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Spraggett Off Form at 5th Gib Tel Masters, Gibraltar

GM Kevin Spraggett, highest rated Canadian (reached 2633 in the January FIDE rating list, # 80 in the world), and 5 time Canadian Champion, was definitely off form for this tournament that ran from Jan. 23 – Feb. 1 in Gibraltar. He finished a disappointing 42nd, with 5.5 pts./9 rounds.

The winner was GM Vladimir Akopian (Armenia – 2700), with 7.5 pts. Tied for 2nd/4th with 7 pts. were GM Alexander Areshchenko (Ukraine – 2644), GM Hikaru Nakamura (USA – 2651) and GM Emil Sutovsky (Israel – 2629).

2007 Canadian Open Update – Early Bird Deadline – Today !

This year’s Canadian Open will be in Ottawa from July 7 – 15 and will be a one-section swiss, with class prizes. If you register today (last day) [go to the CFC website to register online; click on “ tournaments “], you get the early bird registration fee of \$ 100, rather than the at-the-gate fee of \$ 150 !

This year, one of the so far confirmed foreign GM’s is English GM Nigel Short, World Championship Challenger, and current Commonwealth Champion. The organizers expect more to come as the tournament approaches.

Come to the nation’s capital this summer, and enter one of Canada’s premier tournaments !

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Guelph Winter Pro – Am – Report

This weekend tournament Feb. 3 – 4, was dedicated to the memory of recently deceased player, Jan Draak (I could only get a draw the last time I played him). Over 100 players turned out. Here is the report of Hal Bond, organizer and TD (from ChessTalk):

“ Some big results were achieved. Nikolay Noritsyn is back! He scored 5-0 for \$700, defeating Hamilton and Ochkoos who were both on form. Hamilton and Thavandiran each bagged \$300 at 4 points. CFC manager David Gordon was the last player to win. He shared the pennies with Guo, Ochkoos and Bailey.

Konstantin Semianiuk, Mathew Cooke, Simon Gladstne and Danny McGlynn scored 4 atop the U2000. Michael Von Keitz aced the U1700, ahead of Guelph's James (T. Kirk) Scott at 4. Robert Liu defeated Brendan Lee in a playoff after they tied with 4.5 in the U1400. Elliott Kaufman edged out chess dad Dennis Poloniato (who played the event of his life, now that his 3 sons have practically quit) with 4 points. “

2006/7 SCC Club Championship

On Thursday, Jan. 4, the club championship started. The Championship Section is a 10-player round robin, consisting of the top 8 rated players registered, plus the 2 winners of last year's Reserves Section. Playing this year are: Bryan Lamb (2203); Imtiaz Husain (2145); John Hall (2061); Donal Deiseach (2005); Alex Rapoport (1958); Rick Garel (1954); Jim Paterson (1916); Randy Moysoski (1916); Richard Douglas (1760); Doug Gillis (1540). There are 34 players registered for the Reserves Section, which is a 7 round, one-section swiss. The 4 top players in this section are Pino Verde (1867), your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong (1793), Phil Haley (1786), and Silvano Mesiti (1782).

Leading after 6 rounds is John Hall, with 5 pts. out of 6 rounds. But Bryan Lamb has a theoretical chance of displacing him out of first, since Bryan has 4 pts., but 2 games in hand. In the Reserves, Josh Sherman and Bob Armstrong are tied for 1st/2nd with 5 pts.. There is a 4-way tie for third at 4 pts. : Pino Verde, Silvano Mesiti, Michael Perez and Steve Douglas.

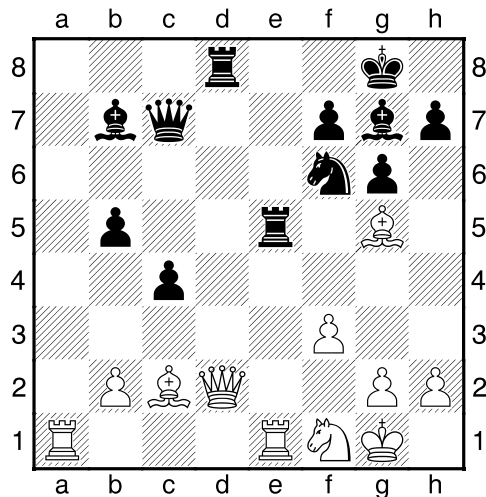
In Rd.5, Bryan Lamb, resident master and highest-rated in the tournament, took sole theoretical possession of first place, with 4 pts, with one game in hand, when he defeated Alex Rapoport in a game that saw Alex sac his Q for R + N, but then succumb. [John Hall also had 4 pts., but that was in 5 games]. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Rapoport, A (1958) – Lamb, B (2203) [A00]

SCC Club Championship Toronto (5), 01.02.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 g6± 3.c3?=[3.e4±] 3...d6?± [3...d5=] 4.Ngf3 Bg7 5.e4 Nbd7 6.Bc4 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 e5 9.Qb3 b5 10.Bd3 a6 [10...Nb6 11.Qc2 Nh5 12.Nb3 h6±] 11.a4 Bb7 12.Nf1 [12.Qc2 Qc7 13.b4 Rfe8 14.dxe5 dxe5±] 12...Qc7 13.Bg5 Rfe8 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Qd2 exd4 16.cxd4 c5 17.axb5 axb5 18.e5??-+ Alex' central push is not correct; this loses a P [18.Ng3 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Nc5 20.Nxb5 Qb6 21.Be3 Nfxe4 22.Nxe4 Bxe4±] 18...dxe5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 Alex goes down a P

20.Nxe5 [about the same, but tactically more interesting, is 20.Bxb5 Bxf3 21.Bxe8 Nxe8 22.Rxe5 Qxe5 23.gxf3 Qxb2 24.Ra4 Qxd2 25.Nxd2 Nc7-+] **20...Rxe5 21.f3 c4 22.Bc2 Rd8**



23.Qxd8+ Alex decides to sac his Q for 2 R's (or R + N) [a little worse is 23.Qc1 Rde8 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.Kh1 Ng4 26.Qd2 (26.fxc4? Qe2 27.Qd2 Bd4 28.Be4 Qxe4 29.Ng3 Qd3 30.Qxd3 cxd3-+) 26...Qe2 27.Bh4 Qxd2 28.Nxd2 Bxb2 29.Rb1 c3 30.Nb3 Ne3 31.Re1 Re6-+] **23...Qxd8 24.Rxe5 Qd4+ 25.Re3 Nd5?+** [it is actually better for Bryan to leave Alex with the 2 R's ! 25...Qxb2 26.Rd1 Bf8 27.Rd8 Kg7 28.Re2 Bc5+ 29.Be3 Qa3 30.Kf2 Nd5 31.h4 Nxe3 32.Nxe3 b4-+ (-6.33)] **26.Rd1 Qb6 27.Kh1 Nxe3 28.Bxe3 Qc7** (-4.29) **29.b3 c3 30.Ng3 f5 31.Ne2 Qe7 32.Rd3 b4 33.Nf4 Be5?+** [winning the exchange is 33...g5 34.Nh3 Ba6 35.Bg1 Bxd3 36.Bxd3 Qd7 37.Bc4+ Kh8-+] **34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.Rxd5 Bxh2 36.Bc5** [36.Kxh2 Qxe3 37.Rd8+ Kg7 38.Rd7+ Kh6-+] **36...Qh4 37.Rd4??-**+ leads to mate [37.Be7 Qh6 38.Bg5 Qxg5 39.Kxh2 Qf4+ 40.g3 Qxf3-+] **37...Bf4+-+** and it's mate on 38...Qe1# **0-1**

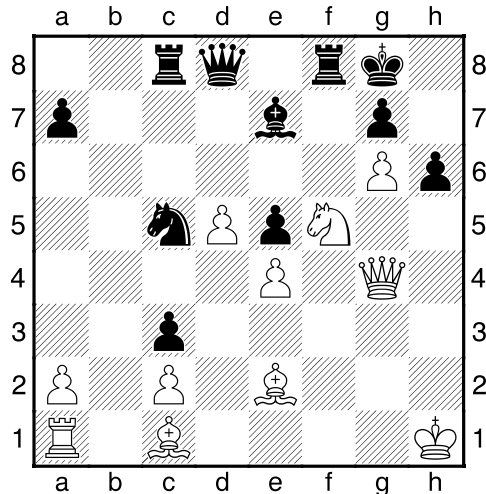
Rd. 5 also saw another wild game in the Championship Section, when Donal Deiseach sacked pieces in a King-side attack against Imtiaz Husain. At the very end, Donal faltered, but then Imtiaz breathed new life into his game, with his own error. But, alas, Donal's flag fell, when he was headed for being up 2 P's in an ending. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Deiseach, D (2005) – Husain, I (2145) [A43]

SCC Club Championship Chess5 (5), 01.02.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5± 3.d5 d6 4.Nf3 e5 5.e4 Be7 6.h3 Bd7 7.Be2 b5 8.Nd2 Qb6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe1 Na6 11.Kh1 Rac8 12.f4 Donal starts to open lines for an attack **12...exf4 13.Rxf4 c4 14.Qf1?=[14.a4 Qa5 15.Rf3 b4 16.Nd1 Nc5±] 14...Nc5 15.g4 Be8?±** [15...Qb7 16.g5 Ne8 17.Nf3 a5=] **16.h4???** the attack starts in earnest, though it is not best [16.a4?? a6 17.Qg2 Nfd7 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nf3 Ne5±; 16.Qg2?? Nfd7 17.a4±; 16.b4 cxb3 17.axb3 Nxb3 18.Nxb3 Rxc3 19.Bb2 Rxc2 20.Bd4 Qb8 21.Bxa7 Qc7±] **16...Nfd7 17.Nf3 Ne5 18.g5??** Donal pushes the wrong P [18.h5 h6 19.Qg2 Qd8 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Rf1 Bd7±] **18...b4** [18...Ng6 19.Rg4 Bd7 20.Rg1 b4 21.Nd1 Nxe4 22.Bxc4 Ne5 23.Bd3 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Bf5 25.Kh2 Bg6±] **19.Nd1 Ng6 20.Rg4 Bd7**

21.Qg2!? Donal decides to give up the exchange to keep momentum in his attack [21.Rg1 Nxe4 22.Bxc4 Ne5 23.Bd3 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Bf5 25.Kh2 Bg6] **21...Bxg4 22.Qxg4** Imtiaz is up the exchange **22...Qc7** [22...Nb7? 23.Be3 Qc7 24.a3 c3 25.bxc3 bxc3 26.h5 Ne5 27.Qh3 Rce8] **23.h5** [23.Ne3 c3 24.bxc3 bxc3 25.h5 Ne5 26.Nxe5 dxe5 27.Nf5 g6 28.Nxe7+ Qxe7] **23...Ne5 24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.Ne3 c3 26.bxc3 bxc3** [26...Na4? 27.c4 Rb8 28.Bd2 Nc3 29.Bd3 Bc5] **27.Nf5 Qd8??±** Donal's attack has garnered him the advantage !! But now he is in time trouble [27...g6 28.Nxe7+ Qxe7 29.Be3 gxh5 30.Qf5 Rb8 31.Rg1 Nd7] **28.g6 fxg6 29.hxg6 h6??+-** Imtiaz defends incorrectly [29...hxg6 30.Qxg6 Rxf5 31.Qxf5 Qd7 32.Qxd7 Nxd7±]



30.Bxh6?!+- an aggressive continuation of the attack, but not the best move; Donal misses the mate (who could find it ?) [30.d6 Bxd6 31.Bc4+ Kh8 32.Bxh6 gxh6 33.g7+ Kh7 34.Nxh6 Nd3 35.cxd3 Rf4 36.g8Q+ Qxg8 37.Bxg8+ Rxg8 38.Qxg8+ Kxh6 39.Qh8+ Kg5 40.Rg1+ Rg4 41.Qg7+ Kf4 42.Qxg4+ Ke3 43.Re1+ Kd4 44.Qg8 Kc5 45.Qc4+ Kb6 46.Rb1+ Bb4 47.Rxb4+ Ka5 48.Qb5#] **30...gxh6** Imtiaz has R vs P **31.Nxh6+??-+** a heartbreaker of an error, after such a long, successful attack. [31.d6 Rxf5 32.dxe7 Rh5+ 33.Qxh5 Qxe7 34.Qxh6 Nxe4 35.Ba6 Ng3+ (35...Rc7? 36.Rb1 Nd6 37.Rb8+ Ne8 38.Bc4+ Rxc4 39.Rxe8+ Qxe8 40.Qh7+ Kf8 41.g7+ Ke7 42.g8Q+ Kd8 43.Qd5+ Kc8 44.Qhb7#) 36.Kg2 Nf5 37.Qh7+ Qxh7 38.gxh7+ Kxh7 39.Bxc8+-] **31...Kg7 32.Nf5+ Rxf5 33.Qxf5** Imtiaz has N vs 2 P's **33...Qh8+??=** then Imtiaz loses his win [33...Qf8 34.Qxe5+ Qf6 35.Qxf6+ Bxf6 36.Kg2 Rb8-+ Bl has N vs 3 P's] **34.Kg2 Rf8??±** an error that breathes new life into Donal's game !! But...but....Donal's flag fell. [34...Qe8 35.Bg4 Rd8 36.Qxe5+ Bf6 37.Qc7+ Rd7 38.Qxc5 Qxe4+ 39.Kh3 Qxd5 40.Qxd5 Rxd5= W is up a P that is going to fall] The game could have continued **35.Qxe5+ Bf6 36.Qc7+ Kxg6 37.Qxc5 Qg7±** Donal would be up 2 P's !! **0-1**

On Board 1 in the Reserves Section, in Rd. 5, Josh Sherman continued his winning ways (having beaten the first and second highest rated players in the prior two weeks), by defeating Joe Bellomo in an interesting game, where Joe tried to sac his B for what could be 2 connected, passed central pawns, but couldn't get the win. This left Josh in sole possession of first place, undefeated, with 5 pts./5 rounds. Unfortunately there was a time scramble and so there is an insufficient record to reproduce the game.

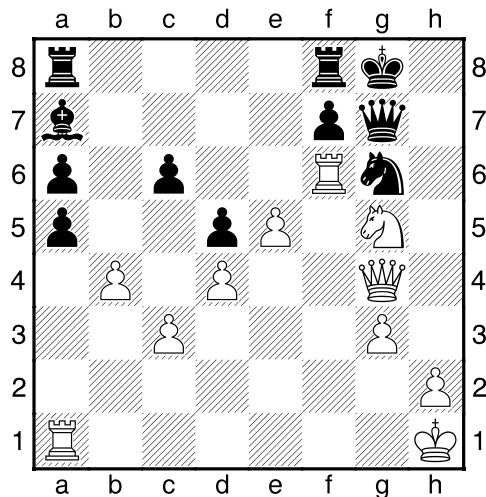
In Rd. 6, Imtiaz Husain, second highest rated player, defeated Richard Douglas, who had qualified for the Championship Section by winning last year's Reserves Section,

by sacking a B for a K-side attack and then later converting it into an advantage. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Husain, I (2145) – Douglas, R (1760) [B02]

SCC Club Championship Toronto (6), 08.02.2007

1.e4 Nf6± 2.d3?=[2.e5 Nd5 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 Nc6 5.c4 Nb6±] 2...d5?± [2...Nc6 3.Nf3 e5=] 3.e5 Nfd7 4.f4?=[4.Nf3? e6 5.d4 c5 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Nc6=; 4.d4 c5 5.e6 Nf6 6.exf7+ Kxf7±] 4...Nb6?± [4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Nb6 6.Be2 Bf5=] 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Bf5 7.0-0 Qd7 [7...e6 8.Be3 Qd7±] 8.Nh4 Nd4 9.Nxf5 Nxe2+ 10.Qxe2 Qxf5 11.a4 [11.Nd2 e6 12.Nb3 c5 13.Kh1 h6±] 11...Qd7?± Imtiaz gets a " clear " advantage [11...e6 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Nc3 c6±] 12.a5 Nc8 13.f5 e6 14.fxe6 Qxe6 15.Bf4?± [15.Nc3 a6 16.d4 Na7 17.Qf3 Rd8±] 15...Bc5+ 16.Kh1 0-0 17.Nd2 a6 18.Nf3 h6?± [18...Qg6? 19.d4 Be7 20.c4 Rd8±; 18...Qg4 19.Qd2 Be7 20.Rae1 Na7 21.e6 fxe6 22.Bxc7 Nc6±] 19.c3 Ne7 20.b4 Ba7 21.d4 Ng6 22.Qd2 [22.Bg3 f6 23.Qd3 fxe5 24.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Nxe5 26.Bxe5 c6±] 22...c6 23.g3?± [23.Bxh6 f6 (23...gxh6?? 24.Qxh6 Qg4 25.g3 Qe4 26.Rae1 Qd3 27.Nh4 Ne7 28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Rf6 Qh7 30.Rh6 Rae8 31.Rxh7+ Kxh7+–) 24.exf6 Qxf6 25.Bg5 Qd6±] 23...b6 [23...Bb8 24.Bxh6 Nxe5 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.Rae1 Qxh6 27.Qxh6 gxh6 28.Rxe5 Rae8±; 23...Rae8 24.Qd3 Qg4 25.Nh4 Nxh4 26.gxh4 f6±] 24.Bxh6! Imtiaz decides to sac 24...gxh6 25.Qxh6 Richard has B vs 2 P's 25...Nh8 26.Qh4?=[26.Qxe6 fxe6 27.Ng5 bxa5 28.bxa5 Rae8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Rb1 c5±] 26...Qg6??+– though down a B vs 2 P's, Imtiaz has a " winning " advantage; the sac was sound ! [26...f6 27.Rae1 bxa5 28.bxa5 Rac8=] 27.Ng5 Qg7 [27...bxa5 28.Rf6 Qg7 29.Qh5 Rae8+–] 28.Rf6 Ng6 [28...bxa5 29.Qh5 Rae8 30.Rh6 Rxe5 31.dxe5 Be3 32.Rxa5 Bxg5 33.Rxh8+ Qxh8 34.Qxg5+ Qg7 35.Qxg7+ Kxg7 36.Rxa6 Rc8+–] 29.Qg4 bxa5



30.Ne6! Qh7 [30...fxe6 31.Rxg6+–] 31.Nxf8 Rxf8 32.Rxa5 Kh8 33.Rxa6 Imtiaz has R + 3 P's vs B + N 33...Ra8 34.e6 Nf8 [somewhat better is 34...Qh6 35.Ra1 Rf8 36.Rxa7 Qc1+ 37.Kg2 Qd2+ 38.Rf2 Qh6 39.Rf5 Rg8 40.exf7 Rf8 41.Rh5 Qxh5 42.Qxh5+ Kg7+–] 35.Qh4 [much better is 35.Rxf7 Qe4+ 36.Qxe4 dxe4 37.Rxa7 Re8+– W would be up the exchange + 4 P's] 35...Qxh4 36.gxh4 Nxe6 37.Rxf7 Kg8 38.Rfxa7 Rxa7 39.Rxa7 Imtiaz is up the exchange + 3 P's 39...Kf8 40.Kg2?+– [much better is 40.Ra8+ Kf7 41.Rc8 Ke7 42.h5 Kd7 43.h6 Kxc8 44.h7 Kd8 45.h8Q++–] 40...Nf4+ 41.Kf3 Ng6 42.h5 Ne7 43.Rxe7 Kxe7 Imtiaz is up 3 P's 44.Kg4 Kf6

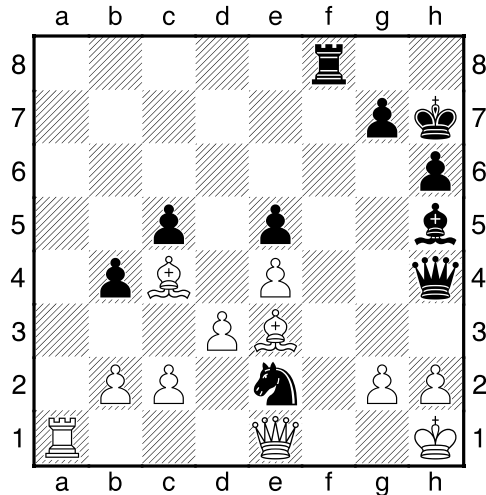
45.Kf4 Ke6 46.Kg5 Kf7 47.Kf5 Ke7 48.Kg6 Kf8 49.h6 Kg8 50.h7+ Kh8 51.h4 c5 52.dxc5 d4
53.c6 1-0

In the Reserves in Rd. 6, there was an upset on Bd. 1, as Silvano Mesiti (top – rated of those with 3 pts.), defeated the sole leader, Josh Sherman (who was undefeated, with 5 wins/ 5 rounds). This left Josh in a tie for 1st/2nd and Silvano in a 4-way tie for third. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Mesiti, S (1782) – Sherman, J (1700) [C57]

SCC Club Championship (Reserves) Toronto (6), 08.02.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 [3...Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 (5.c3?? Nxe4 6.d4 d5 7.dxc5 dxc4 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Rd1+ Ke7) 5...d6 6.Nc3 0-0=] 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Silvano goes up a P 5...Nd4?± [5...Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Qf3 Qd5 9.Qxd5 Nxd5 10.Be2 Nf4=] 6.Nc3?=[6.d6 Qxd6 7.d3 (7.Nxf7?? Qc6 8.0-0 Qxc4 9.Nxh8 Nxc2+; 7.Bxf7+?? Ke7 8.c3 h6 9.Bc4 hxg5 10.cxd4 exd4) 7...Be6 8.Nxe6 Nxe6±] 6...Bf5??± Silvano gets a " clear " advantage [6...h6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bf5=] 7.d3 Bd6 [7...Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nge4 Re8±] 8.Nge4 [8.0-0 0-0 9.Nge4 Nxe4 10.dxe4 Bd7±] 8...0-0 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Qd2?? this sets up an exchange where W will end up with isolated, doubled dP's [best is 10.Be3 b5 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.Nxb5 Bb4+ 13.c3 dxc3 14.Nbxc3 Bxe4 15.dxe4 Nxe4 16.0-0 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bxc3 18.Rc1 Bb2 19.Rb1 Qf6±] 10...h6??± Josh misses the best line [10...Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxg5 12.Nxg5 Nxc2+ 13.Qxc2 Qxg5) 11.Be3?=[11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.0-0 Bg5 13.Nxg5 Qxg5 14.Qxg5 hxg5±] 11...c5??± [11...Bb4 12.a3 Bxe4 13.dxe4 Nxe4 14.Qd3 Nc5 15.Qd2 Ne4 16.Qd3=] 12.f3?± [12.dxc6 Rc8 13.Ng3 (13.cxb7?? Rxc4 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.dxc4 Nxc2+ 16.Kf1 Qxd2 17.Bxd2 Nxa1) 13...Bg6 14.0-0 Rxc6±] 12...a6?± [12...Nxe4 13.dxe4 Bh4+ 14.Bf2 Bxf2+ 15.Qxf2 Bd7±] 13.a4?± [13.0-0 b5 14.Bb3 Bg6 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Ne4 Be7±] 13...Qd7??+- Silvano gets a " winning " advantage [13...b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.Bxb5 Rb8 17.d6 Bf8 18.Ba4 Rxb2±] 14.0-0 Rab8 [14...b5 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Ba2 Be7 17.Ne4 bxa4 18.Bc4 Rab8+-] 15.Kh1?± [15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.a5 Qd8 17.Na4 Rc8 18.Nb6 Rc7+-] 15...b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ba2 b4?+- [17...Bxe4 18.dxe4 Ra8 19.Ne2 Nxe2 20.Qxe2 c4±] 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Ne4 Be7 20.Bc4 Rfc8 21.Ra6 Bg6?+- [better is 21...Ra8 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.c3 bxc3 24.bxc3 Nb5+-] 22.Rfa1?+- [better is 22.Rxg6 fxg6 23.d6+ Kh8 24.dxe7 Qxe7 25.Qf2 g5+-] 22...Kh7 23.R1a5??± Silvano lets his advantage slip away [an interesting line, and a major error, is 23.Qf2? f5 24.Qg3 Bf7 25.Qxe5 fxe4 (25...Nxc2?? 26.Bxh6 Bf8 (26...gxh6?? 27.Rf6 Bg6 28.Rxg6 Kxg6 29.Ra6+ Kh7 30.Qf4 Bd6 31.Rxd6 Qg7 32.Nf6+ Kh8 33.Nh5 Qf7 34.Qxh6+ Qh7 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Rd8+ Rxd8 37.d6+ Qf7 38.Qg7#) 27.Ng5+ Kg8 28.Nxf7 Nxa1 29.d6 Re8 30.Qg3 Qe6 31.Ne5 Qxc4 32.dxc4 f4 33.Qxf4 Rb7+- W has Q + 3 P's vs R) 26.Ra7 Rb7 27.Rxb7 Qxb7 28.Ba6 Qxd5 29.Bxd4 Qxe5 30.Bxe5 Ra8 31.fxe4 Be8=; Best is 23.d6 Bxe4 24.dxe4 Bxd6 25.c3 bxc3 26.bxc3 Rc6 27.Rxc6 Nxc6 28.Bxc5 Rd8 29.Bxd6 Qxd6 30.Qxd6 Rxd6 31.Bxf7 Rd3 32.Rc1 Nb8+-] 23...f5 24.d6?=[24.Ng3?? f4 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.Ne4 b3 27.c3 Bxe4 28.fxe4 dxc3 29.Qxc3 f3 30.Qxe5 Rf8 31.Ra1 fxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Qg4+ 33.Qg3 Qe2+ 34.Kh1 Rf1+ 35.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 36.Qg1 Qf3+ 37.Qg2 Qd1+ 38.Qg1 Qf3+=; 24.Bxd4 cxd4 25.d6 fxe4 26.dxe7 Qxe7 27.fxe4 Bf7±] 24...fxe4 25.dxe7 Qxe7??+- Josh captures the wrong P and hands the game back to Silvano [25...exf3 26.Ra7 Rc7 27.Ra8 Rxa8 28.Rxa8 Be8 29.Qf2 fxg2+ 30.Qxg2 Qxe7= Josh would be up a P] 26.fxe4 Silvano remains up a P 26...Qf8 27.Kg1 Bh5 28.Ra1 Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Ra8 30.Qe1?± [30.Rxa8 Rxa8 31.Re1 Rd8 32.c3 Kh8+-] 30...Rxa6 Josh was in time trouble now 31.Rxa6 Qe7?+- [a tactical line to maintain the status quo is 31...Qf3!! 32.Bd2 Rf8 33.Ra1 Rf6 34.c3 Qh3! 35.Ra8 Qh4 36.Bg8+ Kg6 37.Ra1 Qxe1+ 38.Rxe1 Rf2 39.Be3 Rf3 40.Bxc5 bxc3 41.bxc3 Rxd3 42.c4 Nc3±] 32.Qf2??± Silvano makes a major miscalculation in Josh's time pressure [32.Re6 Qa7 33.Rxe5 Ra8 34.h3 Qb8 35.Rxh5 Ng3+ 36.Kg1 Nxh5 37.Bxc5 Ra5 38.d4 Rxc5 39.dxc5 Qe5+- W would be up 3 P's] 32...Rf8 33.Qe1 Qh4 34.Ra1



Qf6??+- in the time scramble, Josh misses winning Silvano's Q ! [34...Rf1+! 35.Qxf1 Ng3+ 36.Kg1 Nxf1 37.Rxf1 Qe7±] **35.Bxc5** Silvano goes up 2 P's **35...Bf3??+-** in the time pressure, Josh miscalculates an interesting attack idea [35...Rb8 36.Ra6 Qf4 37.Ra5 b3 38.c3 Rd8 39.Ra1 Qg5+- W would be up 2 P's] **36.Bxf8** Silvano correctly rejects the B sac; he goes up a R + 2 P's [36.gxf3?? Qxf3#] **36...Bxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Qf3+??+-** with his flag hanging, Josh doesn't realize there is no longer his R on f8, and blunders; but he is lost anyways. [37...Nf4+ 38.Kh1 Qxf8+- Silvano would be up R + P] **38.Kxf3 1-0**

On Bd. 2 in the Reserves, the two players tied for 2nd/3rd battled it out. Your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, defeated Pino Verde in a very unorthodox opening, to pull into a first place tie with Josh. Pino was left as part of the 4-way tie for third. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

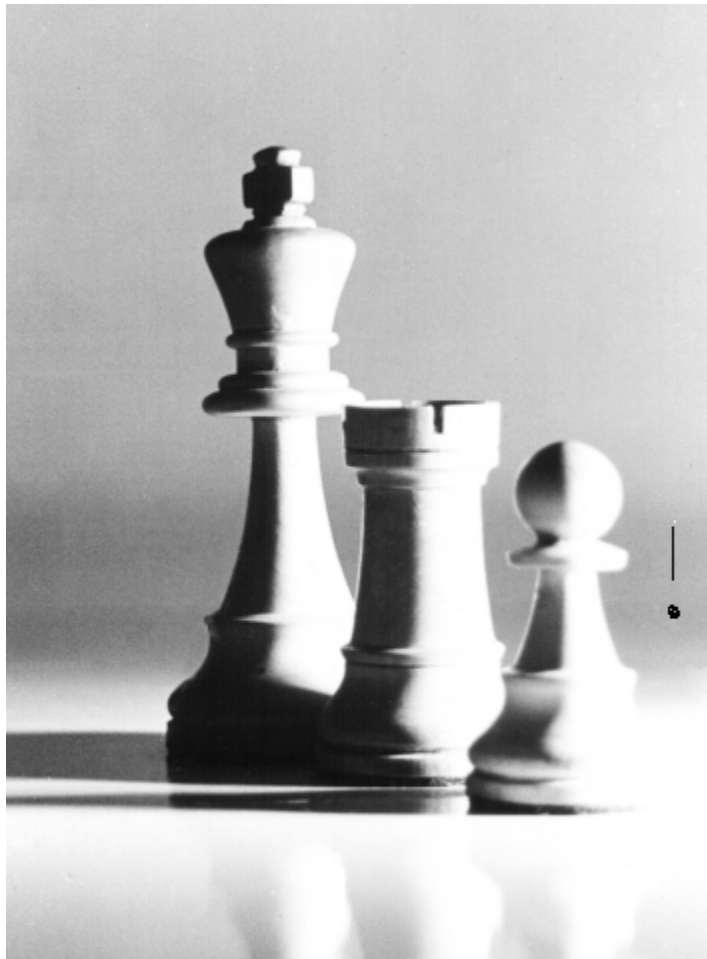
Verde, P (1782) – Armstrong, R (1793) [A01]

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1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 [2.Nf3? e6 3.d4 Ne4 4.e3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Nxd2 6.Nfxd2 d5±] **2...g6 3.g4?±** count on Pino to make life interesting [3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 d5 5.d4 0-0=] **3...Bg7 4.g5 Nh5 5.Bxg7 Nxb7 6.h4 e5 7.e4 d5?±** [7...h6 8.Qf3 Nc6 9.Bc4 Ne6±] **8.Nc3** [8.exd5 Qxd5 9.Qf3 Qxf3 10.Nxf3 Nc6=] **8...c6 9.Qf3** [9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bg2 Be6 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Qxe5 Nc6 13.Qf6 Qxf6 14.gxf6 Nh5=] **9...d4 10.Bc4??±** I get a " clear " advantage [10.Nce2 Be6 11.c3 f5 12.gxf6 Rf8 13.cxd4 Nd7=] **10...Be6 11.Nd5?+-** Pino comes up with one of his trademark sacs; unfortunately it is unsound [11.Na4 Bxc4 12.bxc4 Nd7 13.Nb2 h6±] **11...cxd5 12.exd5** Bl has N vs P **12...Bf5 13.d6?+-** this just loses the P, and gains nothing [13.c3 0-0 14.Ne2 a6 15.a4 Nd7-+] **13...Nc6 14.0-0-0 Qxd6** now I am up an N **15.Kb2 0-0-0 16.h5 e4 17.Qg2 Ne5 18.d3** [18.hxg6 Nxc4+ 19.bxc4 d3 20.c3 hxg6 21.Rh6 Ne6-+] **18...Nxc4+ 19.dxc4 Nxb5** I am now up B + P **20.Ne2 d3 21.cxd3 exd3 22.Qf3** [22.Nc3 f6 23.Qd5 Qxd5 24.Nxd5 Be4 25.Rhe1 Bxd5 26.cxd5 Rxd5 27.Kc3 Nf4 28.gxf6 Ne2+ 29.Kd2 Rf8 30.Rh1 h5-+] **22...Qe5+ 23.Nc3 d2** keeps the h1R off e1 **24.Qe3** W had to meet the threat ofRd3, attacking the Q and threatening ...Qxc3 **24...Qxe3 25.fxe3 Rhe8?+-** simple was best. Just move the R off d1 [25...Bg4 26.Rdg1 Bf3 27.Rh2 d1Q 28.Nxd1 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Bxd1-+ W is up N + B] **26.Nd5 Be4 27.Rhf1 Bxd5 28.cxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxf7** [29.Rf2 Rxe3 30.Rfxd2 Rxd2+ 31.Rxd2 Nf4 32.Kc1 Re1+ 33.Kc2 Ne6-+] **29...Rxe3** I am now up an N + 2 P **30.Rf8+ Kc7 31.Rf7+ Kb6 32.Kc2 Re2 33.b4 Rxb5** I am now up N + 3 P's **34.a4 a6** [somewhat

better is 34...Rgg2 35.a5+ Ka6 36.Rxh7 Nf6 37.b5+ Kxb5 38.Rxb7+ Ka6 39.Rg7 Ne4 40.Re7 Re1 41.Re6+ Kxa5 42.Re5+ Kb4 43.Re8 Kc4 44.Rc8+ Kd5 45.Rd8+ Ke5 46.Re8+ Kd4 47.Rd8+ Ke3 48.Rd3+ Kf4-+ BI is up N + 3 P's] **35.Rxh7 Rd5 36.a5+ Ka7 37.Rf7 Rd6** [37...Ng3 38.Rc7 Re1 39.Rxd2 Nf1 40.Rxd5 Ne3+ 41.Kd2 Nxd5 42.Rc4 Rd1+ 43.Ke2 Rb1 44.Rc5 Rb2+ 45.Kd3 Nxb4+ 46.Kc4 Rc2+ 47.Kxb4 Rxc5 48.Kxc5 b5 49.axb6+ Kb7 50.Kd5 Kxb6 51.Ke5 a5 52.Kf6 a4-+] **38.Rc7?-+** [38.Rf3 Nf6 39.Rd3 Rc6+ 40.Rc3 Ne4 41.Rxc6 bxc6 42.Kd3 Re1 43.Rxd2 Nxd2 44.Kxd2 Rb1-+] **38...Ng3 39.b5 axb5 40.a6** (- 17.63) [40.Rc3 Ne4 41.Ra3 Nf2 42.Raa1 Rc6+ 43.Kb2 Nd3+ 44.Kb3 b4 45.Ka4 Nb2+ 46.Kxb4 Nxd1 47.Rxd1 g5-+ (- 28.16)] **40...Rc6+?-+** (- 12.68) [much better is 40...Nf1 41.Kc3 Ne3 42.Kb4 (42.Rg1 d1Q 43.Rxd1 Rxd1 and mate in 9) 42...Kxa6 43.Ra1+ Kb6 and mate in 8] **0-1**

An Impressive Trio !



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