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**AeroSvit GM Tournament, Foros/Yalta, Ukraine**

This 12 player round robin tournament was played June 16 – 28. It had an average rating of 2691 ( FIDE Category 18 ). The participants were:

No.	Player	Nation	Elo	Birth
1	Ruslan Ponomariov	Ukraine	2738	October 11th 1983
2	Vassily Ivanchuk	Ukraine	2731	March 18th 1969
3	Alexander Grischuk	Russia	2719	October 31st 1983
4	Alexei Shirov	Spain	2699	July 4th 1972
5	Shakhriyar Mamedyarov	Azerbaijan	2699	April 12th 1985
6	Liviy-Dieter Nisipeanu	Romania	2695	August 1st 1976
7	Sergei Rublevsky	Russia	2687	October 15th 1974
8	Pentala Harikrishna	India	2680	May 10th 1986
9	Viorel Bologan	Moldova	2666	December 14th 1971
10	Sergey Karjakin	Ukraine	2661	January 12th 1990
11	Andrei Volokitin	Ukraine	2660	June 18th 1986
12	Alexander Areshchenko	Ukraine	2660	June 15th 1986

In Rd. 3, Mamedyarov won a nice sacrificial K-side attack game, to tie for the lead with Bologan, at 2.5/3 pts.. Here it is:

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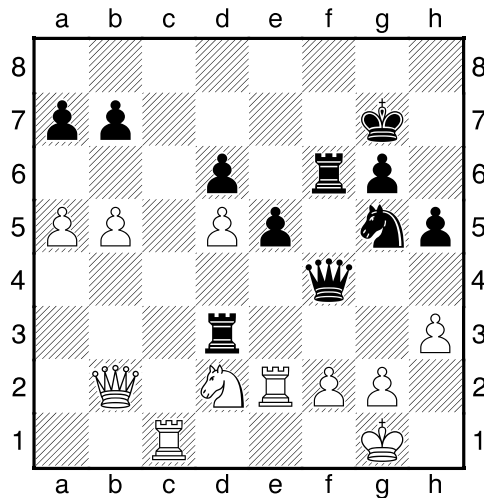
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## Areshchenko, A (2719) – Mamedyarov, S (2660) [C24]

Aerosvit–2006 Foros (3), 19.06.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.Bb3 Qc7 8.Re1 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 Nc5  
10.Bc2 Ne6 11.Nf1 Re8 12.Ng3 Bf8 13.h3 g6 14.d4 Bg7 15.Be3 Bd7 16.Qd2 Rad8 17.Rad1 Bc8  
18.Qc1 c5 19.d5 Nf8 20.Ba4 Bd7 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.b3 Kh8 23.Nd2 h5 24.a4 N8h7 25.Ngf1 Re7  
26.Qc2 Ng8 27.Nc4 Bh6 28.Qd2 Kg7 29.Bxh6+ Nxe6 30.Nfe3 Rf8 31.b4 cxb4 32.cxb4 f5 33.exf5  
Nxf5 34.Nxf5+ Rxf5 35.b5 Ref7 36.Qb4 R7f6 37.Re2 Rf4 38.Qb3 Ng5 39.Nd2 Qf5 40.Rf1 Rd4  
41.a5 Rd3 42.Qb2 Qf4 43.Rc1

Position after 43. Rc1



Nxe6 44.gxh3 Qg5+ 45.Kf1 Rxe6 46.Ke1 Rh1+ 47.Nf1 Qg2 0-1

In Rd. 7, Rublevsky sacrificed his queen against Harikrishna, to maintain sole possession of first place, a full point ahead of Bologan and Ivanchuk, in 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. Here is their game :

## Rublevsky, S (2687) – Harikrishna, P (2680) [B51]

Aerosvit–2006 Foros (7), 24.06.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.0-0 Ngf6 5.Re1 e5 6.c3 Be7 7.d4 0-0 8.h3 a6 9.Bf1 b5 10.d5 Ne8  
11.a4 Rb8 12.b3 Nc7 13.Na3 Kh8 14.Nc2 g6 15.Bh6 Rg8 16.Ne3 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Qxf8 18.axb5 axb5  
19.Ra7 Bb7 20.Qa1 Ra8 21.Rxb7 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 c4 23.Rxc7 cxb3 24.Rxd7 Qc8 25.Rxf7 Rg7  
26.Rxg7 Kxg7 27.c4 bxc4 28.Nxc4 1-0

In the end, after 11 rounds, Rublevsky was able to maintain his sole hold on first place, and win the tournament. He had a performance rating of 2824. In second place, a ½ pt. back, was Ivanchuk, with a performance rating of 2784. The final standings were :

Final			standings													
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2		
1	<b>Eshlowsky,S</b>	2887 +137	*	%	L	0	%	%	%	L	L	%	L	L	7.5/11	
2	<b>Ivanchuk,V</b>	2731 +93	%	*	%	L	%	%	%	L	%	%	L	%	7.0/11	
3	<b>Belagun,V</b>	2886 +91	0	%	*	%	%	%	%	L	%	L	%	L	6.5/11	
4	<b>Mammadyarov,S</b>	2899 +23	L	0	%	*	%	%	L	%	L	%	%	0	6.0/11	33.00
5	<b>Shikov,A</b>	2899 +23	%	%	%	%	*	%	%	%	%	L	0	L	6.0/11	32.25
6	<b>Golobuk,A</b>	2719 +1	%	%	%	%	%	*	%	0	%	%	L	L	6.0/11	31.50
7	<b>Azarkhanin,A</b>	2880 +2	%	%	%	0	%	%	*	0	%	%	L	%	5.0/11	27.00
8	<b>Nikopanev,LD</b>	2895 -35	0	0	0	%	%	L	L	*	%	%	%	%	5.0/11	25.50
9	<b>Pezarnakov,R</b>	2738 -114	0	%	%	0	%	%	%	%	*	L	0	%	4.5/11	24.25
10	<b>Karjakin,Sergey</b>	2861 -30	%	%	0	%	0	%	%	%	0	*	L	%	4.5/11	24.25
11	<b>Felikshtn,And</b>	2880 -83	0	0	%	%	L	0	0	%	L	0	*	%	4.0/11	21.25
12	<b>Evdushkin,P</b>	2880 -84	0	%	0	L	0	0	%	%	%	%	%	*	4.0/11	21.00

### SCC Spring Swiss - Conclusion

On Thursday, April 27, SCC started the Spring Swiss, an 8 round, one-section swiss, which is the last tournament of the season ( we close for July/August ). 28 players registered. The winner, with 6.5 points was Rick Garel ( undefeated ). In 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6 pts. was newly joined junior, Aman Hambleton. Tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pts. were Alex Rapoport, Joe Bellomo, and Maurice Smith.

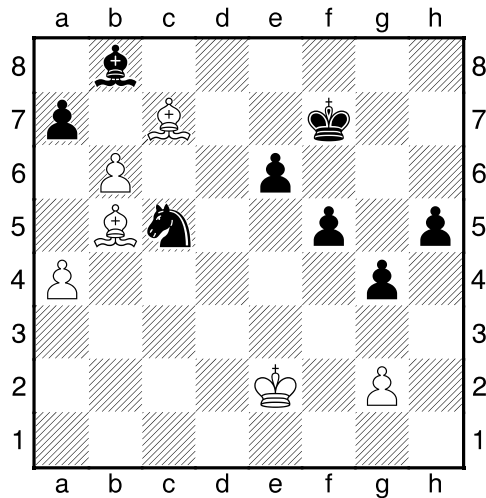
In Rd. 6, Hambleton, defeated one of this year's club co-champions, Jim Paterson. Here is their game ( annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Hambleton, A (1975) – Paterson, J (1973) [C07]**

SCC Spring Swiss SCC, Toronto (6), 15.06.2006

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3?? [5.Nb3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 e5 7.Nb5 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Na6=] 5...cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6?=[6...Qc5?] 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Be7 10.Nxc6 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 bxc6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Bb3 0-0 14.Bg5 Rfd8 15.c3 Rac8 16.Be3 c5 17.c4 Ne4?± [17...a6=] 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rxd1+ 20.Bxd1 Nf6 [20...Nd6 21.Bxc5 Nxc4 22.Bxe7 Nxe5±] 21.Ba4 Be4 22.f3 Bd6 23.fxe4 Bxe5 24.b3?? Aman misses Jim's tactical shot [24.Bxc5 Nxe4 25.Bxa7 Bxb2 26.Bc2 Nd6 27.Bd3 e5±] 24...Bxh2+! 25.Kf1 Bd6?=[25...Nxe4 26.Bc6 Nc3 27.Bxc5 Nxa2 28.Bxa7 f5?] 26.e5 Bxe5 27.Bxc5 Bb8 28.Ke2?? [28.b4 Ne4 29.Be3 Nc3 30.Bb3 g6 31.a3 f5=] 28...Ne4 29.Bb4 f5 30.Bc6 Nf6 31.Ba5 g5?=[31...e5 32.c5 Kf7 33.b4 e4 34.b5 Ke6 35.a4 Be5?] 32.c5 Kf7 33.Bd8 h5 [33...Bf4? 34.b4 Nd5 35.a3 Bc1 36.Bxd5 exd5 37.b5 Ke6±] 34.b4 g4 [34...Bf4 35.b5 Nd5 36.a3 Nc3+ 37.Kd3 Na4 38.Kc4 Nb2+ 39.Kc3 Be5+ 40.Kc2 g4=] 35.b5 Ne8??± for the first time Aman gets a " clear " advantage, though still down a P. His B pair are strong. [35...h4 36.b6 axb6 37.cxb6 Bd6 38.a4 h3 39.gxh3 gxh3 40.Bxf6 Kxf6 41.a5 Bc5=] 36.a4 it is not easy to determine how to push these P's [36.b6 axb6 37.cxb6 Nd6 38.a4 h4 39.Bxh4 Nc4 40.Bf2 f4±] 36...Nc7 37.b6 Na6 38.Bb5 Nxc5 39.Bc7 Jim will lose a minor piece, and the best he can do is get another P for it. This gives him 3P's for the B.

Position after 39. Bc7



**39...axb6** [39...Ne4? 40.Bxb8 axb6 41.Bc6 Nf6 42.Bc7 Ke7 43.g3 Nd7+-] **40.Bxb8 h4 41.Bc7 h3?+-** though it looks good, getting his own passer, it is losing. [41...Ke7 42.Bxb6 Ne4 43.Bc7 Nc3+ 44.Kf2 Nxb5 45.axb5 Kd7±] **42.gxh3 gxh3 43.Kf1 Kf6 44.Bxb6 Nxa4** the game is lost; Aman was low on time, and Jim decided that the best hope was to make the ending difficult enough to flag Aman. Thus the sac. [44...Ne4 45.a5 Nd6 46.Bd7 Ke7 47.a6 Kxd7 48.a7 Kc6 49.a8Q+ Kxb6+-] **45.Bxa4 e5 46.Bd8+ Ke6 47.Bb3+ Kd6 48.Kf2 f4 49.Bf6 e4 50.Bd4 e3+ 51.Kf3 e2 52.Bf2 Ke5 53.Bc4 Kf5** [53...h2 54.Kg2 h1Q+ 55.Kxh1 f3 56.Kg1 Ke4 57.Bb5 Kf4 58.Bc6+-] **54.Bxe2 Kg5 55.Bf1 h2 56.Kg2 Kg4 57.Be2+ Kg5 58.Kxh2 Kf5 59.Kh3 Ke4 60.Kg4 Ke5 61.Bf3+-** Aman had stopped recording a while ago when he went under 5 min.. At this point Jim went under 5 min., and Aman had about 2 min. left. Jim stopped recording. Aman went on to win the last P, and then just managed the 2B mate with his flag hanging. **1-0**

In Rd. 7, Garel managed to stay in the lead alone, with a draw against the second highest rated player in the club, John Hall, when John got into time trouble. Here is their game ( annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

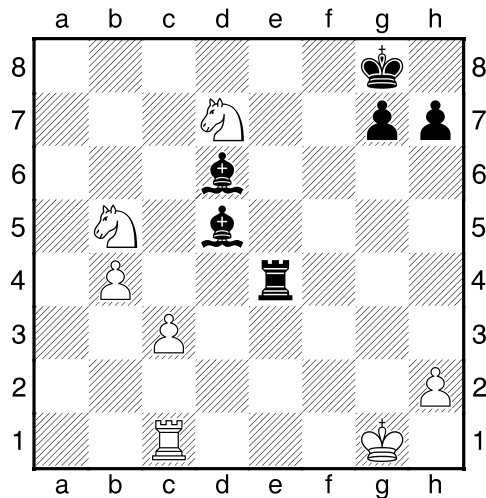
**Garel, R (2058) – Hall, J (1861) [C57]**

Spring Swiss SCC, Toronto (7), 22.06.2006

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6** [3...Bc5=] **4.Ng5??+** an attack which is unsound [4.Nc3=; 4.d3=; 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Bd5 Nf6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nxe5 Bd6 8.Re1 0-0=] **4...d5 5.exd5 b5??±** John fails to find the right answer to this attack. This is the only time until the ending that Rick gets the advantage [5...Nxd5 6.Qh5 g6 7.Qf3 Qxg5 8.Bxd5 Nd4 9.Qxf7+ white goes temporarily up a P, but is losing 9...Kd8 10.Kd1 Bg4+ 11.f3 Bf5 12.g3 Bxc2+ material is back equal, but W is in a losing game 13.Ke1 c6 14.Kf2 Qe7-+] **6.Bb3?=-** [6.dxc6 bxc4 7.Qe2 Qd5 8.f4 Bd6 9.Nc3 Qc5 10.fxe5 Bxe5 11.b4 cxb3 12.Ba3 b2 13.Rb1 Qxa3 14.Qxe5+ Qe7 15.Qxe7+ Kxe7 16.Rxb2 Rd8±] **6...Nd4 7.c3??** [7.0-0 Nxd5=] **7...Nxb3 8.Qxb3 Qxd5 9.Qxd5 Nxd5 10.d3??** [10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 Bb7 12.0-0 h6 13.Nf3 Nb4 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Re2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nd5] **10...Bf5 11.Nf3 Bd6 12.d4 e4** [12...0-0 13.dxe5 Rhe8 14.0-0 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5] **13.Ng1 Nf4??=-** John gives up his " clear " advantage. [13...0-0] **14.Bxf4 Bxf4 15.Ne2 Bd6 16.Nd2 0-0 17.a4 a6 18.0-0** [18.d5? Rfe8 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.axb5 axb5 21.Rxa8 Rxa8] **18...Bg6 19.b3??** [19.b4=] **19...f5 20.Ng3** [20.Rfe1] **20...c5** [20...b4 21.cxb4 Bxb4 22.Nc4 f4 23.Ne2 f3 24.Ng3 Bc3 25.Rad1 Rab8 26.Ne5 Rf4 27.Nxg6 hxg6 28.d5 Rxb3] **21.dxc5** [21.d5 Be5 22.Rac1 Rfd8 23.c4 Rab8] **21...Bxc5 22.b4 Bd6 23.Nb3 f4 24.Ne2 Bf7 25.Ned4 Bc4?=-** [25...bxa4 26.Rxa4 e3 27.fxe3 fxe3 28.Re1

Rfe8] **26.Rfe1 Rae8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Nc5** [28.Na5 Bd3 29.Rad1 Bc7=] **28...e3 29.fxe3???**  
 John gets a substantial advantage for the third time in the game [29.Nd7 Rf7 30.Nb6 Be5  
 31.Nxc4 bxc4=] **29...fxe3 30.Nd7?+** [30.Nb7] **30...Rf2???** for the second time, John fails to  
 follow up correctly on a "winning" advantage [30...Rf4 31.Nf3 e2 32.Nb6 Bd3 33.Ra2 Rd8  
 34.Nd5 Re4+] **31.Rxe3** [31.Nb6?? Rd2 32.Nxc4 bxc4 33.Nf5 Bc7 34.Nd4 Be5 35.Ne2 Rf8  
 36.Ra5 Rf2 37.Rxe5 Rfxe2 38.Rxe3 Rxc3 39.Kh1 Rxh2+ 40.Kg1 Rg2+ 41.Kf1 Rc2 42.Kg1  
 Rhd2-+] **31...Rxc3??** [31...Rxe3 32.Kxf2 Rxc3 33.Ra8+ Kf7 34.Ra7 Bxb4 35.Ne5+ Kf6 36.Ng4+  
 Kg5 37.Rxc3+ Kf4 38.Ne2+ Bxe2 39.g3+ Kf5 40.Kxe2 Bf8 41.Nh6+ Ke6 42.Rxh7 Rc2+ 43.Kf3  
 Rxh2] **32.Kxg2 Rxe3 33.Rc1???** [33.Ra6 Bf4 34.Ra8+ Kf7 35.Rf8+ Ke7 36.Rxf4 Kxd7=]  
**33...Bd5+** [33...Bf4? 34.Rc2 Bd5+ 35.Kf1 Rh3 36.Kg1 Rh4 37.Re2 Rg4+ 38.Kf2 Rg2+ 39.Ke1  
 Rxe2+ 40.Kxe2 Bc4+ 41.Kf3 Bd2] **34.Kg1 Re4 35.Nxb5?+** Rick's blunder should lose a piece,  
 and should cost him the game. [35.Rd1 Rg4+ 36.Kf2 Bxh2 37.Nb6 Rg2+ 38.Ke3 Bb7]

Position after 35. Nxb5



**35...Rg4+??** But again John fails to find the correct line, and Rick lives for another day [35...Bf4  
 36.Rd1 Be3+ 37.Kf1 Bc4+ 38.Kg2 Bxb5-+] **36.Kf2 Bxh2 37.Nd4** [37.Nb6? Bb7 38.Rd1 Rg2+  
 39.Ke1 Rg1+ 40.Kd2 Bf4+ 41.Ke2 Rxd1 42.Kxd1 h5-+] **37...Bf4** [37...Rf4+?? 38.Ke2 Bc4+  
 39.Ke3 Rf7 40.Rh1 Bf4+ 41.Ke4 Bd2 42.Rh2 Bxc3 43.Ne5 Rc7 44.Rc2 Ba6=] **38.Rc2 Bg3+**  
**39.Ke2 Re4+** [39...h5??=] **40.Kd3 Re7 41.Nc5 Re1??=** [41...Bd6 42.Ndb3 h5 43.c4 Bf7  
 44.Rg2 h4 45.Rg1 h3 46.Rh1 h2] **42.c4** [42.Nf5 Bf4 43.c4 Bf7 44.Kc3 Be5+ 45.Kd2 Rh1 46.Kd3  
 Bg6 47.Rf2 Bg3 48.Rf3 Bd6=] **42...Bf7??** finally, for the second time in the game, Rick gets a "  
 slight " advantage [42...Rd1+ 43.Ke3 Bf4+ 44.Kxf4 Rxd4+ 45.Ke5 Rxc4 46.Rb2 Ba8=]  
**43.Kc3???** But then Rick gets himself right back in hot water. [43.Ra2 h6 44.Ra8+ Kh7 45.Nd7  
 Kg6 46.Nf8+ Kh5] **43...Re3+ 44.Kb2** [44.Kd2 Bf4 45.Nd3 Re4+ 46.Nxf4 Rxd4+ 47.Ke3 Rxc4  
 48.Rxc4 Bxc4] **44...Be5 45.Ncb3?+** [45.Rd2 Bxc4 46.Nd7 Bd6 47.Nc6 Re2 48.Rxe2 Bxe2]  
**45...Rd3 46.b5** at this point, Rick had 17 min. left, but John had only 5 min. to figure out how to  
 win the game. **46...Bxd4+** [46...g5 47.Rc3 Bxd4 48.Nxd4 Rxd4-+] **47.Nxd4 Rxd4 48.b6 Rd8**

**49.c5 Rb8 50.Kc3 Bd5 51.Rd2 Bc6 52.Rd6 Bg2** [52...Be8 53.Kd4 Kf8 54.Ke5 Rc8 55.Kd5 Bf7+ 56.Kd4 Ke7 57.Rc6! Rd8+ 58.Ke5 Rd5+ 59.Kf4 Rd7-+] **53.Kd4** [53.c6! Kf7 54.c7 Rc8 55.Rd7+ (55.Kd4 Ke7 56.Ke5 Bb7 57.Re6+ Kf7-+) 55...Kf6 56.Kb4 Bb7 57.Kc5 h5 58.Rd8 h4 59.Rxc8 Bxc8 60.Kc6 h3 61.b7 Bxb7+ 62.Kxb7 h2 63.c8Q h1Q+ 64.Ka6-+] **53...h5?±** in the time pressure, John thinks aggressively, when he should be thinking defensively. [53...Kf8 54.Kc4 Ke7 55.Rd1 Bc6 56.Re1+ Kd7 57.Rd1+ Kc8 58.Re1 Rb7 59.Re6 Bd7 60.Re1 h5-+] **54.Rg6 Bf3** [54...Bh3 55.Rg1 Kf7 56.Ke5 Bc8 57.Rh1 Bg4 58.Kd6 Rd8+ 59.Kc7 Rc8+ 60.Kd6 Bf3 61.Rf1 Rc6+ 62.Kd7 Rf6±] **55.Ke5?±** [55.c6 Rf8 56.Kc5 Rf5+ 57.Kd6 Kf7 58.b7 Kxg6 (58...Rd5?? 59.Kc7 Kxg6 60.b8Q Rf5±) 59.b8Q Rf6+ 60.Ke5 Bxc6 61.Qb1+ Kh6 62.Qc1+ Kh7 63.Qc2+ Kh8±] **55...Kf7 56.Rg3 Bc6 57.Kd6 Be4?±** John is suffering from the time pressure [57...Rc8 58.Re3 h4 59.b7 Bxb7 60.Re7+ Kf6 61.Rxb7 h3 62.c6 Rd8+ 63.Kc7 h2 64.Rb1 Rh8 65.Rf1+ Ke5 66.Rh1 g5-+] **58.Re3 Bg2??=** as well as being in terrible time pressure at this point, his advantage is slipping away; he'll never make the flag now ! [58...Ba8 59.Kc7 Rb7+ 60.Kc8 Re7 61.Rxe7+ Kxe7 62.Kc7 h4 63.c6 Bxc6 64.Kxc6 h3 65.b7 h2 66.b8Q h1Q+ 67.Kc5±] **59.Rg3** [59.Re2?±] **59...Be4=** although technically incorrect, before making his move 60, Rick offered John a draw, with John's flag hanging, and John accepted. Rick said afterward that he felt it was the gentlemanly thing to do to offer a draw. He didn't feel like winning by flagging, when he was down material, even though he might still have had winning chances positionally ( but the game was equal ). [59...Ba8 60.Rc3 h4 61.Kc7 Rb7+ 62.Kc8 h3 63.Rxh3 Re7 64.Rd3 g5 65.Rd6 Re8+ 66.Kc7 Re7+ 67.Rd7 g4 68.c6 g3 69.b7 Bxb7 70.cxb7 g2 71.b8Q g1Q=] had the game continued, it might have gone **60.Re3 Ba8 61.Rc3 h4 62.Kc7 Rb7+ 63.Kc8 h3 64.Rxh3 Re7=** as in the previous annotation ½-½

Also in Rd. 7, your intrepid editor got knocked out of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> place, into a four-way tie for third ( Hall, Armstrong, Bellomo, Smith ), in losing to one of this year's club co-champions, Alex Rapoport. Alex thus took sole possession of 2<sup>nd</sup> place, a ½ pt. back of Garel. Here is our game ( annotations by me, using Fritz ):

### **RAPOPORT, A (1935) - Armstrong, R (1678) [B07]**

SCC Spring Swiss SCC, Toronto (7), 22.06.2006

**1.d4 g6± 2.Nd2?±** [2.e4±] **2...Bg7 3.c3 d6** [3...Nf6 4.e4 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.e5 Ne8=] **4.e4 Nf6 5.Ngf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4** [8.cxd4 Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Nf3 e6 12.dxe6 Bxe6=] **8...Nc6 9.N2b3 Nxd4** According to the chess database of ChessBase, this is a novelty. The previously played move was 9...e5. [9...a5 10.Bc2 a4 11.Nd2 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7=; 9...e5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bg5 a5 12.Nd2 d5=] **10.Nxd4 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 e5 14.Nc2 d5 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Nb4?±** the game has been dead equal to this point [18.Rfe1=] **18...Qc5+ 19.Kh1 d4 20.Bc4 a5?±** [20...dxc3 21.bxc3 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rxd8+

Bxd8 24.Qd3 Bf6̄] **21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 dxc3 23.bxc3?! Alex** said that he saw 23 Rc1, keeping the P, but thought it would be drawish. So he decided to sac the P and see what he could get. [23.Rc1 Qe7 24.Rxc3 Rd6 25.Rfc1 Rfd8=] **23...Qxc3** I go up a P, but the game is still = **24.Rc1 Qb4 25.Rc6** [25.Rb1 Qc5 26.Rfc1 Qa3 27.Rc6 Rc8 28.Bxf7+ Kh7 (28...Kxf7?? 29.Qc4+ Kg7 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Qxc8+-) 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Bc4 Qc5 31.Be6 Qc1+ 32.Qd1 Qxd1+ 33.Rxd1 Rc6 34.Bb3 Rc7=; 25.Rc7 Bg5 26.Qc2 Kg7 27.Rb1 Qd2=] **25...Kg7 26.Qc2 Rb8** [26...Rd6 27.Rc4 Qb5 28.Rb1 Qe8 29.Rc7 Bg5=] **27.Rb1 Qd4 28.Qe2?̄** [28.Rc7 Bd8 29.Rd7 Qe3 30.Qd1 Bf6=] **28...Bg5** [28...Rbc8 29.Qb5 Rxc6 30.Qxc6 Bd8 31.a4 Qd3 32.Rg1 Qa3̄] **29.Qc2 Qe3?̄=** [29...b5 30.Rd1 Qb4 31.Rc7 Be7 32.Rb1 Qd6̄] **30.Rc3??̄** [30.Rd1 Be7 31.Qb2 Bf6 32.Qb5 Rfc8 33.Bxf7! Rxc6 34.Qxc6 Qc5 35.Bd5 Qxc6 36.Bxc6 Rc8 37.Ba4=] **30...Qf4?̄** [30...Qd2 31.Qxd2 Bxd2 32.Rd3 Bb4 33.Rbd1 Rfc8̄] **31.g3 Qf6??̄** I miss the one of the points of g3; this is the first time Alex finally got an advantage. [31...Qd2 32.Qxd2 Bxd2 33.Rd3 Bb4 34.Kg2 Rfc8̄] **32.h4 Bxh4 33.gxh4 Qxh4+** I now have 3 P's for my B **34.Kg2 Qe7** [34...Qg5+ 35.Kf1 Qf4 36.Ke2 Qh2+ 37.Kd3 Qg3 38.Qd1 Rfd8±] **35.Qf2?̄=** [35.Qc1±] **35...Rfd8??̄±** not a good move, but I was having trouble finding a legitimate way to defend my bP; I thought I had to give it up [35...Qg5+ 36.Kf1 Rfc8 37.Bc6 b5=] **36.Rh1??̄=** for a possible attack, Alex declines the win of the bP **36...b5??̄+-** trying to push these P's doesn't work [36...Qg5+ 37.Kf1 Rbc8 38.Qb2 b5 39.Rg1 Qh5=] **37.Qh4??̄** Alex misses the winning line [37.Qd2 h5 38.Rc6 b4 39.Rxh5 Rh8 (39...gxh5?? 40.Qh6+ Kg8 41.Rg6#) 40.Qg5 Qxg5+ 41.Rxg5 a4 42.Rxe5 b3 43.axb3 axb3 44.Re7 b2 45.Rxf7+ Kh6 46.Ba2 Ra8 47.Bb1 Ra1 48.Bc2 Rd1+-] **37...Qxh4 38.Rxh4 Rd7?̄=** I was thinking defensively, rather than offensively [38...Rbc8 39.Rxc8 Rxc8 40.f4 exf4 41.Rxf4 f6 42.e5 f5 43.Rd4 Rc5 44.e6 Kf6̄] **39.Rh1 f5??̄+-** this should lose me the game [39...b4 40.Rc6 Ra7 41.Kf2 a4 42.Ke3 h5=] **40.Rhc1??̄±** but again Alex misses the winning line [40.Rc5 a4 41.Rb1 b4 42.Rc4 fxe4 43.fxe4 b3 44.Rxa4 b2+-] **40...fxe4?̄±** [40...Rd6±] **41.fxe4 g5??̄+-** I now had only 5 min. left, and Alex had 35 min.. [41...h5? 42.Rc6 Rdd8 43.Ra6 Rdc8 44.Rf1 Rf8 45.Rxf8 Rxf8 46.Rxa5+-; 41...a4 42.Rf3 Rb6 43.Rc8 Re7 44.Rg8+ Kh7 45.Rff8 Rc7 46.Rh8+ Kg7 47.Rfg8+ Kf6 48.Rxh6 Kg5 49.Rh1±] **42.Rc7 Rbd8** [42...Rxc7 43.Rxc7+ Kg6 44.Rc6+ Kg7 45.Kg3 a4 46.Kg4 b4 47.Kh5 b3 48.Rg6+ Kh7 49.Rxh6+ Kg7 50.Rg6+ Kh8 51.axb3 axb3 52.Kxg5 b2 53.Ba2 b1Q 54.Bxb1 Rxb1 55.Kf5 Rb5 56.Re6 Kg8 57.Rxe5 Rb7+- (57...Rxe5+ 58.Kxe5 Kf7 59.Kd6 Kf8 60.Kd7 Kf7 61.e5+-) ] **43.R1c5??̄±** [43.Rxd7+ Rxd7 44.Rc5 h5 45.Rxb5 Ra7 46.Bb3 a4 47.Bd1 Rd7 48.Rd5 Rxd5 49.exd5 Kf6 50.Bxa4+-] **43...Rxc7 44.Rxc7+ Kf6??̄+-** [44...Kg6±] **45.Rb7 b4 46.Ra7 Rc8** [46...Rd6 47.Rxa5 Rb6 48.Kh3 h5 49.Ra8 Kg7 50.Rg8+ Kf6+-] **47.Rxa5** [47.Ra6+ Kg7 48.Rxa5 Rc2+ 49.Kf3 h5+-] **47...h5** [47...g4 48.Ra6+ Kg5 49.Re6 Rc2+ 50.Kf1 Rc1+ 51.Ke2 Rc2+ 52.Kd1 Rb2 53.Rxe5+ Kf4 54.Rf5+ Ke3 55.Kc1 Re2 56.e5 g3 57.e6 Kd3 58.Kd1 g2 59.Bxg2 Rd2+ 60.Ke1 Re2+ 61.Kf1 Rxe6+-] **48.Ra6+ Kg7 49.Rb6** [49.Re6+-] **49...Rc2+ 50.Kf3 Rc3+ 51.Ke2 Rc2+** [51...h4 52.Rxb4 h3 53.Rb1 h2 54.Kf2 g4 55.a4+-] **52.Kd3 Rf2 53.Rxb4 g4 54.Rb7??̄+-** and my flag fell, though the position is lost anyway. **1-0**

In the final 8<sup>th</sup> round, Garel finished off his fine tournament with a win against Rapoport, to take first place alone, 1/2 point ahead of the field. Here is their game ( annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Garel, R (1861) – Rapoport, A (1935) [B23]**

SCC Spring Swiss SCC, Toronto (8), 29.06.2006

**1.e4 c5± 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4?̄=** [3.Nf3±] **3...e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb5 dxe4??̄±** [5...Nge7=] **6.Ne5 Qc7 7.Nxe4?̄=** [7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Nxe4 Nf6 9.Qf3 Nxe4 10.Qxe4 Bd6±] **7...a6??̄±** [7...Bd7 8.Nxd7 Qxd7 9.d3 a6 10.Bxc6 Qxc6=] **8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.d3 Nf6??̄+-** this move loses a P, and Rick keeps the winning advantage right through to move 34 [9...Nh6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Be3 Nf5 12.Qf3 Rb8 13.Rab1 Rb5±] **10.Ng5 Bd6** [10...Be7 11.Ngxf7 0-0 12.Ng5 Nd5+-] **11.Ngxf7 0-0 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Nc4 Qe7 14.0-0 Nd5 15.Ne5 Bb7 16.Qe2 Rae8** [16...Rf5 17.Rf3 Raf8 18.Qf2 g5 19.Ng4 Qg7 20.fxg5 Kh8 21.Qe2 Qd4+ 22.Rf2 Nb4+-] **17.Bd2 Nf6 18.Rae1 Nd7 19.Bc3 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Rf5 21.Qxf5** Rick decides to exchange Queens [21.Qe3 Ref8 22.a3 Qf7 23.Be5 Qe7+-] **21...exf5 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.Re1** [23.Be5+-] **23...Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Bc8??̄+-** [24...c4 since this P is lost anyways, may as well use it to double W's P's 25.dxc4 Bc8 26.a4 Be6 27.b3 Kf7+-] **25.Bf2 Be6??̄+-** [25...c4

26.dxc4 Kf7 27.h3 h6+--] **26.b3?+-** [26.c4 keeps Rick's P's from being doubled 26...Kf7 27.Bxc5 h6+--] **26...c4 27.bxc4 Kf7 28.Bc5 Kf6 29.Kf2 g5 30.Ke3 gxf4+ 31.Kxf4 Bf7 32.a4 Bh5 33.Ke3 Bd1 34.Kd2 Bh5 35.a5?±** not accurate [35.Bd6 Ke6 36.Bf4 Be8 37.d4 Bf7 38.Kc3 Bh5 39.Kb4 Bd1 40.c3 Bc2 41.Ka5 Bb3 42.Kxa6 Bxa4 43.Kb6 Kd7+--] **35...Ke5 36.g3 Bf7** opposite coloured B's give Rick trouble. [36...Ke6 37.Kc3 Bd1 38.Be3 Ke5 39.Bf4+ Ke6 40.Kd2 Bg4 41.Ke3 Bd1 42.c3 Bg4 43.Kd4 Be2 44.c5 Bg4 45.Be5 Bf3 46.Ke3 Bg2 47.Bd6 Kd5 48.c4+ Ke6±] **37.Ke3 Kf6?+-** a fatal mistake [37...Bh5 38.h3 Bd1 39.c3 Ke6 40.Ba3 Ke5 41.Be7 Ke6 42.Bg5 Kd6 43.Bf4+ Ke6 44.c5 Bh5 45.Bd6 Bd1 46.c4 Bh5 47.d4 Bd1±] **38.Kd4 Be6** [better may be ( but it's lost ) 38...Bh5 39.Ba3 Bd1 40.Kc5 Bxc2 41.Kxc6 Bxd3 42.c5 Ke6 43.Kb7 h5 44.c6 Be4 45.Kb6 h4 46.c7 Kd7 47.Bd6 h3 48.Kxa6 Kc8+--] **39.Bd6 Bc8 40.Kc5+- 1-0**

### SCC Closes for the Summer

SCC now closes for July and August. The club will resume in the fall with the 2006-7 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, September 7. Our first fall swiss will start on the following Thursday, September 14.

### Toronto Blitz Championship ( Bryon Nickoloff Memorial ) – Report

This was a nine double round swiss tournament at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, Suite 202, on Saturday, June 17. It was a GTCL event. Christian Stevens rampaged through a 29 player field which included 15 masters to take this event with an impressive 2 1/2 point margin.

Top scorers were:

Christian Stevens 14.5 - 3.5

Nikolay Noritsyn 12 - 6

Michael Shleiffer 12 - 6

David Peng 12 - 6

Arthur Calugar won the 'A' prize with 10.5

Sergei Orlov won the 'B' prize with 8 points

### York Region Chess Championship - Report

86 players registered for this 5 section / 5 round swiss held in Richmond Hill on June 24 – 25. The various winners were :

Open ( 11 players ) – 1<sup>st</sup> - Nikolay Noritsyn – 4.5

2<sup>nd</sup> – Igor Divljan – 3.5

U 2200 ( 10 players ) – Tom Schmidt – 4

U 2000 ( 12 players ) – 1<sup>st</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> – 3.5 pts. - Alex Martchenko

Dharuis Kenani

Alan Ang

Matthew Lai

U 1800 ( 22 players ) – John Chidley-Hill – 4.5

U 1600 ( 31 players ) – Igor Wilderman - 5



### **Canada Day Open – Upcoming Tournament**

This 6 round swiss will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, on July 1 – 3. Time control will be Game/150 min.. Rounds are : 11:00 am & 5:30 pm. Entry Fee is \$55 ( payable in cash by June 30 ). Late Fee - \$ 10. Non-members of BGC - \$ 21 extra. This is a CFC – rated tournament – membership required or \$ 10 tournament membership. There is also a draw for an early bird door prize, for those who register by June 24 – full entry fee rebate ( \$ 55 ). There is a 60 player maximum capacity. For further information : Vlad Dobrich 416-722-9709.

### **Canadian Open – Upcoming Tournament**

This 9 round, 3 section ( Over 1800, U 2000, U 1600 ) swiss will be held in Kitchener from July 15 – 23. Entry Fee - \$ 150. Rd. 1 for all sections at 2:00 p.m.. For all details, see official Kitchener Chess Fest website : <http://www.chessfest.ca>.

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