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Drastic Remedies Proposed to Save CFC

For the last number of years, the CFC has suffered significant, unsustainable deficits. Everyone knew the situation was desperate and couldn't continue. Well, the Executive of the CFC in the latest Governors' Letter # 7, has come forward with a radical plan to restructure the CFC. Here it is, in the President's Report in the GL:

“ In light of our delays with this GL there is more to report. Please have a seat.

CFC Operations:

Over the past several months a dedicated committee comprised of myself, Gordon Ritchie and Stijn de Kerpel have been engaged in an operational review. Despite many improvements at the National Office, it is clear to each of us that our current operating model is not sustainable and that significant changes are necessary for our survival. The first four moves are forced:

1. Outsource our daily operations.
2. Broker our merchandise business
3. Sell the CFC Office
4. Replace the printed magazine with an online version.

The next three moves are indicated, but we need your help with the analysis and effort:

5. Strategic alliances with CMA (and the FQE, see move 6.)
6. Comprehensive review of our membership structure and revenue split with the provinces, including Quebec.

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7. Better support for organizers and arbiters in pursuit of better tournaments.

1. Outsourcing: After reviewing a number of alternatives, our committee negotiated an agreement with Three Knights Services - the entity which currently produces our magazine, *Chess Canada*. The key individuals at Three Knights Services are Robert Hamilton and John MacPhail - both capable and well known members of the Canadian chess community. In addition to ratings and other daily functions, they have set out an ambitious schedule of web technology development. Their work schedule for year one is included in Appendix 2. The CFC Executive has discussed and approved this agreement by a vote of 5-1. Lyle Craver voted against and Past President Doubleday did not respond. As committee members, Stijn and I originally abstained but were since counseled that we should vote. Abstention would be quite insincere in my case since I was the chief proponent of the agreement. The Office staff has been notified and the agreement was signed April 9. A one month transition period is underway.

2. Brokering the merchandise business: We are well advanced in discussions with the Chess and Math Association regarding handling CFC retail operations and expect to conclude an agreement with them this month (April). In essence, CMA will purchase our inventory, fulfill our sales orders and pay a commission to the CFC.

3. Sale of the CFC Building: We have discussed this matter with an Ottawa real estate agent, and have been advised that only minor cosmetic improvements are required prior to listing. The building will be on the market before the end of the month.

4. Online Magazine: This one was a tough call. Although we can no longer afford the printed magazine, there will be an electronic version of *Chess Canada* and many online initiatives aimed at benefiting the Federation and its membership. With the planned changes we are confident that the Chess Federation of Canada can become a leader among Chess Federations in terms of its online presence and the usage of intelligent technologies for delivery of services. The printed magazine may return when sufficient profitability returns.

With your help, I hope we can make moves 5,6 and 7 together:

5. Strategic Alliances: The retail deal with CMA is the first step in what I hope will become a sound partnership wherein the CFC rates all CMA tournaments and CMA becomes intimately involved in our youth program. This kind of arrangement was envisioned during Chris Mallon's tenure and was stalled at the legal stage. Informal talks have also occurred, with the help of Denis Nadeau, regarding FQE re-affiliation. We must find a way to make this happen. The status quo is not fair but has its rationale.

6. Membership Structure: I hope we can prepare this component for the AGM. A previous motion this year for a member increase was defeated but we need a solution. Subscriptions and Participating Junior memberships are 2 types of membership which are

now obsolete. As part of this process, a dialogue is necessary with the Provincial Affiliates, and I hereby open this discussion. A tiered price structure may be sensible for young initiates but we cannot afford free delivery. This leads to move 7.

7. Support for Organizers and Arbiters at Better Tournaments: Before I hear anything more about discounts, please consider this: If chess prices are so sensitive, why are the most popular tournaments in Canada and the US the most expensive ones? Contrary to popular opinion, chess players are not all cheap – they are choosy. In this sense I believe our community is quite typical. Like most consumers, we will pay a premium for quality. So let's strive to deliver quality!

To conclude, I believe that these changes will return our Federation to a path of sustainability, and I am prepared to stand for a second term as President to see this plan through. The transition is sure to have its challenges, and I urge all of you to be patient and stay positive. Equally important is your input on moves 5, 6, and 7. “

There is much merit to the substance of these proposals, though also some serious questions. But the process followed by the Executive leaves a lot to be desired and raises many questions. On ChessTalk on April 16, I posted as follows:

“Well, those who thought nothing was being done by the current CFC Executive have been notified otherwise. Despite lack of communication (with Governors and members and public), the Executive have now a plan, and are already implementing some of it. The merits of this plan should be debated, though it appears part of that debate will now be moot, as some things seem now to be a fait accompli.

But aside from the merits, there is a constitutional issue here. The Governors are supposed to " govern " the corporation, and have extensive powers under the letters patent and By-laws. The Executive are the operational arm of the Governors on day-to-day matters. They also can act on major decisions where there is no time to bring the matter before the Governors in the normal way for debate and decision. The question arises whether this was the current situation when the current Executive " acted " rather than bring " a proposal for action " before the Governors for approval?

Here is part of what we know: from the March 30 Executive Director's (Bob Gillanders) report in GL # 7 :

" On March 10, 2008 we received a loan of \$ 30,000 from the Chess Foundation. The funds are being used to pay provincial association dues, the FIDE semi annual invoice, 2008 property tax installment, and a backlog of accounts payable. A restructuring of the organization is required to adequately respond to our reduced revenue base and membership numbers. Maintaining the status quo and financing deficits by continually raiding the foundation is not a viable solution. "

The loan of \$ 30,000 is a large one for CFC, and is on top of the " Bunning Fund donations " at the end of last year, to meet operational obligations. It seems that the cash crunch was critical - time was obviously seen by the Executive as " of the essence ". The CFC could not afford to continue spending at the status quo rate.

But was it such that a " restructuring proposal " could not be brought before the Governors, with some type of truncated process, given the emergency nature of the situation? Could not the Governor's Forum have been used to avoid the normal procedure of a number of GL's before a final vote is tallied? Would this not have respected the " governing power " of the Governors' Assembly ?

I feel uncomfortable casting doubt on the procedure of the Executive here, because I am so little aware of the nature of the urgency. I therefore request that the Executive provide a report to the Governors (and the members) explaining why they saw no possibility of bringing this restructuring package before the Governors. The Executive have ridden roughshod over the Governors in the past, when unnecessary, and I hope this is not another instance. “

There was a strong chorus of voices on ChessTalk, and some Governors, who had already decided that the Executive had exceeded their authority, and some people questioned whether someone might bring legal action against the CFC Executive and the CFC to prevent going ahead with these proposals until the Governors had signed off on them. The initial response of the President, Hal Bond, to this outcry was:

“ Dear Governors;

I thank you all for your comments about our restructuring plan. Having been on the inside of this process I have underestimated the importance of including you more formally. The low level of Governor response this year had left me with the impression that you wanted the Executive to simply get it right. I firmly believe that we have. It is my understanding that the day to day operations are delegated to the Executive by the constitution. Three of the four steps fall into this category.

I have sought legal counsel with regards to the sale of the building. We have not listed it yet nor will we until this step is better understood.

I will have more to say about this tomorrow. Peter Stockhausen and others have asked some great questions but I have to squeeze in a work day now. “

But by April 21, the pressure had ratcheted up so much about the lack of governor involvement, the President Hal Bond posted on ChessTalk:

“ I have requested a vote by the Governors on the CFC restructuring plan proposed in GL #7.

Although the Executive has acted in good faith, many Governors have indicated that they would like to vote on this important decision. No problem.

I look forward to a healthy debate with the Governors. I have asked for a voting deadline of April 28. “

The vote count came in on April 28, and the motion was soundly defeated (16-32-1). I proposed on ChessTalk that day as follows:

“ It is very significant that less than 1/3 the governors voting supported the proposal (and 49/56 governors voted or 87.5 %, which is a high total given recent voting records of the governors - shows that the governors want to " govern " ! IMHO). But this does not mean some of the proposals, or proposals as amended, do not have support - it was the package that failed.

So now the Governors need to give the Executive directions as to how to proceed, and what they want as the next steps to be taken....and they must decide quickly, because the finances of the CFC cannot long accommodate the current spending.

I would suggest 4 committees of Executive/Governors (and members if they can get volunteers), be immediately struck to review the 4 proposals, and report back on whether any can be proceeded with independently of the others, either as proposed or as may be amended or with alternate proposals. The momentum correctly started by the Executive must not now be lost. We cannot just sit back 'til the next AGM, and leave it to a new group of governors, where many will then have to be brought up to speed. And the finances will not countenance that delay.”

The fallout from this proposed drastic restructuring started early. Members are now questioning the value for their annual membership if all they will be getting now is the ratings and an on-line magazine. One former SCC member, John Brown, has already made up his mind. He wrote as follows to SCTCN&V:

“ I have decided that the CFC is no longer what I want it to do for me. If all it will do is rate tournaments and raise membership dues then it is really no longer a service I want to be part of.
So I will retire from active chess ASAP (meaning if the CFC rebates my membership that is left) if not then in October 2008 when it expires.

I will continue to host Peel Invitational Tournaments but I will no longer participate in CFC rated events as a player.

Please continue sending me your SCC magazine it is enjoyable and I guess you may have to send me a copy of this new On-line magazine as I'll have to pay to see it otherwise LOL.

You are welcome to post this on your SCC paper if you so desire.

Enjoyed being your Chess friend and hope that when the CFC get's it's act together then I'll support them again. “

If this tap drip becomes a flood, the CFC membership decline will take a big drop. Less revenue. Spells trouble. The Executive (and the Governors) have some damage control to do here. We'll see what their marketing strategy will be to the membership and the public on the “ new “ CFC, whatever it may look like.

Do you have an opinion on the CFC defeated plan, or where they should head now? Write and we'll publish your opinions.

FIDE Grand Prix # 1, Baku, Azerbaijan

The first FIDE Grand Prix tournament is taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from April 20th to May 6th, 2008. There are thirteen rounds and two rest days (April 26 and May 1st). The event is part of a series of six tournaments to be held over two years (2008-2009). 21 top world players are selected to compete in these tournaments, with each player contracting to participate in exactly four of these tournaments. The winner of the Grand Prix series at the end of 2009 will play the winner of the World Cup held in 2009 in an eight game match to become the challenger to the World Champion in a match to be held in the third quarter of 2010.

Playing in this tournament are:

#	Player	Nat.	Rating
1	Magnus Carlsen	NOR	2765
2	Shakhriyar Mamedyarov	AZE	2752
3	Teimour Radjabov	AZE	2751
4	Peter Svidler	RUS	2746
5	Sergey Karjakin	UKR	2732
6	Michael Adams	ENG	2729
7	Gata Kamsky	USA	2726
8	Alexander Grischuk	RUS	2716
9	Etienne Bacrot	FRA	2705
10	Ivan Cheparinov	BUL	2696
11	Wang Yue	CHN	2689
12	Ernesto Inarkiev	RUS	2684
13	Vugar Gashimov	AZE	2679
14	David Navara	CZE	2672

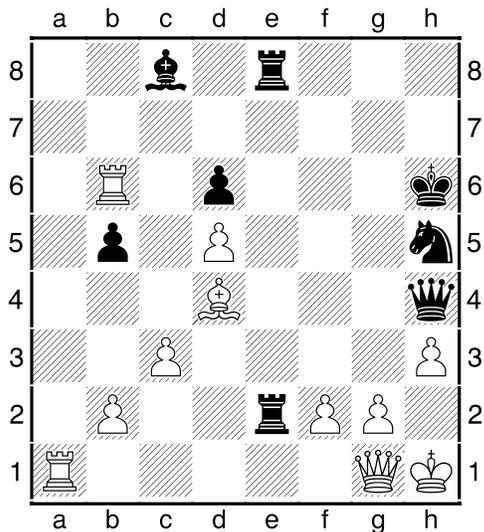
After 9 rounds, Grischuk is leading with 6 pts. In second are Wang and Gashimov with 5.5 pts.. Tied for third at 5 pts. are Carlsen, Radjabov and Adams.

In Rd. 1, Kamsky defeated Inarkiev, to go into a tie for first with Grischuk. Inarkiev was winning all game, but then he failed to sense the danger to his K, and Kamsky got a mate. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Inarkiev, E (2684) – Kamsky, G (2726) [C95]

FIDE GP Baku AZE (1), 21.04.2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6± [2...Nf6=] 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 [6...0-0±] 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3?!= [9.d4 Bg4 10.Qd3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb4 12.Qc3 d5±] 9...Nb8?!± [9...Na5 10.Bc2 c6=] 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 [11.Bg5?! Bb7 12.Nbd2 c5=] 11...Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 [13...d5 14.Nxe5 dxe4 15.Bb3 Rf8±] 14.Ng3 g6 [14...h6 15.a4 g6 16.Bd2 Bg7±] 15.a4 c5 16.d5 c4 17.Bg5 h6 18.Be3 Nc5 19.Qd2 h5 20.Bg5 Be7 21.Ra3 Rb8 22.Kh1 Nh7?!± Inarkiev gets a " clear " advantage [22...Nfd7 23.Bxe7 Qxe7 24.axb5 axb5±] 23.Be3 Bf6 24.Rea1 Bg7 25.Qe2 Bc8 26.Nf1 [26.axb5 axb5 27.Kg1 Bb7±] 26...f5 27.axb5 axb5 28.exf5 gxf5 29.Ng3 Nd3 [29...f4 30.Bxc5 fxg3 31.Bxh7+ Kxh7±] 30.Nxh5 Inarkiev goes up a P 30...f4?!+- Inarkiev gets a " winning " advantage [30...Bh8 31.b3 Bb7 32.Ra5 f4 33.Ba7 e4 34.Nd4 Qg5 35.Rxb5 Bxd4 36.cxd4 f3 37.Qf1 Qxh5 38.Bxb8 Rxb8±] 31.Nxg7 Kxg7 32.Ba7 Rb7 33.Bxd3 cxd3 34.Qxd3 Inarkiev is up 2 P's 34...e4 35.Bd4+ [35.Qd4+?! Kg8 36.Nd2 Qh4±] 35...Nf6 [35...Kh6 36.Qd2 exf3 37.Qxf4+ Qg5 38.Qxf3 Rbe7+-] 36.Qd1?!± [36.Qe2 exf3 37.Qxf3 Kg6+-] 36...exf3 37.Qxf3 Inarkiev is up 3 P's vs N 37...Kg6 38.Qxf4 Inarkiev now is up 4 P's vs N [38.Ra8 Rf7 39.Rb8 Nd7 40.Rxb5 Ne5±] 38...Nh5?!± Kamsky should just take the free P [38...Nxd5 39.Qg3+ Qg5 40.Qxd6+ Kh7±] 39.Qh2 [39.Qf3 Rf8 40.Qd3+ Bf5 41.Qd2 Qh4±] 39...Rbe7?!+- [39...Rf7 40.Ra5 Qd7 41.Ra8 Rd8±] 40.Qg1?!± [40.g4 Nf6 41.Ra7 Nxd5+-] 40...Re2 41.Ra8?± Kamsky gets the advantage for the first time in the game [41.Ra5 Rxb2 42.g4 Nf6±] 41...Qh4 42.Rb8?+- what should be a fatal error – Kamsky gets a " winning " advantage [42.Rxc8 Rxc8 43.Qb1+ Qe4±] 42...Kh6?± Kamsky misses the winning line [42...Qe4 43.Rxb5 Bxh3 44.Rb4 Nf4+] 43.Rb6??+- a fatal blunder – Inarkiev doesn't realize the danger to his K [43.Qf1 Bxh3 44.Rxe8 Bc8+ 45.Kg1 Rxe8=]



43...Bxh3! 44.Rxd6+ Kh7 45.g3 leads to mate in 7 moves [45.Rh6+ Kxh6 46.Qc1+ Kh7 47.Kg1 Qg4 and it is mate in 8 moves] 45...Bg2+! 46.Kxg2 Qxg3+ 47.Kf1 Qh3+ 48.Qg2 Ng3+ Inarkiev resigned. It is mate 49.Kg1 Re1+ 50.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 51.Qf1 Rxf1# 0-1

In Rd. 2 Radjabov went up a pawn early, held onto it, and eventually was poised to queen it when Bacrot resigned. This put Radjabov into a tie for first with Grischuk, Kamsky and Adams. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bacrot, E (2705) – Radjabov, T (2751) [B33]

FIDE GP Baku AZE (2), 22.04.2008

1.e4 c5± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5?!±** Bacrot gets an early " clear " advantage; Fritz dislikes this line. [5...e6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Be3 a6 9.Na3 d5 10.Nxd5 Nxe4±] **6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5?!±** [7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8±] **7...a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3?!=** [11.c4 Nd4 12.cxb5 Be6 13.Bc4 axb5 14.Bxb5+ Kf8±] **11...Bg5?!±** [11...0-0 12.Nc2 Bh4 13.a4 bxa4 14.g3 Bg5 15.h4 Bh6=] **12.Nc2 Rb8 13.a4?!=** [13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 Ne7±] **13...bxa4 14.Ncb4 Nxb4 15.cxb4** [15.Nxb4 Bd7 16.Bxa6 Qf6 17.0-0 Qe6=] **15...0-0 16.Rxa4 a5 17.b5 Bd7 18.Nc3 Qb6 19.Be2** [19.Bd3 Rfc8 20.Bc4 d5 (20...Kh8?! 21.0-0 (21.Bxf7?? Bxb5 22.Ra2 Rf8 23.Nxb5 Rxf7 24.0-0 Qxb5+) 21...f5±) 21.exd5 Be7=] **19...Rbc8** [19...f5=] **20.0-0 Be6 21.Qd3 Bd8 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.Qxd5?!±** this loses a P. Radjabov gets the advantage [23.exd5 f5 24.Qd2 Qb7 25.b4 axb4 26.Qxb4 Rf6=] **23...Rc2 24.Bc4 Rxb2** Radjabov goes up a P **25.Ra2 Rb4 26.Rd1 Qb8?!=** [26...Qc5 27.Rc2 Qxd5 28.Rxd5 Be7±] **27.Bf1?!±** [27.Ra3?! Qc8 28.Rc3 Bb6±; 27.Rc2 Bb6 28.Qxd6 Rd8 29.Qxb8 Rxb8=] **27...Bb6 28.Qxd6?!±** material equality. Radjabov gets a " clear " advantage [28.g3 Qd8 29.Kg2 Bd4±] **28...Rxe4** Radjabov goes up a P again **29.Qxb8** [29.Qc6 Rf4 30.Rd6 Rd8 31.Rxd8+ Qxd8±] **29...Rxb8 30.g3?!+** Radjabov gets a " winning " advantage [30.Re2 Rxe2 31.Bxe2 a4±] **30...Kf8?!±** [30...Rb4 31.Rdd2 a4 32.Rdc2 Kf8+] **31.Rd6?!+** [31.Rd5 f6 32.Rd7 Rb4±] **31...Rd4?!±** [31...Rb4?! 32.Rc6 Ke7 33.Kg2 Rb7 34.h3 g6±; 31...Ke7 32.Rc6 Rb4 33.Bc4 h5+] **32.Rc6?!+** [32.Rxd4 exd4 33.Bd3 Ke7±] **32...Ke7?!±** [32...e4] **33.Kg2?!+** [33.Bc4 g6 34.Kf1 e4±] **33...Rd6?!±** [33...f5 34.Kf3 Rd6 35.Rxd6 Kxd6+] **34.Rac2** [34.Rxd6 Kxd6 35.Bd3 g6±] **34...Rbd8 35.Bc4 f5 36.Kf1 Rxc6 37.bxc6 Kd6 38.Ke2 g6 39.h3** [39.Rd2+ Kxc6 40.Rxd8 Bxd8±] **39...Kc7 40.g4** [40.Bb5 Rb8 41.Ra2 Bxf2 42.Rxa5 Bd4 43.Kd3 Bb6 44.Ra2 e4+ 45.Kc4 Rd8+] **40...e4?!±** [40...fxg4 41.hxg4 h5 42.Bf7 hxg4 43.Ke1 g5+] **41.f3 Rd4 42.gxf5 gxf5 43.Bg8 Rd3 44.fxe4** material equality **44...Rg3 45.Bd5?!+** [45.Bxh7] **45...f4 46.e5 Re3+ 47.Kf1 f3 48.Rd2 Rc3 49.Rd1 Rc2 50.e6 Rg2 51.Ke1 Rg1+ 52.Kd2 f2 53.Bc4 Kxc6** Radjabov goes up a P **54.Ke2 Bc5 55.Bb3 Rg5 56.Kf1 Re5 57.Ba4+ Kb6 58.Bb3 h6 59.Kg2??-+** – 12.01 a blunder allowing Radjabov to take the first rank [59.h4 Kb5 60.Bd5 Kb4 61.Rb1+ Ka3-+ – 2.48] **59...Re1 60.Ba4??-+** this leads to a quick mate [60.Bc4 Rxd1 61.e7 Re1 62.h4 Rxe7-+ and it is mate in 22 moves.] **60...f1Q+** Bacrot resigned. It is mate **61.Kg3 Re3+ 62.Kg4 Qxh3+ 63.Kf4 Qf3# 0-1**

In Rd. 3, Grischuk took sole possession of first place with a win over Navara. He went up a pawn, then 2 pawns. Eventually he got one down for queening. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Navara, D (2672) – Grischuk, A (2716) [D12]

FIDE GP Baku AZE (3), 23.04.2008

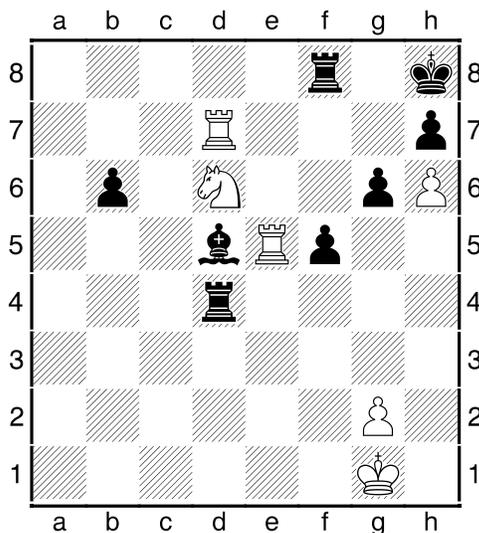
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.g3 [9.cxd5 cxd5 10.h3 a6 11.Nxg6 hxg6=] **9...0-0** [9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nb6 11.Be2 Qe7=] **10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.b3 Qe7 12.a3 Rfd8 13.Bf3 Rac8 14.Bb2 Bb8 15.Rc1 Bd6 16.c5 Bb8 17.Bg2 e5 18.b4 e4** to here the game has been dead equal **19.f4?!±** Grischuk gets the advantage [19.f3 Qe6 20.a4 g5 21.fxe4 dxe4=] **19...exf3?!=** [19...a6 20.g4 Nh7 21.g5 Nxg5 22.fxg5 Qxg5±] **20.Qxf3 Re8 21.Rce1 Ne4 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Qf2 Nf6 24.d5?!±** [24.Qe2 Nd5 25.Bc1 Qg5=] **24...Nxd5?!=** [24...cxd5 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Rd1 Qe6 27.Qxf6 Be5 28.Qxe6 fxe6±] **25.Bxe4 Nf6 26.Bf3 Be5 27.Bd4 Rcd8 28.a4 a6 29.b5 axb5 30.axb5 cxb5** Grischuk goes up a P **31.c6?±** Grischuk gets a " clear " advantage [31.Rd1 g5 32.Rb1 Bxd4 33.exd4 Qd7=] **31...bxc6 32.Bxc6 Rf8 33.Bxb5** material equality **33...Bxd4 34.exd4 Qb4 35.Rb1 Qxd4** Grischuk goes up a P again **36.Qxd4 Rxd4 37.Rfd1 Rfd8 38.Rxd4 Rxd4 39.Bc6 Ng4 40.Rb2 Ne5 41.Bb5 g5 42.Be2 Rd7 43.Kf2 g6 44.Rb4 f5 45.h4 g4 46.Rf4 Rh7 47.Ra4 Rb7 48.Rf4 Rb2 49.Ke1 Kg7 50.h5** [50.Rd4 Ra2 51.Kf2 Ra7±] **50...Kf6 51.hxg6 Nxg6 52.Ra4 Kg5 53.Ra8 Ne7 54.Rd8 Ra2 55.Rd6?!+** Grischuk gets

a " winning " advantage [55.Kf2 Nc6 56.Rd5 Rb2] 55...Ng8 56.Ra6 Rc2?! [56...Rxa6 57.Bxa6 Nf6 58.Bb7 Ne4+] 57.Ra7?!+ [57.Ra8 Ne7 58.Kf2 Kf6] 57...Nf6 58.Bd3 Rc3 59.Kd2 Rc5 60.Ke3?+ - 2.38 [60.Bc2 Nh5 61.Ra3 Re5+ - 1.50] 60...Nh5 61.Kf2 Rc3 62.Rd7 Rb3 63.Rd4 Ra3 64.Rd8 Ra2+ 65.Ke3 Nxb3 Grischuk goes up 2 P 66.Rg8+ Kf6 67.Rf8+ Ke7 68.Rh8 Kf6 69.Rf8+ Kg7 70.Rd8 Ra4 71.Rd6 f4+ 72.Kf2 Ne4+ 73.Bxe4 Rxe4 74.Ra6 Kf7 75.Rb6 Re6?+ - 4.00 [75...Ra4 76.Rd6 Ra2+ 77.Kg1 g3+ - 5.16] 76.Rb8?+ - 5.14 [76.Rb4 Rf6 77.Rc4 Kg6+ - 4.05] 76...Kf6 77.Rg8 Kf5 78.Rf8+ Rf6?+ - 4.63 [78...Ke4 79.Rf7 Rb6 80.Re7+ Kf5 81.Rf7+ Ke5 82.Ke2 Rb2+ 83.Kd1 g3+ - 8.09] 79.Rh8 Kg5 80.Rg8+ Rg6 81.Rf8?+ - 5.13 [81.Rd8 Rh6 82.Rg8+ Kh5 83.Rf8 f3+ - 3.16] 81...Rh6 82.Rg8+ Kh4 83.Rf8 Kh3?+ - 2.26 [83...f3 84.Rd8 Rf6 85.Rh8+ Kg5 86.Ra8 g3+ 87.Kxb3 f2 88.Ra5+ Kh6 89.Ra1 f1Q 90.Rxf1 Rxf1+ and it is mate in 9 moves] 84.Rxf4 Grischuk is up a P 84...Ra6 85.Rf8 Ra2+ 86.Kg1 Ra1+-+ - 2.41 Navara resigned. Coming is 87.Kf2 g3+ 88.Ke3 Re1+ 89.Kd3 Re5 90.Rh8+ Kg4 91.Kd4 Rh5 92.Rg8+ Rg5 93.Re8 g2+ 0-1

In Rd. 4, Adams defeated Navara to go into a 6-way tie for second, ½ pt. behind the leader, Grischuk. Navara was up 2 pawns, when he allowed Adams an attack on his K, and Adams got a pawn into queening territory, and mate. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Adams, Mi (2729) – Navara, D (2672) [C05]
 FIDE GP Baku AZE (4), 24.04.2008

1.e4 e6± 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3 c5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ngf3?!= [7.Ne2 Qb6 8.0-0 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nf3 Qb6±] 7...g6 [7...cxd4 8.cxd4 a5 9.0-0 Be7=] 8.h4 attempting to discourage a K-side castle? [8.0-0 g5 9.dxc5 g4 10.Nd4 Nxe5 11.Bc2 Bxc5=; 8.Bb5 Qb6 9.Qa4 a6 10.Bd3 Bg7=] 8...Qb6 9.dxc5 [9.Qa4 cxd4 10.cxd4 f6=] 9...Qc7 10.Nb3 Ndx5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.0-0?! [12.Be2 Bg7 13.h5 Nc4 14.Nd2 Ne5=] 12...Nxd3 13.Qxd3 Bg7 14.h5 0-0 15.Bg5 b6 16.h6 Bh8 17.cxb6 axb6 18.Rfe1 Bb7 19.Nd4 e5 20.Nb5 Qc6 21.a4 f6 22.Bd2 f5 23.f4 d4 24.Qf1 dxc3?!= [24...exf4 25.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 26.cxd4 g5] 25.Bxc3 exf4 Navara goes up a P 26.Bxh8 Kxh8 27.Rac1 Qf6 28.Qxf4 Qxb2 29.Qe5+?! [29.Re2! Qf6 (29...Qxe2?? 30.Qd4+ Qe5 31.Qxe5+ Rf6 32.Qxf6+ Kg8 33.Qg7#) 30.Nc7 Rac8=] 29...Qxe5 30.Rxe5 Rxa4?± Navara goes up 2 P's, but Adams gets the advantage [30...Rfd8 31.Re6 Rd2 32.Rc7 Bd5 33.Ree7 Bg8] 31.Nd6 Rd4 32.Rc7 [32.Nf7+?! Kg8 33.Rc7 Re4 34.Rxe4 fxe4 35.Ng5 Bd5=] 32...Bd5 33.Rd7



Kg8?+- a blunder allowing Adams an attack [33...Rd1+?! 34.Kh2 b5 35.Ree7 Bg8±; 33...Bc6 34.Nf7+ Kg8 35.Rxd4 Kxf7 36.Rd6 Rc8±] **34.Re8 Rxe8 35.Nxe8 Rd1+--** 3.64 [35...Kf8 36.Nf6 Rh4 37.Nxh7+ Ke8 38.Nf6+ Kf8 39.Nxd5 Rxh6 40.Nxb6 g5+- 2.15 Adams would be up N vs P] **36.Kh2 Bb3** 7.91 [36...Rd4? 37.Nf6+ Kf8 38.Nxh7+ Kg8 39.Nf6+ Kf8 40.h7 Rh4+ 41.Kg3 Rh6 42.Nxd5 g5 43.Nc7 Rh5 44.Ne6+ Ke8 45.Ng7+ Kxd7 46.Nxh5 b5 47.h8Q+- 13.26; 36...Kf8 37.Nf6 Rd4 38.Nxh7+- 13.26] **37.Nf6+ Kf8 38.Nxh7+** Navara is up a P **38...Ke8 39.Nf6+ Kf8 40.h7+-** 7.94 **1-0**

In Rd. 5, Yue Wang moved into a tie for first place with Grischuk with a win over Karjakin. He went up a pawn late in the game, and was eventually able to get it into queening range. Here is their game (Annotation by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Karjakin, Sergey (2732) - Wang, Yue (2689) [C67]

FIDE GP Baku AZE (5), 25.04.2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6± [2...Nf6=] **3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6** [6...bxc6 7.Nxe5 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0±] **7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3** [9.Rd1+ Ke8 10.Nc3 Be7±] **9...Ke8 10.h3** [10.Rd1 Be7 11.Bf4 Be6±] **10...Be7 11.g4?!=** [11.Rd1 Be6 12.Ng5 Rd8 13.Bf4 Rd4±] **11...Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.Bf4** [13.Rd1 Ke7 14.Rd4 f6 15.exf6+ Bxf6 16.Re4+ Be6=] **13...Be6 14.Kg2 Be7 15.Rfd1 Rd8 16.f3 h5 17.b3 a5 18.Ne2 a4?!±** [18...g6 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Be3 b6=] **19.Nd4?!=** [19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Nd4 Bd7±] **19...Ra8?!±** [19...Bc8 20.bxa4 Rd5 21.Nf5 hxg4 22.hxg4 Bxf5 23.gxf5 Rc5=] **20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Bg3?!=** [21.Be3 Rf8 22.f4 hxg4 23.hxg4 g6±] **21...g6?!±** [21...g5 22.Be1 b5= (22...Ra6?! 23.b4 Ra8±)] **22.Be1 c5 23.c4?!=** [23.f4 b5 24.c4 b4 25.Bf2 Kf7±] **23...b6** [23...hxg4 24.fxg4 Rf8 25.Bc3 Bh4=] **24.Bc3** [24.f4 hxg4 25.hxg4 Rf8 26.Bd2 g5 27.Kg3 Rd8=] **24...Kf7** [24...Bg5 25.Rd3 Rh7 26.b4 cxb4 27.Bxb4 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8=] **25.Rd2** [25.Rd7 Rhd8 26.Rad1 axb3 27.axb3 Ra2+ 28.R7d2 Rdx2+ 29.Rxd2 Ra3 30.Rb2 hxg4 31.hxg4 g5=; 25.Kg3 Rh7 26.Rd3 hxg4 27.hxg4 Rah8=] **25...axb3 26.axb3 Rxa1 27.Bxa1 Ra8 28.Bb2?!±** [28.Bc3 Bg5 29.Rd7+ Ke8 30.Rg7 Ra2+ 31.Kf1 Bh4=] **28...Bg5 29.f4 Bxf4 30.Rf2 g5 31.Bc1 hxg4** [31...Kg6 32.Bxf4 gxf4 33.Rxf4 Kg5 34.Kf3 Ra1±] **32.hxg4 Kg6 33.Bxf4 gxf4 34.Rxf4** Karjakin creates himself a passed P **34...Kg5 35.Rf6 Kxg4?!=** [35...Ra3 36.Rxe6 Rxb3 37.Kf2 Kxg4±] **36.Rxe6?±** material equality, but Wang gets a " clear " advantage [36.Kf2 Ra3 37.Ke3 Rxb3+ 38.Ke4 Rb4 39.Rg6+ Kh5 40.Rxe6 Rxc4+ 41.Kf5 Rc2=] **36...Kf5 37.Re7 Ra3 38.e6 Rxb3** Wang goes up a P **39.Kf2 Rb4 40.Rxc7?!+ [40.Kf3 Rxc4 41.Rxc7 Rf4+ 42.Kg3 Re4 43.e7 Kf6 44.Rc6+ Kxe7 45.Rxb6 Kd7±] 40...Kxe6 41.Rh7 Rxc4** Wang goes up 2 P's **42.Rh6+ Kd5 43.Rxb6** Wang is up 1 P **43...Re4 44.Rb1 c4 45.Re1 c3 46.Rxe4?+-** - 18.07 [46.Rc1 Kd4 47.Kf3 Re3+ 48.Kf2 Rh3+- - 5.37] **46...Kxe4 47.Ke1** Karjakin resigned. Coming is **47...Ke3 48.Kd1 Kd3 49.Kc1 c2 50.Kb2 Kd2+- 0-1**

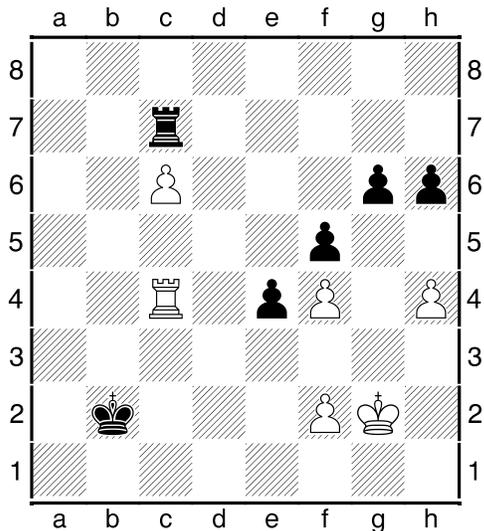
In Rd. 6, Kamsky went up 2 P's, only to have Adams win them back. But Kamsky played the ending well, and ended up with a passed pawn that won the day, tying down the Black rook. This lifted Kamsky into a tie for first with Grischuk and Wang, each with 4 pts.. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kamsky, G (2726) – Adams, Mi (2729) [C92]

FIDE GP Baku AZE (6), 27.04.2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6± [2...Nf6=] **3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3?!=** [9.d4 Bg4 10.Qd3 Qd7±] **9...Bb7** [9...Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 Bb7=] **10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.d5** [12.Ng5 Re7=; 12.Rb1 Rc8=; 12.Bc2 Qd7 13.Bd3 d5=; 12.a3 Na5 13.Bc2 c5=] **12...Nb8** [12...Na5?! 13.Bc2 c6 14.b4 Nc4 15.Nxc4 bxc4 16.dxc6 Bxc6±] **13.Nf1 Nbd7 14.N3h2** [14.Ng3 Nc5 15.Bc2 c6 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6=] **14...Nc5 15.Bc2 c6 16.b4 Ncd7 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bxf6** [19.Bh4 Qc7 20.Ng4 Nxc4 21.Qxc4 Nb6=] **19...Nxf6 20.Ng4 Nxc4 21.Qxc4 Rc8 22.Bb3 Bd7 23.Qf3 Be6 24.Red1 Qg5 25.Rd3 Qf4 26.Qe2 Bxb3**

[26...Rc7 27.Bxe6 fxe6 28.Rf3 Qh4±] **27.axb3 d5 28.exd5** Kamsky goes up a P **28...e4 29.Re3 Qe5?±** Kamsky gets a " clear " advantage [29...Qd6 30.h4 Qxd5 31.Rxa6 f5=] **30.Rxa6** Kamsky goes up 2 P's **30...f5** [30...Qxd5 31.Ra5 Qxb3±] **31.Ng3** [31.Qxb5?! f4 32.Re2 Rxc3±; 31.f4?! Qxd5 32.Rg3 Kh8±] **31...Qxd5** Kamsky is up a P **32.Qh5 Re5 33.Qg6 Qf7** [33...f4 34.Nxe4 Be7 (34...fxe3?? 35.Nf6+ Kh8 36.Qh7#) 35.Re1 Rxc3±] **34.Qxf7+ Kxf7 35.Ra7+ Be7 36.Ne2 Ke8 37.Rb7** [37.f3 Rd5 38.Nf4 Rd1+ 39.Kf2 Bg5±] **37...Rd5 38.Nd4 Bg5** [38...Bf6 39.Nxb5 Rd1+ 40.Kh2 Be5+±] **39.Rxb5** Kamsky goes up 2 P's **39...Rxb5 40.Nxb5 Rb8** [40...Bxe3 41.Nd6+ Kd7 42.Nxc8 Bd2±] **41.Nc7+ Kd7 42.Na6 Ra8 43.Nc5+ Kc6 44.Re2 Ra1+ 45.Kh2 Kb5 46.Rc2?!±** [46.f3 exf3 47.gxf3 Bf6 48.Re3 Rd1±] **46...Bf6 47.g3 Rd1 48.Kg2 Be5 49.h4?!=** Kamsky loses his advantage [49.f4 Bf6 50.g4 g6 51.Ne6 Bh8±] **49...g6 50.Ne6 Rd6?±** Kamsky regains his " clear " advantage [50...Rd3 51.h5 gxh5 52.Ra2 Bxc3 53.Ra5+ Kxb4 54.Rxf5 e3 55.fxe3 Rxe3=] **51.Nf4 Bxf4 52.gxf4 Rd3 53.c4+ Kxb4** Kamsky is up a P **54.c5 Kxb3** material equality **55.Rc1 Kb2 56.Rc4 Rd7?!-+ Kamsky gets a " winning " advantage [56...Kb3 57.c6 Rd8 58.c7 Rc8 59.Rc6 h5±] 57.c6 Rc7**



58.h5! Kb3 59.Rc1 gxf5 Adams goes up a P **60.Kh3+-** 2.03 Adams resigned. Coming is **60...Kb4 61.Kh4 Kb5 62.Kxh5 Kb6 63.Kxh6 Ka7 64.Kg6 Kb8 65.Kxf5 Kc8 66.Kxe4 Re7+ 67.Kd5 Kc7+-** 5.42 1-0

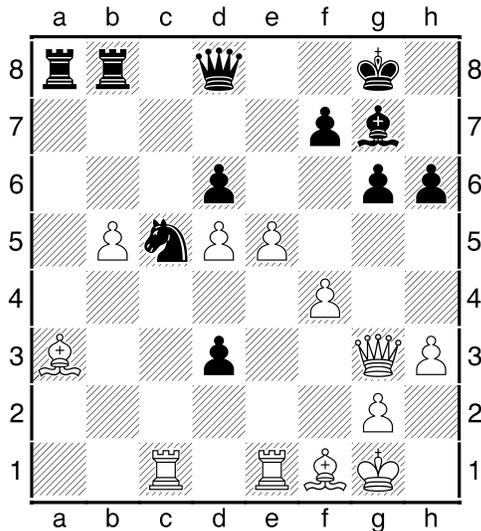
In Rd. 7, Gashimov gave up the exchange, but got 3 P's compensation, and the pawns proved too much for Kamsky. Gashimov went into a 3-way tie for first with Grischuk and Wang. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Gashimov, V (2679) – Kamsky, G (2726) [C88]

FIDE GP Baku AZE (7), 28.04.2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6± [2...Nf6=] **3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6** [4...Bc5 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c3 Nxe4 7.Qe2 Bxf2+ 8.Kh1 d5±] **5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5** [6...0-0 7.d4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.e5 Nd5 10.Qxd4 Nb6 11.Bb3 c5 12.Qe4 d5 13.exd6 Bxd6±] **7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3?!=** [8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4±] **8...Bb7 9.d3 d6** [9...Re8 10.Bg5 Na5 11.Nxe5 Nxb3 12.axb3 Bb4 13.Ng4 Bxe1 14.Qxe1 d5 15.Nd2 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.dxe4 Qd4=] **10.a3 Qd7 11.Nbd2** [11.Nc3 Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 c6 15.Ba2 Rae8=] **11...Rfe8** [11...a5?! 12.Nf1 a4 13.Ba2 d5±; 11...Rae8?! 12.Nf1 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Nf6±; 11...Nd4 12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Nf1 c5 14.Ng3 d5=] **12.Nf1 Nd8** [12...d5?! 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bf6 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8±] **13.Ng3 Ne6 14.Ba2 c5 15.Bd2 Bf8 16.b4 h6 17.c4 Nf4 18.Re3** [18.Qc2 Nh7 19.h4 Rac8=] **18...bxc4 19.dxc4 Ne6?!±** [19...g6 20.Rb1 a5 21.bxa5 Bc6=] **20.Bb1?!=** [20.Bb3 Qc7 21.Re1 g6±] **20...g6 21.Re1 Qc7 22.Bd3 Bg7**

23.Rb1 Nd7 24.Ne2 Nd4?!± [24...cxb4 25.axb4 a5=] 25.Nc3 Rec8?!± Gashimov gets a " clear " advantage [25...f5?! 26.Nxd4 cxd4 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.cxd5 Nf6±; 25...Rac8?! 26.Nd5 Qd8±; 25...cxb4 26.axb4 a5 27.Nxd4 exd4 28.Nb5 Qc6±] 26.Rc1?!± [26.Nxd4 exd4 27.Nd5 Qd8±] 26...Qd8 [26...a5 27.b5 Qd8±] 27.Nd5 Bc6 [27...a5 28.Nxd4 cxd4 29.Qe2 Nf6±] 28.Bf1 [28.Nxd4 cxd4 29.Qg4 a5±] 28...Nf8?!± [28...Nb6?! 29.Nxd4 exd4 30.Qf3 Bd7±; 28...Bb7 29.Rb1 Bxd5 30.cxd5 c4±] 29.Nxd4 exd4 30.f4 Nd7 31.Qf3 Rcb8 32.Qg3 [32.Rb1 a5 33.bxa5 Ra7 34.Rxb8 Nxb8±] 32...cxb4 33.axb4 a5 34.b5 Bxd5 35.cxd5 Nc5 36.e5 a4?!-+ [36...Qb6 37.Qf2 Qb7 38.Bc4 Re8±] 37.Bb4 a3?+- 3.16 [37...Rc8 38.Bxc5 Rxc5 39.Rxc5 dxc5+- 2.21] 38.Bxa3 d3



39.Bxc5! d2 3.46 Kamsky goes to win the exchange, but at the cost of 2 P's [39...dxc5? 40.Qxd3 Ra4+- 4.43] 40.Bxd6 Gashimov is up B + 2 P's 40...Rb7 41.Red1 dxc1Q 42.Rxc1 Gashimov is up B + 3 P's vs R 42...Rba7 43.Qb3 Ra1 44.Bc7 Qh4?+- 4.82 [44...Qf8 45.Qe3 R8a3 46.Qe1 Qc5+ 47.Rxc5 Rxe1 48.Kf2 Rd1+- 3.79] 45.Rxa1 Rxa1 46.Qf3 Qe1 47.b6 Qb4 48.d6 Qd4+ 49.Kh2 Rb1 50.b7 Rxb7 51.Qxb7 Gashimov goes up B + 2 P's 51...Qxf4+ Gashimov is up B + P 52.g3+- 5.19 Coming is 52...Qf2+ [though Kamsky can win the B, he can't stop th dP from queening. 52...Qxf1 53.d7 Bxe5 54.d8Q+++] 53.Qg2 Qf5 54.e6 Qxe6 55.Qc6 h5 56.Bg2 Bf6 57.d7 Qxc6 58.Bxc6 h4 59.g4 Kg7 60.d8Q Bxd8 61.Bxd8+- 1-0

Standings after nine rounds

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4			
1	Golochuk,A	2716	+13	*	%				%	%	%	%	%	l	l	l	6.3/9		
2	Wang Yan	2686	+13	%	*	%	%	%	%	%			l	l		%	5.5/9	24.25	
3	Gashimov,Y	2675	+123		%	*	%	%	%		%	l	l		%	%	5.5/9	24.25	
4	Radjabov,T	2751	+7		%	%	*	0	%	%	l	l	%			%	5.3/9	23.00	
5	Carlsen,M	2763	-9		%	%	l	*	0			%	%	%	%	l	5.3/9	21.50	
6	Mamedyarov,S	2752	+3			%	%	l	*			%	%	l	0	0	l	5.3/9	21.00
7	Adams,MJ	2725	+34	%	%		%			*	%	0	l	0	l		l	5.3/9	20.50
8	Becrot,E	2702	+5	%	%	%	0			%	*	%		%	l		%	4.5/9	20.00
9	Kamsky,G	2726	-9	%		0	0	%	%	l	%	*			l	%	4.5/9	19.50	
10	Svidler,P	2746	-53	%		0	%	%	%	0			*	l	%		%	4.3/9	17.50
11	Karjakin,Sergey	2732	-53	%	0			%	0	l	%		0	*		l	%	4.3/9	17.00
12	Cheparinov,I	2696	-56	0	0	%		%	l	0	0		%		*	l		3.5/9	
13	Inarkiev,E	2684	-53	0		%	%	0	l			0		0	0	*	l	3.3/9	
14	Nevrus,D	2672	-118	0	%				0	0	%	%	%	%		0	*	2.5/9	

Dubai Open Chess Championship

(from ChessBase)

The 10th Dubai open chess Championship took place from April 6th to 15th, 2008, in the spacious Dubai chess club in United Arab Emirates. The event was a 9 round Swiss System with 132 players. The rate of play was one hour 30 minutes for the whole game with an incremental time of 30 seconds per move from move 1. First prize was \$6000.

Top Filipino grandmaster and whiz kid **Wesley So**, the world's youngest grandmaster, never let it slip. He won the tournament with 7/9 and a 2708 performance. 14-year-old Wesley and 15-year-old Salem A.R. Saleh captured the imagination of the Dubai open chess championship with their sheer talent and panache. Wesley So became the first school boy to win a major open tournament in the history of the championship and Salem made a Grandmaster norm with a round to spare.

Wesley So



GTCL AGM

This meeting was held Saturday, April 19. Here is an amalgam of David Cohen's and Secretary Erik Malmsten's brief reports:

“ Greater Toronto Chess League held its Annual Meeting April 19. About 14 people in attendance.

Minimal talk about the CFC situation. Mostly concern about how the hold-up in the rebate by the CFC to the OCA means that the GTCL portion getting held up in turn leaves the GTCL with no new funds to operate with.

Alex Ferreira came to promote a Canada Day tournament at Hart House. Brian Fiedler also came to revive the Toronto Open next year. And Bryan Lamb is once again running the biggest annual event in Toronto, the Labour Day Open. Liam Henry has organized a FIDE-rated championship and wants to organize a weekend open and the Toronto Blitz Championship.

Barry Thorvardson announced that Brampton will have a chess street opening on June 21st and that Brampton would like to host a series of opens. So weekend chess is still alive in Toronto.

Election of New Executive

Club/Team Coordinator Egidijus Zeromskis Director of Communications William Yuan Secretary Erik Malmsten Treasurer Nicholas J. Varmazis Vice-President Ilia Bluvshstein President Michael Barron

Directors at Large

They contribute ideas, participate in executive discussions, but do not vote.

Bryan Lamb
Brian Fiedler
Mickey Stein

CFC Governors

Important time to be a Governor as the CFC undergoes a major change. The number will go down this year from 9 to 5. Presented in order:

Michael Barron
Ilia Bluvshstein
Egidijus Zeromskis
Nava Starr
Gary Gladstone

OCA Governors

Michael Barron, GTCL President
Ilia Bluvshstein
Egidijus Zeromskis
Bryan Lamb
Gary Gladstone
Chris Field

Barry Thorvardson presented Chris Field with the OCA Achievement Award for his over 20 years of volunteer work organizing chess tournaments in schools in Toronto and the annual Ontario Secondary School Championship. "

Guelph Spring Pro-Am

(Hal Bond, TD, report on ChessTalk)

Seventy-four players participated in the Guelph Spring Pro-Am. IM Artiom Samsonkin finished in clear 1st with 4.5 points, surrendering a draw with black to FM Christian Stevens. Stevens finished in 2nd with 4.0 points being held to a draw by NM Mikhail Egorov. Alex Martchenko finished alone in 3rd with 3.5 points. 16 players generated a prize fund of \$800. An exceptional performance was given by eleven year old Christopher Knox who defeated FM Goran Milicevic and NM Mikhail Egorov and Guelph Expert David Plaxton.

In the *Under 2100* section, two juniors and a senior finished atop the eighteen player field with 4 points each. Liza Orlova finished ahead of Jesse Wang and Alexander Friedman in tie-break order.

In the *Under 1800* section, Windsor junior Brendon Lee finished with a perfect 5.0. Steven Liu scored 4 points to finish in 2nd place. Timothy Waite finished in 3rd ahead of three others on tie-break, namely Hugo Ortiz, Steven Douglas and Eric Miettinen.

Twenty-two players competed in the *Under 1500* section including six young boys under the tutelage of chess dad William Yuan. Steven Dorgo finished in 1st with 4.5 points followed by Mark Plotkin and Frank Lee.

Thanks to all who played, it was a pleasure hosting you.”

GTCL Club Team League (U 2000)

On Thursday, April 17, at SCC, the SCC team played the Knights of Chess. SCC won 3.5 - .5. Here are the individual results:

<u>SCC</u>		<u>Knights of Chess</u>
1. Oscar Villalobos	1 – 0	Michael Ivanov
2. Bob Armstrong	.5 - .5	Igor Chitchian
3. Aaron Wu	1 – 0	Robert Matijewicz
4. Yibing Fan	1 – 0	Michael Mohkhovitch

Here is Oscar’s win on first board (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ivanov (Knights of Chess), Michael (1530) – Villalobos (SCC), Oscar (1834) [B90]

GTCL Club Team League (U 2000) Toronto (1), 17.04.2008

1.e4 c5± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Qf3?!=** [7.Bg5 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Be2 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nf6±] **7...Nxe3 8.Qxe3 g6** [8...Nc6 9.Rd1 g6 10.Nf3 Qa5=] **9.Nb3** [9.e5 Bg7 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.0-0-0 Qe5=] **9...Bg7 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 b5 12.a3?!±** Oscar gets the advantage [12.f4 0-0 13.Rad1 Be6=] **12...0-0 13.Rad1** [13.f4 Be6 14.Kh1 Qd7±] **13...Be6 14.Nc5 Bc8** [14...Qb6 15.Nxe6 Qxe3 16.fxe3 fxe6±] **15.Nb3 Bd7?!=** [15...Rb8 16.Rd2 Ne5±] **16.Kh1?!±** [16.f4 Be6 17.Kh1 Rb8=] **16...b4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Rd2 Rc8** [18...Rb8 19.Ra1 Qb6 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Qxe3 22.fxe3 Rfc8±] **19.f4** [19.Ra1 Be6 20.Ra3 Qc7±] **19...Be6 20.e5 Nxc2!** Oscar goes up a P **21.Rxc2 Bxb3 22.Rd2 a5 23.Ne4 Bc2 24.Bg4?!±** Oscar gets a " clear " advantage [24.e6 Bxe4 25.exf7+ Kh8 26.Qxe4 Rxf7±] **24...Rc6 25.Nc3 Bb3 26.Bf3 Qb6 27.Qe4?!+** Oscar gets a " winning " advantage [27.Qe1 Rcc8 28.exd6 exd6±] **27...Rc4 28.Qb7 Qxb7 29.Bxb7 dxe5** Oscar goes up 2 P's **30.Nd5 e6?+ - 2.19** [30...Kh8 31.fxe5 a4 32.Ba6 Rc6 33.Bb7 Rc5+ - 3.26] **31.Ne7+ Kh8 32.fxe5?+ - 4.23** Oscar is up 1 P, but the R can now fork the B & N [32.Nc6 a4 33.Nxe5 Rc7 34.Bf3 g5 35.g3 Rfc8+ - 2.13] **32...Rc7 33.Nxg6+?+ - 6.26** [33.Nc6 Rxb7 34.Nxa5 Rb5 35.Nxb3 Rxb3+ - 4.67] **33...hxg6** Oscar is up a B **34.Ba6 Rc2?+ - 5.75** [34...Bxe5 35.Ra1 Rb8 36.Re2 Rc5+ - 7.39] **35.Rd3?+ - 8.12** [35.Rxc2 Bxc2 36.Rf2 Bb3 37.Re2 Rd8 38.g4 Bd1 39.Re3 Bxg4+ - 7.18] **35...Bd5 36.Rg3 Bxe5** Oscar is up B + P **37.Rxg6! fxg6 38.Rxf8+** Oscar is up a B **38...Kg7 39.Rc8?+ -** this allows mate [39.Rf3 a4 40.h4 Bxf3 41.gxf3 Bxb2+ - 18.12] **39...Bxg2+ 40.Kg1 Bd4# 0-1**

SCC Spring Swiss

On March 13, a new 8-round swiss started, the SCC Spring Swiss. It is in 2 sections as is now the practice at SCC (1700 & Over; U 1700). 31 players registered for the top

section. 24 players registered for the second section (this is a consistent with the 50 player average we've been having over the past year or so).

After 7 rounds, the leaders are:

Open Section: 1st – 6.5 pts. – John Hall (undefeated)



2nd/4th – 5 pts. – Bryan Lamb
Yuanling Yuan
Alex Ferreira

U 1700 1st – 6 pts. – Maurice Smith (undefeated)



2nd – 5 pts. – Masoud Jizan

3rd/7th – 4.5 pts. – Jim Roe

Dean Ward

Andrew Philip

Nathan Farrant-Diaz

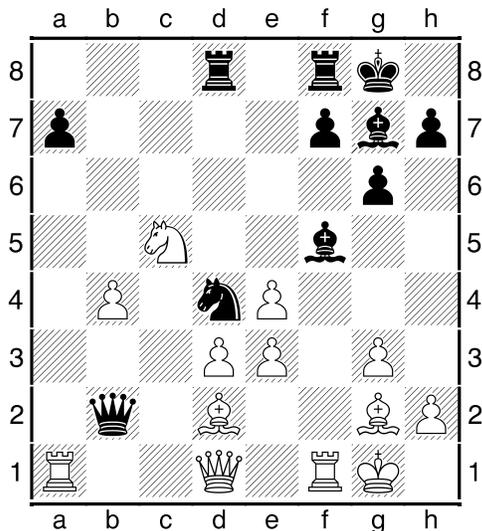
Petar Zlatanov

In Rd. 6 on top board in the Open Section, expert John Hall, who was leading, took on A player Alex Ferreira, then in a tie for second place. John went up a pawn, then got a “clear” and then “winning” advantage, and went up 2 pawns. Alex then went into a complicated faulty line that ended up losing more material, and he resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, John (2128) – Ferreira, Alex (1993) [A34]

SCC Spring Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (6), 17.04.2008

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Nc3 g6 [6...Nb6 7.a4 a5 8.0-0 e5=] 7.0-0 [7.Qb3 Ndb4 8.d3 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0=] 7...Bg7 8.Nxd5 [8.Qb3 Ndb4 9.d3 0-0 10.Qc4 Nc2 11.Rb1 N2d4=] 8...Qxd5 9.d3 Bd7 10.Ng5 Qd4?!± [10...Qf5 11.Bh3 Qd5 12.Bg2 Qf5=] 11.Be3 Qb4 [11...Qxb2 12.Rb1 Qxa2 13.Rxb7 Rd8±] 12.Rb1?!= [12.Ne4 b6 13.Rb1 Qa5 14.a3 0-0±] 12...Nd4?!± this loses the bP [12...Rd8 13.Ne4 c4 14.Bd2 Qb5=] 13.a3 Qa5 14.Bxb7 John goes up a P 14...Rb8 15.Bd5 e6?!± John gets a " clear " advantage [15...0-0 16.Ne4 Ba4 17.b3 Bd7±] 16.Bf4 Rd8 17.Bg2 e5?!+- John gets a " winning " advantage [17...0-0 18.Ne4 f5 19.Nd2 Bb5±] 18.Bd2 Qa4 19.b3 Qa6 20.Ne4 0-0 21.Nxc5 John goes up 2 P 21...Qxa3 22.b4 Bg4 23.f3 Bf5 24.Ra1 Qb2 25.e3 e4?+- 3.85 this just loses the eP, though it opens up the g7B [25...Nb3 26.Nxb3 Bxd3 27.Rc1 Bxf1 28.Bxf1 Bh6+- 2.00] 26.fxe4?+- 2.37 [26.exd4?? Bxd4+ 27.Kh1 e3 28.Bxe3 Bxe3=; 26.Rb1 Qa2 27.fxe4 Be6 28.exd4 Bxd4+ 29.Kh1 Bxc5 30.Ra1 Qb2 31.bxc5 Rxd3 32.Bc1 Qd4 33.Qa4 Qxa4 34.Rxa4 Rc8+- 4.36]



26...Qxa1?+- 5.70 this line loses more material [26...Bg4 27.Qxg4 Qxd2 28.exd4 Bxd4+ 29.Kh1 Bxa1 30.Rxa1 Qxb4+- 2.30 John would be up B + N vs R] 27.Qxa1 Ne2+ 28.Kf2 Bxa1 29.Rxa1

Bg4?!+- 7.49 [29...Nxb3 30.Kxb3 Be6 31.Rxa7 Ra8+- 7.13] **30.h3 Bc8 31.Kxe2** John is up B + N + 2 P's vs R **31...f5 32.e5+-** 8.28 **1-0**

Also in Rd. 6, in the 1700 & Over section, junior Kevin Wu hung in there when down the exchange against new junior Jesse Wang. He got a P compensation, and then won back the exchange, leaving him a pawn up. He then picked up some more pawns and Jesse resigned with his flag hanging. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Wang (B. J.), Jesse B. J. (1914) – Wu, Kevin (1845) [B23]

SCC Spring Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (6), 2008

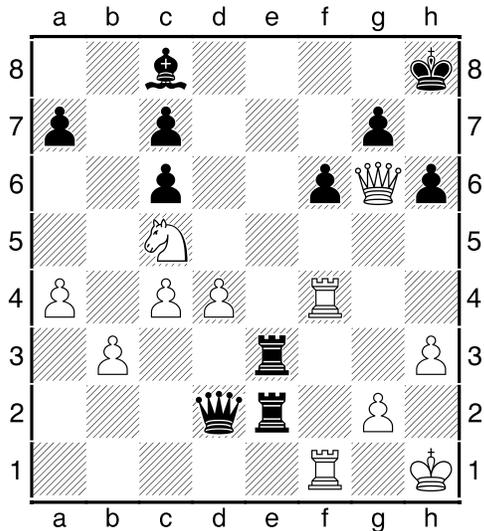
1.e4 c5± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **2.Nc3 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb5?!=** [5.Bc4 Nh6 6.a3 d6±] **5...Nd4?!±** [5...a6 6.Be2 d6 7.d3 Nf6=] **6.Nxd4 Bxd4 7.Ne2 Bg7 8.c3 e6?!±** Jesse gets a " clear " advantage [8...a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Bc2 d5±] **9.0-0?!±** [9.d4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qh5 11.e5 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Ne7±] **9...Nf6?!±** [9...Qb6 10.Ba4 Nh6 11.d4 0-0 12.dxc5 Qxc5+ 13.Nd4 d5±] **10.e5 Nd5 11.d4 a6 12.Bc4 Nb6 13.Bb3 c4 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 d5 16.exd6?!±** [16.Ba3 Re8 17.Rf3 cxb3 18.axb3 a5±] **16...Qxd6 17.a4 Qc7 18.a5 Nd5 19.bxc4 Qxc4 20.Bb3 Qc6?!±** [20...Qc7 21.c4 Nf6 22.Ba3 Re8 23.Bc5 Bd7±] **21.c4 Ne7 22.Ba3 Qc7 23.Rc1?!±** [23.Bc5 Re8 24.Bb6 Qd6 25.Qd3 Bd7±] **23...Rd8?!±** allows the B to skewer the Q & R [23...Re8 24.Ba4 Nc6 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Qd2 Rb8±] **24.Bc5 Nf5 25.Bb6 Qd6 26.Bxd8?!±** [26.c5 Qf8 27.Rf3 Bd7 28.Bxd8 Rxd8±] **26...Qxd8** Jesse goes up the exchange **27.Rf3 Qxa5** Kevin gets a P compensation for being down the exchange [27...Rb8 28.c5 Qxa5 29.g4 Ne7 30.f5 gxf5 31.gxf5 Nxf5± Jesse would be up the exchange, but Kevin would have 2 P's compensation] **28.Rd3** [28.c5?! Bd7 29.g4 Ne7=; 28.g4?! Ne7 29.Bc2 b5 30.Be4 Ra7=; 28.Bc2?! Bd7 29.Ra1 Qd8=] **28...b6?!±** [28...b5 29.cxb5 Bb7 30.d5 exd5 31.Bxd5 Bxd5 32.Rxd5 axb5±] **29.Qe1?=** [29.Qd2 Qxd2 30.Rxd2 a5 31.g4 Nd6±] **29...Qxe1+ 30.Rxe1 Bb7 31.d5 exd5 32.cxd5 Rd8 33.g4 Nd6 34.Nc3?!±** for the first time in the game, Kevin gets the advantage [34.Nd4 a5 35.Nc6 Ra8 36.Re7 Bf8 37.Rc7 a4 38.Ba2 Re8=] **34...b5 35.Ne4** [35.Re7 Kf8 36.Rc7 Bc8 37.Ra7 h5±] **35...Nc4?!=** [35...Nxe4 36.Rxe4 Bf8±] **36.Nc5?!±** [36.d6 h6 37.Bxc4 bxc4 38.Rdd1 Bc6=] **36...Bc8?!±** [36...Nd6 37.Kf1 a5 38.g5 a4 39.Ba2 Kf8±] **37.h3?!±** this loses back the exchange; Kevin gets a " clear " advantage [37.d6 Bf8 (37...Nb2? 38.d7 Bxd7 39.Rxd7 Bd4+ 40.Kf1 Rxd7 41.Nxd7 Kg7+-) 38.Ne4 Kg7 39.g5 Nxd6±] **37...Nb2 38.Rdd1?+-** Kevin gets a " winning " advantage [38.Rde3 Bd4 39.Kg2 Bxe3 40.Rxe3 a5±; 38.Rd2 Bc3 39.Ree2 Bxd2 40.Rxd2 Nc4 41.Bxc4 bxc4±; 38.Rf3? Bd4+ 39.Kf1 Bxc5+] **38...Nxd1 39.Rxd1** Kevin is up a P **39...Bf8 40.Ne4 Bd6?!±** [40...Kg7 41.Ra1 Bb4 42.Rc1 a5+] **41.f5?!+-** [41.Nxd6 Rxd6 42.Kf2 a5±] **41...gxf5** Kevin goes up 2 P's **42.Nf2** – 3.93 [42.Nxd6 Rxd6 43.g5 a5+- – 3.34] **42...fxg4 43.hxg4 Bc5 44.g5 Kg7 45.Kg2 Bxf2 46.Kxf2 Kg6 47.d6?+-** – 4.46 [47.Rg1 a5 48.Ke3 a4 49.Bc2+ Bf5 50.Bxf5+ Kxf5 51.Kd4 a3+- – 3.31] **47...Be6?+-** – 3.74 [47...Kxg5 48.Ke3 (48.Bxf7?? Rf8-) 48...f5+- – 4.88] **48.Bd5 Kxg5** Kevin goes up 3 P's [48...Rxd6?? 49.Be4+ Kxg5 50.Rxd6+-] **49.Bb7 a5 50.Bc6 b4 51.Ke3 Kf5+-** – 4.05 W. resigned **0-1**

In Rd. 6 in the U 1700 section, Jeff Seedhouse got the advantage for the first half of the game, but then lost it. Masoud Jizan then held the advantage down into the late middle game, where he lost it. Then Jeff got a " clear " advantage, with both sides having dangerous K-side attacks on each others' Kings. But Jeff then got carried away and unsoundly sacked his B, and it gave Masoud a " winning " advantage. Masoud then sacked his Rook (couldn't be taken because of mate). Then Jeff won the gP in front of Masoud's K with his B, but Masoud could ignore it. Then Jeff blundered into a mate. Quite an exciting climax. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Jizan, Masoud – Seedhouse, Jeff [C36]

SCC Spring Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (6), 17.04.2008

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Fritz is not enamored of most gambits, and the King's Gambit is no exception. [2.Nf3=] **2...exf4** Jeff goes up the gambitted P **3.Nf3 Nf6?!=** [3...g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 Nc6 6.d4 (6.Nxg4?! d5 7.exd5 Qe7+ 8.Be2 Nd4 9.Nf2 Nf6) 6...Nxe5 7.dxe5 f3] **4.Bc4?** Jeff gets a " clear " advantage [4.e5 Ne4 5.d3 Ng5=] **4...d5?!=** [4...Nxe4 5.d3 Nf6 6.0-0 d5 7.Bb3 Bd6] **5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0** [6.Qe2+?! Be7 7.d4 (7.0-0 Nb6 8.d4 Nxc4 9.Qxc4 g5) 7...Nc6 8.Nc3 Nb6] **6...Be7 7.Qe2?!?** [7.d4 g5 8.Re1 Nb6 9.Bb3 0-0=] **7...Nc6** [7...Nb6 8.Bb3 0-0] **8.Ne5?!?** [8.Nc3 Nxc3 9.dxc3 Qd6; 8.d4 0-0 9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.Bxf4 Be6] **8...0-0 9.d4?!-+** this just loses the dP, though it opens the c1B; Jeff gets a " winning " advantage [9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Qf3 Be6] **9...Nb6?!?** Jeff fails to win the dP [9...Nxd4 10.Qd1 Bc5 11.Kh1 Bf5-+ - 2.46 Jeff would be up 2 P's] **10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.c3 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Qd5?!?** [12...Be6 13.Qxc6 Bd5 14.Qa6 f3 15.gxf3 Re8] **13.Qe2?!?** [13.Qxd5 cxd5 14.Bxf4 c6] **13...Bd6?!?** [13...Re8 14.Bxf4 c5 15.Qe5 Bb7 16.Qxd5 Bxd5] **14.Bxf4** material equality **14...Bxf4?!=** Jeff has lost his advantage [14...c5 15.Bxd6 cxd6 16.Qf2 Ba6 17.Re1 Rab8] **15.Rxf4 Bd7?!?** for the first time in the game, Masoud gets the advantage [15...c5 16.Nd2 Bb7 17.Nb3 Rfe8 18.Qf2 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Re5=] **16.Nd2?!=** [16.Qf2 c5 17.dxc5 Qd1+ 18.Qf1 Qd5 19.b4 Qe5] **16...Rae8?!?** [16...Qb5 17.Nc4 Rfe8 18.Qf1 Be6=] **17.Qf2 Re6?!?** Masoud gets a " clear " advantage [17...c5 18.dxc5 f5 19.b4 Qe5] **18.c4 Qa5 19.Nb3 Qb4** [19...Qg5 20.Nc5 Re2 21.Qxe2 Qxf4] **20.Nc5 Re7 21.b3 Rfe8 22.Rf1** Masoud builds his attack on the f-file **22...f6 23.Qg3?!?** [23.h4?! h5 24.Qb2 Re2 25.a3 Qa5; 23.h3 Qc3 24.Rf3 Qa5 25.a4 Qb4] **23...Qd2 24.Qf2?!=** Masoud has lost his advantage [24.Qd3 Qxd3 25.Nxd3 Bc8] **24...Re2** Jeff shifts his K-side attack from the e-file to the 2nd rank **25.Qg3 Bc8 26.Kh1 Kh8** [26...Qe3 27.Qxe3 R8xe3=] **27.h3 h6 28.a4?** Jeff gets back a " clear " advantage [28.R4f2 Qxd4 29.Rxe2 Rxe2 30.Qxc7 Kh7 31.b4 Re8=] **28...R8e3** both attacks are looking dangerous **29.Qg6**



Bxh3?+- Jeff wrongly goes for an unsound sac. Masoud gets a " winning " advantage [29...Qc3 setting up the h3-sac] **30.Rxf6!** a sound sac by Masoud **30...Bxg2+!** the correct move, but it is now too late [30...gxf6?? 31.Qxf6+ Kh7 32.Qf7+ Kh8 33.Qf8+ Kh7 34.Rf7+ Kg6 35.Rf6+ Kh5 36.Qxh6+ Kg4 37.Qf4+ Kh5 38.Rh6#] **31.Kg1 Re8??+-** leads to mate [31...Bd5 32.cxd5 Rg3+ 33.Qxg3 gxf6 34.Ne6 Qe3+ 35.Qxe3 Rxe3+- 4.41 Masoud would be up N vs P] **32.Rf8+ Rxf8 33.Rxf8# 1-0**

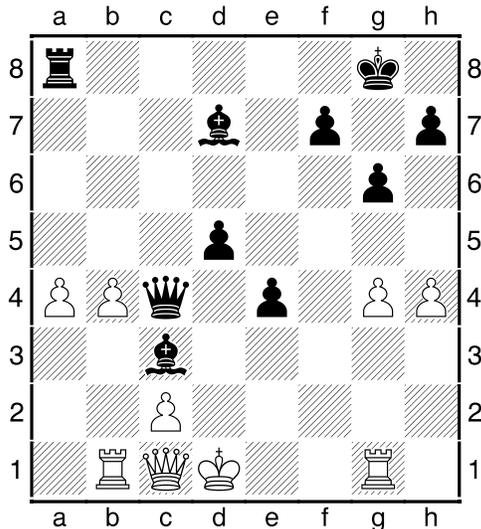
In Rd. 7 in the Open Section, Bryan Lamb moved up into a tie for 2nd place with a nice sacrificial game against Randy Moysoski. First Bryan sacked his N for 2 P's. Then

he got back his minor piece and eventually ended up up a P. Then Randy erred and Bryan got 2 minor pieces for a rook. In the end, Bryan mated Randy with a Q-sac. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Moysoski, Randy (1867) – Lamb, Bryan (2218) [B77]

SCC Spring Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (7), 24.04.2008

1.e4 c5± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6** [3...Nf6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 Qxd5±] **4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.g4** Randy launches a K-side attack [10.0-0 Ne5 11.Bb3 Rc8±] **10...Ne5 11.Be2 b5!** Bryan sacs a P to discourage the W K from 0-0-0 **12.b3?!=** Randy should just accept the P. [12.Ncxb5 Rc8 13.Nxa7 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.0-0 Qb8±] **12...Qb8?!±** [12...b4 13.Nd1 d5 14.g5 Nh5=] **13.h4?±** Randy continues his attack, but Bryan gets a " clear " advantage [13.a3 a6 14.g5 Nh5 15.0-0 Qb7±] **13...Qb7?!±** [13...b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Qb7±] **14.a3 a5 15.Rg1** Randy's attack is on the h-file [15.h5?! b4 16.axb4 axb4 17.Rxa8 Rxa8 18.Nd1 Bxg4! 19.fxg4 (19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Bh6 (20.fxg4?! Nxe4 21.Qc1 Nc6-+) 20...Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Bh5±) 19...Nxe4 20.Qc1 g5±; 15.0-0?! b4 16.Ncb5 d5±] **15...b4 16.Nd1?!±** [16.Nd5 Nexg4! 17.Rxg4 Bxg4 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.fxg4 Bxh4+ 20.Kf1 Bf6 21.Bf3 Be5±] **16...Nexg4!** an sound sac, which, OTB, causes W problems. The counter-attack in the centre dissipates W's K-side attack **17.fxg4 e5 18.Nf3 Nxe4** Randy is up N vs 2 P **19.Qc1 a4?±** [19...bxa3 20.Nd2 Nxd2 21.Qxd2 d5±] **20.Rb1?±** [20.bxa4 Rxa4 21.axb4 Qxb4+ 22.c3 Qa5 23.Rxa4 Bxa4=] **20...Rfc8 21.Nd2?!-+** [21.bxa4 Rxa4 22.h5 Be6 23.axb4 d5±] **21...Nc3 22.Nxc3 Rxc3 23.Nc4 d5 24.Nd2?-+ - 6.69** [24.Bd2 Rh3 25.bxa4 dxc4 26.Rxb4 Qa7 27.Kf1 Bxa4-+ - 2.99 Bryan would be up a P] **24...Rxe3** Bryan is up 2 P **25.bxa4** Bryan is up a P **25...Qa6 26.Nc4?-+ -11.37** this gives Bl a tactical attack (removing the defender) [26.Qd1 bxa3 27.Nf1 Qa5+ 28.Kf2 Rc3-+ - 9.63] **26...Rxe2+! 27.Kxe2 Qxc4+** Bryan is up 2 B's + P vs R **28.Ke1?-+ - 15.21** [28.Kf2 bxa3 29.Rg3 Bf8-+ 30.Qd2 -12.39] **28...e4?-+ - 11.57** [28...Qe4+ 29.Kf2 Rc8 30.Rxb4 Rxc2+ 31.Qxc2 Qxc2-+ - 16.98] **29.axb4?-+ - 15.18** [29.Rg3 Bc3+ 30.Rxc3 Qxc3+ 31.Qd2 Qg3+ 32.Qf2 Qxa3-+ - 12.89] **29...Bc3+ 30.Kd1??-+** Randy falls into a nice 3-move Q-sac mate [30.Kf2 e3+ 31.Qxe3 Bd4 32.Rg2 Bxe3+ 33.Kxe3 Re8+ and it is mate in 11 moves]



30...Qf1+!!-+ Randy resigns. It is mate **31.Rxf1 Bxg4+ 32.Rf3 Bxf3# 0-1**

Also in the Open section in Rd. 7, Yibing Fan sacked an N on f7, and then failed to follow it up properly, and Martin Maister got a " winning " advantage. But Martin lost

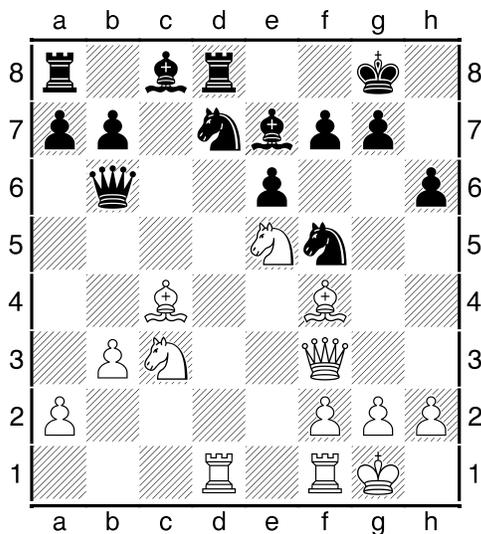
the thread, and Yibing again got an attack against the W Queen, and mated with a nice exchange sac. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Fan, Yibing (1822) – Maister, Martin (1773) [D26]

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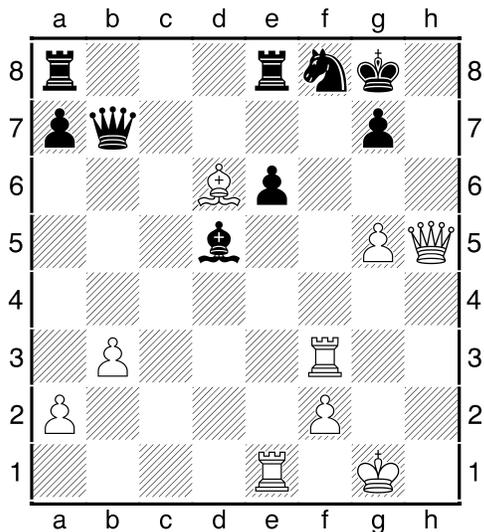
[Armstrong, Robert]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 [3...Nf6=] **4.Nf3?!=** [4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nc6±] **4...Nc6?!±** [4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.e3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Bc5=] **5.e3** [5.cxd5 exd5 6.dxc5 Bxc5±] **5...dxc4** [5...Nf6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Be2 Be6±] **6.Bxc4 cxd4 7.exd4 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bg5?!=** [9.d5 exd5 10.Nxd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 0-0±] **9...0-0 10.Ne5 Nxd4** Martin goes up a P **11.Qd3?!±** for the first time in the game, Martin gets the advantage [11.Rc1 Qd6 12.Re1 Rd8=] **11...h6** [11...Ng4 12.Nxg4 (12.Bxe7 Nxe5 13.Qe4 Qxe7 14.Qxe5 Qh4±) 12...Bxg5±] **12.Bf4 Nf5 13.Qf3 Qb6 14.b3?!±** Martin gets a " clear " advantage [14.Rab1 g5 15.Bg3 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Nd7 17.Ng4 Qc5±] **14...Nd7?=-** [14...g5 15.Bg3 Qa5 16.Rad1 Nxg3 17.Qxg3 Bb4 18.Nb5 a6 19.a3 axb5 20.axb4 Qxb4 21.Qf3 Kg7 22.Bd3 Qxb3±] **15.Rad1 Rd8**



16.Nxf7! a sound sac [16.Ng4 Nf6 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Rxd8+ Qxd8 19.Rd1 Qe7=] **16...Kxf7** Martin is up an N **17.g4?+-** but Yibing follows up the sac wrongly. Martin gets a " winning " advantage [17.Nb5 Qc6 18.Qh3 Nf6 19.Qxf5 Qxc4 20.Qxf6+ Kxf6 21.bxc4 Bd7 (21...e5? 22.Nc7 Bg4 23.f3 Rxd1± (23...exf4 24.Nxa8 Be6 25.Rxd8 Bxd8 26.Rd1 Be7 27.Nc7 Bxc4 28.Nd5+ Bxd5 29.Rxd5 Ke6 30.Ra5 a6±)) 22.Bc7 Bxb5 23.Bxd8 Bxc4 24.Bxe7+ Kxe7=] **17...Nh4 18.Qe4 Nf6 19.Qe2 Ng6?+-** - 2.80 [19...Qc6 20.f3 b5 21.Nxb5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Nxf3+ 23.Kf1 Nh4 24.Nd6+ Kf8 25.Kg1 e5 26.Bb5 Qf3+- - 5.65] **20.Bg3 Bd7?+-** - 2.29 [20...Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Qc6 22.a4 a6 23.h3 Kf8 24.f4 Bd6+- - 3.33] **21.h4 Qa5?!±** allowing Yibing to win a P [21...Qc6 22.Rfe1 Bb4 23.Qc2 Re8+] **22.Rd3?!+-** Yibing fails to see the tactical shot [22.Rxd7! Rxd7 23.Qxe6+ Ke8 24.Qf7+ Kd8 25.Qxg6 Qxc3±] **22...b5?±** this just loses the P [22...Nf8 23.a4 Bc6 24.Nb5 Qb4-+] **23.Nxb5** Martin is up N vs P **23...Nf8?!=** Martin has lost his advantage [23...Qxb5! 24.Bxb5 Bxb5 25.Rxd8 Bxe2 26.Rxa8 Bxf1 27.Kxf1 Bc5±] **24.Bc7 Qb4 25.Nd6+** simple is best; just win the exchange [25.Bxd8 Rxd8 26.Nd4 Nd5=] **25...Bxd6 26.Bxd6 Qb7 27.Re1 Re8?±** an error; Yibing gets a " clear " advantage [27...Bb5 28.g5 Bxc4 29.bxc4 hxg5 30.hxg5 N6h7 31.Rb3 Qc6 32.c5 Rac8=] **28.g5 hxg5 29.hxg5 Nd5??+-** 10.43 allowing a mating attack where sacking the Q will not help [29...N6h7 30.Rh3 Kg8±] **30.Qh5+ Kg8 31.Rf3 Bc6??+-** this allows a quick mate [31...Nh7 32.Qf7+ Kh8 33.Be5 Rg8 34.Rh3 Ndf6 35.g6 Qf3 36.Rxh7+ Nxh7 37.Qxf3 Be8 38.Bd3 Bxg6 39.Bxg6 Rgc8 40.Qh5 Kg8 41.Qxh7+ Kf8 42.Qxg7#] **32.Bxd5?+-** Yibing misses the quick mate [32.Rxf8+ Rxf8 33.g6 Nf6 34.Bxe6+ Rf7 35.gxf7+ Qxf7 36.Bxf7#] **32...Bxd5?+-** [32...Ng6 33.Rh3

(33.Qxg6 exd5+- 15.03) 33...Bxd5 34.Qxg6 Bh1 35.Rxh1 Qxh1+ 36.Kxh1 and it is mate in 8 moves]



33.Rxf8+ Yibing doesn't miss the mate a second time – he sacs the exchange **33...Rxf8** Martin is up R vs P, and is mated **34.g6+-** and it is mate **1-0**

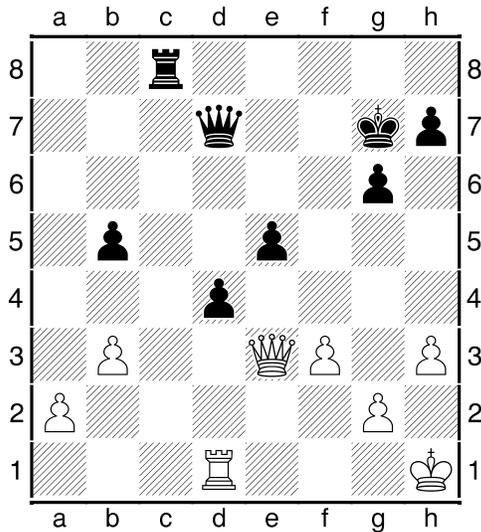
In Rd. 7 in the U 1700 section, Maurice Smith, alone in first, played junior Nathan Farrant-Diaz, then tied for 2nd/3rd, ½ pt. behind. It was a close game, and eventually Maurice took the 2nd rank with his rook, and then went up a Pawn. He then threatened to queen and Nathan resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Farrant-Diaz, Nathan (1515) – Smith, Maurice (1573) [B70]

SCC Spring Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (7), 24.04.2008

1.e4 c5± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.f3 [8.Re1 Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7±] 8...Bd7 9.Kh1?!= [9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qe1 Rc8±] 9...Nc6 10.Be3 Rc8 11.Qd2 Ne5 12.h3 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.b3?!± for the first time in the game, Maurice gets the advantage [14.Rad1 Re8 15.Rfe1 Nh5=] 14...Rc8 15.Nd5 [15.Rad1 Re8 16.a4 a6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 b5±] 15...Nxd5 [15...Nh5 16.Bf2 e6 17.Ne3 f5±] 16.exd5 a6 17.Rae1 Re8?!= [17...e5 18.dxe6 fxe6±] 18.c4 b5 19.cxb5 Bxb5 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Rc1 Qd7 22.Bd4 e5 23.dxe6 fxe6?!± Nathan gets back the advantage [23...Qxe6 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Bxg7 Kxg7=] 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Rfd1?!= [25.f4 Kg8 26.a4 bxa4 27.bxa4 Ra8±] 25...d5 26.Qd4+ e5 27.Qd2 d4 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Qe3?± a cute move, but a blunder. Maurice gets a " clear " advantage [29.f4 exf4 30.Qxf4 Rd8 31.a3 d3=]

Position after 29.Qe3



29...Qc7?!? Maurice misses the tactical potential of the position [29...Qxh3+ 30.gxh3 dxe3 31.a4 b4 32.Kg1 Rc3 33.Rb1 Rd3 34.Kf1 Rd2?] 30.Qd3?!? [30.Qe2 Qc5 31.a4 bxa4 32.bxa4 Qd5?] 30...Qc2 31.Qxc2 Rxc2 Maurice gets the 2nd rank 32.Re1?!+ Maurice gets a "winning" advantage [32.Ra1 b4 33.Kh2 Rb2 34.a3 Rxb3 35.axb4 Rxb4?] 32...Kf6 33.f4?-+ - 2.79 [33.Ra1? Kf5 34.Kh2 d3 35.Rd1 e4 36.Kg3 Rxa2+- - 5.27; 33.a4 bxa4 34.bxa4 Kf5 35.Kg1 Ra2 36.g3 g5+- - 1.59] 33...exf4 Maurice goes up a P 34.Re4?-+ - 6.43 [34.Rd1 Ke5 35.a4 b4 36.Kg1 Rb2 37.a5 Ra2 38.Re1+ Kd5+- - 4.71] 34...d3 35.Rd4 d2 36.Kh2 Ke5 37.Rd8 f3?-+ - 9.46 [37...Rxa2 38.Rd7 h5 39.Re7+ Kd6 40.Re2 Rc2+- - 12.95] 38.Kg3?-+ - 13.16 [38.Kg1 Rxa2 39.gxf3 Ra1+ 40.Kf2 d1Q 41.Rxd1 Rxd1+- -11.50] 38...f2!+- Nathan resigned; the pawn cannot be taken 39.Kxf2?? d1Q+-+ 0-1

37th Canadian Junior Chess Championship

(Press release by David Cohen)

Location:

CMA Chess School, 1650 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON (just south of Eglinton Ave. E.).

Dates & Times:

May 9: Round 1 at 6:30 pm.
 May 10, 11, 12: Rounds 2-7 at 1 pm and 6 pm.
 May 13: Rounds 8-9 at 9:30 am and 2 pm.

Photos: at the start of each round only.

Player interviews: well before each round; or after each round (games take 3-4 hours).

The top chess players in Canada under 20 years old will compete this May in Toronto for the Canadian Junior Chess Championship title and the right to represent Canada at the 2008 World Junior Chess Championship to be held in Ankara, Turkey this August.

Background:

The Canadian Junior Chess Championship was created in 1957 to select Canada's representatives to the 4th World Junior Chess Championship which Canada hosted later that year in Toronto, Ontario. The event was revived in 1970 as the most objective way of selecting Canada's representative to the World Junior Chess Championship. It has been held annually since 1972-3.

Past winners who have gone on to win the Canadian Chess Championship include Jean Hébert (Montreal, QC); Alexandre Lesiège (Montreal, QC); Ron Livshits (Pickering, ON); and Pascal Charbonneau (Outremont, QC). The event is sanctioned by The Chess Federation of Canada. You can find a list of past winners here:

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The World Junior Chess Championship for players under 20 years old was created in 1951, when Canada was represented by Lionel Joyner of Montreal, Quebec. In 1957, Canada hosted the 4th World Junior Chess Championship in Toronto, Ontario. Initially held every two years, since 1973 it has been an annual event. Past winners include future World Chess Champions Boris Spassky (1955), Anatoly Karpov (1969), Gary Kasparov (1980) and Viswanathan Anand (1987), as well as Scarborough, Ontario born Joel Lautier, who represented France in 1988. The Canadian Junior Chess Champion represents Canada. The 2008 World Junior Chess Championship takes place in Ankara, Turkey from August 2-16. The event is sanctioned by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) (www.fide.com).

The World Junior Girls Chess Championship was established in 1983 and has been run annually since 1985. The top female at the 2008 Canadian Junior Chess Championship has the right to represent Canada, however, full funding for the trip is not available.

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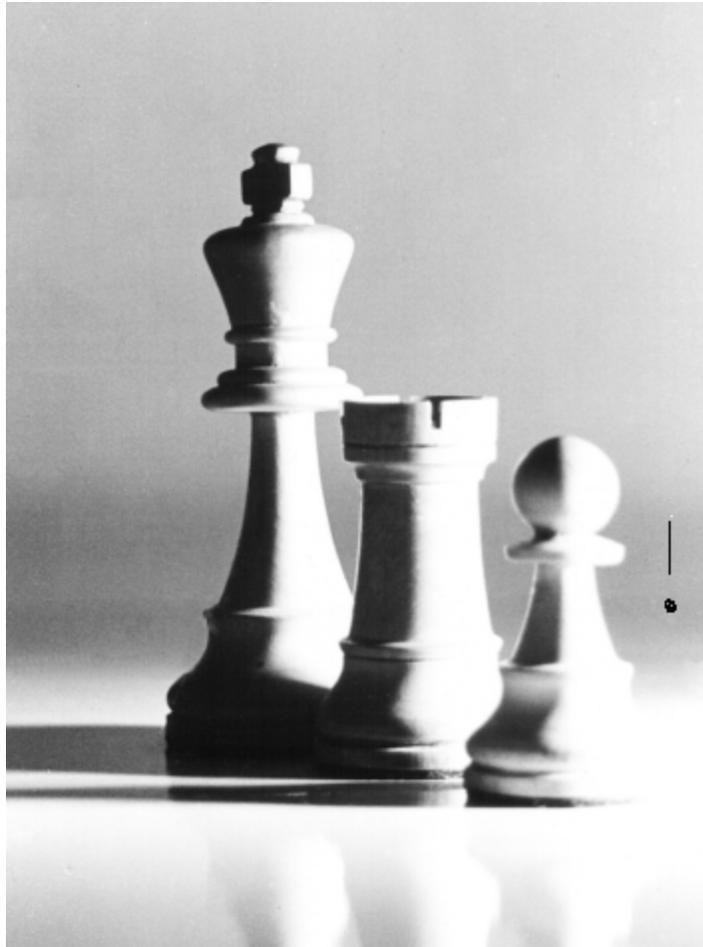
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