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Kramnik vs Deep Fritz : Man vs Machine



This is a 6-game match being held in Bonn, Germany from November 25 to December 5 – a game is being played every 2nd day. Vladimir Kramnik (Russia – 2750)

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is World Champion, having recently defeated 2005 FIDE World Champion, Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria - 2813), and is 3rd/4th highest rated player in the world. Deep Fritz is a German chess program, and one of the strongest currently in use. Kramnik and Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th World Champion have both played Fritz previously, and the matches have been drawn. But the latest version of Fritz is significantly improved over the version Kramnik played in 2002. The starting fee for the world champion is 500,000 Euros. If he wins the match Kramnik gets one million Euros.

After 3 games, Deep Fritz is leading 2:1, with 1 win and 2 draws..

The first game saw a quiet opening with relative equality until move 28, when Deep Fritz made an inaccuracy, giving Kramnik a “ winning “ advantage. Kramnik erred, and lost it. But DF again erred! But on move 33, Kramnik erred and brought the game back to equality. Deep Fritz never got the advantage in the whole game. It was then drawn. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz, and notes by American GM Yasser Seirawan):

Kramnik, V (2750) – Deep Fritz (2800) [A00]

World Chess Challenge Bonn , Germany (1), 25.11.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 7.Qd3 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Nc3 b6 [11...b5 12.Ne4 Bb7 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Qa3 Rac8 15.Rd1 Nd5=] 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Nf6!? [13...Ra7 14.Rd1 Rc7 15.Bg5 f6 16.Be3 Bb7=] **14.Qh4** [14.Qxa8?! Bb7 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.b3 e5 17.Bb2 e4 18.Nd4 e3 19.f3 Qd7 20.Rfd1 Nd5=] **14...Bb7 15.Bg5 Rfd8 16.Bxf6** [16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Rfd1 h6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6=] **16...Qxf6 17.Qxf6** [17.Ng5? Bxg2 18.Qxh7+ Kf8 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qg4 Qd4 21.Qxd4 Bxd4 22.Kxg2 Bxb2 23.Rab1 Rd2≠] **17...gxf6 18.Rfd1 Kf8** [18...Rac8 19.Ne1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 e5 21.Rac1 e4=; 18...Bxf3? 19.Bxf3 Rab8 20.Rac1 f5 21.e3 Kg7±] **19.Ne1 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 f5** [20...Ke7 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Nd3 f5=] **21.Rxd8+** [21.f4 Bd4 22.Nd3 Rd6 23.Kf3 Rad8 24.Rac1 Bg7=] **21...Rxd8 22.Nd3 Bd4 23.Rc1 e5 24.Rc2** covers the bP and stops any future penetration of the Bl R to d2 [24.b3 a5 25.Rc6 Kg7 26.a3 Rd5 27.b4 axb4 28.axb4 e4 29.Nf4 Rb5 30.Nh5+ Kf8 31.Rc8+ Ke7 32.Rc7+ Ke8 33.Rc4 Rd5=; 24.Rc6 a5 25.b3 Kg7=] **24...Rd5?±** after the game being dead equal to here, DF finally commits an inaccuracy. [24...a5 25.e3 e4 (25...Bxe3? 26.Nxe5 Bc5 27.Nc6 Rd5 28.Kf3 Kg7±) 26.Nf4 Bc5=] **25.Nb4** [25.e3? Bxe3! (25...Bc5? 26.Nxc5 bxc5 27.Kf3 Ke7 28.Ke2 e4 29.b3 h6±) 26.Nb4 Rd2 27.Rxd2 Bxd2 28.Nxa6 Ke7=; 25.a4?? a5 26.b4 Ke7 27.b5 Kd7 28.Ne1 e4 29.Rc1 Be5 30.Rc4 Rd2 31.Nc2 Rxe2 32.Nd4 Bxd4 33.Rxd4+ Ke6≠] **25...Rb5** [25...Rc5?? 26.Rxc5 bxc5 27.Nxa6 c4 28.b3 c3 29.Nb4 Ke8 30.e3 Bc5 31.Nc2 Kd7 32.Kf3 e4+ 33.Ke2 Kd6 34.Nd4 Kd7 35.Kd1 Bb6 36.Kc2 Ba5 37.a3+-] **26.Nxa6** [26.Nc6?! Bxb2 (26...Rxb2?? 27.Nxd4 Rxc2 28.Nxc2+-) 27.Na7 Rb4 28.Nc6 Rb5 29.Na7=] **26...Rxb2** [26...Bxb2? 27.Nc7 Rc5 (27...Rb4 28.Nd5 Rb5 29.Ne3 Ba3± (29...f4? 30.Nf5+-)) 28.Rxb2 (28.Rxc5? bxc5 29.a4± (29.Nd5? c4 30.Ne3 c3 31.Kf1=)) 28...Rxc7 29.Rxb6 Rc2 30.a4 Rxe2 31.a5 Ra2 32.Rb5 f6±] **27.Rxb2 Bxb2 28.Nb4** [28.Nc7 Bd4 29.Nd5 b5 30.Kf3 Kg7 31.e4 fxe4+ 32.Kxe4 Kg6 33.f4 f5+ 34.Kd3 h5±] **28...Kg7??+-** DF makes an error [28...b5 29.Nd5 Kg7 30.f3 Kg6 31.e4 Ba3 32.g4 fxe4 33.fxe4 Bc5±] **29.Nd5!** Kramnik has a number of moves that could lose the advantage [29.Kf3?? b5 30.Nd5 Bd4 31.e4 fxe4+ 32.Kxe4 Kg6 33.f4 f5+ 34.Kd3 h5±; 29.a4?? Ba3 30.Nd5 Bc5 31.f3 Kg6 32.e3 f6 33.h3 h5±] **29...Bd4 30.a4??=** Kramnik misses his win !! [American GM Yasser Seirawan correctly thought this line would win for Kramnik 30.e3! Bc5 31.Kf3 (31.a4?? f6 32.f3 h5±) 31...b5 (31...f6 32.Ke2 e4 (32...Kf7 33.Kd3 Ke6 34.Kc4 h6 35.a4+-) 33.Kd2 Kf7 (33...b5 34.Kc3 Kf7 35.Kb3 (35.Nc7 Bb6 36.Nxb5 Ba5+ 37.Kd4 Be1 38.a4+-) 35...Kg6+-) 34.Kc3 Ke6 35.Kc4 h6 36.a4+-) 32.Ke2 e4 33.Kd2 Kg6 34.Kc3 Bd6 35.Kb3 Kg5 36.h3 h5 37.Nc3 h4 38.gxh4+ Kxh4 39.Nxb5 Bb8 40.Nd4 Kxh3 41.Nxf5 Kg2 42.a4 Kxf2 43.a5 Kf3 44.Kc4 Kg4 45.Nd4 f5+-] **30...Bc5??+-** But DF gives Kramnik a second chance [30...e4 31.e3 Bc5 32.Kf1 Kg6 33.Ke2 Kg5 34.f4+ exf3+ 35.Kxf3 h6 36.h4+ Kg6 37.h5+ Kg5 38.Ke2 Kxh5 39.Nf6+ Kg5 40.Nd7 Bd6 41.Nxb6 Bxg3 42.a5 Bc7 43.Nc4 Bxa5 44.Nxa5 f4 45.e4 Kg4 46.Nc6 f3+ 47.Ke3 f2 48.Kxf2 Kf4 49.e5 h5=] **31.h3** [31.f3?? Kg6 32.e3 f6±; Seirawan correctly saw this line also winning for

W 31.Kf3!! f6 **a)** Seirawan correctly saw this line losing for BI 31...e4+?? 32.Kf4 Kg6 33.Ke5 Bxf2 34.Nf4+ Kh6 35.Kxf5 Bc5 36.Kxe4+-; **b)** and this one 31...Kg6?? 32.e3 e4+ 33.Ke2 Kg5 34.f4+ exf3+ 35.Kxf3 h6 36.h4+ Kg6 37.Ke2 (**b**) 37.h5+?? Kg5 38.Ke2 Kxh5 39.Nf6+ Kg5 40.Nd7 Bd6 41.Nxb6 Bxg3 42.a5 Bb8 43.Kf3 h5 44.a6 h4 45.Nd7 Ba7 46.Ne5 h3 47.Nxf7+ Kf6 48.Nd6 Bxe3 49.Kg3 f4+ 50.Kxh3 Ke6 51.Nc4 Kd7 52.Nxe3 fxe3 53.a7 e2 54.a8Q e1Q=) 37...f6 (**b**) 37...Kh5 38.Nf6+ Kg6 39.Nd7 Bd6 40.Nxb6 Bxg3 41.a5 Bb8 42.Nd7 Ba7 43.Ne5+ Kf6 44.Nc6 Bc5 45.a6 Kg6 46.a7 Bxa7 47.Nxa7+-) 38.Kd3 Kf7 39.Kc4 Bd6 40.Nf4 Ke8 41.Kb5 Kd7 42.Kxb6+-; 32.e4 Kg6 (32...fxe4+?? 33.Kxe4 Bxf2 34.Kf5 Bg1 35.g4 Kf7 36.h3 e4 37.Kxe4 Kg6 38.h4 Bc5 39.Nf4+ Kf7 40.h5 h6 41.Kd5 Bf2 42.Nd3 Bg1 43.Nb2 Ke7 44.Kc6 f5 45.gxf5 Kf6 46.Nc4 Bf2 47.Nd6 Bg1 48.Kd5 Bh2 49.Nc4 Bc7 50.Kc6 Bg3 51.Kxb6+-) 33.Ne3 fxe4+ (33...Bxe3?? 34.Kxe3 Kg5 35.f3 Kg6 36.f4 h6 37.Kf3 h5 38.h4 Kf7 39.exf5 exf4 40.g4 hxg4+ 41.Kxg4 Kg7 42.Kxf4 Kh6 43.Ke4 Kh5 44.Kd5 Kxh4 45.Kc6+-) 34.Kxe4 Bd4 35.h3 h5 36.f4 Bxe3 37.Kxe3 exf4+ 38.Kxf4 f5 39.Ke5 Kg5 40.Ke6 h4 41.gxh4+ Kf4 42.h5 Kg5 43.h6 Kxh6 44.Kxf5+-; 31.e3?? f6 32.f3 h5 33.Kf2 Kf7 34.Ke2 Ke6 35.Nc7+ Kd7 36.Nb5 Ke6 37.Kd3 Kd7±] **31...f6 32.f3!** again Kramnik has a number of moves that could lose his advantage [32.Kf3?? Kf7 (32...Kg6?? 33.e3 Kf7 34.Ke2 Ke6 35.Nc7+ Kd7 36.Nb5 Kc6 37.Kd3 h5 38.Kc4 Be7 39.Nc3 Bd8 40.f3 Be7 41.Nd5 Bd8 42.e4 fxe4 43.fxe4 Kb7+-) 33.e3 h6 34.Ke2 Ke6 35.Nc7+ Kd7 36.Nb5 h5±; 32.g4?? Kg6 33.Kg3 f4+ 34.Kf3 f5 35.e4 fxe3 36.fxe3 e4+ 37.Kg3 Bd6+ 38.Kh4 fxg4 39.hxg4 Bc5 40.Kg3 Kg5±] **32...Kg6 33.e4??=** Kramnik loses his win for the second time [Seirawan correctly thought this winning for Kramnik 33.e3! h5 34.Kf1 Kf7 35.Ke2 Ke6 36.Nc7+ (36.e4?? Bg1 (36...fxe4?? 37.fxe4 f5 38.Kf3 Bg1 (38...Bd4? 39.Ne3 fxe4+ 40.Kxe4 Bc5 41.Nc4 Bd4 42.g4 hxg4 43.hxg4 Kf6 44.Kd5+-) 39.Ne3 fxe4+ 40.Kxe4 Bf2 41.Nc4 Bxg3 42.Nxb6 Kd6 43.Nc4+ Kc5 44.Nxe5 Kb4 45.Kf5 Kxa4 46.Nf3 Kb5 47.Kg5 h4 48.Nxh4 Kc5 49.Ng2 Kd5 50.Kg4 Bf2 51.Kf3 Bc5 52.h4±) 37.Nc7+ Kd7 38.Nb5 Ke6 39.g4 fxg4 40.fxg4 hxg4 41.hxg4 Ke7 42.Kd3 Kf7 43.Nc7 Kg6 44.Kc4 Kg5 45.Nd5 Bf2 46.Kd3 Bd4 47.Ke2 Bc5 48.Kf3 Kg6 49.Nc7 Bd6 50.Na8 Bc5=) 36...Kd7 37.Nb5 Kc6 38.e4 fxe4 39.fxe4 Be7 40.Kf3 Kc5 41.Nc7 Kc4 42.h4 Kd3 43.Nd5 Bd8 44.Nb4+ Kc4 45.Nc6 b5 46.axb5 Bb6 47.g4 hxg4+ 48.Kxg4 Kxb5 49.Ne7+-] **33...h5** [33...fxe4? 34.fxe4 f5 35.Kf3 Kg5 36.h4+ Kg6 37.exf5+ Kxf5 38.g4+ Ke6 39.Ke4 Bf2 40.h5 h6±] **34.g4 hxg4 35.hxg4 fxe4 36.fxe4 Kg5 37.Kf3 Kg6 38.Ke2** [38.Nc3 Bb4 39.Nb5 Bc5 40.Kg3 (40.Nc7 Bd6 41.Na8 Bc5 42.Kg3 Kg5=) 40...Kf7=] **38...Kg5 39.Kd3 Bg1 40.Kc4 Bf2 41.Kb5 Kxg4 42.Nxf6+ Kf3 43.Kc6 Bh4 44.Nd7 Kxe4 45.Kxb6** [45.Nxb6 Be1 46.Nd7 Kd4 47.Nxe5 Kxe5 48.Kc5 Ba5 49.Kc4 Ke4 50.Kb5 Kd5 51.Kxa5 Kc5=] **45...Bf2+** [45...Kd4 46.Nxe5 Bd8+ 47.Kc6 Kxe5 48.Kc5 Ba5 49.Kc4 Ke4 50.Kb5 Kd4=] **46.Kc6 Be1 47.Nxe5=** ½-½

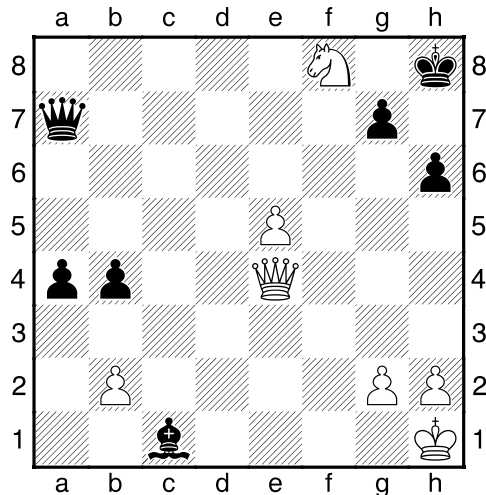
Game 2 initially saw an equal game, with Kramnik then getting a “ slight “ advantage, but losing it. He had some chances in the ending, with a pawn majority on the queenside, and DF having doubled eP’s. DF never got the advantage the whole game. Then disaster struck. On move 34 DF threatened a one move mate ! And Kramnik blundered and missed it !!!??? This may be the greatest blunder ever by a World Champion! Here is the sad tale (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Deep Fritz (2800) – Kramnik, V (2750) [A00]

World Chess Challenge Bonn, Germany (2), 27.11.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 [3.e3 e5 4.Bxc4 Nc6 5.d5 Na5 6.Be2 c6=] **3...b5 4.a4** [4.Nc3? a6 5.Bg5 Bb7 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Qc2 e6±] **4...c6 5.Nc3??** [5.axb5 cxb5 6.Nc3 Bd7 7.d5 a6 8.Nf3 Qc7=] **5...b4 6.Na2 Nf6??** [6...e5 7.Bxc4 Qxd4 8.Qxd4 exd4 9.Nf3 Bc5±] **7.e5 Nd5 8.Bxc4 e6 9.Nf3** [9.b3 Nd7 10.Nf3 Be7 11.0-0 a5 12.Qe2 Bb7=] **9...a5** [9...Be7 10.Qc2 a5 11.Be3 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6=] **10.Bg5 Qb6** [10...Be7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nc1 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Nb3 0-0±] **11.Nc1** [11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.b3 Rc8 14.Re1 c5=] **11...Ba6 12.Qe2 h6 13.Be3 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Nd7 15.Nb3 Be7 16.Rc1** [16.0-0 Rc8 17.Qe2 0-0 18.Nfd2 c5=] **16...0-0** [16...Rc8 17.Qd3 0-0 18.0-0 c5=] **17.0-0** [17.Nc5?? Nxe3 18.fxe3 Nxc5 19.dxc5 Qb7 20.Kf2 Rad8±; 17.Qxc6 Qxc6 18.Rxc6 N7b6

19.Kd2 Nxa4=] **17...Rfc8 18.Qe2 c5** Kramnik wants to be rid of his backward cP [18...f6?? 19.exf6 N5xf6 20.Rfe1 Qa6 21.Bd2 Qxe2 22.Rxe2 Kf7 23.Rce1 c5 24.Rxe6 Nd5 25.dxc5 Nxc5 26.Nxc5 Rxc5 27.Rc6 Rc8 28.Ne5+ Ke8 29.Rxc8+ Rxc8±; 18...Qa6 19.Qd1 N5b6 20.Ra1 c5=] **19.Nfd2 Qc6** [19...cxd4 20.Bxd4 Qd8 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Qb5 Nf4 23.Rd1 Rb8 24.Qf1 Rc8=; 19...Qd8 20.Nc4 cxd4 21.Nxd4 N7b6 22.Nxb6 Qxb6=] **20.Qh5?±** Fritz plays an aggressive move, but it is not best [20.dxc5 Qxa4 21.Ra1 Qc6 22.Nxa5 Qc7 23.Nac4 Nxe5 24.Nb6 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Re8=] **20...Qxa4 21.Nxc5 Nxc5 22.dxc5** W now has some optimism since it now has a passed cP, but W cannot hold it **22...Nxe3?±** Kramnik loses his "slight" advantage [22...Qc6 23.Rc4 Nxe3 24.fxe3 Bxc5 25.Qxf7+ Kh8±] **23.fxe3 Bxc5 24.Qxf7+** material is equal **24...Kh8 25.Qf3** [25.Nc4? Qb3 26.Kh1 a4±] **25...Rf8 26.Qe4 Qd7 27.Nb3** [27.Rxc5?? Qxd2 28.Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.h3 b3±] **27...Bb6 28.Rfd1 Qf7** [28...Qa7 29.Nd4 a4 30.Ra1 Qf7=; 28...Qe7 29.Nd4 a4 30.Qc6 Ba7=] **29.Rf1 Qa7** [29...Qe7 30.Nd4 a4=] **30.Rxf8+?±** Fritz plays an inaccuracy here [30.Nd4 Rae8 31.b3 (31.Rxf8+ Rxf8 32.Nxe6 Bxe3+ 33.Kh1 Bxc1 34.Nxf8 Kg8 35.Ng6 Bxb2 36.Qd5+ Kh7 37.Nf8+ Kh8 38.Ng6+=) 31...Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Qd7=] **30...Rxf8 31.Nd4 a4?±** But Kramnik immediately returns the favour [31...Qf7 32.Qh4 Bc7 33.Nf3 Kg8 34.Qe4 Bb6±] **32.Nxe6 Bxe3+ 33.Kh1 Bxc1** [33...Re8 34.Rf1 (34.Rd1?? a3 35.bxa3 bxa3 36.Qc6 Qe7 37.Nc7 Rd8 38.Nd5 a2+) 34...Qa6 35.Re1 Qxe6 36.Qxe3 Qe7=] **34.Nxf8** threatening mate



34...Qe3??+± Kramnik played this move almost instantaneously; this may be the biggest blunder ever by a World Champion [the simple solution 34...Kg8=] **35.Qh7# 1-0**

In Rd. 3, Kramnik had white, and the pressure was immense for him to tie the match. The game was relatively equal, though this game Deep Fritz did manage to get the advantage, and did have a passed P. But Kramnik was able to draw it. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2750) – Deep Fritz (2800) [A00]
World Chess Challenge Bonn, Germany (3), 29.11.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 [6...c5 7.Nf3 cxd4 8.Qxd4 Bc5 9.Qh4 e5=] **7.Qc2 c5 8.Nf3 b6 9.Ne5 Nd5 10.Nc3** [10.e4?? Nb4 11.Qd2 cxd4 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.0-0 Bb7 14.a3 Nc6±; 10.Nc6?? Qc7 11.e4 N5f6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxd5 exd5 14.Nb4 Bb7± (

14...cxb4?? 15.Qxc7+-)] **10...Bb7 11.Nxd5 Bxd5** [11...exd5 12.Bf4 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 f6 14.Bf4 cxd4 15.0-0 Qd7 16.Qd3 Bc5 17.Rac1 Bc6=] **12.Bxd5** [12.0-0?? Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qd5+ 15.e4 Qxe5=] **12...exd5 13.0-0??** this is the first time in the 3 games that Fritz has gotten the advantage, except for Kramnik's game 2 blunder [13.Qf5? Qe7 14.Bf4 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 f6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Qd3 c4 18.Qc3 Be7=; 13.Bf4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 f6 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.dxc5 Bxc5=] **13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Qc8?**= [14...Qe7 15.f4 (15.Qd3? Qxe5 16.Re1 Qe4 17.Bf4 Qxd3 18.exd3+ Kd7=) 15...Qe6 16.e4 d4 17.Rd1 h5=] **15.Rd1** [15.f4? Qe6 16.e4 d4 17.Rd1 h5=] **15...Qe6 16.Qd3** [16.f4? Rd8 17.e4 d4 18.f5 Qc6=; 16.Qa4+?? b5 17.Qf4 Rd8 18.Bd2 Be7=] **16...Be7 17.Qxd5** [17.f4? c4 18.Qf3 Rd8 19.Be3 0-0 20.f5 Qc6=] **17...Rd8 18.Qb3 Rxd1+** [18...0-0? 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Qxe6 Rd1+ 21.Kg2 fxe6±] **19.Qxd1 0-0** [19...Qxe5?? 20.Qa4+ b5 21.Qxa6±] **20.Qb3** hard choice for Kramnik – was easy to go wrong [20.Qd3? b5 21.f4 Rd8 22.Qb3 c4 23.Qf3 Rd1+ 24.Kg2 Qf5=; 20.Bf4? g5 21.Be3 Qxe5 22.Qb3 Qe6 23.Qa4 b5 24.Qc2 c4=; 20.Qa4 b5 21.Qe4 Rd8 22.f4 f6=; 20.f4 20...Rd8 21.Qc2 f6 22.exf6 Bxf6=] **20...c4** [20...Qxe5 21.Qxb6 Qxe2 22.Be3 Rd8 23.h3 Qb5 24.Qxb5 axb5=] **21.Qc3** [21.Qc2? b5 22.Bf4 g5 23.Bd2 Qxe5 24.Bc3 Qe6=] **21...f6** [21...b5 22.Bf4 Rd8 23.Rc1 f6 24.b3 g5 25.Be3 Rc8=] **22.b3 Rc8 23.Bb2 b5 24.Qe3** [24.bxc4 Rxc4 25.Qb3 fxe5 26.Rd1 e4=] **24...fxe5 25.bxc4 Rxc4** [25...bxc4 26.Rd1 Bf6 27.Bc3 Qc6 28.Rb1 Rd8 29.h3 Qd6=] **26.Bxe5 h6** [26...Bc5 27.Qg5 Bf8 28.Qe3=; 26...g6 27.Rd1 Ra4 28.Qb3 Qxb3 29.axb3 Re4 30.Bd6 Bxd6 31.Rxd6 Rxe2=] **27.Rd1 Rc2 28.Qb3** [28.a4 b4 29.Qd4 b3 30.Qd3 Ra2 31.Qe4 Rc2 32.Qf3 g6=; 28.a3 Ra2 29.Qc3 Kh7 30.a4 (30.Bxg7 Qxe2 31.Rf1 Rc2 32.Qd4 Bc5 33.Qf6 Bxf2+ 34.Rxf2 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Rxf2+ 36.Qxf2 Qe4+ 37.Qf3 Qc2+ 38.Kh3 Qc8+ 39.Qg4 Qxg4+ 40.Kxg4 Kxg7=) 30...Qc4=] **28...Qxb3 29.axb3 Rxe2 30.Bd6?**± Kramnik again gives DF a " slight " advantage [30.f4 Re3 31.Rd7 Kf8 32.b4 Bxb4 33.Bxg7+ Ke8 34.Rd5 Re6=] **30...Bf6** [30...Bxd6? 31.Rxd6 Rb2 32.Rxa6 Rxb3 33.Ra7 b4 34.f4 Rb1+ 35.Kg2 b3 36.Rb7 g6 37.h3 h5 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 Kf8=] **31.Bc5** [31.b4 Rc2 32.Kg2 Bc3 33.Bc5 a5 34.bxa5 Bxa5 35.Bd4 b4=] **31...a5** [31...Rb2 32.b4 Rc2 33.Bb6 Rc4 34.Ba5 Bc3 35.Rb1 Kf7 36.Kg2 g5=] **32.Bd4** [32.Kg2 Rb2 33.Rd3 Kf7 34.h4 a4 35.bxa4 bxa4=] **32...Be7** Fritz " understands " that it'll need the B if he is to win this ending [32...Bxd4 33.Rxd4 Rb2 34.Rd3 Kf7=] **33.Bc3** [33.Kf1 Ra2 34.Rc1 a4 35.bxa4 bxa4=] **33...a4 34.bxa4 bxa4** Fritz finally has its passed pawn **35.Rd7 Bf8?**= [35...a3 36.Kf1 Rc2 37.Rxe7 Rxc3 38.Ra7 Kh7=] **36.Rd8** [36.Kg2?? a3 37.Kf3 Rc2 38.Bd4 g5 39.Ra7 g4+ 40.Ke3 (40.Kxg4?? Rc4 41.Rd7 a2=) 40...Rc4=] **36...Kf7 37.Ra8??** this computer analysis is suspect, because it is based on the move 38 analysis (see below); the position is at worst only a " slight " advantage to DF [37.Rd7+ Ke8 38.Ra7 a3 39.Bd4 g6 40.Kg2 a2 41.Kf3 Rd2 42.Be3 Rb2 43.Bd4 Rb3+ 44.Ke4 Ra3 45.Rxa3 Bxa3 46.Kd5 Be7=] **37...a3?!** [37...Rc2 38.Ra7+ Kg6 39.Bd4 a3 40.Kg2 Rc4 41.Be3 Kf6 42.Kf3 Bd6 43.h4 h5 44.Ke2 Rc7 45.Ra6 Ke7=] **38.Rxf8+!** though computer analysis still shows this as a " clear " advantage to DF, in fact it is now a dead draw with best play [38.Ra7+? Ke6 39.Ra8 Rc2 40.Rxf8 Rxc3 41.Ra8 Kd5 42.Ra4 Kc5 43.Kf1 Kb5 44.Ra7 Kb4 45.Ke2 Kb3 46.Kd2 Kb2-+] **38...Kxf8 39.Bb4+ Kf7 40.Bxa3 Ra2** [40...g5 41.g4 Rc2 42.Kg2 Kg6=] **41.Bc5 g6 42.h4 Kf6 43.Be3 h5 44.Kg2** drawn by agreement 1/2-1/2

Tal Memorial Tournament

This tournament was held in Moscow, Russia from Nov. 5 – 19. It was a 10 player round-robin with an average rating of 2727 (Category 20) – only Magnus Carlsen (Norway) was below 2700, at 2698 ! The participants were :

Seed	World	Player	Nat.	Rating
1	4	Peter Svidler	RUS	2750
2	5	Alexander Morozevich	RUS	2747
3	7	Levon Aronian	ARM	2741
4	8	Peter Leko	HUN	2741
5	10	Boris Gelfand	ISR	2733

6	12	Shakhriyar Mamedyarov	AZE	2728
7	14	Alexei Shirov	ESP	2720
8	17	Alexander Grischuk	RUS	2710
9	20	Ruslan Ponomariov	UKR	2703
10	21	Magnus Carlsen	NOR	2698

There was a 3-way tie for first : Aronian, Leko and Ponomariov.

In Rd. 1, Aronian goes on a Q-hunt, and ends up winning material in a tactical melee, and the game. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Aronian, L (2741) – Morozevich, A (2747) [D27]

Tal Memorial Moscow RUS (1), 06.11.2006

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 a6 5.a4 Nf6 6.Bxc4 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 Qc7 [9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.exd4 0-0=] 10.dxc5 0-0 [10...Bxc5? 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 e5±] 11.b3 e5?± [11...Bxc5 12.Bb2 e5 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qc3 e4 15.Nbd2 Qe7 (15...exf3?? 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.Nxc5 b6 18.Nd3 a5 19.gxf3 Be6±) 16.Ne5 Bf5=] 12.h3?± [12.Ba3 e4 13.Nfd2 Bg4 14.f3 exf3 15.gxf3 Bh5=] 12...e4 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.b4 b6 15.Nd2 bxc5 16.bxc5 Bxc5 17.Ba3 Bxa3 18.Rxa3 Ng6 19.Nf1 Qc5 20.Rc3 Qg5?± [20...Qb4 21.Qc2 Bd7 22.Bb3 Rfc8 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8=] 21.Ng3 h5 22.Kh1 Nh4?± [22...h4 23.Nf1 Ne5 24.Nd2 Rd8±] 23.Qc2?± Though Morozevich has a tactical shot on the K-side, Aronian has his own in response [23.Rg1 Rd8 24.Qc2 Bb7 25.Rb3 Ra7±] **23...Nxc2! 24.Kxc2 h4 25.Bxf7+!** [25.Rc1? hxg3 26.fxc3 Bd7 27.Qa2 Qh6 28.g4 a5=] **25...Kxf7 26.Rc5 Bxh3+ 27.Kxh3 Qg4+ 28.Kg2 hxg3??+–** amazingly, this will lead to Moro losing material and the game [28...Rfc8 29.Nc6 Rxc6 30.Rxc6 hxg3 31.Rxf6+ gxf6 32.Qc7+ Kg6 33.Qxc3 Kh5 34.Rd6 f5±] **29.f3 [29.Qb3+? Kg6 30.f3 exf3+ 31.Nxf3 Rae8 32.Rg5+ Qxc3 33.Nxc3 Kxc3±] 29...exf3+ 30.Nxf3 Kg8 31.Qa2+ [31.Rd4 Nd5 32.Rxc4 Nxe3+ 33.Kxc3 Nxc2 34.Rxc2 Rab8+–** Aronian would have N vs P] **31...Kh8 32.Rc4 Qf5 33.Rf4 Qh7 34.Rh4 Nh5 35.Rd5 Rf5 [this loses Bl's Q 35...g6 36.Qb2+ Qg7 37.Rhxh5+ gxh5 38.Rhxh5+ Kg8 39.Rg5 Qxc3 40.Qb3+ Kg7 41.Nxc3+–] 36.e4 Nf4+ 37.Kxc3?+– [winning the R or Q immediately is 37.Kf1 Rf6 (37...Rh5 38.Rdxh5 Nxc3 39.Qd5 Rf8 (39...g6? 40.Qxa8+–) 40.Rhxh5 Rxf3+ 41.Kg2 Rf2+ 42.Kxc3 Rf8 43.Rhxh7+ Kxc3+–) 38.Rhxh7+ Kxc3+–] 37...Rh5 38.Rxf4** Aronian goes up an N [38.Rdxh5? Nxc3+ 39.Kg4 g6±] **38...Rh3+ 39.Kg4 Re8 [39...Rh1 40.Qg2 Kg8 41.Rdf5 Qg6+ 42.Ng5 Qh5+ 43.Kg3 Ra1 44.Qf2+– Qe8 45.Qc5 Rg1+ 46.Kf2 g6 47.Qd5+ Kg7 48.Qb7+ Qd7 49.Qxd7+ Kh6 50.Rh4#] 40.Rdf5 Rg8 [40...Rxf3 41.Rxf3 Rxe4+ 42.R3f4 Qg6+ 43.Kf3 Rxf4+ 44.Kxf4 Qh6+ 45.Ke4 Kh7+–] 41.Qxc3+ Qxc3 42.Rf8** Aronian will remain up an N. Morozevich resigned. [42.Kxc3 Qc8 43.Kh4 Kg8 44.Ng5 Qe8 45.Rf7 Qd8 46.e5+–] The game could have continued **42...Rh6 43.e5 Re6 44.R4f5 Rb6 45.Rh5+ Rh6 46.Rxh6+ gxh6+ 47.Rxc3+ Kxc3 48.Kh5 Kg7 49.Nd4 Kf7 50.Kxc3+– 1-0**

In Rd. 3, Carlsen temporarily sacks his N for an attack, some tactics follow, and he gets R vs N+P, but it ends in a draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2698) – Mamedyarov, S (2728) [B46]

Tal Memorial Moscow RUS (3), 08.11.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1?± [9.Bf4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Qxd1 12.Raxd1 Bb7±] 9...Be7?± [9...d4 10.Ne2 e5 11.c3 c5 12.Rb1 Be6=] 10.e5 Nd7 11.Qg4 g6 12.Na4?± [12.Bh6 Qc7 13.Qh3 Bf8 14.Bxf8 Rxf8±] 12...Qa5 13.Bh6 c5 [13...f5 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Qf4 Nh5 16.Qe5 Bf6 17.Qd6 Qxa4 18.b3 Be7 19.Qc7 Bd8 20.Qxc8 Rxc8 21.bxa4 Kd7=] 14.b3 [14.c3 Bb7 15.Bc2 Bc6 16.Qd1 Rb8=] 14...c4 15.Bf1 Bb7 16.Re3 Magnus is thinking attack, with the Bl. K in the centre ! [16.Qh3 Rg8 17.Be3 h5=] **16...Bc6 17.Qf4** looking down at the f7 square – what else does he have in mind? [17.Nb2 Ba3

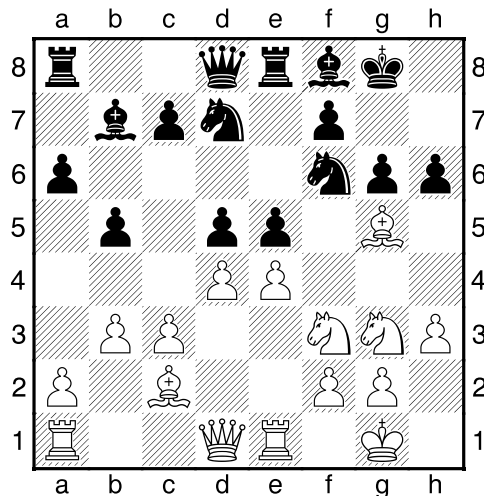
18.Rb1 Bc5 19.Ree1 Bb4 20.Red1 cxb3 21.cxb3 Bc3⌘ 17...Bxa4 18.Rf3! Magnus temporarily sacks his N 18...0-0-0 [18...f6? 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qd6 Bxa1 21.Bg5 Bf6 22.Qxe6+ Kd8 23.Bxf6+ Nxf6 24.Qxf6+ Kc7 25.Qe5+ Kb6 26.bxa4 Rhc8±] 19.Qxf7 [19.bxa4 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Rb1 Qc7 22.Qd2 Be5 23.g3 Nc5=] 19...Rhe8 20.bxa4 Magnus now gets back his minor piece; his extra P won't last long 20...Bc5 21.Rb1 [21.Qf4 Qxa4 22.c3 Qc2 23.Qg3 Rg8=] 21...Qxa4 22.Bg5 Qc6?± [22...Qxc2 23.Bxd8 Rxd8 24.Qxe6 Qxb1 25.Qxd5 Qb4 26.Bxc4 Qe1+ 27.Bf1 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Bxf8=] 23.Bxd8 [23.Re1 Rf8 24.Qg7 Rg8 25.Qh6 Rdf8 26.Qxh7 Qb6±] 23...Nxe5 Magnus now has R vs N+P 24.Rb8+?= [it is better to give back the exchange, and go up a P 24.Qxh7 Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Rxd8 26.Bh3 Re8 27.Qxg6 Kc7±] 24...Kxb8 25.Bc7+ Qxc7 26.Qxe8+ Qc8 27.Qxc8+ Kxc8 28.Rh3 Ng4 [28...h5 29.Be2 Kd7 30.Kf1 Bd6 31.c3 Nc6 32.Bd1 Ne7 33.g4 hxg4 34.Bxg4 a5=] 29.Rf3 [29.Be2 Nxf2 30.Rxh7 Ng4+ 31.Kh1 Ne3 32.c3 e5=] 29...Ne5 30.Rh3 Ng4 31.Rf3= it is interesting to note that Mamedyarov never got the advantage the whole game. ½-½

Round 5 saw an exciting game that was a repeat of an earlier game for 23 moves. Shirov had played this K-side sac against Mamedyarov in round 1, and now Grischuk played it. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Grischuk, A (2710) – Mamedyarov, S (2728) [C95]

Tal Memorial Moscow RUS (5), 11.11.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 [12...c5? 13.d5 Rb8 14.b3 Qc7 15.c4 Qa5±] 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 [14...exd4 15.cxd4 c5 16.d5 g6=] 15.b3 [15.a4 c5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Qxa8=] 15...d5 16.Bg5 h6



17.Bh4?⌘ this sacrifice is dubious at best, though when played in an earlier round by Shirov against Mamedyarov, W managed to draw, as he does here [17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.exd5 exd4 19.Ne4 Qb6 20.Nxd4 Bxd5=] 17...g5 18.Nxg5 hxg5 19.Bxg5 exd4 20.e5?⌘ Grischuk is digging himself into a bit of a hole here [20.cxd4 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Qc8 22.Bf5 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Qe8⌘] 20...Rxe5 21.Rxe5 Nxe5 22.cxd4 [22.Qxd4 Qd6 23.Qh4 Ne4 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Re8⌘] 22...Nc6 23.Qd3 [23.Rc1 Be7 24.Bh4 Qd7 25.Nf5 Qe6 26.Nxe7+ Nxe7 27.Qd2 Ne4 28.Bxe4 Qxe4⌘] 23...Nb4?⌘ Mamedyarov lets his advantage slip [23...Be7 24.a3 Ne4 25.Bxe7 Nxe7 26.Qf3 Kf8⌘] 24.Qf3 Be7 25.Bb1 Bc8 26.Qf4?⌘ Grischuk doesn't find the strongest follow-

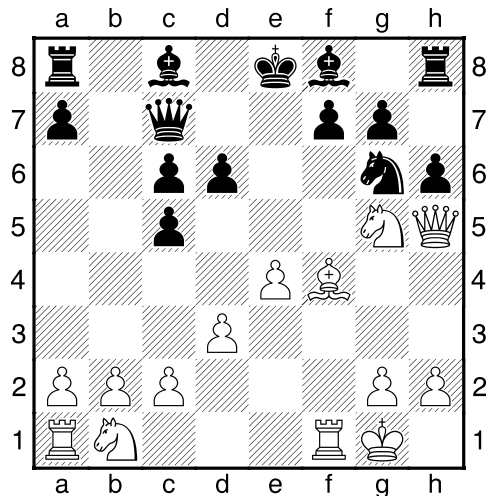
up [26.Bf4 Nc6 27.Qc3 Bd7 28.Nf5 Kh8 29.Be5 Nxe5 30.dxe5 Bxf5 31.Bxf5 b4 32.Qc6 Qe8 33.Qxc7 Ne4 34.Bxe4 dxe4] **26...Ne4??+-** Mamedyarov cracks under the pressure [26...Kf8 27.Bf5 Qd6 28.Qxd6 cxd6 29.Rc1 Bxf5 30.Nxf5 Nxa2 31.Ra1 Nc3 32.Nxe7 Kxe7 33.Re1+ Nce4 34.f3 Kd7 35.fxe4 Nxe4 36.Be3 a5] **27.Bxe7** [27.Nxe4 dxe4 28.Bxe7 Qxe7 29.Bxe4 c6 30.Rc1 f5 (30...Qe6 31.Qg5+ Kf8 32.Qd8+ Qe8 33.Qd6+ Kg7 34.Rc3 Bf5 35.Rg3+ (35.Bxf5?? Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Qxc3=) 35...Bg6 36.Bxg6 fxe6 37.Re3 Qf8 38.Re7+ Kh8 39.Qxb4+-) 31.Bxc6 Nxc6 32.Rxc6 Qg7 33.Rc3 Qf6 34.Qf3 Qxd4 35.Qc6 Kf7 36.Re3 Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Qd7 38.Qxa8+-] **27...Qxe7 28.a3??±** But Grischuk throws the win away [28.Nxe4 dxe4 29.Bxe4 c6 30.Rc1 Qe6 31.Qg5+ Kf8 32.Qd8+ Qe8 33.Qd6+ Kg7 34.Rc3 Bf5 35.Rg3+ Bg6+-] **28...Nc6 29.Bxe4 dxe4 30.Nh5?=[30.Nxe4 f5 31.Ng3 Ra7 32.Rc1 Nd8 33.Rc5 Nf7 34.Nxf5 Qf6 35.Qh4 Qxh4 36.Nxh4 Nd6±] 30...Qd6 31.Nf6+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ [32.Qg5 Nxd4 33.Nh7+ Ke8 34.Nf6+ Kf8=] 32...Ke7 33.Ng8+ Ke8 [33...Kd8?? 34.Qg5+ f6 35.Nxf6 Ne7 36.Qg7 Nf5 37.Qg8+ Ke7 38.Nd5+ Kd7 39.Qf7+ Kd8 40.Rc1 Nh6 41.Qh5 Bb7 42.Qg5+ Kc8 43.Nxc7 Kb8 44.Nxa8 Kxa8+-] 34.Nf6+ Ke7= ½-½**

In Rd. 7, Grischuk sacked a N for 3 P's, and then went on to get the pawns in queening position. Here is that game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Grischuk, A (2710) – Shirov, A (2720) [B30]

Tal Memorial Moscow, Russia (7), 14.11.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6?=[4.0-0 Qc7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Bg5 d6 7.Re1 Bd7±] 4...bxc6 5.d3 [5.0-0 d5 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Be7=] 5...Ne7 6.Qe2 [6.Nc3 d5 7.0-0 Rb8 8.Re1 Ng6 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bc1 Be7=] 6...Qc7 7.Ng5 [7.0-0 d6 8.Nbd2 Ng6 9.e5 d5=] 7...e5 8.f4 exf4 9.0-0 Ng6 10.Qh5??± Grischuk sets up an attacking position; but the line is definitely suspect [10.Nc3 c4 11.dxc4 Bb4 12.Nd1 Ba6=] 10...d6??± [10...Qe5 11.Nd2 c4 12.Ndf3 Qa5 13.e5 cxd3 14.cxd3 Ba6±] 11.Bxf4 h6



12.Nxf7! Qxf7 13.Bxd6 Qe6 14.Bxf8 [14.Bxc5? Rb8 15.Bd4 Rb5 16.Qd1 Qd7=] 14...Rxf8 15.Nd2 Bd7 [15...c4? 16.Nxc4 Ba6 17.Ne3 0-0-0 18.Qa5 Kb7±] 16.Qxc5 Qe7 17.Rxf8+ [17.Qh5 Qe6 18.Nb3 Qg4 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.Rf1+ Kg8 21.Qxg4 Bxg4±] 17...Kxf8?± [17...Nxf8 18.Qh5+ Qf7 19.Qa5 Be6 20.Rf1 Qd7 21.Nf3 Ng6±] 18.Rf1+ Kg8 19.Qxe7 Nxe7 20.Nb3 Rd8 [

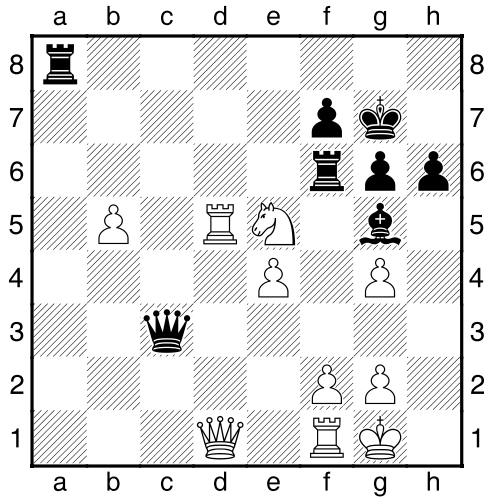
20...Rf8? 21.Nc5 Bc8 22.d4 Ng6 23.g3 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 Kf7±] **21.Nc5 Bc8 22.Kf2?±** [22.c3 Ng6 23.d4 Nf8 24.Re1 Nd7 25.Nxd7 Rxd7 26.Kf2 Kf7±] **22...Rf8+ 23.Ke2 Rxf1?±** [23...Ng6 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Kf3 Ne5+ 26.Kf4 Ng6+ 27.Kg3 Ne5 28.b4 Ke7±] **24.Kxf1 Ng6 25.b4 Kf7** [25...Nf4 26.a4 Ne6 27.Nxe6 Bxe6±] **26.Ke2 Nf4+ 27.Kf3 Ne6 28.Nb3 Ke7 29.Ke3 Kd6** [29...g5 30.d4 Nf4 31.g3 Nh5 32.Na5 Bd7±] **30.d4 Nc7 31.c4 Be6 32.Kd3 Bg8 33.a4 Ne6?+-** [33...a6 34.Nc5 Bh7 35.g4 Bg6 36.Kc3 Bf7 37.d5 cxd5 38.exd5 Bxd5 39.cxd5 Kxd5±] **34.g3 Ng5** [34...a6 35.d5 cxd5 36.exd5 Nc7 37.Kd4 Bxd5 38.cxd5 Nxd5+-] **35.Nd2** [35.e5+? Kc7 36.b5 Nf3 37.bxc6 Kxc6 38.h4 Kc7 39.Nc5 g5 40.hxg5 hxg5±] **35...a6 36.h4 Nh3 37.Ke3 g5 38.d5 cxd5 39.exd5 gxh4 40.gxh4 Bh7** [40...Bxd5 41.cxd5 Kxd5+-] **41.Ne4+ Ke5 42.Nc5 Nf4 43.d6?±** [43.a5 Bf5 44.d6 Ng2+ 45.Kf2 Nxh4 46.d7 Bxd7 47.Nxd7+ Kd6 48.Nb8 Ng6 49.Ke3 h5 50.Nxa6 Ne5+-] **43...Ne6 44.d7 Nd8 45.Nxa6 Kd6?+-** [45...Bf5 46.Nc5 Kd6 47.Kf4 Bh3 48.a5 Bf1 49.Kf5 Bxc4 50.Kg6 Nf7 51.a6 Ne5+ 52.Kxh6 Nxd7 53.a7 Nb6 54.Kg6 Be2 55.Na4 Na8 56.Nc3 Bf3 57.Kf5 (57.h5?? Bxh5+ 58.Kxh5 Kc6=) 57...Kc6 58.Kf4 Bh5 59.Kg5 Bf3±] **46.Nc5 Bg8 47.Kd4 Nc6+ 48.Kc3 Ke7** [48...Be6 49.Nxe6 Kxe6 50.b5 Nd8 51.a5 Kxd7 52.a6 Kc7 53.c5 Ne6 54.b6+ Kc6 55.a7 Kb7 56.c6+ Kxc6 57.a8Q++-] **49.b5 Ne5** [49...Na5 50.b6 Kd8 51.b7 Nxb7 52.Nxb7+ Kxd7 53.Nc5+ Kc6 54.Nd3 Kb6 55.Kb4 Bf7 56.a5+ Kb7 57.Ne5 Bh5 58.c5+-] **50.b6 Nxd7** [50...Nc6 51.b7 Kd8 52.a5 Bxc4 53.b8N Nxb8 54.Kxc4 Nc6 55.a6 Na7 56.Kd5 Ke7 57.h5 Kd8 58.Kd6 Nb5+ 59.Kc6 Na7+ 60.Kb6 Nc8+ 61.dxc8Q+ Kxc8 62.a7+-] **51.b7+- 1-0**

A very exciting game in rd. 8 was the win by Svidler over Morozevich. Here it is (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Svidler, P (2750) – Morozevich , A (2747) [A00]

Tal Memorial Moscow, Russia (8), 15.11.2006











1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0?± [8...Bg4 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 d5 11.e5 Ne4=] **9.h3 Re8** [9...Bb7 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nc3 Na5 14.Bc2 Bb4 15.Bd2 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Nc4±] **10.Ng5 Rf8 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.d4 Re8** [12...exd4 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Nc3 Na5 16.Bc2 Bb4 17.Bd2 Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Nc4±] **13.Nbd2 Bf8** [13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nb4 15.a3 Nd3 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Qb3+ d5 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Qxd3 dxe4 20.Ndxe4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Qd5 22.f3 c5±] **14.d5?±** [14.Ng5 Re7 15.d5 Na5 16.Bc2 c6 17.b4 Nc4 18.Nxc4 bxc4 19.dxc6 Bxc6±] **14...Nb8** [14...Ne7 15.a4 Qd7 16.c4 Rec8 17.Bc2 c6=] **15.Nf1** [15.a4 Nbd7 16.Bc2 c6 17.dxc6 Bxc6=] **15...Nbd7 16.N3h2 Nc5 17.Bc2 c6 18.b4 Ncd7 19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.Bg5 Qc8 21.Ng3 h6 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.Bb3** [23.Nh5 Nxh5 24.Qxh5 Be7 25.Bb3 Rf8 26.Rad1 Qb7=] **23...a5 24.bxa5 Bd7 25.Qf3 Be6** [25...Rxa5 26.Nh5 Be7 27.Red1 Ra6 28.Rab1 Rf8=] **26.Nf5 Kh7 27.Ng4 Nxb4 28.hxg4 Rxa5 29.Rad1 Ra6 30.Rd3 g6 31.Ne3 Kg7 32.Rb1 Be7 33.Qe2 Ra5 34.Rd2 Bg5 35.Rxd6 Bxb3?±** [35...Qxc3 36.Bxe6 Rxe6 37.Rxe6 fxe6=] **36.axb3 Qxc3?±** Morozevich would do better to get rid of that N which plays a significant role in future, and take the gP [36...Bxe3 37.Qxe3 Qxg4 38.Rd5 Qf4 39.Qxf4 exf4±] **37.Nd5 Qc8 38.Rb6 Ra7** [38...Qd7 39.b4 Ra3 40.Qxb5 Qc8±] **39.Rxb5** Svidler goes up a P **39...Qa6 40.Nb4 Qe6 41.Nd3 Qa6 42.Rd5 Rc7?+-** [42...Rd8 43.Rd1 Rad7 44.Qf3 Rxd5 45.exd5 Qd6±] **43.b4 Qc4** [43...Bf6 44.b5 Qb6 45.Ra1 Ra7 46.Rd1 Rd8 47.Rxd8 Qxd8+-] **44.Qe1?±** [44.b5 Rb7 45.Kf1 Qc3 46.Nc5 Rc7 47.Nd7 Re7 48.Rbd1 Qb3 49.Nxe5 Rc2 50.Qd3 Qb2 51.Qd4 Qxd4 52.R1xd4 Bf6 53.Rc4 Rxc4 54.Nxc4 Rxe4+-] **44...Qc2 45.Nc5 Rc6?+-** [45...Rec8 46.Rbd1 Be7 47.Rc1 Qb2 48.Qc3 Qxc3 49.Rxc3 Rb8 50.Rc4 Bxc5 51.Rcxc5 Rxc5 52.bxc5 Rb1+ 53.Kh2 Kf6±] **46.Qd1 Qa2 47.Qb3** [47.b5 Rf6 48.Nd3 Qc4 49.Qe1 Qc7+-] **47...Qe2 48.Qd3 Qa2** [48...Qxg4 49.b5 Rb6 50.Nd7 Rb7 51.Nxe5 Qh4 52.Nd7 Rc8+-] **49.b5 Rf6 50.Rf1 Ra8 51.Qb3** [51.Rxe5?? Ra3 52.Qd1 Bh4 53.Rd5 Bxf2+ 54.Kh2 Qc4=] **51...Qe2 52.Qd1 Qb2 53.Nd3 Qc3 54.Nxe5** Svidler goes up 2 P's



54...Rxf2?! [54...Rf4 55.b6 Rxe4 56.Nxf7! Be7+- (56...Kxf7? 57.Rd7+ Ke8 58.Rc7 Qd4 59.b7 Rb8 60.Rc8+ Ke7 61.Rxb8 Bf4 62.Qxd4 Rxd4 63.Re1+ Kf7+-)] 55.Rxf2 Ra1 56.Rxf7+ Kg8 57.Rf1 Rxd1 58.Rfxd1 Svidler has 2R's+2P's (both passed) vs Q 58...Qg3 [58...Qe3+ 59.Kh1 Qxe4 60.b6 Qb4 61.Rd6 Qb5 62.Rxg6+ Kf8 63.Re6 Bh4+-] 59.Nf3 Be3+ 60.Kh1 Qxg4 61.Rd8+ Kg7 62.R1d7+ [62.e5 Qh5+ 63.Nh2 Kf7 64.e6+ Kf6 (64...Kxe6? 65.Re1+-) 65.Re1 Qxb5 66.Rf8+ Ke7 67.Rf7+ Kxe6 68.Rf3+-] 62...Kf6 63.Rf8+ [63.Rd5?? Qxe4 64.R8d6+ Kg7 65.Rd7+ Kf6 66.R5d6+ Kf5 67.Rf7+ Kg4 68.Rxg6+ Bg5 69.b6 Kh5 70.Rxg5+ hxg5 71.b7 Qb4²; 63.Rf7+! Ke6 64.Re8+ Kxf7 65.Ne5+ Kxe8 66.Nxg4 Bf4+-] 63...Ke6 64.Rd5 Ke7 [64...g5 65.Re8+ Kf6 66.Rd6+ Kg7 67.Rg6+ Kh7 (67...Kxg6 68.Ne5+ Kh5 69.Nxg4 Kxg4+-) 68.Re7+ Kxg6 (68...Kh8 69.Rxh6+ Kg8 70.Re8+ Kg7 71.Rg6+ Kh7 72.Re7+ Kh8 73.Rd6 Qh5+ 74.Nh2 Qxh2+ 75.Kxh2 Bf4+ 76.g3 Bxd6+-) 69.Ne5+-] 65.Rf7+ Ke8 66.Rh7 Qf4 67.Re5+ Kd8 68.Re6 Qg4 69.Rh8+ Kc7 70.b6+ Bxb6 71.Rc6+ Kb7 72.Rh7+ Ka8 [72...Ka6 73.Rxh6 Qxe4 74.Rhxg6 Qb1+ 75.Kh2 Ka5 76.Rxb6+-] 73.Rxh6 [73.Rxb6?? Qh5+ 74.Kg1 Qc5+ 75.Kh2 Qxb6=] 73...Be3 74.Rh8+ Kb7 75.Rh7+ Kb8 76.Rf6 Bc5?+- [76...Qc8 77.Rxg6 Qc1+ 78.Kh2 Bf4+ 79.g3 Qc2+ 80.Kh3 Qc8+ 81.g4 Qc4 82.Kh4 Bc7+-] 77.Rff7 [77.e5 Qc8 78.Rxg6 Qd8 79.Kh2 Be3 80.Rhg7 Qd5 81.Rf6 Qd8 82.Rff7 Kc8 83.e6+-] 77...Qc8 78.Ne5 Bd6 79.Nc6+! Qxc6 80.Rh8+- 1-0

The final standings were :

Final standings Tal Memorial 2006

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0		
1	 Leko, P	2741	+63	*	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	5.5 / 9	23.75
2	 Ponomarev, R	2703	+105	½	*	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	5.5 / 9	23.50
3	 Aronian, L	2741	+63	½	½	*	½	½	½	0	1	1	1	5.5 / 9	22.50
4	 Gelfand, B	2733	+32	0	½	½	*	½	½	1	½	1	½	5.0 / 9	
5	 Mamedyarov, S	2728	-1	½	½	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	½	4.5 / 9	20.25
6	 Grischuk, A	2710	+19	½	0	½	½	½	*	1	1	½	0	4.5 / 9	20.00
7	 Svidler, P	2750	-25	½	½	1	0	½	0	*	½	½	1	4.5 / 9	19.75
8	 Shirov, A	2720	-70	½	½	0	½	½	0	½	*	½	½	3.5 / 9	15.75
9	 Carlsen, M	2698	-46	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	*	½	3.5 / 9	15.50
10	 Morozevich, A	2747	-142	0	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	½	*	3.0 / 9	



Aronian

Ponomarev

Leko

Candidates' Matches Now Set for May, 2007

The pairings for the first round of candidates' matches are :

1. Levon Aronian (Armenia - 2761) vs Magnus Carlsen (Norway - 2698)
2. Peter Leko (Hungary - 2738) vs Mikhail Gurevich (Turkey - 2643)
3. Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine - 2721) vs Sergei Rublevsky (Russia - 2667)
4. Boris Gelfand (Israel - 2729) vs Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan -2672)
5. Etienne Bacrot (France - 2707) vs Gata Kamsky (USA - 2697)
6. Alexander Grischuk (Russia - 2709) vs Vladimir Malakhov (Russia - 2691)
7. Judit Polgar (Hungary - 2710) vs Evgeny Bareev (Russia - 2683)
8. Alexei Shirov (Spain - 2716) vs Michael Adams (England - 2732)

In the second round the winner of match # 1 will play the winner of match # 8; the winner of match # 2 will play the winner of match # 7; etc.. Thus the final four from the candidates' matches will be determined, and they will join the top four from the 2005 FIDE World Championship (Vladimir Kramnik- Russia – 2006 World Champion - 2743 [replacing Veselin Topalov, 2005 FIDE World Champion – Bulgaria – 2801]; Viswanathan Anand, 2000 FIDE World Champion – India – 2792; Peter Svidler – Russia – 2765; Alexander Morozevich – Russia – 2721) in the 2007 FIDE World Championship in Mexico.

It has now been announced that both rounds of the Candidates Matches for the 2007 World Championship Tournament will take place in Elista, 26 May – 14 June 2007. The prize fund for each match of both rounds will be USD 40,000. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, FIDE President, a millionaire, will personally contribute 320,000 USD towards the total prize fund and a further USD 160,000 will be contributed by FIDE.

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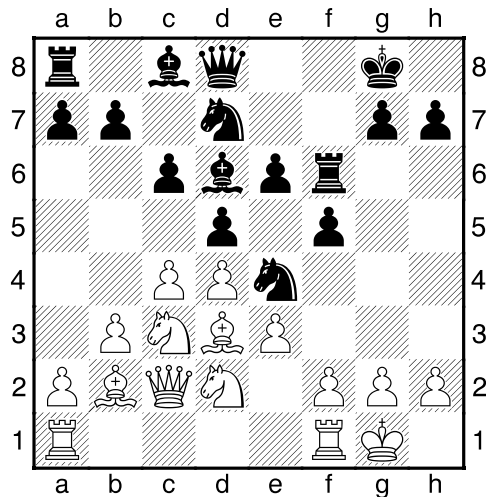
On Thursday, Nov. 2, a new one-section, 7 round swiss began. 44 players registered (a new record turnout for the last few years). After 5 rounds, John Hall, one of the four experts in the club, is in sole possession of 1st place. Tied for 2nd/5th are : Bryan Lamb, highest rated player in the club; expert junior, Aman Hambleton; Donal Deiseach, one of last year's club co-champions; and Randy Moysoski.

Rd. 2 saw an upset on Bd. 2, in a nice sacrificial K-side attack, as Alex Rapoport, one of last year's co-champions, defeated the third highest rated player in the club, junior Aman Hambleton. Here is their miniature (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hambleton, A (2031) – Rapoport, A (1917) [A84]

SCC Late Fall Swiss Scarborough Chess Club (3), 16.11.2006

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 f5?± [4...Nf6=] 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Qc2?=[7.0-0 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nd7 9.b3 0-0±] 7...Ne4 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Nd7 10.Bb2 Rf6 [10...Ng5 11.Nxg5 Qxg5 12.a4 Qh6 13.h3 f4 14.exf4 Qxf4 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.g3 Qh6 17.Bd3 Qxh3=] 11.Nd2??+ Aman misses the tactic in this position – but Alex doesn't [11.a4 Rh6 12.h3 Qf6 13.a5 Qg6=]



11...Bxh2+! 12.Kh1 [12.Kxh2?? Rh6+ 13.Kg1 Qh4 14.Ndxh2 Qh2#] 12...Nxd2 [a good line is 12...Rh6 13.Nf3 Qe8 14.Nxe4 Bf4+ 15.Kg1 dxe4 16.Rfd1 exf3 17.gxf3 (17.exf4?? Qh5 18.Bxf5 Qh1#) 17...Qh5 18.Kf1 Qxf3 19.Ke1 Bxe3 20.Bf1 (20.fxe3?? Qxe3+ 21.Kf1 Rh1+ 22.Kg2 Qh3+ 23.Kf2 Rh2+ 24.Ke1 Qg3+ 25.Kf1 Rh1+ 26.Ke2 Qg2+ 27.Ke3 Rh3+ 28.Kf4 Rf3#) 20...Rh2-+]
13.Kxh2?? this leads to mate [13.Qxd2 Rh6 14.g3 Bxg3+ 15.Kg2 Rh2+ 16.Kf3 (16.Kxg3??

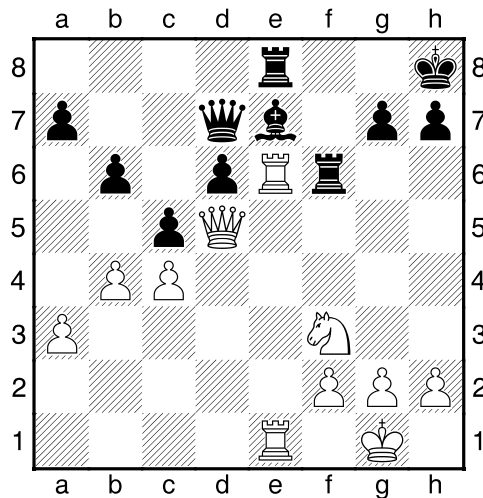
Qh4+ 17.Kf3 Qg4#) 16...Qh4 17.Ke2 Bxf2 18.Kd1 Nf6-+] **13...Rh6+ 14.Kg1 Nf3+** Aman resigned. The mate is **15.gxf3 Qg5# 0-1**

Another interesting game from Rd. 3 saw Jim Roe upset Josh Sherman with a nice rook sac, with potential for a back-rank mate. Here is their game (Annotations by Jim Roe/Fritz 9 and additional annotations by Bob Armstrong (B.A.)):

Roe, J (1548) – Sherman, J (1691) [A60]

SCC Late Fall Swiss Toronto, Canada (3), 16.11.2006

A60: Modern Benoni: Early Divergences **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.Nxd5 Nxd5 6.Qxd5** last book move **6...Be7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3** Secures b4 [8.e4 d6=] **8...d6** Covers e5 **9.Bd2 Be6** Black threatens to win material: Be6xd5 **10.Qd3 0-0 11.e3** Controls d4 **11...Qc7 12.e4 Rad8** [12...Bf6 13.Bc3 Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3] **13.Bc3 Na5 14.Bxa5** [14.Qc2 Rfe8] **14...Qxa5** **15.Qd2** White threatens to win material: Qd2xa5 **15...Qa4 16.Rc1 f5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Bd3 Rde8** [18...Bxd3!? has some apparent merit 19.Qxd3 Qa5+ 20.Qd2 Qxd2+ 21.Kxd2 Rxf3 22.gxf3 Bg5+ 23.Kd3 Bxc1 24.Rxc1 d5] **19.0-0 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Qc6 21.Rcd1 Rf4** [21...Qa4 22.b4 cxb4 23.axb4 Qxb4 24.Rb1] **22.b3 Qc7** [22...Qe4 this is the best bet to save the position] **23.Rfe1 Rff8 24.Qd5+ Kh8 25.Re6** The backward pawn on d6 becomes a target **25...Rf6??+-** Josh defends the dP the wrong way [B.A. 25...Rd8 26.Rd3 a6 27.Rde3 Bf6 28.Ng5 Bxg5 29.Qxg5 Qf7 30.f3 b5] **26.Rde1 Qd7 27.b4?±** [B.A. 27.R6e2 g6 28.Ne5 Qf5 29.f3 dxe5 30.Rxe5 Qf4 31.Rxe7 Rxe7 32.Qd8+ Rf8 33.Qxe7 Qd4+ 34.Kh1 Rd8 35.Qxb7 Qe5 36.Qe4 Qxe4 37.fxe4 Kg7+-] **27...b6?+-** Josh doesn't see the sacrificial threat on the back rank [B.A. 27...Rxe6 28.Rxe6 Rd8 29.b5 Bf6]



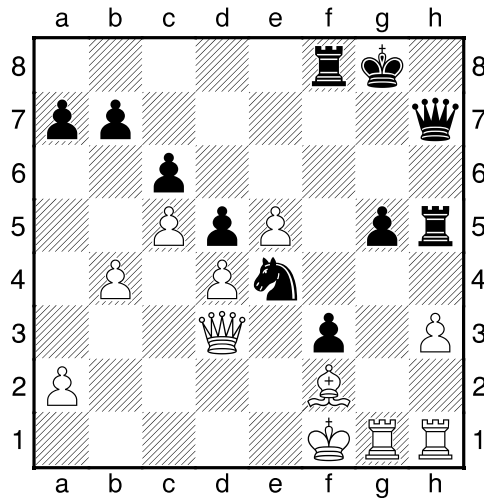
28.Rxe7!!+- B.A. Josh resigned. There is nothing Bl. can do now, except sac his Q **28...Qxe7** [28...Rxe7?? 29.Qa8+ Re8 30.Qxe8+ Qxe8 31.Rxe8+ Rf8 32.Rxf8#] **29.Rxe7 Ref8+- 1-0**

Round 4 saw a big upset on Bd. 2, as Silvano Mesiti then defeated Alex Rapoport (one of last year's club co-champions), with a nice finishing sac, after pressing on the K-side. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Rapoport, A (1917) – Mesiti, S (1633) [D00]

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1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nc6 3.f4 Bf5 4.c3 [4.Bb5 Qd6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bd3 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.b3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nb4 10.Qe2 c5=] 4...Nf6 [4...e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bb5 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0=] 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 [6.Bb5 Nd7 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Ne5 Ncb8=] 6...Bxd3 [6...Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 Ne4 9.Qc2 Qf6=] 7.Qxd3 interestingly, Alex's Q never moves from this square for the rest of the game, and it eventually proves to be a fatal square to be on 7...Be7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.0-0 Nd7??± [9...Bd6 10.b3 a5 11.a4 Ne7 12.Ne5 Rc8=] 10.e4 f5 [10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nf6 12.Nfg5 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Bxg5 14.fxg5 Rb8±] 11.exd5 exd5 12.Ne5 Bd6 13.Ndf3 Ne7 14.Ng5 Rf6 15.Be3 h6 16.Ngf3 c6 17.Rae1 Qc7 18.Bf2 Re6 19.c4 [19.Bh4 Nf6 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.Re2 Re8 22.Rfe1 Re6±] 19...Nf6 20.c5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5?=[21.dxe5 Ne4 22.a3 Rg6 23.b4 Rg4 24.Be3 b6±] 21...Ne4 22.h3 Rf8 23.Be3 Ng6 24.b4 Nxe5 25.fxe5 g5?± [25...b5 26.Rf4 a5 27.a3 axb4 28.axb4 Qf7 29.Ref1 Qg6=] 26.g4?=[26.Bc1 f4 27.a3 Rfe8 28.Rf3 b6 29.h4 bxc5 30.bxc5 Kf7 31.g3 Rg8 32.gxf4 gxf4+ 33.Kh2 Reg6±] 26...f4 27.Bf2??± Silvano finally gets the advantage [27.Bc1 b5 28.Qb3 a5 29.a3 a4 30.Qf3 Qf7=] 27...Qh7 this eventually turns out to be a most advantageous square for the Q to be on 28.Kg2?+- Alex is lost from this point on [28.Rd1 h5 29.Qf3 hxg4 30.Qxg4 Rh6 31.Kh2 Qf5 32.Qxf5 Rxf5±] 28...h5 this could be a dangerous attack 29.Rh1 [29.gxh5 Qxh5 30.Rh1 g4 31.hxg4 Qxg4+ 32.Kf1 Rg6 33.Rxe4 Qg2+ 34.Ke2 dxe4 35.Qh3 Qxh3 36.Rxh3 Rg2 37.Kf1 Rg4-+] 29...Rh6 [29...hxg4 30.Rxe4 dxe4 31.Qb3 gxh3+ 32.Rxh3 Qg6 33.Be1 g4 34.Rh4 e3 35.Kg1 Rd8-+] 30.gxh5 Rxh5 [30...f3+ 31.Kg1 Rxh5 32.Rxe4 Rxh3 33.Rxh3 Qxh3 34.Rg4 Qxg4+ 35.Kf1 Kg7 36.Ke1 Rf4 37.Kd1 Re4 38.Qd2 Re2-+] 31.Reg1??+- a blunder [31.Qf3 Kf7 32.a4 Rh8 33.h4 Qf5 34.Be3 Rxh4 35.Rxh4 Rxh4 36.Bc1 Ng3-+] 31...f3+ 32.Kf1 [32.Kh2 Rxh3#]



32...Ng3+-+ the N is sacked, winning Alex's Q !! 0-1

Rd. 4 also saw an interesting game between Joe Bellomo and Lui Morra. Near the end, there are some interesting tactics in the game, and also some in the alternate lines that weren't played. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morra, L (1538) – Bellomo, J (1662) [B52]

SCC Late Fall Swiss Scarborough Chess Club (4), 23.11.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bc4 e6 5.a4?=[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.0-0 a6 7.a4 Qa5 8.Ra3 Be7±] 5...Nf6 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.c3 Be7 8.d4?± [8.d3 d5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.0-0 Qb6 11.Nbd2 Rad8=] 8...cxd4 9.cxd4 0-0?=[9...d5 10.exd5 exd5 11.Bb5 0-0 12.0-0 Re8±] 10.Nc3 Rc8 11.0-0 Na5?± [11...Qc7 12.Ba2 Nb4 13.Bb3 Bc6 14.Bf4 a5=] 12.Ba2 a6 [12...Nc6 13.e5 Ne8 14.Bb1 Nb4 15.Qe4 f5 16.Qxb7 (16.Qe2? Bc6=) 16...Rb8 17.Qxa7 d5 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Nc6 20.Qc5 Qxg5 21.Nxd5 Qd2 22.Nb6 Nxd4 23.Ba2 Bc6 24.Rfd1 Qg5 25.Bxe6+ Nxe6 26.Qxc6 Nf4±] 13.e5 Ne8 14.d5 exd5 15.Nxd5 Be6?± Lui gets a " clear " advantage [15...Nc6 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Qd3 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Re1 Bd6±] 16.Be3 Bxd5 17.Bxd5 dxe5 18.Rfd1 Qc7 [18...Nd6? 19.Nxe5 Bf6 20.Nxf7 Rxf7 21.Qh5 Qc7 22.Rac1 Nc6 23.Bf4 g6 24.Qh3 Rd8 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Qxh7+ Bg7+-] 19.Rab1??± [19.Rac1 Nc6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qxa6 Nf6 22.Qb6 e4 23.Qxc7 Rxc7 24.Ne5 c5±] 19...Nc6??± [19...Nf6 20.b4 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.Qxc4 Rxc4 23.Nxe5 Rxb4 24.Bg5 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 Rd8±] 20.Be4??± now Joe has the " clear " advantage [20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qxa6 e4 22.Nd2 Nf6 23.Qc4 Ng4 24.Nf1 Bd6 25.h3 Nxe3 26.Nxe3 Rfe8±] 20...Nf6 21.Bf5 Rcd8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Bg5 Qa5 24.b3?+- Lui fails to see the tactic Joe has set up with his last move [24.Bc2 h6 25.Bxf6 Bxf6 26.Qe4 g6 27.b4 Qc7±] 24...Qb4?± Joe misses the tactical shot in the position [24...e4! 25.Bxh7+ (25.Ne1? Qxf5-+; 25.Bxe4? Nxe4 26.Bxe7 Nc3 27.Qe3 Nxe7 28.Re1 Ng6-+) 25...Kxh7 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27.Qxe4+ Kg8 28.Qc4 Qf5-+] 25.Nxe5 Nxe5?± quite a see-saw battle [25...Nd4 26.Qd3 Nxf5 27.Qxf5 Qxb3 28.h3 Qd5±] 26.Qxe5 Qxb3! the back rank mate tactic 27.h4??+- this solves none of Lui's problems [27.Re1 Qb4 28.Bc2 Bd6 29.Qa1 Re8 30.Rb1 Be5 31.Rxb4 Bxa1 32.g3 Rb8±] 27...Rd1+??= Joe misses the winning line; this can allow a perpetual by Lui [27...Qxb1+!! 28.Bxb1 Rd1+ 29.Kh2 Ng4+ 30.Kg3 Nxe5 31.Bc2 Rd7 32.Bf5 Rc7 33.Bxe7 Rxe7-+] 28.Rxd1??+- Lui misses the perpetual; this loses Lui's Q [28.Kh2! Rxb1 29.Qxe7 Rd1 30.Bxf6 gxf6 31.Qxf6 Qxa4 32.Bxh7+ Kf8 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qe5+ Kd8 35.Qb8+ Kd7 36.Bf5+ Ke7 37.Qe5+ Kf8 38.Qh8+]=] 28...Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 Bd6-+ 0-1

A Typical Thursday Night at SCC





SCC Starts GTCL League Play – Against Itself!

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); BOTS (Conrad Ho); Willowdale CC; Brampton CC and Knights of Chess.

In the first match of the season, SCC “ A “ was paired against SCC “ B “ ! It was a hard fought evening, with the A team winning 2.5 : 1.5. The individual results were :

<u>“ A “</u>	<u>“ B “</u>
Donal Deiseach 1 : 0	Steve Karpik
Josh Sherman 0 : 1	Jan Chuderski
Maurice Smith .5 : .5	Aaron Yu
Andrew Philip 1 : 0	Dinesh Dattani

The upset of the night was on Bd. 2 where the oldest player in the club, Jan Chuderski, upended much younger Josh Sherman.

Stephen Leacock Student Chess Tournament

Saturday, December 16th, 2006
 Stephen Leacock Collegiate Institute
 2450 Birchmount Rd Toronto, Ontario M1T 2M5

Advance Registration Only: \$15 per player. Pay at site.

Sections: Grade 1-6 Grade 7-9 Grade 10-12

Prizes: CFC rated. Based on 100 participants.

For each section: 1st \$ 150
 2nd \$ 100
 3rd \$ 50

Automatic free ribbon prizes for all participants.

Schedule:	Registration	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Round 3	1:35 pm – 3:05 pm
	Round 1	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Round 4	3:10 pm – 4:40 pm
	Round 2	11:05 am – 12:35 pm	Round 5	4:45 pm – 6:15 pm
	Lunch	12:35 pm – 1:35 pm	Closing	6:15 pm – 6:30 pm

Time Control: 45 minutes per player – set clocks to 5:15

Bring: **Chess Set & Clock.** [Paper boards are provided.]

We'll be selling **chess sets** and **clocks**, and other **merchandise** at location.

There will also be **pizza** and **pop** on sale from 12:15 pm till 1:45 pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Edward Phung (Tournament Director)

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Registration: Mail all entries postmarked on or before Monday, December 4th, 2006
Fax / e-mail all entries on or before Monday, December 11th, 2006

Cost: \$15 per player. With mailed entries, make cheque payable to Stephen Leacock CI. For fax or e-mail entries, it is requested that you pay the cash fee at site.

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Year Month

Day
School: _____ Grade: _____

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ID number: _____ Leave blank if un-rated.
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- I would like to buy a CFC membership : \$14 basic fee or \$27 fee with magazine
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Holidays Open Tournament – Upcoming

This tournament will be played at the rate of one game per day, except Tuesday, Dec. 26 (2 games), from Dec. 26 – 30 at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, Suite 202. It is a one-section swiss, and is a GTCL Grand Prix event. Also, the top finishing junior will be declared the Ontario Junior Champion, and will qualify as the provincial representative in the Canadian Junior Championship. Time control is game in 150 min.. Entry fee is \$ 55 (non-members of BGC pay \$ 25 extra). Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Enter by Dec. 17, and your name will be entered in the “ Early Bird Draw “ (winners get full entry fee rebate). Maximum participation is 60 players. For information, contact Vlad Dobrich – 416-722-9709.

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