

ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of the Alberta Chess Report. We will transmit information about chess in all of its many aspects. There will be two major directions to ACR.

The first is to report on and advertise chess and chess events in Alberta, or those events that may be of interest to Albertans. We will be publishing games by Albertans, both annotated and unannotated. To do this we must get game scores from you, the players.

Whenever a chess tournament is held, whether or not it is a rated event, please send us the results and game scores to publish. If organizers or individuals do not send us information on chess tournaments, we obviously cannot report on them, and you will not find any information on them in ACR. Since production and staff of ACR are currently centered in Edmonton, it is particularly important that people in other parts of the province send us information. When sending in tournament results, ACR requests that at least 2 game scores be included, if at all possible.

Clubs

The other major focus of ACR is to provide information about chess itself. With this in mind we hope to include, as regular features each month, an endgame article, and opening information in the form of a game from international play with notes that concentrate on the opening.

Our current intent is to attempt to publish once a month. Each issue will average about five pages.

Material for each month's issue must be received by the first of the month to insure its inclusion in that issue. Tournament advertising is encouraged, and will be printed free of charge for Alberta tournaments. Please send us the information about each tournament as soon as it is finalized.



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Alberta Governors in the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) are F. Kluytmans, J. Schleinich, N. Sharp, L. Steele (Vice-President), and R. Thom.

Top 30 Alberta Players in order of CFC rating:

1. Zaradic, A	Calgary	2147
2. Evans, C	Edmonton	2136
3. Brebrich, B	Calgary	2121
4. Campbell, G	Edmonton	2092
5. Ball, S	Edmonton	2050
6. McLaren, B	Calgary	2047
7. Rabljenovic, M	Edmonton	2014
8. Kuczaj, K	Calgary	1994
9. Pedersen, R	Calgary	1975
10. Campbell, M	Edmonton	1960
11. MacIntosh, J	Calgary	1915
12. Long, E	Edmonton	1885
13. Frank, M	Edmonton	1865
14. Szucs, B	Calgary	1859
15. Zwirner, W	Calgary	1859
16. Steele, L	Edmonton	1858
17. Loadman, I	Edmonton	1849
18. Zelenka, J	Calgary	1845
19. Litwinczuk, W	Calgary	1844
20. Kluytmans, F	Calgary	1836
21. Hawrelak, A	Edmonton	1831
22. McKay, A	Edmonton	1830
23. Barkwell, L	Calgary	1822
24. Newall, J	Calgary	1819
25. McGillivray, D	Edmonton	1815
26. Kralovic, J	Calgary	1813
27. Skidmore, D	Calgary	1813
28. Watson, W	Edmonton	1798
29. Maynes, B	Edmonton	1797
30. Raletich, G	Edmonton	1796

Top 10 Alberta Juniors in order of CFC rating:

1. Campbell, M	18	Edmonton	1960
2. Frank, M	19	Edmonton	1865
3. Loadman, I	19	Edmonton	1849
4. Wyllie, D	16	Calgary	1723
5. Ali, S	15	Edmonton	1704
6. Turingan, V	18	Calgary	1662
7. Lake, R	18	Edmonton	1648
8. Trace, A	16	Edmonton	1643
9. King, H	18	Edmonton	1622
10. Chipperfield, R	17	Calgary	1551

(Juniors are requested to send their birthdate to the Alberta Chess Report)

International Ratings for Alberta players:

Ball, S	Edmonton	2215
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*****1976 Londonderry Open, April 3 & 4*****

- ✓ 5 round Swiss, Edmonton
- ✓ M. E. Lazerte High School
6808 - 144 Avenue
- ✓ Registration: 8:30 - 9:30
Saturday, April 3rd
- ✓ Entry Fees: Senior----\$7.00
Under 18--\$5.00
Under 14--\$2.00

We would like to compile a list of Alberta Chess Clubs and publish it in the ACR. Please send us details as to location, meeting times, membership requirements, executive, etc on your Club, and/or on any club we may not otherwise be informed of.

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If you have any comments on the ACR, or on chess in general, please drop us a line and let us know your feelings. We want to hear from you!

Algebraic Notation:

Though 'descriptive notation' is probably the most widely used method in Alberta for recording games, we will present most of the games in the ACR in the more convenient (it's easier to type!) Algebraic notation.

In Algebraic a particular square always has the same designation -- from both sides:

BLACK

a8	b8	c8	d8	e8	f8	g8	h8
a7	b7	c7	d7	e7	f7	g7	h7
a6	b6	c6	d6	e6	f6	g6	h6
a5	b5	c5	d5	e5	f5	g5	h5
a4	b4	c4	d4	e4	f4	g4	h4
a3	b3	c3	d3	e3	f3	g3	h3
a2	b2	c2	d2	e2	f2	g2	h2
a1	b1	c1	d1	e1	f1	g1	h1

WHITE

So the square a1 is the same as QR1 for White and QR8 for Black under English Descriptive. The square f6 is equivalent to KB6 for White and KB3 for Black.

In Algebraic pawns are never specifically mentioned. If a move does not mention a piece, then a pawn is being moved. A move such as 8. ... a5 by Black would be the same as 8. ... P-QR4 in Descriptive. 1. Nf3 would mean that White opened 1. N-KB3 by Descriptive. Captures are not normally indicated, e.g., if the move Be5 is made to a square with a piece on it, it simply means that the Bishop captured the piece.

Anyway, we hope that those totally unfamiliar with Algebraic will be able to survive our game reports!

Tournament Reports:

Edmonton CC Championship, October - December, 1975

The 1975 ECCC was divided into four sections, three round robins, and a 37 player Swiss in section D. The tournament director was Len Steele.

Section A -- This section doubled as the Edmonton Closed, which meant the winner would qualify for the 1976 Alberta Closed. Eight players contested the title of Club Champion, with the eventual winner being Gordon Campbell, a newcomer from Britain, who was clear first with an undefeated score of 5½ - 1½. Second was Murray Campbell, 5 - 2 and third Eric Long, 4½ - 2½. Murray Campbell was ahead most of the way, but suffered a costly loss to Long in the penultimate round. Gordon Campbell's play featured very tactical chess.

Section B -- This was an 11 man round robin that saw S. Purewal and F. Buenaventura tie for first with 7 - 3. Third was A. Trace, 5½ - 4½.

Section C -- Cliff Olson won this section with 5½ points from 7 games. H. King and R. Eriksson tied for second with 5 points.

Section D -- S. Ali walked away with this 10 round Swiss, scoring 9½ - ½ to finish a point and a half ahead of R. Douzich who was clear second.

(Report by I. Loadman)

Calgary Open, October - December, 1975

The Calgary Open was taken by Brian McLaren who won 9 out of his 10 games. McLaren's only loss was to Larry Barkwell who finished in second with 8 points. Jan Kralovic finished third in this 56 player Swiss system tournament. The Top B players were A. Milne,

B. Fegyverneki, W. Sadek, W. Cameron and R. Short. The Top C players were D. Urban, B. Bentley, and B. Starkes. Top D was taken by P. Usselman and I. Styk. The Top Unrated went to P. Maloska who is now rated 1605. Doug Wyllie, Calgary's highest rated junior, captured the Top Junior prize.

We gratefully acknowledge the Albertan for printing the following game from this event. Annotations are by McLaren. (Report by M. Frank)

McLaren -- Zwirner, Calgary Open, 1975

1. Nf3 f5, 2. d4 Nf6, 3. g3 e6, 4. Bg2 Be7, 5. 0-0 0-0, 6. c4 d6, 7. Nc3 Qe8 (surprisingly I has this position; as black, three rounds earlier. Our of curiosity I looked it up after that game and so was familiar with white's opening strategy, i.e., control of e4) 8. Re1 Ne4, 9. Qc2 Qg6, 10. Nd2 (Finally wresting control of e4) Nc3, 11. bc! (Now black's b-pawn becomes a weak point, hindering the development of his queen's bishop) Nd7, 12. Rb1 c6, 13. Nb3 e5, 14. Na5 Nb6 (14. ... Rb8, 15. Bc6!), 15. c5! (Cashing in on the queenside pressure for something more substantial, a strong kingside pawn roller) dc, 16. de c4, 17. e4? (Premature. Necessary was 17. f4 first. Now black cripples white's pawn mass) Bc5, 18. Be3 Be3, 19. Re3 f4!, 20. Reel f3? (Forcing the bishop to a more active diagonal. Three weeks later, after the game, Zwirner suggested 20. ... Qh5!), 21. Bf1 Qe6?!, 22. Rb6! ab?, 23. Bc4 ba? (23. ... Ra5 activating the rook), 24. Dc6 Dc6, 25. c4 Radc, 26. c5 Rd4, 27. Rd1 Rfd8, 28. Rd4 Rd4, 29. h3 (To win the f-pawn with either 30. Qc3 or 30. g4, 31. Kh2, 32. Kg3 and also setting a trap into which black stumbles) Bh3?, 30. Qb3 Kf8, 31. Qf3 Ke7, 32. g4 black resigns.

1975 Alberta Junior Closed, Edmonton

The Alberta Junior was a 6 player round robin event. M. Campbell (last year's Champion) and R. Lake (the 1975 Alta High School Champion), both of Edmonton, declined to play and were replaced by the younger A. Trace and H. King.

The two favorites were top rated Murray Frank of Edmonton, and Doug Wyllie, the Calgary Junior Champion. These two met in the first round, and, after poor play by both players, M. Frank won. Frank also won his next 3 rounds. In the final round he took a draw in a lost position, a piece down, when R. Patterson offered it.

Frank finished first with 4½/5, A. Trace was second with 3/5, and D. Wyllie was third, also with 3/5.

Alan Trace, Doug Wyllie, and Harvey King, all of whom will still be young enough to compete next time, should have excellent chances in the 1976 event.

King -- Patterson, Alta Junior Closed 1975

1. d4 d5, 2. c4 dc, 3. Nf3 Nf6, 4. e3 e6, 5. Bc4 c5, 6. 0-0 Be7, 7. Nc3 Nc6, 8. dc Qd1?, 9. Rd1 Bc5, 10. a3 a6, 11. b4 Ba7?, 12. Bb2 b5, 13. Bd3 Bb7, 14. Ne4 Ne4, 15. Be4 f6, 16. Rd6 Ke7, 17. Bc6 Kd6, 18. Bb7 Rb8, 19. Be4 e5, 20. Rd1+ Ke7, 21. Kf1 g6?, 22. Ke2? Bb6?, 23. Ne5 1 - 0.

(Report by Murray Frank)

1975 U of A Christmas Open, December 20-21

The 1975 U of A Christmas Open was a 38 player Swiss system tournament held the weekend before Christmas. The tournament fulfilled the organizers hopes in the realm of strength by attracting entries from Stephen Ball, Alta Closed Champion, Gordon Campbell, Edmonton Closed winner, Brian McLaren, Calgary Open winner, and Chris Evans, an expert who had only recently returned from New Zealand. Due to the number of entrants, the tournament director (Ian Loadman) decided to use accelerated pairings, a not fully successful decision as upsets in the first two rounds produced some strange third round matches. Among

those who failed to reach the third round with a perfect score were top-rated C. Evans, who drew his second round game with M. Campbell, and B. McLaren who seems to be jinxed in the second round of Edmonton tournaments if he is playing an opponent in the 1700's. This time it was Alberta Junior Champion M. Frank who beat him. As a result of the upsets the top players who had played A class players the round before found themselves paired against 1200 - 1300 rated opponents. This did not end the upsets, however, as G. Campbell blundered badly in time trouble, and found himself lost against S. Ali. This left only S. Ball, M. Frank, and S. Ali with perfect scores. In the fourth round Evans smashed Ali despite arriving 45 minutes late, and Ball had few problems with Frank. The final round featured a dramatic battle for first place between Evans and Ball. Ball, who needed only a draw for clear first, achieved a large plus in the opening and early middlegame, but slowly frittered it away. Uncharacteristically careless play lost the ending, giving Evans first place with a 4½ - ½ score. Joining Ball in second, with 4 - 1, were G. Campbell, who quickly disposed of I. Loadman, B. McLaren, whose unusual opening (1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. h4) befuddled Short, and Murray Campbell who downed Ali in a theoretical line of the Dragon.

(Report by I. Loadman)

Final results in tiebreak order were:

1. C. Evans	+8	=5	+31	+7	+2	4½
2. S. Ball	+15	+9	+14	+10	-1	4
3. G. Campbell	+6	+12	-7	+14	+13	4
4. B. McLaren	+11	-10	+26	+23	+8	4
5. M. Campbell	+38	=1	+30	=13	+7	4
6. N. Sharp	-3	+21	+24	=9	+19	3½

3 - 2: 7. S. Ali, 8. R. Short, 9. H. King, 10. M. Frank, 11. R. Lake, 12. L. Steele, 13. I. Loadman, 14. W. Moore, 15. A. Verheijen, 16. I. Drummond, 17. H. Vullings, 18. R. de Kimpé

2½ - 2½: 19. T. Marsland, 20. P. Usselman, 21. R. Eriksson, 22. J. Keresztes

2 - 3: 23. B. Taylor, 24. B. Fitcher, 25. D. Harvey, 26. J. Solis, 27. J. Cenkovcan, 28. T. Stochinsky, 29. M. Zukiwski

1½ - 3½: 30. J. Hareuther, 31. G. Loh, 32. A. Wita (computer)

1 - 4: 33. H. Verheijen, 34. H. Lewis, 35. H. Purewal

½ - 4½: 36. D. Tilroe, 37. T. Kendrick

0 - 5: 38. S. Purewal (2 games)

Renaissance Open, Calgary, January 24-25, 1976

The Renaissance Open, so named as it was hoped that it would spark a revival of weekend Swiss events in Calgary, attracted 40 entries, including 13 from Edmonton. Chris Evans was the highest rated contestant, followed by Branimir Brebrich, Brian McLaren, and Kris Kuczaj. The surprises began early; Evans was held to a draw by Barkwell in the first round, while R. Patterson was destroying Brebrich, only to mishandle his attack and lose. Meanwhile McLaren, whose game had to be adjourned, was probably lost against Zalan. For pairing purposes the players were asked what result they were playing for; Zalan was attempting to win, while McLaren was playing for a draw. Thus, for the next two rounds McLaren was paired as if he had drawn the first round. When Zalan failed to show up for the adjournment, McLaren was given the point. McLaren's first round turned out to be the ultimate in 'Swiss gambits'. Kuczaj and Brebrich had also finished the first day with perfect scores, but Evans had lost to Steele in the third round, and had only 1½ points. Brebrich and Kuczaj drew in their fourth round game, while McLaren blasted Kassay-Farkas to seize clear first. The final round was of great interest not

only because of the games but also due to an argument between McLaren and Brebrich over what type of board they would play on! When Brebrich arrived, McLaren had already set up the pieces on a paper board put out by the B.C. Chess Federation. Brebrich refused to play on that board, and, having failed to be convinced by any of McLaren's arguments, pushed the pieces off the board, and replaced it with a cardboard one. The game itself was no less dramatic. McLaren sacrificed a pawn for what proved to be inadequate compensation, but Brebrich dropped a rook to an elementary combination and, although he struggled on, he was unable to overcome his material disadvantage. Kuczaj had no trouble beating Steele to finish clear second with 4½ - ½. Third through fifth with four points were J. Kassay-Farkas, R. Short, and I. Loadman.

We will keep the TD's name secret due to a number of 'bungles' made during the tournament.

(Report by I. Loadman)

Final results as furnished by McLaren:

1. McLaren	+39	+20	+19	+3	+6	5
2. Kuczaj	+16	+13	+12	=6	+10	4½
3. Kassay-Farkas	+27	+8	+9	-1	+14	4
4. Short, R	+33	+30	=18	=10	+9	4
5. Loadman	+28	-9	+39	+18	+11	4
6. Brebrich	+38	+14	+11	=2	-1	3½
7. Evans	=20	+24	-10	+21	+19	3½
8. Faust	+31	-3	+27	=15	+23	3½

3 pts: 9. Purewal, 10. Steele, 11. Shiu, 12. von zur Gathen, 13. Urban, 14. A. Verheijen, 15. Flemming, 16. King, 17. Usselman

2½ pts: 18. Ali, 19. Stochinsky, 20. Barkwell, 21. Falls, 22. Bentley, 23. Allan, 24. Culham

2 pts: 25. Leflar, 26. H. Verheijen, 27. Loh, 28. Starks, 29. Carveth, 30. Hahn

1½ pts: 31. Kelly, 32. Schulz, 33. Belzberg

1 pt: 34. K. Short, 35. Baptiste, 36. Denison, 37. Rusk, 38. Patterson (3)

0 pts: 39. Zalan (3), 40. Sunderland

Top B -- R. Short, Top C -- Faust, Top D -- Usselman

1976 Northern Alberta Open, Edmonton, February 28-29

The first ever Northern Alberta Open, an event which will be held yearly at the end of February, was an unqualified success. Despite awful weather and horrendous road conditions, it attracted 53 entries, an excellent attendance for a two day tournament. With some cooperation from the weather, next year's event could be even larger.

The race for first place was between Stephen Ball, Brian McLaren and Chris Evans. Evans was the first to drop a half point as he was held to a draw by L. Steele in the 2nd round. McLaren finally overcame his 2nd round curse by beating I. Drummond in a drawn rook and pawn ending. Round 3 was a round for king hunts, Evans' opponent's King eventually expiring in the vicinity of KR5, while McLaren was content to drive his opponent's King to KN3 and then win his Queen. Ball was meanwhile accumulating points in a less dramatic fashion, and ended the day with a 3-0 score along with McLaren, Loadman, and Solis. Ball produced another smooth game in the fourth round to beat Loadman, while McLaren was playing Alekhine's defence in an extremely dubious manner against Solis. At one point he was forced to retreat his Knights to QN1 & QR1, but with a great amount of help from his opponent, he was eventually able to untangle his position and win. The final round pitted McLaren against Ball in the game that would decide first place. McLaren emerged from the opening with some pressure, but Ball managed to equalize without too many problems, and the game quickly reached a

drawn ending. This allowed Evans to move up to share first, as he won easily over Jones. McLaren was first on tiebreak, followed by Ball and Evans, 4½ - ½. Fourth and fifth were R. Bath and P. Allan, 4 - 1.

Tournament Director was Murray Frank.

(Report by Ian Loadman)

A complete crosstable of this event can be found on the last page.

Events in progress:

After 8 rounds of the 10 round 1976 Edmonton Chess Club Open, Stephen Ball leads with 7 points, having lost only to Chris Evans. Ball is the favorite for first place, since he has played most of the top competition (Evans, G. Campbell, Steele, Raletich, and Long), while those a point or a point and a half behind him still have 'tough' games to come.

About 55 players are competing in this tournament. Bjarne Knudskov is directing.

One of the most entertaining aspects of the tournament is Gordon Campbell's spectacular time scrambles which consistently leave the spectators amazed at the number of moves which can be made in 30 seconds.

The 1976 Calgary Closed is, as far as we know, currently in progress. The winner will qualify for the 1976 Alberta Closed. We would predict that either McLaren or Brebrich will be the winner. If not, we apologize in advance to whoever the winner may be!

1976 Alberta Closed

This premier event in Alberta chess is to be held on the Victoria Day long weekend, May 22-24 in Calgary. As this issue goes to 'press', no details as to site and times of rounds have been finalized. Tournament Director will be John Schleinich.

Tradition dictates that the Alberta Closed is accompanied by an open tournament. This may be played in 2 sections, 1800 and over, and below 1800, but final plans have not yet been made. We will announce such details in the ACR. Plan to attend this tournament, and observe the Closed as well.

Candidates for the Alberta Closed are decided by a number of qualifying tournaments and by rating.

Entrants in this year's Closed will be:

1975 Alberta Closed Champion -- Stephen Ball

1975 Alberta Open Champion -- Kris Kuczaj

1976 Edmonton Closed Champion -- Gordon Campbell

1976 Calgary Closed Champion -- ?

The 2 highest in the rating list who have not already qualified. A. Zaradic, and C. Evans are currently leading in this department.

Notice to recipients of this issue:

This, the first issue of Alberta Chess Report, will receive quite a wide circulation amongst the chess players of Alberta, be they current Alberta Chess Association members, or not. If you did not purchase a 1975/1976 ACA membership, then you cannot expect to receive further issues without joining the ACA. This can be done by sending \$3.00 for Seniors, or \$2.00 for Juniors (under 18) to the ACA (see the first page for our mailing address).

There have been problems in getting ACA membership lists from some locales, particularly Calgary, so we must apologize for any delay in receipt of the ACR to those persons whose names are not sent to us by organizers except after much delay.

Murray Campbell on the Ruy Lopez Exchange Variation:

Mecking - Korchnoi, 12th Match Game, USA, 1974

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 a6, 4. Bc6

The Exchange Variation of the Ruy Lopez. White aims at exploiting his Kingside majority in an ending, while Black's corresponding majority on the Queenside has been crippled by a doubled pawn.

4. ... dc

4. ... bc is not as good after 5. d4 ed, 6. Qd4 Qf6, 7. Qd3!

5. 0-0

This move, forcing Black to commit himself to a defence of the King pawn, is better than the older 5. d4, or 5. Nc3

5. ... Qd6

The most active defence. However, there are a great number of alternatives:

I: 5. ... Be7?, 6. Ne5 Qd4, 7. Nf3 Qe4, 8. Re1 Qf5, 9. b3 Nf6, 10. Re5 with some advantage.

II: 5. ... Ne7!?, 6. d4 (best) ed, 7. Nd4 Qd6, 8. Be3 Qg6, 9. Nd2 f5, 10. ef Bf5 (... Nf5, 11. Re1), 11. Ndf3! 0-0-0, 12. Nh4 Qf6, 13. Nf5 Nf5, 14. Qg4 g6, 15. Rfd1! with a slight advantage.

III: 5. ... Bd6!?, 6. d4 ed! (not ... f6, 7. de fe, 8. Ne5!), 7. Qd4 f6. Now if 8. Nbd2 (Fischer),

... Be6 seems good, so probably best is 8. Be3, followed by Nbd2, Rad1, and Nc4. White has perhaps a slight edge. 8. e5, ECO's suggestion, gets nowhere after ... fe, 9. Ne5 Qf6!

IV: 5. ... Qe7, 6. d4 ed, 7. Qd4 Bg4, 8. Bf4 (8.Ne5!?) Bf3, 9. gf Nf6, 10. Nc3 Nh5, 11. Bg3 Rd8, 12. Qe3! with a better endgame coming up.

V: 5. ... Qf6, 6. d4 ed, 7. Bg5 Qg6, 8. Qd4. Now,

(a) ... Bd6, 9. Nbd2 Be6, 10. Rfel Ne7, 11. Nc4!

Bc4, 12. Qc4 f6, 13. e5! with a great advantage

(b) ... Bg4, 9. Nbd2 Qd6, 10. Qe3 Qc5, 11. Nd4 f6,

12. Bf4 0-0-0, 13. N2b3 Qb6, 14. Qg6 Bd7, 15. a4

with a minimal advantage.

VI: 5. ... Bg4, 6. h3 h5 (... Bf3 leads to just the

type of position White aims for, where Black has

given up the two Bishops), 7. d3! Qf6, 8. Be3

(Perhaps better than the normal 8. Nbd2, when ... b5!?

is unclear) Bf3, 9. Qf3 Qf3, 10. gf Bd6!, 11. Re1

Ne7, 12. Kf1 f5, 13. ef Nf5, 14. c3 0-0, 15. Ke2 with

a slight advantage. 11. Nd2 is also good.

VII: 5. ... f6, 6. d4. Now there are once again a

number of alternatives which can be played at this

junction:

(a)... Bg4, 7. de Qd1, 8. Rd1 fe (... Bf3, 9. gf

fe, 10. Rd3 transposes), 9. Rd3 Bf3, 10. gf Ne7 is

probably equal. If 9. ... Bd6, 10. b3 is interesting,

and 10. Nbd2 Nf6, 11. Nc4 Ne4, 12. Nfe5 also keeps

some advantage, though 11. ... 0-0!? might be OK.

(b) 6. ... ed, 7. Nd4, and now

(i) ... c5, 8. Nb3 (8.Ne2!?) Qd1, 9. Rd1. Now

perhaps best for Black is 9. ... Be6, 10. Bf4 c4,

11. Nd4 0-0-0, 12. Nc3 Bf7, 13. Nd5! with an

unclear position.

(ii) ... Ne7, 8. Be3 Ng6, 9. Nd2 Bd6, 10. c3!? 0-0,

11. Qb3+ Kh8, 12. Nf5! with a slight advantage.

(iii)... Bd6, 8. Qh5+! g6, 9. Qf3 Bh2+?, 10. Kh2

Qd4, 11. Rd1 with White advantage. Better is

9. ... h5, or 9. ... Qe7.

6. d3

Probably the best reply to 5. ... Qd6, though 6. a4

also seems good for a minimal advantage.

6. ... f6

A new plan in this position involves omitting ... f6,

e.g., 6. ... Ne7, 7. Be3 Ng6, 8. Nbd2 Be7, 9. Nc4

Qe6, 10. Ng5 Bg5, 11. Bg5 0-0 with equal chances.

7. Be3! Bg4

Alternatives:

I: 7. ... Be6, 8. Nbd2 0-0-0, 9. Qe2 g5, 10. Rfb1

Ne7, 11. b4 Ng6, 12. a4 g4, 13. Ne1 Nf4, 14. Qd1

b6, 15. c4 and White's attack will arrive first.

If 8. ... c5 (Fischer), 9. Qe2 0-0-0, 10. a3 g5,

11. Rfb1 is a large advantage to White.

- 11: 7. ... Ne7, 8. Nbd2 Ng6, 9. Nc4 Qe6, 10. c3 a5, 11. a4 Bd6, 12. Nd6+ cd with a slight White plus.
8. Nbd2 0-0-0, 9. Rb1!
Much better than a3, as the a-pawn will have to be pushed again later.
9. ... Ne7, 10. b4 g5, 11. a4 Ng6, 12. b5!
White is able to open Queenside lines, while Black can only keep positional pressure on the Kingside.
12. ... cb, 13. ab ab, 14. Rb5 Qc6?
Much better is ... Qa6, though 15. Qb1 Bd6, 16. Rb2! is better for White.
15. Rb2 Bc5?, 16. Nb3! Bb4
If 16. ... Be3, 17. fe Nh4, 18. Ne5 is good for White.
17. Nfd4! ed
Better is ... Bd1, and though Black's position is inferior, he does not lose any material.
18. Qg4+ Qd7, 19. Qd7 Rd7, 20. Nd4! Bc3, 21. Ra2! Rd4, 22. Ra3!
Now if Bb2, 23. Rb3, or ... Bb4, 23. Ra8+
22. ... Rb4, 23. Rc3 Re8, 24. f3 Kd7, 25. Ra1 Rb5, 26. Kf2 Kd6, 27. Raa3 h5, 28. Ra4 c6, 29. Rca3 g4?
A bad move, creating an exploitable weakness.
Better is ... h4.
30. Ra4 Ree5, 31. Rb5 Rb5, 32. fg hg, 33. Kg3
Now the g-pawn goes.
33. ... Rb1, 34. Bd4 Rc1, 35. Rc3 b5, 36. Bf6 b4, 37. Rb3 Rf1, 38. Bg5 c5, 39. c3 bc, 40. Rc3 Rd1, 41. Be3 c4 and Black resigns.

Murray Frank on how to mate with a Bishop and a Knight:

Of all the 'simple' mates the hardest is to give mate with a Bishop and Knight against a lone king. It is a long process. First the defending King must be driven to the edge of the board, then into the corner, and, since the mate can only be forced in the corners which are the same color as the Bishop, finally into the correct corner.

Starting Position -- White: Ka1, Bg1, Na8
Black: Ke4

White's first task is to centralize his pieces, with that done he can force the Black King to the edge. Black will first try to remain in the center, when that is no longer possible he will head for a light squared corner since White has a Black squared Bishop, and, so, must get Black into a black squared corner to force checkmate.

1. Kb2 Kd3, 2. Nc7 Kc4, 3. Ne6 Kd5, 4. Nd4 Kc4, 5. Kc2 Kb4
No better is 5. ... Kd5, 6. Kd3
6. Kd3 Kc5, 7. Bh2
Notice that the Black King has fewer and fewer squares to choose from as the White pieces are centralized.
7. ... Kd5, 8. Nb3 Kc6
Since Black must retreat, he goes to the 'wrong' corner for the Bishop.
9. Kc4 Kb6, 10. Nc5 Kc6, 11. Na4 Kb7, 12. Kb5 Kc8, 13. Kc6 Kd8, 14. Kd8 Kc8
If 14. ... Ke8, Black is forced to h8 by 15. Ke8 Kf8, 16. Be5, or 15. ... Kd8, 16. Nb6 and Black cannot get to a8.
15. Nb6+ Kb7, 16. Kc5 Ka6, 17. Kc6 Ka5, 18. Bd6 Ka6, 19. Bb8

The start of the next phase, that is, to force the Black King to the right colored corner.

19. ... Ka5, 20. Nd5! Ka4
Easier for White is 20. ... Ka6, 21. Nb4+ Ka4, 22. Kc5 Ka4, 23. Kc4 Ka4, 24. Bc7+ and so on.
21. Kc5 Kb3, 22. Nb4!
Note this important move. It is typical of the method used in forcing the defending King to the right corner.
22. ... Kc3, 23. Bf4
White's pieces cooperate to prevent Black's escape.
23. ... Kb3, 24. Be5 Ka4, 25. Kc4 Ka5, 26. Bc7+ Ka4, 27. Nd3 Ka3, 28. Bb6
A waiting move. Black is now forced to a1.

28. ... Ka4, 29. Nb2+ Ka3, 30. Kc3 Ka2, 31. Kc2 Ka3, 32. Bc5+ Ka2, 33. Nd3 Ka1
Black has finally been forced into the right corner, and the mate is now easy.
34. Bb4 Ka2, 35. Nc1+ Ka1, 36. Bc3 checkmate

The above example is an extreme case, but it shows that while the mate is not fast, it is there. When replaying this ending pay special attention to the standard positions, such as those after White's 8th, 19th, and 22nd moves. To learn this ending, play over the example again very carefully, and then set up various similar positions of your own to practice the methods involved.

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Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. Bg5 Nbd7, 5. cd ed, 6. e3
Of course not 6. Nd5 Nd5!, 7. Bd8 Bb4+ and Black wins a piece.
6. ... c6, 7. Bd3 Bd6
This is too aggressive. Better is ... Be7, which would result in quieter play.
8. Nge2
This quarantees White an advantage through abandoning quiet play in favor of opposite side castling and pawn storms.
8. ... h6, 9. Bh4 0-0, 10. Qc2 Qc7
A wasted move, since 11. h3 helps White's attack, while Black's Queen is better posted on a5. Better is the immediate 10. ... Re8.
11. h3 Re8, 12. 0-0-0 b5, 13. g4 g5
Since it is obvious that Black's attack will arrive after White's (see below), Szucs tries to blockade the Kingside, but this only results in weaknesses on f5 and h5. An illustration of White's attacking chances: 13. ... b4, 14. Na4 Qa5, 15. g5 hg, 16. Bg5 Nb6, 17. Nb6 ab, 18. Bf6 gf, 19. Qc6. Black's best idea is probably 13. ... Kh8 to try to counteract White's upcoming attack on the g-file.
14. Bg3 Bg3, 15. Ng3 Qa5
As Black's attack never really gets going, this just misplaces the Queen. Black should be thinking of Kingside defence, possibly beginning with 15. ... Nf8. The move played is a pawn sacrifice.
16. Nf5 Nb6, 17. Nh6+ Kf8, 18. a3 Be6, 19. f4 gf, 20. g5
Returning the pawn for no good reason. Simply 20. ef followed by f5 and g5 would have given White a crushing attack. Black's play on the Queenside is pitifully slow. For example: 19. ... b4, 20. ab Qa8+ and Black loses his Queen. Of course 20. ... Qb4 is better, but after fg White is much better.
20. ... Nh5, 21. ef Nf4, 22. Rdf1 Nd3+, 23. Qd3 Ke7
Black attempts to move his King to safety on the Queenside. White is already threatening 24. Nf7 followed by g6.
24. g6 fg, 25. Qg6 Kd7, 26. Nf7 Nc4, 27. Ng4 Nd6
Not 27. ... b4, 28. Ne6 Re6 (... bc, 29. Nc5+ Kc8, 30. Qc6+), 29. Rf7+ Re7 (... Kd6, 30. Qg3+), 30. Re1 Re8, 31. Qe6+. The move played guards f7.
28. Re1 Bf5
Not 28. ... Bg8, 29. Qg7+ Kd8, 30. Re8+ & 31. Qg8.
29. Qg7+ Kc8
If 29. ... Kd8, 30. Nf7+ Nf7 (30. ... Kd7 transposes to the next note.) 31. Re8+ Ke8, 32. Re1+ Kd8, 33. Qf7 Bd7, 34. Qf8+.
30. Nf7 Re1+
Best. If 30. ... Kc7 (Szucs' post mortem suggestion), 31. Nd6+ Kd6, 32. Qf6+ Be6, 33. Rhg1 b4, 34. Qf4+ Kd7, 35. Rg7+ Kc8 (... Re7, 36. Re7+ Ke7, 37. Qf5 bc, 38. Re6+ Kd8, 39. Qf8+ Kc7, 40. Qd6+ Kc8, 41. Qc6+ Qc7, 42. Re8 mate), 36. Re6! Re6, 37. Qf7 and wins.

Other 33rd moves are no better , e.g., 33. ... Re7,
34. Rg7 Rae8 (... Rg7, 35. Qe6+ Kc7, 36. Qe5+),
35. Re6+ Re6, 36. Qf4+, or 33. ... Qd8, 34. Qf4+ Ka7,
35. Rg7+ Re7 (... Kc8, 36. Re6 Re6, 37. Qf7), 36. Qf6
Rg7, 37. Qe6+ Kc7, 38. Qe5+.

Also bad is 30. ... Ne4, 31. Re4 Be4, 32. Nd6+

31. Re1 Nf7, 32. Qf8+ Qd8

Also possible is 32. ... Kc7, although after 33. Re7+
Bd7 (... Kd6, 34. Re8+ followed by Qf7+ and Ra8, or
33. ... Kb6, 34. Qa8 with the dual threat of Qb7++
and Rf7), 34. Qa8 Nd8 (34. ... Ng5 or 34. ...Nh6,
35. Qe8), 35. Rh7 Qa6 (other moves are even worse,
as after 36. Rh8 the Knight cannot move because of
Qb8 mate. 35. ... Ne6 is answered by 36. Qe8),
36. Rh8 Qc8, 37. Qa7+ Kd6, 38. Qc5+ Ke6 (... Kc7,
39. Nd5+), 39. Nd5 cd (... Nb7, 40. Nf4+ Kf7,
41. Qh5+), 40. Qc8 Bc8, 41. Rd8 with and easily
won ending.

33. Re8 Bd7, 34. Rd8+ Nd8

Black has a Bishop and Rook for the Queen, but his
pieces are badly tangled, and White's h-pawn is
powerful.

35. h4 Kc7, 36. h5 Rc8, 37. Qc5 Kb7

Better chances are offered by the pawn sacrifice
37. ... Ne6, 38. Qa7+ (not 38. Nd5+ Kb7 and Black
wins) Kd8, 39. Qa5+ Ke8, 40. Qb4. After 37. ... Kb7
White's h-pawn wins a piece.

38. Qe7 Kc7, 39. h6 Ne6, 40. h7 Rh8, 41. Qf7 Nf8

41. ... Ng5, 42. Qf4+

42. Qg8 Rh7, 43. Qf8 Kb7, 44. Qf4 a6, 45. Ne2 Re7,
46. Qd6 Re2, 47. Qd7+ Kb6, 48. b4 Ra2, 49. Qc8 a5,
50. Qb8+ Ka6, 51. Qa8+ Kb6, 52. ba+ Kc7, 53. a6 Ra3,
54. Qb7+ Kd6, 55. a7 Black resigns.

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NAME	RATING	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	POINTS	PLACE	TIEBREAK	CASH PRIZES	
1 MCCLAREN, B	2047	+11	+8	+32	+16	= 2	4.5	1	10.00	16.50	14.25
2 BALL, S.	2050	+19	+10	+17	+15	= 1	4.5	2	9.50	17.00	14.75
3 EVANS, C.	2136	+20	= 6	+31	+23	+ 7	4.5	3	9.00	14.50	12.75
4 BATH, R.	1552	= 7	= 5	+34	+18	+15	4.0	4	9.50	15.50	11.75
5 ALLEN, P.	1670	BYE	= 4	+37	+25	+16	4.0	5	7.50	11.50	9.50
6 STEELE, L.	1858	+21	= 3	= 8	+17	=11	3.5	6	10.00	17.50	11.75
7 FOWER, A.	1753	= 4	+14	+29	+24	- 3	3.5	7	10.00	17.00	10.50
8 MURPHY, J.	1695	+ 9	- 1	= 6	+27	+24	3.5	8	9.50	16.50	10.25
9 NEWFIELD, S.	1515	- 8	+47	+38	+22	=12	3.5	9	8.00	13.50	8.25
10 LONG, E.	1885	+28	- 2	+41	=14	+26	3.5	10	8.00	13.50	7.50
11 BRACE, A.	1643	- 1	+48	+42	+31	= 6	3.5	11	7.50	13.00	6.75
12 ALI, S.	1704	-14	+41	+47	+32	= 9	3.5	12	7.00	11.50	6.75
13 KING, H.	1622	-22	=33	+51	+34	+23	3.5	13	6.50	10.50	7.00
14 GLOGKI, T.	1524	+12	- 7	+45	=10	=22	3.0	14	9.50	14.50	8.00
15 LODMAN, I.	1849	+36	+22	+25	- 2	- 4	3.0	15	9.00	15.50	7.00
16 SOLIS, J.	1497	+51	+35	+18	- 1	- 5	3.0	16	9.00	15.00	6.50
17 LEFLAP, D.	1488	+34	+20	- 2	- 6	+39	3.0	17	8.50	15.00	7.00
18 MARTIN, H.	UNR.	+53	+21	-16	- 4	+36	3.0	18	8.00	12.00	5.00
19 PURNALL, S.	1659	- 2	=29	+35	=33	+32	3.0	19	7.00	13.50	6.50
20 SHORT, R.	1678	- 3	-17	+40	+42	+33	3.0	20	6.50	12.00	4.50
21 DOVTECH, R.	1568	- 6	-18	+44	+43	+31	3.0	21	6.00	10.50	4.00
22 CAMPBELL, M.	1960	+13	-15	+48	- 9	=14	2.5	22	9.50	15.00	7.00
23 BUSHAVENTURA, F.	1736	=26	+26	+30	- 3	-13	2.5	23	8.50	15.50	6.25
24 RAUSTICH, G.	1796	+27	+27	+33	- 7	- 8	2.5	24	8.50	14.00	5.75
25 BRAGA, W.	1336	+44	+36	-15	- 5	=28	2.5	25	7.50	12.50	4.25
26 VON ZUR GATHEN, R.	1557	=24	-23	+50	+30	-10	2.5	26	7.50	11.50	4.25
27 KHUDSKOV, B.	1542	=23	-24	+52	- 8	+35	2.5	27	7.00	12.00	4.75
28 KOENIG, W.	1592	-10	-32	+43	+37	=25	2.5	28	6.50	11.00	4.25
29 CHRUSCIEL, E.	1351	+43	=19	- 7	- -	+44	2.5	29	5.00	8.50	3.50
30 FALLS, N.	1280	BYE	+52	-23	-26	+41	2.5	30	5.00	7.50	2.50
31 KUTI, A.	1271	+39	+49	- 3	-11	-21	2.0	31	9.00	15.50	4.50
32 FUTCHER, B.	1352	+46	+28	- 1	-12	-19	2.0	32	9.00	14.50	3.50
33 WONG, F.	1419	+45	=13	-24	=19	-20	2.0	33	8.50	13.50	4.75
34 VERHEIJEN, H.	1201	-17	+43	- 4	-13	+46	2.0	34	7.50	12.50	2.00
35 CARAHAR, E.	UNR.	+37	-16	-19	+40	-27	2.0	35	7.50	12.00	3.50
35 VERHEIJEN, A.	1564	-15	-25	+53	+38	-18	2.0	36	7.50	10.50	2.00
37 HARVEY, D.	1246	-35	+46	- 5	-28	+45	2.0	37	6.00	11.00	2.50
38 MOORE, W.	1142	-48	+53	- 9	-36	+42	2.0	38	5.00	8.50	1.00
39 POSTOYAN, F.	UNR.	-31	-45	+46	+41	-17	2.0	39	4.50	8.50	2.00
40 SCHAU, R.	UNR.	-47	BYE	-20	-35	+50	1.5	40	4.50	7.50	.50
41 MARDIROS, D.	1362	+50	-12	-10	-39	-30	1.0	41	8.00	12.00	.50
42 PERPINA, L.	1226	-49	+44	-11	-20	-38	1.0	42	7.50	12.00	1.00
43 MCGRAW, B.	936	-29	-34	-28	-21	+53	1.0	43	7.50	10.50	.00
44 GAUTHIER, B.	700	-25	-42	-21	+53	-29	1.0	44	6.50	9.50	.00
45 WITA, A.	1190	-33	+39	-14	- -	-37	1.0	45	6.00	9.00	2.00
46 TILROE, D.A.	1073	-32	-37	-39	+50	-34	1.0	46	6.00	8.50	.50
47 CARLSON, N.	1270	+40	- 9	-12	- -	- -	1.0	47	5.00	8.50	1.50
48 LEWIS, H.	1368	+38	-11	-22	- -	- -	1.0	48	4.50	8.00	2.00
49 OLSON, C.	1489	+42	-31	- -	- -	- -	1.0	49	1.00	3.00	1.00
50 HAREUTHER, J.	1095	-41	=51	-26	-46	-40	.5	50	4.00	7.50	.75
51 GRIEB, A.	1243	-16	=50	-13	- -	- -	.5	51	3.50	7.00	.25
52 TETTERINGTON, D.	915	BYE	-30	-27	- -	- -	.5	52	2.50	5.00	.00
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