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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

SCC Starts a New Season - AGM

SCC re-opened (after being closed July-August) on Thursday, September 7, with the 2006-7 Annual General Meeting. Here is a report on it (Info from Vice-President Maurice Smith):

Executive – All last year’s exec. who ran again got acclaimed. Only Rick Garel (who unfortunately can’t renew for this coming year) didn’t stand again for Officer-at-Large, and that position remains vacant for now. The new officers are:

President – Bryan Lamb

Vice-President – Maurice Smith

Secretary – Steve Karpik

Treasurer – Andrew Philip

Other matters dealt with were :

Carbonized Score Sheets – will now be used only on the first three boards.

Digital Clock - We will only purchase one the next time we need another clock.

Finances - There will be an Executive Meeting before the end of September to discuss this. We may have to raise fees.

Memberships – a) SCC immediately eliminates the two month membership;

b) Membership names whose dues are approaching the renewal date will be posted on the bulletin board;

c) the Executive will actually pursue a membership drive, details to be

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worked out.

Memorial tournament – one tournament will be named “ the Howard Ridout Memorial Tournament “. (This was Andrew's motion).

Club Championship - We may get a trophy for the winner.

Tournament Pairings - After the first week we will make the pairings at 7.15 p.m. and start at 7.30 p.m. Anyone not showing up and not contacting the Executive will be charged with a rated forfeit.

Laptop Computer – Steve is authorized to go ahead and get a used computer. It will be used to do pairings, should Bryan be late on a particular evening.

SCC Season Opens with the Fall Swiss

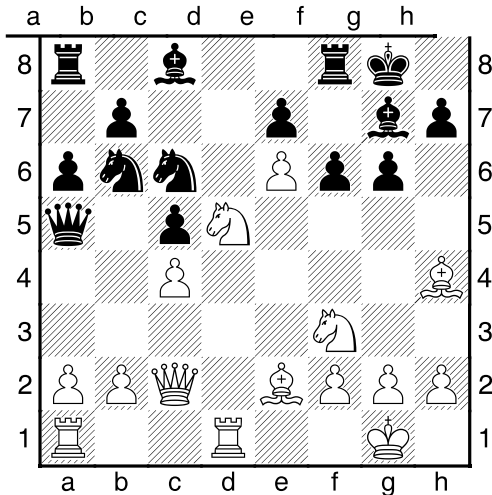
Our first swiss tournament of the new season, the 2006 Fall Swiss, started yesterday, Thursday, September 14. A great starting group of 36 players (our largest tournament in the last couple of years !) registered for this 6 round, one-section swiss. If you couldn't make the first round, and still want to play, just come out this Thursday, September 21. We'll give you a bye for the Rd. 1 you missed, and you're in !! The club opens at 7:00 pm, and we ask all players to be there by 7:15 pm this year, so we can do the pairings and start at 7:30 pm. sharp! Late comers will be paired against each other as and if more players show up (we're not going to constantly redo all the pairings as players straggle in between 7:15 pm and 7:30 pm, as we used to). If you are paired because you played the prior round, and don't notify SCC of your intended absence for a round, you get a rated forfeit. So come out and play some friendly, and competitive over-the-board chess with old and new friends !

In Round 1, Donal Deiseach, one of last years' club co-champions, developed a nice king-side attack, and defeated Steve Karpik. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Deiseach, D (1940) – Karpik , S (1488) [E91]

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (1), 14.09.2006]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 c5 8.dxc5 [8.d5? Nbd7 9.Bf4 b6 10.Qd3 Bb7=] 8...dxc5 9.Qc2 Qc7?± [9...Nc6±] 10.e5 Nfd7 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.Rd1 Nc6 13.Bg5 f6 [13...Re8 14.Bf4 e6 15.Bg5 Qa5 16.Nf6+ Bxf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.exf6 h6 19.Qc1 Kh7±] 14.Bh4??= [14.Be3±] 14...Qa5??± [14...fxe5 15.Qe4 Bf6 16.Bg3 Nd4=] 15.e6 Nb6?+- [15...Nde5 16.Nxe5 fxe5 17.Bg4 Bf6 18.Bxf6 exf6 19.e7 Bxg4 20.exf8Q+ Rxf8±]



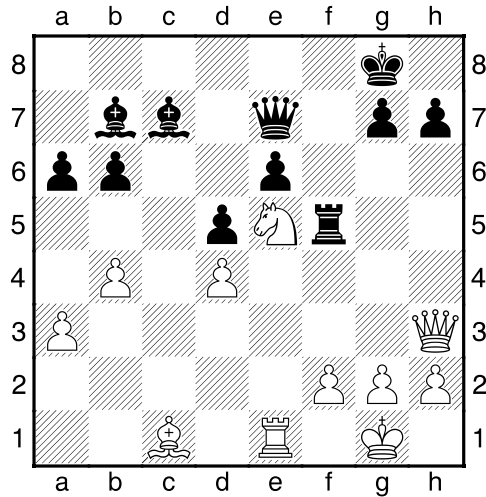
16.Nf4 this looks like it hangs a piece, but White can get out of it. [16.Bg3?±] **16...g5 17.Bxg5!** Donal plays the correct line [17.Nh5?? Bxe6 (17...gxh4?? 18.Qf5 Bxe6 (18...Ne5?? 19.Nxe5 fxe5 20.Rd8!+-) 19.Qxe6+ Rf7+-) 18.Qe4 Bd7 19.Nxg7 Kxg7 20.Bg3 e5=] **17...Nd4** playing simple and winning the B really is no better, and perhaps worse ! [17...fxg5 18.Nxg5! Donal now has 2 P's for his B, is sacking another piece, and has a fierce attack 18...Rxf4 19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Bh5 Nd7 (20...Nd4? 21.Bf7 Rxf7 22.exf7 e6 23.Qg8+ Ke7 24.Qxg7 Kd7+-) 21.exd7 Bxd7 22.Rxd7 Rf6+- Donal would be up 2 P's, and still have dangerous threats] **18.Nxd4 fxd5 19.Nb3 Qa4 20.Nh3 h6 21.Qe4 Qc6 22.Qxc6 bxc6 23.Nxc5** Donal is now up 2 P's **23...a5** [23...Bxb2 24.Rab1 Ba3 25.Rxb6 Bxc5 26.Rxc6 Bb4+-] **24.Rab1 Nxc4?!+-** on the surface this looks like Steve is winning a P, giving up his N, but winning Donal's N on h3. But it doesn't turn out that way ! **25.Bxc4 g4 26.Nd7 Bxd7 27.exd7+ Kh8?+-** [27...Kh7+-] **28.Nf4 Kh7** [Steve cannot recapture his piece !! 28...Rxf4 29.d8Q+ Rxd8 30.Rxd8+ Bf8+-] **29.Ne6** Steve is totally busted and resigns **1-0**

Also in Round 1, your intrepid editor went up a P in his game, but then Ted Termeer charged back with a great K-side attack. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Armstrong, R (1757) – Termeer, T (1354) [D30]

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (1), 14.09.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 b6?± [4...Nf6=] **5.Bd3 Bb7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3?=[7.cxd5 Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qd8±] 7...Ne7?±** [7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 a6 9.e4 b5 10.Bd3 Be7=] **8.b3 Ng6 9.Bb2 c6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bb5+ Nd7 12.Rc1 a6 13.Bd3 Be7 14.e4?=[14.Re1±] 14...0-0 15.exd5 exd5 16.Re1 Bf6?±** [16...Re8 17.Bf5 Bd6 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8=] **17.b4** [17.Bf5 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8±] **17...Re8 18.Qb3 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Ndf8 20.Bf5 Qd6** [20...Ne7 21.Bc2 Rc8 22.Nd1 Ne6 23.Ne3 Ng6±] **21.Nd1?=[21.b5 Nh4 22.Nxh4 Bxh4 23.bxa6 Rxa6±] 21...Ne6 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.a3 Rc8 24.Ne3 Bd8 25.Ng4 Bc7 26.Nge5** [26.Qe3 Rf8 27.Nge5 Nxe5 28.Nxe5 b5=] **26...Nxe5 27.Nxe5 Qe7 28.Qh3 Rf8 29.Bc1 Rf5?+-** given his rating, Ted has played an excellent opening and middle game, though he has never had the advantage. Now he makes a blunder, which is tactically not so easy to see. [29...Qf6 30.Qe3 Qh4 31.Bb2 Bxe5 32.dxe5 b5=]



30.g4??= But I also don't see the tactical shot ! [30.Nc6!! Bxc6 31.Qxf5!+-] **30...Rf8 31.f4** [31.g5 Bc8 32.Qd3 Qe8 33.Qh3 Rf5=] **31...Bxe5** [31...b5 32.g5 a5 33.Bd2 a4=] **32.Rxe5 Bc8 33.Qe3** I set up a cheap tactical threat, but it turns out I haven't looked into it deeply enough **33...g6** worrying about my pushing f5, Ted misses the tactic, but fortunately for him, it doesn't work anyway. [33...Qf6 34.Qd3 Qh4 35.h3 b5=] **34.Rxd5 Qh4??+-** Ted misses the refutation, and is now in trouble [this is what I had missed, and so did Ted 34...Rxf4! 35.Qe2 Rf8 36.Re5 Qd6=] **35.Rg5 Kf7** [35...Rf6 36.Bd2 Qh6 37.b5 Qf8 38.Re5 axb5 39.d5 Qe7 40.Bb4 Qf7+-] **36.h3??±** and now I start playing imprecisely (and it gets worse !). I miss the winning line. [36.Bd2 Re8 37.Be1 Qh6 38.f5 Qf8 39.fxg6+ hxg6 40.Bg3 Qe7 41.h4 Rf8+-] **36...Rd8??+-** [36...Bb7±] **37.Bb2 Bb7 38.Kh2??+ a** terrible mistake which is going to throw me on the defensive now [38.Bc3 Rd6 39.b5 a5 40.Kh2 Qh6 41.f5 exf5 42.gxf5 Qf8+-] **38...Rc8!** Ted sees the winning line right away !! **39.Qe2** [39.d5 Rc2+ 40.Kg1 Bxd5 41.Rxd5 exd5 42.Bd4 Qe7 43.Be5 Qe6+] **39...Bd5??** [39...Bf3! 40.Qd2 (40.Qxf3?? Rc2+ 41.Kg1 Qe1+ 42.Qf1 Qg3+ 43.Kh1 Qh2#) 40...Be4 41.d5 exd5 42.Rxd5 Rc2 43.Rd7+ Ke8 44.Qxc2 Bxc2 45.Rd2-+] **40.Re5 h5** Ted pursues his attack vigorously **41.Rg5?+ a** the wrong way to try to defend this position [41.Re3 hxg4 42.Rg3 gxh3 43.Qd2 Be4 44.Bc3 Bf5±] **41...Rh8??** Ted goes wrong on his attack [41...Bb3 42.Qe3 Rc2+ 43.Kg1 Rxb2-+] **42.Qf1??+ a** I really blunder again here, and this finally loses the game. I missed the whole point of ...Rh8. I thought that on ...hxg4, I could recapture on g4 with my R ?? I can't because the hP is pinned, and ...Qxg4, winning the R. I only saw this after I played Qf1?? [42.gxh5 Qxf4+ 43.Rg3 Rxh5±] **42...hxg4 43.Bc3??+ a** terrible move in an already lost position. I have stumbled into a mate !! [43.Rxd5 exd5 44.Qg2 Qxh3+ 45.Qxh3 Rxh3+ 46.Kg2 Rb3 47.Bc1 Rc3 48.Bb2 Rc2+ 49.Kg3 Rxb2-+] **43...Qxh3?+ a** Ted misses the mate, though he's already won. [43...Qf2+!! 44.Qxf2 Rxh3+ 45.Kg1 Rh1#] **44.Qxh3 Rxh3++ a** I resigned; my B is gone – a very interesting game. **0-1**

2006 Macedonian Labour Day Open – Report

This 6 round, multi-section swiss was played September 2-4 at the Macedonian Church (Overlea Blvd.) in Toronto. This is traditionally the largest Toronto tournament of the year. It was organized and directed by Bryan Lamb (SCC President). Over 120 players registered. The report on the winners of the various sections by Bryan Lamb, organizer and T.D. is:

“ Each section (aside from U2300 which is included in the Open) had a clear first finisher.

The Overall winner was Jura Ochkoos, who has previously won clear first at the Toronto Labour Day. **Clear second was Shiyam Thavandiran**, who put in a strong performance following the attaining of his FM title at the Canadian Closed.

The Open section had an exciting last round with the top three boards all ending decisively, and each game was an upset victory.

Of note is the result of **Lloyd Mai** who earned 3 points in the most difficult manner - by defeating two IM's and a WIM. He played against 5 titled players in the tournament and two of his losses were against the top two finishers in the tournament.

The Prize fund was a guaranteed \$5,000.00.

OPEN

1st \$1,000 FM Jura Ochkoos 5.5 (defeating Igor Dviljan in final round)

2nd \$500 FM Shiyam Thavandiran 5.0 (defeating Michael Schliefer in final round)

3rd-4th \$200 each FM Goran Milicevic and IM Eric Lawson 4.0

U2300

1st -2nd \$250 each Raja Panjwani and Michael Buscar 3.5

3rd splitting \$100 WIM Natalia Khoudgarian, Lloyd Mai and Kevin Chung 3.0

U2200

1st \$300 Joseph Lentini 4.5

2nd-5th splitting \$300 Steven MacLeod, Walter Chan, Steve Laughlin, Dusan Miletic 4.0

U2000

1st \$300 Roman Sapozhnikov 5.0

2nd-3rd \$150 each Trifee Miaco and Sergiy Orlov 4.5

U1800

1st \$300 Oleg Tseluiko 4.5

2nd-5th \$75 each Richard Wing, Jaime Solis, Pavel Rakov, John Tomlinson 4.0

U1600

1st \$300 Dilip Panjwani 5.0

2nd-6th \$60 each Michael Perez, John Brown, Mate Marinkovic, Kevin Xu, Alex Chan 4.5

UNRATED

1st Josh Sherman 4.5

SCC Members at the Macedonian Labour Day

A large contingent of SCC members showed up at the tournament – John Hall, Silvano Mesiti, Ted Termeer, Doug Gillis, Michael Perez, Petar Zlatanov, Joe Bellomo, David Farrant, Nathan Farrant-Diaz, Aman Hambleton, and your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong.

Round 1 saw John Hall win a nice game in the U2200, when he got a Q+P for 2 Rooks. Here is his win :

Hall, J (2085) – Cliff, S (1918) [D45]

Toronto Macedonian Labour Day Toronto (1), 02.09.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.Rd1 Qe7
[9...Qc7=] **10.a3** [10.e4?? Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxe4 e5 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd3 Nf8 15.Bc1 f5
16.Qe3 e4 17.c5 Bc7 18.Bc4+ Be6 19.Nd2 Qh4#] **10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 h6 12.e4 e5 13.d5 Nb6**
14.Ba2?# [14.b3 cxd5 15.Bxd5 Rd8 16.Bb2 Bg4 17.Qe2 Rac8=] **14...Bg4?#** [14...cxd5 15.Nxd5
Nbx5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Be6 18.Rd1 Rac8 19.Qa4 a6#] **15.dxc6 Bxf3 16.gxf3 bxc6**
17.Be3 Rac8 [17...Bc5 18.Nd5 cxd5 19.Bxc5 Qe6 20.Bxb6 Qxb6 21.Bxd5 Rac8 22.Qe2 Nh5=]
18.Kh1 Nh5 19.Rg1 Qf6 20.Qe2 Nf4 [20...Red8=] **21.Bxf4** [21.Qa6 Rc7 22.Rad1 Rd8=]
21...Qxf4?± [21...exf4=] **22.Rg4 Qf6 23.Rag1 Kh7??+–** Scott gives John a chance to get a Q+P
for 2 R's. [23...g5 24.h4 Kf8 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Kg2 Ke7 27.Kf1 Rg8±] **24.Rxg7+ Qxg7 25.Rxg7+**
Kxg7 26.f4 exf4 [26...Rc7 27.Qg4+ Kh7 28.Qh5 Kg7 29.Ne2 exf4 30.Nd4 Re5 31.Nf5+ Rxf5
32.Qxf5+–] **27.Qg4+ Kf8 28.Qh5 Rc7 29.Qxh6+ Ke7 30.Qg7?+–** [30.Bxf7! Kxf7 31.Qxd6 Rd7
32.Qxf4+ Kg8 33.Qh6 Rf8 34.f4 Rdf7 35.f5 Rf6 36.Qg5+ Kh7 37.Qh4+ Kg8+–] **30...Rf8 31.e5**
Bc5?+– [31...Bxe5 32.Qxe5+ Kd8 33.Qxf4 Re7 34.Qd6+ Nd7 35.h3+–] **32.Qf6?+–** John misses
the strongest line [32.Ne4 Nd5 (32...Bxf2?? 33.Qf6+ Kd7 34.Qd6+ Kc8 35.Qxf8+ Kb7 36.Nxf2+–)
33.Nxc5+–] **32...Ke8 33.Qxf4?+–** [33.e6 Be7 34.Qxf4 Kd8 35.Qd2+ Kc8 36.exf7+–] **33...Rd7**
34.Ne4 [34.Qf6 Be7 35.Qxc6 Kd8 36.b4 Rc7 37.Qe4 Rd7+–] **34...Rd1+ 35.Kg2 Be7 36.Nd6+**
Bxd6 37.exd6 Kd7?+– Scott blunders, though the game is already lost [37...Re1 38.f3 c5 39.Kf2
Ra1 40.Bc4 Nxc4 41.Qxc4 Kd7 42.Qxc5 Ke6+–] **38.Qg4+ Kxd6 39.Qxd1+ Nd5 40.Qd4 Rb8?+–**
[40...Rg8+ 41.Kf1 Rd8 42.Qxa7 Rd7 43.Qb8+ Ke7+–] **41.Bxd5 cxd5 42.Qf4+ 1-0**

Rd. 2 saw Joe Bellomo (U 1800) victorious over John Tomlinson (former SCC President) in a see-saw battle where both had numerous chances to win. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bellomo, J (1634) – Tomlinson, J (1617) [C90]

Toronto Macedonian Labour Day Toronto (2), 02.09.2006

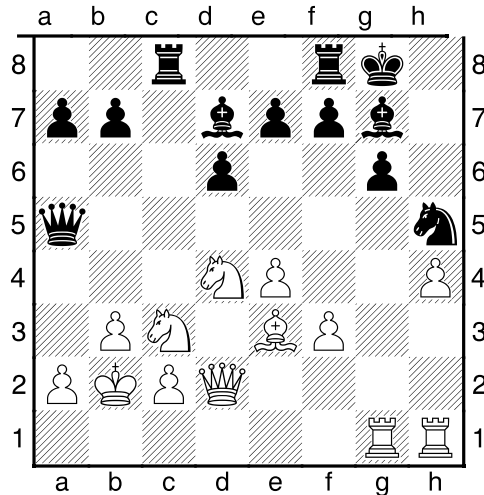
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 Na5?± [8...0-0=] 9.Bc2 Rb8 10.d4 Nd7 11.Nbd2 c6?± [11...c5±] 12.b4 Nb7 13.a4 bxa4 14.Bxa4 Qc7 15.Nc4 0-0 16.Bb3 Ra8 17.Ne3?± [17.Be3±] 17...Nf6 18.Bc2 Rd8 19.Qe2 a5 20.Nc4 Bg4 21.bxa5 Nxa5 22.Nxa5?=[22.Ne3±] 22...Rxa5 23.Bg5 [23.Bb2=] 23...Rda8 [23...exd4 24.Bd2 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 d5 26.e5 Bxf3 27.gxf3 d3 28.Bxd3 Nd7 29.f4 Nc5=] 24.Rxa5 Rxa5 25.h3?± [25.Qd3=] 25...Be6?=[25...Bxf3 26.Qxf3 exd4 27.Bf4 dxc3 28.Qxc3 Nd7±] 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27.dxe5 [27.Rb1=] 27...dxe5 28.Qd3 g6 [28...Be7 29.Rb1 Ra3=] 29.Rb1 Ra3 30.Rb4 c5 31.Rb5?± [31.Ra4 Rxa4 32.Bxa4 c4 33.Qe3 Bg7=] 31...c4 32.Qe3 Ra2 33.Qc1 Qc6?=[33...Bc8=] 34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.Qb1??± Joe starts to get himself into trouble [35.Bb1 Ra1 36.Qb2 Qa4 37.Kh2 Ra3=] 35...Qa6 36.Qb4?+[36.Qd1 Be7 37.Bb1 Rxf2 38.Kxf2 Qa7+ 39.Nd4 Qxb8 40.Nxe6+ fxe6±] 36...Kh6??± a terrible blunder by John, which should lead to him being mated [36...Qa3 37.Ne1 Qxb4 38.Rxb4 Ra3 39.Kf1 Rxc3-+] 37.g4??± But Joe errs and gives the game back to John [37.Qf8+ Bg7 38.Qe7 f6 39.g4 g5 40.Qe8 Bh8 41.Qxh8 Bf7 42.Qf8+ Kg6 43.h4 Ra1+ 44.Kg2 gxh4 45.Nxh4+ Kg5 46.Qg7+ Bg6 47.Nf3+ Kf4 48.Qh6+ Kxg4 49.Qh4#] 37...g5??± John blunders again and gives the win back to Joe [37...Qa3 38.Qxa3 Rxa3 39.Rb2 Rxc3 40.Kg2 Ra3 41.Rb5 Ra2 42.Bb1 Ra1 43.Bc2 Rc1 44.Ba4 c3 45.Nxe5 Ra1 46.Bc2 Ra2 47.Bb1 c2 48.Bxa2 c1Q±] 38.Rg8?+ Joe errs again and now John has a " winning " advantage [38.Qf8+ Kg6 (38...Bg7 39.Qe7 f6 40.Qe8 Bh8 41.Qxh8 Bf7 42.Qf8+ Kg6 43.h4 Ra1+ 44.Kg2 gxh4 45.Nxh4+ Kg5 46.Qg7+ Bg6 47.Nf3+ Kf4 48.Qh6+ Kxg4 49.Qh4#) 39.h4 Bxg4 40.hxg5 Ra1+ 41.Bb1 Bg7 (41...Bxg5 42.Qg8+ Kf6 43.Qxg5+ Ke6 44.Re8+ Kd7 45.Qe7+ Kc6 46.Nxe5+ Kb6 47.Qd6+ Ka7 (47...Ka5 48.Qb4#) 48.Qb8#) 42.Nxe5+ Kh5 43.Qxg7 Rxb1+ 44.Rxb1 Qe6 45.f4 (45.Qxh7+ Kxg5 46.Nxf7+ Kf4 47.Qh2+ Kxe4 48.Ng5+ Kd5 49.Nxe6+-) 45...Kh4 46.Kf2 Bh5 47.Rh1+ Qh3 48.Nf3+ Kg4 (48...Bxf3 49.Qxh7+ Bh5 50.Rxh3+ Kxh3 51.Qxh5#) 49.Rg1+ Qg2+ 50.Rxg2+ Kxf4 51.Qe5#] 38...Bg7??± a truly fatal blunder by John. This should lead to him being mated. [38...Qa3 39.Qxa3 Rxa3 40.Kg2 Rxc3 41.Bd1 Rc1 42.Ba4 Ra1 43.Bc2 Be7 44.Nxe5 Ra2 45.Nc6 Bf6 46.Bd1 Rd2 47.Ba4 c3 48.Rb8 c2 49.Bxc2 Rxc2 50.Rb6 Kg6-+] 39.Qe7 Ra1+ 40.Kh2 Rh1+ John is in desperation mode, sacking the R to get to defend against the mate. But nothing will help 41.Kxh1 Qa1+ 42.Kg2 Qc1 43.Qxg5?+- there is an easier way to win ! [43.h4!! gxh4 (43...Kg6 44.hxg5 Bxg4 45.Qf6+ Kh5 46.Qxf7#) 44.Qxh4+ Kg6 45.Nxe5#] 43...Qxg5 44.Nxg5 Kxg5 45.Rxg7+ Kh6 46.Rg8 f5 47.Re8 [47.Rd8 Bf7 48.exf5+-] 47...Bf7 48.Rxe5 fxg4 49.hxg4+- Line

In Round 6, Petar Zlatanov, an SCC junior, (U 1600) won, when his young opponent went wrong in a complicated, tactical position. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lung, P (1200) – Zlatanov, P (1316) [B76]

Toronto Macedonian Labour Day Toronto (6), 04.09.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 [7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0±] 7...0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.g4 Ne5 [10...Rc8±] 11.Be2 Rc8 12.h4 h5 13.gxh5 Nxh5 14.Rdg1 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.b3?=[16.Kb1±] 16...Rc8 17.Kb2 Qa5



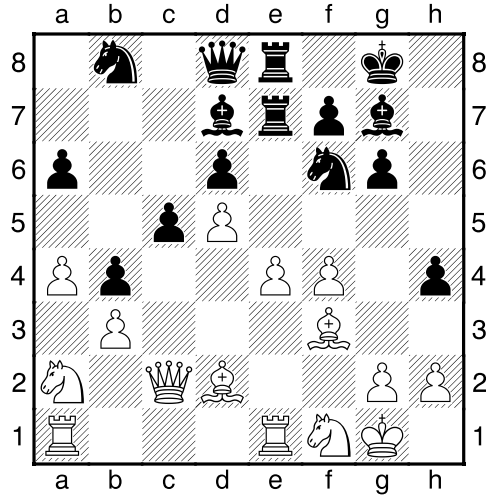
18.Nd5?+ Patrick goes wrong in a complicated tactical position [18.Rg5 b5 19.Qd3 (19.Ncxb5?? Qxd2 20.Bxd2 Bxb5 21.Rxb5 Bxd4+ 22.c3 Bf6-+; 19.Ndxb5?? Bxb5 20.Bd4 e5 21.Be3 a6-+) 19...a6=] **18...Qxd2 19.Nxe7+ Kh7 20.Bxd2 Bxd4+ 21.Kc1 Bxg1** [21...Rce8 22.Nd5 Bxg1 23.Rxg1 f5-+ Black has a R vs P] **22.Nxc8 Rxc8?+** Petar fails to make the most of his winning position [22...Ng3 23.Rxg1 Ne2+ 24.Kd1 Nxg1 25.Nxd6 Nxf3 26.Nxb7 Bc6 27.Nd6 Rd8 28.Bf4 Bxe4 29.Ke2 Nd4+ 30.Ke3 Nf5+ 31.Kxe4 Nxd6+ 32.Ke5 Nf5 Black has R vs P] **23.Rxg1** Black only has N vs P **23...Bb5 24.c4 Ba6** [better is 24...Bc6 25.Kb2 Re8 26.a4 Re6 27.Re1 Rf6 28.Re3 Rf4 29.Bb4 Rxh4 30.Bxd6 f5-+] **25.f4?+** Patrick doesn't realize the danger of the pin on the c4P [25.a4 Ng7 26.Bc3 Rc5 27.Rd1 Ne8 28.Be1 Rh5-+] **25...b5+** faced with the loss of his compensation P, Patrick resigned. One possible continuation of the game would have been **26.e5 bxc4 27.b4 d5 28.Be3 Rc7 29.a4 Bc8 30.Rd1 Be6 31.b5 Ng3 32.a5 Rd7 33.Bf2 Ne2+ 34.Kd2 Bg4 35.Ra1 d4 36.b6 axb6 37.a6 d3 38.a7 c3+ 39.Ke3 Rxa7 40.Rxa7 d2 41.Ra1 Nc1+ 0-1**

Also in Rd. 6, your editor, Bob Armstrong (U 2000), let a win escape his grasp, and ended up with a draw. There are a number of interesting alternate lines. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong , using Fritz):

Florea, A (1718) - Armstrong, R (1757) [A65]

Toronto Macedonian Labour Day Open Toronto (6), 04.09.2006

1.d4 g6± 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2?=[5.Nf3±] 5...0-0 6.Ng3 c5 7.d5 e6?± [7...Nbd7 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7=] 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.0-0 a6 11.a4 b6 12.f4?=[12.Bf4±] 12...Ra7 13.Bf3 Rae7 14.Re1 Bd7 15.Bd2 b5 [I kept looking at this line a number of times, but kept putting it off. I did it later. 15...h5 16.Qc2 h4 17.Nf1 h3 18.Ng3 hxg2 19.Bxg2=] **16.b3?±** [16.axb5 axb5 17.Nce2 h5=] **16...b4 17.Na2?±** [17.Nce2 Qb6 18.a5 Qa7 19.Rc1 c4+ 20.Kh1 c3 21.Nxc3 bxc3 22.Bxc3 Rc8±] **17...h5** [17...Nxd5?? 18.exd5 Bd4+ 19.Kf1 Bxa1 20.Qxa1 f5±; 17...Nxe4?? 18.Rxe4 Rxe4 19.Bxe4 Bg4 20.Qxg4 Bxa1=] **18.Qc2?+** [18.e5 dxe5 19.d6 Re6 20.fxe5 Ng4 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.Bf4 Nc6±] **18...h4 19.Nf1** [19.e5 hxg3 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.hxg3 Bf5 22.Qc4 Bd4+ 23.Kf1 Bxa1 24.Rxa1 Be4-+]



19...Nxd5??= I pick the wrong sac. I had looked at both, and thought getting a R+P for B+N was preferable to just winning a P, given the position. But Fritz says I'm wrong about this. [19...Nxe4 20.Rad1 Bf5 21.Qc1 Qd7-+] **20.exd5 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Bxa1 22.Rxa1 Bf5 23.Qb2??** [23.Qc1=] **23...Be4 24.Bxe4 Rxe4 25.Qc2??-+** [25.Rc1] **25...Qd7** [25...Qf6? 26.Rd1 Qf5 27.Kg1 Rxf4 28.Qxf5 Rxf5] **26.Qd3 Qg4??** for the second time I miss the winning line [26...Qf5 27.Nc1 Re1 28.Bxe1 Rxe1 29.Qf3 Qxd5 30.Qf2 h3 31.Kg1 Rxf1+ 32.Qxf1 Qd4+ 33.Kh1 hxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Qxa1-+] **27.Ne3??-+** this is a grave tactical error [27.h3 Qe2 28.Qxe2 Rxe2] **27...Qxf4??-+** I miss the exquisite sac ! [27...Rxe3!! 28.Bxe3 h3 29.Rg1 hxg2+ 30.Rxg2 Qf3 31.Qd2 Rxe3-+] **28.Nc4 Qf6??** this is my fourth miss of a winning line [28...Qf2 29.Qf1 Qxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Rd4 31.Bg5 h3 32.gxh3 Rxd5 33.Bf4 Re6 34.Kg2 Nc6-+] **29.Rf1 Rd4 30.Rxf6??-+** [30.Qb1 Qd8 31.Qd1 Rxd5 32.Kg1 Nd7] **30...Rxd3 31.Rf3 Rxd5** this is now a win. I have R+ 3P's for N+B **32.Kg1 Nd7 33.Re3 Ne5 34.Be1** and here I come up with the chess blindness lemon of the day ! I had thought the e3R was unprotected ! which it obviously isn't to anyone at all who plays chess ! Now I'm going to have to work to win this. **34...Nf3???** [34...Rd1 35.Kf1 Re6 36.Nxe5 Rxe5 37.Rxe5 dxe5 38.Ke2 Ra1 39.Nxb4 Rxe1+ 40.Kxe1 cxb4-+] **35.gxf3??** Alexandru plays a little bit inaccurately. [35.Kf2 Rxe3 36.Nxe3 Rd3 37.Kxf3 h3 38.g4 Rxb3] **35...Rxe3 36.Nxe3 Rd3 37.Nc4 Rxb3 38.Nxd6 Rxf3 39.Ne4??-+** [39.Nc4 Rf4 40.Na5 Rd4] **39...Ra3??-+** I had been so focused on winning P's after blundering my N, that I totally overlooked that Alexandru had put the N & B on the same file, and were both attackable [39...Re3 40.Nf6+ Kg7 41.Bxb4 cxb4 42.Nxb4 Ra3 43.Ne8+ Kf8 44.Nf6 Rxa4-+] **40.Nc1??-+** [40.Nxc5 Rxa2 41.Bxb4 h3-+] **40...Re3??-+** Now I noticed the two minor pieces both on the e-file, and thought I would win a piece (which I don't). Because of this, I didn't see the alternate line that wins a piece. [40...Ra1 41.Nd3 c4 42.Nf6+ Kg7 43.Nxb4 Rxe1+ 44.Kf2 Ra1 45.Ne8+ Kf8 46.Nc7 a5 47.Nbd5 Ra2+ 48.Kg1 Rxa4-+; 40...Rxa4?? 41.Nxc5 Ra1 42.N5b3 Rb1 43.Bxb4 g5±] **41.Nf6+ Kg7 42.Bd2** [42.Bxh4 Rc3 43.Ne2 Rc4 44.Bg5 b3 45.Ne8+ Kh7 46.Bf6 Re4 47.Kf2 Rxe8-+] **42...b3!!** I decide to go for the queen, and sac the R [42...Ra3?? 43.Nd7 Rxa4 44.Nxc5 Ra1 45.N5b3 Ra4=] **43.Nxb3** Alexandru picks the better line [43.Bxe3? b2 44.Nd7 b1Q 45.Nxc5 h3-+ Bl. has a Q+2P's vs 2N's+B] **43...Rxb3** now surely this is a win, with R+ 3P's vs B+N (but can I do it ?) **44.Ne4 Rd3 45.Bc3+ Kf8 46.Bf6 c4 47.Kf2 Ra3** [best is 47...Rh3 48.Kg2 Re3 49.Nc3 g5 50.Nd5 Rd3 51.Nb4 Rd6 52.Be5 Re6 53.Bc3 f5-+] **48.Nc3 Ke8 49.Kf3** [49.Ke3 h3 50.Kd4 Ra1 51.Kxc4 Kd7 52.Kd5 Rh1 53.Be5 f5-+] **49...Kd7 50.Kg4 Ke6 51.Bd4 Ra1 52.Kxh4 Kf5 53.Kg3 Rf1** [best is 53...Rc1 54.Kf3 Rc2 55.h4 Rd2 56.Be3 Rd3 57.Ne4 c3 58.Ng3+ Ke5 59.Ke2 Rd8 60.h5 f5 61.Kf3 gxh5 62.Nxh5 c2-+] **54.h3 Rc1 55.Kf3 Rh1??-+** [the way to win it is 55...Rc2 56.Ke3 Rh2 57.Bb6 Rxh3+ 58.Kd4 Rh4+ 59.Kd5 g5 60.Bd4 g4 61.Kxc4 g3 62.Kd3 Kf4 63.a5 f5 64.Ne2+ Kf3 65.Bb6 f4 66.Nd4+ Kg4 67.Nc6 Rh5]

68.Bd4 f3 69.Ke3 f2 70.Ke2 Rf5 71.Ne5+ Kh3 72.Nf3 Rxf3 73.Kxf3 f1Q+--+] **56.Kg2 Rc1** my hope was to sac my R for the N, and then force White to sac his B when my cP reached c3 **57.Kf3** this prevents my sac, because my K cannot now penetrate to cover c3. At this point, I had only 15 min. left, and Alexandru had 31, and he was playing faster than I was ! **57...Rh1+** I couldn't find the winning plan. And I was worried that even though I had what seemed to be a winning advantage, I didn't know if I could figure it out in time. And the closer we got to the time control, the less likely it was that Alexandru would accept a late draw offer. So I offered a draw, and he accepted. Too bad, since I had such an overwhelming advantage all game. ½-½

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