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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

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SCC Set to Reopen – Thursday, Sept. 4 !

Unfortunately, SCC could not get the municipal community centre for the summer months of July and August, so we had to close for these two months.

But the club re-opens for the 2008-9 season on Thursday, September 4 at 7:00 PM for the 2008-9 Annual General Meeting. This meeting hears reports on the last year, and elects the new executive for the coming 2008-9 season. It also plans for the new year.

Our first tournament of the new season is the Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss and it starts the following Thursday, September 11. Doors open at 7:00 PM, with the round starting at 7:30 PM. Please be there early so we can register everyone and do the pairings.

Hope you had a nice summer – time flies when you are having fun !

SCTCN&V Starts 10th Consecutive Year of Publication !

We believe we are the longest-running twice monthly/bi-weekly chess publication in the country ! It all started as a one-page bulletin on the SCC bulletin board, informing members of SCC matters. Then it started to introduce reports on results of major international competitions. It progressed to reporting on chess politics, international (FIDE), national (CFC), Ontario (OCA) and local (GTCL). It became longer than 1 page, and we started making hard copies to hand out to members.

Eventually it progressed to an electronic newsletter. This then allowed us to start distributing beyond our current SCC membership. First we put together a mailing group of past SCC members, and started mailing to them as well, free. Next we offered free

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subscriptions to non-members, and got a very favourable response. So now SCTCN&V goes to over 150 chess players in the GTA, elsewhere in Ontario and Canada, and we even have some subscribers in USA.

We then introduced board diagrams and pictures. We started using pictures of noted GM's, and as our photo bank expanded, we had pictures of SCC members, and past members. The newsletter continued to get longer, sometimes going to 5 pages. Next SCTCN&V created its own newsletter website : <http://scarboroughchess.webhop.net>. This was linked to the SCC website, so now people visiting the SCC website could crossover to the newsletter website and see not only the latest newsletter, but also a number of previous Issues. The newsletter kept getting longer as we introduced more games, and started providing analysis of the games, using the Fritz computer chess program. The newsletter sometimes reached 15-20 pages. Some of the games we introduced were those of members from SCC tournaments, where previously, we had actually carried few SCC members' games.

The final major improvement was the creation of a ChessBase/Fritz database to accompany the newsletter, containing all the games/analysis in the newsletter. So now a reader could just click on the database and play over all the games (no longer having to copy the games and transfer them to the readers own program).

SCTCN&V has enjoyed serving SCC, the GTA and beyond! We look forward to many more years of reporting on great chess!

Grassroots' Campaign Responds to GL # 1

Things did not look that great for the CFC at the end of the Incoming Governors' AGM in Montreal on July 22. But our intrepid new set of governors (and new Executive) have been busy little beavers in the first month of 2008-9. GL # 1, which was posted on the CFC website on August 28, lists the first four motions passed by our new set of governors:

Motion 2009-01

Be it resolved that the President be authorized to negotiate the sale of the Business Office building and to receive offers subject to Executive Approval (Moved: Chris Mallon / Seconded: Lyle Craver)

Votes Yes (40)

Barron, Bluvshstein, Bond ,Craft, Craver, DeKerpel, Dénommée, Duff, Dutton, Ede, Einarsson,

Evans, Farges, Felix, Ficzero, Gladstone, Haley, Hoch, Hughey, Khoudgarian, Langer, Lavin, LeBlanc, Liles, Mallon, Marghetis, McDonald, Nadeau, Niksic, Scoones, Starr, Steer, Stockhausen, Stringer, Thomas, Thorvardson, Van Dusen, Von Keitz, Wu, Zeromskis,

Votes No (3)

Chyurlia, Demian, Palsson

Abstentions (5)

Bunning, Cabanas, Clark, Kosoian, Smith,

Motion Passed

Motion 2009-02

Be it resolved that the President be authorized to explore and negotiate options towards rating system upgrades to a maximum cost of \$ 15,000 subject to Executive approval. (Moved: Chris Mallon / Seconded: Michael Barron)

Votes Yes (41)

Barron, Bluvshstein, Bond, Bunning, Cabanas, Chyurlia, Craft, Craver, DeKerpel, Demian, Dutton, Ede, Einarsson, Evans, Farges, Felix, Ficzero, Gladstone, Haley, Hoch, Hughey, Khoudgarian, Kosoian, Langer, Lavin, LeBlanc, Liles, Mallon, Marghetis, McDonald, Nadeau, Niksic, Scoones, Starr, Steer, Stringer, Thomas, Thorvardson, Von Keitz, Wu, Zeromskis

Votes No (4)

Dénommée, Duff, Palsson, Van Dusen

Abstentions (3)

Clark, Smith, Stockhausen

Motion Passed

Motion 2009-03

Be it resolved that the President be authorized to enter into negotiations towards winding up the books and equipment business. (Moved: Chris Mallon / Seconded: Stijn De Kerpel)

Votes Yes (44)

Barron, Bluvshstein, Bond, Bunning, Chyurlia, Clark, Craft, Craver, DeKerpel, Demian, Dénommée, Duff, Dutton, Ede, Einarsson, Evans, Felix, Ficzero, Gladstone, Haley, Hoch, Hughey, Khoudgarian, Kosoian, Langer, Lavin, LeBlanc, Liles, Mallon, Marghetis, McDonald, Nadeau, Niksic, Palsson, Scoones, Starr, Steer, Stringer, Thomas, Thorvardson, Van Dusen, Von Keitz, Wu, Zeromskis

Votes No (1) Farges

Abstentions (3)

Cabanas, Smith, Stockhausen

Motion Passed

Motion 2009-04

Be it resolved that the President be authorized to enter into negotiations towards an online magazine subject to Executive approval. (Moved: Chris Mallon / Seconded: Stijn De Kerpel)

Votes Yes (45)

Barron, Bluvshstein, Bond, Bunning, Cabanas, Chyurlia, Clark, Craft, Craver, DeKerpel, Demian, Dénommée, Duff, Dutton, Ede, Einarsson, Evans, Farges, Felix, Ficzero, Gladstone, Haley, Hoch, Hughey, Khoudgarian, Kosoian, Langer, Lavin, LeBlanc, Liles, Mallon, Marghetis, Nadeau, Niksic, Palsson, Scoones, Starr, Steer, Stringer, Thomas, Thorvardson, Van Dusen, Von Keitz, Wu, Zeromskis

Votes No (1)

McDonald

Abstentions (2)

Smith, Stockhausen

Motion Passed

Total votes cast: 48 (78.7% of 61 eligible Governors)

Votes were not received (13) from the following Governors: Cole, Daniluk, Divinsky, Erickson, Fleming, Keep, Magyar, McKim, Noritsyn, Pedersen, Samsonkin, Tsui, Urquhart

On Thursday, August 28, after reading the full GL # 1, I sent the following e-mail to the original 20 “endorsers” of the Grassroots’ Platform and other supporters:

" Hi to All Grassroots’ Campaign Endorsers/Supporters:

I have now read 2008-9 GL # 1. I am delighted with the progress generally in the first month of 2008-9. It is significantly better than where things stood at the end of the Incoming Governors’ AGM on July 22.

It reflects some major positions of the Grassroots' Campaign. Getting 5 out of 5 is not bad – the Governors are selling the retail business; they are selling the condominium office; they terminated Chess Canada (print) - the Governors did that by passing our straw vote motion at the Incoming Governors AGM in July. [We did not take a position on what should take Chess Canada's place, though we suggested an enhanced Canadian news website and a new CFC E-Bulletin. The governors are going with an On-line magazine. I would love to have one for the members, but I still feel the CFC finances cannot stand the cost of salary of an editor, and paying for articles. But since the governors seem so supportive of this initiative, I will wait and see what the finances look like after the restructuring, and see if the on-line magazine still contributes to a loss in future.]; elimination of tournament memberships – straw vote passed at AGM; and new CFC'ers annual membership discount – straw vote passed at AGM.

In light of this, most of the 9 proposed grassroots follow-up “ binding “ motions I was working on are now no longer necessary (they reflected the original 7 platform items you initially endorsed/supported – one got split into 2, and one had been added)..

There are still a few issues outstanding for the Grassroots' Campaign, and I will be reviewing them. I already have movers/seconders for the 2 follow-up “ binding “ motions on the 2 straw vote motions on membership that got passed at the Incoming Governors' AGM : Elimination of Tournament Memberships; First time CFC'ers annual membership fee discount of 40%. They are still necessary and I am preparing to send them in. There will be one more motion also associated with membership cost (annual junior fee reduction – raised by me at the Incoming Governors' AGM), depending on my getting a mover/seconders. I am approaching 2 other governors on this. Once I have the third motion in order, I will send in all three together, with a “ commentary “ for each one, as I did last time..

I think the Grassroots' Campaign can be justifiably pleased seeing the direction things are now moving in. Our framing of the debate influenced a lot of thinking. Your early support for the whole platform gave the initial campaign momentum, and you have now contributed significantly to where CFC is now headed, and to saving the CFC.

Thanks for your help on the campaign.

Bob "

It truly seems that CFC may now be rising from the depths after 4 consecutive years of significant losses (\$ 33,000 in 2007-8). We will now have to see how the new President, David Lavin, does with the mandate he now has from the governors. We wish him luck in his negotiations..

We will keep you posted on the progress of the three new “ binding “ motions the Grassroots' Campaign is now working on submitting to the CFC Secretary for GL # 2.

The CFC deserved some good news..... finally!

Note:

1. The Original Endorsers of the Grassroots' Platform were (as of June 19):

Bob Armstrong – CFC Life Member/former chess club executive
Chris Mallon – past CFC President/ current OCA President
Steve Karpik – CFC member/chess club executive
Rick Garel – CFC member/chess club executive
Caesar Posylek – CFC Governor/ chess club executive
Kerry Liles – incoming CFC Governor/ chess club executive/ OCA Executive
Jerry Kitich – CFC member/former chess club executive
Dave Broughton – former CFC Governor and Executive / former OCA Director/ former CFC member
Ken Kurkowski – CFC member
Frank Dixon – former CFC Governor/ tournament director/tournament organizer/ former chess club executive.
John Brown – CFC member/ tournament organizer/ chess club executive
Vlad Dobrich – tournament director/ tournament organizer/ chess club executive/ former CFC member
Doug Gillis – CFC Member
Tyler Longo – CFC Member
Jim Roe – CFC Member
Luke Peristy – CFC Member
Dinesh Dattani – CFC Member
Pino Verde – CFC Member
Hans Jung - CFC and OCA life member, former CFC governor, former CFC executive, former editor Chess Canada, chess club executive, chess coordinator City of Kitchener, tournament director, tournament organizer, chess promoter.
Patrick Doucette - CFC Life Member

2. The Governors moving/seconding the 7 Grassroots' Restructuring Motions were:

Michael Barron
Barry Thorvardson
Chris Mallon
Mark Dutton
Cesary Posylek
Gary Gladstone
Nava Starr

2nd FIDE Grand Prix (Sochi, Russia)

The Second FIDE Grand Prix Tournament took place in the Russian Black Sea resort city of Sochi, from July 30 to August 15, 2008, with 14 players from ten different countries. The field was dominated by Ukrainian GM Vassily Ivanchuk, who was 37 points ahead of the next highest ranked player in the field.

Armenian GM Levon Aronian defeated Alexander Grischuk (Russia) in the last round to take clear first in the Grand Prix tournament, finishing with 8.5/13 points and a performance of 2816. Second was Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan), who beat his main rival Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine) with the black pieces.

The final standings were (from ChessBase):

2nd FIDE GP Sochi RUS 2008

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
1		Aronian, L	2737	+79	*	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	1	:	8.5	
2		Radjabov, T	2744	+43	½	*	0	½	0	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	:	8.0		
3		Wang Yue	2704	+58	½	1	*	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	:	7.5	
4		Kasparov, G	2723	+38	½	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	½	0	½	1	:	7.5		
5		Svidler, P	2738	-5	½	1	½	½	*	1	0	0	1	½	0	½	:	7.0		
6		Jakovenko, D	2709	+26	½	½	½	½	0	*	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	:	7.0	
7		Karjakin, S	2727	+6	½	0	½	½	1	½	*	½	½	0	1	½	:	7.0		
8		Grischuk, A	2781	-78	1	½	½	0	1	½	½	*	½	½	1	½	½	:	6.5	
9		Gashimov, V	2717	-9	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	*	½	½	½	:	6.5		
10		Grischuk, A	2728	-47	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	*	0	½	½	½	:	6.0	
11		Cheparinov, I	2687	-3	0	0	½	1	1	0	0	½	½	1	*	½	½	½	:	6.0
12		Colfenou, H	2728	-66	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	*	½	½	:	5.5
13		Naroz, D	2646	-73	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	*	0	:	4.0
14		Al-Medjahid, M	2556	+23	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	1	:	4.0	



The winners: Teimour Radjabov, Levon Aronian and Wang Yue

Adams Wins Second Successive Staunton Memorial, England

This 12 player round robin was played Aug. 6 to Aug. 18. The winner was English player Michael Adams with an undefeated record of 8/11 pts.



The final standings were (from ChessBase):

6th Staunton Memorial 2008

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1		Adams,M	2735	-22	=	½	L	L	½	½	L	½	L	½	½	L	8.0/11
2		Van Wely,L	2644	+38	½	*	½	½	½	½	L	½	L	½	L	L	7.5/11
3		Smoots,J	2593	+39	0	½	*	½	0	L	½	L	½	L	L	L	7.0/11
4		Timman,J	2562	+39	0	½	½	*	½	½	½	L	L	½	½	L	6.5/11
5		L'Ami,E	2610	-25	½	½	L	½	*	½	0	½	½	½	½	L	6.0/11 30.75
6		Sakharov,I	2698	-7	½	½	L	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	L	L	6.0/11 28.25
7		Speelman,J	2524	+37	0	0	½	½	L	½	*	½	½	½	½	L	5.5/11 25.50
8		Short,N	2633	-105	½	½	L	0	½	½	½	*	½	½	L	L	5.5/11 25.25
9		Wade,J	2591	-36	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	*	L	L	L	5.5/11 23.50
10		Wells,P	2526	+3	½	½	L	½	½	½	½	0	*	½	L	L	5.0/11
11		Chezdinov,A	2431	+6	½	0	L	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	*	L	3.5/11
12		Wain,R	2167	-373	0	0	L	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0.0/11

Tal Memorial, Moscow

The Tal Memorial took place from August 17th to 31st 2008 in the Exhibition Hall of GUM mall, located directly on the Red Square. The players were former World Champion Vladimir Kramnik, who won the tournament last year, Alexander Morozevich, currently the world's second highest ranked player, Vassily Ivanchuk, ranked fourth, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (8th), Alexei Shirov (9th), Peter Leko (10th), Gata Kamsky (17th), Boris Gelfand, (18th), Ruslan Ponomarev (19th), and Evgeny Alekseev (26th). Time controls were two hours for the first 40 moves, one hour for the next 20 moves and 15 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move after move 61. (from ChessBase, edited)

The ten players averaged 2745 Elo points. There has only been one stronger tournament this year. Morelia/Linares had an average rating of 2756. The January Corus Wijk aan Zee tournament had an average rating of 2742. The FIDE Grand Prix # 2 (Sochi) had 2530. The first FIDE Grand Prix # 1 (Baku), and the Aerosvit, Ukraine, tournaments were 2717.

Vassily Ivanchuk



won the 2008 Tal Memorial a full point ahead of his nearest rivals (Morozevich, Gelfand, Ponomarev and Kramnik). His performance of 2861 took Ivanchuk to number two in the live world rankings.

In Rd. 3, Morozevich took sole possession of first place with a win against former world champion Kramnik. Kramnik actually had a "clear" advantage by move 21. But then a series of weak moves gave Morozevich a "winning" advantage. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morozevich, Alexander (2788) – Kramnik, Vladimir (2788) [D45]

Tal Memorial Moscow RUS (3), 20.08.2008

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4 [7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5=] **7...Nxc4** [7...h6 8.Bd2 Nxc4 9.Rg1 Qf6 10.Rxc4 Qxf3 11.Rxc7 Nf6=] **8.Rg1 Nxe2** [8...h5 9.h3 Qf6 10.hxc4 Qxf3 11.gxh5 Qxh5 12.cxd5 exd5=] **9.Nxe2 Bxe2 10.Rxc7** Kramnik is up a P **10...Nf8 11.Rg2 Bd6 12.e4 Ng6** apparently this is a novelty by Kramnik, but it is Fritz' first choice ! **13.Bg5** [13.Be2 dxc4 14.e5 Be7 15.Be3 b5±] **13...Be7** [13...f6 14.Be3 Nh4 15.Rg7 Nf3+ 16.Kd1 Nxd4! 17.Bxd4 Bf8 18.Rg1 dxe4 19.Qd2 e5 20.Be3 f5=] **14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.0-0 dxe4 16.Nxe4 f5 17.Nd2 c5 18.dxc5** material equality **18...Bd7 19.b4?!±** Kramnik gets the advantage [19.Qc3 0-0-0 20.Qa5 Kb8=] **19...0-0-0 20.Rg3 e5 21.Rd3?!±** Kramnik gets a "clear" advantage [21.Nb1 Kb8 22.Nc3 e4 23.Nd5 Qe5±] **21...Be6?!±** Morozevich gets the advantage [21...e4 22.Rd6 (22.Ra3 Kb8±) 22...Ne5±] **22.Ra3 a6?!±** Morozevich gets a "clear" advantage [22...Kb8 23.Qa4 a6±] **23.c6 bxc6?!+-** Kramnik grabs the wrong P. Kramnik is up a P. Morozevich gets a "winning" advantage [23...Qxb4 24.cxb7+ Qxb7±] **24.c5** [24.Rxa6 Qxb4 25.a3 Qc5+-] **24...Qg5?+-** 3.39 [24...Bd5 25.Rxa6 Kb7+- 2.19] **25.Rxa6 Kd7 26.Bc4 Bxc4 27.Qxc4 Ne7 28.Kc2?+-** 5.77 [28.Qf7 Kc8 29.b5 Rd5 30.Ra8+ Kb7 31.Rxh8 cxb5 32.Rxh7 Rxc5+ 33.Kb1 Rc7+- 9.68] **28...Ke8 29.Nf3 Qf6 30.Rd6 Rxd6 31.cxd6+-** 6.80 **1-0**

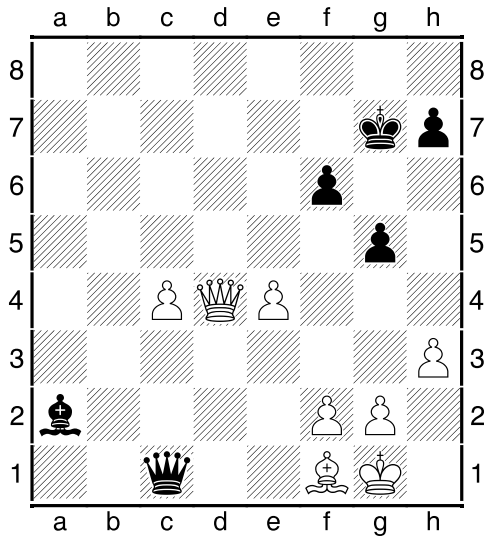
In Rd. 7, Ivanchuk was up 2 Pawns against Morozevich, and they got into a desperate time scramble, but Ivanchuk held onto his advantage. Morozevich was able to whittle it down to one pawn, but the ending was lost. Ivanchuk jumped ahead of Morozevich and took sole possession of first place. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ivanchuk, V (2781) – Morozevich, A (2788) [D87]

Tal Memorial Moscow RUS (7), 25.08.2008

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6± [2...e6=] **3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4** [7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0 0-0±] **7...c5** [7...0-0±] **8.Ne2** [8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6±] **8...0-0** [8...Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7±] **9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3 Na5 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Bd3 b6** [12...Rc8 13.Rb1 Re8±] **13.Rb1** [13.Qd2 e5 14.dxe5 Be6 15.Rad1 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Bxc4±] **13...e5?!±** Ivanchuk gets a "clear" advantage [13...Be6 14.d5 Bc8 15.Qd2 f5±] **14.dxc5** Ivanchuk goes up a P **14...Ba4** [14...Be6 15.cxb6 axb6 16.Bxb6 Qh4±] **15.Qd2** [15.Qxa4 Qxd3 16.Ng3 Rfd8±] **15...Qd7 16.cxb6 axb6 17.Nc1 Rfc8 18.Rxb6** Ivanchuk goes up 2 P **18...Bf8 19.Ra6 Qb7?!+-** Ivanchuk gets a "winning" advantage [19...Rxa6 20.Bxa6 Qxd2 21.Bxd2 Rc6 22.Bd3 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Rxc4±] **20.Rxa8 Qxa8 21.Nb3?!±** [21.f4 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.Nd3 Bg7 24.fxe5 Rxe4+-] **21...Nxb3 22.axb3 Bxb3** Ivanchuk is up a P **23.Rb1 Qa3 24.h3** [24.Rc1 Be6 25.Bf1 Qa8±] **24...Be6 25.Rc1 Rd8** [25...Qa5 26.Qb2 Qc7 27.c4 Bc5±] **26.Qc2 Bb3 27.Qb1 Ba2 28.Qb5 Rc8?!+-** [28...Bc5! 29.Qxc5 Qxc5 30.Bxc5 Rxd3±] **29.Qxe5** Ivanchuk goes up 2 P again **29...Bc5 30.Bxc5 Rxc5 31.Qb8+ Kg7 32.Qf4 Qb2?!+-** 2.63 [32...Bc4 33.Bb1 Be6 34.Qd2 Qa5+- 2.06] **33.Qe3 f6 34.Qxc5 Qxc1+ 35.Bf1 Qe1 36.Qd4 g5 37.c4 Qc1?+-** 7.62 they were both in desperate time trouble now – Morozevich hangs his B [37...Bb1 38.f3 Kg6+- 3.11]

Position after 37...Qc1?



38.c5?+- 3.03 Ivanchuk misses winning the B [38.Qa7+ Kh6 39.Qxa2 Kg6+- 8.45] 38...Be6 39.f3 h5 40.Kf2 h4 they both made time control 41.Qe3 Qc2+ 42.Kg1 Bc4 43.Bxc4 Qxc4 44.Kh2 Kf7 45.Qa3 Ke6 46.Qa7 Qc1?+- 3.77 [46...Qd4 47.Qb6+ Ke7+- 3.07] 47.Qb6+ Kf7 5.19 [47...Kd7? 48.Qxf6 Qxc5 49.Qf5+ Kc6 (49...Qxf5? 50.exf5 Kd6 51.g4 hxg3+ 52.Kxg3 Ke5 53.Kg4 Kf6+- 17.73) 50.Qxc5+ Kxc5+- 7.63] 48.Qd6?+- 3.00 [48.Qc7+ Kg6 49.c6 Qe1 50.Qd6 Kh5+- 7.11] 48...Qf4+ 49.Qxf4 gxf4 50.Kg1 Ke6 51.Kf2 Kd7 52.Ke2 Kc6 53.Kd3 Kxc5 Ivanchuk is only up a P, but has a win 54.Kc3 Kd6 55.Kd4 Ke6 56.Kc4 Kd6 57.Kb5 Ke6 58.Kc6 Ke5 59.Kd7 f5 60.exf5+- 11.74 Morozevich resigns. It is lost 60...Kxf5 61.Kd6 Kf6 62.Kd5 Kf5 63.Kd4 Ke6 64.Ke4 Kf7 65.Kxf4+- 14.05 1-0

The final standings were (from ChessBase):

Final standings

Tal Memorial 2008				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
1		Ivanchuk, V	2781 +80	*	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	6.0 / 9
2		Morozevich, A	2788 -9	0	*	½	1	1	½	0	1	½	½	5.0 / 9 22.00
3		Gelfand, B	2720 +66	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	5.0 / 9 21.75
4		Ponomarev, R	2718 +68	½	0	½	*	½	1	½	½	½	1	5.0 / 9 21.25
5		Kramnik, V	2788 -9	½	0	½	½	*	½	½	1	½	1	5.0 / 9 21.00
6		Leko, P	2741 +4	0	½	½	0	½	*	1	½	½	1	4.5 / 9
7		Kamsky, G	2723 -14	0	1	½	½	½	0	*	½	0	1	4.0 / 9 17.50
8		Alekseev, Evgeny	2708 +2	½	0	½	½	0	½	½	*	1	½	4.0 / 9 17.25
9		Mamedyarov, S	2742 -75	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	0	*	0	3.5 / 9
10		Shirov, A	2741 -115	½	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	1	*	3.0 / 9

Hamilton Summer Open – Report

(from CFC Website – posted by Bob Gillanders)

The 2nd annual Hamilton Summer Open [Aug. 16-17] was another success. We attracted 37 players, up from 30 last year. Topping the list was International Master Artiom Samsonkin.

The tournament was only 1 section, so everyone had a chance to play the IM. Total prize fund was \$ 1,115 with generous class prizes. Winners were:

1st – Artiom Samsonkin 5/5 \$ 300
 2nd -3rd Mike Egorov 4/5 \$ 150
 2nd – 3rd Roman Sapozhnikov 4/5 \$ 150

U2000 – 1st _ 3rd - 5 way tie 3.5 / 5 \$ 72 each
 John Chidley-Hill
 Robert Bzikot
 Josh Sherman
 Inigo Aquino
 Brian Fortney

U1700
 1st – Mark Anthony Biong \$ 60
 2nd – 3rd Mei Chen Lee & Doug Gillis \$ 20 each

U1500
 1st tie - Jonathan Farine & Kevin Zhou \$ 28 each

The Mayhem on Midland Round 2 – Report

This 2-day swiss in three sections was played Aug. 23- 24. 53 players registered. The winners were:

Open Section:

#Name	Old Perf	NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 Samsonkin, Artiom	2490 2417	2488 2490	W 10 D 4 W 8 W 3 D	54.0
2 Yuan, Yuanling	2170 2256	2202 2218	W 16 L 3 W 7 W 12 W	84.0
3 Henry, Liam	2274 2358	2292 2321	W 13 W 2 W 5 L 1 D	43.5
4 Shebetah, Wajdy	0 2266	2276 5	W 18 D 1 W 12 D 8 D	33.5
5 Sapozhnikov, Roman	2213 2231	2224 2224	W 15 W 14 L 3 W 9 D	13.5
6 Arfin, Sam	1797 2131	1867 1867	D 0 L 9 W 16 W 10 W	133.5

Note: Yuan and Arfin are SCC juniors. Henry is a former SCC junior.

U 1800 Section:

#Name	Old Perf	NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 Cabioc, Jose	1626 1847	1698 17	W 12 W 11 W 7 D 5 W	84.5
2 Farine, Jonathan	1540 1795	1608 1608	L 8 W 13 W 9 W 6 W	54.0
3 Ward, Dean	1591 1765	1644 1649	W 13 W 8 L 5 W 7 W	104.0

Note: Ward is an SCC member.

U 1400 Section:

#Name	Old Perf	NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 Yin, Zining	1155 1350	1212 1212	W 14 W 13 L 3 W 6 W	54.0
2 Li, Yuchen	1187 1344	1244 20	W 12 W 7 L 5 W 8 W	34.0
3 Marilla, James	0 1359	1369 5	W 4 D 6 W 1 W 5 L	23.5
4 Luo, Yutong	1121 1304	1180 20	L 3 W 14 D 7 W 10 W	93.5

Historical Notes on CFC Fundraising

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Given the CFC's financial troubles and need for raising funds, a recent trip to the Archives turned up a few relevant historical notes. The Minutes of the CFC's Annual Meeting in Toronto, June 23, 1945 documented the CFC's first 'Plan for Raising Funds', devised by Leopold Christin and approved by the meeting as a recommendation only. The plan required that CFC membership be required for competitions. The initial fee proposed was in the amount of \$1. The interesting part is the allocation of the money: \$0.25 for the CFC; \$0.25 for the Provincial Association; and \$0.50 for the player's club!

I don't know if the plan was implemented, but as of 1954 the membership did receive one tangible benefit from the CFC: an annual rating. Also, until 1967 the membership fee was still \$1.

At its 1955 Annual Meeting, the CFC took another major step forward by approving the establishment of a Permanent Trust Fund. The fund retains its principal, and turns the interest over to the CFC. The fund became known as the Chess Foundation of Canada, and has grown considerably since the first \$10 donation made by Phil Haley at the CFC's 1956 Annual Meeting.

In 1973, fundraising was again on the CFC's mind, a result of expansion through the purchase of a building, the hiring of a business manager, and the publication of a new magazine. Les Bunning had some important tips regarding potential sponsors: "You have to demonstrate to them that by supporting [the CFC] they will receive increased exposure for their products. Only with this attitude can we expect to receive financial support."

Over the past few months, I helped raise over \$15,000 for the CFC from the membership (\$11,000 for the Olympiad Fund and over \$4,000 for general revenues and the Chess Foundation of Canada). However, at its 2008 Annual Meeting, the CFC approved a different direction for its future fundraising efforts: a volunteer Fundraising Committee.

SCC'ers at the 2008 Canadian Open

(2nd in a series of 3 articles)

The 2008 Canadian Open took place in Montreal, Quebec, from July 19 – 27. It was a 9 round swiss, in 5 sections, and 330 players were registered, including in the Open Section, 15 GM's.

8 stalwart SCC'ers went to try their skill and luck. They played in 3 different sections. Their results were, in 9 rounds:

Open Section:

40/48 – FM Yuanling Yuan – 3 pts. (1 pt. was a director's 1 pt. bye)

U 2400:

27/53 – Oscar Villalobos – 4.5 pts. (1st round ½ pt. bye due to T.D. error)

U 2000:

8/77 – Bob Armstrong – 6.5 pts.

12/77 – Alex Ferreira – 5.5 pts.

13/77 – Tyler Longo – 5.5 pts.

50/77 – Mario Moran-Venegas – 4 pts.

58/77 – Uwe Hahnewald – 3.5 pts.

60/77 – Michael Perez – 3 pts.

As usual, I begged, pleaded, threatened everyone to give me their “ most interesting “ game from the tournament – it didn't necessarily have to be a win; a draw or loss was OK if it was interesting and instructive. I published the first games I received last issue. Here are a few more. The final installment will come next Issue.

Uwe Hahnewald



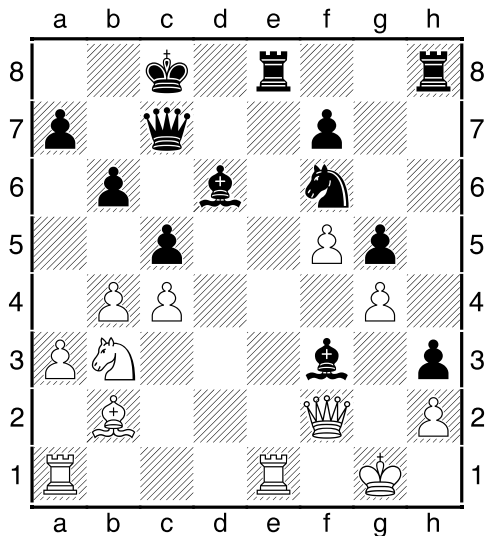
had an equal game, but then his opponent captured the wrong piece, giving Uwe a deadly K-side attack, and the win. Here is his game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Gilbert, Erick (1845) – Hahnewald, Uwe (1705)

2008 Canadian Open (U 2000) Montreal (2), 20.07.2008

1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c3 b6 8.e4 Bb7 9.Qe2 [9.Ng5?! h6 10.Ngf3 0-0; 9.h3 0-0 10.Re1 Re8=] 9...Qc7 [9...0-0 10.h3 Qd7=] 10.Re1 h6 11.a3 0-0-0?!± Erick gets the advantage [11...0-0 12.b4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Rfd8=] 12.b4 dxe4 [12...c4 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxc4 b5 15.Ne3 Nxc3 16.Qf1 h5±] 13.dxe4 Ne5?!± Erick gets a " clear " advantage [13...g5 14.e5 Nd5±] 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Bb2?!± [15.Rb1 Qc7 16.e5 Nd7±] 15...h5 Uwe launches an attack 16.Nb3?!= Erick goes to the wrong square; he has lost his advantage [16.Nc4 Qc7 17.a4 h4±] 16...h4 17.f4? Uwe gets a " clear " advantage [17.a4 hxg3 18.hxg3 Nd7=] 17...Qc7 18.g4 h3 19.Bf3 g5 [19...Qxf4 20.bxc5 Nd7 21.Bc1 Qf6] 20.f5?!-+ Uwe gets a " winning " advantage [20.fxg5 Nd7 21.Bc1 Rhg8] 20...exf5 21.exf5 Rde8?= Uwe loses his advantage [21...Rhe8 22.c4 Qf4-+ - 2.29] 22.c4 Bd6 23.Qf2 Bxf3 [23...Nxc4 24.Bxc4 Bg2 25.Bxh3 Bxh3 26.Qf3 Bxh2+ 27.Kh1 Be5 28.Qa8+ Qb8 29.Qc6+ Qc7 30.Qa8+=]

Position after 23....Bxf3



24.Bxf6??-+ a blunder; Uwe gets a " winning " advantage; material equality [24.Qxf3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Re8 26.Qa8+ Kd7 27.Rxe8 Nxe8=] 24...Bg2! 25.Qd2??-+ a blunder – it is mate in 2 [25.Qe3 Bxh2+ 26.Kf2 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 Qf4+ 28.Ke2 Qxc4+ 29.Kd1 Bf4-+ -32.36] 25...Bxh2+ 26.Kf2 and Erick resigned as it is mate 0-1

Tyler Longo's opponent got an early " winning " advantage on move 11. But a few moves later he blundered, allowing Tyler an attack on the Bl. K, and Tyler then never gave up the advantage. At the end he was up the exchange + P. Here is his game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

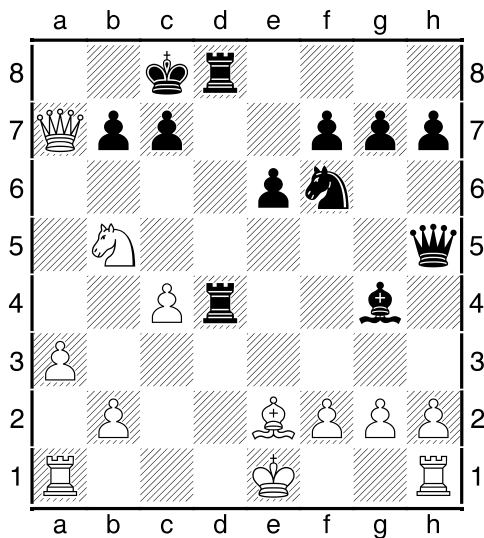


Rozybakiyev, Ilchin (1689) – Longo, Tyler (1907) [B01]

2008 Canadian Open (U 2000) Montreal, Quebec (7), 25.07.2008

1.e4± Fritz evaluation not generally accepted 1...d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Nf3 Qxd5 5.Be2?!= [5.Nc3 Qa5 6.Bd2 Nbd7±] 5...Nc6 6.Be3 0-0-0 7.c4 Qh5?!± [7...Qa5+ 8.Nc3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e5=] 8.Nc3?!= [8.Nbd2 e5 9.d5 Nb4 10.a3 Na6±] 8...e6?!± [8...Nxd4 9.Bxd4 c5 10.Nd5 e6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qa4 exd5 13.Qxa7 Bd6 14.0-0-0 Qf5=] 9.a3?± [9.Qb3 Qa5 10.Rd1 Qb4 11.Qxb4 Bxb4±] 9...Bc5?± [9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 c5 11.Nb5 cxd4 12.Nxa7+ Kb8 13.Nb5 d3±] 10.Qa4?!= [10.Qb3 Rxd4 11.Na4 Nd7±] 10...Nxd4 Tyler goes up a P 11.Nxd4 Bxd4?+- Ilchin gets a " winning " advantage [11...Rxd4! 12.h3 a6 13.Bxd4 Bxd4 14.Qc2 Qf5 15.0-0-0 Qxc2+ 16.Kxc2 Bxe2 17.Nxe2 Bxf2=] 12.Bxd4 Rxd4 13.Qxa7 material equality 13...Rhd8 14.Nb5??-+ - 2.88 a blunder allowing Bl an attack [14.f3 Qh4+ 15.g3 Qh3 16.Kf2 (16.fxg4?? Qg2 17.Rf1 Qxh2 18.Qa8+ Kd7 19.Qxb7 Qxg3+ 20.Rf2 Nxg4 21.Bxg4 Qg1+ 22.Rf1 Qg3+ 23.Ke2 Ke7 24.Rxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qf3+ Qxf3+ 26.Kxf3 Rxc4=) 16...c6+- 1.71]

Position after 14.Nb5??



14...Rd2 15.f3?+- - 4.22 [15.Bxg4 Nxb4 - 3.37] **15...Qe5?+-** - 1.64 [15...Qh4+ 16.Kf1 Ne4 17.Nc3 Ng3+ 18.hxg3 Qxh1+ 19.Qg1 Qxg1+ 20.Kxg1 Bf5+- - 4.48] **16.Nc3 Rxb2** Tyler goes up a P **17.Qa8+ Kd7 18.Rd1+ Nd5 19.Qa4+ b5 20.cxb5?+-** - 7.15 material equality [20.Qa5 Ra8! 21.Qxa8 Qxc3+ 22.Kf1 Qe3 23.Rxd5+ exd5 24.Qxd5+ Ke7 25.Qd3 Qxd3 26.Bxd3 bxc4 27.Bxc4 Rb1+ 28.Kf2 Rxh1 29.fxg4 Ra1+- - 3.30] **20...Qxc3+** Tyler goes up an N **21.Kf1??+-** leads to mate [21.Kf2 Qe3+ 22.Kg3 Qe5+ 23.Kxg4 Ke7+- - 13.62] **21...Ke7! 22.fxg4** material equality, but it is mate in 13 moves [22.Re1 Qc5 23.h4 Bf5+- and it is mate in 12 moves.; 22.h3 Ne3+ 23.Kf2 Nf5+- and it is mate in 12 moves; 22.b6 Ne3+ 23.Kf2 Nf5 24.Qf4 Qc5+ 25.Rd4 Rxe2+ 26.Kxe2 Nxd4+ 27.Ke1 Qc3+- and it is mate in 9 moves] **22...Ne3+?+-** - 16.30 Tyler misses the mate [22...Qf6+ 23.Ke1 Ne3 24.Qb4+ Rxb4 25.Rxd8 Nxb2+ 26.Kd1 Qc3 27.Bd3 Rb2 28.Re8+ Kxe8 29.Bxh7 Ne3#] **23.Kf2 Nxd1+?+-** - 9.88 [23...Qf6+ 24.Kxe3 Qe5+ 25.Qe4 Rxe2+! 26.Kxe2 Qxe4+ 27.Kf2 Qf4+ 28.Ke2 Qxg4+ 29.Kf2 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Qxd1+- - 19.95] **24.Rxd1** Tyler is up the exchange **24...Rxd1?+-** - 4.73 [24...Qe5 25.Re1 Rd4 26.Qa8 Qxh2+- - 11.61] **25.Qxd1 Qc5+ 26.Kf1 Qxa3?+-** - 3.57 Tyler goes up the exchange + P [26...Rc2 27.Qd3 Rc3 28.Qd2 Rc1+ 29.Bd1 Qxa3+- - 4.84] **27.Kf2?+-** - 5.14 [27.Qc1 Kd7 28.g3 Kd8+- - 3.55] **27...Qc5+ 28.Kf1 Qc2?+-** - 3.53 [28...Rc2 29.Qd3 Rc3 30.Qd2 Rc1+ 31.Bd1 Qxb5+ 32.Kf2 Qc5+ 33.Kg3 Rxd1 34.Qxd1 Qd6+ 35.Qxd6+ Kxd6+- - 7.98] **29.Qxc2 Rxc2 30.Bd3 Rb2 31.Be2?!+-** - 5.16 [31.h4 h6+- - 4.68] **31...Kd6 32.Bd3 h6 33.h4 Kc5 34.h5 Kd4+-** - 6.75 0-1

An SCC'er at the U.S. Open

Last month, from Aug. 6 – 10, SCC V-P Maurice Smith went to Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., to play in the U.S. Open. He wrote:



“ I decided to play in the U.S. Open in Dallas this year. This was because I had not played in that tournament before, and also my chess friend from New Jersey Roz Katz was giving a seminar there. As some people may know, Roz was the force behind getting chess into the New Jersey schools curriculum. Her seminar was to show other States how they could do the same thing. The Tournament and the U.S. Delegates meeting were both

being held in the Westin Hotel on the outskirts of Dallas. The hotel was very nice and quite luxurious. There were three telephones in the room, one of which was next to the toilet! The restaurant was rather pricey with the cheapest breakfast being \$20. Roz and I had dinner there the first night. However, I usually walked a mile to a Jack in the Box restaurant for breakfast. It was hot and I do mean hot in Dallas. On the Saturday it was 100% and on Sunday it was 101%. It was o.k. for me but I don't think everyone could adapt to the heat.

There were nine games in the tournament. I opted to play in the 5 day group. There were two one hour games on Wednesday, three one hour games on Thursday, then all groups merged for the last game on Thursday which was 40/2, SD/1. Then there were games Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There were close to 400 players. There were 41 States represented and 6 foreigners. I was one of the foreigners. I took a bye the first round and won my first game, second round against an unrated player. However he wound up with more points than me, so he was not that bad. I wound up with just three points, however I played only one player rated lower than me. It was one section with class prizes. Most of the games were kind of long drawn out grinding down affairs, so I will just show my first game win which was rather bizarre. My opponent was winning so I decided on a double rook sacrifice which shook him up so much that he made inferior moves and blew the win. “

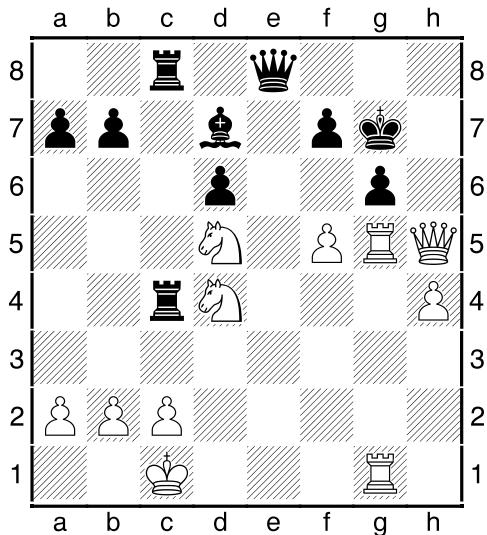
Here is Maurice's 2nd round win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Shver, Evgeny – Smith, Maurice [B76]

2008 U.S. Open Dallas, Texas (2), 06.08.2008

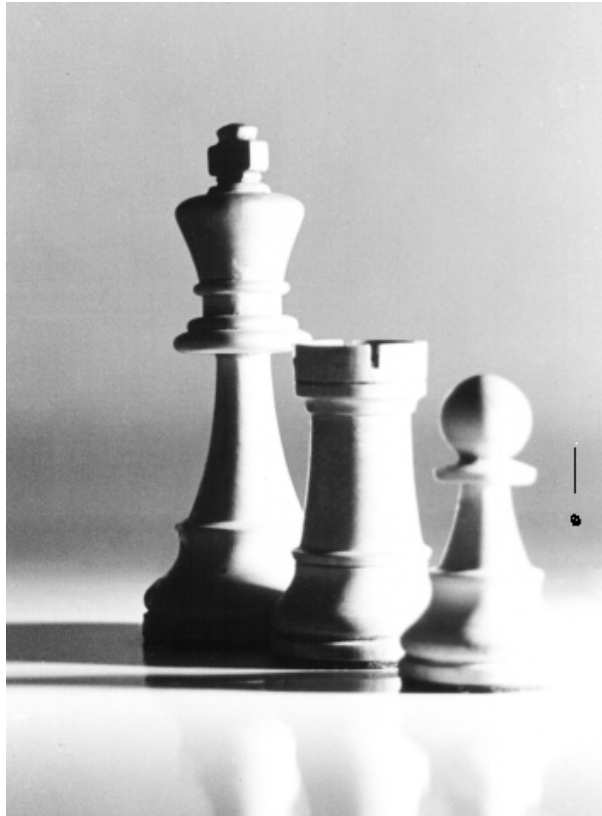
1.e4± Fritz evaluation not generally accepted **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Bd7?!±** MS – Here I know I should play...Nc6 and if he castles, I play ...d5 – because black...Bd7 ,...Nc6,...Rc8 is too slow when white doesn't play Bc4. But I forgot ! BA – Evgeny gets a " clear " advantage [8...Nc6 9.0-0-0 a6±] **9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.g4 Rc8 11.h4 h5 12.gxh5** [12.Nxc6?! Bxc6 13.Bd4 e5 14.Be3 hxg4 15.Bg5 gxf3±] **12...Nxb5 13.Rg1 Ne5 14.Bh6 Qa5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.f4?±** [16.Nb3 Qb4 17.Be2 Rxc3! 18.bxc3 Qa3+ 19.Kb1 b5±] **16...Nc4?+-** Evgeny gets a " winning " advantage [16...Rxc3! 17.fxe5 Rc5 18.Qxa5 Rxa5 19.exd6 exd6=] **17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Qe2??** for the first time in the game, Maurice gets the advantage, a " clear " advantage [18.Nb3 Qd8 19.f5 Rh8+-] **18...Rfc8?+-** MS – I missed his next move. BA – this loses an N. Evgeny gets back the " winning " advantage [18...Rxc3! 19.bxc3 Nxf4 20.Qf3 e5 21.Ne2 Nxe2+ 22.Qxe2 Rc8±] **19.Rg5?!±** [19.Nb3 Qb4 20.Qxh5 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Qxe4+-] **19...Qb6 20.Nd5?±** BA – here the intervening move is not good [20.Qxh5 Rh8 21.Qf3 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Qxd4 23.h5 Kf8±] **20...Qd8?+-** BA – Evgeny gets back his " winning " advantage again [20...Qa6 21.Qxh5 Qxa2 22.c3 Qa1+ 23.Kd2 Rxd4+ (23...Qxb2+? 24.Ke1 R8c5+-) 24.cxd4 Qxb2+ 25.Ke1 Rc2=] **21.Qxh5** Evgeny goes up an N **21...e6?+-** 9.88 Maurice is getting into pretty deep trouble [21...Qh8 22.Qf3 Kf8+- 5.35] **22.Rdg1! Qe8!** 14.39 [22...exd5?? 23.Rxg6+ fxg6 24.Rxg6+ Kf8 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Rg8#; 22...Rxd4?? 23.Rxg6+ fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kf8 25.Qg8#] **23.f5 exf5 24.exf5**

Position after 24.exf5



Rxc2+! MS – Somehow I didn't thing there was time for ...Rxd4. BA Maurice was right ! A very nice sac to try to regain some ground, and maybe a perpetual. [24...Rxd4?? 25.Rxg6+ fxg6 26.Rxg6+ Qxg6 27.Qxg6+ Kh8 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Nf6+ Kf7 30.Qg6+ Kf8 31.Qg8+ Ke7 32.Qg7+ Kd8 33.Qxd7#] **25.Nxc2 Rxc2+ 26.Kxc2** BA – Evgeny is up 2 R's vs P. Though the sacs are basically not helpful (17.14), W must deal with playing against this surprise over the board, and might go wrong **26...Qe4+ 27.Kc1 Qc4+ 28.Nc3?+-** 14.86 BA – a first mistake by W [28.Kb1 Qxd5+- and W mates in 17 moves] **28...Qf4+?+-** 22.86 [28...Bxf5 29.Rxf5 a6+- 20.82] **29.Kc2?+-** 10.07 BA – a second mistake by W [29.Kb1 Bxf5+ 30.Rxf5 Qc4+- and W mates in 17 moves] **29...Qf2+ 30.Kb1 Bxf5+ 31.Rxf5?+-** 1.87 BA – a third mistake by W – giving Maurice the exchange and at least the other R [31.Ka1 a6+- 11.77] **31...Qxg1+** Evgeny is up R + N vs 2 P's **32.Nd1??=** BA – a fourth mistake – giving Maurice the Q and a chance to draw! [32.Qd1 Qxd1+ 33.Nxd1 gxf5 34.Nc3 Kg6 35.Kc2 Kh5 36.Nb5 d5 37.Nxa7 f4 38.Nc8 f3 39.Kd2 (39.Kd3? Kxh4 40.Ne7 d4 41.a4 Kg3 42.Nf5+ Kg2 43.Nh4+ Kg3 44.Nxf3 Kxf3 45.a5 f5 46.b4 f4 47.b5 Kg2 48.a6 f3 49.axb7 f2 50.b8Q f1Q+ 51.Kxd4 Qf2+ 52.Kd3=) 39...Kxh4 40.Ke1 Kg3 41.Kf1 d4 42.Nd6 d3 43.Nc4 b5 44.Nd2 b4 45.a3 bxa3 46.bxa3 Kf4 47.Kf2 Ke5 48.a4 Kd4 49.a5 Kc5 50.Kxf3 Kb5 51.Nb3 Ka6+-; 32.Rf1! Qxf1+ 33.Qd1 Qxd1+ 34.Nxd1 Kh6 35.Nc3 f5 36.Nb5 d5 37.Nc7 Kh5 38.Nxd5 Kxh4 39.Ne7 Kh5 40.Kc2 f4 41.Kd3 g5 42.Nf5 g4 43.Ke4 Kg5 44.Ng7 f3 45.Ke3 Kf6 46.Nh5+ Kf5 47.Ng3+ Kg5 48.a4 Kh4 49.Kf2 a5 50.Nf5+ Kg5 51.Ne3 Kh4 52.b3 Kh3 53.Nf5 Kh2 54.Nh4 Kh1 55.Ng6 Kh2 56.Nf4 Kh1 57.Nh5 Kh2 58.Ng3 Kh3 59.Nf1 Kh4 60.Nd2 Kg5 61.Ke3 Kf5 62.Nc4 Kg5 63.Nxa5 Kh4 64.Nc4 Kg3 65.a5 Kg2 66.b4 g3 67.Nd2 f2 68.Kf4 Kh3 69.Kf3 f1Q+ 70.Nxf1 g2 71.Kf2 gxf1Q+ 72.Kxf1 Kg3 73.b5 Kf4 74.a6 bxa6 75.bxa6+-] **32...gxh5** BA – Maurice is up Q + 2 P vs R + N **33.Rg5+ Qxg5 34.hxg5** BA – Maurice has 2 P's vs N **34...Kg6 35.Nf2??** BA – a fifth mistake, and Maurice actually gets a " clear " advantage ! [35.Kc2 Kxg5 36.Kd3 Kf4 37.Ke2 h4=] **35...Kxg5** BA – Maurice has 3 P's vs N and winning chances **36.Ne4+??+** BA – a final 6th blunder that gives Maurice a " winning " advantage [36.Kc2 d5 37.Kd2 Kf4 38.Ke2 Kg3 39.Kf1 f5 40.Nd3 f4±] **36...Kf4 37.Nxd6** Maurice has 2 P's vs N, but a win **37...h4 38.Nxf7** Maurice has a passed P vs N **38...h3 39.Nd6 h2+** – 7.83 MS – Bizarre !! Strange but true. **0-1**

An Impressive Trio !



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