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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

They Keep Getting Younger !!

In the Grandmaster A Group of the recent Corus, Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands tournament, young 16 year old Ukrainian prodigy, Sergey Karjakin, came an amazing 5th/6th in the 14 player tournament. It had an average rating of 2716. He was rated 2660.

In the Corus Grandmaster B Group, 15 year old Norwegian sensation, Magnus Carlsen, rated 7th, tied for first, and therefore won the right to play in the A Group next year. Also in the 2005 FIDE World Cup, he came 9th out of 128, and qualified for the World Championship Candidates' Matches.

Now we have a new youngster to watch. Born in 1993, a 12 year old from Delhi, India achieved his second GM norm in late January at the Parsvanath International Open in Delhi, India!! He is Parimarjan Negi, and his current FIDE rating is 2396 (with his 2 recent tournaments not yet included). He just achieved his first GM norm in early January at the Hastings International Chess Congress. All he needs now to become a GM is a third GM norm, and to get his rating over 2500. He is obviously a young player to watch !

If he gets his GM soon while still 12 years old, he will become the world's youngest current GM. But he will not be the youngest GM ever. That honour belongs to Karjakin, who got his GM in 2002, when he was 12 years 7 months old !! (Negi is already slightly older than that). Carlsen is currently the second youngest GM ever, getting his GM title in 2004, when he was 13 years 3 months old.

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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 6 rounds, Jim Paterson has the lead, with 4.5 pts.. There are 3 players tied for 2nd with 4 pts., but 2 have the potential to overtake Paterson : Donal Deiseach (with a game in hand), Rick Garel (with a game in hand) and Sascha Rapoport (out of 6 games). Not to be counted out by a long shot, is last year's champion, and the highest rated player in the championship, Bryan Lamb, who so far has only dropped 1 ½ pts., and so potentially could be in a tie with Paterson. As well, Deiseach, Garel and Paterson still have Bryan to play !

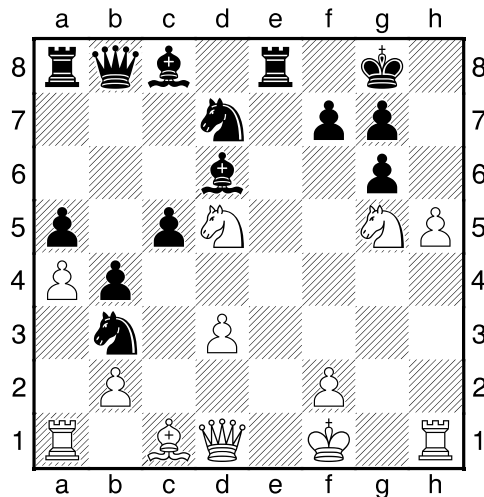
Here is a game from Round 3, between Pino Verde and Pepin Manalo, where Pino executes a good win, though he misses some great shots along the way (notes by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz) :

Verde,P (1774) – Manalo,P (1724) [B50]

SCC Club Champ.–Top Section SCC, Toronto (3), 19.01.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.d3?=[4.d4±] 4...Nc6 5.c3 Be7 6.Bb3 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.g4?±
aggressive, but not best [8.0-0=] **8...b5 9.Nbd2 a5 10.a4?± [10.Bc2±] 10...b4 11.Nc4 Qc7?±**
[11...d5±] **12.g5 Nd7 13.h4 d5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Ne3 d4 16.Nd5 Qb8 17.cxd4 [17.Nxe7+? Nxe7**
18.cxd4 Nf5 19.h5 Bb7 20.g6 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Nxd4 22.Bxf7+ Kh8 23.Qg2 Qe5+ 24.Be3 Nc2+
25.Kd1 Qxe3! 26.fxe3 Nxe3+ 27.Kd2 Nxg2±] **17...Bd6?=[17...Re8 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.0-0 Bg4±]**
18.g6! Pino launches the start of his attack, sacking a P **18...Re8+??+-** and Pepin helps by
choosing a losing move [18...hxg6=] **19.Kf1 [19.Ne3?±] 19...hxg6 20.Ng5** Pino continues to set
up his attack, ignoring the loss of his dP **20...Nxd4 [20...Nf8 21.Nxf7! Be6 (21...Kxf7?? 22.Qf3+**
Bf5 23.Nc7+ Ne6 24.Nxe6 Rxe6 25.Bxe6+ Kxe6 26.Qxc6 cxd4+-) 22.Nxd6 Qxd6 23.dxc5 Qe5+-
] 21.h5 Nxb3

Position after 21.Nxb3



22.Qxb3??+- Pino misses a nice mate, and at the same time gives Pepin a winning game ! [22.hxg6! fxg6 23.Ne7+! Rxe7 24.Qxb3+ c4 25.Qxc4+ Re6 26.Qxe6+ Kf8 27.Qf7#] **22...c4??+-** now Pepin misses the win, and gives Pino a winning advantage [22...Ne5 23.f4 Be7 24.Nxf7 Nxf7 25.hxg6 Be6 26.gxf7+ Bxf7 27.Nxe7+ Rxe7 28.Qd1 Qd6+] **23.Qxc4** [an elegant line is 23.hxg6! Bh2 (23...cxb3?? 24.gxf7+ Kf8 25.Rh8#) 24.Qxc4 Ba6 25.gxf7+ Kf8 26.fxe8Q+ Kxe8 27.Qc6 Bxd3+ 28.Kg2 Qe5 (28...Bf5 29.Rxh2 and Bl cannot stop an eventual mate) 29.Qxa8+ Nb8 30.Rxh2 Be4+ 31.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 32.Kf1 Qc4+ 33.Ke1 Qe4+ 34.Be3 Qe5 35.Qa7 Nd7 36.Rh8+ Kf7 37.Qxd7+ Kg6 38.Rc1 Qxe3+ 39.Nxe3 Kf6 40.Qd6+ Kg5 41.f4#] **23...Ne5 24.h6??=** Pino misses an immediate mate, and wrongly offers a Queen sacrifice, that when not accepted leads to equality ! [24.hxg6 Ra7 (24...fxg6 25.Ne7+ Kf8 26.Nxg6+ Nxg6 27.Qf7#) 25.Rh8+ Kxh8 26.Qh4+ Kg8 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Qh8#] **24...Ba6??±** [24...Nxc4?? 25.h7+ Kh8 26.Nxf7#; 24...Qb7! 25.Qe4 f5 26.Qd4 Be6 27.Nxe6 Rxe6=] **25.Qb3??±** Pino plays inaccurately and gives Pepin a clear advantage; it's been quite a rollercoaster ride. [25.Qd4±] **25...Qb7 26.Kg1 Bxd3??=** [26...Qd7±] **27.hxg7 Bc4??+-** Pepin makes a final fatal error [27...Be7 28.Nxe7+ Rxe7 29.Bf4 Kxg7 30.Rh7+ Kg8=] **28.Qh3 Kxg7 29.Qh7+** Pepin resigned since it is mate next move **1-0**

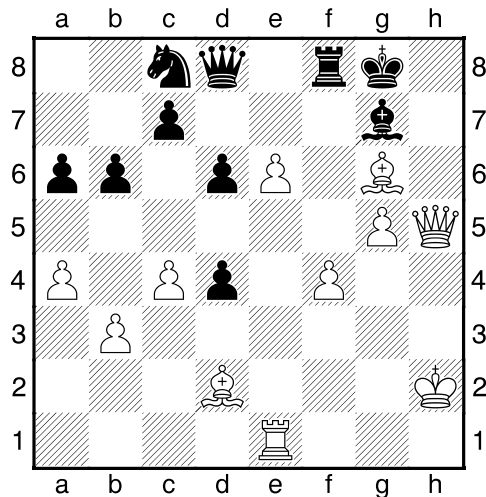
In round 4, Donal Deiseach won a nice game against Jim Paterson (who, after 3 rounds, was then leading the tournament with 3 wins out of 3 games). Here is their game :

Deiseach,D (1972) – Paterson,J (1921) [A26]

SCC Club Champ.–Top Section SCC, Toronto (4), 26.01.2006

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.g3 Nge7 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.h3 Bd7 10.Qe2 Qc8 11.Kh2 a6 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.a4 Nb4 14.Rad1 Qe8 15.b3 f5 16.d4 Nec6 17.d5 Ne7 18.e4 Nc2 19.Qd3 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Nd4 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Rde1 Bf5 23.Re2 Qd7 24.g4 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rbe8 26.f4 Nc8 27.Rfe1 Re7 28.Qe2 Rfe8 29.Re6 Kf7 30.g5 Na7 31.Qg4 Qd8 32.h4 b6 33.h5 Rxe6 34.dxe6+ Kg8 35.hxg6 hxg6 36.Be4 Nc8 37.Bxg6 Rf8 38.Qh5

Position after 38. Qh5



Rxf4 39.Bxf4 Ne7 40.Bh7+ Kh8 41.Bd3+ Kg8 42.Qf7+ Kh8 43.Kg3 1-0

Here is a game from the fifth round. Jim Paterson was then leading the tournament with 3 pts. out of 4 rounds. Rick Garel had 2 ½ pts., but out of only 3 games; and so a win would vault Rick into first place, with still having a game in hand. Here is their game, which sees Jim sacking a queen for a R+N+B (Annotations by Rick Garel [RG], and Bob Armstrong [BA], using Fritz) :

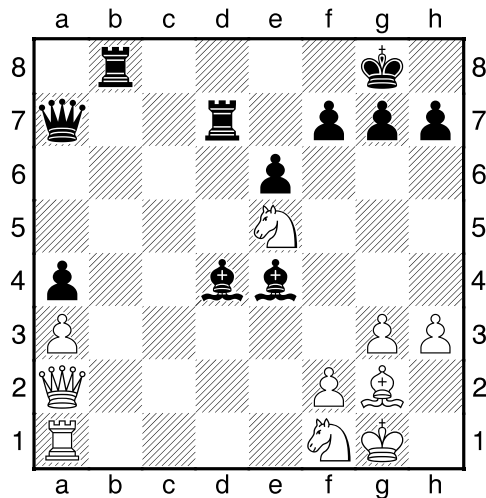
Paterson,J (1971) – Garel,R (1762) [E16]

Club Championship (5), 02.02.2006

E16: Queen's Indian 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.e3?! RG: I don't know the Q's Indian very well, but I had a feeling that Jim's move was not the best. I don't think it's an error but it isn't very dynamic either. 9...a5 10.b3 Ra7 RG: One of my more imaginative ideas. Whether it's sound or not is another story. 11.a3 Bd6 12.Bb2 Qa8 13.Rfe1 a4 14.b4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Bd5 16.Qc2 BA: To this point, Fritz evaluates that the position from the start has been dead equal 16...c5??+- BA: Rick miscalculates [16...Ne4 17.Nc4 b5=] 17.dxc5?± BA: Jim decides not to go into the complications of winning a minor piece for 2 P's, but this is an inferior decision [17.e4 cxb4 (17...Bb7 18.e5 cxb4 19.exd6 b3 20.Qd3 Qb8 21.Nc4 Rd8 22.Rac1 b5 23.Nce5 b4+-) 18.exd5 Rc8 19.Qd3 Nxd5 20.Ng5 Nf8 21.Nc4 Qb8 22.Ne4 Be7 23.Ne3 Nd7 24.Nxd5 exd5 25.Nc5! (25.Nd2? Nf6 26.Reb1 Qb7 27.Nf1 b5 28.Ne3 Rb8 29.axb4 Bxb4±) 25...Nxc5 26.dxc5 bxc5 27.Bxd5 Rf8 28.axb4 Qxb4+-] 17...bxc5 18.bxc5??± RG: A bad mistake. [RG: W gets a clear advantage with.... 18.e4 Bb3 19.Nxb3 axb3 20.Qxb3 e5±] 18...Rc8?= [18...Rc7 19.e4 Bxc5 20.Bd4±] 19.Bxf6?± [19.e4 Bxc5 20.Qd3 Bb7=] 19...Nxf6 RG: I think it's safe to say that black holds the advantage at this point for the rest of the game, although as will be seen later, Jim carries out an imaginative plan involving a Queen sac which muddies the waters. 20.Qd3 Bxc5 [20...Rxc5?? 21.e4+-] 21.e4??-+ [21.Rec1±] 21...Bb7 22.h3 [22.Ng5 Ba6 23.Qf3 Rd7 24.e5 Rxd2 25.Qxa8 Rxa8 26.Bxa8 Bxf2+ 27.Kh1 Bxe1 28.exf6 Bf2-+] 22...Ba6 23.Qb1 Rb7 24.Qa2 [24.Qd1 Bxf2+! Demolishes the pawn shield 25.Kxf2 Qa7+ 26.Re3 Rb3 27.Nxb3 Nxe4+ 28.Kg1 Qxe3+ 29.Kh2 axb3-+] 24...Qa7 [24...Bxf2+!? might be the shorter path 25.Kxf2 Qa7+ 26.Re3 Rb3 27.Nxb3 Nxe4+ 28.Kg1 Qxe3+ 29.Kh2 axb3 30.Qb2 Rc2 31.Qd4 Rxd2+ 32.Kxd2 Qe2+ 33.Kg1 h6 34.Nh4 Ng5 35.Qb4 Bc4 36.Qb8+ Kh7 37.Qb7 Bd5-+] 25.Nf1? [25.Kh2!? Bxf2 26.Rec1 Rbc7 27.Rxc7 Rxc7-+] 25...Bc4! the death sentence 26.Qd2

Rd7 27.Qb2 Rb8 28.Qc2 Bd3 29.Qa2 BA: 6 of the last 7 moves have been with W's Q !
29...Nxe4 BA: BI goes up a P [29...Bxe4?? 30.Ne5 Bxg2 31.Nxd7 Qxd7 32.Kxg2] **30.Rxe4** BA:
likely looking to simply have a trade down of pieces [30.Ne3 Bd6 31.Bf1 Bxf1 32.Nxf1-+]
30...Bxe4 31.Ne5 [31.Qe2 hardly improves anything 31...Qb7-+] **31...Bd4** BA: Rick has other
ideas – he's looking at W's Q ! [31...Bxf2+ Is the killer. But it is not easy to see the follow-up.
32.Kh1 Qd4 33.Rc1 Bxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Bxg3 35.Nf3 Rb2+ 36.Kh1 Rxa2 37.Nxd4 g5-+ BI has a
R+3P's vs N; 31...Bxg2? 32.Nxd7 Qxd7 33.Kxg2 Qd4-+ BI is up a P]

Position after 31.....Bd4



32.Nxd7 BA: W has no choice – moving the Q somewhere to try to save it is disastrous. Jim takes what he can get – R+2N's vs Q+2P's **32...Rb2** [32...Qxd7?? is the weaker alternative
33.Bxe4 Bxa1 34.Qxa1±] **33.Bxe4** [33.Qc4?? Bxf2+ 34.Kh1 Bxg2+ 35.Kxg2 Qb7+ 36.Qe4 Qxe4+
37.Kh2 Be3+ 38.Nd2 Rxd2#] **33...Bxf2+** [better is 33...Rxa2 34.Rxa2 Qxd7 35.Rc2-+ BA: BI has
Q+B+P vs R+B+N] **34.Kh1?+** [better is 34.Kg2 Bd4+ 35.Qxb2 Bxb2 36.Rd1-+] **34...Rxa2**
35.Rxa2 BA : BI now has Q+B+2P's vs R+B+2N's **35...Qd4** [35...Bd4!? makes it even easier for
Black 36.Bc6 Qa6 37.Bg2-+] **36.Re2** [36.Bg2 Be1 (36...Qxd7?? 37.Rxf2 g5 38.g4) 37.Re2 Ba5
(37...Qxd7?? 38.Rxe1 f5 39.Re3) 38.Ne5 Bb6 39.Re3 Bc5-+] **36...Qxd7?** [36...Qc4 37.Rxf2
Qxe4+ 38.Kg1 Qd4 39.Nb8 Qd6 40.Rb2 Qxa3 41.Rc2 f5-+] **37.Rxf2 f5** [37...Qd4 38.Rf4 Qc5
39.Rf3-+] **38.Bc2 Qd5+** [38...Qc6+ 39.Kg1 g6] **39.Kg1 Qd4 40.Kg2 g6?** BA: Rick has slowly
let Jim off the hook [40...g5] **41.Rd2?** [41.Rf4] **41...Qc4?** [41...Qb2] **42.Bd1?+** BA: Jim
makes a bad error, which puts Rick back in a winning situation. [42.Ne3 Qc6+ 43.Kh2] **42...e5**
43.Rd8+ Kg7 44.Rd7+ [44.Nd2 Qc6+ 45.Nf3 g5 46.Kh2 Qb6 47.Rd2 Qe3-+] **44...Kg8?** [44...Kh6
45.Rd2 Qc6+ 46.Kf2 Qc5+ 47.Ke2 Qxa3-+] **45.Rd8+ Kg7?** RG: I decided to take the draw as
both Jim and I had 10 minutes each for the remainder of the game. I didn't want to lose the game
because of a " blitz " blunder. [45...Kf7 46.Nd2 Qc6+ 47.Nf3 Ke7-+] **46.Rd7+ Kg8?** BA: At this
point both players agreed to a draw (Fritz does evaluate however that Rick has a winning
advantage).[46...Kh6-+] ½-½

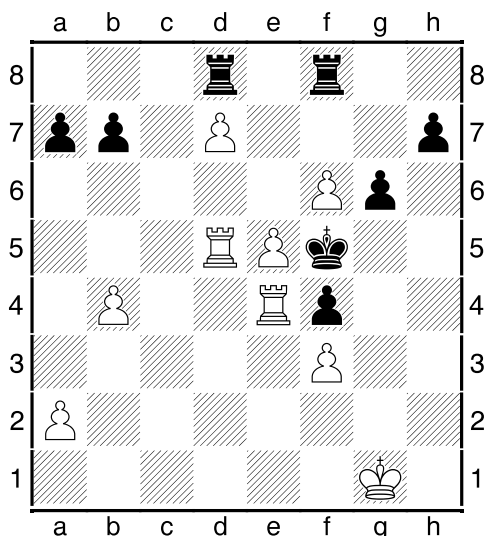
In the sixth round there were a number of interesting games (a couple of them will be reported next Issue). Here is one of them. Alex Rapoport was leading with 4 pts.. Jim Paterson was in second place with 3 ½ pts.. Jim needed a win to retake first place, and he got it ! Here is their game (annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz) :

Paterson,J (1971) – Rapoport,A (1926) [B38]

SCC Club Champ.–Top Section SCC, Toronto (6), 09.02.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Nxd4
10.Bxd4 Be6 11.f4 Qc8 12.Qd3 Bg4 13.Bxg4 Nxd4 14.Nd5 Qd7??± [14...Re8 15.h3 Nf6 16.f5
Nxd5 17.cxd5 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Qc5 19.Qxc5 dxc5±] 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.h3 Nh6 17.Qc3+ f6
18.Rad1 [18.e5 Ng8 19.e6 Qc6 20.Qd3 Rfc8 21.b3 a5±] 18...e6 19.Ne3 Qc6 20.Rd4??± this
inaccuracy releases the pressure a bit [20.f5! exf5 21.exf5 Rae8 22.Rf3 Nxf5 23.Nxf5+ gxf5
24.Rd5 Re5 25.Rxf5 Qc8±] 20...Rad8 21.Rfd1 Nf7 22.b4 e5 23.Rd5? = Alex achieves equality for
the first time [23.fxe5 fxe5 24.Rd5 Rc8 25.a3 a6±] 23...exf4 24.Ng4 Ne5 25.c5 [25.Nxe5? dxe5
26.c5 Rxd5 27.exd5 Qa4 28.Rd2 e4 29.d6 e3 30.Rd4 Qxa2 31.Rxf4 e2 32.Qe1 Qe6±] 25...Nxd4
26.hxd4 Qc8??+- an error which shifts the whole balance of the game Jim's way [26...Rde8
27.g5 dxc5 28.Rd7+ Rf7 29.R1d6! Qxd7 30.gxf6+ Kf8 31.Rxd7 Rxd7 32.Qxc5+ Kf7 33.e5 Ke6=]
27.g5 Qg4 28.gxf6+ Kh6 [28...Rxf6 29.e5 Rf7 30.e6+ Rf6 31.e7 Re8 32.cxd6 f3 33.R1d2 Rc8
34.Qd4 Qd7 35.gxf3 Re8+-] 29.e5 Rde8 30.cxd6 Rc8 31.Qf3 Kg5 32.d7 [32.e6+ Kh4 33.d7
Qxf3 34.gxf3 Kg3 35.dxc8Q Rxc8+-] 32...Qxf3 33.gxf3 Rcd8 34.R1d4 Kf5 35.Re4 1-0

Position after 35. Re4



The Reserve Section is two one section swisses (both 5 rounds, and results totalled) for all other members. It has attracted 18 players. The winner of the first Swiss, of 5 rounds, is junior, Richard Douglas, with 4.5 points. In second place is Doug Gillis, with 4 pts.. Tied for 3rd/4th is Steve Douglas (Richard's father), and Gord Blackman, each with 3 pts..

GTCL League

This year the league has been divided into two levels, Over 2000 and Under 2000. SCC has a team in the Under 2000 section, along with Brampton, Mississauga, Chess Academy of Canada, Bayview Games Club, BOTS (Conrad Ho), and Oriole 1 & 2. A team is made up of 4 players.

SCC played its third match (it was one tie and one loss to that point) against Brampton on Tuesday, Jan. 31. SCC lost .5 – 3.5 . The results were :

Jim Roe {S} 0 Nicholas Giorgiou {B} 1
 Maurice Smith {S} 0 Klaus Schaefer {B} 1
 Steve Karpik {S} 0 Devon Thomas {B} 1
 Jim Maijala {S} 1/2 Alice Laimer {B} ½

As of Feb. 8, the standings for the U 2000 were :

GTCL Club Competition (Section U2000)

Last Updated : February 8, 2006

Team	P	W	L	D	P	
ts	MP					
Mississauga	3	2	1	0	4	8.5
Brampton	3	1	1	1	3	7.0
Chess Academy	3	1	1	1	3	4.5
Scarborough	3	0	2	1	1	3.5
Oriole 1	2	1	1	0	2	3.0
Oriole 2	2	0	0	2	2	4.0
BOTSB	1	1	0	0	2	3.5
Bayview	1	0	0	1	1	2.0

P=Matches Played, W=Wins, L=Losses, D=Draws, MP=Total Match Points

The Winner at the end of the season is the team with the most pts (not the most MP).

Canadian Correspondence Chess

(submitted by David Cohen)

There have been rapid developments in the world of correspondence chess (CC) in the past year. Originally played by mail, CC evolved through e-mail and on to a new phase: play by web server. Players log-in to a central server and make their moves on-screen. At last, no more lost moves, illegal moves, ambiguous moves, or excuses!

In Canada, the Canadian CC Championship was played for the first time by webserver. The results were quick to arrive: Wayne Hynes clinched first place within a year of the start of the tournament. In fact, within a few months of each other, first place was decided in four consecutive Canadian CC Championships, as all of the previous events slowly wrapped up.

On the international scene, Alexander Ugge of Keswick, Ontario, had an excellent year in 2005. He made his final norm for, and received, the title Correspondence Grandmaster, becoming only the fifth Canadian to do so. He won a Candidates section in the 22nd World CC Championship cycle, qualifying for the Finals. Finally, he commenced play in the Finals of the 21st World CC Championship.

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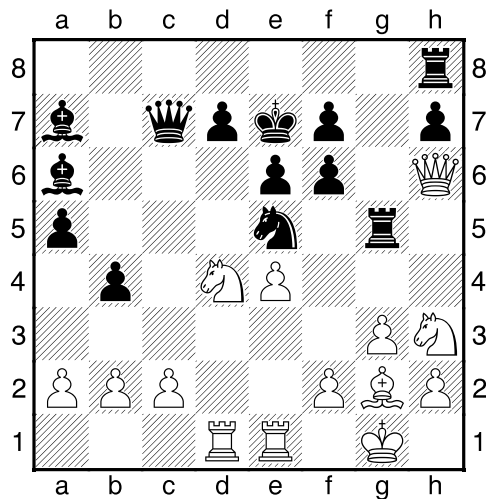
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From CHECK! #554, 2005.12:

Kazoks,A – Ugge,A

21st World Championship – Candidates Correspondence, 05.2003
[Cohen, David]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Bc5 9.Nb3 Ba7
10.Bg5 Ne5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qh5 b5 13.Qh6 Ke7 14.Rad1 b4 15.Ne2 a5 16.Nbd4 Ba6 17.Rfe1
Rag8 18.Nf4 Rg5 19.Nh3

Position after 19. Nh3



Bxd4 20.Rxd4 [20.Nxg5 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Ng4+ 22.Kf3 Nxh6] 20...Qxc2 21.Rdd1 [21.Nxg5 Ng4 with a double attack on h6 and f2.] 21...Rhg8 22.Qxh7 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nxg5 Rxg5 25.h4 Qd2 26.hxg5 Qxe1+ 27.Kh2 Qxf2 28.Qg7 Be2 29.Kh3 Bh5 0-1

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