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World Championship Candidates Matches

These matches were played from May 26 – June 14 in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia.
The results of the first round of candidates' matches are :

1. Levon Aronian (Armenia - 2759) 7:5 Magnus Carlsen (Norway - 2693)
2. Peter Leko (Hungary - 2738) 3.5: .5 Mikhail Gurevich (Turkey - 2639)
3. Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine - 2717) 2.5:3.5 Sergei Rublevsky (Russia - 2680)
4. Boris Gelfand (Israel - 2733) 5.5:3.5 Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan -2677)
5. Etienne Bacrot (France - 2709) .5:3.5 Gata Kamsky (USA - 2705)
6. Alexander Grischuk (Russia - 2717) 3.5:1.5 Vladimir Malakhov (Russia - 2679)
7. Judit Polgar (Hungary - 2727) 2.5:3.5 Evgeny Bareev (Russia - 2643)
8. Alexei Shirov (Spain - 2699) 5.5:3.5 Michael Adams (England - 2734)

The results of the second round are :

9. Levon Aronian (Armenia - 2759) 3.5:2.5 Alexei Shirov (Spain - 2699)
10. Peter Leko (Hungary - 2738) 3.5:1.5 Evgeny Bareev (Russia - 2643)
11. Sergei Rublevsky (Russia - 2680) 3.5:5.5 Alexander Grischuk (Russia - 2717)
12. Boris Gelfand (Israel - 2733) 3.5:1.5 Gata Kamsky (USA - 2705)

The final four from the candidates' matches, Aronian, Leko, Grischuk and

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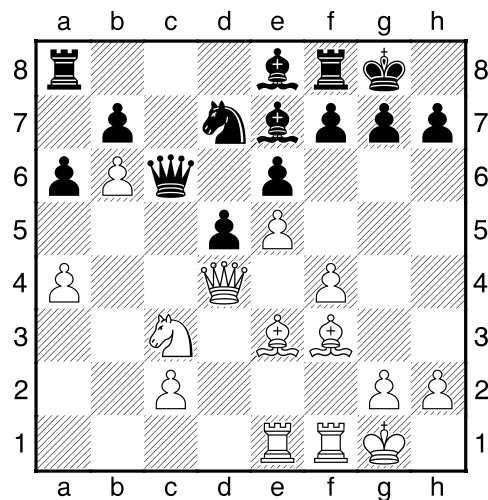
Gelfand will join the top four from the 2005 FIDE World Championship (Vladimir Kramnik- Russia – 14th World Champion - 2772 [replacing Veselin Topalov, 2005 FIDE World Champion – Bulgaria – 2772]; Viswanathan Anand, 2000 FIDE World Champion – India – 2786; Peter Svidler – Russia – 2736; Alexander Morozevich – Russia – 2762) in the 2007 FIDE World Championship in Mexico in October.

In Game 1 of the second round, Grischuk won a nice game against Rublevsky, executing a number of sacrifices to win. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Grischuk, A (2717) – Rublevsky, S (2680) [B84]

W Ch Candidates Finals Elista RUS (1), 06.05.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6± [5...Nf6±] 6.Be2 d6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 Bd7 9.a4?!± [9.f4 Rc8 10.Bf3 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6±] 9...Be7 10.f4 Nxd4?!± [10...0-0 11.Nb3 Rc8 12.a5 Nb4±] 11.Qxd4?!± [11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.Qd3 0-0 13.a5 Rc8±] 11...Bc6 12.b4 0-0 13.b5 Be8 14.e5 Qc7 15.b6 Qc6 16.Bf3 [16.Qd3 dxe5 17.Bf3 Qd6 18.Qxd6 Bxd6 19.Bxb7 Rb8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 exf4 22.Bf2 f5 23.Bd3 a5±; 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Bf3 Qxd4 18.Bxd4 Rd8 19.Rfd1 Rxd4 20.Rxd4 Bc5 21.Rad1 Bxb6 22.Bxb7 a5±] 16...d5 17.Rae1 [17.Nxd5!? exd5 18.c4 Rd8 19.Rfd1 Ng4 20.Bxg4 dxc4 21.Qc3 Qg6 22.Bf3 Bc6±] 17...Nd7



18.Nxd5!? an aggressive sac pinning hopes on the to-be-passed bP 18...exd5 19.Bxd5 Rublevsky has N vs P 19...Qc5?!± simple is best; just take the free P [19...Qxc2 20.Rc1 Qe2 21.Bxb7 Rd8 22.Qe4 a5±] 20.e6 Qxd4 better to get rid of W's bP [20...Nxb6 21.Qxc5 Bxc5 22.Bxc5 Nxd5±] 21.Bxd4 Nf6 22.Bb3 Rd8 23.Bxf6 Bc5+ 24.Kh1 gxf6 25.e7 Bxe7 26.Rxe7 Grischuk is up a P 26...Bc6 27.Rc7 Rd2 28.Re1?!± [28.Rg1 a5 29.h3 f5 30.Kh2 Kg7±] 28...Rf2?!+- [28...Rxc6 bxc6 30.Kxg2+-; 28...Kg7 29.Rg1 a5 30.f5 Kh6 31.Bxf7 Rfd8±] 29.h3?!± [29.a5 Kg7 30.Bc4 Rxc2 31.Bd5 Rc5 32.Bxc6 bxc6 33.Ra1 Re8 34.h3 Rb5+-] 29...Rxf4?+- [29...Kg7 30.Re6 Rxf4 31.Rex6! bxc6 32.Ra7 a5 33.Rxa5 Rb4 34.Ra6 Rd8±] 30.Ree7 Rf1+?+- (3.71) [30...Kg7 31.Bxf7 Kh6 32.Bb3 Kg6 33.Rxh7 f5 34.Rxb7! Bxb7 35.Rxb7 Rb4+- (3.00)] 31.Kh2 Rf2?+- (6.58) [31...Kg7 32.Rxf7+ Rxf7 33.Bxf7 Kf8 34.Rxc6! Kxf7 35.Rc7+ Ke6 36.Rxb7 Ra1+- (5.62)] 32.Rxc6! a nice exchange sac to bring the game to

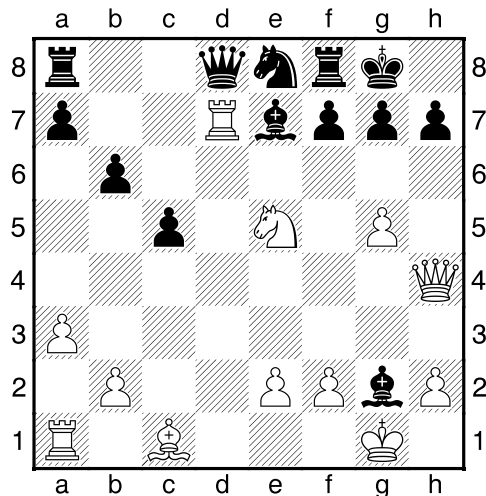
conclusion **32...bxc6** Rublevsky is up the exchange , but lost **33.Rxf7! Rf4** [33...Rxf7?? 34.b7 Kg7 35.Bxf7 Kxf7 36.b8Q+–] **34.c3** keeping the R out of b4. Rublevsky resigned. Coming is **34...Rxf7 35.b7 Kg7 36.Bxf7 Re4 37.b8Q Kxf7+– 1-0**

In Game 2 of the finals, all games were drawn. But they were far from boring. Aronian, leading Shirov, sacked his Q for B + R and drew. It is also interesting to note that Aronian never got the advantage the whole game. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Shirov, A (2699) – Aronian, L (2759) [E15]

W Ch Candidates Finals Elista RUS (2), 07.05.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6± 4.g3 [4.Nc3±] **4...Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.d5 exd5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.0-0 Be7** [9...Qe7?! 10.Re1 Nc6 11.Qd1 Qd6 12.Na3 Nc7 13.Qa4 Qf6±; 9...Nf6 10.Rd1 Be7 11.Nc3 Nc6±] **10.Rd1 Nc6 11.Qa4** [11.Qf5 Nf6 12.e4 d5 13.exd5 0-0±] **11...Nf6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.g4?!=** [13.Nh4 b5 14.Qxb5 Rb8 15.Nf5 Nd4 16.Qd3 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rb4±] **13...Nb4?!±** [13...d6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Bg2 Nfxg4=] **14.a3 Nbd5** [14...b5 15.Nxb5 Nbd5 16.g5 Nb6 17.Qc2 Nfd5±] **15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.g5 Bc6 17.Qh4** [17.Qf4? Ne8 18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Rxd7 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Qxg5 21.Bxg5 Bh3 22.Be7 Nf6 23.Rd3 Bf5 24.Bxf8 Bxd3 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Nxd3 c4 27.Nb4 Rc8⌘] **17...Ne8** [17...Ne4 18.Ne5 Bxg5 19.Nxc6 Bxh4 20.Nxd8 Nxf2 21.Rd5 Raxd8±] **18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Rxd7**



Bb7?!± Aronian wrongly decides to sac his Q for R + B [19...Qc8 20.Rxe7 Bc6 21.e4 Nd6 22.g6 hxg6 23.f3 Ba4±] **20.Rxd8 Rxd8** Shirov has Q vs R + B **21.Be3 Rd5 22.Nf3?!±** [22.Bf4 Nd6 23.Qg4 Re8 24.e3 Rd8±] **22...Nd6 23.Qa4 b5 24.Qc2 Nf5 25.a4?!=** Shirov has lost his advantage [25.Bd2 Nd4 26.Nxd4 Rxd4 27.f3 Rfd8±] **25...b4?±** Aronian gives Shirov back a " clear " advantage [25...Nxe3 26.fxe3 a6 27.axb5 axb5 28.e4 Rd6 29.Ra7 Rb8=] **26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Nxe3 28.fxe3 28...Rd8 29.Qc2 g6** [29...Bd5 30.e4 Be6 31.e3 Rc8 32.h4 Kh8±; 29...Bc8 30.Ne5 Bb7 31.e4 Bd6 32.Nc4 Be7±] **30.h4 Bd6 31.Kf2 a6?!+–** Shirov gets a " winning " advantage [31...Bd5?! 32.e4 Be6 33.e3 Rd7 34.a5 Kg7 35.e5 Be7 36.Kg3 Bf5+–; 31...Bc8 32.Qc4 Bf8 33.a5 Rd1 34.Qb5 Be6±] **32.Nd2?!±** [32.e4 Bc6 33.e5 Be7 34.e4 Bd7 35.Qe2 Bxa4 36.Qxa6 Bb3+–] **32...Bf8** [32...Be7 33.e4 Bc8 34.Nf3 Be6 35.e3 Rc8 36.e5 Bf8±] **33.Nc4 Bc8**

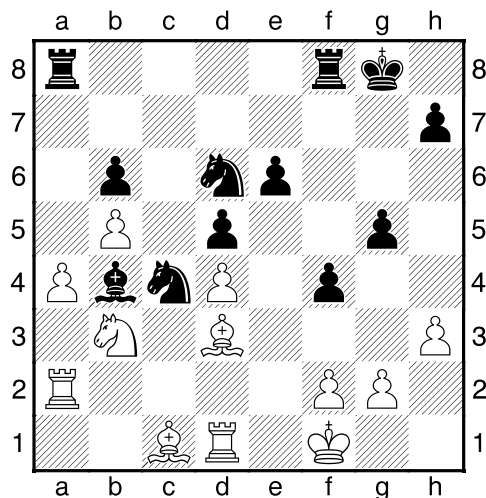
34.Qe4 Be6 35.b3 [35.Ke1 b3 36.Qf4 h6 37.Qc7 Rd7 38.Qc6 hxg5 39.hxg5 Rd5±] **35...Rd5 36.Kg3?**= Shirov's advantage has slipped away again [36.Qc2 Rf5+ 37.Kg3 h6 38.e4 Rf1 39.Nd2 Ra1±] **36...h6 37.gxh6 Bxh6 38.Qf3 Kh7?!±** [38...Bg5! 39.hxg5 Rxg5+ 40.Kh2 Rh5+ 41.Kg2 Rg5+ 42.Kh2 Rh5+=] **39.e4 Rh5** [39...Rd1?! 40.h5 Rc1 41.e3 Rc3 42.hxg6+ Kxg6 43.Qd1 Bxe3 44.Nxe3 Rxe3+ 45.Kf4 Rc3±] **40.Nd6?!=** [40.Qf1 Bg7 41.e3 Bh8 42.a5 Bc3 43.Qd1 Kg7±] **40...Bg5 41.Nxf7 Bxh4+ 42.Kg2 c4 43.bxc4** Shirov has Q + P vs R + B **43...Kg8 44.Nd6 Rg5+ 45.Kh1 Rg3 46.Qf4 Rh3+=** the K cannot escape from the corner. Draw agreed. If **47.Kg1 Rg3+ 48.Kf1?? Bh3+ 49.Kf2 Rg4+ 50.Kf3 Rxf4+ 51.Kxf4 b3-**+ It is interesting to note that Aronian never got the advantage this whole game. ½-½

In Game 3 of the final round, Kamsky found himself down 3 P's and ended up at the half way point down to Gelfand 2:1. Here is Kamsky's loss (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kamsky, G (2705) – Gelfand, B (2733) [D02]

W Ch Candidates Finals Elista RUS (3), 08.06.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 [3...Nc6=] **4.e3** [4.dxc5 e6 5.e3 Bxc5=] **4...Nc6 5.Bb5?!±** [5.dxc5 e6 6.Bd3 Bxc5 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 Qe7=] **5...cxd4?!=** [5...Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Rb1 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qxc3+ 9.Qd2 Qxd2+ 10.Kxd2 Bd7±] **6.exd4** [6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nc3 e6 8.0-0 Bd7=; 6.Qxd4 Bd7 7.Qd3 Qa5+ 8.Nc3 e6=] **6...Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bg4** [7...Ne4 8.Rb1 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qxa2=] **8.0-0** [8.Qd3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 10.0-0 Rc8=] **8...e6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Rc8 11.Rfd1 Be7 12.Bf1 0-0 13.Ne2 b5 14.c3 b4 15.Qd3 Qb6 16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Qb3 Ne4 18.a3 Nc6 19.Qxb6 axb6 20.b4?!±** [20.Rac1?! Na5 21.a4 Bd6 22.f3 Bxf4 23.Nxf4 Nd6±; 20.a4 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Nxd6 22.Nc3 Na5 23.Nb5 Ndc4=] **20...g5 21.Be3 Nd6 22.Nc1 f5 23.Nb3 Nc4 24.b5 Nd8?!=** [24...N6a5 25.Nxa5 Nxa5 26.a4 Bf6±] **25.a4 Nb7 26.Bc1 f4 27.Be2 Bb4 28.Ra2 Nbd6 29.Bd3?!±** [29.Bd2 Nxd2 30.Nxd2 Kg7 31.Bd3 Bxd2 32.Rdxd2 Rc3=] **29...Ra8 30.Kf1?+-** Kamsky misses the full significance of the pin on a4. [30.Bd2 Bxd2 31.Nxd2 Nxb5! 32.Nxc4 dxc4 33.axb5 Rxa2 34.Bxc4 Rb2 35.Bxe6+ Kg7 36.Bd7 Ra8±]



30...Nxb5! Gelfand goes up a P **31.Rc2 Nbd6 32.Bd2?!+-** (- 2.64) Gata decides it is better to give up another P [32.Ra2 h6 33.Bd2 Ba3 34.Bc3 (34.Rxa3 Nxa3 35.Bb4 Nac4 36.Bxc4 dxc4

37.Bxd6 Rfd8 38.Be5 cxb3+ (- 2.41) Gelfand would be up the exchange + P) 34...Rxa4 35.Rda1 Rfa8 36.Be1 Kf7+- (- 2.37) Gelfand would be up 2 P's] **32...Rxa4** Gelfand goes up 2 P's **33.Bxb4 Rxb4 34.Nc1 Nf5 35.Bxf5 Rxf5 36.Nd3 Rb3 37.Ra2 Rf7** (- 2.13) [slightly better is 37...Kg7 38.h4 gxh4 39.Ra7+ Kg6 40.Re7 f3 41.Rxe6+ Kf7 42.Rc6 fvg2+ 43.Kxg2 h3+ 44.Kh1 h5+- (- 2.36)] **38.Ke2 Nd6 39.Rda1 Nb5 40.Kd2 Nxd4** Gelfand goes up 3 P's **41.Rc1 Rb5 42.Rc8+ Rf8 43.Rc7 Ra5 44.Rb2 Rf7 45.Rc8+ Kg7 46.Ne5 Rb7 47.h4?!+-** (- 3.91) [47.Kd3 Ra4 48.Nf3 Nxf3 49.gxf3 b5+- (- 3.44)] **47...gxh4 48.Rb4 Ra2+ 49.Kd3 Nf5 50.Rxf4 Rba7 51.Rc3 R7a3 52.Rxa3 Rxa3+ 53.Ke2 b5 54.Rg4+ Kf6 55.Nd3 Ra8 56.Kd2 e5 57.Rb4 e4 58.Nc5** (- 5.38) Kamsky is in a hopeless position [58.Rxb5 exd3 59.Rxd5 Ra2+ 60.Ke1 Ra1+ 61.Kd2 Rf1 62.f4 Rxf4 63.Rxd3 Rf2+ 64.Ke1 Rvg2+- (- 6.55)] **58...Rg8+- 0-1**

In Game 4, Aronian rose from the dead and pulled out a draw from a lost game against Shirov, to maintain his 1 point lead. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Shirov, A (2699) – Aronian, L (2759) [C88]

World Championship Candidates Matches Elista, Kalmykia, Russia (4), 10.06.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6?!± [4...Be7 5.d4 exd4 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Qd2 Ba7 8.c3 dxc3 9.Qxc3 Nf6 10.e5 Nd5 11.Qd3 Nde7=] **5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1** [6.d4?! exd4 7.Nxd4 0-0=; 6.Nc3 b5 (6...0-0?! 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Nxe5 Qd4 9.Nf3 Qb4 10.a3 Qb6±) 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Re1 Bc5±] **6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3?!=** [8.d4?! d6 9.c3 Bb7 10.Bc2 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb4=; 8.c3?! Bb7 9.d4 d6 10.Bc2 exd4=; 8.Nc3 Bc5 9.Nd5 a5 10.a4 bxa4 11.Rxa4 Ba6±] **8...Bb7 9.d3 d6?!±** [9...Bc5 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Nd5 Na5=] **10.a3 Na5** [10...Qd7 11.Nc3 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bf6±] **11.Ba2 c5 12.Nbd2?!=** [12.Nc3 Qd7 13.Ne2 Qc7 14.Ng3 Nc6±] **12...Nc6 13.Nf1 Bc8 14.c3 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.b4 d5 17.Ng3** [17.exd5 Qxd5 18.Ne3 Qd7 19.Qb3 e4=] **17...dxe4?±** Shirov gets a " clear " advantage [17...a5 18.bxc5 Bxc5 19.Qb3 Rb8 20.exd5 Qxd5=] **18.Nxe4 c4 19.dxc4** Shirov goes up a P **19...Qxd1 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxd1 e4** [21...bxc4 22.Nd2 Ne7 23.Nxc4 Rac8 24.Nd6 Rxc3 25.Ne4 Rc4± Material would be equal] **22.cxb5 axb5 23.Ng5 Nxb4! 24.Nxe4 Nd5 25.Rb1 Ra5 26.Nxf6+?!±** [26.Bd2 Ra4 27.Nc5 Rxa3 28.Nxe6 Re8 29.Rxb5 Nxc3 30.Bxc3 Rxe6±] **26...gxf6 27.Rb3 Rc8 28.Bd2 Rc4 29.Rdb1 Nc7 30.Kf1 Kf7 31.Rb4 Rxb4 32.axb4 Ra2 33.Be1 Nd5 34.Rd1 h5 35.Rd3?!=** [35.Rd4 Kg6 36.c4 bxc4 37.Rxc4 Kf7±] **35...Ra1 36.g3 f5 37.Ke2 Ra2+?!±** [37...h4 38.Rd4 hxg3 39.fvg3 Ra2+ 40.Kf3 Rh2 41.h4 Nf6=] **38.Bd2 Nb6 39.Kf1 Nd5 40.Rd4 Nf6 41.Be1 Rc2?!±** Shirov again gets a " clear " advantage [41...Nd5 42.c4 bxc4 43.Rxc4 Kg6±] **42.Rd8 Ne4 43.Rh8 Kf6 44.Rxh5** Shirov goes up 2 P's **44...Ng5** [44...Nxc3 45.Rh8 Ne4 46.Rf8+ Ke7 47.Rb8 Nd6±] **45.f4 Nf7 46.g4?!±** [46.Rh4 Kg6 47.Kg1 Nh6 48.g4 Nf7±] **46...Kg6 47.Kg1 Re2 48.Bf2 Rc2?+-** Shirov gets a " winning " advantage [48...Re4 49.Bg3 Re3 50.Kg2 Rxc3 51.Be1 Rc4±] **49.Bd4 Re2 50.Rh4 Re4 51.Kg2?!±** [51.gxf5+ exf5 52.Kg2 Re2+ 53.Kg3 Re1 54.Kf3 Re8+-] **51...Re2+?!+-** [51...Rxf4 52.gxf5+ Rxf5 53.Rg4+ Kh5 54.Kg3 Ng5±] **52.Kf3 Rc2 53.Ke3 Rc1 54.Kd3** (1.94) [54.Ke2? Rc2+ 55.Kf3 Rc1 56.Kf2 Rc2+ 57.Kg3 Rc1 58.Kg2 Rc2+ 59.Kf1 Rc1+=] **54...Ra1 55.Be5?!±** [55.Ke2 Ra2+ 56.Ke3 Rh2 57.g5 Rh1 58.Ke2 Rh2+ 59.Kf3 Rh1+-] **55...Rd1+?!+-** [55...Nxe5+ 56.fxe5 Rd1+ 57.Ke2 Rd5 58.gxf5+ exf5 59.e6 Re5+ 60.Kf2 Kg5 61.Rd4 Rxe6±] **56.Kc2 Re1 57.Bd4 Re2+ 58.Kd3 Re1 59.Bc5 Re4 60.Be3 Rc4?!+-** (2.67) [60...Nd6 61.Rh5 Nc4 62.Rg5+ Kh6 63.Bc1 Re1 64.gxf5 exf5 65.Rxf5 Rxc1 66.Rxb5 Nb2+ 67.Kd4 Kg6+- (1.70)] **61.Bd4 Nh6 62.Kd2 Nf7 63.Kc2 Nh6 64.Rh5 Nf7 65.Kb3 Rc8 66.Bc5 Rd8 67.Kc2 Ra8 68.Rh4 Ra1 69.g5** [69.Kd3 Rf1 70.Be3 Re1 71.Kd4 Nd6+-] **69...Ra2+ 70.Kd3 e5 71.fxe5?±** Shirov was now in time pressure (increments) – Shirov's advantage is slipping away [71.c4 exf4 72.cxb5 Kxg5 73.Be7+ Kg6 74.b6 Ne5+ 75.Kc3 Ra3+ 76.Kc2 Nd7 77.Bc5 f3+-] **71...Nxe5+ 72.Ke3 Kxg5** Shirov is up only 1 P **73.Be7+ Kg6 74.Rh8 Kg7?!±** [74...Nc4+ 75.Kd4 Re2 76.Bf8 f4±] **75.Rc8?!±** [75.Rb8 Rh2 76.Rb7 Rxh3+ 77.Kf4 Ng6+ 78.Kxf5 Rf3+ 79.Ke6 Nf4+ 80.Kd6 Rd3+ 81.Ke5 Ne2±] **75...f4+ 76.Ke4** [76.Kd4 Re2 77.Rc7 Nf7 78.Rb7 f3±] **76...Re2+ 77.Kf5?±** unbelievably, Aronian gets a " clear " advantage for the first time in the game [77.Kd5 Ng6 78.Bc5 Ne7+ 79.Bxe7 Rxe7 80.Ra8 f3 81.Ra1 Re3 82.Kd4 Re2 83.Kd3 Rb2±] **77...f3 78.Bc5 Nd3?!±** Aronian loses his advantage and Shirov now has a " clear " advantage [78...Ng6 79.Kg5 Kf7 80.Rc6 Rg2+ 81.Kh5 Nf4+ 82.Kh4 Ne6±]

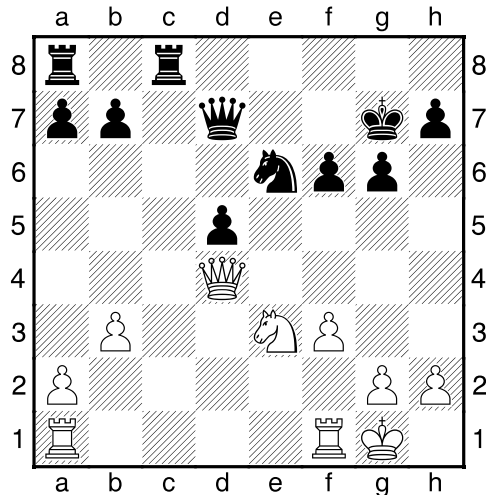
79.Bd4+ Kf7 80.Rb8?=[80.Rc6 Ke7 81.Rf6 Re1 82.Kg5 Rf1 83.Kh4 f2±] 80...f2 81.Rb7+ Re7 82.Rxe7+ Kxe7 83.Bxf2 Nxf2 84.Ke5= ½-1/2

In Game 5, Kamsky made the strange decision, when down a pawn, to play for a win, and rejected winning back the pawn with an easy draw, and going into a 6th game. And he lost and is out. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kamsky, G (2705) – Gelfand, B (2733) [A00]

World Championship Candidates Matches Elista, Kalmykia, Russia (5), 11.06.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ [3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 g6±] 3...Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c4?!= [5.0-0 e6 6.Re1 Nc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nf6±] 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 [6.0-0 Nxe4 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc5=] 6...g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 0-0?!± [9...Nc6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nf3 Rfd8=] 10.f3 Rc8 11.b3 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 e6 14.Bh6 exd5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.c5?!= [16.Nb5 dxc4 17.Nd6 Rc6 18.Nxc4 b5 19.Ne5 Qxd1 20.Raxd1 Re6±] 16...Na6 17.Nc2?!± [17.Ne2 Rxc5 18.Qd4+ Kg8=] 17...Nxc5 Gelfand goes up a P 18.Qd4+ f6 19.Ne3 Ne6



20.Qh4?± a strange decision by Kamsky – ...Qxd5 would lead to a draw, and put Kamsky into a sixth game in the match. A loss here and Kamsky is out. Gelfand gets a " clear " advantage [20.Qxd5 Qxd5 21.Nxd5 Rc6 22.Rad1 Rd8=] 20...Rc5 21.Rad1 d4 22.Ng4 Rf8 23.Rfe1 Rh5 24.Qg3 Rd5 25.Rd2 Qd6 26.Qh4 h5 27.Nf2 g5 28.Qe4 Re5 29.Qb1 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Rd8 31.g3 Nc5 32.Qe2 a5 33.Qb5 b6 34.a3?!-+ Gelfand gets a " winning " advantage [34.Rd1 h4 35.gxh4 gxh4 36.a3 Rg8 37.b4 Kh8+ 38.Kh1 Qf4 39.Qc6 Ne6±] 34...Qe6 35.Rb2 d3 36.b4 axb4 37.axb4 Nb3 38.Qa4?!-+ (- 4.16) [38.Kf1 d2 39.Qe2 Qxe2+ 40.Kxe2 d1Q+ 41.Nxd1 Nc1+ 42.Ke1 Nd3+ 43.Ke2 Nxb2 44.Nxb2 Re8+ 45.Kd2 g4-+ (- 2.67)] 38...Nd4 39.Kg2 Nc2?+- (- 2.54) [39...Nf5 40.Qb5 d2 41.Qa6 Ne3+ 42.Kg1 Qc6 (- 14.66)] 40.Rxc2! dxc2 41.Qxc2 Gelfand is up the exchange 41...g4 42.fxg4 hxg4 43.Kg1 Rd4 44.Qc7+ Kg6 45.Qc2+ f5 46.Qc3 Rc4 47.Qd2 Kh7?!-+ (- 2.33) [47...Qe5 48.Nd3 Qd4+ 49.Kf1 Kf7 50.Qe2 Rc3 51.Qa2+ Ke7 52.Qe2+ Kd7 53.Ne1 Qxb4-+ (- 4.55)] 48.h3 gxh3 49.Nxh3 Qc6 50.Qe3 Rc1+ 51.Kf2 Qc2+ 52.Kf3 Rf1+ 53.Nf2 Rxf2+-+ Kamsky resigned. Coming is 54.Qxf2 Qe4# 0-1

President's Cup Match – Computer vs Computer

This match was held in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia, from June 6 – 12, contemporaneous with the second round of the World Championship Candidates' Matches. Deep Junior is the reigning Computer World Champion and Deep Fritz is the program that recently defeated the reigning human World Champion, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia). It should be noted that Deep Junior was running on a much more powerful processor than Deep Fritz, allowing it deeper analysis in the time allowed.

The winner, with a score of 4:2 was Deep Junior.

In Game 3, Deep Junior spotted Deep Fritz 3 pawns (!!! – Jack Maguire's annotation) and then went on to win ! Here is the game:

[Event "Deep Fritz vs Deep Junior Match"]
[Site "Elista, Russia"]
[Date "2007-06-08"]
[Round "3"]
[White "Deep Junior"]
[White Elo "2809"]
[Black "Deep Fritz"]
[Black Elo "2890"]
[Result "1-0"]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.e5 h6 11.Bh4 dxe5 12.fxe5 Nfd7 13.Ne4 Qxa2 14.Rd1 Qd5 15.Qe3 Qxe5 16.Be2 Bc5 17.Bg3 Bxd4 18.Rxd4 Qa5+ 19.Rd2 O-O 20.Bd6 Re8 21.O-O f5 22.Og3 Nc6 23.Og6 Qd8 24.Bc4 Kh8 25.Ng5 Qxg5 26.Qxe8+ Kh7 27.Bf4 Qg6 28.Qxg6+ Kxg6 29.Bxe6 Nf6 30.Bc4 Kh7 31.Bc7 a5 32.Ra1 a4 33.Bb5 Ne4 34.Rd3 Nb4 35.Rd8 a3 36.Bd7 Nxc2 37.Rf1 Bxd7 38.Rxa8 Be6 39.Be5 Ng5 40.Rf2 Bb3 41.Rxf5 Kg6 42.Rf1 a2 43.Ra7 Ne3 44.Rxb7 Bd5 45.Rxg7+ Kh5 46.Rc1 Nxc2 47.Kf2 Nh3+ 48.Ke2 Nh4 49.Ba1 Be4 50.Rc4 Bb1 51.Rg3 Ng5 52.Rb3 Nf5 53.Kd1 Ne4 54.Kc1 Kg5 55.Rf3 Kg4 56.Ra3 Kf4 57.Rc8 Nf2 58.Rcc3 Ne4 59.Rf3+ Kg4 60.h3+ Kg5 61.Ra5 Nd6 62.Ra4 Ne4 63.Rb4 Nfd6 64.Kb2 Nf5 65.Rb5 Nd6 66.Rc5 Nb7 67.Rc4 Nbd6 68.Rg4+ Kh5 69.Rgf4 Kg6 70.Kc1 Kg5 71.Rg4+ Kh5 72.Ra4 Kg6 73.Rff4 Nc8 74.Ra5 Ncd6 75.h4 Kf7 76.Re5 Kg6 77.Kb2 Kf6 78.Kb3 Kf7 79.Ra4 Kg6 80.Ra6 Kf7 81.h5 Kf6 82.Kb4 Kf7 83.Ra7+ Kf6 84.Rd7 Kg5 85.Rxd6 1-0

In Game 5, Deep Junior extended its lead to 2 pts., winning with the black pieces this time:

[Event "President's Cup"]
[Site "Elista, Russia"]
[Date "2007-06-09"]
[Round "4"]
[White "Deep Fritz"]
[White Elo "2890"]
[Black "Deep Junior"]
[Black Elo "2809"]
[Result "0-1"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4. 5.e4 Nxc3 6. 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 O-O
 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bc7 14.O-O exd5 15.exd5 Ba5
 16.f5 Bxf5 17.Rxb7 Qd6 18.Bc4 Qe5 19.Rf3 Rab8 20.Rxa7 Bb6 21.Ra4 Bc7 22.g3 Rb1
 23.Re3 Qf6 24.Ra6 Bd6 25.Re1 Rfb8 26.Bf1 h5 27.a4 c4 28.Rc6 Ra1 29.Bxc4 Bd7
 30.Rf1 Qe7 31.Rxd6 Qxd6 32.Qf2 Qb6 33.Bf4 Qxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Rb2+ 35.Ke3 Rxa4
 36.Bd3 Rxh2 37.c4 Ra3 38.Kd4 h4 39.g4 Rh3 40.Be2 Rhb3 41.Ke5 Rb2 42.Re1 Raa2
 43.Bd1 Ra6 44.Bc1 Rb8 45.Rg1 h3 46.Rh1 f6+ 47.Kd4 Ra1 48.Bc2 g5 49.c5 Bxg4 50.c6
Kf7 51.Rf1 Rh8 52.d6 h2 53.d7 Ke7 54.Rh1 0-1

Chess and Music in the 1960s

(Article by Erik Malmsten)

On Saturday June 2 there is a 1967's Summer of Love Revived in Yorkville with bands like John Finlay and the Checkmates (formerly John and Lee and the Checkmates). Vancouver had a '60s band named The Chessmen. And back then some local bands like The Mandela signed to Chess Records.

Chess was played in the basement of Werner Graeber's coffee shop at 71 Yorkville, which opened in September '61, and later called Act One, Scene One. In '62 *Star* columnist Pierre Burton defended 71 Yorkville that got raided by the morality department for being open after midnight, having activities going on such as a guitar player and chess.

Chess was also played in other beatnik cafés like the Half Beat, on Cumberland, later on Avenue Road, and on Monday nights at the Bohemian Embassy, near Wellesley and Yonge. Apparently at that folk club Bob Dylan wasn't allowed onstage when he visited on the poetry night.

In a *Star* article on May 30, '64, Yorkville: The Sad Story, Morris Duff didn't think highly of the "crumpled men who sit from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. playing chess, seven nights a week," who get satisfaction defeating an opponent who treats chess as a hobby.

Many musicians played chess. From the book "Before the Gold Rush" by Nicholas Jennings, "Bruce Palmer and Neil Young sat in Yorkville's Cellar Club [on Avenue Road] in March 1966 playing chess and talking about their career stalemate. Although they had an album in the can, Motown wasn't about to release it with the band's lead singer who was still in jail... 'The club had bowls of sugar cubes,' recalls Palmer. 'some were regular cubes, others were injected with LSD.' He adds, with a laugh, 'Ever tried to play chess on acid? It's a real journey.'" They decided to head out west where they formed a band with Stills and Furay, Buffalo Springfield, and opened for The Byrds.

The biggest chess and music event of the '60s was perhaps on March 5, 1968. Famous artist Marcel Duchamp and John Cage played chess onstage at Ryerson on a board wired so that every move was amplified and processed by the electronic musicians in a four-hour musical piece called Reunion. There was also a living chess game with real horses in September 1966 and in Spring Thaw '68, at the Royal Alexandra, the cast performed as chess pieces in Chess is Hell.

In Lawrence Day's new book on Nickoloff, Bob Kiviaho said, "Just before Labour Day 1973 I played a speed match with Bryon at a Yorkville café [Our Place], outside on Yorkville Avenue to break the world record for continuous speed chess. We lasted 72

hours with no breaks. It was a huge media event. We were on T.V., we were interviewed and the street was crammed." Down the street at Joso's Caffe, 71 Yorkville, was a competing team of Chris Field and Ben(nett) Paul. The Labour Day Open was held in Varsity Arena, where John Lennon once performed, and had 320 entrants. Local IM George Kuprejanov won the \$1,000 first prize, defeating Americans Saïdy and Rogoff. The Canadian Open that summer was in Ottawa.

Our Readers Write – Low Turnout in Toronto Weekend Tournaments

A few issues ago, we presented an article suggesting that higher/more class prizes and lower tournament entry fees might entice more players, particularly class players (U 2000) to play (they form usually about 75% of the weekend tournament turnout). Allan Kaufman, father of two junior players, wrote back and suggested that the real issue was the long time controls, and this is what is killing turnout. Well, Allan got some reaction to his views. One agreed with Allan and wrote :

Victor **Plotkin** (GTA Master) :

“ I am totally agreed with Mr. Kaufman regarding 2.5 hours/game time control. I remember last round of March tournament me (2300) played against Inigo (1950) and he had even enough time to play 5-min games during our game.

Such a long time control is the main reason why I usually don't play in Vlad's week-end tournaments. The best for my opinion could be 1.5 + 10(15) sec per move or 1.45 per game. This way we could play at 11.00 and 3.00 (30 min for lunch) and finish by 6.30 PM and still have enough time for evening activities. “

But a number of others wrote in disagreement or partial disagreement:

Ken **Kurkowski** (BGC Member) :

“ In response to Mr. Kaufman's letter on "boring" time controls, I don't think going to faster controls such as G90 (or especially G60) is a good idea. You might attract a few more young players, but you would probably chase away some of us older fellows too! A few months ago I spoke to a local (adult) master who told me he no longer plays in the tournaments here because the time controls are too FAST, instead he travels to the US to play. You also make a valid point that many of the kids DO play in tournaments with the longer controls. Also, if faster time controls are the answer to attracting more players, then how come the Active (G30) five or six round tournaments that Vlad used to run never attracted more than maybe 30 players, despite taking up only one afternoon and evening?

I do agree that for most younger school kids the weekday night games at Bayview, which can potentially last until midnight, are a problem. But there is always the option of Sunday afternoon tournaments to attract these players.

Finally, one way that the faster controls could be made more palatable would be using increments instead of the SD finish, but that requires a sufficient supply of digital clocks.”

John Brown (Peel Chess Club President) :

“Allan makes a few good points and I do mean a few. The main one I like is faster time controls for the juniors. If they finish early then they are out of the hall faster and are less disruptive for the players who have come to play chess. I never liked allowing juniors to play above the 1600 level until their rating increased above 1800, Serious chess juniors need time to play better chess but I'm in agreement that the long time controls are even getting to me. I like 90 min SD with increments then you know the games are over in 3 hours approx.

The downside of faster time controls is that the better player always has a slight advantage as their calculating times are faster. I have beaten a few experts when I had more time to calculate.

I offer 2Hrs. SD for analog clocks at the Peel Invitationals and 90 min. SD with increments for digital. We finish early enough with 3 games on Saturday to get in a round of darts go out for supper and even play an active Peel after the tournament ends on Sunday. And with a Friday night game we all finish and are home by 11pm. That's a six rounder!! Plus a single Round robin on Sunday !!! Mind you I only invite a maximum of 16 players and get on average 5-8 players.

The juniors of today are used to the chess & math experience. I have played many juniors and most are not very manner friendly. The good players are very manner friendly but the ones that are just playing have a lot of bad habits that should be stopped fast during a game or they continue each round. Playing tag at an event is very disruptive. Some parents abandon their kids so what are they left to do but be Kids. The better mannered kids have their parents stay, however some adults can be just as disruptive as kids so we are all not perfect.

If Allan's Juniors get bored then it is up to him to make sure that there are other activities available for them if their games finish early. A tournament Director is not a daycare leader. I was never bored as a junior, we always planned ahead of time what we would do if we finished early but of course I started playing in 1973 when I was already an older teenager. I learned respect for chess by reading the older tournaments in the Lasker, Capablanca days when the players would retire to the skittles rooms or go to the restaurant for a nice meal. The suggestion of changing prize funds and entry fees was to draw chess players not juniors per say.

Allan has a very good point about tying up a junior's weekend. Some Organizer should run a tournament gauged for juniors with fast time controls and trophy prizes with the entries paying the hall & Director expenses. This would let the Chess Players who want to enjoy the game play at the Organized Prize Fund Tournaments. This way Allan's juniors can get those Saturday nights they want and finish early for Sundays.

Just thought I'd comment on your SCC Newsletter. “

Maurice Smith (SCC Vice-President) :

“ While I sympathize with Mr. Kaufman if he finds the time "boring" waiting for his sons in chess tournaments, I find it rather surprising that his sons would find the time "boring". I have played in many tournaments where the time controls were slower than what are played at Vlad Dobrich's Club. Any Juniors that completed extremely long games seemed very enthused that it was

a great game, win draw or loss. Other players who finished earlier would be seen either analyzing or playing speed. I don't recall any Junior saying that the time was "boring." Also, generally speaking, games with slower time controls tend to bring out the best moves as players have more time to think out numerous variations. So I say, do not change the time controls."

SCC Early Summer Swiss

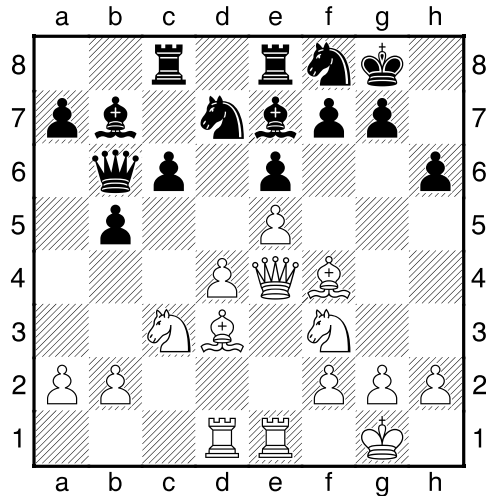
This 40 player one-section, 8-round, swiss started on May 10 and runs to June 28. After 6 rounds, the leaders are expert John Hall and Gr. 7 Junior Girl Yuanling Yuan, each with 5 pts. (in Rd. 6 John drew with Master Bryan Lamb, while Yuanling defeated one of last year's club co-champions, Alex Rapoport).

In Rd. 4, John Hall, in first place (3 wins in 3 rounds), defeated Donal Deiseach, who was tied with John, to take sole possession of the lead, sacking a B on h6 for a K-side attack.. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, J (2084) – Deiseach, D (1952) [D45]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 Nbd7?!± [4...e6 5.Bd3 Na6 6.a3 Bd6 7.Nf3 0-0±] 5.Nf3?!= [5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nf3 N7f6 7.Qc2 Nb4 8.Qb1 Bg4±] 5...e6 6.Qc2 Be7?!± [6...Bd6 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 e5=] 7.Bd3 h6?!± John gets a " clear " advantage [7...dxc4?! 8.Bxc4 Nd5 9.0-0 N7b6 10.Bb3 0-0±; 7...0-0 8.b3 Bd6 9.0-0 Re8 10.Bb2 Qe7 11.Rac1 a6±] 8.0-0 b6 9.e4 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Bb7 11.Bf4 Rc8 12.Rad1 0-0 13.Rfe1?!± [13.a3 Nh5 14.Be3 Nhf6 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7±] 13...b5 14.Bd3?!= [14.Bf1 b4 15.Qb3 Nh5 16.Be5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qc7±] 14...Qb6?± [14...b4 15.Qb3 a5 16.Bc4 bxc3 17.Qxb7 Nh5 18.Be3 Rb8 19.Qa7 Ra8 20.Qb7 Rb8=] 15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.e5 Nh7?!+- John gets a " winning " advantage [16...Nd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Bxb5 Bc6 19.Ba6 Rc7±] 17.Qe4?!± [17.Nd2 Nhf8 18.Qg4 Kh8 19.Nb3 a5+-] 17...Nhf8



18.Bxh6!? aggressive; this sac seems OK since it maintains John's " clear " advantage [18.Be3 b4 19.Na4 Qa5 20.Bc2 Ba6±] **18...gxh6** Donal has B vs P **19.Qg4+ Kh8 20.Qh5 Kg7 21.Re4 f5?!+-** John gets back his " winning " advantage [21...Ng6 22.Rg4 Ndf8 23.Nh4 Bxh4 24.Qxh4 Qd8±] **22.exf6+ Nxf6 23.Qe5?=-** John loses his winning advantage [23.Rg4+! Nng4 24.Qxg4+ Bg5 25.h4 c5 26.Ne5 Re7+-] **23...Qc7 24.Rg4+ Kh8 25.Rg3 Bd8?±** [25...N8d7 26.Qxe6 Bd6 27.Qh3 Bxg3 28.Qxh6+ Kg8 29.Qg6+ Kh8 30.Qh6+=] **26.Qe3 Ng8 27.Ne5 Bf6 28.Ng4?±** For the first time in the game, Donal gets the advantage [28.Ne4 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Qxe5 30.f4 Qc7 31.Bc2 Nh7±] **28...Bg5 29.Qe2** [29.Qe5+ Qxe5 30.Nxe5 Rc7 31.Ne4 Rd8 32.Rf3 Kg7 33.Nc5 Bf6± (33...Rxd4?! 34.Rxf8 Rd6 35.Rf3 Bc8+-)] **29...Re7?!±** [29...Bf4 30.Rh3 e5 31.dxe5 Rcd8±] **30.Ne4?+-** Donal gets a " winning " advantage [30.Rh3 e5 31.Nxe5 Bf4 32.Rh5 Rce8±] **30...Bf4 31.Rh3 c5?=-** Donal pushes the wrong P [31...e5 32.dxe5 c5 33.Nd6 Bxe5 34.Nxe5 Qxd6 35.Re3 Rd8-+] **32.dxc5 Qc6?!±** [32...Bxe4 33.Bxe4 Rd7 34.Rxd7 Nxd7 35.g3 Bc1=] **33.g3?!=** [33.b4?! Rd8 34.f3 Rg7 35.a4 bxa4 36.g3 Rxg4 37.fxg4 Be5=; 33.f3 e5 34.b4 Ne6 35.Bxb5 Qc7 36.Bc4 Nd4 37.Qd3 Rd8±] **33...Bg5?+-** [33...Bc7 34.f3 Rd8 35.b4 e5 36.Rf1 Qd5 37.Bxb5 Qd4+ 38.Kh1 Qxb4 39.Bc4 Rg7=] **34.f4 Nf6?+-** (5.07) [34...Bf6 35.Ngxf6 Nxf6 36.Rxh6+ N6h7+- (2.14) John would have 3P's vs N] **35.fxg5?!±** [35.Ngxf6 Bxf6 36.Rxh6+ Rh7 37.Rxf6 Nd7 38.Bxb5 Qxe4 39.Qxe4 Bxe4 40.Bxd7 Rxc5 41.Bxe6 Rb7+- (6.69) John would be up 4 P's] **35...Nxe4 36.Rxh6+ Kg8?!+-** (2.73) John has 3 P's vs N [36...Kg7 37.b4 Qd5 38.Bxe4 Qxe4 39.Qxe4 Bxe4±] **37.Bxe4 Qxe4??** Donal blunders into an N fork, though he is losing anyway [37...Qxc5+ 38.Kf1 Qxg5 39.Rh5! Rf7+ 40.Ke1 Qxh5 41.Nf6+ Rxf6 42.Qxh5 Bxe4 43.Qh4 Rf5 44.Qg4+ Kf7 45.Qxe4 Rcc5+- (3.57) John would be up Q + P vs R + N] **38.Nf6+ 1-0**

Also in Rd. 4, Master Bryan Lamb, highest rated player in the tournament, won a tough battle with Rick Garel, who fought right down to the end. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Garel, R (1968) – Lamb, B (2204) [E68]

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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 [2.d4=] **2...g6?!±** [2...e5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bb4=] **3.Nf3?!=** [3.e4 d6 4.Be2 c5 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.d4 0-0±] **3...Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.d4 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5** [7...c5?! 8.b3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qa5 10.Bb2 Qh5±; 7...c6 8.Bf4 Qa5 9.h3 Re8 10.Bd2 Qa6=] **8.e4** [8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qc2 Qe7 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 e4 12.Ng5 Nf6 13.Nxe4 Nxd5=; 8.Be3 exd4 9.Bxd4 c6 10.Qd2 Ne5=] **8...c6** [8...exd4 9.Nxd4 c6 10.h3 Qb6 11.Nde2 Ne8=] **9.d5 Nc5 10.Qc2** [10.Qe2 cxd5 11.cxd5 b6=] **10...cxd5** [10...Qb6?! 11.Rb1 a5 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Na4 Qc7±] **11.cxd5 a5** [11...Bd7?! 12.b4 Na6 13.a3 Rc8±] **12.Be3 b6 13.Rfc1?!±** Bryan gets the advantage [13.h3 Ba6 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Nh4 Qe7=] **13...Ng4 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bd2 f5 16.Bg5 Qe8** [16...Nf6 17.Nh4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Ba6±] **17.h3 Nf6** [17...h6?! 18.hxg4 fxg4 19.Nh2 hxg5 20.Nd1 Ba6=] **18.Nd2?!±** Bryan gets a " clear " advantage [18.Be3 Ncxe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Nd2 Nc5±] **18...Ba6 19.Bf1 Nh5?=-** [19...Bxf1 20.Rxf1 b5 21.a4 b4 22.Nb5 Ncxe4 23.Bxf6 Rc8 24.Qd3 Nc5 25.Qe2 Rxf6±] **20.Bxa6 Rxa6 21.a4 f4 22.g4 h6 23.gxh5 hxg5 24.hxg6** [24.h6 Bxh6 25.f3 Rf7 26.Kh2 Bf8 27.Rg1 Rh7=] **24...f3?!±** now Rick gets the advantage [24...g4 25.f3 gxf3 26.Kf2 Qxg6 27.Rg1 Qh7 28.Nxf3 Kh8=] **25.Nc4?!=** [25.Kh2 Qxg6 26.Rg1 Ra7 27.Rg4 Raf7 28.Rag1 Bh6±] **25...g4?!±** [25...Qxg6 26.Kh2 Rf4 27.Rg1 Ra7 28.Rg3 Raf7=] **26.hxg4?+-** a bad error; the W K will be better hiding behind the Bl h3P. Bryan gets a " winning " advantage [26.Kh2 gxh3 27.Nb5 Qxg6 28.Rg1 Qxe4 29.Qxe4 Nxe4 30.Ncxd6 Nxf2±] **26...Rf4 27.Ne3 Rxg4+!** **28.Kf1?!-+** (- 4.32) best to just take the R [28.Nxg4 Qxg6 29.Ne2 Qxg4+ 30.Kf1 Bh6 31.Ng3 Bf4-+ (- 3.40)] **28...Qxg6?+-** (- 3.45) Bryan wrongly decides to sac the exchange [28...Rh4 29.Ke1 Bh6 30.Qd1 Bxe3 31.Qxf3 (31.fxe3?? Rh1+ 32.Kf2 Rh2+ 33.Kf1 Qxg6 34.Qxf3 Ra7 35.Rc2 Rxc2 36.Ne2 Rf7 37.Nf4 exf4 38.Rd1 fxe3 39.Qxf7+ Qxf7+ 40.Kg1 Qf2+ 41.Kh1 Qh2#) 31...Bxc1 32.Rxc1 Qxg6-+ (- 6.73) Bryan would be up R vs P] **29.Ke1** (- 3.45) now it is not best to just take the R [29.Nxg4 Qxg4 30.Ne2 Bh6 31.Ng3 Bf4-+ (- 3.73)] **29...Bh6 30.Ncd1?+-** (- 10.25) now is the time to take the R [30.Nxg4 Qxg4 31.Ne2 Bxc1 32.Rxc1 fxe2 33.Qxe2 Qg1+ 34.Qf1 Qxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Nxa4-+ (- 3.89) Bryan would be up an N] **30...Rxe4** Bryan finally gets a material advantage – up a P **31.Kd2??+-** (- 20.00) [31.Qxe4 Nxe4 32.Rc8+ Kf7-+ (- 9.67)] **31...Rd4+ 32.Kc3?+-** leads to a

quick mate [32.Ke1 Nd3+ 33.Kd2 Nb4+ 34.Ke1 Nxc2+ 35.Rxc2 Qg1+ 36.Nf1 Re4+ 37.Nde3 Bxe3 38.Rc8+ Kg7 39.Rc7+ Kf6 40.fxe3 Rxe3+ 41.Kd1 Qxf1+ 42.Kd2 Qd3+ 43.Kc1 Re1#] **32...Rd3+ 33.Kc4 b5+ 34.Kxb5 Rb3+?+ (- 4.07)** Bryan misses the mate [34...Qe8+ 35.Kc4 Qb8 36.Qc3 Rd4+ 37.Qxd4 Qb4#] **35.Qxb3** trying desperately to stay alive, Rick sacks his Q for R + N **35...Nxb3 36.Kxa6 Qd3+ 37.Kb7 Nxa1 38.Rxa1** Bryan has Q vs R + N **38...Qe2?!-+ (- 3.34)** [38...Qd2 39.Kc6 Bxe3 40.fxe3 f2 41.Nxf2 Qxf2 42.Kxd6 e4 43.Kd7 Qxe3 44.d6 Qf4-+ (- 5.29)] **39.Kc7 Bxe3 40.Nxe3 Qxf2 41.Nd1 Qg1 42.Kxd6 f2?!-+ (- 4.90)** [42...e4 43.Ke5 e3 44.Nxe3 Qxa1 45.Ke4 f2 46.Kf3 Qxb2-+ (- 8.01)] **43.Nxf2 Qxa1** Bryan has Q vs N + P **44.Ne4 Qxb2 45.Ke6 Kf8 46.d6 Qb3+ 47.Kxe5 Qxa4 48.Nc5 Qb4 49.Kd5 Ke8-+ 0-1**

In Rd. 5, on Bd. 2, Rick Garel played a great “ hanging on by his fingernails “ draw with Donal Deiseach. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Deiseach, D (1952) – Garel, R (1968) [A51]

SCC Early Summer Swiss Toronto (5), 07.06.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5± [2...e6=] 3.dxe5 Ne4 [3...Ng4 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.Nf3 f6 6.Nc3 Bb4±] 4.Nf3 [4.Qd5 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Nxd2 6.Nxd2 Nc6±] 4...Bb4+ 5.Bd2 [5.Nbd2 Nc6 6.a3 Bxd2+ 7.Nxd2 Nxd2 8.Bxd2 Nxe5±] 5...Bc5?!± Donal gets an early " clear " advantage [5...Nxd2 6.Nbxd2 0-0 7.a3 Be7±] **6.e3 d6 [6...Nc6 7.Nc3 Nxd2 8.Qxd2 0-0±] 7.Nc3 Nxd2 8.Qxd2 Bg4 [8...0-0 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.Bd3 Be6±] 9.Be2 [9.0-0-0 Nc6±; 9.exd6 Qxd6 10.Qxd6 Bxd6 11.0-0-0 Na6±] 9...Nc6 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.Qxd6 Bxd6** Rick is down a P **12.0-0 0-0-0 13.Ng5?!± [13.h3 Bf5 14.Rad1 h6 15.a3 Be6±] 13...Bxe2 14.Nxe2 Rdf8?!± [14...Rd7 15.Rad1 Rhd8 16.Nc3 Ne5 17.b3 Ng4 18.g3 Be5±] 15.Rfd1 h6 16.Ne4 Be5 17.Rd2?=[17.Rab1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb4 19.g4 g6 20.a4 Rhe8±] 17...f5?± [17...Rd8 18.Rad1 Bxb2 19.Nd4 Bxd4 20.exd4 Rhe8 21.f3 f5 22.Ng3 g6=] 18.Nc5?!± [18.N4c3 Na5 19.b3 Rd8 20.Rad1 Rxd2 21.Rxd2 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8±] 18...b6?+-** Donal gets a " winning " advantage [18...Rd8 19.Rad1 Bxb2 20.Rd5 Rxd5 21.cxd5 Ne7 22.f3 Be5±] **19.Nd3 Bf6 [19...Rf7 20.Nd4 Bxd4 21.exd4 Re8+- (21...Nxd4 22.Ne5 Re7 23.Ng6 Rd7 24.Nxh8 Nf3+ 25.gxf3 Rxd2+-)] 20.Rad1 Rd8 21.Nef4 g5 22.Nd5 Bg7?+- (3.34) [22...Rd6 23.h4 a5 24.Kf1 Re8+- (1.54)] 23.b4 [23.N3b4! Nxb4 24.Ne7+ Kb7 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rxd8 f4+- (3.82)** Donal would be up the exchange + P] **23...b5?!+- (2.55) [23...Rd7 24.Kf1 Re8 25.Rc2 a5 26.b5 Ne7 27.Nxe7+ Rxe7+- (1.49)] 24.Nc5 bxc4 25.Ne6 c3?+- (3.90) [25...Rd7 26.Nb6+ axb6 27.Rxd7 Be5+- (2.36)] 26.Nxd8 Rxd8 27.Ne7+ Kb7 28.Rxd8 Nxd8 29.Nxf5** Donal is up the exchange + P **29...Bf8 30.a3 a5 31.Nd4 axb4 32.axb4 Nc6 33.Nxc6?!+- (2.29) [33.Rc1 Bxb4 34.Rb1 Kb6 35.Nxc6 c2 36.Rc1 Kxc6 37.Rxc2+ Kd6+- (2.93)] 33...Kxc6 34.Rc1 Bxb4** Rick is down the exchange **35.Kf1 Kc5 36.Ke2 Kc4 37.Kd1?!± [37.f4 gxf4 38.exf4 Ba3 39.Rc2 Bd6 40.g3 h5+-] 37...Kd3 38.Rc2 g4?!+- [38...Bd6?! 39.e4 h5 40.g3 h4 41.Re2 hxg3 42.Re3+ Kd4 43.hxg3 g4+-; 38...h5 39.Ra2 Bc5 40.Re2 Bd6 41.g3 g4 42.e4 c2+ 43.Rxc2 Kxe4±] 39.Re2 Bd6 40.e4 Be5 41.f4?±** Donal's advantage is slipping away; wrong decision to sac a P here to advance the eP [41.Re3+ Kc4 42.Kc2 Kd4 43.Re2 Bd6+-] **41...Bxf4** Rick is now down the exchange but with a P compensation **42.e5 c2+ 43.Rxc2 Bxe5 44.g3 Ke4 45.Ke2 Kf5 [45...h5 46.Rc4+ Kf5 47.Rc5 Ke4 48.Rb5 Kd4±] 46.Ke3 Bd6 47.Kd4?!±** Donal's advantage shrinks further [47.Rf2+ Kg5 48.Ke4 h5 49.Rf7 Kg6 50.Rd7 Kf6±] **47...h5 48.Rf2+ Kg5?!± [48...Kg6 49.Rd2 h4 50.Rd3 Kf5 51.Re3 Kf6 52.Ke4 Be5 53.Kd5 Bd6±] 49.Ke4 Kg6 50.Rf5 Kh6 51.Kd5?=[51...h4 52.gxh4 Bxh2 53.Rg5 Bd6 [53...Bg3 54.Rxg4 Bf2 55.Ke4 Kh5 56.Kf4 Bxh4 57.Kf5 Bf2=] 54.Rxg4 Kh5 55.Rc4 Bh2 56.Ke6 Bd6 57.Kf5 Bh2 58.Ke6 Bd6 59.Kf6 [59.Re4 Bg3 60.Kf5 Bd6= (60...Bxh4?? 61.Re3 Bf2 62.Rh3+ Bh4 63.Rh1 c6 64.Rh3 c5 65.Rh1 c4 66.Rh3 c3 67.Rxc3 Kh6 68.Rh3 Kh5 69.Rh2 Kh6 70.Rxh4+ Kg7 71.Re4 Kf7 72.Kg5 Kg7 73.Re7+ Kf8 74.Kf6 Kg8 75.Rc7 Kh8 76.Kg6 Kg8 77.Rc8#)] 59...Bh2 60.Kf5** Donal can find no way to make progress **60...Bd6 61.Rg4 Bh2 62.Rg7 Kxh4 63.Rh7+ Kg3 64.Rxc7= ½-½**

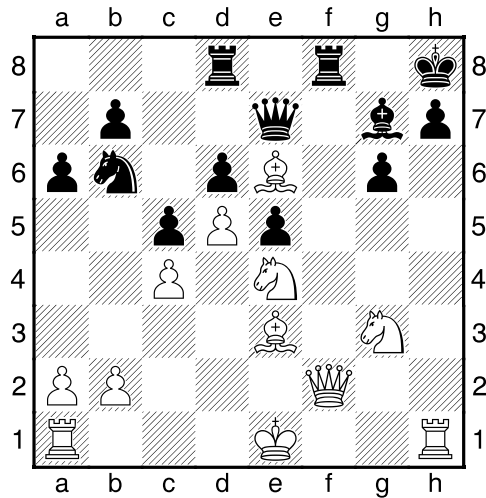
Also in Rd. 5, Steve Karpik and your esteemed editor, Bob Armstrong, got into a tactical melee (the sort Steve claims to detest) on Bd. 4. Though there were errors on both sides, the tactics and missed tactics are instructive. This left me tied 4th/10th , a point out of first. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Armstrong, R (1799) – Karpik, S (1637) [E81]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3= [5.Nf3±] **5...0-0?!±** [5...Nfd7 6.Be3 c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Qd2 0-0 9.h4 h5=] **6.Be3 Nbd7 7.g4?±** aggressive but not best [7.Qd2 c6 8.0-0-0 b5 9.cxb5 cxb5 10.Bxb5 Qa5 11.Kb1 Rb8±] **7...e5?±** [7...c5 8.h4 h5 9.gxh5 Nxh5 10.Nge2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ng3 12.Rg1 Nxf1 13.Rxf1 Ne5±] **8.d5 a6?!±** I get an early " clear " advantage [8...a5 9.Qd2 a4 10.0-0-0 Nc5±] **9.Nge2?±** then lose it [9.Qc2 h5 10.g5 Nh7 11.h4 a5 12.0-0-0 Qe7±] **9...Nb6?±** then Steve gives it back to me again [9...h5 10.h4 hxg4 11.Ng3 gxf3 12.h5 Ng4 13.Qxf3 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Bf6=] **10.Ng3 Bd7?!+–** now I get a " winning " advantage [10...Rb8?! 11.Qd2 Bxg4! 12.fxg4 Nxg4 13.0-0-0 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Qh4+–; 10...Nfd7 11.h4 h6 12.Be2 Bf6 13.g5 Be7 14.Qc2 h5 15.0-0-0 a5±] **11.h4 Qc8** there is no good move at this point [11...Ne8 12.Qc2 h6 13.0-0-0 a5+–; 11...h5 12.Be2 Qe7 13.gxh5 Nxh5 14.Nxh5 gxh5+–] **12.Qd2 c5** (2.51) [12...Bxg4?! 13.fxg4 Nxg4 14.Be2 h5 15.0-0-0 Kh7 16.Kb1 Qd7+– (2.66) W would be up B vs 2 P's] **13.h5 Bxg4!** (2.50) Steve correctly decides a sac is now called for to try to blunt the attack. This is the move chosen by Fritz ! [13...Qb8?! 14.Bd3 Ne8 15.Qh2 g5 16.Bxg5 Nc8+– (3.01); 13...Nxg4? in the post-mortem, Steve had wondered if this would have been better – definitely not ! 14.fxg4 Bxg4 15.Qh2 g5 16.Bxg5 h6 17.Be7 Re8 18.Bxd6 Rd8 19.Be7 Re8 20.Bh4 Qd7+– (6.10)] **14.fxg4 Qxg4** (3.15) the Q becomes a target here. I am up B vs 2 P's [14...Nxg4?! 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bh4 (16.hxg6?! fxg5 (16...hxg6? 17.Bh3 fxg5 18.Qxg5 Rf4 19.Nce2 Nxc4 20.Qxg6 Qe8 21.Nxf4 exf4 22.Qxg4 fxg3+– (3.70)) 17.gxh7+ Kh8 18.Qxg5 Bf6 19.Qd2 Be7+– (2.71)) 16...Bh6 17.Qe2 Ne3 18.Bh3 Qc7 19.Be6+ Kg7+– (3.35)] **15.Qf2 Rad8??+–** (5.09) Steve fails to see the threat to his Q [15...Qd7 16.Qf3 Qg4 17.Qg2 Nxh5 18.Rxh5! gxh5 19.Be2 Qd7 20.Nf5 f6 21.0-0-0 Kh8+– (3.70)] **16.Bh3 Qh4 17.Bf5?!+–** (4.17) a preparatory move was needed [17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bf5! Ng4 19.Rxh4 Nxf2 20.Bxf2 Nxc4 21.0-0-0 Bf6 22.Rg4 Bg7+– (4.73)] **17...Nxe4?+–** (9.90) Steve takes his N to the wrong square [17...Ng4 18.Rxh4 (18.Bxg4 Qxg4 19.h6 Bh8 20.Nf5! Bf6 21.b3 Nd7+– (5.48) W would have N vs 2 P's) 18...Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Rb8+– (5.98) W would have B + N vs 2 P's(19...gxf5? 20.Nxf5 Bf6 21.Rg4+ Kh8 22.Nh6 Bg7 23.Rag1 Bxh6 24.Bxh6 Rg8 25.Bg7+ Rxg7 26.Rxg7 Rf8+–)] **18.Ncxe4** I am up B + N vs 3 P's **18...Qe7 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Be6+?** (11.91) [20.Bg5 Qe8 21.Be6+ Qxe6 (21...Kh8?? 22.Rxh7+! Kxh7 23.Qh2+ Bh6 24.Qxh6#) 22.Qh2 Rf1+ (22...Qg4? 23.Qxh7+ Kf7 24.0-0+–) 23.Nxf1 Qf5 24.Ne3 Qf3 25.Qxh7+ Kf8 26.Rf1 Qxf1+ 27.Nxf1 Rd7+– (21.88) W would be up Q + N vs 2 P's] **20...Kh8??+–** leads to mate [20...Qxe6 21.Qh2 Rf1+ 22.Nxf1 Nxd5 23.Ng5 Qf6 24.Qxh7+ Kf8 25.cxd5 Ke7+–]

Position after 20...Kh8??+-



21.Qh2??+- I miss the nice sacrificial mate [21.Rxh7+!! Kxh7 22.Qh2+ Qh4 23.Qxh4+ Bh6 24.Qxh6#] **21...Bf6 22.Ng5?! (8.31)** [22.0-0-0 Rd7 23.Rdf1 Rf7 24.Bxf7 Qxf7 25.Nxf6 Nxd5 26.Nxh7 Nf4 27.Rxf4 Qxc4+ 28.Rxc4 Kg7 29.Ng5 Kf6 30.Qh8+ Rg7 31.Qf8+ Rf7 32.Qxf7#] **22...h5 23.Nxh5!** with my one N hanging, I sac my other N **23...Bxg5** I am up B vs 2 P's **24.Nf4+??+-** I take the N to the wrong square and again I miss the mate [24.Nf6+ Bh4+ 25.Qxh4+ Kg7 26.Qh7+ Kxf6 27.Rf1#] **24...Kg7??+-** leads to mate [24...Bh4+ 25.Qg3! exf4 26.Rxh4+ Kg7 27.Bxf4 Rh8+--] **25.Qh7+ Kf6 26.Qxg6# 1-0**

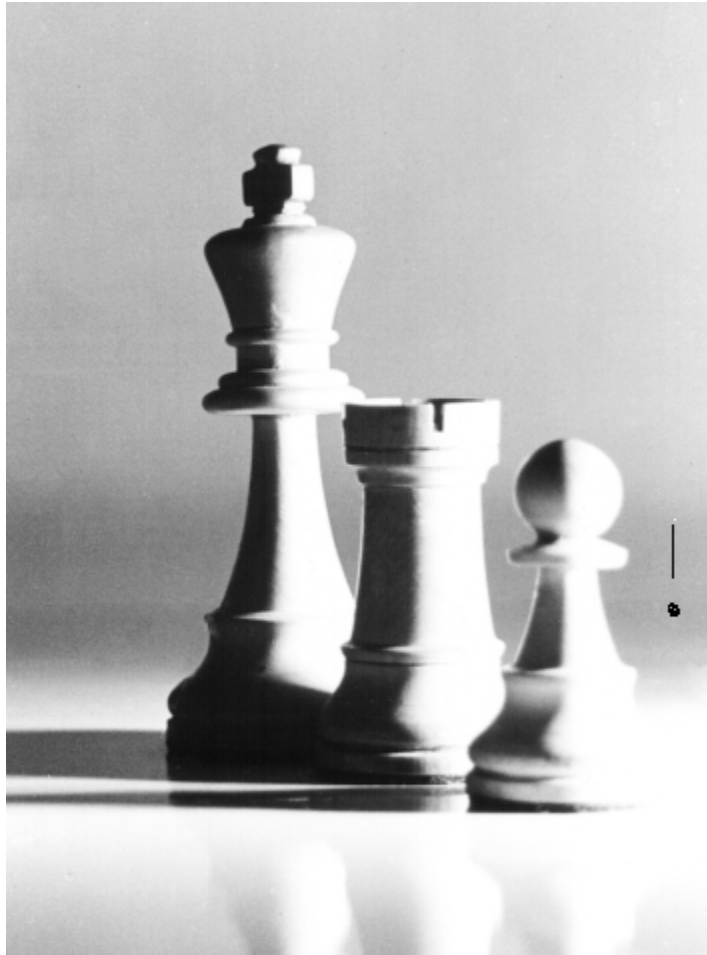
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