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Anand 15th World Chess Champion !!

This eight-player double round robin took place in Mexico City from September 13 – 30, for the World Chess Champion title. Viswanathan Anand (India), highest rated player in the world, and perennially near the top for the last 15 years, finally

became World Champion (he had been World Champion Challenger in 1995, 2000 FIDE World Champion, and runner up in the 2005 FIDE San Luis World Championship previously). He finished with 9 pts., a full point ahead of the second place finishers, 14th world champion Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) and Boris Gelfand (Israel), with 8 pts (Kramnik takes second place on tie break).

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Here is the whole field and how they qualified for this championship: Viswanathan Anand (India – 2792), highest rated player in the world, Peter Svidler (Russia –2735) and Alexandre Morozevich (Russia – 2758) qualified by virtue of placing in the top 4 at the San Luis, Mexico 2005 World Chess Championship. Current 14th World Chess Champion, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia – 2769) qualified when he defeated Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria – 2769), 2005 FIDE World Champion, in the 2006 title reunification match – he therefore replaced Topalov in this world championship. Peter Leko (Hungary – 2751), 2004 World Chess Championship Challenger, Levon Aronian (Armenia – 2750), Boris Gelfand (Israel – 2733) and Alexander Grischuk (Russia – 2726) all qualified through winning in the 2007 Candidates Matches.

In Rd. 2, both Anand and Kramnik scored victories to take joint possession of the lead. Here is Anand's game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Aronian, Levon (2750) − Anand, Viswanathan (2792) [D43]

WCh Mexico City MEX (2), 14.09.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 Anand goes up the gambitted P **7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Ne5 h5 10.h4 g4 11.Be2?!∓** [11.a3 a6 12.Be2 Bb7 13.0-0 Bg7=] **11...Bb7?±** [11...b4 12.Na4 Nxe4 13.Bxc4 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Bd6∓] **12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qc2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bg7 15.Rad1 0-0 16.Bg3?!=** [16.b3 cxb3 17.axb3 a5±] **16...Nd7 17.f3?!∓** [17.b3 e5 18.d5 cxb3 19.Qxb3 a6=] **17...c5?±** [17...Qb6 18.Kh1 c5 19.d5 gxf3 20.Rxf3 Rad8∓] **18.dxc5** material equality **18...Qe7 19.Kh1?∓** Anand gets a " clear " advantage [19.Rf2 Bc6 20.a4 Be5±] **19...a6 20.a4 Bc6 21.Nd5?! exd5?!∓** [21...Bxd5 22.exd5 Nxc5 23.fxg4 hxg4 24.Bxg4 exd5∓] **22.exd5** Anand has N vs P **22...Be5** [22...Bb7? 23.c6 Bxc6 24.dxc6 Ne5±] **23.f4 Bg7 24.dxc6 Nxc5** Material equality **25.Rd5 Ne4 26.Be1 Qe6 27.Rxh5?-+** Aronian goes up a P, but Anand has the " winning " advantage [27.axb5 Qxd5 28.Bxc4 Qf5 29.Bd3 Rad8∓] **27...f5 28.Kh2?!-+** [28.c7 Ra7 29.Kh2 Rxc7-+] **28...Rac8 29.Bb4 Rfe8 30.axb5 axb5 31.Re1 Qf7 32.Rg5 Nxg5 33.fxg5 Rxc6** Anand is up the exchange **34.Bf1 Rxe1 35.Bxe1 Re6 36.Bc3 Qc7+ 37.g3 Re3 38.Qg2 Bxc3 39.bxc3 f4 40.Qa8+** − 5.43 [40.Qd5+ Qf7 41.Qxf7+ Kxf7 42.gxf4 Rxc3-+ − 6.94] **40...Kg7 41.Qa6?!-+** − 7.96 [41.Qd5 fxg3+ 42.Kg2 Qa7 43.Qd2 Rf3-+ − 7.14] **41...fxg3+ 0-1**

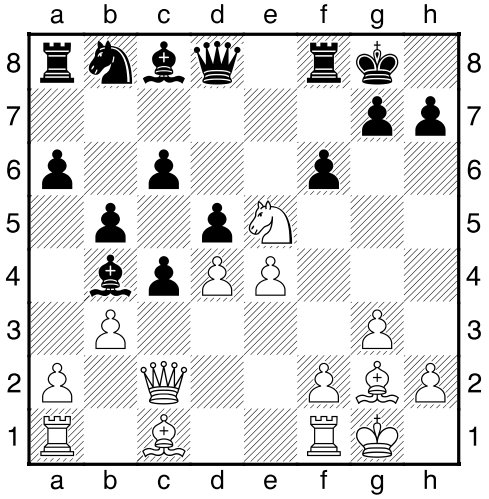
Kramnik gave a sample of his strong tactical skill in sacrificing a piece to bring home this win. Here is his game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2769) − Morozevich, A (2758) [E04]

WCh Mexico City MEX (2), 14.09.2007

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.Bg2 a6 6.Ne5 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nd5 8.0-0?∓ Morozevich gets an early " clear " advantage [8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qxd4 10.Qa4+ Nd7 11.Qxb4 Qxe5 12.Qxc4 Nb6 13.Qd4 Qxd4 14.cxd4 f6=] **8...0-0?=** but loses it [8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bxc3 10.Rb1 Qxd4 11.Qa4+ b5 12.Qa3 Qxe5 13.Bf4 Qf6 14.Bxa8 e5 15.Bg5 Qxg5 16.Qxc3 0-0∓] **9.Qc2 b5** [9...Nb6 10.Ne4 f5 11.a3 Be7 12.Nd2 Qxd4=] **10.Nxd5** [10.Be4 Kh8 11.Bxh7 Bb7 12.Be4 Nd7=] **10...exd5 11.b3 c6 12.e4** [12.Rb1 f6 13.bxc4 fxe5 14.Rxb4 Bf5 15.e4 dxe4 16.cxb5 axb5 17.dxe5 Qe7=] **12...f6**

Position after 12…f6



13.exd5! Kramnik sacs his N [13.Nf3? dxe4 14.Qxe4 g6∓] **13...fxe5 14.bxc4 exd4 15.dxc6 Be6 16.cxb5** Kramnik has 2 P vs N, and the position is equal **16...d3?!±** Kramnik gets the advantage [16...Ra7 17.Rb1 d3 18.Qb2 d2 19.Bxd2 Bxd2 20.b6 Raf7 21.c7 Qg5 22.Qd4 Rd7 23.f4 Qa5=] **17.c7 Qd4?+−** a fatal error. Kramnik gets a " winning " advantage [17...Qd6 18.Qb2 Nd7 19.Bxa8 Rxa8±] **18.Qa4 Nd7 19.Be3 Qd6 20.Bxa8 Rxa8** Kramnik has R + 2 P vs B + N **21.Bf4 Qf8 22.b6 Ne5?+−** 5.91 a strange decision by Morozevich [22...Nxb6 23.Qc6 Bh3 24.Qxb6 Bxf1 25.Rxf1 d2 26.Rd1 Re8 27.Bxd2 Bc5 28.Qb3+ Kh8+− 4.30] **23.Bxe5?+−** 4.58 Kramnik is up the exchange + 2 P, but could have done much better [23.b7 Bd5 24.b8Q Rxb8 25.cxb8Q Nf3+ 26.Kh1 Nd4+ 27.f3 Nc2+− 22.54 Kramnik would be up Q vs B + N] **23...Qf3 24.Qd1 Qe4 25.b7?+−** 3.80 again Kramnik plays a weaker line [25.Qh5 Bd5 26.f3 Qe3+ 27.Kg2 Bb7 28.Bxg7 Qxb6 *(28...Kxg7? 29.Qg4+ Kf6 30.Qxb4 d2*+− 10.98*)* 29.Be5 a5+− 8.55] **25...Rf8?+−** 13.00 [25...Qxb7 26.Qxd3 Bh3 27.f3 Bxf1 28.Rxf1 Qb6+ 29.Kg2 Qe6 30.Rb1 a5 31.Qd8+ Rxd8 32.cxd8Q+ Bf8 33.Rb8 Qxa2+ 34.Kh1 Qf7+− 11.46] **26.c8Q?+−** 9.31 and again Kramnik picks the weaker line [26.b8Q Bd5 27.f3 Qxe5 28.Qxf8+ Bxf8 29.c8Q Qd4+ 30.Rf2 Qf6+− 15.93 Kramnik would be up Q + 2 R vs 2 B] **26...Bd5 27.f3+−** 13.50 Kramnik is up Q + R + P on the 7th vs B **1-0**

In Rd. 5 , Anand made it look easy, defeating Svidler, and moving into sole possession of the lead, with Kramnik, Gelfand and Grischuk all tied for second, a half point back. Here is his game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Anand, V (2792) − Svidler, P (2735) [C89]

WCh Mexico City MEX (5), 18.09.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6± [2...Nf6=] **3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6** [4...Bc5 5.0-0 Qf6 6.Nc3 Nge7±] **5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5** Anand goes up the gambitted P **10...Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6** [11...Nf6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Bg4 14.f3 Bf5±] **12.Re1 Bd6 13.g3?!=** [13.d4 Bf5 14.Nd2 Qf6 15.Nf3 Rae8±] **13...Bf5 14.d4 Qd7 15.Be3 Rae8 16.Nd2 Bg4 17.Qc2 Bf5 18.Qc1 Re7 19.Nf3 Bg4 20.Nh4 Rfe8 21.Qd2 h6?!±** [21...a5 22.a4 b4 23.Qd3 g6 24.Rab1 Kh8=] **22.Qd3 g6 23.Bd1?!=** [23.a4 Kg7 24.Ng2 Nxe3 25.Rxe3 Rxe3 26.fxe3 c5±] **23...Bh3?!±** [23...Nxe3 24.Rxe3 Rxe3 25.fxe3 Bxd1 26.Rxd1 Qe6=] **24.Bf3 g5 25.Ng2 Bf5 26.Qd1 Nf6** [26...Bh3 27.Bd2 Rxe1+ 28.Nxe1 Qf5±] **27.a4 Ne4 28.axb5 axb5 29.Ra6 Qb7 30.Qa1 Bc8?!±**

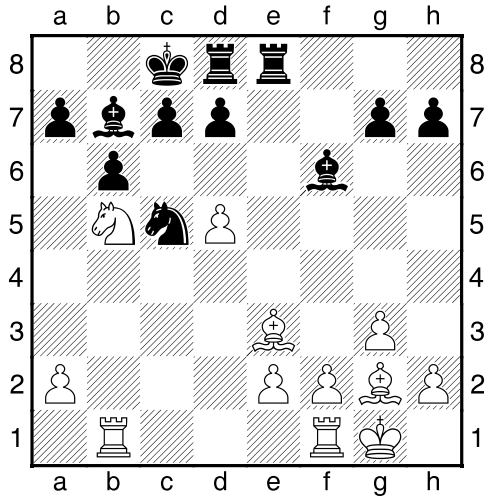
Anand gets a " clear " advantage [30...g4 31.Bxe4 Rxe4 32.d5 Bd7±] **31.Ra8 Bb8** [31...g4 32.Be2 Kg7 33.Bf1 Nf6±] **32.Bc1 Nf6?!+−** Anand gets a " winning " advantage [32...Bd6 33.b3 c5 34.Ne3 cxd4 35.cxd4 g4 36.Bg2 Bb4 37.Re2 Bc3 38.Bb2 Bxb2 39.Rxb2 Qd7±] **33.Rxe7 Rxe7 34.Qa3** [34.Ne3?! Ba7 35.Qa3 Rd7 36.Rxc8+ Qxc8±; 34.Qa5 Kg7 35.Ne3 Bd6 36.b3 *(36.h3?! Bxh3 37.b3 Bd7±)* 36...g4 37.Bg2 Nd5+−] **34...Rd7 35.Ra5 Ba7** [35...Bd6?! 36.Qa1 Re7 37.Ne3 g4 38.Bg2 Bb8+−; 35...g4 36.Bd1 Bd6 37.b4 Kg7+−] **36.Ne3 Qc7** 3.79 [36...b4?! 37.cxb4 Bxd4 38.Nf5 g4 39.Nxh6+ Kg7 40.Nxg4 Nxg4 41.Rg5+ Kh8 42.Rxg4 Qb5 4.53] **37.Nf5 c5 38.Nxh6+** Anand goes up 2 P **38...Kh7 39.Bxg5+−** Anand goes up 3 P **1-0**

In Rd. 6, the dark horse Boris Gelfand lifted himself into a tie for first place with Anand, ½ pt. ahead of Kramnik and Grischuk. Morozevich tried an exchange sacrifice that was unsound, and Gelfand simply held onto the edge the whole game to win. Here is that game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Gelfand, B (2733) − Morozevich, A (2758) [E17]

WCh Mexico City MEX (6), 19.09.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6± [3...d5=] **4.g3=** [4.Nc3±] **4...Bb7?!±** [4...Bb4+ 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg2 Bb7=] **5.Bg2 Be7 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.Bd2?!=** [7.Qd3 Nxc3 8.Qxc3 Bf6 9.Qd3 Nc6±] **7...f5** [7...d6 8.Nh4 Nxc3 9.Bxc3 Bxg2 10.Nxg2 0-0=] **8.d5 Bf6 9.Qc2 Qe7** [9...0-0?! 10.Nxe4 fxe4 11.Qxe4 exd5 12.cxd5 Re8 13.Qf5 g6 14.Qf4 Ba6±; 9...Nxd2 10.Qxd2 0-0 11.0-0 Qe7=] **10.Nxe4 fxe4 11.Qxe4 Bxb2 12.Rd1** [12.Rb1 Bf6 13.Nh4 a5 14.Ng6! hxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kf8 16.d6 Qxd6 17.Bxb7 Ra7 18.Bg2 Nc6=] **12...Bf6 13.0-0** [13.Qg4 Na6 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Bf4 d6=] **13...Na6 14.Nd4 Nc5 15.Qe3 exd5?!±** [15...0-0 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qe8=] **16.cxd5 Qxe3 17.Bxe3 0-0-0 18.Rb1 Rhe8** [18...Rde8? 19.Nb5 a6 20.Bxc5 Rxe2 21.Nd6+ cxd6 22.Bxd6 Bb2+−; 18...Ba6 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.Rxb5 Nb7±] **19.Nb5**



Rxe3?!± Morozevich decides to sac the exchange − here unsound − no compensation. Gelfand gets a " clear " advantage [19...Kb8 20.Rfc1 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Re8 22.Kf2 Bg5 23.Rc3 a6 24.Nd4 Re5±] **20.fxe3 a6 21.Nd4 Re8 22.Nf5 d6 23.Rb4 h5 24.g4 a5 25.Rbf4 Rh8?!+−** Gelfand gets a " winning " advantage [25...Ba6 26.Bf3 h4 27.Kf2 Kb7±] **26.gxh5 Rxh5 27.Rg4 Rh7 28.Nxg7** Gelfand goes up the exchange + P **28...Rxg7 29.Bh3 Rxg4+ 30.Bxg4+ Kd8 31.Rxf6 Bxd5**

Gelfand is up the exchange **32.a3 b5 33.h4** [33.Rf4 Be4 34.Bf3 d5 35.Rf8+ Ke7 36.Ra8 Nb3 37.Bxe4 dxe4+−] **33...b4 34.axb4 axb4 35.Rf4?!+−** 1.38 Gelfand needs to push that hP [35.h5 b3 36.Rf1 Ke7 37.h6 Bg8 38.Bf5 c6 39.Rf4 Ke8 40.h7 Bxh7 41.Bxh7 d5+− 2.54] **35...b3 36.Bf5 Bf7 37.Kf2 Ke7 38.Ke1 Kf6** [38...Na6 39.Bd3 Nc5 40.Kd2 c6 41.Kc3 Bh5+−; 38...Nb7 39.Rb4 Nc5 40.Kd2 c6 41.Rf4 Na6 42.Bg4 Nc7+−] **39.Bd3+ Kg7 40.Kd2 Be6 41.Kc3 Bf7?!+−** 1.91 [41...Kh6 42.Rd4 Kh5 43.Bc4 Bg4 44.Bd5 Bxe2 45.Bf7+ Kh6 46.Bxb3 Nxb3 47.Kxb3 Kh5+− 1.55] **42.Bc4 Bxc4 43.Rxc4 Kg6 44.e4 Ne6 45.Kxb3** Gelfand is up the exchange + P **45...Kh5 46.e5 d5 47.Rb4 Kg6 48.Rb8 Nd4+ 49.Kb2 Nf5 50.Rf8+−** 4.52 **1-0**

In Rd. 7, Anand won a positional struggle against Grischuk to take sole possession of the lead, ½ pt. ahead of Gelfand. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Anand, V (2792) − Grischuk, A (2726) [C88]

WCh Mexico City MEX (7), 20.09.2007

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.a4?!=** [8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4 10.Qd3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qd7±] **8...b4 9.d3 d6 10.Nbd2 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.c3 Nc6 13.d4 bxc3 14.bxc3 exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4** though this initially seems a good outpost for the N, as the game unfolds, it is useless, simply watching all the action around it. [15...Rb8 16.d5 Nb4 17.Nc4 Bg4 18.h3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qd7=] **16.Bb1** [16.Bc4 Rb8 17.Bb2 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 d5 19.Bxd5 Nxd5 20.Ba3 cxd4 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Qxd4 Nf4=] **16...Bg4 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4?!∓** for the first time, Grischuk gets the advantage [18.Bb2?! Rb8 19.Bc3 Nd7 20.Nb3 c4 21.Nbd2 d5∓; 18.Qb3 Rb8 19.Bb2 Nd7 20.Nc4 Re8=] **18...Bg6 19.d5 Nd7?!=** [19...Rb8 20.Ra3 Nd7 21.Rb3 Re8∓] **20.Nc4 Rb8 21.Bf4 Nb6 22.Nxb6 Rxb6 23.Nd2 Bg5?!±** [23...Bf6 24.Ra3 Rb7 25.Nc4 Rd7=] **24.Bxg5 Qxg5 25.Nc4 Rbb8 26.Qd2 Qxd2 27.Nxd2 f6 28.Nc4 Rfd8 29.f4 Bf7 30.Ra3 g5?!±** Now Anand gets a " clear " advantage [30...h5 31.a5 Kf8 32.Kf2 hxg4 33.hxg4 Ke7±] **31.h4** [31.fxg5 fxg5 32.Rf3 Be8 33.Rf6 Bxa4 34.Nxd6 Bb5±] **31...gxf4 32.Rf3 Be8** [32...Kg7 33.Rxf4 Bg6 34.Na3 h5 35.Ref1 Rf8±] **33.Rxf4 Kg7 34.h5** [34.g5 fxg5 35.hxg5 Bxa4 36.Rf6 Be8 37.Nxd6 Bg6±] **34...Bxa4** Grischuk goes up a P **35.h6+ Kxh6 36.Rxf6+ Kg7 37.g5 Rf8 38.Rxd6?!±** material is equal [38.Rxf8 Kxf8 39.Nxd6 Be8 40.Rf1+ Ke7 41.Nf5+ Kd7 42.Rc1 Rb5±] **38...Bc2?+−** Anand gets a " winning " advantage [38...Bb5? 39.Ne3 Rbe8 40.Rc1 Bd3 41.Nf5+ Kh8 42.Re6 Bxb1 43.Rxb1 Rxe6 44.dxe6 Re8 45.e7 Kg8 46.Rd1 Kf7 47.Rd7 Ke6 48.Rc7 Nd3+−; 38...Rbe8 39.Rc1 Bb5 40.Ne3 Bd3 41.Nf5+ Kg8 42.Bxd3 Nxd3 43.Rc4 Ne5 44.Rxc5 Nf3+ 45.Kg2 Nxg5±] **39.Ne5 Rf4 40.Rf6 Rh4** [40...Nxd5 41.exd5 Re4 42.Rxe4 Rxb1+ 43.Kh2 Bxe4 44.d6 Rb8 45.Rf7+ Kg8 46.Rc7 Bf5 47.Nc6 Rb2+ 48.Kg3 Be6+−] **41.d6 Bxb1 42.Rxb1 Rxe4** Grischuk goes up a P **43.Rf7+ Kg8 44.Re7 Rd8 45.Rd1 c4?+−** 3.50 [45...Rf4 46.d7 Rf5 47.g6 hxg6 48.Rd6 Rxe5 49.Rxe5 Kf7+− 2.32] **46.d7 Rf4 47.Rf1 Rff8 48.Rxf8+?+−** 4.01 Anand plays the weaker line [48.g6 hxg6 49.Rxf8+ Kxf8 50.Nxg6+ Kg8 51.Re8+ Kf7 52.Ne5+ Kf6 53.Rxd8 Kxe5 54.Re8+ Kd4 55.d8Q++−] **48...Kxf8 49.Rxh7** material equality **49...c3** 12.48 **50.Ng6++−** Grischuk resigned. Coming is **50...Kg8 51.Rh8+ Kg7 52.Rxd8 Kxg6 53.Rc8 c2 54.d8Q+− 1-0**

Round 9 saw a big boost in Anand's quest for the title. 2nd place Boris Gelfand, was defeated in a tough positional struggle by Alexander Grischuk, leaving Gelfand still in second, but now a full point behind Anand in first. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

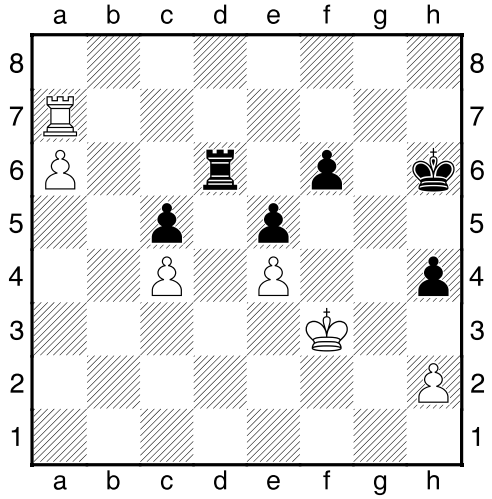
Grischuk, A (2726) − Gelfand, B (2733) [E21]

WCh Mexico City MEX (9), 23.09.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 c5 5.g3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.Bg2 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Qb3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Ba6 14.Rfd1 14...Qc5 [14...Rfb8 15.c4 Qc5 16.Qf3 Bxc4= though W would be down a P] **15.e4 Bc4 16.Qa4** [16.Qc2?! Nb6 17.h3 e5=;

16.Qb1 Rab8 17.Qc2 Nb6 18.Be3 Qa5 19.f4 e5 20.Rab1 Be6=; 16.Qb2 Rab8 17.Qc2=] **16...Nb6 17.Qb4 Qh5 18.Bf4 Be2 19.Re1 c5 20.Qb3 e5 21.Bc1 Rac8 22.a4 Bc4 23.Qb2** to here they have played the game dead equal **23...Qg6?!±** [23...Ba6 24.Qc2 Rfd8 25.a5 Bd3 26.Qd1 Qxd1 27.Rxd1 Nc4=] **24.a5 Nd7 25.Rd1 Qc6 26.Bh3** [26.Qd2 Nf6 27.Qd6 Qe8 28.h3 Rc6 29.Qd2 Ra6±] **26...Be6 27.Bxe6 Qxe6 28.Be3 Rc7 29.Qa2?!=** [29.a6 h6 30.Qa2 Qg4 31.Qd5 Re8±] **29...Qxa2?±** Grischuk gets a " clear " advantage [29...c4 30.a6 Nc5 31.Qa5 Qc8 32.Bxc5 Rxc5 33.Qb4 Rc7=] **30.Rxa2 Nf6 31.f3 Rfc8 32.Rb2 Kf8 33.Kf2 Ke7 34.Bg5 h6 35.Bxf6+** [35.Be3 a6 36.c4 Rd7 37.Rxd7+ Nxd7 38.Rb7 Ke6±] **35...Kxf6 36.Rd6+ Ke7 37.Rd5 f6 38.Ke3 g5** [38...Rd8 39.c4 g6 40.f4 exf4+ 41.gxf4 g5 42.Kf3 Re8±] **39.c4 Rc6** [39...Kf7 40.Rb5 Ke6 41.f4 Rc6 42.Rb1 R8c7±] **40.Rb5** [40.f4 Ke6 41.h3 exf4+ 42.gxf4 a6 43.Rb7 R8c7 44.Rb8 Rc8 45.Rd8 Rxd8 46.Rxd8 Kf7±] **40...Ke6 41.f4 R6c7 42.Kf3 h5 43.Ke3 gxf4+ 44.gxf4 h4 45.f5+ Kf7 46.Kf3 Kg7?!+−** Grischuk gets a " winning " advantage [46...Ke7 47.Kg4 Rg8+ 48.Kh3 Rg1 49.Rb8 Rd7 50.Rxd7+ Kxd7 51.Rb7+ Kc8 52.Rxa7 Rc1±] **47.Rb1?=** Grischuk loses his advantage [47.Kg4 Kh7 48.Rd6 Rg8+ 49.Kf3 Rf8 50.a6 Rff7+−] **47...Kh6 48.Rd6 Rc6 49.Re6 Rxe6 50.fxe6 Re8 51.Rb7 Rxe6 52.Rxa7 Rd6 53.a6**

Position after 53.a6



h3?+− a fatal error. Grischuk gets a won game [53...Kg5 54.Ke3 Kg4 55.Rg7+ Kh3 56.a7 Ra6=] **54.Kg4 Rd3 55.Ra8 Kg7 56.Kf5 Rd6** 6.57 [56...Rf3+ 57.Ke6 Rb3 58.a7 Ra3 59.Kd5 Ra5 60.Kc6 Ra2 61.Kxc5 Rxh2 62.Rg8+ Kxg8 63.a8Q+ Kf7 64.Qd5+ Kg7+− 6.72] **57.Ra7+ Kh6 58.Rf7 Rd2 59.a7 Rf2+ 60.Ke6 Ra2 61.Kxf6+−** Grischuk is up a passed P on the 7th, with another P falling **1-0**

Also in Rd. 9, third place world champion Kramnik lost a Benoni-like game to Alexander Morozevich, dropping Kramnik into a tie for 3rd/5th with Grischuk and Leko. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morozevich, A (2758) − Kramnik, V (2769) [A34]
WCh Mexico City MEX (9), 23.09.2007

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.d4 Nf6 5.d5 0-0 6.Nf3 e6?!± [6...d6?! 7.e4 Na6 8.Be2 Qb6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Bf5±; 6...Qa5 7.d6 e6 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.e4 Ne8 10.e5 f6 11.Ne4 fxe5 12.Qb3 Qxb3 13.axb3 Nc6=] **7.Be2 exd5 8.cxd5 d6** by transposition it is now a Benoni with e3 rather than e4, not one of Kramnik's usual lines as Black. **9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nbd7 12.a4 a6 13.g4?!=** [interesting that going into a normal Benoni line is not best here 13.e4?! c4 14.Qc2 Re8 15.Be3 Rc8=; 13.Qb3 Rb8 14.Rd1 Re8 15.Bd2 h6±] **13...c4 14.Be2 Rc8±** [14...Re8 15.f4 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Rxe4 17.Qc2 Nc5 18.Bxc4 Rc8= though Bl would be down a P] **15.g5** aggressive play by Moro **15...Ne8 16.f4 Qe7 17.Ra3?!=** [17.a5 Nc5 18.Bxc4 f6 19.gxf6 Nxf6 20.Qf3 Rfe8±] **17...Rc5?!±** the start of a questionable manoeuvre by Kramnik [17...f6 18.e4 fxg5 19.fxg5 Rxf1+ 20.Bxf1 Ne5=] **18.Bf3 Ra5?!±** Moro gets a " clear " advantage [Fritz wants to put the R back where it came from 18...Rc8 19.Qe2 Nc7 20.Bd2 h6 21.gxh6 Bxh6±] **19.Bd2** [19.e4 Nc5 20.Bd2 Nb3 21.Be3 b5 22.Bb6 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Rxa4 24.Rxa4 bxa4±] **19...Nc5 20.Qe2** [20.e4?! b5 21.axb5 Rxa3 22.bxa3 Qa7 23.Kg2 axb5 24.Nxb5 Qa6 25.a4 Nxa4±; 20.Kg2?! Nb3 21.Rxb3 cxb3 22.Qxb3 Rc5 23.e4 Rc8±] **20...Nb3 21.Ne4 Nxd2** [21...Rxd5 22.Qxc4 Rxd2 23.Rxb3 Rxb2 24.Rxb2 Bxb2±] **22.Qxd2 Qd8 23.Qb4 b5 24.axb5 Rxb5 25.Qxc4** Moro goes up a P **25...Qb6 26.Qc6 Bxb2** material equality **27.Qxb6 Rxb6 28.Ra2 Bg7?!+−** Moro gets a " winning " advantage [28...f6?! 29.Kf2 f5 30.Nd2 Rb4+−; 28...f5 29.Nd2 Bc3 30.Nc4 Rb4 31.Be2 Rb5 32.Rxa6 Rxd5±] **29.Rc1 h6 30.h4?!±** [30.gxh6 Bxh6 31.Nd2 Nf6+−] **30...hxg5?!+−** [30...f5 31.Nd2 hxg5 32.hxg5 Rb2 33.Rxb2 Bxb2 34.Rc6 a5 35.Nc4 Bc3 36.Nxd6 Nxd6 37.Rxc3 Rc8 38.Rb3 Kg7±] **31.hxg5 f6 32.Rc6 Rxc6 33.dxc6 fxg5 34.Nxg5 Nc7 35.Rd2 Rd8 36.Bg4 Bc3 37.Rd3 Ba5 38.Kg2** [38.Be6+ Kg7 39.Kf2 Bb4+−] **38...d5 39.e4 d4 40.e5 Bb6 41.Rb3 Rb8 42.Rh3 Ba5 43.Rh6 Rb2+ 44.Kg3 Be1+?+−** 4.23 [44...Kg7 45.Rh7+ Kg8 46.Rd7 Rb3+ 47.Kg2 Rb2+ 48.Kf3 Rc2 49.Rd6 Kg7+− 3.04] **45.Kf3 d3** 7.04 [45...Rf2+? 46.Ke4 Bd2 47.Rxg6+ Kf8 48.Rf6+ Ke7 49.Rf7+ Ke8 50.Bf3 Nb5 51.Bh5 Rh2 52.Bg6 Rh6 53.Rg7+ Rxg6 54.Rxg6 a5+− 10.41 Moro would be up the exchange + P] **46.Rxg6+** Moro goes up a P **46...Kf8 47.Rd6?+−** 7.04 Moro misses a rather hard to calculate mate [47.Nh7+ Kf7 48.Rd6 Rh2 49.Rd7+ Kg8 50.Nf6+ Kh8 51.Rxc7 d2 52.Ke4 d1Q 53.Bxd1 Rh3 54.Rc8+ Kg7 55.Rg8+ Kf7 56.c7 Ba5 57.c8Q Re3+ 58.Kf5 Rxe5+ 59.fxe5 Bb4 60.Qe6#] **47...d2 48.Ke4?+−** 5.32[48.Nh7+ Kg7 49.Rd7+ Kh6 50.Nf6 d1Q+ 51.Rxd1 Rb5+− 12.28] **1-0**

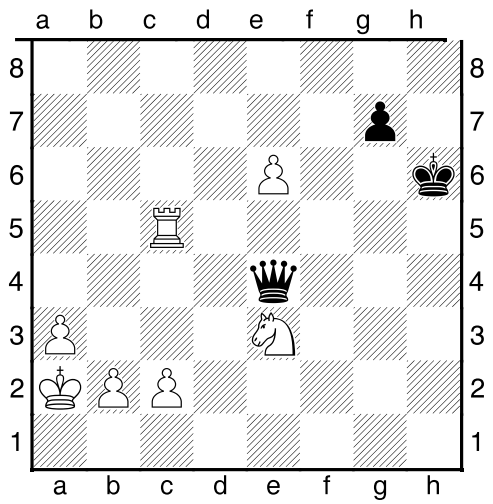
In Rd. 11, Anand played an amazing endgame against Morozevich, with a last game winning move that will rate as among the greatest World Championship moves. The win allowed him to strengthen his stranglehold on first place, putting him 1.5 pts. ahead of second place Gelfand, with only 3 rounds to go. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Anand, V (2792) − Morozevich, A (2758) [B90]
WCh Mexico City MEX (11), 25.09.2007

1.e4 c5± one of the few Sicilian's in this World Championship. **2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6** [5...g6±] **6.f3** [6.Be2±; 6.Be3±] **6...e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.g4?!=** [9.Qd2 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7±] **9...Nb6?!±** [9...b5 10.g5 b4 11.Ne2 Nh5=] **10.g5 Nh5 11.Qd2 Rc8 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Rg1 0-0 14.Kb1 Qc7 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 f5 19.gxf6 Rxf6 20.Qe2?!=** [20.Rd3 Rcf8 21.Qh4 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Rxf4 23.Qg3 R8f7±] **20...Nf4** [20...Rcf8 21.Rf1 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Rxf4=] **21.Bxf4 Rxf4 22.Rd3 Qd7?!±** [22...b5?! 23.Rg3 b4 24.Rd5 Qc4 25.Qxc4 Rxc4 26.Ra5 Bh4 27.Rh3 Bg5 28.a3 bxa3 29.Rxa3 Rc6±; 22...Rf7 23.Rg2 b5 24.Qd2 Rcf8 25.Rc3 Qa7 26.Qd5 b4 27.Rd3 Kh8=] **23.Nc1** the start of a long journey to the monster outpost, d5. **23...Rcf8 24.a3?!=** [24.Qg2 R4f7 25.Ne2 Bd8 26.Rgd1 Rf6 27.Ng3 Bb6±] **24...Kh8?!±** [24...b5 25.Na2 a5 26.Nc3 b4 27.Nd5 R4f7 28.Rb3 bxa3 29.Rxa3 Bh4=] **25.Na2 Qh3 26.Rg3 Qh5?!±** Anand gets a " clear " advantage [26...Qd7 27.h3 b5 28.Qd2 Qb7 29.Nb4 Bh4 30.Rg4 Rxg4 31.hxg4 a5 32.Nd5 Qa7±] **27.Qg2 Rh4 28.h3 Qh6 29.Rb3** [29.Nc3 Rh5

30.Rd1 Rg5 31.Rg4 Rxg4 32.Qxg4 Qh4±] **29...b5 30.Nb4 Rh5 31.Qf1 Rh4?!±** [31...Bg5 32.Nxa6 Bf4 33.Rg4 Rxh3 34.Qxb5 Be3 35.Nc7 Rhxf3 36.Qd7 R3f6±] **32.Qg2** [32.Qd1 Rhf4 33.Rd3 R4f7 34.Nc6 Qh4 35.Qg1 g6±] **32...Rh5 33.Nxa6** Anand goes up a P **33...Bh4 34.Rg4 Bf6 35.Qe2?!±** [35.Rxb5 Rxh3 36.Nb4 Rh2 37.Qf1 Qd2 38.Rg1 Rf2 39.Qd1 Qxd1+ 40.Rxd1 Rxf3±] **35...Rxh3 36.Rxb5 Bd8 37.Rb8** [37.Rb7 g6 38.Nb4 Rhxf3 39.Ka2 Qh3±] **37...Qf6 38.Nb4 Rxf3?!±** material equality [38...Qxf3 39.Qxf3 Rhxf3 40.Nc6 Be7 41.Rb7 h5 42.Rg2 Bf6±] **39.Nd5** after a long eventful journey, the N reaches its goal **39...Qf7 40.Qa6 h5 41.Rg2 h4?!+−** a critical juncture and Moro chooses wrongly. He cannot abandon the dP [41...Qe6 42.Rh2 g6 43.Ka2 Bg5 44.Rb6 Rd8 45.Qe2 Rf7±] **42.Qxd6** Anand goes up a P again **42...Be7 43.Qxe5** Anand goes up 2 P **43...Rxb8 44.Qxb8+ Kh7 45.Qc7 Bf8 46.Qxf7 Rxf7 47.Rg4 Rf1+ 48.Ka2 Rh1 49.e5 Bc5?!+−** 3.58 [49...h3 50.e6 h2 51.Rh4+ Kg6 52.e7 Bxe7 53.Nxe7+ Kf6 54.Ng8+ Kg5 55.Rh7 Kg6 56.Rh3 Kf7 57.b4 Kxg8 58.b5+− 3.13] **50.e6 Kh6?!+−** 4.63 [50...h3 51.e7 Re1 52.Rh4+ Kg6 53.Rxh3 Bxe7 54.b4 Kf5 55.c4 Bf6+− 3.95] **51.Rc4?+−** 3.50 [51.b4 Bf8 52.e7 Bxe7 53.Nxe7 g5 54.b5 Re1 55.Nf5+ Kh5 56.Rb4 Re2 57.Nd4 Re8+− 6.17] **51...h3** Moro decides to sac his B to try and queen the hP **52.Rxc5** Anand goes up N + 2 P **52...h2 53.Ne3** threatening a K+/hP fork on g4 **53...Ra1+** sacking the R to get a queen **54.Kxa1 h1Q+** Anand has R + N + 3 P (one a passer on the 6th) vs Q **55.Ka2 Qe4?+−** 8.32 [55...Kg6 56.Nd5 Qh8 57.Rc8! Qxc8 58.Ne7+ Kf6 59.Nxc8 Kxe6 60.b4 g5+− 6.30]

Position after 55…Qe4?



56.Re5!! Bl cannot take the R because of the N fork check on g4 ! but if he does not, he will have to sac his Q to stop the P from queening. Moro resigns **56...Qxe5** [56...Qc6 57.e7 Qe8 58.Nf5+ Kg6 59.Nd6 Qxe7 60.Rxe7+−] **57.Ng4+ Kg6 58.Nxe5+ Kf6 59.a4 Kxe6 60.a5 Kd6 61.b4 Kc7 62.b5 g5 63.a6 Kb6 64.c4+−** This win gave Vishy the lead in the 2007 World Championship by 1.5 pts., with only 3 rounds to go. **1-0**

In Rd. 12, Gelfand managed to hold onto sole possession of 2nd place, and gain a half point on Anand who was leading (Anand had drawn and was then only 1 pt. ahead of Gelfand). Gelfand defeated Aronian – here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Aronian, L (2750) − Gelfand, B (2733) [D43]
WCh Mexico City MEX (12), 27.09.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 [6...gxf6 7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Qa5+ 9.Nc3 Rg8=] **7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 g6?!±** Aronian gets the advantage [9...e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 12.Qb3 Qh5=] **10.0-0 Bg7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.Ne4?!=** [12.Qc2 b6 13.e4 Bb7±] **12...Qe7 13.Bb3** [13.Qc2 b6 14.Rfd1 Bb7=] **13...Rd8** [13...Kh7 14.Nc5 Nxc5 15.Rxc5 f6=] **14.Qc2 e5 15.Rfe1 Kh8 16.g4?!∓** aggressive play by Aronian, but he gives Gelfand the advantage for the first time in the game [16.Ng3 Rf8 17.a4 f5=] **16...Rf8 17.g5 f5 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Kg2 19...Bg7 20.h4 Nb6 21.dxe5?!∓** Gelfand gets a " clear " advantage [21.Nxe5 Bf5 22.f3 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Rae8∓] **21...Bg4 22.Ned2 Nd7?=** but he loses it [22...Qe8 23.Nh2 Bf5 24.e4 Bc8∓] **23.e6?-+** an error − best to take the P and give up the N. Gelfand now gets a " winning " advantage [23.Qxg6 Bxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Rxf3 25.Bc2 *(25.Kxf3?? Nxe5+-+)* 25...Nf8 26.Qh5 Rf7 27.f4 Rd8=] **23...Ne5 24.Nh2 Qxh4 25.f4 Bf5 26.Ne4** − 6.41 [26.e4? Bg4 27.Re3 Rxf4 28.Rf1 Raf8 29.Rg3 Bh3+ 30.Kh1 *(30.Rxh3?? Rf2+ 31.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 32.Kh1 Qe1+ 33.Nhf1 Rxf1+ 34.Nxf1 Qxf1+ 35.Kh2 Ng4+ 36.Kg3 Be5+ 37.Kh4 Qf6+ 38.Kxg4 Qf4#)* 30...Qxg3-+ − 11.54] **26...Qh3+?-+** − 3.93 not the strongest continuation [26...Rad8 27.Re2 Nd3 28.Ng3 Qh3+ 29.Kh1 Qxg3-+ − 7.77 Gelfand would be up an N] **27.Kg1 Nf3+ 28.Nxf3 Qxf3 29.Ng5 hxg5** Gelfand is up a B **30.Qh2+ Qh5 31.Qxh5+ gxh5 32.e7 Rfe8 33.Rc5 Bg4 34.Rxg5 Rxe7 35.Kg2 Bf6 36.Rg6 Rf8 37.e4 Bf5 38.Rh6+ Kg7 39.Rxh5 Bxe4+ 40.Kh2 Bd5?-+** − 2.91 Gelfand is up a B. Aronian resigned. [40...Kg6 41.Rh3 Bxb2 42.Kg3 Ba3 − 5.01] The game could have continued **41.Rxe7+ Bxe7 42.Bxd5 cxd5 43.Rxd5 Rxf4-+ 0-1**

In Rd. 14 , Kramnik won against Aronian, to jump up into a second place tie with Gelfand, with 8 pts., and on tie-break took second place away from Gelfand who had been holding down that position all tournament. Here is Kramnik's game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2769) − Aronian, L (2750) [E15]
WCh Mexico City MEX (14), 29.09.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6± [3...d5=] **4.g3=** [4.Nc3±] **4...Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6?!±** Kramnik gets the advantage [7...d5 8.Nc3 c6 9.0-0 0-0=] **8.Bc3?!=** [8.0-0 d5 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Qc2 Nbd7=] **8...d5 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Rc8 13.e4 dxe4?!±** [13...dxc4 14.Re1 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.exd5 Bf6=] **14.Nxe4 b5 15.Re1** [15.Qe2 bxc4 16.Rfd1 Qc7±] **15...bxc4** Aronian goes up a P **16.Bf1 Nb6 17.Rb1** [17.Nc5?! Nd5 18.Qf3 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 Bxc5 20.dxc5 Qc7=] **17...Nd5?!±** Kramnik gets a " clear " advantage [17...Rb8 18.bxc4 Nxc4 19.Rxb8 Qxb8±] **18.Ba1 Bb4 19.Nc5** Kramnik tries to get 2 pieces for R + P **19...Bxe1** [19...Qa5 20.bxc4 *(20.Re5? Bxc5 21.dxc5 cxb3 22.axb3 Bxf1 23.b4 Qa6 24.Qxf1 Qxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Rb8-+)* 20...Bxe1 21.Qxe1 Qxe1 22.Rxe1 Nc7±; 19...cxb3 20.Bxa6 Bxe1 21.Bxc8 *(21.Qxe1?! bxa2 22.Rb2 Rb8 23.Rxa2 Nb4 24.Ra4 Nxa6 25.Rxa6 Qd5±)* 21...Bb4 22.Bb7 bxa2 23.Rb3 a5±] **20.Qxe1 cxb3** [20...Nc7 21.bxc4 Ra8 22.Qa5 Bc8±] **21.Nxa6 bxa2 22.Rb2 Nc7** [22...Qg5 23.Rxa2 Rfd8 24.Ra5 Qg4±; 22...Ra8 23.Bd3 Qd6 24.Rxa2 Nf6±] **23.Rxa2 Nxa6 24.Rxa6** Kramnik has 2 B's vs R + 2P **24...Qd7?!+−** Kramnik gets a " winning " advantage [24...c5 25.Rxa7 Qg5 26.Qe4 Qg6±] **25.Qc3 f6 26.Qc5 Rf7 27.Bc3 Qb7 28.Qc4 Qd7 29.Bg2 Kh8 30.Bxc6** Kramnik has 2 B's vs R + P **30...Qb7 31.Kg2 h6?!+−** 2.83 [31...Re7 32.h3 Qb8 33.Bb4 Rec7+− 2.28] **32.d5 Qb8** 3.61 [32...exd5 33.Bxb7 Rxc4 34.Bxd5 Rxc3 35.Bxf7 Rc7 3.57; 32...e5 33.Qa2 Qb8 34.d6 Rxc6 35.Rxc6 Rd7 3.83] **33.dxe6** Kramnik has 2 B's vs R **33...Re7 34.Bb4 Rec7 35.e7+−** Aronian is totally lost. He resigned. The continuation would be **35...Re8 36.Qf4 Rxc6 37.Qxb8 Rxb8 38.Rxc6 Kg8 39.Re6 Kf7 40.Re4 Ke8 41.Ba3 a6 42.Ra4 Ra8 43.Kf3 h5 44.Ke4 Kf7 45.Kd5 a5 46.Kc6 Ra6+ 47.Kb7 Re6 48.Rxa5+− 1-0**

The final standings were:

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1	Anand,V	2792	+56		* *	½ ½	½ ½	½ ½	1 ½	½ 1	1 ½	1 ½	9.0 / 14	
2	Kramnik,V	2769	+30		½ ½	* *	½ ½	½ 1	½ ½	1 0	½ 1	½ ½	8.0 / 14	54.50
3	Gelfand,B	2733	+71		½ ½	½ ½	* *	½ ½	½ ½	1 ½	1 1	½ 0	8.0 / 14	54.25
4	Leko,P	2751	0		½ ½	½ 0	½ ½	* *	½ ½	½ 1	0 ½	½ 1	7.0 / 14	
5	Svidler,P	2735	-5		0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ ½	* *	0 ½	½ ½	½ 1	6.5 / 14	
6	Morozevich,A	2758	-57		½ 0	0 1	0 ½	½ 0	1 ½	* *	½ ½	0 1	6.0 / 14	41.25
7	Aronian,L	2750	-47		0 ½	½ 0	0 0	1 ½	½ ½	½ ½	* *	½ 1	6.0 / 14	39.75
8	Grischuk,A	2726	-46		0 ½	½ ½	½ 1	½ 0	½ 0	1 0	½ 0	* *	5.5 / 14	

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss

53 players (a new record for the more recent SCC) registered on Thursday, Sept. 13, to start the two section, 7 round, Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss. This is a new format the club is trying for this swiss, with the top section being 1700 & Over, and the bottom section U 1700. There were 24 players in the top section (including 1 master and 4 experts) and 29 in the lower section. It was a bit crowded, but we had sufficient sets, clocks, tables and space to make it work.

After 3 rounds, there are two players left with perfect scores in the 1700 & Over section: master Bryan Lamb, club president, and newcomer expert Alex Ferreira. Tied for 3rd/5th with 2.5 pts. are experts junior girl Yuanling Yuan and John Hall, and junior Richard Douglas.

In the U 1700 section, there are 2 players with perfect scores: Silvano Mesiti and Masoud Jizan

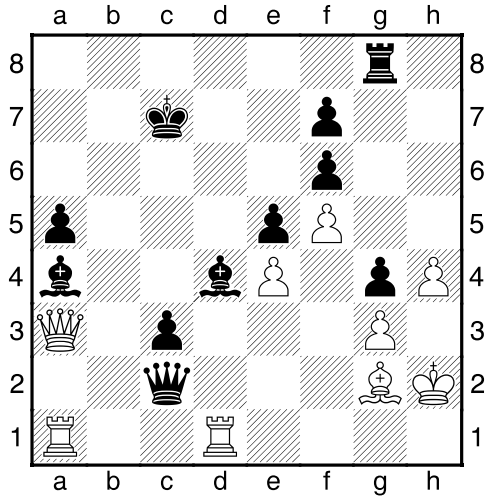
In Round 1 in the top section, Alex Rapoport first sacked the exchange, getting at one point 2 pawns compensation, and then sacked his queen for 2 rooks. But Joe Bellomo had the winning advantage a number of times and missed his win. Then Alex missed a win. Then Joe missed drawing a couple of times – a truly back and forth battle. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bellomo, J (1759) − Rapoport, A (2014) [B49]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (1), 13.09.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 [4...Nf6 5.Nc3 *(5.e5? Qa5+ 6.c3 Qxe5+ 7.Be2 Bc5∓)* 5...Bb4 6.e5 Nd5±] **5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.h3?!=** [8.0-0 Bb4 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Qd3 a5±] **8...b5** [8...Bb4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Nxe4 11.Qd3 d5=] **9.Nxc6?!∓** [9.0-0 Bb7 10.a3 b4 11.axb4 Bxb4 12.Nxc6 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc6=] **9...dxc6 10.Bf3** [10.0-0 Bb7 11.a3 c5 12.Qe1 Bd6∓] **10...Bb7 11.0-0 Bb4** [11...Bd6 12.Bb6 Bh2+ 13.Kh1 Qxb6 14.Kxh2 Qc7+ 15.g3 0-0∓] **12.Bg5 Qe5?!=** [12...Bd6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rfd1 0-0-0∓] **13.Bxf6?∓** Alex gets a " clear " advantage [13.Qd2 Rd8 14.Qe3 Bd6 15.g3 Bc5 16.Bf4 Bxe3 17.Bxe5 Bd4 18.Bxd4 Rxd4=] **13...gxf6 14.Qd3 Bd6 15.g3 Rg8?!∓** [15...0-0-0 16.Qe2 Kb8 17.a3 Bc5∓] **16.Bg2 0-0-0 17.Qe2 h5 18.h4 Rg4** [18...Bc5 19.Kh1 Bd4 20.Nd1 f5∓; 18...Rg7 19.Qf3 c5 20.Rad1 c4∓; 18...b4 19.Nd1 f5∓] **19.f4?-+** Alex gets a " winning " advantage [19.Rfe1 Bc5 20.Kf1 Kb8 21.Rad1 Rd4∓] **19...Qc5+ 20.Kh2 Rdg8 21.Rf3?-+** − 4.58 [21.e5 Rxg3 22.Rf2 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Re3 24.Qxh5 Rxc3 25.Raf1 Rxc2 26.Qxf7 Qxe5+ 27.Kh1 Rxg2 28.Rxg2 Rxg2 29.Kxg2 c5+ 30.Kf2 Qxb2+ 31.Ke3 Qd4+ 32.Ke2 Qc4+ 33.Ke1 Qxh4+ 34.Rf2 Qb4+ 35.Rd2 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qf5+ 37.Ke1 Kb8-+ − 3.06]

21...e5?= Alex has lost his advantage [21...Rxg3! 22.Bh3 Rxf3 23.Qxf3 b4 24.Ne2 Qxc2-+ − 5.50 Alex would be up 2 P] **22.f5** [22.Bh3? f5 23.exf5 exf4 24.Ne4 fxg3+ 25.Kg2 Rxe4 26.Qxe4 Qb6 27.f6+ Kb8 28.Re1 Bc7 29.Qe3 c5 30.Kf1 Rg6 31.Bg2 Rxf6-+] **22...b4 23.Nd1 Qd4?±** finally Joe gets back the advantage [23...Qb5 24.c4 Qa4 25.a3 R4g7=] **24.Nf2 Qxb2** Alex decides to sac the exchange. Alex temporarily goes up a P [24...R4g7 25.Rd1 Qc5 26.c3 Bc7±] **25.Rd1 Bc5?!+−** Alex follows through on sacking the exchange. Joe gets a " winning " advantage [25...Be7 26.Nxg4 hxg4 27.Rb3 Qxa2±] **26.Nxg4 hxg4** Joe is up the exchange, but Alex has a P compensation **27.Rfd3** [27.Rb3 Qxa2 28.Qc4 Qa5+−] **27...Bd4** [27...Qxa2 28.R3d2 Qa5 29.Rd7 Bd4 30.Rxf7 Qa2+−; 27...a5 28.Rb3 Qxa2+−] **28.Rb3** [28.a3 a5 29.Rb3 Qa2 30.Qc4 Rd8 31.Rxb4 Qxc4 32.Rxc4 Kc7+−] **28...Qxa2 29.Rxb4 c5** [29...a5 30.Rb3 a4 31.Rb4 Rd8+−] **30.Rbb1** [30.Rb3 Bc6 31.Qc4 Bb5 32.Qxf7 Rd8 33.Rdb1 Rd7 34.Qf8+ Kc7+−] **30...Kc7?!+−** 3.54 [30...Bc6 31.Rb6 Bb5 32.Rxb5 axb5 33.Qxb5 Qa8+− 3.20] **31.Qd3** [31.Rb3 Qa4 32.Rdb1 Bc6 33.c3 Bb5 34.Qb2 Rb8 35.Ra1 Bxc3 36.Rxc3 Qd4+−] **31...c4 32.Qd2 a5** [32...c3 33.Qh6 Rd8 34.Qxf6 Rd7+−] **33.Rb5** [33.Qh6 Rd8 34.Qxf6 Bc6 35.Qxf7+ Rd7 36.Qg8 Rd8 37.Qg7+ Rd7 38.Qxg4 Qxc2+−] **33...c3** [33...Ra8 34.Qh6 Bc6 35.c3 Bf2 36.Rbd5 Bxd5 37.exd5 Qc2 38.d6+ Kb6 39.Rf1 Bxg3+ 40.Kxg3 Qxc3+ 41.Kh2 e4+−; 33...Rd8 34.Qxa5+ Qxa5 35.Rxa5 c3 36.Ra4 Ba8+−] **34.Qc1?=** Joe has lost his winning advantage [34.Qh6 Bc6 35.Rxd4! exd4 36.Rc5 Kb6 37.Rxc6+! Kxc6 38.Qxf6+ Kc5 39.Qe5+ Kc6 40.Qxd4 Qxc2+−] **34...Bc6 35.Rb1 Ba4?+−** [35...Rd8 36.Ra1 Qb2 37.Rxa5 Qxc1 38.Rxc1 Be3 39.Re1 Bf2 40.Rf1 Rd2=] **36.Ra1** [36.Rxd4! exd4 37.Qf4+ Kc6 38.e5+ Kc5 39.exf6 Qxb1 40.Qc7+ Kb4 41.Qe7+ Kb5 42.Qb7+ Kc5 43.Qxb1 Bxc2 44.Qxc2 Rh8+−] **36...Qxc2** Joe is up the exchange, but now Alex has 2 P compensation **37.Qa3**



Qxd1 Alex now decides to sac his Q for 2 R **38.Rxd1 Bxd1** Joe has Q vs R + B + 2 P **39.Qe7+?±** Joe is losing his winning advantage again [39.Qxa5+ Kd7 40.Qb5+ Kc7 41.Qc4+ Kb6 42.Qb4+ Kc6 43.Bf1 c2 44.Bb5+ Kc7 45.Qc4+ Kb6 46.Qc6+ Ka5 47.Bd3 Rb8 48.Qa6+ Kb4 49.Bxc2 Bxc2 50.Qd6+ Ka4 51.Qxb8 Bxe4+−] **39...Kb8?+−** but Alex gives the winning advantage right back to Joe [39...Kc6 40.Qxf6+ Kb5 41.Qxf7 Rh8±] **40.Bf1 Rc8?!+−** 3.33 [40...Bf3 41.Qd6+ Ka7 42.Bd3 Rh8 43.Qc7+ Ka8 44.Qxa5+ Kb8 45.Qb4+ Ka8+− 2.77] **41.Qd6+?!±** [41.Ba6 Rc7 42.Qd8+ Ka7 43.Qxc7+ Kxa6+−] **41...Rc7 42.Qd8+** [42.Ba6 Bb3 43.Qd8+ Ka7 44.Qxc7+ Kxa6±] **42...Kb7** [42...Rc8 43.Qd6+ Rc7 44.Ba6 Bb3 45.Qd8+ Ka7 46.Qxc7+ Kxa6±] **43.Ba6+ Kb6 44.Qb8+ Kc6?!+−** [44...Kxa6 45.Qxc7 Bb3±] **45.Qb5+?=** again Joe loses his winning advantage [45.Bb5+ Kc5 46.h5 Re7 47.Bd3 Be3+−] **45...Kd6 46.Qxa5** Alex has R + B + P vs Q [46.Qd5+

Ke7 47.Bc4 Rxc4 48.Qxc4 c2 49.h5 Be3 50.h6 c1Q 51.Qxc1 Bxc1 52.h7 Bh6 53.h8Q Bf8=] **46...c2 47.Qa3+?-+** Alex now gets a " winning " advantage [47.Bc4 Rd7 *(47...Rxc4 48.Qd8+ Kc5 49.Qa5+ Kd6 50.Qd8+=)* 48.Qa6+ Kc7 49.Qa3 Rd6 50.Bxf7 Rc6 51.Qe7+ Kb6 52.Qb4+ Kc7 53.Qe7+=] **47...Rc5?-+** − 3.66 [47...Bc5 48.Qc1 Be3 49.Qxe3 *(49.Qa3+ Rc5 50.Qxe3 c1Q 51.Qxc1 Rxc1-+)* 49...c1Q 50.Qb6+ Ke7 51.Qb4+ Rc5-+ − 12.66] **48.Bc4 Kd7?=** this time Alex loses his winning advantage [48...Be2 49.Qa6+ Rc6 50.Qa3+ Kd7 51.Bxe2 c1Q 52.Qxc1 Rxc1-+] **49.Qa7+ Rc7 50.Qa4+?-+** but he gets it back again [50.Bb5+ Kd6 51.Qb8 Be3 *(51...c1Q?? 52.Qd8+ Kc5 53.Qxc7+ Kxb5 54.Qxc1+−)* 52.Qd8+ Kc5 53.Be2 Kb6 54.Qb8+ Rb7 55.Qd6+ Ka7 56.Qa3+ Kb8 57.Qd6+=] **50...Ke7?-+** − 4.70 [50...Rc6 51.Bd5 c1Q 52.Qxc6+ Qxc6 53.Bxc6+ Kxc6-+ − 13.39] **51.Qb4+ Bc5 52.Qc3 Kf8 53.h5 Kg7 54.Qd2 Bb4 55.Qd8** leads to mate [55.h6+ Kh7 56.Qxc2 Bxc2-+ 57.Be2 Bxe4 58.Bxg4 Rc1 59.Bd1 Rxd1 60.Kh3 Kxh6 61.Kg4 Bg2 62.Kh4 Rd4+ 63.g4 Be1#] **55...c1Q 56.Qxc7** Alex is up a B [56.Qd3 Rxc4 57.Qe2 Rc2 58.h6+ Qxh6+ 59.Kg2 Qh3+ 60.Kg1 Bc5+ 61.Qf2 Bxf2#] **56...Qd2+ 57.Kg1 Qe1+** [57...Qe3+ 58.Kf1 Qe1+ 59.Kg2 Bf3+ 60.Kh2 Qf2#] **58.Bf1 Qxg3+** [58...Bf3 59.h6+ Kxh6 60.Qc2 Bd2 61.Qxd2+ Qxd2 62.Bh3 Qe1+ 63.Bf1 Qxg3+ 64.Bg2 Qxg2#] **59.Bg2 Bf3 60.Qc2-+** and Joe resigned. Mate is coming **60...Bxe4 61.h6+ Kh7 62.Qe2 Bc5+ 63.Kf1 Bd3 64.Qxd3 Qf2# 0-1**

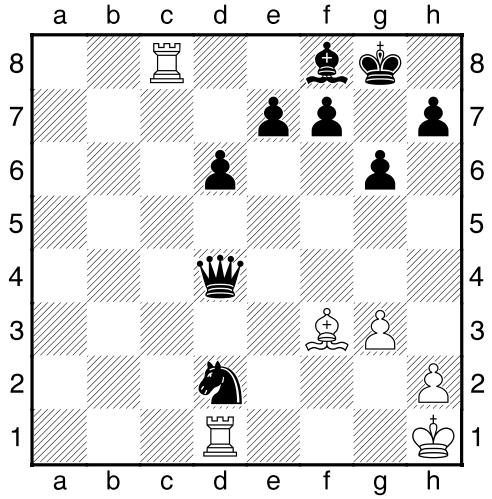
In Rd. 2 on top board in the 1700 & Over, top-rated master Bryan Lamb won a wild tactical skirmish against expert Alex Rapoport. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Rapoport, A (2014) − Lamb, B (2207) [A45]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (2), 20.09.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 g6± 3.Ngf3 d6 4.g3= [4.e4±] **4...Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc4 c5 8.c3 b5 9.Na3 Rb8 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.Nc6 Bxc6 13.Bxc6 a6 14.Bg2 a5 15.Nc2 b4 16.Nd4 Qb6 17.cxb4 axb4 18.Nc6 Rb7 19.a3?!∓** [19.Nd4 Rc7 20.h3 Nfe4 21.Be3 Qb7=] **19...bxa3 20.Rxa3 Rc8?±** [20...Rc7 21.Na5 Nfe4 22.Ra2 Rfc8∓] **21.b4 Nce4?!±** Alex gets a " clear " advantage [21...d5 22.Na5 Qxb4 23.Nxb7 Qxb7±] **22.b5?∓** now Bryan gets a " clear " advantage [22.Qc2 Rxc6 23.Ra8+ Bf8 24.Bh6 Rb8 25.Rxb8 Qxb8 26.Qxc6 Bxh6 27.Bxe4 Qxb4 28.Bd3 Bf8±] **22...Qxb5** Bryan goes up a P **23.Na7 Rxa7 24.Rxa7** Bryan is down the exchange but with a P compensation **24...Nc3 25.Qe1?!-+** − 5.37 Bryan gets a " winning " advantage [25.Qd2 Nxe2+ 26.Kh1 Ne4 27.Qe3 *(27.Bxe4? Nxg3+ 28.hxg3 Qxf1+ 29.Kh2 Rxc1 30.Rxe7 Bf8 31.Re8 Rd1 32.Qf4 Qb5-+)* 27...Bd4 28.Qxe4 Bxa7 29.Qxe7 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Nxc1 31.Qxa7 Ne2∓] **25...Nxe2+** Bryan is down the exchange, but now with 2 P compensation (these extra P's become critical later) **26.Kh1 Rxc1** Bryan now has 2 N + 2 P vs R **27.Ra8+ Bf8 28.Qxc1** [28.Rb8 Qc4 29.Rc8 Qxc8 30.Qxe2 Qc2 31.Qxc2 Rxc2-+; 28.Qd2?? Nxg3+ 29.hxg3 Rxf1+ 30.Bxf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kh2 Ng4#] **28...Nxc1 29.Rxc1** − 6.43 Bryan has Q + N + 2 P vs 2 R **29...Qb2 30.Rac8 Qxf2** Bryan has Q + N + 3 P vs 2 R **31.R8c2 Qe3 32.Rc3 Qe5 33.Rc8 Ne4 34.Rf1 Qd4 35.Bf3 Nd2 36.Rd1**

Position after 36.Rd1



Nxf3?-+ − 5.75 Bryan decides to sac his Q, simplify, and go into a won endgame. Though he is correct in his assessment, the move is actually an inferior one. [36...e5 37.Bg2 e4 38.Rg1 Qe3-+ − 10.21] **37.Rxd4 Nxd4** Bryan has B + N + 3 P (2 connected and passed) vs R **38.Kg2 f5 39.Kf2 Kf7 40.Ke3 e5 41.Rc7+ Be7 42.Kd3 Ke6 43.Ra7 g5 44.Ra8 Bf6 45.Ra7 h5 46.Rh7 h4 47.Rh6-+** − 11.43 [47.gxh4 gxh4 48.Ra7 e4+ 49.Ke3 Nf3 50.Ra2 Bd4+ 51.Ke2 Nxh2-+ − 12.20] **47...d5 48.Ke3 f4+ 49.Kf2 hxg3+?-+** − 10.19 The mate is hard to calculate without a computer ! [49...e4 50.g4 e3+ 51.Ke1 f3 52.h3 Nc2+ 53.Kd1 e2+ 54.Kxc2 e1Q 55.Kb3 Qb1+ 56.Ka3 f2 57.Rxf6+ Kxf6 58.Ka4 f1Q 59.Ka5 Qbb5#] **50.hxg3 Nf5 51.Rh7 Nxg3** Bryan has B + N + 4 connected, passed P vs R **52.Rb7 Kf5 53.Rd7 d4 54.Rd5 g4 55.Kg2 Ke4 56.Rd6 d3?-+** − 11.77 [56...Nh5 57.Re6 f3+ 58.Kf2 g3+ 59.Ke1 g2-+ − 33.13] **57.Kf2 Bh4 58.Rd7 Ne2+ 59.Kf1 Nd4?-+** [59...f3 60.Rxd3 g3 61.Rxf3 Kxf3 62.Ke1 Bg5 63.Kd1 Nd4 64.Ke1 g2 65.Kd1 g1Q#] **60.Ra7 d2 61.Ra1 Nb3 62.Ra4+ Kf3-+** Alex resigned. It is now mate **63.Rxf4+ exf4 64.Kg1 d1Q+ 65.Kh2 Bg3# 0-1**

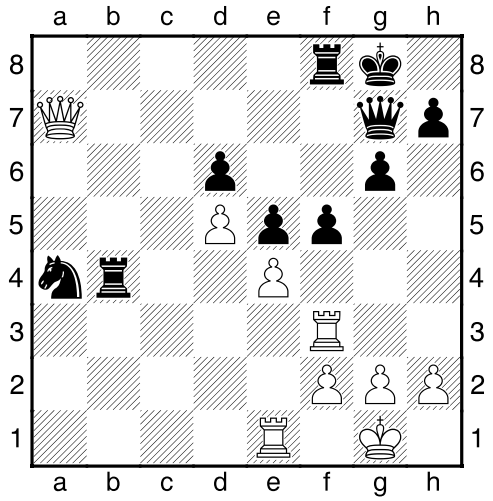
In the U 1700 section, in Rd. 2, newcomer junior, Jonathan Lai defeated SCC veteran Maurice Smith, trapping his queen. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Smith, M (1598) − Lai, J (1515) [E11]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (2), 20.09.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+± [3...d5] **4.Bd2 Bxd2+** [4...Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 d5 7.0-0 Na6±; 4...Nc6 5.Bxb4 Nxb4 6.e3 0-0 7.Be2 d6±] **5.Nbxd2 0-0 6.e3 d6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 b6 9.e4?!=** [9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Ng5 h6 11.Nge4 Qe7±] **9...Bb7 10.Rc1** [10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Qc2 Ngxe5 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rae1 Qf6=] **10...c5** [10...Nh5 11.g3 c5=] **11.d5?!∓** Jonathan gets the advantage for the first time [11.e5 dxe5 12.dxe5 Ng4 13.Qc2 Ndxe5 14.Bxh7+ Kh8 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Rce1 Qg5=] **11...e5?!=** [11...Nh5 12.g3 Qf6 13.Qa4 Rfd8∓] **12.Ne1 Bc8?!±** Maurice gets back the advantage [12...Re8 13.Rc3 Nf8 14.Bc2 Ng6 15.Ba4 Rf8=] **13.Nc2 Nb8** [13...Re8 14.Ne3 Nf8 15.Bc2 Bd7±] **14.Ne3 Na6 15.a3 Re8 16.Bc2 Bd7 17.Re1 Nc7 18.Ndf1 b5 19.Ng3 Rb8 20.Ngf5 Bxf5 21.Nxf5 bxc4 22.Ba4 Rf8 23.Qd2 Na8** [23...g6 24.Ng3 Nd7 25.Bc6 Nb6±] **24.Rxc4??=** a blunder − the R cannot remain to protect the B when Bl moves ...Nb6 [24.f4?! Nb6 25.Bc6 g6 26.fxe5! dxe5 *(26...gxf5? 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.exf6 Rg8 29.Qxf5 Qc8 30.Qf2*

Nd7+−) 27.Qg5 Nh5 28.Ne7+ Kg7 29.Rc2 f6 30.Nf5+ Kh8 31.Qh6 Rg8=; 24.Bc6 Nb6 25.a4 Nc8 26.Rxc4 Ne7 27.Nxe7+ Qxe7±] **24...Nb6 25.Qg5?-+** the idea to counterattack is right, but the plan is wrong [25.Rc3 Nxa4 26.Rg3 Kh8 *(26...g6? 27.Qh6 Nh5 28.Qxh5 Qd7 29.Qh6 f6 30.Rxg6+ hxg6 31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.Re3 Qh7 33.Rh3 Rb7 34.Rxh7+ Rxh7+−)* 27.Rxg7 Rg8 28.Qh6 Qf8 29.Rxg8+ Nxg8 30.Qxf8 Rxf8=] **25...g6 26.Rc3 Nxa4** Jonathan goes up an N **27.Rh3?-+** − 3.93 [27.Qh6 Nh5 28.Rh3 Qd7 29.Rxh5 f6 30.Re3 gxf5 *(30...gxh5?? 31.Rg3+ Kh8 32.Rg7 Qxf5 33.exf5 Rxb2 34.Qxh7#)* 31.Rg3+ Kh8 32.Rxf5 Qe7-+ −2.60] **27...Kh8 28.Nh6 Ng8 29.Qe3 Qf6?-+** − 2.99 [29...Rxb2 30.Nxg8 Rxg8-+ − 4.22] **30.Rf3 Qg7 31.Nxg8 Kxg8 32.b4 cxb4 33.axb4 Rxb4 34.Qxa7 f5**



35.Qa5?-+ − 7.66 Maurice's Q is getting into trouble [35.Qa6 Nb6 36.exf5 Ra8 37.Qe2 Nxd5 38.fxg6 hxg6-+ − 3.93] **35...Qb7** preparing to trap Maurice's Q ! **36.h3** − 9.21 there is no escape for the Q [36.exf5 Ra8 37.Qxa8+ Qxa8 38.fxg6 hxg6 39.Rf6 Qxd5 40.Rxg6+ Kh7 41.Rg3 Qd2 42.Rh3+ Kg6 43.Rg3+ Kh5 44.Rh3+ Kg5 45.Rg3+ Kf6 46.Ra1 Rb2 47.Rf1 Nc3-+ − 9.75] **36...Ra8-+ 0-1**

In Rd. 3 in the top group, Oscar Villalobos went up 1, and then 2 pawns, against Tom Muir, and then finished it off with a mate, to get 2/3 pts. (though the game is far from perfect on both sides). Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Muir, T (1712) − Villalobos, O (1760) [E72]

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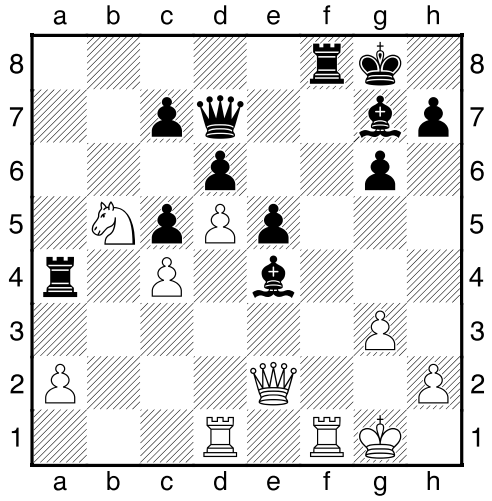
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.g3= [3.Nc3±] **3...Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.e4** [5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 c6=] **5...0-0** [5...c5 6.d5 0-0 7.Ne2 Na6=] **6.Nc3 Nc6?!±** Tom gets the advantage [6...c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Nge2 Nfd7 9.0-0 Ne5=] **7.Nge2 e5 8.d5 Na5** [8...Ne7 9.0-0 Nd7 10.f3 f5±] **9.Qd3 b6 10.0-0 Ba6?!±** Tom gets a " clear " advantage [10...Nd7 11.f4 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Qc2 Nexc4 15.b3 Ne5±] **11.b3 Nd7 12.Qc2 Bc8 13.Nb5?!±** [13.Be3 a6 14.f4 Qe7±] **13...f5 14.f3** [14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bb2 f4±] **14...Nb7 15.b4?∓** Tom gives Oscar the advantage [15.Be3 Nf6 16.Nbc3 a5±] **15...a5 16.Qa4 Nf6 17.Be3 Bd7 18.Qb3?!∓** now Oscar gets the " clear " advantage [18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Qc2 Nc5∓] **18...axb4 19.Qxb4 Nc5 20.Qd2?!-+** this loses a P. Oscar gets a " winning "

advantage [20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Qb2 Ne8∓] **20...fxe4 21.Bxc5** [21.Nec3 exf3 22.Bxf3 Bf5-+; 21.fxe4 Ncxe4 22.Qb2 Bf5-+] **21...exf3 22.Bxf3 bxc5?!∓** Oscar is up a P (though he takes the wrong way) [22...dxc5 23.Nec3 Bxb5 24.cxb5 e4 25.Bg2 Ng4-+] **23.Nec3 Bf5 24.Rad1?!-+** [24.Qe2 e4 25.Bg2 Qd7∓] **24...Qd7?!∓** [24...e4 25.Be2 Re8 26.Qf4 Re5-+] **25.Ne4??-+** a bad blunder − this just hangs the N [25.Rde1 h6 26.a3 Kh7 27.Bg2 Rae8∓] **25...Ra4??∓** amazingly, Oscar misses that the N is hanging [25...Nxe4 26.Bxe4 (26.Qe3? Rxa2 27.g4 Bxg4 28.Bxe4 Bxd1 29.Rxf8+ *(29.Rxd1?? Qg4+ 30.Kh1 Qxd1+ 31.Qg1 Rf1 32.Qxf1 Qxf1#)* 29...Bxf8 30.Bg2 Qg4 31.Qg3 Bh6 32.Nd4 Qxd4+ 33.Kh1 Bg4 34.Bf1 Qe4+ 35.Kg1 Be3+ 36.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 37.Kh1 Bf3+ 38.Bg2 Bxg2#) 26...Bxe4 27.Qe2 Bf5-+ − 5.76 Oscar would be up a B + P] **26.Qe2?!-+** Tom picks an inferior way to deal with the hanging N problem, now that he sees it [26.Nxf6+ Rxf6 27.Qe2 Bh3 28.Rf2 Rf5∓] **26...Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Bxe4**



28.Qxe4?-+ − 5.22 moving into a pin on the cP protecting the N [28.Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.Nc3 Bf5 30.Nxa4 Qxa4-+ − 3.80 Oscar would be up 2 B's + P vs R] **28...Rxa2?-+** − 1.63 Oscar goes up 2 P, but he misses winning the minor piece [28...Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Qxb5-+ − 5.16 Oscar would be up B + P] **29.Rxf8+ Bxf8 30.Rf1??-+** this leads to a mate [30.Re1 Rd2 31.Re2 Rxe2 32.Qxe2 Be7 33.Kg2 c6 34.Nc3 cxd5 35.Nxd5 Bd8-+ − 1.63 Oscar would still be up the 2 P's] **30...Qh3 31.Qh1** [dragging the mate out a bit longer is 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.Qf3+ Kg7 33.Nc3 Qxh2+ 34.Kf1 e4 35.Qe2 Rxe2 36.Nxe2 e3 37.Ke1 Qh1+ 38.Ng1 Qxg1+ 39.Ke2 Qf2+ 40.Kd3 e2 41.g4 e1Q 42.g5 Qee3#] **31...Bh6 32.Nc3 Be3+ 1-0**

In Rd. 3 in the lower group, Petar Zlatanov chased Pino Verde's Q around, until Pino had to sac it for a couple of pieces. But eventually, with Queen vs 2 Rooks, they called a truce. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

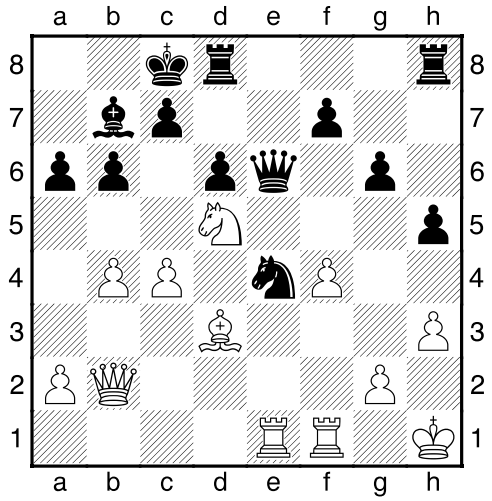
Zlatanov, P (1596) − Verde, P (1652) [B00]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (3), 27.09.2007

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.e4 b6± Fritz does not approve − " clear " advantage to Petar ! **2.d4 d6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.d5?!±** [5.Bd3 e6 6.Nf3 c5±] **5...a6?!±** [5...c6 6.Bd3 e6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0±] **6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.b4?!±** [7.Nd4 Nc5 8.Qf3 e5 9.Nc2 Bc8±] **7...g6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.Rb1 Ng4 10.Qc2** [10.Bb2 0-0 11.0-0 a5±] **10...Nge5** [10...0-0 11.0-0 c6±] **11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.0-0 Qd7?!±** [12...a5 13.a3 Nxd3

14.Qxd3 axb4 15.axb4 e6 16.Bb2 0-0±] **13.f4?!±** [13.Be2 0-0 14.f4 Ng4±] **13...Ng4?+−** Petar gets a " winning " advantage [13...Nxd3 14.Qxd3 f5 15.Re1 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Qf5±] **14.h3 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 h5!** After holding himself back all game, Pino can stand it no longer and offers a sacrifice − this time a sound one **16.Nd1** [16.hxg4?? hxg4#] **16...e5 17.dxe6?±** [17.Bb2 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 Qe7+−] **17...Qxe6?!±** [17...fxe6 18.Bb2 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 0-0-0±] **18.Bb2** [18.Nc3 0-0-0 19.Nd5 Nf6±] **18...Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Nf6 20.Nc3 0-0-0 21.Nd5** this drops the eP [21.Rbe1 Nd7 22.a4 g5 23.fxg5 Rhg8±] **21...Nxe4** Pino goes up a P **22.Rbe1?=** Petar has lost his advantage [22.Bxe4 Qxe4 23.Rbe1 Bxd5 *(23...Qxc4?! 24.Nxb6+ cxb6 25.Rc1 b5 26.Qg7 Rhf8 27.Rxc4+ bxc4+−)* 24.Rxe4 Bxe4±]



22...Ng3+??+− this leads to continued harassment of Bl's Q. Petar gets a " winning " advantage [22...Bxd5 23.cxd5 Ng3+ 24.Kg1 Qxd5 25.Bxa6+ Kb8 26.Rf3 h4=] **23.Kg1 Qd7?+−** 4.54 [23...Bxd5 24.Rxe6 Bxe6 25.Re1 Bf5 2.41] **24.Re7 Qa4?+−** 5.27 [24...Qc6 25.Rxf7 *(25.Rxc7+?! Qxc7 26.Nxc7 Nxf1 27.Nd5 Ng3* 3.73*)* 25...Rhe8+− 4.34] **25.Bc2?+−** 3.02 [25.Rxc7+ Kb8 26.Qf2 Rc8 27.Rxf7 h4 5.75] **25...Qc6 26.Rxc7+** 2.55 [26.Rf2 h4 27.Qf6 Qxc4 28.Rxc7+ Qxc7 29.Nxc7 Kxc7 30.Qxf7+ Kb8+− 2.70] **26...Qxc7 27.Nxc7 Nxf1** 2.94 [27...Kxc7 28.Rd1 Rhe8+− 2.63] **28.Kxf1** [28.Nd5 Ng3 29.Nxb6+ Kb8 30.Ba4 h4+−] **28...Kxc7** Petar has Q vs 2 R and a " clear " advantage **29.Qf6 Rhf8** [29...Kb8 30.a3 Rhf8 31.Kf2 b5+−] **30.Qe7+ Kb8 31.Be4 Bxe4 32.Qxe4 Kc7+−** 1.93 despite his " winning " advantage, Petar decides not to try to win the ending and agreed to a draw[32...Rc8 33.Qe7 Rfd8 34.g3 f5+− 1.79] **½-½**

SCC'ers at the Toronto Labour Day Open

(second in a 3-part series)

A strong contingent of 17 SCC members showed up for the Labour Day tournament, playing in all the sections : Rick Garel, Oscar Villalobos, Mario Moran-Venegas, Stephen Lung, Patrick Lung, Muneshwar Samaroo, Aaron Wu, Yuanling Yuan, Doug Gillis, Joe Bellomo, Jim Roe, Maurice Smith, Michael Perez, Marc Ben-Avraham, Randy Moysoski, Josh Sherman and myself, Bob Armstrong. A number of SCC'ers won prizes – Yuanling, Jim, Patrick & Michael.

As usual, I begged for games from them for the newsletter and got a number of interesting ones. Some were published last issue, some are presented here, and the last group of games will be in the next Issue.

Aaron Wu, playing up a group in the U 2000, submitted as his most interesting game, one with former SCC member Ken Kurkowski. Aaron dropped a piece early on, hung in there, and got it back, but eventually succumbed to a K-side attack. Here is his game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Aaron on the left; player on right unidentified

Wu, A (1675) − Kurkowski, K (1781) [B08]

Labour Day Open (U 2000) Toronto (6), 03.09.2007

1.e4 d6± 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.d5 a6 8.a4 Qc7 9.Nd2 e6?+− Aaron gets a " winning " advantage **10.dxe6?=** but Aaron loses it [10.Bc4 h6 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bf1 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Rxe1 15.Qxe1 b6+−] **10...Bxe6 11.Bc4 Nc6 12.Nf3??-+** Aaron blunders and leaves his B unprotected. Ken gets the " winning " advantage [12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne5=] **12...Bxc4** Ken goes up a B **13.Bf4?-+** − 5.01 [13.Re1 Rae8 14.b3 Ng4 15.Bb2 Be6-+ − 3.32] **13...Rad8?-+** − 3.65 [13...Bxf1 14.Bxd6 Qb6 15.Bxf8 Rxf8 16.e5 Qxb2 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Rb1 Qxc3 19.Kxf1 Qc4+ 20.Kg1 Rd8 21.Qc1 Nd4 22.Nxd4 Bxd4-+ − 7.61 Ken would be up B + P] **14.Re1 Ne5 15.b3 Be6 16.Qd2 Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Nh5 18.Bh6 Qa5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rad1 Nf6 21.Qe3 Qc7 22.f4 Rfe8 23.Qg3 Nh5 24.Qf3 Qe7?!-+** − 3.42 [24...d5 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.exd5 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Qxf4 28.Qxf4 Nxf4 − 4.39] **25.f5 Qg5+?-+** − 2.72 [25...Bc8 26.Nd5 Qh4 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.Qe3 Rf8-+ − 4.01] **26.Kh1 Bc8 27.Rg1 Qf4?!-+** − 1.51 Ken drops his N [27...Qh4 28.Rg4 Qf6 29.Nd5 Qe5 30.Rh4 Bd7-+ − 2.72] **28.Qxh5** material equality. Aaron gets back his piece **28...Kh8?=** Ken has lost his advantage [28...Qxf2 29.Qh3 Qxc2-+] **29.fxg6 fxg6 30.Rxg6** Aaron goes up a P **30...Rg8 31.Rh6??-+** allowing Ken to set up mate threats [31.Rdg1 Rxg6 32.Rxg6 Qxf2 33.Rg1 Rf8=] **31...Rg7?-+** − 2.39 [31...Rd7 32.Rdxd6 Rdg7 33.Rdg6 Qc1+ 34.Nd1 Qxh6 35.Qxh6 Rxg6 36.Qxg6 Rxg6-+ − 4.91 Ken would be up R vs 2 P] **32.Rg1 Bg4-+** Aaron resigned. Coming is **33.Rxg4 Qc1+ 34.Kg2 Rxg4+ 35.Qxg4 Rg8 36.Qxg8+ Kxg8 37.Rh3 Qxc2-+** − 3.30 Ken would be up Q vs R + N **0-1**

Maurice Smith submitted a nice win – here it is (Annotations by Bob Armstrong,, using Fritz):

Smith, M (1619) − Syed, Z (1725) [E90]

Toronto Labour Day Open (U 1800) Toronto (1), 01.09.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.d5 Ne5?!± Maurice gets an early " clear " advantage [8...Re8 9.h3 Nb6 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Be3 Qc7±] **9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 b6 11.Qd2 Ne8 12.Rad1 Nd6 13.f4?!±** [13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 f6 15.Qe3 a6±] **13...exf4?!±** [13...f5 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.Bd3 e6 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.exf5 exf5±] **14.Bxf4 Bxc3** [14...Bd4+ 15.Be3 Be5 16.Bh6 Bd4+ 17.Kh1 Re8±] **15.Qxc3 Nxe4** Zeshan goes up a P **16.Qe3 Nf6?!+−** [16...Nd6 17.b3 Nf5 18.Qf2 Nd4±] **17.Bf3 Ng4** 3.99 [17...Bg4?! 18.d6 Bxf3 19.dxe7 Qxd1 20.Rxd1 Bxd1 21.exf8Q+ Rxf8+− 4.55] **18.Qe2 Nf6** 5.29 [18...Qd7? 19.h3 Nf6 (19...e5? 20.dxe6 Qxe6 21.Qd2 *(21.hxg4? Qxe2 22.Bxe2 Bb7*+− 3.45*)* 21...g5 22.Bxg5 Rb8 23.Bxg4 Qg6+− 7.84) 20.d6 exd6 21.Bxa8 Qe8 22.Qd3 Bf5 23.Qxd6 Qe6+− 6.28] **19.d6 e5 20.Bxe5?+−** 3.90 material equality, but Maurice had a better move [20.Bg5 Rb8 21.d7 Bxd7 *(21...Ba6? 22.Bc6 Qc7 23.Rxf6 Rbd8*+− 8.74*)* 22.Qxe5 b5 23.Bxf6 Qe8 24.Qg5 Rb6+− 7.28] **20...Re8?+−** 8.16 [20...Rb8 21.Bc3 Be6 22.Qe5 Bxc4 23.Bc6 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Re8 25.Bxe8 Qxe8 26.Qxf6 Qe3+ 27.Kh1 Qxc3 28.Qxf7+ Kh8 29.bxc3 c4 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qe6+ Kg7 32.Rf7+ Kh6 33.Qh3+ Kg5 34.Qg3+ Kh5 35.Rxh7#; 20...Ng4 21.Bc3 Re8 22.Qd2 Qh4 23.g3 Qxh2+ 24.Qxh2 Nxh2 25.Kxh2 Bd7+− 6.90] **21.Bxf6** Maurice goes up a B **21...Qd7?+−** 14.00 [21...Rxe2 22.Bxd8 Bb7 23.Bf6 Bxf3 24.Rxf3 Re6+− 9.18 Maurice would be up a B] **22.Qd2 Re6 23.Bg4?+−** 11.99 there is a mate [23.Bxa8 Rxf6 24.Rxf6 Bb7 25.Bxb7 a5 26.Bd5 Qb7 27.Rxf7 Qxf7 28.Rf1 Qxd5 29.Qxd5+ Kg7 30.Rf7+ Kh6 31.h4 g5 32.Qxg5#] **23...Ba6 24.Qh6+−** Zeshan resigned. Maurice is up a B, and Zeshan must now sac his Q to stop the mate − **24...Rxf6 25.Bxd7+− 1-0**

John Hall met fellow SCC'er Rick Garel in the U 2200, and came out victorious.

John Hall (in blue shirt)

Here is their game (Annotations by Fritz 10 (30 sec.)/Garel):

Hall , J (2126) − Garel, R (1970) [B98]
Toronto Labour Day Open (U 2200) Toronto (1), 01.09.2007

B98: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7, sidelines **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.Be2 Bd7 11.Rhe1 0-0** [11...Nxd4 12.Rxd4 Bc6 13.Bd1 ½-½ Komliakov,V (2445)−Petkevich,J (2445)/Moscow 1994/CBM 040; 11...Rc8 12.Qg3 e5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 Nd4 16.Bd3 Nc6 17.Be4 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Bxg5+ 19.Qxg5 f6 20.Qh5+ Kf8 21.Nd5 Qa5 22.Nxf6 gxf6 23.Qh6+ Kf7 24.Rd6 Ke8 25.Qg7 1-0 Cristobal,M (2136)−Svara,W/Villa Carlos Paz 2004/CBM 102 ext] **12.Qg3 Rfc8N** [12...Rfe8 13.Bf3 Nxd4 14.Rxd4 Bc6 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Nd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Bh6 Bf8 19.Bxg7 Bxg7 20.Rg4 Kh8 21.Rxg7 Rg8 22.Rg5 Qe7 23.Rxg8+ Rxg8 24.Nxd5 exd5 25.Qf3 Qe6 26.Qf6+ Qxf6 27.exf6 Alcazar Jimenez,J (2223)−Ortega Gadea,S/Formigal 2002/EXT 2003/1-0 (50); 12...Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Bc6 14.e5 Ne8 15.Bd3 g6 16.f5 Bxg5+ 17.Qxg5 dxe5 18.Rh4 f6 19.Qg4 exf5 20.Bxf5 Qg7 21.Be6+ Kh8 22.Re3 f5 23.Qb4 Nf6 24.Rxe5 Ne4 25.Qd4 Rfe8 26.Nxe4 fxe4 27.Qc3 Hartmann,G−Degenhardt,N/Germany 1983/GER−chT/0-1 (34)] **13.Nxc6 Bxc6** [Weaker is 13...bxc6 14.Rf1±] **14.Bd3 e5** [14...b5 15.Qh3 e5 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nd5±] **15.fxe5** [15.Bh6 Bf8 16.fxe5 dxe5±] **15...dxe5± 16.Bxf6** White has a mate threat **16...Bxf6 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Qb6 19.Be4 Rd8** [19...Rc5 20.Re3±] **20.Rd3** [20.Qf3 Rac8±] **20...Qd6?** [∆20...g6!?= and Black can hope to survive] **21.Rf1± Qe7 22.Kb1 Rac8?** [22...g6 23.Qf2 Bh4 24.g3±] **23.Rdf3??** White threatens to win material: Rf3xf6. with this move White loses his initiative [∆23.d6 Qe6 24.b3+−] **23...Rd6??** the position is going down the drain [∆23...Qb4 24.Re3 Rc4±] **24.Bxh7+!** Double attack: c8/h7 **24...Kf8** [24...Kxh7 25.Qh3+ Double attack] **25.Qh3** [25.Qg4 Rc5 26.Be4 Qd7+−] **25...Rc4 26.Be4!** Mate attack **26...Qd8** [26...Rxe4 27.Qh8# Mate attack; 26...−− 27.Qh8# Mate threat] **27.Qh7 Qb6?** [27...Rxd5 28.Bxd5 Qxd5 29.Rc1+−] **28.Rb3** [28.a3 Qd4 29.Re1 Rb6+−] **28...Rb4 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Qc8 Rxb3 31.axb3 Qd4 32.Qxb7+ Rd7 33.Qc6 Rd6** [33...a5 34.Re1 Qd2 35.Qc5+ Rd6 36.Qa7+ Rd7 37.Qg1+−] **34.Qc4 1-0**

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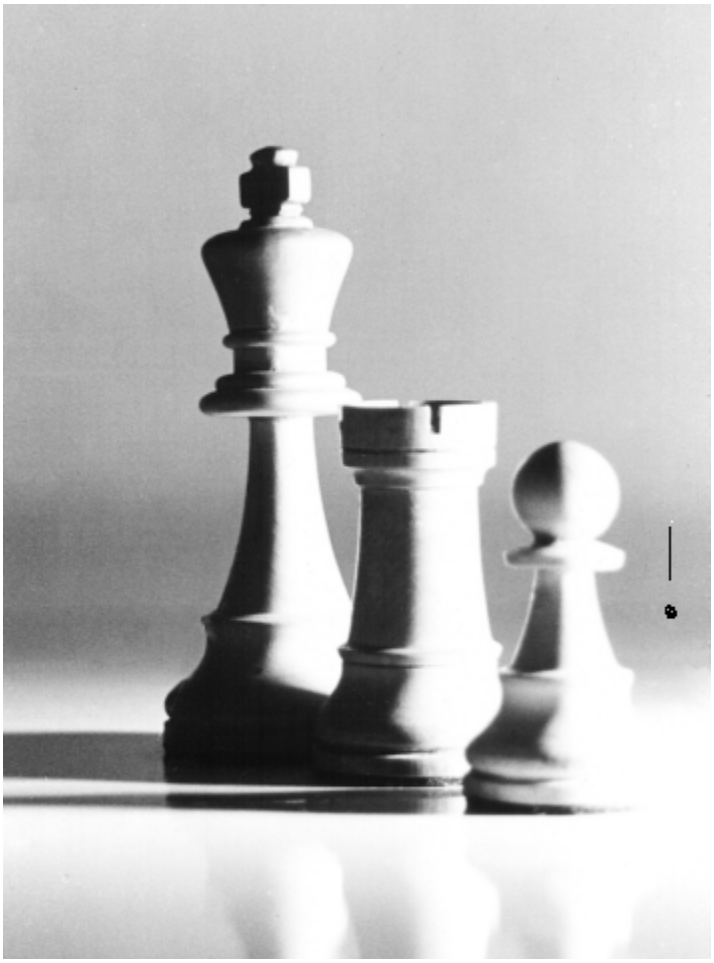

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