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Super-GM Alexei Shirov Coming to SCC !

On Thursday, February 18, 2010, Grandmaster Alexei Shirov (Spain) visits the Scarborough Chess Club to play a simultaneous exhibition of 25 boards. According to the Jan. 1, 2010 FIDE list, Shirov is #20 among active players in the world with an ELO rating of 2723. Shirov is a former World Champion (under 16) and once rose to be rated fourth in the world. He recently came 2nd/3rd at Corus.



Scarborough Chess Club members had the first chance to reserve a spot to play against Shirov. The fee to play Shirov is \$20 for SCC members and \$25 for all others, if any (SCC is subsidizing each member for \$ 5 of the fee). It was intended that after SCC members reserved, if there were any places left, they would be opened up beyond the club. But all 25 places were filled by SCC members.

Shirov has also played already a simul in Ottawa at the RACC, and given 2 lectures. We welcome Alexei to Canada again, and to SCC, and look forward to playing him on Thursday.

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SCC Club Championship Starts in 2 Weeks !

Rd. 1 of the 9 round club championship starts on Thursday, Feb. 25. It will go to April 22. The club championship is run in three sections.

The first section is a 10-player round robin. Included are the 9 top rated players registering, plus the winner of the 2008 – 9 club championship Reserves-Open section. Bill Peng was the winner of the Reserves A Section with 7.5 points. Alex Ferreira got 2nd place by scoring 6.5 points. If by the date of the championship, Bill is among the top 9, then the second place finisher in the Reserves, Alex, moves up to the top section.

The second section is the Reserves-Open Section Swiss. Anyone else can register for this section. The winner gets into the 2010-11 club championship top section. Generally, players in this section are 1700 or over, but it is club policy that any member can play up, regardless of rating.

The third section is the Reserves-U 1700 Section Swiss.

Gibtelecom Swiss, Gibraltar

The 8th Gibtelecom Chess Festival 2010 took place Tuesday 26th January - 4th February 2010. 10 rounds. It is one of the stronger open swisses in the world.

Stars include: Etienne Bacrot, Sergei Movsesian, Francisco Vallejo Pons, Michael Adams, Gata Kamsky, Laurent Fressinet, Ivan Cheparinov, Daniel Fridman etc.

It attracted 224 players.

At the end of regular play, 9 players had tied for first:

Top standings after ten rounds (final)

#	Player	Pts	Nat.	Gen	Rtng	Perf	W-We
1	GM Gustafsson, Jan	7.5	GER	M	2627	2769	+1.88
2	GM Adams, Michael	7.5	ENG	M	2694	2764	+0.97
3	GM Vallejo Pons, Francisco	7.5	ESP	M	2705	2726	+0.33
4	GM Sandipan, Chanda	7.5	IND	M	2622	2720	+1.29
5	GM Kamsky, Gata	7.5	USA	M	2693	2719	+0.38
6	GM Bacrot, Etienne	7.5	FRA	M	2713	2713	+0.11
7	GM Movsesian, Sergei	7.5	SVK	M	2708	2708	+0.07
8	GM Geetha Narayanan Gopal	7.5	IND	M	2584	2656	+0.95
9	IM Lenderman, Alex	7.5	USA	M	2560	2652	+1.33

The winner was Michael Adams,



on tie break. British GM Michael Adams eliminated first Jan Gustafsson of Germany in an Armageddon game, and then Francisco Vallejo (who had knocked out Indian GM Sandipan Chanda) to take overall victory at the Gibtelecom Masters in Gibraltar.:

The Moscow Open

The Moscow Open took place 30th January - 7th February 2010. It is quite strong this year. It attracted 187 players.

Four players shared first with 7.0/9 points. The winner was Konstantin Chernyshov (on left),



on tie-break, with the decisive factor being that he had the most wins. He drew in the last round with Quang Liem Le (on right). The top four were:

Rnk	SN	Ti.	Name	Rtg	FED	wins	Pts	BH.	WWe	Ra	Rp
1	46	GM	Chernyshov Konstantin	2556	RUS	6	7	46½	1.90	2506	2726
2	17	GM	Bareev Evgeny	2643	RUS	5	7	52	1.70	2573	2793

3	16	GM	Le Quang Liem	2647	VIE	5	7	50½	1.62	2572	2792
4	15	GM	Inarkiev Ernesto	2649	RUS	5	7	49½	1.75	2583	2803

Final FIDE Grand Prix Finalized

(from Susan Polgar Blog)

The final FIDE Grand-Prix tournament is set to take place on 9-25th May in Astrakhan, Russia. The event is crucial to determine who will be the second qualifier for the Candidates Matches 2010-2011. [Levon Aronian](#) has already qualified and opted not to participate.

As with the previous Grand Prix stages, the tournament format is a round robin with 14 players.

Participants:

Vladimir Akopian (Armenia)
 Evgeny Alekseev (Russia)
 Pavel Eljanov (Ukraine)
 Vugar Gashimov (Azerbaijan)
 Boris Gelfand (Israel)
 Ernesto Inarkiev (Russia)
 Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine)
 Dmitry Jakovenko (Russia)
 Peter Leko (Hungary)
 Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan)
 Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine)
 Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan)
 Peter Svidler (Russia)
 Wang Yue (China)

The current standings are:

Player	Baku	Sochi	Elista	Nalchik	Jermuk	Best 3
Levon Aronian (ARM)		180		180	140	500
Teimour Radjabov (AZE)	60	150	153			363
Alexander Grischuk (RUS)	105	45	153	105		363
Wang Yue (CHN)	153	120	80			353
Vugar Gashimov (AZE)	153	65	110			328
Peter Leko (HUN)			80	140	100	320
Dmitry Jakovenko (RUS)		90	153		35	278
Vassily Ivanchuk (UKR)		65		20	180	265

Boris Gelfand (ISR)		30		85	140	255
Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (AZE)	105		80	55		240
Etienne Bacrot (FRA)	15		80	105	55	240
Gata Kamsky (USA)	60	120		55	55	235
Peter Svidler (RUS)	85	90		55		230
Sergey Karjakin (UKR)	60	90		55	80	230
Evgeny Alekseev (RUS)		35	85	100		220
Rustam Kasimdjnov (UZB)		80	20	100		200
Vladimir Akopian (ARM)		15	140	35		190
Ivan Cheparinov (BUL)	35	45	50		10	130
Pavel Eljanov (UKR)		35	20	70		125
Ernesto Inarkiev (RUS)	15		15		20	50

Guelph Winter Pro-Am

(report by organizer/TD Hal Bond on ChessTalk)

The Pro Section was split between Artiom Samsonkin and Nikolay Noritsyn with 4.5 scores. Neither of them had to face the battered Sambuev, who was off form this weekend. They drew each other and disposed of everyone else. Artiom defeated Victor Plotkin in the final round, and Nikolay prevailed against Alex Martchenko. Nikita Gusev won against Calugar to split the 3rd-4th prizes with Roman Sapozhnikov, who ground down Filipovich.

The U2000 section was shared by Israel Crooks, Ian Finlay and Liza Orlova at 4 points each. Shafkat Ali went 5-0 in the U1700, followed by Frank Lee and Zach Dukic, who nosed out John Brown on tie break. Sergey Noritsyn scored 4 point to top the U1400s, followed by Benjamin Papernick and Damir Baizhieynov at 3.5.

SCC – Who Are We ??

This is a series, in each Issue, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada ! This Issue we introduce junior

Magas Yusuf



When I was about nine years old in Philadelphia, an evening after school before dinner, my sister began explaining a game called “chess.” It seemed interesting and the next day, my father came home with a brand new chess set. Immediately I asked my sister to teach me how all the pieces moved. Meanwhile my dad was listening, also absorbing the rules.

So there were three of us, my father and I being complete novices and my sister being vaguely aware of tactical themes such as pins and hanging pieces. I would play her continuously, game after game, to no avail. Finally, I won a game against the Family Champion! Sadly she quit playing after the loss.

Playing my father was the next step as he was able to grasp many of the concepts faster than me due to my abruptness of play in addition to him playing in his childhood before. I eventually began beating him on a regular basis and he stopped playing nearly as much against me until it came to an absolute halt. With no one to play against, I did not play at all for a few years.

One day in the summer, two years after my introduction to the game, my family went for a walk in the park and I spotted a group of about six people playing chess in the park; they called it blitz. They also had clocks beside them and would smash it after saying “Push passed pawns,” with enthusiasm. I asked for a game and they kindly accepted. They were the first players I ever saw playing chess with clocks and I was constantly losing on time. They claimed I was quite a good player but I knew there was no use if I wasn’t winning. I would continue to go back to the park a few times a week and began learning more and more about chess.

Later the next year, some stuff happened that required my family to move back to Canada, where I was born. I took another break from chess until I found out my school had a chess team. In 8th grade I joined and was among the top 3 players. We would all play each other, striving to be the best. Our school team then played in a tournament of seven teams. We narrowly missed the first place trophy prize with ribbons for each of the participants by only a couple points.

Ninth grade was quite similar. Although the school was a lot bigger, there were still only me along with two other people on the chess team who were about equal strength. I was placed on board two and had a quite enjoyable season with few losses and draws and mostly wins. Our team won silver trophies in a school-based tournament later on in the year, missing the win again, by only 1 point; seven for our school and eight for the other school, Pearson CI.

During my 9th grade year in November, I began participating in SCC tournaments. My rating at the time was 1224. I actively participated in the tournaments and my rating has been rising steadily since then. I have been playing tournament chess in Canada for a little over one year and my rating has gone up over 1600! I might also mention that my USCF rating is a mere 400.

My goal by the end of this year is to reach 2000 rating. Furthermore, my goal for chess is to attain the Fide Master title. To reach this sort of playing strength I try to do tactic problems whenever I remember (despite often forgetting to) as well as playing in all tournaments—especially at SCC!

The best tournament result I ever had was at the 2009 Toronto Thanksgiving Open in the U1600 section. I scored 5.5/6 earning myself a whopping \$200. Here is one of my games:

Chan, Edward – Yusuf, Magas [A00]

Toronto Thanksgiving Day (U 1600) Toronto (4), 11.10.2009

1.g3 d5 2.d3 [2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6=] **2...e5 3.Bg2 Be6 4.Nf3 Nd7 5.0-0 Be7** [5...Ngf6 6.c4 dxc4 7.d4 Bd6=] **6.Nc3 Ngf6?!±** [6...c6 7.e4 Ngf6=] **7.Ng5 0-0 8.Nxe6 fxe6 9.e4?!=** [9.Bh3 Nc5 10.b4 Na6 11.Bxe6+ Kh8 12.a3 c5±] **9...c6 10.Kh1 Bd6** [10...Qe8 11.Bh3 Bb4=] **11.Ne2** [11.f4 Qb6 12.Ne2 exf4 13.gxf4 Ng4=] **11...Qe8 12.f4 Qh5 13.Nc3 Qxd1 14.Nxd1 exf4 15.gxf4 e5 16.f5 d4?!±** [16...Bc5 17.Bg5 Rac8=] **17.Nf2 c5 18.Bg5 Rac8 19.b3 b5 20.Bf3?!=** [20.a4 a6 21.axb5 axb5±] **20...c4 21.dxc4** for the first time in the game, Magas gets the advantage. But draw was agreed.[21.bxc4 bxc4 22.Rg1 Kh8=] ½-½

And to finish this article off, an interesting game, and incidentally the highest rated player I ever played, I was able to draw, however, from a winning position due to fear of a swindle from my opponent in addition to both of us being in time trouble.[Ed. His opponent is a familiar SCC face & a master!]:

Yusuf, Magas (1614) – Lamb, Bryan (2218) [A04]

Hart House Extra Game Toronto, 16.01.2010

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.e4= 0.16 **1...c5±** [1...e5± For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 g6?!±** Magas gets an early " clear " advantage [3...e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6±] **4.g3?±** [4.d4 Nd7 5.dxc5 Nxc5±] **4...Bg7 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 Nd4 9.Rb1 0-0 10.Ne2 Nec6 11.c3 Nxe2+?!±** [11...Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 Qa5=] **12.Qxe2 e5 13.Qd2?!=** Magas has lost his advantage [13.a3 Kh8 14.Qd2 f5±] **13...f5 14.Bg5 Qa5 15.b4 cxb4 16.cxb4 Qb5 17.Rfc1?!±** for the first time in the game, Bryan gets the advantage [17.a4 Qxa4 18.b5 Nd4=] **17...fxe4?!±** Magas gets back a " clear " advantage [17...a5 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Qxa5 Rxa5=] **18.dxe4 Bg4 19.Bf1 Qb6?!+-** Magas gets a " winning " advantage [19...Qa4 20.b5 Na5±] **20.Be3?±** [20.b5 Ne7 21.Be3 Qd8+-] **20...Nd4 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Bf4 Rae8 23.Qd3?!=** Magas has lost his advantage [23.Bg2 Rf7 24.b5 Qd8±] **23...d5?!±** [23...h6] **24.Qb3 Qf6 25.Qxd5+** Magas goes up a P [25.Rc2 Rd8 26.Rbc1 Be6±] **25...Be6 26.Qg5 Bxa2?+-** material equality but Magas gets back a " winning " advantage [26...Qxg5 27.Bxg5 h6 28.Bf4 Rd8±] **27.Qxf6 Rxf6**

28.Ra1 Bf7 29.Rxa7 Magas goes up a P again 29...Rb6 30.Bd2 Rxe4 material equality 31.Rc8+ Re8 32.Rxe8+?± Magas is losing his advantage [32.Raa8 Kf8 33.Rxe8+ Bxe8 34.b5 Bf6+–] 32...Bxe8 33.Bc4+ Kf8 34.b5?!= Magas has lost his advantage again [34.Bd5 Bc6 35.Bxc6 bxc6±] 34...Be5?+– this loses material; Magas again gets back a " winning " advantage [34...Bxb5! 35.Ba5 Bxc4 (35...d3 36.Bxb6 Bxc4 37.Rxb7 d2 38.Rd7 Bc3=) 36.Bxb6 d3=] 35.Ba5 Bxb5 1.54 [35...Rf6? 36.Rxb7 Bf7+– 2.55 Magas would be up a P] 36.Bxb6 Bxc4 37.Rxb7 Magas is up the exchange, but Bryan has a passed P 37...d3 38.Ba5 Bf6 39.Bd2 h5 40.Rb6?!± [40.f4 Ke8 41.Kf1 Bd5 42.Rc7 Bd8 43.Ra7 Be7+–] 40...Kf7 41.Rb4± ½-½

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the question:

I was born on the 19th of November 1905 in New York, USA. Awarded the GM title in 1954 and the IA title in 1960 I played on five US Olympiad teams between 1928 and 1937 and defeated [Lajos Steiner](#) (+5, =2, -3) in 1930 and was US Open Champion in 1938 (jointly) and 1947 but never won the Closed Championship. I tied with [Samuel Reshevsky](#) in 1942 but lost the subsequent play-off match (+2, =3, -6). In my role as an arbiter I directed the two Piatigorsky Cup tournaments of 1963 and 1966 and later was involved in administration in the US Chess Federation.

Who am I ?

The Answer: CFC Governor, Ken Craft, who has been a winner before as well, gets the bragging rights this Issue. Honourable mention goes to SCC member Hassan Pishdad, and David Cohen, who also gave the right answer, but Ken was a bit faster.

The answer is [Isaac Kashdan](#)

Today's Trivia Question is:

Fischer won how many U.S. championships?

You can use any resource available to answer the question ! Just find it fast and send it in as fast as you can, by e-mail, to Rick : rickgarel@gmail.com .

The first correct e-mail received wins, and gets bragging rights. Also, we will publish the honoured winner's name in the next newsletter, along with a few details they provide as to their chess experience (if they wish), along with Rick's researched answer.

Thanks for playing !!

Chess History is fun !!

Also write Rick if you have any chess trivia questions or presentations you'd like him to consider for his column. He will give credit to the author if he uses your suggestion.

Write Rick Garel : rickgarel@gmail.com

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss

This second SCC Swiss of the season ran from Nov. 5 to Dec. 17. 43 players showed up for the Open section. It was headed by 7 masters (!) and 6 experts, some of whom are former masters. 25 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 68 players is lower than our average in the 2008-9 year of mid-70's per tournament (but in the first tournament this year, we had 82 players).

The winners were:

Open Section:

1st – 6 pts. – junior WIM Yuanling Yuan (only gave up 2 draws).



2nd/4th – 5 pts. – Master Rune Pedersen; Master Andrei Moffat; Master Erwin Casareno

U 1700 section:

1st – 6 pts.- junior Magas Yusuf (only gave up 2 draws)



2nd – 5.5 pts. – junior Yutong Luo

3rd – 5 pts. – Andrew Philip

Publication of games under the SCC Policy on the Games Database is delayed until the end of the tournament. So in this Issue, and the prior 3 issues, we are presenting some of the more interesting games from various rounds. In this Issue, we see some games from the last round 7.

On second board in the Open section in Rd. 7, Andrei Moffat and Rune Pedersen (the club's highest rated player)



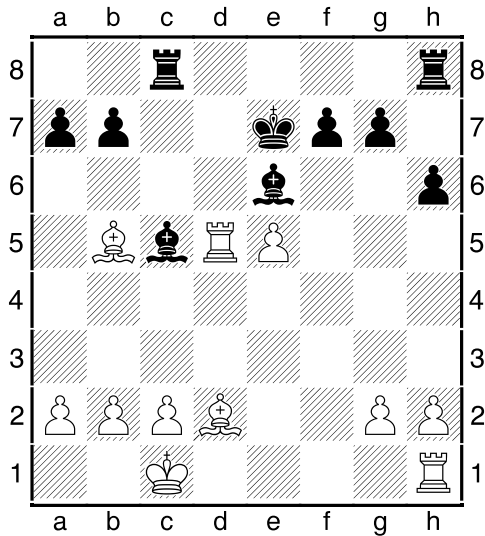
were tied with some others for second, one point behind the leader, WIM Yuanling Yuan. Rune went up a P a couple of times, but in the end agreed to a draw, up a P. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Pedersen, Rune (2383) – Moffat, Andrei (2234) [B61]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss (Open) Toronto (7), 17.12.2009

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79MB, Fritz11.ctg, KENCOMPUTER 1.e4= 0.20 1...c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Bd7 7.Qd2 Rc8 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Qa5 10.f4 [10.Be3 a6 11.Bd3 e6±] 10...e6?!± Rune gets a " clear " advantage [10...Rxc3! 11.bxc3 e5 12.Qb4 Qxb4 13.cxb4 Nxe4 14.Bh4 Nc3±] 11.e5?!± Rune should just win the P [11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qxf6 Rg8±] 11...dxe5 12.fxe5 Bc5 [12...Rxc3?! 13.Bd2 Bc5 14.Bxc3 Bxd4 15.Bxa5 Bxe5±] 13.Qd2 Nd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 15.Rxd2 exd5 16.Rxd5 Rune goes up a P 16...h6 17.Bd2 Be6 18.Bb5+?!= [18.Rd3 Bxa2 19.Rg3 Bd4 20.b3 0-0±] 18...Ke7



19.Rxc5! Rxc5 20.Bb4 Rhc8 21.Re1 a5 22.Bxc5+ Rxc5 23.a4 Bf5?!± [23...Bc4 24.Bxc4 Rxc4 25.b3 Rc5=] 24.c3?!= Rune has lost his advantage [24.Re2 Bg4 25.Re4 Bf5 26.Rc4 Rxc4 27.Bxc4 Be6±] 24...Ke6 25.Re3 Rxe5?!± material equality, but Rune gets back a " clear " advantage [25...Bg6 26.b3 Rxe5 27.Bc4+ Kf6=] 26.Bc4+ Kd6 27.Rxe5 Kxe5 28.Bxf7 Rune goes up a P 28...Be4 29.g3 Bc6 30.Bg6? = Draw agreed.[30.b3 g5 31.Bh5 Bd7±] ½-½

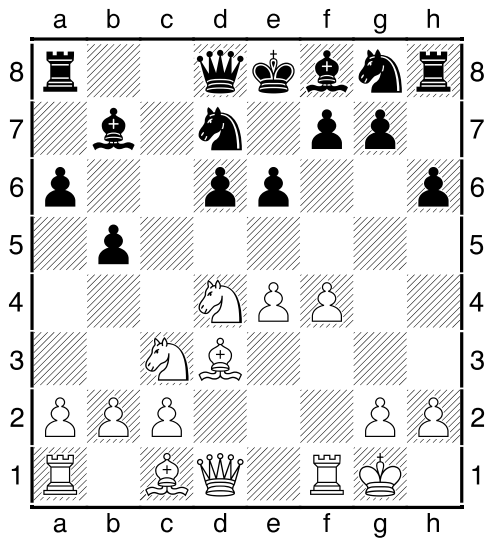
In Rd. 7 in the Open Section, Gord Marcille tried a dubious, but enterprising, N-sac to expose somewhat the King in the centre, of Dean Ward. Gord did manage to both get an attack going, with his rook penetrating to the 7th rank, and get two pawns compensation. Eventually he got back his minor piece, was 2 pawns up, and then got a mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Marcille, Gord (1842) – Ward, Dean (1766) [B54]

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves (Open) Toronto (7), 17.12.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 a6 [3...e6 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.0-0 Be7±] 4.d4 [4.Be2 e5 5.d3 Nf6±] 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4

h6?!± Gord gets an early " clear " advantage [5...Nf6 6.Bc4 e6±] **6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.f4 Nd7**



10.Nxe6?!± a somewhat dubious, but enterprising , sac. [10.Be3 Nc5 11.b4 Nxd3 12.cxd3 Rc8±]
10...Qb6+ 11.Kh1 fxe6 Dean is up N vs P **12.Qh5+ Kd8 13.e5?±** for the first time in the game,
 Dean gets the advantage [13.Qh3 Ngf6 14.Be3 Qc6±] **13...d5?±** [13...Kc7 14.Qh3 dxe5 15.fxe5
 Bc5±] **14.f5?±** this just loses a P; Dean gets a " clear " advantage [14.Ne2 Kc7 15.Qf7 Ne7±]
14...Nxe5 Dean is up an N **15.fxe6** Dean is up N vs P **15...Bd6 16.Bg5+** [16.a4 Nf6 17.Qh3
 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 b4±] **16...Ne7?±** this is going to allow the R to penetrate quickly; now Gord gets a
 " clear " advantage **17.Bxe7+ Kxe7 18.Rf7+ Kd8 19.Rxg7?±** Dean is up B vs 2 P's [19.e7+ Kc8
 20.Rf8+ Rxf8 21.exf8Q+ Bxf8 22.Qxe5 Qd6± material equality] **19...Nxd3?!+-** Gord gets a "
 winning " advantage [19...Kc8 20.Re1 Qd4±] **20.cxd3 d4?+-** 4.75 [20...Kc8 21.e7 Qc6 22.Rg6
 Kb8+- 1.75] **21.Nd5 Bxd5?+-** 20.91 not the solution to the problem – this loses the d6B
 [21...Qc6 22.Qf7 Re8 23.e7+ Bxe7 24.Nxe7 Qxg2+ 25.Rxg2 Rxe7 26.Qf6 Ke8+- 15.22] **22.Qxd5**
 Dean is now only temporarily up B vs 2 P's **22...Ra7 23.Rxa7 Qxa7 24.Qxd6+** Gord is now up 2
 P's **24...Ke8 25.Rc1 Qa8?+-** leads to mate [25...Qb7 26.Rc7 Rh7 27.Rxb7 Rxb7+- 25.29]
26.Qd7+- mate next move **1-0**

In Rd. 7 in the Open Section, Frankie Stewart

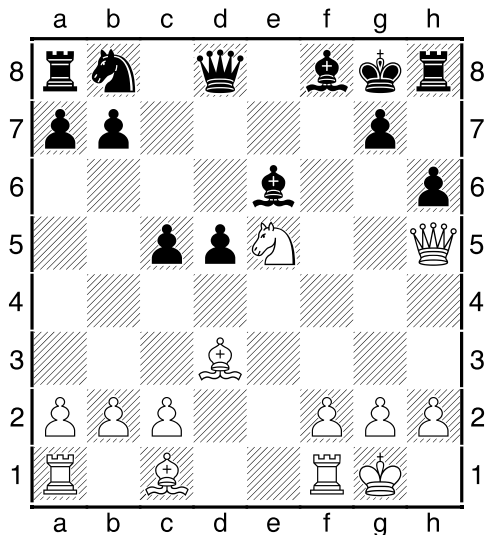


got a “ winning “ advantage against Chris Takov on move 4 ! And he maintained it for most of the game. But Chris is a scrapper, and he kept material equal the whole game, ‘til he blundered at the end. And he managed to stretch the game out to 27 moves, despite Frankie’s persistent pressure on his K-side. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Stewart, Frankie (1780) – Takov, Chris (1792) [C40]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss (Open) Toronto (7), 17.12.2009

79MB, Fritz11.ctg, KENCOMPUTER 1.e4= 0.20 1...e5 for Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.Nf3 f5?± Frankie gets an early " clear " advantage – Fritz does not approve of this gambit line 3.Nc3 [3.exf5 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nc6±] 3...c6 4.Bc4 d6?!+– Frankie gets a " winning " advantage [4...Qe7 5.d3 Nf6±] 5.0-0?!± [5.d4 Nf6 6.Ng5 exd4 7.Qxd4 Qb6+–] 5...Nf6 6.d3 fxe4 7.dxe4 Nxe4?!+– Chris goes up a P [7...Qe7 8.Qe2 Bg4±] 8.Nxe4 d5 9.Neg5?+– 3.06 [9.Nxe5 Bf5 10.Re1 dxc4 11.Qf3 g6+– 10.85] 9...h6?+– 6.27 [9...Be7 10.Nxe5 0-0 11.Bb3] 10.Nf7?+– 1.96 the wrong way to give back the piece [10.Nxe5 hxg5 11.Re1 Be7+– 6.66] 10...Kxf7 11.Nxe5+ material equality 11...Kg8 12.Bd3 c5?!+– 2.50 [12...Nd7 13.Ng6 Nc5 14.Nxh8 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Kxh8+– 1.71] 13.Qh5 Be6



14.f4?+– 1.61 [14.Re1 Nd7 15.Bg6 Nf6 16.Bf7+ Bxf7 17.Qxf7+ Kh7 18.Qg6+ Kg8 19.Nf7 Qc7 20.Nxh6+ Rxh6 21.Bxh6 Qf7+– 3.06 Frankie would be up the exchange + P] 14...c4?!+– 2.15 [14...Qf6 15.Qe8 c4 16.Bg6 Qe7+– 1.52] 15.Bf5 Qf6 16.Bxe6+ Qxe6 17.Ng6 Rh7 18.f5 Qf7 19.Bd2 Nd7 20.Bc3 [20.Be3 Re8 21.Bd4 Bc5+–] 20...Bc5+ 21.Kh1 Rf8 [21...d4 22.Bd2 Nf6 23.Qh4 Re8+–; 21...Nf6 22.Bxf6 gxf6+–] 22.Qg4 Re8 23.Rae1 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 a5 25.Bd4 Bxd4?+– 9.13 [25...Bf8 26.Qe2 Bb4 27.c3 Qxf5+ 3.98] 26.Qxd4 Qxf5??+– After trying to fight Frankie's winning advantage from move 4, and maintaining material equality, Chris blunders and falls into an N-fork [26...Rh8 27.Re7 Qf6 28.Qxd5+ Kh7 29.Rxd7 Re8+– 7.95] 27.Ne7+– Black resigns. .Chris has lost his Q and it is mate in 8 moves 1-0

In Rd. 7 on the top board in the U 1700 Section, the leader by ½ pt., junior Magas Yusuf, faced Scott Huston, who was then tied for second/third place. A win would give Huston first place, perhaps tied with one other. But it was not to be. Magas got the advantage and lost it. Scott got the advantage and lost it. Material was equal, and Magas again got the advantage, but he had gotten a passed pawn to the 6th rank. Later he got a

second passed pawn down to the 7th rank, and Scott couldn't stop both of them. The win gave Magas sole possession of first place. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yusuf, Magas (1553) – Huston, Scott (1605) [B50]

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1.e4= 0.20 **1...c5±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bc4 g6?!±** Magas gets a " clear " advantage [4...e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Be7±] **5.d3?!±** [5.e5 dxe5 6.Nxe5 e6±] **5...Bg7 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Qd2 Ng4 8.Bf4 a6 9.h3 Nge5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Bh6 b5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.f4 c4?!±** [14...Nc6 15.0-0 e6±] **15.dxc4?!±** [15.fxe5 cxb3 16.axb3 dxe5±] **15...Nxc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.Qd4+?!=** Magas has lost his advantage [17.0-0-0 Rb8 18.Rhf1 Qb6±] **17...e5 18.fxe5** Magas goes up a P **18...Qh4+ 19.Ke2?!±** for the first time in the game, Scott gets the advantage. [19.Qf2 Qxf2+ 20.Kxf2 dxe5=] **19...Qh5+ 20.g4?!±** Scott gets a " clear " advantage [20.Kf2 dxe5 21.Qxc4 Be6±] **20...Qxe5?**= material equality [20...dxe5 21.Qe3 Qh4±] **21.Qxe5+ dxe5 22.Rhd1 Be6 23.b4?!±** [23.Rd6 Rfd8 24.Rad1 Rdb8=] **23...Kh6?!=** Scott has lost his advantage [23...h5 24.Kf3 Rh8±] **24.Na4 Rad8?!±** Magas gets back the advantage [24...Kg5 25.Nc5 h5=] **25.Nc5 Bc8?!±** Magas gets back a " clear " advantage [25...Kg5 26.Nxa6 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 c3±] **26.Rd5 Rxd5 27.exd5 Rd8 28.Rd1 Kg5 29.d6** this P is trouble for Scott **29...Bd7 30.a4?!±** [30.Kd2 h5 31.gxh5 gxh5 32.Nxd7 Rxd7±] **30...Kh4?+-** Magas gets a " winning " advantage [30...h5 31.gxh5 Bxh3 32.Ke3 gxh5 33.Nxa6 Bg4±] **31.Nxd7 Rxd7 32.b5 axb5 33.axb5 Kg5 34.b6 Rd8?+-** 7.27 [34...Kh4 35.Kf3 c3 36.Rd3 Kxh3 37.Rxc3 Kh4+- 3.72] **35.d7?+-** 5.82 [35.b7 Kh4 36.Ra1 Kxh3 37.Ra8 Rxd6+- 11.92] **35...Kf6 36.b7 Ke7 37.Rd5 h6** 7.13 [37...f6 38.Rc5 Kxd7 39.Rd5+ Kc6 40.Rxd8 Kxb7+- 6.91; 37...Ke6 38.Rc5 Kxd7 39.Rd5+ Kc6 40.Rxd8 Kxb7+- 7.13] **38.Rxe5+** Magas goes up a P **38...Kd6?+-** 14.41 [38...Kxd7 39.Rd5+ Kc7 40.Rxd8 Kxb7+- 8.65] **39.Re8+-** 14.41 **1-0**

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January 7 – February 18

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Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb

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Type: Swiss

63 players showed up the Open section. It was headed by 8 masters (!) and 4 experts. 23 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 86 players is the highest we've had since the start of the millennium and higher than our average in 2008-9 of mid-70's per tournament. Our new location has a maximum capacity of about 100 players, and so our space problem is solved for the foreseeable future.

The winners were:

Open Section:

1st/2nd – 5 pts. - Master Andrei Moffat; expert Bill Peng

4th/7th – 4.5 pts. - Master Hacat Kevork; WIM Yuanling Yuan; Jim Paterson; Pino Verde

U 1700 Section:

1st – 5 pts. – Zaidun al Ganabi

2nd/4th – 4.5 pts.- Maurice Smith; John Walker; Michael Rogers

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In Rd. 1 in the Open Section, newcomer Frankie Stewart gave a good game to much higher rated master Bryan Lamb.



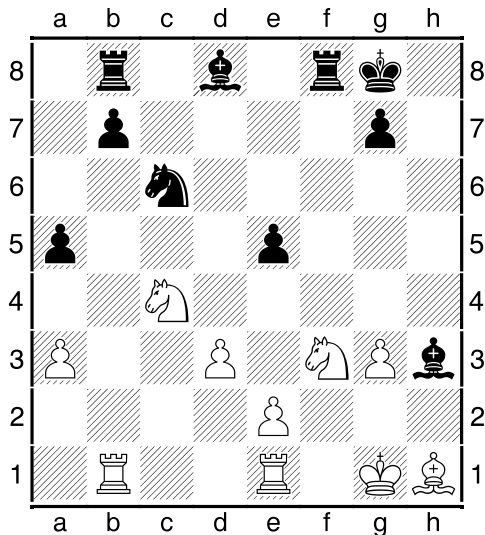
At move 24, advantage was equal, and material was equal. But then Frankie missed, or underestimated, a possible attack by Bryan, and fatefully removed one of his K's defenders from the scene. Bryan successfully launched a nice K-side attack on Frankie's K, and ended up getting a mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lamb, Bryan (2218) – Stewart, Frankie (1770) [A34]

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1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Bg4?!± [5...Qb6 6.d3 e6 7.Na4 Qc7=] **6.0-0?!=** [6.h3 Bd7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 g6±] **6...Qd7 7.Re1 e5?!±** [7...g6 8.a3 h5=] **8.d3 Be7 9.Bg5?!=** [9.Ng5 h6 10.Nge4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 h5±] **9...0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nd5 Bd8 12.a3 a5 13.Qa4 Bh3?!±** [13...Ne7 14.Nc3 Qxa4 15.Nxa4 Bd7=] **14.Bh1?!=** [14.Bxh3 Qxh3 15.b4 cxb4 16.axb4 f5±] **14...f5 15.b4 f4?!±** aggressive, but not best [15...e4 16.b5 Ne7 17.Nf4 exf3 18.exf3 Ng6 19.Nxh3 Bf6=] **16.bxc5** Bryan goes up a P **16...fxg3?!±** Bryan gets a " clear " advantage

[16...dxc5 17.Qb5 Qd6 18.Nc3 (18.Qxb7??+- fxc3 19.fxc3 Rb8 20.Qxb8 Qxb8-) 18...Be7± material equality] **17.hxg3 h5?!+-** Frankie tries to continue an attack; Bryan gets a "winning" advantage [17...dxc5 18.Qb5 Rc8±] **18.Rab1?!±** [18.Qb5?! h4 19.Kh2 (19.Bg2 dxc5 20.Qxc5 Rc8± Bryan would still be up a P) 19...Bg4± Bryan would be still up a P; 18.cxd6 Qxd6 19.Nc3 Be7+-] **18...h4 19.Ne3?=-** Bryan has lost his advantage [19.Kh2 hxg3+ 20.fxc3 dxc5 21.Qb5 Rc8 22.Qxc5 Rf5±] **19...hxg3 20.fxc3 Rb8?±** Frankie should just win back the P [20...dxc5 21.Kh2 g6= material equality] **21.cxd6?=-** [21.Qb5 Be6 22.Nd5 Qf7±] **21...Qxd6** [21...e4 22.c5 exf3 23.exf3 b5 (23...Bf6?!± Bryan would have 3 P's vs B) 24.Qd1 Nd4= Bryan would have 3 P's vs B] **22.c5** [22.Bg2 Be6 23.Rb5 Bb6! 24.Rxb6 Qc5 25.Reb1 (25.Qb3?? Qxe3+ 26.Kh1 Rf6?) 25...Qxe3+ 26.Kh2 Qh6+ 27.Kg1 Qe3+=] **22...Qxc5** material equality **23.Qc4+ Qxc4 24.Nxc4**

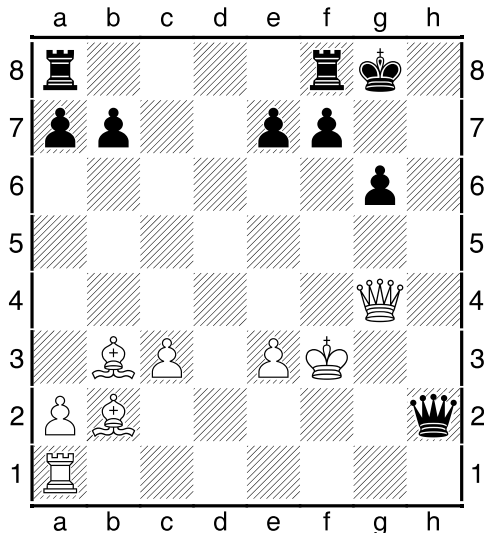


Bc7??+- Frankie misses a nice attack; this move needed a preparatory move – needed to keep the N off g5; Bryan gets a "winning" advantage [24...e4! 25.Nh4 (25.dxe4 b5 26.Nd6 b4 27.axb4 axb4=) 25...Bc7=] **25.Ng5** the start of a nice attack **25...Bg4?+-** 5.09 [25...e4 26.Nxh3 b5 27.Bxe4! Ne7 28.Nb2 Bxg3+- 2.63 Bryan would be up an N] **26.Bd5+ Kh8 27.Kg2 g6 28.Rh1+ Kg7??+-** leads to mate [28...Bh5 29.Ne6 Rf7 30.g4 Rh7 31.Nxc7 Rxc7 32.gxh5 gxh5 33.Rxh5+ Rh7 (33...Kg7?? 34.Rbh1 Re7 35.Rg5+ Kf6 36.Rg4 Rd7 37.Rh6+ Ke7 38.Bxc6 bxc6 39.Rg7+ Kd8 40.Rh8+ Kc7 41.Rxd7+ Kxd7 42.Rxb8+- mate in 17 moves) 34.Rxh7+ Kxh7 35.Bxc6 Rg8+ 36.Kf2 bxc6+- 7.00 Bryan would be up an N, and about to go up a P as well] **29.Rh7+ Kf6 30.Ne4+ Kf5 31.Ne3# 1-0**

In Rd. 1 in the Open Section, Gabriel Azmitia, playing in this section for the first time, overcame a 300 point rating difference and mated Gord Marcille. The advantage went back and forth between them numbers of times. In the middle game, Gabriel managed to go up a P for a while. He also started a K-side attack against which Gord wrongly defended, and Gabriel had a “winning” advantage. But having mate in hand, Gabriel wrongly played for the mate, and blew his win, giving Gord back equality, and R + 2 P’s vs 2 B’s. But Gord then got greedy and captured a poisoned B, missing that Gabriel was again threatening mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Azmitia, Gabriel (1526) – Marcille, Gord (1827) [D04]
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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± [2...e6=] 3.b3?!= [3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7±] 3...Bg7 4.Bb2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 Re8 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.f4 c5 9.Nd2 Nxe5 10.fxe5 Ng4 11.Qf3 Bh6 12.Nf1 Qa5+ 13.Ke2?+- for the first time in the game, Gord gets the advantage, and it is a "winning" advantage [13.c3 Bg7 14.h3 Nh6=] 13...Bg7?± Gord loses his advantage [13...c4 14.h3 (14.bxc4 Qb4 15.Rb1 dxc4 16.h3 (16.Be4? c3 17.h3 Nxe5 18.dxe5 cxb2+- - 3.34 Gord would be up B + P) 16...cxd3+ 17.cxd3 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bf5+- - 2.33 material equality) 14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 cxd3+ 16.cxd3 Be6+- - 1.86 material equality] 14.h3?!= Gabriel should just win the P [14.Qxd5 Be6 15.Qxc5 Qxc5 16.dxc5 Nxe5= Gabriel would be up a P] 14...h5?!± Gabriel gets back the advantage [14...c4 15.bxc4 Qb4 16.hxg4 dxc4 17.Be4 (17.Rb1? cxd3+ 18.cxd3 Be6 (18...Bxe5?! 19.Nd2 (19.dxe5?? Bxg4+- - 4.88) 19...Bg7±) 19.a3 Qb5±) 17...Qxb2= material equality] 15.Nh2??± again Gabriel should just win the P [15.hxg4?? Bxg4+-; 15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qf3 (16.Qxc5?! Qxc5 17.dxc5 Nxe5= Gabriel would be up a P) 16...Rad8 17.Qxb7 c4 18.Bxc4 Bxc4+ 19.bxc4 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Rb8 21.Qd5 Qxd5 22.cxd5 Rxb2 23.Nd2 Rxc2± Gabriel would be up a P] 15...Nxb2 16.Rxb2?!± there is no rush to capture the N; it is not going anywhere. Gord gets a "clear" advantage [16.Qxd5 Ng4 17.hxg4 Bxg4+ 18.Kf1 Qd2±] 16...c4?!± [16...Be6 17.Rhh1 Rad8±] 17.bxc4 dxc4± this loses a P; Gabriel again gets back the advantage [17...Qb4 18.Bc1 dxc4 19.Be4 Rf8± material equality] 18.Bxc4 Gabriel goes up a P 18...Rf8 [18...Be6 19.Bb3 Qb5+ 20.Ke1 Rf8±] 19.g4 Gabriel starts a K-side attack 19...Qb4?!± Gabriel gets a "clear" advantage [19...Be6 20.Bb3 Qc7±] 20.Bb3 hxg4?+- wrong defence to the attack; there is a hidden tactic here that Gord thinks works for him; but the tactic does not work, and his K is now too vulnerable ; Gabriel gets a "winning" advantage [20...a5 21.a4 Be6±] 21.hxg4 Bxe5! 5.24 material equality, but Gord is in trouble [21...Be6? 22.Qh3 Rfc8 23.Rah1 Bxg4+ 24.Qxg4 e6+- 17.90] 22.c3! Qd6??+- leads to mate [22...Qxb3 23.axb3 Bxh2 24.Rh1 Bd6 25.Qh3 Bxg4+ 26.Qxg4 Kg7+- 8.29 Gabriel would be up Q vs R + P] 23.dxe5 Qxe5 Gabriel is now up B vs P [23...Qa6+ 24.Kf2 Qd3 25.Rah1+- mate in 8 moves] 24.Qh3??= Gabriel blunders his win, missing his mate, and giving Gord equality [24.Rah1 a5 25.Rh8+ Qxh8 26.Rxh8+ Kg7 (26...Kxh8 27.Bxf7 Rxf7 28.Qxf7 Bxg4+ 29.Ke1 e5 30.c4 mate in 5 moves) 27.Rxf8 Be6 28.Rxf7+ Bxf7 29.Qxf7+ mate in 6 moves] 24...Bxg4+ 25.Qxg4 Qxh2+ Gord has R + 2 P's vs 2 B's 26.Kf3



Qxb2??+- a fatal blunder – Gord fails to see the mate threat [26...e6 27.Qg2 Qh5+ 28.Qg4 (28.Kf2?! Rad8±) 28...Qh2=] 27.Qxg6+!+- Gord resigned. It is mate 27...Kh8 28.Rh1+ Qh2 29.Rxh2# 1-0

In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, 2 of our juniors faced off. Out-rated Peter Xie (on the left below) played a good game against returning junior Michael Song (on the right below).



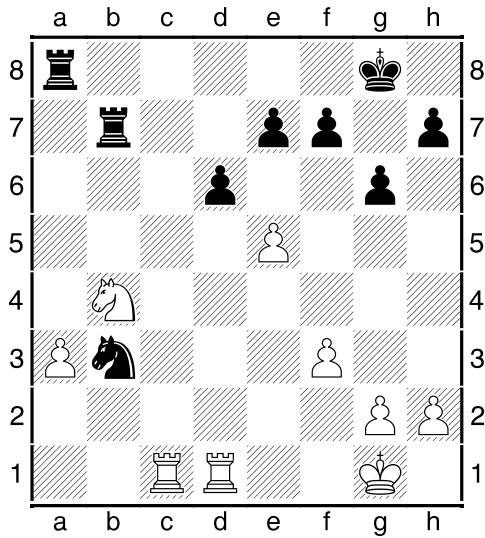
At move 29, material was equal, and there was no advantage. But then Peter went for complications, rather than simply defending his R, and the play got wild, with lots of pieces being attacked and a number of N-forks appearing. But when the smoke cleared, Michael was up a R vs a passed P, and Peter resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Xie, Peter (1556) – Song, Michael (1849) [B37]

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1.e4= 0.20 1...c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.]
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Nxc6?!= [6.Be3 Qb6 7.Nxc6 Qxc6±] **6...bxc6 7.Qc2 Ba6** [7...Nf6 8.Nd2 0-0=] **8.Bd3** [8.Be2 d6 9.Nd2 Nf6=] **8...Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nd2 Rc8?!±** [10...d5 11.Re1 Qa5=] **11.Qa4 Qb6 12.c5?!=** [12.Rb1 Ng4 13.Nf3 c5±] **12...Bb5 13.cxb6 Bxa4 14.bxa7** Peter goes up a P **14...Ra8 15.Nf3 Rxa7** material equality **16.Be3 Rb7 17.Rab1?±** for the first time in the game, Michael gets the advantage, a " clear " advantage [17.Bd4 Ra8 18.Rfe1 Nh5=] **17...Ng4?!±** [17...Ra8 18.b3 Bb5 19.Bxb5 cxb5±] **18.Bd4?!±** [18.Bg5 Ra8 19.Bxe7 d5 20.Bg5 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Nf6±] **18...Bb5?±** [18...Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Ne5±] **19.Bxb5 Rxb5 20.b4?!±** [20.h3 Nf6 21.a4 (21.Bxf6?! Bxf6 22.a4 (22.b3 Ra5 23.e5 Bxe5 24.b4 Rd5 25.Nxe5 Rxe5 26.a4 Ra8±) 22...Rxb2±) 21...Rb4 22.Bxf6 exf6 23.Rfd1 Rxe4 24.b3 (24.a5?! Ra8±) 24...Rd8=] **20...Rfb8?!=** Michael has lost his advantage [20...Ra8 21.Rb2 (21.h3?! Nf6±) 21...Ra4±] **21.a3 Bxd4 22.Nxd4 R5b7 23.Rfd1 Nf6 24.f3 c5** [24...Ra8 25.Ra1 Rba7 26.Nc2 Kf8=] **25.Nc2** [25.Nb3 d6= (25...cxb4 26.Nc5 Rb5 27.Rxb4 Rxb4 28.axb4 Rxb4 29.e5 Nh5 30.Rxd7 Rb1+ 31.Kf2 Rb2+ 32.Ke3 Rxc2 33.Rxe7 Rxh2=)] **25...d6 26.Rbc1** [26.Rb3 Kf8 27.Kf1 Nd7=] **26...Nd7 27.bxc5 Nxc5 28.Nb4 Ra8 29.e5** [29.Rc3 f6 30.Re1 Kf7=] **29...Nb3**

Position after 29...Nb3



30.exd6??-+ Peter wrongly goes for complications, and play gets wild; Michael gets a "winning" advantage [simple is best 30.Rc3 Rxa3 31.exd6 exd6 (31...Rxb4?? 32.dxe7 Rb8 33.Rd8+ Kg7 34.e8Q (34.Rxb8? Ra1+ 35.Kf2 Ra2+ 36.Ke3 (36.Kg3? Re2 37.Rc7 Nd4 38.e8Q Rxe8 39.Rxe8 h5+- 8.98) 36...Ra1 37.Rc2 Re1+ 38.Re2 Rxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Nd4+ 40.Kd1 Nc6 41.e8Q Nxb8 42.Qe5+ Kf8 43.Qxb8+ Kg7+- 21.86) 34...Rxd8 35.Qxd8 Ra1+ 36.Kf2 Ra2+ 37.Kg3 Rd2 38.Qe7 Nd4 39.Qe5+ Kh6 40.Qf4+ Kg7 41.Qxd2 Ne6+- mate in 12 moves) 32.Nc2 Ra6=] **30...Nxc1** **31.dxe7** Michael is up R vs 2 P's (both passed, and one on the 7th rank) **31...Ne2+ 32.Kf2 Rxe7** Michael is up R vs P (passed) **33.Re1 Rae8 34.Nd5 Re6** [34...Re5?? 35.Nf6+ Kf8 36.Nxe8 Rxe8 37.Rxe2 Ra8 38.Re3 Ra4±] **35.Nc7 Nf4 36.Nxe8?-+ - 5.83** Peter is up a P, but just temporarily [36.Rxe6 Rxe6 37.Nxe6 Nxe6-+ - 2.27] **36...Nd3+ 37.Kg3 Rxe1?-+ - 4.97** Michael is up R vs P (passed) [37...Nxe1 38.Nc7 Re2 39.Kf4 Rxc2-+ - 6.45] **38.Nd6 Ra1?-+ - 5.14** the passed P will now fall[38...Re2 39.h4 Ne1 40.Kf4 Rxc2-+ - 5.96] **0-1**

In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, for most of the game veteran Steve Karpik (on left below) had the advantage against one of our youngest juniors, new member Jiaxin Liu (on right below) -



– Jiaxin never managed to get the advantage. And Steve had a winning advantage for some of the middle game. But Jiaxin held tough, and Steve could never get a material advantage. Jiaxin played good solid moves, and after 57 moves, they agreed to a draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Karpik, Steve (1510) – Liu, Jiaxin (1238) [A15]

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Bd7?!± [4...e5 5.Nc3 Be7=] 5.0-0 e6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.a3?!= [7.d4 0-0 8.Bf4 Nh5±] 7...a5?!± [7...e5 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 0-0=] 8.d4 0-0 9.e4 h6?!± Steve gets a " clear " advantage [9...e5 10.d5 Nb8±] 10.d5?!± [10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Qe2 f6 13.exf6 Nxf6±] 10...Na7?!± [10...exd5 11.cxd5 Ne5±] 11.Nd4?!± [11.e5 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Bc8±] 11...c5 12.Nf3 Rb8?!± [12...Qc7 13.Re1 e5±] 13.b4?=[13.e5 Ne8 14.Bf4 b5±] 13...b6?± [13...axb4 14.axb4 cxb4 15.Rxa7 bxc3=] 14.b5 Re8 15.Nh4?!± [15.dxe6 Bxe6 16.Qd3 Nd7±] 15...Bf8?+- Steve gets a " winning " advantage [15...exd5 16.exd5 Nh7±] 16.f4?!± [16.dxe6 Bxe6 17.Qd3 Nd7+-] 16...exd5 17.exd5 [17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Qf6±] 17...Bg4 [17...g6 18.Bb2 Rb7±; 17...Ng4 18.Ne4 Nf6±] 18.Qd3 Qc7 19.Bd2 Re7?!+- [19...Be7 20.h3 Bd7±] 20.Rae1 Rbe8 21.Rxe7?!± [21.f5 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 Qe7+-] 21...Rxe7?!+- [21...Bxe7 22.h3 Bd7±] 22.h3?+- 1.63 Steve chooses a weaker line [22.f5 Bh5 23.h3 Nd7 24.g4 Ne5 25.Qg3 Bxg4 26.hxg4 Nxc4+- 3.43] 22...Bd7 23.Re1?!± [23.g4 Qd8 24.g5 Nh7+-] 23...Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Be7 25.Qe3 Qd8 26.Ne4?=[Steve has lost his advantage [26.Qf2 Nh5 27.Nf3 Qe8±] 26...Nxe4 27.Qxe4 Nc8?!± [27...Bxh4 28.gxh4 Qf6=] 28.Nf5 Bxf5?!± Steve gets back a " clear " advantage [28...Bf6 29.g4 Ne7±] 29.Qxf5 Bf6 30.Qe4 Bd4+ 31.Bf2?!± [31.Kh2 Kf8 32.Qe2 Ne7±] 31...Bxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Ne7 [32...g6 33.h4 Qf6±] 33.f5 Qd7 34.g4 Kh8?!± [34...Qd8 35.Qe3 Kf8±] 35.Bf1?!± [35.Qf4 Ng8 36.h4 Qd8±] 35...Ng8 36.Bd3 [36.Qf4 Qd8 37.Kf3 Nf6±] 36...Nf6 37.Qe3 Qe8 [37...Qd8 38.Be2 Nd7±] 38.Qxe8+ Nxe8 39.a4 Kg8 40.Kf3 Kf8 41.Kf4 Ke7 42.h4 Nf6 43.Be2 Nh7 44.g5 hxg5+ 45.hxg5 Kd7 46.Bd3 Nf8 47.Kg4 Ke7 48.Kf4 Nd7 [48...Kd7±] 49.Bf1 Ne5 50.Be2 Kd7 51.Bf1 Ke7 52.Be2 f6 53.g6 Kd7 54.Bf1 Ke8 55.Be2 Kf8 56.Bf1 Ke8 57.Be2= ½-½

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When: April 2nd, 3rd, 4th (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Where: Music & East Common/Debates Room, 2nd Floor, Hart House, University of Toronto
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

Style: 6 round Swiss in 5 sections: Open (FIDE Rated), U2200, U2000, U1800 & U1600

Rounds: 10am & 4pm Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Time Control: 30/90, SD/60 for U2200, U2000, U1800 & U1600 --- 120 minutes with 30 second increment for Open Section.

Entry Fees: \$70 in advance, \$80 cash only on site. Extra \$10 to play up each section.

Registration: 9am – 9:30am on Friday, April 2nd

Registrants after 9:30am are not guaranteed to be paired by 10am

In advance (arrival by April 1st) by mail to:

Hart House Chess Club – 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 3H3

Make cheque payable to Hart House Chess Club. No postdated cheques please.

Email registration to alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca (by April 1st) Email registrants must arrive onsite by 9:30am to pay or will be charged onsite fee.

Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb

Organizer: Hart House Chess Club

Please bring sets and clocks.

No smoking. No computers. No cell phones (on).

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- Prize fund projection
- Pre-Registered list of players

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April 30th – May 4th (Fri - Tue)

South Dining Room, 2nd floor, Hart House, University of Toronto
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

Eligibility: Open for Canadian players born after Jan 1st, 1990

Style: 9 round Swiss

Rounds: 6pm Friday evening, 10am & 4pm Saturday through Tuesday

Time Control: 90 mins for 40 moves, 30 minutes added + 30 sec inc from move 1

Registration: In advance by Monday, April 26th

In advance (arrival by April 26th) by mail to:

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Players registering on April 30th will not be paired for Round 1.

Membership: Registrants must be current CFC members or bring payment prior to playing.

Entry Fees: \$150 in advance, \$180 from April 27th to April 29th, \$200 on April 30th.

Byes: Maximum of 3 in rounds 1-8.

Hart House: 10 minute walk Southeast from St. George subway station or 5 minute walk Southwest from Museum subway station.

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