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2007 FIDE World Cup - Zugic Out

This first phase of the 2009 World Championship Cycle is a knockout tournament of 128 players from around the world who have qualified through zonal tournaments (and a few other mechanisms). There are 15 players 2700 & over. Rd.1 is a 2-game match, with pairs of tie-breakers at decreasing time limits if needed. . Rd. 1 began on November 23

“ The event is being held in the city of Khanty-Mansiysk - located in western Siberia, [Russia] (61 degrees N; 69 degrees E - putting it on a latitude similar to Yellowknife, NWT). About 70,000 people in an oil-rich area. Looks like the weather is similar to Yellowknife: -30's in the winter; mid 20's in the summer. (from Hugh Brodie on ChessTalk) “ It was just below freezing for the days of the match (should help to make Igor feel right at home !).

The Canadian representative is IM Igor Zugic, 2006 Canadian Champion (Nikolay Noritsyn won the 2007 Canadian Championship, but the winner from the prior year qualified for the World Cup). He was ranked # 122/128. He played super GM Michael Adams from England.

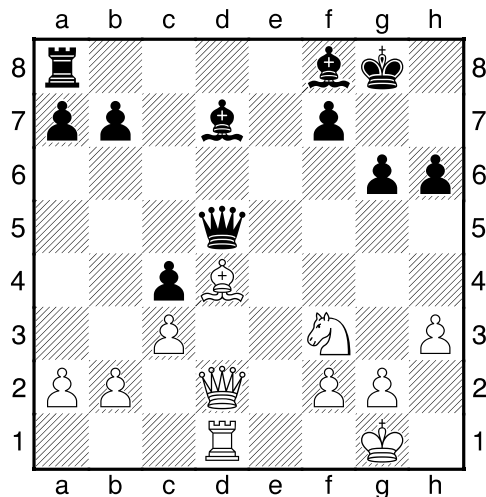
He drew his first game. Mickey lost his advantage on move 18, and never recovered it for the rest of the game. On move 29, Igor was up a P and had a “ clear “ advantage. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

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Adams, M (2729) – Zugic, I (2477) [C09]

FIDE World Cup Khanty–Mansiysk, Russia (1), 23.11.2007

1.e4 e6± 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 [4...Nf6 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbx7±] 5.exd5 exd5 [5...Qxd5?! 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.dxc5 Bxc5±] 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Nb3 Bd6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bd3 h6 12.h3 Nf5 13.c3 Qf6 14.Bc2 Rd8 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qd2 Bf8 17.Qf4 Bd6 18.Qd2?!= [18.Qa4 Bd7 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Qh4 Qxh4 21.Nxh4 f4±] 18...Bf8 19.Qe2 Nd6 20.Nbd4?!= Igor gets the advantage [20.Qd1 Bf5 21.Bxf5 Nxf5 22.Be3 Rac8=] 20...Re8 21.Qf1 [21.Be3 Nc4 22.Bb3 N6a5 23.Ba4 Re7=] 21...Rxe1?!= [21...Bd7 22.Be3 Nc4 23.Rad1 Nxb2 24.Rb1 Nc4 25.Rxb7 Re7=] 22.Qxe1 Bd7 23.Bb3?!= [23.Nxc6 bxc6 24.Qe5 Qe6 25.Bd3 Re8=] 23...Nc4?!= [23...Nxd4 24.Nxd4 Re8 25.Qd1 Nc4=] 24.Bxc4 dxc4 25.Be3 Nxd4 26.Bxd4 Qe6 27.Qd2 Qd5 28.Rd1?!= [28.Re1 a6 29.Ne5 Re8 30.Re3 Be6=]



28...Bxh3! Igor goes up a P 29.Qf4?!= Igor gets a " clear " advantage [29.Re1 Be6 30.Qf4 Bg7 31.Qc7 Rc8 32.Qf4 Re8=] 29...Qf5 30.Qg3 Bg4 31.Nh4 Qg5 32.Be3 Qh5 33.Rd4 Michael is starting to build a K-side attack 33...Be6 34.Nf3 Qa5= Igor loses his advantage [34...Qf5 35.Rd1 Bg7=] 35.Rh4 h5 it is safe for Igor to go on a pawn-grabbing spree, if he is satisfied with a draw [35...Qxa2 36.Kh2 Qxb2 37.Nd4 g5 38.Nxe6 fxe6 39.Qe5 Re8 40.Bd4 Qb1 41.Rxh6 Bxh6 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Qf6+ Kg8 44.Qh8+ perpetual, Igor being up 2 P's] 36.Ng5 Qf5 37.Nxe6 Qxe6 38.Rxh5 material equality 38...Bg7 39.Rh4 Bf6 40.Rg4 Bg7 41.Qf3 Re8 42.a4 b6 43.Rh4 Bf6 44.Rh1 Rd8 45.g3 [45.g4 Bg7 46.Rh4 Qd7 47.g5 Qxa4=] 45...Rd5 [45...Qd6 46.Kg2 Qd5 47.g4 Rd7 48.a5 bxa5 49.Ra1 Bg5 50.Bd4 f5=] 46.Kg2 [46.Bd4 Bxd4 47.cxd4 a6= (47...Rxd4?? 48.Qa8+ Qc8 49.Qxc8+ Rd8 50.Qxd8+ Kg7 51.Qh8#)] 46...Qf5 47.Bf4 Rd3 48.Qa8+ Rd8 49.Qf3 Rd3 [49...Qe6 50.Bc1 Qd5=] 50.Qa8+ Rd8 51.Qf3= ½-½

The second game was a different story. Igor did have a “ slight “ advantage out of the opening and early middle game. But Adams developed pressure with a K-side attack and slowly built up his position to a “ winning “ advantage. Then he went up a P. Igor resigned at the first time control. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Zugic, I (2477) – Adams, M (2729) [A00]

FIDE World Cup Khanty–Mansiysk, Russia (1), 25.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6± Igor gets the advantage [3...d5=] **4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Bb7 6.Nd2?!=** [6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6±] **6...h6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 g5?!±** [9...e5?! 10.f3 0-0 11.e4 Nc6±; 9...d6 10.e4 g5 11.Bg3 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.f3 Bg6 14.Bd3 Nd7=] **10.Bg3 d6 11.f3 Nc6** [11...c5 12.e3 Nbd7 13.Bd3 g4 14.0-0 gxf3 15.Rxf3! Rg8 (15...Bxf3? 16.Qxf3 d5 17.Bh4 Rg8 18.Rf1 Rg5+-) 16.e4 Nh5±] **12.e3** [12.Bf2 h5 13.Qa4 0-0-0±; 12.e4 0-0-0 13.Rb1 Nh5 14.Bf2 f5±] **12...e5 13.d5 Na5 14.Bd3 Nd7** [14...c6 15.dxc6 Bxc6 16.0-0 0-0±] **15.e4** [15.0-0 c6 16.Bf5 Nc5 17.dxc6 Bxc6±; 15.Bf5 c6 16.dxc6 Bxc6±] **15...Nc5 16.Bc2 0-0-0 17.Bf2 Kb8 18.Qe2 Bc8 19.Bxc5?!=** Igor loses the advantage [19.Rb1 a6 20.Nf1 h5 21.Ne3 Rde8±] **19...dxc5 20.Nf1?!±** Michael gets the advantage [20.0-0 h5 21.Rab1 Bd7 22.Qd1 Qe8=] **20...h5 21.Ne3 g4 22.fxg4** [22.0-0±; 22.Rb1±] **22...hxg4 23.g3?!±** Michael gets a " clear " advantage [23.0-0-0 Rh7 24.Kb1 Rdh8 25.g3 Qd7±] **23...Qg5 24.0-0 Rh7 25.Rf2 Nb7 26.Nf5 Bxf5 27.Rxf5 Qg7 28.Raf1 Nd6 29.R5f2 Rh6 30.Bd3 Rh7** Michael is likely just making up time by repeating positions, not indicating a draw consideration **31.Bc2 Rh6 32.Bd3 Rdh8** Michael decides not to draw by repetition **33.Rg2 f5** [33...a6 34.Qe3 Qg6 35.Rb2 Rh3 36.a4 a5±; 33...Rh5 34.Bc2 Qh7 35.Re1 a6 36.Ba4 Ka8±] **34.Bc2** [34.exf5 e4 35.Bc2 Qxc3 36.Qxg4 Nxc4 37.Qxe4 Ne3 38.Qd3 Qxd3 39.Bxd3 Nxc2 40.Kxg2 Rxh2+ 41.Kf3 Ra2 42.f6 c6 43.f7 Rf8 44.Bg6 Rxa3+ 45.Kg4 Re3 46.dxc6 a5± Michael would be up the exchange, but with Igor having a passed P on the 7th rank] **34...fxe4 35.Bxe4 Rh5** [35...Rf6 36.Rgf2 Rxf2 37.Rxf2 Qg5±] **36.Rgf2 a5** [36...a6 37.a4 a5 38.Qd3 Ka7±] **37.Rg2 Qh6 38.Bc2?!-+** Michael gets a " winning " advantage [38.Bb1 Nxc4 39.Rgf2 Qe3 40.Qxe3 Nxe3 41.Rf8+ Kb7 42.Rxh8 Rxh8 43.Re1 Nxd5 44.c4 Nc3 45.Bf5 Rd8 46.Bxg4 Rd4 47.Re3 Rxc4 48.Be6 Nd1 49.Rxe5 Rc3±] **38...Nxc4** Michael goes up a P **39.Re1** [39.Rgf2 Qe3 40.Be4 Qxe2 41.Rxe2 Nxa3-+] **39...Nd6 40.Ba4 Qh7 0-1**

The photo of this match



Adams

Zugic

After 2 rounds, the major seeds (over 2700) through to round 3 are : Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine); Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan); Levon Aronian (Armenia); Alexei Shirov (Spain); Peter Svidler (Russia – only Player to have won all

his games); Michael Adams (England); Evgeny Alekseev (Russia); Alexander Grischuk (Russia); Magnus Carlsen (Norway); Gata Kamsky (USA); Vladimir Akopian (Armenia); Dmitry Jakovenko (Russia); Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine); Yue Wang (China); and Etienne Bacrot (France). Also through are : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine) and Xiangzhi Bu (China – 2007 Canadian Open Champion). The major seed knocked out in Rd. 2 was Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan).

Christmas Bells & the Future of CFC Retail

" Retail sales are no longer making a significant contribution to the bottom line. "
Treasurer's Financial Statement, November 12, 2007, concerning the year end financials for 2006-7 (ended April 30, 2007)

"Sale of Books, Equipment, Software - \$ 103,151
Cost of Sales - 78,829 "
Unaudited Financial 2006-7

If we read this right, that is a gross profit of \$24,322.

It was previously noted on ChessTalk (if accurate), that David Gordon's (Exec. Dir.) salary is in the range of \$ 40,000. We believe he estimated at one time that he spent 50% of his time on retail = \$ 20,000 cost. It may be as well now, that part of Bonnie's (part-time staff) is spent on retail as well.

Net Profit on Retail = \$0000

Are our calculations right?

We can see trying to move inventory during Christmas, the highest revenue time of any retailers. But thereafter, if our above calculations are correct, why will we remain in retail ?? It appears to us, that CFC needs to bite the bullet immediately in the New Year, and get out of retail, and reduce office staff time accordingly.

Tal Memorial, Moscow

This tournament was held Nov. 9 to 23, and was a 10-player round robin including a number of the top players in the world (Vassily Ivanchuk – Ukraine - # 2 in the world, and Vladimir Kramnik – Russia - # 3 in the world, and 14th World Champion) – the average rating was 2740 (FIDE Category 20).

It was won by Kramnik, with Alexei Shirov (Spain) second, back 1.5 pts.. The biggest disappointment was the 7th/9th place finish of Ivanchuk.

Peter Leko (Hungary – 2004 World Championship Challenger) drew first blood early in the tournament in Rd. 1, defeating Shirov . Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz) :

Leko, P (2755) – Shirov, A (2739) [C78]

Tal Mem Moscow RUS (1), 10.11.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6± [4...Bc5=] 5.0-0 b5 [5...Be7 6.Nc3 0-0±] 6.Bb3 Bc5?!± Leko gets an early " clear " advantage [6...Bd6 7.d4 Bb7 8.c3 0-0±] **7.c3?!± [7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.d4 Bxd4 9.Qxd4 d6±] 7...d6?!± [7...Nxe4 8.Qe2 d5 9.d3 Nf6 10.d4 Ba7 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ne4±] 8.a4?!± [8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4 Bb6±] 8...Rb8?!± [8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6±] 9.d4 Bb6 10.Na3?!± [10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Nxd8 12.Nxe5 Nxe4±] 10...0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5** Leko goes up a P **12...Bg4?!± [12...exd4 13.cxd4 Bg4 14.Bg5 Nxd4 15.Nbxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Rxb3±] 13.Bc2?!±** Leko is having trouble holding onto his advantage [13.d5 Ne7 14.Bc2 Ng6 15.h3 Bd7±] **13...Bxf3?!± [13...d5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.dxe5 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Nxe5±] 14.gxf3 Nh5 [14...d5 15.f4 exd4 16.e5 d3 17.Bxd3 Ne4±] 15.f4 Nxf4 16.Bxf4 exf4** material equality **17.Qg4 [17.Kh1 f5 18.exf5 Ne7 19.Qf3 Qd7±] 17...Qf6 18.b4 [18.Ra6?! Nd8 19.Kh1 Ne6±] 18...Ne7 19.Na3 Ng6 20.Nc4 Bxd4** Shirov sacs his B **21.cxd4 Qxd4** Leko is up B vs 2 P **22.Na5 Qd2 23.Bb3 Ne5 24.Nc4 Nxc4 25.Nxd2 Rxb4** Leko is up B vs 3 P **26.Rfc1 Ne5?!+-** an error to drop the cP [26...c5 27.Bd5 Rd4 28.Nb3 Rd3 29.Ra6 Rd8±] **27.Rxc7** Leko is up B vs 2 P **27...g5 28.Bd5 g4 29.Nc4 h5 30.Nxe5 dxe5 31.Re7+-** 2.64 Shirov resigned. Leko will pick up another P . The game could have continued **31...Kg7 32.Rxe5 Kh6 33.h4 gxh3 34.Ra6+ f6 35.Rf5 Kg7 36.Kh2 Rb2 37.Rxf4+-** 4.31 Leko would be up B vs P, with the BI pawn structure a disaster. **1-0**

In Rd. 3, Kramnik defeated Leko, putting him into a tie for first with Magnus Carlsen (Norway) and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan). Kramnik first sacs 2 pawns to protect his 2 advanced passed pawns, and then does a double Queen sacrifice to win a knight. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

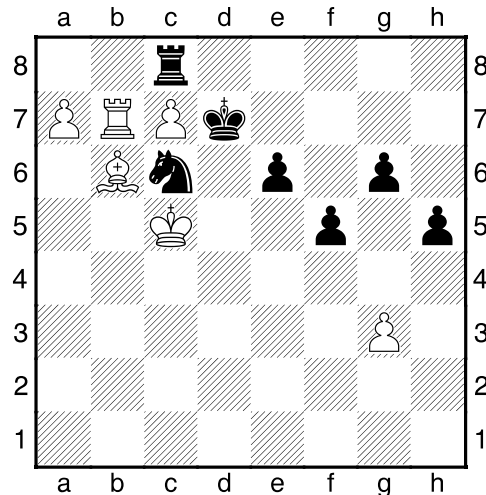
Kramnik, V (2785) – Leko, P (2755) [E05]

Tal Mem Moscow RUS (3), 12.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 [4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 Ne4=] 4...Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 [7...Qd5?! 8.Nc3 Qh5 9.Ne5 Ng4 10.Nxc4 Qxc4±; 7...c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Qxc4 Bxf2+ 11.Rxf2 hxg5 12.Nxc5 Qb6=] 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Ra7 11.Rc1 Be4 12.Qb3 Nc6 13.e3 Qa8 14.Qd1 b4 15.Qf1 Bd5 16.Be1 Rc8 17.Nbd2 Na5 18.Ne5 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Nd3 Bf8 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.e4 Nb6 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Nf3 Qb7?!± finally an advantage – to Kramnik. This should lose Leko a P [24...Qc4 25.Nxb4 Qxe4=] **25.Nxb4?!= Kramnik misses the opportunity. [25.Bxb4 Qxe4 26.Bxa5 Nc4 27.Ng5 Qf5 28.Nxe6 fxe6± Kramnik would be up a P] **25...Qxe4 [25...Nd7 26.Nd3 Qxe4 27.Bxa5 Qxf3=] 26.Qd3 Qxd3 27.Nxd3 Nac4 28.b3 Nd6 29.Rc1 Nd5 30.Rc6 Nf5?!± [30...a5 31.Nd4 Ra8 32.Kg2 Ne4=] 31.Ba5 Ra8 32.Nfe5?!= [32.h3 Nfe7 33.Rc4 f6 34.Nd2 e5 35.b4 g6±] 32...Nfe7 [32...f6 33.Nd7 Nd4 34.Rc4 Nf5=] 33.Rd6 Nf6?!± [33...Ng6 34.Rd7 Nxe5 35.Nxe5 Be7 36.Kg2 Rc8=] 34.b4 Ned5 35.Rc6 Be7 [35...Ne7 36.Rc4 g5 37.Nf3 h6±] 36.a4 g6?!±** Kramnik gets a " clear " advantage [36...Ne4 37.Nd7 h6 38.Kg2 Nec3 39.N7c5 Bf6±] **37.Nc4?!± [37.Nc5 Bxc5 38.bxc5 h6 39.Kg2 Ne7 40.Rc7 Nfd5 41.Rd7 Rc8±] 37...Kf8 38.Nc5 Bxc5 39.bxc5** Kramnik has created a passed P on the 5th rank **39...Ke8 40.f3 Ng8?!± [40...Nd7 41.Bb6 Ke7 42.Kf2 h5±] 41.Nb6 Nge7 42.Rd6 Rb8 43.Nxd5 Nxd5 44.Rxa6** Kramnik goes up a P. He now has passed P's on the a&c-files to work with. **44...Rc8 45.Bb6 Nb4 46.Ra7 Nc6?!+-** Kramnik gets a " winning " advantage [46...e5 47.h3 h6 48.Rc7 Rxc7 49.Bxc7 f6±] **47.Rb7 Ra8** Leko puts the aP under attack [47...Nb8 48.a5 Na6 49.Ba7 e5 50.Kf2 h5+-; 47...Nd4 48.Kf2 Ra8 49.a5 Nc6+-] **48.Rc7!** Kramnik sacs his fP to save his passed aP **48...Nd4 49.a5** it is better for Kramnik to advance the cP [49.c6 Nxf3+ 50.Kg2 Ne1+ 51.Kh3 Nd3 52.a5 Nb4+-] **49...Nxf3+** material equality **50.Kf2!** Kramnik sacs the hP to draw the N away temporarily, and to get the K started toward supporting the passed P's [50.Kg2?! Ne5 51.Kf2 h6±] **50...Nxb2** Leko goes up a P, but is facing 2 passed P's on the 5th rank. **51.c6** Kramnik needs to bring his K up [51.Ke3 g5 52.c6 Nf1+ 53.Ke4 Nxc3+ 54.Ke5 Nf5+-] **51...Ng4+ 52.Kf3 Nf6 53.Rb7 Nd5** Leko manages to get the N back to the danger zone **54.Ke4** the W K is coming to assist the passed P's [54.Bc5? f5 55.Rxh7 Rxa5 56.Bd6 e5 57.Bxe5 Ra3+ 58.Kf2**

Ra2+ 59.Kg1 Rc2 60.c7 g5±] **54...Nb4 55.c7** one of the passed P's on the 7th rank. **55...Rc8 56.Kd4 Kd7 57.Kc5 Nc6** [57...Nd5 58.a6 h6 59.a7 Ra8+--] **58.a6 h5 59.a7 f5**

Position after 59...f5



60.a8Q! the first Q-sac **60...Rxa8 61.c8Q+!** the second Q-sac **61...Kxc8 62.Kxc6+--** 3.75 Kramnik now has B vs 3 P's, and a "winning" game **1-0**

In Rd. 5, Kramnik defeated Shirov, to move into sole possession of first place, a half point ahead of Carlsen and Mamedyarov. He ground out a closely-fought 4 knights endgame, finally creating a passed hP on the 7th rank. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2785) – Shirov, A (2739) [E05]

Tal Mem Moscow RUS (5), 14.11.2007

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Be7 [4...Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0=] **5.Bg2 0-0 6.Qc2 dxc4 7.Qxc4 a6** [7...Bd7 8.0-0 Bc6 9.Nc3 Nbd7=] **8.Bf4 Bd6?!±** [8...Nc6 9.0-0 Nd5 10.Rc1 Bf6 11.Be5 Be7=] **9.0-0 b5 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.Nbd2 Nbd7 12.Nb3?!=** [12.a4 bxa4 13.Rxa4 Rc8±] **12...Be4 13.Qd2 Qe7 14.Rfc1 Rfc8 15.Bxd6 cxd6 16.Qa5 Rcb8 17.Nbd2 Bd5 18.Rc2 Qd8?!±** [18...e5 19.Qa3 exd4 20.Nxd4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Re8=] **19.Qxd8+ Rxd8 20.Rac1 Nb6 21.Ne1 Rac8 22.Nd3 Rxc2 23.Rxc2 Rc8 24.Rxc8+ Nxc8 25.Nb4** [25.e4 Bb7 26.a3 Kf8 27.b3 Nd7±] **25...Bxg2 26.Kxg2** down to a 4 knights ending **26...a5 27.Nc6 a4 28.e4 Ne8 29.Kf3** [29.Nb1 Kf8 30.Nc3 Nc7 31.b3 Nb6±] **29...Kf8 30.Ke3?!=** [30.Nb1 Nc7 31.Nc3 Nb6±] **30...Nc7?!±** [30...Ne7 31.Nxe7 Kxe7 32.Nb1 d5 33.Nc3 Nc7=] **31.Kd3 Ke8 32.Kc3** [32.f3 Ne7 33.Na7 Kd7 34.Nb1 Nc6 35.Nxc6 Kxc6±] **32...Na6** [32...Kd7 33.Nb4 Nb6 34.Nd3 f5 35.f3 g5±; 32...f5 33.Kb4 Kd7 34.Nb8+ Kd8 35.e5 d5±; 32...Ne7 33.Na7 Kd7 34.h3 Nc6 35.Nxc6 Kxc6±] **33.Nb4?!=** [33.f3 Nc7 34.Kb4 Kd7 35.Nb8+ Kd8±] **33...Nc7 34.Nf1?!±** [34.f3 Ne7 35.h3 g5=; 34.h3 Ne7 35.b3 axb3 36.axb3 f5=] **34...Kd7 35.Ne3 Ne7 36.g4?!=** [36.f3 d5 37.e5 Nc6 38.Nec2 Ne7±] **36...g5 37.Nd3 f6?±** Kramnik gets a "clear" advantage [37...f5 38.gxf5 exf5 39.exf5 Ncd5+ 40.Kd2 Nxe3 41.Kxe3 Nxf5+ 42.Ke4 Ke6=] **38.f4?=-** [38.h3 Ng6 39.Kb4 Ne7 40.d5 exd5 41.Nxd5 Nexd5+ 42.exd5 h6±] **38...gxf4?!±** [38...f5?! 39.exf5 Ncd5+ 40.Nxd5 Nxd5+ 41.Kd2 gxf4 42.fxe6+ Kxe6±; 38...Nc6 39.d5 Ne7 40.fxg5 fxg5 41.Nb4 Ng6 42.dxe6+ Kxe6=] **39.Nxf4 e5 40.dxe5 fxe5 41.Nfd5 Ncxd5+?!±** [41...Nexd5+ 42.Nxd5 Ne6±] **42.exd5** [42.Nxd5 Nxd5+ 43.exd5 Ke7 44.h4 Kf6

45.Kd3 Kg7 46.Ke2 Kh6 47.Ke3 Kg6 48.Ke4 Kf6±] **42...Kc7 43.g5 Kb6?!+-** Kramnik gets a " winning " advantage [43...Ng6 44.Ng4 Kb6 45.b3 axb3 46.axb3 Kc5±] **44.b4?!±** [44.h4? Kc5 45.h5 e4 46.b4+ axb3 47.axb3 b4+ 48.Kd2 Ng8±; 44.b3 axb3 45.axb3 Kc7 (45...Kc5 46.b4+ Kb6 47.h4 Kb7+-) 46.h4 Ng6 47.h5 Nf4 48.g6 hxg6 49.h6 g5 50.h7 Ng6+-] **44...axb3?!+-** [44...Ng6 45.Kd3 Nf4+ 46.Ke4 a3 47.h4 Ne2±] **45.axb3 Ka5** [45...Ng6 46.Ng4 Kc5 47.Nf6 Nf4 48.b4+ Kb6 49.h4 Kc7+-; 45...Kc7 46.Kb4 Kb6 47.h4 Ng6 48.h5 Nf4 49.g6 hxg6 50.h6 g5 51.h7 Ng6+-] **46.h4 Ng6 47.h5 Nf4 48.g6!** sacking the P to create a passed hP **48...hxg6** Shirov goes up a P, and is lost **49.h6 g5 50.h7 Ng6 51.Kd3+-** 4.78 Shirov resigned. Coming is **51...Kb4 52.Ke4 Kxb3 53.Kf5 Nh8 54.Kf6 Kc3 55.Kg7 Kd3 56.Nd1 e4 57.Kxh8 e3 58.Nxe3 Kxe3 59.Kg7 Ke4 60.h8Q Kxd5+-** 6.20 Kramnik would have Q vs 3 P's **1-0**

In Rd.6, Kramnik defeated Evgeny Alekseev (Russia) to lengthen his first place lead to a point over Mamedyarov alone in second. It was a closely-fought game, with Kramnik eventually managing to double his rooks on the 7th rank, spelling the end for Alekseev. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2785) – Alekseev, E (2716) [E00]

Tal Mem Moscow RUS (6), 16.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5?!± [3...Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Nc6 5.Bxb4 Nxb4 6.Bg2 0-0=] **4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 b5** [5...c4 6.Bg2 Qc7 7.Nf3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Nxd5 9.0-0 0-0±; 5...Qa5+ 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Bg2 Be7± (7...Qxb2?! 8.Nc3 Qb6 9.Rb1 Qd8±) ; 5...d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Bg2 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0±] **6.e4?!=** [6.Bg2 d6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8±] **6...Nxe4 7.Qe2** [7.Bd3 Nd6 8.Nh3 Be7 9.Bf4 c4 10.Bc2 0-0=] **7...Qe7 8.Bg2 Nd6?!±** [8...f5 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 d6=] **9.Be3 b4 10.Bxc5 Qxe2+** [10...a5 11.a3 Na6 (11...Ba6?! 12.Qxe7+ Bxe7±) 12.axb4 axb4 13.Bxb4 Rb8 14.Bxd6 Qxe2+ 15.Nxe2 Bxd6 16.Na3 0-0±] **11.Nxe2 Na6 12.Bxd6 Bxd6 13.Nd2 Rb8 14.Nc4 Be7?!±** Kramnik gets a " clear " advantage [14...Bc5 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Rfe1 0-0±] **15.d6 Bf6 16.Nf4 Nc5 17.0-0?!±** [17.Nd5 Kd8 18.Nxf6 gxf6 19.0-0 Ba6 20.Rfd1 Re8 21.Ne3 Rb6±] **17...Ba6?!±** [17...0-0 18.Nd5 Ba6 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Rfd1 Bxc4 21.Rdc1 Nd3 22.Rxc4 Rfc8 23.b3 Rxc4 24.bxc4 Rc8 25.Bd5 Re8±] **18.Nd5?!±** [18.Rfe1+ Ne6 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Rb6±] **18...0-0 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Bd5 Na4?!±** [20...Rfc8 21.Rfd1 Na4 22.Rd4 Bxc4 23.Bxc4 Nxb2 24.Bb3 Rc3±] **21.Rfc1 Rfe8** [21...Rfc8 22.Ne3 Nxb2 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8±] **22.Ne3 Rb6?!+-** Kramnik gets a " winning " advantage [22...Nxb2 23.Rc7 Bb5 24.Rxa7 Na4±] **23.Rc7 Rxd6** Alekseev goes up a P, but Kramnik has a " winning " advantage **24.Rd1 Kh8 25.Nf5 Rb6 26.Bxf7 Nxb2??+-** 5.18 [26...Rf8 27.Rxa7 Bb5 28.Rd4 Nxb2 29.Rh4 Rc6+- 2.07] **27.Rdxd7** material equality, and Kramnik has doubled his R's on the 7th rank **27...Re1+ 28.Kg2 Bf1+ 29.Kf3 Be2+ 30.Kf4 Rb8??+-** leads to mate [30...Nd3+ 31.Rxd3 Rb8 32.Re3 b3 33.axb3 a5+- 13.55] **31.Bc4+-** Alekseev resigned. Mate is **31...Nd3+ 32.Bxd3 a6 33.Rxh7+ Kg8 34.Rcg7+ Kf8 35.Rh8# 1-0**

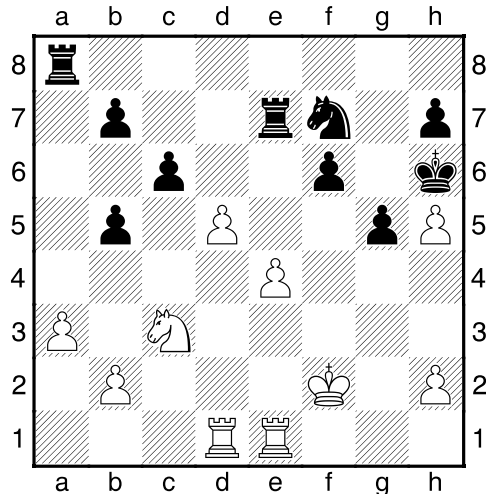
In Rd. 7, Shirov defeated Alekseev, to take sole possession of 2nd place, a point behind Kramnik. Unexplainably, in an equal position, Alekseev just dropped his eP on move 30, and that was the game. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Alekseev, E (2716) – Shirov, A (2739) [D78]

Tal Mem Moscow RUS (7), 17.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.g3= [3.Nc3±] **3...c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Qb6 8.Nc3 Bf5 9.Ne5 e6?!±** [9...Be6 10.Rd1 dxc4 11.Qa4 (11.Nxc4? Qa6 12.d5 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Nc6±) 11...Qa6 12.Qb4 Nd5=] **10.Bf4** [10.Qxb6 axb6 11.f3 c5±] **10...Nbd7 11.Qxb6 axb6 12.f3?!=** [12.h3 h5 13.Rfd1 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 g5±] **12...Nxe5?!±** Alekseev gets a " clear " advantage [12...c5 13.dxc5 d4 14.Nb5 bxc5 15.Nxd7 Nxd7±] **13.Bxe5 g5 14.e4 Bg6 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Rad1 Rfd8 17.a3?!±** [17.Rfe1 dxe4 18.fxe4 c5±] **17...dxe4 18.fxe4 Ne8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rfe1** [20.e5 Nc7 21.h3 (

21.d5 cxd5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.Rxd5 Rxd5 24.Bxd5 Rd8 25.Bxb7 Rd2 26.b4 Re2±; 21.h4 h6 22.Rf6 Bc2 23.Rdf1 Bg6 24.Be4 Ne8 25.R6f3 Rxd4 26.Bxg6 Kxg6 27.Rxf7 Rd2±; 21.Rd2 Ra5 22.Rfd1 g4 23.a4 f6 24.b4 Ra7 25.b5 cxb5 26.Nxb5 Nxb5 27.axb5 fxe5 28.dxe5 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Kf7±) 21...Rd7 22.d5 cxd5 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Rxd5 Rxd5 25.Bxd5 Rd8±] **20...Nd6 21.Bf1 f6** [21...b5 22.Kf2 Nc4 23.Bxc4 bxc4±] **22.Kf2 b5 23.Bd3 Nf7** [23...Nc4 24.Bxc4 bxc4±] **24.Bb1** [24.Ke3 Re8 25.g4 h5 26.h3 Rad8±] **24...Rd7 25.Ba2?!=** Alekseev loses his advantage [25.h3?! Rad8 26.Ke3 Re7=; 25.h4 Nd6 26.Bd3 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4±] **25...Bh5 26.Be6 Re7 27.g4 Rxe6 28.gxh5 Kh6 29.d5 Re7**



30.Ne2??-+ Alekseev cannot afford to drop the eP [30.Kg2?! Kxh5 31.Rf1 Kg6 32.Rd2 Rd8±; 30.Kg3 Kxh5 31.Rh1 Kg6=] **30...Rxe4** Shirov goes up a P **31.dxc6 bxc6 32.Ng3 Rxe1 33.Kxe1 Rd8 34.Rxd8 Nxd8 35.b3 Nb7 36.a4 b4 37.Kd2 Na5 38.Kd3 c5 39.Ne4 Nxb3 40.Nxf6 Na5 41.Kc2 c4 42.Nd5 Nc6 43.Ne3 c3 44.Nd5 Kxh5** Shirov goes up 2 P's **45.Nxb4** – 6.00 this sacrifice does not help [45.a5 Kg4 46.a6 Kf3 47.Kc1 b3 48.Nxc3 h5 49.Nb5 Kf2 50.Nd4 Na7 51.Kb2 h4 52.Kxb3 h3 53.Kc2 g4 54.Nf5 Kg1 55.Ne3 g3 56.hxg3 h2 57.Kc3 h1Q+- – 6.86] **45...Nxb4+ 46.Kxc3** Shirov is up an N **46...Na6 47.Kc4 Kh4-+** Alekseev resigned. The game would have continued **48.a5 g4 49.Kb5 Nc7+ 50.Kc6 Na8 51.a6 Kh3 52.a7 Kxh2 53.Kb7 g3 54.Kxa8 g2 55.Kb8 g1Q 56.a8Q Qg8+ 57.Ka7 Qxa8+ 58.Kxa8 h5-+ 0-1**

In Rd.8, Kramnik lengthened his lead to 1 ½ pts. with a win over Mamedyarov – an impressive tournament victory for the former World Champion in a strong field. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2785) – Mamedyarov, S (2752) [A40]

Tal Mem Moscow RUS (8), 18.11.2007











1.d4 g6± 2.c4= [2.e4±] **2...Bg7 3.Nc3 d6± 4.e4 e5 5.Nge2 exd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6 7.Be3 Nge7 8.h4?!=** aggressive [8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 f5±] **8...f5 9.h5 fxe4?!±** [9...Rf8 10.hxg6 hxg6 11.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxc6=] **10.hxg6 hxg6 11.Rxh8+ Bxh8 12.Nxe4 d5** [12...Qd7 13.Qd2 Bxd4 14.Bxd4 Qe6±] **13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bd4 Bg4 15.Qxg4** [15.Nf6+ Bxf6 16.Qxg4 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Nf5±] **15...Bxd4 16.cxd5 Bxb2?!±** Kramnik gets a " clear " advantage [16...cxd5 17.Nd6+ Qxd6 18.Qxd4 Kf7±] **17.Rd1?=-** Kramnik loses his advantage [17.Rb1 cxd5 18.Bb5+ Kf8±] **17...cxd5**

Mamedyarov goes up a P **18.Bb5+ Kf8 19.Qe6** [19.Ng5?! Qd6 20.Qf3+ Bf6 21.Ne4 Qb4+ 22.Kf1 Qxb5+ 23.Kg1 Qc6 24.Nxf6 Kg7 25.Nxd5 Rd8 26.Qc3+ Qxc3 27.Nxc3 Rxd1+ 28.Nxd1 Kf6±; 19.Qf3+ Kg8 20.Qb3 Be5 21.Qh3 Kg7 22.Qe6 Bb2=] **19...Kg7 20.Bc6 Nxc6 21.Qxc6 d4 22.Kf1 Rb8 23.Ng5 Qd6 24.Qc4 Qd7 25.Kg1 c6 26.Ne6+ Kf6 27.Nc5 Qe7 28.Rb1 Rb6 29.Nd3 Qe4 30.Re1 Qd5 31.Qa4 Bc3 32.Qxa7 Bxe1 33.Qxb6** material equality **33...Bc3 34.a4 Qe4 35.Qd8+ Kf7?!±** Kramnik gets back the advantage [35...Kg7 36.f4 Qxd3 (36...Qe2?? 37.Qc7+ Kf8 38.Qd6+ Kg7 39.Qe5+ Qxe5 40.Nxe5 Kf6 41.Kf2 Kf5 42.Kf3 g5 43.g4+ Kf6 44.Nc4 gxf4 45.a5 Bb4 46.a6 Bc5 47.Kxf4 Ba7+-) 37.Qe7+ Kg8 38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.Qe7+ Kh6 40.Qg5+=] **36.Qc7+ Kf6 37.Qd6+ Qe6?!±** Kramnik gets back a " clear " advantage [37...Kg7 38.Ne5 Qb1+ 39.Kh2 Qf5±] **38.Qf8+ Qf7 39.Qh8+ Ke7?!+-** Kramnik gets a " winning " advantage [39...Qg7 40.Qc8 Qe7 41.Qxc6+ Qe6±] **40.a5 Qa2 41.Qg7+ Kd8?+-** 9.57 [41...Ke8 42.Qxg6+ Kf8 43.Qd6+ Kg7+- 4.02] **42.Ne5?+-** 5.21 Mamedyarov resigned. [42.Qf8+ Kc7 43.Qe7+ Kc8 44.Ne5 Qb1+ 45.Kh2 Qf5 46.a6 Bb4+- 10.90] The game could have continued **42...Ke8 43.Qd7+ Kf8 44.a6 d3 45.Nxg6+ Kg8 46.Ne7+ Kh8 47.Qxd3 Bf6 48.Nxc6+-** 6.90 Kramnik would be up 3 passed P's 1-0

The final standings were:

Final standings

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				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0			
1		Kramnik, V	2785	+116	*	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	6.5 / 9	
2		Shirov, A	2739	+40	0	*	½	1	½	0	½	1	½	1	5.0 / 9	
3		Gelfand, B	2736	+5	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5 / 9	20.25
4		Carlsen, M	2714	+29	½	0	½	*	1	½	½	½	½	½	4.5 / 9	20.00
5		Jakovenko, D	2710	+34	½	½	½	0	*	½	½	1	½	½	4.5 / 9	20.00
6		Leko, P	2755	-15	0	1	½	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	4.5 / 9	19.50
7		Ivanchuk, V	2787	-90	½	½	½	½	½	½	*	½	0	½	4.0 / 9	18.50
8		Kamsky, G	2714	-8	½	0	½	½	0	½	½	*	1	½	4.0 / 9	17.75
9		Mamedyarov, S	2752	-51	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	*	½	4.0 / 9	17.25
10		Alekseev, Evgeny	2716	-50	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	*	3.5 / 9	

World Youth Chess Championships, Turkey

Last month a contingent of 25 Canadian juniors traveled to Turkey to play in 12 sections in an 11 round swiss. Two of the members, Aman Hambleton and Jonathan Lai, are SCC juniors. Here are the results:

Last Name	First Name	Province	Group	Results	Current Standings
Ye	Ling Feng	QC	U18 Boys	5	U18B
Nadeau	Gabrielle	ON	U18 Girls	3.5	U18G
Zhou	Haonan	ON	U16 Boys	5	U16B
Hambleton	Aman	ON	U16 Boys	5	U16B # 86 / 124
Kaminski	Victor	AB	U16 Boys	6	U16B

Xiong	Sonja	ON	U16 Girls	5	U16G
Calugar	Arthur	ON	U14 Boys	5.5	U14B
Mai	Lloyd	ON	U14 Boys	7	U14B # 27 / 151
Orlova	Yelizaveta	ON	U14 Girls	6	U14G
Kaminski	Thomas	AB	U12 Boys	6.5	U12B
Gusev	Nikita	ON	U12 Boys	7	U12B # 29 / 159
Roy	Myriam	QC	U12 Girls	6	U12G
Powell	Ashley	ON	U12 Girls	2.5	U12G
Knox	Christopher	ON	U10 Boys	7	U10B # 27 / 151
Lai	Jingzhou	BC	U10 Boys	6	U10B
Zhao	Donovan	BC	U10 Boys	5.5	U10B
Wang	Richard	AB	U10 Boys	6.5	U10B
Lai	Jonathan	ON	U10 Boys	5	U10B #107/8 /151
Giblon	Rebecca	ON	U10 Girls	5	U10G
Awatramani	Janak	BC	U8 Boys	7,5	U8B #15/16 / 120
Doknjas	John	BC	U8 Boys	5	U8B
Wang	Kelly	QC	U8 Girls	6.5	U8G # 21 / 73
Milicevic	Aleksandra	ON	U8 Girls	4	U8G
Bilodeau-Savaria	Cendrina	QC	U8 Girls	4	U8G
Giblon	Melissa	ON	U8 Girls	5	U8G

Toronto Junior Championship

This four-player double round robin was played at Bayview Games Club in October and November. Entered were 2 junior girls (!), Yuanling Yuan (expert) and Yelizaveta Orlova (A Class), and 2 junior boys, Roman Sapozhnikov (master) and Haonan Zhou (expert). The tournament was won by Yuanling (an SCC junior !). Congratulations Yuanling !

SCC Fall Swiss

On Thursday, November 1, SCC started a new 8 round, 2 section (1700 & Over/ U 1700) swiss, that will take us through to before Christmas. Again for this swiss, we had over 50 registrants; the top section had 30 players, and the lower section 23 players.

After 5 rounds, the leader in the top section, undefeated, with 4.5 pts., is junior girl expert, Yuanling Yuan. In second is master Bryan Lamb, also undefeated, with 4 pts.. 4 players are tied for third with 3.5 pts. : Oscar Villalobos, expert Cassius Marsh, Mario Moran-Venegas, and new member expert, Egis Zeromskis.

In the lower section the leader, with a perfect score is junior Jerry Wang. In second is junior Kevin Wu, with 4 pts. (his one loss was to Jerry). Three players are tied for third, with 3.5 pts.: Andrew Philip, Masoud Jizan and Pino Verde.

In Rd. 3, in the top section, new member, Yibing Fan, an “ A “ class player, who almost defeated master Bryan Lamb the last time he played him, speculatively sacked a bishop in the early middle game, then later sacked the exchange to queen a pawn, and eventually drew, up a P. Here is their game (Annotations by Yibing Fan):

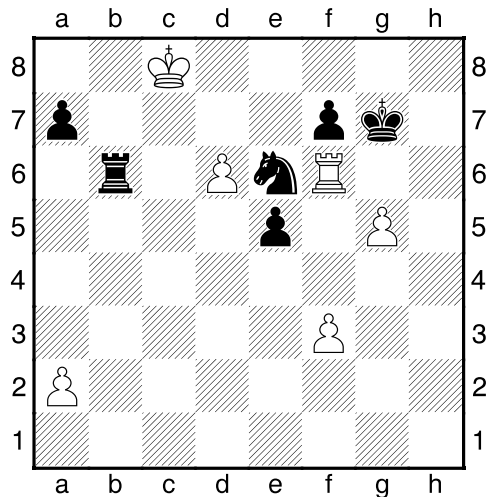
Fan, Y (1866) – Lamb, B (2229) [E70]

SCC Fall Swiss Round 3 Toronto (3), 15.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0 6.Ng3 e5 7.d5 Ne8 8.h4 h5 9.Bg5 Bf6 10.Qd2 c6 11.Be2 Bxg5 12.hxg5 Ng7 13.Bxh5! This sac is not for faint-hearted. Without mating anywhere insight, I am prepared to play positional advantage against material one for rest course of the game. Generally speaking, it is not good idea to get into such type of position against stronger player since positional advantage is difficult to hold. However I have no fear: It is double edged, Bryan has to defend accurately small mistake could cause him the game. I considered it as my best move in the game. Fritz gives three good alternatives, all with +1.24 for with, Nf1, O-O-O, f4. **13...gxh5 14.Nxh5 Nxh5 15.Rxh5 Kg7 16.Qe2 Qd7? 17.Kd2?** [17.Qf3! Bryan was lucky. My mind was on doubling the rook and never give this line slightest thought. Is that someone said that the art of chess is about making second last mistake? 17...Qe7 18.Ke2! Black is doomed.(less better is 18.0-0-0 Rg8 19.Rdh1 Kf8 20.g6 Ke8 21.Rh7 Kd8 22.Rh8 Qg5+ 23.Kc2 Qxg6 24.R1h6+-)] **17...Qg4 18.Rah1 Qxe2+ 19.Nxe2** Fritz thinks it is very even while I am much optimistic about white. **19...Rg8 20.Ng3 Kf8 21.Rh8!** still hold strong attack. **21...Na6 22.R1h6** [22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.exf5 cxd5 24.f6 dxc4 25.R1h7 Rb8 26.Rxg8+ Kxg8 27.Rg7+] **22...cxd5 23.exd5** Don't like the idea opening c-file. [23.Rxg8+ Kxg8 24.cxd5 I was not convince this line is any better than my continuation.] **23...b5!** Before this move I was a little relaxed. I thought my position is clear better. I was expecting a knight move. At this point, Black solved all his develop problem. I talked to myself "I am not facing an average club player after all". **24.Ne4** I did give cb and Rxg8 careful evaluation too. Finally decided Ne4 to keep the game more complicated. **24...Rxh8** I expected this move. Apparently the only defence **25.Rxh8+ Kg7 26.Rh6** I was single mined to attack the d-pawn. [26.Re8 Attacking both pawn is better! 26...bxc4 27.Nxd6 Bb7 28.Rxe5 Rb8 29.Rf5+-] **26...bxc4** Fritz considered it is slightly better for black now. Over the board I did not feel any trouble for white although it is a complicated position. Considering that Bryan has only a few minutes on the clock. I think I still have good chance to get him. **27.Nxd6 Nc5 28.f3 Bb7** Bryan has finally developed his pieces now. ;) **29.Nf5+** Inaccurate play. **29...Kg8 30.Kc3 Na4+ 31.Kc2** [31.Kxc4 Nxb2+ 32.Kb3 Nd3=] **31...Rd8 32.d6 Bc8 33.Ne7+ Kg7 34.Nc6** [34.g4 Be6 35.Nf5+ Bxf5+ 36.gxf5] **34...Re8 35.Ne7 Be6 36.g4 Rd8** Both player has time trouble now. I stop recording moves. Rest moves of the game were recalled from my memory. [36...Rb8 Bryan missed this one in time trouble. I should say I was lucky now. 37.b3 (37.Nc6 Rxb2+ 38.Kc1 c3 39.Rxe6 Nc5 40.Re7 Nd3+ 41.Kd1 Rd2#) 37...cxb3+ 38.axb3 Bxb3+ 39.Kd3 Be6] **37.Nf5+ Bxf5+ 38.gxf5 Nxb2 39.Kc3** I don't recall I why I did not take N. I have less than 10 minutes left. Bryan

has about 2–3 minutes on clock. **39...Nd1+ 40.Kxc4 Ne3+ 41.Kc5 Nxf5 42.Rf6 Rc8+ 43.Kb5 Nd4+ 44.Ka6 Rc6+ 45.Kb7** [Not 45.Kxa7 Ne6 46.Rf5 Rxd6 47.Rxe5 Rd4-+] **45...Rb6+ 46.Kc8 Ne6**

Position after 46...Ne6



47.Rxe6 I start to realize that the game is probably draw now. **47...fxe6 48.d7 Rd6 49.d8Q Rxd8+ 50.Kxd8 Kg6 51.Kd7 Kxg5 52.Kxe6 Kf4 53.Kd5 Kxf3 54.Kxe5 a5 55.a4 Ke3 56.Kd5 Kf4 57.Kc5 Ke5 58.Kb6 Kd6 59.Kxa5 Kc7 60.Ka6 Kb8 ½-½**

Rd. 3 in the top section also saw a nice Q-sac mate by Oscar Villalobos against junior Aaron Wu. Here is that game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong , using Fritz):

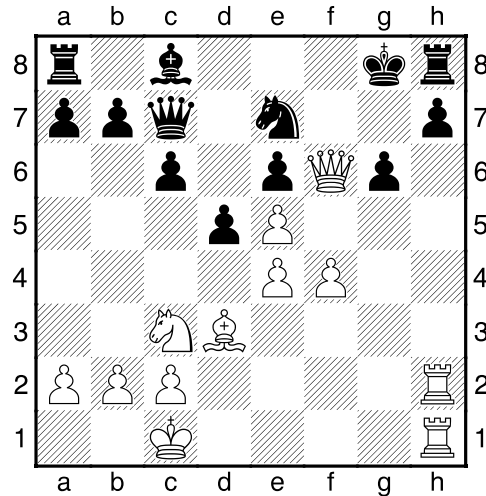
Villalobos, O (1862) – Wu, A (1675) [D00]

SCC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (3), 15.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± 3.Nc3 [3...e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 d5 5.0-0 0-0=] **3...d5 4.Bf4 c6 5.Qd2 Bg7 6.Bh6 0-0 7.h4?±** Aaron gets the advantage [7...Bxg7 Kxg7 8.h4 h5±] **7...Nh5?±** now Oscar gets a " clear " advantage [7...Bxh6 8.Qxh6 Qb6 9.Nd1 Bf5±] **8.Ne5?!±** [8...Bxg7 Kxg7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bf5±] **8...f5?!±** [8...Bxh6 9.Qxh6 f6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Qxg6+ Ng7 12.e4 Qe8 13.Qg3 e5±] **9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.e3 Nd7 11.g4?±** this pawn sac is unsound, despite the attempt to open lines to the BI K. Aaron gets a " clear " advantage. [11.Nd3 Nb6 12.Nf4 Nf6 13.0-0-0 Qc7±] **11...Nxe5 12.dxe5 fxg4** Aaron goes up a P **13.Be2?!-+** Aaron gets a " winning " advantage [13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Rg1 Qc7 15.e4 dxe4 16.Qd4 Qb6±] **13...g3?±** [13...Qc7 14.Qd4 Be6 15.Bxg4 Bxg4 16.Qxg4 Qxe5-+ Aaron would remain up a P] **14.f4 g2 15.Rg1 e6?!±** locks in BI's light-squared B. Oscar gets a " clear " advantage [15...Bh3 16.0-0-0 Ng3 17.Bf3 Qb6 18.Bxg2 Bxg2 19.Rxg2 Nf5±] **16.0-0-0 Qxh4?!+-** Oscar gets a " winning " advantage [16...Nxf4! 17.exf4 Qxh4 18.Rxg2 Qxf4 19.Bd3 c5 20.Rf1 Qxd2+ 21.Kxd2 Bd7±] **17.Rxg2?!±** Aaron remains up a P [17...Bxh5 Qxh5 18.Qxg2 Qh4+-] **17...Ng3?!+-** [17...Nxf4! 18.exf4 Qxf4 19.Bd3 c5 20.Qxf4 Rxf4±] **18.Bd3 Nf5 19.Rh2 Qd8 20.Rdh1 Rh8 21.e4?!+-** 2.24 [21.Rh3 b5 22.e4 Ne7 23.Qh2 Qg8 24.Rh6 Kf8+- 2.62] **21...Ne7 22.Qg2 Qb6?+-** 7.24 takes the Q away from defending the K-side and leaves the e7N undefended. This allows Oscar the move needed to penetrate into Aaron's K-side. [22...h6 23.Rh4 d4 24.Nb1 b5 25.Qh3 h5 26.Nd2 Kf7+- 2.73] **23.Qg5 Qc7?** leads to mate [23...Ng8

24.exd5 Qe3+ 25.Kb1 Qxd3 (25...Bd7? 26.Rxh7+ Rxh7 27.Rxh7+ Kf8 28.Ne2 and mate in 11 moves) 26.cxd3 Bd7+-] **24.Qf6+ Kg8**

Position after 28....Kg8



25.Qxh8+! a nice Q-sac to end it off. Aaron resigns. It is mate – **25...Kxh8 26.Rxh7+ Kg8 27.Rh8+ Kg7 28.R1h7# 1-0**

In the lower section in Rd. 3, on bottom board, two of our youngest juniors got into a marathon game of 75 moves – Linda Xia first went up one pawn, and then a bit later a second pawn. But Sai Xiao fought gamely on, and near the end, Linda dropped (sacked ??) her B. Sai then had a knight vs 3 pawns. But his K was too far away to help stop the pawns and Linda queened and eventually mated Sai. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Xiao, S (1114) – Xia, L (1329) [B21]

SCC Fall Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (3), 15.11.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.d4 cxd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qc3?!= [4.Qa4 d6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7±] **4...e6 5.Qf3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Nh3?!±** Linda gets the advantage. [7.Be3 0-0 8.0-0-0 Qa5 9.Kb1 d6=] **7...Qa5?!=** [7...0-0 8.Bd3 d5 9.exd5 Ne5 10.Qg3 Nxd3+ 11.Qxd3 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 exd5±] **8.Ng5?±** Linda gets a " clear " advantage [8.Bd2 Qc5 9.Qg3 0-0 10.Bd3 Nh5 11.Qe3 Qxe3+ 12.Bxe3 Nf6=] **8...Ne5?!=** Linda loses her advantage. [8...h6 9.Nh3 d5 10.Bd2 Bb4 11.exd5 exd5±] **9.Qe2 h6 10.Nf3 Ng6?!±** Sai gets the advantage [10...Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 d5 12.Rg1 Bd7 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.0-0 d4 15.Nb1 g5=] **11.h3?!=** [11.Bd2 Qh5 12.0-0-0 d6 13.Qb5+ Qxb5 14.Nxb5 0-0±] **11...d6 12.Bd2 Qb6 13.b3?!±** Linda gets back the advantage [13.Be3 Qxb2 14.Qb5+ Qxb5 15.Nxb5 Kd7=] **13...Nd7** [13...Bd7 14.Qe3 Qxe3+ 15.Bxe3 0-0±] **14.Na4 Qc7 15.Qe3 Bf6 16.Rb1** [16.0-0 0-0 17.Bb4 Be7 18.Qc3 Qb8±] **16...Nc5?!=** [16...0-0 17.Bd3 b6 18.0-0 Bb7±] **17.Bb5+?±** [17.Nxc5 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 dxc5=] **17...Bd7 18.Bxd7+ Nxd7 19.0-0 0-0 20.Rbc1 b5 21.Nc3 a6 22.Ne2 Qb6?!=** [22...a5 23.Rfe1 Rfb8 24.Ned4 Nc5 25.c4 b4±] **23.Qxb6 Nxb6 24.Be3 Nd7 25.c4 Nde5 26.Nxe5 Nxe5 27.cxb5 axb5 28.Rc2 Nd3 29.Rd2** [29.Rd1 Nb4 30.Rcd2 Nxa2

31.Rxd6 Ra3 32.b4 Rb3 (32...Nxb4? 33.Rb6 Ra5 34.Bc5 Na6 35.Bxf8 Kxf8±) 33.Rb6 Rb2 34.Rd2 Rxd2 35.Bxd2 Rd8 36.Be3 Nxb4=] **29...Nc5 30.Bxc5?!±** [30.Ng3 Rfd8 31.Rc1 Rac8=] **30...dxc5 31.Rc2 Rfc8 32.Rfc1 Be7 33.e5 Rd8?!=** [33...b4 34.Ng3 f5 35.exf6 gxf6±] **34.f4?!±** [34.Nc3 b4 35.Na4 Ra7=] **34...g5 35.g3 Rd3 36.Rb1?!±** Linda gets a " clear " advantage again [36.Kg2 gxf4 37.gxf4 Kh8 38.Kh2 Rg8±] **36...gxf4 37.gxf4 Rxh3** Linda goes up a P **38.Kg2 Rd3 39.Kf2?!-+** Linda gets a " winning " advantage [39.Nc3 b4 40.Ne4 Re3 41.Nf2 Kh7±] **39...Bh4+ 40.Kg2 Rad8?!±** [40...Kh7 41.Rbb2 (41.Rxc5?? Rxa2 42.Kf1 Rf3+ 43.Kg1 Rxe2-+) 41...Rg8+ 42.Kh2 Bf2-+] **41.Kh2?!-+** [41.Rxc5 Rd2 42.Kf3 b4 43.Rf1 Rxa2±] **41...Rd2 42.Rg1+ Kh7 43.Rxd2 Rxd2 44.Rg2 Rxa2** Linda goes up 2 P's **45.Nc3 Rxg2+ 46.Kxg2 b4 47.Na4 Be7 48.Kf3 Kg6 49.Kg4 h5+ 50.Kg3 Kf5 51.Kf3 f6?-+ - 2.26** [51...c4 52.bxc4 b3 53.Nb2 Ba3 54.Nd3 b2 55.Nxb2 Bxb2-+ - 7.34 Linda would be up a B] **52.exf6 Kxf6 53.Kg3 - 4.11** [53.Nb6 e5 54.Nd5+ Ke6 55.Ke4 c4 56.Nxb4 cxb3 57.Nd3 Ba3 58.fxe5 h4 59.Nf4+ Kd7 60.Kd3 Bb2 61.Kd2 Ke8-+ - 4.26] **53...Kf5 54.Kf3 e5 55.fxe5 Kxe5 56.Kg3 - 6.77** [56.Ke3 h4 57.Nb2 Bg5+ 58.Kf2 Kd4 59.Ke2 Bf4 60.Kf3 h3 61.Nd1 Bd6 62.Nf2 c4 63.bxc4 b3 64.Nd1 h2 65.Kg2 Be5-+ - 8.18] **56...Kd4 57.Kf4 h4 - 7.03 58.Kg4 Kd3 59.Nb6 - 8.06** [59.Nxc5+ Bxc5 60.Kxh4 Kc2 61.Kg4 Kxb3 62.Kf4 Kc2 63.Ke4 b3-+ - 12.61] **59...Kc3?-+ - 7.68** this drops the B, though Bl still wins with the 2 connected passed b & c pawns. Did Linda do this on purpose to sac the B to queen? Don't know. Someone will have to ask her. [59...Kc2 60.Nd5 Bd8 61.Kf3 Kxb3-+] **60.Nd5+ Kxb3 61.Nxe7** Linda has 3 P's vs N **61...c4 62.Nd5 c3 63.Kxh4** Linda has 2 P's vs N. But Sai's K is too far away to help stop the pawns **63...c2 64.Nxb4 Kxb4 65.Kg4 c1Q 66.Kf5 Qe3 67.Kg4 Qf2 68.Kg5 Qf3 69.Kg6 Kc5 70.Kg7 Kd6 71.Kg6 Ke6 72.Kg7 Qf6+ 73.Kh7 Qg5 74.Kh8 Kf7 75.Kh7 Qg7# 0-1**

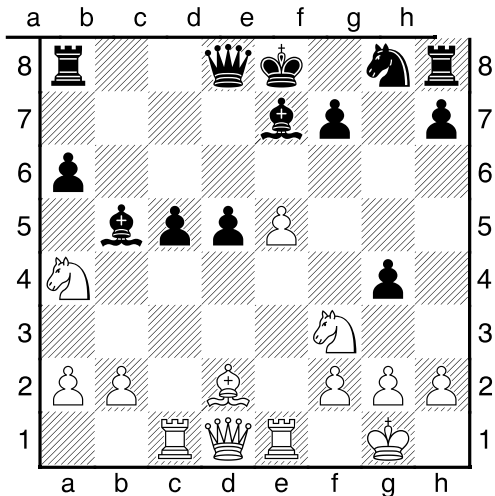
In Rd 4 on Bd. 5, Mario Moran-Venegas sacked his N for 2 pawns and an attack against Pepin Manalo's King, caught in the centre. Pepin had to sac his Q to delay disaster but his R + N couldn't withstand Mario's Q + 3 P's. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Moran-Venegas, M (1723) – Manalo, P (1837) [C00]

SCC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (4), 22.11.2007

1.e4 e6± 2.d4 b6± Fritz criticizes this defence. Mario gets an early " clear " advantage [2...Nc6±] **3.c4?!±** [3.Bd3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 0-0±] **3...d5?!±** [3...Bb7 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4±] **4.e5?±=** [4.exd5 exd5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Qe7+ 7.Qe2 dxc4 8.0-0-0 Qxe2 9.Bxe2 Bb7 10.Re1 Be7 11.Nf3 0-0±] **4...Bb7?!±** [4...Ba6 5.cxd5 Bxf1 6.Kxf1 Qxd5=] **5.Nf3 Bb4+?!±** [5...Ne7] **6.Bd2?±=** [6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Qa4+ Nbc6 8.a3 a5! 9.cxd5 (9.axb4?? axb4 10.Qxa8 Bxa8-+) 9...Nxd5±] **6...Be7?±** [6...Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 dxc4 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Qxc4 a5=] **7.Nc3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.0-0 a6 11.Bxc6+ Bxc6 12.Rc1 g5?!+-** aggressive but far from best. Mario gets a " winning " advantage [12...Rc8 13.Re1 Bb7 14.Na4 c4±] **13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Na4?!±** [14.e6 Bf6 15.Nxg5 Bxg5 16.Qh5 Qf6 17.exf7+ Qxf7 18.Qxg5 Ne7+-] **14...Bb5?!+-** [14...g4 15.Ne1 Bxa4 16.Qxa4+ Qd7 17.Qf4 h5±] **15.Re1** [15.Nxc5 Bxf1 16.Kxf1 Qb6 17.Be3 Qxb2 18.Qxd5 Qb5+ 19.Kg1 Rd8 20.Qe4 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Qd3+-] **15...g4**

Position after 15...g4



16.Nxc5! given his lead in development, and Pepin's K being caught in the centre, Mario sacs his N for 2 P's and an attack – a gutsy decision, approved of by Fritz **16...gxf3 17.Qxf3** Mario is down B vs 2 P's, but has a "winning" advantage **17...h5?!+-** 4.81 [17...Ra7 18.e6 Nf6 19.a4 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 0-0 21.axb5 fxe6+- 4.15] **18.Nb7 Qd7** 7.88 [18...Qb8 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.exd6+ Kf8 21.Rc7 Rh7 22.Qf5 Bd3 23.Qxd3 Rg7+- 14.95] **19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.exd6+ Kf8 21.Rc7** the rook penetration to the 7th rank is fatal for Bl. **21...Re8?** 8.91 [21...Rh7 22.Rxd7 Bxd7 23.Qxd5 Rb8+- 8.09 Mario would be up Q + 3 P's vs R + N] **22.Rxd7 Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 Bxd7 24.Qxd5** 9.46 Mario is up Q + 3 P's vs R + N **24...Nf6?+-** this loses a minor piece [24...f6 25.Bc3 Rh7 26.Qa8+ Be8 27.Qxa6 Rd7+- 10.73] **25.Qg5 Ng8?+-** 38.90 [25...Ne4 26.Qe7+ Kg7 27.Qxe4 Rc8+- 18.64] **26.Qd8+ Be8?** leads to a quicker mate [26...Kg7 27.Bc3+ f6 28.Qxd7+ Kf8 29.Qb7 h4 30.d7 Ke7 31.Qc7 Ke6 32.d8Q Ne7 33.Qcd6+ Kf5 34.Qxf6+ Kg4 35.Qd1#] **27.d7** Pepin resigned. The mate is **27...Nf6 28.Qxf6 Bxd7 29.Bb4+ Kg8 30.Qg5+ Kh7 31.Bc3 f6 32.Bxf6 Rg8 33.Qxh5# 1-0**

Also in Rd. 4, newcomer expert Egis Zeromskis executed a nice K-side attack against a strongly defending John London, but Egis sacked a P at a key moment to open up the winning of John's B. John lost. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

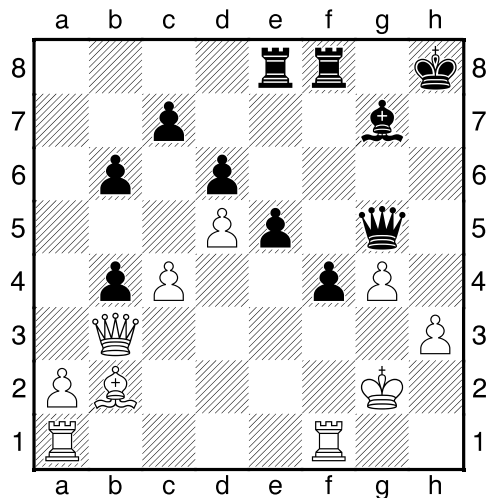
London, J (1851) – Zeromskis, E (2100) [E92]

SCC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (4), 22.11.2007

408MB, Fritz8.ctg, SOLOZEN **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6±** [2...e6=] **3.d4 Bg7** King's Indian Defence **4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5** [6...c5 7.0-0 Qa5 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.Re1 Rd8±] **7.d5?!=** [7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 c6±] **7...a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Be3 Qe7 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Na4?!±** Egis gets the advantage [11.Qa4 Nac5 12.Qa3 Ra6=] **11...f5 12.exf5?!±** Egis gets a "clear" advantage [12.Re1 f4 13.Bd2 Ndc5±] **12...gxf5 13.Bg5 Qf7 14.Bd2** [14.Nh4 Bf6 15.f4 Ndc5 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nf3 Bd7±; 14.Re1 h6 15.Bd2 e4 16.Nh2 Ne5±; 14.Nc3 Qg6 15.h4 Ndc5±] **14...Nac5 15.Ng5 Qf6 16.Be3?!+** Egis gets a "winning" advantage [16.Nc3 c6 17.f4 e4 18.Be3 h6 19.Ne6 Nxe6 20.dxe6 Qxe6±] **16...h6?!±** [16...f4 17.Bxc5 Qxg5 18.Ba3 e4+- - 2.66] **17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Bxc5 Qxg5 19.Ba3 b6?!±** Egis is losing his advantage [19...f4 20.Qd3 Bf5 21.Qf3 e4 22.Qh5 Qf6±] **20.Kh1 Kh8 21.Qd3 f4 22.Qf3** [22.Bf3] **22...Bf5 23.Qh5 Qf6 24.Qf3 Rae8** [24...Qh4 25.Qh5 Qxh5 26.Bxh5 e4 27.Rae1 Bd4±] **25.b4?!±** [25.Rae1 Qg5 26.Qh5 e4 27.Bg4 Qxh5 28.Bxh5 Re7±] **25...Bg6 26.Bb2?!+** this loses the bP [26.Qb3 axb4 27.Bxb4 Be4 28.Bf3 Bxf3 29.Qxf3 e4 30.Qg4 f3±] **26...axb4** Egis goes up a P **27.Qb3 Be4**

28.Bh5?!-+ - 1.92 [28.Bf3 Bxf3 29.Qxf3 Qg6-+ - 1.44] 28...Bxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Qg5+ 30.Bg4 h5 31.f3 hxg4?!± [31...e4 32.Bxg7+ Kxg7 33.Rae1 b5 34.cxb5 hxg4 35.hxg4 Qh4 36.Rh1 Qg3+ 37.Kf1 e3 38.Qb2+ Re5 39.Qg2 Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 Rxd5-+ - 2.36 Egis would be up a passed P on the 3rd rank] 32.fxg4?-+ John cannot afford to give Egis 2 connected passed P's on the e&f-files. As well, he needs to be able to control the h-file himself. [32.hxg4 e4 33.Rh1+ Kg8 34.Kf1 Qg6±]

Position after 32.fxg4



32...f3+?-+ - 4.58 Egis comes up with a nice pawn sac to get access to the K with his Q, but he misses the hard-to-calculate mate [32...e4 33.Kh1 f3 34.Bxg7+ Kxg7 35.Qxb4 (35.a3) 35...Rf6 36.Qb2 Rh8 37.Qh2 Rfh6 38.Rxf3 exf3 39.Kg1 Rxx3 40.Qb2+ Kg8 41.Qxh8+ Kxh8 42.Re1 Qxg4+ 43.Kf2 Qd4+ 44.Re3 Qh4+ 45.Kf1 Rh1#] **33.Rxf3** material equality **33...Qd2+ 34.Kg3 - 8.95 [34.Kg1 Rxf3 35.Qxf3 Rf8 36.Qg3 Qxb2 37.Rd1 Qc2 38.Re1 Qxc4-+ - 9.67] 34...Rxf3+ 35.Qxf3 Qxb2?-+ - 4.81** Egis is up a B [35...Rf8 36.Qxf8+ (36.Qg2?? Qf4+ 37.Kh4 Bf6+ 38.Kh5 Qg5#) 36...Bxf8-+ - 8.95 Egis would be up Q vs R] **36.Qf7?-+ - 12.91 [36.Rf1 Rf8 37.Qd3 Qc3 38.Qxc3 bxc3 39.Rc1 e4 40.Rc2 Be5+ 41.Kh4 Kg7-+ -10.18** Egis would be up a B] **36...Rf8 37.Qh5+?-+ - 21.80 [37.Qxf8+ Bxf8-+ - 12.65** Egis would be up Q + B vs R] **37...Kg8-+ -25.43 0-1**

In the lower section in Rd. 4, junior Jerry Wang, who tied for first in the Howard Ridout Swiss (U 1700), managed at one point to be up 3 pawns against veteran member Pino Verde. Pino slowly recovered all his pawns, but by then Jerry had 2 connected, passed pawns bearing down on the Q-side. Pino resigned. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Verde, P (1677) – Wang, J (1733) [A05]

SCC Fall Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (4), 22.11.2007

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4 0-0 5.Nc3 d5 6.Bf4 c5 7.Qd2?± [7.dxc5 Qa5 8.0-0 Qxc5=] 7...Nc6 8.Bh6?!-+ [8.Rd1 Ne4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Ne5 cxd4 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxe4 e5 13.Bg5 Qb6±; 8.0-0-0 Qa5 9.h3 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Qxa2 11.Nc3 Qa1+ 12.Nb1 Nb4 13.Qe3 Bf5 14.Qa3 Nxc2 15.Qxa1 Nxa1±; 8.h3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 e5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxe5 Ne4 12.Qd4 f6 13.Bf4 f5 14.Qb4

a5 15.Qa3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Ba6♣] **8...Bxh6 9.Qxh6 cxd4** Jerry goes up a P **10.Nb1 Qb6 11.Qc1 Bf5 12.Nbd2?+ - 3.23** [12.Nh4 Bd7 13.0-0 Rac8+ - 2.21] **12...Nb4 13.Nxd4?!+- - 3.73** [13.0-0 Nxc2 14.Rb1 Nb4+ - 3.33] **13...Bxc2?+ - 2.15** Jerry is best to just take the N [13...Qxd4 14.c3 Qb6 15.0-0 Rac8+ - 3.90] **14.a3 Qxd4 15.axb4 Rfc8 16.0-0 Bf5 17.Qd1 Rc2?!♣** [17...Qxb4 18.Nf3 a5+ - 3.04] **18.Nb3?!+ [18.Ne4 Qxd1 19.Nxf6+ exf6 20.Rfxd1 Rxb2 21.Bxd5 Rxb4♣] 18...Qxd1 19.Rfxd1 Rxb2** Jerry goes up 2 P **20.Nd4 Rxb4** Jerry goes up 3 P **21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Bxd5** Jerry is up 2 connected, passed P's **22...Nxd5?+ - 1.91** [22...a5 23.Bg2 a4 24.Rdb1 Rxb1+ 25.Rxb1 a3 26.Bxb7 a2 27.Ra1 Rb8 28.Rxa2 Rxb7+ - 3.43] **23.Rxd5 b5** [23...e6 24.Rda5 a6 25.R5a2 Rc8+] **24.Rxf5** Jerry is up 1 P [24.Ra6 e6 25.Rd7 Ra4 26.Rxa4 bxa4 27.Rd4 a3 28.Ra4 a5+] **24...a5** this pawn is a runner **25.Re5 a4 26.Rxe7** material equality, but Jerry still has 2 connected passed P's **26...a3 27.Rd7 a2 28.Rdd1 Rb2 29.e3 b4 30.Rac1 b3+ - 7.80 0-1**

In Rd. 5 on top board in the top section, the two co-leaders clashed, Yuanling and Oscar Villalobos. Oscar seemed to carry the play most of the first half of the game, though he never actually managed to get the advantage. But in the middle of the game, Yuanling took control and got a “winning” advantage. Then near the end Yuanling had trouble holding her advantage in the face of Oscar’s strong resistance. The game went right down to the final minutes, when Oscar got into time trouble. At the last moment, Yuanling sacs her Queen, and Oscar finally had to resign. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Villalobos, O (1862) – Yuan, Y (2146) [D00]

SCC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (5), 29.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± 3.Nc3 [3.Bf4±] **3...d5 4.Bf4 c6 5.e3 Bf5 6.Be2** [6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.0-0 Nh5 8.Be5 Bxd3 9.Bxh8 Bxf1 10.Qxf1 Nhf6±] **6...Bg7 7.Ne5** [7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nh4 Be6 9.Qd3 0-0=; 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Bxf5 gxf5=] **7...Nbd7 8.g4** aggressive [8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4 Be6 10.f3 c5±] **8...Be6 9.h4?♣** a move premature. Yuanling gets the advantage. [9.Nxd7 Nxd7 10.h4 h6±] **9...h5 10.g5 Nh7?!=** [10...Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.c3 0-0♣] **11.Bd3** [11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.Qd2 Nf8 13.Bg3 Qa5=; 11.Qd2 Nhf8 12.Nd3 Bf5 13.0-0-0 Ne6 14.Bg3 Qa5=] **11...Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nf8 14.Ne2?!♣** [14.Qd2 Qc7 15.f4 Bg4 16.Ne2 Ne6=] **14...Bg4 15.Qd2 Nd7?!=** [15...Qb6 16.Qc3 Ne6 17.Nd4 Nc5♣] **16.f4?!♣** [16.Qc3 0-0 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Kh7=] **16...Nc5 17.Qc3 Nxd3+ 18.cxd3?!♣** Yuanling gets a " clear " advantage [18.Qxd3 Qa5+ 19.Qc3 Qa6 20.Rh2 0-0♣] **18...0-0 19.Nd4 Qd7 20.Rf1?!+** Yuanling gets a " winning " advantage. [20.b4 Rfc8 21.Nb3 a5 22.bxa5 c5♣] **20...Bh3?!♣** [20...Rfc8 21.f5 gxf5 22.e6 fxe6 23.Nf3 Bxf3 24.Rxf3 c5+] **21.Rg1 Rac8 22.b4 b6** [22...a5 23.a3 axb4 24.axb4 b6 25.Nb3 Ra8♣] **23.Nb3 Rc7 24.Rc1 Rfc8 25.Qd4?!+ [25.d4 Bf5 26.Kf1 Be4 27.Rg3 Qf5♣] 25...Bg4?♣** Yuanling is losing her advantage [25...c5 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.Qb2 Bf5 28.Qd2 Bxd3! 29.Qxd3 c4 30.Qd2 cxb3 31.Rxc7 Rxc7 32.axb3 Qf5+] **26.Kd2?!♣** Oscar takes his K the wrong way [26.Kf2 Bf5 27.a4 Rb7♣] **26...Rd8?!♣** [26...Rb7 27.Qc3 a5 28.bxa5 c5♣] **27.a4** [27.Ke1 Qc8 28.Kf2 Qb7♣] **27...Qc8** [27...Rb8 28.Ke1 Rcc8 29.Qc3 Qb7♣] **28.a5 Qa6** [28...Qb7 29.Rc2 Rb8 30.Rgc1 Rcc8♣] **29.Rc2** [29.Rc3?! Rb8 30.Rgc1 c5 31.Qxd5 Be6 32.Qe4 Bf5 33.Qc4 Qb7♣] **29...Qc8?±** for the first time in the game, Oscar gets the advantage, and it is a " clear " advantage [29...Rb8?! 30.Qc3 Rbc8 31.Rgc1 Bd7=; 29...Qb5 30.Qc3 c5 31.bxc5 bxc5♣] **30.axb6** for the first time in the entire game, a pawn is removed from the board **30...axb6 31.Qc3?♣** Oscar should just win the bP. Now he has given Yuanling back a " clear " advantage [31.Qxb6 Rb7 32.Qc5 Re8±] **31...Qa6?!♣** [31...Qd7 32.Qd4 Rb8 33.Ra1 Qc8 34.Rac1 Bh3♣] **32.Ra1 Qc8** [32...Qb7 33.Rca2 Rb8 34.Ra7 Qc8♣] **33.Qd4** [33.Rg1?! Qd7♣] **33...Qb7 34.Rca2 Rb8 35.Ra6?+** Yuanling gets back her " winning " advantage. Oscar was now in severe time pressure. [35.Ra7 Qc8 36.Qc3 Bd7 37.Ke2 Bh3♣] **35...Kh7? =** [35...c5 36.Qb2 d4 37.e4 c4 38.Qb1 cxb3 39.Qxb3 Rbc8+] **36.Qc3?♣** [36.Ke1 Bh3 37.e4 dxe4 38.dxe4 Qc8=] **36...Rbc8?!♣** Yuanling is having trouble maintaining her advantage [36...c5 37.Qc1 Rbc8 38.Ra7 Qc6 39.Rxc7 Rxc7 40.bxc5 bxc5♣] **37.Qd4?+ [37.Ra7 Qxa7 38.Rxa7 Rxa7 39.Nc1 c5♣] 37...c5 38.Qb2 c4 39.Ra7 Qxa7+ - 4.91** Yuanling sacs her Q for the 2 R's (

Fritz' first choice too), later winning Oscar's Q. With little time left on his clock, Oscar resigned in a lost position. The game could have continued **40.Rxa7 Rxa7 41.dxc4 dxc4 42.Nd4 c3+ 43.Qxc3 Ra2+ 44.Kd3 Rxc3+ 45.Kxc3 Ra3+ 46.Kd2 Kg7+- - 5.53 0-1**

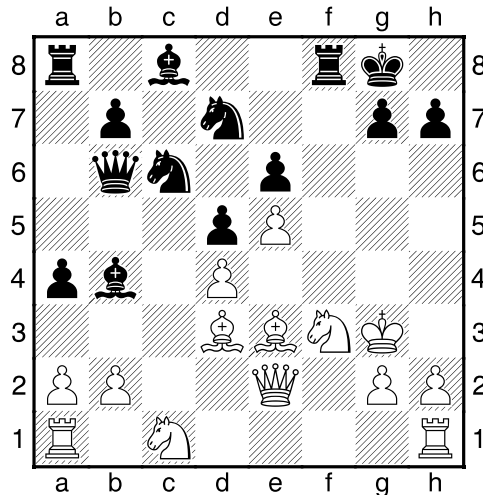
In Rd. 5 on second board in the top section, master Bryan Lamb made a dubious exchange sacrifice against expert Alex Ferreira, and soon after got a “ winning “ advantage, and pursued it through to mate. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ferreira, A (2023) – Lamb, B (2229) [C05]

SCC Fall Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (5), 29.11.2007

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.e4 e6± 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4?!= [5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6±] 5...c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.Nb3 Be7?!± [9...Bb4+ 10.Kf2 a5 11.a4 0-0 12.Bd3 Rd8=] 10.Bd3 f6 11.Qe2?!= [11.0-0±] 11...a5 12.Be3 [12.exf6?! Nxf6 13.Be3 a4 14.Nc5 Nxd4! 15.Bxd4 Bxc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5±] 12...a4 13.Nc1 Bb4+ 14.Kf2 fxe5 15.fxe5 0-0 16.Kg3



Rxf3+?!± Bryan decides to sac the exchange, hoping to pick up a pawn or two in the process. Fritz considers the sac inferior. [16...Be7 17.a3 Rf7 18.Na2 Rxf3+! 19.Qxf3 Nxd4 20.Qf4 Bc5=] **17.Qxf3?!=** Alex recaptures with the wrong piece and loses his advantage [17.gxf3 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Qxd4±] **17...Nxd4 18.Bxd4?+-** Alex gives Bryan a " winning " advantage [18.Qf4 Bc5 19.Kh3 Nf5 20.Bxc5 Nxc5=] **18...Qxd4** Bryan is up B + P vs R **19.Qf4 Qxf4+?!+- - 1.65 [19...Qxe5 20.Qxe5 Nxe5 21.Be2 Nc6 22.Rd1 Bd6+ 23.Kf2 Bc5+ 24.Ke1 Nd4+- - 2.04] 20.Kxf4 Bd2+ 21.Kf3 Nxe5+** Bryan is now up B + 2 connected, passed P's vs R **22.Ke2 Bg5 23.b3 a3 24.Bb5 Ra5 25.Bd3 Bd7 26.b4 Ra8 27.Rb1 Rc8 28.b5 - 3.75 [28.h4? Bf4 29.Rf1 Bh6 30.g4 Nxc4 31.Nb3 Ne5+- - 4.56] 28...Be8 29.h3?+- - 5.31 [29.Re1 Rc3 30.h3 Bh5+ 31.g4 Nxd3 32.Nxd3 Bg6+- - 4.24] 29...Nxd3 30.Nxd3 Rc2+ 31.Kf3 Bh5+ - 4.91 [31...Bg6 32.Nf4 Rc3+ 33.Kg4 Bxf4 34.Kxf4 Bxb1 35.Rxb1 Kf8+- - 5.11] 32.g4?+- - 7.28 [32.Kg3 Bg6 33.Nf4 Rc3+ 34.Kg4 Bxf4 35.Kxf4 Bxb1 36.Rxb1 Kf7+- - 5.11] 32...Bg6 33.Rhd1??+- leads to mate. Alex resigned. [33.Rbe1 Bxd3 34.Rxe6 Rxa2+- - 7.72] The mate is **33...Be4+ 34.Kg3 Rg2# 0-1****

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