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Deep Fritz Wins the Man vs Machine Match Against World Champion Kramnik



This was a 6-game match held in Bonn, Germany from November 25 to December 5 – a game was 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 (rated at about 2800). 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 was 500,000 Euros. If he won the match Kramnik would have gotten one million Euros.

After 6 games, Deep Fritz won the match, with 2 wins and 4 draws. This is the first time a computer has defeated a reigning world champion in a full match. But we don't think it can yet be said that computers are superior to humans in chess. Kramnik twice had winning chances against Deep Fritz in game 1, and failed to bring it home. And Fritz' Game 2 win was because Kramnik made a colossal blunder in Game 2 (missing a 1-move mate !!), after Deep Fritz never having the advantage in that whole game, until the blunder. This game should have been drawn. Game 5 saw another game where Deep Fritz never got the advantage the whole game, and for a while, Kramnik had a " clear " advantage, so the Machine was inferior to man in this game. Game 6 was a clear win for Deep Fritz. So theoretically, Kramnik could have drawn this match if he'd won Game 1 and drawn Game 2. So the jury is still out on whether Machines are yet superior to Man in this Game of Kings – but GM's are now put on notice that the computers are still determined to march to superiority.

Game 4 was a rather quiet game with Deep Fritz getting a " slight " advantage on move 13, but with Kramnik stonewalling it at this evaluation until the draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

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

World Chess Challenge Bonn, Germany (4), 01.12.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5 5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.Nxd7 Bxd7 7.0-0 Bd6? [7...Qh4 8.Qf3 Be7 9.c4 0-0 10.Qf4 (10.cxd5 Nf6 11.Bf4 Bg4 12.Qg3 Qxg3 13.Bxg3 Nxd5=) 10...c6=] **8.Qh5 Qf6?!** Kramnik offers the sac of the dP; generally it's not good to give material to a computer [8...Nf6 9.Re1+ Be7 10.Qe2 Be6±] **9.Nc3?**= DF refuses the offer of a free P! [9.Qxd5 Bc6 10.Qc4 0-0 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Rfe8 13.Bd2 Qh4 14.h3 Rad8±] **9...Qxd4 10.Nxd5** [10.Be3 Nf6 11.Bxd4 Nxh5 12.Nxd5 Be6 13.Nc3 a6=] **10...Bc6 11.Ne3 g6 12.Qh3** [12.Qh4 Rd8 13.Rd1 Bc5 14.a3 Qf6=] **12...Ng5 13.Qg4 Qf4?**± the immediate exchange of Q's favours B!; DF now holds onto this " slight " advantage. [13...Qxg4 14.Nxg4 Ne6 15.Re1 0-0-0=] **14.Qxf4 Bxf4 15.Nc4** [15.Ng4 Ne6 16.Re1 0-0 17.Bxf4 Nxf4±] **15...Ne6 16.Bxf4** [16.Re1 0-0 (16...Bxc1? 17.Raxc1 Rd8 18.Na5 Bd5 19.Bb5+ Kf8±) 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Rfe8±] **16...Nxf4 17.Rfe1+ Kf8 18.Bf1** [18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Ne6 20.Rae1 Rd8±] **18...Bb5** [18...Rd8 19.Na5 Bd5 20.c4 Be6 21.b4 Bc8±] **19.a4 Ba6** [19...Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Rd8 21.g3 Nh5 22.Rad1 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Ke7±] **20.b4** [20.Rad1 Ne6 21.Rd7 Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8±] **20...Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Rd8 22.Re4 Nh5** [22...g5? 23.h4 h6 24.Rae1 a6±] **23.Rae1 Rd7** [23...Nf6 24.Re7 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Nxd7 26.a5 c6±] **24.h3 Ng7** [24...Nf6 25.R4e3 h6 26.c3 c6 27.Bb3 Rh7 28.g3 Rd2 29.Kg2 h5 30.a5 b5 31.Re7 Rd7 32.Rxd7 Nxd7±] **25.Re5 Nf5** [25...c6 26.b5 cxb5 27.axb5 Nf5 28.Bd3 Nd4±] **26.Bb5 c6 27.Bd3 Nd6** [27...Nd4 28.Re8+ Kg7 29.R1e7 Rxe7 30.Rxe7 Rb8 31.Rd7 Ne6 32.Bc4 Kf6±] **28.g4** after establishing a space advantage on the Q-side, DF now goes at trying to do the same on the K-side **28...Kg7 29.f4 Rhd8 30.Kg2 Nc8** [30...a6 31.Kf3 h6 32.g5 Nc8±] **31.a5 Rd4 32.R5e4 Kf8** [32...f5? 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.Bxf5 Nd6 36.Bd3 Rxb4 37.Re6 Rd4±] **33.Kf3 h6** [33...Rxe4 34.Bxe4 Nd6 35.Bd3 f5 36.gxf5 Nxf5 37.Bxf5 gxf5±] **34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.Re4 Rd6** [35...Rd7 36.Re3 Ne7 37.c4 f5 38.gxf5 Nxf5 39.Bxf5 gxf5±] **36.Ke3 g5 37.Rd4 Ke7 38.c4 Rxd4 39.Kxd4 gxf4 40.Ke4 Kf6** [40...Ke6 41.Kxf4 Ne7±] **41.Kxf4 Ne7 42.Be4 b6** [42...Ng6+? 43.Ke3

Ke5 44.a6 b5 45.Bxc6 Ne7 (45...bxc4 46.b5 Ne7 47.Bb7 h5 48.b6 axb6 49.a7 hxg4 50.hxg4 f5 51.g5 c3 52.a8Q+-) 46.Bxb5 f5 47.gxf5 Nxf5+ 48.Kd3 Kd6+-] **43.c5 bxc5 44.bxc5 Ng6+ 45.Ke3 Ne7 46.Kd4 Ke6 47.Bf3 f5 48.Bd1** [48.gxf5+? Kxf5 49.Bh5 Kf4 50.Be8 Nf5+ 51.Kc4 Ne7 52.a6 Kg3 53.Kd4 Kf4= (53...Kxh3?? 54.Ke5 Nd5 55.Bxc6 Nc7 56.Bd7+ Kg3 57.Kd6 Nxa6 58.c6 Nb8 59.c7 Nxd7 60.Kxd7 h5 61.c8Q h4 62.Qc3+ Kg2 63.Qd2+ Kf3 64.Qh2 Kg4 65.Qg2+ Kf4 66.Qh3 Kg5 67.Qf3 Kh6 68.Qf6+ Kh5 69.Qf5+ Kh6 70.Ke8 Kg7 71.Qg5+ Kh7 72.Kf7 h3 73.Qg7#)] **48...Kf6 49.Bc2 fxg4?±** Kramnik misses the shortest way to a draw [49...Ke6 50.Ba4 Kf6 51.gxf5 Kxf5 52.h4 Kf4 53.h5 Nf5+ 54.Kd3 Ne7 55.Bd1 Ke5=] **50.hxg4 Ke6 51.Bb1 Kf6 52.Be4 Ke6 53.Bh1 Kf6** despite the drawn nature of the position, Fritz still scored itself as having a " slight " advantage **54.Bf3 Ke6=** the game was agreed drawn ½-½

Game 5 saw Kramnik get a " clear " advantage early (move 15 !) but he let it slip back into equality, which then maintained 'til the end when it was drawn. As in Game 1, and in Game 2 (except for the blunder), Deep Fritz never got the advantage in this game. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

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

World Chess Challenge Bonn, Germany (5), 03.12.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 [4...Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.cxd5 exd5=] **5.e3 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c5** [7...b6 8.Bd3 Ba6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.Qd3 Qc8=] **8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Rc1 Re8 10.Bd3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 e5** [11...Qa5 12.0-0 b5 13.Be2 c4=] **12.dxe5 Qxd1+** [12...Ng4 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.c4 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6=] **13.Rxd1 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Rxe5 15.Be2 Bd7??±** more of an error than one might expect from DF [15...Bf5 16.c4 Re6 17.0-0 Rae8 18.Bd3 Bg6 19.Bxf6 gxf6=] **16.c4 Re7 17.h4?±** Kramnik passes on his chance to give Fritz doubled isolated fP's, perhaps because he wanted to keep the Bishop pair; but he loses his " clear " advantage [17.Bf3? Ne8 18.Rd2 Be6 19.0-0 Rb8 20.Be2 Bd7±; 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Rd6 Bc6 (18...f5 19.g3 Bc6 20.0-0 Re6±) 19.0-0 (19.Rxf6?? Rd8 20.h4 Kf8 21.Rh2 Red7 22.Bh5 Kg7 23.Rf4 Rd3 24.Rxf7+ Kh6 25.Rf5 Rxa3=) 19...f5±] **17...Ne4 18.h5?±** Kramnik's advantage has slipped away from him [18.0-0? Ba4 19.Rd5 Bc6 20.Rf5 a6=; 18.Bf3 Ba4 19.Rd5 b6± (19...Bc6 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Rxc5 Rg4 22.Rg5 Rxc5 23.hxg5 Bxc2 24.Rh2 Bc6±)] **18...Ba4 19.Rd3** Kramnik decides he cannot afford to abandon the open d-file [19.Rb1 Rd8 20.Rh4 b6=; 19.Rd5 Bc6 20.Rd3 b5=] **19...b5** Deep Fritz works to obtain a passed P on the Q-side **20.cxb5** [20.Rd5 bxc4 21.Bxc4 Rb7 22.Bc1 Bc6 23.Re5 Rd8=] **20...Bxb5 21.Rd1** [21.Rd5 Bc6 22.Rd1 Rb7 23.Ba1 Rb3 24.h6 g6 25.Rd3 Rab8 26.0-0 R3b6=] **21...Bxe2** [21...Ba4? 22.Rc1 Rb8 23.Ba1 Bb5 24.Bf3 c4 25.Bd4 f5±; 21...Ng3?? 22.Bf3 (22.fxg3?? Rxe3 23.Rd2 Rae8 24.0-0 Rxe2 25.Rxe2 Rxe2 26.Bc3 Bd3 27.h6 gxh6-+) 22...Ne4 23.Rd5 Rb8 24.Bxe4 Rxe4 25.Rxc5 Ba6±] **22.Kxe2 Rb8** [22...f5 23.Rd5 Rb8=] **23.Ba1 f5** [23...f6 24.Rd3 c4 25.Rd4 Rb3 26.Rxc4 Rxa3=] **24.Rd5** [24.Rd3 c4 25.Rd4 Rb3 26.Rxc4 Rxa3=] **24...Rb3 25.Rxf5 Rxa3 26.Rb1** [26.Be5? Ra2+ 27.Kf3 Nd2+ 28.Kg4 c4±] **26...Re8 27.Rf4** [27.Re5 Rxe5 28.Rb8+ Kf7 29.Bxe5 Ra2+ 30.Kf3 Nd2+ 31.Kg4 g6 32.h6 Ne4=] **27...Ra2+ 28.Ke1 h6 29.Rg4** [29.Bb2 a5 30.Rg4 g5 31.hxg6 Nxf2 32.Kxf2 Rb8 33.Kf3 Raxb2 34.Rxb2 Rxb2=] **29...g5 30.hxg6 Nxf2** [30...c4?? 31.Rxe4 Ra8+- (31...Rxe4?? 32.Rb8+ Re8 33.Rxe8#)] **31.Rh4 Rf8** [31...Nd3+ 32.Kf1 Ne5 33.Rxh6 Kg7 34.Rh5 Kxg6 35.Rxe5 Rxa1 36.Rxa1 Rxe5=] **32.Kf1 Nh3+** [32...Ng4+ 33.Kg1 Ra4 34.Rh5 Rb4=] **33.Ke1 Nf2** [33...Ng1?? 34.Rf4 Rxc2 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8 36.g7+ Kf7 37.Rb7+ Ke6 38.Rxa7 h5 39.Ra8 Nf3+ 40.Kf1 Rg4 41.g8Q+ Rxc2 42.Rxc2+] **34.Kf1 Nh3+** [a fatally bad try would be 34...Nh1+?? 35.Kg1 Ng3 36.Rxh6 Rxa1 37.Rxa1 Ne2+ 38.Kh2 Kg7 39.Rh3 Kxg6 40.Ra2 Nc3 41.Rg3+ Kh6 42.Ra6+ Kh7 43.Rxa7+ Kh6 44.Rag7 Rf6 45.R7g4 Kh7 46.Rh3+ Rh6 47.Rc4 Nd1 48.e4 Nf2 49.Rxh6+ Kxh6 50.Kg3 Nd3 51.Rc3 c4 52.Rxc4+-; another fatally bad try would be 34...Nd1+?? 35.Kg1 Nxe3 36.Rxh6 Rxa1 37.Rxa1 Kg7 38.Rh5 Rc8 39.Ra6 c4 40.Rh7+ Kg8 41.Raxa7 c3 42.Rag7+ Kf8 43.Rc7 Rxc7 44.Rxc7 Nd5 45.Rc5 c2 46.Rxc2+-] **35.Ke1=** drawn ½-½

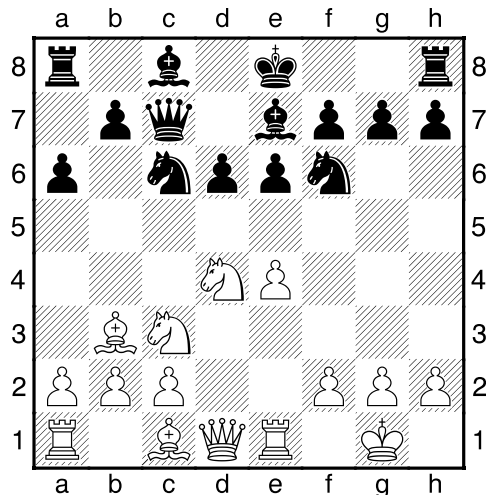
In Game 6, the final game of the match, Deep Fritz had White, and managed to put pressure on Kramnik's advanced, isolated and weak aP, and eventually win it. This

gave it an outside a-pawn passer, and Kramnik had to resign. This was a clear win for Deep Fritz. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

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

World Chess Challenge Bonn, Germany (6), 05.12.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bb3 Qc7 9.Re1?=
 a somewhat unusual move because in many lines W wants the R on f1 to back up f4. [9.a4 Nc6
 10.Be3 b6 11.Nxc6 Qxc6±] 9...Nc6 [9...Nbd7 10.Bxe6! fxe6 11.Nxe6 Qa5 12.Nxg7+ Kf7 13.Nf5
 Ne5±]



10.Re3 an unusual move, and a novelty [10.Bg5 0-0 11.a4 Rd8 12.Qd2 Bd7=] 10...0-0 11.Rg3
 Kh8 [11...g6? 12.Bg5 Ne5 13.Qd2 Re8 14.f4 Nc6±] 12.Nxc6 [12.Bg5 Na5 13.Qf3 b6=] 12...bxc6
 13.Qe2 a5 14.Bg5 Ba6 15.Qf3 it seems hard to see how W could start a K-side attack from this
 position; we'll see. 15...Rab8 [15...c5 16.Ba4 Bb7=] 16.Re1 c5 17.Bf4 [17.Bc1 Rfe8 18.Bf4 Qb6
 19.Ba4 Red8=] 17...Qb7 [17...c4 18.e5 cxb3 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.cxb3 Bb7=] 18.Bc1 Ng8 [18...c4
 19.Ba4 h6 20.b3 Rfc8=] 19.Nb1 Bf6 [19...c4?? 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.Qc3 Nf6 22.Qxc4±] 20.c3 g6?±
 [20...Be5 21.Rh3 c4 22.Bc2 Rfd8=] 21.Na3 Qc6 22.Rh3 [22.Bc4 Rfd8 23.Qe2 Bb7 24.Bf4 Bg7±]
 22...Bg7 23.Qg3 a4 24.Bc2 Rb6?± [24...Nf6 25.Qh4 Kg8 26.e5 dxe5 27.Rxe5 c4±] 25.e5 dxe5
 26.Rxe5?± [26.Qh4 h6 27.Bxa4 Qc7 28.Nc4 Bxc4 29.Qxc4 Ra8 30.Bc2 Ra7±] 26...Nf6 [26...
 Bxe5?? 27.Qxe5+ Nf6 (27...f6 28.Rxh7+ Kxh7 29.Qh5+ Kg7 30.Qxg6+ Kh8 31.Qh7#)
 28.Qxf6+ Kg8 29.Bh6+-] 27.Qh4 Qb7?± [27...Bb7 28.Rg3 Ra8 29.Nc4 Rb5 30.Re1 Nh5 31.Rf3
 Kg8±] 28.Re1 h5 29.Rf3 Nh7 30.Qxa4 DF goes up a P and creates an outside passer 30...Qc6 [30...
 Nf6? 31.Qh4 Ng4 32.h3 Ne5 33.Rxe5 Bxe5 34.Bxg6 f6 (34...fxg6 35.Rxf8+ Kg7 36.Qd8 Rd6
 37.Rg8+ Kh7 38.Rh8+ Bxh8 39.Qxd6 e5 40.Qxc5+- W is up 3 connected passed P's) 35.Bf4 Be2
 36.Rg3 Bxf4 37.Qxf4 Qg7+- W has an N+2P's vs R] 31.Qxc6 Rxc6 32.Ba4 Rb6 33.b3 Kg8
 34.c4 Rd8 35.Nb5 Bb7 36.Rfe3 Bh6?+- [36...Nf6 37.Ba3 Rc6 38.h3 Rcc8±] 37.Re5 Bxc1 [37...
 Bf8 38.R5e2 Nf6 39.Rd2 Rxd2 40.Bxd2 Ne4 41.Be3 Ra6+-] 38.Rxc1 Rc6 39.Nc3 Rc7
 40.Bb5 Nf8 41.Na4 Rdc8 Kramnik's R's are looking pretty passive 42.Rd1 Kg7 43.Rd6 f6
 44.Re2 e5 45.Red2 g5 46.Nb6 Rb8 47.a4 Kramnik resigns. The outside passer is too strong. 1-0

Spraggett Canadian Chess Player of the Year !

Each year the Canadian chess journalists (your intrepid editor among them) vote for the Canadian chess player who they think has made the most notable achievements over the course of the year. The last 2 years, GM Mark Bluvshtein had been chosen.

This year, GM Kevin Spraggett received the nod. This is certainly a worthy choice, since this year, Spraggett, in the October FIDE rating list, achieved a rating of 2610. This is mostly because of his fine play this year in Europe.

This is the first time ever a Canadian has gone over 2600. And it is expected that in the Jan. 1, 2007 list, that rating will increase to 2625. Congratulations Kevin !

Here is a list of Spraggett's fine achievements over the years :

- *International Grandmaster 1985*
- *World Open Champion 1983*
- *New York Open Champion 1984*
- *Commonwealth Champion 1985*
- *Five times Canadian Champion (1984, 1986, 1989, 1994, 1996)*
- *Eight times Canadian Open Champion (1983, 1987, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000)*
- *Tied first place Canadian Junior Championship 1974*
- *Canadian Closed Blitz Champion 1996*
- *Represented Canada at World Championship Interzonal (1985, 1990)*
- *Represented Canada at World Championship Candidates tournament 1985*
- *Represented Canada at World Championship Candidates matches (1988, 1989)*
- *Represented Canada at World Championship Knockout (1997, 1999)*
- *Represented Canada at Olympiads (1986, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002)*
- *Silver medal, Board 2, Olympiad 2000*
- *First Canadian to have published FIDE rating of at least 2600 (2610 in 2006.10)*
- *Top rated Canadian at Year-end 23 times (1980, 1982-90, 1992-2000, 2002-5)*
- *Canadian Chess Player of the Year 2006*
- *Canadian Chess Hall of Fame 2000*

NEW FIDE Proposal for Future World Championship

The next World Championship is to be an 8-player round robin in Mexico City in October 2007. It will contain the 4 top players from the last World Championship (with Kramnik replacing Topalov) and 4 players from the upcoming May, 2007 Candidates' Matches. 11 of the players in the Candidates' Matches came from the 2005 FIDE World Cup. Now FIDE has proposed a major change to the World Championship cycle, starting with the World Cup in 2007, leading up to a World Championship Match in 2008.

In a nutshell: for the future FIDE plans to keep holding the World Cup in odd years. The winner will be the challenger and play the world champion in the next world championship match, which will be held in even years.

The format of the World Cup will change, since the current format has not been accepted by top grandmasters and has also been difficult to sell to sponsors. According to the changed scheme proposed by FIDE the 128 participants will be divided into 16 groups of eight players each, who will play round robin tournaments. The sixteen winners will play in two eight-player round robins, and the winners of these will play a four-game match against each other.

The winner of the World Cup is the challenger for the world championship and play a 12-16 game match against the reigning world champion.

This is an interesting proposal, and acknowledges that most people prefer the World Championship to be decided in Match play, not by tournament. We will have to wait to see if FIDE now accepts this proposal.

SCC Late Fall Swiss

On Thursday, Nov. 2, a new one-section, 8 round swiss began. 44 players registered (a new record turnout for the last few years). After 7 rounds, in sole possession of first place with 6 points, is Bryan Lamb, highest rated player in the club. Tied for 2nd/3rd at 5.5 pts. were : John Hall, one of the four experts in the club, and Silvano Mesiti, who is having a tremendous tournament so far.

An amazing game took place in the middle of the pack in Rd. 5. Amazing partly because Linda Xia, a newly joined junior, is 9 years old; also amazing because veteran Steve Karpik was in the fight of his life to move 26, when Linda let her position deteriorate. The game was full of tactical possibilities. Here it is (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Xia, L (1200) – Karpik, S (1488) [B08]

SCC Late Fall Swiss Scarborough Chess Club (5), 30.11.2006

1.e4 d6± 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 [8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Qf3 a6 11.h3 Qe7±] 8...a6 9.a4 Nb6 10.Ne2?=[10.a5 Nbd7 11.b4 c6 12.Bc4 c5 13.Qb1 Qc7±] 10...Bd7?± [10...Nbx d5! 11.exd5 e4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4=] 11.c4 Qe8 12.b3 Ng4 13.Bd2 f5 14.h3?=[14.Ng3 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6±] 14...fxe4 15.Bxe4 Nf6 16.Ng3 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Bf5 to this point, the game has been very well played by both sides (it's important to note that Linda is only 9 years old). **18.Neg5???** Linda misses the tactic behind the push of the eP by Steve [18.Re1 a5 19.Ng3 Bc8=] **18...e4???** [somewhat better is 18...h6 19.a5 (19.Ne6? Bxe6 20.dxe6 e4 21.Nd4 Bxd4 22.Bxh6 Bxa1 23.Qxa1 Qe7 24.a5 Rf5 25.axb6 Kh7 26.Bc1 c6± Linda would have B+P vs R, but her eP will fall shortly) 19...Nc8 20.g4 Bd3 21.Ne6 Bxf1 22.Qxf1 Rf7± Linda would be down the exchange] **19.Nh4 Bxa1 20.Qxa1** Linda is down the exchange **20...Nd7 21.Nxf5** [21.g4 h6 22.gxf5 hxg5 23.Nxg6 Ne5 24.Nxe5 dxe5=] **21...Rxf5 22.Ne6 Qf7** [22...Qe7 23.Nxc7 Rc8 24.Ne6 Nc5 25.Nxc5 dxc5 26.a5 Re8=; 22...Qc8?? 23.Qg7#] **23.Qd4?=[** Linda can take the P [23.Nxc7 Rc8 24.Ne6 Nc5 25.Nxc5 dxc5=] **23...Ne5?±** Steve is in a tough battle [23...Nf6 24.Bc3 c6 25.g4 Re5=] **24.Qxe4** now Linda has B+P vs R **24...Re8??+-** now Steve will be fighting for his life [24...c6 25.Nd4 Rh5 26.dxc6 Nxc6 27.Nxc6

Re8 28.Qd3 bxc6 29.Qxd6± Steve would have R vs B+ 2P's] **25.Qd4??=** Good fortune smiles on Steve; Linda misses the winning line [25.f4 Nd7 26.Bc3 c6 27.g4 cxd5 28.Qd4 Rf6 29.Ng5 Qe7 30.Qxd5+--] **25...Rf3??±** But again Steve does himself in [25...c5 26.Qh4 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Re1 Qa7=] **26.Kh1??-+** Linda is determined not to win this game; now Steve is winning; Linda's fP or bP are in jeopardy, and her position starts to fall apart [26.Ng5 Rd3 (26...Qf6? 27.Qh4 (27.Nxf3?? Nxf3+ 28.gxf3 Qxd4-+) 27...h6 (27...Qg7? 28.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 29.gxf3+-) 28.Qxh6 Rxb3 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.f4 Nf3+ 31.gxf3 Rd3 32.Qxc7 Qe7 (32...Rxd2?? 33.Nh7+--+) 33.Ne6+ Kf7+-) 27.Qxd3 Nxd3 28.Nxf7 Kxf7 29.Be3 Nb4±] **26...c5** [26...Rxb3 27.Bf4 Nd3 28.Bh6 b6-+] **27.Qe4 Rxf2** [27...Rxb3 28.Bf4 Nd3 29.Bg3 Rc3±] **28.Rxf2 Qxf2 29.Ba5** [29.Qf4? Nd3 30.Qxf2 Nxf2+ 31.Kh2 Ne4 32.Be3 Rb8-+] **29...Qg3** Steve sets up a maneuver with his N **30.Bc7 Nd3??** but there is a better line [30...Qxb3 31.Bxd6 Rxe6! 32.Bxe5 (32.dxe6? Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Qxd6-+) 32...Re8-+] **31.Qe2?+-** this allows Steve's planned N maneuver [31.Qf3 Qxf3 32.gxf3 Nc1 33.Bxd6 Nxb3 34.Bg3 Re7±] **31...Nf2+ 32.Kg1 Nxb3+ 33.Kf1 Nf4?+-** Steve has a better line ! [33...Re7! 34.Qf3 (34.gxh3?? Rf7+ 35.Nf4 Rxf4+ 36.Qf3 Rxf3+ 37.Ke2 Rf2+ 38.Kd1 Qg1#) 34...Rf7 35.Qxf7+ Kxf7 36.gxh3 Qxh3+ 37.Kf2 Qxb3-+] **34.Qe4** [34.Qf3 Qxf3+ 35.gxf3 Nxe6 36.dxe6 Rxe6-+] **34...Nxe6 35.dxe6** not best, but it matters little at this stage [35.Bxd6 Qxd6 36.dxe6 Rxe6 37.Qd5-+] **35...Rf8+ 36.Kg1 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Rf4** [37...Rf5 38.Qxf5 the R check on h5 must be stopped 38...gxf5-+] **38.Qd3 Rh4+ 39.Qh3 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Rxh3+ 41.Kxh3 Qxe6+-+ 0-1**

Rd. 5 also saw a see-saw battle on Bd. 4, where Andrew Philip(club Treasurer) had the edge and was winning going into his trademark time trouble. But in the time pressure he went wrong and Randy Moysoski mated him. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Philip, A (1635) – Moysoski, R (1911) [A45]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Nf6 5.e4 [5.dxc5 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Qxc5 7.e4 e5 8.Bg5 Be7=] **5...Qa5+ 6.c3 cxd4 7.Qxd4 Nc6 8.Qd1 Qb6 9.Qc1** [9.b4 e5 10.Bg3 Qc7 11.b5 Nd8=] **9...d5 10.e5 Nd7 11.Be3 Qa5** [11...d4 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Na3 e6 14.Nc4 Qb4+ 15.Bd2 Qc5=] **12.f4 g5 13.g3??-+** opens up the diagonal to the h1R [13.e6 fxe6 14.fxg5 Bg7 15.Be2 e5=] **13...gxf4?+-** But Randy misses it [13...d4 14.h4 (14.Bd2?? Qd5 15.Nf3 Qxf3 16.Rg1 Qe4+ 17.Kf2 Nc5-+) 14...dxe3 15.hxg5 Ndx5 16.fxe5 Qxe5 17.Ne2 Qxg5-+] **14.gxf4?+-** leaving the same problem with the h1R [14.Bxf4 Ndx5 15.Nd2 d4 16.Ngf3 Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3 dxc3 18.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 19.bxc3 Bg7-+] **14...Bh6??=** missed again [14...d4 15.Nf3 dxe3 16.Qxe3 Bh6-+] **15.Nd2???** missing the pin on the f4P [15.Qd2 Rg8 16.Ne2 Nf8 17.Na3 Be6=] **15...d4??=** Randy misses the tactical win of the P; and the sac of the dP brings nothing [15...Ncxe5! 16.Nb3 Qa4 17.Nd4 Ng4±] **16.cxd4 Qd5??±** [16...Nb6 17.Ne2 Nd5 18.Nc3 Nxe3 19.Nb3 Nxd4! (19...Qb6? 20.Qxe3 Be6±) 20.Nxa5 Bxf4 21.Nd5 Nec2+ 22.Kf2 Bxc1 23.Rxc1=] **17.Ndf3** [17.Ngf3 Nb6 18.Rg1 Bf5±] **17...Nb6 18.Qd2** [18.Qb1 Bg4 19.Be2 Bh5=] **18...Bg4 19.Bg2??** [19.Be2 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Qxc4 21.h3 Bh5=] **19...Nc4 20.Ng5??** [20.Qc3 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Nb4 22.Qd2 Qe4+ 23.Qe2 Qg6±] **20...Qb5??=** [20...Qd8 21.Qc3 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 Nxd4±] **21.Bf1 f6??±** [21...Bxg5 22.fxg5 Qd5 23.Bxc4 Qxh1 24.Bf1 Qe4=] **22.b3** [22.exf6 exf6 23.Ne4 0-0-0 24.Nxf6 Be6±] **22...Nxd2 23.Bxb5 fxg5 24.fxg5** [24.Bxd2 gxf4 25.d5 a6 26.h3 Bf5 27.dxc6 axb5 28.cxb7 Rb8±] **24...Bxg5** [24...Bf3 25.Kxd2 Bxh1 26.gxh6 a6 27.Be2 0-0-0±] **25.Kxd2 Bh4?+-** Andrew gets a " winning " advantage [25...Rg8 26.Bxc6+ bxc6 27.h3 Bh5 28.Ne2 Bxe3+ 29.Kxe3 0-0-0±] **26.Ne2 a6 27.Bxc6+ bxc6 28.Rac1 Kd7 29.Rhf1 Rhf8 30.Nc3 e6 31.Ne4 Bf5 32.Nd6 Bh3 33.Rxf8 Rxf8 34.Rc5??=** Andrew loses his winning advantage [34.Rg1 h6 35.Rg7+ Be7 36.Ne4 Ke8 37.Bxh6+-] **34...Bf1??±** [34...Be7 35.Ne4 Bxc5 36.Nxc5+ Kc8 37.Nxa6 Rg8 38.Bf2 Rg2 39.Ke3 Rxh2=] **35.Nc4** [35.Rc2 Be7 36.Ne4 Bb4+ 37.Kd1 Rf3 38.Nf6+ Kc7 39.Bd2 Bf8±] **35...Rg8 36.Ra5 Rg2+ 37.Kd1 Be2+ 38.Kc1 Bd3?+-** Andrew gets the winning advantage back; it's been quite a roller coaster ride [38...Bxc4 39.bxc4 Re2 40.Ra3 Kc7 41.h3 Kb7±] **39.Rxa6** Andrew is now up 2 P's **39...Be7 40.Ra7+ Ke8 41.a4 Rc2+ 42.Kd1** Andrew now had less than 5 min. left on his clock **42...Re2 43.Ra8+ Kf7**

44.Bh6 Bb4 45.Nd6+??-+ a fatal blunder in time pressure. Fritz now announces that Black (!!) has mate in 7 moves ! [Andrew could win by (subject to time) 45.Bd2 Bxd2 46.Nxd2 Rxh2+--] **45...Kg6 46.Rg8+ Kxh6 47.Nf7+ Kh5 48.Rg5+ Kh4 49.Rg1 Rxh2** in the time pressure, Randy misses the easy mate [49...Rb2 50.Rg4+ (50.Kc1 Rb1#) 50...Kxg4 51.Nh6+ Kf4 52.d5 Rb1#] **50.Ng5** [50.Kc1 Ba3+ 51.Kd1 Bc2+ 52.Ke1 Bb4+ 53.Kf1 Bd3#] **50...Rd2+?-+** in the time pressure, again Randy misses the easy mate [50...Bc2+ 51.Kc1 Ba3#] **51.Kc1 Rc2+ 52.Kd1 Ra2 53.Nxh7** [53.Kc1 Bc3 54.Nf3+ Kh5 55.Rh1+ Kg4 56.Rh4+ Kg3 57.Rh3+ Kxh3 58.Ng5+ Kg4 59.Nxe6 Ra1#; 53.Nf3+ Kh5 54.Rh1+ Kg4 55.Rh4+ Kxf3 56.Rh3+ Ke4 57.Rh4+ Kd5 58.Kc1 Bc3 59.Rxh7 Ra1#] **53...Ra1# 0-1**

In round 6, John Hall, one of the 4 experts in the club, was in first place. He had to play Lamb on Bd. 1, who was then in a tie for second place. John initially went up the exchange, with Brian having a pawn compensation. But then John, trying to mount a King-side attack, got 3 pieces tied up on the K-side and they could do nothing. Brian went on to win. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, J (2057) – Lamb, B (2169) [E13]
 SCC Late Fall Swiss Toronto (6), 07.12.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 b6?± [4...0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 b6=] **5.Bg5 Bb7 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Na6?±** [7...g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Qc2 d6 10.Bd3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Nxc3 12.hxg3 Nd7±] **8.Nd2?±** [8.Bd3 g5 9.Bg3 g4 10.Ne5 d6 11.Nxc3 Nd7±] **8...0-0 9.e4?±** [9.a3 Be7 10.Bd3! Bxg2 11.Rg1 Bb7 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Qh5 Kh8±] **9...g5?±** [9...Be7 10.e5 Nh7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7=] **10.Bg3 Bxe4?±** [10...Nxe4 11.Ncxe4 Bxe4 12.a3 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 f5±] **11.h4 Bg6 12.hxg5 hxg5 13.Qf3 d6 14.c5** [14.0-0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 e5 16.Bd3 exd4 17.cxd4 Rb8±] **14...bxc5 15.Bxa6 cxd4 16.Bb7??-+** Bryan gets the advantage for the first time in the game [16.Ncb1 Be4 17.Qe2 Qd7 18.a3 Qa4 19.Bb5 Qa5 20.Bd3 Bf5±] **16...dxc3??±** an unwise judgment call by Bryan [16...Rb8 17.Ncb1 e5 18.Kf1 Kg7+] **17.bxc3 g4?+-** [17...Bh5 18.Qe3 Nd5 19.Qd3 Bg6 20.Qd4 e5 21.Qxd5 Bxc3 22.Rc1 Bxd2+ 23.Qxd2 Rb8 24.Bc6 Kg7±] **18.Qc6??-+** now John errs, and Bryan is back in the driver's seat [18.Qe3 Nh5 19.Bh4 Qb8 20.Bxa8 Qxa8+-] **18...Bc5** [18...Ba5 19.Bxa8 Qxa8 20.Qxa8 Rxa8 21.Rc1 Nd5 22.Rh4 Bf5 23.c4 Nc3+] **19.Bxa8 Qxa8 20.Qxa8 Rxa8** Bryan has B+2P's vs R **21.Bh4 Nh5 22.Nb3 Bb6 23.Kd2 Kg7 24.f3** [24.Raf1 d5 25.a4 Rb8 26.a5 Be3+ 27.fxe3 Rxb3+] **24...g3 25.Bg5 f5?±** [25...e5 26.Rh3 Rh8 27.Rah1 f6 28.Be3 f5 29.Bxb6 axb6+] **26.Rh4?+-** the plan to develop a K-side attack becomes an ill-fated idea [26.Nd4 Re8 27.Rae1 Kf7 28.f4 Nf6±] **26...e5 27.Rah1 f4 28.Rg4 Rh8 29.Be7 Kf7 30.Rhh4** [30.Bg5 Rg8 31.c4 Ng7 32.c5 dxc5 33.Re1 Re8+] **30...a5 31.Ke2 Rc8 32.Bg5** John's pieces look threatening, but what are they actually accomplishing? **32...Be3 33.Nd2** [33.Nxa5 Ra8 34.Nc4 Rxa2+ 35.Kd1 Bc2+ 36.Ke1 Bf2+ 37.Kd2 Bf5+ 38.Kd1 Ra1+ 39.Ke2 Re1+ 40.Kd2 Rg1 41.Ke2 Bc5 42.Nd2 Rxg2+ 43.Kd1 Rg1+ 44.Ke2 g2+] **33...Rb8 34.Nc4 Bc5 35.a4 Rb1** [35...Rb3 36.Kd2 Ba3 37.Bd8 Bc1+ 38.Kxc1 Rxc3+ 39.Kd2 Rxc4+] **36.Bh6 Rg1 37.Rg5 Rxg2+ 38.Kd1 Rh2 39.Rhg4 Bc2+ 40.Kc1 Bd3?+-** John was now in severe time pressure [40...Bxa4 41.Bg7 Nxc7 42.Rxc7 Rc2+ 44.Kb1 Rxc3 45.Rg6+ Kf5 46.Rxd6 Rb3+ 47.Ka2 Bxd6 48.Nxd6+ Kf6 49.Ne4+ Kg6 Bf would be up 3 P's] **41.Nd2?+-** [41.Rxe5! Ba3+ (41...dxe5 42.Nxe5+ Ke6 43.Nxd3 Be3+ 44.Kb1 g2+) 42.Kd1 Bxc4 43.Rxh5 Bb3+ 44.Ke1 Rxh5! 45.Bxf4 Rh1+ 46.Ke2 Bc4+ 47.Kd2 g2 48.Bxd6 Bxd6 49.Rxg2 Kf6+] **41...Be3 42.Kb2 Rxd2+** [42...Bxd2 43.Kb3 d5 44.Rxh5 Rxh5 45.Rg7+ Kf6 46.Rxg3 fxg3 47.Bxd2 Rh2 48.c4 dxc4+ 49.Kc3 g2 50.Be3 g1Q 51.Bxg1 Rc2#] **43.Kb3 Bc2+** [43...d5 44.Rg7+ Nxc7 45.Rxg7+ Ke8 46.Rxc7 g2+] **44.Kc4 c6 45.Rxf4+ Nxf4 46.Rg7+ Kf6** John's flag fell; but mate is coming **47.Rd7 d5+ 48.Rxd5 Rxd5 49.Bg7+ Kg6 50.Bf8 Nd3 51.Ba3 Nc5 52.Bxc5 Rxc5# 0-1**

On Bd. 4 in Rd. 6, a major upset occurred. Newcomer Mario Moran defeated one of last year's club co-champions, Jim Paterson. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Moran, M (1630) – Paterson, J (1923) [A02]

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1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 [2...d5=] **3.e3 c5** [3...e6 4.Be2 Be7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.d3 0-0±] **4.b3** [4.d4 d5 5.Bd3 e6 6.0-0 Nc6=] **4...Nc6 5.Bb2 Bg4 6.Bb5 e6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.h3 Bxf3?±** [8...Bh5 9.0-0 Be7 10.d3 Nd5=] **9.Qxf3 d5 10.g4** [10.0-0 Bd6 11.d3 0-0±] **10...Qc7** [10...Ne4? 11.0-0 c4 12.bxc4 Rb8 13.Be5 h5 14.cxd5 (14.Bxb8 hxg4 15.hxg4 Qxb8 16.cxd5 cxd5±) 14...cxd5 15.g5 Rc8±] **11.g5?±** [11.0-0 Rd8 12.d3 h6±] **11...Nd7 12.Rg1 0-0-0 13.Qh5 Nb6 14.a4 d4 15.Qe2?±** [15.Na3 g6 16.Qf3 h6 17.a5 Nd7=] **15...dxe3??±** [15...Nd5 16.Qf3 Qb7 17.Na3 d3 18.e4 Nb4 19.c4 Nc2+ 20.Nxc2 Qxb3 21.Be5 Qxc2±] **16.dxe3 Nd5 17.Be5?±** [17.Nd2 c4 18.bxc4 Ne7±] **17...Qa5+ 18.Kf2 Kb7??±** [18...Bd6 19.Bxg7 Rhg8 20.Bb2 c4 21.Qxc4 Bc5 22.Re1 Nxe3 23.Rxe3 Bxe3+ 24.Kxe3 Qe1+ 25.Kf3 Qh1+ 26.Kg3 Qg1+ 27.Kf3 Qh1+=] **19.Na3 Nxf4?±** Jim goes for an unsound sac [19...f6 20.gxf6 gxf6 21.Nc4 Qb4 22.Bb2 Kb8±] **20.Nc4 Nxe2 21.Nxa5+ Ka6 22.Kxe2 Rd5** [22...Kxa5 23.Bc7+ Ka6 24.Bxd8 Bd6 25.Rgf1 Rxd8 26.Rxf7 Be5+- W would be up the exchange] **23.Bc3** Mario has N vs P [23.Nxc6 Kb7 24.e4 Rd7 25.Na5+ Ka6 26.Nc4 Rg8+- W would be up the exchange] **23...h6 24.e4** [24.gxh6? Rxh6 25.Raf1 Rxh3 26.Rxf7 Rh2+ 27.Rf2 Rxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Rh5+-] **24...Rxc5 25.Nxc6 Bd6 26.Bxg7** Mario is now up an N **26...Rh7 27.Bf6 Rh5** [27...Kb6 28.Nd8 Rh5 29.Rh1 Kc7 30.Raf1 c4 31.Rf3 cxb3 32.cxb3 Rc5+-] **28.h4** [28.Rgd1 Bc7 29.Rd7 Kb6 30.Nxa7 Rxh3 31.a5+ Kxa7 32.Rxc7+ Kb8 33.Rxc5 Rh2+ 34.Kf3 Rh3+ 35.Kg2 Re3 36.a6 Ka7 37.Rc7+ Kb8 38.Rb7+ Ka8 39.Rd1+-] **28...Kb6 29.Ne7 Be5 30.Ng8!** [30.Bxe5 Rxe5 31.Kf3 f5 32.Ng6 Rxe4 33.Rae1 Rf7+-] **30...Bxa1 31.Bxa1** [31.Rxa1 c4 32.b4 a5 33.c3 axb4 34.cxb4 Ka6+-] **31...Rxh4** Mario now has N+B vs R+P **32.Nf6 Rh2+ 33.Kd3 Rh8 34.Nd7+ Kc7 35.Bxh8 Kxd7** Mario now has B vs P **36.Be5 Rh5 37.Bb8 a6 38.Rg7 Ke7 39.e5 Kf8 40.Rg2 f6 41.Rf2 f5** [41...Rf5 42.Rxf5 exf5 43.exf6 Kf7 44.a5 Kxf6 45.Kc4 Kg5 46.Kxc5 h5 47.b4 f4 48.Kd4 Kf5 49.b5 axb5 50.a6+-] **42.Bd6+ Kf7 43.Kc4 Rh1 44.Kxc5** Mario is up a B **44...h5 45.Kb6 h4 46.Kxa6** Mario is up B+P **46...h3 47.b4 Ke8 48.a5 Kd7 49.Kb6 h2 50.Kb7+-** [50.a6 f4 51.b5 Ke8 52.a7 Ra1 53.Rxh2 Kf7 54.Bb4 Kg6 55.Ba5 Kf5 56.a8Q+-] **1-0**

In Rd. 7, Lamb met junior expert Aman Hambleton, both tied for the lead with 5 points. Lamb won an interesting game to take sole possession of first place. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lamb, B (2169) – Hambleton, A (2120) [E18]

SCC Late Fall Swiss Toronto (7), 14.12.2006

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1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 [2...e5 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.Nc3 0-0=] **3.Nf3 b6±** [3...d5 4.Bg2 c6 5.0-0 dxc4=] **4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d4 d6 8.Qc2 c5 9.d5 e5?±** [9...exd5 10.Ng5 Nc6 11.Nxd5 g6±] **10.Ne1 Nfd7 11.e4 Ba6 12.b3 Bf6 13.Nd3 Re8 14.Bb2 Nf8 15.f4?±** [15.a3 Bc8 16.Qe2 Ng6±] **15...exf4?±** [15...Nbd7 16.Kh1 exf4 17.gxf4 Bd4±] **16.e5 dxe5 17.d6 e4 18.Nxe4 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Nbd7 20.Nxf4 Bb7** [20...Rb8 21.Nd5 Bb7 22.Ne7+ Rxe7 23.dxe7 Qxe7±] **21.Nh5 Ne6 22.Nef6+** [22.Qf2 Rf8 23.Nef6+ Nxf6 24.Nxf6+ gxf6 25.Bxb7 Rb8 26.Bd5 Qxd6 27.Qxf6 Qd8±] **22...gxf6?±** Bryan now gets a " winning " advantage as Aman goes wrong in the complications. [22...Nxf6 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.Bxb7 Nd4 (24...Rb8? 25.Bc6 Rf8 26.Rad1 Nd4 27.Rxd4 cxd4 28.Qxd4 Qc8+-) 25.Bxa8 Re2 26.Qc3 Qxa8±] **23.Bxb7 Rb8** [23...Nd4 24.Rad1 (24.Bxa8? Qxa8 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Nc2 27.Nf4 Kf8 28.Rad1 Ne3+ 29.Kf2 Nxf1 30.Kxf1 f5±) 24...Re2 25.Qa1 Nc2 26.Qc3 Rb8 27.Bf3 Nd4 28.Rxd4 cxd4 29.Qxd4 Re5+-] **24.Bc6 Nd4 25.Bxd7 Re2 26.Qc3?±** [26.Qc1 Re5 (26...Qxd7?? 27.Nxf6+ Kh8 28.Qh6 and mate follows.) 27.Bg4 Rxh5 28.Bxh5 Qxd6+- W would be up R vs P] **26...f5** at this point Aman was in severe time difficulties [26...Kh8 27.Qc1 Re5 28.Qh6 Rxh5 29.Qxh5 Qxd7 30.Rxf6 Qe8 31.Rxf7 Qe3+ 32.Kg2 Qe4+ 33.Kh3 Qe6+ 34.Kh4 Qe4+ 35.Qg4 Qxg4+ 36.Kxg4 Re8+- W would be up the exchange + 2 P's] **27.Rad1 Qg5 28.Rxf5 Qh6?±** [28...Nxf5 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Ne4+ Qg7 31.Bxf5 Qxc3 32.Nxc3 Re5 33.Rd5 f6+- W would have N+B+P vs. R] **29.Rxd4 cxd4 30.Qxd4** W has B+N+ 2 P's vs R

30...Qc1+ 31.Rf1 Qh6?+- this loses a R [31...Qe3+ 32.Qxe3 Rxe3 33.b4 Re5 34.Rf5 Re2 35.Rf2 Re5 36.Bg4 Rd8+-] 32.Qg4+ Kh8 33.Qxe2+- Bryan is up N+B+ 2 P's 1-0

GTCL League Play

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

In the second match of the season, SCC " A " was paired against Knights of Chess. SCC won 3.5 : .5. Here were the results :

<u>SCC " A "</u>		<u>Knights of Chess</u>
Donal Deiseach	.5 - .5	Mike Ivanov
Josh Sherman	1 - 0	Michael Noukhovitch
Maurice Smith	1 - 0	Robert Matyjewicz
Michael Perez	1 - 0	Dennis Khaiter

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

Perez (SCC " A "),M (1653) – Khaiter (Knights of Chess),D [B22]

GTCL Match Toronto, 14.12.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.c3?=[2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6±] 2...d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e6 [4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 0-0-0=] 5.Nf3 [5.Na3 Bd7 6.Be3 cxd4 7.Bxd4 Nh6=] 5...Nf6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7?± [7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 Qa5=] 8.Qe2?=[8.dxc5 e5 9.Bc2 Qxc5 10.Nbd2 0-0±] 8...cxd4 9.Rd1 0-0 10.cxd4 Rd8 11.Nc3 Qa5?± [11...Qh5 12.Bf4 Nb4 13.Bc4 Nbd5=] 12.Ne4 h6 [12...Qh5 13.Bg5 Nxe4 14.Bxe7 Ng3 15.hxg3 Nxe7±] 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Bd2 Qc7 [14...Qb6 15.Qe4 g6 16.Bxh6 Qxb2±] 15.Qe4 Nxd4??+- a fateful pawn grab [15...g6 16.Rac1 Bg7 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Bxh6 Qxb2±] 16.Qh7+ Kf8 17.Nxd4?+- [17.Bb4+ Rd6 18.Rac1 Qd8 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Qh8+ Ke7 21.Qxd8+ Kxd8 22.Bxd6 e5+- W would have R vs P] 17...Rxd4 18.Bc3 Rf4 19.Bb5 [19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Qh8+ Ke7 21.Rac1 Qb6+-] 19...Qb6??+- a horrible blunder, but Bl was already losing 20.Qh8+ Ke7 21.Qe8# 1-0

SCC " B " played the Chess Academy " A ", and lost 4:0. Here were the results :

<u>SCC " B "</u>		<u>Chess Academy " A "</u>
Steve Karpik	0 - 1	Alex Martchenko
Jan Chuderski	0 - 1	B. Semaniuk
Aaron Wu	0 - 1	W. Orlov
Stephen Lung	0 - 1	B. Orlova

2006-7 SCC Club Championship

This tournament will start on Thursday, January 4, 2007. It will be in 2 sections. The top section is a 10 player round robin, of the 8 highest rated players registering, plus the 2 winners of the 2005-6 Reserves Section, Maurice Smith and Doug Gillis, if they so choose. The second section for all other members is a 7 round swiss, with the two top

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2450 Birchmount Rd Toronto, Ontario M1T 2M5

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Prizes: CFC rated. Based on 100 participants.

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 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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Toronto, Ontario M1T 2M5

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Year Month

Day
School: _____ Grade: _____

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