc1 Qb5, 14. Rc2 a5, 15. a4(?)
- Qb7, 16. Rac1 Rc8, 17. b3 Bg7, 18. Rf1 d5,
19. e5 Ng8, 20. Nh3 Nh6, 21. Ng5 e6, 22. g4
- Qb6, 23. h3 Qd8, 24. Qc1 Qc7, 25. Nf4 Ke7?,
26. Nge6 fe6, 27. Ng6+ Ke8(?), 28. Nh8 Ne5,
29. de5 Qe5, 30. Bn6 Qg3+, 31. Rg2 (1-0)

Thanks to Ian for submitting the games, and for "rating" them -- that way I need not play over 20 games to find the best ones! If you submit many games, give your evaluation of the best ones (if at all possible).

1977 ALBERTA CLOSED Edmonton May 21-23

Before the tournament the favorites for first place were the champions of the previous two years, S. Ball (1975) and G. Campbell (1976), along with Chris Evans who had won or tied for first in 3 consecutive tournaments in 1977. The first round provided some surprises when Len Steele upset Chris Evans who had a good position but seemed to forget about the Kingside, and Stephen Ball blundered a piece to Murray Campbell, although Ball's two pawns proved sufficient to draw. This was the pattern of the tournament: whenever someone scored a good win and seemed on the verge of taking the lead, they drew or lost their next game. Going into the final round, C. Evans, M. Campbell, S. Ball, and L. Steele all had 2½ points, while G. Campbell had 2. The last round pairings were Kassay-Farkas vs Evans, M. Campbell vs G. Campbell, and Ball vs Steele. Kassay-Farkas--Evans was the first to finish, and Evans' win guaranteed him at least a share of first. Then Steele blew a won pawn ending and had to concede a draw to Ball. Campbell-Campbell was "drawn", but on move 69 after 7 hours play Gordon made a horrible blunder that lost, and gave Murray a share of first. Evans and M. Campbell will play a match to determine first place. Mention must be made of Len Steele's showing; except for two bad endgame mistakes against G. Campbell and Ball, Steele would have been clear first.

(Ian Loadman, the Tournament Director, gave us the above report. During the tournament he rewrote and double-checked -- no pun! -- all the game scores. Thanks to Ian!)

Mandatory inclusions in this year's Closed were: G. Campbell (previous Champion), S. Ball (Alta Open and Edmonton CC winner), and J. Kassay-Farkas (Calgary Closed champion). The other three players got in by rating. Five of the players were from Edmonton, while J. Kassay-Farkas was the one Calgary rep.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	Pt	TB	Pl.
1. C. Evans	2114	x	½	0	1	1	1	3½	6.75	1-2
2. M. Campbell	1956	½	x	½	½	1	1	3½	6.75	1-2
3. L. Steele	2004	1	½	x	½	0	1	3	6.75	3
4. S. Ball	2124	0	½	½	x	1	1	3	5.25	4
5. G. Campbell	2015	0	0	1	0	x	1	2		5
6. J. Kassay-Farkas	1855	0	0	0	0	0	x	0		6

In the games which follow elapsed times in minutes may sometimes be given in brackets. The time control was 150 min to reach 45 moves, and 60 min for each 18 moves thereafter.

Annotated games: Stephen Ball annotated all of his games, while Murray Campbell did his with Evans and Kassay-Farkas. (Thanks to them!)

Round 1

G. Campbell - J. Kassay-Farkas Petroff's Def.

1. e4 e5, 2. Bc4 Nf6, 3. Nf3 Be7, 4. Ne5 0-0, 5. d3 d6, 6. Nf3 Bg4, 7. Nc3 Nc6, 8. h3 Bh5, 9. Bg5 Ne5, 10. Bb3 c6, 11. Qe2 Re8, 12. g4 Nfg4, 13. Be7 Nf3+, 14. Qf3 Nf6, 15. Qf6 Re7, 16. Qg5 g6, 17. Kd2 b5, 18. Rae1 a5, 19. a4 Qd7, 20. f4 b4, 21. Ne2 Qa7, 22. Rhg1 Be2, 23. Re2 Rae8, 24. f5 Re5, 25. fg Rg5, 26. gf+ Kf8, 27. Rg5 d5, 28. fe+Q+ Ke8, 29. ed+ Kf7, 30. dc+ Kf6, 31. h4 h5, 32. Re6+ Kf7, 33. Rh6+ Resigns (1-0)

C. Evans - L. Steele Hungarian Defence

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bc4 Be7, 4. d4 d6, 5. d5 Nb8, 6. Bd3 Nd7, 7. c4 Ngf6, 8. Nc3 0-0, 9. 0-0 Nc5, 10. Bc2 Bg4, 11. h3 Bh5, 12. b4 Ncd7, 13. a3 h6, 14. Qd3 Nh7, 15. Nd2 Qc8,

16. Nb3 b6, 17. Be3 Bg6, 18. f3 f5, 19. g4 f4, 20. Bf2 h5, 21. c5 Ng5, 22. gh Bh5 (0-1)

S. Ball - M. Campbell Grünfeld Defence(?)

1. d4 Nf6, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. e3 Bg7, 4. Bg2 0-0, 5. 0-0 d5, 6. Ne5?! This might charitably be described as "premature". Other moves which have been tried here (and which are better) are c3, b3, Nbd2, and Bf4. White failed to achieve better than equality with any of these moves, which is sufficient comment on the entire opening system. 6. ... c6, 7. f4 Ne4, 8. Nd2 f6, 9. Nd3 f5 (=), 10. e3 Avoiding total symmetry at the cost of creating problems for the black squared bishop. 10. ... Nd7, 11. a4 Qe8? Black appears to have misread the nature of the position. White's pieces are well placed to meet an attack on the Kingside, and Black should also encounter no problems on that score. With the center blocked, the main field of action will be the queenside. A better plan is a5, followed by b6, Ba6, and Qc7. 12. a5 a6 Black pays a steep price for his lapse the previous move: his Q-bishop now has no reasonable place to go, whereas White still has the a3-f8 diagonal for his Q-bishop. Furthermore, there is ample time in which to place it there. The initiative clearly belongs to White. 13. Ra4? The immediate Nb3 is far superior. I was afraid that Black might achieve freedom after 13. Nb3 b5, 14. ab Nb6, threatening to plant the other knight on c4. However, after 15. Na5, followed by Bc1-d2-b4, White has a tremendous advantage. 13. ... Qf7? Missing the chance to play c5. White cannot win the pawn in a simple manner here: 13. ... c5, 14. dc? Ndc5, 15. Nc5 Nc5, 16. Bd5+?? e6, 17. Rc4 ed, 18. Rc5 Qe3+ and White loses a whole rook. I might have tried 14. c4, when the position becomes extremely complicated. As a sample: 14. ... cd, 15. cd de, 16. Ne4 fe, 17. Be4 Nf6, 18. Bf3 Bf5, 19. Ra3 Qb5, when Black has pressure for the pawn which he will soon give up. 14. Nb3 h6, 15. Rb4 Bf6, 16. Ne5! Black cannot afford to capture, so the queen must move again. 16. ... Qe8, 17. c4 e6 Just looking at the B on c8 is painful. 18. Nd7 Qd7, 19. Be4 fe4, 20. Bd2 Qg7, 21. Ra4! g5 21. ... c5 fails to work after 22. Nc5 Bd4, 23. ed Qd4+, 24. Kh1 Qc5, 25. Bb4 which wins the exchange. 22. Kh1 Kh7, 23. Bb4 Rd8, 24. Ra1 Preparing to invade with the rooks on the f-file. 24. ... dc?, 25. Nd2 c5!? Black doesn't want to wait to see what happens to him in the ending with his horrible light-square B. 26. Bc5 Bd7, 27. Nc4 Bb5, 28. Qc2 Qg6, 29. Rf2 Bc4, 30. Qc4 Qf5, 31. Qe2? Interesting is 31. g4! Qg4, 32. f5!, since, if ef, 33. Qf7+ Bg7, 34. Rag1 Qh4, 35. Qf5+ Kh8, 36. Rg4 Qh3, 37. Re4 blows Black to pieces. 31. ... g4, 32. Rc1 Rac8, 33. Qd1?? Slightly worse are Be7 and Qf3; most sensible moves will allow White to win comfortably. 33. ... Rc5, 34. Rc5 Qc5, 35. Qg4 Qf5, 36. Qd1 h5? Simply Qa5, and, if 37. Qb3, Qd5 gives White a good opportunity to resign. 37. Rc2 Kg6, 38. Kg2 Qb5 Correct is Qa5, since 39. Rc5?? loses to the same pin that lost the B. 39. h3 Qb3, 40. Qe2 Rd7, 41. Rc5? Rd5, 42. Rc7 Rb5, 43. Rc2 Qd3 Both sides were slightly short of time, but it is still hard to explain away all the silly moves made. 44. Qd3 ed, 45. Rd2 Rb3, 46. Kf3 Bd8, 47. Ke4 Ba5, 48. Rd3 Rd5? After Rb2, White could probably resign with a clear conscience. Now the fight begins again! 49. Kd3 b5, 50. g4 h4! The only way to keep any winning chances. 51. e4 Bc7, 52. e5! Other moves give fewer chances. It is necessary to take over

the dark squares with pawns. After f5+ ef, 53. g4 Kg5 there is no easy route to survival. 52. ... a5, 53. Ke4 Interesting is d5 which leads to an unclear position. 53. ... a4, 54. f5+ Kf7, Black draws more easily with ef+. 55. fe+ Ke6, 56. d5+ Kf7 Not ... Ke7 since Black loses the pawn ending; ... Kd7 leads to a draw. 57. d6 Bb6, 58. Kd5 b4, 59. e6+ Ke8, 60. g5 Bd8 The only move. 61. g6 Bf6, 62. Kc6 The position is easily drawn by Kc4. 62. ... a3, 63. ba ba, 64. Kc7 Kf8!, 65. Kd7 a2, 66. e7+ Kg7, 67. e8=0 a1=0 Draw agreed (1-1)

Round 2

L. Steele - M. Campbell English Opening
 1. c4 e5, 2. Nc3 Nf6, 3. e3 c6, 4. d4 ed,
 5. Qd4 d5, 6. Nf3 Be7, 7. Be2 Na6, 8. O-O dc,
 9. Qd8+ Bd8, 10. Bc4 (27) Nc7 (20), 11. Ne5
 Be6, 12. b3 Be7, 13. Bb2 O-O, 14. Rad1 Rfd8 (32)
 15. Be6 (54). Draw (1-1)

J. Kassay-Farkas - S. Ball Modern
 1. d4 g6, 2. c4 Bg7, 3. Nc3 d6, 4. e4 Nc6,
 5. Nf3? Bg4, 6. Be3 e5, 7. d5 Nd4 White al-
 ready stands worse: routine developing moves
 are insufficient against the Modern Defence. In
 particular, White cannot afford to allow the pin
 of his King's knight. The knight should there-
 fore have been developed on e2. 8. h3? Black
 will capture the knight on f3 with the bishop in
 any case: this move not only wastes a tempo, it
 takes away one of the few good squares for the
 bishop on f1. 8. ... Bf3, 9. g3 f5, 10. Qa4+?!
 Qd7, 11. Qd7? Kd7 Black's superiority has been
 enhanced by the exchange of queens. White's
 weak pawns and bad bishop are evidence of his
 mishandling of the opening. 12. Bd4?? Giving
 up his only useful piece: after this exchange,
 White is lost. Little comment is required for
 the remainder of the game. 12. ... ed, 13. Nb5
 a6, 14. Na3 Re8, 15. Bd3 Nf6, 16. O-O fe, 17. fe
 Ne4, 18. Kc2 Rf8, 19. Kc2 Nc5!, 20. Rad1 Nd3,
 winning the queenside pawns with the rook. 21.
 Rd3 Re2, 22. Ne1 Not 22. Nb4??, since the knight
 is lost after a5. 22. Nd4 is also hopeless for
 White. 22. ... Rb2, 23. a3 b5!, 24. cb Rb5,
 25. Nc2 Rd5, 26. Nb4 Re5+, 27. Kh1 Most players
 would have resigned by now. 27. ... a5, 28. Nc2
 c5, 29. f4 c4, 30. Rd1 d3, 31. fg5?? dc, 32. Rg1
 cd1=0, 33. Rd1 c3, 34. Kg2 c2, 35. Rc1 Rc8 (0-1)

C. Evans - G. Campbell Pirc
 1. e4 d6, 2. d4 Nf6, 3. Nc3 g6, 4. f4 Bg7, 5.
 Nf3 O-O, 6. Bd3 (2) a6 (22), 7. O-O b5, 8. e5
 de, 9. de Ne8, 10. Be4 (21) Qd1 (52), 11. Rd1
 c6, 12. Rd8 Nc7, 13. Rf8+ Bf8, 14. Be3 e6,
 15. Nd4 (41) Nd5 (70), 16. Nd5 cd, 17. Bd3 Bc5,
 18. Kf2 Bd7, 19. Nb3 Be3+, 20. Ke3 (47) Ra7
 (102), 21. h4 Rc7, 22. Nd4 Nc6, 23. Nc6 Bc6,
 24. Kd4 Bd7, 25. g3 Kf8, 26. b3 a5, 27. a3 Ke7,
 28. h5 Kf8, 29. Rh1 Kg7, 30. h6+ Kf8, 31. Rc1
 (90) Ke7 (140), 32. Rb1 Be8, 33. c4 dc, 34. bc
 Rd7+, 35. Ke3 (105) bc (145), 36. Bc4 Rc7, 37.
 Kd4 Rd7+, 38. Kc3 f5, 39. Rb6 Bf7 (149), 40.
 Ra6 (118) Rd1, 41. Ra5 Rh1, 42. Ra7+ Kf8, 43.
 a4 Rh6, 44. a5 Rh3, 45. a6 Rg3+, 46. Kb4 Be8,
 47. Ra8 Ke7, 48. Re8+ Ke8, 49. a7 (1-0)

Round 3

M. Campbell - J. Kassay-Farkas Goring Gambit
 1. e4 e5, 2. Kf3 Nc6, 3. d4 ed, 4. Bc4 Be7
 Though this move is not according to theory, I
 have met it 3 times in tournament play. Prob-
 ably best for White is simply Nd4, Nc3, O-O, and
 Be3, with somewhat better chances, though Black
 has a very solid position. 5. c3 dc?? Much better
 is 5. ... Nf6. The game Campbell-Brown, Vancou-
 ver '76 continued 6. e5 Ne4, 7. Bd5 f5, 8. Nd4
 Nd4, 9. Be4 fe, 10. Qd4 O-O and Black got good

compensation for the sacrificed pawn. 6. Qd5
 Nh6, 7. Bh6 O-O, 8. Nc3! gh, 9. Qh5 I had this
 position 3 weeks earlier at the Southern Alta
 Open, where my opponent continued 9. ... d6,
 10. Qh6 Bg4, and now 11. Rd1 is better than the
 11. Nd5 I played, since ... Ne5! holds White to
 a small advantage, e.g., 12. Ne7+ Qe7, 13. Ng5
 Bf5! defends. 9. ... Bf6, 10. Qh6 d6, 11. h4?
 Looks impressive, but shouldn't give much a-
 gainst correct defence. Better is 11. Rd1 and,
 - if ... Bg7, 12. Qh5 Ne5, 13. Ne5 Be5, 14.
 Bf7+ Rf7, 15. Qe5 should win. 11. h4 Bg7, 12.
 Qh5 Ne5, 13. Ne5 Be5, 14. Rd1 Threatening the
 combination in the last note. 14. ... Bc3+?!,
 15. bc Be6? Better is 15. ... Qf6. 16. Be6 fe,
 17. Qg4+ Kf7, 18. Rh3 Qe7? After 18. ... Ke7,
 19. e5 gives white good attacking prospects.
 The move played loses by force. 19. Rf3+ Ke8,
 20. Rf8+! Kf8 20. ... Qf8, 21. Qe6+ Qe7 (21.
 ... Kd8, 22. e5), 22. Qg8+ Qf8, 23. Qh7 looks
 very unappetizing for Black, but is probably
 better than what follows. 21. Rd3 Ke8, 22. Qg8+
 Kd7?, 23. Qa8 Qh4, 24. Qb7 Qh1+, 25. Ke2 Qg2,
 26. Rg3 Resigns (1-0) A cute variation pointed
 out after the game was 26. Rd6+ Kd6?, 27. e5+.

S. Ball - C. Evans Modern Def.
 1. d4 g6, 2. e4 Bg7, 3. c3 d6, 4. Bd3 Nf6, 5.
 Ne2? This move has no place against the Modern.
 Correct is f4 followed by Nf3. 5. ... O-O, 6.
 O-O, 7. f4 Nbd7, 8. h3 b6, 9. Nd2? Be3 followed
 by Nbd2 is much superior. 9. ... Bb7, 10. fe
 de, 11. d5 c6, 12. c4 Qe7?! Preferable is the
 immediate b5. 13. Ng3?? After Nc3, White holds
 the advantage, since Black cannot free his po-
 sition. The knight is badly out of play on g3.
 I had hoped to be able to sacrifice it on f5,
 but with the center still fluid, this is much
 too optimistic. 13. ... b5!, 14. dc Bc6, 15. cb
 Bb5, 16. Nb3 Ba4! The only good move. Exchanging
 bishops leaves Black in difficulty due to the
 weak f-file. 17. Be3?! Better is Bg5, trying to
 provoke the weakening h6. 17. ... Rfd8, 18. Qe2
 Qb4?! The immediate Bb3 leaves White with fewer
 options. 19. Rf3!? Nc1 seems to be best. 19. ...
 Bb3, 20. ab Nc5, 21. Bc4 Nb3, 22. Ra7? Over-
 looking Black's 23rd move. Correct is 22. Bb3
 Qb3, 23. Ra6. 22. ... Ra7, 23. Ba7 Nd2!, 24. Rd3
 Rd3, 25. Bd3 Bh6!, 26. Be3 White is in trouble.
 After 26. Qf2!? Nf4, 27. Ne4 Ne4, 28. Qe2 Nc5,
 29. Bc4 Bf4, the complications favor Black.
 26. ... Be3, 27. Qe3 Qb2, 28. Kh2! Qc3!, 29.
 Qe2 Nb3, 30. Bb1 Nd4, 31. Qa6 Kg7, 32. Qf1 Qe3,
 33. Qa1 Qf4, 34. Qf1 Qe3, 35. Qa1 Qg3+!, 36. Kg3
 Ne2+, 37. Kf2 Nc1, 38. Kg1 Nd7, 39. g4?? Nc5?
 (g5), 40. Kf2? Nf6, 41. Kg3?! nb, 42. h4 g2,
 43. h5 Ke7, 44. Kf3 Kc6, 45. Ne3 Ke6, 46. Ba2
 Kc5!, 47. Kd3 Nb4, 48. Kd2 Nc5, 49. Bd5? Nd7!,
 50. Bf7 Kf6, 51. fe6 Ke4+, 52. Ke3 Nf6, 53. Bf5
 Kc3, 54. Be6 Kb4, 55. Bf5 Kc5 (0-1)

G. Campbell - L. Steele Alekhine's Def.
 1. e4 Nf6, 2. e5 Nd5, 3. c4 Nb6, 4. c5 Nd5, 5.
 Nc3 e6, 6. Bc4 Nc3, 7. dc Bc5 (33), 8. Qg4 g6,
 9. Nf3 (16) Nc6 (58), 10. Bh6 (32) Bf8, 11. Qf4
 (69) Bh6, 12. Qh6 Qe7, 13. Qg7 Qf8, 14. Qf6 Rg8,
 15. O-O-O (77) Qg7 (76), 16. Qg7 Rg7, 17. h4 b6,
 18. h5 (111) gh (87), 19. g3 Bb7, 20. Rh5 O-O-O,
 21. Rdh1 Ne7, 22. Be2 Ng6, 23. R1h2 c5, 24. Nd2
 d6, 25. ed (132) Rd6 (110), 26. Rh7 Rh7, 27. Rh7
 Rd7, 28. f4 Nf8, 29. Rh8 Rd8, 30. Nc4(138) Kd7
 (128), 31. Ne5+ Ke7, 32. Rg8 Nd7, 33. Rd8 Kd8,
 34. Nf7 Ke7, 35. Ne5 (144) Ne5 (137), 36. fe Kf7,
 37. Bd3 Kg7, 38. Kd2 Kh6, 39. Ke3 Kg5, 40. b4 cb,
 41. cb Bd5, 42. a3 Kg4, 43. Kf2 Bc6, 44. Bg6 Kg5,
 45. Bd3 (150-) Kg4 (141), 46. Be2+ Kf5, 47. Bf3
 Be8, 48. Ke3 Ke5, 49. Be4 Bh5, 50. Kd3 (184) Be8

(154), 51. Bh7 Bb5+, 52. Kc3 Bc6, 53. Kc4 Be8, 54. Bc2 Bc6, 55. Kc3 Bd5, 56. Kd2 Bf3, 57. Bd1 Bc6, 58. Ke3 Be8, 59. g4 (208) Kf6 (200), 60. Kf4 e5+, 61. Ke4 Bc6+, 62. Ke3 Kg5, 63. Bf3 Bb5, 64. Bd5 Bd7, 65. Ke4 Bg4, 66. Ke5 Be2, 67. Bc6 Kg6, 68. Ke6 Bc4+, 69. Kd6 Kf6, 70. Bf3 Bb5, 71. Bd1 Bd3, 72. a4 Bc4, 73. b5 (253), a6???????? (239) (After over 8 hours of play Black comes up with this "cute", but super-moronic move!! Better to have blundered on move 2!), 74. a5! Of course! (1-0)

Round 4

L. Steele - J. Kassay-Farkas Larsen's
1. b3 e5, 2. Bb2 Nc6, 3. c4 Nf6, 4. Rc3 d6, 5. g3 Be7, 6. Bg2 O-O, 7. d3 a6, 8. a3 Bd7, 9. b4 Qc8, 10. e3 Re8, 11. Qd2 Kh8, 12. Rcl Bf8, 13. h4 Ne7, 14. Nf3 Ng4, 15. O-O c6, 16. Na4 Qd8, 17. c5 Nc8, 18. d4 ed, 19. Bd4 d5, 20. Ng5 Kg8, 21. Qc2 f5, 22. Bh3 Nh6, 23. Qc3 Qe7, 24. Nb2 Nf7, 25. Nf3 Na7, 26. a4 Rad8, 27. Nd3 Nc8, 28. Nf4 g6?, 29. Bf6 Qf6, 30. Qf6 Bg7, 31. Qd8 Nd8, 32. Bg2 Nf7, 33. Rfd1 Bf6, 34. Ne7 Kg7, 35. Ncd4 Ne7, 36. Bf1 Ne5, 37. Ne5 Be5, 38. Rb1 Kf6, 39. Nb3 Be7, 40. b5 cb, 41. ab ab, 42. Nd4 b6, 43. Nb5 Bd8, 44. Nd6 Rg8, 45. cb Ke6, 46. b7 Bc7, 47. Nb5 Bb8, 48. Rdc1 Nc6, 49. Nd4+ Nd4, 50. ed Ba7, 51. Bb5 Rb8, 52. Bd7+ Kd7, 53. Rb5 (1-0)

G. Campbell - S. Ball Sicilian
1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 Nc6, 3. d3 a6, 4. Be3 d6, 5. f4 Bc7, 6. g4!?! I had just settled down for a long intricate positional Closed Sicilian, when Gordon unleashed this move. Is this related to the Portland Attack (introduced by Suttles in the early '70s)? 6. ... b5! So much for quite moves. 7. d4 A novel position: White cannot safely play 7. Nb5 Qb6, 8. a4 a6, 9. Na3 Qb2, 10. e5 Bg4!. Gordon probably was regretting his second move, which prevents a pawn from reaching the fourth. 7. ... Nd4, 8. Nb5 Bg4!? I thought Black was winning in any case, but this move produces some really wild complications. I could not accurately assess the resulting variations, but I did see a queen and 3 pawns against rook and 2 minor pieces. With White having problems developing his Kingside, I felt that this might prove to be enough. The less daring Qb6 secures a safe advantage for Black. 9. ... Bd1, 10. Bg7 Bc2, 11. Nc3! Threatening Bb5+ as well as removing the knight from a potentially embarrassing position, and defending the e-pawn. The rook on h8 isn't going anywhere. 11. ... Rb8! Saving the bishop on c2 and preventing the check on b5. 12. Rcl Nf6!, 13. Bh3 Not 13. Rc2 Rg8, when the 3 minor pieces are insufficient against queen & 2 pawns. 13. ... Rb2, 14. Bf6 To prevent the loss of another pawn, and probably also due to worry about getting the bishop trapped by Ng4 and f6. 14. ... ef6, 15. Nge2 f5! I kept wanting to play Qa5, but 16. Kf2! enables White to untangle the Kingside. 16. Bg2?? White must prevent the check on h4; thus 16. h4 should be played. However, after Black captures the e-pawn, the 3 connected central pawns will win. 16. ... Qh4+, 17. Ng3 Qf4, 18. Nce2 Qe3, 19. Nf1 Qe5!, 20. Nfg3 Bd3, 21. Bf5 Qe3, 22. Rf1 fe, 23. Bg4 f5 (0-1)

C. Evans - M. Campbell Sicilian
1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nf6, 3. e5 Nd5, 4. Nc3 e6, 5. Nd5 ed, 6. d4 Nc6 This temporary pawn sacrifice is almost forced, since 6. ... d6, 7. Bb5+! gives Black a bad game. 7. dc Bc5, 8. Qd5 Qb6, 9. Bc4 Bf2+, 10. Ke2 O-O, 11. Rf1 11. Rd1 gives White nothing after 11. ... d6!, 12. ed Be6, 13. Qe4 Rae8! 11. ... Bc5, 12. Ng5 Nd4+, 13. Kd1 Ne6, 14. Ne4 f4. c3 is the alternative, giving

a slight advantage according to ECO. 14. ... d6, 15. ed Rd8, 16. Qh5 Bd6, 17. Bd3! f5, 18. Nd6 This move, though recommended by Unzicker, seems good for no more than a draw. 18. ... Qd6, 19. Qf5 Qh2 19. ... Nf8 also leads to interesting play, where White remains a pawn ahead, but has development problems. 20. Bf4 At this point White was more than 2 hours behind on the clock and understandably did not want to enter the complicated variations starting with 20. Qf7+. 20. ... Nf4, 21. Qf4 Qh5+ Objectively better is 21. ... Qf4, 22. Rf4 Bd7, with a simple draw, but I was playing on my opponent's time shortage. 22. Kd2 Qa5+, 23. b4 Qd5, 24. Rae1 24. Rad1 is also good. 24. ... Be6, 25. Re4 Forcing the exchange of queens. 25. Re5 leads to horrible complications which one would not go into with only 15 minutes left for 20 moves. 25. ... Qe4, 26. Re4 Ba2, 27. c4 Rac8, 28. Kc3 b5 Not 28. ... Bb3, 29. Ra1 a6 as recommended by Evans after the game, since there is 30. Rd4 with the threat 31. Rd8 Rd8, 32. Be4!, with advantage after either 32. ... Bd1, 33. Bd5+, or 32. ... Rd1, 33. Rd1 Bd1, 34. Bb7 and 35. Ba6. 29. c5 Bd5 Both players were in rather bad time pressure. 30. Re7 a5!?, 31. g3 h6 A couple of time pressure moves. 32. Bf5 Ra8, 33. ba Ra5, 34. Bd7 Bc4, 35. Rfe1 Ra3+, 36. Kd4 Ra4+, 37. Kc3 Ra3+, 38. Kb4 Ra4+, 39. Kc3 Bf7, 40. c6 Rc4+, 41. Kb2 Rb4+, 42. Kc2 Rc4+, 43. Kb2 Rb4+, 44. Rcl Rc4+, 45. Kbl Rb4+, 46. Kc2 Rc4+ (1-1) The last 14 moves are not required to make sense, since neither player had any time to figure out what was happening.

Round 5

S. Ball - L. Steele Queen's Gambit Declined
1. d4 d5 Len had disappeared with an armload of books for half an hour (20 min -- ed) muttering something about preparing for the game. When he returned (somewhat behind on the clock), he rattled off the moves quickly. 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. Bg5 Be7, 5. e3 O-O, 6. Nf3 Nbd7, 7. Rcl c6, 8. Bd3 de, 9. Bc4 Nd5, 10. Be7 Qe7, 11. O-O Nc3, 12. Rc3 e5, 13. de Still following the book. 13. Qc2 probably gives White a better chance for an advantage. 13. ... Ne5, 14. Ne5 Qe5, 15. Bb3 Bf5, 16. f4 Qe4, 17. Qh5 Bg6? Correct is g6. 18. Qh3! The book stops here in this line, and rates the position as a large plus for White. 18. ... h6?!, 19. f5 Bb7, 20. Rc4?! With only one minor piece left, White might try to pry open Black's Kingside with a pawn storm. The e-pawn will come under heavy fire in the meantime and needs the rook for defense along the third rank. White should play g4, threatening Qh5 and g5, when the Black King is in serious jeopardy. 20. ... Qe5, 21. f6 Bg6! I hadn't overlooked this move. I had calculated the following "variation": 22. Rg4 Kh7, 23. Bf7 Rf7, 24. Rg6 Kg6, 25. Bc2+ with a mating attack. Unfortunately, the check on c2 is impossible because that bishop has already been sacrificed on f7! Since this sequence doesn't work, 21. f6 may be a mistake. White should consider playing 22. gf followed by Rd4 and Rfd1 with play on the d-file. 22. Rh4!? Rae8?! (gf!), 23. e4?? Still hoping to sacrifice on h6, but overlooking Black's threat of a back rank mate. Better is 23. Rf3! Qb2?, 24. Rh6 Qc1+, 25. Rf1 Qe3+, 26. Qe3 Re3, 27. Rg6 winning. After 23. ... Kh7?! 24. fg Qg7, 25. Qd7, White has a big advantage, since 25. ... f6, 26. Rh6+! Kh6, 27. Rh3+ Bh4, 28. Rh4+ Kg6, 29. Bc2+ f5, 30. Rg5+ demolishes Black. Black might try 23. ... gf, 24. Rh6 Kg7, 25. Rg3 (threatening Bf7 and Rh7) Rh8, 26. Rh8 Rh8, 27. Qd7, but White is winning here too.

23. ... Qd4+, 24. Kh1 Re4, 25. fg Not 25. Rh6??
 g16, 26. Qh6 Qf6!, 27. Rf6 Re1+ and mate next
 move. 25. ... Kg7, 26. Rh6!?! Very dangerous,
 but the alternatives are also unattractive.
 After 26. Re4 Be4, 27. Qc3 Qc3, 28. bc3 f5,
 the ending is hopeless. 26. ... Qf6! Threat-
 ening Qg5 which wins the exchange. 27. g3 Qg5,
 Also dangerous for White is 27. ... Qf1+, 28.
 Qf1 Kh6, 29. Bc2 Rd4!, 30. Bg6 Kg6, when the
 rooks are more than a match for the queen. (I
 was not so sure about this Q&B vs 2R&B end-
 game! - ed) 28. Rh4 Rh4 Choosing the better
 ending. 28. ... Re2 also looks threatening,
 but 29. Rg4 should hold on. 29. ... Qe3, 30.
 Rf4 Rh8??, 31. Rf7+ and White wins. 29. Qh4
 Th4, 30. gh Rd8, 31. Kg2 a5!?, 32. Rd1?? After
 32. Kg5!, White threatens 33. h5 Bh5, 34. Rf5,
 with counterplay. 32. ... Re8 In spite of
 White's mangled pawn structure, the ending with
 bishops would be very difficult to win. 33. Rd2
 And not 32. Kf3?? Bh5+; also, 33. Rd7 Re2+, 34.
 Kg5 Rb7, 35. Rb7?? a4 wins a piece. 33. ... Re4,
 34. Kg3 Bh5, 35. h3?! Somewhat better is Rc2 or
 Bc2. 35. ... Bb4!, 36. Rc2 Bd1, 37. Rc4?? I was
 afraid that after 37. Rc3 (!) Bb3, 38. ab3 a4,
 39. ba Rb2 the ending would be hopeless. In
 fact, there are some drawing prospects. The pawn
 ending is different: it really is hopeless (oh?)
 37. ... Bb3, 38. Rb4 ab4, 39. ab5 b5?(?????????
 --this move ranks with the silly move I made in
 the game with G. Campbell! Why? Why? Why?-did
 I make it? -- ed) This is obviously a "general
 principles" move, made without accurate calcula-
 tion of the result of the pawn ending. Before
 playing on the queenside, Black should make all
 the necessary moves on the kingside. After 39.
 ... Kg6, I would have resigned immediately (why
 didn't he tell me? - ed), since White loses in
 all lines. 40. Kf4 c5?? Last chance for a win.
 40. ... Kg6! wins by 41. Ke5 Kh5, 42. Kd6 Kh4,
 43. Kc6 Kh3, 44. Kd5 Kg4 (I suppose a turkey
 who misses such things doesn't deserve to tie
 for first -- and he didn't! -- ed) 41. Ke5!
 Kg6 41. ... c4!?, 42. Kd4! also draws. 42. Kd5
 Kh5, 43. Kc5 Kh4, 44. Kd5 Kh3, 45. Ke5 Kg4,
 46. Kf6 Kf4, 47. Kf7 (and Ball got up, wishing
 me luck in finding a win, or some such thing)
 Draw agreed. (1-2)

M. Campbell - G. Campbell OP Counter Gambit
 1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 c5, 3. ed e4, 4. Qe2 Qe7, 5. Nd4
 Nf6, 6. Nc3 a6, 7. f3 ef, 8. Nf3 Bf5(35), 9. d3
 (36) Nbd7, 10. Bg5 0-0-0, 11. Qe7 Be7, 12. Nh4
 Bg6, 13. Ng6 hg, 14. Be2 Nd5, 15. Be7 Ne7, 16.
 Kd2 Rh4, 17. g3 Rh6, 18. Bg4 f5, 19. Be2 Rdh8,
 20. h4 g5, 21. Rg1 g6, 22. g4 gh, 23. g5 R6h7,
 24. Ke3(110) Nb6(95), 25. Bf3 c6, 26. Kf4 Re8,
 27. Rh2 Kc7, 28. Rgh1 Reh8, 29. Ne2 Kd6, 30. c4
 Nd7, 31. d4 Nf8, 32. c5+ Kc7, 33. Ke5 Nd7+, 34.
 Kf4(135) Nf8(135), 35. Ke5 Nd7+, 36. Kf4 b5,
 37. b4 Nf8, 38. d5 Nd5, 39. Bd5 cd, 40. Ke5,
 Nd7+, 41. Kd5 Rh5, 42. Nf4 R5h7, 43. Ng3 Rd8,
 44. Kh4 Re7, 45. Kd4 Kc5+, 46. Kc3 Na4+, 47.
 Kc2 Re4, 48. a3 Rc4+(175), 49. Kb1(150) Rd3,
 50. Nf5 Ra3, 51. Rh7+ Kc6, 52. R7h6+ Kc7, 53.
 Rh7+ Kc6, 54. R7h6+ Kd5, 55. Ne7+ Ke5, 56. Re1+
 Kf4, 57. Rf1+ Kg5, 58. Rg6+ Kh5, 59. Rh1+ Rh4,
 60. Rh4+ Kh4, 61. Kc2 Ra2+, 62. Kb3 Ra1, 63. Ra6
 Nc5+, 64. bc Ra6, 65. Kb4 Kg5, 66. Kb5 Le6, 67.
 Nd5 Re5, 68. c6 Rd5+, 69. Kb6 Kf6???, 70. c7
 Rd6+, 71. Kb5 Rd5+, 72. Kb4 Rd4+, 73. Kb3 Rd3+,
 74. Kc2 resigns (1-0)

J. Kassay-Farkas - C. Evans Gurgendidze System
 1. e4 e6, 2. d4 Bg7, 3. f4 c6, 4. Nf3 d5, 5. e5
 h5, 6. Bd3 Nh6, 7. b3 Bg4, 8. h3 Bf3, 9. Qf3 e6,
 10. Ba3 h4, 11. Nd2 Qa5, 12. Eb2 Bf8, 13. a3
 Na6, 14. b4 Qb6, 15. Nb3 Nf5, 16. Bf5 gf, 17. g4
 hg, 18. Qg3 0-0-0, 19. 0-0-0 Bh6, 20. Rhg1 Qb5,
 21. Qe3 Nb8, 22. Nd2 Nd7, 23. Nf3 Nb6, 24. Ng5
 Nc4, 25. Qf3 Rdf8, 26. Rg3 a5, 27. Qb3 b6, 28.
 ba Qa5, 29. Bc3 Qa7, 30. Bb4 c5, 31. dc bc, 32.
 Bd2 Kc7, 33. Rds1 Kc6, 34. Kd1 Rb8, 35. Qf3
 Bg5, 36. Rg5 Rb1+, 37. Bc1 Qa5, 38. R5g2 Rhb8,
 39. h4 Qb5, 40. Ke1 Rc1+, 41. Kf2 Rc2+, 42. Kg3
 Rg2+, 43. Rg2 Rg8+, 44. Kh3 Rg2, 45. Qg2 Qb3+,
 46. Kh2 Ne3 (0-1)

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