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## WEEKEND TOURNAMENT IN EDMONTON!!

1983 SUMMER OPEN -- JUNE 18 & 19

5 ROUND SWISS 40 MOVES / 2 HOURS  
ENTRY FEE JUST \$10  
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## ■ IMPORTANT NOTICE -- EDMONTON CHESS CLUB ■

THE CLUB WILL NOT BE IN ACTION AT THE COMMONWEALTH STADIUM THIS SUMMER (JUNE 22 - AUGUST 24). INSTEAD, THOSE WHO WANT TO PLAY DURING THE "HOT MONTHS" CAN MEET AT THE CLUB'S TEMPORARY LOCATION: FOREST HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE 10150 - 80 STREET WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, 7:30-12:00

## Qualifiers I & II (B.C.)

These two Swiss system tournaments (I: June 10-12; II: July 1-3) give the winner the chance to play in the Vancouver International in August (1-13), an "opportunity of a lifetime". For "I" register 4-6 p.m. Friday June 10th in room 207 Student Union Bldg, UBC. Entry fee \$50 (\$25 junior). Proceeds to support the International. For information on "II", write "Qualifier II", 410 Bury Lane, W. Vancouver, B.C. V7S 1K3.

## ACA T-SHIRTS

Will be available soon at a cost of only \$8.00 each. T-shirts are white with navy trim and a navy blue ACA crest on the pocket area. Will be available at clubs in the near future.

## From the Editors

We are pleased with the response which met the February issue of the Alberta Chess Report (ACR). An arrangement with the ACA for financial support ensures that the ACR will be coming out regularly (probably February, May, August, October, December).

The number of submissions which we received for this issue is encouraging. They include reports from out of province tournaments (the New York Open and the National Open) and very interesting analysis on the Korchnoi - Kasparov game annotated in the February issue. We remind readers that such submissions are always welcome. This issue also includes reports on the Edmonton Closed, Calgary Closed, the highly successful Northern Alberta Open, etc. On a negative note, response from clubs and tournament organizers was very disappointing. Surely no one is opposed to a little free publicity for their club or tournaments?

The next ACR will be mailed in late August, just before what is traditionally the "chess season". In that issue we would like to publish an up to date Alberta Chess Club Directory. This would include club locations, meeting times, and the name and phone number of a member of the club executive whom readers can contact for more details. We will also publish a schedule of each club's events for the 1983-84 season, including name and type of event, starting date, registration details, and other information club officials feel is relevant. 800 copies of the ACR are printed each issue and, in addition to going to all ACA members, copies are given to places such as libraries, where they may come to the attention of chess players. The ACR is thus a valuable publicity device for clubs and tournament organizers -- please feel free to use it as such. Of course, any weekend tournaments (especially those scheduled for September or October) may also be advertised in the next ACR.

All submissions for the next ACR must be received no later than August 15. To ensure that your announcement / report / game is included, please mail it early.

## ACA Membership Fees

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

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

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► **Notice to All Chess Club Officials**

As noted in the editorial, we hope to publish a directory of all Alberta Chess Clubs in the next ACR. In conjunction with this we request that all clubs send us details of their operation, including name of club, location, meeting times, membership fees, as complete a schedule of 1983-84 events as possible, and any other information deemed relevant. The next ACR will go out in late August and should provide a **valuable publicity device** for your club. Please ensure that information reaches us **no later than August 15th**.

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► **Notice to All Tournament Organizers**

The next ACR is due out in late August. If you have any tournaments scheduled (especially in September and October), we would like to include an advertisement. Please provide as many details as possible to us **no later than August 15th**.

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**Alberta Chess Clubs**

Club Officials: if your club is not listed here, please send the ACR full details. We will be pleased to list your club in a future issue.

*Black Knight Chess Club*

Mount Royal College, section E library  
Tuesdays, starting at 7:30 p.m.  
Contact: Barney Fegyverneki (phone 243-6351)

*Calgary Chess Club*

Rosedale Community Hall, 800-11 Ave NW  
Wednesdays, 7-11 p.m.  
Contact: Bill Rusk; #9, 3302-50 St NW  
Calgary T3A 2C6 (phone 286-6137)

*Edmonton Chess Club*

Conference Rooms, Commonwealth Stadium  
Wednesdays, 7-11 p.m.  
(for summer meeting times, see  
announcement on the front cover)  
Contact: Jan Greben; 11823-87 Ave  
Edmonton T6G 0Y5 (phone 432-7624)

*Grande Prairie Chess Club*

Room E-124 Grande Prairie Regional College  
Tuesdays, starting at 7:30 p.m.  
Contact: Peter Bongers; 7316 Poplar Drive  
Grande Prairie T8V 5A6 (phone 539-6764)

*Slave Lake Chess Club*

Contact: Len Fedorus (phone 849-4204)  
Bruce Thomas (phone 849-4350)

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*Edmonton Junior Chess Club*

The Club is for players 18 years of age and under. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Program Room of the Woodcroft Library, 13420-114 Ave. Tournaments, workshops and games are featured. For information call Carol Miyagawa at 483-8012.

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► **Attention All ACA Members** ◀

The *Alberta Chess Report* welcomes any and all submissions from its readers. Annotated games, reports on out of province tournaments you attended, book reviews, philosophical reflections, etc. -- anything to do with chess is what we are interested in. Why not become an author renowned across the province?

All ACR correspondence can be sent to the ACA mailing address:

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**Top Alberta Players by CFC Rating**

1. Jan Greben	Edmonton	2307
2. Rob Hawkes	Calgary	2221
3. Jeff Reeve	Edmonton	2220
4. Rob South	Calgary	2215
5. Stephen Ball	Edmonton	2184
6. Fred South	Calgary	2179
7. Phil Gaspar	Calgary	2150
8. Milan Rabljenovic	Calgary	2145
9. Gordon Campbell	Edmonton	2144
10. Ron Billyard	Calgary	2134
11. Branimir Brebrich	Calgary	2131
12. Steven Peter	Calgary	2111
13. Neil Sharpe	Lacombe	2096
14. Ian Loadman	Edmonton	2085
15. Len Steele	Edmonton	2025
16. Wolfgang Mueller	Calgary	2015
17. Gregory Shvartsburd	Edmonton	2010
18. Phil Allan	Calgary	2002
19. Bob Bachman	Calgary	1988
20. Mike Gazerian	Calgary	1979
21. Dragoslav Jurisich	Lethbridge	1977
22. Frank Kluytmans	Calgary	1971
23- Alan Aycock	Magrath	1961
24. Walter Zwirner	Calgary	1961
25- Edwin Boldingh	Edmonton	1953
26. James Randall	Edmonton	1953

Ratings as of the April 28, 1983 revision.

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► **Reminder for Tournament Directors and Club Directors and Executives**

The *Alberta Chess Report* exists to serve you. We want to advertise and report on your tournaments.

Please send **full** details of any upcoming tournaments as soon as they are available.

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

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**Solutions to Test Your Chess:**

- I. 1. Ba7! Qa7, 2. Ng6+ hg6, 3. Qh6 mate. (Deshauer-Meier, Correspondence, 1953).  
II. 1. Be7! If 1. ... Qg4, 2. Rd8 mate. (Volcok-Kreslauskys, USSR, 1970).  
III. 1. Qc7! If 1. ... Rc7, 2. Rd8+. (Geller-Debarnot, Las Palmas, 1976).  
IV. 1. Rh7+! Kh7, 2. Qf7+; or 1. ... Kg5, 2. Qd5+ Kf6, 3. Rf7 mate. (Gusev-Hacaturrov, USSR, 1959).
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### 1983 Calgary Closed

The 1983 Calgary Closed was a very hard fought tournament, with top rated Rob South, losing only to Bill Gnam in a time scramble, taking first place. Steven Peter finished second. This was his first tournament in a long time -- we welcome him to the Calgary Club. Bill Gnam finished third, scoring upsets over R. South and B. Brebrich, and performing well above his rating.

In Section 2 Fred McFaul finished clear first and Ken Salmon second; both were undefeated. Tony Hutchings was third.

In Section 3 Graham Barnes finished with a perfect score. Junior Greg Huber took second, while Doug Calvert ended up third.

In Section 4 Rob Sullivan got first, while Ted Lockert was second and Bruce Marsales took third.

32 players participated in the 7 round Calgary Closed.

*TD & Report: Ted Wilson*

#### SECTION 1

1. R. South	2202	X	1	0	1	1	1	.5	1	5.5
2. S. Peter	2111	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	f1	5.0
3. B. Gnam	1829	1	0	X	1	.5	0	1	1	4.5
4. B. Brebrich	2131	0	1	0	X	.5	0	1	+	3.5
5. J. Oneil	1861	0	0	.5	.5	X	1	.5	1	3.5
6. W. Mueller	1974	0	0	1	1	0	X	.5	.5	3.0
7. B. Toth	1826	.5	0	0	0	.5	.5	X	+	2.5
8. M. Gazerian	unr.	0	f0	0	-	0	.5	-	X	0.5

#### SECTION 2

1. F. McFaul	1805	X	.5	.5	.5	1	1	.5	1	5.0
2. K. Salmon	1707	.5	X	.5	.5	.5	1	1	.5	4.5
3. T. Hutchings	1687	.5	.5	X	1	0	1	.5	1	4.5
4. B. Bentley	1744	.5	.5	0	X	1	0	1	1	4.0
5. D. Enevoldsen	1724	0	.5	1	0	X	0	1	1	3.5
6. B. Swecicki	unr.	0	0	0	1	1	X	0	1	3.0
7. J. Chlebik	1635	.5	0	.5	0	0	1	X	0	2.0
8. H. Gnodde	unr.	0	.5	0	0	0	0	1	X	1.5

#### SECTION 3

1. G. Barnes	1600	X	1	1	1	1	1			5.0
2. G. Huber	1732	0	X	1	.5	1	1	0		3.5
3. D. Calvert	1652	0	0	X	1	1	1		0	3.0
4. D. Hassel	1643	0	.5	0	X	1	1	0		2.5
5. D. Maguire	1562	0	0	0	0	X	1			1.0
6. J. Hall	1516	0	0	0	0	0	X	1		1.0
7. J. Stone	1615		1		1		0	X		2.0
8. M. Otoole	1633			1					X	1.0

#### SECTION 4

1. R. Sullivan	1541	X	.5	1	.5	1	.5	1	1	5.5
2. T. Lockert	1414	.5	X	.5	0	1	1	1	1	5.0
3. B. Marsales	1524	0	.5	X	1	1	1	1	0	4.5
4. D. Taylor	1323	.5	1	0	X	0	1	1		3.5
5. R. Fromzway	1417	0	0	0	0	1	X	.5	1	2.5
6. R. Stoot	1305	.5	0	0	0	.5	X	1		2.0
7. G. Stacey	1405	0	0	0	0	0	0	X		0.0
8. R. Proulx	unr.	0	0	1					X	1.0

(Asst. Editor's note: in Sections 3 & 4 above, the scores of those who did not finish at least 50% of their games have been included in the final totals. TD's should note that this would normally not be the case -- please check the rulebook for the exact treatment of early dropouts in round robin tournaments. The games involving such players are rated, however.)

### 1983 Edmonton Chess Club Championship

1. Jeff Reeve	X	1	.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
2. Ian Loadman	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.0
3. Greg Shvartsburd	.5	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	1	4.5
4. Rejean Plante	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	4.0
5. Sid Belzberg	0	0	1	0	X	.5	.5	1	1	3.0
6. Art Skeel	0	0	0	0	.5	X	1	1	1	2.5
7. Hank Binnema	0	0	0	0	.5	0	X	1	1	1.5
8. Bruno Knudskov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0.0

The top section of the Edmonton Chess Club Championship was an eight player round robin held in January and February. Last year's winner, Jan Greben, was unable to defend his title, but the tournament was again won by a master from B.C. Jeff Reeve made his first Alberta tournament a success by giving up only one draw en route to first place. Reeve's victories were all convincing, only against Shvartsburd was he in trouble. That game was adjourned in a rook ending which was "won" for Shvartsburd, but he misplayed it and allowed Reeve to escape with a draw. Ian Loadman scored 6-1 to place second, losing only to Reeve, but while Reeve's play was convincing, Loadman was lucky. Gregory Shvartsburd was third, scoring 4.5-2.5.

*TD: Bruno Knudskov; Report: Ian Loadman.*

Jeff Reeve - Ian Loadman, Round 1

1. e4 c6, 2. d4 d5, 3. ed cd, 4. Bd3 Nc6, 5. c3 Nf6, 6. Bf4 Bg4, 7. Qb3 Qc8, 8. Nd2 e6, 9. Ngf3 Be7, 10. 0-0 Bh5, 11. Ne5 0-0, 12. Qc2 a6, 13. a4 Bg6, 14. Ng6 hg, 15. Nf3 Qd8, 16. Ne5 Rc8, 17. Qe2 Nh5, 18. Ng6 fg, 19. Qe6+ Kh8, 20. Qg6 Nf6, 21. Be5 Qe8, 22. Qg3 Qh5, 23. Rae1 Qg4, 24. Qe3 Ne5, 25. Qe5 Rce8, 26. f3 Qd7, 27. Bf5 Qd8, 28. Qg3 Ng8, 29. Qh3+ Nh6, 30. Bg6 Bd6, 31. Be8 Re8, 32. Qh5 Resigns (1-0).

### 1983 Edmonton Chess Club Winter Swiss

1. J. Randall	+10 + 4 +13 = 3 + 2 + 8 + 7	6.5
2. A. Berberakis	+16 +13 + 3 + 8 - 1 + 4 = 6	5.5
3. W. Frache	+ 9 + 7 - 2 = 1 = 5 =12 + 8	4.5
4. D. Cokleski	+19 - 1 +14 =11 +10 - 2 +12	4.5
5. D. Leflar	+15 + 6 - 8 +12 = 3 - 7 +11	4.5
6. V. Verlik	+14 - 5 +17 - 7 +11 +13 = 2	4.5

7-10; 4.0 pts: O. Benedik, S. Skoda, D. Allen, J. Vandenberg  
11-12; 3.5 pts: J. Ciz, K. Lauterwald  
13-16; 3.0 pts: R. Hartfeil, P. Lafreniere, A. Brown, D. Cleaver  
17-18; 2.0 pts: R. Grove, J. McMahon  
19-21; 1.0 pts: J. Turnbull, K. Fassbender, N. Layseca

This tournament was held concurrently with the Club Championship. James Randall, a newcomer from Ireland, scored 6.5-.5 to take first place. (Randall annotates one of his games from the Northern Alberta Open elsewhere in this issue.) Apostolis Berberakis placed second with a 5.5-1.5 total. Tied for third with 4.5-2.5 scores were Bill Frache, Dave Leflar, Dusan Cokleski, and Val Verlik. A total of 21 competed.

*TD: George Wilkinson; Report: Ian Loadman*

### ECC Simultaneous Exhibition

On March 19, 1983 the Edmonton Chess Club held a simultaneous exhibition at the Southgate Shopping Center. Jan Greben was the simul master. He was challenged by 54 people, playing up to 30 challengers at one time.

There was a lot of interest shown by the public. Some of the Club regular members dropped in to not only give Jan a hard time, but to help with the organization and answering of questions from the public.

Final result: 50 wins, 3 losses, 1 draw.

Prizes were given to the winners and cards were handed out to the public for a free attendance night at the Club.

The management of the Southgate Shopping Center was well pleased with the attendance and interest shown and assured us of future cooperation in staging an event of this kind.

Report: Jan Vandenberg



### Marlborough Mall Simultaneous (Calgary)

On February 11th Calgary Chess Promotions and Marlborough Town Square put on a simul for the purpose of making people aware of the existence of chess as an organized sport in the province. The simul went reasonably well -- the Alberta Open Co-Champ playing 15 boards. Over the course of 3.5 hours, he played 45-50 games (playing many people 2 or 3 times), with good results. Many "Passports to Chess" (CFC), and back issues of the CFC Bulletin were made available to the participants. Plans are underway for the staging of more simul.

Report: Roy Yearwood (whom the Editor believes is the "Alberta Open Co-Champ" mentioned above).

### 1983 Walter Holowach Challenge

Walter Holowach is and was one of Edmonton's strongest players and has been a member of the Edmonton Chess Club for decades -- this tournament is held annually in his honor. It is intended for those rated 1600 and above, but anyone may enter.

Jan Greben (2307) easily took the Holowach Challenge with a score of 5-1, despite a "surprising" loss to Dusan Cokleski (1737). Jan once again confirmed his status as Edmonton's strongest player. Cokleski ended up tied for second with Greg Shvartsburd, both achieving 4-2 scores. Ian Loadman came third with 3.5-2.5.

TD & Report: Len Steele

1 J. Greben	2307	+15	+3	+14	-2	+4	+5	5.0
2 D. Cokleski	1737	-14	+10	+6	+1	-3	+7	4.0
3 G. Shvartsburd	2010	+7	-1	+5	+13	+2	-4	4.0
4 I. Loadman	2085	+13	=5	-11	+10	-1	+3	3.5

5-9; 3.0 pts: R. Gardner, A. Skeel, J. Story, V. Verlik, O. Benedik  
 10-11; 2.5 pts: T. Gannon, J. Randall(/3)  
 12-14; 2.0 pts: B. Knudskov, D. Leflar, J. Reeve(/3)  
 15; 1.0 pt: B. Frache(/5)  
 16; 0.5 pt: C. Skoda(/4)

### 1983 Abe Shnitka Memorial

Abe Shnitka was a long time member of the club. Despite never achieving great success in tournaments, he participated in every event he could, always smiling and cheerful. This annual Edmonton Chess Club tournament is held in Abe's memory, and is limited to those rated below 1600. The Shnitka Memorial runs concurrently with the Holowach Challenge.

Mark Fields, the top-rated entrant, breezed to an easy perfect score victory, demonstrating his dominance by defeating those who eventually ended

up in 2nd-6th place. George Wilkinson, mainstay of ECC operations, was second with 4.5-1.5. Gene Dub, a newcomer to rated tournaments, and Ted Allen followed with 4.0. Steve Corkery took the top under 1400 prize.

TD & Report: Len Steele

1 M. Fields	1589	+6	+18	+4	+2	+5	+3	6.0
2 G. Wilkinson	1566	=11	+12	+16	-1	+10	+5	4.5
3 G. Dub	unr.	-9	+6	+18	+4	+8	-1	4.0
4 T. Allen	1496	+13	+7	-1	-3	+12	+8	4.0
5 W. Schatkowski	1515	=16	-10	+8	+13	-1	-2	3.5
6 J. Ciz	1496	-1	-3	+14	+17	+13	=7	3.5
7 S. Corkery	1216	+14	-4	+12	-8	+9	=6	3.5

8-10; 3.0 pts: F. Postoyan, J. Potocska, R. Doo  
 11; 2.5 pts: K. Lauterwald  
 12-15; 2.0 pts: D.S. Cleaver, A. Novotny, D.J. Allen, B. Corazza  
 16; 1.5 pts: P. Rémillard  
 17-18; 1.0 pts: P. Lafreniere(/4), P. Beley (/4)

### 1983 Northern Alberta Open

This year's version of the NAO was a great success. As a result of a direct mail campaign (i.e., good publicity), distribution of the Alberta Chess Report (after quite an absence) and, some say, the reappearance of a "retired" tournament director, the 1983 NAO returned to traditional levels of attendance. Some 48 homo sapiens (i.e. human beings; most living chess players are human) and 2 "algorithmic players" (i.e. computers) battled over the February 26-27 weekend. There were quite a few strong players taking part, and a good representation from all classes and levels.

(Organizers: distribution of notices directly to "likely entrants" for individual tournaments almost always more than pays for itself in increased attendance. If you want your tournament to succeed, you have to promote it. Also, if you want chess players to return to your events, you must run them as well as possible. End of political announcement.)

1. J. Greben	2270	+16	+15	+11	+3	+4	5.0
2. S. Belzberg	1889	+35	+31	=14	+9	+8	4.5
3. R. Hawkes	2223	+24	+27	+7	-1	+11	4.0
4. J. Reeve	2217	+19	+12	+10	+6	-1	4.0
5. G. Shvartsburd	2019	-28	+42	+16	+27	+14	4.0

6-10; 3.5 pts: I. Loadman, W. Lahrkamp, B. Toth, B. Gnam, L. Rusnell  
 11-22; 3.0 pts: J. Randall, D. Leflar, R. Lowen, R. Gardner, W. Frache, S. Krikler, W. Bentley, D. Cokleski, G. Barnes, R. Plante, Br. Knudskov, J. Kaastrup  
 23-26; 2.5 pts: J. Vandenberg, B. Chubak, V. Verlik, Bi. Knudskov  
 27-38; 2.0 pts: F. McFaul, Wita, A. Berberakis, B. Bosenius, H. Bjorge, R. Hein(/4), F. Wong, W. Schatkowski, G. Edwards, M. Hibberd, R. Doo, J. Sheahan  
 39-42; 1.5 pts: S. Purewal(/3), J. Ciz, D.J. Allen, K. Rennie  
 43-47; 1.0 pt: B. Corazza(/4), M. Ladak, R. Hartfeil, D. Cleaver, S. Corkery  
 48-50; 0.0 pt: D. Oko(/1), P. Lafreniere, Voice Chess Challenger(/3)

Jan Greben of Edmonton defeated both other masters (sneaking by Rob Hawkes, and neutralizing Jeff Reeve's Sicilian), to nab first place with a 5-0 score, grabbing \$100 as a prize. Sid Belzberg (Edmonton) stood alone in second at 4.5-.5, also taking Top A (the vagaries of pairing resulted in Sid not playing any of the experts or masters -- this did not please him as he definitely wanted to meet some of the "tougher competition"). Reeve,

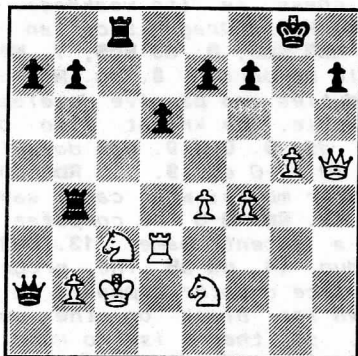
who now lives in Edmonton, Hawkes (Calgary) and Gregory Shvartsburd (Edmonton) were next at 4-1. Dave Leflar's tiebreak put him at the head of a B-rated pack of seven, all 3-2. Also 3-2 and Top C was Richard Lowen -- his performance rating was 1858, some 410 points higher than his pre-event rating. Walter Schatkowski and Jerome Sheahan took the D & Unrated category.

TD & Report: Len Steele

Here are some games from the NAO:

Jan Greben - Jeff Reeve, Round 4  
(annotated by Greben)

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. Bc4 Bd7, 10. 0-0-0 Rc8, 11. Bb3 Ne5, 12. h4 Nc4, 13. Bc4 Rc4, 14. h5 Nh5, 15. g4 Nf6, 16. Nde2 Qa5 More common is 16. ... Re8, 17. Bh6 Bh8, 18. e5!? Ng4, 19. fg4 Be5 with an unclear position. 17. Bh6 Rfc8, 18. Bg7 Kg7, 19. Qh6+ Kg8, 20. Rd3 To this point identical to a Karpov-Korchnoi game (with one move less). Korchnoi answered 20. ... R4c5? and lost after 21. g5 Rg5, 22. Rd5 Rd5, 23. Nd5 (+-). 20. ... Ba4 A very obliging move. In the following Black is practically forced to sacrifice a piece. But he gets very good compensation. 21. g5 Nh5, 22. f4 The bishop move, 20. ... Ba4, was meant to prevent the usual Nf4, i.e. 22. Nf4 Rc3, 23. Rc3 Rc3, 24. Nh5 Rc2+, 25. Kb1 Qe5! (-+). 22. ... Bc2, 23. Kc2 Qa2, 24. Rh5 This looks pretty well forced. The alternatives 24. Rd2 or 24. Rb1 do not look very promising. 24. ... gh5, 25. Qh5 Rb4



26. Rh3 Forced and strong. It is amazing that all moves since 20. ... Ba4 were basically forced. 26. ... Rb2+, 27. Kd1 27. Kd3 draws: 27. ... Qa6+, 28. Ke3 Qb6+, 29. Kd3 draw. Not 29. Kf3 Rc3+, 30. Nc3 Rf2+, 31. Kg4 Rg2+, 32. Rg3 Rg3+, 33. Kg3 Qg1+, 34. Kf3 b5 with an unclear position. 27. ... Rb1+ Best. 27. ... Qa1+, 28. Nc1 (+-), and 27. ... Rd2+, 28. Ke1 Re2+, 29. Ne2 Qb1+ leads to the text. 28. Nb1 Qb1+, 29. Kd2 Qc2+ On 29. ... Rc2+, 30. Ke3 Re2+, 31. Qe2 Black's chances for perpetual check are very slim. 30. Ke1! On 30. Ke3 Rc3+, 31. Nc3 Qc3+, 32. Kf2 Qd4+, 33. Re3 Black has little compensation. However, the text is even clearer. 30. ... Qe4, 31. g6! The critical possibility. Without this move Black would have enough compensation. 31. ... Qb1+, 32. Kf2 Qb6+, 33. Kf1 Qb1+, 34. Kg2 Qg6+, 35. Rg3 e6, 36. f5(?) Complicates things unnecessarily. After 36. ... Rc5 White is in danger of losing his only pawn. However, after 37. Nd4 Black appears unable to take advantage of this move. 36. ... ef5, 37. Qf5 Rc5, 38. Rg6 hg6, 39. Qd7 Rc2, 40. Kf2 Rb2, 41. Qd6 (1-0).

Rob Hawkes - Jan Greben  
(notes by Hawkes)

A funny thing happened on the way to my loss ...  
1. e5 c5, 2. Nf3 For the past three years I've always played 2. Nc3; Greben took five minutes to play 2. ... d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 Nc6, 6. Bc4 e6, 7. Be3 Be7, 8. Qe2 a6, 9. 0-0-0 Qc7, 10. Bb3 0-0 Here White has a choice between a number of moves, with 11. Rhg1 and 11. g4 being the two most often played. There is nothing wrong with either move, but 11. g4 is quicker for the attack and not quite as well analyzed. 11. g4 Na5 Or 11. ... Nd4 or 11. ... Nd7. 12. g5 Nb3+, 13. Nb3?! The books recommend 13. ab 13. ... Nd7, 14. Rhg1 b5, 15. Qh5 The race to mate has been on ever since Black castled. White now threatens Rg3-h3 and, if Black defends with ... Rd8 and ... Nf8, then White has Rg3-h3-f3, with a very strong attack. This prompts Black to play 15. ... g6, 16. Qh6 Re8, 17. Rg3 Bf8, 18. Qh4 Bg7? Very weak. 18. ... Be7! was called for to be able to reply to 19. Rh3 with 19. ... h5 as White's g-pawn is pinned. 19. Rh3 b4!? If 19. ... Nf8, a possible line is 20. Bd4 Bd4, 21. Rd4 Rb8, 22. e5 d5, 23. Rd5!! ed, 24. Nd5 Qe5, 25. Nf6+ Qf6 (or else mate), 26. gf Bh3, 27. Qh6 Ne6, 28. Nc5 and wins. 20. Qh7+ Kf8, 21. Bd4! This piece sacrifice blows Black's position into oblivion. 21. ... Bd4, 22. Rd4 bc, 23. Rf3 Not 23. Rc3, when 23. ... Qd8 would leave g5 awkward to defend. 23. ... cb+, 24. Kb2 Ke7 The only move because if 24. ... Ne5, the point of 22. Rd4 becomes clear with 25. Qh8+ Ke7, 26. Qf6+ Kd7, 27. Qe5 and White wins. 25. Qf7+ Kd8, 26. Rc3 Qb6, 27. Rcd3 Now the d-pawn falls; Black is lost. 27. ... d5!, 28. ed e5, 29. Rc4 Bb7, 30. d6 Rc8 White was threatening 31. Rc7. 31. Rh4! White threatens 32. Rh8 and 33. Qe7 mate. 31. ... Rc6 Black played this move very quickly as it is his only good move. Now it looks as though Black is escaping, but my reply was immediate since I had been planning it for almost half an hour. 32. Rh6 My favorite move of the game. 32. ... e4, 33. Rd2 Black is in time trouble and looking for moves. 31. ... Rd6? He didn't see the point of 32. Rh6. 34. Rg6 A fascinating position, Black is facing the loss of rook, queen or King, and both of White's rooks are en prise. 34. ... Rd2 There was no move. 35. Rb6 Bd5, 36. Qf4 Nb6! After 37. Nd2, White would be up a queen and three pawns for a rook and bishop, a position I could win against Fischer himself. However, I played 37. Qd2??? Nc4+ and I resigned after Black made the time control. 37. Qd2 was the worst move I've made in five years (TD's note: Rob was awarded the "worst move prize", a complete set of the "Canadian Guppy Newsletters") and was especially painful because I was crushing Black at the time. It just goes to show you that, regardless of rating, everyone makes mistakes, so don't get discouraged when facing stronger players; you never know ...

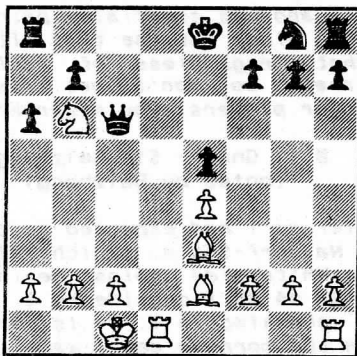
Bill Gnam - Sid Belzberg  
(notes by Belzberg)

1. d4 A relief as I had expected to play the Black side of the Najdorf-Sozin, which Bill plays so well on the White side against me in speed chess. 1. ... Nf6, 2. c4 e6 I considered 2. ... e5 to be equally as shocking as 1. d4 is for Bill, but it was early in the morning and I wasn't feeling that brave yet. 3. Nc3 c5, 4. d5 ed, 5. cd d6, 6. e4 g6, 7. f4 More usual is 7. Nf3, however Bill had a prepared variation in mind. 7. ... Bg7, 8. e5 I had expected 8. Bb5+, when the best move is 8. ... Nfd7 as the bishop at g7 guards against 9. e5. 8. ... de, 9. fe Nfd7, 10. e6 fe, 11. de Bc3+ I felt that, although Black is temporarily left weak on the black squares, the benefits from getting rid of White's strongest pieces (which could otherwise

be devastating if allowed to get to d5) and gaining control of e4 (after ... Qh4+) were well worth the price. 12. **bc Qh4+** ECO gives 12. ... Qe7 and then gives a continuation that is better for White. For good reason, at this point I deviated from the book. 13. **g3** If 13. Kd2 Qf4+, 14. Kc2 Qa4+, 15. Kd2 Qd1+, 16. Kd1 Ne5, with a position similar to the actual game, except that White cannot castle. 13. ... **Qe4+**, 14. **Qe2 Qe2+** If 14. ... Qh1??, 15. ed+ Kd7, 16. Bh3+ Kc7, 17. Bf4+ Kd8, 18. O-O-O+ Nd7, 19. Nf3 winning. 15. **Be2 Ne5**, 16. **Bb5+ Nbc6**, 17. **Bg5** After 17. Bf4 Ke7, 18. Bc6 Nc6, 19. O-O-O Be6, 20. Re1 Kf7, 21. Nf3 h6, 22. Rhf1 Bc4, 23. Rf2 Kg7, the advantage is with Black. 17. ... **a6**, 18. **Bc6+** If 18. Bf6 O-O, 19. e7 Re8, 20. Be5 Re7, 21. Bc4+ Kf8, 22. Nf3 Bg4; or 18. Bf6 O-O, 19. Be5 ab, 20. Bd6 Re8, 21. Bc5 Be6, 22. Kf2 Ra2+, 23. Ra2 Ba2, with advantage to Black in both cases. 18. ... **Nc6**, 19. **O-O-O Be6**, 20. **Ne2 O-O**, 21. **Nf4** 21. Rd2 might be better. 21. ... **Ba2**, 22. Rd7 Rf7, 23. Rhd1 Ne5, 24. R7d6 Bb3, 25. Rh1 Rf5, 26. h4 Nf7, 27. Rb6 Ba4, 28. g4 Not 28. Rb7?? Bc6. 28. ... Re5, 29. Bf6 Re4, 30. Rf1 Bc6, 31. Rb2 Rae8, 32. Rbf2 Re1+, 33. Kb2 Rf1, 34. Rf1 Ne5, 35. g5 Nc4+, 36. Ka2 Nd2, 37. Rd1 Ne4, 38. Nd5 Re6, 39. Ne7+ Re7, 40. resigns If 40. Be7 Nc3+ and ... Nd1. (O-1).

J. Randall - J. Vandenberg  
(annotated by Randall)

1. **e4 c5**, 2. **Nf3 e6**, 3. **d4 cd**, 4. **Nd4 Bc5?!**, 5. **Nb3 Bb6**, 6. **Nc3 Qf6**, 7. **Qe2 Nc6**, 8. **Nb5 e5**, 9. **Be3 Bd8** 9. ... Be3, 10. Qe3 Kd8, 11. O-O-O Qh6, 12. Nd6 Qe3+, 13. fe Nh6, 14. Bc4 Rf8, 15. Rhf1 f6, 16. h3, threatening R-f2-d2, with advantage to White. 10. **O-O-O a6** Better was 10. ... b6, 11. Nd6+ Kf8 (11. ... Ke7, 12. Qg4, threatening Nc8+ and Bg5), 12. Nc8 Rc8, 13. Rd7 Nb4, with counterplay. 11. **Nd6+ Kf8**, 12 **Nc5 Nd4**, 13. **Nc8!?** If 13. Bd4 Qd6, 14. Be3 Qc6, White's advantage is minimal. 13. ... **Ne2+**, 14. **Be2 Qc6** The only move. 14. ... Qh4, 15. Nd7+ Ke8, 16. Nd6+ Kd7, 17. Nf5+ Kc7, 18. Nh4 Bh4, 19. Rd5, with advantage. Or 14. ... Qg6, 15. Nd7+ Ke8, 16. Ne5 Qe6, 17. Nd6+ Kf8, 18. Nef7 and Black has serious problems, e.g. 18. ... Be7, 19. Bc4 Qf6 (19. ... Qg6, 20. Nh8; 19. ... Qd7, 20. Nh8 Bd6, 21. Nf7), 20. Bg5 Qg6, 21. Be7+ Ne7, 22. Nh8. Or 14. ... Ke8, 15. Nd6+ Ke7, 16. Nf5+ with an excellent game. 15. **Nd7+ Ke8**, 16. **Ncb6 Bb6** After 16. ... Nf6, 17. Nf6+ (or perhaps 17. Ne5!?) gf, 18. Na8 Qc8, 19. Rd8+ Qd8, 20. Nb6. White's three pieces are more active than Black's queen. 17. **Nb6**



**Rb8?!** Better was 17. ... Rd8, 18. Rd8+ Kd8, 19. Rd1+ Ke8 -- the critical position, White has 4 active pieces for the queen and, as yet, undeveloped knight and rook. Black has two other tries at move 19, i.e. 19. ... Kc7?, 20. Na8+ Kb8 (20. ... Kc8, 21. Bg4+), 21. Rd8+ Qc8, 22. Ba7+ winning; or 19. ... Ke7, 20. Rd5 Nf6, 21. Bc5+ Ke8 (21. ... Ke6, 22. Bc4 wins), 22. Re5+ Kd8, 23. Nc4

Re8, 24. Bb6+ Kd7, 25. Rc5 Qe4, 26. Rc7+ Ke6, 27. Ne6 with an unclear position. Returning to the position after 19. ... Ke8, White plays 20. Nc4 and Black has two choices: (a) 20. ... f6, 21. Rd6 Qe4 (21. ... Qc8 or 21. ... Qb5, 22. Rb6, with advantage, or 21. ... Qa4, 22. Bb6 Qa2, 23. Rd8+ and now 23. ... Kf7 loses to 24. Nd6+ Kg6, 25. Bc4 Qa1+, 26. Kd2 Qb2, 27. Bf7+ mating; while 23. ... Ke7, 24. Nd6 Qa1+, 25. Kd2 Qb2, 26. Nc8+ Kf7, 27. Bc4+ Kg6, 28. Bg8 is unclear), 22. Ra6 Qg2, 23. Ra8+ Kf7, 24. Nb6 g6, 25. Bc4+ Kg7, 26. Re8 Qc6, 27. Rc8 Qh1+, 28. Kd2 Ne7, 29. Rc7 Re8, 30. Nd5 Kf8, 31. Bc5 with advantage. (b) 20. ... Nf6, 21. Nd6+ Kf8 (21. ... Ke7, 22. Nf5+ Ke6?, 23. Bc4+ Qc4, 24. Rd6 mate), 22. Nf5 Qc7!, 23. b4 Ne4, 24. f3 g6! (24. ... Nc3, 25. Bc5+ Ke8, 26. Ng7 mate), 25. Bh6+ Ke8 (25. ... Kg8, 26. fe gf, 27. ef zugzwang, e.g. 27. ... f6, 28. Rd7 Qd7, 29. Bc4+ Qf7, 30. Be6! winning), 26. Ng7+ Ke7, 27. fe Rd8 with advantage to Black. Better therefore was 22. b4! b6 (22. ... Qc3, 23. Bc5 Qa1+, 24. Kd2 Qa2, 25. Bc4 with a strong attack), 23. Nf5 Qc7, 24. Rd6 with advantage. 18. **Rd5 Nf6**, 19. **Re5+ Kf8**, 20. **Rd1 Re8**, 21. **Re8+ Ke8** Neither 21. ... Qe8, 22. e5, nor 21. ... Ne8, 22. Bc5+ Kg8, 23. Rd8 is better. 22. **e5 Ne4** If 22. ... Ng8, 23. Bg4 23. **Bf3 Qg6**, 24. **Nc8 f5** If 24. ... Ng5, 25. Bb6 Ne6, 26. Bb7 25. **ef Nf6**, 26. **Bb7 Ng4**, 27. **Bb6 Qg5+**, 28. **Kb1 Kf7**, 29. **Rd7+ Ke6**, 30. **Rd6+ Kf7**, 31. **Bd5+ Ke8**, 32. **f4 Rf8**, 33. **Bc6+ resigns**. (1-0).

Fred McFaul - AWIT (computer)  
(notes by McFaul)

1. **g3** Gambits are out of the question; AWIT defeated an expert in a tactical melee in round 1. Positional chess is its weakness. 1. ... **d5**, 2. **Bg2 e5**, 3. **c4 Nf6** A Dragon Sicilian Reversed. 4. **cd Nd5**, 5. **Nc3 Be6**, 6. **d3 Bc5**, 7. **Nf3 Nc3** Perhaps ... Nc6 would be better. 8. **bc Nd7** The knight's defensive duties and passive development cause it to be inflexible. The knight also obstructs the defence of d5. 9. **O-O** 9. Ng5 doesn't work due to 9. ... Qf6, 10. O-O c6. 9. ... **Rb8** This is one of those computer moves; what can I say? 10. **d4 Bd6**, 11. **e4 Bc4**, 12. **Re1 O-O** The computer appears to be developing a decent game. 13. **Be3 ed** Terrible! Allows the duo. 14. **cd a5** The program has been altered to place greater emphasis on passed pawns. A passed pawn for Black on the queen side is unavoidable, so there is no rush. Black's King side cries for fortification; ... Nf8 should be sought. 15. **Qc2 b5**, 16. **e5 Ba3** Black's plan is to escort his pawns to promotion. This is unsound for 2 reasons: (1) Black has a weak King side, and (2) his plan takes a lot of time. 17. **Ng5 g6**, 18. **Ne4 Bd5** This does nothing; ... f5 was worthy of consideration. 19. **Bh6 Re8**, 20. **h4 c6**, 21. **h5 gh** Again a computer move, but it has an ingenious defensive idea planned. (Editor's note: at their present level of development, computer chess programs do not really "plan" at all. AWIT played 21. ... gh because it "won" a pawn.) 22. **Ng5 Nf8**, 23. **Bf8 Kf8**, 24. **Bd5** Here I told AWIT's operator that I was hoping for 24. ... Qd5 -- we both chuckled! 24. ... Qd5, 25. **Nh7+ Ke7**, 26. **Nf6** AWIT's operator and I now engaged in a post-mortem discussion, believing that the game was just about over. 26. ... **Qc4** Exchanging and grabbing the rook does not work since the pawn can only be stopped at great cost to White. This move is the point of Black's plan. You can see how much weight has been placed on passed pawns. This move sent shivers down my spine. It is interesting to note that the program spends about 2 minutes per move but this one took 3 minutes. 27. **Qf5 Red8**, 28. **d5 cd** 28. ... Rd5 meets 29. Nd5 Qd5, 30. Qf6+ Ke8, 31. e6! 29. **e6 Qc6**, 30. **ef+ Kf7**, 31. **Nh5+ Kg8** and Black resigned. (1-0).



### Sid Belzberg at the National Open

The National Open returned to Las Vegas after leaving its original location here for many years. The turnout was spectacular (over 450 players).

The competition was awesome, with 4 Grandmasters, Arthur Bisguier, Miguel Quinteros, Walter Browne and Arnold Denker. Some of the strongest International Masters in the country were also in attendance, including Kamran Shirazi, Igor Ivanov, Leonid Bass, Anthony Saily and Joseph Bradford. Literally scores of masters showed up, with my USCF rating of 2310 placing me 20th (!) on the list of players. Other legends of chess not playing but roaming around the tournament floor included GM Larry Evans and the Master of Ceremonies, George Koltanowski. Another interesting note is that Ken Smith ("inventor" of the Smith-Morra Gambit) had just finished winning \$140,000 at the World Blackjack Championship the day before the tournament began, adding flavor to the tournament as he sported a tuxedo and top hat for the duration.

The first round was uneventful, with no upsets. I easily won my game against an expert with a cute final combination:

S. Belzberg - S. Kenny

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 a6, 6. Bc4 e6, 7. Bb3 Be7, 8. O-O O-O, 9. f4 Qc7, 10. Be3 Nc6, 11. Kh1 b5, 12. f5 Nd4, 13. Bd4 b4, 14. Na4 Ne4, 15. Nb6 Rb8, 16. Nc8 Qc8, 17. fe f5, 18. Rf3 Qe8, 19. a3 Qg6, 20. ab Rb4, 21. Ra6 Rb3, 22. cb Qe6, 23. Qe2! Ng3+, 24. Rg3 resigns if 24. ... Qe2, 25. Rg7+ Kh8, 26. Re7+.

The second round was in the evening. Again I was paired with an expert, only this time I was held to a draw as I was forced to give up queen for rook and bishop. The big news in round 3 was the upset of GM Walter Browne by an expert during a time scramble. I succumbed to an A player when I sacrificed 2 minor pieces for a rook, two pawns and an attack that never got off the ground. In round 4 I found myself booted back to board 85 and pitted against a B player. He chose the Dragon Sicilian and lasted only 16 moves. Ivanov lost a crucial game to Quinteros and Bisguier dropped a point to Shirazi.

Round 5 place me on board 47 against an A player who played the White side of the Smith-Morra gambit:

Vasukov - Belzberg

1. e4 c5, 2. d4 cd, 3. c3 Nf6 After my disaster in round 3 I was in no mood for taking chances with 3. ... dc. 4. e5 Nd5, 5. Qd4 An amazing speed chess game I had went 5. cd e6, 6. Nc3 Bb4, 7. Bd2 Qa5, 8. Qc2 Nc6, 9. Nf3 d6, 10. a3? del, 11. de Ne5, 12. Ne5 Nc3, 13. Bc3 Qe5+ 5. ... e6, 6. Bc4 Nc6, 7. Qe4 Nb6, 8. Bb3 d6, 9. Nf3 Qc7 A hard move to find, consuming nearly 25 minutes on my clock. The point will become self-evident in the next 5 moves. 10. Bf4 de, 11. Ne5 Bd6, 12. Nc6 Bf4, 13. Nd4 Qe5 Black has achieved at least equality. 14. Qe5 Be5, 15. Nf3 Bf6, 16. Nbd2 Bd7, 17. O-O I thought 17. Ne4 would be slightly more accurate. 17. ... Bc6, 18. Rfe1 g6, 19. Rad1 O-O, 20. Ne5 Be5, 21. Re5 Rfd8, 22. Ree1 At this point I was beginning to feel depressed that I would be held to a draw, not only losing rating points but also being demoted several boards next round. 22. ... a5, 23. a3? Finally, White has allowed Black some chances. 23. a3 gives a4 to the Black N, which will attack the b-pawn -- it can neither be protected (the Nd2 would hang) nor moved (the c-pawn). 23. ... Ba4 Threatens ... Rd2. 24. Ba4

Na4, 25. Nf3 Better is 25. Nc4 Rd1, 26. Rd1 b5, 27. Ne5 Nb2, 28. Rd7 Rf8, 29. Rb7 Nc4, 30. Nc4 bc, 31. Rc7 Rb8, 32. g3 Rb3, 33. Rc4 Ra3 with good drawing chances as the queenside pawns will eventually be traded, leaving all Black's pawns on one side. 25. ... Rd1, 26. Rd1 Nb2, 27. Rb1 Nc4, 28. a4 If 28. Rb7 Na3, 29. Ne5 Nc2?, 30. Rf7 a4, 31. Rd7! a3, 32. Ng4 a2, 33. Nf6+ Kf8, 34. Nh7+ Ke8, 35. Nf6+ draw! However, 29. ... Rc8, 30. Nf7 Rc3, 31. g3 Rc4!, 32. Nh6+ Kf8, 33. Rh7 Nb5, 34. Rh8+ Ke7, 35. Ra8 a4 and White has a hard time trying to stop the a-pawn. 28. ... b6, 29. Rd1 Nb2, 30. Rd4 Rc8, 31. h4 Rc3, 32. Ne5 Rc8, 33. Nd7 Rc4, 34. Rd6 Na4, 35. g3 b5, 36. Nf6+ Kf8, 37. Nd7+ Ke8, 38. Nf6+?? Ke7, 39. Ra6 Kf6, 40. Ra5 Nc3, 41. f4 b4, 42. g4 b3, 43. g5+ Kg7, 44. resigns.

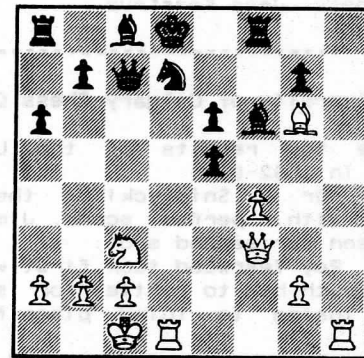
The last round had IM Kamran Shirazi battling IM Leonid Bass for first place. Bass emerged the victor in an easily won rook and pawn ending. My own game pitted me against an expert on board 24. I played the black side of the 6. Be2 variation of the Najdorf and, although I achieved a good attack, I was only able to draw.

My final score was 4/6, tying with a large number of people for fifth place. My only regret is not having more patience in round 3 (going for an unsound attack), eliminating the possibility of playing strong opposition for the balance of the tournament. It was a fascinating and worthwhile experience all the same.

An interesting position occurred in the last round between Browne and an expert who had a prepared variation against the Browne system of the Najdorf:

"Expert" - Browne

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 a6, 6. Bg5 e6, 7. f4 Be7, 8. Qf3 Qc7, 9. O-O O-O, 10. Bd3 h6, 11. h4 hg, 12. hg Rf8, 13. gf Bf6, 14. e5 de, 15. Ne6 fe, 16. Bg6+ Kd8



I would be interested in hearing reader comments if they can find a winning plan for White in this position. In the game White played 17. fe, hoping for 17. ... Bg5+, 18. Kb1 Rf3, 19. Rh8+ Rf8, 20. Rf8+ Ke7, 21. Re8 mate; however, Black played 17. ... Qe5 and eventually won the game by evacuating his King to a7.

### Enevoldsen and Friends at the New York Open

On March 26th, four of us from the Calgary Chess Club set out for the "Big Apple" for a few days of sightseeing prior to entering the now annual New York Open chess tournament. Held in the lavish New York Statler hotel, the tournament offered everything, from \$100,000 in prizes, 17 participating Grandmasters, lectures, simuls, equipment and book sales, to reduced room rates



for the participants. The four of us who flew from Great Falls, Ken Salmon, Sylvino Company, Ted Lockert and myself (David Enevoldsen) plus Brian Toth, who lucked in on the Air Canada seat sale, had a most enjoyable week; exploring Manhattan, testing the wide variety of restaurants, playing countless games of speed chess and, finally, playing in the tournament.

Of the five of us, Brian Toth was the steadiest, winning his first three games and scoring 5.5 out of 8. Ken Salmon played his usual solid tournament, scoring 4.5, with a brilliant drawing manoeuvre in what looked like a hopeless position in one game and a fine win in the last round. The rest of the gang was not in top form; Syl Company and I scored 4/8, while Ted Lockert managed 3 points, one of which was a 10 move gamelet. It was unfortunate for me that I hardly knew Syl before we departed, as it turned out he became an invaluable mentor for both Ted and myself, pointing out things about our styles of play and psychological attitudes which aided us immensely towards the last day of the tournament. Here is a sample of what a change of attitude can do over the board:

D. Enevoldsen - K. Read  
Round 8 French Defence

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nc3 Bb4, 4. e5 c5, 5. dc1? Rueben Fine's discovery, from which White usually gets good attacking chances. As Black I had lost grievously to Fred South in this position, so decided to apply what I had learned. 5. ... Nc6, 6. Nf3 Qa5, 7. Bd2 Nge7, 8. Bd3 a6 White's Nb5 was threatened. I had allowed it when I played South and that was the basic reason I lost. 9. 0-0 Qc7, 10. Re1 Bc5, 11. Bf4 Otherwise, the e5 pawn is lost. 11. ... Bd7, 12. a3 With the idea of 13. b4, preparing an eventual b5 if Black cooperates. 12. ... Ng6, 13. Bg3 h5, 14. h4 f5!, 15. b4 The point is if 15. ef, Qg3 wins. 15. ... Ba7, 16. b5! This is not without its dangers. The threat against the weak Nc3 and the pressure along the a7-g1 diagonal are still present, but a comparison of this position and that at move 12 shows several differences, i.e. (1) the weak knight at g6, (2) the pawn weakness at e6, (3) the white bishop on g3 which lines up nicely with the queen on c7. It was these factors on which I based my subsequent moves. 16. ... Nd4, 17. Qd2!! Nf3+, 18. gf Bd4, 19. Nd5! The only real chance to make a fight of it. 19. ... ed? I was more worried about 19. ... Qc5, 20. Qg5! with a mutually difficult game. 20. Qg5! Nh4!, 21. Qh4 Black shows that he realizes he is in more trouble than is White, however, the previous counter sacrifice has done nothing to ease his difficulties. 21. ... Ba1 Otherwise 22. Qd4. 22. e6 Bf6, 23. ed+ Kf7 23. ... Kf8 meets with the same reply. 24. Qf6+! gf, 25. Bc7 At last, the position has clarified. For the cost of one more pawn, White will win the exchange and emerge a piece ahead. 25. ... ab, 26. d8=Q Rg8+ Black's first really tangible mistake, but he was lost anyway. 27. Qg8+ Rg8+, 28. Kh2 resigns. (1-0).

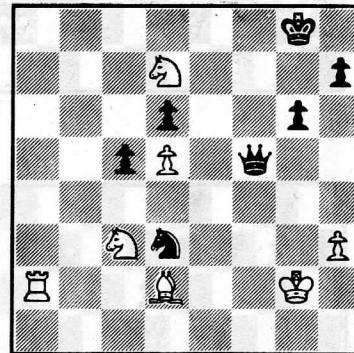
I felt a lot better about the tournament after this game, which gave me a semi-respectable score (4/8) and a performance rating of 1698, which is not quite up to par but then I'm not quite finished with New York either.

(Editor's note: the tournament was won by GM's Tony Miles of England, Walter Browne and Lev Alburt and IM's Sergei Kudrin and Kamran Shirazi, the last four from the U.S.A. All had 6.5-1.5 scores.)

A Letter from Bill Gnam

Perhaps the hardest fought game of the Olympiad was the complicated Korchnoi-Kasparov encounter. Mr. Greben's analysis (in the February ACR) proved interesting, especially since the line beginning with 29. ... Nd2, leading to a clear win for Black, was not even considered by Shamkovich in his notes to the game in Player's Chess News!

I believe a little later in the game, however, that Mr. Greben, Mr. Shamkovich, and, evidently, Mr. Korchnoi, missed a clear drawing opportunity for White. The position after Black's thirty-second move is critical:



Here, Korchnoi played 33. Bh6 and lost quickly. A beautiful drawing resource -- 33. Ra8+ Kg7, 34. Ra7! Qf2+, 35. Kh1 Qd2, 36. Ne5+ -- is an amazing perpetual check, since Black cannot safely escape the confines of the back ranks. If 36. ... Kf6?, 37. Ne4+; 36. ... Kh6?, 37. Ng4+ wins. Finally, if 36. ... Kf8, 37. Ra8+ Ke7, 38. Ra7+ Kd8, 39. Ra8+ and Black cannot play 39. ... Kc7?, else 40. Nb5+ Kb7, 41. Ra7+ and White will either mate (41. ... Kc8, 42. Nd6+, etc.) or win the queen (41. ... Kb6, 42. Nc4+).

International Chess  
by J.M. Greben

As expected, Kasparov beat Beljavski in the quarter finals. In the last game, with a score of 5-3 for Kasparov, Beljavski tried a desperate rook sacrifice to no avail. Kasparov's best games were the second and eighth. In the eighth game he tried his favorite King's Indian again and won a great victory against Beljavski:

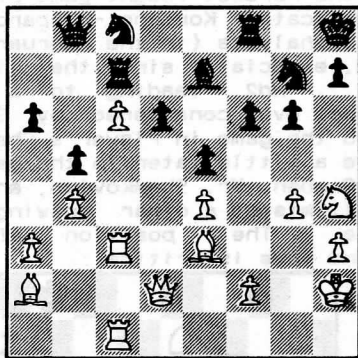
Beljavski - Kasparov

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. Nc3 Bg7, 4. e4 d6, 5. f3 0-0, 6. Be3 a6, 7. Bd3 c5, 8. dc dc, 9. Bc5 Nf3 f6, 12. e6 Nb6, 13. Bc5 Be6, 14. Qe2 Bf7, 15. 0-0 with a small advantage to White. 9. ... Nc6, 10. Nge2 Nd7, 11. Bf2 Stronger is 11. Be3. 11. ... Nde5, 12. Nc1 Bh6!, 13. Nd5 Emergency. On 13. Be2 Black plays 13. ... Qd1+, 14. Kd1 Rd8+, 15. Ke1 Nb4; Or 14. Nd1 Nb4. 13. ... e6, 14. Bb6 Qg5, 15. 0-0 15. Ne3 would lose immediately to 15. ... Nd7. 15. ... ed5, 16. f4 Qh4, 17. fe d4, 18. Ne2 Be3+, 19. Kh1 Ne5, 20. Bc7 On 20. Bd4 Black plays 20. ... Ng4 and wins. 20. ... Qe7, 21. Be5 Qe5, 22. Qe1 Bd7, 23. Qg3 Re8, 24. Nf4 Bc6, 25. Nd5 Qg3, 26. hg3 Re5 Intending the following exchange sacrifice, which guarantees a clear route to victory. 27. g4 h5!, 28. Nf6+ Kg7, 29. gh Rh8, 30. g3 Reh5+, 31. Nh5 Rh5, 32. Kg2 f5, 33. Rae1 fe, 34. Bb1 Rc5, 35. b3 b5, 36. Re3 de3, 37. Re1 bc, 38. bc Rc4, 39. Re3 Rb4, 40. Rb3 e3+, 41. Kf1 Bb5+, 42. Ke1 a5, 43. Be4 Rb3, 44. ab3 Kf6, 45. Kd1 g5, 46. Kc2 Ke5, 47. resigns. (0-1).

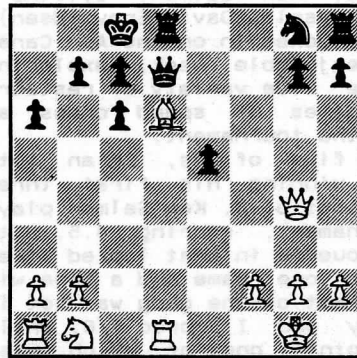
In the other quarter finals: Korchnoi jumped out to an early 3.5-.5 lead and beat Portisch 6-3; Huebner and Smyslov tied at 7-7 and their match was decided by a spin of a roulette wheel! Smyslov won; Ribli advanced by beating Torre 6-4. The semifinal pairings are: Kasparov - Korchnoi and Smyslov - Ribli.



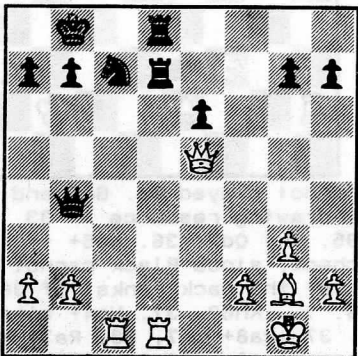
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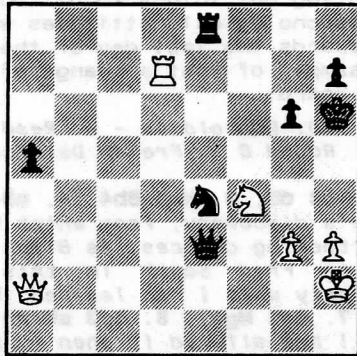
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