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Canada at the 2002 Chess Olympiads

This is just a short update. A full report will appear in the next Issue. The Olympiad is in Bled, Slovenia, from Oct. 26 to Nov. 10. The national team is composed of GM Alexandre Le Siege, GM Kevin Spraggett, IM Pascal Charbonneau, IM Yan Teplitsky, IM Mark Bluvshstein and IM Jean Hebert. In the first 5 rounds, the team has done quite well, and has won 4 of the 5 matches. It has 11.5 pts./20.

The women's team is composed of WIM Nava Starr, 2002 Ontario Closed Women's Champion, Dina Kagramanov, WFM Amanda Benggawan, and former Quebec Women's Closed Champion, Dinara Khazieva. They have won 3/5 matches, and have 8/15 pts.

Deep Fritz Ties Kramnik !

The “ Brains in Bahrain “ match between classical World Champion, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), and last year's Computer Chess Program Champion, Deep Fritz, was an 8 game match, played October 4 – 19. The program is one developed by the German company, ChessBase, and was running on a multi-processor. The prize fund was \$ 1 million.

Kramnik led 3 : 2, after the first five games we reported on last Issue, having won 2 (Games 2 & 3), drawn 2 (Games 1 & 4) and lost 1 (Game 5). But Fritz came back with a win in Game 6, and draws in Games 7 & 8 , to tie the match.

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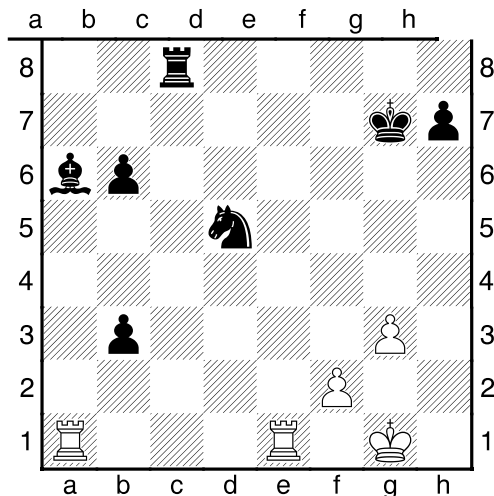
The games were :

(6) Kramnik,V (2807) – DEEP FRITZ [E15]

Brains in Bahrain Manama BAH (6), 15.10.2002

This game will be subject to much analysis. Kramnik had a chance to win the exchange, but instead decided to attack. He sacked his Knight for a K-side P on move 19. But then Kramnik realized that the computer had a brilliant defence of 28...Bh4 if Kramnik had tried the obvious attack, and so he had to abandon the original line, and the attack fizzled out.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8.Bc3 d5 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Rc8 13.a4 Bf6 14.e4 c5 15.exd5 cxd4 16.Bb4 Re8 17.Ne4 exd5 18.Nd6 dxc4 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Bd5+ Kg6 21.Qg4+ Bg5 22.Be4+ Rxe4 23.Qxe4+ Kh6 24.h4 Bf6 25.Bd2+ g5 26.hxg5+ Bxg5 27.Qh4+ Kg6 28.Qe4+ Kg7 29.Bxg5 Qxg5 30.Rfe1 cxb3 31.Qxd4+ Nf6 32.a5 Qd5 33.Qxd5 Nxd5 34.axb6 axb6 0-1



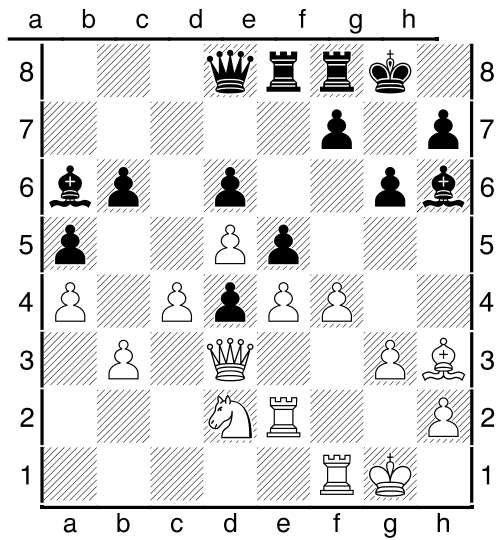
Here Kramnik resigned. But subsequent analysis has shown, so far, that though badly off, Kramnik still had drawing chances, had he played on. In that case, he would have won the match !!

(7) DEEP FRITZ – Kramnik,V (2807) [E19]

Brains in Bahrain Manama BAH (7), 17.10.2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 c5 10.Rd1 d6 11.b3 Bf6 12.Bb2 Qe7 13.Qc2 Nc6 14.e4 e5 15.d5 Nd4 16.Bxd4 cxd4 17.Bh3 g6 18.a4 a5 19.Rab1 Ba6 20.Re1 Kh8 21.Kg2 Bg7 22.Qd3 Rae8 23.Nd2 Bh6 24.f4 Qc7 25.Rf1 Kg8 26.Rbe1 Qd8 27.Kg1 Bb7

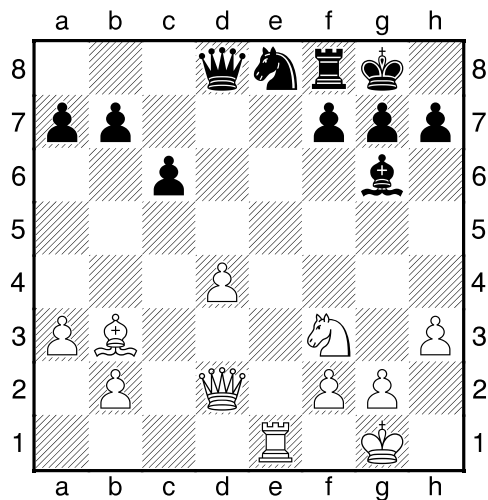
28.Re2 Ba6 ½-½



(8) Kramnik,V (2807) – DEEP FRITZ [D68]

Brains in Bahrain Manama BAH (8), 19.10.2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5
 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Rc1 Nxc3 12.Rxc3 e5 13.Bb3 exd4 14.exd4 Nf6 15.Re1 Qd6 16.h3 Bf5
 17.Rce3 Rae8 18.Re5 Bg6 19.a3 Qd8 20.Rxe8 Nxe8 21.Qd2 ½-½



2002 FIDE World Cup

This is one of FIDE's top individual championships, other than the World Championship. There is a separate mixed cup, and women's cup. It was played in Hyderabad, India, from October 9 – 20. Although a number of top players did not come, the field was still formidable, with names such as Anand, Ivanchuk, Short, Dreev, Radjabov, Azmaiparashvili, Sasikiran, Kasimdzhanov, Beliavsky, Morozevich, etc. The main tournament starts off with 4 6-player preliminary groups in a round robin. Then the top 2 from each group go into the 4 2-game quarter final matches. In the quarter finals : Anand defeated Malakhov; Beliavsky defeated Rublevsky; Dreev defeated Short; and Kasimdzhanov defeated Ye Jiangchuan.

In the semi-final 2 – game matches : Kasimdzhinov defeated Beliavsky ; and Anand defeated Dreev.

In the final 2-game match, Anand was victorious – 1/2; 0-1. This is his second straight year winning this tournament, and he has again established himself as the third – ranked player in world chess.

The Women's Cup champion was last year's champion, Xu Yuhua.

FIDE 2002 October Rating List

Once again, as has been the case since July 2001, only 2 players are over 2800 : #1 : Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion – 2838, and #2 : Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 2000 BrainGamesNetwork World Champion – 2807.

There are 10 players in the 2700's . # 3 is still Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion - 2755; still at # 4, and only 10 points behind Anand, is Michael Adams (England) – 2745; # 5 : Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) – 2743; tied with him, and moving up to # 6 from # 8 last list is Peter Leko (Hungary), the winner of the 2002 Dortmund World Championship Candidates tournament, who will play Kramnik for the World Championship next year - 2743; # 7 : tied with Topalov and Leko, is Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine), 2002 FIDE World Champion – 2743 (he has been one of SCTCN&V's " terrible '83'er's " –only 18 years old on Jan. 1, 2002, and we've been watching them for some time as up and comers).

Still at # 12 is another SCTCN&V " terrible '83'er ", Alexander Grischuk (Russia) – 2702. 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) is # 14 at 2690. 12 th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) is # 17 at 2688. Judit Polgar, the world's strongest woman player, is # 18 at 2685.

The third " terrible ' 83'er " we've been watching is Etienne Bacrot (France), who is still # 37 at 2653. Two other youngsters we're watching are : Francisco Vallejo Pons (Spain), has dropped from # 42 to # 50 at 2635; and 14 year old Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan), has moved up from # 73 to # 61 at 2618. The # 100 player is rated 2601, up from 2600.

The highest FIDE-rated Canadian player is former Canadian champion, Kevin Spraggett at 2533. Right behind him is 2001 Canadian Champion, Alexandre Le Siege at 2531, down from 2584 on the July list.

New Toronto Senior's (50 yrs. +) Active Tournament Added to the Fall Calendar

If you are a veteran of the chess wars and you are seriously considering this tournament, please email your name, birthdate, and CFC information to Wilf Ferner, organizer at weferner@pathcom.com. Even if you can't make it, he would appreciate your information to add to his contacts' list for future.

It is scheduled for Sunday November 17/02 at the Bradgate Arms, a wonderful playing venue. It will be a 5 Rd. Swiss/one section/30 mins per game, with round 1 starting at 10:45 AM, and the last round 5 beginning at 4:30 PM.. The entry fee is a very low \$15 (no late fee). For further details please call Wilf Ferner at 416-439-8912; email: weferner@pathcom.com" .

2002-3 SCC Club Championship

This will be a Swiss, played on Thursday evenings. Round 1 will be on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:00 PM. Come on out and meet old friends and play some “ friendly “ (but competitive) over-the-board chess. See you there.

Note : SCC also meets on Sundays for similar CFC-rated tournaments.

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