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January 2007 FIDE Rating List

For the first time in a long while, there is now no player over 2800!
(Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion, now retired, was the first player to break 2800; Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 2006 World Champion, was the second player; Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), the 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third ; Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, was the fourth player)

There are now 21 players in the 2700's. Some of the top players are :

- # 1 : Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, at 2783;
- # 2 : Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, and runner-up in the 2005 FIDE World Championship, with a rating of 2779 ;
- # 3 : Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), current 2006 World Champion, rated 2766;
- # 4 : Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan – born 1985) – 2754 (up from # 12) ;
- # 5 : Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), rated 2750;
- # 6 : Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger to Kramnik in the 2004 Classical World Championship match, with 2749;
- # 7 : Levon Aronian (Armenia) rated 2744;
- # 8 : Alexander Morozevich (Russia), rated 2741 ;

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13 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2727 (up from # 16).

Some other past World Champions and their current ratings are :

14 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine) at 2703 (up from # 20);

27 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2682 (up from # 36);

36 : 12th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) – 2668 ;

100 : 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) – 2619 ;

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching (birth date in brackets):

11 : Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan - 1987)– 2729 ;

15 : David Navara (Czech Rep. - 1985) – 2719 ;

24 : Magnus Carlsen (Norway – 1990) – 2690;

29 : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine – 1990) – 2678 (up from # 35);

The 6 highest FIDE rated Canadians are:

1 : GM Kevin Spraggett, 5 times Canadian Champion, at 2633 ;

2 : GM Alexandre Le Siege, 1992, 1999 & 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2528;

3 : GM Mark Bluvstein at 2520;

4 : GM Dimitri Tyomkin at 2505;

5 : GM Pascal Charbonneau, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2500;

6 : IM Igor Zugic, 2006 Canadian Champion, at 2481.

The top 4 women in the world, all GM's, are :

#1 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), rated 2727;

2 : Humpy Koneru (India – born 1987), rated 2567;

3 : Pia Cramling (Sweden), rated 2530;

4 : Chen Zhu (China), rated 2518.

A junior girl to watch is WFM Yifan Hou (China – born 1994 !), ranked # 8, with a rating of 2509.

Spraggett up to # 80 on FIDE Jan. Rating List

On the Jan. FIDE rating list, Canadian GM Kevin Spraggett, 5-time Canadian Champion, and highest rated Canadian, is rated at 2633 !! This is even more impressive when one considers that among active players over 50, he is second, after GM Alexander Beliavsky (12th World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia), is over 50, and ahead of

Kevin, but is considered inactive since he did not play the required 4 games in 2006).
Congratulations Kevin, and may you continue to have success in 2007.

2007 Canadian Junior Champion – IM Leonid Gerzhoy

12 players registered for this swiss tournament, held Jan. 2 – 7 at Bayview Games Club, Toronto. The three top players were Nikolay Noritsyn (2443), IM Leonid Gerzhoy (2432) and Raja Panjwani (2335). Gerzhoy was undefeated, winning all six games, and has won the right to play in the World Junior Chess Championship representing Canada. Second was Panjwani, with 5 pts, his only loss being to Gerzhoy.

Here is Gerzhoy's win over Panjwani in Rd. 4 (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Gerzhoy, L (2432) – Panjwani, R (2335) [E94]

Canadian Junior Bayview Games Club, Toronto (4), 05.01.2007

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 [6...c5 7.0-0 h6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Be3 Na6±] 7.0-0 c6 8.d5 Na6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4?=[10.Bd2 Nh5 11.Qc1 Kh7 12.Ne1 Nf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Qxf4 f5±] 10...g5 11.Bg3 Nc5 12.Nd2 a5 [12...Qb6 13.Qc2 a5 14.Rfd1 Re8=] 13.b3 [13.Qc2 Qb6 14.Rfd1 Re8=] 13...Bd7 14.a3 cxd5?± [14...Qb6 15.Rb1 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rfc8=] 15.cxd5 b5?± this P is lost, but it should only be temporary [15...Qe7 16.Qc2 Rac8 17.f3 Nh5±] 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Na4 18.Nxb5 Bxb5 19.Bxb5 Nc3 20.Rxa8 Qxa8 21.Bc6 Qa2?± Raja fails to win back a P [21...Nxd1 22.Bxa8 Nc3 23.Bc6 Ncxe4±] 22.Qe1 Qc2 23.b5 [23.f3 Nh5 24.Kh1 Nxc3+ 25.hxc3 Qd3±] 23...h5 [23...Nfxe4 24.Nxe4 Ne2+ 25.Kh1 Qxe4 26.Qb1 Nc3 27.Qxe4 Nxe4±] 24.f3 Qd3?+- Raja again fails to win back the P [24...Nxb5 25.Bxb5 Qc5+ 26.Bf2 Qxb5±] 25.Bf2 Ne2?+- again he fails to win back the P [25...Nxb5 26.Qe3 Qxe3 27.Bxe3 Nd4 28.Bxd4 exd4+-] 26.Kh1 Bh6 27.Nb1 h4 28.Qd1 Qc4 29.Na3 Qa2 30.Qc2 Qxa3 31.Qxe2 Nh5 32.b6 Nf4 33.Qe3 Qa6 34.Rd1 g4?+- Raja tries to open lines to the W K for an attack, but this just loses the P [34...Rb8 35.b7 Rxb7 36.Bxb7 Qxb7+-] 35.fxc4 Qa2 36.Qf3 Qc2 [better is 36...h3 37.gxh3 Nxh3 38.Qxh3 Qxf2 39.Rf1 Qd4 40.g5 Bg7+-] 37.b7 Kh7?+- this just loses another P; Leonid will be up 3 P's, one passed and on the 7th. [37...h3 38.gxh3 Nxh3 39.Rf1 Nf4+- BI would be down only 2 P's] 38.Bxh4 f5?+- this is desperation; Raja sacs another P trying to get at the W K. [38...Ng6 39.Bf2 Kg7 40.Ra1 Qb2 41.Ra8 Nh4 42.Qg3 Bg5+-] 39.gxf5 Leonid is up 4 P's 39...Nxc2 40.Bf2 Nf4 41.Rg1 Ne2 42.Re1 Nd4 [42...Nf4 43.Ba7 Qb2 44.f6 Qb4 45.Rg1 Rd8 46.f7 Bg7+-] 43.Bxd4 exd4 44.Qg4 [better is 44.f6 Qd2 45.Qf5+ Kh8 46.Rg1 Bf4 47.Qh5+ Bh6 48.Bd7 Qe3 49.Bf5 Rb8 50.f7 Qxg1+ 51.Kxg1 Kg7 52.Qg6+ Kf8 53.Qg8+ Ke7 54.f8Q+ Bxf8 55.Qe6+ Kd8 56.Qd7#] 44...Qd2 45.Rg1 Qe3?+- [45...Qf4 46.Qxf4 Bxf4+-] 46.f6 [better is 46.Be8 Kh8 (46...Rxe8? 47.Qg6+ Kh8 48.Qxe8+ Kh7 49.Qg8#) 47.b8Q+-] 46...d3 47.f7 Bg5 48.Qh5+ Bh6 49.Qg6+ Kh8 50.Qg8+ 1-0

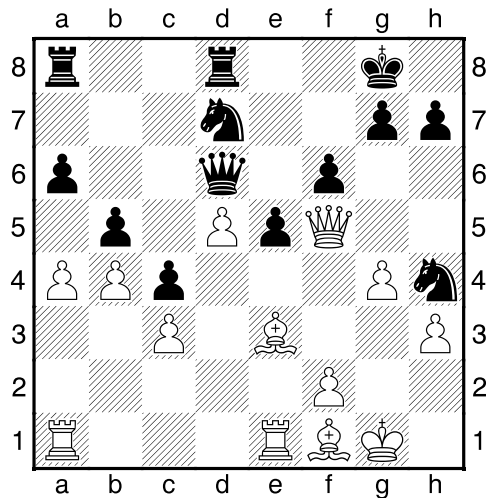
In Rd.5, Panjwani came back with a big win over Noritsyn, to take sole possession of second place (with just the loss to Gerzhoy). Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Panjwani, R (2335) – Noritsyn, N (2443) [B51]

2007 Canadian Junior Toronto (5), 06.01.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.0-0 Bd7 [4...Bg4 5.c3 Qb6 6.Na3 Nf6±] 5.Re1 [5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 g6 7.Be3 Bg7±] 5...Nf6 6.h3?=[6.c3 e6 7.d4 Be7 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Na3 a6 10.Bd3 Qc7±] 6...a6 7.Bf1 e5?± [7...e6 8.c3 Be7 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 0-0=] 8.c3 Be7 [8...Qb6 9.Na3 Be7 10.Nc4 Qc7±] 9.d4 0-0 10.d5 Nb8?± [10...Na7 11.Qc2 b5 12.b3 Qc7±] 11.Nxe5?!± [11.a4 Bc8 12.Nbd2 Ne8 13.Nc4 f5±] 11...dxe5 12.d6 Nc6 13.dxe7 Qxe7 14.Na3 [14.Bg5 Rad8 15.Qf3 h6 16.Be3

Bc8±] **14...Be6** [14...Rad8 15.Qf3 Be6 16.Be3 Nd7±] **15.Qf3 Rfd8 16.Nc2 b5 17.Ne3 c4 18.g4?=[18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Qd7 20.Qxd7 Rxd7±] 18...Nd7** [18...Qf8 19.Nf5 Nd7 20.Be3 f6=] **19.Nd5 Qd6 20.b3 Na5 21.b4 Nc6 22.Bg5 f6 23.Be3 Bxd5?±** [23...Ne7 24.Nxe7+ Qxe7 25.a4 a5 26.bxa5 Rxa5 27.axb5 Rxb5=] **24.exd5 Ne7 25.a4** [25.Rad1? a5 26.a4 axb4 27.axb5 bxc3 28.Bxc4 Ra4 29.Qe2 Rda8=] **25...Ng6** [25...Qxd5? 26.Bg2 Qxf3 27.Bxf3 Rab8±] **26.Qf5 Nh4??+-** this leads to an exchange of pieces favourable to Raja and gives him a " winning " advantage [26...Re8 27.Qb1 Rad8 28.axb5 axb5±]



27.Qe6+! Qxe6 28.dxe6 Nf3+ 29.Kh1 Nxe1 30.Rxe1 Rac8 31.exd7 Rxd7 Raja has 2B's vs R + P **32.Ra1 g6** [32...Rcd8 33.axb5 axb5 34.Ra5 Rb8+-] **33.axb5 axb5 34.Ra5 Rd1 35.Kg2 f5 36.gxf5 gxf5 37.Rxb5** now Raja has 2 B's vs R, and a passed bP **37...f4 38.Be2 Re1 39.Bg4 Ra8** [somewhat better is 39...Re8 40.Ba7 h6 41.Bb8 Kh7+-] **40.Bd2 Rb1 41.Rxe5** W has 2B's + P vs R **41...Raa1 42.Bxf4 Kf7 43.Rc5 Rg1+ 44.Kf3 Ra3 45.Rxc4** W has 2 B's + 3 P's vs R **45...Ra2** [45...Ra7 46.Be3 Re7 47.Rf4+ Kg8+-] **46.Rc7+ Kf6 47.Rc6+ Ke7 48.Bg5+ Ke8 49.Rc7 h5** [somewhat better is 49...Ra6 50.Rxh7 Kf8 51.Rc7 Re1 52.Bd7 Ra3+-] **50.Bxh5+ Kf8 51.Bh6+ Kg8 52.Bf7+ Kh8** [52...Kh7 53.Bxa2+ Kxh6+-] **53.Rc8+** Nikolay will lose the exchange 1-0

2006/7 SCC Club Championship

On Thursday, Jan. 4, the club championship started. The Championship Section is a 10-player round robin, consisting of the top 8 rated players registered, plus the 2 winners of last year's Reserves Section. Playing this year are: Bryan Lamb (2169); Intiaz Husain (2145); John Hall (2057); Donal Deiseach (2014); Alex Rapoport (1989); Jim Paterson (1923); Rick Garel (1921); Randy Moysoski (1918); Richard Douglas (1813); Doug Gillis (1506). There are 28 players registered for the Reserves Section, which is a 7 round, one-section swiss. The 2 top players in this section are Pino Verde (1888) and your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong (1875).

One of the tough games in Rd. 1 saw the second and third highest rated players enter into a terrible time scramble. Hall defeated Husain. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Husain, I (2145) – Hall, J (2057) [C44]

SCC Club Championship Bayview Games Club, Toronto (1), 04.01.2007

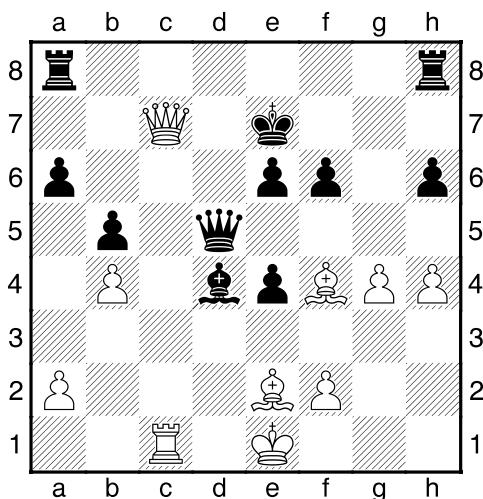
1.e4 e5 2.d3 Nf6 3.Nd2 d5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.Be2 Bc5 6.0-0 0-0 7.a3?? [7.c3 Bb6 8.Qb3 Be6 9.Ng5 Bg4 10.Qd1 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 h6 12.Ngf3 Qd7=] **7...a5 8.Nb3 Bb6 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.c4??** [10.c3 a4 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.Re1 Bf5#] **10...Nde7 11.c5** [11.Be3 Nf5 12.Bxb6 cxb6#] **11...Ba7 12.Be3 Nf5 13.Rc1 Be6 14.Nbd2 Nxe3??** [14...a4 15.Re1 Nxe3 16.fxe3 f5#] **15.fxe3 Qe7** [15...Qf6 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.Qd2 f5 18.Neg5 Bb3#] **16.Qc2 Rad8??**± for the first time, Imtiaz gets the advantage [16...Bd5 17.Qc3 a4 18.Rf2 Rfd8 19.d4 e4 20.Ne1 b6#] **17.Qc3 Rd5** [17...f5 18.b4 f4 19.Nxe5 fxe3 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Nf3 Bd5±] **18.b4 axb4?±** [18...f5 19.d4 e4 20.b5 exf3 21.Bxf3 Nd8 22.Qxa5 Qg5 23.Rfe1 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Rd3±] **19.axb4 f6** [19...f5 20.d4 e4 21.Ne1 Qd7±] **20.d4 exd4 21.exd4 Rfd8** [21...Rh5 22.Ne4 f5 23.Nf2 Bb8±] **22.Nb3** [22.Rce1 Nxd4 23.Bc4 Rxc5 24.Bxe6+ Nxe6 25.bxc5 Qxc5+ 26.Qxc5 Nxc5±] **22...Qf7 23.Bc4 Rh5 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Rfe1 Qd7** [25...Qf7 26.b5 Ne7 27.Na5 Nd5 28.Qa1 g5+–] **26.Ra1** [26.Qc4+ Kf8 27.b5 Ne7 28.Ra1 Bb8 29.c6 bxc6 30.bxc6 Qd5 31.Qb4 Qd6±] **26...Bb8 27.Re4** [27.Na5 Nxa5 28.bxa5 c6±] **27...Ne7 28.Rae1?±** [28.Qe1 Nd5 29.c6 bxc6 30.Nc5 Qf7±] **28...Nd5 29.Qc4 Kf8??+–** Imtiaz gets a " winning " advantage [29...c6 30.Na5 Qf7 31.Qe2 Rf8±] **30.b5??=** now John gets back to equality [30.c6 Qf7 (30...bxc6 31.Nc5 Qc8 32.Ne6+ Kf7 33.Nxd8+ Qxd8+–) 31.cxb7 Kg8+–] **30...c6 31.bxc6 bxc6 32.Na5** both now had less than 5 min. left on their clocks. [32.Re6 g5 33.g4 Rh6 34.Qa6 Rh3=] **32...Qc7??±** [32...Bc7 33.Nb3 Bb8 34.Re6 g5 35.g4 Rh3=] **33.Qe2!** Imtiaz sacs his N for an attack [33.Qa6 Rxh2 34.Qe2 g6 35.Re6 Qxa5 36.Nxh2 Bg3 37.Re8+ Kg7 38.Rb1 Rxe8 39.Qxe8 Qa2 40.Qd7+ Kh6 41.Qh3+ Kg7 42.Rf1 Bxh2+ 43.Kxh2 f5±] **33...Qxa5 34.Re8+ Kf7 35.Qe6+ Kg6 36.Qg4+??+–** now Imtiaz is just down a B [36.Rxd8 Qxd8 37.g4 Rxh2 (37...Rh3? 38.Qf5+ Kh6 39.g5+ fxe5 40.Qxh3+ Kg6+–) 38.Nxh2 Nf4 39.Qe4+ Kf7 40.Nf3 Qd7 41.Qf5 Qxf5 42.gxf5 Nd5± John would be down the exchange with a P compensation] **36...Kh6 37.R8e6 Qc7 38.Ne5** Imtiaz is getting himself into deeper water with this one **38...g6 39.Rxc6 Qb7 40.Rb6??+–** in the time pressure, Imtiaz blunders the exchange, and he would lose his N [40.Re6 fxe5 41.dxe5 Qc8 42.h3 Qxc5+ 43.Kh1 Qf2 44.Re2 Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Qf4+ 46.Qxf4+ Nxf4+–] **40...Qc7?+–** John misses the win of material in the time scramble [better is 40...Nxb6 41.Qf3 (41.cxb6 Bxe5 42.dxe5 Qxb6+ 43.Kh1 Qf2 44.Rg1 Rd4 45.Qe6 Rxh2+ 46.Kxh2 Rh4+ 47.Qh3 Rxh3+ 48.Kxh3 Kg5 49.g3 Qxg1+–) 41...Nd5 42.Ng4+ Kg7 43.g3 Qb4 44.Rd1 Re8+] **41.Rc6 Qb7?+–** John misses the quickly winning line [41...Qa5 42.Qd1 Bxe5 43.dxe5 Nf4 44.Rd6 Rxd6 45.exd6 Qxc5+ 46.Kh1 Qf2 47.Qxh5+ (47.Rg1? Rxh2+ 48.Kxh2 Qh4#) 47...Nxh5+] **42.Qe4** Imtiaz sees the d5N finally, and decides he needs something else [42.Rb6??+–] **42...fxe5** John is up N+B vs P **43.g4 Qxc6 44.gxh5 gxh5 45.Rf1 Rg8+ 46.Kh1 Qg6?+–** loses an N [much better is 46...Rg4 47.Qe2 exd4+] **47.Qxd5 e4+–** Imtiaz' flag fell; he is lost though, down a B The game could have continued **48.Qa2 e3 49.Qe2 Qe4+ 50.Rf3 Bf4 51.c6 h4 52.c7 Ra8 53.c8Q Rxc8 54.Kg2 Rc2 55.Kf1 Rxe2 56.Kxe2 Qc2+ 57.Kf1 Qd1+ 58.Kg2 Qe2+ 59.Kg1 Qxf3 60.h3 Qf2+ 61.Kh1 Qh2# 0-1**

A heartbreaker of a game in the Reserves in Rd. 1 saw lower-rated Dick Tursman having the advantage over the Reserves top-rated Pino Verde for a lot of the game. Then “ sack-a-piece “ Verde unleashed one of his trademark sacs (an exchange sac), but it was unsound. Pino was lost. But in the complications, Dick makes a fatal misstep, and hands the game to Pino. A tough loss for Dick. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Verde, P (1888) – Tursman, R (1586) [B01]

SCC Club Championship (Reserves) Toronto (1), 04.01.2007

1.e4 d5± 2.e5?=[2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6±] 2...c5 3.c3 Nc6 4.Bb5 [4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bb5 Qb6 6.Na3 0-0-0=] 4...Bf5 [4...Bd7 5.Bxc6 Bxc6 6.Nf3 d4 7.d3 Qd7=] 5.Qa4?± [5.Nf3 e6 6.d3 Nge7 7.Nh4 Qc7 8.Bxc6+ Nxc6 9.Nxf5 exf5=] 5...Qc7?=[5...Qb6 6.Nf3 a6 7.Bxc6+ Qxc6 8.Qxc6+ bxc6±] 6.d4 e6 7.g4??± Pino likes to go for unusual positions, but this move is not a particularly good idea [7.Nf3 a6 8.0-0 Rc8 9.Be2 Qd7 10.Qd1 cxd4 11.cxd4=] 7...Bg6?± [7...Bxg4 8.dxc5 Bh5 9.Be3 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6±] 8.h4?± [8.Nf3 a6 9.Be3 Qb6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nbd2 c4±] 8...h6?± Dick plays the weaker line [8...h5 9.gxh5 Bxh5 10.Ne2 a6 11.Ng3 Bf3 12.Rg1 cxd4 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Nd2 Bh5 15.cxd4 Bg6±] 9.Na3?± [9.h5 Bh7 10.Nf3 a6 11.Be3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nge7±] 9...Be7?± [9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Rc8 11.h5 Bh7±] 10.Nf3 Be4 11.Be2?± [11.Rh3 a6 12.Nd2 Bh7 13.Nb3 c4±] 11...a6 12.Rh3 f6?=[after having the advantage for most of the game, Dick allows equality [12...Qd7 13.Bb5 h5 14.gxh5 Rxh5±] 13.Bf4?± [13.Nd2 cxd4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nb5 Qd7 16.Nxd4 fxe5 17.Nb3 Nf6 18.Nd2 Qd5 19.Bc4 Qd7 20.Be2 Qd5=] 13...Qc8 14.Nd2 [14.h5? b5 15.Qd1 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bb4+ 17.Kf1 fxe5 18.Bxe5 Nf6±] 14...b5?=[14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Bb4 16.Rc1 fxe5 17.Bxe5 Nf6±] 15.Qd1 cxd4 16.cxd4 Nxd4?± for the first time in the game, Pino gets the advantage [16...Bh7 17.Rc1 (a long and very tactical line is 17.exf6?? Nxf6 18.g5 e5 19.Qc1 Nxd4 20.Qxc8+ Rxc8 21.gxf6 Bxa3 22.fxg7 Rg8 23.Rxa3 (23.Bxh6 Bxb2 24.Bh5+ Ke7 25.Rd1 Bc2 26.Bg5+ Kd6 27.Bg4 Rc6 28.f4 Bxd1 29.fxe5+ Kxe3 30.Re3+ Kd6 31.Bf4+ Kc5 32.Kxd1 Kb6 33.Nf3 Rxc7 34.Bg5 Rc3 35.Rxc3 Bxc3-+) 23...exf4 24.Kf1 Rxc7-+) 17...Qb7 18.Nf3 Bxa3 19.bxa3 fxe5 20.Bxe5 Nf6=] 17.Rc3??± Dick is holding onto his game [17.Nxe4 Nxe2 18.Qxe2 fxe5 19.Bxe5 dxe4 20.Bxg7 Rh7 21.Bd4 Nf6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Qxe4 Rg7±] 17...Qd7?± [17...Qd8 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Nc2 fxe5 20.Bxe5 Nxe2 21.Qxe2 Nf6±] 18.Rac1 [18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Nc2 Nxc2+ 20.Rxc2 Qb7±] 18...Bd8 [18...Bh7 19.Rc7 Qd8 20.Nb3 Nxb3 21.Qxb3 Be4±] 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.b4?± [20.Nc2 Nxe2 21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Kxe2 Ne7±] 20...Bb6 21.Nc2 Ne7??± [21...g5 22.Bh2 gxh4 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.Rc7 Qd5±] 22.Nxd4??-+ After hanging in there, Dick gets back a " winning " advantage. [22.exf6 Nd5 23.Nxd4 Nxc3 24.fxg7 Rg8 (24...Qxg7?? 25.Nxe6 Qe7 26.Qb3 Nxe2 27.Kxe2 Rd8 28.Nxd8 Bxd8+-) 25.Rxc3 Qxd4 26.Qxd4 Bxd4 27.Rc6 Ke7±] 22...Bxd4 23.Rc7 Qd5 24.exf6 [24.Kf1 fxe5 25.Bg3 Rf8 26.Kg1 Qxa2-+] 24...gxf6??± again Dick lets Pino off the hook [24...Bxf6 25.Bg3 g5 26.h5 Qxa2-+] 25.Qc2 Kf7 [25...Rd8? 26.h5 f5 27.Rd1 e5 28.Rc5 Qa8 29.Bxe5 Bxc5 30.Qxc5 Rh7=] 26.Rxe7+??-+ after restraining himself all game, " sack-a-piece " Verde unleashes his trademark sac, only it is unsound [26.Qc6 Rhc8 27.Qd6 Rxc7 28.Rxc7 Qxd6 29.Bxd6 Ra7 30.Rxa7 Bxa7±] 26...Kxe7 27.Qc7+



Ke8??+- in the excitement of the sacrifice, and the complications, Dick goes fatally wrong and throws away his well-played game [27...Qd7 28.a4 e5 29.axb5 Qxc7 30.Rxc7+ Kd8 31.Rc6 axb5 (31...exf4 32.Rd6+ Kc8 33.Rxd4 f3 34.bxa6 (34.Bc4 axb5 35.Bxb5 Rd8 36.Rxd8+ Kxd8-+) 34...fxe2 35.Rd6 Rb8-+) 32.Be3 Ke7 33.Bxb5 Rhb8 34.Be2 Rxb4 35.Bxh6 Ra2 36.Kd1 Bxf2-+] **28.Bd6 Rh7 29.Qxh7 Qxd6 30.Qg8+** [better is 30.Rc7 Qxc7 31.Qxc7 Ra7 32.Qd6 Bc3+ 33.Kf1 Be5 34.Qxe6+ Kf8+-] **30...Qf8** [30...Ke7 31.Qxa8 Bxf2+ 32.Kf1 (32.Kxf2 Qf4+ 33.Kg2 Qxc1+-) 32...Bg3 33.Qb7+ Qd7 34.Qxe4 Kf8+-] **31.Qxe6+ Qe7 32.Qc6+ Kf7 33.Qxa8 Qxb4+ 34.Kf1 1-0**

In the Championship Section in Rd. 2, Bryan Lamb, the highest-rated player, defeated Jim Paterson, one of the three co-champions from last year's championship. Jim tries a sac to get an attack, but can't make it work, though he hangs on valiantly 'til the end. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lamb, B (2169) – Paterson, J (1923) [C42]

SCC Club Championship Toronto (2), 11.01.2007

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6± [3...Qe7=] **4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4±** [5.Qe2±] **5...d5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 Nf6 9.c3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Bg4?±** [10...Re8 11.Nf1 Bd6 12.Rxe8+ Qxe8 13.Qc2 Ne7±] **11.Nf1 Qd7 12.Ng3 Bd6 13.h3 Bxg3 14.hxg4 Bxf2+?+-** Jim wrongly decides to sac the B for 2 P's and an attack [14...Bd6 15.Ne5 Qd8 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.g5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Rxe4 Re8±] **15.Kxf2 Qxg4 16.Rh1 Ne4+ 17.Kg1 Qg3 18.Be3 f5 19.Rh3 Qd6 20.Qe1** [20.Rh4 f4 21.Bc1 Rae8 22.Qb3 g6+-] **20...Qf6 21.Bf4 Rac8 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Bxe5 Qe7 24.Bxe4** [24.c4 c6 25.Qe2 h6 26.Rf1 a6+-] **24...fxe4 25.Qh4 Qxh4 26.Rxh4 c6 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Rf8+ 29.Ke2 Rf5 30.Rh3 g6 31.c4 dxc4 32.Rc3 b5 33.Ra3 c5 34.Rxa7 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Rg5 36.Rg7+** [better is 36.Kf2 h5 37.a4 bxa4 38.Rxa4 Rf5+ 39.Kg1 Kf7 40.Rxc4 Ke6+- , when Jim has only 1 P vs B] **36...Kf8 37.Rxh7 Rxg2+ 38.Bf2 Rg4 39.a3 Ke8 40.Rb7 Rg5 41.Bd4 Kd8 42.Bf6+ Kc8 43.Bxg5 Kxb7** Jim is managing to hold onto his 2 P's vs B, but can he keep it up ? **44.Ke3 Kb6 45.Kxe4** Jim now has only 1 P vs B **45...Ka5 46.Kd4 b4 47.Bd2 c3 48.axb4+ Kxb4 49.bxc3+** Bryan is up a B; Jim could not eliminate W's last P to get a draw. **49...Kb5 50.Kd5 Kb6 51.Be3+ Kc7 52.Kc5** [52.c4 g5 53.Bxg5 Kb7 54.c5 Kc7 55.c6 Kc8+-] **52...Kd7 53.Kb6 Kc8 54.Kc6 1-0**

In Rd. 2 in the Reserves Section, one of our juniors, Stephen Lung, gave a strong fight to one of our veterans, Gord Blackman, missing a win in the dying seconds of the game and managing a draw. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lung, S (1529) – Blackman, G (1735) [B06]

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1.e4 g6± 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Bg4?± [4...Nf6 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6±] **5.Be2 Nd7 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 c6 8.0-0?±** [8.Be3 Qb6 9.Rb1 Qc7±] **8...Ngf6 9.Re1 0-0 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Ne2** [11.Qd3 c5 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.Bxd4 Ne5 14.Qe3 a6±] **11...e5 12.c3 Rfe8 13.Ng3 a6 14.Qc2 Rad8 15.Rad1 b5 16.a3 Nb6** [16...d5 17.b3 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 f5 20.Bf3 e4 21.Be2 f4 22.Bc1 Qd6±] **17.dxe5** [17.b3 Nbd7 18.c4 exd4 19.Bxd4 bxc4 20.Qxc4 Ne5 21.Bxe5 Rxe5±] **17...dxe5** [17...Rxe5 18.b3 Re6 19.Ne2 Rde8±] **18.b3 h6?±** [18...Bf8 19.Be2 a5±] **19.Rxd8?±** [19.Be2 Nc8 20.h4 Nd6±] **19...Rxd8 20.Rd1 Nc8?±** [20...Rxd1+ 21.Bxd1 c5 22.c4 bxc4 23.bxc4 Qc6±] **21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Qd2??=** [22.c4 Qc7 23.c5 a5±] **22...Qxd2 23.Bxd2 Nd6 24.Kf1?±** Gord gets the advantage for the first time in the game [24.Be3] **24...Kf8?=** [24...h5 25.Bg5 Nd7 26.Ke2 Nc5 27.Be7 Ndb7 28.Bxc5 Nxc5±] **25.Ke2 c5?±** [25...Ke8 26.Kd3 Nb7 27.c4 Nc5+ 28.Kc3 Ne6 29.b4 Ke7=] **26.Be3 c4 27.bxc4??±** [27.Bc5 Ke7 28.bxc4 bxc4 29.Nf1 Kd7±] **27...Nxc4 28.Bc1 Ke8 29.Kd3?±** Gord gets a " clear " advantage [29.a4 bxa4 30.Kd3 Nb6 31.Kc2 h5±]

29...Kd7??= [29...Nd7 30.Bg4 Nc5+ 31.Kc2 h5 32.Bf3 Bf6̄] 30.a4 Kc6 31.Bd1?̄ [31.axb5+ axb5 32.Nf1 Nd7=] 31...Bf8?= [31...Nd7 32.axb5+ axb5 33.Be3 Bf8̄] 32.Bb3?̄ [32.axb5+ axb5 33.Nf1 Nd7=] 32...Nd6??± Stephen gets the " clear " advantage; it's been a see-saw battle. [32...Nd7 33.axb5+ axb5 34.Be3 Nc5+ 35.Bxc5 Bxc5̄] 33.axb5+ axb5 34.f4??= [34.Ba3 Bg7 35.Bxd6 Kxd6 36.Bxf7 Nh5 37.Nxh5 gxh5 38.Bxh5 Bf8+-] 34...Nd7 35.Bd5+ Kc7 36.fxe5 Nxe5+ 37.Kd4 Ndc4 38.Ne2 Kb6 39.Bxc4 Nxc4 40.Kd5 h5 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 Bg7??± [42...Bd6 43.g5 Kb7 44.Bf4 Be7=] 43.Bf4 f6?+- Stephen gets a " winning " advantage [43...Ka5 44.g5 Ka6 45.e5 Nb6+ 46.Kd6 Bf8+ 47.Kc7 Be7±] 44.g5??± But he misses the winning line [44.Ke6 g5 45.Bg3 Ne5 46.Bxe5 fxe5 47.Kf7 Bh8 48.Kg6 Kc5 49.Kxg5 Kc4 50.Kg6 Kd3 51.g5 Kxe4+- (51...Kxe2 52.Kh7 Kf3 53.Kxh8 Kxe4 54.g6 Kd3 55.g7 Kxc3 56.g8Q+-)] 44...fxg5 45.Bxg5 Ne5??+- this should lose a piece [45...Be5 46.Ke6 Ka5 47.Bf6 Bb8±] 46.Bf4??± Steven misses the win of the B [46.Be3+ Kb7 47.Bd4 b4 48.cxb4 Nd3 49.Bxg7 Nxb4+ 50.Kd6 g5+-] 46...Nd3 [46...Ng4 47.Bd6 Nf6+ 48.Ke5 Kc6 49.Bb4 Nd7+ 50.Ke6 Nc5+ 51.Bxc5 Kxc5=] 47.Be3+ Kc7??± [47...Kb7 48.Bd4 Bxd4 49.Kxd4 Nf2±] 48.Bd4??= [48.Nd4 Bxd4 49.cxd4 Kd7±] 48...Bxd4 49.Nxd4 [49.Kxd4 Ne1 50.Kc5 g5 51.Kxb5 Kd6 52.Ng3 Ke5 53.c4 Nd3 54.c5 Nxc5 55.Kxc5 g4 56.Kc6 Kf4 57.Kd7 Kxg3 58.e5 Kh3 59.e6 g3 60.e7 g2 61.e8Q g1Q=] 49...g5 [49...b4 50.Kc4 Nf2 51.e5 bxc3 52.Kxc3 g5 53.Kc4 g4 54.Ne2 g3 55.Nxg3 Ng4 56.e6 Kd6=] 50.Nxb5+ Kd7 51.Nd4 g4 52.Ne2 Nb2 53.e5 [53.Ke5? Nc4+ 54.Kf6 Kd6 55.Ng3 Kc5 56.Kg6 Ne3 57.Kg5 Nd1 58.Ne2 g3 59.Nxg3 Nxc3 60.e5 Nd5=] 53...Na4 54.c4 Nb6+ 55.Kd4 [55.Kc5 Nc8 56.Nf4 g3 57.Kd5 Ne7+ 58.Ke4 Ng6 59.Ng2 Ke6 60.c5 Nxe5 61.Nf4+ Kf6 62.Nh5+ Ke6 63.Nxg3=] 55...Ke6 56.c5 Nd7 57.Nf4+ Ke7 [57...Kf5 58.c6 Nxe5 59.c7 Nc6+ 60.Kc5 Ne7=] 58.c6 Nb6 59.Nd5+ [59.Kc5 Nc8 60.e6 Kf6 61.Kd5 g3 62.c7 Kf5 63.Ne2 g2 64.Kc6 Ne7+ 65.Kd6 (65.Kd7 Kf6 66.Kd8 Nc6+ 67.Ke8 Ne7 68.Kd7 Nd5 69.c8N=) 65...Kf6 66.Ng1 Nc8+ 67.Kd7 Nb6+ 68.Kc6 Nc8=] 59...Nxd5 60.Kxd5 Stephen had less than a min. left 60...Kd8??+- In the time pressure, Gord makes what should be a fatal mistake [60...g3 61.e6 g2 62.c7 g1Q 63.c8Q=] 61.Ke4??= But with only seconds left on his clock, Steven errs, and ends up with a draw [61.e6 g3 62.Kd6 Ke8 63.c7 Kf8 64.c8Q+ Kg7 65.e7 Kf6 66.e8Q Kg5 67.Qe3+ Kh5 68.Qf5+ Kh4 69.Qee4#] ½-½

2007 Toronto Closed/Reserves

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Saturday, February 10th, 2007

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	Round 2	11:05 am – 12:35 pm	Round 5	4:45 pm – 6:15 pm
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Bring: **Chess Set & Clock.**

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