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Get Ready to Play Faster Chess !!

FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov recently announced that he had conferred with the current World Champion, Vladimir Kramnik, and they had agreed that the new time control standard for most FIDE tournaments should become Game/ 60 min.. The exceptions will be the World Championship, some major tournaments, etc., where the classical time control will be used.

We think this is too fast and will negatively affect the quality of chess. We do recognize that organizers may see it as a benefit, since they will be able to hold weekend tournaments on 2 days, and it will cut the expenses of space rental. London, Ontario has already experimented with this time control, and the recent York Region March Open used it (report below). We will have to wait to hear what chess players thought of it. What do you think? Write us with your views on this suggested new time control !

CFC Takes an Interest in CFC Affairs

Maurice Smith wears many hats. He is currently Vice-President of SCC. He is also a Life Governor of the CFC, having been a past CFC President. He recently became concerned about the state of the CFC – falling membership, falling tournaments, falling revenue, imperiled charitable status, falling retail store sales, etc. So he made a number of suggestions to the CFC in the recent Governors’ Letter # 4. Here are his comments so that you can consider them:

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“ I have been a CFC member since 1976 and a CFC Governor since the early 90s. In all that time I have never seen our organization in such a bad financial situation as it is today. I wonder if the Executive and other Governors realize just how serious it is. The cash flow is minimal. The bank account is so low that any new initiative is limited due to the lack of funds. Yet there seems to be a lack of urgency in the Executive towards the situation and what action to take. Maybe they see it as a bad dream that will just fade away. Instead it is becoming their worst nightmare.

There are three main sources of revenue for the CFC. They are membership dues, rating fees and sales of chess supplies. However, the key is undoubtedly memberships. When our membership declines so do our sales and rating fees. So the top priority has to be recruiting new members and keeping the ones we have. Why are we losing so many members? The answer is simple. There are no incentives for the class players and they just turn to the internet. Juniors stay for a while hoping to become masters one day. When they realize that either due to a lack of talent or time or commitment they are most likely not going to reach that level, they turn to the internet. Not much point to keep playing in weekend tournaments just to subsidize the masters. The high rated players tend to stay around longer hoping for titles and awards. So what is the answer? The CFC and organizers must provide incentives to keep class players in the Federation. The following is my list of actions to be taken to help revitalize the CFC. Some are short term, some are long term and some probably cannot be done right away due to lack of funds.

a} Contact the 400 or so members we lost during the last year. Find out why we lost them and what it would take to bring them back.

b} We now have certificates for masters once they reach that level. Well how about certificates for each of the classes as they reach the next level. When a player hits the rating level of the next class, send him a certificate as a recognition of the achievement. Also, send him an unsigned certificate of the next highest level, so he knows what the goal is. Make each certificate more attractive than the previous one.

c} Provincial organizations should hold class tournaments four times a year, once in each season. Local organizers can do the same thing. Contact schools in the area and advertise the tournament there. Advise students that they can become CFC members and play in the "D" section to begin with. The problem here would be to inject some life into several of the Provincial organizations. Ontario seems to be trying and there are one or two others. However, if you check the website, most of them seem to do little.

d} Organizers holding weekend tournaments that are played in sections should keep the prize fund not too heavily weighted in favour of the top section. If they keep asking the class players to subsidize the masters, then they should also organize tournaments that are fairer to everyone. Otherwise, the organizers are just driving players to the internet. The facts speak for themselves.

e} The CYCC is not working the way it was intended. A little history is needed here. When I became Vice President I pushed hard for the CFC to become more involved in

Junior chess. I felt that as the only National chess organization in Canada that was recognized around the world, we looked bad in having only a token interest in Junior chess. In my first year as President the CYCC was formed. It was created by Joshua Keshet the Junior Coordinator along with Troy Vail the Executive Director with input from the Executive. There were many disagreements within the factions, but a workable model was finally formed. Basically it was that there would be Regional tournaments for the youth groups.

Then there would be qualifiers from those tournaments to the next level which was the Provincial Championships.

Then qualifiers from there would go on to the National finals now known as the CYCC. The promise was that young players all over the Country could get involved and gradually become CFC members. Also with varying entry fees for each level tournament, this would help the CFC to provide more services for Juniors including looking after travel expenses and even eventually lowering entry fees.

The first couple of years it worked to some degree and it looked like with some tweaking and refining it was a good model to build on. However, Joshua and Troy left their respective positions and the Executive changed. The original concept was left to die, so that now with the odd exception, we are just left with the one tournament in July.

This is a long way round of saying that we should try and revive the CYCC and make it what it was supposed to be. One way to do this is get the schools involved. We have a network of schools that we sell chess supplies to. Any school can hold a Regional CYCC tournament. Or schools can get together and hold a Regional tournament. But this has to be marketed and advertised by the CFC to the schools. Also this has to be done aggressively. We also need to get organizers onside. I don't want to hear any talk that this interferes with Chess N'Math. In Toronto, Chris Field has for several years run both CYCC and Chess N'Math tournaments quite successfully. If a CFC Governor who is also an organizer and is committed to the CFC, he should have no problem in running a CYCC qualifier.

So the CYCC should be revitalized and in turn it will revitalize the CFC. For this to happen we need the people best qualified for the positions involved.

f} Both David Cohen and Nava Starr have suggested we hire a fundraiser to be paid by commission. I fully support this idea. The difficulty is finding the person who has the skills that would want to do this for the CFC. How hard has the Executive been looking for this kind of person I wonder.

g} The auditor has suggested selling off slow moving inventory. Well now that Christmas is over, let's get down to business and start doing this.

To summarize, I think that all of the above will help, although in some cases not right away. Also, to clarify things, I have no objections in having tournaments for masters. Actually I think we should have more of them. However, they should not have to be almost fully subsidized by other players. So now we will see what ideas the Executive have and what action they will actually take. After a year and a half of doing virtually nothing that has had any impact, almost anything would be welcome. “

SCC is fortunate to have another member who is a Life Governor, **Phil Haley**, also a past president of the CFC. In the same Governors' Letter, Phil made the following comments:

“ I believe that the decision to reduce the frequency of publication of Chess Canada to four times a year from six times a year should have first been discussed in the governors' letters with the advantages and disadvantages itemized and then voted upon by the governors. Electronic versions are not an acceptable substitute for the magazine. Other organizations recognize this...a view of the numerous magazines on sale at Chapters clearly confirms the fact that printed versions are not only not on the way out but are gaining in acceptance. One needs only look at the thriving number of magazines in areas such as poker, philatelics, travel, business etc. Although fewer issues per year will reduce costs, on the other hand the reduction in number of issues may have a negative impact on tournament participation and membership numbers.

Could I suggest that any time we publish financial data it should be accompanied by columns comparing the new data with both the budget and previous year's data. The financial information in the last governors' letter suffered from the lack of comparative data.

We keep hearing comments about the status of receipts for charitable donations but there has been a lack of information as to exactly what receipts have been challenged and on what basis. Has there been a change in practice in recent years? Procedures used to be quite rigid and closely followed.

The CFC catalog in the last Chess Canada leaves a lot to be desired as it is almost entirely a detailed list of what is available but with no suggestions as to what is new and good and no reviews of new books etc. It seems to make little effort to promote sales.

It would have been desirable to have a full page advertisement for the 2007 Canadian Open in the last issue of Chess Canada which arrived in mid-December...many players have to plan their vacations well in advance so that early publication of Canadian Open advertisements helps boost attendance...hopefully the advertisement will provide details relative to nearby hotel accommodations etc...not every player will want to stay in a university residence...and detailed information about playing schedule, prizes, tournament hall etc. We should probably be able to achieve greater participation from US players than we do as well as greater Canadian participation. I personally do not agree with spending money for participation of relatively obscure European players and doubt if this leads to an increase in number of entrants...it is preferable to have the participation of leading Canadian players including the Canadian champion and Olympic team members and exciting players such as Lawrence Day and Duncan Suttles.

The covers of Chess Canada should be in a distinctive bright colour with a different colour each month in order to help promote bookstore sales...perhaps a picture of an event or of a leading Canadian player on the cover would attract more attention than the present cat and chessboard.

Finally, I would like to support the proposal of Berik Balgabaev re the World Championship. FIDE has lost a lot of status as a result of its frequent changes in world championship format...it seems to me that Mr. Balgabaev's proposal has many positive features and hopefully will be accepted and left unchanged for many years. “

Toronto March Open – Report

This one – section 5 round swiss was held March 16 – 18 at the Bayview Games Club. The winners were:

Open Section : 1st – 4.5 pts. – IM Michael Schleifer

2nd/3rd – 4 pts. – Nikolay Noritsyn

Sivisankar Balakumar

A Section : 1st/2nd – 3.5 pts. – Tyler Longo

Haonan Zhou

B Section : 1st/5th – 3pts. – Lisa Orlova

Jesse B. J. Wang

Pavel Rakov

Simon Gladstone

Erik Malmsten

C Section : 1st – 3 pts. – Andrey Irimia

D Section : 1st/2nd – 2 pts. – Luke Peristy

Patrick Lung (SCC Junior !)

E Section : 1st – 3 pts. – Robert Liu

(Pictures Follow)



Your Editor (one in the beard !)



Players Hard at Work



Organizer/TD/ Bayview Games Club Proprietor, Vlad Dobrich

York Region March Open – Report

This class section swiss was 5 rounds, played in Markham, and used the Game/60 min. time control. The winners were:

Open Section – 1st – perfect score – Nikolay Noritsyn

U 2000 – 1st – perfect score – Craig Thorvardson

U 1800 – 1st – 4 pts. (undefeated) – Georghe Buzila

U 1600 & Unr. – 1st/2nd – 4.5 pts. (both undefeated) – Victor Trifan

Danny Aniag (SCC Member !)

SCC Club Championship

This 10-player Championship Section round robin started Jan. 4. Before the tournament had been completed, Master Bryan Lamb, highest rated player, had clinched the Championship. But he had one remaining game against the second highest rated player, expert Imtiaz Husain, who still had a chance for second place. Imtiaz handed Bryan his only defeat of the tournament, winning him second place, only ½ pt. behind Bryan. In third place was expert John Hall with 6.5 pts.. But one player could still tie him

– Alex Rapoport, one of last year’s three co-champions, had only 4.5 pts., but 2 games outstanding.

Here is the Husain – Lamb game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Husain, I (2145) – Lamb, B (2203) [E73]

SCC Club Championship Toronto (3), 15.03.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3 [6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6±] **6...e5** [6...c5 7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 Nfd7 9.f4 f6±; 6...Nc6 7.d5 Nb4 8.Nf3 Ng4±; 6...c6 7.a3 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Bc5 Re8 10.Qxd8 Rxd8±; 6...Na6 7.Nh3 c5 8.d5 h6 9.0-0 Qb6±] **7.d5?±** [7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.0-0 Be6±] **7...Ne8?±** [7...Na6?? 8.h4 h6 9.g4 Nc5 10.g5 Nfxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.gxh6 Bf6±; 7...Qe7 8.a3 a5 9.h4 h5 10.Bg5 Na6 11.Nf3 Qd7=] **8.g4** [8.Qd2? f5 9.exf5 gxf5 10.f4 exf4 11.Bd4 Qh4+ 12.Bf2 Qh6 13.Nh3 Be5 14.Bg3 Nf6 15.0-0 Bd4+ 16.Qxd4 fxf3 17.hxg3 Na6=; 8.Nh3 Nf6 9.a3 Bd7 10.0-0 Qc8 11.Ng5 h6 12.Nf3 Ng4 13.Bd2 f5±] **8...c6 9.h4 cxd5** [9...f5 10.gxf5 gxf5 11.Nf3 f4 12.Bd2 Nf6±] **10.Nxd5 Nc6 11.h5 f5??±**– Imtiaz gets a " winning " advantage [11...Nd4 12.g5 Nc7 13.hxg6 fxf6 14.Qd2 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Nxe2 16.Qxe2 Bd7±] **12.hxg6** Imtiaz goes up a P **12...f4?±**– (3.83) [12...hxg6 13.gxf5 gxf5 14.Nf3 Nf6 15.Ng5 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 fxe4+– (1.73)] **13.gxh7+** Imtiaz goes up 2 P's **13...Kh8 14.Bd2 Be6 15.Nf3 Bf6 16.Nxf6 Qxf6?±**– (5.39) [16...Nxf6 17.Ng5 Bd7 18.Bc3 Qe7+– (3.02)] **17.g5 Qe7 18.Bc3 b6 19.Qd2 Rf7 20.g6 Rg7 21.Nh4 Qf6 22.0-0-0 Ne7 23.Rdg1 Rc8 24.Kb1 b5 25.cxb5** (3.39) [it is somewhat better to protect the gP 25.Bh5 Rxc4 26.b3 Rc8 27.Qd3 d5 28.f3 d4 29.Bd2 Nd6+– (3.64)] **25...Nxc6 26.Nxc6+ Rxc6 27.Rxc6 Qxc6 28.Qxf4** Imtiaz goes up 3 P's **28...Nf6 29.Qh6 Qf7 30.Bh5 Qg7 31.Qxc6?±**– (2.72) [31.Qg6 Qxc6 32.Bxc6 Kg7 33.Rg1 Rh8 34.f4 Rxh7 35.fxe5 dxe5 36.Bxh7+ Kxh7 37.Bxe5 Nxe4 38.Rg7+ Kh6 39.Rxa7 Bd5+– (6.71)] **31...Kxc6 32.Bg6 Rh8 33.Rg1 Nxh7** Imtiaz is up 2 P's **34.Bf5+ Kf7 35.Bxe6+ Kxe6 36.Rh1+–** Bryan resigned. Coming is **36...Kf6 37.Rh6+ Kg5 38.Bd2+ Kg4 39.a4 Kf3 40.Be3 Kxe4 41.Bxa7 Kf4 42.a5 Kf3 43.b6 Kxf2 44.b7+ Kg3 45.a6 Kf4 46.Bb6 d5 47.a7 d4 48.b8Q Rxb8 49.axb8Q+– 1-0**

In the Championship Reserves Section, 34 players under 1900 played in a 9 round swiss. Your editor, Bob Armstrong, came first with 7 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. There was a 4-way tie for second : Josh Sherman, Michael Perez, John London and Mario Moran. On tie-break, Josh was awarded 2nd place. So Josh and I have won the right to play in the Championship Section next year, should we fail to qualify by rating.

GTCL League

The Greater Toronto Chess League has 2 team leagues, one 2000 & Over, and one Under 2000. There are 3 teams in the Premier League : Chess Academy of Canada, Willowdale CC and Brampton CC. This year SCC has both an “ A “ and “ B “ team in the U 2000 league. There are 8 teams in this division. The others are Chess Academy (2); BOTSB (Conrad Ho); Willowdale CC; Brampton CC and Knights of Chess.

On Tuesday, March 20, SCC “ A “ played Willowdale and tied 2:2. Here are the results:

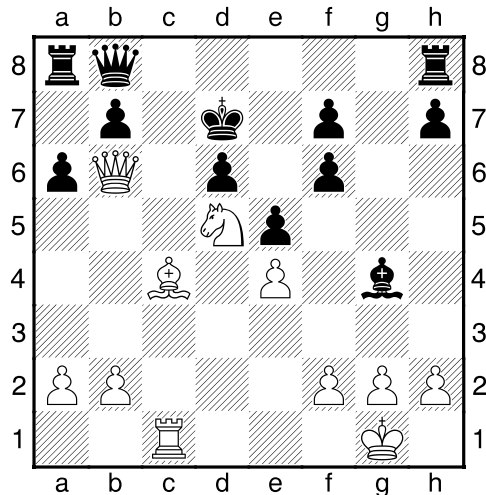
SCARBOROUGH		WILLOWDALE	
Donal Deiseach	1	Mickey Stein	0
Maurice Smith	0	Oleg Tseluiko	1
Josh Sherman	1	Dalia Kragmananov	0
Michael Perez	0	Genadi Medvedev	1

Here is Josh's win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sherman, J (1700) – Kagramanov, D (1803) [B21]

U2000GTA Chess League (vs Willowdale) Earl Bales, 20.03.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3? = Fritz gets worried about gambits – material imbalance you know [3.Qxd4±] **3...dxc3** [3...Nc6? 4.Nf3 (4.cxd4 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5±) 4...Nf6 5.e5 Nd5±; 3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nc3 Qa5=] **4.Nxc3 d6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Qe2 Nf6?±** [7...Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6=] **8.0-0 Be7** [8...a6 9.Rd1 b5 10.Bb3 Nd7 11.Bf4 Nc5 12.Bc2 Bb7±] **9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4** [10.Nb5 Qb8 11.Bf4 e5 12.Bg5 a6 13.Nc3 0-0±] **10...e5** [10...a6 11.e5 d5 12.Bb3 Nh5 13.Bd2 0-0±] **11.Nb5 Qb8 12.Bg5 a6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nc3 Bg4 15.Qe3? =** [15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Qe3 0-0 17.Nh4 Kh8±] **15...Nd4??+-** [15...Qa7 16.Nd5 Qxe3 17.fxe3 Bd8=] **16.Nxd4 Bxd1?+-** (2.97) [16...Qc8 17.b3 exd4 18.Rxd4 h5 (2.64)] **17.Nf5 Bg4 18.Nxe7 Kxe7?+-** [18...h5 19.Ncd5 Kf8 20.Be2 Be6 21.Rc1 Qd8 22.Rc7 Rb8 (4.09)] **19.Nd5+ Kd8 20.Qb6+?+-** (4.19) [20.Qh6! Kd7 21.Nxf6+ Ke7 22.Nd5+ Kd7 23.Qh4 Qf8 24.Qxg4+ Kd8 25.Qg5+ f6 26.Qe3 Ke8 27.Qb6 Rb8+- (12.86) W would have N + B vs R] **20...Kc8?+-** leads to mate (though pretty hard to calculate !) [20...Ke8 21.Nxf6+ Kf8 22.Nxg4 h5 23.Ne3 h4+- (6.64) W has N + B vs R] **21.Rc1** a transposition to mate [21.Bb5! axb5 22.Rc1+ Kd7 23.Rc7+ Ke8 24.Nxf6+ Kf8 25.Qxd6+ Kg7 26.Nxg4 Ra6 27.Qxe5+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Rg6 29.Nh6+ Kf8 30.Rxf7+ Ke8 31.Qe7#] **21...Kd7**



22.Nxf6+?+- Josh misses the mate (hard to fault him – hard to see) [22.Bb5+ axb5 23.Rc7+ Ke8 24.Nxf6+ and mate as in prior line.] **22...Ke7 23.Nxg4** Josh has N + B vs R **23...Rc8 24.Rc2?+-** (4.04) again Josh misses the impossible to calculate mate [24.Qe3 Rg8 25.Nh6 Rg6 26.Bxf7 Qa7 27.Nf5+ Kf6 28.Qb3 Re8 29.Bxe8 b6 30.Rc6 Qb8 31.Qf7+ Kg5 32.h4+ Kf4 33.Ng3+ Rf6 34.Qxf6+ Kg4 35.Qg5#] **24...Rc6 25.Qb3 Qc7 26.Ne3 Kf8 27.Nd5 Qa5?+-** (8.08) [27...Qd8 28.Qxb7 Rac8 29.b3 Rc5 30.Qxa6 Kg7+- (5.52)] **28.Qb4?+-** (2.32) [28.Qe3 Ke8 29.Qg5 Qd8 30.Nf6+ Ke7 31.Rc3 Rc5 32.Qf5 Rac8 33.Nd5+ Kf8 34.Qxh7 Rxd5 35.Bxd5 Rc7+- (19.60) W would be up B + P] **28...Qc5 29.Qxb7 Ra7 30.Qb4 Qd4 31.Ne3 Rac7 32.b3 Qxe4 33.Qd2 Qd4 34.Qxd4 exd4 35.Nd5 Rc8 36.Rd2 Re8 37.Kf1 Re4 38.f3 Rh4 39.g3 Rh5 40.Kg2 Re5** both players are now in time pressure **41.Rxd4** Josh has B + N + P vs R **41...Re2+??+-** a blunder in time trouble [41...a5 42.Rh4 Kg7 43.a3 h6+-] **42.Bxe2** Josh is up N + B + P **42...Rc2 43.Kf2 Rxa2 44.Ra4 Rb2 45.b4+-** a few more moves were played and not recorded, but Dalia then resigned **1-0**

SCC Spring Swiss

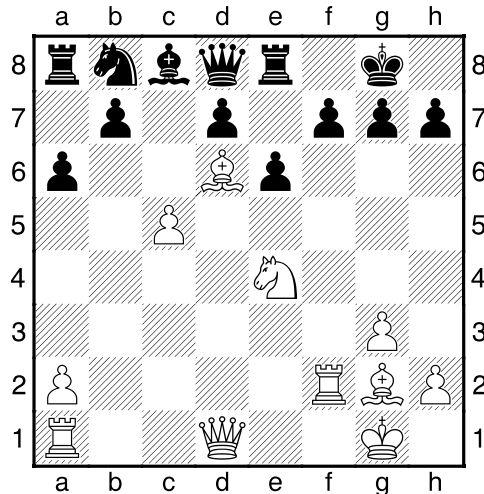
40 players registered for this one-section, 8 round swiss which started on March 15. Rd. 4 is on Thursday, April 5 – if you would still like to play, come out and you will be given ½ pt. byes for the three missed rounds – you'll be able to jump right in.

Rd 1 of a swiss sees the greatest discrepancy between the ratings of the opponents. There were many hard – fought games. In one game, newcomer Danny Aniaq sacked pieces against junior Nathan Farrant-Diaz on his way to a win with a K-side attack. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Aniaq, D – Farrant-Diaz, N (1318) [B41]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (1), 15.03.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 [4...Nf6±] 5.g3= [5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd2 d5 7.exd5 Nf6 8.Bd3 0-0±] 5...Nf6?± [5...d5 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.Qxd5 exd5=] 6.Bg2 Qc7 7.0-0 Bc5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bg5?=[9.Nb3 Be7 10.f4 d6±] 9...Qe5?± [9...Nc6 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nb3 Ba7=] 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.e5 Ng4?+- [11...Ne8 12.Na4 h6 13.Nxc5 hxg5±] 12.Ne4 Nxe5 Nathan goes up a P 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Bf4 Bxf2+?! Nathan goes up 2 P's [14...Qd4 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Bd6 Qb6 17.Bxf8 Kxf8+- (2.04) Danny has R vs N + P] 15.Rxf2 Qxb2 (6.28) Danny has B vs 3 P's 16.c4 Qb6 17.Bd6 Re8?+- this leads to a devastating mating K-side attack, with no defender of f7. [17...Qd8 18.Bxf8 Qxf8+- (5.77)] 18.c5?+- Danny misses the attack [18.Qh5 Qxf2+ (18...f6 19.Qxe8#; 18...g6 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Qxh7#) 19.Kxf2 h6 20.Ng5 hxg5 21.Be4 f5 22.Qxe8+ Kh7 23.Bxf5+ exf5 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Re1 g6 26.Qxg6+ Kh8 27.Re8#] 18...Qd8



19.Rxf7?!+- Danny sacs for an attack, though it is not the best move [19.Qh5 f5 20.Ng5 h6 21.Rxf5! exf5 22.Nf7 Nc6 (22...Qf6 23.Nxh6+ Qxh6 24.Qxe8+ Kh7 25.Bd5 Qf6 26.Be5 Qg5 27.Qg8+ Kh6 28.Qh8+ Kg6 29.Qxg7+ Kh5 30.Bf3+ Qg4 31.h4 Qxf3 32.Qg5#) 23.Nxd8+-] **19...Kxf7** Danny has B vs R + 2 P's **20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Rf1?+-** Danny misses the quicker mate [21.Ng5 h6 22.Qf7+ Kh8 23.Be4 Re7 24.Qg6 Qg8 25.Bxe7 d6 26.Nf7+ Qxf7 27.Qh7#] **21...Nc6?+-** [lasting longer is 21...Re7 22.Ng5 g6 23.Qh6 Rg7 24.Nxh7 g5 (24...Rxh7? 25.Rf8+ Qxf8 26.Qxf8#) 25.Nf6+ Qxf6 26.Rxf6 Rf7 27.Rg6+ Rg7 28.Rxg7#] **22.Ng5** [a bit quicker is

22.Qf7+ Kh8 23.Bf8 Qf6 24.Nxf6 Rxf8 25.Qxf8#] **22...h6 23.Nf7** [again a bit quicker is 23.Qf7+ Kh8 24.Be4 Ne5 25.Bxe5 Rg8 26.Qg6 Qxg5 27.Qh7#] **23...Qa5** [again lasting a bit longer is 23...Re7 24.Qg6 Ne5 25.Bxe5 Kf8 26.Bxg7+ Ke8 27.Nd6#] **24.Nxh6+!** Danny sacs again for mate **24...gxh6** Danny is down R + P **25.Qxe8+** Danny is down a P **25...Kh7 26.Be4+ Kg7 27.Qf8# 1-0**

There were some interesting tactics in the game between Michael Perez and Dinesh Dattani, won by the former. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Dattani, D (1376) – Perez, M (1673) [D30]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (1), 15.03.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 g6± 5.Bd3 Bg7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.b3 b6?± [8...dxc4 9.bxc4 Re8 10.Qc2 e5 11.Bb2 exd4 12.exd4 c5±] **9.Ne5??=** [9.Ba3 Re8 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Qc2 c5±] **9...Nxe5** [9...Bb7 10.f4 c5 11.Ba3 a6=] **10.dxe5 Ne8 11.f4 d4??+-** this just loses the dP [11...f6 12.Bb2 fxe5 13.cxd5 exf4 14.dxe6 Bxe6 15.exf4=] **12.Ne4?±** Dinesh fails to win the dP [12.Be4 Rb8 13.exd4 f6 14.Be3 a6+-] **12...Bb7 13.Ba3?±** [13.Qe2 c5 14.exd4 f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Ng5 Qxd4+±] **13...c5 14.Nxc5?!=** Dinesh decides to sac 2 minor pieces for a R + 2 P's – creative, but maybe not the best move in the position [14.Bb2 dxe3 15.Qe2 f5 16.Ng5 Qd7 17.Rad1 Qe7 18.Nf3 Nc7 19.Qxe3 Rad8±] **14...bxc5 15.Bxc5 dxe3 16.Bxf8??±** Better to win the P's than the exchange, amazing though that may seem [16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Bxa7 Qd7 18.Qxe3 f6 19.a4 Bh6=] **16...Bxf8 17.a3?+-** Michael gets a " winning " advantage [17.Qe2 Bc5 18.Kh1 a5±] **17...Qd4?±** [17...a5 18.Kh1 Qb6 19.Qe2 Rd8-+; 17...Qb6 18.Qe2 a5 19.Rfe1 Rd8-+] **18.Be2 Qb2??=** Dinesh gets back to equality [18...Bc5 19.Qxd4 Bxd4 20.Rad1 Rd8±; 18...Qc3 19.b4 a5 20.Rb1 axb4 21.Rb3 Qd2 22.axb4 Ra4±] **19.Qd3 Rd8 20.Qxe3 Rd2 21.Bf3??+-** a major blunder, leading to mate [21.Rfe1 Ng7 22.Rab1 Qc2 23.Rbc1 Qb2 24.Rb1=] **21...Bc5?!** a nice tactic, but Michael misses the mate [21...Rxc2+! 22.Kh1 Rxh2+ 23.Kg1 Bc5 24.Rf2 (24.Qxc5 Bxf3 25.Rxf3 Qg2#) 24...Bxe3 25.Ra2 Rxf2 26.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 27.Kf1 Bxf3 28.f5 Rb1#] **22.Qxc5?+-** this leads to mate [22.Bxb7 Bxe3+ 23.Kh1 Bxf4 24.Bc6 Nc7-+] **22...Bxf3?+-** Michael again misses the mate [22...Rxc2+ 23.Kh1 Rxh2+ 24.Kg1 Bxf3 25.Qf8+ Kxf8 26.Rxf3 Qg2#] **23.Qf2 Rxf2 24.Rxf2 Qxa1+ 25.Rf1 Qd4+ 26.Rf2 Bd1 0-1**

There were some almost upsets in Rd. 2. Josh Sherman, 2nd place finisher in the Championship Reserves, faced expert Imtiaz Husain, 2nd place finisher in the Championship Section. And Josh had a win when his flag fell. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

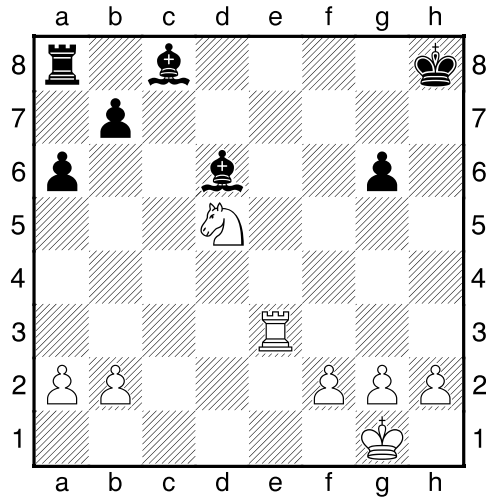
(1360) Sherman,J (1700) – Husain,I (2145) [B21]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (2), 22.03.2007

[Armstrong,Robert]

1.e4 c5± 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3?± Fritz is a little down on this gambit, though it says position will be equal [3.Qxd4±] **3...dxc3 4.Nxc3** Imtiaz is up a P **4...Nc6 5.Bc4 g6±** [5...d6=] **6.Nf3 Bg7 7.0-0?±** [7.Qd5 e6 8.Qd6 a6 9.0-0 Qe7 10.Qd3 Na5±] **7...Nf6 8.Qe2 0-0 9.Rd1 a6** [9...Ng4 10.h3 Nge5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bd5 d6=] **10.e5 Ne8 11.e6** [11.Bg5 h6 12.Bf4 Nc7=] **11...fxe6 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.Ng5 Nd4 14.Nf7+ Rxf7 15.Rxd4 Bxd4 16.Bxf7 Nd6 17.Bb3 Qf8 18.Bg5 e6 19.Rd1 Bg7 20.Rd3?±** [20.Na4 b5 21.Nb6 Rb8 22.Be3 Nf5 23.Nxd7 Bxd7 24.Rxd7 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Re8=] **20...h6 21.Bxh6** Josh gets his P back **21...Bxh6 22.Qe5+ Bg7 23.Qxd6 Qxd6 24.Rxd6 Be5 25.Rd3 d5 26.Re3 Bc7?± 27.Bxd5!** a nice sac by Josh [27.Nxd5! exd5 28.Re8+ Kg7 29.Re7+ Kh6 30.Rxc7 d4±] **27...exd5?+-** [27...Bf4 28.Re4 Bc1 29.Bb3 b5 30.Re2 e5 31.Rxe5 Bg4 32.Re7 Bxb2 33.Nd5 Ba3 34.Rb7 Re8 35.h4 Bc8 36.Rb6 Re6 37.Rxe6 Bxe6± Josh would be up a P] **28.Nxd5** Imtiaz has B vs 2 P's **28...Bd6** [28...Ba5 29.b4 Bxb4 30.Re8+ Kg7 31.Nxb4 b5+- (1.67) Josh would be up a P]

Position after 28...Bd6



29.Re8+??= Josh fails to complete the sacrifice correctly, giving up a critical tempo [29.Nb6 Rb8 30.Re8+ Kg7 31.Nxc8 Bc5 32.Kf1 b5 33.f4 Rb7 34.Ke2 Kf7 35.Rh8 Kf6+- (1.45) Josh would be up 2 P's] **29...Kg7 30.Nb6 Bc5??+-** Imtiaz carelessly drops his R, due mostly to the fact that Josh's flag was now hanging by a thread. Josh's flag fell immediately.[30...Kf7! 31.Rh8 (31.Rxc8?? Rxc8 32.Nxc8 Bc7 33.h4 Ke6 34.g4 Kd7 35.h5 gxh5 36.gxh5 Kxc8 37.h6 Kd7 38.f4 Bxf4 39.h7 Be5+) 31...Be5 32.Rh7+ Kg8 33.Re7 Bd6 34.Re8+ Kf7 35.Rh8=; 30...Rb8?? 31.Nxc8 Bc5 32.h4 b5 33.Kf1 b4 34.b3 Rb7+-] **0-1**

An amazing thing happened when veteran Gord Blackman met one of last year's three co-champions, Jim Paterson. Gord sacked the same rook for 4 consecutive moves in a row !! Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

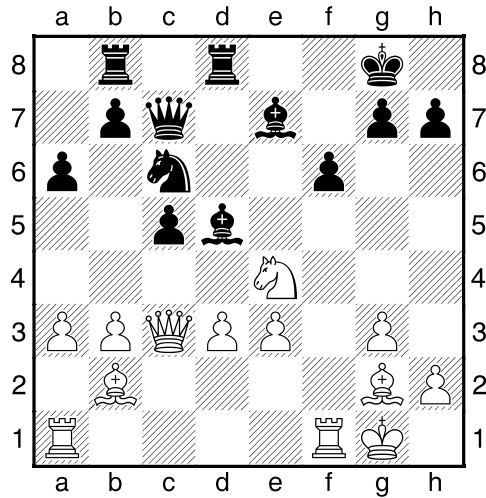
(1371) Blackman,G (1633) – Paterson,J (1916) [A30]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (2), 22.03.2007

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg2 a6?± [4...d5 5.Nf3 d4 6.Nb5 a6 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Ne5 Nc6 9.Nxd7 Nxd7 10.Na3 d3 11.Qb3 Nb6=] **5.d3?±=** [5.Nf3 Be7 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Qd3 0-0±] **5...Nc6 6.e3 Be7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Rb8 9.b3 Qc7 10.a3?±** [10.d4 cxd4 11.exd4 b5 12.Bf4 d6=] **10...Rd8?±=** [10...b5 11.Qc2 b4 12.axb4 Nxb4 13.Qd2 Bb7±] **11.Qc2 d5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nf4 Be6?±** [13...d4 14.Ncd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qd6 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7=] **14.Bb2 d4 15.Ne4 dxe3??+-** Gord gets a " winning " advantage [15...Qe5 16.Rfe1 Bf5 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6±] **16.fxe3 Nd5 17.Nxd5??±=** Gord takes the wrong piece [17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qe2 Qb6 19.Bh3 e5 20.Bf5 h6+-] **17...Bxd5??±** Gord gets a " clear " advantage [17...Rxd5 18.Nf2 Rd7 19.Nh3 Na5 20.Nf4 Bxb3 21.Qe2 b5=] **18.Qc3??±=** [18.Rf5 Be6 19.Qc3 f6 20.Rxf6! Bxf6 21.Nxf6+ Kh8 22.Nh5 Rd7±] **18...f6**

Position after 18...f6



19.Rxf6??-+ the first sac of this R – unsound [19.Rf5 Ne5 20.Qc2 Be6 21.Bxe5 fxe5 22.Ng5 Bxg5 23.Rxg5 h6 24.Rh5 Qd6 25.Be4 Bd5=] **19...Bxe4??+-** this time Jim takes the wrong piece [19...Bxf6 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.Bxd5+ Rxd5 22.Qxf6 Qe7 23.Qh8+ Kf7 24.Qxh7+ Ke6 25.Qh6+ Kd7 26.Bf6 Qe6 27.e4 Rxd3 28.Qh7+ Kc8-+] **20.Rxc6!** the second sac of the R – sound **20...Bf6** **21.Rxf6?!** the third consecutive sac of the R – not best this time [21.Rxc7 Bxc3 22.Bxc3 Bxd3 23.Rxg7+ Kf8 24.Bxb7 h6+- Gord would be up B + 2 P's] **21...Bxg2** **22.Kxg2??±** Gord sacs the R for the fourth consecutive time – wrong this time [22.Rf5 Bd5 23.e4 Be6 24.Rxc5 Qe7+- Gord would be up 2 P's] **22...gxf6** **23.Qxf6??-+** one of those notorious bad pawn grabs; after facing a loss, Jim gets a "winning" advantage [23.e4 Qd6 24.Rf1 Qd4 25.Qxd4 cxd4 26.Rxf6 Kg7± Gord would have B + 2 P's vs R] **23...Qc6+** **24.Qf3** [24.e4 Qxf6 25.Bxf6 Rxd3 26.Rb1 Kf7 27.e5 b5-+] **24...Rxd3** Gord has B + P vs R **25.Rf1?+-** [25.Qxc6 bxc6 26.Kf3 Rxb3 27.Bc1 Rd1 28.Ke4 c4+- Jim would be up the exchange] **25...Rd2+** **26.Rf2** [somewhat better is 26.Kh3 Qh6+ 27.Kg4 Rxb2-+] **26...Qxf3+** Gord resigned [26...Rxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Rf8 28.Qf4 Rxf4+ 29.gxf4 Qd5-+ Jim would have Q vs B + P] Coming is **27.Kxf3 Rf8+** **28.Kg4 Rxf2** **29.Bc3 Rd3** **30.Be1 Rf1** **31.Ba5 Rxb3-+** when Jim has 2 R's vs B **0-1**

In Rd. 3, your intrepid editor faced Jim Paterson. He sacked his N + B for R + P, but couldn't make it work, and I brought home the win. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Paterson, J (1916) – Armstrong, R (1740) [B06]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (3), 29.03.2007

1.e4 g6± **2.c3** [2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 c6 (3...d5? 4.Nxd5 c6 5.Nc3 Qxd4 6.Qxd4 Bxd4±) 4.Nf3 Nf6±; 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 0-0±] **2...Bg7** [2...d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.Bb5+ Nbd7 5.d4 Nxd5 6.Nf3 Bg7±] **3.d4 d6** **4.Bc4 Nf6** **5.Qe2 0-0** **6.Bg5?=[** 6.Nf3 c6 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 (7...Nxe4 8.Nxe4 d5 9.Bd3 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Nd7±) 8.0-0 Nb6±] **6...c6** **7.Nd2 b5?±** [7...d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.Bb3 a5=] **8.Bd3 a6** **9.f4** [9.Ngf3? h6 10.Bh4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nh5=; 9.a4 b4 10.Ngf3 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.0-0 Bg7±] **9...Qc7** **10.Ngf3 c5** **11.0-0 Bb7** **12.Bxf6 Bxf6** **13.e5 Bg7** **14.Ne4?=[** 14.Be4 d5 15.Bd3 b4 16.Qe3 a5 17.Rac1 c4 18.Bc2 Bc8±] **14...dxe5?±** [14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Nc6 16.Nc3 dxe5 17.dxe5 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Nd8=] **15.dxe5?=[** 15.fxe5 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qb6±] **15...Nd7** **16.Rae1 c4** **17.Bc2 Nc5**

18.Neg5? for the first time, Bl gets the advantage [18.Qe3 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Qa5=] 18...e6??± Jim gets a " clear " advantage [18...h6 19.Ne4 Ne6 20.Nh4 Nc5=] 19.Nd4 Rad8 20.Qg4??= but loses it [20.h4 Qa5 21.h5 Qc7 22.hxg6 hxg6±] 20...Bc8?± [20...b4 21.Re3 bxc3 22.bxc3 Bd5=] 21.Qh3 h6 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 f5 [23...f6 24.Qg3 g5 25.fxg5 fxg5±] 24.exf6?=[24.Bf3 g5 25.Qg3 Qe7±] 24...Rxf6 25.Qg3? for Bl gets the advantage again [25.Qe3 Rdf8 26.Nc6 Bb7 27.Ne5 Bxe4 28.Qxe4 g5 29.Ng6 R8f7=] 25...Qf7??± and then loses it [25...g5 26.fxg5 Qxg3 27.hxg3 hxg5±] 26.Nc6 [26.Rf3 Rd6 27.Rfe3 Kh8±] 26...Rd2 major decision time for W – 3 main options – what to do? W chooses wrong ! 27.Bxg6??+ Bob gets a " winning " advantage [27.Rd1 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Qc7 29.Ne5 g5 30.fxg5 hxg5 31.Ng6 Qc5+ 32.Kh1 Kf7±; 27.Ne5?? Qa7+ 28.Kh1 Rxb2 29.a4 Bb7 30.axb5 axb5 31.Nxg6 Bxe4 32.Rxe4 Rc2 33.Ree1 Qa3 34.Rf3 Rc1±] 27...Rxg6 28.Qxg6 Qxg6 29.Ne7+ Kh7 30.Nxg6 Kxg6 Bl has 2 B's vs R + P 31.Rf2 Rxf2?+ [better is 31...Rd3 32.Kf1 a5 33.a3 h5 34.Re4 Rd1+ 35.Re1 Rd5+ (– 2.05)] 32.Kxf2 here Jim made a tempting draw offer, but I was 10 min. ahead on the clock, and felt I could always offer a draw later if I had to, so I rejected it. 32...Kf5? for I lose my winning edge [32...Bf6? 33.Rd1 Be7 34.g4 h5 35.h3 Bb7 36.Rd7 Bc5+ 37.Ke2 Bg2±; 32...h5 33.a4 Kf5 34.Rd1 e5 35.axb5 axb5 36.fxe5 Be6 37.g3 Bxe5+ (– 1.50)] 33.Rd1 33...Bf6 [33...Bf8 34.Rd8 Bc5+ 35.Ke2 Bb7 36.g3 Kg4 37.Rh8 Bf3+ 38.Kf1 h5±; 33...e5 34.Rd8 Be6 35.fxe5 Bxe5 36.Rf8+ Bf6 37.h3 Bd5 38.g4+ Ke5±] 34.g3 [34.Rd6 b4 35.Rc6 bxc3 36.Rc5+ (36.Rxc8? cxb2 37.Rb8 c3-+) 36...e5 37.bxc3 Be6±] 34...b4 35.Rc1?+ [35.Ke3 Bb7 36.Rd7 Bc6 37.Rc7 Bd5 38.Kd2 a5 39.a3 e5 40.Rc5 Ke4 41.Rxa5 bxa3 42.bxa3 exf4 43.gxf4 Bd8 44.Ra6 Bc7 45.a4 Bxf4+ 46.Ke2 h5±] 35...bxc3 36.bxc3 Bb7 [36...e5 37.fxe5 Kxe5 38.Kf3 Bb7+ 39.Ke2 Be4 40.Re1 a5 41.Kd2 Bg5+ 42.Kd1 a4-+] 37.h3 Jim now had only 8 min. left on his clock 37...h5 38.Rb1 Be4+ Jim's flag dropped, although he is already in a lost position The game could have continued 39.Rb8 Bxc3 40.Ke3 Bd5 41.Rg8 Bb2 42.Rg5+ Kf6 43.Rxh5 c3 44.Kd3 Bxa2 45.Kc2 Bd5 46.Rh6+ Kg7 47.Rh4 Be4+ 48.Kb3 a5 49.f5 exf5 50.Rf4 a4+ 51.Kxa4 c2 52.Rf1 Bg2 53.Kb3 c1Q 54.Rxc1 Bxc1 55.h4 f4 56.gxf4 Bxf4+ and I'd have to remember how to mate with 2 B's. 0-1

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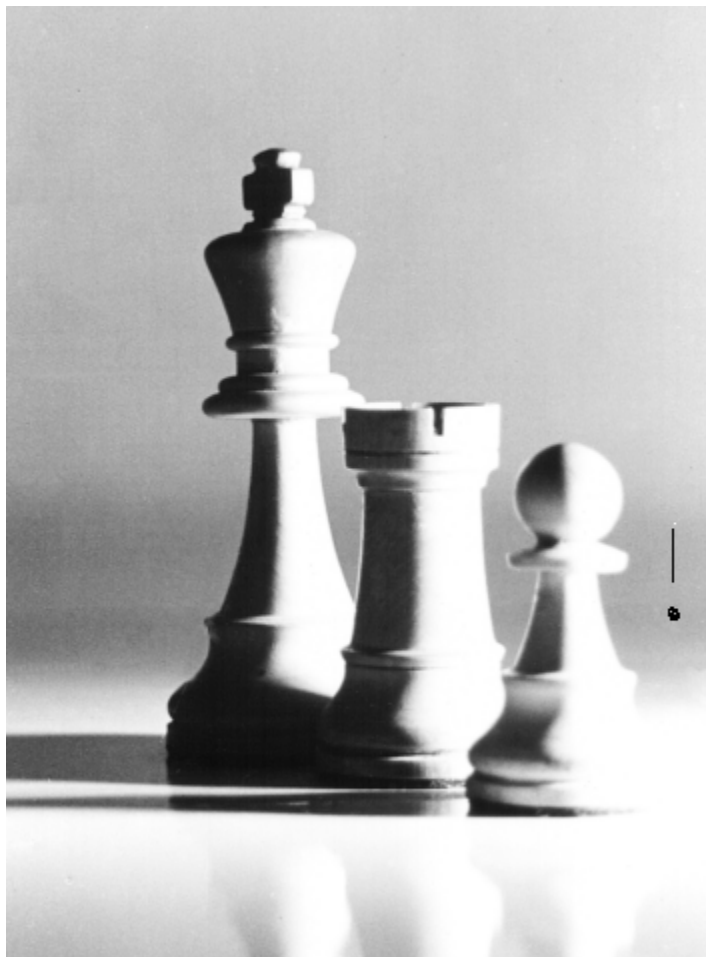
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