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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION will be held in EDMONTON on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 3:30 p.m. on the 5th floor of the General Services Building (116 St and 91 Ave on the U of A campus). All interested ACA members are invited to attend. Many important topics will be discussed. Please come out and make your views known. Persons interested in running for the Executive should make their desire known so that they can be nominated.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

(1) Remembrance Day Long-weekend Open -- this is a different kind of weekender! See the back page for details.

(2) Western Canada Open! Not since the time the Canadian Open was held in Calgary have you had such an excellent chance to play in a tournament of this nature! See the back page for details on this Edmonton, April 1978 event!

Top 30 Alberta Players in order of latest ratings

1. Zaradic, A	Calgary	2177
2. Evans, C	Edmonton	2148
3. Ball, S	Edmonton	2087
4. Rabljenovic, M	Edmonton	2081
5. Brebrich, B	Calgary	2081
6. Campbell, G	Edmonton	2060
7. Campbell, M	Edmonton	2016
8. Steele, L	Edmonton	2006
9. Fullbrook, N	Edmonton	1958
10. Rosenbloom, E	Edmonton	1954
11. Loadman, I	Edmonton	1911
12. MacIntosh, J	Calgary	1895
13. Cummins, J	Edmonton	1892
14. Willis, R	Edmonton	1856
15. Castle, R	Calgary	1853
16. Szucs, B	Calgary	1852
17. Kuczaj, K	Calgary	1849
18. Raletich, G	Edmonton	1847
19. Litwinczuk, W	Calgary	1845
20. Taylor, B	Edmonton	1840
21. Frank, M	Edmonton	1839
22. Sharp, N	Lacombe	1836
23. Long, E	Edmonton	1833
24. Milne, A	Calgary	1830
25. Coppin, W	Calgary	1826
26. Buenaventura, F	Edmonton	1823
27. Flemming, J	Calgary	1822
28. Patterson, R	Priddis	1818
29. Kralovic, J	Calgary	1816
30. Kassay-Farkas	Calgary	1812

Some ratings have been unofficially calculated for players who were in the 1977 Alberta Open. Players known to be inactive in the past year have been omitted from the list.

DEPOSITS -- those who simply up and quit playing in a tournament, without even telling the tournament director, MUST PAY A \$5 FINE BEFORE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ANOTHER ALBERTA TOURNAMENT. Organizers: send \$2.50 to the ACA and keep \$2.50 for your trouble. The current list is: Calgary--L. Yaudell; Edmonton--I. Bailey, J. Bergeron, R. Davies, M. Dessotovich, R. Eriksson, J. Fiala, E. Gilliland, C. Hallschmid, H. and L. Lewis, M. Schofield, R. Slewka, C. Small, K. Smallwood. If you are on the list and want off, send us 5 dollars, or a good excuse.

Any suggestions as to how the ACR could be improved? Yes? Then let us know. Thanks. The ACR is now being typed using a computer.

1977 ALBERTA OPEN Edmonton October 8 - 10

Gordon Campbell won the 1977 Open by taking clear first with a score of 5.5 out of 6. He received \$170, plus a trophy for his efforts. In addition Gordon qualified as a mandatory inclusion in the 1978 Alberta Closed.

64 players (a tournament director's delight for a 6 round Swiss) took part. Joining the 40 entrants from Edmonton itself were 24 more from as far away as Smithers, B.C. The first round was delayed a bit when the Tournament Director (Len Steele) made the decision to wait for the arrival of the prophesied 'car full of players' from Regina. They never did arrive, but no one complained about the short delay.

In general everything went smoothly during the 6 rounds, but there were the usual few games that seemed to drag on an on, and there was an occasional short delay in setting the next round going (normally, in a Swiss it is necessary that all games be over before the next round can begin). Many of the smokers at the tournament made it a bit easier for the rest by doing at least some of their smoking outside the playing rooms. However, we who do not smoke still wish that the smokers would not puff away at all!

There were a number of 'upsets' during the tournament, and a number of players performed at a level quite a bit above that which their ratings would indicate (and a number of higher rated players really bombed out!). You can consult the complete crosstable on page 5 of this issue to see how everyone did.

Prize winners in addition to Gordon Campbell were:

<u>2nd-4th:</u>	Chris Evans, Milan Rahljenovic, and Nisel Fullbrook (also top A) Each received \$70.
<u>A:</u>	2-3: Jim Cummins & Neil Sharp. \$30 ea
<u>B:</u>	1: James Flemmins. \$33.
	2: Harvey King. \$33.
<u>C and :</u>	1st: Ken Sawyer. \$35.
<u>Junior:</u>	2nd: Rob Hawkes. \$35.
<u>D:</u>	1: Ken Tilly. \$33.
	2: Bruce Thomas. \$33.
<u>Unrated:</u>	Mike Bibic. \$30.

The total prize fund was \$672, which was but 7 dollars short of the total amount taken in.

OK, here are a number of games from the Open:

This game decided who would take the title, and Gordon Campbell, who needed a victory to take first, came up the winner:

G. Campbell -- M. Rahljenovic Round 4
(annotations by Campbell)

1. e4 e5; 2. Rc4 Nc6; 3. Nf3 d6; 4. c3 An immediate d4 is also good, but may cause too many exchanges, and simplification which, as White needed to win, he strove to avoid. 4. ... Re6; 5. Re6 fe4; 6. Qb3 Qc8; 7. d4 ed; 8. cd Q4 This move is the cause of Black's subsequent defensive problems. In a King's pawn game, Black wastes time fianchettoing at his peril. Safe is Re7; Nf6; and 0-0. 9. d5! Exposing the long black diagonal a1-h8. 9. ... Nc8 9. ... ed; 10. ed Ne5; 11. Ne5 de5 leaves Black struggling to save his KP, as it can be pinned to the KR or the K. 10. Qc3 e5; 11. Nc3 a6; 12. Bf4! Threatening to capture the Black

KP, but its main objective was to try to force the Black N on d8 to move. White can treble on the c-file; as Black cannot easily manoeuvre pieces to guard the c-pawn he must try to push it sometime. His N on d8 is vital to the recapture on c6. ... Nf7. 13. Re3 Purpose accomplished. ... Qd7; 14. Rf1 Rb8; 15. Nc4 Threatening Nb6. White is in a strong position--he's well ahead in development and Black is cramped. ... Ne7; 16. 0-0 White can consider Ne5, but it doesn't quite work out. ... Rg7; 17. Rc2 0-0; 18. Rf1 Qd4; 19. Ncd2 Qd7; 20. Nc4 Qd4; 21. Ncd2 Qd7 White was now in a little time trouble. 22. Rg5 h6; 23. Re7 Qe7; 24. Qg5 h4; 25. Qe6 Rg8; 26. Qh7 Rb8; 27. Qc7 Qe7; 28. Rc7 Re2; 29. Rc8+ Rb8; 30. Rc8+ Rb8; 31. Rc2 h5 To free his pieces via h6. 32. Kf1 Rb7; 33. Nc4 Tempting the pawn to advance. The game can be fairly easily won by White by: (a) manoeuvring the King to c2, (b) Blocking the back rank with a knight on b1, c1 or d1 as the Black R must not be allowed access. (c) Playing f3 to totally block the King's side and guard the KP. (d) Gathering the remaining pieces for an attack on the Black b-pawn. Meanwhile, it is difficult for Black to do anything as he has little room to manoeuvre pieces to the right squares, and he has a weak pawn structure. The game continued, and White won the b-pawn with less difficulty than he should have had. Then, clearly, the game was over.

C. Evans -- Z. V. O. Sarac Round 2

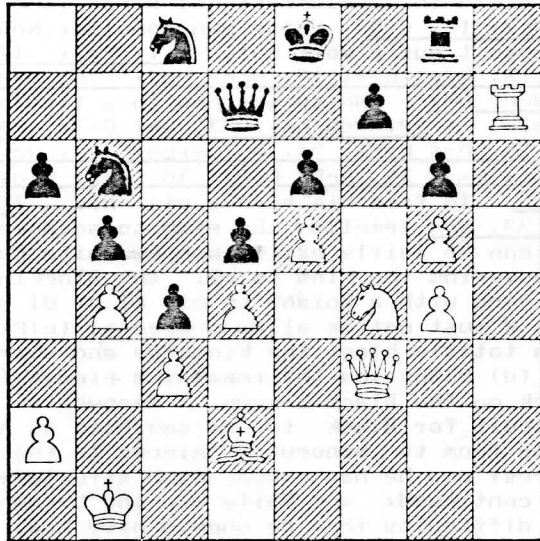
(Annotations by Evans)

1. e4 e5; 2. Nf3 Nc6; 3. Rc4 Nf6; 4. d4 ed; 5. 0-0 Re5 Inviting the Max Lange Attack after 6. e5 d5. White prefers less intensively analyzed paths. 6. c3! Popularized by Estrin, this position could be reached via the Giuoco Piano. A previous opponent played 6. ... 0-0?? allowing 7. cd4 with a huge plus, while Peter Biviasis correctly played 6. ... Ne4; 7. cd4 d5!; 8. dc5 dc4; 9. Qd8+ Kd8; 10. Rd1! which is approximately equal (Biviasis won though!). 6. ... dc3?!; 7. Nc3 d4 White is better, despite the pawn loss. 8. Rg5 0-0(?) 9. Nd5 Rg4; 10. h3 Bf3; 11. Qf3 Ne5; 12. Qf5! Without this White would be poorly placed. Clearly, 12. ... Nc4 loses after 13. Nf6+ sf6; 14. Bf6; 12. ... Ncd7; 13. Rd1 h4; 14. Rh4 c6; 15. Nf6+ Nf6; 16. e5 Qd7; 17. e6 Qe7; 18. e7+ Rf7; 19. Rf1 Carelessness, which characterized my play in this tournament. Black now has a shot which almost works, especially as White had used a lot of time. Simply 19. Bf6 Qf6; 20. Qf6 sf6; 21. Bf7+ was good enough. ... Nd5!; 20. Qh5 Qf8 Sarac suggested 20. ... Qd7 as better, but the same combination works for White. 21. Rg5 ed5; 22. Rg5 Rb8; 23. Qe6 Bf2+ 23. Re7 wins more easily, but there is nothing wrong with Black's move -- White is simply winning. 24. Bf2 Rb7; 25. Rg3 The intended 25. Re4 leads to mate. ... Qd8; 26. Rh4 Qd7; 27. Qf7+?? 27. Bf7 Qf7; 28. Re8+ 27. ... Qf7; 28. Rg4 Rh7; 29. Bf7 and White won. A 'poor' game, but interesting in that I have seen no analysis on the position after White's seventh move.

Here's a miniature won by Rea Sarac (the name of her opponent shall be anonymous): 1. e4 c5; 2. c4 d6; 3. Nc2 Nc6; 4. d3 e6; 5. Qa4 Bg7; 6. Nc3 Bg7; 7. g3 Nd4; 8. Qd1 Nf3+! How's that for a 'shorty'?!

G. Campbell -- A. Zissos Round 4
(annotations by Campbell)

After 62 moves of unenterprising play by both sides, where little progress was made with the pawn blockade, the following position was reached:



White to move. Can he win? Answer: NO

If 63. Ns6 Rs6, 64. Rh8+ Ke7, 65. Qf6+ Rf6, 66. sf6+. However, if Black plays 63. ... fs, 64. Rd7 Kd7, 65. Qf7+ Ne7, then White cannot break through despite material advantage, and the game is still drawn. (White actually did win, but only because Black played another and inferior 63rd move.)

B. Bentley -- R. Pedersen Round 3
(annotated by Bentley)

1. e4 d6, 2. Nf3 Nf6, 3. d3 c5, 4. g3 g6, 5. Bg2 Bg7, 6. 0-0 0-0, 7. Nbd2 Nc6, 8. Re1 e5, 9. Nf1 Ne8, 10. Re3 f5, 11. ef sf, 12. Bg5 Nf6, 13. Qd2 Ne7, 14. Ne5! de5, 15. Re5 Ne4, 16. Re7 Nd2, 17. Rg7+ Kg7, 18. Bd8 Rd8, 19. Nd2 Re8, 20. Kf1 Rb8, 21. Re1 Re1+, 22. Ke1 b5, 23. a3 Bb7, 24. Bb7 Rb7, 25. f4 Kf6, 26. Nf3 a5, 27. Kd2 a4, 28. Ne5 h5, 29. Nf3 b4, 30. ab cb, 31. Kc1 Re7, 32. Ne5 h4, 33. Kb1 hg, 34. hg b3, 35. cb ab, 36. Kc1 (White was in severe time trouble and missed a draw by g4) 36. ... Rg7, 37. Kd2 Rg3, 38. Kc3 Re3, 39. Kd2 (39. Kb3 draws) 39. ... Re5, 40. fe5+ Ke5, 41. Ke3 f4+ White resigns.

G. Raletich -- G. Campbell Round 5
(annotated by Campbell)

1. e4 e5, 2. g3 A poor move for White. Black is allowed immediate equality, maybe even a slight advantage. Better may be 2. Nc3 and then g3, but I believe that any KB fianchetto in a King's pawn game is usually poor (see Campbell -- RahlJenovic)! 2. ... d5! 3. Bg2 d4, 4. Re4 Re5, 5. d3 Nf6, 6. Kf3 Black has a strong position: (a) He can castle either side safely, (b) White can never play d4, (c) The alternative center attack of f4 will take too long, (d) Black threatens e4 from time to time. 6. ... 0-0? Too committing. Better is an immediate c6 which nullifies the power of

the White Bishop and allows Qb6. 7. Re3 Ns6, 8. Nd2 c4, 9. a3 Re6 With obvious moves Black is well ahead in development. 10. Qe2? This blocks the natural square for the KN. White cannot castle Queenside as Black can easily break it open. 10. ... Qb6, 11. h4? Better is Nc4, guarding the b-pawn. Then after Re4 and d4, White can soon play Nh3, 0-0, Rd1, etc. 11. ... Rd4, 12. c3 Re3 White has now forced the exchange of bishops, but has left himself with a fatal pawn structure on the Queenside. 13. fa3 Nc7, 14. c4 e5, 15. h4 Rh1 enables White to last longer. 15. ... Rd1, 16. Ra2 Pointless -- White must try to 0-0. 16. ... Rf8, 17. Ne4 Re3, 18. Nf4+ ef6, 19. Rd2 Re4, 20. Kf2 Re6, 21. h4 Re2, 22. Ke1 forced as Black is threatening 22. ... Rd2, 23. Qd2 Re2, 22. ... Ra1+, 23. Kf2 RRe2, and White's Queen is lost. He resigned later.

C. Homer -- I. Erdos Round 5

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 ed, 4. c3 de, 5. Bc4 d5?, 6. Bd5 Bg4, 7. Qb3! Qd7, 8. Ns5 Nh6, 9. Nc3 Bb4, 10. 0-0 Bc3, 11. bc3 Rb8?, 12. Ba3! Na5, 13. Qb4 b6, 14. Rab1 c6, 15. Qa5 cd5, 16. ed f6, 17. Re1+ Kd8?, 18. Ne6+ Kc8, 19. Qa6+ Rb7, 20. Qc4+ Kb8, 21. Nf8 Qf7, 22. Bd6+ Ka8, 23. Qc6 Bd7, 24. Nd7 Qd7, 25. Re6! Rc8, 26. Rbe1 Rc6, 27. dc6 Black resigned.

T. Cooper -- R. Millis Round 4

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 d6, 6. Be3 e6, 7. Re2 Re7, 8. 0-0 a6, 9. f4 Qc7, 10. Nf3? Na4, 11. Qd2 Ne3, 12. Qe3 Rd7, 13. Kh1 0-0, 14. a3 Rc8, 15. Bd3 Na5, 16. Nd2 Bf6, 17. e5! de, 18. Ne4 ef?, 19. Nf6+ sf6, 20. Rh7+! Kh7, 21. Qh3+ Kg7, 22. Qs4+ Kh7, 23. Rf3 Black resigned.

J. Fleming -- W. Dodman Round 1

1. c4 Nf6, 2. Nf3 e6, 3. e3 b6, 4. Bg2 Bh7, 5. 0-0 d5, 6. b3 Bd6, 7. Bb2 Nbd7, 8. d4 0-0, 9. Nbd2 Re8, 10. cd ed, 11. e3 Nf8, 12. Qc1 Rc8, 13. Ra3 c5, 14. dc bc, 15. Qb2 Ns6, 16. Rad1 Rc7, 17. Qa1 Ne5, 18. Ne5 Be5, 19. Bb2 Bb2, 20. Qb2 Qc8, 21. Nf3 c4, 22. Nd4 c3, 23. Qc2 Ns4, 24. Rc1 Ne5, 25. Rfd1 a6, 26. Ne2 Qs4, 27. Nd4 Qc8, 28. Nf3 d4, 29. Ne5 Bg2, 30. Ks2 Re5, 31. ed Rd5, 32. Rd3 a6, 33. Rc3 Rc3, 34. Qc3 Qc3, 35. Rc3 Rd4, 36. Rc8+ Kg7, 37. Ra8 Rd6, 38. Ra7 h5, 39. h4 Kf6, 40. Kf3 Ke6, 41. Ke4 f6, 42. f3 Rc6, 43. Rg7 f5+, 44. Kf4 Kf6, 45. Ra7 Re6, 46. a3 Rb6, 47. h4 Rc6, 48. a4 Rc4+, 49. Ka3 Rb4, 50. Ra6+ Kg7, 51. a5 Ra4, 52. Ra8 Kf6, 53. a6 Kg7, 54. a7 Kf7? (Kh7!), 55. Rh8 Black resigned.

Those are the same scores that were given to us. See the next page for the crosstable.

Tournaments are in swing at both the Calgary and Edmonton Chess Clubs, with about 60 participants at each club. We understand that Zaradic is back playing chess, and that some 'dormant' Calgary A players have returned to the chess wars. The Edmonton CC Club Championship tournament features two round-robins and a 40 player Swiss. The top section of 10 players has an average rating of 1930!

We told you about the attempt by Brebrich to set a world record for simultaneous play. We later discovered that the current record was actually 550, so we wrote directly to the organizer to give him this new data. Despite our help no one has even taken the little bit of trouble to even tell us what happened! Thanks to those involved for their 'kindness'!

FINAL RESULTS -- 1977 ALBERTA OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP EDMONTON OCTOBER 8 - 10

Table with columns: NAME, RATING, RD1, RD2, RD3, RD4, RD5, RD6, POINTS, PLACE, TIEBREAK. Lists 64 chess players and their performance statistics.

(DEFAULT X) TIEBREAK: MEDIAN+SOLKOFF+SONNENBORN-BERGER DIRECTED BY LEONARD STEELE (NOTE: SOME NEWER RATINGS (NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER THE TOURNAMENT) HAVE BEEN INSERTED ABOVE)

Computer Chess Report -- T. A. Marsland

The 2nd world computer chess championship was held in Toronto in early August. Sixteen programs participated, including "KAISSA", the previous world champion from Russia, and the current North American champion, "CHESS", which won a place in this year's Minnesota Closed, and holds its own against Masters in 5 minute chess. Perhaps as interesting as the actual tournament was the audience of more than 300 people for each round. Some notables were M. Botvinnik, Edward Lasker, L. Day, and David Levy, noted author, who directed. "Our" entry "WITA" finished equal sixth, and was the highest placed Canadian program. The games were on a "club level", but few programs would worry advanced players. However, even against masters "BELLE" was able to hold a draw on the "rook side" of the "won" K&R vs K&R ending.

Crosstable World Computer Chess Championship

Crosstable table with columns: Rank, Program Name, Country, and performance scores against other programs.

Last issue we printed a short report from Stephen Ball that dealt with the recent World Student Team Championship. Stephen is now writing up his personal account of the whole event. The first installment of his story begins below.

I arrived in Mexico City on July 20 at 8:30 p.m. After a long day of travel, I was a little tired and was greatly relieved when I spotted a group of people holding up a sign which read "Ajedrez". Until that moment, I wasn't sure that I would be met at the airport. (Airmail letters from Mexico to Edmonton take 15 days, and I could not be certain that the Mexican Chess Federation would know my arrival time.) I joined the group, which turned out to be the team from Scotland; they were waiting to be contacted by the Mexicans, and mistook me for their reception committee. We soon sorted ourselves out and settled in for a long wait at the airport. Mexico is not a country noted for punctuality.

Happily, our hosts appeared about 10 minutes later. We were packed into a Volkswagen van and whisked away from the airport. The trip to the accommodations took 45 minutes. We ran at least 4 red lights, and drove at high speed in bumper-to-bumper traffic, weaving from one lane to another. It seemed as if we would have an accident at any second for the whole trip. I was wide awake when we finally arrived.

Gordon Taylor was already installed in our "room". Each team had been allotted 4 double bunk beds, with eight teams to a room. This arrangement might be satisfactory for an athletic team, but it was certainly inappropriate for chess players. Meal arrangements were unsatisfactory, and there was no suitable place to study.

The following day, a number of other teams arrived. The Soviet team took one look at the accommodations and didn't bother to unpack. Poland, England, Cuba, the United States, and Venezuela followed suit. A note of protest was signed by all available team captains. Those teams which were independently financed moved to hotels. Since the members of the Canadian team were paying their own expenses (except for myself -- the Alberta Chess Association and the Edmonton Chess Club jointly financed my travel and accommodation expenses; without their very generous support, I would probably not have been able to go to the tournament), we decided to remain where we were.

The 22nd of July involved attending the opening ceremonies, at which the teams were introduced. A "live" game of chess was played; costumed actors took the place of pieces, and a short rehearsed game was then played, complete with a dramatic narration (in Spanish). The final event consisted of a series of regional dances performed by several professional companies of dancers.

The Mexican Chess Federation promised to place us in a brand new hotel prior to the commencement of the first round on the 23rd.

At 8:30 a.m. on July 23 we were jammed, baggage and all, into a VW bus, along with the Guatemalan team; cramped transportation in VW buses proved to be the rule for the duration of our stay. We arrived at our new hotel, only to discover that it was so new that it had not yet secured the necessary

government licenses to open. Anybody who has had dealings with the Mexican government will understand the sinking feeling I experienced when we received this joyous piece of news.

Four hours later, I left my teammates standing in the street to attend the team captain's meeting for the drawing of lots. This meeting was also late getting underway. Before the drawing of lots, it was pointed out that several teams had been standing in the streets for some five hours, and that the teams were hardly prepared to begin the first round that day. The Brazilian team had just arrived, and was still at the airport as the meeting was being conducted. By a unanimous vote, it was decided that the first round of the tournament would be played on the 24th of July.

I rejoined my teammates at the Hotel de Carlo at 7 p.m. for supper. We then went to the Hotel Maxwell where we stayed for the duration of the tournament. Not surprisingly, the new hotel we had expected to stay in had not been able to secure the necessary government permits.

Our preliminary section consisted of Jamaica, Scotland, Germany, Brazil, the Soviet Union, and Canada. "Grupo" II had Mexico, Cuba, the United States, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Ecuador. The 3rd group was made up of England, Poland, Wales, Venezuela, Colombia & Honduras. The top 3 finishers in each group were to play in the "A" final, with the remainder playing in the "B" final.

The first round saw Canada seemingly take the lead in its preliminary group. We defeated Jamaica 3-1 with 2 wins and 2 draws. Germany surprised the Soviet Union when Kiffmeyer swindled Dorfman, and Wockenfuss held Romanishin to a draw. After the adjournments were over, Brazil had scored 3.5-0.5 against Scotland.

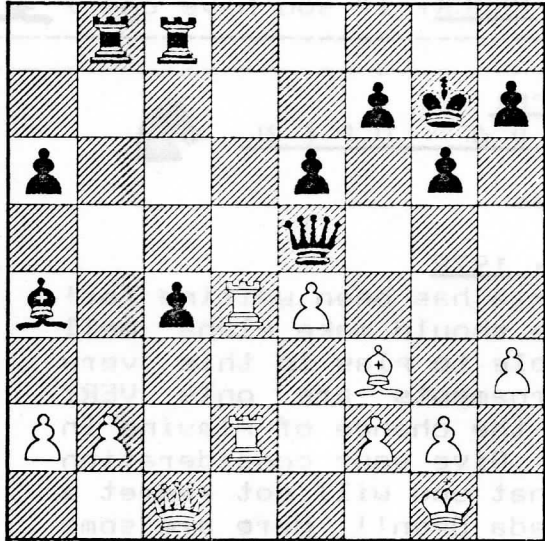
A. Wong (Jamaica) -- S. Ball (Canada)

1. e4 c6, 2. d4 d5, 3. e5 Bf5, 4. Bd3 Bd3, 5. Qd3 e6, 6. Nf3 Qa5+, 7. Bd2 Qa6=, 8. Qa6 Na6, 9. 0-0 c5, 10. c3 Ne7, 11. Be3 b6, 12. Nbd2 Nc6, 13. Rb1 Be7, 14. a3 c4, 15. Ne1 Nc7, 16. Nc2 f5, 17. ef sf, 18. Rb1 Rd6, 19. Bh6 Rg8, 20. Re3 Kd7, 21. Rh3 Rae8, 22. Re1 Rg6?!, 23. Nf3 b5, 24. Bd2 Re7, 25. Nh4 Rg8, 26. f4 a5, 27. Nf3 Rb8?(b4!), 28. f5 e5, 29. de Be5, 30. Ncd4 Rbe8, 31. Nc6 Kc6, 32. Rh6 Kb7, 33. Ne5 fe5, 34. f6 Rf7, 35. Rh5 e4, 36. Bf4 Ne6, 37. Be5 Kc6, 38. Kf2?? Nc5, 39. Bd4 Nd3+, 40. Ke2?? Nf4+, 41. Ke3 Nh5, 42. Rf1 Ref8, 43. Rf5 Nf6, 44. White resigned.

In the second round the Soviet Union surprisingly conceded one draw to Scotland. Brazil scored 3.5-0.5 against Jamaica. Unfortunately, we scored only 2-2 against Germany. Nurmi defeated Wockenfuss quite handily and Ray Stone chalked up his second victory. Fletcher Baragar lost a heartbreaker to Bornsasser; he had numerous winning combinations (all VERY complex), and finally settled into a position with virtually no chances for either side. Unfortunately (and typically) he was in severe time trouble. He pinned Bornsasser's Queen against the King with a bishop; if Bornsasser captured it, Baragar delivered mate with his Queen and rook combining on g2. Bornsasser captured the bishop with check & the game was over. My game against Kiffmeyer was a short massacre, with myself as the victim. I regret to say that I don't have any publishable games from the second round.

The third round saw Germany split 2-2 with Brazil, and Jamaica also managed a 2-2 split with Scotland (no draws!). Regrettably, the Soviet Union finally got into stride, and they cleaned us out 4-0. Nurmi played the opening weakly against Romanishin and was soon rolled off the board. Barasar played a very nice game against Vasanian. In severe time trouble he wasted a crucial tempo at move 27. Vasanian found some good moves, and Fletcher was lost at the adjournment. Dorfman didn't give Taylor any play at all. Buchholz reached a lost adjournment with only pawns on the board against Makarichev.

Here is the game Barasar--Vasanian starting at move 32 (diagram). This was the only game in the whole tournament that Barasar played with the White pieces. As team captain, I'm afraid the responsibility for this ridiculous situation is entirely mine.



32. ... Rb2!!, 33. Qb2 c3, 34. Qc1 cd, 35. Qd2 Rc2, 36. Qe3 Ra2, 37. s3 Rb5, 38. Rd1 a5, 39. Qb3 Rb2, 40. Qa3 Qf6, 41. e5 Qe5, 42. Qa5 Rf2!, 43. Kf2 Qc5+, 44. Rd4 Qd4+, 45. Ks2 Rc4, 46. Qe1 Rd5, 47. s4 h5 White resigned.

That was the first installment in Stephen's series of articles on the 1977 World Student Team Championship. The next segment will be published in the November-December ACR. Those of you who wish to see the final crosstables of the tournament should consult the September-October CFC Bulletin which most of you receive.

The University of Alberta Chess Club is now going strong. Edmontonians (and out-of-town chess players, too!) who find it difficult to play at the Edmonton Chess Club on Monday nights, or would like to play at a club on some other night as well can now do so at the U of A club. Meetings are scheduled at two times: WEDNESDAY evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and SUNDAY afternoons from 1:00 p.m. The emphasis at the U of A Chess Club is placed upon casual chess, but tournament play will also be available from time to time. The meetings are on the 5th floor of the General Services Building, 116 St & 91 Ave.

While scrounging around in the box of goodies where I keep potential items for the ACR, I came across an annotated game score from the 1977 Victoria Day Open. It was (and I quote from the scoresheet) played in round 6, on a board number listed as "low". The opening is given as "0-0-0-0" (you'll see why if you play over the game). White was "Patzer" and Black was "Anon". However, I do believe that White was none other than Iseln Ullbroockf, noted strange-type chess player, who comes up with odd moves (at least that's how they look), and some "different" annotations (which he did for this game). Anyway, put on your blinkers and play this "Mad Dog" game over! Go further at your own risk! If you think this game is a fake, you are wrong. It really was played!

Iseln Ullbroockf -- Anon

1. d3 Anybody wants guess ratings? 1. ... Nf6, 2. Kd2 Serious players stop reading before it gets worse! 2. ... e4. 3. Kc3 Bc7, 4. Kh3 0-0. 5. a3 d5 6. Ka2 This opening comes from one of the World Junior Championships where it had a 75% score for White? 6. ... c5. 7. Nh3 e6. Waste of time. 7. b5 and 8. a5 were more in line. 8. Nd2 h5. 9. Kh1 Safe at last. 9. ... Rd7? 10. Nf3 Qa5, 11. Rd2 h4! Nice try to open the b-line. 12. ah Qh6, 13. d4! ch. 14. Nf4 e6, 15. e3 Ne4. 16. Re1 Nc3+! 17. Bc3 bc, 18. Ra2! Hansing tough. 18. ... Nc6, 19. Nd3 Rfb8. 20. Qe1 Nh4, 21. Nb4 Qb4, 22. h4 Bb4. 23. Bd3 Rab8. 24. Kc1 Rf8! Hopins to be able to play an eventual cb+ Kb1 and set the a-pawn to a3 and seal in the usly rook at a2 -- I think. 25. h5 Ra4?? What is this move for? Perhaps intending Bb3? 26. ha fa? Rf takes is better. 27. Qc3!! Sac'ing the exchange for a bishop and probably some of the weak pawns. 27. ... Qc3, 28. bc3 Rb1+, 29. Kd2 Rh1. 30. Ra4 Ra8?! Better is Rh6. 31. Ns5! Rh2?! Better Re1. 32. Rf1 a5, 33. Ne6 Rd6, 34. c4! Rolling on. 34. ... dc, 35. Rc4 Kb8. 36. Bc5 Rc8, 37. c3 Rh1, 38. Ra5 Rf1, 39. f4 Rh1, 40. Ra7 Looking at the King. 40. ... h6, 41. Rd7 Ra3? Necessary was Bf8, and Bc7 to guard the King. 42. Nd8 Rcb8? Now he sets mated, but you didn't want to see White's pawns run, did you? 43. Nf7+ Ke7, 44. Ng5+ Kf8 If Kf6, then Rf7+, 45. Nh7+ Ke8, 46. Nf6+ Black resigned. I don't think "Anon" took the game seriously enough!

Sometimes we hear people wishing aloud that there was occasionally an alternative to the "weekend" Swiss. Well, such an alternative will be offered on November 11, 12 and 13 in Edmonton (see back page for full details!). The tournament is an open event, but it will consist of round-robin sections of approximately even strength (by ratings). Most of these sections will have 6 players, and will, therefore, be 5 rounds long (i.e., 2 games each of Friday and Saturday, and 1 game on Sunday). So, since you will be in with those of approximately the same ratings, you will have an "equal" chance to win your section! Why not come out and give it a try? Those who have played in weekend round-robins have enjoyed that type of format. You will too! (Good heavens, we might "convince" Zaradic or even Brebrich to come up from Calgary -- they will be able to play in an all expert event; that should be quite satisfactory for them!)



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