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Anand Wins Morelia, Mexico /Linares, Spain Super GM Tournament

This 8-player double round robin was played in Morelia, Mexico for the first 7 rounds, from Feb. 17 – 25. Then it moved to Linares, Spain for the final 7 rounds from March 2 - 10. The average rating for this tournament is 2746, with only 1 player under 2700. The average rating of the January Corus, Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands tournament was only 2719. The players were :

Veselin Topalov, Bulgaria, 2783, 2005 FIDE World Champion and recent Challenger for the World Championship in 2006.

Viswanathan Anand, India, 2779, 2000 FIDE World Champion, and runner-up in the 2005 FIDE World Championship.

Vassily Ivanchuk, Ukraine, 2750.

Peter Leko, Hungary, 2749, Challenger for the World Championship in 2004.

Levon Aronian, Armenia, 2744.

Alexander Morozevich, Russia, 2741.

Peter Svidler, Russia, 2728.

Magnus Carlsen, Norway, 2690 (16 years old).

Winning the tournament, with 8.5 pts., was Viswanathan Anand. Tied for second place at 7.5pts. were Carlsen and Morozevich.

In Rd. 9 there was only one decisive game. Morozevich won a nice tactical game

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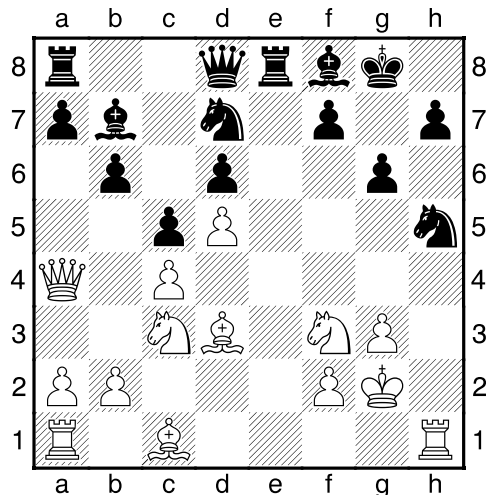
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over Leko, lifting him into a 7th/8th tie with Leko. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morozevich, A (2741) – Leko, P (2749) [E15]

XXIV Super GM Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP (9), 03.03.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6± 4.g3= Ba6 5.Qb3 [5.Qa4 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5=] 5...Be7??± [5...Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bb7=] 6.Nc3 0-0 7.e4 c5 [7...Bb7 8.Bd3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Qc2 f5 12.exf6 Bb4±] 8.d5 exd5 9.exd5 Re8 10.Bd3 Bf8+ 11.Kf1 d6 12.Kg2 Nbd7 13.h4 g6 14.Qa4?=[14.Bd2 Bg7 15.Rae1 Ne5±] 14...Bb7 15.h5 [15.Bd2 a6 16.h5 b5 17.Qb3 bxc4 18.Bxc4 Rb8=] 15...Nxb5



16.Rxh5?? an attacking, but somewhat unsound, exchange sac. [16.Bg5 Nhf6 17.Qc2 a6 18.Qc1 Qc7=] **16...gxh5 17.Ne4 f5?=[17...Be7 18.Bf4 Nf8 19.Rh1 Ng6]** **18.Neg5??** [18.Nc3 Bc8 19.Qc2 Bg7 20.Bxf5 Nf8=] **18...h6 19.Nh3??** Leko gets a " clear " advantage [19.Bxf5 hxg5 20.Bxd7 Re7 21.Bf5 Rg7] **19...Ne5 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Bxf5 Qf6 22.Be4 Re7??** [22...h4 23.Be3 Re7 24.Rh1 Rd8] **23.Qd1 h4 24.Qh5 hxg3 25.fxg3 Rg7??± [25...Rf7 26.Be3 Ba6 27.Nf2 Bxc4] 26.Bd2 [26.Bxh6 Qxh6 27.Qxh6 Rxc3+ 28.Kxc3 Bxh6±] 26...Qf7 27.Qe2 Bc8 28.Nf2?=[28.Bxh6?? Bxh3+ 29.Kxh3 Rh7 30.Bxh7+ Qxh7 31.Qg4+ Kh8 32.Re1 Re8 33.Kg2 Bxh6; 28.Rh1 Qf6 29.Nf2 Rf7 30.Rh5 Bg7±] 28...Bf5 29.Bxf5 Qxf5 30.Ne4 Rf7 31.Rh1 Qg6 32.Rh4 Kh8 33.Ng5 Rf5?± [33...Re7 34.Ne6 Rxe6 35.dxe6 Bg7 36.e7 Re8=] 34.Ne6 h5 35.Bg5 Kg8 36.Rxh5** Moro now has N + P vs R **36...Re8?±** Moro gets a " clear " advantage [36...Bg7 37.g4 Rf7 38.Bc1 Re8±] **37.g4 Rf7 38.Bh4 Bg7?+-** Moro gets a " winning " advantage [38...Rxe6 39.Rg5 Be7 40.Rxc6+ Rxc6 41.Bxe7 Rxe7±] **39.Rg5 Qh6 40.Qxe5** Morozevich now has N + 2 P's vs R **40...Kh8?+- (5.18) [40...Qh7 41.Be1 a5 42.Qe3 Qc2+ 43.Kh3 Kh8 44.Rxc7 Rxc7 45.Bc3 Qh7+ 46.Kg3 Kg8 47.Bxc7 Qxc7+- (2.21)] 41.Rxc7 Qd2+?+- (10.47) [41...Rxc7 42.Bf6 Kg8 43.Bxc7 Qg6+- (6.11)] 42.Kh3 Qd3+ 43.Bg3 Rxe6 44.dxe6 Rxc7** W has B + 2 passed P's (one on the 6th) vs R **45.e7 Qh7+ 46.Kg2 1-0**

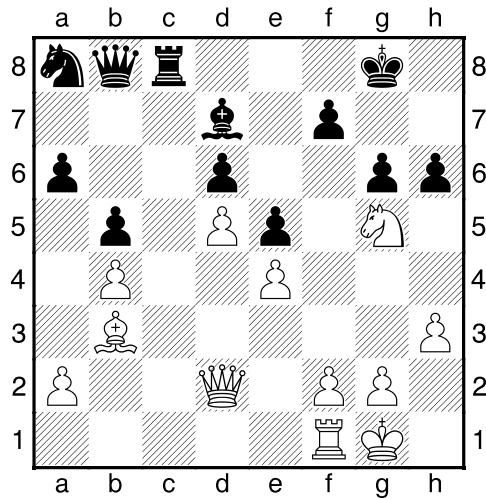
In Rd.10, the co-leaders met, and in the middle game, Anand offered an N sac, which gave him a winning advantage, even though Carlsen declined the sac. The win left Anand alone in first place with 6.5 pts., and dropped Carlsen into a tie for 2nd/3rd with

Ivanchuk, one point back. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Anand, V (2779) – Carlsen, M (2690) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Super GM Tournament Linares, Mexico (10), 04.03.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7?± [5...Bc5 6.c3 0-0 7.d4 Bb6] 6.Re1?=[6.Nc3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Re1 Bc5±] 6...b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 [9.d4 Bg4 10.Qd3 Re8 11.Nfd2 Nh5=] 9...Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7?± [11...Qc7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Re8=] 12.d5?=[12.Nbd2 Bf6 13.d5 Nb6±] 12...Nb6 13.Nbd2 g6?± [13...f5 14.Qe2 Qe8 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 Rxf5=] 14.b4 cxb4 15.cxb4 Nac4?± for the first time in the game, Anand gets a " clear " advantage, and he holds onto it for a while [15...Nb7 16.Nb3 f5 17.Bh6 Rf7±] 16.Nxc4 Nxc4 17.Bb3 [17.Bh6 Re8 18.Bb3 f5 19.Bxc4 bxc4±] 17...Nb6 [17...f5 18.Bh6 Rf7 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.Rc1 Bd7±] 18.Be3 Bd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8 Bxc8 [20...Nxc8 21.Re2 Bf6 22.Qc1 Ne7 23.Rc2 Bg7±] 21.Qc2 Bd7 [21...Nd7? 22.Rc1 a5 23.Qc6 axb4 24.Qxb5 f5+–] 22.Rc1 Na8 23.Qd2 Qb8 24.Bg5 Bxg5 25.Nxg5 Rc8 26.Rf1 [26.f4 Rxc1+ 27.Qxc1 Qe8 28.Qe3 f6 29.Ne6 Bxe6 30.dxe6 Qe7±] 26...h6



27.Ne6! [27.Nxf7?? Kxf7 28.Qxh6 Rh8 29.Qd2 Kg7 30.f4 Rf8±] 27...Kh7 28.f4 Qa7+ [28...fxe6?? 29.dxe6 Qa7+ 30.Rf2 Be8 31.f5 gxf5 32.exf5 e4 33.Qxd6 e3 34.Re2 Rc6 35.Qd3 Rc1+ 36.Kh2 Qc7+ 37.g3 Qc3 38.Qxc3 Rxc3+– W would have 3 connected passed P's vs N; 28...Be8 29.f5 gxf5 30.Nf8+ Kg7 31.exf5 f6± (31...Kxf8? 32.f6 Bc6 33.Qxh6+ Ke8 34.dxc6 Kd8 35.Qf8+ Kc7 36.Qxf7+ Kxc6 37.Qe7 Nb6 38.Rc1+ Nc4 39.Bxc4 bxc4 40.Rxc4+ Kb5 41.Rxc8 Qxc8 42.Kh2 Qc4+– W would be up 2 P's)] 29.Kh2 Be8 30.f5 gxf5?+ [30...fxe6 31.dxe6 gxf5 32.exf5 Qd4±] 31.exf5 [31.Ng5+?? hxg5 32.Qxg5 Bd7 33.exf5 Rg8 34.Qh5+ Kg7 35.Qg5+ Kh7 36.Qh5+=] 31...f6 [31...fxe6 32.dxe6 Qd4 33.Qe1 d5+–] 32.Re1 [32.Rf3 Bf7 33.Qe1 Rg8+–] 32...Nc7 [32...Nb6 33.Re4 h5 34.Qe1 Qe7+–] 33.Rc1 Bd7 34.Rc3 e4 35.Rg3 Nxe6 36.dxe6 Be8 37.e7 Carlsen resigned. The game could have continued 37...Bf7 38.Bxf7 Qxe7 39.Be6 Re8 40.Qf4 Qf8 41.Qg4 [41.Rg8 Qxg8 42.Bxg8+ Rxg8 43.Qxe4 Rg7+–] 41...Re7 42.Qg6+ Kh8 43.Rc3 d5 44.Rc8 Qxc8 45.Qxh6+ Rh7 46.Qxf6+ Rg7 47.Bxc8 Kh7 48.Qh4+ Kg8 49.Be6+ Rf7 50.Qf6 e3 51.Qxf7+ Kh8 52.Qg8# 1-0

But in Rd. 11, Carlsen came roaring back with a win against Ivanchuk. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2690) – Ivanchuk, V (2750) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Super GM Tournament Linares, Spain (11), 06.03.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 [7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nc6±] **7...c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0** [9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+±] **10.0-0 Na5 11.Bd3 b6** [11...Qd6? 12.Qa4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6±; 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6 13.Bb5 a6 14.Bxc6 bxc6±] **12.Rc1 cxd4?±** Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [12...Be6 13.d5 Bg4 14.Qd2 Re8±] **13.cxd4 e6 14.Qd2 Bb7 15.h4?±** [15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Qe7±] **15...Qe7?±** [15...Qxh4?? 16.Bg5 Qg4 17.f3 Qh5 18.Ng3 Bxd4+ 19.Rf2 Bxf2+ 20.Kxf2 Qh2 21.Bf6 h6 22.Rh1 Qxh1 23.Nxh1 Kh7+-; 15...Nc6 16.e5 Qd5 17.Ng3 Qd7±] **16.h5 Rfc8 17.e5 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8?+-** Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [18...Nc6 19.Be4 Qd7 20.Ng3 Rc8±] **19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Bg5 Qc7 21.Bf6 Nc6 22.Qg5 h6 23.Qc1** [23.Qh4 Nb4 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Be4 Bb7 27.Bxb7 Qxb7 28.hxg6 Nd5 29.gxf7+ Qxf7 30.Qxh6 Qf5+- (2.65)] **23...g5?+-** the final mistake (2.94) [23...Qd7 24.Qf4 Nb4 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Be4 Bb7 28.Bxb7 Qxb7 29.hxg6 Nd5 30.gxf7+ Qxf7 31.Qxh6 Qf5+- (2.65)] **24.Bb5** [better is 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.f4 Bb7 26.fxg5 Qe7 27.gxh6+ Kh8 28.Qf4 Nb4 29.Bb1 Bxg2 30.Qg3 Qf8 31.Qg5 Nd5+- (8.23)] **24...Bd7 25.d5 exd5 26.Nd4 Bxf6 27.exf6 Qd6 28.Bxc6** [somewhat better is 28.Nxc6 Qxf6 29.Nxa7 Be6 30.Qd1 Qc3 31.Nc6 Kg7 32.Qd4+ Qxd4 33.Nxd4 Bg4 34.Be2 Bxe2 35.Nxe2 Kf6+- (2.91)] **28...Qxf6 29.Bxd7 Qxd4 30.g3** (2.03) **30...Qc5?+-** Ivanchuk can never hold this without his Q [30...Qe5 31.Qe3 Qf6 32.Qe8+ Kg7 33.Bc6 d4+-] **31.Qxc5 bxc5 32.Bc6 d4 33.Bb5 Kf8 34.f4 gxf4 35.gxf4 1-0**

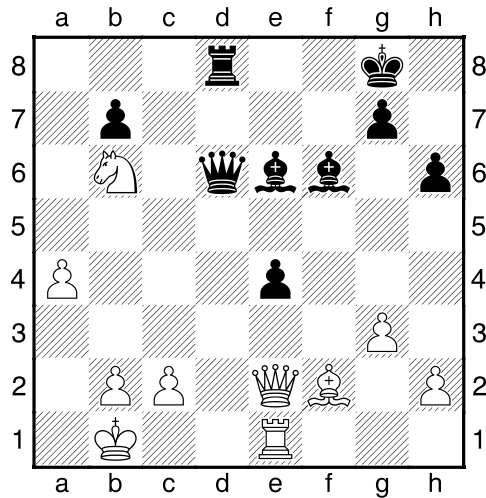
In Rd. 12, Peter Svidler, who had 11 consecutive draws, finally got a win against Peter Leko. This moved him into sole possession of 3rd place, 1 pt. behind Anand in first, and ½ pt. behind Carlsen in second. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Leko, P (2749) – Svidler, P (2728) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Super GM Tournament Linares, Spain (12), 07.03.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6± [5...g6±] **6.Be3?±** [6.Be2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.f4 0-0±] **6...e5?±** [6...g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0±] **7.Nb3 Be7 8.f3?±** [8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Nd5 Nbd7±] **8...Be6 9.Qd2?±** [9.Be2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Qxd5 Bxd5±] **9...0-0 10.0-0** [10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Bd3 Nb6=] **10...a5 11.Qe1** [11.Bb5 Na6 12.Qf2 Qb8=] **11...Qc8** [11...Qc7? 12.a3 Rc8 13.Kb1 Na6±] **12.a3 a4 13.Nd2 Nbd7 14.Kb1 Rd8 15.Bb5 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Qe2 Qc7 19.Ne4 Be6 20.Nc3?±** for the first time in the game, Svidler gets the advantage [20.Bd3 f6 21.g4 b5?! 22.Bxb5 Rab8=] **20...Nb6 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8** Svidler gives up his aP [21...Bxd8?? 22.Rd1 Bf6 23.Qf2 Nc4 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 Nxe3 26.Qxe3 Rc8 27.c4 Qb8±] **22.Nxa4** Leko goes up a P **22...Nc4 23.Bxc4 Bxc4 24.Qf2 Qc6 25.Nb6 Be6 26.Qe2 f5 27.Re1 Bf6 28.g3 h6 29.Bf2?±** [29.Bg1 e4 30.fxe4 fxe4±] **29...e4?±** [29...Bf7 30.g4 Qe6 31.c4 fxg4 32.fxg4 Bg6+ 33.Ka2 Bd3 34.Qe3 Bxc4+ 35.Nxc4 b5 36.Rc1 bxc4 37.Qe4 Rd2 38.Rc2 Rxc2 39.Qxc2 e4± material would be equal] **30.fxe4 fxe4 31.a4 Qd6**

Position after 31... Qd6



32.c4??-+ a bad mistake, opening up the K to attack [32.c3 Qd3+ 33.Qxd3 exd3 34.Be3 Bg5 35.Bxg5 hxg5 36.Rd1 Bb3 37.Kc1 (37.Rd2? Re8 38.Rd1 d2 39.Nd5 Re1 40.Ne3 Rxe3 41.Ka1 Re1 42.Rb1 Rxb1+ 43.Kxb1 d1Q#) 37...Bxd1 38.Kxd1 Rd6 39.Nc4 Ra6 40.b3 Rh6̄] **32...Qb4 33.Nd5 Bxd5 34.cxd5 Rxd5 35.Qc2 Rd2 36.Qc8+?** leads to mate. [36.Rxe4 Qxb2+ 37.Qxb2 Rxb2+ 38.Kc1 Rxf2-+] **36...Kf7** Leko resigned. The continuation is **37.Qc7+ Kg6 38.Qc2 Rxc2 39.Kxc2 Qxb2+ 40.Kd1 Bc3 41.Be3 Qb1+ 42.Bc1 Qd3+ 43.Bd2 Qxd2# 0-1**

In Rd. 13, there was only 1 decisive game. Morozevich found himself having to play a double ending to defeat Topalov – they both queened, and then had to play a Q + P ending. This lifted Morozevich into a tie for 4th/5th. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morozevich, A (2741) – Topalov, V (2783) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Super GM Tournament Linares, Spain (13), 09.03.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2?=[4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.Bxd7+ Nbx7 6.d3 e6±] 4...Bd7 [4...Nc6 5.Qc2 g6 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 d5=] 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 [6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bf4 Be7 8.Na3 0-0=; 6.Qb3 Qc7 7.0-0 Be7=] 6...Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.a3 Bc6 9.Re1 Nbd7 10.Bf1 Ne5?± [10...Qc7 11.d4 b5 12.b3 a5=] 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.b4?=[13.a4 Rfd8 14.Qf3 Bxa4 15.Rxa4 b5 16.Ra1 bxc4 17.dxc4 a5±] 13...Rfd8 14.Qb3 [14.Qf3 Bb5 15.Rb1 Bxc4 16.dxc4 Rd7=] 14...b5 15.Na5 Be8 16.f3 [16.Be2 Nd7 17.Be3 Nb6 18.c4 a6=] 16...Nd7 17.Be3 Nb6 18.Rec1 Na4 19.Qc2 h6 20.Qf2 Bg5 21.Bxg5 hxg5 22.Rc2 Rac8 23.Rac1 Qe7 [23...Qb6 24.g3 f6 25.h3 Kh7 26.Kg2 Rc7=] 24.Qe1 [24.Qg3 Rc7 25.d4 exd4 26.cxd4 c4=] 24...Rc7 25.c4 Rdc8 26.cxb5 Bxb5 27.bxc5 Rxc5 28.Rxc5 Rxc5 29.Qb4 [29.Nc4 Bxc4 30.dxc4 Rc8=] 29...Bxd3 30.Rxc5 Qxc5+ 31.Qxc5 Nxc5 32.Nc6 Kf8 33.Nxa7?̄ for the first time, Topalov gets the advantage [33.Nxe5 Bxf1 34.Kxf1 f5 35.exf5 exf5=] 33...Ke7 34.Nc6+ [34.Bxd3 Nxd3 35.a4 Kd7 36.a5 Nc5̄] 34...Kd6 35.Na5 f6?=[hereafter both players play this " first " ending carefully and maintain equality for quite a while, while circling each other [35...Kc7 36.Bxd3 Nxd3 37.Nc4 Kc6̄] 36.Kf2 [36.Bxd3? Nxd3 37.Kf1 Kc7̄] 36...Bxf1 [36...g4?? 37.Nb7+ Nxb7 38.Bxd3 Nc5 39.Bc2 g6±] 37.Kxf1 g4 38.Ke2 gxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Nd3 40.Nb3 [40.g3? Kc5 41.Nb7+ Kc6 42.Nd8+ Kd7 43.Nb7 Kc7 44.Ke2 Nb2̄] 40...Ne1+ 41.Kf2 Nc2 42.a4 Nd4 43.Nc1 Kc5 44.Nd3+ Kc4 45.Ke3 Nc2+ 46.Ke2 Kd4 47.Nf2 Nb4 48.h4 Nc6 [48...f5 49.a5 g6 50.exf5 exf5 51.g4 fxg4 52.Nxg4 Kd5=; 48...Na6 49.g4

Nc5 50.a5 Kc4 51.Nd3 Nxe4 52.a6 Nc3+ 53.Ke3 Nd5+ 54.Ke4 Nc7 55.a7 f5+ 56.gxf5 exf5+ 57.Kxf5 Kxd3 58.Kxe5 Ke3=] **49.h5** [49.g4 Na5 50.g5 f5g5 51.hxg5 Nc4=] **49...Na5??±** finally Topalov errs; Morozevich gets a " slight " advantage [49...Kc5?? 50.g4 Kc4 51.Kf3 Kc3 52.g5 f5g5 53.Kg4 Kb4 54.Kxg5 Ne7+-; 49...Nb8?? 50.g4 Nc6 51.Kf3 Kc3 52.Nh3 Kb4 53.g5 f5g5 54.Kg4 Nd4 55.Nxg5 Kxa4 56.Nf7 Ne2 57.Nd6 Kb4 58.Ne8 Nc3 59.Nxg7 Nxe4+-; 49...Kc4 50.Ng4 Kb4 51.h6 gxh6 52.Nxf6 Kxa4 53.Kf3 Nd4+ 54.Kg4 Ne2 55.Nd7 Kb4 56.Nxe5 Nc3 57.Kf3 Kc5 58.Ke3 Nd1+ 59.Ke2 Nb2 60.Kf3 Kd4=] **50.Ng4 Nc4** [50...Nc6? 51.h6 gxh6 52.Nxf6 Kc5 53.Kf2 Kb4 54.Kg3 Nd4 55.Kh4 Ne2 56.g4 Nf4 57.Ng8 Kxa4 58.Nxh6 Kb4±] **51.h6 gxh6 52.Nxf6 Kc3** [52...Kc5? 53.Kf3 Kd6 54.g3 Nd2+ 55.Ke2 Nb3 56.Ke3 Nc5±; 52...h5?? 53.Kf3 Nd2+ 54.Kg3 Nc4 55.Kh4 Ne3+-] **53.Ng4 h5??+-** Topalov makes what should be a fatal error; Morozevich gets a " winning " advantage [53...Kd4 54.Nxh6 Kxe4 55.g3 Na5 56.Nf7 Kd5 57.Kf3 e4+ 58.Ke2 Nb3 59.Ke3 Na5 60.g4 Nc4+ 61.Ke2 Kc6±] **54.Ne3??=** but Morozevich misplays it ! Back to equality. [54.Nf6 h4 55.Kf3 Kb4 56.Kg4 Ne3+ 57.Kh3 Kxa4 58.Nd7 Nc4 59.Kxh4 Kb5 60.g4 Kc6 61.Nf6 Kd6 62.Kh5 Ke7 63.Kg6 Nd6+-] **54...Na5 55.Kf3** [55.g4 hxg4 56.Nxg4 Kd4 57.Nf2 Nc6 58.Kd2 Na5 59.Ke2=] **55...Nb3??±** [55...Nc6 56.g4 hxg4+ 57.Nxg4 Kb4 58.Kg3 Kxa4 59.Kh4 Kb3 60.Kg5 Kc4 61.Kf6 Kd4 62.Kxe6 Kxe4 63.Nxe5=] **56.Nf1** [56.g4+ hxg4+ 57.Nxg4 Kd4 58.Nf2 Na5 59.Ke2 Nc4 60.Kf3 Kc3 61.Nh3 Kd3 62.Nf2+ Kd4=] **56...Kd3 57.Kg3** [57.g3? Nd4+ 58.Kf2 Kxe4 59.a5 Kd3 60.a6 Nc6 61.Ne3 e4 62.g4 hxg4 63.Nxg4 Kd2 64.Ne3 Kc3 65.Ng2 Kd3 66.Nf4+ Kd2 67.Nxe6 e3+ 68.Kg2 e2 69.a7 e1Q (69...Nxa7 70.Nd4 e1Q 71.Nf3+ Kc3 72.Nxe1=) 70.a8Q=] **57...Kxe4 58.Kh4 Kd3??±** Morozevich gets a " clear " advantage [58...Nc5 59.a5 Kd5 60.Kxh5 Nd3 61.Kg5 Kc5±] **59.Kxh5 e4 60.g4 Nd2** [60...e3? 61.Nxe3 Kxe3+-] **61.Nxd2 Kxd2 62.a5 e3 63.a6 e2 64.a7 e1Q 65.a8Q** now comes the second ending, but it looks doubtful Topalov can hold **65...Qe5+ 66.g5 Qf5??+-** Morozevich gets a " winning " advantage [66...Ke2 67.Kh6 Qh2+ 68.Kg6 Qe5 69.Qf8 Qe4+ 70.Kg7 e5 71.g6 Qg4±] **67.Qd8+ Kc1** [67...Ke2 68.Qf6 Qh7+ 69.Kg4 Qe4+ 70.Qf4 Qg6+-] **68.Qf6 Qd5 69.Kh6 e5 70.g6 e4** (4.29) [70...Qh1+ 71.Kg5 Qg1+ 72.Kf5 Qf1+ 73.Kxe5+- (3.64)] **71.g7 e3 72.Qc3+ Kb1 73.Qxe3 Qh1+ 74.Kg6 Qg2+ 75.Qg5 Qc6+ 76.Kh7 Qb7** (8.79) [76...Qc7 77.Kh6 Qh2+ 78.Kg6 Qd6+ 79.Qf6 Qg3+ (4.59)] **77.Qg1+ Ka2 78.Qh2+ Ka1 79.Kh8 Qe4 80.g8Q 1-0**

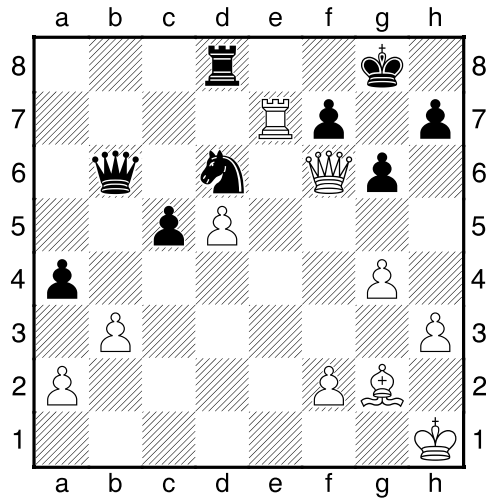
In the final round 14, Carlsen was defeated by Peter Leko. This left Carlsen in a tie for 2nd/3rd with Morozevich, who won in the last round. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Leko, P (2749) – Carlsen, M (2690) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Super GM Tournament Linares, Spain (14), 10.03.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6± 4.g3= Bb4+??± [4...Ba6 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.Bg2 Bb7=] **5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 Ba6 7.b3??=** [7.Na3 Bb7 8.Bg2 0-0±] **7...0-0 8.Nc3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bg2 Re8 11.Ne5??±** [11.0-0 c5 12.Rfd1 Nc6=] **11...c5??=** [11...Qd6 12.g4 c5 13.Nc4 Bxc4 14.bxc4 cxd4 15.Nxd5 Nc6±] **12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfd1 Na6??±** Leko gets a " clear " advantage [13...Qe7 14.e3 Na6 15.Qd3 Qe6 16.Rac1 Rad8=] **14.Qf4 Nc7 15.Ng4 Nxg4 16.Qxg4 Qf6 17.e3 Rad8 18.Rac1 Qe7 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Qa4 Rd7 21.Ne4 d4 22.exd4** Leko goes up a P [22.Nf6+? gxf6 23.Bxb7 Red8 24.Re1 Ne6±] **22...Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Ne6 24.d5** [24.Bc6 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 (25.Bxe8?? Rxa4 26.Bxa4 g6=) 25...Nxd4 26.Rxc5 Rd8 27.Qc4 Nxc6 28.Rxc6 Qb7± W would be up a P] **24...Nd4 25.Re1 Qd8 26.Kf1 Rde7 27.Bd3 Qc8??+-** Leko gets a " winning " advantage [27...Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 29.Kxe1 g6±] **28.g4 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Rf8 30.h3 Qd8** [30...Qc7 31.Kg2 Qd6+-] **31.Be4 Qb6** [31...Qc7 32.Re3 h6 33.Kg1 a5+-] **32.Bg2** [32.Kg2 Rd8 33.Re3 Qc7+-] **32...g6** [32...h6 33.Kg1 g6 34.Qc4 Rd8+-] **33.Kg1 Kg7 34.Qd7 Rd8 35.Qe7 a5 36.Kh1 Nb5 37.Re6 Nd6 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Re7 a4??+-** (10.77) the time pressure of the first control is taking its toll; this should lose the Q [39...Qb8 40.f4 a4 41.bxa4 c4 42.Kh2 Qc8+- (2.73)]

Position after 39...a4?+-



40.bxa4?? As often happens, on the time control move, Leko makes a mistake and misses winning Carlsen's Q; instead Leko goes up 2 P's [40.Rxf7! Nxf7 41.Qxb6 axb3 42.axb3 Rd6 43.Qxc5 g5+-] **40...c4 41.Kh2** [41.Rxf7?? Qb1+-; 41.Rb7 Qa5 42.Ra7 Qb6 43.Be4 Qb8+-] **41...Qb8 42.f4 Qc8 43.Re3 Re8 44.Rxe8+ Nxe8 45.Qc6 Qxc6 46.dxc6 Kf8 47.Kg3??±** [47.Kg1 c3 48.Be4 Ke7 49.a5 Nd6 50.Bc2 Nb5+-] **47...Ke7??+-** [47...c3 48.Be4 Ke7 49.a5 Nf6 50.Bd3 Kd6±] **48.Kf2 Kd6 49.Ke3 Kc5 50.g5 Nc7 51.a3 Ne6 52.Be4 c3 53.f5+-** Carlsen resigned. Coming is **53...Nc7 54.f6 Ne6 55.h4 Kd6 56.a5 Nc5 57.Bh1 c2 58.Kd2 c1Q+ 59.Kxc1 Na6 60.Bf3 Nb8 61.Bd5 Nxc6 62.Bxc6 Kxc6 63.Kb2 Kb5 64.Kb3 Kxa5 65.Kc4 Ka6 66.Kc5 Ka7 67.Kd6 Kb6 68.Ke7+- 1-0**

Also in Rd. 14, Morozevich completed his comeback after his disastrous first half in Morelia, by defeating Svidler, giving him 4 wins and 3 draws in the last 7 rounds !! He finished with 7.5 pts., tied for 2nd/3rd with Carlsen. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Svidler, P (2728) – Morozevich, A (2741) [C11]









XXIV Morelia/Linares SuperGM Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP (14), 10.03.2007

1.e4 e6± 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3?=[3.e5±] 3...Nf6 [3...Nc6?±] 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 [5.Nf3 c5 6.Bg5 Qb6 7.Be3 Nc6=; 5.Be2 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6=; 5.Qg4 h5 6.Qg5 Qxg5 7.Bxg5 a6 8.Be3 c5=; 5.Qh5 c5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qb6=] 5...c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6?± [7...Qb6 8.Rb1 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.Bxd4 Bc5=] **8.Qd2 b5 9.a3?=[9.Be2 Be7 10.dxc5 0-0 11.0-0 Bb7±] 9...Bb7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bxc5 Nxc5 12.Bd3 b4?± [12...Qb6 13.Qf2 b4 14.axb4 Qxb4 15.0-0 Nxd3 16.cxd3 Qxf4=] 13.Ne2?=[13.axb4 Nxb4 14.Be2 Qb6=] 13...Qb6 [13...bxa3 14.bxa3 Qb6 15.Nfd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 a5=] 14.Qe3?± Morozevich gets the advantage for the first time [14.Nfd4 bxa3 15.bxa3 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 a5=] 14...d4?=[14...Nxd3+ 15.Qxd3 a5 16.axb4 Ba6 17.Qd2 Nxb4±] 15.Nfxd4 Svidler goes up a P [15.Qd2 0-0 16.0-0 f6 17.Rae1 Rad8=] 15...Nxd4 [15...Rd8 16.c3 Nxd3+ 17.Qxd3 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Bxg2 19.Rg1 Bc6=] 16.Qxd4 [16.Nxd4 Rd8 17.Be2 bxa3 18.bxa3 Bxg2 19.Rg1 Rxd4 20.Rxg2 Ne4=] 16...bxa3 17.Rxa3 Rd8 18.Qe3 Qxb2 material equality again 19.Qxc5??-+ this wrongly sacrifices the exchange [19.0-0 Nxd3 20.Rxd3**

Rxd3 21.Qxd3 0-0=] 19...Qb1+ 20.Kd2 Qxh1 21.Nc3?+- this loses another P [21.Qg1 Qxg1 22.Nxg1 Bxg2 23.Rxa6 Be4-+] 21...Qxh2 Morozevich goes up the exchange + P 22.Ra4 Qxg2+ Morozevich goes up the exchange + 2 P's 23.Kc1 Rc8 24.Qb4 Qg1+ 25.Nd1 Bf3 26.Rxa6! Qc5 [26...Qxd1+?? 27.Kb2 Qh1 28.Bb5+ Bc6 29.Bxc6+ Qxc6 30.Rxc6 Rxc6 31.Qb8+ Kd7 32.Qxh8+-] 27.Qa4+ Kf8 28.Ra5 Qg1 0-1

The final standings were :

XXIV SuperGM 2007

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	 Anand,V	2779	+37	**	1 ½	1 1	0 ½	½½	½½	½½	1 ½	8.5 / 14	
2	 Morozevich,A	2741	+30	0 ½	**	0 ½	½½	½1	½1	0 1	½1	7.5 / 14	50.25
3	 Carlsen,M	2690	+88	0 0	1 ½	**	½½	½½	1 1	1 ½	½0	7.5 / 14	50.25
4	 Aronian,L	2744	+1	1 ½	½½	½½	**	½½	0 ½	½½	½½	7.0 / 14	50.00
5	 Svidler,P	2728	+20	½½	½0	½½	½½	**	½½	½½	½1	7.0 / 14	48.25
6	 Ivanchuk,V	2750	-30	½½	½0	0 0	1 ½	½½	**	1 ½	½½	6.5 / 14	
7	 Topalov,V	2783	-92	½½	1 0	0 ½	½½	½½	0 ½	**	½½	6.0 / 14	43.00
8	 Leko,P	2749	-53	0 ½	½0	½1	½½	½0	½½	½½	**	6.0 / 14	42.25

Future World Championship Cycle Decided

“ In a nutshell: if Kramnik does not win the Mexico City, as ex world champion he gets to play the winner in 2008. If he does win he has to play former world champion Topalov. After that the champion will face a challenge from the winner of the World Cup in odd years. No more world championship tournaments, always matches. (from ChessBase) “ It is not clear from the report if the regulation allowing a 2700+ player to challenge the world champion on putting up \$ 1 Million will still be in effect as well (it may be that it is under this regulation that Kramnik must play Topalov if he wins Mexico 2007, since Topalov has submitted a challenge already, though a match could not be held before the Mexico World Championship Tournament).

In respect of the World Chess Cup, the format is no longer knockout matches. It will now be : “ 126 participants. First stage – 14 groups, 9 players each. Second stage: 14 group winners + 4 best of those who came second in the groups. At the second stage 18 players are divided into 2 groups, 9 players each. The group winners play a match of 4 games. The duration of the tournament is 26 days.(from open letter by FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov).”

Spraggett Undefeated at Cappelle la Grande, France

Cappelle la Grande is one of the biggest one section swisses in the world, and this year it drew 608 players, including 93 GM's and 80 IM's. It was played March 3 – 10, and is 9 rounds. There was a tie for first by 6 GM's with 7/9 pts..

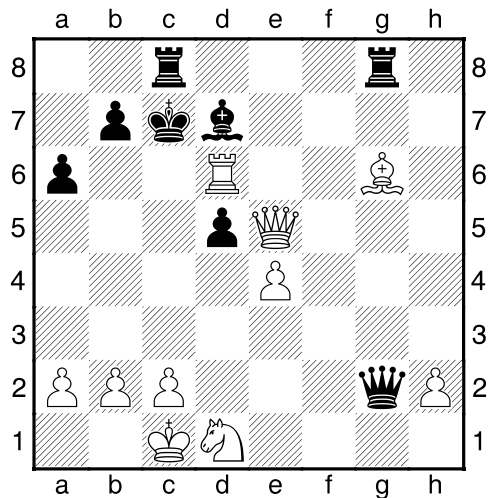
GM Kevin Spraggett, highest-rated Canadian, 5 times Canadian Champion, rated 2633 and # 80 in the world, went undefeated. He had 3 wins and 6 draws. The average rating of his opponents was 2472 – he played 3 players over 2500. He finished # 37. Congratulations Kevin.

However, Kevin could have placed much higher had he played his last game better. He had a mate in 6 that he missed, and thereafter he had a winning advantage for a long time, but failed to bring home the point. Here is his last round game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Spraggett, K (2633) – Andriasian, Z (2505) [A00]

Cappelle la Grande Capelle la Grande, France (9), 10.03.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6?± [5...g6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.0-0 Bg7±] 6.Bg5?± [6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qd3 b5±] 6...e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 h6 10.Bh4 Nbd7 11.Be2 g5?± this loses a P [11...0-0 12.Qg3 b5 13.Bf3 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bxh4 16.Qxh4 exd5 17.Nf5 Nc5 18.Ne7+ Kh7±] 12.fxg5 Ne5 13.Qg3??= [13.Qf1 Nfg4 14.Qf4 Qd8 15.Nf3 Nxf3 16.g6 fxg6 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qxf3 Ne5 19.Qf2 Bd7±] 13...Rg8 14.Nf3??-+ [14.Qe3 hxg5 15.Bg3 (15.Bxg5?? Nfg4 16.Qg3 (16.Bxg4?? Bxg5-) 16...Bxg5+ 17.Kb1 Be7+) 15...b5=] 14...hxg5 15.Nxg5 Kevin goes up a P 15...Ng6??+- [a wild line is 15...b5 16.Rhf1 b4 17.Rxf6! Qb6 (17...Bxf6? 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Qxg8+ Ke7 20.Qxa8 bxc3 21.Bxf6+ Kxf6+-) 18.Nxe6 Rxc3 19.Nd5 Qa5 20.Nec7+ Kf8 21.hxg3 Qxa2 22.Rxf7+ Kxf7 23.Nxe7 Bg4 24.Bxg4 Nxg4 25.Nxa8 Ne3 26.Rd4 Nf1 27.Kd1 Qxb2 28.Rxd6 b3 29.cxb3 Ne3+ 30.Ke1 Nxg2+ 31.Kf1 Nxh4 32.gxh4 Kxe7 33.Rxa6 Qxb3+] 16.Nxf7! an enterprising sac ! [16.Nh3?? Nxh4 17.Qxh4 Qc5=] 16...Kxf7 Kevin has 2 connected, passed P's vs N 17.Rhf1 Qc5 [17...Nxh4 18.Qxh4 Qc5 19.Qh7+ Kf8 20.Rd5! exd5 21.Nxd5 Bd8 22.Kb1 Qd4 23.c3 Qe5+-] 18.Rd5?± Kevin picks the wrong sac [18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nd5! exd5 20.Qg5 Ke8 21.Qxf6 Qe3+ 22.Kb1 Ne7+- 23.Bh5+ Kd7 24.Bf7 Qg5 25.Qc3 Qe5 26.Qxe5 dxe5 27.Bxg8 Nxg8 28.Rxd5+ Ke7 29.Rxe5+ Be6+-] 18...exd5 19.Bxf6 Kevin has 2 P's vs R 19...Ke8?+- [19...Bxf6 20.Nxd5 Qd4 21.Nxf6 Qxf6 22.Bc4+ Be6 23.Bxe6+ Kxe6 24.Qb3+ Ke7 25.Qxb7+ Ke6 26.Qd5+ Ke7 27.Rxf6 Kxf6 28.Qxd6+ Kf7+- Kevin would have Q + 5P's vs 2 R's + N.] 20.Bh5 Kd8 21.Bxg6 Bxf6 22.Rxf6 Kevin has N + 2 connected, passed P's vs R 22...Bd7 23.Rxd6 Qg1+ 24.Nd1 Rc8 25.Qg5+ Kc7 26.Qe5 Qxg2?? [26...Bc6 27.exd5 Kb6 28.dxc6 Rxc6+-]



27.Rxd5+?+- Kevin misses a mate in 6 ! Kevin has N + 3 P's vs R [27.Rxa6+! Kd8 28.Qf6+ Kc7 29.Qd6+ Kd8 30.Qb6+ Rc7 31.Qf6+ Kc8 32.Ra8#] 27...Kb6 28.Qd4+ Kc7 29.Qe5+ Kb6 30.Qd4+ Kc7 31.Bf7 Rgd8 32.Qe5+ Kb6 33.Qd4+ Kc7 34.Qe5+ Kb6 35.Rd2 Bg4 36.Bd5 Qg1

37.Qe7 Rd7 38.Qf6+ Ka7 39.Qf2+ Qxf2 40.Nxf2 Rg7 41.Nxg4?± [41.c4 Rh8 42.Nd3 Bc8 43.Ne5 Rg1+ 44.Kc2 Rh1 45.Nf7 R8xh2 46.Nd6 Bg4+–] 41...Rxc4 42.Be6 Rg1+ 43.Rd1 Rxd1+ 44.Kxd1 Rh8 45.h3 Kb6 46.c3 Kc5 47.b4+ Kd6 48.Bf5 Rg8 49.Kc2 Rg1 50.a4 b6 [50...b5 51.axb5 axb5 52.Kd2 Ke5±] 51.Kb2 [51.Bc8 a5 52.Bf5 Rg3 53.bxa5 bxa5±] 51...Rg2+ 52.Kb3 Rg1?+– [52...Rg8 53.Kc4 Ke5 54.Kd3 Rg3+ 55.Kc2 Rg8±] 53.Bc8 a5 [53...Rb1+–] 54.Bf5 Ra1 55.Bg6 [55.h4?? Rh1 56.Kc4 axb4 57.cxb4 Rxh4 58.Kb5 Kc7 59.a5 bxa5 60.bxa5 Kb8 61.Kb6 Rh6+ 62.Kc5 Kb7=] 55...Rh1 [55...Rg1 56.Bh7 Ra1 57.Bf5 Kc6 58.Bg6 Rh1 59.Bf7 axb4 60.cxb4 Rxh3+ 61.Kc4 Rh1 62.Bd5+ Kc7 63.a5 Rb1 64.a6 Kb8 65.Bc6 Rc1+ 66.Kd5 Rd1+ 67.Ke5 Ka7 68.b5 Rh1+–] 56.Bf5??± Kevin has let his advantage slip away [56.Kc4 axb4 57.cxb4 Rxh3 58.Bf7 Rh1 59.a5 Rb1 60.a6 Kc7 61.Bd5 Kb8+–] 56...Ra1 57.h4 Rh1 58.Kc4 axb4 59.cxb4 Rxh4 Kevin has B + 2 P's vs R 60.Kb5 Kc7 61.Ka6?– [61.Bg6 Rf4 62.Ka6 Rf6 63.Bh7 Rf8±] 61...Rh6 62.Kb5 [62.a5 bxa5+ 63.Kxa5 Kc6 64.Ka4 Kb6 65.Kb3 Rh1=] 62...Rh4 63.a5 bxa5 64.bxa5 [64.Kxa5 Kc6 65.Ka4 Kb6 66.Ka3 Rh1 67.Kb3 Rb1+ 68.Ka4 Ra1+ 69.Kb3=] 64...Kd6 65.a6 Rh1 66.Bc8 Rb1+ 67.Ka4 Ra1+ 68.Kb5 Rb1+ 69.Ka4 Ra1+ 70.Kb4 Ke5 71.Bb7 Rxa6 ½-½

Toronto Closed – Report

This tournament was in 3 8-player round robins from January 21 to March 4 at the Bayview Games Club. The three sections and the winners were :

Championship Section (Av. Rtg. 2217)

1st – 4 pts. - Michael Barron

2nd – 3.5 pts. - Josh Guo

3rd/4th – 3 pts. - Marius Zubac

David Southam

Vlad Semyonov

Reserves A (Av. Rtg. 1964)

1st – 6.5 pts. – Roman Sapozhnikov

2nd – 5 pts. – Alex Ferreira

3rd – 4.5 pts. – Oleg Tseluiko

Reserves B (Av. Rtg. 1524)

1st – 6 pts. – Georghe Buzila

2nd / 3rd – 5.5 pts. – Richard Laporte

Jason Taylor

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 9 round, one-section swiss. The 4 top players in this section are Pino Verde (1867), John London (1836), your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong (1793), and Phil Haley (1786).

After the completion of the last 9th round in the Championship Section, Bryan Lamb has 7 ½ pts (undefeated), and has 1 game outstanding. So he has clinched the 2006-7 Championship, since even if he should lose his last game, no one can catch him. It's still a race for second – John Hall has 6 ½ pts. in 9 rounds; Imtiaz Husain has 6 pts., but he has one outstanding game (though it is against Bryan); and Alex Rapoport (one of last year's 3 co-champions) has only 4 ½ pts., but 2 games outstanding. So any one of the three could come second.

In the Reserves Section, 9 rounds completed this swiss, and the winner was your editor, Bob Armstrong, with 7 ½ pts.. Tied for 2nd/5th at 6 pts. were Josh Sherman (who led for much of the tournament), Michael Perez, John London and Mario Moran. Armstrong and one of 2nd/5th place finishers have won the right to play in the Championship Section next year, if we fail to qualify by rating. Tied for 6th/8th at 5 ½ pts. were Steve Douglas, Aaron Wu and Joe Bellomo. The full standings are given at the end of this article.

In Rd. 9, Bryan clinched the title by defeating Richard Douglas. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Douglas, R (1760) – Lamb, B (2203) [C15]

SCC Club Championship Toronto (9), 08.03.2007

1.e4 e6± 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nge2?= this loses a P [4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Ba5 6.b4 Bb6 7.Na4 0-0 8.Nxb6 axb6±] **4...dxe4** Bryan goes up a P **5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Nxc3 f5?**± [6...Nc6 7.Bb5 Nge7 8.Nxe4 0-0=] **7.Be3?**= [7.Qh5+ g6 8.Qg5 Nf6 9.Bf4 0-0±] **7...Nf6 8.f3** [8.Be2 0-0 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.Rd1 Nd5=] **8...Nd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Be2 0-0 11.Qd2 Be6 12.0-0-0?**± [12.0-0 Nc6 13.fxe4 fxe4 14.Rxf8+ Qxf8 15.Rf1 Qe7=] **12...Nd7 13.fxe4** [13.h4 Nf6 14.Bf4 Rc8 15.h5 h6±] **13...fxe4 14.Bg5 Qe8 15.Bf4** [15.Rhf1 Qg6 16.h4 Rxf1 17.Rxf1 h6 18.Bf4 Nf6±] **15...Rc8 16.g4 Qe7 17.h4?**± Bryan gets a "clear" advantage [17.g5 c5 18.Be3 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Nb6±] **17...c5 18.Be3 c4 19.c3 b5 20.g5?+** Bryan gets a "winning" advantage [20.h5 a5 21.h6 g6 22.Bg5 Qd6±] **20...a5 21.g6! h6** [21...hxg6? 22.h5 gxh5 23.Bxh5 b4±; 21...b4 22.gxh7+ Kxh7 23.Bg5 Nf6-+] **22.Rdg1** [22.Bxh6 b4 23.Bg5 Nf6 24.cxb4 c3 25.bxc3 axb4 26.axb4 Qxb4-+] **22...b4 23.axb4 axb4 24.Bg5?+** (- 5.34) [24.Kd1 Ra8 25.Qc1 Ra2 26.cxb4 Qxb4+ (- 3.64)] **24...Qd6?+** (- 3.07) [24...Ra8 25.Qe3 hxg5 26.Kc2 bxc3 27.Qxc3 gxh4+ (- 7.43)] **25.Bxh6?** (- 4.45) This sac is unsound and will lose the B for a P. [25.Be3 Ra8 26.cxb4 Nf6 27.Rf1 Bg4+ (- 3.65)] **25...bxc3 26.Qxc3 gxh6** Bryan goes up an N **27.Kd1 Ra8 28.Qc1 Kg7 29.h5 Qb8 30.Rf1** (- 11.79) [30.Qc3? e3 31.Rf1 (31.Qxe3? Ra1+ 32.Kc2 (32.Kd2? Qxb2#) 32...Bf5+-) 31...Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Ra1+ 33.Kc2 Rxf1 34.Bxf1 Bf5+ 35.Kd1 Qf4+ (- 19.93)] **30...Qb3+ 31.Ke1 e3?+** (- 5.59) [31...Qg3+ 32.Kd2 Rf2 33.Rxf2 e3+ 34.Kd1 exf2+ (- 15.21)] **32.Rxf8 Qb4+ 33.Kf1?+** (- 15.18) [33.Qc3 Ra1+ 34.Bd1 Qxf8 35.Qxe3 Bg4 36.Kd2 Nf6-+ (- 9.46)] **33...Qxf8+** Richard resigned. .Coming is **34.Ke1 Qf2+ 35.Kd1 Bg4! 36.Bxg4 Ra1! 37.Be2 Rxc1+ 38.Kxc1 Qxe2+ 0-1**

In the Reserves Section in the final 9th round, Bob Armstrong, then in first place alone, with 6.5 pts., defeated Joe Bellomo, who was tied for 2nd/4th at 5.5 pts. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bellomo, J (1778) – Armstrong, R (1793) [B08]

SCC Club Championship (Reserves) Toronto (9), 08.03.2007

1.e4 g6± 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.a4 Nbd7 8.Re1 e5 9.Bg5?= [9.d5 Nc5 10.Nd2 Bh6 11.Bf1 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 f5±] **9...exd4 10.Nxd4 Qc7?**± [10...Re8? 11.Nb3 h6 12.Bh4 Qc7±; 10...h6 11.Bh4 Nc5 12.b4 Ne6 13.Nxe6 Bxe6=] **11.Nf3?**= [11.Qd2 Nc5

12.f3 Ne6 13.Be3 Rd8±] **11...Nc5 12.Bf1** [12.Bc4 Re8 13.Bf4 Ncxe4 14.Nxe4 Rxe4 15.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 16.Nxe1 Qb6=] **12...Re8 13.Nd2 Bg4 14.Qc1** [14.f3 Bd7 15.Be3 Be6=] **14...d5 15.f3 Bd7 16.e5??-+** Joe misanalyzes the position and blunders the eP [16.Bh4 Nh5 17.exd5 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Bxc3 19.bxc3 cxd5=] **16...Rxe5 17.f4?-+ (- 4.57)** [17.Bh4 Rxe1 18.Bxe1 Re8 19.Bf2 Ne6+ (- 1.84)] **17...Rxe1 18.Qxe1 Re8 19.Qc1?-+ (- 4.40)** [19.Qf2 Qa5 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nd1 Bf5+ (- 2.81)] **19...Nfe4 20.Ncxe4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Rxe4 22.Kh1 h6 23.Bh4** [23.Bd3 Rd4 24.Be7 c5 25.a5 c4 26.Bf1 Bf5 27.c3 Rxf4-+] **23...Qxf4** Bl goes up 2 P's **24.Qxf4 Rxf4 25.Bg3 Rb4 26.Re1 Rxb2** Bl goes up 3 P's **27.Bd3 Bf6?-+ [27...c5 28.Bb5 Bxb5 29.axb5 Rxc2 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Kg1 Rb2 32.Re7 Rxb5 33.Rxf7 Kg8 34.Rc7 a5-+] 28.h3 Ra2 29.Kh2 Rxa4** Bl goes up 4 P's **30.Rf1 Kg7 31.Bd6 b5 32.Bf4?-+** a blunder (- 12.23) [32.Kg3 a5 33.Kf3 Ra1 34.Rxa1 Bxa1+ (- 7.52)] **32...Rxf4! 33.Rxf4 Be5-+** Joe resigned; the game has been lost for a while; coming is **34.Kg3 g5 35.Kf2 Bxf4-+ 0-1**

The full final standings in the Reserves were:

1	Armstrong, Bob	1875	7.5	38.0	49.0	36.5
2-5	Sherman, Josh	1701	6	37.5	48.0	37.0
	London, John	1780	6	33.0	43.0	26.5
	Perez, Michael	1653	6	31.0	41.5	32.0
	Moran-Venegas, Mario	1630	6	30.5	40.5	31.5
6-8	Bellomo, Joe	1782	5.5	34.0	45.0	30.0
	Wu, Aaron	1501	5.5	31.5	40.5	28.5
	Douglas, Steven	1589	5.5	29.0	38.5	26.5
9-14	Mesiti, Silvano	1726	5	37.0	46.5	28.0
	Blackman, Gord	1735	5	33.5	42.5	29.0
	Smith, Maurice	1795	5	32.5	41.5	25.5
	Lung, Patrick	1436	5	30.5	37.5	22.5
	Villalobos, Oscar	1700	5	28.5	34.5	18.5
	Karpik, Steve	1615	5	20.5	29.0	22.5
15-20	Tursman, Richard	1586	4.5	33.5	40.5	24.5
	Lung, Stephen	1529	4.5	33.0	41.0	25.5
	Chuderski, Jan	1527	4.5	31.5	42.0	22.0
	Gillis, Doug	1507	4.5	31.5	40.0	23.0
	Farrant, David	1538	4.5	29.5	39.0	23.5
	Philip, Andrew	1698	4.5	29.5	38.0	21.0
21-24	Muir, Tom	1594	4	30.5	39.0	25.0
	Zlatanov, Petar	1334	4	29.0	37.5	19.0
	Graham, John	1513	4	28.0	36.5	13.0
	Verde, Pino	1888	4	26.5	37.5	21.0
25-29	Farrant-Diaz, Nathan	1402	3.5	31.5	37.5	20.0
	Arfin, Sam	1346	3.5	31.0	40.0	17.0
	Dattani, Dinesh	1347	3.5	29.5	37.0	18.0
	Roe, Jim	1590	3.5	28.0	36.0	22.5
	Haley, Phil	1786	3.5	27.0	34.0	12.5
30-31	Xie, Peter	1600	3	31.5	40.5	6.0
	Shah, Vanshil		3	31.0	39.0	14.0
32-33	Xia, Linda		2.5	31.5	40.0	17.5
	Robertson, Tom		2.5	31.0	40.0	15.5
34-35	Parsy, Mathieu		2	29.5	37.5	11.0
	Ben-Avraham, Mark		2	26.0	34.0	10.0

SCC Spring Swiss – New Tournament Starts Today !

Today, Thursday, March 15, SCC starts a new 7 round, one-section swiss. So come out and join your friends in some friendly but competitive SCC over-the-board chess !

SCC Member Promotes Chess

SCC member, Rick Garel, on Wednesday, March 7, carried out a number of chess activities at Timothy Christian School in Barrie, Ontario. The foyer of the school is tiled like a chess board and the school has a large demonstration chess set. So first of all Rick played an exhibition game in the foyer with the principal, with the students watching. Then he demonstrated one of his own games, and conversed with the students during the analysis. Finally he played a 12 board simul against students. Kudos to Rick for promoting our favourite pastime, and encouraging students who play.





Toronto Chess ‘N Math Expands Operations

The Chess ‘N Math Association (CMA) is Canada’s only national scholastic chess organization. It operates retail stores and group children’s classes in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. It also runs the national Chess Challenge tournaments, where the champions from various grades across the country meet in playdowns that eventually end in a national championship.

The Toronto store is Strategy Games at 1683 Bayview Avenue. The classes are of two types. In schools, they make contracts to teach a series of lessons at lunch hours and after school, and then hire chess teachers to conduct the classes. It also operates private group children’s classes. Toronto CMA has previously carried on its private classes in sublet space from the Bayview Games Club. It has now expanded by leasing the 2nd floor across the street from the store, at 1650 Bayview Ave.. It christened the location by starting its “ school break chess camp “ there on Monday, March 12. It begins it’s next children’s group classes there on March 25th and 27th . For further information on classes contact 416-486-3395 or visit its website : <http://www.chess-math.org>.

The March Open – Upcoming Tournament

This 5 round swiss in one section will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1651 Bayview Avenue, Suite 202, on March 16, 17 & 18. Time control is Game/150 min.. Entry Fee is \$ 55 (Non-members of the BGC pay \$ 21 extra ; late fee on day of

tournament - \$ 10). There will be class prizes. Also there is an early bird door prize for those entering by Sat., March 10 (full entry fee rebate of \$ 55). Limited space – 60 players – first come, first serve. All equipment provided. For more info contact Vlad Dobrich : 416-722-9709.

York Region March Open – Upcoming Tournament

March 24-25 (Sat, Sun)

**Richmond Green Secondary School
#1 William F. Bell Parkway, Richmond Hill
L4S 1S7**

Style: 5 round Swiss,4 sections
Open with U2200 Section, U2000, U1800, U1600(w/UNR)
Rounds: 10:30 am, 1:30pm, & 4:00 pm Sat. & Sunday, 1:30 pm & 4:00 pm
Time Control: Game/60
Registration: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (sharp) Saturday before the Tournament
[only players registering before 10:00 a.m. are guaranteed to be paired for 10:30 a.m.], or in advance by mail.

Make Cheques payable to “Barry Thorvardson” and send to
Barry Thorvardson, 3 Peel Avenue, Brampton, Ontario L6W1X1

EMAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED until 11pm Thursday, March 22.

Entry Fee: \$30 for U1600, U1800, U2000
\$50 for Open and U2200
--- Unrated can only win Unrated prizes

Other Information: Chess Sets and Clocks will be provided.

Organizer: OCA, Barry Thorvardson 647-668-1393

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Email: barry@chessontario.com

Byes: Maximum 2 – ½ point byes available in rounds 1-4
if requested in advance

Prize Fund: \$2,300.00 based on 100 players

(Sectional prizes will be prorated based on the number of entries in each section)

Based on :
100 Players: 20 players at \$50, and 80 players at \$30 for revenues of \$3,400,

Expenses are \$800 towards space rentals, and expenses, \$300 to CFC rating fees.

Accommodation: *Special Pricing weekend rates have been arranged at Knights Inn, 10711 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, L4C 3E1, 905-884-1007. Mention OCA when booking.*

An Impressive Trio !



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