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Topalov and Anand Tie for First - Corus, Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands

This is always the first strong tournament of the New Year, and the 2006 version was no exception. It was played from Jan. 13-29, and had an average rating of 2716. It included among others : Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), # 2 in the world, 2005 FIDE World Champion and rated 2801; Viswanathan Anand (India), # 3, 2000 FIDE World Champion, and 2005 FIDE World Championship runner-up, rated 2792; Levon Aronian (Armenia), #5, 2005 FIDE World Cup winner, rated 2752; Peter Leko (Hungary), # 7, challenger to Vladimir Kramnik in the 2004 Classical World Championship match, rated 2740; Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), #8, rated 2729; Boris Gelfand (Israel), # 9, rated 2723, and 8 other strong players.

Topalov and Anand came first and had a score of 9/13 pts., 1 ½ pts. ahead of the 3rd/4th place finishers. Anand took the Corus Trophy on tie-break. This result will push Anand's rating over the 2800 mark for the first time (he'll be the 4th player in history to break 2800; Topalov is already over 2800 – he is the third player to do so). A surprise of the tournament was the placing 5th/6th of the 16 year old Ukrainian prodigy, Sergey Karjakin. Here is the final results crosstable :

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Final standings

Corus A Wijk aan Zee NED 2006

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4			
1		Anand,V	2752	+98	*	½	½	L	L	L	½	L	L	½	0	½	9.0/13	58.50	
2		Topalov,V	2801	+49	½	*	0	½	½	L	½	½	L	L	½	L	9.0/13	54.00	
3		Adams,M	2717	+53	½	L	*	L	U	½	½	½	½	½	L	½	7.5/13	48.75	
4		Ivanchuk,V	2729	+39	0	½	0	*	½	L	½	½	L	½	½	L	7.5/13	44.50	
5		Gelfand,B	2723	+19	0	½	L	½	*	½	½	½	½	L	½	0	L	7.0/13	43.75
5		Karjakin,S	2660	136	0	0	½	0	½	*	½	½	½	L	L	L	7.0/13	38.50	
7		Thirukov,S	2649	+90	½	½	½	½	½	*	½	½	0	½	L	½	6.5/13	41.75	
8		Leko,P	2740	-36	0	½	½	½	½	½	*	½	0	½	L	L	6.5/13	39.25	
9		Aronian,L	2712	-79	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	*	0	½	L	L	6.5/13	37.50	
10		Van Wely,L	2647	+47	0	0	½	½	½	½	L	L	*	½	0	½	6.0/13		
11		Bacrot,E	2717	-55	0	0	½	½	0	0	L	½	½	*	½	L	5.5/13		
12		Mamedyarov,S	2709	-133	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	0	0	½	*	0	½	4.5/13	31.00
13		Kamsky,G	2666	-78	L	0	0	0	L	0	0	0	L	0	L	*	½	4.5/13	28.50
14		Sokolov,I	2689	112	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	*	4.0/13	

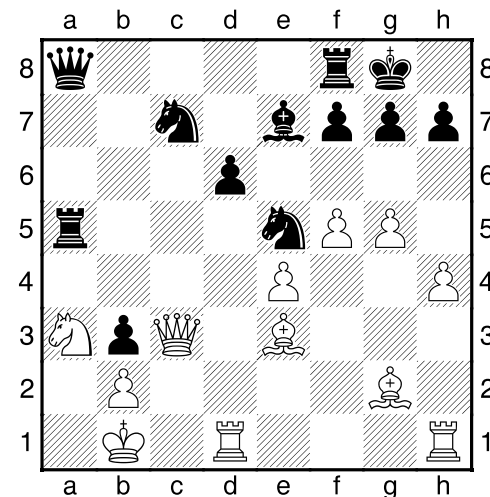
Here is a great sacrificial attack game from round 1 between Karjakin, and Anand, where Anand sacs three pieces to get a mate :

Karjakin,S (2660) – Anand,V (2792) [B90]

Corus Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands (1), 14.01.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0 0 Nbd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 b4 13.Ne2 Ne8 14.f4 a5 15.f5 a4 16.Nbd4 exd4 17.Nxd4 b3 18.Kb1 bxc2+ 19.Nxc2 Bb3 20.axb3 axb3 21.Na3 Ne5 22.h4 Ra5 23.Qc3 Qa8 24.Bg2 Nc7

Position after 24.....Nc7



25.Qxc7 Rc8 26.Qxe7 Nc4 27.g6 hxg6 28.fxg6 Nxa3+ 29.bxa3 Rxa3 30.gxf7+ Kh7 31.f8N+ Rxf8 32.Qxf8 Ra1+ 33.Kb2 Ra2+ 34.Kc3 Qa5+ 35.Kd3 Qb5+ 36.Kd4 Ra4+ 37.Kc3 Qc4+ 0-1

Here is a nice win in round 2 by Michael Adams (England) over the co-winner and new 2005 FIDE World Champion Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) :

Adams,M (2707) – Topalov,V (2801) [B85]

Corus Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands (2), 15.01.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a4 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.f4 Qc7 11.Kh1 Re8 12.Bf3 Bf8 13.Qd2 Na5 14.b3 Rb8 15.Rad1 Nc6 16.Bf2 Nd7 17.Bg3 Nxd4 18.Qxd4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.b4 g6 21.e5 d5 22.f5! gxf5 23.Nxd5! Qc4 24.Qd2 h6 25.h3 exd5 26.Bxd5 Qxb4 27.c3 Qc5 28.Rxf5 Re6 29.Rxf7! Nb6 30.Rdf1 Nxd5 31.Rxf8+ Qxf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Qxd5 Ke8 34.Bh4 Bd7 35.Bf6 b4 36.Qe4 Bc8 37.cxb4 Rb7 38.Qg6+ Kd7 39.Qxh6 Kc7 40.Qf4 Kb8 41.h4 Rc7 42.h5 1-0

In round 9, Topalov, tied for the lead with Anand, won a nice game against Karjakin, then in third place :

Karjakin,S (2660) – Topalov,V (2801) [B33]

Corus Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands (9), 24.01.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Bg5 12.Nc2 0-0 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 a5 15.Bc4 Rb8 16.Ra2 Kh8 17.Nce3 Bxe3 18.Nxe3 Ne7 19.b3 f5 20.exf5 Nxf5 21.Nd5 Bb7 22.0-0 Rc8 23.Qd3 Nh4 24.Rd1 h6 25.Qg3 Nf5 26.Qg4 Rc5 27.Rad2 Bc8 28.Qe4 Bb7 29.h3 Nh4 30.Bd3 Rf5 31.Bb1 Rxc3 32.Qg4 h5 33.Qe2 Qg5 34.f4 Rxf4 35.Kh1 Nxf2 36.Qxg2 Rg3 37.Nxf4 Bxg2+ 38.Nxg2 Rxh3+ 39.Kg1 Rg3 40.Rf2 Kg8 41.Rxd6 h4 42.Rc6 Qg4 43.Bf5 Rxf2+ 44.Rxg2 Qxf5 45.Rcg6 Qf7 46.R6g4 Qf6 47.Kh2 Kf7 48.Kh3 e4 49.Rg5 e3 50.Kxh4 g6 0-1

In the Grandmaster B tournament, the 15 year old Norwegian sensation, Magnus Carlsen, rated 7th, tied for first with Alexander Motylev (Russia), with 9/13 pts.. Motylev took the trophy on tie-break. For winning the Reserves Section, they both get invited to play in the A Group next year. The Grandmaster C tournament was won by Suat Atalik (Turkey) with 10.5/13 pts..

2006/7 FIDE World Championship Candidates' Matches

FIDE has announced that the first round of the Candidates' Matches will be held October 20 – 31, 2006. It has now opened the bidding to cities for holding these matches. The FIDE announcement states that a bidder may hold an individual match or more than one match. Thus they will likely be held in different cities, with countries seeking to hold the match of the player from their country.

The pairings for the first round of candidates' matches are:

1. Levon Aronian (Armenia - 2752) vs Magnus Carlsen (Norway - 2625)
2. Peter Leko (Hungary - 2740) vs Mikhail Gurevich (Turkey - 2633)
3. Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine - 2723) vs Sergei Rublevsky (Russia - 2665)
4. Boris Gelfand (Israel - 2723) vs Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan -2670)
5. Etienne Bacrot (France - 2717) vs Gata Kamsky (USA - 2686)
6. Alexander Grischuk (Russia - 2717) vs Vladimir Malakhov (Russia - 2694)
7. Judit Polgar (Hungary - 2711) vs Evgeny Bareev (Russia - 2698)
8. Alexei Shirov (Spain - 2709) vs Michael Adams (England - 2707)

In the second round (date still to be set), the winner of match # 1 will play the winner of match # 8; the winner of match # 2 will play the winner of match # 7; etc.. Thus the final four from the candidates' matches will be determined, and they will join the top four from the 2005 FIDE World Championship (Veselin Topalov, 2005 FIDE World Champion – Bulgaria – 2801; Viswanathan Anand, 2000 FIDE World Champion – India – 2792; Peter Svidler – Russia – 2765; Alexander Morozevich – Russia – 2721) in the 2007 FIDE World Championship.

2005/6 SCC Club Championship

This tournament started on Thursday, January 5, 2006. The Championship Section is a 10 player round robin (8 highest rated players registering, plus the first and second place finishers in the 2004/5 club championship Reserve Section). Playing in the Championship Section this year are (ratings as of Jan. 5) : Bryan Lamb (2161), John Hall (2141), Donal Deiseach (1972), Jim Paterson (1921), Sascha Rapoport (1822), Pepin Manalo (1774), Rick Garel (1752), Pino Verde (1724), your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong (1694 – Reserve Qualifier), and Maurice Smith (1581 – Reserve Qualifier). After 4 rounds, there is a tie for the lead between Jim Paterson, and Sascha Rapoport, with 3 points each. In third place (with one game in hand) is Rick Garel, with 2.5 pts.

Here is a game from Round 4, between Rick Garel and Pepin Manalo, where there are some nice tactics (notes by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz) :

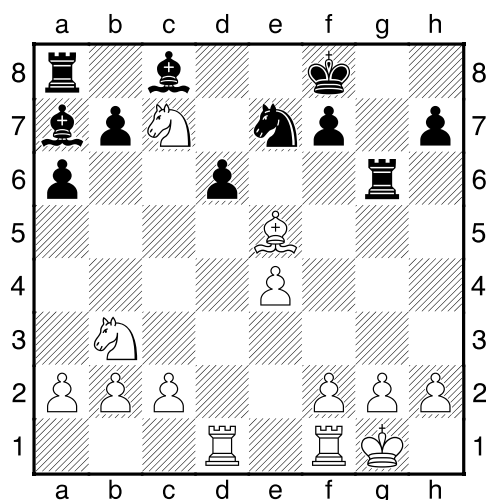
Garel,R (1762) – Manalo,P (1714) [B30]

Club Ch. (4), 12.01.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qc7 4.Nc3 e6 5.0-0 a6 6.Bxc6 Qxc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qc7 9.Qf3?=[9.Re1±] 9...Bc5??± [9...b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.Bf4 d6=] 10.Bf4 d6 11.Nb3 Ba7?+- [11...Nf6±] 12.Rad1 [12.Qg3 f6 13.Bxd6 Qf7 14.Rfd1 Ne7 15.Rd2 0-0 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.Bc5 Rxd2 18.Rxd2 Nc6 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Na5 Qe7 21.Nxc6 bxc6+-] 12...e5 13.Qg3?± Rick lets Pepin off the hook a bit [13.Nd5 Qb8 14.Qg3 g6 15.Qc3 Bg4 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.Rxd6 exf4 18.Nc5 Qc8 19.h3 Qxc7 20.Ne6+ Bxe6 21.Qxc7 Re8 22.Qc3 f6 23.Qb4 Kf7 24.Qxb7+ Re7 25.Qxa6 Bb8 26.Rb6 Bc7 27.Rb7 Nh6 28.Rd1 Rc8+-] 13...Ne7?+- a bad mistake by Pepin [13...Kf8 14.Bg5 Be6 15.Rd2 b5 16.a3 h6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nf6 19.Rfd1 Ng4 20.Qg3 Rd8±] 14.Qxg7 Rg8 [14...Ng6 15.Nd5 Qb8 16.Bd2 Be6 17.Bb4 Kd7 18.Nf6+ Kc6 19.Rxd6+ Qxd6 20.Na5+ Kb6 21.Bxd6 Kxa5+-] 15.Nd5 Rxg7 16.Nxc7+ Kf8 [16...Kd7 17.Bxe5 Kxc7 18.Bxg7 Bg4 19.Rd2 Rg8 20.Bd4

Bf3 21.g3 b6+-] 17.Bxe5 Rg6

Position after 17..... Rg6



18.Rxd6 Rxd6 [18...f6 19.Rd8+ Kf7 20.Bd6 Rxc2+ 21.Kxc2 Bh3+ 22.Kxh3 Rxd8 23.Bxe7 Kxe7 24.Nd5+ Ke6+-] **19.Bxd6 Rb8 20.Nd5 1-0**

The Reserve Section is two one section swisses (both 5 rounds, and results totalled) for all other members. It has attracted 18 players. The leader of the first Swiss, after 4 rounds, is junior, Richard Douglas, with 3.5 points. In second/third place is Steve Douglas (Richard's father), and Doug Gillis, each with 3 pts..

GTCL League

This year the league has been divided into two levels, Over 2000 and Under 2000. A team is made up of four players. The teams in the Over 2000 section are : Kitchener, Willowdale, Chess Academy of Canada, Brampton and Polonia.

SCC has a team in the Under 2000 section, along with Brampton, Mississauga, Chess Academy of Canada, Bayview Games Club, BOTSB (Conrad Ho), and Oriole 1 & 2.

SCC tied its first match on Nov. 28, 2005, with Bayview Games Club. Playing for SCC were : Andrew Philip (lost), Gord Blackman (won), Maurice Smith (draw) and Jim Maijala (draw). It's second match was Jan. 26, 2006 with Mississauga. SCC lost 3-1. Playing for SCC were : Rick Garel (lost), Gord Blackman (lost), Andrew Philip (won) and Steve Karpik (lost). Here is Andrew's winning game (notes by Andrew) :

(1) Paul Roschman – Mississauga CC – Andrew Philip – Scarborough CC

GTCL <2000 Club Match SCC, 26.01.2006

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 d5 5.c3 Nf6 6.0-0 e5 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.e4 Re8 9.Qc2 h6 10.Re1 Be6 11.h3 Qd7 12.Kh2 Rad8 13.Bf1 Qd6 14.Ng1 a5 15.a4 b6 16.b3 Qc5 17.Kg2 [17.Nb1 dxe4

18.dxe4 Nd4 19.Qb2 Nxb3; 17.Ndf3 dxe4 18.dxe4 Nd4 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Bd3 dxc3 with threat of Bxb3 and Rxd3 in air] **17...dxe4** [;] **18.dxe4** [18.Ba3 exd3 19.Bxc5 (19.Bxd3 Qd5+ 20.Be4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 f5) 19...dxc2 20.Be3 Nd5] **18...Nb4 19.Qb2 Nd3 20.Bxd3 Rxd3 21.Nb1** [21.c4 would have been a stronger defense] **21...Red8** [21...Nxe4 Black considered this but several key continuations eluded me so I decided to bring another piece to bear instead 22.Rxe4 (22.Be3 Qc6 23.Kh2 Nxc3 24.Rc1 this is the move I had difficulty with while considering Nxe4 missing... 24...Nd1 which is strong in all variations for example 25.Rxc6 Nxb2 26.Rxc7 Bxb3 27.Bxb6 Nc4 28.Bc5 e4) 22...Bd5 23.f3 Bxe4 24.fxe4 and spectacular is... 24...Rxc3+ 25.Kxc3 Qxc3+ 26.Kf3 f5 27.Nd2 fxe4+ 28.Kxe4 Rd8 29.Nf3 Qd1 30.Qb1 Qe2+ 31.Be3 Rf8 32.Qd1 Rf4+ 33.Kd5 Qxe3 34.Kc6 Rf6+ 35.Kb7 Qe4+ 36.Kb8 Rf8+ 37.Kxc7 Rf7+] **22.Be3** f3 or Qc2 were better **22...Qc6 23.f3** [23.Nd2 Nxe4] **23...Nxe4 24.Bxh6** [24.c4 Nc5 25.Ra3 e4 26.Qc2 exf3+ 27.Nxf3 Bf5 28.Qf2 Be4 29.Re2 Bd4; 24.Qc1 Nxc3 25.Bd2 e4 26.fxe4 Rxc3+ 27.Kxc3 Nxe4+] **24...Bxh6 25.fxe4 Rd2+ 0-1**

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