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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE KELOWNA SUMMER CHALLENGE July 5-6, 1980 Kelowna, B.C.



Only once in the past four years has a Kelowna tournament been won by an out-of-towner, despite the best efforts of sundry masters and experts. We challenge you to try! (If you win your games quickly, you can relax on our famous Okanagan Lake beaches, only two blocks from the playing site.)

SITE: Room 215, The Royal Anne Hotel, 348 Bernard Ave., downtown Kelowna. Call 762-2601 for reservations. REGISTRATION: 8:30 - 9:30 A.M., Saturday, July 5. Five round Swiss. Time control 40/2, 20/1 (Except first two rounds are 50/2 and 25/1.) Entry Fee: \$13 (CFC membership required: You MUST HAVE PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP). TD: Alan Whitman, 1790 Hollywood Rd., Kelowna, B.C. V1X 4P4, Telephone 860-6705.



EDMONTON JULY OPEN



July 19-20 Register 9 - 9:45 U of A. General Services Building 5 Round Swiss, 50 moves in 2 hours Entry Fee \$8 / \$5 Junior



LABOUR DAY CLASSIC AUGUST 30, 31, and SEPT. 1



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SITE: General Services Building, U. of A.

Six Round Swiss, Entry Fee \$15 / \$10 Junior (\$5 more after August 26.)

Advance registration and information: Box 3117, Station A, Edmonton, Alberta. T5J 2G7

SUMMER SPECIAL

AUGUST 9 - 10

5 Round Swiss General Services Building, U. of A., 5th Floor.

END OF SUMMER OPEN September 13 & 14 5 Round Swiss, U. of A., General Services, 5th Floor.

TOP ACTIVE ALBERTA PLAYERS BY CFC RATING

1.	S.	Ball		2127	
2.	R.	South		2064	
3.	N.	Fullbrook		2056	
4.	B.	Brebrich		2048	
5.	F.	South		2045	
6.	J.	Babb		2022	
7.	L.	Steele		2011	
8.	D.	Ross		1998	
9.	Ι.	Loadman		1972	
10.	G.	Campbel1		1961	
11.	R.	Shalka	/5	1960	
12.	M .	Frank		1948	
13.	K.	Kuczaj		1919	
14.	A.	Zissos		1912	
15.	W.	Mueller		1904	
16.	Ρ.	Allan		1892	
17.	В.	Bachmann		1890	
18.	G.	Raletich		1867	
19.	В.	Gnam		1864	
20.	J.	MacIntosh		1855	

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

ACA GRAND PRIX 1980 LEADERS (to May 31)

Open:

1.	S.	Ball	90	(Edmonton)
2.	K.	Kuczaj	57	(Calgary)
3.	L.	Steele	50	(Edmonton)
4.	R.	Hawkes	48	(Calgary)
5.	W.	Mueller	38	(Calgary)

Amateur

1.	P.	Patsula	74	(Edmonton)
2.	Τ.	Kolenchuk	55	(Edmonton)
3.	D.	Johansen	52	(Edmonton)
4 .	В.	Knudskov	43	(St. Albert)
5.	٧.	Verlik	34	(Edmonton)

Novice:

1.	R.	Mastre	39	(Edmonton)
2.	R.	Vanden	36	(Edmonton)
3.	J.	Baser	34	(Edmonton)
4.	P.	Mielke	33	(Edmonton)
5.	R.	Gardner	33	(Edmonton)

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

Membership in the CFC is required for all those who wish to play in rated tournaments. Alberta CFC members must also be ACA members. CFC dues for Albertans, including ACA dues, are:

Juniors who wish to get a "participating CFC membership" (includes CFC Yearbook;

can play in rated events; no CFC magazine, but you get the ACR), can join for \$5. Family memberships (same family, same address, bought at the same time) in the CFC can be purchased (first membership at the adult rate, the rest \$5 each plus half-ACA dues; one magazine per household).

CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION RULES

All entrants in the Alberta Closed and the Alberta Junior Closed must have at least 2 "participation points" in the year prior to each Closed (normally since the previous Closed). The following tournaments are worth 1 participation point each: Alberta Open, Northern Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open, Calgary and Edmonton Championships (run at the city clubs), plus any other major tournaments that may be put in this category (e.g., the 1979 Canadian Open). All other Alberta tournaments are worth one-half a participation point each if they are CFC rated tournaments (matches do not count). Participation points are not given to dropouts. Note: juniors may also get participation points through TAYCA tournaments (the value of most is less than one-half point). TAYCA members should consult that organization for further details.

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Membership Fees

Senior -- \$3.00 Junior (under 18) -- \$2.00

{valid 1 year from month of purchase*}

ACA members receive a subscription to the bimonthly Alberta Chess Report.

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

Each membership submitted should include the member's full name and address, and CFC (Chess Federation of Canada) number, if known. Please indicate if the membership is new or a renewal.

"Family memberships" (same family, same address, bought at same time) are available at the rate of one membership at the regular cost (\$3, unless all are juniors), and the rest at half-price. One ACR per household.

NEW ADDRESS!!!!!!

Please note that the ACA now has a new

mailing address which is:

Box 3117, Station A, Edmonton, Alberta. T5J 2G7

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OLYMPICS

The ACA's best wishes and support are extended to Urmila Das of Calgary, who now holds third place in the interim selections for Canada's Women's Chess Olympics Team. We hope Mrs. Das does make the team which will go to Malta from November 20 through December 8, 1980.

In the very near future, the ACA executive will be voting to make a donation from the ACA general fund to the Canadian Olympics team. We hope Alberta clubs and individual members will also consider a donation of any size to the cause, via the Chess Federation of Canada.

TAYCA-ACA

Back in February, the ACA took definite steps to end the long-standing differences between The Alberta Youth Chess Association (TAYCA) and the ACA. We agreed in writing and received verbal commitments from TAYCA officials to combine memberships, file one application for provincial government support, and generally cooperate for the benefit of chess for all ages.

Sadly, I must report that TAYCA has failed to live up to its part, has delayed and perhaps threatened the joint government application because of a lack of a TAYCA audited statement, and has generally shown a severe lack of leadership. Therefore, the ACA executive is now taking steps to dissolve itself entirely from TAYCA and inform the provincial government that the ACA is the only responsible, long-term chess organization capable of administering junior chess as well as chess in general. In Edmonton, it already appears that junior chess programming will be handled through the ACA and the Edmonton Chess Club: in Calgary, we hope the TAYCA organizers will continue to promote junior chess under an ACA banner; and for the rest of the province, the ACA will promote junior chess under its regional development program.

ACA Brochure

We are expecting to have an ACA brochure

prepared by fall. The brochure will have general information about the ACA, local clubs, and a calendar listing all tournaments for 1980-81.

All clubs or individuals intending to form local clubs should send meeting dates, tournament dates, contact names and other information to the ACA by July 15 so that it may be included both in the brochure and in the Alberta Chess Report directory to be published in August.

These brochures will be given to all clubs, new members, libraries and schools around the province, and passed out wherever possible.

New ACA Address

The new address of the Alberta Chess Association is:

Box 3117, Station A, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2G7

All memberships and general information and correspondence should be sent to this address. Material meant for the ACA executive may be sent to that address too, or directly to the president at Box 541, Slave Lake, Alberta TOG 2AO.

ACA Executive

The ACA has accepted with regret the resignations of Len Steele as a director and Alan Clifford as treasurer. Dave Johansen is now processing memberships and Bob Bachmann has taken over the treasusrer's duties. It appears Stephen Ball will be leaving the editor's post of the ACR in the near future, so the hunt is on for a new editor.

The ACA annual meeting will be held in October prior to the first round of the Alberta Open in Calgary. At that time, directors and officers for 1980-81 will be elected. Anyone interested in serving on the ACA board should talk to a current executive member. It is expected clubs will be invited to nominate directors and, of course, members are welcome to do the same prior to or at the annual meeting.

Over 1800 Tournament

The ACA board has voted to make the Over-1800 Tournament an annual event under ACA sponsorship. This year, the ACA will contribute \$75 to the prize fund and \$25 to expenses. A similar tournament for under 1800 rated players and held each year in a new part of the province is now being considered. Any local club wanting to host the first such tournament should contact the ACA president.

Chess Development Program

Starting in September the ACA will be launching a province-wide chess development program. Recreation departments, libraries, community leagues, schools, senior citizen lodges, and any other appropriate institution or agency will be invited to participate. The program will offer chess workshops, simultaneous displays, and beginners' tournaments. Help will be offered to all local clubs, particularly new ones. With this in mind, any member who can either help the program as an organizer or instructor, or wants to see the program in his or her community. should contact the ACA president before August 15.

> Bruce D. Thomas ACA President

Edmonton Chess Club Report

Edmonton Chess Club will meet during the summer months, each Monday, 7 p.m., at the Kinsmen Sports Centre, except for July 7, August 4, and September 1.

The club's Monday night tournament schedule for the rest of 1980 is:

June 30 - start of 6-round open
August 18 or 25 - start of 5-round
tornado tournament
September 15 - club annual meeting
September 22 - start of fall open
swiss
November 10 - start of 6-round class
tournament

The club has instituted an honorarium system for tournament directors. Persons directing a tournament will be paid 15 cents per player per round from entry fees. The club hopes this small incentive will encourage more people to direct.

Since its plans for an Alberta 75th anniverary tournament fell victim to the bureaucratic failings of the provincial anniversary commission, the ECC has decided to hold a smaller tournament under the title of Labour Day Weekend Classic. Most active players in Western Canada will receive an invitation to enter.

From: Bruce Thomas

ALBERTA CLOSED 1980

ROUND ONE

K. Kuczaj - R. Hawkes Notes by Hawkes

1. c4 f5?!, 2. Nf3 Nf6, 3. g3 e6, 4. Bg2 Be7, 5. 0-0 0-0, 6. d4 d6, 7. Nc3 {This is a standard position in the Dutch and Black has a number of good choices at his disposal such as 7. ... Qe8, 7. ... a5, 7. ... Nc6, etc.) Nbd7? (This is the reason f5 was dubious. I don't really know the Dutch. } 8. Ng5 Nb6, 9. Qb3! d5 {If 9. ... c5, 10. dc dc, 11. Bf4 and White has an overwhelming positional advantage. } 10. c5 Nc4, 11. e4? {If White had played his Queen back, he could have pushed b3 and had a very nice position with a lasting advantage. } 11. ... fe, 12. Nge4 Na5, 13. Nf6+ Bf6, 14. Qd1 b6, 15. Bf4 {If White can get Be5 in, most of his problems disappear as Be5, 16. de bc allows 17. Nd5!} bc, 16. dc Rb8, 17. Rb1 Kh8 {If 17. ... Nc4, then White has Nd5! In view of White's next move, it seems 17. ... g5! was correct with advantage to Black. } 18. Qa4! Nc4 {Forced.} 19. b3?! (It seems simply Qa7 gave White his best shot as Rb2 allows 20. Bc7 followed by Nb5.} (Kuczaj was probably worried about 19. Qa7? Rb7!, 20. Qa4 Rb2 -- Editor.) 19. ... Ne5 (The Knight is very strong here. 20. Qa7 Rb7, 21. Qa3 Nd3! {Although up a pawn it appears White is lost. } 22. c6!? {If 22. Bd2 then Bd4 with incredible pressure. } 22. .. Rb4 (Forced but good. If Rb8 or Rb6, 23. Bc7 decides it and if Be7, 23. cb Ba3, 24. b8=Q (1-0).} 23. Bd2 Rb6! {This move threatens Bd4 and Rc6.) 24. Qa4 Ba6 {-+ Black's Bishops control the entire board, his Rooks are both actively placed on half-open files and his Knight on d3 is The immediate threat is ideally placed. Nc5. } 25. b4 Bc4 {Keeping everything active. } 26. Ne2 Ra6, 27. Qc2 Ba2? {Ra2 would have left no real counter play. This gives Black chances to go wrong.) 28. b5! Ra8, 29. Bb4 Nb4, 30. Rb4 Qd6, 31. Ra4 Ra4! (After the natural Bc4?, 32. Rc4! followed by Od6 and it is Black who is fighting for a draw after 34. c7!} 32. Qa4 Bc4, 33. Re1 Qc5, 34. Nf4 g5! {This wins a 35. Ne6?? Qf2, 36. Kf2 Bd4. Mate. piece.} (0-1).

D. Ross - I. Loadman

1. c4 g6, 2. Nc3 Bg7, 3. g3 d6, 4. Bg2 e5, 5. Nf3 Nc6, 6. d3 f5, 7. O-O Nf6, 8. Rb1 a5, 9. a3 O-O, 10. b4 ab, 11. ab Nh5, 12. b5 Ne7, 13. Qc2 h6, 14. Nd5 Nd5, 15. cd f4, 16. Rb4 g5, 17. Bb2 Nf6, 18. Nd2 Bd7,

19. Rc1 Ne8, 20. Ne4 b6, 21. d4 Qe7, 22. de Be5, 23. Nd2 Bf5, 24. Be4 Be4, 25. Qe4 Qf6, 26. Be5 de, 27. Nf3 Ra2, 28. g4 Nd6, 29. Qe5 Qe5, 30. Ne5 Re2, 31. Nf3 Rf7, 32. Kg2 Ne4, 33. Ne5 f3+, 34. Kg1 Rf4, 35. Nd3 Rg4+, 36. Kh1 Nf2+, 37. Nf2 Rb4, 38. Nd3 Rb5. (O-1)

G. Raletich - J. Babb

1.d4 g6, 2. Nf3 Bg7, 3. c4 d6, 4. Nc3 Nbd7, 5. e3 e5, 6. Be2 c6, 7. O-0 Nh6, 8. Rb1 O-0, 9. b4 a6, 10. a4 Nf5, 11. Ba3 ed, 12. ed Re8, 13. Bc1 h6, 14. Qd2 Qf6, 15. Rd1 Nf8, 16. Bb2 Nh7, 17. d5 Bd7, 18. c5 dc, 19. bc Ng5, 20. Nb5 Qe7, 21. Nc7 Qe2, 22. Qe2 Re2, 23. Bg7 Nf3+, 24. gf Rc8, 25. Kf1 Rc2, 26. Be5 Rc5, 27. Rb7 Nh4, 28. Ke2 Rc2+, 29. Rd2 Rd2+, 30. Kd2 Nf3+, 31. Ke3 Ne5, 32. Na6 cd, 33. Nc7 Bc6, 34. Ra7 Ng4+, 35. Kd4 Nf2, 36. a5 Ne4, 37. a6 h5, 38. Ke5 h4, 39. h3 Kf8, 40. Kd4 Kg8, 41. Ke5 Rd8, 42. Kd4 q5. (O-1).

ROUND TWO

J. Babb - D. Ross Closed Sicilian Annotated by both players

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 Nc6, 3. g3 g6, 4. Bg2 Bg7, 5. d3 e6, 6. Be3 d6, 7. Qd2 Rb8 {DR: An idea worth attention according to Estrin.) 8. Nge2 Nd4 {DR: Inconsistent - b5 is obvious and better, but I was worried about (and misevaluated) 9. d4 b4. 10. Nd1 cd, 11. Nd4 Ne7, which is actually slightly better for Black. } 9. 0-0 {JB: I glanced at 9. Bd4 cd, 10. Nb5 Qb6, 11. Qb4 but distrusted this setup and indeed 11. ... e5, 12. a3 Ke7! favours Black.} 9. ... Ne7, 10. Bh6 {JB: Both 10. Rae1 and 10. f4 are logical, but the pawn offer seems most thematic. Black should decline the pawn and concede the exchange of his good Bishop. DR: !?} 10. ... Ne2+ {DR: More sane was 0-0, answering 11. Bg7 Kg7, 12. f4 f5 with equality. I needed to win and this was the best try. JB: Dubious. Also doubtful is 10. ... Bh6, 11. Qh6 Nc2, 12. Rac1 Nb4, 13. d4 or 12. ... Nd4, 13. Nd4! cd, 14. Qg7 with a large plus for White.} 11. Ne2 Bb2, 12. Rad1 {DR: Best, JB: Probably better than Rab1. Now white threatens 13. c3 and will carry out d4 with tempo. } 12. ... Bf6 {DR: Forced.} 13. d4 cd, 14. Nd4 Bd7 {DR: 14. ... a6, 15. Nb3 Ng8, 16. Bf4 e5, 17. Be3 Be7, 18. f4! is very good for White. JB: I had been expecting 14. ... a6 but the move played seems better since it doesn't weaken the queenside and also allows ... Nc8.) 15. Nb3 Nc8, 16. f4 Rg8, 17. c4 (JB: Original-

ly I intended 17. e5 de, 18. fe Be5??, 19. Bf4! Bf4. 20. Qf4 threatening both the Rb8 and mate. But 18.... Be7!, 19. c4 Bc6 seems OK for Black. The text maintains the pressure. } 17. ... Ba4, 18. Kh1 {DR: ! I was a little depressed when Jeff played this, as Qb6+ was a key move for me in a lot of lines. } 18. ... Qc7, 19. Rc1 Bb3 {DR: I think this is necessary else the N returns to d4 where it will hurt me!} 20. ab Ne7. 21. Rcd1 Rd8. 22. Rf3 a5 {DR: !} 23. Rd3 Nc6 {JB: ! Black realizes he should now return the pawn. White finds a manoeuvre to sustain the pressure. 24. Qe3 {DR: ! Playing for the win. 24. Rd6 Rd6, 25, Qd6 Qd6, 26, Rd6 Be7, 27, Rd1 g5 is slightly better for Black. JB: !} 24. ... e5 {DR: ?! The only other try is b6. I was afraid of 25. e5 de, 26. Rd8 Bd8, but it now seems to hold easily. I had only 10 minutes left at this point, and Jeff was in time pressure somewhat later.} 25. c5 Nd4, 26. cd Qd6, 27. fe Be5, 28. Bf4 f6 {DR: Forced. JB: Somewhat short of time. I had now intended 29. Rd4, but then Bd4! is a big plus for Black. 29. Qc1 Qc6 {DR: ? I think Qb4 was better.} 30. Qb2? {JB: Correct is Qa1! DR: Qa1! with instant pressure on a5 is obviously better. After 30. Qa1 Rg7, 31. Rd4? Bd4, 32. Rd4 Rd4, 33. Qd4 Rd7, 34. Qg1 Qc2, 35. Bf3 Qb3, 36. Kg2 g5, Black stands better. But 30. Qa1 Rg7, 31. Be3 Ne6, 32. Rd8+ Nd8, 33. Qa5 Rd7 is about equal. Note that 30. Qa1 g5?, 31. Be3 Ne6, 32. Rd8+ Nd8, 33. Qa5 Ne6 (or Bc7, 34. Qf5!) 34. Qd5 Ke7, 35. Bc5+ Qc5, 36. Qd7+ Kf8, 37. Qe6 Qe7, 38. Qf5 is better for White. The tempo difference between Qb2 and Qa1 is very significant! 30. ... g5 (DR: ! Forced. JB: !} 31. Be3 Ne6, 32. Rd8 Nd8, 33. Qd2 Kf7, 34. Qa5 {JB: The position is now about equal, but in mutual time pressure White managed to lose a piece. 34. ... Ne6, 35. Kg1 b6, 36. Qb6 Qb6, 37. Bb6 Rb8, 38. Re7+ {DR: ?? Played with less than 30 seconds each.) 38. ... Ke8. and (0-1) 15 moves later.

R. Hawkes - I. Loadman

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. Bd3 Nc6, 4. c3 g6, 5. O-O Bg7, 6. Bc2 e5, 7. h3 Nge7, 8. d3 O-O, 9. Be3 h6, 10. d4 cd, 11. cd ed, 12. Nd4 d5, 13. Nc6 bc, 14. Qc1 Rb8, 15. Bh6 Bb2, 16. Qf4 Ba6, 17. Bf8 Kf8, 18. Nd2 Bf1, 19. Rf1 Rb4, 20. a3 Rb6, 21. e5 Kg8, 22. Nf3 Qf8, 23. Nh2 Ba3, 24. Ng4 Rb4, 25. Nf6+ Kg7, 26. Qg5 Ng8, 27. Ra1 Rb2, 28. Ng8. Draw.

K. Kuczaj - G. Raletich
[This gamescore is not available. The result was (1-0). Editor]

ROUND THREE

G. Raletich - R. Hawkes

1. d4 f5, 2. Nf3 Nf6, 3. c4 e6, 4. Nc3 Be7, 5. e3 O-O, 6. Bd3 b6, 7. O-O Bb7, 8. a3 a5, 9. Qe2 Bd6, 10. e4 fe, 11. Ne4 Ne4, 12. Be4 Nc6, 13. Be3 Bf4, 14. Rad1 Kh8, 15. Qd2 Be3, 16. fe d5, 17. Bd3 Ne7, 18. Ne5 Nf5, 19. Bf5 ef, 20. Rf2 dc, 21. Nc4 Qg5, 22. Ne5 Bd5, 23. Re1 Rf6, 24. Qc2 c6, 25. Nd7 Be4, 26. Qd2 Rh6, 27. Nb6 Rd8, 28. Nc4 Qh4, 29. h3 Qg3, 30. Kf1 Rh3, 31. gh Qh3+, 32. Ke2 Qg4+, 33. Kf1 Qh3+. Draw.

I. Loadman - J. Babb

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 f5, 4. d3 d6, Nc3 Nf6, 6. 0-0 fe, 7. de Be6, 8. Qd3 h6. 9. Nd5 Qd7, 10. c3 Qf7, 11. Rd1 0-0-0, 12. Bc6 bc. 13. Qa6+ Kd7, 14. Nc7 Kc7, 15. Qa7+ Kc8, 16. Qa8+ Kc7, 17. Qa5+ Kc8, 18. Ne5 Qb7, 19. Ng6 Rg8, 20. e5 Ne8, 21. Nf4 Nc7, 22. Be3 g5, 23. Nd3 Qb5, 24. Bb6 Qa5, 25. Ba5 Bc4, 26. Nb4 c5, 27. Nc6 Rd7, 28. Bc7 Kc7, 29. Na4 Ba6, 30. ed Bd6, 31. Nb3 Rdg8, 32. Re1 Re7, 33. Re7 Be7, 34. Re1 Bd6, 35. g3 Bc4, 36. Nd2 Ba2, 37. Ra1 Bd5, 38. Nf1 Rb8, 39. b4 cb, 40. cb Rb4, 41. Ne3 Bf3, 42, Nf5 Bf8, 43, h3 Rb2, 44, Rc1+ Kd7, 45. g4 Rd2, 46. Kh2 Be4, 47. Kg3 Rd3+, 48. Kh2 Bd5, 49. Ne3 Bd6+, 50. Kg1 Bb3, 51. Kf1 Bf4, 52. Ke2 Rd6, 53. Rc3 Ba4, 54. Ra3 Bb5+, 55. Kf3 Rd2, 56. Ra7+ Ke6, 57. Rc7 Bc7. (0-1)

D. Ross - K. Kuczaj

1. c4 g6, 2. Nc3 Bg7, 3. g3 Nf6, 4. Bg2
0-0, 5. Nf3 d5, 6. cd Nd5, 7. O-0 c5, 8.
Qa4 Nb6, 9. Qh4 e5, 10. Qd8 Rd8, 11. d3
c4, 12. dc Nc4, 13. Bg5 f6, 14. Rad1 Rd1,
15. Rd1 Nc6, 16. Bc1 Be6, 17. b3 Nb6, 18.
Rd6 Kf7, 19. Ne4 h6, 20. Rd1 Bf8, 21. Nd6+
Bd6, 22. Rd6 g5, 23. Ba3 g4, 24. Nd2 Nd4,
25. Bb7 Rb8, 26. Ba6 Nd7, 27. Bc4 Rb7, 28.
Re6 Ne6, 29. Ne4 Rb8, 30. Nd6+ Ke7, 31.
Nf5+ Kf7, 32. Nh6+ Kg6, 33. Be6 Nf8, 34.
Bf8 Rf8, 35. Ng4 Rd8, 36. Bc4. (1-0).

ROUND FOUR

K. Kuczaj - I. Loadman
D88/a King's Indian Defence E88

1. c4 Nf6, 2. Nc3 g6, 3. e4 d6, 4. d4 Bg7, 5. f3 O-O, 6. Be3 e5, 7. d5 Ne8, 8. Qd2 f5, 9. ef gf, 10. O-O-O c6, 11. Be3 e5, 12. Bf6 Qf6, 13. Bd3 Nbd7, 14. Nge2 Nc5, 15. Bc2 a5, 16. g4 Kh8, 17. g5 Qf7, 18. Ng3 cd, 19. cd Ng7, 20. Rdg1 Nh5, 21. g6. (1-O).

A loss for either player virtually eliminated his chances of winning the tourna-

ment. } 1.e4 g6, 2. d4 d6, 3. Nc3 Bg7, 4.

Be2 Nf6, 5. Be3 Nc6!?, 6. d5 Ne5? (Nb4

should have been played. } 7. f4 Ned7 {If

Neg4 then 8. Bd4! -+.) 8. g4!? 0-0?! (It seems suicidal to castle kingside in view

of White's obvious intentions. 9. a5 Ne8.

10. h4 e6? (f6 was definitely called for, stopping h5 as 10. ... f6, 11. h5 fg, 12.

fg Ne5 frees Black considerably. } 11. h5!

{Black is already in serious trouble.} 11.

... ed, 12. hg fg, 13. Qd5+ Kh8, 14. 0-0-0

c6, 15. Qd2 {White is in complete con-

trol.) 15. ... Nb6, 16. Nf3 Qe7, 17. Rh2

Rf7, 18. Rdh1? {18. f5!! is a bust. I saw

it in the game, but missed Black's de-

fence: I thought Bf8 was forced. A sam-

ple line is 18. f5 gf, 19. g6 Rf8, 20.

Rh7+ Kg8, 21. Bh6 followed by Bg7 and

Rdh1. 18. ... Kg8 {The point being if 19.

Rh7 Bc3. 19. Nh4 Bc3!? (Black has to do

something. } 20. bc! {If 20. Qc3 Qe4 and

White doesn't have enough. But now White

can reply with Bd3.} 20. ... d5, 21. Ng6

{Both the best tries.} Qa3+, 22. Kd1 Nc4,

23. Qd4!! Ne3+, 24. Kd2! {The point is

that the mate on h8 keeps Black hopping.}

24. ... Rg7 {Only move.} 25. Ke3 Qd6

{Black overlooks the threat, but is there

a defence?} 26. Rh7! {If 26. ... Rh7, 27.

Rh7 Kh7, 28. Qh8+! Kg6, 29. Bh5 Mate. } 26.

... c5 (As good as anything.) 27. Rh8+

Kf7, 28. Qd5+! {This is much faster than

saving the Knight with Ne5+ and Qd5.} 28.

... Qd5, 29. ed {As Rf8+ and Rh6 mate is

threatened, Black must take the Knight --

but neither way is good. } 29. ... Rg6, 30.

J. Babb - K. Kuczaj Annotated by J. Babb

1.g3 g6, 2. Bg2 Bg7, 3. d3 d6, 4. Nc3 (White hopes for transposition to the Closed Sicilian.) 4. ... Nc6, {But Black has other plans.) 5. e4 e5, 6. Nd5 {White toys with the idea of c4 leading to a reversed Closed Sicilian.) 6. ... Nd4, 7. c3 Ne6 (Safest. After c6, White can play 8. Ne3 leading to the game, but he may be able to gain an edge after 8. cd cd, 9. ed ed, 10. Nf3 intending 11. Nd4 Bd4, 12. Qa4+ and 13. Qd4. } 8. Ne2 c6, 9. Ne3 Nf6 (Apparently Black objected to White's 8th move. However, if 9. ... Ne7, 10. d4 seems strong. } 10. f4! ef. 11. af Nh5 (Black attempts to capitalize on the apparent looseness of the White kingside. but his forces are soon beaten back. Both h5 and Bd7 seem more appropriate. Black should try to castle long. } 12. 0-0 0-0 {If Qh4, 13. Nc4 is unpleasant for Black. However, castling kingside is tantamount to suicide in this position. } 13. f5 Nc7 (If Ng5, 14. h4 and the Black Knight bites the dust.} 14. Bf3 (At this stage White spent close to an hour trying to find the best avenues of attack. If 14, Ng3 Ng3, 15. hg gf, 16. Nf5 Bf5, 17. Rf5 Qe7 and Black might hang on. An interesting alternative is 14. Qet. I also considered Rf3, Bh3 and Kh1. The game continuation appears to the most forcing.} 14. ... gf? {Necessary was Nf6. If Black plays Qh4 or Qg5, White simply replies Ng2.} 15. Bh5 Be5 {If Qq5+, 16, Nq3 f4, 17, Nq2 +-, Black could now resign.) 16. Nf5 Bf5, 17. Rf5 Bh2+, 18. Kh2 Qh4+, 19. Kg2 Kh8, 20. Ng3 Rg8, 21. Qf3 Rg3+, 22. Qg3 Rg8, 23. Bg5. (1-0).

I. Loadman - G. Raletich

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 Nd7, 4. Bc4 Qe7, 5. O-O Nb6, 6. Bb3 Bg4, 7. de O-O-O, 8. ed Qe4, 9. Nc3 Qf5, 10. Nd4 Qg6, 11. Bf7 Bd1, 12. Bg6 hg, 13. Rd1 Bd6, 14. Nf3 a6, 15. Bg5 Rd7, 16. Ne4 Be7, 17. Rd7 Nd7, 18. Be7 Ne7, 19. Rd1 Re8, 20. Nfg5 Nf5, 21. f3 Ne3, 22. Rd3 Nf5, 23. Kf2 Nf6, 24. g4 Ne7, 25. Kg3 Nc6, 26. a3 b6, 27. Re3 Kd7, 28. Nf6+ gf, 29. Re8 Ke8, 30. Ne6 Kd7, 31. Nf8+ Kd6, 32. Ng6 Ne5, 33. Ne5.

FINAL STANDINGS

(IV), and (in a tie for first) Charles

				OM	2	3	4	5	6	ond a
1 .	R.	Hawkes	1980	X	=	1	=	1	=	3.5
2.	D.	Ross	1998	de	X	1	0	1	1	3.5
3.	J.	Babb	2032	0	0	X	1	1	1	3
4.	I.	Loadman	1975	=	1	0	X	0	1	2.5
5.	K.	Kuczaj	1905	0	0	0	1	X	1	2
6.	G.	Raletich	1854	=	0	0	0	0	X	0.5

VICTORIA DAY OPEN

Sardul Purewal finished in first place in this event, which was run alongside the Alberta Closed. Despite a rather disappointing turnout, everybody seemed to have a good time -- perhaps the atmosphere at a smaller event is friendlier?

Top ranked Murray Frank withdrew after 4 rounds with a score of 3.5, which aided Sardul in achieving his goal of clear first immensely!!

1	S	Purewal	-	2	+	4	=	5	+	3	+	6	+	8	5.5
2	R	Vanden	Del:	1	+	11	+	4	+	5	+	10	+	9	4
3	H	Bjorge	+	12	-	5	+	6	-	1	+	8	=	7	3.5
4	E	Saunders	+	10	-	1	-	2	+	12	+	9	=	6	3.5
5	M	Frank	+ 1	13	+	3	=	1	+	2	-			4-	3.5

3.0: 6. A. Berberakis, 7. R. Mastre.

2.5: 8. D. Ludwig.

2.0: 9. B. Coons, 10. R. Shalka, 11. L. Erdos.

0.5: 12. J. Combs(/4).

0.0: 13. D. Babb(/2).

TD: David Johansen

CALGARY CLOSED 1980

The Calgary Chess Club held its annual Closed Championship between March 19 and April 30 this year. The forty participating players were divided into five groups of eight players, with each group playing a round robin.

Rob Hawkes became the 1980 Calgary Champion with the fine score of 6/7. losing only to second place finisher Kris Kuczaj. This result catapults Rob's rating into the high 1900s. Wolf Mueller tied with Kuczaj for second.

In the other divisions, 5.5/7 was the winning score: Frank Kluytmans (Division

Rih7+ Ng7, 31. Bh5 Bf5, 32. Ra8. (1-0). G. Raletich - D. Ross

1. d4 Nf6, 2. Nf3 g6, 3. c4 c5, 4. e3 Bg7, 5. Nc3 0-0, 6. Bd3 cd, 7. ed d5, 8. 0-0 Nc6, 9. h3 dc, 10. Bc4 b6, 11. Be3 Bb7, 12. Qe2 Nb4, 13. Rad1 Nbd5, 14. Bg5 Nc3, 15. bc Ne4, 16. Bd2 Rc8, 17. Rc1 Nd2, 18. Nd2 Bh6, 19. Rfd1 Rd7, 20. Bb3 Qa8, 21. f3 Qc8, 22. c4 Rd8, 23. Qf2 Ba6, 24. f4 Qf5, 25. Rf1 Bg7, 26. d5 Qd3, 27. Nf3 Rdc8, 28. Ne5 Qf5, 29. g4 Qf6, 30. Kh2 g5, 31. Nc6 Qf4+, 32. Qf4 qf, 33. Rce1 e5, 34. Ne5 Be5, 35. Re5 Bc4, 36. Rf4 Bb3, 37. ab Rc2+, 38. Kg3 R2c3+, 39. Rf3 Rf3+, 40. Kf3 Kg7, 41. d6 Rd8, 42. Rd5 Kf6, 43. Kf4 Ke6, 44. Rh5 Rd6, 45. Rh7 Rd4+, 46. Kg5 Rb4, 47. h4 Rb5+, 48. Kh6 Rb3, 49. g5 a5, 50. h5 b5, 51. g6 fg, 52. hg Kd5, 53. Rf7 Rh3+, 54. Kg5 Rg3+, 55. Kf5 a4, 56. Rb7 Kc4, 57. Re7 a3, 58. Re4+ Kc3, 59. Rg4 Rg4, 60. Kg4 a2. (0-1). II), Greg Beaulieu (III), David Enevoldsen (IV), and (in a tie for first) Charles Wohlers and Stuart La Monte (V) all finished with that total. The last two divisions featured real fighting chess, with only one draw in each section! Complete crosstables follow.

Division I

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Т
1.	R.	Hawkes	1834	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2.	K.	Kuczaj	1919	1	X	1	=	0	1	=	1	5
3.	W.	Mueller	1904	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	5
4.	P.	Allan	1892	0	=	0	X	1	1	1	0	3.5
5.	J.	Kralovic	1812	0	1	0	0	X	=	1	=	3
6.	W.	Zwirner	1830	0	0	0	0	=	X	=	1	2
7.	В.	Szucs	1823	0	=	0	0	0	=	X	1	2
8.	A .	Zissos	1912	0	0	0	1	=	0	0	X	1.5

Rob Hawkes provided the notes to the following game:

R. Hawkes - W. Zwirner

1.e4 e5, 2. f4 {This is the way chess should be played!} 2. . . . d5, 3. ed e4, 4. Nc3 Nf6, 5. Bc4 Bc5?! (Bb4 is much better.) 6. d4!? Bb4, 7. Nge2 Nd5? (0-0 is far more prudent.) 8. O-0 Nf6, 9. f5! (Black has wasted a lot of time. Bg4 should have been played by now.) 9. . . . O-0, 10. Bg5 Re8?! 11. Rf4 $\{+-\}$ Bd6, 12. Bf6 gf $\{0$ f6, 13. Ne4 is just as bad.) 13. Rg4+ Kf8, 14. Qd2 e3, 15. Qd3 c5? {Black fails to realize the seriousness of his situation.} 16. Bf7! Kf7, 17. Qc4+ Be6 {Forced.} 18. fe+ Re6, 19. dc Qc7, 20. cd Qc4, 21. Rc4 and (1-0) a few moves later.

Division II

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Т
F. Kluytmans	1809	X	=	1	1	=	1	1	=	5.5
J. Solis	1644	=	X	0	1	1	=	=	1	4.5
B. Bentley	1695	0	1	X	1	0	=	1	=	4
U. Das (Mrs.)	1662	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	=	3.5
Kassay-Farkas	1758	=	0	1	0	X	=	0	1	3
B Fegyvernek i	1739	0	=	=	0	=	X	=	1	3
B. Knudskov	1659	0	=	0	0	1	=	X	1	3
Y. Veillette	1631	=	0	=	=	0	0	0	X	1.5
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Division III

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	COST
1.	G.	Beaulieu	1355	X	0	1	1	=	1	1	1	5.5
2.	S.	Company	1337	1	X	0	0	1	1	1	=	
3.	S.	Faust	1662	0	1	X	1	1	0	0	1	4
4 .	D.	MaGuire	1536	0	1	0	X	1	1	0	=	3.5
5.	Ζ.	Zalan	1467	=	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	3.5
6.	E.	Leong	1561	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	1	3
7.	Τ.	Bosgra	1509	0	0	1	1	0	0	X	0	2
8.	A.	Rico	1524	0	=	0	=	0	0	1	X	2

Division IV

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Т
1	D.	Enevoldsen	1369	X	=	1	1	0	1	1	1	5.5
2	S.	Schlief	1364	=	X	0	1	1	0	1	1	4.5
3	P.	Smithwick	1303	0	1	X	0	1	1	0	1	4
4	В.	Rusk	1319	0	0	1	X	0	1	1	1	4
5	J.	Mazac	1394	1	0	0	1	X	0	1	0	3
6	Ι.	01thof	1421	0	1	0	0	1	X	0	1	3
7	Η.	Bovbjerg	1257	0	0	1	0	0	1	X	1	3
8	В.	Toth		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1

Division V

				. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T
1.	C.	Wohlers	1182	X	=	1	1	0	1	1	1	5.5
2.	S.	La Monte		=	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	5.5
3.	D.	Lindsay		0	1	X	1	1	1	0	0	4
4.	R.	Thomas		0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	4
5.	Т.	Lockert	1242	1	0	0	0	X	0	1	1	3
6.	A.	Clennon	1088	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	2
7.	S.	Gibb	1118	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	1	2
8.	C.	Demers		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	1

TD & Report: John Schleinich

NEW FORMAT

Those of you who have read this far will no doubt have noticed the new three column format of this issue of the ACR. The print is somewhat more compact too, as a result of "automatic hyphenation" -- a feature of the new computer system being used. Thanks to Robert Lake for introducing me to the system! [Editor.]

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB MARCH OPEN

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1.	S.	Ball	2	127						
		Land B	14	+18	=	2	+23	+ 9	+ 5	5.5
2.	P.	Patsula	1 1	668						
			11	+30	=	1	= 5	+20	+ 9	5
3.	R.	Douz tech	1 1	744						
		218 6	132	+12	+	8	- 9	+19	+ 6	5
4.	V .	Verlik	1	553						
		L. Boll.	-28	=22	+:	21	+12	+23	+15	4.5

3. Knudskov 1659 0 = 0 0 1 = X 1 3 4.0: 5. G. Shvartsburd, 6. F. Borloi, 7. 7. Veillette 1631 = 0 = = 0 0 0 X 1.5 R. Patsula, 8. B. Knudskov, 9. R. Plante, 10. A. Berberakis, 11. R. Gardner.

> 3.5: 12. J. Vandenberg, 13. G. Wilkinson, 14. P. Mielke, 15. E. Saunders, 16. P. Lagran, 17. R. Mastre.

3.0: 18. K. Tilly, 19. V. Celino, 20. J. Baser, 21. P. Beley, 22. D. Cottrell.

2.5: 23. H. von zur Gathen, 24. K. Affek, 25. H. Bjorge, 26. W. Franiel, 27. S. Skoda, 28. J. Potocska, 29. K. Icqx.

2.0: 30. J. Cenkovcan, 31. E. Freundlich, 32. D. McDonald, 33. A. Kuti, 34. S. Brown, 35. D. Johansen (/4).

5 1.5: 36. K. Beaulieu, 37. H. Vos, 38. K. Lauterwald, 39. G. Glazebrook.

1.0: 40. K. Schmitz, 41. L. Connolly (/3).

0.0: 42. B. Stevenson.

TD: David Johansen

Notes by S. Ball

Crosstables are great things as far as I'm concerned! Anybody looking at the one above would probably say: "Well, of course Ball won the tournament. He's rated about 300 points above the next closest. Wonder how Patsula managed to swindle the draw?" Let me tell you a thing or two about the way it really happened! I was struggling for the whole tournament, especially when I had Black: Peter Mielke had a big edge right through the middlegame, but missed a tactical shot: Peter Patsula overlooked a nice manoeuvre on my seventh rank which should have won, but he later defended a slightly worse ending skillfully; and Rejean Plante accumulated a large material advantage:

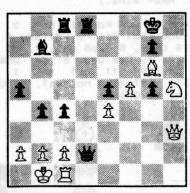
R. Plante - S. Ball

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. e5 c5, 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bd7, 6. Be2 cd?! (A premature exchange. Black should retain the option of playing c4 to cramp White's queenside. } 7. cd Bb4+, 8, Nbd2 Qb6, 9, a3 Bd2+, 10, Qd2 Nge7? {Black has guite a good game after a5! threatening an eventual a4, and control of the squares b3 and c4. The move played hands control of the queenside over to White.} 11. b4 Nf5, 12. Bb2 h5, 13. 0-0 f6, 14. Bc3 a6? (I was refuctant to open the centre, since there didn't seem to be any safe refuge for the King. The move played stops White's threatened b5 followed by Ba5 winning the Black Queen. } 15. Rfb1 Nce7, 16, a4 0-0 (With the gueenside in the process of being blown open, Black must look for play elsewhere. But first comes safety for the King. } 17. ef? {White leaves off in the middle of his attack for no visible reason. The straightforward a5 followed by b5 is very strong. } 17. ... gf. 18. b5? (Allowing Black to seal up the queenside. First a5, then b5.} 18. ... a5, 19. Ne1 Rf7?! (The pawn sacrifice is unnecessary: simply h4 and bringing the Rooks into play on the kingside should give Black a good game.) 20. Bh5 Rh7, 21. Bd1 Kf7, 22. g3 Rah8, 23. Nf3 Qd8, 24. Ba5 Qg8 {I have now successfully transferred all my pieces to the kingside. tunately, they aren't really doing anything over there -- and meanwhile, White has two extra pawns. } 25. Kf1 Rh2!? {This proves to be insufficient. However, it must be tried, since if it doesn't work, I just have a lost game. } 26. Nh2 Rh2, 27. Qf4 {To prevent Black's threat of Ng3. But it would be better to play Ra3 with the idea of bringing the extra material into the fray.) 27. ... Rh1+, 28. Ke2 e5! (The immediate Ng6 fails after the obvious 29. Qc7!} 29. de Ng6, 30. Qd2?? {I had expected 30. e6+! Ke6, 31. Qg4 Qe8, but it seems that the White King does escape, after which White's enormous material advantage cleans up.} 30. ... Ng3+, 31. {Better is 31. fg Rh2+, 32. Ke3 Rd2, 33. Bd2 Ne5. 34. Kf2 with some chances. its always difficult to admit failure and return material in the hope of merely surviving.} 31. ... Bf5+, 32. Kd4 fe+, 33. Kd5 Ne4!. (0-1) (Any move by the Queen allows Black to play Ke8 Mate!}

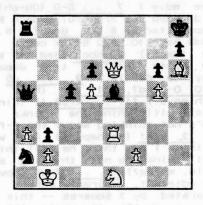
TEST YOUR CHESS by Stephen Ball

In the first postion, Black has a material advantage but is faced with a dangerous attack against his King: a sudden resolution of the problem is found. Number 2 has similar problems for Black, but Black strikes first again. white capitalizes on the mating threats created by his advanced f-pawn in the third problem -- the first move is the hard one. The final position arose from analysis of a position which might have occurred in the Canadian Junior. Andrew Zissos and Dave Ross provided the solution, which is quite fascinating. White wins.

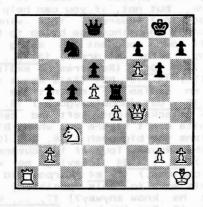
1. Westyn - Fridriksson Sweden 1973, Black to move.



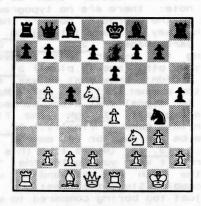
2. Grigoryev - Nadiseva SSSR 1973, Black to move.



3. Zaharov - Gangiyev SSSR 1973, White to move.



4. M. Billard - D. Ross Canadian Junior, 1980, White to move.



ANNOTATED GAME

Nigel Fullbrook sent in the following game

from the Southern Alberta Open, November, 1979, Round 4.

N. Fullbrook - D. Ross

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 e5, 6. Ndb5 d6, 7. Bg5 a6, 8. Na3 b5, 9. Bf6 gf, 10. Nd5 f5, 11. Bd3 Be6, 12. Qh5 (This move intends to tie up Black's kingside. I expected 12. ... Bg7 when I had intended 13. c4 Qa5+, 14. Kf1 or 13. ... b4, 14. Nc2 and I like White's position in both cases.) 12. ... Rg8! (This move astonished me as I had never seen it mentioned in any opening manuals. After the game, Dave said he had discussed it with Lawrence Day. It seems quite strong. Probably I should have continued 13. c4 here which will entail some very lively play. } 13. 0-0?! (Fearlessly (?) castling in front of his semi-open file seems to give Black too many attacking possibilities. Better seems 13. c4 or 13. 0-0-0.} 13. ... f4, 14. c4 Bg4, 15. Qh7 Rg7? {Rg6 is much better here as it threatens Rh6 with Qh4 to follow. I had intended to sacrifice my Queen for the Rook while munching the queenside pawns.} 16. Qh8 Rg6 {Now the Queen can escape.} 17. f3 Be6 {Of course not 17. ... Rh6, 18. Qh6 Bh6, 19. fg when White is winning.} 18. cb Nd4, 19. Nf4! (Now the White Queen will be able to play to f5.} 19. ... Rh6, 20. Ne6 Ne6, 21. Qg8 Rg6, 22. Qh7 Qg5, 23. Rf2 Nf4, 24. Bc4 d5! {This is getting very dangerous for White. My only consolation being that I'm winning material on the queenside. 25. Bd5 Nd5. 26. ed Bc5. 27. g3 Bf2+, 28. Kf2 Qd2+ {The only thing saving White here is the Ra8, which is hanging to a check on h8. } 29. Kf1 Qd3+, 30. Kf2 Qd2+, 31. Kf1 {Here I offered a draw, but Dave was half a point behind. 31. ... Qd5, 32. Re1 Qf3+, 33. Kg1 O-O-O! {An excellent and surprising move. Now 34. ... Rd2 is a nasty threat. 34. Qh3+ f5, 35. Nc4 Rdg8, 36. Re3 (Black was threatening Rg3+. 36. ... Qd1+, 37. Qf1 {The smoke now clears and we find White with a Knight and two pawns against a Rook. I believe I should have won this ending, but I played with very little authority.} 37. ... Qf1+ {Forced. 37. ... Qd4 looks good but 38. Qf5+ wins because Qd3 holds everything after the Black King moves. 38. Kf1 e4? {f4 is probably better here as an attempt to draw by trading as many pawns as possible. 39. ba Ra6, 40. a3 Rc6, 41. Rc3 Kb8, 42. Kf2 Rd8, 43. Ke3 Rd1, 44. Kf4 Rd3, 45. Ne3 {NOT 45. Rd3 ed, 46. b3 Rc4+} 45. ... R6c3, 46. bc Rc3, 47. h4 (Probably Nf5 or a4 are better. } 47. ... Kc8, 48. h5 Kd7, 49. Nf5 Ke6, 50. g4 Ra3, 51. Ne3 Ra2, 52. Kg5 Kf7, 53. Nf5 Kg8, 54. Kf4 Rg2, 55. g5

Kh7, 56. Ne3 Rg1, 57. Ng4 Kg7, 58. Kf5 Rf1+, 59. Ke4 Rh1, 60. Nf6 Rg1, 61. Kf5 Rf1+, 62. Ke5 Rg1, 63. Ne4? (Now Rg5+draws.) Rf1?, 64. Ng3 Rg1, 65. Kf4 Rg2, 66. Kg4 Rf2, 67. g6 Ra2, 68. Kg5 Rg2, 69. h6+ Kh8, 70. Kh4? (g4 or Kf4 are the only hopes to win.) Rh2+, 71. Kg4?? (I could still go back to g5, then play Kf4, although it is still going to be a draw.) 71. ... Rh6. Draw.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I recently received my copy of the March-April ACR and eagerly played through the games contained therein. I was somewhat puzzled by the game L. Steele - S. Ball on page three. Could you please explain the ideas behind the first 21 moves of both players. I confess that I am unable to discover the player's plans. Thank you for your erudite elucidations.

Yours truly
A faithful follower of
Jose Raoul Capablanca.

[I too was somewhat puzzled by the game, so I relayed the letter to the winner of the game. His reply follows. - Editor.]

Dear Editor, Sir:

Thank you for relaying the above letter to me. I'll try and answer as best I can. Naturally, I can only guess at what was going through S. Ball's mind during the game, but, since you're him, perhaps you might add a few revealing comments of your own? [As far as I remember, my mind was a blank for the entire game: in other words, nothing at all went through S. Ball's mind. Hence I can hardly add anything to the very complete notes provided by L. Steele. - Editor.] Here is my indepth analysis of the game L. Steele - S. Ball from the Northern Alberta Open (game score was in ACR, vol.5, no.2, p.3):

1. e3 {Since Bobby Fischer was captured by a UFO or some such thing, we may never know how good this move really is.} 1.... d6 {Apparently Black has little fear of Bb5+.} 2. b3 {Freeing the second Bishop.} 2... e5 {Effectively discourages any attempt by White to put a Bishop on g3 or h2.} 3. Bb2 {Bishops before Knights!} 3... Nc6 {Knights before Bishops!} 4. g3 {Abit premature.} g6 {Good timing!} 5. Bg2 Bg7, 6. Ne2 {Twice as good as anyone it's a pun ... really} 6... Nh6 {The Reverse Paris Attack -- Black picked this

and hepatitis up in France last summer.) 7. d3 {It's rather too early for such an aggressive move.} 7. ... 0-0 {Oh-oh?} 8. Qd2 {The dreaded and dreadful Modern Modified Hippo Attack! | 8. ... Be6 {If 8. ... Bh3, 9. Bd5 Be6, 10. Bg2 Black could have gained a tempo.) 9. Nbc3 (Bad, as White will now waste precious time debating which way to castle. } 9. ... d5 {The point. } 10. 0-0 Qd7, 11. f4 {Must have been touch move.} 11. ... Rfe8 {I think he now thinks I will think he thinks I'll think he's not thinking about the f-file. I think? 12. Rae1 (Perhaps 12. Rfe1 would make him think I now think he will think I think he'll think I'm not thinking about the f-file, maybe?} 12. ... Rad8 (Now the Rooks are adjacent, whereas before they were separated by 3 squares -- this made me wonder: so what?} 13. Nd1! {If you can, move as many pieces as possible -especially minor pieces -- back to your first rank, but not, if you can help it, to their original squares. Your winning chances could then increase by up to 90%. However, if your opponent is doing the same thing, offer a draw. } 13. ... Nf5 (Thematic.) 14. Qc1! (Requires no explanation at all. 14... h5! {It's about time Black got an exclam -- mustn't be too biased. } 15. Qa1 (Gobbledygook.) 15. ... Nb4 (Black attacks right, left and centre so that White can't figure out where Black really pllans the big push. } 16. Qb1 {Completing the Royal Tour of the queenside back rank.} 16. ... d4 {Leaving me with only 32 choices.} 17. e4 {Karpov did not suggest this move in this position, but what does he know anyway?} 17. ... Nh6, 18. a3 Nc6, 19. Bc1 {Yeah, I know that's the QB's original square. } 19. ... h4! {Best my test; even bester than e2-e4.} [Editor's note: there are no typographical errors in the preceding note -- that's exactly the way it was written.] 20. Bd2 {Get the barf bags.} 20. ... Qe7, {Threatening the a-pawn, but I knew he must have some other sneaky plan! } 21. Qc1 (However, I didn't know what it was, so I protected the a-pawn. } 21. ... Kh7 {Maybe this was to signal that Black wanted to begin the end-game? 22. gh {The first capture in this game -- finally. } 22. ... Qh4 {Let me be serious for a moment ... thank you.) 23. f5! (Moves like this are often the result when you follow the "sit back in the bush and wait and see what happens" school. Since the rest of the game is just too boring compared to earlier stages of the contest, only the moves will be given. } 23. ... gf, 24. Bg5 Qh5, 25. Ng3 Qg6, 26. ef Nf5, 27. Nf5 f6, 28. Ng7. (1-0).

[The following report is from Len Steele.]

1980 CENTRAL SASKATCHEWAN OPEN April 18-20, Saskatoon

This tournament had 41 players in 2 sections. Alberta has almost 3 times as many members in total as does Saskatchewan, but we only had just over 30 for the Northern Alberta Open! What gives??

The open section had 16 players, with Len Steele winning on tiebreak over Knut Neven, both with scores of 3.5/4. Alone in third place was H. Andres with 3/4. A crowd of people followed with 2.5, including Robert Graham.

D. Curll - L. Steele Round 2

1. e4 e6, 2. d3 b6, 3. Nf3 Bb7, 4. g3 d6, 5. Bg2 g6, 6. O-0 Bg7, 7. Re1 Ne7, 8. Nbd2 Nbc6, 9. Nf1 Qd7, 10. c3 O-O-0, 11. Ne3 h6, 12. Qc2 Rdf8, 13. d4 Nd8, 14. a4 f5, 15. Nc4 Be4, 16. Qe2 g5, 17. a5 Kb8, 18. ab cb, 19. b3 Nc8, 20. Ba3 Re8, 21. Qa2 Nf7, 22. Bb4 Bf6, 23. Qa3 h5, 24. Rad1 h4, 25. Nfe5 Be5, 26. de? Bg2, 27. Kg2 hg, 28. fg Qc6+, 29. Kg1 Rh2!, 30. Kh2 Qf3 {I liked the move, but 'quicker' is: Rh8+, 31. Kg1 Rh1+, 32. Kf2 Rh2+ and mate next move.} 31. Bd6+ Nfd6, 32. Nd6 {Qd6+ would be more fun?} Rh8+, (O-I).

SOLUTIONS TO TEST YOUR CHESS

#1. 1. ... Qc2+!! {2. Kc2 Be4 mate; 2. Rc2 Rd1+, 3. Rc1 Be4+, 4. Ka1 Rc1 mate.} (0-1)

#2. 1. ... Qd2, 2. Rb3 Qc1+!, 3. Ka2 Ra3+! and mate next. (0-1).

#3. 1. Nb5! g5 {Nb5, 2. Qh6 Qf8, 3. Ra8 +-} 2. Qe5! de, 3. Nc7 (1-0). {If Qf6, 4. Ra8+ Kg7, 5. Ne8+ wins.}

#4. 1. b6! ed, 2. ed+ Kd8 {If Be7, 3. Ra7 Kd8, 4. Qe2 Bd6 (Not Bf6, 5. d4 and 6. Bg5 +-) 5. h3 Nf6 (Nh6, 6. Ra8 Qa8, 7. d4 +-) 6. Ne5! Rf8, 7. Ra8 Qa8, 8. d4! Qb8, 9. Bg5 Be5, 10. de Re8, 11. ef! +-) 3. Ng5 Nh6, 4. Ra7! Be7 {And not Ra7, 5. Qh5!! Be7, 6. d6 +-) 5. Qh5 +-

