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2008 World Chess Championship Match – Anand vs Kramnik – A Poll

In 2008, Viswanathan Anand (India), recently crowned 15th World Champion, and highest rated player in the world, will be challenged for the crown in a " re-match " (though not as traditionally understood, since Kramnik lost his crown in a WCC tournament, not by a match) by 14th World Champion, and third highest rated player in the world, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia).

Who would you LIKE to see win the match? Who do you think will ACTUALLY win the match? WHY do you pick your winner?

E-mail us your three answers and we'll publish them in our next Issue !



Viswanathan Anand, 15th World Chess Champion

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Vladimir Kramnik – 2008 Challenger & 14th World Chess Champion

16-year old Canadian Chess Champions

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In August, 2007, Nikolay **Noritsyn** won the Canadian Championship, just a couple of months past his 16th birthday. Nikolay thus becomes the second youngest Canadian chess champion, joining three other 16-year old champions.

Alexandre Lesiège

In May, 1992, nine months after his 16th birthday, IM Alexandre Lesiège won the title by one point, defeating the favourite, second place-finisher GM Kevin Spraggett.

The notes are based on my translation of notes by Alexandre Lesiège in "Sur les sentiers

d'Alexandre Lesiège, Grandmaître International d'échecs" by Jean-Pierre Rhéaume, 1999.

IM Alexandre Lesiège - GM Kevin Spraggett
Canadian Championship, Kingston, Ontario, 1992.05

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. g3 O-O 6. Bg2 c6 7. O-O Qa5 8. h3 Be6 9. Qd3 Qa6 10. b3 d5 11. Ne5 dxc4 12. Nxc4 Rd8 13. Rd1 Nbd7 14. e4 b5

Spraggett offered a draw. Lesiège calculated, and saw that Black was better in all of the variations. But then he mistakenly thought White was better in one variation, so he played on.

15. Nd2 Nc5 16. Qc2 Rxd4 17. Ne2 Rdd8 18. Qxc5 Nd7 19. Qa3 Qb6

This was the move that Lesiège admitted overlooking; Black threatens to trap White's queen by ..b4, ..Nc5. He responds with "the only chance." Black gets into severe time trouble, and is forced to play the last 20 moves in about 2 minutes.

20. e5 Nxe5 21. Nf4 Nd3 22. Nxd3 Rxd3 23. Rb1 Rad8 24. Qxe7 Rxg3 25. Qxd8+ Qxd8 26. fxg3 Qd3 27. Ba3 b4 28. Nf1 Qb5 29. Bb2 h5 30. Bxg7 Kxg7 31. h4 c5 32. Bd5 Bxd5 33. Rxd5 Qc6 34. Ne3 a5 35. Rc1 Qe6 36. Kf2 Qf6+ 37. Ke2 a4 38. bxa4 Qa6+ 39. Kf3 Qxa4 40. Rc2 c4 41. Rxc4 Qxa2 42. Rxb4 1-0

Daniel Abraham **Yanofsky**

In October, 1941, future Grandmaster Abe Yanofsky won his first of a record eight Canadian Championship titles competing in his home town of Winnipeg, Manitoba, more than six months past his 16th birthday. He scored 9.5/11. Here is his first round encounter with the eventual second-place finisher, defending champion Maurice Fox.

Maurice Fox - D. Abraham Yanofsky
Canadian Championship, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Round 1, 1941.10

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 f5 3. exf5 Nc6 4. Bb5 Qf6 5. O-O Nge7 6. Re1 d6 7. d4 Bd7 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. Bxc6 Nxc6 10. Nc3 Qxf5 11. Nxe5 Nxe5 12. f4 O-O-O 13. Rxe5 Qg6 14. Be3 Bc6 15. Qe2 Bd6 16. Rg5 Qf6 17. Nb5 Bxb5 18. Rxb5 Rhe8 19. Qf3 c6 20. Rb3 Qf5 21. Rd3 Rxe3 22. Rxe3 Bc5 23. b4 Bb6 24. c4 Bd4 25. Rae1 Re8 26. Kf1 Bxe3 27. Rxe3 Qb1+ 28. Kf2 Qxa2+ 29. Re2 Rxe2+ 30. Qxe2 Qxe2+ 31. Kxe2 b6 32. Kd3 Kd7 33. b5 Kc7 34. g4 Kb7 35. Kd4 cxb5 36. cxb5 a5 37. bxa6+ Kxa6 38. f5 Kb7 39. Kd5 Kc7 40. Ke6 b5 41. Kf7 b4 42. Kxg7 b3 43. f6 b2 44. f7 b1=Q 45. f8=Q Qg6+ 46. Kh8 Qxg4 1/2-1/2

Nicholas **MacLeod**

For the youngest Canadian chess champion ever, we must go way back to the 13th Canadian Championship of 1886, held in Quebec City, Quebec. Playing in his home town, Nicholas MacLeod finished first in the tournament which started just two weeks after his 16th birthday.

Lawrence Day, in his Toronto Star chess column of September 1, gives only the opening moves of MacLeod's first encounter at New York, 1889, with the tournament winner, Mikhail Chigorin. Here is the full struggle, with the notes based on notes by World Champion Wilhelm Steinitz in his tournament book of 1891.

Mikhail Chigorin - Nicholas MacLeod
6th American Chess Congress, New York, NY, USA, 1889.04.13

1. e4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. Bd3 Nf6 4. f3

An early attack is impossible in a closed game, so best is to fortify the centre pawns.

d6 5. Nh3 e6 6. O-O Nc6 7. c3 Be7 8. Be3 h6

Weakens the kingside.

9. Nd2 Nh7 10. f4 d5 11. e5

Advantageous to advance the pawn, since P/d5 blocks the Black light-squared bishop, and no pieces can enter at e4.

Qd7 12. Qh5 Bf8 13. f5

Beginning an attack that yields a pawn. The game is practically decided, because of the disparity of play between the two opponents.

O-O-O 14. Nf4 Kb8 15. fxe6 fxe6 16. Bxh7 Rxh7 17. Qg6 Rh8 18. Nxe6 Re8 19. Nf4 Nd8 20. Rf3 c5 21. Raf1 cxd4 22. cxd4 Ba6 23. Rc1 Ne6 24. Nxe6 Rxe6 25. Qf7 Re7 26. Qf4 Re6 27. a3 g5 28. Qf7 Be7 29. Rf6 !?

Even though the outcome was never in doubt.

Bc8 30. Rxc8+ !? Qxc8 31. Qxe6 Bxf6 32. Qxf6 Ka8 33. h3 g4 34. hxg4 Rf8 35. Qd6 Rd8 36. Qe7 Rg8 37. Qf7 Qxg4 38. Qxd5+ Kb8 39. e6 Qg3 40. Nf1 Qg6 41. Bf4+ 1-0

October 1, 2007 FIDE Rating List

After a bit of a hiatus, there is again a player over 2800 : Viswanathan Anand (India), 15th World Champion, leads the rating list, rated 2801, again over 2800 ! – he was previously the fourth player in history to break the 2800 barrier. (Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th World Champion, now retired, was the first player to break 2800 (highest rating ever in July 1999 – 2851); Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 14th World Champion, was the second player; Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), the 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third).

There are still 21 players in the 2700's. Some of the top players are (birth date of younger players in brackets, after country) :

2 : Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), rated 2787 (up from # 4 !);

3 : Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 14th World Champion, rated 2785

4 : Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, at 2769;

5 : Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger to Kramnik in the 2004 Classical World Championship match, with 2755;

6 : Alexander Morozevich (Russia), rated 2755;

7 : Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan – 1985) – 2752;

- # 8 : Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan – 1987) – 2742;
- # 9 : Levon Aronian (Armenia) rated 2741;
- # 20 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2708.

Some other past World Champions/FIDE World Champions and their current ratings are :

- # 21 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine) at 2705;
- # 28 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2690;
- # 43: 12th World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) – 2670 ;
- # 77 : 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) – 2643 ;

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching (birth date in brackets):

- # 15 : Evgeny Alekseev (Russia – 1985) – 2716 (up from # 24; first time over 2700);
- # 17 : Magnus Carlsen (Norway – 1990) – 2714 ;
- # 22 : Yue Wang (China – 1987) – 2703 (first time over 2700 !);
- # 24 : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine – 1990) – 2694 (up from # 35);
- # 25: Xiangzhi Bu (China – 1985) – 2692 - won the recent Canadian Open:
- # 54 : David Navara (Czech Rep. - 1985) – 2656.

The 6 highest FIDE rated Canadians are:

- # 1 : GM Kevin Spraggett, 5 times Canadian Champion, at 2580;
- # 2 : GM Mark Bluvshtein at 2544 (up 24 pts.);
- # 3 : GM Alexandre Le Siege, 1992, 1999 & 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2528;
- # 4 : GM Pascal Charbonneau, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2507;
- # 5 : GM Dimitri Tyomkin at 2503;
- # 6 : IM Igor Zugic, 2006 Canadian Champion, at 2477.

The current 2007 Canadian Champion, 16 year old Nikolay Noritsyn, is rated 2364 (he has his IM norms, and needs only to get his rating over 2400 to obtain his IM title).

The top 5 women in the world are :

- # 1 : GM Judit Polgar (Hungary) – 2708 (first woman player in history to break 2700);
- # 2 : GM Humpy Koneru (India – 1987) – 2606 (first time over 2600 & only second woman to do it – up 34 pts.);
- # 3 : GM Pia Cramling (Sweden) – 2531;
- # 4 : GM Chen Zhu (Qatar) – 2522;
- # 5 : WGM Xue Zhao (China - 1985) – 2530.

The junior girl to watch is : # 8 : Yifan Hou (China – 1994 – 13 year's old !) – 2502 – down from # 4.

North American Youth Chess Championships – Canadian Wins Gold !

On October 7 in Mexico, Canadian Alexandra Botez won her Rd. 7 game, to finish with 6/7 pts., and win the Gold Medal for Girls U 12.

Guelph Chessca Open

This four-section, 5 round swiss was held in Guelph on Sept. 29-30, and attracted 81 players. Congratulations to first-time organizer Ms. Mei Chen Lee, and her volunteers – the tournament was considered first rate by all who attended.

Here are the final prize winners:

Section: CFC 2000+

	Name	Prize	Points
Champion	GM Bator Sambuev, 2515	\$800	5
1st Runner-up	FM Goran Milicevic, 2355	\$500	4
2nd Runner-up	Nikolay Noritsyn, 2495	\$200/3	3.5
	Liam Henry, 2269		
	Kevin Chung, 2217		

Special Prize: Best < CFC 2200

Prize:

Wonky Chess Set

100% handmade in Guelph

Sponsored by: Masterpiece Cabinets

MSRP: \$150

Name	Points	Tie-break (Solkoff)
Steve Demmery, 2157	2.5	13
Christopher Knox, 2027		11.5
Alexander Martchenko, 2178		9.5
Hugh Siddeley, 2100		5

Section: CFC 1600-1999

	Name	Prize	Points
Champion	Jesse B.J. Wang, 1765	\$600/3	4
1st Runner-up	Mahmud Hassain, 1963		
2nd Runner-up	Simon Gladstone, 1809		
Best ELO Performance	TBA	Red Papaya Gift Card Sponsored by: Red Papaya MSRP: \$20	

Section: CFC 1400-1599

	Name	Prize	Points
Champion	Jerry Z.S. Wang, 1599	\$150	4.5
1st Runner-up	Brendon Lee, 1455	\$125	3.5
2nd Runner-up	Dennis Khaiter, 1421	\$75	3
Best ELO Performance	TBA	Red Papaya Gift Card Sponsored by: Red Papaya MSRP: \$20	

Section: <CFC 1400 and Unrated

	Name	Prize	Points
Champion	Terry Song, 1294	\$100 + trophy signed by GM Bator Sambuev	5
1st Runner-up	Frank Lee, unrated	\$50 + trophy signed by GM Bator Sambuev	4
2nd Runner-up	Dennis R. Poloniato Jr., 1058	\$30 + trophy signed by GM Bator Sambuev	4
Best Unrated Player	John Zaam Yang	trophy signed by GM Bator Sambuev	2
Best ELO Performance	TBA	Red Papaya Gift Card Sponsored by: Red Papaya MSRP: \$20	

Special Prize

	Name	Prize
Research Participation	Mario Moran-Venegas	SWISS Gear Computer Backpack Sponsored by: Urban Traveller MSRP: \$50

Kitchener- Waterloo Oktoberfest Open

This 5 round swiss in 4 sections was held October 13-15 in Kitchener City Hall. Here is the report of Hans Jung on ChessTalk:

“ FM Michael Dougherty showed that he still has what it takes approaching the age of 50 with an excellent tournament beating GM Bator Sambuev (Russia) in round 4! In a smoothly engineered performance he held IM Artem Samsonkin to a draw in round 5 to tie for first with the young IM. Michael has won several firsts in Kitchener tournaments

over the years and claims Kitchener City Hall has a special ambience for him. Local high school star Jeff Willms also tied for 1st with a nice queen sacrifice win as Black against Alex Martchenko in the last round. This should push his rating well over 2100 and he will be approaching master class for the first time. This finish left visiting GM Sambuev in 4th place and without a prize! (how often do you see a GM not winning a prize in a provincial tournament??)

Mahmud Hassain cruised to 1st place in the under 2000. 10 yr old Steven Liu had a plus score against 1800's as he continues to improve.

Timothy Waite and Derrick Rabethge tied for 1st in the under 1700 and Patrick Yu finished first in the under 1400 field. “

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss

56 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 5 experts) and 32 in the lower section. It was a bit crowded, but we had sufficient sets, clocks, tables and space to make it work.

After 5 rounds, the leader in the 1700 & Over section is club president and master, Bryan Lamb, having only given up one draw in the 5 rounds. Close on his heels with 4 pts. are experts Yuanling Yuan and John Hall, both undefeated (2 draws), and Oscar Villalobos (1760 !) (one loss, no draws).

In the U 1700 section, the leader after 5 rounds is Silvano Mesiti with a perfect score. Tied for second with 4 pts. are Sam Arfin and Jerry Z.S. Wang.

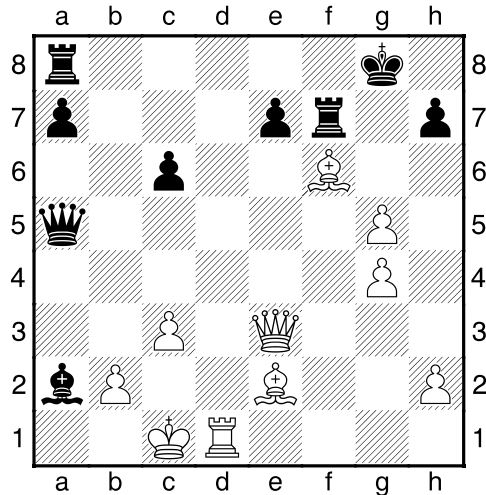
In Rd. 4 on Bd. 1 of the top section, Bryan Lamb got into a tactical melee with newcomer expert Alex Ferreira, and came out on top, securing sole possession of the lead, being the only player with four wins. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ferreira, A (2025) – Lamb, B (2207) [B72]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (4), 04.10.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.g4?± aggressive , but not best [8.0-0±] **8...d5 9.e5 Ne4 10.f4 g5?±** not the best defence though active [10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 g5±] **11.Nxe4 dxe4** [11...gxf4 12.Ng5 h6 13.Nh7 Kxh7 14.Bxf4 Qb6±] **12.fxg5 Bxe5 13.c3 Nc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qa4** [15.Qc2 Qd5 16.Rd1 Qe6±] **15...Be6** Bryan sacs a P , going for the exchange. Alex maintains the " slight " advantage [15...Qd5 16.Rd1 Qe6 17.Qa5 Rb8±] **16.Qxe4** Alex goes up a P, deciding to sac the exchange **16...Bd5 17.Qxe5** [17.Qf5?! f6 (17...Bxh1?? 18.Bd3+-) 18.Rf1 Rb8=] **17...Bxh1** Alex is down the exchange , but with a P compensation **18.Bd4?!=** [18.Bc5 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.c4 Be6±] **18...f6 19.Qe6+** [19.gxf6 exf6 20.Qe6+ Rf7 21.g5 Bd5 22.Qf5 Qd6=] **19...Rf7 20.0-0-0** [20.gxf6 exf6 21.g5 Bd5 22.Qf5 Qd6 (22...fxg5?? 23.Qe5 Kf8 24.c4 Qa5+ (24...Bg2? 25.0-0-0 Qf6 26.Qxf6 Rxf6 27.Bxf6+-) 25.Bc3 Qb6 26.cxd5 Re8 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.d6+ Kd7 29.Qd4 Qxd4 30.Bxd4 Rf4 31.Rd1 Rh4 32.Bg1 a5+-) 23.gxf6 Qxh2=; 20.h4 Bd5 21.Qe3 e5 22.Bc5 fxg5 23.c4 Bg2 24.Qxe5 Qe8=] **20...Bd5 21.Qe3 Bxa2** Bryan is up the exchange **22.Bxf6?!±** wrongly attacking the Bl Q. Alex is again down the exchange but with a P compensation [22.Bd3 e5 23.Bc5 Qa5 24.Bb4 Qa4=] **22...Qa5**

Position after 22... Qa5



23.Bd4?+- the losing move [23.Qe5 Bd5 24.c4 exf6 25.gxf6 Qa4 26.cxd5 cxd5 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Qxd5 Rc8+ 29.Kb1 Rxf6 30.Qe5 Qf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4#] **23...Bb3 24.Rg1?+-** - 5.89 [24.g6 hxg6 25.Qh6 e5 26.Qxg6+ Rg7 27.Qxc6 Rb8 28.Bc4+ Bxc4 29.Qxc4+ Rf7+- - 1.64] **24...Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Qxb2+** Alex is down the exchange **26.Ke1 e5 27.g6 hxg6** Bryan is up the exchange + P **28.Bxe5??+-** leads to mate [28.Rg3 exd4 29.cxd4 Qb1+ 30.Kd2 Rb8+- - 20.92 Bryan would be up a R] **28...Qb1+?+-** Bryan misses (the hard to calculate) mate [28...Re8 29.Qg5 Qb1+ 30.Kd2 Qc2+ 31.Ke3 Qxc3+ 32.Bd3 Rxe5+ 33.Qxe5 Qxe5+ 34.Be4 Qc5+ 35.Kd3 Bc2+ 36.Kd2 Rf2+ 37.Ke1 Qe3#] **29.Kd2 Rd8+?+-** again missing the mate [29...Qc2+ 30.Ke1 Re8 31.Rf1 Rxe5 32.Rxf7 (32.Qxe5? Qc1+ 33.Bd1 Qxd1#) 32...Rxe3 33.Rf8+ Kxf8 34.Kf2 Qxe2+ 35.Kg1 Qe1+ 36.Kg2 Bd5#] **30.Bd3??+-** allows mate in 2 [30.Bd4 Qc2+ 31.Ke1 c5+-] **30...Rxd3+?** the slower mate [30...Qc2+ 31.Ke1 Qd1#] **31.Qxd3 Rf2+?+-** a very long way to mate [31...Qb2+ 32.Ke3 Qf2+ 33.Ke4 Bd5+ 34.Qxd5 Qe2+ 35.Kd4 Qd2+ 36.Kc4 Qxd5+ 37.Kb4 Rb7+ 38.Ka4 Qa2#] **32.Ke3 Rf3+** and mate in 14 moves **0-1**

Also in Rd. 4 in the top section, your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, pulled off an upset, defeating one of the 2005-6 club co-champions, expert Alex Rapoport, winning the ending. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

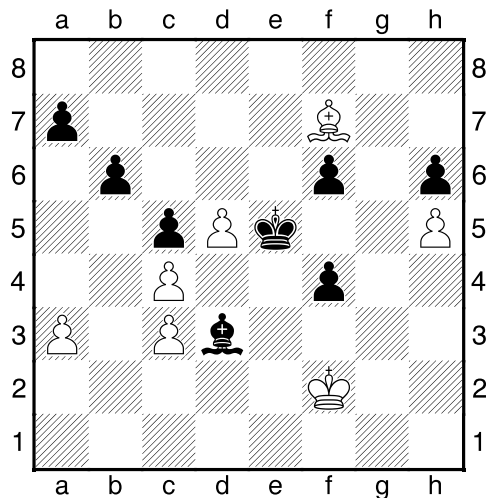
Rapoport, A (2014) – Armstrong, R (1771) [B09]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (4), 04.10.2007

1.d4 g6± 2.e4 Bg7 3.f4= [3.Nc3±] **3...d6?!±** [3...Nf6?! 4.Bd3 d5 5.e5 Ne4±; 3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6=] **4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.e5** [7.d5?! e6 8.dxe6 Bxe6=] **7...dxe5 8.fxe5?#** [8.dxe5 Qxd1+ 9.Bxd1 Ng4±] **8...Nd5?!=** [8...Ng4 9.d5 Nxe5#] **9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.c4 Qd8 11.d5 Qa5+** [11...Nd7 12.Bf4 Qc7 13.0-0 Nxe5=] **12.Bd2 Qc7 13.0-0!** Alex decides to sac a P for development [13.Bc3 Nd7 14.d6 (14.e6?! Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 fxe6 16.0-0 Nf6#) 14...exd6 15.exd6 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Qd8=] **13...Bxe5?±** I go up a P (and I will hold it !). But Alex gets a " clear " advantage [13...Nd7 14.Bc3 Nxe5 15.Qd2 Bf5=] **14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Bc3 Qg5 16.Rf3 Nd7 17.Rg3 Qf4 18.Qc2 Nf6?!+-** Alex gets a " winning " advantage [18...Qd6 19.Qe4 f5 20.Qh4 Nf6±] **19.Rf1 Qh4 20.Bxf6?±** [20.Re3 Qg5 21.Qc1 Ng4 22.Bxg4 Bxg4 23.Rxe7 Qxc1 (23...Qxe7?? 24.Bf6 Qxf6 because of the mate threat of Qh6 25.Rxf6+-) 24.Rxc1 b6+-] **20...exf6**

21.Rgf3?!= Alex loses his winning advantage [21.Qc3 f5 (21...Bd7?! 22.Rxf6 Rae8 23.Bf1 Re1±) 22.Bd3 Re8 23.Bxf5 Bxf5 24.Rxf5 Re7±] **21...Qd4+ 22.Kh1 f5** I hold onto that extra P **23.Rd3 Qe5 24.Bf3 Bd7 25.Qf2?!=** I finally get the advantage again for only the second time in the game [25.d6 Rad8 26.Qd2 b6=] **25...b6 26.Re1?!=** I get a " clear " advantage [26.a3 Qd6 27.Qh4 Rfe8=] **26...Qd6 27.Rde3** [27.Qh4 Rae8 28.Rf1 Re7=] **27...Rfe8 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Rxe8+ Bxe8 30.Qe3 Bd7 31.Kg1 f6 32.g3 Qe5 33.Qc3 Qxc3 34.bxc3 Kf7 35.Kf2 Ke7 36.Ke3 Kd6 37.h3?!-+** I get a " winning " advantage [37.Kd3 Ke5 38.Ke3 h6 39.Bg2 a6 40.Bf1 Kd6 41.Be2 Ba4 42.Kd3 Be8=] **37...Ke5 38.h4 g5 39.Bh5 f4+ 40.gxf4+ gxf4+ 41.Kf2 Bf5 42.Bf7 - 3.25** [42.Bf3 Bd3 43.Be2 Bxe2 44.Kxe2 b5 45.Kf3 b4 46.d6 Kxd6 47.cxb4 cxb4 48.Kxf4 a5- - 7.77] **42...Bd3 43.h5 h6 44.a3**

Position after 44.a3



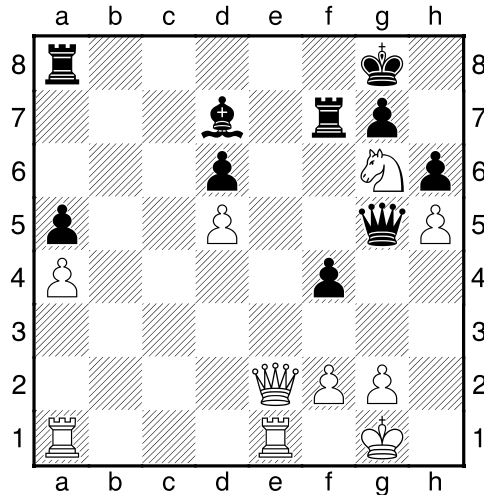
Kd6?+- - 2..74 I decided not to take the P...because I didn't see Be6. [44...Bxc4 45.d6 Be6 (45...Kxd6?? 46.Bxc4+-) 46.Bg6 Kxd6 47.Be4 Bg4 48.Bg6 Kd5+- - 5.86] **45.Kf3 Ke5 46.Bg8 - 4.39** [46.Kf2 Bxc4 47.d6 Be6 48.Bg6 Kxd6 - 4.64] **46...Bc2?+-** - 2.94 again I fail to see that I can win the P [46...Bxc4 47.d6 Bb5 48.Kf2 Bc6 49.Bb3 b5 50.Bc2 Kxd6 - 4.68] **47.d6?+-** this just loses the dP [47.Ke2 Bb3 48.Kd3 f3 49.Ke3 Bxc4 50.d6 Be6 51.Kxf3 Kxd6 I would be up 2 P] **47...Bd1+ 48.Kf2 Kxd6** I go up 2 P **49.Bf7 Ke5 50.Bg6 Bb3?+-** - 4.06 [50...f5 51.Kg2 Ke4 52.Kf2 Bg4 53.Be8 Kd3 54.Bf7 Kxc3+- - 7.99 I would be up 3 P] **51.Bf7 Kf5 52.Ke2 Kg5 53.Kd2?+-** - 9.72 [53.Kf2 b5 54.Bd5 Bxc4 55.Bb7 a5 56.Ba6 a4 57.Ke1 Kxh5+- - 7.79] **53...Kg4 54.Ke2 Kg3 55.Bd5 Bc2?+-** -11.91 [I saw the following move just after I moved Bc2 55...f3+! 56.Bxf3 Bd1+ 57.Kxd1 Kxf3+- - 14.25] **56.Be6 - 17.88** [56.Kd2 f3 57.Bxf3 Kxf3 58.Kxc2 Ke2+- - 19.07] **56...f3+ 57.Kf1??** leads to mate [57.Ke3 f2 58.Bh3 Bd3 59.Kxd3 Kxh3 60.Ke4 f1Q-+] **57...Bd3+** Alex resigned. Mate follows **58.Ke1 f2+ 59.Kd2 f1Q 60.Bg4 Kxg4 61.a4 Qe2+ 62.Kc1 Qc2# 0-1**

In Rd. 4 in the U 1700 section, on top board, it was a heartbreaker for Masoud Jizan. Against top-rated Silvano Mesiti he had the advantage all game, having a " winning " advantage a couple of times. But a misstep on move 38, gave Silvano a pawn, and the advantage for the first time in the game. Silvano went on to convert his extra P to a win. Here is their game (as far as it was recorded) (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Jizan, M (1596) – Mesiti, S (1698) [D20]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (4), 04.10.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e6?!± [3...Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Bxc4 Nc6 6.Ne2 Nb6 7.Bb5 Bd7=] 4.Bxc4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bg5 [6.Qd3 c5 7.a3 Qa5 8.Nge2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 11.bxc3 a6±] 6...Be7?!± Masoud gets an early " clear " advantage [6...c5 7.Nge2 cxd4 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bd3 Qa5=] 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bf4 a6 9.a3 0-0 10.0-0 Nh5 11.Be3 Nf6 12.Bd3?!± [12.Rc1 b5 13.Bd3 Bb7±] 12...Bd7?+- Masoud gets a " winning " advantage [12...Ng4 13.Rc1 f6 14.Bf4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Bxc7 Ne5±] 13.Bc2 Ng4 14.Bc1?!± [14.Bf4 f5 15.e5 Kh8 16.h3 Nh6+-] 14...f5 [14...e5 15.d5 Nd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Qxd4 Bd6±] 15.exf5 exf5 16.h3 Nf6 17.d5 Na7 18.Bb3?!± [18.Nd4 Nb5 19.Ncxb5 axb5±] 18...Kh8 19.Re1 Bd6 20.Bg5 Nb5 21.Qc2 Qc8 22.a4?!= Masoud loses his winning advantage [22.Nxb5 axb5 23.Be3 Ne4 24.Bd4 Re8±] 22...Nxc3 23.bxc3 Ne4?!± [23...c6 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Ne5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 f4=] 24.Be3 Qd8 25.c4?!= [25.Bc4?! c5 26.Be2 Qf6 27.Bd3 b6 28.Rab1 b5 29.Rbd1 h6=; 25.Rab1 b6 26.Bc4 Qe8 27.Qd3 Qh5±] 25...Nc5?± [25...Bb4 26.Re2 Nc3 27.Rd2 Ne4 28.Rdd1 Qe7=] 26.Bd4 Nxb3?!+- Masoud gets back his winning advantage [26...Kg8 27.Qc3 Ne4 28.Qb2 Bc5±] 27.Qxb3 b6 [27...c5 28.Be5 Qc7 29.Rab1 Bxe5 30.Nxe5 Rab8+-] 28.Qc3 Rf7 29.h4?!± [29.a5 Kg8 30.axb6 cxb6 31.Reb1 Bc7+-] 29...h6?!+- [29...Qf8 30.Ne5 Bxe5 31.Bxe5 c6±] 30.h5?!± [30.a5 Kg8 31.Qb3 bxa5 32.c5 Bf8+-] 30...a5 31.Qc2 Qf8 32.Nh4 Qd8 33.Ng6+ Kg8 34.c5?= Masoud again loses his winning advantage [34.f4 Rc8 35.Qb3 Bb4±] 34...bxc5 35.Bxc5 Qg5 36.Bxd6 cxd6 37.Qe2 [37.Qc7 f4 38.Qxd6 f3 39.Qh2 Re8 40.Rxe8+ Bxe8 41.d6 Kh7=; 37.Ra3 f4=; 37.f4 Qxh5 38.Ne7+ Kh7 39.Qc7 Bxa4 40.Qxd6 (40.Rxa4 Re8 41.Qxd6 Rfxe7 42.Rxe7 Qd1+ 43.Kh2 Rxe7 44.Qxe7 Qxa4=) 40...Bb3=] 37...f4



38.f3?!± this drops a P; for the first time in the entire game, Silvano now gets the advantage [38.Qd2 Bh3 39.f3 Qxh5 40.Ne7+ Kh8 41.gxh3 Rxe7 42.Rxe7 Qg5+ 43.Kh2 Qxe7 44.Qxf4 Rb8=] 38...Qxh5 Silvano goes up a P 39.Qe4 Bf5?!= [39...Re8 40.Nxf4 Rxe4 41.Nxh5 Rxe1+ 42.Rxe1 Rf5 43.Re7 Bxa4 44.Nxg7 Rxd5±] 40.Ne7+ Kf8 41.Nxf5?!± [41.Qxf4 Rxe7 42.Rxe7 Kxe7 43.Re1+ Kd7 44.g4 Qg5 45.Qc4 Rc8 46.Qb5+ Kc7 47.Qc6+ Kb8 48.Qxd6+ Ka8 49.Qa6+ Kb8 50.Qb6+ Ka8 51.Qa6+=] 41...Qxf5?!= [41...Rxf5 42.Qe7+ Kg8 43.Qxd6 Rxd5 44.Qxf4 Rad8±] 42.Rab1 Qxe4 43.fxe4 Rc7 44.e5?!± [44.Rb6 Rd8 45.Rc6 Rb7 46.Rf1 g5 47.g3 Rb4 48.gxf4 Kg7 49.Rc7+ Kg6 50.Re7 gxf4 51.Rxf4 Rxa4 52.Re6+ Kg7 53.Rh4 Rb4=] 44...dxe5 45.Rxe5 Rc4?!= [45...Kg8 46.Re4 g5 47.Re6 Rd8 48.Reb6 Rxd5 49.Rxh6 Kg7±] 46.Ra1?± it is best to

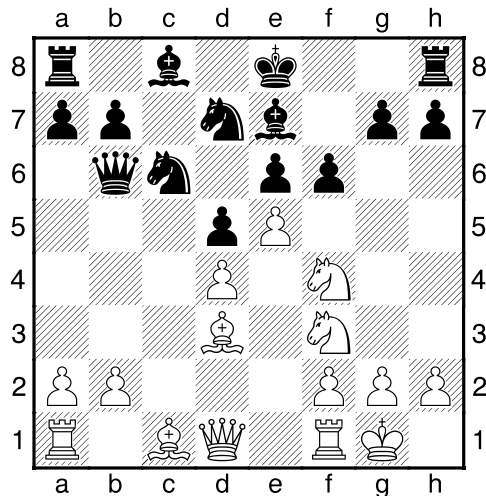
give up the aP and double R's on the 7th rank and take a draw. This way, Silvano gets a " clear " advantage. [46.Rb7 Rxa4 47.Rf5+ Kg8 48.Rff7 g5 49.Rg7+ Kh8 50.Rh7+ Kg8 51.Rhg7+=] **46...Kf7** no further score due to time trouble. Silvano won. **0-1**

In Round 5 in the top section, Aaron Wu saw a complicated way of winning a P, he thought, but he didn't analyze the combination far enough, and Rick Garel ended up winning material. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Garel, R (1989) – Wu, A (1702) [C06]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (1700 & Over) SCC (5), 11.10.2007

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 [5.Ngf3 Be7 6.Bd3 c5] **5...c5 6.c3 Nc6** [6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Qg5] **7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.0-0 f6?!±** Rick gets a " clear " advantage [10...Nf8 11.Nc3 Nb4 12.Na4 Qd8] **11.Nf4!** it appears that this loses a P, but there is more here than meets the eye



11...Ndx5?!+- Aaron sees a rather complicated way of winning a P, but he doesn't see far enough. Rick gets a " winning " advantage [11...Nb4 12.Bb1 0-0 13.a3 Na6±] **12.dxe5 fxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5** Aaron is up a P, but in trouble **14.Qh5+ Nf7 15.Bxh7** material equality **15...Bd7?!+-** 2.88 [15...e5 16.Ng6 Bg4 17.Qxg4 Rxh7+- 2.17] **16.Ng6 0-0-0?+-** 5.20 Aaron wrongly gives up the B rather than the exchange [16...Rf8 17.Rb1 Qd4 18.Be3 Qf6 19.Nxf8 Kxf8 20.Bg6 Be8+- 2.93] **17.Nxe7+** winning a B is better than winning the exchange **17...Kb8 18.Qxf7 Rxh7** Rick is up an N **19.Bf4+ Ka8 20.Rac1 Rhh8** 7.15 [20...Qxb2 21.Ng6 Bc6 22.Nf8 Rh8 23.Nxe6 Rd7 24.Nc7+ Rxc7 25.Qxc7 Qb4+- 7.52] **21.Bc7 Rdf8 22.Qxf8+ Rxf8 23.Bxb6 axb6 24.Ng6+-** Rick is up a R; Aaron resigns. **1-0**

In the lower section in Rd. 5, new junior, Sai Xiao was losing to veteran Dinesh Dittany, down 3 pawns at one point, two being connected and passed. But he didn't give up and started winning back pawns. Dinesh tried an exchange sacrifice to try to get his pawn queened, but Sai mated him ! Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz) :

Dattani, D (1397) – Xiao, S (906) [D38]

SCC Howard Ridout Swiss (U 1700) SCC (5), 11.10.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6?!± Dinesh gets the advantage [3...dxc4 4.e3 e5 5.Bxc4 exd4 6.exd4 Be7=] 4.Nf3 Bb4 [4...Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Re8±; 4...Bd6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Re8±] 5.Bg5 Nbd7 [5...c6 6.Qc2 Qa5 7.Bd2 0-0±; 5...dxc4 6.e4 b5±] 6.e3 [6.Qb3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c5±] 6...h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Be2 [8.Qb3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5±] 8...Nb6 [8...c6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qb3 Qe7±] 9.Qb3 a5?!± Dinesh gets a " clear " advantage [9...Be7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Bb4+ 13.Kf1 0-0±] 10.a3?!± [10.c5 Nd7 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Nf8±] 10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.Qxc4 Qe7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ne5 Qg5?!+- this leaves the cP unprotected. Dinesh gets a " winning " advantage [15...b6 16.Qc6 Rb8 17.Qf3 Bb7 18.e4 Rbd8±] 16.Qxc7 Dinesh goes up a P 16...f6 17.Nf3 Qg6 18.Rfb1 e5 19.d5?!± [19.dxe5 Kh7 20.Rb6 Bg4 21.exf6 Bxf7 22.Qxg7+ Qxg7 23.fxg7 Rf7 24.gxf3 Rxg7+ 25.Kf1 Rc8+- 2.61] 19...Bh3?!+- aggressive but not best [19...Bg4 20.Ne1 Rf7 21.Qc5 Be2 22.Rb6 Qg4±] 20.g3?!± Dinesh chooses the wrong way to defend [20.Ne1 Bf5 21.Rxb7 Rfc8 22.Qb6 Rxc3+-] 20...Qe4?+- [20...Rf7 21.Qc5 Qe4 22.Ne1 Rd8±] 21.Ne1?± there is an " attacking " defence ! [21.Rxb7! Qh7 22.Nd2 Bc8 23.Rb2 Qd3+-] 21...Kh7?!± [21...b5 22.Qc5 (22.Rxb5 Rfc8 23.Qb7 Qc4 24.Ng2 Qxc3=) 22...Rfd8 23.Rd1 Qa4=] 22.Rxb7 threatens mate and goes up 2 connected, passed P's 22...Rg8 23.Qc5?± [23.c4 Bc8 24.Rb6 Ba6 25.Qc6 Bxc4 26.d6 Bd5 27.Qc2 Qxc2 28.Nxc2 Rgb8±] 23...Rac8?+- [23...Rgc8 24.Qe7 Rg8 25.Qxf6 Qxd5 26.Re7 Rae8 27.Rc7 Rc8 28.Re7 Rce8=] 24.Qxa5 Dinesh goes up 3 P 24...Qc4 25.Qb5 Qxc3 Dinesh is up 2 P again 26.Qd3+ Qxd3 27.Nxd3 Rgd8?!+- 2.50 [27...Rc3 28.Ne1 Ra8 29.a4 Rc5 30.e4 Rc4 31.a5 Rxe4+- 1.81] 28.Nb4 Rc4 29.f4 exf4 30.exf4?!± [30.gxf4 Rd7 31.Rxd7 Bxd7 32.d6 Kg8 33.Nd5 Rc2 34.e4 Kf7+-] 30...Ra8?!+- [30...Re8 31.Nd3 Rd4 32.Nf2 Bf5 33.g4 Be4 34.Rb4 Rxb4 35.axb4 Bxd5± Dinesh would only be up a P, though still with a " clear " advantage] 31.d6?!± the pawn is now lost; it couldn't be pushed [31.Kf2 Re8 32.Re1 Rxe1 33.Kxe1 Rc1+ 34.Ke2 Ra1 35.Ra7 Rh1+-] 31...Rd4 32.d7?± Sai now has drawing chances [32.Re1?! Rxd6 33.Ree7 Rg8 34.Nc2 Rd1+ 35.Ne1 h5±; 32.Rb5 Rxd6 33.Rd5 Rxd5 34.Nxd5 Ra5 35.Nc3 Bd7±] 32...Rd2?!± best to just take the dP right away [32...Bxd7 33.Kf2 Bg4 34.Ra2 Be6 35.Re2 Bg4 36.Nc2 Rd1 37.Ree7 Rd2+ 38.Ke3 Re2+ 39.Kd4 Rd8+ 40.Kc3 Rc8+ 41.Rec7 Rxc7+ 42.Rxc7 Rxh2=] 33.Nc6?± Sai now gets a " clear " advantage, though temporarily down 2 P [33.Rc7?! Rg2+ 34.Kh1 Rd2 35.Rac1 Rxa3 36.Kg1 Rb3 37.R7c2 Rxd7 38.Nc6 Rbd3±; 33.Ra2 Rd1+ 34.Kf2 Bxd7 35.h4 Be6 36.Re2 Bg4 37.Ree7 Rd2+ 38.Ke3 Re2+ 39.Kd4 Rxe7 40.Rxe7 Rxa3=] 33...Bxd7 Dinesh is only up 1 P 34.Ne7 [34.Nb8 Be6 35.Re7 Bg4 36.Nc6 Bf3 37.Nb4 Rg2+ 38.Kf1 Rxh2±] 34...Re8?!± [34...Bh3 35.Rb3 Rg2+ 36.Kh1 Re2 37.g4 Bxg4 38.Nd5 Ra5 39.Rg3 Bc8 40.Nc3 Rf2±] 35.Rxd7?± this exchange sac is unsound and not necessary. Dinesh still is up a passed P, even if Sai has a " slight " advantage. This gives Sai a " winning " advantage. [35.Re1 Bh3 36.Rb3 Rg2+ 37.Kh1 Ra2 38.Rbb1 Ra8 39.Ra1 R8xa3±] 35...Rxd7 Sai is now up R vs N + P 36.Nc6 Rd2 37.a4 Ree2 38.a5 Rg2+ 39.Kh1 Rxh2+ Sai now has R vs N 40.Kg1 Rdg2+ 41.Kf1 Rc2?± - 2.83 best to take the gP [41...Rxc3 42.a6 Rh1+ 43.Kf2 Rxa1 44.Kxc3 Rxa6+- - 4.52] 42.Kg1 Rcg2+ 43.Kf1 Rxc3 Sai has R + P vs N 44.Ra4?+- - 7.19 This loses the N [44.Re1 Rg4 45.Re4 Rgg2 46.Ne7 Ra2 47.Kg1 h5+- - 5.25] 44...Rc2?+- - 3.59 Sai fails to see the way to win the N using mate threats [44...Rc3 45.Kg1 (45.Ne7?? Rc1#) 45...Rb2 46.Ra1 Rxc6] 45.Nb4 Rh2 46.a6 Rc3 47.a7?± Dinesh is blinded by thoughts of a new Q and misses the one move mate [47.Kg1 Rb2 48.Ra1 Rxb4 49.a7 Rc8 50.a8Q Rxa8 51.Rxa8 Rxf4+-] 47...Rc1# 0-1

SCC'ers at the Toronto Labour Day Open

(third 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 in the last 2 issues, and here are the last games.

Your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, managed one win – here it is (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):



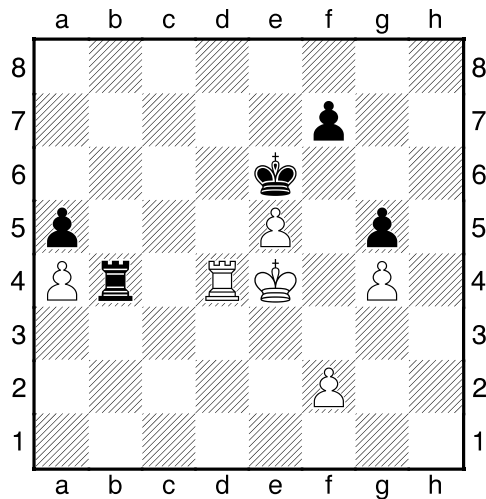
Your editor (in another game) trying to understand how he got such a bad position defending against the Dutch !

Armstrong, R (1808) – Lambruschini, A (1803) [D30]

Toronto Labour Day (U 2000) Toronto (3), 02.09.2007

1.d4 e6± 2.c4= [2.e4±] **2...d5 3.Nf3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bb4+?!±** [5...Bd6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.Bb3 Qe7=] **6.Bd2 Bxd2+?!±** I get an early " clear " advantage [6...Bd6 7.0-0 0-0±] **7.Qxd2?!±** I recapture the wrong way [7.Nbxd2 Na6 8.a3 0-0 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Rc1 Qb6±] **7...0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Nc3?!=** [9.Qc2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5±] **9...a6?±** [9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 e5 11.Rad1 e4 12.Ng5 Nb6 13.Bb3 Qe7=] **10.a4 b6 11.b4?±=** [11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Rfc1 Bb7±] **11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bb7 13.e4 c5 14.bxc5 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Ng5 Bd5?!±** [16...Bf5 17.cxb6 Nxb6 18.Be2 Qf6=] **17.Bxd5 exd5 18.c6** this pawn is going to be a thorn in Alex' side for a long time **18...Nb8** [18...Nf6 19.Qf4 Ra7±] **19.Rfc1 Qf6?!±** [19...Ra7 20.Qb2! Nxc6 21.Nxh7 Re8 22.Rxc6 Rae7 23.Nf6+ gxf6 24.Qc3 f5±] **20.c7 Nd7 21.Rc3 h6 22.Nf3 Rfc8 23.Rac1 Ra7 24.Rc6 Qe7 25.Qf4?!±** [25.Qb2 Rb7 26.a5 b5 27.Rxa6 Rbxc7 28.Re1 Qf8 29.Qxb5 Nf6±] **25...Qa3?+-** this is no time to think about going pawn grabbing. I get a " winning " advantage [25...Nf8 26.Rxb6 Raxc7 27.Rxc7 Rxc7 28.h3±] **26.h3 Nf8** [26...Qxa4?? 27.Qf5 Qxc6 28.Rxc6 Raxc7

29.Rxc7 Rxc7 30.Qxd5 b5+–] **27.Qf5 Ne6 28.Qxd5** I go up a P, and have a pawn on the 7th – a "winning" advantage **28...Qe7 29.Rxb6 Rcxc7 30.Rb8+ Kh7 31.Qe4+ g6 32.Rxc7?!±** [32.Rd1 Ng5 33.Nxg5+ hxg5 34.Qd3 Qd7+– 1.59] **32...Qxc7 33.Qe5** [33.Rb1 Qf4 34.Qxf4 Nxf4 35.Kh2 Ne2 36.Rb2 Nc3 37.a5 Nb5±] **33...Qxe5 34.dxe5 g5** [34...Nc5 35.Rb4 Re7 36.Rd4 Kg7±] **35.Rc8** [35.a5 Nc5 36.Rb1 Rd7 37.Kh2 Rd3 38.Rb6 Kg7 39.Rc6 Rd5±] **35...Kg6 36.g4** [36.a5 Rc7 37.Ra8 Rc6±] **36...h5 37.Rc6 hxg4 38.hxg4 Kg7?!+–** [38...Rc7 39.Rxa6 Rc4 40.Nh2 Kg7 41.Ra7 Rc1+ 42.Nf1 Nf4±] **39.Kf1?!±** [39.a5 Rb7 40.Rb6 Rc7 (40...Rxb6? 41.axb6 Nd8 42.Nxg5 Kg6 43.Ne4 a5 44.f4 a4 45.f5+ Kg7 46.g5 a3 47.Nc3 Kf8+–) 41.Rxa6 Rc4 42.Kh2 (42.Nh2?! Rc1+ 43.Nf1 Nf4 44.f3 Ra1±) 42...Rxc4] **39...Kf8?!+–** [39...a5 40.Rb6 Rc7 41.Rb5 Rc3 42.Nd2 Nf4 43.Nb3 f6 44.exf6+ Kxf6 45.Kg1 Ne2+ 46.Kg2 Nf4+ 47.Kh2 Rh3+ 48.Kg1 Ne2+ 49.Kf1 Nf4 50.Ke1 Rd3±] **40.Ke2 Ke7 41.Ke3 Kd7 42.Rd6+ Ke7 43.Nd4 Nxd4 44.Kxd4 a5 45.Rd5 Rb7 46.Ke4 Rb4+ 47.Rd4 Ke6?+–** 3.48 a losing move – Alex wrongly calculated the ending after allowing the exchange of R [47...Rb3 48.Kf5 Rf3+ 49.Kxg5 Rxf2+– 1.49]



48.Rxb4 axb4 49.Kd4 b3 50.Kc3 b2 51.Kxb2 Kd5 [slightly better though still lost is 51...Kxe5 52.Kc3 Kf4 53.Kd3 Kxg4 54.Ke3 f5 55.a5 f4+ 56.Ke4 Kh3 57.Kf3 g4+ 58.Kxf4 Kg2 59.a6 Kxf2 60.a7 Ke2+– (60...g3 61.a8Q g2 62.Qf3+ Kg1 63.Kg3 Kh1 64.Qxg2#)] **52.Kb3 Kc5 53.Kc3 1-0**

In the final round, Josh Sherman faced Michael Prysiazny, the leader of the U 1800 on Bd. 1. The game went back and forth, with Josh generally having the advantage. But in the end, they agreed to a draw, which gave Michael clear first. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sherman, J (1760) – Prysiazny, M (1673) [C34]

Toronto Labour Day Open Toronto (6), 03.09.2007

1.e4 e5 2.f4 [2.Nf3=] **2...exf4** Michael goes up the gambitted P **3.Nf3 d6?!=** [3...g5 4.Bc4 (4.h4?! g4 5.Ne5 Nc6 6.Nxg4 d5) 4...g4 5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Ne5+ Ke8 7.Qxg4 Nf6 8.Qxf4 Bd6] **4.Bc4 Bg4?!±** [4...Be6 5.d3 Qf6 6.Bxe6 fxe6=] **5.0-0** [5.d4 Qf6 6.Nc3 c6 7.e5 dxe5 8.dxe5 Qf5 9.0-0 Nd7±] **5...Be7±** Josh gets a " clear " advantage [5...Qf6 6.d3 Nc6 7.Nc3 Nge7] **6.d4 Nf6 7.Qd3?!±** best to win back the P [7.Bxf4 d5 8.Bxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.Nc3 Qd7±] **7...Nc6 8.Bxf4 Bxf3?!±** [8...0-0 9.a3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Qxd5±] **9.Rxf3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5**

11.Bxc7 Qxc7?!+- Josh gets a " winning " advantage [11...Nxc7 12.Bxf7+ Kf8 13.Bc4+ Bf6 14.c3 Na5±] **12.Bxd5** Josh goes up a P **12...0-0-0 13.Qf5+?=** Josh loses his advantage [13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.c3 f6+-] **13...Kb8 14.c3?+-** Michael gets a " winning " advantage [14.Bxc6 Rxd4 (14...Qxc6? 15.c3) 15.Be4 g6 16.Qxf7 Rxe4=] **14...Nxd4?±** an unsound sac and Michael misses the winning line [14...g6 15.Qxf7 Rhf8 16.Qg7 Nxd4! 17.cxd4 Qc1+ 18.Kf2 Rfe8 19.Nc3 Qxa1+- 3.11] **15.cxd4** Josh is up an N **15...Qc1+ 16.Rf1 Qxb2** Josh has N vs P **17.Qf4+ Ka8?+-** Josh gets a " winning " advantage again [17...Bd6 18.Qd2 Qxa1 19.Rd1 Rc8±] **18.Bxb7+?!±** Josh gives up the wrong piece [18.Nc3 Qxc3 19.Rfc1 Qb4+- 4.40] **18...Qxb7** material equality **19.Nc3 Bf6 20.Rfd1 Qc6?!+-** [20...Qb8 21.Qf2 Qb4 22.Qf3+ Qb7±] **21.Rab1!?!±** [21.Rac1 Qd7 22.Rb1 Rc8 23.Qf3+ Qc6+-] **21...g5 22.Qf2±** Josh agreed to a draw, since material was even, though he felt he had an advantage. The draw was fine with Michael because it was all he needed to take first place in the U 1800. ½-½

Also in the last round, two SCC'ers faced off in the U 1800. In a tough game, Oscar Villalobos defeated Joe Bellomo. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Villalobos, O (1790) – Bellomo, J (1714) [B23]

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1.e4 c5± 2.Nc3 d6 [2...Nf6±] **3.g3=** [3.Nf3±] **3...Nc6 4.Bg2 a6?!±** [4...g6=] **5.f4?!=** [5.Nge2 g6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bg7±] **5...Nf6 6.d3 Qc7** [6...g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0=] **7.Nf3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.h3 Rb8** [9...0-0 10.Qe1 b5=] **10.g4** [10.d4 d5 11.exd5 Nxd4 12.Kh2 Qb6=] **10...b5 11.Ne2 Bb7 12.c3 b4 13.g5 Nh5?!±** [13...Nd7 14.Qe1 a5=] **14.Be3 bxc3** [14...0-0 15.Qe1 f5±; 14...d5 15.exd5 exd5 16.cxb4 Nxb4±] **15.bxc3 g6** [15...d5 16.Qe1 c4 17.exd5 cxd3 18.Nc1 exd5±] **16.Qe1** [16.Rb1 0-0 17.Qb3 d5±] **16...Bf8 17.f5!** Oscar offers the sac of a P to try to open lines to the Bl K trapped in the centre **17...e5?!±** Joe tries to close up the centre, but ends up giving Oscar a " clear " advantage [17...gxf5 18.exf5 Ne7 19.fxe6 fxe6±] **18.fxcg6?=** Oscar loses his advantage [18.Rb1 h6 19.fxcg6 fxcg6±] **18...hxg6 19.c4?!±** Joe gets the advantage [19.Rb1 Be7 20.Qd2 Nd8 21.Qc2 Ne6=; 19.Qd1 Bc8 20.d4 Rb2=; 19.d4 Nd8 20.Nh2 Bc8 21.Qd2 Be6=] **19...Nb4?!=** [19...Nd4 20.Nfxd4 cxd4 21.Bd2 Bc8±] **20.Qd2 Nc6 21.Nc3 Ne7 22.Nh2 Bg7 23.Ng4 Ng8?±** Oscar gets back a " clear " advantage [23...Bc8 24.Qf2 Be6 25.Rac1 Rb4 26.Rce1 Qa7=] **24.Rab1 Nf4 25.Bxf4 exf4 26.Nd5 Bxd5 27.exd5 Bd4+ 28.Kh1?!±** [28.Kh2 Rxb1 29.Rxb1 f5 30.gxf6 Nxf6 31.Qxf4 0-0±] **28...f3?!±** this just loses the advanced fP [28...Rxb1 29.Rxb1 f3 30.Bf1 Ne7±] **29.Rxb8+ Qxb8 30.Rxf3** Oscar goes up a P **30...Qc8?!+-** Oscar gets a " winning " advantage [30...Kf8 31.Rf1 Kg7 32.Qf4 Qc7±] **31.Qf4 Qd7 32.Rf1?!±** [32.Qe4+ Kd8 33.Qf4 Ne7 34.Nh6 Nf5 35.Nxf5 gxf5+-] **32...Rh7?!+-** [32...Kf8 33.Nh2 Be5 34.Qg4 Qxg4 35.Nxg4 Bg3±] **33.Rb1 Kf8?+-** 3.60 [33...Qd8 34.Rb7 Kf8+- 2.49] **34.Rb6?+-** 2.38 [34.Rb8+ Kg7 35.Qxd4+! cxd4 36.Rxg8+ Kxg8 37.Nf6+ Kf8 38.Nxd7+ Ke7 39.Nb8 Rh5+- 3.49] **34...Be5?+-** 7.52 [34...Kg7 35.Rxd6 Qb7 36.Nh2 Qb1+ 37.Qf1 Qxa2+- 3.31] **35.Nxe5 dxe5 36.Rb8+?+-** 5.11 [36.Qxe5 f6 37.gxf6 Rxh3+ 38.Kg1 Rxd3+- 8.77] **36...Kg7 37.Qxe5+** Oscar goes up 2 P **37...f6 38.gxf6+ Nxf6 39.d6?+-** 3.47 [39.Rb6 Qd8 40.Rxa6 Rh5 41.Ra7+ Kf8 42.Qg3 Qb6 43.Rc7 Ne8 44.Rc6 Qb2+- 6.91] **39...Rhx3+?!+-** 4.92 this exchange sac is not really sound [39...Rh5? 40.Qg3 Qf5 41.Rb7+ Kf8+- 7.14; 39...Qf5 40.Qxf5 gxf5 41.d4 cxd4 42.c5 Nd7 43.Rb7 Kf6+- 4.67] **40.Kg1?+-** 2.28 [40.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 41.Kg1 Qd7+- 5.04 Oscar would be up the exchange + passed P on the 6th] **40...Rxd3?+-** 8.65 Oscar is only up the exchange [40...Rh5 41.Qg3 Qf5 42.Rb7+ Kf8 43.Qe3 Qe5+- 2.21] **41.Rb7 Rd1+** 10.64 [41...Kh6 42.Qf4+ Kg7 43.Rxd7+ Nxd7+- 10.80] **42.Kh2?+-** 4.61 [42.Kf2 Kh6 43.Qf4+ Kg7 44.Rxd7+ Nxd7+- 11.54] **42...Qxb7?+-** 11.75 [42...Kg8 43.Bd5+ Rxd5 44.Qxd5+ Nxd5 45.Rxd7 Nf6 46.Rc7 Kf8+- 5.21] **43.Bxb7** Oscar has Q vs R **43...Rd2+ 44.Bg2 Rf2 45.d7 Rf5?** leads to mate [45...Kf7 46.d8Q Ng4+ 47.Kh3 Nxe5+-] **46.Qxf5?+-** Oscar misses the mate [46.Qe7+ Kh6 47.d8Q Rh5+ 48.Bh3 Rf5 49.Bxf5 Kg5 (49...gxf5 50.Qxf6+ Kh5 51.Qd1#) 50.Qxf6+ Kf4 51.Bxg6+ Kg4 52.Qd7#] **1-0**

Chess in the British Comedies

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Two episodes of British comedy shows appearing soon on Toronto television will feature chess scenes.

'Mulberry' is a comedy about a servant who encourages the elderly lady of the house to break out of her shell and live what's left of her life to the fullest.

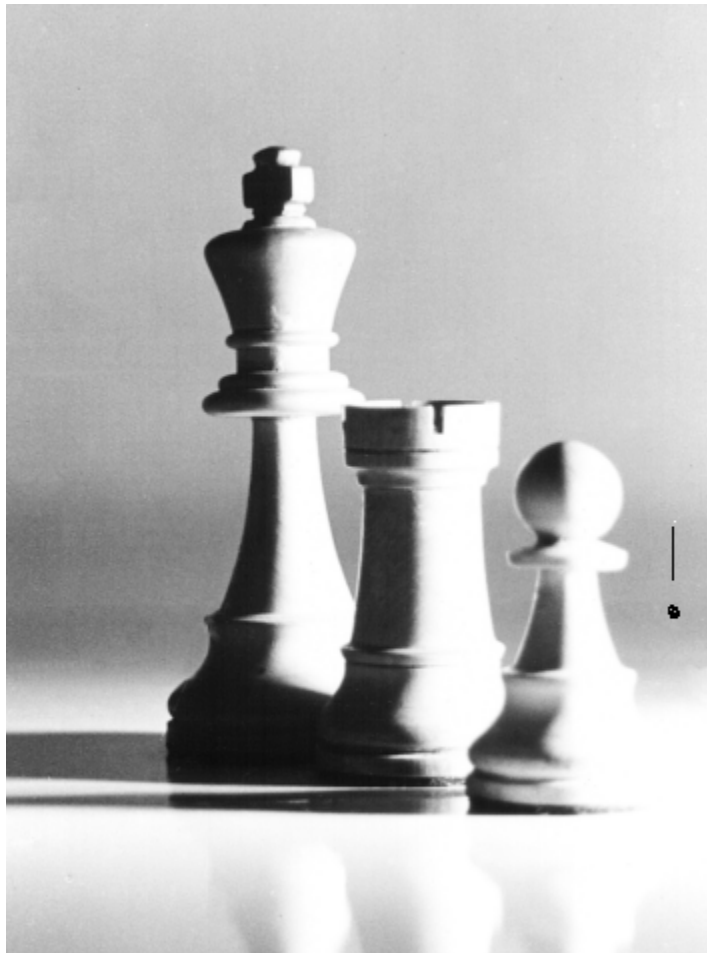
Episode #12, 'A Musical Evening', scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 7:30-8:00pm on PBS/WNED (Channel 61), has the title character playing chess with a couple of the others in the household.

'Waiting for God' is a comedy about 'growing old disgracefully' in a retirement home.

Episode #11, 'The Thief', scheduled for Monday, November 12, 8:30-9:00pm on Vision TV (Channel 60), starts with two seniors playing a game of chess on the patio. There are great shots of the body language and expressions of Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole, as he ponders and she urges him to move.

Both shows end their chess scenes in similar fashion, with the loser not taking it very well.

An Impressive Trio !



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