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CFC Restructuring – Request For Proposals Deadline: May 31.

Due to the dire financial situation of the CFC, it has been seen that the maintaining of the current in-house operations is not sustainable. On April 28 the Governors voted down a radical 4-point plan for restructuring the CFC, but there was support for various aspects of the CFC Executive recommendation, though not for the plan as a package; and as well there was serious concern that there had been inadequate publicity for the Request for Proposal for the outsourcing of the CFC day-to-day operations.

The new restructuring committee of Gordon Richie (Governor), Peter Stockhausen (Treasurer) and Stijn de Kerpel (Vice President) have quickly gotten to work and are to be commended for the work they put in to assemble a new “ Request for Proposal “, which is reproduced in its entirety on the CFC website homepage (www.chess.ca), along with updates. Here are some of the relevant parts of the proposal:

“ Request for Proposal: CFC Outsourcing Arrangement

1.2 Submission of Proposals

Bidders should submit their proposals in two (2) separate volumes, as follows:

- Part 1: Technical Proposal
- Part 2: Financial Proposal

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Background

Over the past several months the CFC has been engaged in an operational review. Despite many improvements at the National Office, it is clear that the current operating model is not sustainable and that significant changes are necessary for long-term survival of the CFC.

This RFP results from the conclusion that outsourcing the CFC daily operations is a viable alternative to employing staff and managing dedicated assets. Outsourcing has emerged as a viable alternative due to several factors:

_ There exist several vendors who specialize in chess-related products and services and have developed the capability to provide services more efficiently than through in-house operation.

_ It allows the CFC Executive (who are volunteers) to focus on the more strategic aspect of chess within the Canadian context rather than manage day-to-day operational issues.

Terms of Reference

The contractor shall be responsible for:

_ Collecting and remitting all membership fees as set by the CFC Board of Governors, including all provincial fees collected on behalf of provincial associations by the end of each month including a financial reconciliation.

_ Instituting a continuous Membership drive with the target of **400, 700, 900** new Regular Adult Members, so that at the end of three years the CFC will have at least **3,000** Regular Adult Members.

_ Hosting, updating daily, the CFC Web site to the minimum standard and content of today's web site, including optimization.

_ Calculating, updating and publishing on the web site all rating submissions, including Cross tables, weekly, Tuesday 5 PM EST to at least today's standard.

_ Processing daily all membership inquiries and renewals and handling e-mail and telephone inquiries from 9 AM to 5 PM EST, Monday to Friday.

_ Publication of a Printed Chess Magazine, quarterly, to the standard and content of today's Magazine. Feb 1/May 1/Aug 1/ Nov 1 or an Electronic Magazine, to at least the standard of today's Printed Chess Magazine.

_ Storing, collecting FIDE Rating Fees and reporting to FIDE all tournaments to be FIDE rated with submission including the Rating Fee in the time frame prescribed by FIDE.

_ Submitting to FIDE all Title Applications including applicable fees.

_ Transferring moneys to the CFC bank account weekly, Wednesdays by 5 PM.

_ Producing Monthly Financial Statements to the CFC by the 7th working day, 5 PM of the following month.

_ Submit re-design of the web site to the CFC Executive (Excluding Logo) by December 31, 2008. “

It seems that the process to date has been beneficial, as there apparently have been a number of bidders interested, who did not present proposals originally. The CFC has also allowed for bidding for all or part of the work required.

It seems that the Committee is intending to evaluate the bids, and that the final plan going the Executive, and the Governors, will include the contract recommendation.

This process appears very superior to the one originally pursued by the Executive, and keeps the Governors fully informed, and allows them input into the process. We all hoped this will lead to a satisfactory result in the final vote and restructuring.

But there was legal fallout from the Governors cancelling the contract with TKS (Robert Hamilton). TKS has now said that it will sue CFC for \$ 250,000 for breach of contract, and has a legal opinion they will win. So CFC President Hal Bond on May 22 issued this urgent directive:

" May 22, 2008

Without Prejudice

Dear Governors,

Robert Hamilton has informed me that he intends to initiate action against the CFC starting next week for us having broken our agreement with TKS. Robert has suffered serious financial losses associated with actions he took based on believing the agreement would be honoured.

Yesterday morning I attended, as an observer, a meeting with Robert and a lawyer who served for 30 years as a judge in Ontario. While acknowledging that there are no guarantees, his opinion was that if Robert proceeds the CFC may well wind up being liable for the entire amount of the agreement which exceeds \$275,000.

I have asked Robert if TKS is still willing to do the contract. He told me that he would but only if the governor's vote to support it before next week.

Accordingly, I am requesting that by Sunday at 6:00 pm Eastern governor's vote on the following:

Do you wish to honour the TKS agreement, yes, or no?

Sincerely,

Hal Bond
President, Chess Federation of Canada "

On May 26, Governor Ken Craft posted on ChessTalk:

" The vote failed 1-28-2. "

So the Request for Proposals is still effective, and the CFC awaits possible bids.

Note that the motion to " honour " should have been worded " the alleged TKS agreement ", since the Governors do not accept that it is in fact " an agreement " regardless of whether there is a signed document.

Note also that only 31/56 governors bothered to vote on this issue (55 %). This is noticeably less than the 87.5 % who voted (announced April 28) to turn down the Executive's radical restructuring package. Admittedly, the time frame allowed for this

vote was very short (4 days), and this may account for some decrease, but the decrease is still disturbing. The Governors are voting on whether to become subject to a significant and difficult lawsuit, and one would expect them to vote on this in record numbers. We will require full participation of all governors to deal with this whole mess in the coming months.

One casualty of this threatened lawsuit appears to be the CFC May magazine Issue. It is one of the few benefits members get for their membership. Our sources tell us that TKS has prepared the CFC May magazine Issue, but is waiting to be paid by CFC before processing it further. The Executive is divided on whether to pay for the May magazine, with President Hal Bond ordering it to be paid and another Executive saying it shouldn't. E.D. Bob Gillanders is caught in the middle and can't do anything about issuing the cheque at the moment until instructions clarify. If the magazine is being processed under the old CFC-TKS contract only for the magazine (and not under the alleged " outsourcing CFC-TKS contract), then we see no reason the contract shouldn't be honoured and paid by CFC, and TKS should then deliver it to the members as expected. Future Issues of the magazine will depend on the contract terms, and whether either side is terminating the magazine contract.

Now a new part of the mess rears its ugly head. Can the current Executive now continue to lead the CFC? On May 26, I posted the following on ChessTalk:

" With the rejection of the proposal to ratify the TKS " contract ", and the threat of legal action by TKS against the CFC, the current CFC Executive are in difficult circumstances.

One fallout from the potential TKS lawsuit might be the CFC having to " third party " the current executive who authorized the contract (likely less the Secretary, Lyle Craver, who voted against it). What this means is that the CFC position is that if CFC is liable on a contract with TKS, then this loss is the fault of the Executive, who acted illegally, and they must reimburse CFC for any losses suffered to TKS.

So the Executive now end up in a conflict of interest in trying to continue running the CFC:

1. The Executive have to argue that the contract is valid, and that they had the power to enter into it. The CFC (Governors) argue that the contract is invalid and that the Executive had no power to execute it, and bind the CFC - direct conflict.
2. The Executive has to argue that they have done nothing wrong, and that the Governors have caused the problem by not ratifying the contract. The CFC (Governors) have to argue that the Executive acted illegally and that they had no obligation to ratify the alleged contract - direct conflict.
3. The Executive have a vested interest in not being brought into the lawsuit in their own personal capacity - they don't want to be sued by the CFC. But the CFC has an obligation to recoup any lost money from those responsible, who they maintain are the Executive. How can the Executive lead the discussion on the CFC suing them? - direct conflict.
4. In any lawsuit there will be settlement negotiations - it is in the Executive interest that the settlement be as low as possible (since they may be responsible for it). So they may advise against higher settlement when that higher figure might be appropriate, and thus

doom a possible " good " settlement for the CFC. - direct conflict.

5. The CFC is about to receive bids on outsourcing the CFC operations. CFC will want to enter into a contract with a good bidder. But the Executive have to maintain that CFC already has a binding contract with TKS, and that the CFC should not enter into another conflicting contract (despite the Governors voting that the contract is not binding).- direct conflict

I have trouble also with any Executive position that they had authority to enter the contract, without prior Governor approval. I posted here on ChessTalk an article from the Scarborough Community of Toronto Chess News & Views, before the " contract " and the restructuring vote package, an article on the Role of the Governors in the CFC. It clearly stated that the Governors ran the CFC, and made all major decisions (unless an emergency allowing no time for the Governors to decide - arguably not the case here). This article was read and approved of (at least in general) by the CFC Executive Director, Bob Gillanders. I do not know if the CFC Executive also read it here, but Hal Bond receives the SCC newsletter as a subscriber. In the face of this article, I find it hard to accept that the CFC Executive believed it had authority to ignore the Governors. I am not accusing anyone of false dealing, but of panicking and recklessly ignoring the issues that they knew faced them on this one. I even believe Les Bunning, often pro-bono lawyer for the CFC, posted (or provided a legal opinion)BEFORE the contract was entered into, that the Executive could not do it without the ratification of the Governors.

So where does that leave the current Executive and the CFC (Governors)? I for one do not see how the current executive can continue now. I am aware of the mess their resignation will cause to the CFC operations. It is most unhappy, since I have always firmly supported the current Executive, and felt they were doing their honest best to extricate the CFC from its dismal current situation. I am open to being convinced otherwise on this, but felt it important to ask the question in detail, and have this most important discussion immediately, no matter which way the issue falls. “

No one has responded on this issue to date (despite their having been almost 250 viewers).

What does the future hold for the CFC? We hope to be able to present future information as it becomes available publicly.

Ivanchuk Decisively Wins M-Tel Masters, Sofia, Bulgaria



The fourth international chess tournament M-Tel Masters started on May 7, 2008 in Sofia's Military Club and ended May 18.

Six of the world's best took part in the tournament this year. Defending champion Veselin Topalov (2767) and Ivan Cheparinov (2695) represented Bulgaria. They met Armenia's Levon Aronian (2763), Ukraine's Vassily Ivanchuk (2740), Azerbaijan's Teimour Radjabov (2751) and China's Xiangzhi Bu (2708). The average rating of the tournament was 2737. It was not the strongest tournament this year. Morelia/Linares had an average rating of 2756 and the January Corus Wijk aan Zee tournament had an average rating of 2742. But it was stronger than the recent FIDE Grand Prix # 1 (Baku), which had 2717.

The event is a 10 round double round robin with a 5 hour time control. In case of a draw at the top there was to be a tie break for determining the winner. Like in the previous three editions of M-Tel Masters the rule for the draws introduced in Sofia was in effect. According to it the players did not have the right to agree a draw. This can be decided only by the chef arbiter of the tournament.

The winner, with an amazing score of 8 pts (undefeated), was Ivanchuk. In second with 6.5 pts. was Topalov.



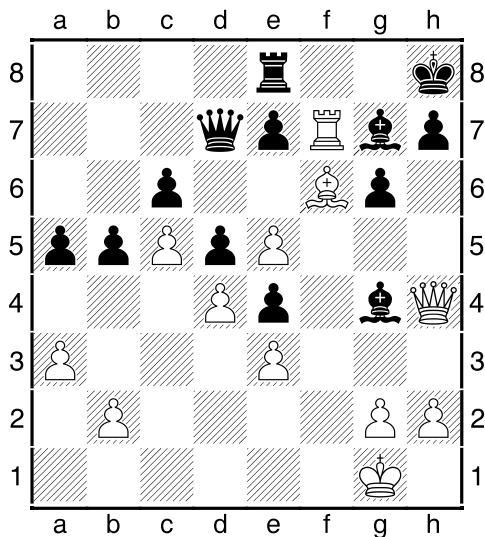
In Rd. 7 Radjabov defeated Bu, to go into a tie for 3rd/4th with Cheparinov (Ivanchuk was in first; Topalov was second). Radjabov developed a strong K-side attack, and Bu wrongly decided to sac his Q, and Radjabov went on to win. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Radjabov, Teimour (2751) – Bu , Xiangzhi (2708) [D15]

4th M-Tel Masters Sofia BUL (7), 15.05.2008

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6± [2...e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7=] **3.Nc3 Nf6** [3...dxc4 4.e3 b5 5.a4 b4 6.Na2 Be6 7.Nxb4 Nf6±] **4.e3 a6** [4...e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6±] **5.Nf3 b5** [5...Bf5 6.Bd3 Bg6±] **6.c5?!=** [6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.a4 b4 9.Ne2 Nc6±] **6...g6 7.Ne5** [7.Bd3 Bf5 8.a4 Nbd7=] **7...Bg7 8.Be2** [8.Bd3 Nfd7 9.f4 Nxe5 10.fxe5 0-0=] **8...0-0 9.0-0 Nfd7 10.f4 a5 11.a3 f6** [11...Ra7 12.Kh1 f6 13.Nf3 f5=] **12.Nf3 f5 13.Bd2 Nf6 14.Be1** [14.Ne5 Ne4=] **14...Kh8?!±** [14...Nbd7 15.Ng5 Nb8=] **15.Bh4** [15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Bh4 Ba6±] **15...Be6** [15...a4 16.Ne5 Kg8±] **16.Ne5 Qc7?!±** Radjabov gets a " clear " advantage [16...Ne4 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Bg5 Kg8±] **17.Qe1 Nbd7 18.Bg5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ne4 20.Nxe4 fxe4 21.Qh4 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Re8 23.Bg4 Qd7** [23...Qc8 24.Rf7 Bxg4 25.Bh6 Qe6 26.Rxg7 Qd7±] **24.Rf7** [24.Bxe6?! Qxe6 25.b3 a4 26.bxa4 bxa4±] **24...Bxg4** Bu goes up a B **25.Bf6!**

Position after 25.Bf6



exf6?!+- material equality, but Radjabov gets a " winning " advantage; Bu wrongly sacks his Q [25...Rg8 26.h3 g5 (26...Bh5?! 27.g4 Qe8+- (27...Bxg4 28.hxg4 h5 29.g5 b4+-)) 27.Bxg7+ Rxg7 28.Rf8+ Rg8 29.Rxg8+ Kxg8 30.Qxg5+ Kf8 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.hxg4 Qe8± Radjabov would be up a doubled, isolated P] **26.Rxd7 Bxd7 27.exf6** Radjabov is up Q + P (passed and on the 6th rank) vs R + 2 B's **27...a4?!+-** 2.04 Bu gives up his B [27...Bf8 28.f7 Rc8 29.Qf6+ Bg7 30.Qd6 Bg4+- 1.85] **28.fxg7+ Kxg7** Radjabov is up Q vs R + B **29.Kf2** the K is about to go for a long walk **29...h6 30.Ke1 Re6 31.Qg3 Be8 32.Kd2 g5 33.Kc3 Kf8 34.Kb4 Bf7 35.Ka5 Kg7 36.Kb6 Kf8 37.Kc7 Kg7 38.Kd7 Kf8 39.Qf2 Rg6 40.Qf5 h5 41.g3+-** 3.89 1-0

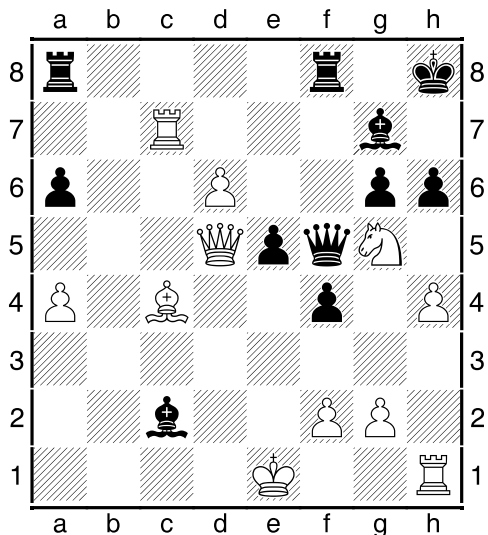
In Rd. 8, Topalov closed the gap with Ivanchuk, in first, to ½ pt. with a win over his former second, Cheparinov. Topalov went up a P, but Cheparinov went into a series of exchanges where he won back his pawn. But Topalov ended up with a " winning "

advantage. Then Cheparinov fell into a mate (after Topalov misses the first mistake). Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Topalov, V (2767) – Cheparinov, I (2696) [D90]

4th M–Tel Masters Sofia BUL (8), 16.05.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 d5 Grunfeld Defence 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 [5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7±] 5...Nb6 [5...Bg7 6.e3 Bf5 7.Be2 Nxc3 8.Bxc3 0-0±] 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 N8d7 9.a4 a5 10.e4 [10.Bd3 e5 11.0-0 exd4 12.exd4 Nf6±] 10...e5?!± Topalov gets a " clear " advantage [10...c5 11.Nb5 cxd4 12.Qb3 e5 13.Be2 h6±] 11.d5 [11.Bg5? Bf6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Be2 exd4 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.Nxd4 c6=] 11...c6 [11...f5?! 12.Ng5 Nc5 13.Nb5 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 fxe4±; 11...Nc5 12.Be3 Qe7±] 12.Bg5 Bf6 13.Be3 Qe7 14.d6 Qe6 15.b3 [15.h4 Nc4 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.hxg5 Qb4±] 15...Bg7 16.h4 Topalov launches a K–side attack 16...f5 17.Ng5 Qf6 18.b4 f4?!+– Topalov gets a " winning " advantage [18...axb4 19.Qb3+ Kh8 20.Qxb4 c5 21.Qb5 Qxd6±] 19.Bxb6 Nxb6 20.bxa5 Topalov goes up a P 20...Nd7 21.a6 [21.Bc4+? Kh8 22.Ne6 Rxa5 23.h5 (23.Nxf8 Bxf8 24.h5 g5±) 23...Re8±] 21...Kh8 22.Nb1?± [22.axb7 Bxb7 23.Qb3 Bc8 24.Rd1 Bh6 25.Ne6 Rb8 26.Qa2 Re8+–] 22...Bh6 23.Nf3 bxa6?!± material equality [23...Rd8?! 24.axb7 Bxb7 25.Ng5 Kg7 26.Qb3 Rdb8 27.Nd2 Ra7±; 23...Re8 24.axb7 Bxb7 25.Ng5 Reb8 26.Qb3 Ba6 27.Qa2 Bxg5 28.hxg5 Qxd6±] 24.Rxc6 Topalov goes up a P again 24...Bb7?!+– Cheparinov wrongly goes for a combination set of exchanges, which gives Topalov a " winning " advantage again [24...Rb8 25.Nc3 Qd8 26.Be2 Rf6±] 25.Rc7 Bxe4 26.Rxd7 Topalov is up an N 26...Qf5 27.Rc7 Bxb1 material equality 28.Ng5 Bg7 29.Bc4 Bc2 30.Qd5 h6??+– 18.02 leads to mate [30...Bxa4 31.0-0 Bd7+– 1.86]



31.Rf7??+– 5.37 Topalov misses the mate [31.Rxg7! Kxg7 32.Qb7+ Rf7 33.Bxf7 Qc8 34.Ne6+ Kh8 35.Qb2 Qxe6 36.Bxe6 Bxa4 37.Qxe5+ Kh7+– 38.h5+– and it is mate in 9 moves] 31...Qc8??+– Cheparinov blunders into mate again [31...Be4 32.Rxf8+ Rxf8 33.Qxe4 a5 34.Be6 Qxe4+ 35.Nxe4 Rb8+– 6.57] 32.Rxg7!+– Topalov doesn't miss the mate again. Cheparinov resigns. The mate is 32...Ra7 [32...Kxg7 33.Qxe5+ Rf6 34.Qe7+ Rf7 35.Qxf7+ Kh8 36.Qh7#] 33.Rxa7 Qd7 34.Qxe5+ Rf6 35.Qxf6+ Qg7 36.Qxg7# 1-0

In Rd. 9, Topalov was in second place, only ½ pt. behind Ivanchuk, and was playing last place player Bu. But Bu managed to get a passed pawn on the 5th rank, and Topalov gave up the exchange to try to salvage a draw, but couldn't do it and lost. He

then fell a full pt. behind Ivanchuk (who drew). Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bu, Xiangzhi (2708) – Topalov, V (2767) [D23]

4th M–Tel Masters Sofia BUL (9), 17.05.2008

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Qc2 dxc4 5.Qxc4 Bf5 6.g3 [6.e3=] **6...Nbd7 7.Bg2 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 h6?!±** [10...Ne4?! 11.Qb3 Nb6 12.Rd1 a5±; 10...Nb6 11.Qb3 Ne4 12.a4 c5=] **11.e4 Bh7 12.Bf4 Rc8 13.Qe2 Re8 14.Rad1 b5** [14...Bf8?! 15.Nd2 b5±; 14...Bg6?! 15.h3 Bb4 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nd7±; 14...Bb4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7±] **15.a3 a5 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Qb6 18.a4?!=** [18.Qf3?! Red8 19.h3 c5=; 18.h3 Rcd8 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.e5 Be7±] **18...Nd7 19.Bf4?!±** for the first time in the game, Topalov gets the advantage [19.axb5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bb4 21.bxc6 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Qxc6=] **19...b4 20.Nb1** [20.Na2 c5 21.d5 c4 22.d6 (22.e5? Bd3 23.Qg4 (23.Rxd3 cxd3 24.Qxd3 Bc5 25.Re2 g5 26.d6 gxf4 27.gxf4 Qd8-) 23...Bc5 24.Rd2 Bf5 25.Qh5 g5 26.g4 Bg6 27.Qxh6 gxf4 28.Qxf4 c3-) 22...Bg5 23.Bxg5 hxg5±] **20...Nf6?!±** now Bu gets back the advantage [20...c5 21.d5 exd5 22.Rxd5 Qe6±] **21.Be5?!=** [21.Nd2 Qxd4 22.Nc4 Qa7 23.Bd6 Bg6±] **21...c5** [21...Nd7 22.Nd2 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Rcd8=] **22.Nd2 cxd4** [22...Nd7 23.Nc4 Qa6=] **23.Nb3** [23.Nc4 Qc5 24.Rxd4 Nd7=] **23...Qc6 24.Qb5?!±** Topalov gets a " clear " advantage [24.Nxd4 Qc5 25.Bxf6 gxf6=] **24...Qxb5 25.axb5 a4 26.Nxd4 Ng4 27.Bf4 g5?!±** [27...Bc5? 28.Bf3 h5 29.Bxg4 hxg4=; 27...e5 28.Bh3 h5 29.Bxg4 hxg4 30.Bxe5 Bf8±] **28.Bf3 Nxf2?!=** Topalov goes up a P [28...gxf4 29.Bxg4 Rc4 30.Nc6 Rxe4±] **29.Kxf2 gxf4 30.Nc6 fxd3+** [30...a3 31.bxa3 fxd3+ 32.Kxg3 bxa3=] **31.Kxg3 Bf8 32.Rd7?!±** [32.e5 Rc7 33.Kf4 Bg6=] **32...Bg6?!±** suddenly Bu has the advantage again [32...Rc7! 33.Rxc7 Bd6+ 34.Kh3 Bxc7 35.Nxb4 Rd8 36.Rc1 Rd7±] **33.e5 Bc5?!±** Bu gets a " winning " advantage [33...Bc2 34.Rd4 (34.Re2?? b3 35.Be4 a3 36.Bxc2 a2 37.Re1 bxc2+) 34...Bf5 35.Red1 a3 36.bxa3 bxa3±] **34.Rc1 Be3 35.Rc4?!±** [35.Ne7+ Kg7 36.Rxc8 Rxc8 37.Nxc8 Bc1+–] **35...a3** [35...Kh8 36.Rxb4 Rg8 37.Ne7 Bf5+ 38.Nxg8 Rxd8+ 39.Bg4 h5 40.Kf3 Bc5 41.Bxf5 Bxb4 42.Be4 Rb8±] **36.bxa3 bxa3 37.Ra4** [37.Ne7+ Kg7 38.Nxc8 a2 39.Ra4 Rxc8 40.Rxa2 Rc4±] **37...Bc5 38.Ra6 a2?!±** [38...Kh8 39.b6 Rg8 40.Kf4 Rcf8±] **39.Rxa2** material equality, but Bu has a passed P on the 5th rank **39...Kg7?!±** 3.02 [39...Kh8 40.Ra6 Ra8 41.Kf4 Bc2+– 1.76] **40.Ra6 Rb8 41.Nxb8 Rxb8** Bu is up the exchange **42.Bc6 h5 43.Ra8 Rb6 44.Rdd8 h4+ 45.Kf4 Bh7 46.Be4 Be7?!±** 8.01 [46...Rxb5 47.Bxh7 Rb4+ 48.Be4 f5 49.exf6+ Kxf6+– 3.73] **47.Rdb8?!±** 4.16 [47.Rh8 f5 48.Rhe8 Bb4 49.Ra7+ Kh6 50.Rh8 Bd2+ 51.Kf3 Kg5 52.Rg7+ Bg6 53.Bc6 Rb8 54.Rxb8 Kh6+– 11.95] **1-0**

In the final round, Topalov could catch Ivanchuk if Topalov won and Ivanchuk lost. But Ivanchuk went up 2 P's against Cheparinov, and then built a Q-side attack against his K that was going to lead to more lost material. With the win, Ivanchuk came clear first. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Cheparinov, I (2696) – Ivanchuk, V (2740) [B48]

4th M–Tel Masters Sofia BUL (10), 18.05.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 Qc7?!±** Cheparinov gets an early " clear " advantage [5...Nf6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Be3 a6 9.Na3 d5±] **6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2?!±** [7.f4 Bb4 8.Qg4 g6±] **7...Nf6 8.0-0-0 Bb4 9.f3 Ne5** [9...Na5 10.Bd3 d6±] **10.Nb3?!=** [10.Bf4 d6 11.Nb3 Nh5 12.Be3 0-0±] **10...b5 11.Bd4** [11.Qe1 Rb8 12.a3 Be7 13.f4 Ng6=] **11...Be7 12.Qf2?!±** now Ivanchuk gets the advantage [12.Qg5 Ng6 13.e5 Nd5 14.Qg3 Nxc3 15.Bxc3 b4 16.Bd4 0-0=; 12.f4 Nc4 13.Qf2 b4 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Na4 d5=] **12...d6 13.g4 0-0** [13...Bb7 14.Bb6 Qb8 15.Ba5 Nc6±] **14.g5 Nfd7 15.Rg1** [15.a3 Nc5 16.f4 Nxb3+ 17.cxb3 Nc6±] **15...Bb7 16.Kb1?!±** Ivanchuk gets a " clear " advantage [16.a3 Nc6 17.Be3 Rfc8±] **16...Rfc8 17.Rg3 17...b4 18.Na4?!+** Ivanchuk gets a " winning " advantage [18.f4 bxc3 19.fxe5 cxb2 20.exd6 Bxd6±] **18...Bd8 19.Nc1 Bc6 20.b3 Bxa4 21.bxa4 Nc6?!±** [21...Qb7?! 22.Nb3 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Rxc4 24.Bb2 Rc6±; 21...Qa5 22.Bb2 Qxa4 23.Rxd6 Bc7 24.Rd2 Nb6+] **22.Be3 Qb8**

[22...Nc5 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.f4 Nd4] 23.Rh3 Nb6?!= Ivanchuk has lost his advantage [23...Bb6 24.Bxb6 Qxb6 25.Qxb6 Nxb6] 24.Qh4?! [24.Bxb6 Qxb6 25.Qxb6 Bxb6=] 24...h6 25.Qg3?+ Ivanchuk gets back a "winning" advantage [25.Bxb6 Qxb6 26.f4 Ne7] 25...Nxa4 26.Rxd6 hxc5 Ivanchuk goes up a P 27.Bd3?+ - 5.39 [27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Bxc5 Qxc5 29.Rxc3 Rd1 (29...Re8? 30.Bf6 Nc3+ 31.Kb2 Kh7=) 30.Bc4 Ne5 31.Bb3 Nc3+ 32.Kb2 a5+ - 2.90] 27...Bf6?+ - 3.98 [27...Nc3+ 28.Ka1 Bf6 29.e5 Bxe5 30.Bh7+ Kf8 31.Bc5 Ke8 32.Bd3 Ne4+ 33.Qxe5 Nxe5 34.Bxe4 Qb5+ - 8.12] 28.e5?+ - 7.16 [28.Rxc6 Rxc6 29.Bd2 Nc3+ 30.Bxc3 bxc3+ 31.Qxb8+ Rxb8+ 32.Nb3 a5+ - 5.02] 28...Bxe5 Ivanchuk goes up 2 P 29.Rh8+?+ - 11.17 (29...Qxc5 30.Qxe6 - + - 10.26) 29...Kxh8 Ivanchuk goes up R + 2 P's 30.Qh3+ Kg8 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Rd7 - 13.34 [32.Rxc6? Rxc6 33.Bd2 Nc3+ 34.Bxc3 bxc3+ 35.Nb3 Qb4+ - 16.54] 32...Nc3+ 33.Ka1?+ - 25.58 [33.Kb2 Ke8 34.Rd4 Bxd4 35.Bxd4 Nxd4+ - 19.07] 33...Nb5+-+ - 25.58 Cheparinov resigned . Coming is 34.Bd4 Bxd4+ 35.Rxd4 Ncxd4+ - 27.03 Ivanchuk would be up 2 R's & 2 P's 0-1

Final standings 4th M-Tel Masters 2008

				1	2	3	4	5	6		
1		Ivanchuk, V	2740	+237	**	1%	1%	11	1%	1%	8.0 / 10
2		Topalov, V	2667	+72	0%	**	%%	11	10	11	6.5 / 10
3		Hadjiev, T	2731	+18	0%	%%	**	%%	%1	%1	1.5 / 10
4		Cheparinov, I	2696	-20	00	00	%%	**	11	%%	4.0 / 10
5		Hu Xiangdi	2608	-111	0%	01	%C	00	**	%%	3.0 / 10 12.25
6		Arzuman, L	2663	-177	0%	00	%C	%%	%%	**	3.0 / 10 12.75

Canadian Olympiad Teams – National/Women

(Posted on ChessTalk)

Olympic Selections Ratings May 28, 2008.

According to the Selection Ratings List, the composition of the Teams:

National Team:

Noritsyn Nikolay – Canadian champion,
Spraggett Kevin – Rating #1,
Bluvshstein Mark – Rating #2,
Charbonneau Pascal – Rating #3,
*** - the pick of the Selection Committee.

Women's Team:

Khoudgarian Natalia – Canadian champion,
Yuan Yuanling – Rating #1,
Smith Hazel – Rating #2,
Kagramanov Dina – Rating #3,
*** - the pick of the Selection Committee.

Note: Starr N is not qualified as she played less than 10 games.

Selection Ratings - Men

Olympiad starts November 12, 2008.

Highest ratings starting May 16, 2007.

Top Ten - Ratings for May 28, 2008

Players	Title	Highest Rating		Average	Number	Placement
		FIDE	Canadian	Rating	of Games	
Spraggett Kevin	GM	2611	2618	2615	80	1
Bluvshstein Mark	GM	2544	2557	2551	30	2
Charbonneau Pascal	GM	2507	2534	2521	20	3
Zugic Igor	IM	2481	2553	2517	29	4
Roussel-Roozmon Thomas	IM	2489	2494	2492	83	5
Krnan Tomas	IM	2439	2534	2487	10	6
Gerzhoy Leonid	IM	2415	2460	2438	26	7
Noritsyn Nikolay	IM	2367	2503	2435	79	Qualified
Hergott Deen	IM	2385	2481	2433	10	9
Quan Zhe	FM	2390	2465	2428	11	10
Samsonkin Artem	IM	2373	2479	2426	68	11

Selection Ratings - Women

Olympiad starts November 12, 2008.

Highest ratings starting May 16, 2007.

Ratings for May 28, 2008.

Players	Title	Highest Rating		Average	Number	Placement
		FIDE	Canadian	Rating	of Games	
Khoudgarian Natalia	WM	2151	2274	2213	12	Qualified
Yuan Yuanling	WF	2119	2206	2163	106	1
Smith Hazel	WF	2054	2223	2139	11	2
Kagramanov Dina	WF	2111	2137	2124	17	3
Barron Irina		2124	2119	2122	16	4
Kazakevich Anastasia		2039	2156	2098	11	5
Belc Daniela	WFM	2053	2081	2067	12	6
Brestoiu Doina		2111	2003	2057	11	7

Lacau-Rodean Iulia		2049	2030	2040	27	8
Roy Miryam		1925	1970	1948	23	9
Orlova Yelizaveta		1852	1963	1908	60	10

USA Championships – National/Women

The Nationals Championship was a 24-player 9 round swiss, that ended May 21. The winner was GM Yuri Shulman.



The final standings at the top were:

Final Standings:

1 Shulman, Yuri GM 2664 7.0
 2 Onischuk, Alexander GM 2728 6.5
 3 Kudrin, Sergey GM 2610 6.0

[Note: Mig Greengard in the Daily Dirt Chess Blog, states:

I'm told that before the final round the TDs announced that the no-short-draw rules that had been in effect were being suspended for the final round so, (playing on Board 1) Friedel (who needed a draw to get his third GM norm) and Shulman (who could clinch first with a draw) could play their non-game for the GM norm and title. A minute later, draw (in 11 moves). Bizarre and pointless favoritism. It's a little surprising that changing the rules like that is even allowed. I'm sure the players trailing Shulman by a point would have appreciated a real game by the leader, who had black against a dangerous opponent. I know you can never force players to play to win, and 30 moves of swapping wouldn't have entertained or fooled anyone, but announcing the suspension of the rules before the round, followed by the draw a minute later, is a little too cynical for me. This is the US championship, not a First Saturday tourney. As I explain more in the comments (and have

said many times), this isn't a criticism of the players, who are only exploiting the rules and acting in their best interests.]

The Women's Championship was a separate 9 round swiss of 10 players. The winner was Anna Zatonskih.



At the end of 9 rounds, Irina Krush (2007 USA Women's Champion) and Anna Zatonskih were tied and had to play a play-off. They split the first 2 rapid games. Then they split the pair of blitz games (Zatonskih hung her queen in the middle of the board in blitz 1). Zatonskih won the final playoff game on time, in a position where Krush stood better. The final standings at the top were:

Women's Standings:

1	Zatonskih, Anna IM	2490	7.5
2	Krush, Irina IM	2515	7.5
3-4	Abrahamyan, Tatev WFM	2280	6.0
3-4	Rohonyan, Katerine WGM	2318	6.0

GTCL Club Team League (2000 & Over)

The GTCL Premier League is finished. The final results are:

Place	Team	Win	Lost	Points
1.	Chess Academy of Canada	3	1	6
2.	Willowdale Chess Club	2	2	4
3.	Bayview Games Club	1	3	2

4. Brampton Chess Club withdrew from the competition

OCA AGM – Saturday, June 7 – 10:00 A.M.

At this meeting the incoming OCA Governors will elect the new Executive. There will be reports on the past year. One candidate has publicly announced his candidacy for President – Chris Mallon, who has served on both the OCA and CFC Executives in the past. It is rumoured that the incumbent, Barry Thorvardson, is also running again, though we have seen no public announcement to this effect. We have heard no information on candidates for the other Executive positions. It will be held at the Rose Theatre, 1 Theatre Lane, Brampton.

SCC Early Summer Swiss (Last tournament of this 2007-8 season)

On May 8, an 8-round swiss started, the SCC Early Summer Swiss. It is in 2 sections as is now the practice at SCC (1700 & Over; U 1700). 30 players registered for the top section. 23 players registered for the second section (this is consistent with the 50 player average we've been having over the past couple of years).

After four rounds, the following players lead:

Open Section :

1st – 4 pts. (undefeated) – Erwin Casareno (current Club Champion)

2nd – 3.5 pts. (undefeated) – Martin Maister

3rd/4th – 3 pts. – John Hall

Bryan Lamb

U 1700 Section :

1st/2nd – 3.5 pts. (undefeated) – David Farrant

Steve Douglas

3rd/5th – 3 pts. – Kalyan Jaipurjar

Dean Ward

Steve Karpik

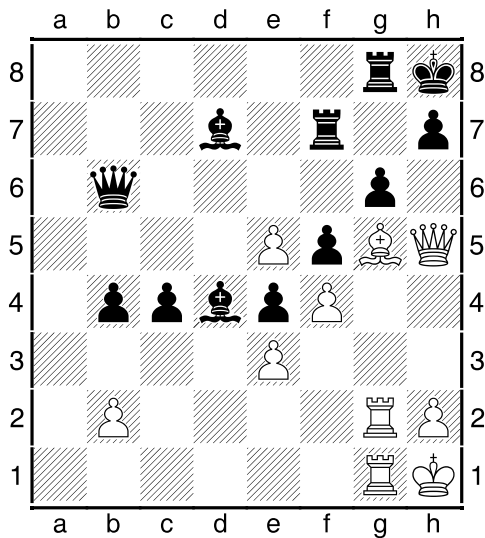
In Rd. 2 in the Open Section, on Bd. 1 , Oscar Villalobos put up a valiant fight against current Club Champion, Erwin Casareno. Erwin went up a P when Oscar sacked it for development. Then Oscar built a K-side attack and won the exchange, but Erwin now had 2 P's compensation. Erwin then threatened to win back the exchange, and go up a number of P's, and Oscar resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Villalobos, Oscar (1863) – Casareno, Erwin (2220) [D02]

SCC Early Summer Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (2), 15.05.2008

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6?!± [3...Nbd7?! 4.e3 Nh5 5.Be5 f6 6.Bg3 g6±; 3...Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Nc6=] 4.e3 Nbd7 [4...Bd6 5.Ne5 0-0±] 5.Nbd2 [5.Nc3?! Bb4 6.Bd3 c5=; 5.Bd3 Be7 6.Nfd2 0-0 7.0-0 c5±] 5...Be7 6.Ne5 c5 7.c3 0-0 [7...Qb6 8.Rb1 cxd4 9.exd4 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Qh5 Qa5±] 8.Bd3 Nxe5 9.dxe5?!= [9.Bxe5 Nd7 10.Bf4 Nf6±] 9...Nd7 10.Qh5 g6 11.Qg4 f5 12.Qe2 Oscar's first attempt at a K-side attack is repulsed **12...c4 13.Bc2 Nc5 [13...g5 14.Bg3**

Nc5=] **14.Bh6 Rf7 15.f4** [15.Nf3 Bd7 16.0-0 Qc7=] **15...Bd7 16.Nf3 Qb6 17.Rb1** [17.0-0-0 Ba4 18.Bxa4 Nxa4=] **17...Qa5 18.Nd4?!?** Oscar should not sac the P. For the first time in the game, Erwin gets the advantage [18.Ra1 Qb5 19.b3 Ne4 20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.Ng5 Bxg5 22.Bxg5 Qa5=] **18...Qxa2** Erwin goes up a P **19.0-0 Qa5?!=** [19...Qa6 20.Kh1 Ne4 21.g4 Kh8?] **20.Kh1 b5 21.g4** Oscar launches his second attempt at a K-side attack **21...Qb6 22.Rg1 Kh8 23.Qf3?!?** [23.gxf5 exf5 24.Bg5 Bxg5 25.Rxg5 b4=] **23...Ne4 24.Rg2 b4 25.Qh3?!?** Oscar continues to move his pieces into better attacking positions, but Erwin gets a " clear " advantage now [25.gxf5 exf5 26.cxb4 Bxb4?] **25...a5?!?** Erwin plays to create a passed P on the Q-side [25...b3 26.Bd1 a5 27.Bf3 a4 28.gxf5 exf5 29.Bxe4 dxe4?] **26.Rbg1?!?** more artillery to the K-side [26.gxf5 exf5 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Rbg1 bxc3 29.bxc3 a4?] **26...Rg8?!?** Erwin is losing his advantage [26...Bc5 27.gxf5 exf5 28.Bg5 Raf8?] **27.gxf5 exf5 28.Bxe4 dxe4 29.cxb4?!?** it is likely somewhat better (and definitely more fun) for Oscar to continue his attack (29.Qh5) [29.Bg5 bxc3 (29...Bc5? 30.Qh4 Rgf8 31.Rg3 bxc3 32.bxc3 Ba4±) 30.bxc3 Bxg5 31.Rxg5 a4?; 29.Qh5! bxc3? a) 29...gxh5?? 30.Rxg8#; b) 29...Bc8?!= 30.Bg5 Bxg5 (30...gxh5?? 31.Bf6+ Rfg7 32.Bxg7+ Rxg7 33.Rxg7 Qd8 34.Nc6 Qe8 35.Rg8+ Qxg8 36.Rxg8+ Kxg8 37.Nxe7+ Kf8 38.Nxc8 bxc3 39.bxc3 a4 40.e6 a3 41.e7+ Ke8 42.Nd6+ Kxe7 43.Nxf5+ Kf6 44.Nd4 a2 45.Nc2 Kg6 46.Kg1 h4 47.h3 Kf7 48.Kf2 Kf6 49.Ke2 Kf5+- 7.97) 31.Qxg5 bxc3 32.bxc3 a4=; 30.bxc3 a4 31.Qe2? (31.e6?? Bxe6 32.Qe2+ - 2.77 (32.Rxg6?? Rxg6 33.Rxg6 hxg6 34.Qxg6 Qb1+ 35.Kg2 Qb2+ 36.Kh1 Qc1+ 37.Kg2 Qd2+ 38.Kh1 Qd1+ 39.Kg2 a3 40.Nxe6 Qf3+ 41.Kg1 Qxe3+ 42.Kg2 Qe2+ 43.Kg1 Qg4+ 44.Qxg4 fxg4+- 18.18) 32...Bd5+- - 2.78) 31...Be6? Erwin would be up a P (passed aP)] **29...axb4 30.Qh5?!?** this move is no longer good now. Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [30.Rc1 Be6 31.Bg5 Bxg5 32.Rxg5 Rd7?] **30...Bc5 31.Bg5 Bxd4** Erwin temporarily goes up a B + P



32.Bf6+?!- though winning the exchange, this move is inferior. Erwin gets a " winning " advantage. [32.exd4 Qxd4 33.Rd1 e3! 34.Rxd4 gxh5 35.Kg1 Rg6 36.Rxc4 Be6 37.Rc1 (37.Rxb4 Rc7 38.h3 Bd5 39.Bf6+ Kg8 40.Rxg6+ hxg6 41.Kf1 Bf3?) 37...Rd7?] **32...Rxf6 33.exf6 Qxf6?-+ - 2.58** [33...Bxf6 34.Rxg6 Rxg6 35.Rxg6 Qd8 36.Rg1 Be6+- - 4.23] **34.exd4** Oscar is up the exchange, but Erwin has 2 P's compensation **34...Bc6** the g2R is lost **35.d5?!-** - 5.65 [35.Qe2 Qxd4 36.Rd1 Qc5 37.Rc1 c3 38.bxc3 bxc3 39.Qe1 e3+- - 4.30] **35...Bxd5** Erwin has 3 P's compensation for being down the exchange **36.Rd2??-+ - 21.43** [36.Qe2 e3 37.Qxe3 Qxb2 38.h3 Bxg2+ 39.Rxg2 Qb1+ 40.Kh2 Qe4+- - 7.62] **36...Bc6??-+ - 9.55** Erwin misses the win of the Q [36...gxh5 37.Rxd5 e3+- - 21.63] **37.Qh3** - 12.58 [37.Rdg2 Qxb2 38.Qh3 e3 39.Qxe3 Ra8 40.h4 Qf6 41.Rd1 Ra2 42.Qd4 Qxd4 43.Rxd4 Rxg2 44.Rd8+ Kg7 45.Rc8 Be4+- - 22.39] **37...e3+ 38.Rdg2 Re8 39.Re1 39...Qxb2+- - 14.43 0-1**

In Rd. 2, new member Uwe Hahnwald had the advantage for most of the game, against Yibing Fan, in the 1700 & Over section. He eventually went up a B and later

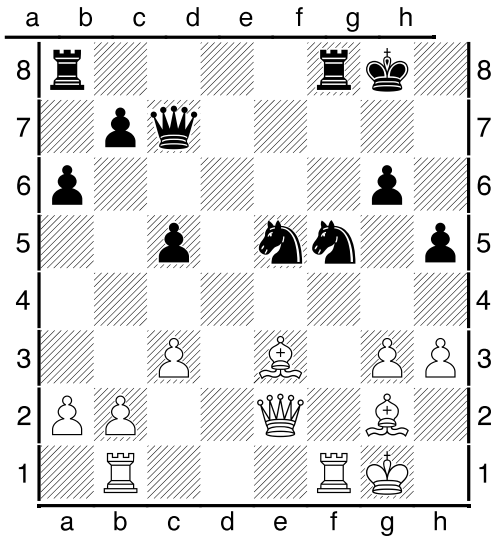
threatened to win more material, and Yibing resigned. It so happens that Uwe is blind and his way of playing sighted opponents is interesting. He has his own board with holes in the squares, and pieces with a peg on the bottom that allows them to stick into the hole. His board and the normal board are set up side by side, and he sits behind his board on the one side, and his opponent sits behind the regular board on the other side. A regular clock is used. When either player makes a move, they say the move out loud. Uwe has a small cassette, and he says the move into the cassette, and that is how he records his game. He has a voice computer at home that can then convert the audio tape into his Shredder chess program. Uwe is allowed to feel the pieces on his board to assist him so he is not having to follow the game only in his memory. We set he and Yibing up in the back corner of the playing hall, so their saying of the moves out loud would not be disturbing to other players. The system works very well, and it appears Uwe will fit right into the Open section. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hahnewald, Uwe – Fan, Yibing (1822) [B24]

SCC Early Summer Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (2), 15.05.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 1...c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3= [3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Be2 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 e6±] 3...d6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.f4 Bg4 6.Nf3 e6?!± [6...g6 7.h3 Be6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Bg7=] 7.0-0 Nd4 8.d3 Qc7 9.Be3 h5 10.h3?± Yibing gets a " clear " advantage [10.Bxd4 cxd4 11.Ne2 h4 12.Nxh4 d5=] 10...Bxf3?± [10...Nxf3+ 11.Rxf3! Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Be7±] 11.Bxf3 g6?!± now Uwe gets the " clear " advantage [11...0-0-0 12.Bxd4 cxd4 13.Ne2 d5±] 12.Bg2 Bg7 13.Qd2?!± [13.Nb1 Nc6 14.c3 0-0-0±] 13...Nd7?!± [13...0-0-0?!±; 13...h4 14.g4 Nxc4! 15.hxg4 h3 16.Bh1 h2+ 17.Kg2 0-0-0±] 14.Rab1?!± [14.Nb1 h4 15.g4 f5 16.g5 Nb6±] 14...a6?!± [14...f5 15.h4 Qa5 16.e5 dxe5 17.Bxb7 Rb8 18.Bg2 0-0±] 15.Nd1 Nc6 16.c3 f5 17.d4?± [17.Nf2 0-0 18.Rbe1 Rae8±] 17...Ne7?± [17...h4 18.b4 cxd4 19.cxd4 hxg3=] 18.Bf2?± [18.Nf2 cxd4 19.cxd4 Nf6 20.d5 fxe4 21.dxe6 d5±] 18...Bh6?± [18...h4 19.g4 fxg4 20.hxg4 h3 21.Bf3 d5=] 19.Ne3?!± [19.exf5 gxf5 20.Qe2 h4 21.g4 fxg4 22.Qxg4 Nf8±] 19...e5?± Uwe gets a " winning " advantage [19...fxe4 20.d5 e5 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxe4 Qd7 23.Kg2 0-0±] 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.fxe5?!± [21.Nc4 exf4 22.Qd6 Qxd6 23.Nxd6+ Kf8 24.gxf4 Bxf4 25.Nxb7 g5+-] 21...Nxe5?!+- [21...h4 22.e6 Nf6 23.g4 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Rd8 25.Bd5 f4 26.Nc4 Rxd5 27.Qc2 b5 28.Nd2 Bg7±] 22.Qe2?!± [22.exf5 Nxf5 23.Rfe1 (23.Rbe1?! 0-0 24.Qd5+ Kh7±) 23...Kf8+-] 22...0-0?!+- [22...0-0 23.exf5 gxf5± (23...Bxe3?! 24.Bxe3 gxf5+-)] 23.exf5 Bxe3 1.96 [23...Nxf5 24.Nxf5 Rxf5 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Rg5 27.Be3 Re8 28.Bd5+ Kg7 29.Bxg5 Bxg5+- 1.54] 24.Bxe3 Nxf5 3.49 [24...Rxf5 25.g4 Rf7 26.Bf4 Rxf4 27.Rxf4 hxg4 28.hxg4 g5 29.Rf6 N7g6+- 3.54; 24...gxf5 25.Qxh5 N5g6 26.Qg5 Rf7+- 3.65]

Position after 24...Nxf5



25.Bf4 pinning the luckless N **25...Rae8** **26.Rbe1 c4** **27.Bxe5** Uwe goes up a B **27...Qc5+** **28.Kh2 h4?+-** 6.89 [28...Rf7 29.b4 cxb3 30.axb3 Rfe7 31.b4 Qc8 32.Qa2+ Kh7+- 4.57] **29.g4 Ng3** **30.Rxf8+ Qxf8** 11.05 [30...Rxf8 31.Qd1 Nf1+ 32.Bxf1 Rxf1 33.Rxf1 Qxe5+ 34.Kh1 Qe4+ 35.Qf3 Qxf3+ 36.Rxf3 Kg7+- 11.04] **31.Qf3?+-** 6.87 [31.Qxc4+ Kh7 32.Qd4 Rd8 33.Qf4 Re8+- 8.97] **31...Qc5??+-** 21.26 loses the exchange, due to a mate threat [31...Qxf3 32.Bxf3 Rd8 33.Bf4 b5+- 8.35] **32.Qf6+-** 21.26 Yibing resigned. He must lose more material **32...Rxe5** **33.Qxg6+ Kf8** **34.Qf6+ Kg8** **35.Rxe5 Qxe5** **36.Qxe5+-** 27.41 **1-0**

In Rd. 2 in the U 1700 section, new junior, Ali Tajadod, gave club secretary Steve Karpik (left front)



a run for his money. Ali had the advantage in the opening, and went up a P. But Steve got an attack going against Ali's King, and he won a bishop. He then trapped Ali's Queen, for a Knight. A strong attack against Ali's King finished the game off, with a mate. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Tajadod, Alireza – Karpik, Steve (1565) [B08]

SCC Early Summer Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (2), 15.05.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted. **1...d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 Nxe4 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.Nxe4 Rf8 8.c4?!=** [8.h4 d5 9.Nc3 Bf5 (9...c5?! 10.dxc5 d4 11.Ne2 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxc5±; 9...Nc6?! 10.h5 Bf5±) 10.h5 Nc6±] **8...Kg8 9.Qb3 Qe8 10.Be3?!#** [10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 h6=] **10...c6?±** [10...Nc6 11.0-0-0 Na5 12.Qb4 b6#] **11.0-0-0?!=** Ali should attack right away [11.h4 a5 12.a4 Na6 13.h5 gxh5±] **11...Kh8?±** Ali gets a " clear " advantage [11...a5 12.a4 h6 13.h4 Be6=] **12.Rdg1?#** again, an immediate assault was best [12.h4 h6 13.h5 g5 14.c5 Bf5 15.Nfxg5! hxg5 16.Nxg5 Bf6±] **12...b5 13.Nfd2?+#** Steve gets a " winning " advantage [13.c5?! a5 14.h4 Bf5 15.Ng3 a4 16.Qa3 dxc5 17.dxc5 Na6#; 13.cxb5 Bf5 14.Ng3 Qc8 15.Nxf5 cxb5+ 16.Qc2 gxf5=] **13...bxc4 14.Qc3** [14.Qxc4?? d5 15.Qa4 dx4+] **14...c5 15.Qxc4 Ba6 16.Qd5 Nc6 17.dxc5** Ali goes up a P **17...Qc8** [17...Nb4 18.Qb3 Nd3+ 19.Kd1 Rb8 20.Qa3 Nxb2+ 21.Ke1 Qb5+ – 10.32] **18.Kb1?!-+ – 6.23** this allows some tactics to Bl. [18.Ng5 Ne5 19.h4 Rb8+ – 1.88] **18...Nb4?+# – 5.10** Steve plays a weaker line [18...Rb8 19.b3 (19.Bh6? Bxh6 20.cxd6 Nb4 21.Rc1 Nxd5 22.Rxc8 Rfx8+ – 12.86; 19.Nc3 Bxc3+ – 11.45) 19...Nb4 20.Qd4 Bxd4 21.Bxd4+ Kg8+ – 11.20] **19.Qg5?+# – 23.15** this is a blunder and leaves W's K wide open to Bl's attack [19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Qa3 Bd3+ 21.Kc1 Bxe4 22.Nxe4 Qe6+ – 9.55] **19...Bd3+ 20.Ka1** [20.Kc1 Qa6 21.Bd4 Bxd4+ and it is mate in 9 moves] **20...Nc2?+# – 23.15** the obvious way is not the best [20...Qa6 21.Nc3 Bxc3 22.Qd5 Nc2+ 23.Kb1 Nxe3+ 24.Ka1 Nxd5+ and it is mate in 6 moves] **21.Kb1 Nxe3?+# – 9.16** Steve is up B vs P [21...Qa6 22.Kc1 Nb4 23.Qg4 Qxa2+ – 31.61] **22.Kc1 Nf5 23.g4 – 14.96** unbelievably, W's position is so bad that allowing the Q to be trapped is the best play [23.Qg4? Rb8 24.b4 Rxb4 – 29.61; 23.Qf4? Qa6+ – 15.98] **23...Bh6?+# – 11.01** how can trapping a queen not be best? [23...Qa6! 24.Rg3 Nxg3 25.Qd5 Ne2+ 26.Kd1 Nf4+ – 29.70] **24.h4?+# – 14.74** [24.gxf5 Bxg5 25.Rxg5 Qc6+ – 12.34] **24...Bxg5 25.gxf5?+# – 24.77** Steve is up Q vs P [25.hxg5 Rb8! 26.Rh3 (26.gxf5? Rxf5 27.Nc3 Rxc5 28.Ndb1 Bxb1 29.Kxb1 Rxc3+ and it is mate in 8 moves) 26...Bxe4 27.Nxe4 Qb7+ – 18.96] **25...Bxd2+ 26.Nxd2??+#** leads to mate [26.Kxd2 Bxe4+ – 33.05] **26...dxc5?+# – 15.26** Steve misses the mate. Steve is up a Q [26...Qxc5+ 27.Nc4 Qxf2 28.Rh2 Qxh2 29.Rg2 Qxg2 30.Ne3 Rac8+ 31.Kd1 Qe2#] **27.Rd1 gxf5?+# – 19.30** Steve is up Q + P [27...Bxf5 28.Rh3 Bxh3 29.a3 Qa6+ – 40.29] **28.h5 – 21.17** [28.Nb1? Rb8 29.Rd2 Qa6+ – 23.81] **28...Qa6 29.h6??+#** leads to a quick mate [29.Rh3 Rfd8 30.Rxd3 Qxd3+ and it is mate in 8 moves] **29...Qxa2?+#** Steve goes up Q + 2 P's; it is mate in 7 moves [slightly faster is 29...Qa4 30.Nb3 Qc4+ 31.Kd2 Qc2+ 32.Ke3 Qe2+ 33.Kf4 Rg8 34.Rxd3 Qe4#] **30.f4?+#** leads to a faster mate [30.Rhg1 Rab8 31.Nb3 Rxb3 32.Rg8+ Rxg8 33.Kd2 Qxb2+ 34.Ke3 Qe2+ 35.Kf4 e5#] **30...Qa1+ 31.Nb1 Qxb1+ 32.Kd2 Qc2+ 33.Ke3 Qe2# 0-1**

In Rd. 3, two miniatures (usually considered 20 moves or less) took place on the first two boards in the Open Section. On Bd. 1, Erwin Casareno (on left)

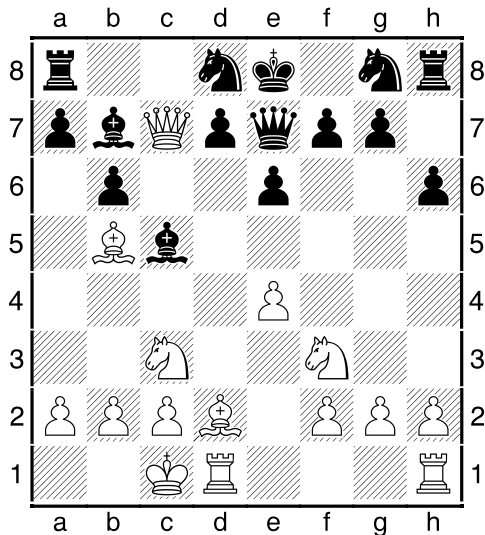


got a devastating attack against Alex Ferreira's King, left in the centre of the back rank. Alex lost his Queen, and then his King ! This win put Erwin into a tie for first. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Casareno, Erwin (2220) – Ferreira, Alex (1993) [B23]
 SCC Early Summer Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (3), 22.05.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 1...c5 2.Nc3 e6 [2...Nc6±] 3.d4 [3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6±] 3...cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qe3 [5.Qd3?! d5 6.exd5 Nb4 7.Qe2 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5=] 5...b6 [5...Nf6 6.Bd3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5±] 6.Bd2 Bb7 7.0-0 Bc5?!± Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [7...a6 8.Nf3 d6 9.Kb1 Nf6±] 8.Qg3 Qf6?!+- Erwin gets a " winning " advantage [8...Nf6! 9.e5 Nh5 10.Qg4 g6±] 9.Nf3 h6?+- 2.71 [9...Qg6 10.Qc7 Bc8 11.h4 h5+- 1.46] 10.Qc7 Nd8 11.Bb5 Qe7?+- 4.65 setting up a nice tactical display for Erwin, leading to loss of the Q [11...Bc6 12.Ne5 Ne7 13.Bxc6 dxc6+- 3.72]

Position after 11...Qe7?



12.Bxh6! Rxh6?+- 6.96 [12...Rc8 13.Qg3 Rxh6 14.Rxd7 Kf8 15.Rhd1 Nf6 16.Rxe7 Bxe7+- 4.36] 13.Rxd7 Qxd7??+- a blunder in a lost position – leads to mate in 2 moves [13...Kf8 14.Rhd1 g5 15.Rxe7 (15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.Rxd8+ Kg7 17.Qb8 Rh8 18.Rd7 Qf6 19.Rxb7 Bxf2+- 6.30) 15...Bxe7+- 6.63] 14.Qxd7+- Alex resigned. It is mate 14...Kf8 15.Qe8# 1-0

Also in Rd. 3 in the Open Section, a miniature saw

John Hall (on left)



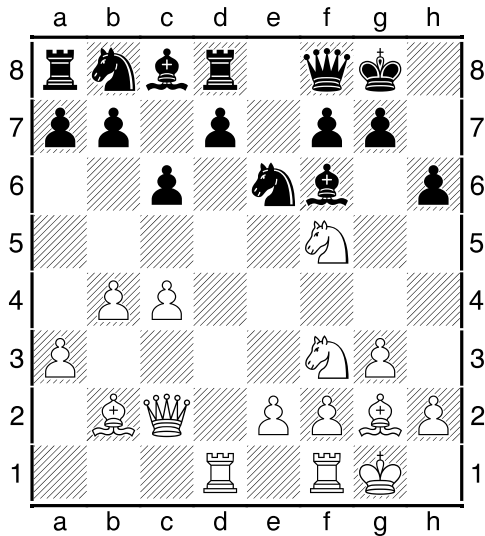
defeat new member Tyler Longo. John won the hP in front of Tyler's K, and then threatened to give him doubled, isolated fP's , exposing his K. Tyler resigned, though only materially down a pawn. This win put John into a tie for first with Erwin. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, John (2128) – Longo, Tyler (1933) [A51]

SCC Early Summer Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (3), 22.05.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ne4?!± Tyler picks an inferior line of the gambit [3...Ng4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Qd5 d6 6.Bg5 Qd7 7.exd6 Nb4 8.Qd1 Bxd6= John would be up the gambitted P] **4.a3?!=** [4.Nd2 Nc5 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.g3 d6±] **4...Qh4?±** aggressive but not best; John gets a " clear " advantage [4...Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Qd5 Bf5=] **5.g3 Qh5 6.Bg2 Qxe5** material equality – Tyler gets back the gambitted P **7.Nf3?!±** [7.Qc2 Nf6 8.Bf4 Qc5 9.b4 Qd4 10.Ra2 d6±] **7...Qf6?!±** [7...Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.0-0 d6±] **8.Qc2 Nc5 9.Nc3 h6?!+–** John gets a " winning " advantage [9...Qg6 10.e4 d6 11.Be3 c6 12.b4 Nca6±] **10.Nd5 Qd8 11.b4 Ne6 12.Bb2 c6 13.Ne3** [13.Nh4! h5 (13...cxd5? 14.cxd5 Qc7 15.Qe4 Qb6 16.Rc1 Na6 17.dxe6 dxe6+– 3.74) 14.Ne3 d6+– 2.22] **13...Be7?!+–** 2.03 [13...a5 14.0-0 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Bxa1 Bxb4+– 1.53] **14.Nf5 0-0 15.Rd1 Bf6 16.Nd6 Qe7** 2.77 [16...Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Na6 18.0-0 Nac7+– 2.63] **17.0-0 Rd8?+–** 3.97 [17...Na6 18.Rd3 c5 19.b5 Nac7+– 2.87] **18.Nf5 Qf8**

Position after 18...Qf8



19.Nxh6+!+- 3.48 John goes up a P. Tyler resigned. The game could have continued **19...Kh8 20.Rd6 Na6 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.Nf5 Nac7 23.Qe4 Ne8 24.Qh4+ Kg8+-** 7.50 Tyler is only down a P, but his K is exposed and he has doubled, isolated fP's. As well his Q-side R & B are undeveloped and not easy to develop. He is definitely in trouble. **1-0**

In Rd. 3 in the U 1700 section, Masoud Jizan held the advantage against Steve Douglas for the first half of the game. But then Steve got the advantage and never gave it up. He went on a K-hunt that chased Masoud's King all across the board (though he missed some mates and winning some pieces on the way). Eventually Masoud resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Jizan, Masoud (1626) – Douglas, Steve (1550) [B08]

SCC Early Summer Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (3), 22.05.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 Pirc Defense **5.e5?!=** [5.Be2 c6 (5...c5? 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.0-0 Qxc5±) 6.0-0 0-0±] **5...dxe5 6.Nxe5** [6.dxe5? Qxd1+ 7.Nxd1 Ng4 8.Bf4 Nc6=] **6...0-0 7.Bc4 Nc6** [7...Nfd7 8.Bxf7+ Rxf7 9.Nxf7 Kxf7=] **8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Be3?!±** [9.0-0 Qd6 10.Ne2 c5 11.Bf4 Qb6=] **9...Ng4 10.Qf3** [10.Qe2 e5 11.d5 Nxe3 12.Qxe3 Qh4±] **10...Nxe3?!=** [10...e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Qf4 Nxc4 13.Qxc4 Rb8±] **11.fxe3 Qd6?±** Masoud gets a " clear " advantage [11...Rb8 12.0-0-0 e5=] **12.0-0 Qb4?!+-** this loses a P; Masoud gets a " winning " advantage [12...Bf5 13.Ne4 Bxe4 14.Qxe4 Rab8±] **13.Bxf7+** Masoud goes up a P **13...Kh8 14.Qxc6** Masoud goes up 2 P's **14...Bb7 15.Qxc7?!±** Masoud goes up 3 P's [15.Nd5 Bxc6 16.Nxb4 Bd7+-] **15...Rac8 16.Qg3?=-** this loses the exchange, and Masoud loses his advantage [16.Qd7? Ba6 17.Nd5 Qxb2 18.Rab1 Qa3 19.Qxa7 Rxc2=; 16.Qf4 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qxb2 18.Qe4 (18.Ne4? Rxc2+ 19.Nf2 e5=) 18...Qxc3± Masoud would be up a P] **16...Ba6 17.Bb3** [17.Nd5 Qb7 18.Qg5 Bxf1 (18...Qxb2? 19.Rfb1 Qxc2 20.Qxe7 Qf5±) 19.Rxf1 Rxc2 20.Nxe7 Rxg2+ 21.Qxg2 Qxe7=] **17...Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Bxf1 19.Kxf1** Steve is up the exchange, with Masoud having 3 P's compensation **19...Rf8+ 20.Ke1 Qa5?!±** [20...e5 21.d5 Rf5=] **21.Qg4** [21.Kd2 e5 22.d5 Qb4±] **21...Qa6 22.Qe2** [22.Kd2 Qa5 23.Qe4 e5±] **22...Qd6 23.g3 Qb4?+-** Masoud gets back a " winning " advantage [23...Bh6 24.Kd1 e6 25.Ne4 Qc6 26.Qd3 Rf3±; 23...e5 24.d5 a5 25.Kd1 Bh6 26.g4 Qe7±] **24.Qc4?=-** and then loses it again [24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.Nxb5 a5 26.Be6 Rb8 27.a4 Rb6+-] **24...Qa5?±** [24...Qb7 25.Qd5 Qa6 26.Kd2 Qf1=] **25.e4?±** now Steve gets the advantage [25.Qe6 Qg5 26.Bd5 Qh5±] **25...Qg5** [25...e5 26.Qb5 Qd8 27.d5 Qf6±] **26.Ne2?+-** Steve gets a " winning " advantage

[26.Qd3 e5 27.Ne2 exd4] **26...Qe3 27.e5?+-** - 11.00 [27.Qc5 e5 28.Bc4 exd4 29.Qd5 Qf2+ 30.Kd1 Qf1+ 31.Kd2 Bh6+ 32.Nf4 Qf2+ 33.Be2 Qe3+ 34.Ke1 Qc1+ 35.Bd1 Qxb2+- - 2.50] **27...Qf2+?!?** Steve misses his winning line [27...Bh6 28.Qc3 Qe4 29.Bd5 Qxd5 30.Nf4 Qh1+ 31.Ke2 Qxh2+ 32.Kd1 Bxf4 33.gxf4 Rxf4 34.Qe1 Rxd4+ 35.Kc1 Rg4-+] **28.Kd2??-+** this leads to mate [28.Kd1 Bh6 29.c3 Qf5] **28...Bh6+ 29.Kc3 Qe1+ 30.Kd3 Qd2??-+** Steve fails to continue to mate [30...Qd1+ 31.Ke4 Qh1+ 32.Kd3 Qf3#] **31.Ke4 Qe3+ 32.Kd5 Qf3+ 33.Ke6??-+** this leads to mate again, though the alternative is unpalatable as well [33.Kc5 Rc8+ 34.Kb4 Rxc4+ 35.Bxc4 Qh1+- - 4.89 Steve would be up Q vs N + 3 P's] **33...Qf5??-+** again Steve misses the mate [33...Rd8 34.h4 Kg7 35.Kxe7 Qf8+ 36.Ke6 Qe8#] **34.Kxe7?-+** - 12.55 Steve is up the exchange but Masoud has 4 P's compensation [34.Kd5 Rd8+ 35.Kc5 Rc8+ 36.Kb4 Rxc4+ 37.Bxc4 Qxc2+- - 6.70] **34...Bg5?+-** - 9.53 the K-hunt continues [34...Qg5+ 35.Kd7 Qd8+ 36.Kc6 Qb6+ 37.Kd5 Qb7+ 38.Qc6 Rd8+ 39.Ke4 Qxc6+- - 12.55] **35.Kd6 Rd8+ 36.Kc5 Rc8+?+-** - 3.80 winning a Q is not best ? [36...Be7+ 37.Kb5 Rb8+ 38.Ka6 Qd7 39.Nc3 Bb4 40.Qg8+ Rxc8 41.Bxc8 Kxc8+- - 10.51] **37.Kb4 Rxc4+ 38.Kxc4?+-** - 7.85 Steve is up Q vs N + 4 P's [38.Bxc4 Qxc2 39.b3 Qxa2+- - 5.74] **38...Qf2?+-** - 3.25 Steve misses winning the N [38...Qf1 39.Kd5 Qxe2+- - 9.43] **39.Nc3?+-** - 4.72 [39.Nf4 Bxf4 40.gxf4 Qxh2+- - 3.86] **39...Qxh2?+-** - 3.66 Steve is up Q vs N + 3 P's [39...Be3 40.e6 Qd2 41.Nb5 a6 42.Kc5 Qa5 43.Bc4 axb5 44.Bxb5 Qa7+ 45.Kb4 Qxd4+ 46.Kb3 Bc1+- - 8.12 Steve would be up Q vs 4 P's] **40.Ne4 Qe2+ 41.Kd5 Qb5+?!-+** - 4.50 [41...Qf3 42.c3 Bh6 43.Bc2 Qf7+ 44.Kc6 Qxa2+- - 5.04] **42.Nc5 Kg7?+-** - 3.00 [42...Be7 43.g4 Kg7 44.a3 Bxc5 45.a4 Qb4 46.dxc5 Kf8+- - 6.83] **43.c4 Qa5 44.Kd6?+-** - 6.91 [44.Ba4 Be7 45.Bb5 Qxa2+- - 4.75] **44...Qd8+ 45.Kc6 Qb6+?+-** - 3.31 [45...Kf7 46.Kb7 Be3 47.e6+ Ke7+- - 7.93] **46.Kd5?+-** - 4.79 [46.Kd7 Kf7 47.e6+ Kg7+- - 2.80] **46...Kf7 47.Ne4??-+** leads to mate [47.g4 Qd8+ 48.Ke4 Qc8+- - 6.04] **47...Qb7+ 48.Kc5 Qxe4??-+** - 15.01 Steve is up Q vs 3 P's, but misses the mate. Masoud resigned [48...Be7+ 49.Nd6+ Ke6 50.d5+ Kxe5 51.Ba4 Bxd6#] **0-1**

In Rd. 4 in the Open Section, the two co-leaders, Erwin Casareno (2007-8 Club Champion), and John Hall (winner of the last Spring Swiss), both undefeated, met head on. John got a winning advantage for the first half of the game, but then Erwin took over and went up 2 P's. Erwin managed to harass John's King, and eventually won his Rook. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, John (2128) – Casareno, Erwin (2220) [D10]

SCC Early Summer Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (4), 29.05.2008

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e5± not unusually, Fritz is not OK with this gambit [3...dxc4?! 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 b5 6.a4 b4±; 3...Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7=] **4.dxe5** John goes up the gambitted P [4.cxd5 cxd5 5.dxe5 d4 6.Nb1 Nc6=] **4...d4 5.Ne4 Qa5+ 6.Bd2 Qxe5** material equality **7.Ng3 Nf6 8.Nf3 Qd6 9.Qc2 Be7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Bc3 c5 12.e3 Qa6 13.exd4 cxd4?!±** John gets a " clear " advantage [13...Qxa2 14.dxc5 Nc6 15.Bd3 Be6±] **14.Nxd4 Qxa2 15.Bd3?!±** [15.Ndf5 Bxf5 16.Nxf5 Nc6±] **15...Nc6 16.Ndf5 Bxf5** [16...Bb4 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qb1 Qa5 19.Ne3 h6±] **17.Nxf5 Bd8?+-** John gets a " winning " advantage [17...Bb4 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qb1 Qa4±] **18.b3?!±** [18.Qd2 Ng4 19.Bxc7 Re8 20.Bc3 Re6+-] **18...Qa3+ 19.Qb2 Qc5?!+-** [19...Qxb2+ 20.Kxb2 Ng4 21.Rhf1 Nxh2 22.Rh1 Ng4 23.Nxc7 Bf6 24.Bxf6 Nxf6 25.Nh5 Ng4±] **20.b4 Qb6 21.c5** [21.b5 Na5 22.g4 Qc7+-] **21...Qc7 22.Nd6?±** John loses his advantage, and now Erwin gets the advantage [22.Kb1 a5 23.b5 Nb4 24.Qc1 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 Ne4 26.Bxc7 Re8+-] **22...a5 23.Nb5?!±** [23.bxa5 Nxa5 24.Qb5 Nd7 25.Kb1 Nxc5±] **23...Qf4+ 24.Bd2?!-+** this loses the fP; Erwin gets a " winning " advantage [24.Qd2 Qh4 25.g3 Qh5 26.Be2 Qh3±] **24...Qxf2** Erwin goes up a P **25.Rdf1 Nxb4?!±** Erwin goes up 2 P's [25...Qxg2 26.Nd6 axb4 27.Rhg1 Qd5-+] **26.Bxb4?!-+** - 1.49 [26.Bxh7+ Nxh7 27.Rxf2 Nd3+ 28.Kc2 Nxb2 29.Kxb2 Bf6+ 30.Kb1 Be5±; 26.Rxf2?? Nxd3+ 27.Kc2 Nxb2 28.Kxb2 Ne4 29.Re2 Nxc5+- - 3.09] **26...Qxb2+ 27.Kxb2 axb4 28.Nd6 b6** [28...Bc7 29.Bc4 Bxd6 30.cxd6 Ne4 31.d7 Nd6-+] **29.cxb6?+-** - 2.34 [29.c6 Ra3 30.Be2 Nd5+- - 1.47] **29...Bxb6 30.Bc4 Bc5 31.Nf5?+-** - 3.42 [31.Rd1 Ng4 32.Ne4 Be7+- - 2.24] **31...g6 32.Ng3 Kg7?+-** - 2.70 [32...Bd4+ 33.Kb3 Bc3 34.Ne2 Ra3+ 35.Kc2 Be5+- - 4.68] **33.Rf4?+-** - 4.35 [33.Rd1 Ra3 34.Bb3 Re8 35.Rhe1 Bd4+ 36.Rxd4 Rxe1+- - 3.50] **33...Bd6**

34.Rf3 Ra3?+- - 2.81 [34...Rfc8 35.Ba2 Be5+ 36.Kb1 Rd8 37.Re3 Ng4 38.Rxe5 Nxe5+- - 6.60]
 35.Re1 Rxf3?+- - 2.39 [35...Ng4 36.Rxa3 bxa3+ 37.Ka2 Rb8+- - 3.54] 36.gxf3 h5 37.Kb3?+- -
 3.09 [37.Rd1 Bf4 38.Kb3 h4 39.Nf1 Rb8+- - 2.04] 37...Ra8 38.Rd1?+- - 6.29 [38.Kc2 Ra3
 39.Bb3 Nd7 40.Rd1 Nc5 41.Rxd6 Rxb3+- - 3.31] 38...Ra3+ 39.Kb2 Be5+ 40.Kb1 b3 41.Kc1
 Ra1+ 42.Kd2 b2 43.Bd3 Bf4+ 44.Kc2 Rc1++ - 8.14 John resigned. He must lose his R -
 45.Kxb2 Rxd1-+ Erwin would be up R + P 0-1

In Rd. 4 in the Open Section, your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong,



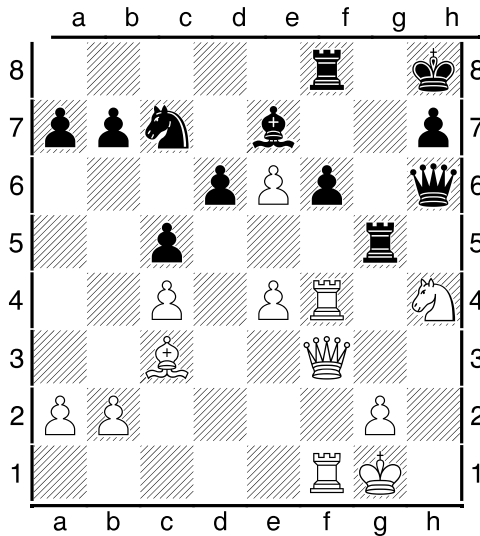
got a fine game against Randy Moysoski, developing a strong K-side attack, with a queen-sac, and ending up up a B and P. But alas I could not win in the time remaining, and had to offer a draw, which Randy accepted. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Armstrong, Robert (1813) – Moysoski, Randy (1867) [A56]

SCC Early Summer Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (4), 29.05.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5?!± [3...g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.e4 Qa5=] 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Na6 6.Be2
 Be7 7.f4 Nd7?!± I get a " clear " advantage [7...exf4 8.Bxf4 0-0 9.Nf3 Re8±] 8.Nf3 f6?!+- I get a "
 winning " advantage [8...Bh4+ 9.g3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0±] 9.fxe5?± [9.f5 0-0 10.a3 g6 11.Be3 gxf5
 12.exf5 Kh8+-] 9...Nxe5?!± [9...fxe5 10.0-0 0-0±] 10.0-0 Ng6 11.Qe1 0-0 12.h4?!± [12.a3 b6
 13.Rb1 f5±] 12...Bg4 13.Qg3 Qd7 14.Nh2 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Kh8?!± [15...Ne5 16.h5 Rae8 17.h6 g6
 18.Nf3 Qg4±] 16.h5 Ne5 17.Nf4! offering to sac the cP 17...Qe8?!+- 1.60 [17...Nc7 18.Nf3 Qg4
 19.Qxg4 Nxc4±; 17...Nxc4?! 18.Ng6+! Kg8 (18...hxc6?? 19.hxc6 Kg8 20.Qh4 Qh3 21.Qxh3 Rfc8
 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8#) 19.Nxf8 Rxf8+- 2.19] 18.Nf3! again offering to sac the cP 18...g5 2.04
 [18...Nxc4 19.Ng6+! Kg8 (19...hxc6?? 20.hxc6 Kg8 21.Qg4 f5 22.Qh5 Qxg6 23.Qxg6 Rf6 24.Qh5
 fxe4 25.Ng5 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Bxg5 27.Bxg5 e3+- 10.71) 20.Nxf8 Bxf8+- 1.82] 19.hxc6 Nxc6
 20.Ne6 Rg8 21.Qh3 Nf8 22.Bd2 Nxe6 23.dxe6 Qg6 2.51 [23...Nc7 24.Ng5 Rxg5 25.Bxg5 Qg6
 (25...fxg5?? 26.Rf7 Qxf7 27.exf7 Bf8+- 12.18) 26.Bd2 Rg8+- 2.23] 24.Bc3?± I offer a 2 P sac (
 e4 & c4) [24.Ng5! Raf8 (24...fxg5?? 25.Bc3+ Rg7 26.Rf7 Nc7 27.Rxg7 Qxg7 28.Bxg7+ Kxg7+-
 10.16) 25.Nf7+ Rxf7 26.exf7 Qxf7+- 2.54] 24...Raf8?!+- 2.60 [24...Qg4 25.Kh2 Qxh3+ 26.Kxh3
 Nc7±; 24...Qxe4? 25.Nh4 Rg4 26.Rae1 Rxh4 27.Rxe4 Rxh3 28.gxh3 Rf8+- 3.16] 25.Nh4 Qh5
 26.Rf4?+- 2.17 [26.Rf3 Nc7 27.Raf1 Rg7 28.Rxf6! Rxf6 29.Bxf6 Bxf6 30.Rxf6 Rg8+- 4.97]
 26...Rg5?+- 2.95 [26...Nc7 27.Kh2 Qh6 28.Raf1 Bd8+- 2.25] 27.Raf1 the pressure on f6 is
 getting intense 27...Qh6 28.Qf3 Nc7

Position after 28...Nc7



29.Rxf6! I sac the R and go up a P **29...Rxf6 30.Qxf6+?+-** 2.42 I sac my Q, which is OK, but not best. I had only 5 min. left, and Randy had 11 min.. [30.Bxf6+ Bxf6 31.Qxf6+ Qxf6 32.Rxf6 h5+- 4.66 I would be up a passed P on the 6th rank] **30...Bxf6 31.Rxf6** Randy is up Q vs B + P, but I am threatening mate **31...Qxf6** necessary to stop the mate [31...Qh5?? 32.Rf8#] **32.Bxf6+ Kg8 33.Bxg5 Nxe6** I am up a B **34.Be7 Kf7 35.Bxd6** I go up B + P **35...b6 36.Kf2 Ke8 37.Ke3 Kd7 38.e5 Nd4 39.Ke4 Ke6?+-** 8.19 [39...a5 40.Nf5 Ne6+- 7.52] **40.Bb8?+-** 5.91 [40.Nf3 Ne2 41.Ng5+ Kd7 42.Nxh7 Kc6+- 8.86] **40...Nc6 41.Bd6** 8.02 [41.Bc7? Na5 42.b3 Nc6+- 6.12] **41...a6** 8.02 [41...Nd4? 42.Nf3 Nc6 43.Ng5+ Kd7 44.Nxh7 Ke6+- 10.06] **42.Nf5+-** 7.30 I had 2 min. left, and Randy had 3 min.. I could not win in the time left. Randy is both a better and faster blitz player than I am. So I somewhat dejectedly offered a draw. Randy accepted (gentlemanly - he knew he could have blitzed me and likely won) ½-½

In Rd. 4 in the U 1700 section, junior Peter Xie gave Steve Douglas a hard time. The advantage went back and forth like a ping-pong ball, with both having winning chances. But eventually Steve was up the exchange, and going to win Peter's passed pawn on the 2nd rank, and Peter resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

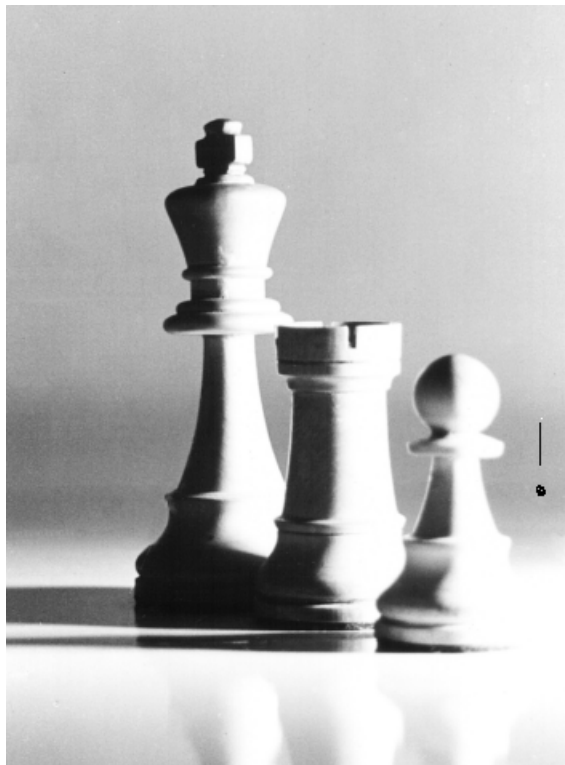
Douglas, Steve (1550) – Xie, Peter (1373) [C29]

SCC Early Summer Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (4), 29.05.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **1...e5 2.f4±** King's Gambit [2.Nf3±] **2...Bc5?!=** Fritz advises the gambit be accepted. [2...exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 Nc6 6.d4 Nxe5 7.dxe5 f3±; 2...Nc6?! 3.Nf3 exf4=] **3.Nf3 Nf6?±** Steve gets a " clear " advantage [3...d6 4.c3 Bb6=] **4.Nc3?=
[4.fxe5 Nxe4 5.d4 Be7±] 4...d5 [4...d6 5.Bc4 0-0 6.d3 c6=] 5.fxe5 Nxe4 6.d4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Be7
8.Bd3 Bg4?± [8...c5 9.0-0 c4 10.Be2 0-0=] 9.Bd2?=[9.Qd2 c5 10.Qf4 Qd7 11.Ng5 f6 12.Nxh7
fxe5 13.dxe5 Nc6±] 9...Bh4+ 10.g3 Be7 11.Qe2?!±** Peter gets the advantage [11.Rb1 b6 12.c4
dxc4 13.Bxc4 0-0=] **11...c5 12.c4?!±** Peter gets a " clear " advantage [12.h3 Be6 13.dxc5 Bxc5±]
12...0-0?± [12...Nc6 13.Qe3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Qxd4 cxd4±] 13.h4?+- Peter
gets a " winning " advantage [13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Be4 Qd7 15.d5 c4±] **13...dxc4?!± [13...Nc6 14.c3
dxc4 15.Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Bb1 f5 17.exf6 Rxf6-+] 14.Bxh7+!** material equality **14...Kh8 [14...Kxh7?
15.Qe4+ Kh8 16.Qxg4 Qd5=] 15.Be4 Qd7?=[15...cxd4 16.Bxb7 Nd7 17.Bxa8 (17.Qe4?! f5
18.Qxd4 (18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qxd4 Qc7 20.Bxa8 Rxa8-+ - 3.20) 18...Bc5 19.Qf4 Rb8 20.Bc6 Bxf3
21.Bxf3 Nxe5-+ - 2.91) 17...Qxa8±] 16.c3?!± [16.d5 f5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.c3 Qd6 19.0-0 Qxg3+**

20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Re8=] **16...cxd4 17.cxd4?!?** [17.Qxc4 dxc3 18.Bxc3 Rc8 19.Qd4 a5] **17...Bxf3?+-** a blunder allowing a K-side attack or a winning of the a8R; Steve now gets a "winning" advantage [17...Nc6 18.Bc3 f5 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.0-0-0 Rae8] **18.Qxf3 g6?+-** 6.44 [18...Kg8 19.Bxb7 Qxd4 20.Rd1 Nc6 21.Bf4 Nxe5 22.Rxd4 Nxf3+ 23.Bxf3 Rac8+- 3.20] **19.h5 g5 20.Bxb7?+-** 4.32 Steve goes up a P [20.Rb1 f5 21.Bxb7 Na6 22.Bxa8 Qxd4+- 6.63] **20...Qxd4** material equality **21.Bc3?+-** 1.85 [21.Rd1 Nc6 22.Bxa8 Nxe5 23.Qc3 Nd3+ 24.Kf1 Qf6+ 25.Qxf6+ Bxf6+- 5.21] **21...Bb4! 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Rd1?=-** Steve leaves his B hanging [23.Qxg5+ Kh8 24.Bxb4 Qxa1+ 25.Ke2 Qb2+ 26.Kf1 Qb1+ 27.Kg2 Qc2+ 28.Kh3 Nd7 29.Rf1 Qh7+- 7.76] **23...Bxc3+** Peter is up an N **24.Ke2 Qxe5?!±** Peter is up N + P [24...Qg4+ 25.Bf3 Nd7 26.Rxd7 Qxd7 (26...Bxe5 27.Qxe5 Qxd7 28.Qxg5+ Kh7 29.Be4+ f5 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Bxa8 Rxa8=) 27.Qxg5+ Kh8 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Qg5+=] **25.Qxe5 Bxe5 26.Bxa8** Steve is up the exchange, with Peter having a P compensation (passed and on the 4th rank) **26...Na6?!±** Steve gets a " clear " advantage [26...Bxg3 27.Bd5 c3 28.Rd3 Re8+ 29.Kd1 Be5±] **27.Bd5** [27.Rd5 f6 28.Bb7 Nb4 29.Rd7 Nxa2 30.Ba6 Nc3+ 31.Kf3 Kh8±] **27...c3 28.Rb1?!±** [28.Bb3 Bxg3 29.Rd7 Nc5 30.Rxa7 Nxb3 31.axb3 Rc8±] **28...Nc5** [28...Bxg3 29.Rhc1 Be5 30.Rb7 Nc7 31.Bb3 Kg7±] **29.Rhc1?±** Peter now gets the advantage [29.Rbf1?! Kh8 30.Rxf7 Rd8 31.Bc4 Rd2+ 32.Kf3 Rd4=; 29.Rb5 Rc8 30.Rf1 Kg7±] **29...Rc8?±** [29...Rd8 30.Bc4 Rd2+ 31.Kf3 Kg7±] **30.Rf1 Rc7?+-** Steve gets a " winning " advantage [30...Kg7 31.Rxf7+ Kh6 32.Bf3 Re8±] **31.Rf5 c2?+-** 2.68 [31...Bd6 32.Rbf1 Kh8+- 1.93] **32.Rxg5+** Steve is up the exchange [32.Rc1 Re7 33.Rxc2 Bxg3+ 34.Kf1 Bd6+-] **32...Kf8 33.Rc1 Nd7?+-** 3.74 [33...Re7 34.Kf1 Rd7 35.Bf3 Rd2 36.Rxe5 Nd3 37.Rxc2 Rxc2 38.Re3 Nc5+- 1.55] **34.Bb3+-** 3.75 **1-0**

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