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★ SOUTHERN ALBERTA OPEN ★

Calgary
▷ November 24-25 ◁
(4 round Swiss)

Rosedale Community Centre
800 - 11 Ave NW

Entry Fee: \$12 (\$8 junior)
(CFC and ACA membership required)

Register: 9:00 a.m. Sat., Nov. 24
(round 1 at 10:00 a.m.)

TD/Organizer: John Schleinich
(288-6721)

★ 1985 CANADIAN OPEN ★

July 13 - 21
Edmonton Convention Centre

Entry Fee
\$50

(\$65 after June 1/85)
(\$15 less if born after Sept 1/67)

10 Round Accelerated Swiss

\$7,000 Prize Fund
(based on 150 entries)
(min. 90% entry fees go to prizes)

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17956-57 Ave
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■ IMPORTANT NOTICE! ■

Club Tournament Schedules
are in this issue!

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the section on your club

Some tournaments starting
▷ "IMMEDIATELY"! ◁

Please note, the NEW ACA ADDRESS is

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1984/85 ACA Officers

The 1984 ACA General Meeting was held in Calgary on October 7th. The ACA list of Officers is now:

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Sylvia Huber, Carol Miyagawa,
Bill Rusk, Brian Toth.

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.)

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 ACR mailing address:
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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 (244-5814)
#903, 1011-12 Ave SW, Calgary, Alta T2R OJ5
Meets: Mount Royal College E-Library
4825 Richard Rd SW
Tuesdays at 7:30

Calgary Chess Club

Contacts: Brian Toth 273-1494
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: Sylvia Huber (286-1873)
415 Dalmeny Hill NW, Calgary, Alta T3A 1T7
Meets: Basement Wm Castell Library
616 McLeod Trail SE
On selected Saturdays.

University of Calgary Chess Club

Contact: Kevin Alperstein (271-3994)
Graham Cooper (252-6352)
Meets: Room 209, MacEwan Hall, U of Calgary

Edmonton Chess Club

Contact: David Johansen (482-4176)
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: Rob Gardner (469-4925)
Carol Miyagawa (483-8012)
14316-92A Ave, Edmonton, Alta T5R 5E2
Meets: Woodcroft Library Program Room
13420-114 Ave
6:30-9:00 on the last Wednesday
of the month (note: Dec. 19 not 26)

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: St. Patrick's Community School Library
Thursdays 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Red Deer Chess Club

Contact: Paul Provost
#304, 3821 Ross St, Red Deer, Alta T4N 1W1
Meets: Red Deer Recreational Centre
45 St and 47 Ave
Tuesdays 7:00-11:00

Wabasca Chess Club

Contact: Dick Roberts (891-3804)
12 Stump Hollow St, Wabasca, Alta TOG 2K0
Meets: St. Theresa School Library

GRANDE PRAIRIE CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

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).

Weekend Events

Dec. 15

3 round tournament starts at 9:00 at Hillside Community School.

Jan. 12 - 13

Trumpeter Classic

5 Round Swiss. Trumpeter Motor Inn.
Entry Fees: \$20 Advance (before Jan 9/85; \$18 for juniors and for seniors over 60; \$10 for those playing in their first rated tournament). For entries after Jan. 9/85, add \$3. Time Control: 40/2 then 25/1. Trophies and prizes to winners overall and winners in various classes. **First event in the 1985 Grand Prix** (see elsewhere in this issue).

EDMONTON CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Nov. 6 - Dec. 11: **Rooks Wild**

6 Round Swiss. Entry Fee \$15 (\$10 Jr & Sr).
NOTE: If you are a "strong" player who wishes to play in the Edmonton Closed, you **MUST** have participated in at least one (1) ECC event since the last Closed. This is your **LAST CHANCE** to do so before the 1985 Closed!

Dec. 18: **Last Meeting of 1984**

(register for '85 Closed & concurrent events)

Jan. 8: **REGISTRATIONS & Speed Chess**

(PLEASE register THIS NIGHT for tournaments!)

Jan. 15 - Mar. 12

Edmonton Closed Championship

10 Player Round Robin. Qualifications: Rating over 1600 as of Dec/84 list. Must be an ECC member. **MUST** have participated in one or more ECC events since the last Closed (the Rooks Wild, starting Nov. 6 is your **last chance!**). Entry Fee: \$35.

Jan. 15 - Mar. 12

Edmonton Closed Reserves

Top players not in the Closed. Winner receives a place in the 1986 Closed. Entry Fee: \$35.

Jan. 22 - Mar. 12

ECC Super Swiss

8 Rounds. Open to all not in Closed or Reserves.
Entry Fee: \$20.

Mar. 19 - 26

ECC Speed Chess Championships

Entry Fee: \$5. (Adjournments and unplayed games from the Closed and Reserves will be finished this night.)

Apr. 2 - May 14

Holowach Challenge & Shnitka Memorial

Holowach is open to all; Shnitka open to those rated below 1600. Entry Fee: \$30 (Holowach), \$25 (Shnitka) -- less \$5 Jr or Sr.

May 21

To Be Announced

May 28 - June 25

The Unknown Swiss

5 Rounds. Entry Fee: \$15.

ECC Membership Fees: \$12 per year.

Nightly Dues are \$1 per visit, but please note that **effective Jan. 1/85, tournament entry fees INCLUDE nightly dues for the duration of the tournament (rated events only).**

CALGARY CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Nov. 7 - Dec. 19
Calgary CC Championship
 Dec. 26 -- Club Closed
 Jan. 2 - Feb. 13
Calgary Closed Championship
 Feb. 20
Speed Chess Tournament
 Feb. 27
Team Tournament begins

For more information, contact Bill Rusk (286-6137) or Brian Toth (273-1494).

U OF C CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Club membership required. For more information, contact Kevin Alperstein (271-3994) or Graham Cooper (252-6352).

Nov. 3: Speed Chess Tournament.

Dec. 9: Rapid Transit Tournament.

Dec. 29 - 30: Christmas Tournament.

"Speed" chess tournaments will be played under the usual speed chess rules, and will probably be round robins -- 5 min. per player.

"Rapid transit" tournaments have a time control of 15 min. per player and will probably be Swisses.

CALGARY JUNIOR CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

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 age \$2.00, Junior High age \$2.50, Senior High age \$3.00.

Memberships: Membership in the ACA and CFC is required and is available at the time of registration. ACA/CFC: full Junior Membership \$11.00 per year; Participating Membership \$7.00 per year.

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

Lunch: please bring a bag lunch.

Nov. 17: Remembrance Day Tourney.

Dec. 8: Candy Cane Caper.

Jan. 26: New Year's Tourney.

Feb. 23: Valentine's Day Tourney.

Mar. 23: Elementary School Team Championship (*).

Apr. 20: Spring Speed Tourney.

May 11: Junior High School Team Champ. (*)

May 25: Senior High School Team Champ. (*)

Notices for events marked (*) will be sent out. Regular CJCC tournaments will not be held on these dates.

EDMONTON JUNIOR CHESS CLUB SCHEDULE

Regular monthly meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month, except in December when the meeting is on the 19th. See the clubs' section for further information.

Weekend Events at Centennial Library

Nov. 10, 11: Jr. High Team Tournament

Nov. 24, 25: Alberta Cadet

Dec. 8, 9: Senior High Team Tournament

For further info about the Edmonton Junior Chess Club and monthly Saturday tournaments, contact: Carol Miyagawa at 483-8012 or 432-5523.

ACA Treasurer's Report

David Johansen, ACA Treasurer

The ACA is in good financial shape, thanks to continued support from Alberta Recreation and Parks. I expect us to end this year with a balance of approx. \$6,000 -- the same as we began with in January. This is better than '83, as we lost \$5,000, mainly due to return of a portion of the government grant (not spent as budgeted in 1982). This year, however, we did better, and hope to continue in this manner. Looking toward '85, there are changes planned in funding details (they should be released in early November). Once the ACA has this information, the Executive will begin budgeting for the coming year.

My prime concern is our private fund raising. We need to do more in this area. If you, as a concerned chess player, have any ideas or would like to offer some of your time or expertise in this area, please feel free to contact myself, Tracy Kolenchuk or John Schleinich -- we are always glad to hear from you.

Alberta Grand Prix 1985

A new event on the chess scene is here. The Grand Prix '85 will provide some exciting competition and offer the chance to meet new challenges throughout the province. The prizes will be generated by a \$250 grant from the ACA and a \$1 per player fee from each event in the Grand Prix, with a total fund estimated to be over \$500 (an exact prize breakdown will appear in a later issue of the ACR).

Scoring for this event is patterned after the Eastern Ontario Chess Association Grand Prix, as described in En Passant. Each player's score in an event will be prorated to six rounds (e.g. a score of 4 out of 6 remains as 4 points, but a score of 3.5 out of 5, will be worth 4.2 points on the "6 round basis"). There will be 9 tournaments in the Grand Prix series. A player's best 6 results will count toward his or her Grand Prix total (so you need not play in all events to have a shot at the big bucks!). While not confirmed, a prize for Class B (and Class C) may be offered, should a workable scoring system be developed. Grand Prix events are listed below (gaps in the list will be filled in as soon as possible -- organizers, please contact David Johansen if you can "fill in the blank"; his address is 17956-57 Ave, Edmonton T6M 1P4, and phone number 482-4176).

Grand Prix Events, 1985

Trumpeter Classic	Grande Prairie	Jan. 14-15
Northern Alta Open	Edmonton	late Feb
Over/Under 1800	Red Deer (?)	?
Canadian Open	Edmonton	July 13-21
Alberta Open	Edmonton	Oct
Southern Alta Open	Calgary	Nov
Cdn Closed Qualifier	Calgary	Mar/Apr
Canada Day Open	?	July
?	Calgary	?

Top Active Alberta Players by CFC Rating

1. Jan Greben	Edmonton	2311
2. Rob Hawkes	Calgary	2307
3. Jeff Reeve	Edmonton	2234
4. Jonathan Schaeffer	Edmonton	2233
5. Fred South	Calgary	2226
6. Rob South	Calgary	2222
7. Mike Dougherty	Edmonton	2191
8. Ian Loadman	Edmonton	2186
9. Andrew Zissos	Calgary	2142
10. Gordon Campbell	Calgary	2104
11. Branimir Brebrich	Calgary	2084
12. Gregory Shvartsburd	Edmonton	2036
13. Sid Belzberg	Edmonton	2032
14. Mike Rijkers	Calgary	2021
15. Neil Sharp	Lacombe	2017
16. Roy Yearwood	Calgary	2002
17. Kris Kuczaj	Calgary	1989
18. Bill Gnam	Calgary	1986
19= Wilf Lahrkamp	Calgary	1983
19= Bradley Willis	Edmonton	1983

JUNIOR CHESS HAPPENINGS

1984 Calgary Junior Playdowns

Chris Demers, with his last round victory over Dale Haessel, won the tournament with 3.5 out of 4. Chris, along with second place finisher Greg Huber, now qualifies for the Alberta Junior, to be held in Calgary. Good luck to both of them.

1. Chris Demers	1578	+8	=2	+5	+3	3.5
2. Greg Huber	1798	+6	=1	=3	+4	3.0
3. Dale Haessel	1720	+4	+5	=2	-1	2.5
4. Tony Hamilton	1457	-3	+7	+6	-2	2.0
5. Rob Woods	1627	+7	-3	-1	+8	2.0
6. Troy Riddell	1499	-2	+8	-4	+7	2.0
7. Brian Wansleebe	unr.	-5	-4	+8	-6	1.0
8. Brett Ryder	1389	-1	-6	-7	-5	0.0

(Report by Brian Toth)

1984 Edmonton Junior Playoff

Suneet Tuli and Pawel Jachowicz relied on their greater tournament experience to earn places in the 1984 Alberta Junior. One advantage both possessed was the ability to use their time wisely. A crucial last round game involved Salah Chehayeb losing to Suneet from a won position -- largely due to playing too quickly. Pawel became careless once when, in round one, Godfrey Tang was able to deliver a back rank mate despite being a piece down. Lack of advertising limited turnout for this event, but perhaps those who played this year will be part of a larger playoff next year.

1. Suneet Tuli	X	1	1	=	1	1	4.5
2. Pawel Jachowicz	0	X	1	1	0	1	3.0
3. Salah Chehayeb	0	0	X	1	1	1	3.0
4. Lorne Tessier	=	0	0	X	1	1	2.5
5. Godfrey Tang	0	1	0	0	X	1	2.0
6. Alex Fyodorov	0	0	0	0	0	X	0.0

(Report by Rob Gardner)

The Calgary Junior Chess Club held three successful school team championships this spring:

On March 17, thirteen elementary school teams competed, with Prince of Wales Elementary winning the title. The winning team consisted of Danny Breeze (Board 1), Neil Chew (2), Chris Rice (3) and Jeff Young (4). Andrew Sibbald Elementary placed second, and Alex Ferguson Elementary was third. Other award winners were: Board 1 -- Mike Singh, Alex Ferguson; Board 2 -- Karine Mac Indoe, Andrew Sibbald; Board 3 -- Chris Rice, Prince of Wales; Board 4 -- Jeff Young, Prince of Wales. Top Female Score award was won by Karine Mac Indoe.

Nine teams from schools in and around Calgary battled for the Junior High School Team Chess Championship on May 12. H.D. Cartwright Junior High won the 6-round tournament with 19.5 points, followed closely by Montgomery Junior High with 18 points. Members of the Cartwright team were: Greg Huber (Board 1), Hayes Nichols (2), Nicholas Devlin (3) and Steve Fisher (4). The third place award went to Hugh Sutherland School of Carstairs. Winners of Top Board awards were: Board 1 -- Greg Huber, H.D. Cartwright; Board 2 -- Graham Lai, Montgomery; Board 3 -- Nicholas Devlin, H.D. Cartwright; Board 4 -- Gary Bosomworth, Hugh Sutherland. The Top Female score was achieved by Sharlene Becker of Col. Irvine Jr. High.

On May 26, 11 teams competed in the Senior High School Team Chess Championship, with William Aberhart High dethroning Sir Winston Churchill High, the title holder for the past several years.

The winning team consisted of Dale Haessel (Board 1), Jeff Spencer (2), Andy Wierzba (3) and Neville Lai (4). Sir Winston Churchill's "A" and "B" teams placed second and third. Winners of Top Board awards were: Board 1 -- Dale Haessel, Wm. Aberhart; Board 2 -- Andrew Beingsnessner, Bishop Carroll; Board 3 -- Mike Welburn, Sir Winston Churchill; Board 4 -- Neville Lai, Wm. Aberhart. Carol Fox, the only female player, did well, scoring 4 out of 5 points on Board 4.

Edmonton School Team Championships

Elementary Team Championship

First place went to Greenfield A, with a score of 15.5 out of a possible 16. The team consisted of Ben Greenwood, Mark Wong, Daniel Bettcher, and David Sykes. Second place went to H.E. Beriault and third was taken by Greenfield B. Nine teams competed.

Junior High Spring Team Championship

Thirteen teams of four players competed in this tournament. The last game ended dramatically with Baldwin Hum of Edith Rogers A sacrificing to achieve stalemate in his game against Jason Cinq Mars of St. Hilda's A. St. Hilda's A and Edith Rogers A tied for first with 12 out of 16. Third went to St. Kevin's A. Top scores for each board position went to Pawel Jachowicz (Board 1), Daniel Lepki (2), Baldwin Hum (3) and Greg Stechishen (4).

Senior High Spring Team Championship

The St. Joe's team of Sergio Jorquera, Peter Pisz, Marcello Jorquera and Alex Stielmann scored 12 out of 16. Second place went to McNally and third to Ross Shep. Individual board prizes went to Bob Bosenius, Suneet Tuli, Marcello Jorquera and Alex Stielmann. Other schools represented were Paul Kane, Old Scona and St. Albert.

(Reports by Rob Gardner)

Canadian Junior Closed

Rob Gardner

The XIII Canadian Junior Closed ran from December 27 to January 3. It was directed by Fred McKim. The luxurious accommodations and playing site were provided by the Delta Brunswick Inn. Conditions were good, but the pace was quick, with some days having 2 rounds and some games not being adjourned until after the second time control.

As usual, the players proved to be an interesting mix. In round 5, Todd Southam pressed against his brother David, but David came back to win the endgame. Todd ended the tournament half a point behind first place. I also remember being impressed with Tom O'Donnell subsisting for two days by nibbling on a single large pizza.

I would like to thank the ACA for paying my air fare to Saint John, New Brunswick. The ACA also provided for my travels to previous Canadian Juniors in Vancouver and Toronto, so all I can say is "Eat you heart out, Rob Hawkes" (who in his days of representing Alberta in the Canadian Junior was treated to the dazzling sights of Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton).

Unfortunately, I cannot poke fun at Rob Hawkes in terms of results. My final score of 3 points is dismal. After the tournament, it occurred to me that, if I had been allowed to add the scores from all my Juniors (2.5 + 3 + 3 = 8.5), I would have won this tournament by only half a point. I had expected to get an extra point or two, and I blame this failure on a lack of opening knowledge and, more importantly, a tendency to blunder in crucial positions.

The game against Todd Southam was my fourth consecutive loss at the beginning of the tournament. Todd understood the opening better and he eventually built up a crushing position. Still, it may be my most exciting game of the tournament. It is a "hanging on a thread" type of game, to which I am unaccustomed. Furthermore, the ending would have looked respectable had it not been for my 32nd move. I also believe the game may have been partially responsible for an improvement in my play in subsequent rounds.

The game against Andrei Moffat provided my only convincing point in the tournament. Somebody told me after the game, though, that Andrei was so depressed that, in between moves, he went to the recreation center to play video games.

Robert Gardner - Todd Southam

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Bb5 a6, 4. Ba4 Nf6, 5. O-O Be7, 6. Re1 b5, 7. Bb3 d6, 8. c3 O-O, 9. h3 Na5, 10. Bc2 c5, 11. d4 Qc7, 12. Nbd2 cd4, 13. cd4 Bb7, 14. Nf1 Rac8, 15. Re2 d5 Unfortunately, this was the extent of my book knowledge. With 16. ed5 Ne4, 17. Ng3, White can play for a small advantage. Instead, I played: 16. ed5 ed4, 17. Nd4 Nd5 Black recaptures this way to allow his bishop to get on the important a1-h8 diagonal. 18. Nf5 Bf6, 19. Qd3 g6 Other moves allow a discovered attack on h7. Black now threatens 20. ... Nb4. 20. Nh6+ Kh8, 21. Qf3 The other natural looking move is 21. Qg3, but trading queens does not necessarily reduce pressure on the queenside. Consider 21. ... Nb4, 22. Be4 Be4, 23. Re4 Qg3, 24. Ng3 Nd3 or 21. ... Nb4, 22. Bd1 Qg3, 23. Ng3 Nd3. 21. ... Bg7, 22. Be4 Rcd8 Preparing f5. 23. Rc2 Qd7, 24. Bd2 Nc4, 25. Rad1 f5 If 25. ... Bb2?, 26. Rb2 Nb2, 27. Bc3+. If 25. ... Nd2, 26. Rcd2 Bh6, 27. Bd5 Bd2, 28. Bb7 and White wins the pinned bishop on d2. I still do not understand the complications arising from 25. ... Nb2, 26. Rb2 Bb2, 27. Ba5. White wins back at least the exchange, so Todd probably felt 25. ... Nb2 was not worth the risk, since his position is better anyway. 26. Bd5 Bd5, 27. Qg3 Be4, 28. Rc3 Only tactics are keeping White alive. The obvious blunder would be 28. ... Bc3??. 29. Bc3+, when Black must interpose his queen. If 28. ... Bh6, then 29. Rc4 bc4, 30. Bc3+ is an attempt to draw. 28. ... Qe6, 29. Qc7 Rd7? If it were not for time pressure, Todd would have concluded the game with 29. ... Nd2, Rd2 Rd2, 31. Nd2 Bh6. 30. Rc4 Rc7 This is what I was hoping for. After 30. ... bc4, White has no constructive plan. 31. Rc7 g5, 38. Bg5?? Another brain hemorrhage in time pressure. As Todd pointed out after the game, the only good move is 32. Bb4. If 32. ... Re8, then 33. Nf7+ Kg8, 34. Ng5. If 32. ... Bh6 (or 32. ... Qh6), 33. Bf8 Bf8, 34. Rd8 Kg8, 35. Rcc8, and White reaches an endgame of knight versus bishop, with five pawns each. 32. ... Bh6, 33. Rdd7 f4, 34. Rh7+? Or should that be an exclamation mark for the move second best to resigning? 34. Re7 is met by 34. ... Qg6. 34. ... Bh7 (0-1).

Robert Gardner - Andrei Moffat

1. e4 e6, 2. d4 d5, 3. Nd2 de4, 4. Ne4 Nf6, 5. Nf6+ gf6 The move 5. ... Qf6 is met by 6. Nf3. 6. Bf4 Bd6, 7. Bg3 Nd7, 8. Nf3 Nf8, 9. Bd3 Ng5? This maneuver wasted time in the opening. The knight could have remained at f8 where it protected the weakness on h7. 10. Qd2 Bd7 Black embarks on another time-consuming plan. Once Black exchanges at f3, he will be too far behind in development to show the weakness of White's f-pawn. 11 O-O-O Bc6, 12. Rhe1 Bf3, 13. gf3 c6 This may not be best, but Black's lack of development is causing him problems. An example is 13. ... Qd7, 14. d5 O-O-O, 15. Qa5 Kb8, 16. Bb5, when White can bring in his rooks to attack. Interesting is 13. ... O-O. A good reply would be 14. Rg1, intending to meet 14. Bg3 with 15. hg3, opening the h-file (15. ... Qd4, 16. Qh6) and otherwise just play 15. h4. 14. f4

Qc7, 15. f5 Nf4 The move 15. ... Nf8 fails to 16. Qh6. 16. Re4 Nd3+, 17. Qd3 Bg3, 18. hg3 Qa5 The wrong idea. 19. fe6 Qa2? Missing the last chance to castle. Black self-destructs because he is not willing to lose a pawn or two. 20. ef7+ Kf7, 21. Rde1 Despite recent analysis by Bob Bosenius, 21. Qd2 cannot be considered good here. 21. ... Qa1+, 22. Kd2 Qa5+, 23. c3 Qc7, 24. Qe2 Qb6, 25. Qh5+ (1-0). It is not surprising that Black is getting mated here when you consider that he has not moved either of his rooks.

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Hawkes on Holiday

Rob Hawkes

The Valley Forge Sheraton in Pennsylvania about 30 miles from Philadelphia. There were 6 GMs and 12 IMs amongst a small field of 40 players. The tournament was won by GM Quinteros of Argentina with a 9-2 record (no losses, 4 draws), and clear second was taken by Yehuda Gruinfeld of Israel with 8 points. My result was quite disappointing, but I did manage at least one good game which vanity demands I relate here:

Hawkes - Samimi (2260), Iran

1. e4 e6, 2. d3 d5, 3. Nd2 Nf6, 4. Ngf3 Be7, 5. g3 O-O, 6. Bg2 c5, 7. O-O Nc6, 8. e5 Nd7, 9. Re1 b5, 10. Nf1 a5, 11. h4 I have played all this many times; now Black has many choices. 11. ... b4!?, 12. N1h2 Ba6, 13. Bh3 To stop ... f6 or ... f5. 13. ... a4, 14. a3! An idea first played by Fischer. White is trying to mate Black, while Black attempts to infiltrate the queenside. White decides that the b-file will be the easiest to defend and with 14. a3 ensures that is where the break will come. 14. ... Bb5?! A bad move which protects the a-pawn but at the cost of blocking the b-file. Since White is playing for mate, he would never even have considered taking the a-pawn. 15. Bf4 c4 Here Black offered a draw. 16. d4 Blocking the centre; White has the advantage. 16. ... c3 The only try for play. 17. bc ba, 18. Ng5! Now Black must consider 19. Qh5, 19. Nh7, 19. Ne6, 19. Nf7 and so on. Faced with this, he chopped the N, but now his black squares become weak. 18. ... Bg5, 19. Bg5 Qc7, 20. Qg4! This forces 20. ... Kh8, when 21. h5 h6, 22. Bd2, with the idea of 23. Qf4 followed by Ng4 and Nh6, would be an excellent winning try, but ... 20. ... Rfb8, 21. Bf6 Nf6, 22. ef g6, 23. Qg5 Now 23. ... Qd8 is the only move, but it is only a matter of time until Black's position crumbles. 23. ... Kh8?? Allowing a pretty forced mate in 8. 24. Qh6 Rg8, 25. Nf3 g5, 26. Ng5 Rg5, 27. hg Rg8, 28. Bf5! ef, 29. Re8 Qd8 29. ... Qg3+ forces the combination to 8 moves. 30. Qg7 mate (1-0).

1984 Canadian Closed

The Canadian Closed was played this July in Ottawa, marking the beginning of the end as far as the 3-year world championship final is concerned. The next cycle will begin in and run for two years. This was my second national championship and, while sharing 7th place was a vast improvement over my 1981 result, I was still not satisfied. I did play some good games, but on the whole my play was wildly inconsistent. It is a somewhat discouraging truth that the better I get, the less I realize I know.

One player who seemed to have little left to learn was Kevin Spraggett. Most of the players (myself included) considered the question of who would win the tournament a foregone conclusion. We were all proved correct by the masterful way in which Kevin handled the "competition" and it was because of this that I was so pleased with the following effort:

R. Hawkes - K. Spraggett

1. e4 c5, 2. Nc3 Nc6, 3. g3 g6, 4. Bg2 Bg7, 5. d3 d6, 6. Be3 Nh6!? Regarded by theory as inferior, but there is nothing weak about this move. The conclusion was based on one game which White won quickly but in which Black played very weakly. 7. f3!? Other tries are 7. h3 and 7. Qc1. 7. ... f5, 8. h4 Nf7, 9. Qd2 b5! Since, if 10. Nb5, Rb8 leaves Black a little better. 10. h5 b4, 11. Nd1 Bb7, 12. Ne2 Nce5! White was threatening d4 and Black needed e5 for his pieces, making 12. ... e5 unpleasant. The game is now equal. 13. hg hg, 14. Rh8+ Bh8, 15. Nf2 Qd7, 16. f4 This move was unplayable while Black could reply ... Ng4, but after 15. Nf2 there was nothing Black could do to prevent it. 16. ... Nc6, 17. d4!? Perhaps 17. 0-0-0 instead; now come exchanges. 17. ... cd, 18. Nd4 Nd4, 19. Bd4 Bd4, 20. Qd4 Rc8, 21. Kd2 Qa4, 22. Rc1!? The a-pawn is less valuable than Black's b-pawn. 22. ... e5!, 23. Qd3! Qa5 (draw). The position, although unbalanced, is equal. If either side tries to win, the result would not be in his favor. 23. ... Qa2? allows 24. Qb5+ Bc6, 25. Qb4, with advantage to White. After 23. ... Qa5, however, White must reply 24. Qb3, when once again the position is equal.

After this solid result in round 11, I received a rest day (brought on by the unfortunate withdrawal of Bob Zuk due to illness) and arrived refreshed and confident to face Roman Pelts in round 13:

R. Hawkes - R. Pelts

1. e4 c5, 2. Nf3 A good psychological move. Pelts thought for five minutes here; he clearly had been expecting my regular 2. Nc3. 2. ... d6, 3. d4 cd, 4. Nd4 Nf6, 5. Nc3 Nc6, 6. Bc4 e6, 7. Be3 a6, 8. Qe2 Qc7, 9. Bb3?! Although Pelts was surprised by my choice of an open Sicilian, it was me, not him, that went astray. This line allows Black an easy equality. 9. ... Na5, 10. 0-0-0 Nb3+, 11. ab b5, 12. f3 Be7, 13. g4 Bb7, 14. Kb1 Nd7, 15. Rd2 The position is probably slightly better for Black, if he castles here; but there are a couple of traps or, more accurately, inferior options, that are attractive. If 15. ... Rc8?, then 16. Nd5! gives White a strong attack. 15. Nd5 would have been wrong because of 15. ... ed, 16. Nf5 Bf8, 17. ed 0-0-0 and Black wins. 15. ... b4?!, 16. Na2 0-0, 17. Qc4! Qc4, 18. bc Rfc8, 19. b3 g6? This loses a pawn. 20. Nb4! d5, 21. Na2 Black had been counting on 20. ... d5 to win back the pawn, but now both 21. ... dc and 21. ... de are met by 22. Nf5, taking advantage of the unfortunate location of Black's bishops. 21. ... e5, 22. Ne2 d4, 23. Rdd1! Retreating the B to f2 would leave the queenside dark squares weak. 23. ... Nc5, 24. Bc1 a5, 25. Ba3 Ne4?!, 26. Be7 Nf2, 27. Bf6 Nh1, 28. Rh1 Bf3, 29. Re1 Bg4, 30. Be5 Be2, 31. Re8 Re8, 32. Nc1 The smoke clears and White has a trivial endgame win. 32. ... g5, 33. Bf6! The d-pawn isn't going anywhere, but the f-pawn might, if given a chance. 33. ... Re2, 34. Ne2 g4, 35. Nd4 h5, 36. c5 Kh7, 37. c6 Kg6, 38. Bh4 f5, 39. c7 f4, 40. Nc6 Kf5, 41. Nb8 (1-0).

The British Championship

The British Championship (for which "colonials" rated over 2360 Elo are eligible -- ed.) was held in Brighton this year, a beautiful resort town on England's south coast; it proved to be an excellent venue. The event itself was an 11-round Swiss, played at the rate of one round a day, with a rest day between rounds 6 and 7. The site was the beautiful Brighton Centre, right on the seafront, with plenty of room for each of the top boards. According to FIDE regulations, play was 40 in 2.5 hours, then 16 in 1. The conditions were all geared to providing for some excellent chess. Nigel Short (soon to be the world's youngest GM) did not disappoint his fans, taking the title ahead of Miles, Chandler and others.

My own result was (again) sadly below expectations. I drew more games than in any other tournament of my life and finished with a dismal 4.5-6.5. What is worse is that I had to win my last game to achieve even that:

Prettejohn - Hawkes

1. e4 g6, 2. d4 Bg7, 3. Nf3 d6, 4. Bc4 c6, 5. Nc3 While there is basically nothing wrong with White's system, I really enjoy playing against it. 5. ... b5, Bb3 If 6. Nb5 d5 (6. ... cb??, 7. Bd5), 7. Bb3 de. 6. ... a5, 7. a4?! 7. a3 is better. 7. ... b4, 8. Nb1 Ba6, 9. c4 The sac on f7, although tempting, doesn't work. 9. ... bc, 10. bc Nf6, 11. Bc2 0-0, 12. Bd3 c5! Ahead in development, Black opts to open the position to his advantage. 13. 0-0!? cd, 14. cd Nc6, 15. Ba6?! Not very accurate as it allows Black to save a tempo later in doubling rooks and it also gives Black a square for his queen. 15. ... Ra6, 16. Nc3 Nb4, 17. Bb2 Qa8!, 18. Re1 Nd7 All of White's pieces are passive. Black's last plans ... Rfc8, ... Nb6 and ... Nc4, so White is forced into activity. 19. Qe2! Rc8, 20. Rac1 Qb7 A good waiting move; if 20. ... Nb6?, then 21. Nb5; or if 20. ... Rac6, 21. Nd5! Rc1, 22. Bc1 Nd5, 23. ed Bf6, when both Bg5 and Qb5 give White a playable game. If White replies to 20. ... Qb7 with 21. h3, then 21. ... Rac6 works, with a possible continuation being 22. Nd5 Rc2! 21. Nb5 Rac6, 22. Na3? Unpleasant though it may have been, White had to concede the c-file with 22. Rc6 Rc6, 23. Rc1 Rc1, 24. Bc1 Qc6, and ... Nb6. 22. ... Nc2 Simple, but winning. 23. Qb5 The alternative was 23. Rc2 Rc2, 24. Nc2 Qb2, 25. Ne3 Qe2, 26. Re2 Rc1+, 27. Nf1 Rc5, winning a pawn and the game. 23. ... Rb6, 24. Rc2 Rc2, 25. Nc2 Rb5, 26. ab Qb5 (0-1).

The Lloyd's Bank Tournament

This event was very successful this year and finished by producing a great number of title norms for young English players. First place was shared by Spassky, Miles, Nunn, Chandler and, joining them at 7 out of 9, Kudrin, with the only GM norm of the event.

After a good start of three wins, including a lucky third round win against GM-elect Gutman of Israel, I was pitted against GM John Nunn (2585) and promptly got annihilated. My tournament went downhill from there and, although I had a shot at an IM norm up until I lost my second-last round, I was disappointed with my play. I managed only 1 point in my last 6 games, to finish 4/9 against an average FIDE rating of 2362. I hope in the future to be able to give a better accounting of myself.

I would very much like to thank the ACA and its members for their support of my chess efforts this summer. Without that support, the full extent of my schedule would have been considerably shorter.

1984 Canadian Women's Chess Championship

Urmila Zdenka Das

The tournament was held between July 11-19, 1984 at Hart House, University of Toronto. There were 10 participants: 6 from Ontario, 2 from Quebec, and 1 each from Alberta and B.C. I represented Alberta. As advised beforehand, out-of-town players were housed at the organizer's expense, at St. Michael's College -- a modest but satisfactory accommodation. Food money of \$35.00 for 11-12 days appeared to have created some surprise and hardship to some, as the participants were promised food and lodging. Anyway, one should appreciate good will but lack of fortune of the organizer. The tournament was well organized and it went smoothly.

I tried my best to do justice to your help and cooperation, and to the sacrifice of my family for participation in this tournament. Over all, I captured fourth position and missed the guaranteed berth in the Olympics by 1.5 points. Nava Shterenberg (Ontario) was defeated by Diane Mongeau (Quebec) -- a surprise (see the crosstable). Again, Diane Mongeau was defeated only by me. I scored 6 points and obtained the title "International Master" -- it appears I am the only one in Calgary, for which I really feel proud. Nava Shterenberg became the Champion, scoring 8 points, while Celine Roos (Quebec) was the runner up with 7.5 points and Diane Mongeau got third just above me with 6.5 points.

There is a bit of a sad tune associated with this top ten women's championship. There was no fund for any prize, and in the largest city of Canada this event went on apparently unnoticed. In fact, it was difficult to find an organizer in Canada for the Women's Championship, or so I was told. My thanks to Mr. David Lavin for shouldering this "burden".

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Alberta Chess Association for its support and encouragement.

1984 Canadian Women's Championship

1. Nava Shterenberg	X 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8.0
2. Celine Roos	0 X = 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	7.5
3. Diane Mongeau	1 = X 0 = 1 1 = 1 1	6.5
4. Urmila Das	0 0 1 X 0 1 1 1 1 1	6.0
5. Vesma Baltgailis	0 0 = 1 X 1 1 = 1 1	6.0
6. Smilja Vujosevic	0 0 0 0 0 X 1 1 1 1	4.0
7. Alice Laimer	0 0 0 0 0 0 X 1 1 1	3.0
8. Kathy Watts	0 0 = 0 = 0 0 X 0 1	2.0
9. Dorothy Moser	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 X 1	2.0
10. Jacklin Brien	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 X	0.0

Diane Mongeau - Urmila Das

1. d4 e6, 2. c4 d5, 3. Nc3 Nf6, 4. Bg5 h6, 5. Bh4 Bb4, 6. e3 0-0, 7. a3 Bc3+, 8. bc Nbd7, 9. cd ed, 10. Bd3 c6, 11. Ne2 Re8, 12. 0-0 Qa5, 13. Qc2 b6, 14. c4 Ba6, 15. cd Bd3, 16. Qd3 cd, 17. Rfc1 Rac8, 18. Bf6 Nf6, 19. Ng3 Qa4, 20. Nf5 Rc6, 21. Rc6 Qc6, 22. Qd1 Qd7, 23. Ng3 Rc8, 24. Rc1 b5, 25. Rc5 Rc5, 26. dc Qc6, 27. Qd4 Qc8, 28. Ne2 Ne4, 29. Qd5 Nc5, 30. h3 a5, 31. Nd4 Nd3, 32. Nb5 Qc1+, 33. Kh2 Nf2, 34. Qd8+ Kh7, 35. Qa5 Qe3, 36. Qb4 f5, 37. a4 f4, 38. Qb1+ Kh8, 39. Qa1 Qg3+, 40. Kg1 Nh3+, 41. Kh1 Nf2+, 42. Kg1 f3, 43. Qf1 Nh3+, 44. Kh1 Ng5, 45. a5 f2, 46. Qc4 Qe5, 47. Qc8+ Kh7, 48. Qc2+ Ne4 (0-1).

Das - Moser

1. d4 d5, 2. c4 Nf6, 3. Nc3 c6, 4. Nf3 h6, 5. e3 g6, 6. cd Nd5, 7. Bc4 Nc3, 8. bc e6, 9. a4 Nd7, 10. 0-0 Be7, 11. e4 g5, 12. Bd3 a5, 13. Re1 0-0, 14. Qe2 c5, 15. e5 b6, 16. Qe4 f5, 17. ef Nf6, 18. Qg6+ (1-0).

D. Mongeau - N. Shterenberg

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 c5, 3. d5 d6, 4. Nc3 g6, 5. e4 Bg7, 6. Bd3 0-0, 7. h3 e6, 8. Nf3 Na6, 9. a3 Nc7, 10. 0-0 ed, 11. ed Rb8, 12. a4 b6, 13. Bd2 a6, 14. Rb1 b5, 15. ab ab, 16. b3 Ba6, 17. Qc2 Qd7, 18. Rfe1 Rb6, 19. Ng5 Rfb8, 20. Nge4 Ne4, 21. Ne4 bc, 22. bc Rb2, 23. Rb2 Rb2, 24. Qc1 Rb3, 25. Bh6 Rd3, 26. Qb1 Rd4, 27. Qb8+ Qc8?? (Ed. -- much better is 27. ... Bc8, 28. Nf6+ Bf6, 29. Qc7 Bg7, or 28. Qc7 Re4, 29. Re4 Bh6) 28. Nf6+ Bf6, 29. Qc7 Be5, 30. Re5 de, 31. Qe5 Qf8, 32. Bf8 Kf8, 33. Qd6+ Kg7, 34. Qa6 h5, 35. Qa1 Kf6, 36. Qd4+ cd (1-0).

Calgary CC Team Tournament

The Calgary Chess Club Team Tournament is usually the last battle before the Club closes for the two summer months. This year it was a very interesting and well fought battle. G. Huber and his team mates led until the last round, when they met Brian Toth and his shining knights. Brian's win gave them a first place tie on points and first place after the tiebreak.

After this event, everything was quite at the Club, and everybody was waiting for the sky to clear so that they could head for the hills for some summer recreation.

1. B Toth/4, H Gnodde/1.5, G Thompson/4	-----	9.5
2. G Huber/2, D Billings/4, E Graveline/3.5	--	9.5
3. P Usselman/2, C Demers/2.5, T King/3.5	----	8.0
4. J Flemming/2, D Taylor/2, T Hardie/3	-----	7.0
5. M Yip/2.5, T Hutchings/3, N Luyben/1	-----	6.5
6. J O'Neil/2.5, S Schlieff/2, M Goldman/0	----	4.5

(TD and Report: John Schleinich)

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1984 Canada Day Open -- Edmonton

The summer holiday weekend found 27 participants staying in out of the sun to battle away for first place. Phoenix (Jonathan Schaeffer's computer program) ended up tied for first with Ian Loadman, both with 5.0 scores in the 6 round Swiss. Sid Belzberg snared third with 4.5, while Top A was a 3-way tie between Sardul Purewal, Rob Gardner and Rick Douziech, all with 4.0, the same score as Rod Hartfeil, Top B. The Top C category was shared by Nacim Aktary and Fred Hanchar. Bob Bosenius ably directed the whole show.

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1984 Calgary Closed

This 4-section, 31-player round robin event saw Gordon Campbell take the top section with a 5.5 score, earning a berth in the 1984 Alberta Closed. Roye Yearwood was second with 5.0. Bill Bentley notched up section B, ahead of Ted Wilson. Bob Sullivan snared section C with 5/6 and Bruce Marsales followed with 4. Bill Rusk's 6/7 got him section D ahead of Dennis Taylor with 5.5.

(TD: Jim O'Neil; report based on En Passant)

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1984 Alberta Closed

Despite the importance of this event, **no report was received (!)**, but we do know that Rob Hawkes was first with 4.5-5 and Ian Loadman was second with 3.5-1.5. We apologize to our readers for the lack of further information.

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Red Deer Chess Club Championship, 1984

The 1984 Championship was a 14-round, double round robin, with the following result:

Paul Provost	11.5
Jens Kaastrup	10.5
Adolf Grieb	8.0
Glen Currie	7.5
Wulff Koenig	7.5
Jim Graham	5.0
Alex Grefner	3.0
Jack Riis	3.0

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Edmonton CC Theme Tournament

The Stanley Cup playoffs undoubtedly helped to keep the entry down to 12, but the hardy souls who entered this tournament got to try Bruno Knudskov's (the TD) experiment: there was a predetermined opening each round (Sicilian, King's Gambit, Ruy Lopez, French, Queen's Gambit, King's Indian). Bruno proved he knew how to handle this type of event over the board as he finished with 4.5/5, ahead of Gregory Shvartsburd, Ferenc Borloi and David Johansen, 4/5. (Report based on En Passant).

1984 Calgary Open

This 7 round event was won by Gordon Campbell with a score of 6-1. Second was Brian Toth with 5 and third went to Jim O'Neil with 4.5, while Wolfgang Mueller was fourth, also scoring 4.5. B-class was won by Dale Haessel with 4 and second was Greg Huber with the same score. The Top C player was Chris Demers, and Top Unrated was D. Ferguson.

1. G. Campbell	+7	-19	+6	+15	+3	+5	+4	6.0
2. B. Toth	+21	+22	-3	+19	-9	+6	+8	5.0
3. J. O'Neil	+25	+8	+2	=4	-1	=10	=5	4.5
4. W. Mueller	+20	+26	=9	=3	=5	+12	-1	4.5
4.0:	5. R. Yearwood,	6. D. Haessel,	7. G. Huber,					
	8. B. Bentley,	9. K. Kuczaj/5,						
	10. K. Salmon,	11. T. Wilson.						
3.5:	12. G. Barnes,	13. M. Sharpe,						
	14. C. Demers.							
3.0:	15. D. Enevoldsen,	16. D. Ferguson,						
	17. D. Cerny,	18. D. Taylor.						
2.5:	19. M. Yip,	20. S. Schlieff,						
	21. B. Marsales.							
2.0:	22. D. Roche/5,	23. J. Koopman.						
1.5:	24. E. Graveline,	25. A. King.						
1.0:	26. R. Kuiper/2.							
0.0:	27. M. Austin/2.							

(TD, Report: Brian Toth)

B. Bentley - B. Toth

(notes by Toth)

1. Nf3 Nf6, 2. g3 d5, 3. c4 c6, 4. Bg2 Here Black can win a pawn by 4. ... cd4, 5. a4 b5, but White's queenside play and pawn dominance in the center are enough for the pawn. 4. ... Bf5, 5. 0-0 e6, 6. cd5 ed5, 7. d4 This move prepares the well known minority attack for White with Nc3, a3, b4, b5. 7. ... Bd6, 8. Nc3 Nbd7, 9. Bd2 Qc7 Black has equalized and now my plan was h5, h4 and attack down the h-file, but this turned out to be too slow. 10. a3 Ne4, 11. Nh4 If 11. Ne4 Be4, with h5, h4 and an attack. 11. ... Nc3 Eliminating the QN, which is a better piece for White's queenside attack. 12. Bc3 Bg4, 13. Qd3 A powerful centralizing move. 13. ... Nf6 If 13. ... g6 to stop Nf5, then White has 14. e4 and, if de4, 15. Rfe1 0-0-0, 16. Re4 (White is slightly better) Nf6?, 17. Rg4! Ng4, 18. Bh3 f5?, 18. Nf5 and White is better. If 15. ... f5, 16. Be4! with threats to Black's QB. 14. Nf5 0-0-0?! 15. Nd6 Rd6 The rook is well placed here. After the eventual bc6 by White, the rook can recapture on c6, plus it can swing to the kingside. 16. b4 Rhe8, 17. e3 Now, after the coming exchange of White's KB, his white squares are very weak. 17. ... Qd7, 18. Rfc1 Bh3, 19. b5 Bg2, 20. Kg2 Ne4 An excellent square for the knight; if now 21. f3, White's e-pawn becomes very weak. 21. bc6 Rc6, 22. Bb4 Rc1, 23. Rc1+ Kb8, 24. Ba5 b6, 25. Rb1 Simply Bb4 and the eventual advance of the a-pawn was better. 25. ... Ng5 The White squares. 26. Qb5 Here Bill offered a draw and it looks like I should take it, but ... 26. ... Qh3+, 27. Kh1 Qe6 Covers everything. If 27. ... Nf3??, 28. Qe8+ Kmoves, 29. Qf7+. 28. Qd3 Rc8, 29. Bb4 Qg4, 30. Qf1?? 30. Kg1 was the only move. 30. ... Qe4+, 31. f3 Nf3, 32. Rb2 Nd2+ (0-1).

1984 Alberta Open

Despite the beautiful weather during the Thanksgiving Day Weekend, 50 players showed up in Calgary for the tournament. Jeff Reeve coped with the heat the best and won the event with a 6-0 score. He was never in trouble during his games, and showed good endgame ability in his win against Branimir Brebrich. Jeff also displayed his attacking ability with a piece sac against Rob Hawkes. Second and third went to Brebrich and Hawkes, 5-1. Top A player was Wilf Lahrkamp, whose "Swiss Gambit" worked to perfection. Top B went to Phil Chiu -- his performance was impressive, with wins over I. Loadman, A. Zissos, K. Salmon and M. O'Toole. Top C went to Chris Demers. I (Brian Toth) would like to thank Bill Rusk and Barney Fegyverneki for helping to organize and direct, respectively.

1. J. Reeve	+28	+11	+13	+2	+3	+4	6.0
2. B. Brebrich	+48	+23	+24	-1	+15	+8	5.0
3. R. Hawkes	+30	bye	+22	+15	-1	+9	5.0
4. W. Lahrkamp	+21	=27	+16	+7	+5	-1	4.5
5. B. Bosenius	+42	=16	+17	+31	-4	+7	4.5
6. A. Zissos	+35	=31	-7	+36	+16	+17	4.5
4.0:	7. P. Chiu,	8. I. Loadman,	9. B. Toth,				
	10. T. Kolenchuk,	11. M. Yip,	12. K. Salmon				
3.5:	13. J. Flemming,	14. J. Baser,					
	15. J. Kralovic,	16. D. Billings,					
	17. G. Cooper,	18. D. Haessel,					
	19. F. McFaul,	20. A. King.					
3.0:	21. C. Demers,	22. W. Mueller,					
	23. G. Huber,	24. J. Currie,					
	25. S. Schlieff,	26. S. Sklenka,					
	27. G. Barnes,	28. B. Swiecki,					
	29. G. Kodecki.						
2.5:	30. J. Spencer,	31. J. Weitman,					
	32. M. O'Toole,	33. P. Amerl,					
	34. J. Koopman,	35. D. Taylor,					
	36. H. Lassnig.						
2.0:	37. R. South,	38. T. Hutchings,					
	39. M. Hantzis,	40. R. Lynham,					
	41. T. Lockert,	42. J. Skuaril.					
1.5:	43. G. Thomson,	44. N. Luyben,					
	45. T. Hamilton,	46. H. Bjorge.					
1.0:	47. E. Graveline,	48. D. Roberts,					
	49. R. Cope.						
0.0:	50. J. Fitzgerald.						

M. Yip - I. Loadman

King's Indian Defence, g3 system
(notes by Yip)

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 g6, 3. Nc3 Bg7, 4. g3 0-0, 5. Bg2 d6, 6. Nf3 Nbd7, 7. 0-0 e5, 8. e4 ed4 The main line is 8. ... c6 "retaining options for later plans and immediately opening the diagonal for the queen to take an active post on the queenside at a5 or b6", says Geller in his book King's Indian Defence: g2 Systems. This would seem to be a better alternative in view of the game continuation. 9. Nd4 Re8, 10. h3 Nc5, 11. Re1 c6 11. ... a5, 12. ... c6 is given by Portisch as the proper move order in the RHM survey, King's Indian Defence II. I think the transposition is harmless. 12. Bf4 a5, 13. Rab1! Both Korchnoi and Portisch have used this rook manoeuvre before; its purpose being to support the advance of the b-pawn with the accompanying gain of space on the queen's wing. 13. ... Qb6?! This same position was reached in Portisch-Planinc, Vrsac 1971 and in Kirov-Greife, Slanchev Bryag 1974. Portisch played 14. Nb3! and after 14. ... Ne6?!, 15. Bd6 a4, 16. c5 Qa7, 17. e5 Nd7, 18. Nd2 Ndc5, 19. Nde4 White was better. Kirov played still stronger with 14. Bd6 Rd8 (14. ... Nfe4 loses a piece to 15. Ne4 Ne4, 16. c5 Qb4, 17. Nc2), 15. e5 Ne8, 16. Nc6 Nd6 (16. ... bc6, 17. Bc5 +-), 17. Nd5 Nc4, 18. Nd8 Qd8, 19. Qd4 +/- Planinc's 13. ... a4! is the move that keeps this line playable (for some people). Notes based on analysis by Portisch in the KID II book. 14. Nc2?! Passive. I was afraid

of attacks on the N/d4 and also thought that Black could be beaten by quiet, methodical play, i.e. by bringing the knight to e3 and using the d-file for pressure on d6. However, by not playing energetically, White lets a large part of his advantage slip. 14. ... Be6, 15. Ne3 Bc8, 16. Qc2 Played quickly and without due consideration of the position. By appearances White seems to have a clear advantage, but the next few moves had escaped my attention entirely. Perhaps 16. f3!? would be better, not allowing Ne6-d4 with tempo. 16. ... Rd8, 17. Rbd1 Ne6!, 18. Bd6 18. Rd6 would have been weak because of 18. ... Nf4, 19. Rd8+ Qd8, 20. g4 Nh5, with play on the K-side (Loadman). (Ed. -- or so I thought during the game; it now appears to me that 21. Ne2 Qh4, 22. f5 favors White.) 18. ... Nd4! A surprise. White's next move is forced. 19. Rd4 Qd4, 20. Rd1 Rd6! Another surprise. If Black does not give up his queen, he will get positionally crushed with an eventual c5 and e5, etc. 21. Rd4 Rd4 I think that White, with Q+P vs two R's, has a slight advantage if minor pieces remain on the board. Black's pieces are not yet coordinated, so White must play to slow the doubling of rooks on the d-file. 22. Ne2 Rd8, 23. f4?! Too ambitious and inadequately thought out. 24. Qb3 was indicated, holding the bishop at c8 temporarily and threatening a later Qb6. White's whole concept of a K-side attack is at fault. 23. ... Bf8! To activate the bishop. I started to worry a little because Black has the 2 bishops AND the rook pair. 24. Kf2 Bc5, 25. Kf3 Re8, 26. Nc3 Be6, 27. b3 Rad8 (=) 28. e5? White stubbornly plays for a mating attack, not realizing that his pieces will be exchanged off before anything happens. 28. ... Be3, 29. Ke3 Bf5, 30. Be4 Ne4, 31. Ne4 Be4, 32. Ke4 c5! (=/+ at least) Black threatens to double rooks on the d-file and mate the "active" king. 33. Kf3 Rd4, 34. Kg4 Re5, 35. Qc3 Regaining the pawn with the threat of Qd4. 35. ... h5+, 36. Kf3 Re6, 37. Qa5 b6, 38. Qc3 Although the theoretical material balance had been restored, White is in big trouble because there is no real way to combat the two rooks working in tandem. 38. Qa8+ would only pull the queen further away from the action. 38. ... Red6, 39. Ke3 Rd1, 40. a3 Rh1, 41. h4 Rdd1, 42. Kf3 Rh2, 43. Qf6 Rf1+, 44. Ke4 Re2+, 45. Kd5?? Rd1+, 46. Kc6 Re6+ (0-1, move 50). A tense game.

I (M. Yip) played the following game in the 6th round. Both of us were 3-2, so I had to win to make my result respectable.

M. Yip - G. Barnes

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6, 2. c4 e6, 3. Nc3 d5, 4. Bg5 Be7, 5. Nf3 Nbd7, 6. e3 a6!? This position resembles the "Swiss system" mentioned by S. Samarian in the Queen's Gambit Declined (line A2, p. 65) except that White has not played Rc1 and Black has not castled. Presumably, Black intends dc4 to be followed by b5 and Bb7. 7. cd5 ed5, 8. Bd3 0-0, 9. Rc1 I don't know what's best here, White's eventual setup or 9. Qc2, with the idea of conducting a minority attack with the rooks on b1 and c1. 9. ... Re8, 10. Qc2 Nf8, 11. 0-0 Bg4 c6 seems more pertinent to relieve the pressure on the c-file. White will find any attempt at a minority at least 2 tempi slower because of the placing of his rooks. 12. Ne5 Bh5, 13. Qb3? Definitely poor. White succeeds in wasting a couple valuable moves and nothing else. 13. ... Rb8, 14. Bf6 Bf6, 15. f4 c6, 16. Qc2 Be5 16. ... c5 seems more to the point to challenge White's ambitious and somewhat artificial setup. 17. fe5 Bg6, 18. Rf3 Bd3, 19. Qd3 Ne6, 20. Raf1 Rf8 Black has played to blunt the force of White's attack with exchanges, but it's clear that he has not succeeded as now he must "undevelop" his rook while White proceeds in a carefree manner. 21. Ne2 Qe7, 22. Ng3 g6, 23. Rf6 Ng7, 24. e4!? Initiating

a manoeuvre to bring the knight into play. 24. ... Rad8, 25. ed5 Rd5, 26. Ne4 Could be given a "!" or a "?", depending on how you want to look at it. The p/e5 is en prise, which I had overlooked. However, there is a tactic available to White which enables him to keep the play. 26. ... Qe5, 27. R6f4 Rd4, 28. Nf6+ Qf6, 29. Rd4 Qe5, 30. Qe4 Qc5 The ending favors White because of the active position of the rooks as opposed to the passively placed rook and knight of Black. 31. Kh1 Ne6, 32. Rd7 b5, 33. h3 Qb6?! Removing the queen from an active post to a passive one. 34. Qf3 (+/-) f5, 35. Re1 Nc5, 36. R7e7 Ne4??, 37. R1e4 (1-0, White mates in 3.).

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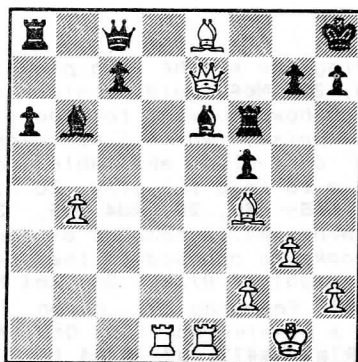
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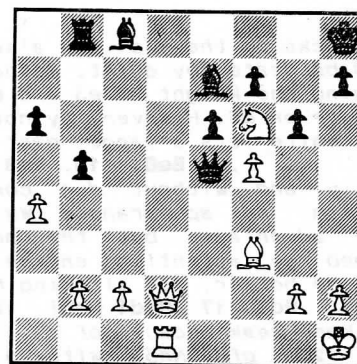
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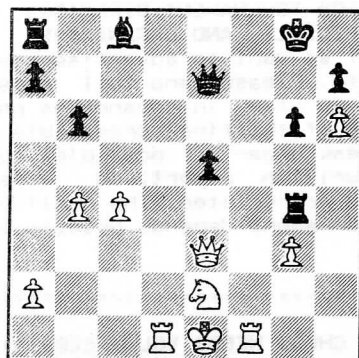
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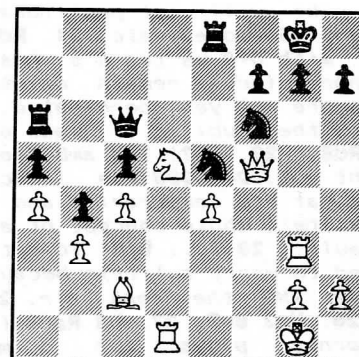
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