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Canada at the Chess Olympiads

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History

The Chess Olympiad is a team competition for nations, first held in 1927 at London, England and held every 2 years since 1950. The event is sanctioned by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) (<http://www.fide.com>). In 2006 at Turin, Italy, there were teams from 143 countries. The 38th Chess Olympiad was held at Dresden, Germany, from November 12-25, 2008 (<http://www.dresden2008.org>) with 146 teams from 141 countries (111 teams from 106 countries in the Women's Olympiad).

Canada first participated in the Olympiads in 1939 at Buenos Aires, Argentina, where 14-year old Abe Yanofsky of Winnipeg, Manitoba attracted the world's attention. In 1964 at Tel Aviv, Israel, Yanofsky secured the first Grandmaster title for a player raised in the Commonwealth. Canada has sent a team to every Olympiad since 1964. Canada's best finish at the Olympiad was tied for 7th in 1978 at Buenos Aires, Argentina. Canada finished tied for 8th in 1976 at Haifa, Israel and in 1980 at Valetta, Malta.

Canadians have won individual medals 10 times - Gold: D. Abraham Yanofsky, Board 2,

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1939; Frank Anderson, Board 2, 1954, 1958; Silver: Peter Biyiasas, Board 2, 1978; Kevin Spraggett, Board 2, 2000; Bronze: Peter Biyiasas, Board 4, 1972; Jean Hébert, Board 3, 1982; Lawrence Day, Board 3, 1986; Deen Hergott, Alternate 1, 1990; Yan Teplitsky, Board 4, 2002. Lawrence Day has represented Canada at the Olympiads 13 times, followed by D. Abraham Yanofsky (11 times).

The Women's Olympiad was first held in 1957 at Emmen, Netherlands. Canada first participated in the Women's Olympiad in 1974 at Medellin, Columbia, and has sent a team every time since 2000. Canadians have won individual medals 4 times - Gold: Nava Starr, Board 2, 1976; Céline Roos, Board 2, 1984; Bronze: Smilja Vujosevic, Board 1, 1976; Nava Starr, Board 1, 1982. Nava Starr has represented Canada at the Olympiads 12 times.

2008 National Team

Mark Bluvshstein, Toronto, ON, student, 3rd year, Faculty of Science and Engineering, York University. Grandmaster. Canadian Scholastic or Youth Champion 6 times. Canadian Open Champion 2005. Represented Canada World Youth Championships 2 times (3rd place, Under-18, 2005). Canadian Chess Player of the Year 2 times (2004-5). Represented Canada at Olympiads 4 times.

Pascal Charbonneau, New York, NY (originally Montreal, QC), Institutional Sales/Trading, Electronic Brokerage Systems, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Belzberg Technologies, Inc.). Grandmaster. Canadian Champion 2 times. Canadian Open Champion 2002. Canadian Scholastic or Youth Champion 7 times. 2nd place Pan-American Championship 2003. Represented Canada at World Championship 2004. Canadian Chess Player of the Year 2003. Represented Canada at Olympiads 5 times.

Igor Zugic, Toronto, ON, software engineer, Chantry Networks (a Siemens Company). International Master. Canadian Champion 2006. Canadian Scholastic or Youth Champion 4 times. Represented Canada at Olympiads 4 times.

Thomas Roussel-Roozmon, Montreal, QC, student, Economics, University of Montreal. International Master Canadian Scholastic or Youth Champion 4 times. Represented Canada at World Under-12 Championship 2000 (9th place). Represented Canada at Olympiads 2 times.

Nikolay Noritsyn, Richmond Hill, ON, student, Grade 12. International Master. Canadian Champion (at age 16, second youngest ever). Canadian Under-12 Champion 2003. Canadian Chess Player of the Year 2007.

2008 Women's Team

Natalia Khoudgarian, Toronto, ON, Administrative Assistant, "Geriatrics & Aging". Woman International Master. Canadian Women's Champion (2 times). Top rated female Canadian at Year-end 12 times in a row (1996-2007). Represented Canada at Women's Olympiad 3 times.

Yuanling Yuan, Toronto, ON, student, Grade 9. Woman FIDE Master. 2nd place Pan-American Women's Championship 2008. Represented Canada at Girls Youth World Championship (10th place, Under-10, 2003).

Dina Kagramanov, Richmond Hill, ON, student, 4th Year, Faculty of Health, York University. Woman FIDE Master. 1st place Canadian Women's Championship 2006. Represented Canada World Girls Youth Championships 2 times. Represented Canada at Women's Olympiad 2 times.

Hazel Smith, Toronto, ON, student, Grade 12. Woman FIDE Master. Canadian Girls Youth Champion 4 times. Represented Canada at Girls Youth World Championship 4 times (9th place 2 times). Represented Canada at Women's Olympiad 2 times.

Irina Barron, Toronto, ON, registered nurse, York Central Hospital. Qualified Woman FIDE Master title. Toronto Women's Champion 2008.




2008 Chess Olympiad, Dresden , Germany

This country team swiss started Nov. 13 and ended Nov. 25..

Open Section

There were 152 teams in the Open section. Canada's national team was ranked # 48. The national team was composed of GM Mark Bluvshtein, GM Pascal Charbonneau, 2002 & 2004 Can. Champion, IM Igor Zugic, 2006 Can. Champion, IM Thomas Roussel-Roozman and IM Nikolay Noritsyn, 2007 Can. Champion.

The top teams were:

<i>Final Ranking after 11 Rounds</i>												
Rk.	SNo		Team	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	9		Armenia	ARM	11	9	1	1	19	400,5	152,0	31,0
2	8		Israel	ISR	11	8	2	1	18	377,5	149,0	28,0
3	10		United States of America	USA	11	8	1	2	17	362,0	146,0	29,0

The big shocker was Russia - in spite of being the #1 seed (in both Olympiads), it did not finish in the top 3 (in either Olympiad). Their open team finished 5th (and

their women's team finished 4th). Canada finished # 28 (a respectable showing given the initial # 48 ranking, though we did face weaker opposition overall than some other teams in our vicinity). Here are the Canadian National team results:

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Bd.</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Final Ranking</u>	<u>Score (Can. First)</u>	<u>Initial Ranking</u>
1	13	India	# 16	1.5 – 2.5	# 13
9	28	Germany-2	# 42	2 – 2	# 41
11	56	Colombia	# 49	2.5 – 1.5	# 56
4	22	Scotland	# 53	1.5 – 2.5	# 46
3	37	Jamaica	# 80	4 – 0	# 105
6	36	Iraq	# 85	1.5 – 2.5	# 92
2	30	Bolivia	# 86	3.5 - .5	# 87
5	27	Yemen	# 106	2 – 2	# 82
10	32	Nicaragua	# 116	4 – 0	# 101
8	41	Trinidad & Tobago	# 125	3.5 - .5	# 111
7	42	Macau	# 134	4 – 0	# 133

Canada did respectably against the 3 top teams they played. But they played 8 teams that finished lower than Canada's original ranking, and the results there were somewhat disappointing, given the scores against Iraq and Yemen. But a finish at # 28 for Canada is still very good.

The individual Canadian results were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Score</u>
Bluvshtein	4	2	3	9	55.5 %	5/9
Charbonneau	5	2	2	9	66.7 %	6/9
Zugic	5	4	1	10	70 %	7/10
Roussel-Roozman	5	2	1	8	75 %	6/8
Noritsyn	5	2	1	8	75 %	6/8

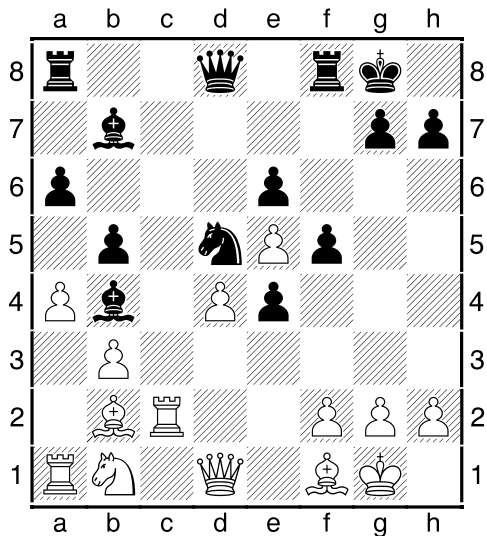
In Rd. 4, against Scotland (ranked slightly ahead of Canada at # 46), Pascal (2499) was the only winner for Canada as he defeated GM Jacob Aagaard (2528). He went up the exchange, but Jacob had a pawn compensation. It was still the same materially when Jacob resigned, but Pascal was threatening to go up 2 R's vs B + N + P. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Aagaard, Jacob (2528) – Charbonneau, Pascal (2499)

Chess Olympiad 2008 Dresden (4.22), 16.11.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3= [3.Nc3±] 3...d6 4.Bb5+ Nd7 [4...Bd7 5.a4 Nf6=] 5.0-0 Ngf6 6.Re1 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.c3 a6 9.Bf1 b5 10.d4 Bb7 11.Nbd2 d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bb4 the game has been almost dead equal to here 16.Re2?!± Pascal gets the advantage 16...f5 17.a4 [17.a3 Be7 18.f3 exf3 19.Nxf3 Nb6±] 17...Nb6 18.Nb1?!± Pascal gets a " clear " advantage [18.Re3?! Qg5 19.Ba3 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Nd5±; 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rxa8 Bxa8±] 18...Nd5?!± [18...bxa4 19.bxa4 Nd5±] 19.Rc2

Position after 19.Rc2



e3! this P cannot be won, without loss of material 20.Qd3?+ this loses the exchange. Pascal gets a " winning " advantage [20.axb5 axb5 21.Rxa8 Bxa8 22.Qc1 f4±; 20.fxe3 Nxe3+] 20...Be1 [20...exf2+?! 21.Rxf2 Be1 22.Rf3 Nb4 23.Qe2 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Qg5+ 25.Kh1 Qh4±] 21.fxe3 Jacob goes up a P [21.f3? Nb4-+ - 3.82] 21...Nb4 22.Qe2 Nxc2 23.Qxc2 Pascal goes up the exchange, but Jacob has a P compensation 23...f4 24.Nc3 - 4.04 [24.e4 f3 25.Nd2 f2+ 26.Kh1 Qg5-+ - 3.81; 24.Nd2? Rc8 25.Nc4! bxc4 26.Rxe1 f3-+ - 5.98] 24...Qh4?-+ - 3.23 [24...f3 25.Ba3 Rc8 26.Bc5 Qh4-+ - 9.31] 25.exf4 - 4.45 [25.Rxe1 Qxe1 26.Qc1 Qxc1 27.Bxc1 Rac8-+ - 4.44] 25...Rxf4-+ - 4.45 Jacob resigned since he must give up more material. The game could have continued 26.Rxe1 No choice [26.Nd1?? Raf8 27.Bxb5 axb5-+ and it is mate in 6 moves] 26...Qxe1 27.Qe2 Qh4 28.Nb1 Raf8 29.Nd2 b4-+ - 7.71 Pascal would be up 2 R's vs B + N + P 0-1

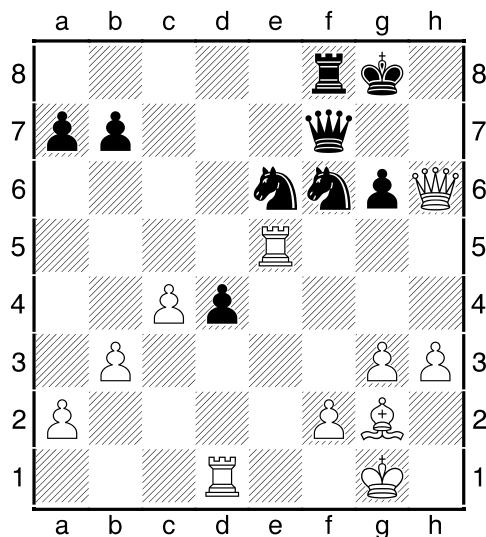
In Rd. 7 against Iraq, only Thomas Roussel-Roozman managed a win. He went up the exchange, and then had a nice sac to finish his opponent off. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Roussel–Roosmon, Thomas (2486) – Muhsen, Abdulla Mohmmed (2221)

Chess Olympiad 2008 Dresden (6.36), 19.11.2008

1.Nf3 f5± Dutch Defence 2.d3 d5 3.c4?!= [3.Bf4 Nf6 4.d4 c5±] 3...c6?!± [3...e6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Bd6=] 4.Qc2?!= [4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bf4 e6±] 4...e6 [4...Nf6 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.d4 Nc6=] 5.g3 [5.e4 dxe4 6.dxe4 fxe4 7.Qxe4 Nf6=] 5...Bd6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Qe7?!± [8...dxc4?! 9.dxc4 Qe7 10.Bg5 e5±; 8...Qe8 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Be3 Qh5=] 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 e5?!± Thomas gets a " clear " advantage [10...Nbd7 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bg5 Qf7±] 11.exf5 Thomas goes up a P 11...Qf7 12.b3?!± [12.Rd1 Bc7 13.Qb3 Na6±] 12...h6?+- Thomas gets a " winning " advantage [12...Na6 13.a3 Qh5±] 13.Nh4 Nbd7 14.Bb2 Re8 15.Rad1 Bc5 16.h3 Nf8 17.Rfe1 Bd4 18.Nf3 c5 3.04 [18...Bxc3 19.Bxc3 e4 20.Ne5 Rxe5 21.Bxe5 Bxf5+- 3.25] 19.Nb5 there seems to be little Abdulla can do about the d6 fork 19...Bxf5 material equality 20.Qxf5 Bxb2 21.Qc2 Bd4 22.Nd6 Qc7 23.Nxe8 Rxe8 Thomas goes up the exchange 24.Nxd4 cxd4 25.Qf5 Qf7?+- 5.55 Abdulla unprotects his eP [25...N8d7 26.f4 b6+- 3.3.75] 26.Rxe5 Thomas goes up the exchange + P 26...g6 27.Qf4 Ne6 28.Qxh6 Thomas goes up the exchange + 2 P's 28...Rf8??+- 13.36 Abdulla unprotects his e6N – a blunder leading to a nice tactical combo [28...b6 29.Rde1 Qg7+- 8.03]

Position after 28...Rf8



29.Rxe6! Abdulla will lose material. He resigned. The game could have continued 29...Qh7 [29...Qxe6?? 30.Qxg6+ Kh8 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.Bd5 Qxd5 (32...Nxd5 33.Qxe6+ Kg7 34.cxd5+- and it is mate in 17 moves) 33.Qg6+ Kh8 34.cxd5+- 28.72] 30.Qxh7+ Kxh7 31.Re7+ Kh6 32.Rxd4 Nh5+- 16.52 Thomas would be up a R + 3 P's 1-0

In Rd. 8 we (# 48) played Trinidad and Tobago (# 111). On first board Mark went up a pawn and then a second one. Then he sacked his B, and then the exchange, to queen and mate. Here is the game (Annotations are by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

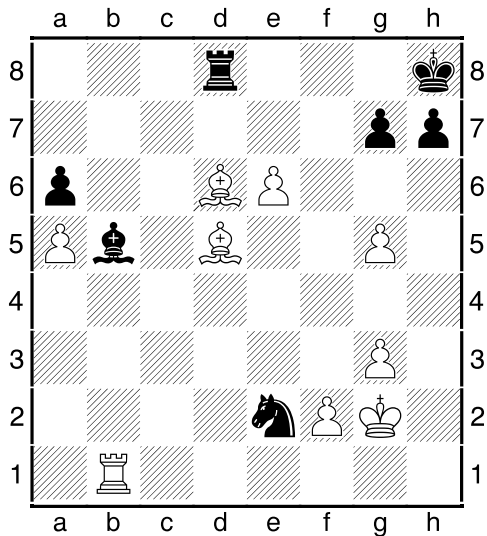
Bluvshstein, Mark (2557) – Harper, Ryan (2233)

Chess Olympiad 2008 Dresden (8.41), 21.11.2008

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6?!± [4...e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6=] 5.a4?!= [5.e3 e6 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5±] 5...e6 6.g3 Nbd7 7.Bg2 Be7 [7...Bb4 8.0-0 0-0=] 8.0-0 0-0 [8...dxc4?! 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nxc4 Nb6±] 9.a5 [9.Qd3 Qa5 10.Bd2 dxc4 11.Qxc4 e5=] 9...Bb4 10.Qa4 c5?± Mark gets a "

clear " advantage [10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 b5 12.Qc2 Re8=] **11.cxd5 exd5 12.dxc5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxc5 14.Qb4 Nce4 15.Be3?!±** [15.Nd4 Re8 16.f3 Nd6 17.Bf4 Nc4±] **15...Bd7 16.Rfc1 Rc8 17.Nd4?!=** Mark has lost his advantage [17.Qxb7 Bb5 18.Bb6 Qe8 19.Nd4 Nxc3 20.Bf3 Nfe4± material equality] **17...Rc4 18.Qxb7** Mark goes up a P **18...Bc8?±** right square; wrong piece [18...Qc8 19.Qxc8 Rfxc8=] **19.Qb6 Nxc3** material equality **20.Bd2** [20.Rc2 Qe7 21.Rac1 Qa3±] **20...Nce4?!+-** Mark gets a " winning " advantage [20...Nfe4 21.Bxc3 Nxc3 22.e3 Rxd4! 23.exd4 Ne2+ 24.Kh1 Nxc1 25.Rxc1 Qd7±] **21.Rxc4 dxc4** Ryan gets a passed P, but is it too vulnerable? **22.Bb4?±** [22.Be1 Qe8 23.Qb4 Qd7 24.Qxc4 Bb7+-] **22...Re8?+-** [22...Nd5 23.Qxd8 Rxd8 24.Rc1 Ndc3 25.Rxc3 Rxd4±] **23.Qxd8 Rxd8 24.Nc6 Re8 25.Rc1** the advanced, unsupported passed P is lost **25...Bd7 26.Rxc4** Mark goes up a P again **26...Ng5 27.h4 Ne6 28.Bd6 Kh8 29.Rb4 Rc8 30.Ne5 Bb5+-** 2.31 [30...Be8? 31.Rb6 Nd4 32.Bb7 Rc2 33.e3 Ne2+ 34.Kg2 Nc3 35.Rxa6 Nd1+- 4.36] **31.Nxf7+** Mark goes up 2 P **31...Kg8 32.Ng5 Nxc5 33.hxc5 Nd7?+-** 3.77 [33...Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Rd1 35.Bb8 Nd7 36.Rxb5! axb5 37.a6 Ra1 38.a7 Kh8 39.e4 b4 40.e5 Nxe5 41.Bxe5 Rxa7+- 1.68 Mark would be up 2 B's vs R] **34.Bd5+ Kh8 35.e4 Nc5 36.e5 Nd3 37.Rb1 Nc1 38.e6 Ne2+ 39.Kg2 Rd8?+-** 10.04 now all roads lead to mate [39...Nd4 40.e7 Nf5 41.Be6 Nxe7 42.Re1 (42.Bxe7? Re8 43.Bf5 Rxe7+- 2.67; 42.Bxc8? Nxc8 43.Bc5 Kg8+- 4.70) 42...Rf8 43.f4 Re8+- 6.05]

Position after 39...Rd8



40.e7! Mark offers his B, to get his P queened **40...Rxd6** leads to mate in 6 moves [40...Re8 41.Rb4 h6 42.g6 Bd3 43.Bf7+- and it is mate in 10 moves; 40...Rc8 41.Rxb5! axb5 42.a6 Nc3 43.Bb7 Re8+- and it is mate in 11 moves; 40...Nf4+ 41.gxf4 Re8 42.Rxb5! axb5 43.Bf7+- and it is mate in 7 moves] **41.Rxb5!+-** Mark sacs the exchange and it is mate in 4 moves. Ryan resigned. The mate is **41...Nf4+ 42.gxf4 h6 43.e8Q+ Kh7 44.Qg8+ Kg6 45.Bf7# 1-0**

Women's Section

There were 114 teams in the Women's section. The women's team was ranked # 53. The women's team was WIM Natalia Khoudgarian, 2006 & 2007 Can. Women's Champion, WFM Yuanling Yuan (an SCC junior !), WFM Dina Kagrananov, WFM Hazel Smith and Irina Barron.

The top teams were:

Final Ranking after 11 Rounds

Rk.	SNo		Team	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	4		Georgia	GEO	11	8	2	1	18	411,5	148,0	31,0
2	2		Ukraine	UKR	11	7	4	0	18	406,5	146,0	30,0
3	7		United States of America	USA	11	8	1	2	17	390,5	145,0	30,5

The Women's team finished # 65 (likely somewhat disappointing for them, given the original ranking of # 63, but they did face a number of relatively strong opponents).
The Canadian results were:

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Bd.</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Final Ranking</u>	<u>Score (Can. First)</u>	<u>Original Ranking</u>
8	18	Belarus	# 10	.5 – 3.5	# 26
1	25	Cuba	# 25	.5 – 3.5	# 25
7	12	Slovenia	# 37	.5 – 3.5	# 15
11	30	Portugal	# 46	1.5 – 2.5	# 49
4	17	England	# 50	1.5 – 2.5	# 31
6	21	Mexico	# 66	2.5 – 1.5	# 57
9	33.	Venezuela	# 67	1.5 – 2.5	# 56
2	36	Costa Rica	# 83	3.5 - .5	# 80
10	33	Tunisia	# 91	4 – 0	# 103
5	21	Nigeria	# 97	4 – 0	# 111
3	40	Fiji	# 105	4 – 0	# 98

The Canadian scores reflect almost perfectly the finishing order of their opponents. Against opponents who finished higher than their original rating, the margin of defeat lessened the lower the ranking. For the 6 teams lower than Canada's original ranking, the margin of victory increases with the weakening of the teams, except for the score against Venezuela which is a disappointing loss.

The individual Canadian results were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Score</u>
Khoudgarian	2	3	4	9	38.9 %	3.5/9
Yuan	6	1	3	10	65 %	6.5/10
Kagramanov	5	1	3	9	61.1 %	5.5/9
Smith	3	1	4	8	43.8 %	3.5/8
Barron	4	2	2	8	62.5 %	5/8

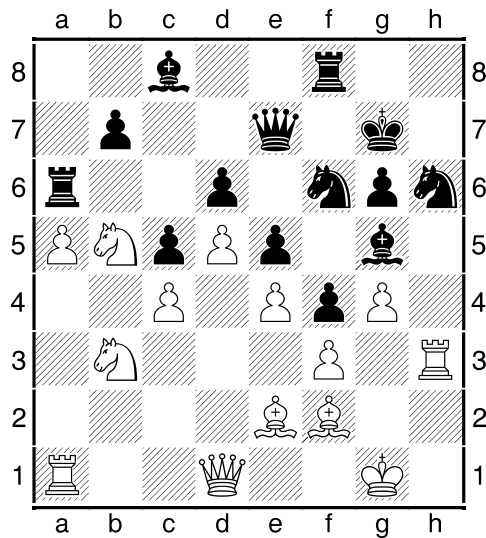
In Rd. 4 against England, Yuanling had an interesting , though losing game. As black, she played her favourite King's Indian Defence, and White made little progress on a K-side attack, and the game was quite even for a long time. But then Yuanling missed a nice tactical shot she gave IM Dagne Ciuksyte, where Dagne ended up with R + 2 P's (connected and passed and on the 6th rank) vs B + N. This converted to Dagne being up the exchange, when Yuanling had to sac an N for the 2 passed P's. Dagne went on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ciuksyte, Dagne (2339) – Yuan, Yuanling (2157) [A00]

Chess Olympiad, Dresden Dresden, Germany (4), 16.11.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 Kings Indian Defence **5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5** [8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qxd1 10.Rfxd1 h6±] **8...Ne7 9.b4?!=** [9.Qc2 Nd7 10.Be3 f5±] **9...Nh5 10.Re1?!±** Yuanling gets the advantage [10.a4 a5 11.b5 f5=] **10...Nf4?!±** Yuanling gets back the advantage [10...f5 11.exf5 e4 12.f6 Bxf6 13.Nd4 Nf5±] **11.Bf1?!=** [11.Bxf4 exf4 12.Rc1 a5±] **11...a5?!±** Dagne gets back the advantage [11...Bg4?! 12.h3 Bc8±; 11...h6 12.Be3 g5 13.Rc1 f5=] **12.bxa5?!=** [12.b5 Bd7 13.Be3 Nc8±] **12...Rxa5 13.Nd2** [13.Rb1 Nh5 14.a4 b6=] **13...c5** [13...f5 14.g3 Nh5 15.exf5 Nf6 (15...Nxf5 16.g4 Nd4 17.gxh5 Qh4 18.Re4 Qxf2+ 19.Kh1 Rf5±) 16.fxg6 hxg6=] **14.a4 Ra6 15.Nb3 f5 16.g3** [16.Nd2 fxe4 17.Rb1 Nd3 18.Bxd3 exd3=] **16...Nh5 17.f3 Kh8** [17...Nf6 18.Bg2 h6=] **18.Nb5 f4** I find that when Bl gets in f4, White has some trouble continuing the attack on the K-side [18...Nf6 19.Qc2 Bd7 20.Bg2 h6=] **19.g4 Nf6 20.h3** [20.g5 Nh5 21.Qe2 Ng8=] **20...Neg8 21.Bd2 Ne8 22.Re2 h5 23.Be1 Nh6 24.Rg2 hxg4?!±** [24...Nf7 25.Rb1 Bf6=] **25.hxg4 Bf6 26.Rh2 Kg7 27.a5 Bg5 28.Be2 Qf6 29.Rh3 Qe7 30.Bf2 Nf6??+-** setting up a nice tactical shot for Dagne, who gets a " winning " advantage [30...Nf7 31.Kg2 Rh8±]

Position after 30...Nf6??



31.Nxd6! Qxd6 32.Bxc5 Qd8 33.Bxf8+ Qxf8 Dagne has R + 2 P (passed & connected) vs B + N **34.c5 Ra8 35.Qd3 Bd7 36.a6 Rxa6 37.Rxa6 bxa6 38.Qxa6 Qb8 39.Qb6 Qa8 40.c6 40...Bc8 2.06 41.d6?!± [41.Bf1 Ne8 42.Nd2 Nf7+-] 41...Nf7 42.d7 [42.Na5 Be6 43.Nb7 Qa2±] 42...Nxd7 { the pawns must be stopped } 43.cxd7 Bxd7** Dagne is up the exchange **44.Bc4 Bd8 45.Qc5 Qb8?!+- [45...Be8 46.Rh1 Qa2 47.Qf2 Qa4±] 46.Kg2 Be8 47.Rh1 Kf6?+- 8.52 [47...Bb6 48.Qe7 Qa7+- 1.72] 48.Qf8 Be7 49.g5+ 1-0**

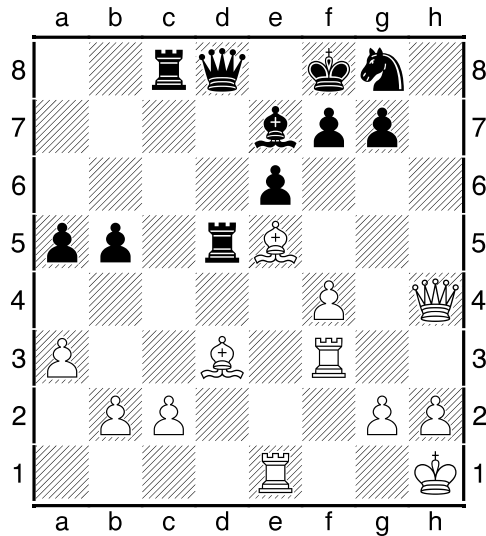
In Rd. 7 the women (# 53) played the evenly-matched Mexico (# 57). Natalia Khoudgarian was given a rest day, so Yuanling (2157) played first board against IM Aurora Esquivel De Leon (2037). She had a great K-side attack and won. Here is her game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yuan, Yuanling (2157) – Esquivel De Leon, Aurora (2037) [A00]

Chess Olympiad, Dresden Dresden, Germany (6), 19.11.2008

1.e4 c5± Sicilian Defence **2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 Qc7 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 Be7?!±** Yuanling gets a " clear " advantage [8...Bb4 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.Qd3 (10.f4?! e5 11.fxe5 Qxe5=) 10...0-0±] **9.Kh1?!±** [9.f4 d6 10.Qe1 0-0±] **9...0-0 10.f4 d6 11.Qe1 Nxd4?!±** [11...Na5 12.Qg3 Nc4±] **12.Bxd4 b5** [12...e5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Qg3 Bd6±] **13.Qg3 Bb7 14.a3?!±** [14.Bd3 Rfd8 15.e5 dxe5 16.Bxe5 Qc5±] **14...Rac8 15.Rae1 Rfd8 16.Bd3** [16.Rd1 Bc6 17.Bd3 Qb7±] **16...d5?!±** [16...Bc6 17.Rd1 Qb7±] **17.Be5 Qb6 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 Rxd5?!+-** Yuanling gets a " winning " advantage [19...exd5 20.Bf5 Rc6 21.Re2 a5±] **20.Rf3?!±** [20.f5 Bd6 21.fxe6 Bxe5 22.exf7+ Kxf7 23.Rxe5 Rxe5 24.Qxe5 Kg8+-] **20...Qd8?!+-** [20...g6 21.f5 Nh5 22.Qh3 exf5 23.Bxf5 Rcc5±] **21.Bxh7+!** Yuanling goes up a P **21...Kf8?+- 3.10** [21...Kxh7 22.Qh4+ Kg8 23.Rh3 Nh5 24.Qxh5 f6+- 1.92] **22.Bd3 a5?+- 4.21** [22...Ne8 23.Qh3 Bf6+- 3.13] **23.Qh4 Ng8**

Position after 23...Ng8



24.Bxg7+! Kxg7 Aurora is up N vs 2 P **25.Rg3+-** 5.37 Aurora resigned. The game could have continued **25...Bg5 26.fxg5 Kf8 27.Rf1 Rcc5 28.Qh7 Rf5 29.Bxf5 Rxf5+-** 6.88 Yuanling would be up the exchange + 2 P's **1-0**

World Championship Challengers' Match – It's a Go !

This is the much delayed announcement of the Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) – Gata Kamsky (USA) match on the FIDE website:

"FIDE is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached for organization of the Challenger Match between Topalov and Kamsky. There has been full agreement between FIDE and the players regarding all aspects of the Match.

The Match will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, from **16th to 28th February, 2009** with a prize fund of USD 250,000 which will be shared equally by the players.

Both teams agreed on the following appointments:

Appeals Committee:

Nigel Freeman (BER) Chairman

Boris Kutin (MNE)

Vanik Zakarian (ARM)

Arbiters:

Ignatius Leong (SIN)

Ashot Vardapetian (ARM)

Match Supervisor:

Hal Bond (CAN) [past CFC President]

Gata Kamsky announced that Mr. Chernenko is no longer his Representative and that he has appointed Emil Sutovsky as his Official Representative in all negotiations and as chief of his delegation and spokesperson for the team.

FIDE is pleased that the meetings with both delegations were conducted in a very friendly and constructive atmosphere and thanks both teams for their cooperation."

World Championship Cycle Leading to the 2011 World Championship Match

The minutes of the recently concluded FIDE General Assembly in Dresden, Germany , notes that the assembly approved a new WCC cycle:

“ It approved a Candidates tournament in which two players are from the ongoing Grand Prix series, two players as finalists of World Cup 2009, the defeated player from the World Championship match 2009, the defeated player from the Challenge Match 2009, the highest rated player provided that he is one of the top six players based on the rating list, and the player nominated by the organizer with a rating above 2700) in two formats for the organizer to choose from: a./ an eight-player round robin tournament or b./ knock-out matches of four games for the first and semifinal rounds, respectively and six games in the final match. The winner under either format will be the challenger for the world championship match scheduled in September 2011. “

Susan Polgar in her chess blog comments on this as follows:

“ Some players seem to like it and some do not.
Do you agree with FIDE President Ilyumzhinov?

The problem with returning to the old system with Zonal, Interzonal, Candidates matches, and World Championship match is there is not enough interest in sponsoring some of the matches. In addition, a three / four year cycle is way too long.

The complaint about the knockout system is many of the elite players will not compete and a two game knockout format leaves too much to chance.

The problem with the 8-player double round tournament format is it does not please the die hard fans for the traditional match play.

So what is the solution? “

What do you think of the new WCC Cycle now enacted by FIDE? Let us know your views, and we'll publish them in our next Issue.

SCC Fall Swiss

This 8 Rd. swiss started Thursday, October 30 and runs to the Thursday before Christmas. It is held in 2 sections: Open Section; U 1700 section. 37 players registered for the Open section. As with our first tournament this year, it is very strong at the top, with 4 masters and 5 experts . 25 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of over 60 players continues the highest numbers we have had out since early in the millennium. The highest we've had out this year is 68 players for the Howard Ridout Swiss in the early Fall.

The leaders after 5 rounds are:

Open Section:

1st - 5 pts. (all wins) – Bryan Lamb
2nd/ 4th – 4 pts. - Karl Sellars
John Hall
Erwin Casareno

U 1700 Section:

1st – 4.5 pts. (undefeated) – Dean Ward
2nd/ 5th – 3.5 pts. - Jim Roe
John Graham
Mario Umana
John Walker

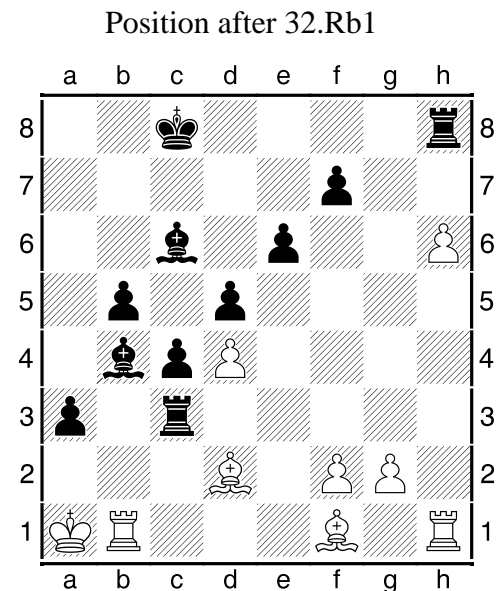
In Rd. 4 in the top section on Bd. 2, Karl Sellars went up 2 P's against Kyle Morrison. He then sacked the exchange in order to facilitate the promotion of his pawns. He ended up mating Kyle with the assistance of the forward P's. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morrison, Kyle (2244) – Sellars, Karl (2154) [D44]

Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (4), 20.11.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 Karl goes up the gambitted P **6.e4 b5** cementing the extra P **7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5!** Kyle temporarily sacs his N for 2 P **9...hxg5 10.Bxg5** Karl is up N vs 2 P **10...Nbd7?!±** [10...Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.exf6 Qxf6= Kyle would be up a P] **11.exf6** Kyle is up a P **11...Qa5 12.Bd2?!=** [12.Qc2 Ba6 13.Be2 0-0-0±] **12...Bb7 13.a4?!±** Karl gets the advantage [13.h4 Qb6 14.Bg5 0-0-0=] **13...Qb6 14.Be3** [14.axb5 cxb5 15.Bg5 a5±; 14.Bg5 a6 15.Qg4 Rg8±] **14...0-0-0?±** [14...Bb4 15.d5 Qa5 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.axb5 Bxc3+ 18.bxc3 Qxc3+ 19.Bd2 Qe5+ 20.Be3 Bxb5±] **15.a5?+** Karl gets a " winning " advantage [15.h4? Nxf6 16.Qf3 Be7±; 15.d5 Nc5 16.axb5 cxd5±] **15...Qc7?±** [15...Qa6 16.b3 Bb4 17.Qc2 Nxf6 18.f3 c5-+] **16.a6 Ba8 17.b3?!±** [17.Qf3 Kb8 18.h4 c5 19.Nxb5 Bxf3 20.Nxc7 cxd4 21.gxf3 dxe3 22.Nb5 exf2+ 23.Kxf2 Bc5+ 24.Ke1 Ne5±] **17...Bb4 18.Qc2 Nxf6** material equality **19.0-0-0 Nd5 20.Nxd5 cxd5 21.h4?!-+** [21.Kb2 Rxh2 22.Rxh2 Qxh2 23.Bg5 Rg8±] **21...Qa5 22.Kb1?-+** – 2.96 [22.Kb2 Ba3+ 23.Kb1 Rd6 24.Bd2 Bb4-+ – 1.57] **22...Rd6 23.Qa2?-+** – 4.55 [23.Rc1 Rxa6 24.Qb2 Kd7-+ – 3.62] **23...Qxa2+ 24.Kxa2 Rxa6+** Karl goes up a P **25.Kb2 Ra3 26.h5 Rxb3+** Karl goes up 2 P's **27.Kc2 Rc3+ 28.Kb2 a5** the three connected, passed P's loom large on the horizon **29.h6 a4 30.Bd2 a3+?!-+** – 4.70 [30...Rb3+ 31.Ka2 Bxd2 32.Rxd2 Bc6 33.Be2 b4-+ – 5.43] **31.Ka1 Bc6?-**

+ - 2.55 Karl leaves the exchange sac available to Kyle [31...Rb3 32.Bxb4 Rxb4 33.Ka2 Ra4+- - 4.16] **32.Rb1** - 2.99 [32.Bxc3? Bxc3+ 33.Ka2 b4 34.Rc1 Bd2 35.Bxc4 dxc4 36.Rxc4 Kd7 37.Rxc6 Kxc6 38.h7 Kd5+- - 5.14]



32...Rh3! Karl sacs the exchange in trying to promote his pawns **33.Rxh3 Bxd2** Kyle is up the exchange, but Karl has 2 P's compensation **34.h7?+-** - 4.23 [34.Rxa3 Bxh6 35.Rf3 Rf8+- - 3.06] **34...b4 35.Ka2 Ba4 36.Be2** - 6.27 [36.Bd3 Kc7 37.Rf3 Ra8+- - 6.21] **36...Bc2 37.Rbh1?+-** - 12.34 [37.Rd1 Bg5 38.Rg3 Be7 39.Ka1 (39.Rg8+? Kd7 40.Rxh8 b3+ 41.Ka1 b2+ 42.Ka2 Bb3+ 43.Kb1 c3 44.Rd8+ Bxd8 45.Bb5+ Kc7 46.h8Q a2#) 39...b3+- - 8.01] **37...Kd7?+-** - 7.39 [37...Rxh7! 38.Ra1 (38.Rxh7?? Bb3+ 39.Kb1 a2+ 40.Kb2 Bc3+ 41.Kc1 a1Q#) 38...Rxh3 39.gxh3 Bc3+- - 29.03] **38.Bd1??+-** leads to mate in 4 moves [38.Rb1 Bxb1+ 39.Kxb1 b3 40.Bd1 Rb8 41.Rxb3 cxb3+- - 10.30] **38...b3+ 39.Kxa3** Kyle is still up the exchange, and Karl has only 1 P compensation, but Kyle is mated **39...Ra8+-+** Kyle resigned. It is mate in one move **40.Kb2 Ra2# 0-1**

In Rd. 4 in the U 1700 section, two executive veterans faced off – President Maurice Smith, and Treasurer Andrew Philip. Maurice tried a dubious N-sac for 2 pawns, but then Andrew started chipping away at his position and won one of the pawns back and then a second. Maurice valiantly played a minor piece down, but then Andrew got a second minor piece and Maurice resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Smith, Maurice (1662) – Philip, Andrew (1576) [B00]
 Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (Under 1700) Toronto (4), 20.11.2008

Andrew's analysis : Interestingly, although the game initially started as a Nimzovich Defense, after White's 12th, the game had transposed to a position normally arising from the Tango 1. d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6. In fact, games such as Kadimova-Shabalov, Cappelle la Grande 1995, N. Smith - Palliser Bradford 2000, and Firth-Palliser, Yorkshire League 2000 featured structure and themes very similar to this game and they all were Tangos. These games show my bishop should have retreated to a7 not b6 (something I realized immediately after I moved it) and that I should have played h6 after Nh5 and followed up with Qf6 and Nh4. White faces huge kingside pressure particularly on g2 and his only real chance is to cut off the dark-squared B with c5 (much like

Maurice was threatening), but Shabalov showed Black should not fear c5 and calmly counter with c6 and continue with the plan of posting the N's to f4.

My 17...Ne7 was terrible and I knew it. Again Shabalov's c6 was the way to go but I really didn't see this idea. I became fearful of Maurice's queenside pressure and basically stalled my kingside attack reacting to it. My pieces were no longer harmoniously placed and Maurice would have had the edge after his 18 c5 had he not sac'd, so I consider myself very lucky to have found a refutation to his sac. Granted it was actually only under best play an equalizing refutation (the hard to fathom 21...Qb8 instead of the natural 21...Bb8 is the real refutation) but it presented Maurice with a complex position where he had only one possible move among many choices that would keep the game on equal footing which was the very had to see 23.f4!!

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **1...Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nf3?!=** [5.Nc3 Ng6 6.h4 h5±] **5...Ng6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Nc3 a6 8.h3 d6 9.Ne2** [9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nc4 Bd7=] **9...0-0** [9...c6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.a3 Bd7=] **10.a3 Nh5** [10...c6 11.Nc3 Bd7 12.dxc6 bxc6=] **11.b4 Bb6 12.c4 a5 13.Bd2 axb4?!±** [13...Nh4 14.Ne1 f5=] **14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Qxa1 Bd7 16.Qb2 Qc8 17.Kh2?!=** [17.c5?! Bxh3! 18.Ng5 (18.gxh3?! Qxh3 19.Ng5 Qxd3?) 18...Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qg4+ 20.Kh2 Nh4 21.Nxf4 Nxf4 22.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 23.Kh3 Qxg5 24.cxb6 Qh5+ 25.Kg2 Qg4+ 26.Kh2 Qf4+=; 17.Bc2 c6 18.c5 dxc5 19.Nxe5 cxd5 20.exd5 Nf6±] **17...Ne7?+–** Maurice gets a " winning " advantage [17...c6 18.c5 dxc5 19.bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nxe5 Nf6=] **18.c5 Ba7 19.cxd6?±** [19.Ra1 Bb8 20.g4 Nf4+–] **19...cxd6 20.Nxe5?±** Maurice tries an unsound sac. Andrew gets a " clear " advantage [20.g4 Nf6 21.Ng3 h6±] **20...dxe5 21.Qxe5** Andrew is up N vs 2 P's **21...Bb8?!=** [21...Qb8 22.Qxb8 Bxb8+ 23.g3 f5±] **22.d6 Qc6 23.g3?+–** Andrew gets a " winning " advantage [23.f4 Qxd6 24.Qxd6 Bxd6=] **23...Qxd6** Andrew has N vs P **24.Qxh5?+–** – 4.23 [24.Qxd6 Bxd6 25.f4 Rd8+– – 1.78] **24...Qxd3 25.Bc3** – 4.93 [25.Be3 Re8 26.Qf3 Nc6+– – 4.79] **25...Qxe4?+–** 4.20 Andrew is up an N [25...f5 26.Qg5 Rf7 27.Qd2 fxe4+– – 5.25] **26.Nf4?+–** – 5.55 [26.Re1? Bc6 27.Nf4 Qc2 28.Ne2 Nf5+– – 6.17; 26.Nd4 Qd3 27.Rc1 Rc8+– – 4.27] **26...Qf5?+–** – 3.81 [26...Bxf4 27.gxf4 Qxf4+ 28.Kg1 Ng6+– – 5.92] **27.Rd1 Bc6 28.Qe2?+–** – 6.20 [28.Qxf5 Nxf5 29.b5 Bf3 30.Rd7 Rc8+– – 4.22] **28...Ng6?+–** – 4.86 [28...Bxf4 29.b5 Bd7 30.Rxd7 Bxg3+ 31.Kxg3 Qxd7+– – 7.26] **29.Nxg6 hxg6 30.Qd2??+–** leads to mate in 12 moves [30.Rd2 Re8 31.Qg4 Qb1 32.Qd1 Qe4+– – 6.55] **30...Qf3 31.Rg1 Ba7?+–** – 6.17 Andrew misses the long mating line [31...Re8 32.Be5 Bxe5 33.Qe1 Bc7 34.Qxe8+ Bxe8 35.b5 Bxb5 36.h4 Qxf2+ 37.Rg2 Bxg3+ 38.Kh1 Qf1+ 39.Rg1 Bc6#] **32.Bd4?+–** – 9.30 [32.b5 Be4 33.Qf4 Bxf2 34.Qxf3 Bxg1+ 35.Kxg1 Bxf3+– – 6.73] **32...Rd8+–** – 10.54 **0-1**

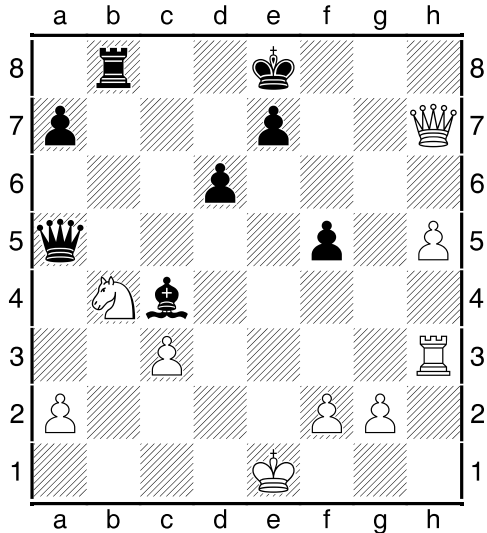
In Rd. 5 in the Open section on top board, VP Bryan Lamb, and new member Karl Sellars, the co-leaders, played. The game was close 'til the middle game. Bryan then went up a pawn on move 22, and on the next move, Karl gave him a " winning " advantage. Bryan kept the upper hand 'til the end of the game where he was up N + P. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lamb, Bryan (2183) – Sellars, Karl (2154) [A35]

Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (5), 27.11.2008

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6?!± [2...Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Be7=] **3.Nf3 g6 4.d4?!=** [4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5±] **4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Nc2?!±** Karl gets the advantage [6.Nb3 d6 7.e4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nf6=] **6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 f5?±** Bryan gets back the advantage [7...Nf6 8.a3 d6 9.Nb4 Qa5±] **8.h4?!=** [8.g3 Qa5 9.Bg2 Nf6±] **8...Nf6 9.h5 Kf7?±** Bryan gets a " clear " advantage [9...Nhx5 10.Nb4 Qa5=] **10.Bg5?±** [10.c5 Kg8 11.Nb4 Qa5 12.Qb3+ Kg7±] **10...d6** [10...Nhx5?! 11.e4 Nf6±; 10...Ne4?! 11.Qd5+ Kg7 12.Be3 e6 13.Qd3 Qf6±] **11.Bxf6 Kxf6 12.e4?!±** [12.g4 f4 13.g5+ Kg7± (13...Kxg5±)] **12...Qa5?!=** [12...fxe4 13.Be2 Qa5±] **13.Qd2 Be6 14.exf5 gxf5?!±** [14...Bxf5 15.Nd4 Rac8=] **15.Rh3?!=** Bryan loses his advantage [15.Ne3 Kf7 16.Rb1 Ne5 17.f4 Ng4

18.Nxg4 fxg4 19.Rb5 Qa4±] **15...Kf7** [15...Rac8 16.0-0-0 Qxa2=] **16.Rb1?±** Karl gets a " clear " advantage [16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Be2 Rhg8=] **16...Ne5?±** Karl should exchange the P's [16...Qxa2 17.Qc1 Qa5 18.Rxb7 Qa6±] **17.Rxb7?±** Bryan goes up a P [17.Nd4 Bc8 18.Be2 Rg8±] **17...Rab8 18.Rxb8 Rxb8 19.Nb4 Nxc4** material equality **20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.Qh6 Ke8?!=** [21...Rxb4! 22.cxb4 Qxb4+ 23.Qd2 Qb1+ 24.Qd1 Qxa2±] **22.Qxh7** Bryan goes up a P again



22...Rb5?+- Bryan gets a " winning " advantage [22...Rxb4! 23.cxb4 Qxb4+ 24.Kd1 Qb1+ 25.Kd2 Qb2+ 26.Kd1 Qa1+ 27.Kd2 Qxa2+ 28.Kc1 Qa1+ 29.Kc2 Qa2+ 30.Kc1 Qxf2=] **23.Re3 Re5 24.Qh8+ Kd7 25.Rxe5 dxe5?+-** 2.52 [25...Qxe5+ 26.Qxe5 dxe5 27.h6 Bg8+- 1.77] **26.Qb8 Qb6 27.Qxb6!±** [27.Qxe5 Qe6 28.f4 Qxe5+ 29.fxe5 Ke6 30.Nc6 f4+-] **27...axb6 28.f4 exf4?!+-** material equality again [28...Ke6 29.h6 Kf6 30.fxe5+ Kg6±] **29.h6 Bg8 30.Nd5 Ke6?+-** 2.70 [30...Kd6 31.Nxb6 Kc6 32.Na4 e5+- 1.92] **31.Nxb6** Bryan goes up a P again **31...Kf6?+-** 7.71 [31...Kd6 32.a4 Kc6 33.a5 e5 4.21] **32.a4** this P will be hard to stop **32...Bb3 33.a5 Bc2 34.c4 Be4 35.Nd5+ Kg6 36.Nxe7+ Kxh6 37.Nd5?+-** 5.23 [37.a6 Ba8 38.c5 Kg7+- 7.56] **37...Bd3 38.Nb6 Be4 39.a6 Bc6 40.a7 Kg5 41.a8Q Bxa8 42.Nxa8** Bryan is up an N **42...f3 43.gxf3** Bryan is up N + P **43...Kf4 44.Nb6?+-** 7.17 [44.c5 Ke5 45.c6 Kd6 46.c7 Kd7 47.Kf2 f4 48.Ke2 Kc8+- 17.83] **44...Kxf3** 11.23 Bryan is up an N [44...Ke5 45.c5 Ke6 46.Kd1 Ke7 47.Kd2 Kd8+- 17.81] **45.Kf1 Ke4 46.Na4+-** 4.68 **1-0**

In Rd. 5, on top board in the U 1700 section, the two co-leaders, Dean Ward and Jim Roe, played. Jim got the advantage early and held it through to the late middle game. But then the tide shifted, and Dean went from a " clear " advantage to a " winning " advantage. He won a pawn temporarily, but Jim got it back. But by then Dean had an up and running passed aP that couldn't be stopped, and won. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ward, Dean (1614) – Roe, Jim (1533) [C02]
 Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (Under 1700) Toronto (5), 27.11.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5?!=** [3.exd5?! exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6=; 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7±] **3...c5 4.c3** [4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bd3 cxd4 6.0-0 Nge7=] **4...cxd4 5.cxd4 Nc6 6.a3 Bd7 7.f4?±** Jim gets a " clear " advantage [7.Nc3 Nge7 8.Bg5 Qb6=] **7...Nge7 8.b4 Nf5 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Bb2 Ne3 11.Qd2 Nxf1 12.Rxf1 Be7?!±** [12...a5 13.Kf2 axb4 14.Kg1 Be7±] **13.Kf2?!±** [13.Nc3 0-0 14.Kf2 Bd8±] **13...0-0?±** [13...a5 14.Nc3 axb4 15.axb4 0-0 16.Rxa8 Rxa8 17.b5 Na5±] **14.Kg1?+-** [14.Nc3 Bd8 15.Na4 Qb5 16.Nc5 Bc8=] **14...a5 15.bxa5 Nxa5 16.Bc3**

Nc4 17.Qc1 Rfc8 18.Rf2 Qa6 19.Rfa2 Rc7?!# [19...Ba4 20.Qe1 Bb3 21.Rf2 Qb5-+] **20.Bb4 Bd8 21.Qe1 Rac8 22.Nbd2 Bb5?!#** [22...Ba4 23.Bc5 Nb6 24.f5 exf5 25.e6 Na8#] **23.a4** [23.Nxc4 Bxc4 24.Rc2 Rc6#] **23...Nxd2 24.Nxd2 Bc4 25.Ra3** [25.Rb2 Bd3 26.Bc5 Rc6#] **25...Be7?!#** [25...Be2 26.a5 Rc2 27.Bc5 h6#] **26.Bxe7 Rxe7 27.Rh3?!#** [27.a5 Qa7 28.Qe3 Rec7=] **27...Bd3?#** for the first time since the opening, Dean gets the advantage [27...Qa7 28.Qe3 b5 29.a5 b4#] **28.Nb3 Bf5 29.Rc3 Rec7?!#** Dean gets a " clear " advantage [29...Rxc3 30.Qxc3 Re8#] **30.Nc5 Qa5** [30...Qc6 31.a5 Qe8#] **31.Rb3 Qxe1+?!#** Dean gets a " winning " advantage [31...Qa7 32.a5 Rxc5 33.dxc5 Qxc5+ 34.Qf2 Qc6#] **32.Rxe1 Kf8 33.Rxb7?!#** Dean goes up a P [33.Re2 h5 34.Reb2 Ra8-+] **33...Rxb7 34.Nxb7 Rc4?+** [34...Rc2 35.Nd6 Ra2 36.Rc1 Rxa4 37.Rc8+ Ke7#] **35.Ra1 Rxd4** material equality **36.a5 Rb4?+** 5.59 [36...Bd3 37.a6 Bxa6 38.Rxa6 Rxf4+- 1.96] **37.a6+-** 5.59 **1-0**

Hart House Holidays Open Chess Tournament

December 19th, 20th, 21st 2008 (Fri, Sat, Sun)
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3	\$200	\$100	\$100		\$100		

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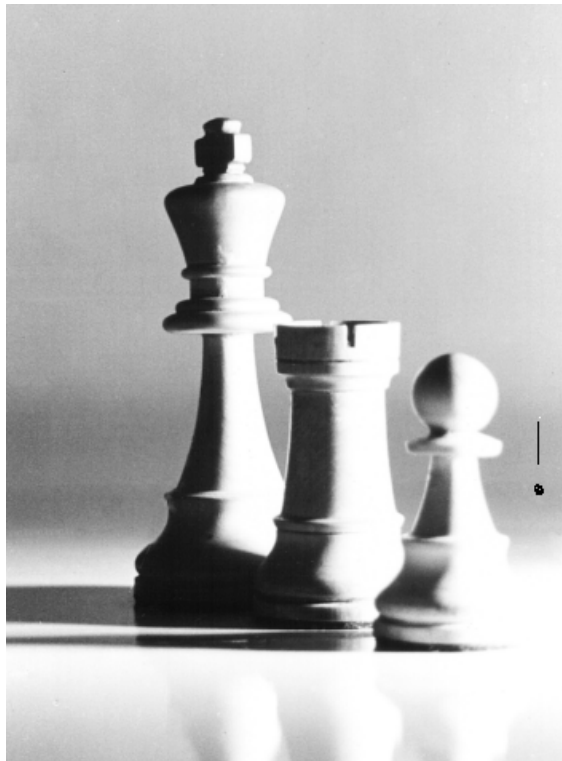
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