



# ALBERTA CHESS REPORT



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**1984 CANADIAN CLOSED QUALIFIER #1**

April 20-21-22 ★ 6 Round Swiss

5th Floor, General Services Bldg.  
U of A, 116 St & 91 Ave, Edmonton

▶ **WINNER QUALIFIES FOR** ◀  
**1984 CANADIAN CLOSED (Ottawa)**

Late Registration: 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
April 20 (round 1 at 10:00 a.m.)

**ENTRY FEE: \$75 (\$50 rated under 1900)  
\$10 more on site**

Cheques Payable to Alberta Chess  
Association. c/o #607, 9837-110 St  
Edmonton, Alta

**TD and Organizer: David Johansen**

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**1984 ALBERTA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
April 20-21-22 ★ 6 Round Swiss

5th Floor, General Services Bldg.  
U of A, 116 St & 91 Ave, Edmonton

Held in conjunction with the 1984  
Canadian Closed Qualifier #1 for  
**THOSE RATED BELOW 2000 ONLY**

45 moves/2 hours, then 30/hour

Late Registration: 8:30-9:45 am  
April 20 (round 1 at 10:30 am)

**ENTRY FEES: \$35 Regular  
\$25 Junior or over 60  
(\$5 OFF in advance)**

**Prizes: a minimum of 80% of entry  
fees returned as prizes**

**ENTER IN ADVANCE** by sending your  
cheque payable to Alberta Chess  
Association, c/o #607, 9837-110 St  
Edmonton, Alberta

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(phone 482-4176 after 6 p.m.)

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**2ND ANNUAL SWAN CITY OPEN**  
April 28-29 Grande Prairie

★ Trumpeter Motor Inn ★

\$450 Prize Fund based on 40 entries

5 Rd Swiss No Smoking Playing Area

**ADVANCE ENTRY FEE (before April 20)**  
\$12 Regular  
\$8 Junior (under 19), and Over 60

**SEND ENTRIES TO: G.P. Chess Club**  
7316 Poplar Dr Grande Prairie T8V 5A6  
(Phone: 403-539-6764)

**ON SITE ENTRY FEE is \$15 Regular,**  
and \$12 Juniors and Over 60  
**ENTER BY 9:30 a.m., April 28 !**

**FREE ENTRY** to those rated 2000 & up  
if received by April 20, 1984  
**FREE ENTRY** to those playing in  
their first tournament

**CFC and ACA membership is REQUIRED**

40 moves/2 hours, then 20/hour

**SPECIAL ROOM RATE of \$20.00/night**  
at the Trumpeter Motor Inn. Write  
to above address for reservations

■ **PLEASE BRING OWN SETS AND CLOCKS!** ■

**Director: Peter Bongers**

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**NOTICE TO EDMONTON AND AREA PLAYERS**

The Edmonton Chess Club now meets  
● **TUESDAY NIGHTS** ●  
(see inside for more information)

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Please note the **NEW ACA ADDRESS**

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Alberta Chess Association  
c/o 15900-94 Ave, Edmonton T5R 5K8

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

## ACA MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

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

## ACA T-SHIRTS

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

## ATTENTION ALL ACA MEMBERS

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

Send your item(s) to the ACA mailing address:  
 Alberta Chess Report (ACA)  
 c/o 15900 - 94-Ave  
 Edmonton, Alberta T5R 5K8

REMINDER FOR TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS,  
CLUB OFFICIALS, AND ORGANIZERS

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

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

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

Ronald Kuiper - Calgary Junior CC - 266-3045  
 Carol Miyagawa - Edmonton Junior CC - 483-8012

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

The Alberta Chess Association has prepared TD Kits for Clubs and Organizers around the province. A TD Kit contains all supplies (except boards, pieces, clocks and players) needed to hold a 20-player Swiss. Kits can also be used to cover two 10-player tournaments. They contain: scoresheets, pairing cards, posting sheets, report forms for the ACA, ACR and CFC, as well as a sample prize and some instructions on how to hold the event. If you or your club would like some TD Kits, contact: Brian Toth, Calgary (248-7695), or Ian Loadman, Edmonton (484-8360).

## INFORMATION ON THE 1984 ALBERTA CLOSED

The winner of this tournament **qualifies for the 1984 Canadian Closed**. The 1984 Alberta Closed will be held **May 19-20-21** in **Edmonton**.

The 6 players in the Closed are:

- (1) The previous year's Alberta Closed winner (Rob Hawkes).
- (2) The highest placed Albertan in the 1983 Alberta Open (Rob South).
- (3) The winner of the 1984 Edmonton Closed.
- (4) The winner of the 1984 Calgary Closed.
- (5&6) The top rated players not previously qualified.

In the event that one person wins more than one of the first 4 spots or a person qualified via one of those spots declines to play, the additional entry or entries will be filled from the rating list.

All participants must have played in sufficient Alberta CFC rated tournaments to acquire two (2) participation points. All CFC rated tournaments held in Alberta are worth at least 1/2 point, while the following events are worth 1 participation point: Alberta Open, Edmonton Closed, Calgary Closed, Alberta Over 1800, Northern Alberta Open, Southern Alberta Open.

Participation points must be earned during the period of **April 1, 1983 to May 1, 1984**. For the purpose of determining the qualifiers by rating, the last published rating (in either *En Passant* or *The Northern* as of April 30, 1984) will be used.

**It is incumbent upon all players hoping to qualify for the Alberta Closed to ensure that they meet the above rules.**

## Top Alberta Players by CFC Rating

1. Alex Kuznecov	Edmonton	2307
2. Jan Greben	Edmonton	2298
3. Rob Hawkes	Calgary	2282
4. Jeff Reeve	Edmonton	2257
5. Dave Ross	Calgary	2242
6. Jonathan Schaeffer	Edmonton	2238
7. Rob South	Calgary	2190
8. Mike Dougherty	Edmonton	2182
9. Gordon Campbell	Calgary	2144
10. Fred South	Calgary	2132
11. Steven Peter	Calgary	2120
12. Ian Loadman	Edmonton	2086
13. Branimir Brebrich	Calgary	2081
14. Gregory Shvartsburd	Edmonton	2051
15. Andrew Zissos	Calgary	2029
16. Mike Rijkers	Calgary	2021
17. Neil Sharp	Lacombe	2017
18= Len Steele	Edmonton	2002
18= James Randall	Edmonton	2002
18= Wilf Lahrkamp	Calgary	2002
18= Phil Allan	Calgary	2002
22. Roy Yearwood	Calgary	2001
23. Bill Gnam	Calgary	1995
24. Bradley Willis	Edmonton	1983
25. Rob Gardner	Edmonton	1978

## ALBERTA CHESS CLUBS

## Boyle Chess Club

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

## Black Knight Chess Club

Contact: Barney Fegyverneki (243-6351)  
 #903, 1011-12 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2R 0U5  
 Meets: Mount Royal College E-Library  
 4825 Richard Rd SW  
 Tuesdays at 7:30

**Calgary Chess Club**

Contacts: Brian Toth (248-7695)  
Jim O'Neil (289-7103)

Bill Rusk (286-6137)  
9, 3302 50 St. NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 2C6  
Meets: Rosedale Community Hall  
800-11 Ave NW  
Wednesdays 7:00-11:00

**Calgary Junior Chess Club**

Contact: Ronald Kuiper (266-3045)  
#508, 610-4 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2P OK1  
Meets: Basement Wm Castell Library  
616 McLeod Trail SE  
On selected Saturdays.  
Contact Ron Kuiper for dates.

**University of Calgary Chess Club**

Contact: Kevin Alperstein (271-3994)  
Graham Cooper (252-6352)  
Darse Billings (279-4778)  
2316 Crestwood Rd SE, Calgary, Alta T2C 0C6  
Meets: Room 209, MacEwan Hall, U of Calgary

**Dinosaur Chess Club**

Contact: Ken Craddock (823-9114)  
Clarence Mattice (823-6116)  
Otto Klix (822-3765)  
Box 554, East Coulee, Alta T0J 1B0  
Meets: Drumheller Civic Centre  
Tuesdays at 7:30

**Edmonton Chess Club**

Contact: George Wilkinson (434-6976)  
Gregory Shvartsburd (462-3107)  
7423-15 Ave, Edmonton, Alta T6K 2T3  
Meets: Conference Rooms, Commonwealth Stadium  
11000 Stadium Road  
Tuesdays 7:00-11:00

**Edmonton Junior Chess Club**

Contact: Carol Miyagawa (483-8012)  
14316-92A Ave, Edmonton, Alta T5R 5E2  
Meets: Woodcroft Library Program Room  
13420-114 Ave  
Wednesdays 6:30-9:00

**Edmonton Informal Club**

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

**Grande Prairie Chess Club**

Contact: Peter Bongers (539-6764)  
7316 Poplar Drive, Grande Prairie, Alta T8V 5A6  
Meets: Room F133, Grande Prairie Regional College  
Tuesdays 7:15-10:30 p.m.

**Red Deer Chess Club**

Contact: Jens Kaastrup (346-6380)  
5432 Kerry Wood Drive, Red Deer, Alta T4N 4X2  
Meets: G.H. Dawe Centre  
near 67 St & 64 Ave  
Mondays 7:00-11:00

**Slave Lake Chess Club**

Contact: Len Fedorus (849-4204)  
Bruce Thomas (849-4350)  
Box 541, Slave Lake, Alta T0G 2A0  
Meets: Wahlstrom School

**Wabasca Chess Club**

Contact: Dick Roberts (891-3804)  
General Delivery, Wabasca, Alta T0G 2K0  
Meets: St. Theresa School Library

**●CALGARY CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE●**

**April 18:** Register for Team Tournament  
**April 25:** Team Tournament begins  
**June 6, 13, 20, 27:** Speed Chess Tournaments

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**●CALGARY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE●**

**March 17:** Elementary School Team Championship (\*)  
**April 14:** Spring Speed Tourney  
**May 12:** Junior High Team Championship (\*)  
**May 26:** Senior High Team Championship (\*)  
(\*)Notices regarding these events will be sent out. Regular CJCC tournaments will not be held on these dates.

The following information applies to all CJCC events unless otherwise noted:

**Location:** Basement, Wm. Castell Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE. Free parking at the Public School Board Building (kitty-corner from library)

**Time:** Registration at 9:30 a.m. Play begins at 10:00 a.m and will continue until about 3 to 4 p.m. depending on number of players.

**Fees:** Elementary school \$2.00, Junior High \$2.50, Senior High \$3.00.

**Memberships:** Membership in the ACA and CFC is required and is available at the time of registration. ACA/CFC full Junior Membership \$10.00 per year.

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

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

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**●EDMONTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE●**

Elementary and Junior High School Team Championships will be held in March and April. For further info about the Edmonton Junior Chess Club and monthly Saturday tournaments, contact: Carol Miyagawa at 483-8012 or 432-5523.

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**●GRANDE PRAIRIE CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE●**

**April Showers Open,** April 7. Another in the popular series of 3-round Swiss style events! Held at Hillside Community School, with registration at 9:00 a.m.; time control 25/1, and entry fee \$6 adults, and \$4 juniors, seniors, and first time CFC members.

**2nd Annual Swan City Open,** April 28&29. Our second edition of last year's successful 5-round weekend Swiss. See cover for details.

**Door's Open Swiss,** May 26. Those 3-round, 1-day events just keep on coming! (see April Showers Open for further details.)

**Grande Prairie Lightning Chess Championship,** June 16 -- a Bar-B-Que for club members and guests, and the election of officers and setting of the schedule for the 1984-85 season. More details to follow.

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

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

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**●SLAVE LAKE CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE●**

There will be at least one tournament each month in Slave Lake. Contact Bruce Thomas at 849-4350 or Len Fedorus at 849-4204.

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### ● U OF C CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE ●

All tournaments in room 206 MacEwan Hall at 11:30 a.m. Club membership required. For more information, contact Kevin Alperstein (271-3994) or Graham Cooper (252-6352).

**Mar. 18:** Rapid Transit Tournament.

**Mar. 31:** "Spring" Tournament.

"Speed" chess tournaments will be played under the usual speed chess rules, and will probably be round robins, with a \$2 entry fee (for members) -- 5 min. per player.

"Rapid transit" tournaments have a time control of 20 min. per player and will probably be Swisses. Entry fee is \$2 for members (membership is \$5 for a nonuniversity player, but is half-price for out of town players).

The entry fee for the "Spring" tournament will be \$4. To celebrate the end of the university year, refreshments of sorts will be on hand. Time control has yet to be decided.

### ◆ TOURNAMENT REPORTS ◆

#### ■ Edmonton Chess Club Open ■

Once upon a time the Edmonton Chess Club Open (ECCO) was one of the two most important events of the chess year. It was a ten round Swiss starting in January and running through to March. When the Alberta Closed became a regular event, it became necessary to use the ECCO's January-March time slot for the Edmonton Closed, and the ECCO got lost in the shuffle. This year's version was a 6-round Swiss held from November 9 to December 21, 1983. It is hoped that the ECCO will be able to establish itself in this spot and become a regular part of the Edmonton chess scene. **There is a permanent ECCO trophy with the winners' names engraved on it going back at least 20 years, but no one seems to know what has become of it. Would the person currently holding this trophy please arrange to RETURN IT TO THE EDMONTON CHESS CLUB.**

Gregory Shvartsburd was top rated and finished first with a perfect 6-0 score. Second went to Ferenc Borloi (5-1), who lost only to Shvartsburd, while Hank Binnema's 4.5-1.5 gave him third place.

Report: Ian Loadman

1. G. Shvartsburd	BYE	+24	+ 5	+ 7	+ 2	+ 6	6.0
2. F. Borloi		+27	+20	+15	+17	- 1	+ 7 5.0
3. H. Binnema		+28	-15	+23	=13	+21	+ 8 4.5
4. O. Benedik		-22	+16	-28	+12	+23	+17 4.0
5. B. Knudskov		+12	+ 9	- 1	- 8	+25	+13 4.0
6. T. Kolenchuk		+10	- 8	+22	+11	+19	- 1 4.0
7. A. Skeel		+16	+13	+ 8	- 1	+15	- 2 4.0
8. J. Vandenberg		+26	+ 6	- 7	+ 5	+17	- 3 4.0
9. F. Wong jr		+30	- 5	-25	+32	+28	+19 4.0
3.5 pts:	10. A. Berberakis;	11. G. Wilkinson.					
3.0 pts:	12. B. Corazza;	13. W. Franiel;	14. L. Deane;	15. D. Johansen;	16. P. Keri;	17. D. Strauss;	18. J. Turnbull;
2.5 pts:	19. V. Verlik.						
2.0 pts:	20. J. Ciz;	21. K. Lauterwald;	22. R. Paccagnan.				
1.5 pts:	23. D.J. Allen;	24. S. Gale;	25. G. Henke;	26. D. Kock;	27. A. Novotny;	28. P. Rémillard.	
1.0 pt:	29. P. Jachowicz;	30. E. Tucker.					
0.0 pt:	31. D. Cleaver;	32. J. Oestreicher.					
	33. D. Woodcock.						

### ■ The Great Christmas Swan Open ■

Who or what is the "Great Christmas Swan"? Well, rumor has it that he lives somewhere near the "Great Pumpkin", and once a year very near to Christmas he flies around Northern Alberta looking to give a certain chess player that much dreamt about and very elusive tournament victory. Twelve curious people braved -35°C temperatures to come and see for themselves. Club President Peter Bongers is now a believer, picking up his first tournament win, with Charles Luby in second and Joe Kish taking third on tie-break over James Williams. Top unrated prize went to Davidd Lawley, who beat out John Pinsch on tie-break. For those who didn't win, maybe next year the "Great Christmas Swan" will grace *your* chessboard!

Report: Peter Bongers; TDs: P. Bongers, J. Corry.

1. Peter Bongers	1581	+ 8	+ 5	+ 3	3.0
2. Charles Luby	1658	+ 4	= 7	+ 8	2.5
3. Joe Kish	1474	+ 9	+ 6	- 1	2.0
4. James Williams	1428	- 2	+10	+ 7	2.0
5. Davidd Lawley	unr.	+12	- 1	+ 9	2.0
6. John Pinsch	unr.	+10	- 3	+11	2.0
1.5 pts:	7. Dan Gardiner.				
1.0 pt:	8. Ken Lafleur;	9. James Corry;			
	10. Duncan Adams.				
0.0 pt:	11. Rick East;	12. Dean Scott.			

### ■ First Annual Trumpeter Classic Chess Event ■

On January 14 and 15, at the Trumpeter Motor Inn in Grande Prairie, 31 chess players from three western provinces converged for what proved to be some very entertaining and hard-fought games. The prize fund was based mostly on entry fees, but along with donations of cash and merchandise and several beautiful trophies, the "pot" was very sweet indeed.

The "competition", as it were, was clear from the outset, with Joe Lozinski and Ben Chubak from Saskatchewan in tough against Jim Kanester, Forrest Nelson and Dennis Olinger from B.C. Grande Prairie's own Charles Luby faltered early, but recovered superbly to challenge for the money.

Joe Lozinski -- top rated -- eventually took top honours, but it took a fateful toss of the coin to decide the matter between he and a very gracious Jim Kanester. The prize money was split evenly, and both these worthy gentlemen will have their names engraved on the "Trumpeter Classic" perpetual trophy. Ben Chubak took third overall, with Charles Luby capturing Top B, Joe Kish taking Top C, and Ron Tyler from Fort St. John winning the Top Unrated prize. Top Junior was Phillip Mah from Peace River. Several locals garnered lesser prizes, and all-in-all Grande Prairieites came out quite well.

A huge thank you to All Peace Trophies and the Trumpeter Motor Inn for their extensive support, and we look forward to next year's event, when I think we can realistically expect 50+ participants and a much stronger field in terms of rating points. Perhaps we will see **you** there!

1. J. Lozinski	1956	+26	+11	= 2	+ 3	+ 5	4.5
2. J. Kanester	1638	+15	+18	= 1	+14	+ 6	4.5
3. B. Chubak	1789	+ 7	+19	+12	- 1	+ 9	4.0
4. C.T. Luby	1677	-18	+17	+26	+22	+ 7	4.0
5. D. Olinger	1706	+ 9	+14	+10	= 6	- 1	3.5
6. F. Nelson	1754	+20	+16	+ 8	= 5	- 2	3.5
3.0 pts:	7. R. Tyler;	8. D. Roberts;	9. P. Mah;				
	10. S. McCallum;	11. Joe Kish;	12. F. Wong jr;				
	13. J. Williams;	14. G. Ockert;	15. D. Gardiner.				

2.5 pts: 16. K. Lafleur; 17. D. Lawley.  
 2.0 pts: 18. C. Seetoo; 19. G. Doll; 20. J. Corry;  
 21. J. Pinsch; 22. A-M. Kanester; 23. Joel  
 Kish; 24. B. Enns.  
 1.5 pts: 25. D. Boyd.  
 1.0 pt: 26. J. Doll; 27. M. Heft; 28. R. East;  
 29. W. Doll.  
 0.0 pt: 30. D. Scott; 31. P. Bongers/1.

### ■ UCCC Chinook Warm-Up ■

The tournament, held February 18-19, was aptly named as Calgary was well into its second month of above zero weather. On these sunny days, the temperature reached a mere +14°C, and much of the chess was equally bright.

Dave Ross won with relative ease, being taxed only by Roy Yearwood, en route to a 4-0 score. Yearwood could have assured second place by taking a final round draw by repetition against Brian Toth, but chose to play for a win and was later mated in severe time pressure. Toth took second, while Paul Usselman and Ken Salmon were equal third.

Noteworthy was the much improved play of 15-year-old Chris Demers, who achieved winning positions in three of his games (but won only one) against "A"-player opposition.

Organizer, TD, Report: Darse Billings.

#### Roy Yearwood - Brian Toth

1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. b4 b6, 3. Bb2 e6, 4. a3 Bb7, 5. d3 c5, 6. bc bc, 7. Nbd2 d5, 8. Ne5 Nfd7, 9. Rb1 Qc7, 10. Nd7 Nd7, 11. e4 c4, 12. ed cd, 13. Bd3 Bd5, 14. 0-0 Bd6, 15. Qh5 Nf6, 16. Bf6 gf, 17. Rfe1 Rd8, 18. c4 Bg2, 19. Kg2 Bf4, 20. Be4 Bd2, 21. Rb7 Qb7, 22. Bb7 Be1, 23. Qc5 Kd7, 24. Bc6+ Kc7, 25. Be8+ Kb8, 26. Bf7 Rd2, 27. Kf1 Rd1, 28. Qb5+ Kc7, 29. Be8 Bc3+, 30. Ke2 Rd2+, 31. Ke3 a6, 32. Qc6+ Kd8, 33. Bh5 Ke7, 34. c5 Rhd8, 35. Be2 R2d5, 36. Ba6 Bd4+, 37. Kf3 Rf5+, 38. Kg3 Rg8+, 39. Kh4 Bf2+, 40. Kh3 Rh5 mate (0-1).

### ■ 1984 Northern Alberta Open ■

A semi-disappointing turnout of 41 battled for the NAO title over the February 25-26 weekend. Perhaps the flu counteracted the direct mail advertising campaign (since only 17 of the free aspirins were taken out of the 100 provided, one can only assume that those who came were flu-free).

Jeff Reeve emerged from the battles to take first, giving up only a last round draw to Dave Ross. While Jeff may have been said to have had the "worst" of it at some points in his first two rounds against "lower rated" opposition, his play in the last three rounds against two experts and a master was very solid, giving him a well-deserved clear first placing.

Following Jeff, with 4 points, were Dave Ross (2 draws, vs Reeve and Shvartsburd), Mike Dougherty (loss to Reeve) and John Parrott (loss to Dougherty; John took Top A prize, as well, back to Saskatoon).

Wayne Kidder (3.5) was Second A along with Sid Belzberg. Jon Schaeffer's fine computer program PHOENIX surprised (even Jon) with a 3.5 score and a performance rating around 2000, to take Top B. Tying for Second B were humans John Baser, Jan Vandenberg, David Strauss and David Ludwig, and another "machine", AWIT (Tony Marsland's program).

Pierre Rémillard copped Top C, scoring 3.0, while Joe Ciz's 2.0 gave him Second C. Addison Wilson came up from Red Deer to score 2.5 and grab the Top D prize. The highest placing Junior was Suneet Tuli.

Thanks to the Edmonton Chess Club for the use of Club clocks and sets, and thanks to the players for their sportsmanship and participation.  
 Org., TD, Report: Len Steele

1. J. Reeve	2257	+24	+11	+ 8	+ 3	= 2	4.5
2. D. Ross	2242	+27	+ 9	= 6	+ 5	= 1	4.0
3. M. Dougherty	2182	+31	+19	+ 4	- 1	+ 6	4.0
4. J. Parrott	1897	+33	+25	- 3	+22	+11	4.0
5. T. Dy-Reyes	----	+16	= 7	+12	- 2	+21	3.5
6. G. Shvartsburd	2051	+15	+22	= 2	+18	- 3	3.5
7. W. Kidder	1837	+30	= 5	=10	=13	+23	3.5
8. I. Loadman	2086	+34	+20	- 1	= 9	+19	3.5
9. PHOENIX	1775	+37	- 2	+26	= 8	+18	3.5
10. S. Belzberg	1916	+39	-12	= 7	+25	+20	3.5

3.0 pts: 11. J. Baser; 12. J. Vandenberg; 13. D. Strauss; 14. R. Eriksson; 15. D. Ludwig; 16. AWIT; 17. P. Rémillard.  
 2.5 pts: 18. R. Gardner; 19. B. Knudskov; 20. D. Enevoldsen; 21. S. Purewal; 22. D. Billings; 23. A. Wilson; 24. D. Leflar.  
 2.0 pts: 25. C. Luby; 26. J. Ciz; 27. J. Toutant; 28. S. Tuli; 29. A. Novotny.  
 1.5 pts: 30. R. Dinelle; 31. D. Roberts/4; 32. J. Koopman/4; 33. D. Babb/4; 34. S. Company; 35. R. Paccagnan/3.  
 1.0 pt: 36. R. Doo; 37. T. Lockert; 38. L. Tessier; 39. I. Styk/4.  
 0.5 pt: 40. B. Corazza; 41. B. Brookman

### ◆ JUNIOR CHESS HAPPENINGS ◆

#### ■ 1983 Alberta Cadet Closed Championship ■

1. Greg Huber	1698	X	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. Chris Demers	1538	0	X	1	1	1	+	4
3. Taco van Ieperen	1500	0	0	X	1	1	+	3
4. Peter Oleson	1465	0	0	0	X	1	1	2
5. Manisha Raja	1235	0	0	0	0	X	1	1
6. Alex Fyodorov	1138	0	-	-	0	0	X	0

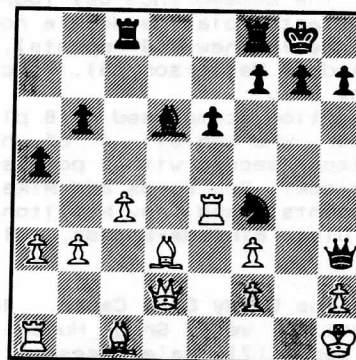
To no one's great surprise, the 1983 Alberta Cadet turned out to be a "mere formality" as Greg Huber of Calgary won the title for the second consecutive year. At age 12, he will also be eligible for the next two years. Greg will represent Alberta at the Canadian Cadet Championship (to be held in Toronto).

Organizer: Sylvia Huber; TD, Report: Darse Billings

#### Taco van Ieperen - Chris Demers

(comments by Darse Billings)

1. d4 d5, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. e3 c5, 5. Nf3 Bd6, 6. Bd3 0-0, 7. 0-0 b6, 8. b3 Bd7, 9. Re1 Nc6, 10. e4 cd, 11. ed dc, 12. dc Bc6, 13. Qc2 a5, 14. a3 Bf3, 15. gf Rc8, 16. Qc3 Nd5!, 17. Qd2 Nf4, 18. Kh1 Qh4, 19. Re4 Qh3!



If 20. Bf1, then 20. Qf3+, 21. Kg1 Rc5 wins; but if 20. Rf4 g5, 21. Bb2!! (as suggested by Roy Yearwood) may turn the tables: 21. ... Bf4, 22. Qf4!. Analysis of this position is highly recommended for all players! A conclusion is left to the reader. 20. Rf4 g5, 21. Bh7+? Kh7, 22. Qd6?? Qf1 mate (0-1).

### Greg Huber - Chris Demers

(comments by Darse Billings)

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. Nc3 Bg7, 4. e4 d6, 5. g3 0-0, 6. Bg2 e5, 7. d5 Nbd7, 8. Nge2 Ng4, 9. f3 Nh6, 10. 0-0 f5, 11. ef Nf5, 12. Ne4 b6, 13. Bd2 Nc5, 14. b4 Na6, 15. a3 Bb7, 16. Rc1 Qe7, 17. Qb3 Kh8, 18. Rce1 c6, 19. dc Bc6, 20. b5?! Be4, 21. fe Nc5, 22. Qc3 Nh6, 23. Rd1 Rf1+, 24. Rf1 Rf8, 25. Rf8+ Qf8, 26. Qf3 Kg8, 27. Bg5 Qf3, 28. Bf3 Kf7, 29. Nc3 Nd3, 30. Nd5 Nb2, 31. Be2 Ng8?, 32. Nc3! Bf6? (32. ... Bh6), 33. Bc1 Nc4, 34. Bc4+ and White won (1-0).

### ■Calgary Junior Chess Club■

The Calgary Junior Chess Club has been meeting monthly with minimal attendance. Tournament directing duties are being shared by Ken Salmon and Jim O'Neil. Instruction by Rob Hawkes at the end of each tournament is interesting, helpful, and well-received by the participants.

September's "School's in Tourney" had 14 participants, and was won by Chris Demers, with 4.5 out of 6 points. Rob Woods came second, also with 4.5 points. Chris and Rob qualified to play in the Alberta Junior in October as a result of this tournament. Third and fourth places went to Dale Haessel and Larry Kamieniecki (each with 4). Other participants were: 4 pts: Tony Hamilton, Victor Ramraj; 3 pts: Colin McCormick, Trevor Russ, Kevin Gaudet, Mike Welburn; 2 pts: Brett Ryder, Stephen Mathezer; 1 pt: Trevor Matear; 0 pt: Andrew Masterson.

October's tournament consisted of an Elementary section, a Senior High section, and a Calgary Cadet group. Results in the Elementary section were: 1st -- Stephen Mathezer (8.5); 2nd -- Andrew Masterson (4); 3rd -- Kevin Murphy (2.5).

The Calgary and Area Cadet was won by Greg Huber, with a perfect score of 5 wins. Chris Demers was second with 4 points. Troy Riddell from Medicine Hat and Taco Van Ieperen finished with 2.5; Brett Ryder (1) and Hayes Nichols (0) followed. Greg and Chris advanced to the Alberta Cadet in November.

The Senior High section was won by Rob Woods with 4.5 out of 5 points. Dale Haessel was second with 3.5 points. Other scores were: Tony Hamilton (2.5), Mike Welburn (1.5) and Kevin Gauder (.5).

On November 19, the Remembrance Day Tournament had 5 young enthusiasts play a double round robin. Results were: Neil Chew (8 points), Stephen Mathezer (6), Andrew Masterson (5), Marc Jerry (4) and Kevin Murphy (1).

The Senior section, comprised of 8 players, was won by Greg Huber, who won all 4 of his games. Dale Haessel placed second with 3 points, followed by Larry Kamieniecki, Rob Woods and Mike Welburn, all with 2 points, and Tony Hamilton, Taco Van Ieperen, and Olaf Bininda-Emonds, all with 1 point.

December 10 was the Candy Cane Caper. Results in the Senior section were Greg Huber (3), Chris Demers and Rob Woods (2), Dale Haessel and Tony Hamilton (1), and Trevor Russ (0).

The Junior section (unrated) consisted of Peter Olesen (6), Stephen Mathezer (3), and Andrew Masterson and Marc Jerry (1.5).

The New Year's Tourney on Jan. 21 was directed by Ron Kuiper. In the Senior section, Dale Haessel and Rob Woods were tied for first, with 3.5 out of 4. Dale won the tie-breaking game to claim first prize. Colin McCormick placed third, with 2 points. Other results were: Tony Hamilton, Peter Olesen and Olaf Bininda-Emonds (1.5 each), and Trevor Russ (.5).

Three newcomers joined the Junior section, and one of them took first prize! Results were: Jason Fitzgerald (4.5), Alex Baldwin (4), Evan Spence (2.5), Andrew Masterson (2), Chris Fitzgerald (1.5) and Kje11 Wooding (.5).

Reports: Sylvia Huber.

### ■Edmonton Junior Chess Club ■Jack Frost Speed Chess Tournament■

On Wednesday, January 25, the Edmonton Junior Chess Club held a speed tournament at its monthly meeting. For many of the 15 competitors this was their first encounter with a chess clock, but after a short explanation of its workings and a few reminders to "press your clock" things ran smoothly. Although it might be argued that introducing juniors to speed chess falls under the heading of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, most players enjoyed the tournament and several asked for similar events in the future.

The tournament was held in two round robin groups, followed by playoffs between the top two finishers in each group. The first group was won by Kevin McCallum with a 6-1 score, followed by Godfrey Tang with 5-2. Third place was a tie between Wybo Born and Bruce Jakeway, both with 4.5 points. The second group was won by Suneet Tuli, 5.5-.5, with second going to Bob Schiller with a 5-1 score. Christian Riveras was third with 4-2.

In the playoffs Kevin and Suneet played a draw and so shared overall first place -- both won a years CFC and ACA membership. Godfrey Tang beat Bobby Schiller for overall third place -- both won a years ACA membership.

The tournament was organized and run by Carol Miyagawa, Rob Gardner and Ian Loadman.

### ■Pan-Am Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships■

Thanks to the generous support of the Alberta Chess Association and the University of Calgary Students' Union, a U of C team competed in the 1983 Pan-Am Team Chess Championships. The tournament was held from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2 at the Marriott Hotel in Worcester, Massachusetts. More than sixty teams participated. The Calgary team consisted of Rob Hawkes, Dave Ross, Andrew Zissos and Bill Gnam (boards 1 to 4, respectively).

At the Pan-Am, unlike other team events, the margin by which one team beats another is not important: winning 2.5-1.5 or 4-0 are both worth one team point. With only four players (almost every other team had a fifth member acting as an alternate), our strategy was to get 2.5 points with as little energy expenditure as possible. Thus, a draw might be offered in a superior position if our team had already won two games. This is the essence of team competition: the best interests of the team must come first.

Our team was ranked 10th at the outset, but we were hoping to place in the top five. Thus, our result, tied for 10th place with 5-3 (5 match wins and 3 match losses), was something of a disappointment. While all team members performed

credibly, no one seemed in top form. A lack of experience in team tournaments, and the burden of playing 8 rounds without relief may have contributed to our poor result. But the fact remains that we simply were unable to come up with strong performances when we really needed them.

After starting well with two easy victories, an unfortunate (which is to say, unnecessary) loss to third-ranked Columbia in round 3 was a blow from which we never seemed to recover. Beating UCLA in the following round was some consolation, but not enough to see us through a tough match against fellow-Canadians from Waterloo in round 5, which we lost narrowly. We then went down to defeat at the hands of M.I.T., and finished off the tournament by beating two much weaker teams.

Hawkes did well on board 1, losing only to I.M. Mark Ginsberg (Columbia) and Dean Hergott (Waterloo), for a 5-3 personal score. Ross performed disappointingly on Board 2, scoring 4.5-3.5 against much weaker opponents. Zissos added to the "sag" in the middle boards by turning in an equally-disappointing 5-3 score, also against weaker opposition. Gnam's score of 6-2 on board 4 fell only slightly short of expectations.

The tournament was won by a very powerful team from Yale, with a score of 7.5-.5. The combination of Joel Benjamin (2616) on board 1 and Michael Wilder (2510) on board 2 proved too strong for the three-time defending champions from the University of Toronto, who placed second with 6.5-1.5. The other Canadian team, Waterloo, ended tied with us for tenth place, after upsetting a number of top-ranked teams. A particularly notable performance was turned in by Dean Hergott (Waterloo, board 1). He demolished a number of strong masters, including Hawkes, and went on to draw against Joel Benjamin.

The event was run smoothly in the comfortable confines of the Marriott Hotel. Accommodation and food were both excellent and relatively inexpensive. The tournament directors kept everything well under control -- no mean feat when dealing with over 300 university students!

Thanks are again in order to the ACA and the U of C Students' Union for their generous financial support.

Report: Andrew Zissos, Bill Gnam.

**Rob Hawkes - T. Weideman**

Round 2: Calgary vs WPI "A"

(notes by Hawkes)

1. e4 Nf6, 2. e5 Nd5, 3. d4 d6, 4. Bc4 A very aggressive system. 4. ... Nb6, 5. Bb3 de, 6. Qh5 6. Qf3? e6, 7. de a5!, 8. c3 a4, 9. Bc2 Bd7, 10. Qg3 Bb5! with advantage to Black. 6. ... e6, 7. de a5, 7. ... Nc6?!; 7. ... g6? 8. a4 8. a3?! a4, 9. Ba2 Nc6 intending 10. ... Ra5 with an edge. 8. ... Na6, 9. Nc3?! 9. Nf3 gives White a dynamic advantage. 9. ... Nc5, 10. Ba2 Nca4, 11. Na4 Na4 Black has adopted a book plan and has now equalized; White has just enough for his pawn. 12. Bd2!? If 12. Nf3 Bb4+, 13. c3?? Nc3 winning. 12. ... Nb2?! This is fairly ambitious play for having the Black pieces. He grabs a second pawn, but now must weather the storm. 13. Nf3 Bb4 13. ... Be7!?, 14. Bb4 ab, 15. 0-0 0-0!? I had previously thought this move unplayable, but after the game we decided this was probably the best plan. White has only a very slight edge, but his position is very fun to play. 16. Rfb1! If 16. Ng6 h6, 17. Ne4 Qd4, 18. Rfe1 Nd3, 19. cd (only move) b3, Black wins back his piece and much more shortly with his passed pawns. 16. ... Na4, 17. Rd1 17. Rb4? Nc3 when White cannot force mate and dies painfully after 18. Rb2 17. ... Qe8 The only move, but far from obvious. 17. ... Qe7? gets killed by 18. Ng5 h6, 19. Ne4 Nc3, 20. Nf6+, when: (a) 20. ... Kh8, 21. Rd3 Nd5! (21. ... Na2, 22. Rg3 wins), 22. Rf3! wins, and (b) 20: ... gf, 21. Rd3 Ne4 (21. ... Na2, 22. Qh6 and mate in two), 22. Rh3 Ng5, 23. Qh6 Nh3+, 24. ghRa2!, 25. Re1!! when Black can't

stop both ef and Kh1. Rg1+. 18. Bc4 Now 18. Ng5 h6, 19. Ne4 loses to 19. ... f5, when White ends up down 2 pawns for nothing. 18. ... Ra5? Now Black gets into real trouble. 18. ... f5 lost to 19. Qe8 Re8, 20. Bb5, but 18. ... c6, threatening 19. ... f5, would have maintained only a slight disadvantage. 19. Rd4 c5? Blocking the fifth rank and negating the pin on the e-pawn. Black now loses quickly. 20. Rh4 h6, 21. Nd2 White threatens Nb3 and Ne4, 21. ... b5, 22. Ne4! f5, 23. Nf6+ gf, 24. Qh6 Ra7? 24. ... Qe7 holds on the longest, 25. Qh8+ Kf7, 26. Qh7 mate (1-0). It is interesting to note that 26. Rh7+ actually loses for White, allowing the Black King to run away via g6, g5, f4, e5, d6, c6, etc.

**B. Goykohman - A. Zissos**

MIT "B" vs Calgary

(notes by Zissos)

1. c4 Nf6, 2. g3 e6, 3. Nc3 d5, 4. cd ed, 5. Bg2 c6 Most solid. A more exciting alternative is 5. ... d4, 6. Ne4 Ne4, 7. Be4 Nd7, when White's B is awkwardly placed. 6. d4 Be7 6. ... Bd6 looks like a better post, 7. Nf3 0-0, 8. Bf4 Nbd7, 9. Qc2 Re8, 10. 0-0-0 White has the wrong idea altogether. The logical course of the game involves both sides struggling for control of the center, and in particular the squares e4 and e5. For example: 10. 0-0 Nf8, 11. Ne5 Bd6, 12. e4 de, 13. Ne4 Ne4, 14. Be4 Ng6, with play roughly equal. By castling Queenside, White leaves the squares around his King too vulnerable, as well as the pawns on e2 and f2. 10. ... Bb4! By indirectly threatening the squares e4 and e2. Black forces White to weaken his Queenside pawn structure. The idea is simply ... Bc3, when White is compelled to play bc, leaving his Queenside -- especially the squares c4 and a3 -- vulnerable to Black's knights. 11. Rhe1?! White has no good moves. 11. Ne5 fails to 11. ... Ne5, 12. de (or 12. Be5) Ng4, winning a pawn. Relatively best may be 11. Bd2. The text is bad because the rook will be compelled to move again to defend the f2 pawn. 11. ... Bc3, 12. bc Not 12. Qc3 Ne4, 13. Qe3 Ng3. 12. ... Ne4, 13. Rf1 Qa5, 14. Bd2 Nb6 Black's knights dominate the board. Among other things, Black threatens ... Bf5, followed by ... Nd2. Thus, White decides to exchange knights to ease the pressure. Unfortunately, this does not diminish Black's attack. 15. Ng5 Ng5, 16. Bg5 Nc4, 17. Rfe1 White must defend the e2 pawn since Black was threatening ... Re2! For example, 17. h4? Re2!, 18. Qe2 Qc3+, 19. Qc2 Qa3+, 20. Kb1 Bf5! winning. Note that 17. e4 fails to 17. ... de, 18. Be4 Re4, 19. Qe4 Qc3+, etc. 17. ... Qa3+, 18. Kb1 Bf5 Winning a pawn, 19. e4 de, 20. Be3 Black was threatening ... e3, so the pawn had to be blockaded; but White's position is hopeless in any case. 20. ... Qa5, 21. Qb3 Be6! Black seizes the opportunity to place his bishop on a better diagonal. White could have safely resigned here, but 22. Qb4 Qd5, 23. Qa4 b5, 24. Qa6?? Bc8 (0-1).

**Bill Gnam - Grant Brown**

Calgary vs Waterloo "A"

(notes by Gnam)

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 It is surprising how many Sicilian addicts have difficulty against the Closed Variation. In this tournament I used it as White three times, in each game quickly obtaining an edge. 2. ... Nc6, 3. g3 e6, 4. Bg2 Nf6, 5. d3 Be7!? With the next three moves Black essays a very interesting and original plan, but one which, in the final appraisal, cannot be satisfactory for equality. 6. f4 d5, 7. e5 Nd7, 8. Nf3 8. h4 might also be good. 8. ... g5?! A very double-edged move. Here I cast an incredulous glance at my opponent as he pressed his clock; however, as I analyzed variations, 8. ... g5 appeared more reasonable than I anticipated. 9. fg! If Black is allowed to play ... g4, things become decidedly unclear, so this move is White's only try for

advantage. 9. ... Nde5, 10. Ne5 Ne5, 11. Qe2! The key to securing an advantage for White. If the N retreats to g6. White plays 12. h4, followed by Bd2 and O-O-O, and has a ready-made attack with h5. Therefore, Black must retreat the N to the Queenside, only later to lose time redeploying it to defend the vulnerable f7 square. 11. ... Nc6, 12. O-O Bd7 Trying to prepare Queenside castling, but Black's weak Kingside prevents him from achieving this objective unscathed. 12. ... O-O is answered by 13. Qh5: with a comfortable attack to follow. If 12. ... Bg5?, 13. Qh5 Bf6, 14. Bg5! Bd4+, 15. Kh1 Qd7, 16. Bf6! (if 16. Rae1 O-O and Black survives) Bf6, 17. Rf6 with advantage. 13. Qh5 Ne5 13. ... Rf8, 14. Qh7! (14. h4 Qb6, 15. Qh7 O-O-O is less clear) Bg5, 15. Nb5! Bc1, 16. Rac1 Qb8, 17. Rce1 and White exploits the awkwardly placed Black King. 14. Bf4 Ng6, 15. Rae1 Qb6?! Black's last chance was 15. ... O-O, but 16. h4 maintains White's edge. White might also consider the double sacrifice 16. Bd5? ed, 17. Re7?, but this fails to 17. ... Ne7, 18. Be5 f6, 19. gf Nf6, 20. f7+ Rf7, 21. Rf7 Kf7, 22. Qh7+ Ke6, 23. Qg6+ Ke5 and the King survives! 16. Be5! If 16. Bd5? Qb2, 17. Ne4 Qd4+ simply wins a piece. 16. ... Ne5 Forced; if 16. ... Rf8, 17. Bg7 Rg8, 18. Qh7, 17. Re5 O-O-O I thought Black might play 17. ... Qb2, when 18. Nd5! Qe5, 19. Qf7+ Kd8, 20. Qe7+ Kc8, 21. Rf8+ forces mate. 18. Nd5 ed, 19. Re7 Qb2 There is little else to try, as 19. ... Be6 is met by 20. Bh3. 20. Qf7 Qd4+ This leads to an abrupt loss, but 20. ... Bc6, 21. Qf4! Qd4+, 22. Kh1 Qf4, 23. gf is an easily won ending for White. 21. Kh1 Rhg8? A disappointment -- I expected 21. ... Bc6, when 22. Rc7+ Kb8, 23. Rc6 bc, 24. Rb1+ wins. 22. Rd7 (1-0).

#### D. Ross - Horp (notes by Ross)

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6 This is the most solid continuation. Razor sharp is 5. ... Bb4, 6. e5 Nd5, 7. Qg4. White, with his next move, enters the classical Schevenigen. 6. g4, the Keres Attack, is very dangerous for Black, but too ambitious for my blood. 6. Be2 Be7, 7. O-O O-O, 8. Kh1 Nc6, 9. f4 Bd7, 10. Be3 Black has played so as to avoid ... a6, hoping to save time. The idea is not new, although I find it strange. Black will need ... b5 to initiate some counterplay on the Queenside, not to mention the fact that it keeps White pieces out of b5. Instead of 10. Be3, 10. Ndb5 was interesting: (a) 10. ... Ne8?, 11. a4, followed by bringing the N to c4; (b) 10. ... Qb8!, 11. e5 de, 12. fe Ne5, 13. Bf4 a6 holds the extra pawn, but White has pressure. 10. ... Nd4, 11. Bd4 Bc6, 12. Qd3 I remembered this move from a game D. Rousseau - R. Pelts (see CCE #56, p. 40 -- ed.) and was impressed because Pelts lost. The move is more logical than 12. Bd3 because White wants his Queen on g3 as fast as possible. 12. ... Nd7, 13. Qg3 e5 This seems best; 13. ... g6, 14. f5 is strong, as is 13. ... Bf6, 14. e5. The point of 13. ... e5 is found in the variation 14. fe Bh4, 15. Qf4 Bg5, where White has to repeat or give Black a strong position. 14. Be3 ef, 15. Bf4 Bh4, 16. Qh3 Ne5 Black counts on his strong N in the center for compensation for White's more active pieces. This position seems to be an exception as White can capture on e5 and maintain the initiative. Usually, this idea doesn't work as it fixes Black's sick d-pawn. 17. Be5 de, 18. Rad1 Qe7, 19. Bc4 Bf6?! 19. ... Bg5 would have slowed White's play somewhat, 20. Rd3 Rad8, 21. Nd5 Bd5, 22. Bd5 Rd6, 23. Qh5! Material is equal, but White has a very large positional advantage because: (a) the B on d5 is boss, its influence is felt on all sectors of the board, whereas Black's bishop is very passive; (b) White has a pawn majority on the Queenside. 23. Qh5 is a multi-purpose move; it probes for pawn weaknesses, creates the aura of death around Black's King, and prevents ... Bg5.

23. ... h6? 23. ... g6 was more stubborn, 24. c4 Rb6, 25. b3 a5, 26. Rg3 Kh8, 27. Rgf3 Kg8, 28. Rc3! This modest looking move leads to the win. The idea is to create a passed pawn with c5, then a3 and b4, run it to c6, and tie one of Black's rooks down to c7, and only then break through. Black tries to prevent this, but gets a nasty surprise. 28. ... Qb4?, 29. Rg3 This wins a pawn and the game. 29. ... Kh8, 30. Bf7 Qe7, 31. Bd5 Qe8 Black hopes the ending with opposite colored bishops will be defensible, but in fact this makes it easier for White because he can invade the light squares with his King. 32. Qe8 Re8, 33. c5 Rb5, 34. c6 b6, 35. Rc3 Rc5, 36. Rc5 bc, 37. g3 Rc8, 38. h4 Rc7, 39. Kg2 Kh7, 40. Rf5 Kh8, 41. Kf3 Kh7, 42. Kg4 Kg6, 43. h5+ Kh7, 44. Rf2 Kh8, 45. Rc2 Be7, 46. Kf5 Rc8, 47. Ke6 Rc7, 48. Rf2 Bf6, 49. Rf6 gf, 50. Kd6 (1-0).

#### Retrospective Dave Ross

Now that the new year has arrived, I find myself looking back to evaluate my play during 1983. It was a bad year as inconsistency seemed to be my new trademark; but there were some bright spots. My best result, not counting the Alberta Open, was second place in the Ontario Open. Lawrence Day won with 5.5, but my 5-1 score was a full point ahead of third. I played well, though Lawrence crushed me with Owen's Defence (1. e4 b6), and the two games I have annotated are from this event. The game against Jackson was my favorite of 1983.

#### D. Ross - Jackson

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 g6, 3. Bc4 Bg7, 4. Nc3 Nc6, 5. a4 Nh6 Jackson's favorite obsession at the time. 6. h4! O-O? The trademark of the accelerated Lemming Defence; possibly 6. ... e6 and if 7. h5 g5!? instead. 7. d3 Ng4, 8. h5 e6, 9. Ng5 It is essential to play sharply once committed to a strategy of annihilation. 9. ... f5, 10. hg hg, 11. Qf3! Nd4, 12. Qh3 Nc2+, 13. Kf1 Nce3+? A marvelous idea except that it overlooks White's 17th, which wins outright. 13. ... Nh6 was better, though White has a strong attack for the pawn. 14. Be3 Ne3+, 15. Qe3 f4, 16. Qc5 b6, 17. Ne6! Forced, but now c6 is available to the White Queen. 17. ... de, 18. Qc6 Bd7, 19. Be6+ Be6, 20. Qe6+ Rf7, 21. Nd5! and White eventually won.

The last round was exciting. My brother was on board one against Day; if Paul could tie, I could catch up ... Lawrence played the Torre Attack and got strong pressure; Paul defended well, but an accurately timed double pawn sac decided matters in Day's favor. Meanwhile ...

#### D. Ross - B. Hartman

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 a6, 4. Ba4 Nf6, 5. O-O Be7, 6. Re1 b5, 7. Bb3 O-O, 8. d4 d6, 9. c3 Bg4, 10. Be3 cd, 11. cd d5 I think this is Black's best, although 11. ... Na5 is also popular and probably leads to equality. 12. e5 Ne4, 13. Nbd2 Nd2, 14. Qd2 Bb4?! Better is 14. ... Bf3, 15. gf Qd7!, intending ... Nd8. ... c6. ... Ne6, and ... f5, when Black has a pleasant position. The exchange sac is sound: White gets the 2 bishops, a pawn, and a strong center. 15. Qc2 Ne7 15. ... Na5, intending ... Nc4, may equalize. 16. Bd2 Bd2, 17. Nd2 Qd7, 18. Rac1 Rfc8, 19. Qc5 a5, 20. Bd1 Bd1, 21. Red1 Ra6, 22. Nf1 Ng6 A minor cheapo, which I fall for. 23. Ne3? 23. g3 would give White a clear positional advantage, but now he must be very careful and by move 25 Black is very close to equality. 23. ... Nf4, 24. Rd2 Rg6, 25. f3 c6, 26.



Kf1 h5, 27. Qc3 White embarks on a plan to goad Black's a and b pawns forward and trade Queens. 27. ... a4, 28. Qc2 Qa7! With his last move White was planning 29. Qf5, but 28. ... Qa7! is an excellent answer. If now 29. Qf5 Ne6, 30. Nd5? Rd8 is OK for Black. 29. Qc5 Qa5, 30. Qc3 b4 If the Queens come off White will be much better because of the weak Black c-pawn. 31. Qc2 Forced, as Black threaten 31. ... Qa6+ and ... Nd3. 31. ... Qb5+? Black could have maintained equality with 31. ... b3!, 32. ab ab, 33. Qd1, when the White Queen cannot become as active as it does in the game. 32. Kf2 b3, 33. ab ab, 34. Qf5 Ne6, 35. Qd3 Qb6?, 36. g3?! 36. Nd5 wins. I didn't overlook this, but had thought that 36. ... Qd8, 37. Ne3 Qh4+, 38. Kg1 Nf4 might be dangerous. In reality, 39. Qf5 is an adequate defence. In any case, the plan of advancing the f-pawn also wins. 36. ... Ra8, 37. f4 Ra4, 38. Nf5 Kf8, 39. Qe3 Rb4, 40. Rc3 Rb5, 41. Nd6 c5 Desperation. 42. Nb5 Qb5, 43. dc d4, 44. Rd4 Nd4, 45. Qd4 and White won.

I'm looking forward to lots of chess in 1984, starting with the Northern Alberta Open (see report elsewhere in this issue).

### ■ International Chess ■

Neil Sharp

#### FIDE World Championship Candidates Semi-Finals

As luck would have it, my annual winter vacation in England coincided with the latter portions of the Candidates. The results, as everyone undoubtedly knows, were Kasparov 7 - Korchnoi 4, and Smyslov 6.5 - Ribli 4.5. After a slow start Kasparov demolished Korchnoi in four of the last six games by methodical play and without any great flashes of his usual brilliance. Smyslov meanwhile showed great form in defeating Ribli with ease. His play in the fifth and seventh games, in particular, showed signs of the old Smyslov that everyone thought was gone forever.

I arrived at the tournament site in time for Kasparov - Korchnoi game nine. The games were held in the middle of noisy, polluted London at the Great Eastern Hotel, which has deteriorated over the years and accumulated much grime. While in Canada, from reading "Sovietsky Sport", I had learned that the playing room was not up to Soviet expectations and the ticket price of 8 pounds (15 dollars) per day for a good seat was a shock to any proletarian. As it happened, for 4 pounds one could get a poorer seat and move about relatively freely as there were very few spectators. The playing stage, however, was pathetic. The playing table was dwarfed by great gaudy signs advertising the "Acorn Computer World Chess Championship Semi-Finals". Everywhere one looked you were faced with the words "Acorn Computer", with no mention of FIDE. The stage was very small and was enclosed by an ugly cage-like apparatus which served no purpose beyond holding up six great horrid lights.

Next door to the playing room Acorn Computer had set up their displays, with endless video games which were in constant use, and quite noisy. I even caught Vladimirov and Timoshenko (Kasparov's seconds) playing the bloody things one day.

The press room was manned by a raucous, fat New York American! Why, I was never able to find out. The analysis room, however, was quite excellent and featured expert commentary which was much appreciated by a generally sizable crowd.

All things considered the event was very poorly organized, despite any hype Ray Keene will be bestowing on himself in his quest for FIDE's Presidency. Nevertheless, it was very interesting to actually observe instead of reading about the many characters who made up this spectacle.

#### Brighton International

After the Candidates matches in London, Dianna Palamarek and I watched the last few rounds of the annual international tournament at Brighton. This resulted in an easy win for John Nunn and a general slaughter of the foreign players by the young English players. Igor Ivanov of Canada finished ninth only because Karl Burger was representing the U.S. by losing his first 8 games. Why Karl Burger? Are there no young, promising players in America or were the foreign competitors carefully picked to facilitate the fulfilling of Grandmaster norms? Anyway, Nigel Short needed to win his last two games to achieve the Grandmaster title -- finally! In the penultimate round his opponent, Ivanov, spent ten minutes of a five hour game in the playing room and dutifully lost. The press was alerted and with hordes of reporters and cameramen present the final round began. Short's opponent, the young Oxford student Watson, proved more problematic than his previous foe. On his 24th move, in a difficult position, Short attempted to castle Queenside. However, Watson pointed out that his White Queen on a5, attacking the square d8, precluded the possibility of this move. As the only available square for Short's King was d7, which would result in immediate disaster, he resigned.

It was then left only to explain to the press that Nigel hadn't won and thus wasn't a Grandmaster, and everyone went home without a story. Nothing sensational enough here, they thought, and so no report next day!

#### J. Plaskett - W. Watson

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 nf6, 5. Nc3 g6, 6. Be3 Bg7, 7. f3 0-0, 8. Qd2 Nc6, 9. g4 Be6, 10. 0-0-0 Nd4, 11. Bd4 Qa5, 12. a3 Rfc8, 13. h4 Rab8, 14. h5 b5, 15. h6 b4, 16. hg ba, 17. Qh6 ab+, 18. Kd2 According to Tal. in Informant 34, White is winning, but ... 18. ... Bg4, 19. Bf6 Bh5, 20. Bd4 e5, 21. Rh5 gh, 22. Qg5 Qb4, 23. Bd3 Qd4, 24. Nd5 Qf2+, 25. Be2 Rc2+, 26. Kc2 Qe2+, 27. Kc3 Qf3+, 28. Kc4 Qb3 mate (0-1).

Was Ivanov representing Canada when he played?

#### I. Ivanov - H. Westerinen

1. e4 d5, 2. ed Qd5, 3. Nc3 Qa5, 4. d4 Nf6, 5. Bc4 c6, 6. Bd2 Qb6, 7. Nf3 Bf5 (draw).

#### Hastings International

Shortly after the conclusion of the Brighton tournament, the annual Hastings event began, but it was weakened by the absence of the Soviet players. Perhaps the inclusion of Alburk, Kudrin, Gurevich and Ivanov was a factor. Unlike the past two years, when Kupreichik and Vaganian ran away with this tournament, the top place was fiercely contested this year. It was eventually won by Jon Speelman and Lars Karlsson when Jonathan Mestel blundered in the last round adjournment, his winning attempt ending in a ridiculous loss, amid noisy, chaotic playing conditions.

Ivanov again played dismally except for a nice win over Short. Poor Nigel! Again the opening ceremonies featured a plea that Nigel Short achieve his Grandmaster title. Very embarrassing for him -- especially when he proceeded to lose the first round with the White pieces in 22 moves to Hebden.

#### J. Speelman - S. Kudrin

1. Nf3 c5, 2. c4 Nf6, 3. Nc3 b6, 4. e3 e6, 5. d4 cd, 6. ed Bb7, 7. Bg5 Be7, 8. Bd3 0-0, 9. h4 Ne8, 10. d5 Na6, 11. Qe2 h6, 12. Rd1 Nc5, 13. Bb1 hg, 14. hg Bg5, 15. Bh7+ Kh8, 16. Ng5 Qg5, 17. Bc2+ Kg8, 18. Rh5 Qf4, 19. g3 Qf6, 20. Bh7+ Kh8, 21. Bg6+ (1-0).

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