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MEETING PLACE - KINSMEN FIELDHOUSE
 In Walterdale Park
 MONDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS 7.30 P.M.
 GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

● GUEST EDITOR - BRIAN PARSK ●

One of our members has scored an inspirational triumph. Our own Jan Krotki, 16 years young, has put the Edmonton Chess Club on the map. Jan defeated Camille Coudari in his own brilliant fashion earning himself the right to represent Canada in the "World Junior Chess Championship", to be held probably in Sweden next Summer. Our heartfelt congratulations to a chess warrior, a returning conqueror, a fine competitor. We wish him well in the coming tournament.

Local Edmonton radio stations expressed amazement at the electrifying news and we were gratified to hear them announce it on numerous occasions following the release of the report. A disappointing note though has been struck by the local newspaper. A feat such as this, of course, was reported at least on the front page, you may well state. But no the editors felt, which is naturally their prerogative, and who should question it, fit not only to relegate this headline news to page 51 but also to slash and chop with machete-like thoroughness and brutally disfigure the reporting by your executive into almost unrecognizable blither.

As you will see when reading the newspaper's version below almost all mention of the club was obliterated which at a time when your executive is attempting to promote chess and the Edmonton Chess Club is to say the least most discouraging. Is this reporting? Is this what we can expect from the newspaper when Jan achieves greater fame in Sweden?



TO PLAY
 CHESS FOR
 CANADA!

THE NEWSPAPER'S VERSION:

CITY YOUTH SEEKS WORLD CHESS TITLE

A 16-year-old honor mathematics student at the University of Alberta will represent Canada in the 1969 World junior chess championship this summer in Stockholm.

Jan Krotki, of 10137 Clifton Place, has played chess for four years. He placed seventh last year in the Canadian open championship.

Jan is chief instructor on the chess education and promotion committee of the Edmonton Chess Club. His recent demonstrations have included playing a number of opponents simultaneously and playing "blind-folded"—that is without seeing board or opponent.

The young chess champ is planning demonstrations shortly in city high schools and shopping centres

OUR REPORT TO THE NEWSPAPER:

Mr. Jan Krotki of 10137 Clifton Place, Edmonton, Alberta, will be Canada's official representative in the 1969 World Junior Chess Championship to be held later this summer, probably in Stockholm.

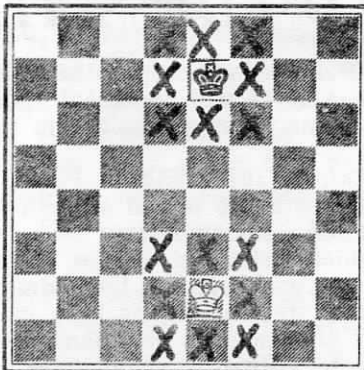
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"The Realm of the King"

The area under each King's control is equivalent to one half of a Chess Board a grand total of thirty-two squares as shown in diagram "C" below.



The king may be supreme commander of the Chess army but his move is one of the weakest of all the Chess pieces. In the diagramme "B" below, the king's move of one square in any direction is depicted. We admit its not much of a move but then again when you are a King you only move when necessary. If you should own a set of Chessmen I would suggest setting up the position of the kings on the board and practising the kings move on different parts of the board.



Best of Chess

The "Immortal Game"

An example of the famous sacrificial style of Anderssen, the first World Champion.

Perhaps now you can begin to understand the reasons for the furious battle which is to follow. It appears that each of our monarchs are suffering from Claustrophobia and to double the size of his present holdings he need only capture the opposing king. However seven squares away that other king who is facing the same breathing space problem is plotting a similar type of overthrow for his opponent. The results of these plots and counterplots are the body and soul of a Chess game and as move follows move and tensions rise in both camps, the age old problem of survival is slowly resolved.

In the next lesson we will begin to explain the various components of the king's army beginning with the "Rook" a powerful fighter with very large ancestral feet!!



London 1851

Anderssen Kieseritsky

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. P-Kb4 | PxP |
| 3. B-B4 | Q-R5ch |
| 4. K-B1 | P-QN4 |
| A counter-gambit favoured by Kieseritsky. | |
| 5. BxNP | N-KB3 |
| 6. N-KB3 | Q-R3 |
| 7. P-Q3 | N-R4 |
| 8. M -R4! | Q-N4 |
| 9. N-B5 | P-QB3 |
| 10. P-KN4! | N-KB3 |
| 11. R-N1! | PxB |
| 12. P-KR4 | Q-N3 |
| 13. P-R5 | Q-N4 |
| 14. Q-B3 | N-N1 (forced) |
| 15. BxP | Q-B3 |
| 16. M -B3 | B-B4 |
| 17. N-Q5 (P-Q4 would be still more powerful and decisive) | |
| 17. | Q-x Np |
| 18. B-Q6 !! | QxRch |
| Too greedy and too late! | |
| 19. K-K2 | BxR |
| 20. P-K5 | M-QR3 |
| 21. NxBPch | K-Q1 |
| 22. Q-B6ch | NxQ |
| 23. B-K7 | Mate |

Jan, who is 16 years old is an honors Mathematics student at the University of Alberta, and one of Canada's top players. He placed seventh last summer at the Canadian Open Championship, and was recent winner of the Edmonton Chess Club Championship, defeating all opponents, amongst whom were included such seasoned veterans as Mr. Lionel Joyner, a past Canadian Champion.

Jan is also chief instructor on the Chess Education and Promotional Committee of the Edmonton Chess Club. His many contributions to local chess activities include playing all opponents simultaneously, in exhibitions of chess ability, playing smaller groups "blind-folded", i.e. without sight of board or men and instructing chess classes under the auspices of the Edmonton Chess Club.

The next course which is available to the general public will begin tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The course has been designed to offer chess instruction to every calibre of player as well as non-players. Registration takes place at 7:00 p.m. in the Kinsmen Fieldhouse in Walterdale Park. Those interested are cordially invited to attend.

Future chess plans for Mr. Krotki will include various simultaneous demonstrations, both in local high schools and on public shopping malls throughout the Edmonton area.

"For surely, of all the drugs in the world, Chess must be the most permanently pleasurable,"

Assiac.

KROTKI K ORNER

- JAN KROTKI

CAMILLE COUDARI - JAN KROTKI
Ottawa, Jan. 5, 1969

Welcome back. I spent the bulk of my Christmas holidays in Ottawa, playing a four game match with Camille Coudari of Montreal. The winner was to represent Canada in the World Junior this summer but I was given draw odds in the match because of my better showing in the Canadian Open. And what happened? We split the games two each so I will be Canada's representative in the World Junior. A rather inconclusive result to the match but, unfortunately, we can't both go.

Camille won the first game, I won the second and then Camille won the third. So I had to win the fourth game in order to qualify. I did win it and as a result, the Black pieces won all four games! Here is the score of that dramatic and very tense fourth game. The notes are my own, and the times for each move are given, to the nearest minute as taken down by the referee, M.T. A. Byrne.

1.N-KB3	(0)	N-KB3	(1)
2.P-B4	(1)	P-Q3	(1)
3.P-KN3	(0)	P-K4	(1)
4.B-N2	(0)	QN-Q2	(1)
5.N-B3	(1)	P-B3	(1)
6.O-O	(0)	B-K2	(1)
7.P-Q4	(4)	Q-B2	(1)
8.P-K4	(1)	O-O	(1)
9.P-KR3	(2)	R-K1	(6)
10.B-K3	(0)	B-B1	(4)
11.Q-B2	(5)	PxP	(4)
12.BxP	(3)	N-k4	(9)
13.NxN	(1)	PxN	(0)
14.B-K3	(0)	B-K3	(5)
15.N-K2	(2)	N-Q2	(6)
16.KR-Q1	(10)	P-QR4	(7)
17.K-R2	(11)	N-B4	(9)
18.N-B1	(1)	P-B3	(11)
19.N-Q3	(1)	N-R3	(3)
20.QR-B1	(13)	Q-B2	(8)
21.P-KB4	(15)	PxP	(2)
22.NxP	(7)	N-N5	(13)
23.Q-N1	(8)	BxP	(1)
24.P-N3	(0)	B-K3	(2)
25.NxB	(5)	QxN	(1)
26.B-N6	(1)	B-Q3	(3)

1. 1. B-B1 and black is mated next move either one of two ways.
2. 1. Q-N1, N-Q3 2. BxN and mate is next. Any King move is upset by a white check!
3. White draws with 1. K-B7, B-K5 2. P-B6, BxP 3. P-N6, B-B6 4. B-R6, P-Q8(Q) 5. B-N7ch, BxB Stalemate.
4. White wins 1. P-R7, N-B6 2. P-R8 (R), N-N8 /. 3. R-R1, P-B6 4. R-R4 N-R6ch 5. KxP, N-N8ch 6. K-B2, N-R6 ch 7. K-N3, N-N8, 8. R-R2

EXECUTIVE CORNER

At the club's first executive meeting held last Saturday several major proposals were passed which should greatly enhance our 1969 programme. Some of the highlights of the long work session included decisions to purchase our own coffee equipment complete with a coffee cabinette, a new lock for the equipment box, the purchase of ten sets of new pieces, ten boards and six new clocks.

R. Trowbridge was appointed Club librarian and authorized to purchase twenty-five dollars worth of basic Chess books to begin our library.

Three further tournaments are on the spring calendar, a nine round (three rounds per night) 30-30 affair starting March 24/69, a ten round Round Robin and Swiss beginning April 14/69 through to June 23/69, which we have named "Spring Challenge Tournament. Also the Alberta Closed will be held over the Victoria Day weekend with we hope entries recieved from throughout the province. An "Open" tournament will be held in conjunction with the "Closed".

We finally have a constitution and your executive urge you to study it carefully.

Our work session was broken by a short lunch break with sandwiches and coffee on the menu.

Some vacancies presently exist on your executive and should be filled. If you feel you might be of help please contact the president or Vice-President for further details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winners of the 30-30 Christmas Tournament held December 21, 1968 were Jan Krotki and Len Steele tied for 1st place with 5 wins each out of 6 - Swiss system.

Edmonton Chess Club Championship - 8 rounds Swiss ending December 16, 1968.

A Class

1. Krotki	7 1/2
2. Joyner	7
3. Rabljenovic	6
4. Skeel	5 1/2
5. Bayrock	5

B Class

1. C. Currie	6	28 1/2
2. Wojtowicz	6	26 1/2
3. Tross	6	24
4. Ball	5 1/2	
5. Bartel	5	

WORLD CHAMP

Tigran Petrosian (USSR), b. 1929, International Grandmaster. World Champion since 1963 when he defeated Botvinnik 12½-9½. An enigmatic figure, his unspectacular play, based on technical soundness and supreme skill in defence and strategic manoeuvring, has little public appeal. But he is a most formidable match player, as he showed when he defeated Spassky in the last World Championship. He has competed in the last five Olympiads without losing a single game



" The beauty of a chess move, lies, not in its appearance , but in the thought behind it"

Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch