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GTA Chess – Who Are We??

This is a new series SCTCN&V is starting, where, from time to time, we will introduce non-SCC GTA chess personalities, past and present, and have them present to our readers their chess profile. We are very pleased to be able to start our series off with a still hale and hardy 104-year old well known chess personality from the past:

Zoltan Sarosy



Sarosy on front right

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At the age of 10, I had to go to see a former classmate. He had a checkered board on the table with variously shaped figurines on it. After receiving introductory explanations, it was love at first sight for me.

In those days there were no courses for aspiring young players. In the two cities I had spent my high school years even chess clubs did not exist. The only opportunity to meet opponents was in summer on the benches of swimming pools and parks. In my second year at the university in Vienna I saw in the window of a bookstore a magazine, Wiener Schachzeitung. I bought a copy and read therein an announcement of the Vienna Chess Federation. I wrote to the address and received promptly an invitation. I joined a chess club and got acquainted with organized chess. I played in tournaments and read chess books so that after graduation back home, on a chance meeting I played 5 games against the player who was considered the best in the city, winning 4, he sighed: "Wow! You have learned to play in Vienna!"

My first job took me to Nagykanizsa. There was a chess club and I won the City Championship. Returning to Pecs where they founded a chess club in the meantime too I encountered tougher opposition. Being a city with a university, there were strong out of town student players. In the city championship I succeeded to defeat the favourite and won 1st.

In 1933 we moved to Budapest. In the capital city was the real chess life in Hungary with some fifty clubs competing in 3 leagues for the main event of the year: the City Team Championship. I joined the leading club, Pesti Hirlap, and started right in a tournament without masters or master-candidates. I captured first. In summer of the following year I entered a tournament arranged by a smaller club. After winning first place, I was approached by the president with the proposition to play for them on first board. They were in the third league and wanted to fight themselves higher. In Pesti Hirlap I had one of the lower boards. So I accepted. With more enforcements we moved up even into the First League. About this time I had the opportunity to play in a tournament for the Cup of the Mayor and won it.

Playing on Board 1 in the First League I met strong opposition and was successful even against a few masters. The most spectacular was against Geza Fuster, in that year Champion of Hungary, (in the fifties he also "defected" and emigrated to Toronto). In 1939 I played in Master Candidates Tournament and ended up with a poor result after ruining promising positions. The winner admitted in his interview that he was lost only against Sarosy. Dr. Vecsey, the commentator wrote: " Sarosy after reaching an advantageous position seems to lose interest in the game."

In 1943 they held another Master Candidates Tournament in Diosgyor and my club president talked me into entering it. From the qualifying round I squeezed into the final as sixth, only to win it and the Hungarian Master title. However, to prove myself as a master was not anymore possible. The war events reached Hungary and all chess activity came to a halt.

On Good Friday of 1945 I hitched a ride on a German army truck and left Hungary never to return. Over a three-month stay in Salzburg to near starvation, I caught a repatriation train to Germany and found "permanent" residence in a refugee camp in Dorfen/Obb. Next year I read about the foundation of the new German Correspondence Chess Association and having in the small Bavarian town no opposition that I could not beat blind-folded, I joined immediately. The first two tournaments were easy wins. In my next, a Master Class group in which one of my opponents was Lothar Schmid, the later GM and arbiter of the famous Fischer/Spassky WC match in Reykjavik in 1972. I was easily polished off and finished third.

In 1948 in my aspiration to seek emigration to overseas, I moved to Elsass, the former German province annexed by France and in Markirch, a small town with several textile factories there was no opportunity for chess. By 1950 I made some contacts and in the summer I played on board two for the team of the Colmar C.C. in the annual Coupe de France matches. We fought ourselves into the final in which the great Paris Caissa C.C. defeated us.

Then end of August a newspaper notice! Canada revised its immigration laws and I was eligible to apply. On Nov.22 I received an invitation to the Consulate in Paris and after five long years of struggle I had a visa to leave good old Europe. I arrived in Toronto on Dec.27. Reading in the chess column of The Star that the city championship will start in the Toronto C.C, I joined and entered the tournament. I finished only 5th in the final group. The Ontario Championship was held as a 6 round Swiss over the Easter weekend. Despite a couple of not well-played games, in the final round I had to face Frank Anderson, the Canadian Champion. I had White and so the opportunity to employ my pet variation of English that I developed already in the early thirties. It took him as a complete surprise and he got in great time trouble. I won. Even so I was only second but this got me to play for Toronto in team matches Board 2 . A few years later I met Anderson again, but same variation earned me only a draw.

In 1953 I joined the German Club "Harmonie" and we won twice the Team Championship in which 5 ethnic clubs took part and even in the team of the Toronto C.C. were only two players born in Canada. Between 1957 and 1960 I ceased playing chess. With my wife we took over a variety store that allowed no free time.

In those days chess tournaments were mainly 6-round weekend Swiss events which did not suit me at all. I usually won my games in the first round, then being by nature a "lark", next day I felt sleepy and lost. The third day was better and very often I wound up with a 4-2 score.

I succeeded to win a YMCA tournament that was played on several weekends. In 1963 in the Metropolitan Championship I defeated again Geza Fuster, winning the title and the trophy. Two years later in the same event I won my games vs. all four of the higher rated players, but drew against the two lower rated, and practically throwing away the last in a silly Caro-Kann vs .Kegel.

In one Labour Day six-round Swiss I managed to stay in the fore-front and to face Vranesic in the last round. Needing only half a point, he offered a draw after the 7th move which I gladly accepted, hardly able to keep open my eyes. In a Swiss I made 2nd!

From here on I started slipping and my results got worse and worse. In 1967 I was invited to play in a correspondence chess match vs. Denmark. From then on I continued to play C.C Soon I abandoned OTB altogether and played only in CCCA tournaments. Consequently I won four championships and finished 2nd 8 times. I started to play in international tournaments too, soon exclusively. After fulfilling a first norm and thereafter the second, in 1988 I was awarded by the ICCF the title of International Correspondence Master.

In the mid nineties Mr. Cleeve gave me a chance to fight in a tournament for the GM title, but it was once again my old habit that after reaching advantageous positions I became careless and let it slip away. By the end of the year 2000 all my postal games were running out and I thought I could not finish any new ones started at my age. Incidentally, I read an article in the Toronto Star about computer courses for seniors. Oh, could that be possible? Instead of those courses I bought a PC, got two lessons by my vendor's son, acquired a couple of books and I was on. After purchasing a chess program I started to play email tournaments. At first in the CCCA, then in international organizations. I advanced in ratings, and was invited to more prestigious tournaments .

Two years ago in June, after recovering from a severe four week dry cough, I felt that the time has finally come "even for me" to give it all up . At my 100th birthday several chess magazines (Hungarian, German, British) brought articles about my chess career. The chess columnist of the Hungarian-Serbian sportjournal claimed in it that I am the oldest active chess player in the world.

Thank you Zoltan for a wonderful tour with you of your chess career. It is to our benefit that you honed your computer skills ! You had many good successes. Many in the GTA remember your activities. We wish you good health for many more years.

2010 Canadian Chess Player of the Year – FM Jason Cao

Each year the Canadian Chess Journalists, supplemented by one public Fan Ballot, pick the player who has achieved the most in Canadian chess in the past year – this is run by Canadian chess historian David Cohen.

This year the choice of the journalists, and the Fan Ballot were the same (first time this has happened) – 9-year old Victoria, B.C. junior, FM Jason **Cao**, Under 10 Years Old World Champion. Jason is a grade 5 student at Campus View Elementary School in Victoria, B.C..



Jason pulled ahead of well-known Canadian players like Thomas Roussel-Roozman, Canada's newest GM, GM Mark Bluvshtein, who defeated then # 2 in the world, Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) at the 2010 Chess Olympiad, top CFC-rated Canadian, GM Bator Sambuev, and top female Canadian chess player, WIM Yuanling Yuan

It is Jason's dream to one day be World Chess Champion. On October 30, 2010 in the last round of the World Youth Chess Championships in Greece, Jason, representing Canada, took the first step towards that goal. He won his game, and won the World Under 10 Years Old Championship. This had not been done for Canada since 1986, when it had been won by Jeff Sarwer (and his sister, Julie Sarwer, had won the World Girls U 10 Championship). As a result of this accomplishment, Jason achieved his FIDE Master title.

Prior Canadian winners are (adapted from David Cohen's Canadian Chess website):

2009 IM Jean Hébert
2008 GM Mark Bluvshtein
2007 IM Nikolay Noritsyn
2006 GM Kevin Spraggett
2005 GM Mark Bluvshtein
2004 GM Mark Bluvshtein
(1st) 2003 GM Pascal Charbonneau
(1st) 1979 GM Kevin Spraggett

Fan Ballot

2009 FM Shiyam Thavandiran
2008 FM Shiyam Thavandiran
(1st) 2007 WCM Alexandra Botez

Jason has a great chess future in Canada, and in the world !

2011 Canadian Open Chess Championship (Preview)

2011 Canadian Open Chess Championship
Saturday, July 9 - Sunday, July 17, 2011.
The Westin Harbour Castle, One Harbour Square, Toronto, Ontario,
Canada.

Official Website : <http://www.canadianchess.info/2011canadianopen>
E-mail : 2011CanadianOpen@canadianchess.info

Women's World CC – WIM Dina Kagramanov Represented Canada



(from CFC Website)

By virtue of winning the 2009 Canadian Women's Closed, WIM Dinara Kagramanov represented Canada in the Women's World Chess Championship in Hatay, Turkey, that started December 2, 2010 and continues in a 6-round knockout tournament to Dec. 25. All matches are taking place over two days (two classical games) plus another day for rapid tie-breaks, except the final match which will be decided after four games.

64 of the top players from numerous countries started the first round of the knockout. Here are the top 30 in the draw and their ratings (women's ratings are climbing):

1	Koneru, Humpy	GM	IND	2600
2	Hou, Yifan	GM	CHN	2591
3	Kosintseva, Tatiana	GM	RUS	2581

4	Dzagnidze, Nana	GM	GEO	2551
5	Stefanova, Antoaneta	GM	BUL	2548
6	Muzychuk, Anna	IM	SLO	2530
7	Cramling, Pia	GM	SWE	2526
8	Harika, Dronavalli	IM	IND	2525
9	Ju, Wenjun	WGM	CHN	2524
10	Lahno, Kateryna	GM	UKR	2522
11	Cmilyte, Viktorija	GM	LTU	2514
12	Kosteniuk, Alexandra	GM	RUS	2507
13	Chiburdanidze, Maia	GM	GEO	2502
14	Socko, Monika	GM	POL	2495
15	Sebag, Marie	GM	FRA	2494
16	Ruan, Lufei	WGM	CHN	2480
17	Mkrtchian, Lilit	IM	ARM	2479
18	Zatonskih, Anna	IM	USA	2478
19	Zhu, Chen	GM	QAT	2477
20	Paehetz, Elisabeth	IM	GER	2474
21	Zhao, Xue	GM	CHN	2474
22	Hoang Thanh Trang	GM	HUN	2473
23	Pogonina, Natalija	WGM	RUS	2472
24	Danielian, Elina	GM	ARM	2466
25	Muzychuk, Mariya	IM	UKR	2462
26	Shen, Yang	WGM	CHN	2461
27	Skripchenko, Almira	IM	FRA	2460
28	Ushenina, Anna	IM	UKR	2460
29	Dembo, Yelena	IM	GRE	2454
30	Zhukova, Natalia	GM	UKR	2447

In the first round, Dina was on board 5 against 4th-ranked GM/WGM Nana Dzagnidze (Georgia), rated 2551. Dina is rated 2101, and is a WIM.



Dina on left; Nana on right

Dina lost both games.

Here is game 1, where Dzagnidze methodically picked off Dina's pawns, one by one (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Dzagnidze, Nana (2551) – Kagramanov, Dina (2101) [E11]

WCh Women Antakya TUR (1.1), 04.12.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 Nc6?!± [4...c5 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Bxd2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 d5=] **5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Bxd2 d5** [6...d6 7.Qc2 0-0±] **7.Rc1 Ne4 8.Bf4 0-0?!±** Nana gets an early " clear " advantage [8...g5 9.Be3 dxc4 10.Ne5 Qd5 11.Nxc4 Rg8±] **9.h3?!±** [9.e3 g5 10.Bg3 (10.cxd5?! exd5±) 10...h5±] **9...Ne7?!±** [9...dxc4 10.Rxc4 f6 11.Bh2 e5±] **10.e3 b6** [10...c5 11.dxc5 Ng6±] **11.Bd3?!±** [11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bd3 f5±] **11...c5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.0-0 Ng6 14.Bh2 Re8 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Nd2 Qg5?!±** [16...Nxd2 17.Qxd2 c4±] **17.Nf3?±** [17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qa4 Bb7± (18...Bd7?! 19.Qxd7 Red8 20.Qc6 exd3 21.Rxc5 Qe7+-)] **17...Qf6?±** [17...Qd8 18.b4 c4±] **18.b4 c4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Nd4?!±** [20.Nd2 Qg5 21.Bg3 a5±] **20...Qg5?!±** [20...Be6 21.Nxe6 Qxe6±] **21.Kh1 Nh4 22.Rg1 Qf6** [22...Qd5 23.Qe2 Ba6±] **23.Qe2 Ba6?!+-** Nana gets a " winning " advantage [23...Bd7 24.Rxc4 Rac8±] **24.b5 Bb7 25.Rxc4** Nana goes up a P **25...Nf5 26.Nxf5** 1.47 [26.Rc7 Bd5 27.Rgc1 Nxd4 28.exd4 a6+- 1.73] **26...Qxf5 27.Rc7 Bd5 28.Rgc1 h6** 1.77 [28...Red8 29.R1c5 Qg6+- 1.72] **29.Bg3 Rac8 30.Qd2 Be6 31.a4 Red8** 1.89 **32.Qa5 Rxc7 33.Rxc7 Qf6 34.Rc1 h5?+-** 3.43 [34...Rd7 35.Kh2 Kh7+- 1.61] **35.Qxa7** Nana goes up 2 connected, passed P's **35...h4 36.Bf4 g5?+-** 4.18 [36...Qb2 37.Rf1 Qe2+- 2.64] **37.Bh2?+-** 2.33 [37.Bc7 Rd5 38.b6 Qxf2+- 5.54] **37...Qxf2** Nana is up a P **38.Bg1?!±** [38.Qe7 Rd5 39.b6 Qxe3 40.b7 Qxc1+ 41.Bg1 Kh7 42.b8Q Rd1+-] **38...Qe2?!+-** [38...Qg3 39.Qa5 Rd5±] **39.Qe7 Rd5** 5.49 [39...Rd2? 40.Qxg5+ Kf8 41.Rc7 Qf1+- 8.77] **40.Qf6?!±** [40.Rc7 Qf1 41.Qe8+ Kg7 42.Qxe6 Rd1+-] **40...Rf5?!+-** [40...g4 41.Qf2 Qxf2 42.Bxf2 g3±] **41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Qd4** [42.b6 Rd5 43.Qe7 Kg6+-] **42...g4 43.Qd1 Qb2** 1.89 [43...Qxd1 44.Rxd1 gxh3 45.gxh3 Rf3+- 1.54] **44.hxg4** Nana goes up 2 P's again **44...Rg5 45.Qc2 Qa3?+-** 3.70 [45...Qxc2 46.Rxc2 Bb3 47.Rb2 Bxa4+- 2.55] **46.Qxe4+** Nana goes up 3 P's **46...Kg7 47.Qd4+ Kh7 48.Rf1 h3?+-** 5.32 [48...Qf8 49.Rf4 Qa8+- 3.98] **49.gxh3** Nana goes up 4 P's **49...Bd5+ 50.Kh2 Qa2?+-** 6.89 [50...Qe7 51.Bf2 Ba8+- 6.12] **51.Rf2 Qb1?+-** 12.35 [51...Qc4 52.Qxc4 Bxc4+- 7.26] **52.h4 Rg8?+-** 22.56 [52...Kg8 53.hxg5 Qh7+ 54.Kg3 Qh1+- 15.20] **53.Qxd5+-** 22.31 Nana is up B + 4 P's **1-0**

In game 2 Dzagnidze seemed to offer a draw by repetition early on, since that's all she needed to win the match, but Dina played for a win. But Dzagnidze won a P. Dina

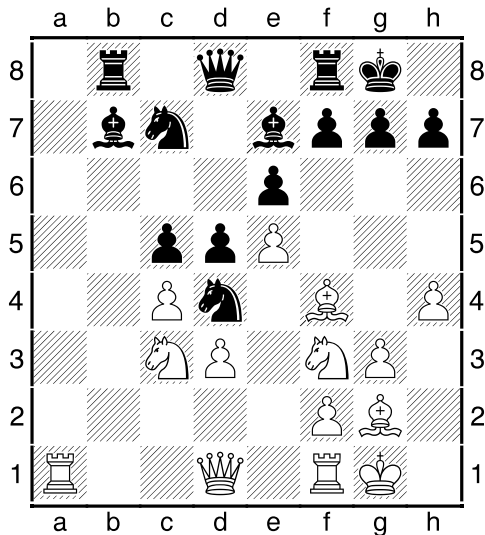
tried to develop a K-side attack, but ended up down material and lost, losing the match. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kagramanov, Dina (2101) – Dzagnidze, Nana (2551) [B40]

WCh Women Antakya TUR (1.2), 05.12.2010

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 e6 3.d3?!=** [3.Nc3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6±] **3...Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.Qe2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5?!±** [8.h3 Qc7 9.c3 dxe4 10.dxe4 e5=] **8...Ne8?!=** [8...Nd7 9.c4 d4±] **9.c4?!±** [9.c3 b6 10.h3 Bb7=] **9...Nc7?!=** [9...f6 10.Re1 Nc7 11.h3 Rb8±] **10.Nc3** [10.Be3 Rb8 11.Na3 b6=] **10...Rb8** [10...f6 11.Bf4 fxe5 12.Bxe5 Bd6=] **11.a4 b6 12.Bf4 a6 13.h4?!±** aggressive, but not best [13.h3 f5 14.exf6 Bxf6=] **13...b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.b3 Nd4?!=** [15...f6 16.exf6 Bxf6±] **16.Qd1 bxc4 17.bxc4 Bb7 18.Ra2?!±** [18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Ne2 dxc4 20.Bxb7 cxd3 21.Qxd3 Rxb7=] **18...Nc6 19.Ra1 Nd4!?**= offering a repetition draw? [19...Qd7 20.Re1 Ra8±]

Position after 19...Nd4!?



20.Ng5?!± [Dina rejects playing the agreed repetition draw move 20.Ra2!? responding to the perceived draw offer 20...dxc4 (20...Nc6= could have been an agreed draw by repetition, if that was what Nana wanted) 21.dxc4 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Rb3±; 20.Ra7 dxc4 21.Rxb7! Rxb7 22.Nxd4 Qxd4 23.Bxb7 Qxc3 24.dxc4 Qxc4=] **20...h6 21.Nh3?!±** Nana gets a " clear " advantage [21.Nf3 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 g5±] **21...dxc4 22.dxc4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Rb4 24.Qg4** [24.Ra4 Qd7 25.Rxb4 cxb4 26.Ne4 Rd8±] **24...Kh8 25.Ne4?!-+** Nana gets a " winning " advantage [25.Ne2 Rxc4 26.Nxd4 Rxd4±] **25...Rxc4** Nana goes up a P **26.Rfc1 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Qa8 28.f3 Nd5 29.Bd2?+-** - 4.14 [29.Nhf2 Ne2 30.Re1 Nexf4+ 31.gxf4 Qa5+- - 3.13] **29...Qa2 30.Kh1?+-** - 5.84 [30.Nhf2 Nb3 31.f4 (31.Rd1?? Nxd2 32.Re1 (32.Rxd2?? Ne3+ 33.Kh3 Qc4 34.Kh2 Nxf4+- - 9.12) 32...Rb8+- - 7.94) 31...Nxc1 32.Bxc1 c4+- - 4.12] **30...f5 31.exf6 Nxf6 32.Nxf6 Qxd2 33.Nh5?+-** - 12.79 [33.Qf4 Qb2 34.Rf1 Rxf6 35.Qe4 Qb3+- - 6.90] **33...Qxc1+** Nana is up R + P **34.Kg2** - 17.67 [34.Ng1 g5 35.Kg2 Qc2+ 36.Kh3 Qf2+- - 17.57] **34...Qc2+?+-** - 10.71 [34...Qd2+ 35.Nf2 Nf5+- - 20.86] **35.Kh1??+-** leads to mate [35.Nf2 Nf5 36.Qe4 Qd2+- - 13.08] **35...Qd1+ 36.Kg2** [36.Ng1 Bg5 37.Nf4 Ra8+- mate in 14 moves] **36...Qxf3+?+-** - 7.62 the practical way to win - remove the Q's - but missing the mate [36...Qd2+ 37.Kh1 g5 38.N5f4 gxf4 39.gxf4 Rg8+- mate in 9 moves] **37.Qxf3 Rxf3+-** - 9.64 **0-1**

Dina - Thanks for giving it a good fight, and doing a good job representing Canada !

World U-16 Youth Olympiad, Turkey

(report on the members' CFC Chess Chat Forum, by captain Gary Gladstone)

Canada ended up tied for 8th place, actually 10th on tiebreak out of 22 teams. We started at 15th place, needless to say, we are all pleased.

6 of the 10 teams we played finished in the top 10, we were never shut out and we won 5 matches with a total score of 21.5 points.

Armenia went into the final round needing a ½ point to clinch, they all drew with Turkey White to guarantee them the win.

A great time was had by all, thanks for all your support and encouragement. Everyone should be very proud of how the "Canadian Youth Under 16 Team" represented themselves at the World Under 16 Youth Olympiad.

All final standings, games, etc.. are available at <http://wyco2010.tsf.org.tr/>

Gary Gladstone, Captain
Nikita Kraiouchkine Board 1
Konstantin Semianiuk Board 2
Mike Ivanov Board 3
Simon Gladstone Board 4

Italian Championship

The 2010 Championship was won by Fabiano Caruana.



Caruana previously won the 2007 and [2008 championships](#) and skipped the 2009 event because of calendar conflict with the [FIDE World Cup](#).

Here are the standings

Final standings:

- 1. GM Caruana Fabiano 2709 - 9.0
- 2-3. GM Garcia Palermo Carlos 2465 and IM D'Amore Carlo 2485 - 7.5
- 4-5. IM Rombaldoni Denis 2494 and GM Brunello Sabino 2544 - 6.0
- 6. GM Godena Michele 2549 - 5.5
- 7. IM Piscopo Pierluigi 2399 - 5.0
- 8-10. GM Ortega Lexy 2480, IM Genocchio Daniele 2433 and FM Bonafede Alessandro 2310 - 4.5
- 11. IM Dvirnyy Daniyyl 2492 - 3.5
- 12. IM Rombaldoni Axel 2471 - 2.5

Brazilian Championship



Giovanni Vescovi

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1.	Vescovi, Giovanni	g	BRA	2622	*	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½	2680
2.	Matsuura, Everaldo	m	BRA	2490	½	*	0	1	½	½	0	1	½	1	1	1	7	2583
3.	Di Berardino, Diego	m	BRA	2491	½	1	*	0	½	½	?	½	½	1	1	1	6½	2576

	Rafael																		
4.	Fier, Alexandr	g	BRA	2572	½	0	1	*	1	0	1	½	1	½	0	1	6½	2538	
5.	Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag	g	BRA	2525	½	½	½	0	*	1	1	0	1	½	½	1	6½	2542	
6.	Milos, Gilberto	g	BRA	2596	½	½	½	1	0	*	½	½	½	½	1	1	6½	2536	
7.	Leitao, Rafael	g	BRA	2626	0	1	?	0	0	½	*	1	0	1	1	1	5½	2502	
8.	El Debs, Felipe de Cresce	g	BRA	2502	0	0	½	½	1	½	0	*	1	0	1	1	5½	2479	
9.	Shumyatsky, Victor	f	BRA	2352	0	½	½	0	0	½	1	0	*	1	0	1	4½	2428	
10.	Gonzalez, Bolivar Ribeiro	f	BRA	2277	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	1	0	*	½	½	3½	2367	
11.	Jatoba de Oliveira Reis, Paulo	f	BRA	2378	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	0	1	½	*	½	3½	2358	
12.	Barreto Filho, Carlos Alberto	f	BRA	2350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	*	1	2110	

Vic Park CI 2010 Winter Open

(report by SCC junior WIM Yuanling Yuan, organizer)



Celebrations for Victoria Park C.I.'s 50th Anniversary didn't just end with the reunion in November. On Saturday December 4th, 2010, a large-scaled chess tournament [4 rd., G/60 Swiss for the CFC sections], the very last of our anniversary celebration events took place on the third floor of our beloved school from 9am - 6pm.

The well organized tournament, named "2010 Winter Open", attracted almost 70 participants of all ages from every corner of the city plus a few who drove down from Mississauga, Etobicoke and Hamilton! The players were divided into 5 sections according to the nation scholastic rating (CMA) or the national professional rating (CFC): U600 CMA, U900 CMA, 900+ CMA, U1700 CFC and Open. In the Open section, where the highest level of chess International Master and five National Masters, making the 2010 Winter Open one of the stronger tournaments held in Toronto this year.

The day kicked off with a short but meaningful opening ceremony where welcomes and greetings were made by the co-organizers of this event, me and Ms. Quejada, preceded by a few words from our special guest. We were honored to invite Mr. Pressburger , the chess advisor at VPCI two decades ago. Being a sophisticated English and history teacher for many years, Mr. Pressburger delivered a brief but inspirational speech on chess spirit and good sportsmanship. A thunderous applause concluded our opening ceremony with great excitement, anticipation determination and camaraderie in the atmosphere.

As this is our second time hosting a professional chess tournament, much was learned and improved from last year's 2009 Winter Super Challenge. For the main part, the event was very much on schedule as planned and volunteers were trained beforehand in order

to familiarize them with their duties as tournament directors. They ran back and forth in the hallway to update standings, post the new pairings and announce the commencement of the next round. A few other volunteers were in charge of the snack bar along with the pizza table at noon. Speaking of volunteers, we cannot forget those who stayed after school on Friday to help set up and get everything ready for the big event. Without these 20 hardworking volunteers, the 2010 Winter Open wouldn't have been possible at all.

As much as I hate to see it all end, the closing ceremony had to be done when all the games finished. You can find the standings and the people who won prizes on our [website](#).

Congratulations to all the prizes winners at this tournament! You all showed great sportsmanship proved yourselves on the chessboard.

A special shout-out goes out to IM Nikolay Noritsyn, who won a perfect score and proudly took home \$300 along with the title "2010 Winter Open Champion"! Way to go Nikolay!! 😊

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came and took part in this tournament! Also, a big thank you goes out to the Hamilton junior chess club, the Scarborough chess club, the Mississauga chess club and the Bayview junior chess club for their support. Finally, I want to give a special shout out to Mr. Pressburger for everything he's done for VP Chess in the past and present. Without each and every one of you, this tournament wouldn't have been as successful as we see it today. 🍷

If you're interested in seeing all the pictures, I just uploaded them on my web album [here](#).

Toronto Junior Chess Championship 2010

This 6-player round robin was organized by "The Greater Toronto Chess League" [GTCL] and "The Knights of Chess" Club and was played in November and December on 5 consecutive Sundays. The new Toronto Champion is Roman Sapozhnikov. SCC junior, Michael Song, placed second.

Here are the final standings:

Tournament table

No	Name	FIDE Rating	CFC Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Song, Michael	2078	2133		0.5	1	0	1	0.5	3
2	Gusev, Nikita	2090	2253	0.5		0.5	0	0	1	2
3	Ivanov, Mike		2017	0	0.5		0.5	0	0	1
4	Sapozhnikov, Roman	2226	2398	1	1	0.5		1	1	4.5
5	Florea, Alexandru	1933	2094	0	1	1	0		0	2
6	Wang, Jesse B	1997	2060	0.5	0	1	0	1		2.5

Scarborough CC – Who Are We??

The SCC Newsletter Needs You – the SCC Member !!

The SCC newsletter has an ongoing series published from time to time as we get volunteers called **Scarborough CC – Who Are We ??**, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada !

We are looking for members who will **volunteer** to do a short chess profile of themselves for our newsletter series on SCC members. Many members have already volunteered – response to the series has been excellent by readers – they are interested in who makes up our club. And even for members, it is great since we do not all get to know each other, given the time available in the evening, and the number of members we now have. You will also find that other members will approach you to discuss things they found interesting in your article – a great way to get to know some of the other members better.

. The profile article can be as short or as long as you like. We have a “ help sheet “ for you, that sets out a whole number of questions that will help you determine what you might write. We are looking for any members – seniors, juniors (parents can help), and the in-between adult members. We are a multi-cultural club reflecting Scarborough, and we have interesting stories to tell each other.

Just speak to Bob Armstrong, newsletter editor, at the club, or email me (bobarm@sympatico.ca) if you are willing to help out the club in this way.

We look forward to continuing to publish the chess background and experiences of many more of our members. Look for our next installment !

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by columnist Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, former SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the **Question:**

In a tournament during the 1970's which two players were forced to restart their game no less than 3 times because the organizers felt they were somehow breaking the rules?

Rick's Answer is:

At the 1972 Student Olympiad, German star Robert Huebner was very, very tired. He had just finished a long adjournment (99 moves!) and his captain insisted that he play in the afternoon game anyway. A draw would be an acceptable result against American Ken Rogoff. Huebner didn't want to waste time. He played 1.c4 and offered a draw. Rogoff consulted with his acting captain (Eric Schiller) and the rest of the team, and accepted. As Black against a superior opponent, Rogoff was obviously inclined to take the draw, and the Americans had been confident of winning the match on the lower boards.

But the organizers refused to accept the result, claiming the action was somehow against the rules (it wasn't, as the Czech arbiter Sajtar agreed 8 years later). So they were ordered to play another game. The players obliged: 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.Ng1 Ng8 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Ng1 Ng8 with a draw by repetition. This did not humor the arbiters, who ordered yet another game. This time the players simply traded off all pieces until there were only bare kings left. Finally, a committee was convened, primarily of teams leaders whose teams wanted to see both the German and American team lose. They ordered a fourth game. Before that

could take place, Huebner insisted on resigning, so that his American counterpart would not be punished.

Bragging Rights Winner :

SCC member, and previous quiz winner, is Pino Verde – he gets bragging rights this issue ! Congratulations.

Today's Trivia Question is:

Who was the first woman to play on a man's Olympiad team?

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

Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open

(Answer will be given at end of this Issue)

**10. Which of the following organizations
is celebrating it's 25th anniversary
this year?**

- a) Canadian Chess Federation
- b) F.I.D.E.
- c) Chess N' Math Association
- d) The Chess Institute



SCC Falling Leaves Swiss

The Falling Leaves Swiss started on Thursday, October 28, 2010 and finished on Thursday, December 9, 2010. This seven-round event was the last SCC Swiss before we take our Christmas break.

The registrations were:

Over 2000 – 18 (headed by 5 masters)

U 2000 – 37

U 1700 – 37

The total of 92 is continuing the turnout we had for the last half of 2009-10, and the first tournament this year (the range has been between 80 -95 players).

The winners were::

Over 2000

1/2 – 5 pts. – expert Andrew Picana; expert junior Michael Song

3/4 – 4.5 pts. – master Andrei Moffat; expert Josh Guo

Under 2000 (to 1700)

1– 6 pts. – Lui Morra

2 – 5.5 pts. – Daniel Wiebe

3/8 – 4.5 pts. – Greg Stavropoulos; Jim Paterson; Juliaan Posaratnanathan; Robert Armstrong; Pepin Manalo; Will Rutherford

Under 1700

1. – 6.5 pts. – Yakos Spiliotopoulos

2/5 – 5 pts. – Andrew Philip; John Zhang; Steve Karpik; Russell Super.

Games were collected each week (the handing in of the white score sheet is mandatory, and members keep the yellow carbon sheet), but no games of this tournament could be sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament had concluded (due to the policy adopted at the September 2009-10 SCC AGM concerning, score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If you are interested in finding out about this policy, just e-mail me at bobarm@sympatico.ca and I will forward it to you.)

I and SCC member Ken Kurkowski volunteer to enter the SCC games each week into the tournament database (it does not contain the games we will be publishing in our coverage of the tournament in the newsletter – these are the best games, and they have been held back for the newsletter). I analyze or partly analyze a number of the games, and Ken does a few also from time to time.

Unfortunately, my study is now undergoing renovations, which means no computer. So the tournament database which I would usually send out the week after the tournament ends, will be delayed for a while..

Here are some games from rounds 1 & 2.

In Rd. 1 in the 2000+ section, Dave Southam



went up 2 P's fairly quickly against his lower-rated opponent, junior Tony Lin. One might have expected Dave was just going to cruise to victory. But Tony was not going to roll over and play dead. He got back one of the pawns, and eventually got himself a passed P on the 2nd rank, to match David's passed pawns, but then finally was to be mated. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Southam, David (2161) – Lin, Tony (1925) [D85]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss 2000+ Toronto (1), 28.10.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6±** [2...e6=] **3.Nc3 d5** Grunfeld Defence **4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Be3** [8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0 0-0±] **8...0-0** [8...Qa5 9.Qd2 Nc6±] **9.Rc1?!=** [9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qa3±] **9...cxd4?±** Dave gets a " clear " advantage [9...Qa5 10.Qd2 Nd7=] **10.cxd4 Bg4 11.Be2 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Qa5+ 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nc6 15.d5 Rfd8 16.Ke2 Ne5?!+-** Dave gets a " winning " advantage [16...Nd4+ 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Rc7 Rab8±] **17.Rc7 Rac8 18.Rhc1 Rxc7 19.Rxc7 Kf8** 2.52 [19...e6 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Rxb7 a5+- 1.91] **20.Rxb7** Dave goes up a P **20...a6 21.Ra7 Rb8 22.Rxa6** Dave goes up 2 P's; one might be tempted to think Dave will now just cruise to a win. **22...Rb2+ 23.Kd1 Bf6?+-** 3.71 [23...f5 24.exf5 Nxf3 25.fxg6 (25.gxf3 gxf5+- 2.33) 25...hxg6 (25...Ne5?? 26.Ra8+ Rb8 27.Rxb8#) 26.gxf3 Rb5+- 2.81] **24.Be2 g5 25.h3 Ng6 26.g3 Rb1+ 27.Bc1 Bb2 28.Kc2 Rxc1+ 29.Kxb2 Re1 30.Bd3 Ne5 31.Kc2 Rh1 32.Kd2 Rxh3** Dave is up a P; Tony is far from giving up. **33.Be2 Rh2 34.Ke3 Rh1 35.a4** Dave finally gets the winning strategy going – when given a chance, push a passed P **35...Ra1 36.a5 Nd7 37.Ra8+ Kg7 38.a6 Ra3+ 39.Kd2?+-** 1.88 [39.Kd4 Ra4+ 40.Kc3 Rxe4+- 2.85] **39...Nc5 40.f3 h5** Tony will fight back by creating his own passed P **41.a7 Nd7 42.Bb5 Ne5 43.f4 Nf3+ 44.Kc1 gxf4 45.gxf4 h4 46.Bf1 Ng1?+-** 5.27 [46...Ra2? 47.e5 Ra1+ 48.Kb2 Rxf1+- 6.25; 46...f6 47.Kb2 Ra5+- 3.43] **47.Kb2 Ra5?+-** 7.79 [47...Rxa7? 48.Rxa7 h3 49.Rxe7 h2 50.Bg2 Nh3 51.f5 Nf4+- 10.06; 47...Ra4 48.e5 h3+- 6.89] **48.e5 h3?+-** 10.23 [48...Nf3 49.d6 exd6 50.exd6 Nd4+- 7.85] **49.d6 h2 50.Bg2 exd6 51.exd6** now Dave has 2 passed P's **51...Rb5+ 52.Kc2 Ra5?+-** 20.39 [52...Ne2 53.d7 Nd4+ 54.Kc3 Ne6+- 11.13] **53.d7 Ra2+ 54.Kb3?+-** 15.86 [54.Kb1? Rd2 55.d8Q Rxd8 56.Rxd8 h1Q 57.Bxh1+- 20.12] **54...Rxb2??+-** leads to mate in 13 moves [54...Rd2 55.Re8 Rd3+- 43.06] **55.Rg8+** [55.d8Q Rg3+ 56.Ka4+- mate in 11 moves] **55...Kh6** [55...Kh7 56.Rxb2+- mate in 7 moves; 55...Kxg8 56.a8Q+ Kh7 57.Qxg2+- mate in 6 moves] **56.Rh8+ Kg7** [56...Kg6 57.a8Q mate in 10 moves] **57.Rxb2** [57.d8Q Rg3+ 58.Kc4+- mate in 10 moves] **57...Rxb2 58.d8Q** Dave is up Q + P vs R + N **58...Rh3+** [58...Rh8 59.Qg5+ Kh7 60.f5 Nf3 61.Qh5+ mate in 10 moves] **59.Kb4 Rf3?+-** leads to mate in 6 moves [59...Rh8 60.Qg5+ Kh7 61.f5 mate in 12 moves] **60.Qg5+** mate in 6 moves. Black resigns. **1-0**

In the 2000+ section, in Rd. 1, there was an upset when Andrew Picana

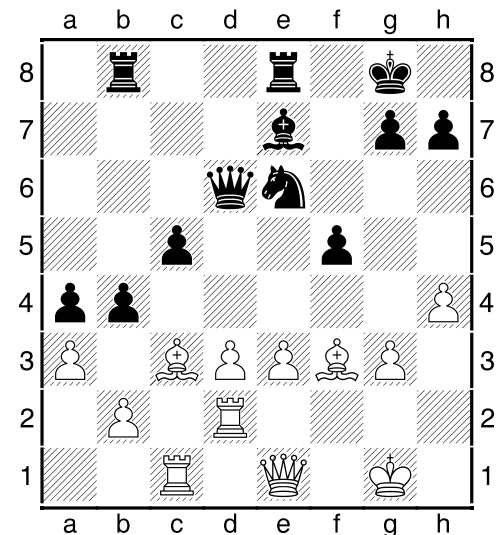


defeated top-rated Master Rune Pedersen. Rune was winning most of the game, but weakened at the end, and Andrew got a “ clear “ advantage and went on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Picana, Andrew (2144) – Pedersen, Rune (2342) [A34]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss 2000+ Toronto (1), 28.10.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.Nf3 c5** [1...Nf6=] **2.c4=** [2.e4±] **2...Nf6 3.Nc3 d5?!±** [3...e6 4.e3 Be7=] **4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.g3?!=** [5.d4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 g6±] **5...Nc6 6.Bg2 Nc7?!±** [6...Nb6 7.a4 a5=] **7.0-0 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Be3?!=** [9.Nd2 Be6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6±] **9...0-0 10.Na4 Ne6 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.Nc3 Qd8 14.h4 Rb8 15.Kh2 b6 16.Nb5?!±** for the first time in the game, Rune gets the advantage [16.Ng5 Ncd4 17.e3 Nxc5 18.hxc5 Ne6=] **16...Bb7 17.Bc3?!±** Rune gets a " clear " advantage [17.Nc3 a6 18.h5 h6±] **17...Ncd4** [17...a6 18.Na3 b5±] **18.Nbxd4 exd4 19.Bd2 Bd5?!±** [19...Qd6 20.a3 a6±] **20.Rh1?!±** [20.e4 dxe3 21.fxe3 f5±] **20...f5 21.Kg1 b5 22.Rh2 a5 23.Qe1?!+** Rune gets a " winning " advantage [23.Ng5 Qd6 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.b3 Bd6±] **23...a4 24.a3 Re8 25.e3** – 1.97 [25.h5 Qd6 26.Nh4 Rf8+ – 1.50] **25...dxe3 26.fxe3 Bxf3?!±** [26...Bb7 27.Qf1 Qd6+] **27.Bxf3 Qd6 28.Bc3?!+** [28.Re2 b4 29.axb4 Qxd3±] **28...b4 29.Rd2?+** – 4.50 wrongly sacking his B [29.Bd2 Bf6 30.axb4 Bxb2+ – 2.96]



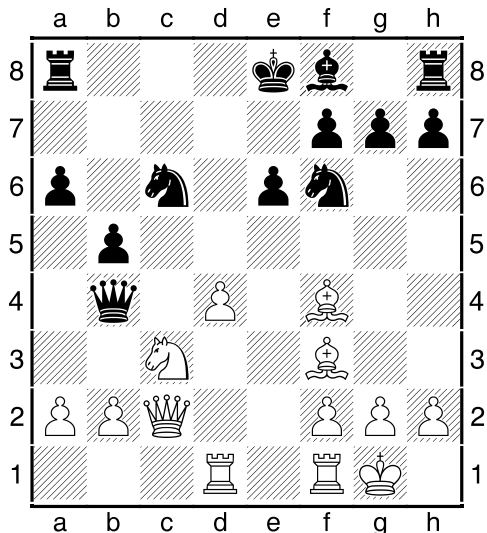
29...Qa6?± for some reason, Rune declines to win the B. Rune has lost his advantage [29...bxc3 30.bxc3 Rb3+ – 4.41] **30.Be5** [30.axb4?! cxb4 31.Be5 Bd6±] **30...Rbc8?!±** for the first time since the opening, Andrew gets back the advantage [30...Bd6 31.d4 bxa3 32.bxa3 cxd4=] **31.Bd5 c4?+-** loses a P; Andrew gets a " winning " advantage [31...Bd6 32.Bc4 Qc6 33.Bxd6 Qxd6±] **32.Qe2?±** Andrew wrongly declines to capture the cP; Rune gets back a " clear " advantage [32.Rxc4 Rcd8 (32...Qb6 33.Rxc8 Rxc8+-; 32...bxa3 33.bxa3 Kh8+-) 33.e4 bxa3 34.bxa3 Bxa3+-] **32...bxa3?±** [32...cxd3 33.Qf1 Rxc1 34.Qxc1 Kh8±] **33.bxa3?±** [33.Bxc4 Rxc4 34.Rxc4 a2 35.Rd1 Bd6 36.Bxd6 Qxd6±] **33...Bxa3?±** now Andrew gets a " clear " advantage [33...cxd3 34.Qf1 Rxc1 35.Qxc1 Kh8±] **34.Rxc4 Rxc4 35.Bxc4 Qa5±** Remaining moves illegible due to time scramble. White won. **1-0**

In the U 2000 section in Rd. 1, another upset was Kevin Gaffney winning Dean Ward’s Q after a complicated set of exchanges in the centre. Here is the game (Annotations by Ken Kurkowski, using Fritz):

Gaffney, Kevin (1662) – Ward, Dean (1832) [B22]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss U2000 Toronto (1), 28.10.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Bg4 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 e6 9.Nc3 Qa5 10.Bf4 Fritz calls this equal and recommends 10...Rd8 putting pressure on White's isolated d-pawn. 10...a6?! Dean was probably concerned about Nb5 threatening the fork at c7. 11.Qb3 [11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5] 11...b5? Opening the h1-a8 diagonal will get Black into trouble. [11...Qb4 12.Qxb4 (12.Qc2 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nxd4 drops a pawn.) 12...Bxb4 with equality (Fritz.)] 12.Rad1 Qb4 13.Qc2 Kevin rightly declines the Queen exchange, and has a clear advantage. 13...Bxf3? Bringing White's Bishop to the dangerous diagonal. [A better try would have been 13...Rc8] 14.Bxf3 White has a winning advantage (Fritz).



14...Nxd4 [Slightly better, but still losing is 14...Rc8 , e.g. 15.Be5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Rxd7 Kxd7 18.Rd1+ Ke8 19.Qd3 Qe7 20.Nxb5 f5 21.exf6] 15.Rxd4 Qxd4 16.Be3 [16.Bc6+] 16...Qd8 17.Bc6+ Nd7 18.Rd1 Rc8 19.Bxd7+ Black resigns. 1-0

In Rd. 1 in the U 2000 section, Jim Paterson

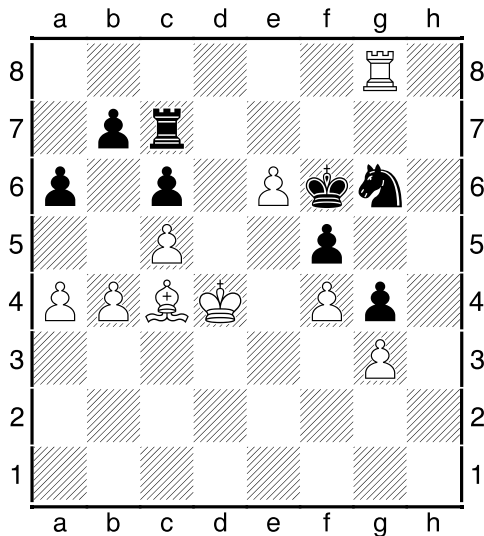


was winning most of the time against new junior Daniel Zotkin. He soundly sacked the exchange to try to advance his passed pawn. But then at the end he foundered – first he allowed Daniel to have a draw, and then a win! But Daniel didn't see it (may have been a time issue as well), and took the draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Paterson, Jim (1896) – Zotkin, Daniel (1643) [D02]

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves (U2000) Toronto (1), 28.10.2010

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 Nbd7 5.0-0 g6?!± [5...c6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6=] 6.c4 c6 7.b3?!= [7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Nc3 Bg7±] 7...Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bf4 Ne4 10.Rc1 Qa5 11.Bd2 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Nf6?± Jim gets a " clear " advantage [12...dxc4 13.bxc4 Rfd8=] 13.Nxd5! nice sac; Jim goes up a P 13...Qxd2?!+– Jim gets a " winning " advantage [13...Qa3 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6±; 13...cxd5?? 14.Qxa5+–] 14.Nxe7+ Jim goes up 2 P's 14...Kh8 15.Nxd2 15...Bd7 16.d5 Rae8 17.d6 2.47 [17.dxc6 bxc6 18.Nxc6 Rxe2+– 2.05] 17...Ng4?!+– 3.16 [17...Ng8 18.Nxg8 Kxg8+– 2.46] 18.c5 Bh6 19.Rc2 Bg5 20.h3 Nh6 21.Ne4 Bxe7 22.dxe7 Rxe7 Jim is up a P 23.Nd6 Bf5 24.Nxf5 Nxf5 25.Rd1 Rfe8 26.Kf1 Ng7 27.b4 a6 28.Rcd2 h5 29.Bf3 Nf5 30.a4 Kg7 31.Rd7 Kf6 32.e4 Nh6 33.Bg2 Kg7 34.f4 Kh7 35.Kf2 Kg7 36.Rxe7 Rxe7 37.Kf3 f6 38.Bf1 f5 3.51 39.e5 Nf7 40.Bc4 g5 41.e6?+– 2.78 [41.h4 g4+ 42.Kf2 Kf8+– 3.87] 41...g4+ 42.hxg4 hxg4+ 43.Ke3 Kf6 44.Kf2 Nh8 45.Rd8 Ng6 46.Ke3 2.14 [46.Bb3 Rh7 47.Rd7 Nf8 48.Rf7+ Rxf7 49.exf7 Nd7+– 2.37] 46...Kg7?+– 3.20 [46...Rh7 47.Kd4 Rh3+– 1.45] 47.Kd4 Kf6 48.Rg8?+– 1.89 [48.Rd7 Rg7 49.Ba2 Re7 50.Bb3 Rg7+– 3.22] 48...Rc7

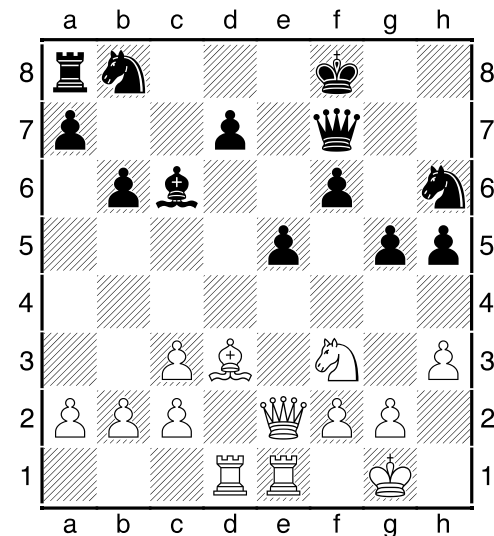


49.Rxg6+!+– 2.52 enterprising sac to try to get the P down 49...Kxg6 Daniel is up the exchange, but Jim has a P compensation 50.Ke5 Rh7 51.Bd3 Rh5 4.07 52.Bc4?± Daniel gets the advantage [52.a5 Kg7 53.Bxf5 Rh2 54.Be4 Re2 55.f5 Kf8+– 7.00; 52.Bc2? Kg7 53.Bxf5 a5 54.b5 cxb5 55.axb5 a4+– 5.25] 52...Rh7??+– Daniel gives the game back to Jim; Jim gets back a " winning " advantage [52...Rh1 53.Kd6 Kf6±] 53.Bd3 5.16 [53.b5? axb5 54.Bd3 Kg7 55.axb5 Rh3 56.bxc6 bxc6 57.Kd6 Rxg3 58.Bxf5 Kf6+– 1.89] 53...Rh5 54.Kd6?+– 1.68 [54.Bc2 Kg7 55.Bxf5 a5+– 5.77] 54...Rh8 55.Bc4??= Jim gives Daniel a draw [55.e7 Kf6 56.Bxf5 Re8 57.Bxg4 Rxe7+– 1.50] 55...Kf6 56.Kc7 Rh7+ 57.Kd6??+ Jim throws away the game ! [57.Kc8 Kg6 58.Bb3 Kf6=] 57...Re7??= Daniel fails to see the win, and goes for the draw[57...Rh2 58.e7 Rd2+ 59.Kc7 Kxe7 60.Kxb7 Rd4 61.Bxa6 Rxb4+ 62.Kxc6 Rxa4+–] ½-½

In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, the club's lowest rated player, new junior Luxiga Thanabalachandran showed good intuition and persistence. Initially she was winning, even when down a P; then she went up the exchange against new member Balamurali Thanagasalam. But an error meant Balamurali got two minors vs R + P, and he got the advantage. But Luxiga managed to hold the draw But only because both made numerous ending errors. But it shows determination sometimes pays off ! The game is most instructive in the number of sacrifices available that were not played, or in lines not played. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Thanabalachandran, Luxiga (679) – Thanagasalam, Balamurali (998) [B00]
 Scarborough CC Falling Leaves (U 1700) Toronto (2), 28.10.2010

1.e4= 0.16 1...b6± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nf3 Bb7 3.Nc3 g6?!±** Luxiga gets a " clear " advantage [3...e6 4.d4 Bb4±] **4.Bc4 Bg7 5.0-0 Bxc3?!+-** Luxiga gets a " winning " advantage [5...Nc6 6.d4 Na5±] **6.dxc3 Bxe4?+-** 3.13 Balamurali goes up a P, but Luxiga is still winning, because of a nice tactic available to her [6...e6 7.Qe2 Nc6+- 1.62] **7.Re1?+-** 1.73 Luxiga misses getting material equality [7.Bxf7+! Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Ke8 9.Nxe4 Nc6+- 2.59] **7...Bc6?+-** 4.37 [7...d5 8.Rxe4! dxc4 (8...dxe4?? 9.Bxf7+! Kxf7 10.Qxd8 exf3 11.Qd5+ e6 12.Qxf3+ Nf6 13.Qxa8 h6+- 12.20 Luxiga would be up Q + P vs N) 9.Qe2 Nf6+- 1.63] **8.Qe2?+-** 1.65 Luxiga misses another nice sac [8.Bxf7+! Kxf7 9.Ng5+ Ke8 10.Qd4 d6 (10...Nf6?? 11.Qxf6! d6 (11...Rf8? 12.Qg7 Bd5 13.Nxh7 d6 14.Nxf8 Nc6+- 19.01) 12.Qxh8+ Kd7+- 9.57) 11.Ne6 Qc8 12.Qxh8 Kd7+- 5.39] **8...e6 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 g5?+-** 3.13 [10...Qe7 11.Nd4 e5 12.f4 e4 13.Nxc6 Nxc6 14.Qxe4 0-0-0+- 1.89] **11.Bg3 h6?+-** 5.07 [11...Kf8 12.Rad1 Qe7 (12...Qc8? 13.Nd4 Bd5+- 5.23; 12...Nh6 13.Bxe6! Qe7+- 4.52) 13.Bxc7 d5+- 4.22] **12.h3?+-** 2.86 [12.Nd4 Qe7 (12...Bb7?? 13.Nxe6! dxe6 14.Qxe6+ Qe7 15.Qf7+ Kd8 16.Rad1+ Nd7 17.Rxe7 Nxe7 18.Rxd7+ Kxd7 19.Be6+ Kc6 20.Qxe7 Rad8 21.Qxc7+ Kb5 22.Qc4+ Ka5 23.Qb4+ Ka6 24.Qa4#) 13.Bxc7 h5+- 7.07] **12...Qe7?+-** 4.08 [12...Kf8 13.Rad1 Qe8+- 2.89] **13.Bxc7** material equality **13...h5 14.Bh2?+-** 3.00 [14.Nd4 b5 15.Bb3 Na6+- 5.20] **14...Nh6 15.Rad1 0-0?+-** 4.25 loses the exchange [15...Nf5 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Bb7+- 2.27] **16.Bd6 Qf7 17.Bxf8 Kxf8** Luxiga is up the exchange **18.Bd3 e5**



19.Be4?+- 3.23 traps the B [19.Nxe5! fxe5 20.Qxe5 Ng8 21.Qxg5 d5+- 7.42] **19...d5 20.Bd3?+-** 2.18 [20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Nxe5! Qe6+- 4.71(21...fxe5?? 22.Qxe5 Qf5 23.Qd6+ Kg7+- 7.88)] **20...e4 21.Nd2?=-** Luxiga has lost her advantage [21.Nd4 exd3 22.Qxd3 Kg7+-] **21...exd3**

22.cxd3 Luxiga has R + P vs B + N [22.Qxd3 Nd7 23.Nf3 Nc5=] **22...Nd7??** [22...Bd7 23.d4 Kg7=] **23.c4??** for the first time in the game, Balamurali gets the advantage [23.d4 Kg7 24.Nf1 g4] **23...Nf5 24.Nb3?!?** Balamurali gets a " clear " advantage [24.cxd5?! Nd4 25.Qe3 Qxd5 26.Qe7+ Kg8 27.Ne4 Kh8?; 24.d4 dxc4 25.Nxc4 Re8?] **24...Ne5 25.f3 Re8 26.Qd2?!+** Balamurali gets a " winning " advantage [26.cxd5 Bxd5 27.Qf2 Bxb3 28.axb3 Rd8?] **26...d4 27.Qb4+ Qe7 28.Qxe7+ Kxe7 29.c5?+-** - 3.22 [29.Rf1! Ne3 30.Nxd4 Bd7 31.b3 Kd6 32.Rd2 Nxf1 33.Kxf1 a6+- - 2.20] **29...Ne3??** fails to see the tactical threats; Luxiga gets back the advantage [29...Bd5 30.cxb6 axb6+] **30.Rd2?+** Balamurali regains a " winning " advantage [30.Nxd4! Bxf3 31.Nxf3 Nxd1 32.Nxe5 fxe5 33.cxb6 axb6 34.Rxd1 Rd8] **30...bxc5 31.Nxc5 Bb5 32.Nb3 Nxd3** Balamurali is up B + N vs R **33.Rb1 Rd8 34.Nc1?+-** - 4.06 [34.a4 Bc4 35.Nxd4 (35.Na5? Ne5 36.b4 h4+- - 3.45) 35...Rxd4+- - 2.40] **34...Nxc1 35.Rxc1 Kf8 36.Rc5 Bf1 37.Rf2?+-** - 3.66 [37.Rc6 Ke7 38.Rc7+ Ke6 39.Rxa7 Bxg2+- - 2.52] **37...Bxg2 38.Rxg2 Nxc2 39.Kxc2** Balamurali is up a P; can Luxiga hold a draw? **39...d3 40.Rc1 Ke7 41.Rd1?+-** - 3.18 [41.Kf2 f5 42.Ke3 g4+- - 2.03] **41...Ke6 42.Kf2 Ke5 43.Ke3 d2** - 2.58 **44.Rxd2??+-** - 7.50 without the R, Luxiga is now lost for sure (maybe); material equality **44...Rxd2 45.Kxd2 Kf4 46.Ke2 Kg3 47.b4 Kxh3** Balamurali goes up a P again **48.a4 g4 49.fxc4 hxc4 50.b5 Kh2??=** pushing the P is essential; Balamurali gives Luxiga a draw [50...g3 51.a5 g2 52.Kf2 Kh2 53.b6 g1Q+ 54.Ke2 Qh1+- 31.56] **51.a5 g3 52.b6 axb6 53.axb6 g2 54.b7 g1Q 55.b8Q+** Balamurali is still up a P **55...Qg3 56.Qxc3+??+-** Luxiga needs some ending study; from this position, she cannot exchange queens; she gives the win back to Balamurali [56.Qh8+] **56...Kxc3 57.Ke3 Kg4??=** Balamurali also needs more ending study; allows Luxiga to get in front of the pawn. Luxiga again gets a draw. [57...f5 58.Kd3 f4 59.Ke2 f3+ 60.Kf1 f2 61.Ke2 Kg2+] **58.Ke4??+-** Luxiga does not understand about drawing an isolated passed P; Balamurali gets back the win. [58.Kf2 f5 59.Kg2 f4 60.Kf2 f3 61.Kf1 Kg3 62.Kg1 f2+ 63.Kf1 Kf3=] **58...f5+ 59.Ke3 Kg3 60.Ke2** Luxiga now seems to realize what she needs to do to possibly draw – get in front of the pawn, with K's in the right position **60...f4 61.Kf1 f3??=** the final error; now the K's can be opposed; Luxiga gets her draw [61...Kf3 62.Kg1 Ke2 63.Kg2 f3+ 64.Kg1 f2+ 65.Kh2 f1Q] **62.Kg1 f2+ 63.Kf1 Kf3=** ½-½

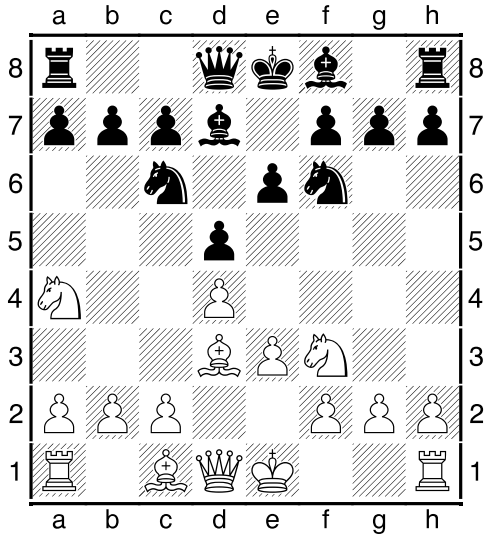
I included the game below from the U 1700 section from Rd. 1, because, given the rating of the juniors playing, the game was so relatively error-free. Derick Aghamalian had the advantage against his lower-rated opponent all game, and worked steadily to build his advantage, queen a P, and then, up an N, win the game. But Anirudh Palakkal defended well, with decent moves, though always at a disadvantage. I always find it interesting in entering our games, that a lot of the lower-rated juniors do have a good grasp of the fundamentals of chess. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Palakkal, Anirudh (989) – Aghamalian, Derick (1464) [D00]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss U1700 Toronto (1), 28.10.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.Nf3 Nc6?!±** [1...Nf6=] **2.Nc3?!=** [2.e4±] **2...d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bd7?!±** [5...Be7 6.0-0 0-0=] **6.Na4??** missing a tactic [6.e4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nb4=]

Position after 6.Na4?



6...Nxd4! nice sac; Derick goes up a P [6...Bd6 7.Nc3 e5] 7.exd4 Bxa4 8.b3 Bd7 9.0-0 Bd6 10.Qe1 h6?!= [10...c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5] 11.a4?! [11.Qe3 Qe7 12.Ne5 c5=] 11...c6?!= [11...0-0 12.Qe3 Rc8] 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.Nxd7? Derick gets a " clear " advantage [13.Qe3 c5 14.Qg3 Rg8=] 13...Qxd7?! [13...Nxd7 14.Kh1 0-0-0] 14.c4?! [14.f4 0-0-0 15.b4 Qc7] 14...0-0?=[14...dxc4 15.bxc4 Ng4 16.g3 Bc5] 15.Bc2? [15.c5 Bc7 16.b4 (16.f4?! a5) 16...Rfe8=] 15...Qc7 16.g3 Rad8?=[16...dxc4 17.bxc4 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5] 17.Bb2? [17.c5 Be7 18.b4 Ne4 19.f3 Ng5=] 17...Rfe8 18.c5 Be7 [18...Bf8 19.b4 g6] 19.a5 [19.b4 b6 20.cxb6 (20.Bc3?! bxc5 21.bxc5 Rb8) 20...axb6] 19...a6 20.Bc1 [20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.dxe5 Ne4] 20...Bf8?=[20...e5 21.b4 e4] 21.Bf4 Qd7 22.Rd1?! [22.Qe2 Qe7 23.Be5 (23.Bd6? Rxd6 24.cxd6 Qxd6) 23...Nd7=] 22...Be7?!= Derick has lost his advantage [22...e5 23.Bxe5 Ne4 (23...Ng4?! 24.f4 f6 25.Qc3 fxe5 26.fxe5 Bxc5 27.Bf5 Qe7 28.Bxg4 Bb4=)] 23.b4 Rc8 24.Qd2 Bd8?!± for the first time since the beginning, Anirudh gets the advantage [24...Ne4 25.Qd3 f5=] 25.Qd3 Bc7 26.Rde1? [26.Be5 Qe7 27.Qe2 Nd7] 26...Bxf4 27.gxf4 Qc7 28.Qd2?! Derick gets a " clear " advantage again [28.Re5 Nd7 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Kh1 f5] 28...Nh5 29.f5 Nf6?!= [29...e5 30.Kg2 Rcd8] 30.Re3? [30.fxe6 Rxe6 31.Rxe6 fxe6=] 30...Kh8?=[30...e5 31.Rg3 exd4] 31.Kh1? [31.fxe6 Rxe6 32.Rxe6 fxe6=] 31...e5?± Anirudh gets a " clear " advantage [31...Qf4 32.Rd1 Ng4 33.Rg3 Nxf2+ 34.Kg2 Qxd2 35.Rxd2 Ne4 36.Bxe4 dxe4] 32.Qe2?+ Derick gets a " winning " advantage [32.Rg1 e4 33.Reg3 Nh5 34.Rxg7! Qf4 (34...Nxc7?? 35.Qxh6+ Kg8 36.Qxg7#) 35.Qxf4 Nxf4 36.Rxf7 Rg8 37.Rxb7 Nh3± (37...Rxc7?! 38.Kxc7 Ne2+ 39.Kf1 Nxd4+- 1.86; 37...Ne2?! 38.Rg6 Rxc7 39.fxc6 Nxd4+- 1.67)] 32...exd4 Derick goes up 2 P's 33.Rxe8+ Rxe8 34.Qf3 Qe5 35.Qg2?+ - 3.85 [35.Bd3] 35...Qe2 36.Rg1 Rg8 37.Bb1 d3 38.Rf1 d2 39.Bc2 d4 40.Qg1 Qf3+ 41.Qg2 Qxg2+ 42.Kxg2 Nd5 43.Bb3 Nc3 44.h3 Re8 45.f3 Re1 46.Rg1 Rxg1+ 47.Kxg1 d1Q+ 48.Bxd1 Nxd1 Derick is up N + P 49.Kf1 Nc3 50.Ke1 Kg8 51.Kd2 Kf8 52.Kd3 Nb5 53.f4 Ke8 54.Ke2 Ke7 55.h4 Kf6 56.Kf3 Kxf5 Derick goes up N + 2 P's 57.h5 g6 58.Kg2 g5 59.fxc5 Kxc5 60.Kf3 Kxh5 White resigns. 0-1

In Rd. 2 in the 2000+ section, our club's fastest improving junior, Michael Song,



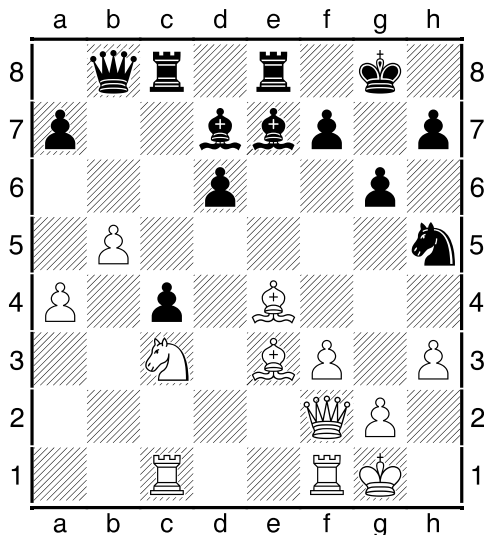
Michael on right

defeated veteran Andrew Picana. Andrew wrongly sacked the exchange, and then Michael managed to get a Q-side pawn majority, giving him the queening chances he needed. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Song, Michael (2133) – Picana, Andrew (2144) [B07]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss 2000+ Toronto (2), 04.11.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.d4 Nf6 2.f3?!?** [2.Nf3=] **2...c5?!=** [2...d5 3.Nc3 c5≠] **3.e4?!?** [3.d5 e6 4.e4 d6=] **3...d6?±** [3...cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6≠] **4.Bc4?!=** [4.dxc5 Qa5+ 5.Nc3 Qxc5±] **4...e6 5.Ne2 Be7 6.c3 0-0 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Bb3 Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.Nd2 Rac8 11.h3?!?** [11.Rc1 Na5 12.Bc2 Bb5=] **11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Na5 13.Ba4 b5?!=** [13...Qb6 14.Bxd7 Nxd7≠] **14.Rc1 Qb8 15.Bc2 Nc4?!±** [15...b4 16.Rf2 Bb5=] **16.Nxc4 bxc4 17.b3?!=** [17.Rb1 Nh5 18.g4 Nf6±] **17...Bb5 18.b4 Rfd8?!±** [18...c3 19.a4 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Qxb4=] **19.a4 Bd7 20.b5** [20.Rb1 a6 21.Nc3 Rc7±] **20...Nh5?!±** Michael gets a " clear " advantage [20...a6 21.Nc3 axb5 22.axb5 Qb7±] **21.Qe1?!±** [21.d5?! exd5 22.Nc3 Nf6 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 Bf6±; 21.Rb1 Qb7 22.Qe1 Nf6 23.Nc3 a6±] **21...g6?!±** [21...a6 22.bxa6 Qa7 23.Qa5 Nf6±] **22.d5 Re8?!+-** Michael gets a " winning " advantage [22...Qb7 23.Qa5 Ra8±] **23.Qf2** [23.dxe6 Bxe6 24.Qa5 Rc7+-] **23...exd5?!+-** 1.77 Andrew goes up a P [23...a6 24.bxa6 exd5 25.Rb1 Qa8+- 1.84] **24.Nc3 dxe4?+-** 2.68 [24...a6 25.bxa6 Qa8+- 1.69] **25.Bxe4?!±** [25.fxe4 Be6 26.Bxa7 Qa8+-]



25...Rc5?!+- 1.71 there is no need to sac the exchange [25...a6 26.bxa6 Bc6±] **26.Nd5!** 1.71 [26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.Nd5 Bf8+- 1.64] **26...Qd8** 2.68 [26...Rcc8?? 27.Bxa7 Bh4 28.Qd4 Rxe4 29.fxe4 Qa8+- 4.23; 26...Bd8 27.Bxc5 dxc5 28.Rxc4 Nf4 29.Nxf4 Qxf4+- 2.42] **27.Bxc5 dxc5 28.Nxe7+ Qxe7 29.Rxc4** Michael is up the exchange **29...Be6 30.Rxc5** Michael is up the exchange + P **30...Nf4 31.Kh2 Qd6 32.Rc6 Qe5 33.Qc5 Qb8 34.Qd6 Qxd6 35.Rxd6 f5 36.Bc6 Re7 37.Re1 Kf7 38.g3 Nh5?+-** 8.32 [38...Bc8 39.Red1 Re2+ 40.Kh1 Nxb3+- 4.36] **39.Rdx6!** reducing pieces, since Michael is up material **39...Rxe6 40.Bd5 Ng7 41.Rc1?+-** 6.07 [41.a5 Kf6 42.Bxe6 Nxe6 43.Rxe6+! Kxe6 44.b6 axb6 45.a6+- 10.62] **41...Kf6?+-** 8.60 [41...Ke7 42.Bxe6 Nxe6+- 6.20] **42.Bxe6 Nxe6** Michael is again up the exchange + P **43.a5 Nd4 44.b6 axb6 45.axb6 Nxf3+** Michael is up the exchange **46.Kh1 Ne5 47.Rc7+-** 9.79 Black resigns. 1-0

In Rd. 2 in the 2000+ section, former club champion, Erwin Casareno



and new member Daniel Abrahams, saw the advantage see-saw back and forth, But eventually Erwin was up B vs P and Daniel resigned. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Abrahams, Daniel (2116) – Casareno, Erwin (2129) [B33]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss 2000+ Toronto (2), 04.11.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.Nf3 c5±** [1...Nf6=] **2.e4 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 e6?!±** Daniel gets an early " clear " advantage [5...Nf6 6.Nc3 e6±] **6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Nc3?!±** [7.Be3 Qc7 8.0-0 Be7±] **7...a6?!±** [7...Bb4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 d6±] **8.f4?!±** [8.0-0 Qc7 9.Be3 Be7±] **8...d6?!±** [8...d5 9.Qf3 dxe4 (9...Nxe4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Bxe4 f5±) 10.Nxe4 Nb4± (10...Nd5?!±)] **9.Qf3 Be7 10.g4?!±** aggressive, but not best [10.Be3 Qc7 11.0-0 Bd7±] **10...Nd7** [10...d5 11.e5 Ng8±; 10...Qc7 11.Be3 Nb4±] **11.h4?!=** same problem [11.Be3 Nc5 12.0-0 Nb4±] **11...Nc5 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.e5?±** for the first time in the game, Erwin gets the advantage, and it is a " clear " advantage [13.h5 Bd7 14.h6 g5±] **13...Nd4 14.Qf2 Bd7 15.0-0** [15.h5 Bc6 16.Rh3 0-0-0±] **15...Bc6 16.Ne4 0-0-0 17.c3?!-+** Erwin gets a " winning " advantage [17.Be3 f5 18.gxf5 exf5±] **17...Nb3?±** Erwin loses his advantage [17...Nf5 18.Bc2 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxh4 20.Bxb7+ Kb8 (20...Kxb7?! 21.Qf3+ Qc6±) 21.Qg2 Ng3-+] **18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.axb3 Be7 20.Bc4 Qc7 21.Be3 Be4?!±** Daniel gets the advantage back [21...Bd5 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.b4 cxb4 24.cxb4 Kb8=] **22.Rfd1?±** [22.b4 Qc6 23.Bxc5 Bxc5 24.Qxc5 Qxc5+ 25.bxc5 Bd3±] **22...Qc6?!=** [22...Rxd1+

23.Rxd1 Rd8 $\bar{7}$] **23.Be2** [23.b4 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 b5=] **23...Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Kxd8 26.f5 Bh1** [26...Kc8 27.Qf4 Bh1=] **27.f6 gxf6 28.exf6 Bd6 29.Bd3 Be4 30.Bf1?! $\bar{7}$** [30.Qc2 Bxd3 31.Qxd3 Qd5=] **30...Qd5 31.Qd2?! $\bar{7}$** Erwin gets a " clear " advantage again [31.Bf4 e5 32.Be3 Qd1 $\bar{7}$] **31...Qe5 32.Qf2 Kc7 33.g5 Bc6 34.Bc4?+** Erwin gets back a " winning " advantage [34.Bg2 Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Bg3 36.Qd2 Bxg2+ 37.Qxg2 Qxh4 $\bar{7}$] **34...Qe4 35.Kf1 b5+ -3.97** White resigns, as **36.Bxe6+ - 4.22** [36.Be2?? Qb1+ 37.Qe1 Bg2+ 38.Kf2 Bg3+ and White loses his Queen!] **36...Qd3+ 37.Qe2 Qb1+ 38.Kf2 fxe6+ - 4.86** Erwin is up B vs P **0-1**

In Rd. 2 in the U 2000, there was an upset, as Doug Gillis



defeated last years U 1700 Club Champion, who has now moved up a section with his higher rating, Magas Yusuf. Here is the game (Annotations by Doug Gillis, using Chessmaster):

Yusuf , Magas (1885) – Gillis , Doug (1622) [D30]

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves (U 2000) Toronto (2), 04.11.2010

Notes by Chessmaster. **1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nbd2?! d5 4.c4** [4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.0-0 c4 7.Be2 Bd6=] **4...c5 5.Ne5** [5.e3 Nc6 6.Be2 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 a5 9.Qc2 0-0 10.cxd5 Qxd5 11.0-0 b6 etc +/- .05;; 5.cxd5 exd5 6.e3 Nc6 etc +/- .35;; 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nb3 Bd6 7.c5 Bc7 8.e3 0-0 _/+ .50;] **5...cxd4 6.Qa4+** Second best move. [6.Ndf3 Ne4 7.Nd2 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Nxe4 (9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 +/- 1.10;) 9...dxe4 10.g3 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 c5 etc +/- 1.00;] **6...Bd7 7.Nxd7 Qxd7 8.Qb3** Alt; [8.Qxd7+ Nbx7 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.g3 Bc5 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 Rac8 13.Nb3 Bb6 14.Rd1 Rc4 etc +/- .90;] **8...Nc6 9.cxd5 exd5** [9...Qxd5 10.Qxb7 Rb8 11.Qa6 Be7 12.Qc4 Nb4 13.Qxd5 exd5 14.Rb1 Ng4 15.Rg1 0-0 +/- 2.60;; 9...Qxd5 10.Qxd5 Nxd5 11.g3 Ndb4 12.Kd1 Be7 13.Bg2 0-0 14.Nb3 Rfd8 +/- 1.25;] **10.Nf3 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 Ne4** [12...0-0 13.g3 Rfe8 14.Nf3 Rac8 15.Rd1 Qe7 +/- 1.95;] **13.Rd1** Cm says that this is fifth best out of six candidate moves. [13.Qa3 Nxd2 14.Kxd2 Qf5 15.Rc1 Qxf2 +/- 1.70;; 13.e3 0-0; 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.e3 d3; 13.g3 Nxd2 14.Kxd2 0-0 15.Bg2 Rad8 16.Rac1 +/- 1.55;] **13...0-0 14.Nf3 Rac8 15.g3 Nc5** CM considers this to be the fifth best of five candidate moves. [15...b6 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Rxd4 Rc1+ 18.Rd1 Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Qb5 20.Bg2 Qxb2 21.Bxe4 dxe4 +/- 1.65;] **16.Qb5** [16.Qa3 Qe7 17.Nxd4 Rfe8 18.Nxc6 Rxc6 19.e3 Qe4 20.Rg1 Rd8 21.b4 Na6 22.b5 Nb4 23.Qb3 (23.bxc6?? Nc2+ 24.Kd2 Nxa3) 23...Rc7 24.Bg2 Qe7 +/- .55;] **16...Qe7 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Qe5** [18...Rfe8 19.Rg1 (19.e3 Ne4!) 19...Ne4 20.Rd1 Rc2 +/- 2.65;] **19.Qb4** [19.e3 Ne6 20.Rd1 Rc2 21.Bg2 Rxb2 +/- 1.20;] **19...Rfe8** [19...a5! Attacking the guard of White's Rook on the d4 square. 20.f4 Qf6 21.Qd2 Ne4! 22.Rxe4 (22.Qd1 Qxd4!! 23.Qxd4 Rc1+ 24.Qd1 Rxd1+ 25.Kxd1 Nf2+ 26.Ke1 Nxb1 etc +/- 5.15;) 22...dxe4 23.Bh3 Rfd8 24.Qe3 Rc4 +/- 4.30;] **20.Qd2** [20.Rd1 Ne4 21.f3 Nf6 22.Qd4 Qf5 23.Qd3 Qe6 24.Qd2 Rc5 25.Rc1 Rxc1+ 26.Qxc1 Qf5 27.Bg2 Rc8 28.Qd1 Qc2 29.Qxc2 Rxc2 +/- 1.20;] **20...Ne4! 21.Qd1** [21.f4 Qxd4! 22.Qxd4 Rc1+ 23.Qd1 Rxd1+ 24.Kxd1 Nf2+ 25.Ke1 Nxb1 26.Bg2 Rc8 27.Bxd5 b6 28.Kf1 Rc1+ 29.Kg2 a5 etc +/- 5.15;]

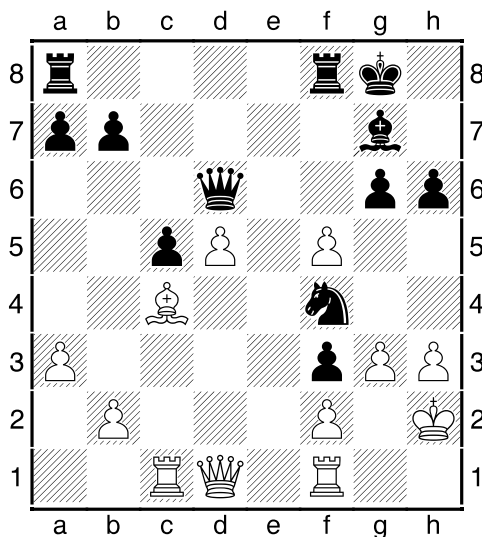
21...Rc1!? I missed the tactic that CM outlined in previous notes. [21...Qxd4!! 22.Qxd4 Rc1+ 23.Qd1 Rxd1+ 24.Kxd1 Nxf2+ 25.Ke1 Nxb1 26.Bg2 Rc8 27.Bxd5 b6 28.Kf1 Rc1+ 29.Kg2 a5 +/- 5.15;] **22.Qxc1 Qxd4 23.e3 Qb4+ 24.Ke2 d4! 25.Kf3 Nd2+ 26.Kg2 dxe3 27.Bb5??** White sees that he all but busted. I also have an advantage on the clock. White has 14 minutes left compared to 35 for Black. [27.Be2 exf2 28.Bd3 f1Q+ 29.Rxf1 Nxf1 30.Kxf1 Qd4 31.Qc2 Qe3 32.Qd1 g6 etc; +/- 4.20 ; 27.Bd3 Qd4 28.Be2 exf2 29.Qd1 Qe3 30.Rf1 Qxe2 31.Qxe2 Rxe2 32.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Kf8 etc +/- 6.05(33...Nc4)] **27...Qxb5 28.Re1** With an obvious trap in mind. **28...Qd5+ 29.Kg1** [29.Kh3 Qf5+ 30.Kg2 Qxf2+ 31.Kh3 Nf3 Black now threatens ... N-g4+; 32.Rxe3 Qxe3 33.Qxe3 Rxe3 34.Kg2 Nd4 0-1;; 29.f3 Qxf3+ 30.Kh3 Qf5+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ (31...Qf2+ 32.Kh3 Nf3 Is good enough for Black as per the previous note.) 32.Kh3 g5 33.Rf1 f5! (33...g4+ etc;)] **29...Nf3+ 30.Kf1 Nxe1** [30...Nxb2+ 31.Kg1 etc; 31...Nf3+] **31.Qxe1 Qh1+** White resigns. [31...Qh1+ 32.Ke2 exf2+ 33.Kxf2 Rxe1] **0-1**

In Rd. 2 in the U 2000 section, Dean Ward had somewhat of an edge throughout the game against junior Lin Song. But Lin was developing a K-side attack late in the game. Under the pressure, Dean came up with the wrong defences, and Lin mated him. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ward, Dean (1832) – Song, Lin (1677) [E90]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss U2000 Toronto (2), 04.11.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6±** [2...e6=] **3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6** King's Indian Defence **5.h3?!=** [5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5±] **5...0-0 6.Be3 e5?!±** popular, and not best [6...c5 7.Nf3 (7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Bd3 (8.cxd6?! Nxe4 9.dxe7 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxc3+ 11.Bd2 Nxd2 12.exf8Q+ Kxf8 13.Qxd2 Qxa1+ 14.Qd1 Qxd1+ 15.Kxd1 Na6̄) 8...dxc5=) 7...Qa5=] **7.d5?!=** [7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Nf3 (8.Qxd8?! Rxd8 9.Rd1 Rxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Nc6=) 8...Nc6±] **7...Na6 8.Nf3 Bd7?!±** [8...Nd7 9.a3 f5=] **9.a3 c5 10.dxc6?!=** [10.g4 Rb8 11.Bd3 Ne8±] **10...Bxc6 11.Bd3 Nc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.0-0 Nh5 14.Nd5 Bxd5?!±** [14...Nf4 15.Re1 Rc8=] **15.cxd5 Nf4** [15...Qd6 16.Re1 Rab8±] **16.Bc4 Qd6** [16...Rb8 17.a4 f5±] **17.Rc1?!=** [17.g3 Nh5 18.a4 h6±] **17...h6?!±** [17...f5 18.Ng5 Bh6 19.Ne6 Rf6=] **18.Kh2** [18.Re1 a6 19.Bf1 b5±] **18...f5** [18...a6 19.a4 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Bxb5 Rab8±] **19.exf5??̄** for the first time in the game, Lin gets the advantage [19.Nd2 Qd7 20.g3 b5±] **19...e4** clearing the diagonal for a discovered check. [19...b5 20.f6 Bxf6 21.Bxb5 e4̄] **20.g3??-+** under the pressure, Dean, who had the advantage most of the game, cracks; wrong defence – Lin gets a "winning" advantage [20.Nd2 gxf5 21.g3 Ng6̄] **20...exf3** Lin is up N vs P



21.gxf4??-+ the N cannot be recaptured; leads to mate [21.fxc6 Nxc6 22.Re1 Ne5+ - 3.17]
21...Qxf4+ material equality, but Dean is mated **22.Kh1 Be5 23.d6+ Kg7-+** White resigns. It is mate. **24.f6+ Rxf6 25.Qxf3 Qh2# 0-1**

In Rd. 2 in the U 1700 section, junior Lawrence Harrison was winning most of the game against junior Benjamin Lin, though he missed a few tactics along the way. But Benjamin was hanging in there nonetheless, and it came down to Lawrence having an extra P, with only Q's. But he lost the P, and Benjamin's stay-with-it attitude got him a draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Roy, Lawrence (874) – Lin, Benjamin (1085) [B33]

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves (U 1700) Toronto (2), 04.11.2010

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 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5?!± Fritz doesn't favour this line; Lawrence gets an early " clear " advantage [5...e6 6.Ndb5 d6±] **6.Nxc6?=-** [6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d6±]
6...bxc6 7.Be2 Bb4 8.Bd2?!± [8.Qd3 0-0 9.0-0 d5=] **8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3 d6?±** [9...Nxe4 10.Bxe5 Qa5+ 11.Bc3 Nxc3 12.Qd2 0-0 13.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 14.bxc3 d5±] **10.Bf3?!=** [10.Qd3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8±] **10...0-0 11.0-0 Be6?!±** [11...Re8 12.Qd2 d5=] **12.Qd2 Qd7 13.Rad1 Rad8 14.Rfe1 Bxa2?+-** traps the B; Benjamin goes up a P, but Lawrence gets a " winning " advantage [14...Qe7 15.Bb4 Ne8±] **15.Ra1?=-** Lawrence fails to trap the B, and loses his advantage [15.b3 Qe6 16.Ba5 Rd7 17.Qc3 Rc8 18.Rd3 Rb7 19.Qb2 Bxb3 20.Rxb3 Rxb3 21.Qxb3 Qxb3 22.cxb3 Kf8+-] **15...Be6** the B escapes **16.h3 Rfe8 17.Qe3 Ra8 18.Red1 Red8?±** missing the pin on the dP [18...Qc7 19.Ba5 Qe7=] **19.Bxe5!** nice tactic; material equality **19...d5?!+-** Lawrence gets back his " winning " advantage [19...Qe7 20.Bc3 d5±] **20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.exd5 cxd5 22.c4 Qc6 23.cxd5?+-** 1.59 [23.b3 Qb6 24.Qf4 Rac8+- 2.66] **23...Bxd5 24.Rxa7?!±** Lawrence does not see the potential in the pin by the B on the d5 square. Lawrence goes up a P. [24.Rxd5! Rxd5 25.Qh6 Rad8 26.Ra3 Qc7 27.Bxd5 Rxd5 28.Rg3+ Rg5 29.Rxg5+ fxc5 30.Qxg5+ Kf8+- Lawrence would be up a P] **24...Rxa7?!+-** [24...Bxf3 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 26.Qxf3 Qxf3 27.gxf3 Rb8±] **25.Qxa7 Qc2?+-** 4.47 [25...Ra8 26.Qxf7+! Kxf7 27.Bxd5+ Qxd5 28.Rxd5 Ra1+- 1.80] **26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.Bxd5 Qd1+ 28.Kh2 Qxd5 29.f3?=-** giving Benjamin the chance for a draw. [29.Qb8+ Kg7 30.b4 h5+-] **29...Qe5+ 30.Kh1 Qxb2** material equality **31.g4 Qc1+ 32.Qg1 Qxg1+ 33.Kxg1 Kg7 34.Kg2 Kg6 35.Kg3 Kg5** [35...f5 36.Kf4 fxc4 37.hxc4 f6=] **36.h4+** [36.f4+ Kg6 37.f5+ Kg7=] **36...Kg6 37.Kf4 h5 38.gxh5+ Kxh5 39.Kf5 Kxh4 40.Kxf6 Kg3 41.Kxf7 Kxf3=** ½-½

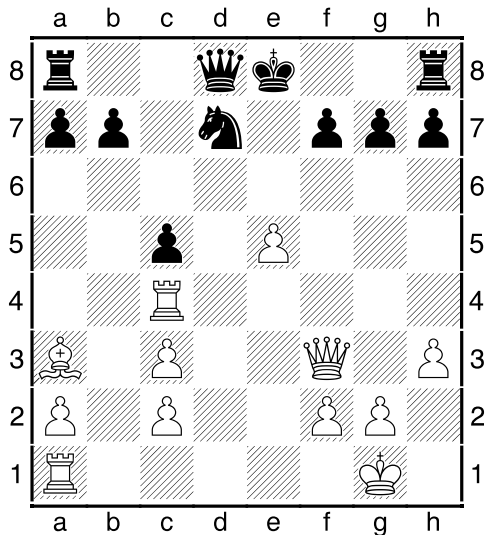
In Rd. 2 in the U 1700 section, junior Anthony Moffat negotiated some complicated play in the centre of the board to go up an N against junior Harrison Roy, and go on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Moffat, Anthony (1308) – Roy, Harrison (954) [C42]

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves (U 1700) Toronto (2), 04.11.2010

1.e4= 0.16 **1...e5** For Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nf6±** Petroff Defence [2...Nc6=]
3.Nc3?!= [3.d4 exd4 4.e5 Ne4 5.Qxd4 d5 6.exd6 Nxd6±] **3...Bb4?!±** [3...Nc6 4.Bc4 Bc5=] **4.Bc4 Bxc3** [4...0-0 5.0-0 Bxc3 6.dxc3 d6±] **5.bxc3?!=** [5.dxc3 d6 6.Qd3 0-0±] **5...Nxe4** Harrison goes up a P **6.0-0?!±** [6.d3 Nd6 7.Bb3 Qf6=] **6...d6?!=** [6...d5 7.Bb3 a5±] **7.d4 Bg4?+-** Anthony gets a " winning " advantage [7...0-0 8.Qe1 d5 9.Nxe5 Re8= (9...dxc4?! 10.Qxe4 Re8±)] **8.h3?±** Anthony is losing his advantage [8.Re1 Bf5 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.Qd2 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Na4+-] **8...Bh5** [8...Bf5 9.Qe1 d5±] **9.Ba3?±** [9.dxe5 0-0 10.Re1 Bg6±] **9...Bxf3?+-** Anthony gets back a " winning " advantage [9...0-0 10.dxe5 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nd2±] **10.Qxf3** mate threat **10...d5?+-** 3.15 [10...Ng5 11.Qxb7 Nd7 12.f4 exf4 13.Rae1+ Kf8 14.Rxf4 Nf6+- 2.28 material equality] **11.Rfe1 Nd7?** 5.16 [11...c5 12.Rxe4 0-0 13.Rxe5 dxc4 14.Rxc5 Nd7 15.Rxc4 b5 16.Bxf8 bxc4 17.Be7

Qe8+- 2.80 Anthony is up 2 P's] **12.Rxe4!** using the pin on the dP **12...dxc4 13.dxe5** material equality **13...c5 14.Rxc4?+-** 1.41 Anthony goes up a P [14.e6 Nf6 15.Bxc5 Qd5+- 4.33(15...Nxe4?? 16.Qxf7#)]



14...Nxe5??+- 3.54 loses the N, despite looking like a nice fork of the Q & R; material equality [14...0-0 15.Qxb7 Nxe5 16.Rxc5 Re8+- 1.59 Anthony would be up 2 P's] **15.Qe4 Qe7?+-** 4.70 [15...0-0 16.Qxe5 b6 17.Rg4 f6+- 3.30] **16.Rxc5** Anthony goes up a P again **16...0-0** 4.66 [16...Ng6? 17.Rc4 Qxe4 18.Rxe4+ Kd7 19.Rd1+ Kc6 20.Rd6+ Kc7+- 7.93; 16...Nc6 17.Qxe7+ Nxe7 18.Re5 0-0 19.Rxe7 Rfc8+- 5.29] **17.Qxe5** Anthony goes up B + P **17...Qxe5 18.Rxe5 Rfe8 19.Rd5 Rac8 20.Rad1 h6 21.Rd7?+-** 3.98 [21.Bc5 b6 22.Bd4 Rc4+- 4.63] **21...Rxc3** Anthony is up a B **22.R1d3?+-** 2.86 [22.Bb2 Rxc2 23.Rxb7 a6+- 4.40] **22...Rxc2 23.Rxb7 23...Re1+ 24.Kh2 Rxa2?+-** 4.21 Anthony is up B vs P [24...Rxf2 25.Rg3 Rff1 26.Rf3 Rxf3 27.gxf3 Re2+ 28.Kg3 Rxa2 29.Rxa7 g5+- 2.30] **25.Rd8+ Kh7 26.Bc5 Rea1?+-** 5.87 [26...Kg6 27.Rdd7 Re5+- 4.16] **27.Rxf7** Anthony is up a B **27...a5?+-** mate in 8 moves [27...Kg6 28.Re7 Ra6+- 7.45] **28.Bd4 Rd2?+-** leads to immediate mate [28...Kg6 29.Rdf8 Rh1+ 30.Kxh1 Kh5 31.Rxg7+- mate in 4 moves] **29.Rxg7# 1-0**

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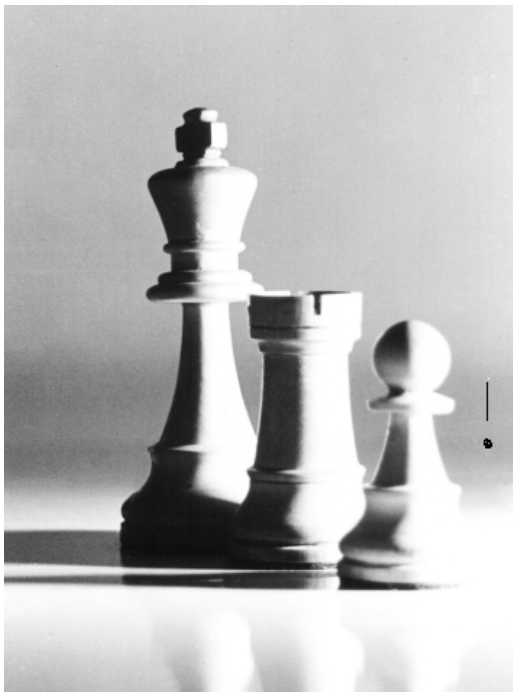


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