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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Scarborough Chess Club Gets New Home !!

Thanks to the hard and persistent work of club President, Maurice Smith, Scarborough is now moved to a new location, slightly north and east of our current site. We are again in a community centre in Scarborough, but in a room with capacity for about 100 players ! This will greatly relieve the crowded conditions we have had to play under for the last few years, where our old location had a maximum of 80 players, and in some tournaments, we were reaching the maximum. The room is big enough, that we should be able to set up some tables at the far end as a skittles/analysis area – a great addition to what the club offers.

The new location is Birkdale Community Centre, 1299 Ellesmere Road – between Midland Ave. and Brimley Road. It is within walking distance of the Midland LRT station. I believe there is also an Ellesmere West bus that goes from the station by the Centre. There is free parking there. The telephone number of the Community Centre is 416-396-4069. But calls to the club should still be made to the club executive – if members don't have the SCC business card with their numbers, you can get one on Thursday, Jan. 7.

We are looking forward to continued success and growth in our new home !!

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2009 Canadian Player of the Year – IM Jean Hebert !

Each year chess historian David Cohen organizes a vote for Canadian chess player of the year. In early December he wrote to chess journalist to vote as follows:

“ I invite you [Canadian chess journalists] to choose the 2009 Canadian Chess Player of the Year by casting your vote! The purpose is to recognize the achievements of a Canadian chess player in 2009; and to gain some publicity for Canadian chess.....

For the 3rd year running, I will give one vote to the results of a fan poll of chess players,

This is a vote by you, our Canadian chess journalists - our 6th year! I have designed it to be conducted by a method that the Canadian news media will accept. The idea is to get some publicity for chess. Initially, you may write up the results in your chess column. If we keep doing this year after year, eventually this will be a news or sports item that will gain Canadian chess additional media coverage.....

Past winners:

2008 Mark Bluvshstein
2007 Nikolay Noritsyn
2006 Kevin Spraggett
2005 Mark Bluvshstein
2004 Mark Bluvshstein
2003 Pascal Charbonneau
1979 Kevin Spraggett

Well, the results are now in, and the 2009 chess player of the year is IM Jean Hebert, 2009 Canadian Champion/Zonal Representative to World Cup, and French-Speaking Countries Champion. The other top vote getters were:

2nd Richard Wang
3rd Mark Bluvshstein
4th Shiyam Thavandiran
5th Janak Awatramani
6th Anton Kovalyov

Congratulations Jean! The award will likely be given to Jean this July at the Canadian Open in Toronto.

New Year's Resolutions Are Great Things!

With the end of 2009, it was time to take stock.....and to look forward.....

You may remember (?) that on Jan. 1, 2007, one of your intrepid editor's resolutions for 2007 was to go over 1800 and stay there - I was at the time 1793. So how did I do ? Well divided success.

Here is my track record:

Going Over 1800

Falling Back into 1700's

March 8 - 1815

March 18 - 1783

April 2 - 1822

June 23 - 1776

July 15 - 1813

July 30 - 1799

August 3 - 1808

August 19 - 1778

August 30 - 1816

September 3 - 1771

November 4 - 1818

December 31 - 1821

So, on Jan. 1, 2008, I was faced with the question of what to do. Here I was, over 1800 again, but only at 1821. But I decided to put on a brave face.

My resolution for 2008? – going over 1900 ! I decided I could not only stay in the 1800's, but make it back into the 1900's, which I hadn't done since April 23, 2001 , my one and only time I got over 1900 (to 1911). Optimism is such a great characteristic ! So how did I do in 2008?

Well, unfortunately, it looks a lot like 2007 – trying just to stay in the 1800's ! Though, I did only slide back in the first half of the year. I managed to stay in the 1800's for the second half. But the closest I came to 1900 was 1873 on Jan. 20.

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Going Over 1800

Falling Back into 1700's

Jan. 1 – 1821 (start of year)

Feb. 17 – 1796

March 18 – 1834

May 15 – 1752

July 27 – 1839

Dec. 31 – 1857 (year end)

So the big question for 2009 was – do I dare try to keep my goal of going over 1900, when for two straight years now, the struggle has been just to stay in the 1800's? On Jan. 1, 2009, I resoundingly declared : YES !! I would get over 1900 in 2009 !

So, comes the end of December, 2009, and it was time to review again. How did I do last year? Generally, it was a good year:

- in April I played up a section, and I had a performance rating of 2011 at the PwC Toronto Open, Open section, drawing 2 masters (before this I'd never beaten nor drawn a master);
- at the July Canadian Open, I drew my third master (though my performance rating there was a tad under 1800.);
- in October in the Toronto Thanksgiving Open, U 2200, playing up a section again, I again had a performance slightly over 2000, and finished tied 11th/12th, despite being ranked last of 20 players.

This shows that there is some Good News in the statistics ! Playing up a section for some reason works for me ! Last year I played up a section in 4 tournaments – my record was: 2 wins; 10 draws (including against 2 masters and 2 experts); 10 losses.

Despite the negative score, I had an overall net gain of 47 ratings points because of the significant difference in ratings !:

1. PwC Toronto Open – Open Section - + 18 pts.
2. Toronto Labour Day – U 2200 Section - - 10 pts.
3. Toronto Thanksgiving Open – U 2200 Section - + 53 pts.
4. Hart House Holidays Open – U 2100 Section - - 24 pts.

I feel this justifies my decision that I can play up and give somewhat stronger players a run for their money !

However, on the rating front there is some disappointment. My goal had been to go over 1900 in 2009. But my penchant for losing to weaker players, and losing the points I'm gaining against stronger players continues, and came on like gang busters in the last months of the year. The Toronto Seniors' Championship in October/November proved to be a disaster for me, though I came 4th out of 8. I lost 53 rating pts., and I (horrors) dropped below 1800 again for the first time last year, to 1776.

I did have 2 chances to try to recover at the very end of the year, and, a bit chastened, crawl my way back into the 1800's. First was the SCC Falling Leaves Swiss that ended Dec. 17. I did finish that tournament with 3 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses, and won back 58 rating points, bringing me back to 1838 !. My second chance was the Toronto Hart House Holidays Open, Dec. 18-20, where I played up a section again, in the U 2100 group. This was a problem. There I finished with only 1.5 pts., and lost 24 rating points. But this does leave me a bit above 1800 , at 1810, for the end of the year !! There is some consolation in ending the year over 1800.

So what is the 2010 New Year's Resolution? Well, I did manage to stay in the 1800's for most of 2009, and as of the end of 2009. I did draw my first three masters ever. I did win rating points overall when playing up a section. So generally, I would have to say things moved in the direction of improvement, despite my barely 1800 year end rating and my failure to go over 1900.

So.....I have decided that my prior resolution of the last two years, to go over 1900 again, is still valid, and I am adopting it as my resolution for 2010 !! Wish me luck !!

Good luck on all your great 2010 Resolutions too !

2009 Chess Year – In Review

We just wanted to draw to your attention a great summary of major chess in 2009 on the chess website, Chess.com. Here is the link to the 2-part article:

<http://www.chess.com/news/2009-year-in-review-5390>

January 1, 2010 FIDE Rating List

The big news is that there is a new # 1 player, and the youngest player ever to hold this position – Magnus **Carlsen** (Norway), with a rating of 2810 ! So, for the first time in a while, there are now two players over 2800 – Magnus Carlsen and Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria). [Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th World Champion, now retired,

was the first player to break 2800 (highest rating ever in July 1999 – 2851); Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 14th World Champion, was the second player; Veselin Topalov, the 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third; Viswanathan Anand (India), 15th and current world champion, was the fourth; Magnus Carlsen was the fifth, and youngest].

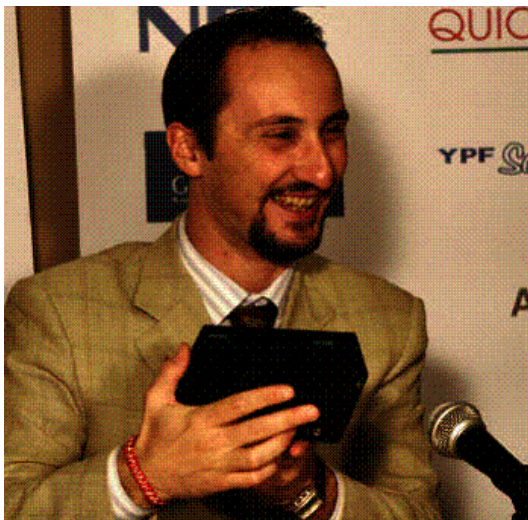
There are 32 players in the 2700's.

Some of the top players are (birth date of younger players (22 yrs. & younger) in brackets, after country) :

1 : Magnus **Carlsen** (Norway - 1990), rated 2810 (up 38 pts. !);



2 : Veselin **Topalov** (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, 2006 World Championship Challenger, and 2010 Challengers' Match participant, at 2805;



3 : Viswanathan **Anand** (India), 15th and current World Champion, rated 2790;



4 : Vladimir **Kramnik** (Russia), 14th World Champion, rated 2788 (up 16 pts.);



5 : Levon **Aronian** (Armenia) – rated 2781;



- # 6 : Boris **Gelfand** (Israel), rated 2761;
- # 7 : Vugar **Gashimov** (Russia), rated 2759;
- # 8 : Vassily **Ivanchuk** (Ukraine), rated 2749;
- # 9 : Yue **Wang** (China), rated 2749;
- # 10 : Peter **Svidler** (Russia), rated 2744;
- # 46 : Judit **Polgar** (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2682 (a number of years ago, she was in the top 10 ! She has taken periods off to have children);

Some other past World Champions/FIDE World Champions and their current ratings are :

- # 13 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine) at 2737;
- # 34 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2702;

Here are a number of the younger (22 yrs. & younger) players, not in the top ten, in the top 30, who we're watching (birth date in brackets after country)[note: juniors = U 20 yrs. as of Jan. 1]

- # 18.: Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (France – 1990) – 2730 (up from # 23);
- # 21 : Sergey Karjakin (Russia – 1990) – 2720;
- # 23 : Hao Wang (China – 1988) – 2715 (up from # 28).

The 5 highest FIDE rated Canadians (active in the last 24 months, internationally or in Canada) are:

- # 1 : GM Kevin **Spraggett**, 5 times Canadian Champion (last in 1996), at 2586 – now playing out of Portugal;



2 : GM Mark **Bluvshtein** (1988) at 2583 (now only 3 pts. back of Spraggett !);



(from David Cohen's Canadian Chess website)

3 : GM Pascal **Charbonneau**, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2509 – now working in USA;



(from CFC Website)

4 : IM Thomas **Roussel-Roozmon** (1988) at 2488.

5 : IM Igor **Zugic**, 2006 Canadian Champion, at 2462.

The current 2009 Canadian Champion, IM **Jean Hebert**, is rated 2418.

Canada has 3 inactive GM's : Alexander **Le Siege**; Duncan **Suttles**; Dimitri **Tyomkin**.

Canadian GM's with other federations are : GM Anton **Kovalyov** (Argentina) at 2601; GM Bator **Sambuev** (Russia) at 2473 (down 18 pts.).

The top 5 women in the world are :

1 : GM Judit **Polgar** (Hungary) – 2682 (first woman player in history to break 2700);



2 : GM Humpy **Koneru** (India) – 2614 (second woman over 2600);



3 : WGM Yifan **Hou** (China – 1994) – 2590 (15 years old !).



4 : GM Antoaneta **Stefanova** (Bulgaria) – 2545;

5 : GM Nadezhda Kosintseva (Russia) – 2533.

The current Women's World Champion, GM Alexandra Kosteniuk (Russia)



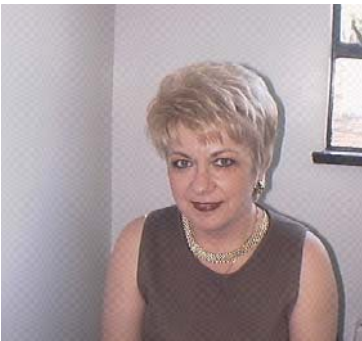
is # 8 at 2523.

The top 5 FIDE rated Canadian women players are (active in the last 24 months,
internationally or in Canada) :

1 : WIM Yuanling **Yuan** (1994 - SCC member !) at 2189 ;.



2 : WIM Nava **Starr**, 8 time Canadian Women's Champion (last in 2001), at 2175.



(from David Cohen's Canadian Chess website)

3 : WIM Natalia **Khoudgarian**, 2006 & 2007 Canadian Women's Champion, at 2137.



(from CFC Website)

4 : WFM Dina **Kagramanov**, 2009 Canadian Women's Champion, at 2117 ;

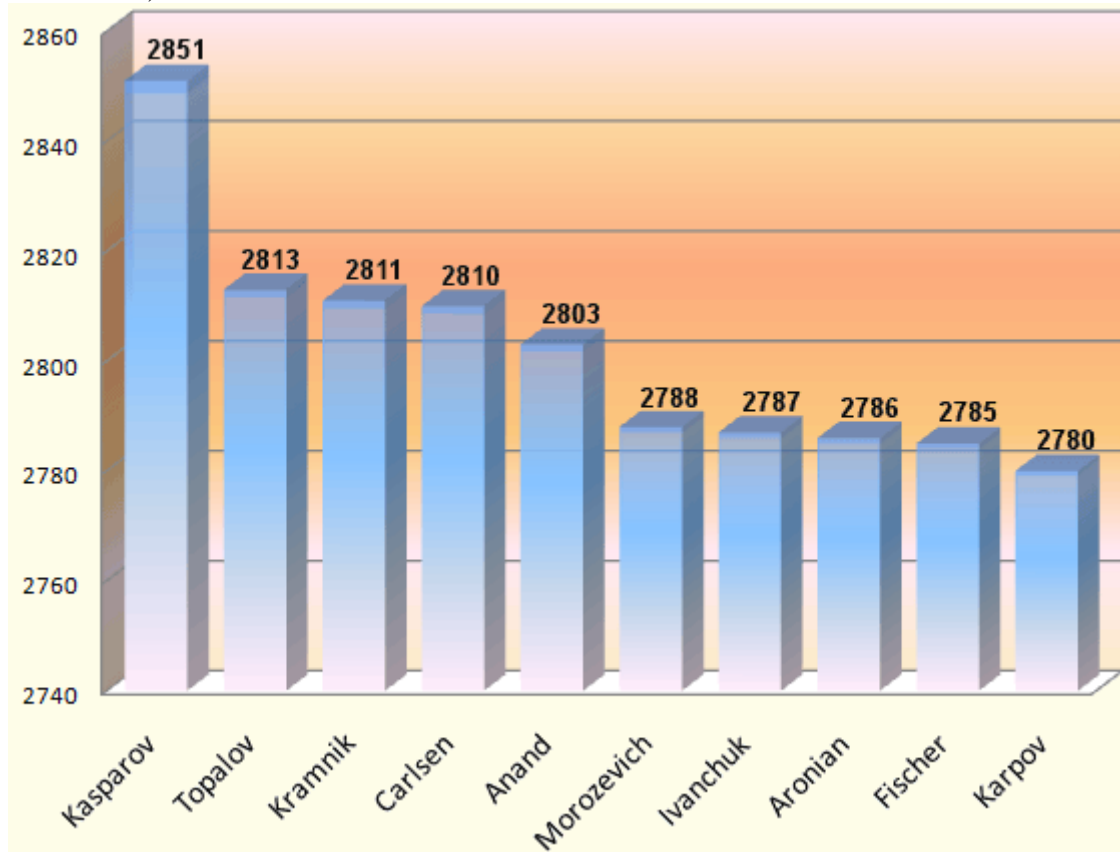
5 : Irina **Barron**, at 2043

There are 4 inactive Canadian WIM's : Vesma **Baltgailis**; Johanne **Charest**;
Dinara **Khaziyeva**; Smilja **Vujosevic**.

The highest FIDE-rated Canadian woman is WFM Valeriya **Gansvind**, at 2226,
who plays for another federation - Estonia.

Top ten FIDE-rated players of all time

(from
ChessBase)



Russian Championship

The Russian Championships ran from the 20th-30th December 2009. Both men's and women's events were 10 player round robins. Peter Svidler, Alexander Grischuk and Dmitry Jakovenko starred in the men's tournament.

The venue was the Central Chess House on Gogolevsky Boulevard in Moscow. The prize fund was \$100,000.

The winner of the men's tournament was Alexander Grischuk, by ½ pt. ahead of Peter Svidler.

The winner of the women's tournament was Alisa Galliamova, by ½ pt. ahead of Nadezhda Kosintseva.

The final standings of the men's tournament were:

Final standings (after nine rounds)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0			
1	Griechuk,A	2736	+116	=	K	K	K	1	K	1	1	K	1	8.5/9	
2	Svidler,P	2764	+80	K	=	K	K	K	1	1	1	1	0	8.0/9	
3	Vrbugov,N	2894	+36	K	K	=	K	1	1	K	0	1	0	8.0/9	
4	Alekseev,Evgeny	2716	-38	K	K	K	=	0	K	K	1	K	K	4.6/9	20.00
5	Jakovenko,D	2736	-80	0	K	0	1	=	K	K	K	K	1	4.6/9	18.25
6	Khismatullin,D	2843	+14	K	0	0	K	K	=	K	1	0	1	4.0/9	16.75
7	Tomazhevsky,E	2709	-67	0	0	K	K	K	K	=	K	K	1	4.0/9	16.75
8	Flizantsev,A	2881	-6	0	0	1	0	K	0	K	=	1	1	4.0/9	16.75
9	Timofeev,Arty	2851	-34	K	0	0	K	K	1	K	0	=	K	3.6/9	
10	Sjugirov,S	2812	-32	0	1	1	K	0	0	0	0	K	=	3.0/9	

Hart House Holidays Open

This five round, four section swiss was played the weekend before Christmas at U of T's Hart House, and drew 117 players (over what they initially had decided was their maximum of 110). The organizer was SCC member Alex Ferreira, and the TD, SCC member Bryan Lamb.

The top finishers were:

Open Section

Name ID RtnG Rd 1 Rd 2 Rd 3 Rd 4 Rd 5 Tot Prize

- 1 Nikolay Noritsyn 132534 2532 W21 W13 D2 W6 W7 4.5 800.00
- 2 Leonid Gerzhoy 142916 2572 W17 W10 D1 W8 D5 4.0 400.00
- 3 Andrei Moffat (SCC Member) 108272 2232 B--- D6 W12 H--- W10 4.0 400.00

U 2300 Prize Winners:

- 10 Wajdy Shebetah 148432 2236 W28 L2 W21 W11 L3 3.0 100.00
- 11 Nikita Gusev 128168 2134 D4 W9 W13 L10 D15 3.0 100.00

U 2100 Section

Name ID RtnG Rd 1 Rd 2 Rd 3 Rd 4 Rd 5 Tot Prize

- 1 Geordie Derraugh 132393 2098 W6 W12 W10 W4 D3 4.5 250.00
- 2 Leon Perelman 146258 1954 D14 W7 D13 W10 W6 4.0 125.00
- 3 Yelizaveta Orlova 138247 1948 D19 W14 W5 W8 D1 4.0 125.00

U 1800 Section

Name ID RtnG Rd 1 Rd 2 Rd 3 Rd 4 Rd 5 Tot Prize

- 1 Jim Zhao 146770 1774 W31 W20 D4 W6 W9 4.5 300.00
- 2 Richard Yam 131035 1793 L14 W31 W24 W18 W11 4.0 133.33
- 3 Mike Ivanov 140557 1748 W15 W26 D8 W19 D4 4.0 133.33
- 4 Travis Li 145596 1730 W43 W14 D1 W8 D3 4.0 133.33

U 1500 Section

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Prize
1	Adrian Botescu	145425	1478	W21	W6	W2	W4	W5	5.0	250.00
2	Qiang Li	148448	1427	W15	W16	L1	W12	W4	4.0	150.00
3	James Denis Dylan Martin	147280	1441	W14	W10	L4	D5	W6	3.5	100.00

The Team Competition was very competitive and finished in a tie!

YoYos: Yelizaveta Orlova, Alexander Martchenko, Arthur Calugar & Dalia Kagrananov
ARBYS: Artiom Samsonkin, Richard Yam, Roman Sapozhnikov & Robert Bzikot

Shared the Team Prize of \$400, each individual taking home \$50.

BUFFALO ACTIVE CHESS

Reported by Erwin Casareno

On Dec 19, 2009, I went to Buffalo, NY to play in a 4 round active chess for 2 reasons: to improve my USCF rating and to hone my skills in active chess with a time control of 45 minutes plus 5 seconds increment per move. This event, known as Garnell K Whitfield Jr. Grand Prix 2009, is directed by Mr. McDuffie and was conducted in Main Place Mall, Upper Level at 390 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14201.



The first time I played in this tournament was in July 18, 2009 where I finished 2.5 points in 4 games, losing to NM Lionel Davis in the last round to drop out of top honors. This time, I expected to play better.

My participation to this tournament was jeopardized when I got into “border traffic” at the Buffalo border and my GPS leading me again to the West Seneca area, 8 miles off downtown Buffalo. I feared that I may not have been paired by the TD and could lose this tournament for tardiness. Fortunately, the TD placed me in the pairing, on board 6, and started my clock while I was still on the road. I arrived at the playing area with only 17 minutes left on my clock. Although my 1446 opponent has the full 45 minutes, I controlled myself into thinking for the best opening moves, as there is a 5 second increment. I faced the Caro Kann with the Accelerated Panov Attack and succeeded to create a passed c- pawn. With 57 seconds left on my clock, I shifted my play to blitz mode and got the point when my opponent overstepped the time limit.

In round 2 board 2, Barry Davis 2091, with the white pieces, missed a strong continuation in the middle game but has to scramble for the draw after I had an extra knight in the endgame.

In round 3 board 3, Thomas Warner 1818 with the black pieces, gambit a pawn in the Center Counter but managed to create a perpetual check for the draw.

So after 3 games, I had 2 points. It is time to go for the win no matter what. However, the task looked difficult as I faced the top seed Vance Williams 2135 in round 4 in board 2. This time, I planned to use the main line against his Caro Khan defense, But he played the rare 3...Nf6 so I transposed to the classical French. To create threats on the black king I gave away the b pawn as shown in D1.

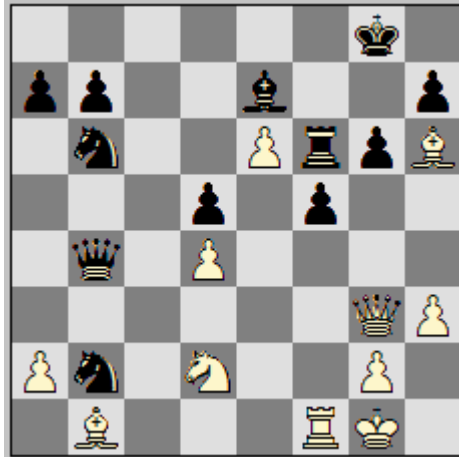


D1. E. Casareno 1906 (USCF) – V. Williams 2135
Position after 21. ...Nd3

22.Qd1 Qc7
also looks
promising. **22.**
...Nb2
23.Qf3 f5
24.Bh6 Rf7
25.e6 Rf6
26.Qg3 Qb4
(see D2)

Black
threatens
Qd4+, winning
a second pawn,
but more
importantly, he
defends his 8th
rank through
f8.

27.Qb8+
Bf8 **28.Re1**
Qe7 (see
D3) Having
succeeded in
pushing back
the black
pieces to the
defense of the
black king, I
have obtained
a winning
position at the
cost of a pawn.
. **29.Bg5**



D2. E. Casareno 1906 (USCF) – V. Williams 2135
Position after 26. ...Qb4



D3. E. Casareno 1906 (USCF) – V. Williams 2135
Position after 28. ...Qe7

White gets the Q for a rook, bishop and a pawn, but now Black has the initiative. 29. Nf3 – developing the knight is much stronger. 29.

..Re6
30.Be7
Re1+
31.Kf2 Re7
32.Qa7
Nd1+
33.Kf1

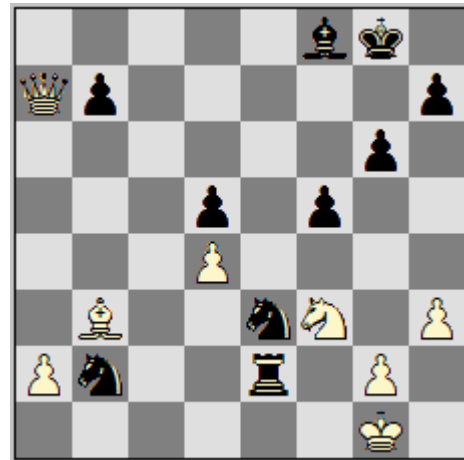
Ne3+
34.Kf2
Nd1+ (=)

Black offered the draw which I declined after I realized that someone is already 3 and 2.5 points. If the game ends in a draw, we both end out of the honor range.

35.Kf1
Ne3+
36.Kg1
Nbc4
37.Nf3 Nd1
38.Bd3
N1b2 (see D4) **39.Bc2**
Re2 40.Bb3



D4. E. Casareno 1906 (USCF) – V. Williams 2135
 Position after 38. ...N1b2



D5. E. Casareno 1906 (USCF) – V. Williams 2135
 Position after 40. ...Ne3

Ne3

41.Qb7??

This is a blinder which gave the point to black. The better move is 41.Ne5 – defending d3. With 10 minutes in my clock, I started to play faster and I presume he was hoping to put more pressure on me by moving faster. Black has 23 minutes left. **41.**

..Rg2+

42.Kh1 (see D5) **42...**

Nbc4?

Missing the 2 moves mate with 42. ...Nd3 and Nf2+., Black loses quickly.

43.Ne5 Nd6

(see

D7)**44.Bd5+**

Kh8

45.Nf7+

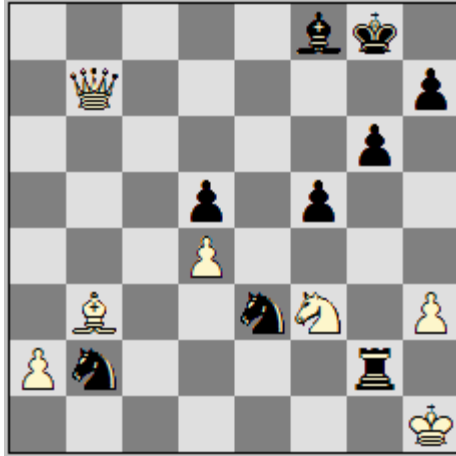
Kg7

45. ...Nf7 is answered by Qf7 and mate next move. **46.Nd6+ 1-0**

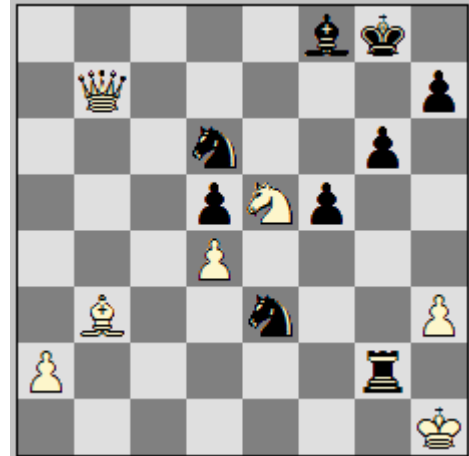
After winning this game, I ended up with 3 points, tying B. Davis 2091 for 2nd -3rd places.

SCC – Who Are We ??

This is a series, in each Issue, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada ! This Issue we introduce



D6. E. Casareno 1906 (USCF) – V. Williams 2135
Position after 42.Kh1



D7. E. Casareno 1906 (USCF) – V. Williams 2135
Position after 43. ...Nd6

Steve Karpik



I learned how to play chess when Bobby Fischer was taking the world by storm. It was merely a coincidence; a bunch of guys at my high school (Thistleton Collegiate in Rexdale, Ontario) played chess in the library and I was curious about the game. It just happened that I took it up when chess was experiencing growth in its popularity that it had never seen before and has never seen since. Rick Garel was one of the people who showed me the ropes early on. Another was my friend Boyd Wales.

I picked up the rules pretty quickly and got into the game with great enthusiasm. I bought myself a chess set from Coles bookstore. The pieces were bright transparent green and transparent pink. Even then I thought they looked kind of awful but they were cheap. I played countless games at Rick's place. I also lost countless games to Rick. In the course of playing Rick I developed a deep psychological scarring whereby I break into a sweat every time someone pushes their h pawn trying to crack the defences of my castled king. I was helpless against that attack, and (I probably shouldn't confess this) I still remain so today.

Not long after I started playing I discovered the word "hypermodern". What teenager wouldn't be attracted to something that was both hyper and modern? That led me to Aron Nimzowitsch's book "My System" where I learned the joys of positional play in chess. Good thing I enjoyed positional chess as I am utterly hopeless as an attacking player.

After playing with the guys at my high school, I joined the Etobicoke Chess Club and played in some of their club Swisses and their interclub matches. I also played in some giant tournaments down at Harbourfront and at Varsity Arena. That was incredible – so many chess players in one place. I thought that was the way chess was always played and that it would continue to be played that way into the future. I didn't know that Fischer would become mentally unstable and a hermit, withdrawing from the game, taking away the big draw to chess for North Americans. This was back in the early 1970s. At that time I also could never have anticipated the affect of the internet on chess play since the internet had yet to be invented.

By the time I got to university I was pretty busy so chess went by the wayside. But I was developing an interest in these new things called computers, and the fact that computers

could actually play chess was truly amazing. Albeit in 1975 computers played chess only slightly better than my cat could today (sorry, Pumpkin). But nonetheless, the simple fact that a machine could generate legal moves that looked like a chess game was a miracle at that time. I never believed, and I think most of my contemporaries never believed, that computers would eventually leave 99% of the human chess players in their dust by the new millennium.

In the mid-1990s I got interested again in chess and played on Sundays at the Scarborough Chess Club when it was located in some high school's cafeteria. Mark Dutton was the ring master and presided over some pretty exciting chess. Every session started with Mark bellowing out some instructions or notice to the club. It wasn't like 1972 with Fischer, but it was still pretty exciting. At that time I was still pretty busy so again chess fell to the wayside.

By 2000 my time was a little freer and Mark Dutton had taken his excellent organizing skills over to Bayview starting up his own club. Also at that time, chess software, both databases and chess-playing programs, had become relatively cheap and very sophisticated. By this time in my life I was a computer scientist and this new software let me blend two things I really enjoy – chess and software. The new software helped my chess out immeasurably. Rather than just losing, I could use the software to understand why I lost. My positional play is probably stronger because of the use of computers. My attacking skills are still terrible.

I played at Dutton's club until 2003 when Mark found that the support for a for-profit chess club just wasn't there and he shut down operations. I went back to the Scarborough Chess Club and continued my playing there. Bryan Lamb was pretty much the organizing force behind the club at that time. After a year or two as an ordinary member of the club, I got involved as an Executive member and took on the responsibility of looking after the club's web site. One of the things I started doing with the web site is posting the results of each round as soon as I got home on Thursday nights. When I started doing this I didn't think that anyone would really care but I am constantly surprised how much SCC members are interested in the competition within the club. I enjoy working with the club's Executive (president Maurice Smith, vice-president Bryan Lamb, treasurer Andrew Philip and member-at-large Martin Maister). We work extremely well together as a group and with the help of other club volunteers the Scarborough Chess Club is one of the most active and successful chess clubs in Canada. Without the aid of a giant like Fischer popularizing the game through the media, the SCC is fuelling a renaissance of club play in the Toronto region.

Why do I play chess? Probably there are two reasons. First, I find it relaxing. When I'm thinking about how to defend myself from what appears to be an attack against which there is no defence, my mind can be on nothing but chess. This has an almost meditative quality for me. Second, it's the people in the club. I enjoy the social nature of the club and the friendly spirit of competition. It is a real pleasure to see a club function well where we have such a wide range of chess experience and talents.

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the question:

When Fischer played for the World Championship at Reykjavik 1972, how many times had he beaten his opponent prior to that match?

The Answer SCC member Ken Kurkowski (Ken did a chess profile for the newsletter in the Issue # 10-19, June 1 - unfortunately it is no longer archived on the newsletter website) gets bragging rights this Issue for correctly answering the question. We also have to give honourable mention to CFC Governor Ken Craft, who also had the right answer, but was slightly slower answering than Ken Kurkowski. Rick's answer was:

Never

In their five previous meetings Fischer had never beaten Spassky.

Ken Kurkowski pointed out that in the 5 times, Spassky won three and there were two draws.

Today's Trivia Question is:

At the interzonal at Palma de Mallorca 1970, Fischer was at the peak of his prime. He surprised two players in that tournament by varying from his usual 1 e4 (P-K4) as white. He won both games. What was his first move that he sprung?

You can use any resource available to answer the question ! Just find it fast and send it in as fast as you can, by e-mail, to Rick : rickgarel@gmail.com .

The first correct e-mail received wins, and gets bragging rights. Also, we will publish the honoured winner's name in the next newsletter, along with a few details they provide as to their chess experience (if they wish), along with Rick's researched answer.

Thanks for playing !!

Chess History is fun !!

Also write Rick if you have any chess trivia questions or presentations you'd like him to consider for his column. He will give credit to the author if he uses your suggestion.

Write Rick Garel : rickgarel@gmail.com

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss

This second SCC Swiss of the season ran from Nov. 5 to Dec. 17. 43 players showed up for the Open section. It was headed by 7 masters (!) and 6 experts. 25 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 68 players is slightly fewer than our average last year of over 70 players per tournament (though we had 82 players for the Howard Ridout at the start of the season). The executive had felt we could take 80 players as maximum at our old location, given byes, and so for the moment, the pressure on our maximum was relieved somewhat.

The winners were:

Open Section:

1st – 6 pts. – junior WIM Yuanling Yuan (only gave up 2 draws).

2nd/4th – 5 pts. – Master Rune Pedersen; Master Andrei Moffat; Master Erwin Casareno

U 1700 section:

1st – 6 pts.- junior Magas Yusuf (only gave up 2 draws)

2nd – 5.5 pts. – junior Yutong Luo

3rd – 5 pts. – Andrew Philip

Publication of games under the SCC Policy on the Games Database is delayed until the end of the tournament, so no games from this tournament have yet been published. So in this Issue, and the next 3 issues, we are presenting some of the more interesting games from various rounds. In this Issue, we see some games from rounds 1 & 2.

In Rd. 1 in the Open Section, veteran “ sac-a-piece “ Pino Verde came up against our top club player on Bd. 1, new member Master Rune Pedersen (2383 !). Pino blundered and allowed his N to be pinned against his Q. But then Rune unsoundly sacked his N to break open lines to Pino's K. Pino tried to squirm out of the position, but then his

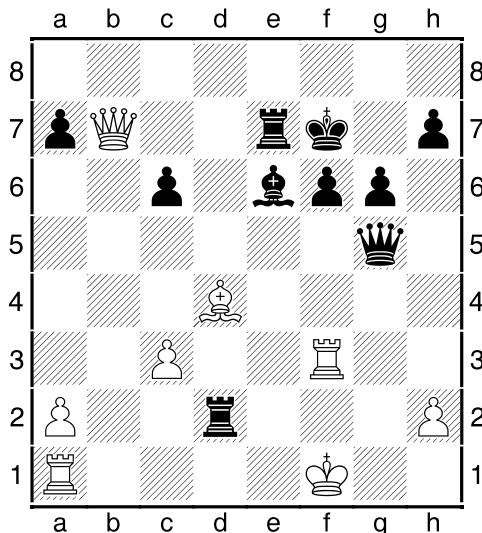
R got pinned again in a slightly different position. Eventually Rune ended up ahead a B + P and Pino resigned. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Verde, Pino (1830) – Pedersen, Rune (2383) [B06]

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves (Open) Toronto (1), 05.11.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.]
2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.f4?!= [5.Bc4 Bg7 6.Nxc6 bxc6±] **5...Bg7 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Nf5?!±**
 [7.e5 d6 (7...Qxb2? 8.Nb3±) 8.Na3 dxe5 (8...Qxb2 9.Nab5 Kf8=) 9.Nc4 Qc7 10.Nxc6 bxc6
 11.Nxe5 Nh6=] **7...Qxb2?!=** Rune goes up a P [7...Qb4+ 8.c3 Qxb2 9.Nxg7+ Kf8 10.Ne8 Kxe8
 (10...Qxa1 11.Nc7 Rb8=) 11.Nd2 Qxc3±] **8.Nxg7+ Qxg7 9.c3 d6 10.Bb5?!±** [10.Be2 Nh6 11.0-0
 0-0=] **10...Nf6 11.Bd4?!±** Rune gets a " clear " advantage [11.h3 Be6 12.0-0 0-0±] **11...0-0**
12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.e5 Nd5?!± [13...Ng4 14.h3 (14.exd6?! Qh6 15.h3 Qh4+ 16.Kf1 exd6-+ - 1.63)
 14...dxe5 15.fxe5 Nxe5±] **14.exd6 f6 15.dxe7?!±** [15.c4?! Nxf4 16.0-0 g5±; 15.0-0 exd6 16.c4
 Ne7±] **15...Qxe7+ 16.Kf2 Rb8 17.Re1 Qc7 18.g3?!+** Rune gets a " winning " advantage [18.Kg1
 Nxf4 19.Be3 Rb2±] **18...Rb2+?-+ - 2.21** [18...c5 19.Be3 Rb2+ 20.Bd2 c4-+ - 4.66] **19.Re2?-+ -**
 5.30 a blunder – the R can be pinned [19.Kg1? Nxf4! 20.Bc5 Rd8 21.Qf3 Qa5-+ - 10.20; 19.Nd2
 c5 20.Rb1 Rxa2 21.Kg1 cxd4 22.cxd4 Kg7-+ - 4.48] **19...Bg4 20.Nd2 Nxf4?-+ - 4.50** a
 somewhat unsound sac [20...Bxe2 21.Qxe2 c5-+ - 6.44 Rune would be up the exchange]
21.gxf4 Qxf4+ Pino is up N vs 2 P's, with his R pinned **22.Ke1 Kf7?-+ - 2.62** [22...Bxe2 23.Qxe2
 Rxd2 24.Qe6+ Rf7-+ - 4.68 Rune would be up the exchange + 2 P's] **23.Rf2?-+ - 7.28** [23.Be3
 Qe5 24.Bh6 Qd5 25.Re7+ Kxe7 26.Qxg4 Rd8 27.Kf1 Rxd2 28.Bxd2 Qh1+ 29.Qg1 Qxg1+
 30.Kxg1 Rxd2-+ - 2.73 Rune would be up 2 P's] **23...Re8+ 24.Kf1 Qg5 25.Rf3 Rxd2** Rune is up
 2 P's + has Pino's R pinned **26.Qb3+ Be6 27.Qb7+??-+** leads to mate [27.Rxf6+ Qxf6+ 28.Bxf6
 Bxb3 29.axb3 Kxf6-+ - 10.13] **27...Re7?-+ - 7.54** Rune misses the rather lengthy mate [27...Kg8
 28.Qg7+ Kxg7 29.Bxf6+ Qxf6 30.Rxf6 Bc4+! 31.Kg1 Ree2 32.Rf7+ Kxf7 33.Rf1+ Ke8 34.Rc1
 Rg2+ 35.Kh1 Rxh2+ 36.Kg1 Rdg2#]

Position after 27...Re7?



28.Qxe7+ Kxe7 29.Bxf6+ Qxf6 30.Rxf6 Kxf6-+ - 7.76 Rune is up B + P **0-1**

Also in Rd. 1 in the Open Section, B class player Will Rutherford gave new member expert Robert Bzikot a tough game, with material being equal right down to the

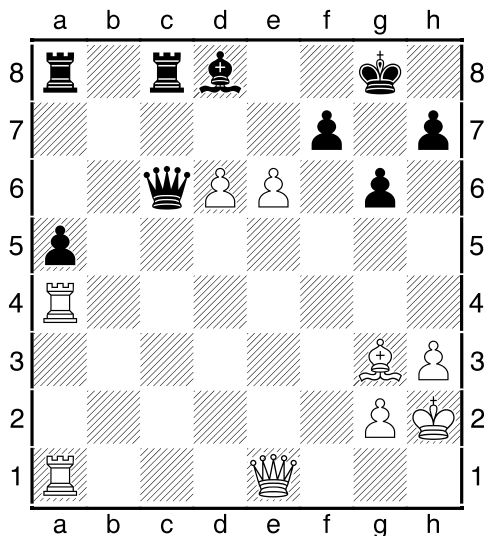
end. But Rob had 2 connected pawns on the 6th rank and pushing them gave Rob the win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bzikot, Robert (2003) – Rutherfordale, Will (1772) [C96]

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1.e4= 0.20 1...e5 for Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5?!± [6...0-0?! 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Nd5 9.Bb3 Nb6 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 c5±; 6...d6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.d4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7=] 7.Bb3 d6 8.h3?!= [8.c3 0-0 9.d4 Bg4 10.Qd3 Qd7±] 8...0-0 9.c3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7?!± [11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Bb7=] 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Nf1 Re8 15.Bf4 Nf8 16.Rc1?± for the first time in the game, Will gets the advantage [16.e5 dxe5 17.Be4 Bb7 18.Nxe5 Qb6±] 16...Ng6?± [16...Ne6 17.d5 Nxf4 18.dxc6 Qc7±] 17.Bg3?!= [17.Be3 Bf6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Be4 Bb7 20.dxc5 Qc7±] 17...c4?± Robert gets a " clear " advantage [17...Nxd4 18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Bf6 20.Qb4 Be5=] 18.d5?!± [18.Ne3 Nb4 19.Bb1 d5±] 18...Nb4?± [18...Nce5 19.b3 c3±] 19.Bb1 a5 20.Ne3 [20.a3 Na6 21.a4 bxa4±] 20...Bf6 21.Qd2 Ne5?!± [21...Be5?! 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Bxe5 dxe5±; 21...Na6 22.a4 Nc5 23.axb5 Nb3 24.Qc2 Nxc1 25.Nxc4 Ne5±] 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.f4 Bf6 24.a4 Nd3 25.Bxd3 cxd3 26.Qxd3 bxa4 27.Nc4 Ba6 28.e5 dxe5 29.fxe5 Bg5 30.Rc3 Bxc4 [30...Rb8 31.e6 Rb7±] 31.Rxc4 Qb6+?!+- Robert gets a " winning " advantage [31...Rb8 32.Re2 Rb5±] 32.Kh2 Qxb2 33.Rxa4?!± [33.Rc7 Rf8 34.Qf5 Bd8+-] 33...g6?!+- 1.89 [33...Qb7 34.Rea1 Bd8±] 34.Rea1?!± [34.Ra3 Qb4 35.Rb1 Qe7+-] 34...Qb6?!+- [34...Rxe5! 35.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 36.Kh1 Be7±] 35.Qc3 Rec8 36.Qe1 Bd8 37.d6?!± [37.Qe4 Qb7 38.Qf3 Rc5+-] 37...Qc6?!+- [37...Qb3 38.Bh4 Bxh4 39.Qxh4 Qd5±] 38.e6

Position after 38.e6



fxe6??+- a blunder – leads to mate in 11 moves [38...Qe8 39.d7 Qxe6 40.dxc8Q Rxc8+- 4.02] 39.Qxe6+ Kg7 40.Be5+ Kh6 41.Qf7 Bh4+- 1-0

In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, Michael Rogers initially got a “ winning “ advantage against Andrew Philip. Then Andrew got the “ winning “ advantage. But Michael then ended up being up the exchange, with Andrew having a P compensation, the position being equal. Then Michael got back the “ winning “ advantage. But he fatefully grabbed a P, allowing exchanges, when Andrew had an advanced , passed P,

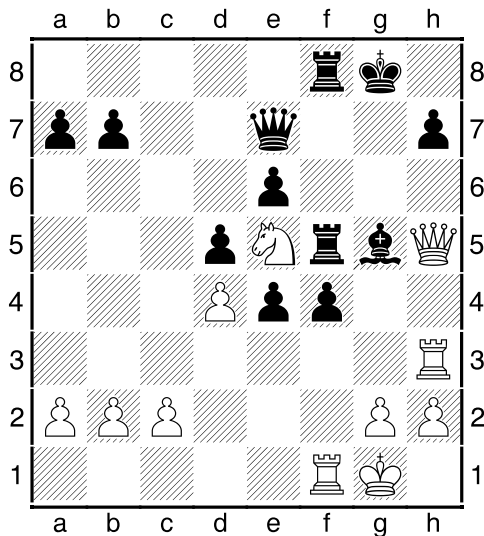
which would win the game for Andrew. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Rogers, Michael (1450) – Philip, Andrew (1566) [B01]

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves (U 1700) Toronto (1), 05.11.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...d5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Scandinavian Defence, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Ne5 Bf5 7.Bf4 Qd8?!±** Michael gets a " clear " advantage [7...Nd5?! 8.Nxd5 Qxd5±; 7...Ng4 8.Qd2 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Qg6 10.0-0-0 Nd7±] **8.Bc4?!±** [8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6±] **8...e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Qd2 Nbd7 12.Rad1 Nb6 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Re3 Ne4 17.Rh3 f6 18.Ng4 f5?!±** [18...Bd6 19.f3 Bxf4 20.fxe4 f5 21.exd5 Qxd5± (21...fxg4?! 22.Qxh7+ Kf7 23.Qe4! Kg8 24.Qh7+=)] **19.Ne5 g5 20.f3?±** for the first time in the game, Andrew gets the advantage [20.Bc1 Bd6 21.f3 g4±] **20...gxf4 21.fxe4 fxe4?±** Michael gets back a " clear " advantage [21...dxe4 22.Qb5 Qc7 23.Rf1 Bg5±] **22.Qe2 Rf5?!+-** Michael gets a " winning " advantage [22...Rf6 23.Qh5 (23.Rf1?! Bd6±) 23...h6±] **23.Qg4+ Bg5 24.Qh5??-+** Andrew gets a " winning " advantage [24.Rh5 Qf6 25.h4 h6 26.Rf1 Qg7 27.hxg5 hxg5+- 3.57(27...Rxc5?? 28.Qxe6+ Kh7 29.Rxc5 Qxc5 30.Qxd5 Rf8+- 9.99)] **24...Qe7 25.Rf1 Raf8?!±** [25...Qg7 26.Qg4 Raf8-+]

Position after 25...Raf8?!



26.Ng6! nice sac offer – maintains the status quo **26...Qg7?=-** Andrew fears the attack, and wrongly refuses the sac, and gives up the exchange; Andrew has lost his advantage [26...hxg6 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Rh7+ Ke8 29.Rxe7+ Kxe7 30.Qg7+ (30.Qh3?! f3 31.gxf3 Be3+ 32.Kh1 Rxf3 33.Rxf3 exf3+- - 2.88) 30...R8f7 31.Qh8 f3±] **27.Nxf8 Rxf8** Michael goes up the exchange, but Andrew has a P compensation **28.c3 h6 29.Qg4 Rf5 30.b4?!±** [30.Rh5 f3 31.Kh1 Qg6= (31...fxg2+ 32.Kxc2 Qf6=)] **30...a6?!=** [30...f3 31.Rg3 Be3+ 32.Kh1 Qxc4 33.Rxc4+ Kf7 34.gxf3 Bd2 35.Rd1 e3±] **31.a4 b6** [31...Qg6 32.Kh1 Kh7=] **32.Kh1** [32.Qe2 Kh7 33.Kh1 Qa7=] **32...Qf6?±** Michael gets a " clear " advantage [32...Kh7 33.Qe2 Qb7=] **33.Qe2 e5** [33...a5 34.bxa5 bxa5 35.Qa6 e5±] **34.Qxa6?!±** Michael is up the exchange again [34.dxe5 Rxe5 35.Qxa6 Re8±] **34...Qd8?+-** Michael gets a " winning " advantage again [34...exd4 35.Qc8+ Qf8 36.Qe6+ Qf7 37.Qxf7+ Rxf7 38.cxd4 Ra7±] **35.dxe5 Rxe5 36.a5 Re6 37.Rd1?!±** [37.c4 Rd6 38.cxd5 bxa5 39.Qc4 axb4 40.Qxe4 Rxd5 41.Qxb4 Kg7+-] **37...e3?!+-** [37...Rd6 38.Qb5 bxa5 39.bxa5 Kf7±] **38.Qd3?±** Michael is losing his advantage; the eP is dangerous [38.Rf3 Kh8 39.axb6 Rxb6 40.Qd3 Re6+-] **38...bxa5 39.bxa5 Qxa5** Michael is up the exchange, but again

Andrew has a P compensation **40.Qxd5??-+** a blunder – material equality, but Michael cannot afford to exchange Q's, with Andrew having the advanced eP. Andrew gets a won game [40.Qf5] **40...Qxd5 41.Rxd5** mate in 7 moves [41.Re1 Qd2-+ mate in 8 moves] **41...e2-+** mate in 6 moves **0-1**

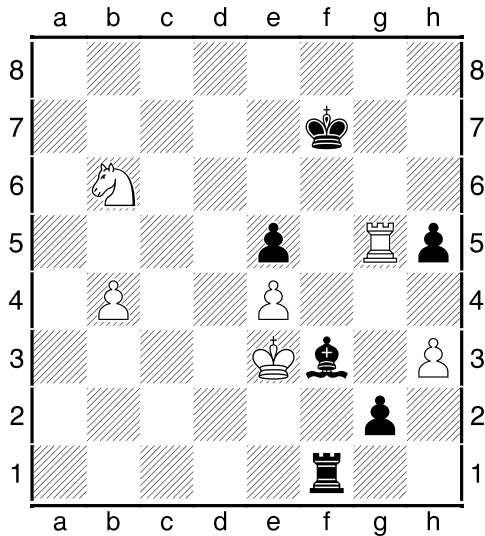
Also in Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, our youngest junior (7 years old) started out with a “ clear “ advantage for the first half of the game, against much higher rated junior John Walker. Then the advantage slowly shifted, and John got a “ winning “ advantage. He then got a passed pawn on the 3rd rank, and Kevin won it when it queened, but ended up down the exchange, but with a P compensation (passed). But John stopped Kevin's passed P from progressing and went up material in the ending and won. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yie, Kevin (1009) – Walker, John (1476) [B07]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss (U1700) Toronto (1), 05.11.2009

79MB, Fritz11.ctg, KENCOMPUTER **1.e4=** 0.20 **1...d6±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5?!±** Kevin gets an early " clear " advantage [3...g6 4.Be2 Bg7±] **4.d5?!±** [4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Nf3 Bb4±] **4...Nbd7** [4...Be7 5.Nge2 a6 6.Ng3 h5±] **5.Nf3?!=** [5.Nge2 g6 6.h4 c6±] **5...Nc5 6.Bd3 a5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Be3 b6?!±** [8...Nxd3 9.cxd3 Ng4 10.Bd2 0-0=] **9.h3 0-0 10.a3 Re8?!±** [10...Bd7 11.Nd2 Nfxe4! 12.Ndxe4 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 f5 14.Ng3! (14.Nd2?! f4=) 14...f4±] **11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Rxa1 13.Qxa1 Nxd3 14.cxd3 Bf8 15.Qa7 Bd7 16.Qb7 g6** [16...Qa8 17.Qxa8 Rxa8±] **17.Ra1 Qc8 18.Ra7 Qxb7 19.Rxb7 Rc8 20.Bg5 Bg7 21.Ra7 h6 22.Be3 Nh5 23.Ne2?!±** [23.d4 Kf8 24.dxe5 dxe5±] **23...Bb5 24.Ne1 f5 25.f3 f4 26.Bf2 Bf6?!±** [26...g5 27.Nc3 Bd7±] **27.Nc3 Be8 28.Nc2 Ng3 29.Bxg3?!±** [29.b5 Kf8 30.Nb4 Bd7 31.Nc6 h5±] **29...fxg3 30.Ne2?!=** Kevin has lost his advantage [30.Kf1 Bg5 31.Na3 Bc1±] **30...Bh4?!±** right piece; wrong square [30...Bg5 31.Nxg3 Bb5 32.Kf2 Bxd3=] **31.Nc3?±** for the first time in the game, John gets the advantage [31.Kf1 Bg5 32.Nxg3 c6 33.Na3 Bd2±] **31...h5?!=** [31...c6 32.Ra2 c5±] **32.Na3** [32.Kf1 c6 33.Ra2 b5=] **32...c6 33.Kf1 cxd5 34.Nxd5 Rc1+ 35.Ke2 Rg1 36.Ne3 Bg5?!±** [36...b5 37.Nac2 Rb1=] **37.Nac4 Bxe3 38.Nxe3 Rb1 39.Nd5?!=** right piece; wrong square [39.Nc4 Bf7 40.Nxd6 Be6±] **39...Rb2+ 40.Kd1?±** John gets a " clear " advantage [40.Ke3 Rxc2 41.Nf6+ Kf8 42.Nh7+ Kg8 43.Nf6+=] **40...Bb5** [40...Bf7?! 41.Ne3 Bb3+ 42.Ke1 Be6±] **41.Nxb6?!-+** – 2.35 John gets a " winning " advantage [41.h4 Rxc2 42.Ra8+ Kf7 43.Ra7+ Kf8 44.Ra8+ Be8-+ – 2.93; 41.Nf6+] **41...Bxd3?±** John captures the wrong P; needs to make use of his advanced g3P; John loses his advantage [41...Rxc2 42.Nd5 Kf8-+] **42.Rd7 Rxc2 43.Rxd6?-+** John gets back a " winning " advantage [43.Nd5 Rf2 44.Nf6+ Kf8 45.Nh7+ Kg8 46.Nf6+=] **43...Be2+?-+** – 1.92 [43...Kg7 44.Nd7 Rg1+ 45.Kd2 g2 46.Nxe5 Rd1+ 47.Kxd1 g1Q+ 48.Kd2 Bxe4! 49.fxe4 Qg5+ 50.Kd3 Qxe5-+ – 5.56] **44.Ke1 Bxf3 45.Rxc6+ – 5.48** [45.Kf1? h4 46.Rf6 Bxe4 47.Rxc6+ Kf7 48.Rg4 Bf3-+ – 6.51] **45...Kf7 46.Rg5 Re2+ 47.Kf1 g2+ 48.Kg1??-+** leads to mate in 17 moves; Kevin cannot let the P queen – he must sac the R [48.Rxc2 Rxc2-+ – 6.21] **48...Re1+ 49.Kf2 Rf1+ 50.Ke3**

Position after 50.Ke3



g1Q+?+ - 1.68 John misses the tactic allowing him to keep his Q [50...Bg4! 51.Rxe5 g1Q+-- mate in 9 moves] **51.Rxg1 Rxg1 52.Kxf3** John is up the exchange, but Kevin has a P compensation **52...Rb1?+ - 1.46** [52...h4 53.Nd7 Rg3+ 54.Kf2 Ke6 55.Nc5+ Ke7 56.b5 Rc3 57.Na6 Rxh3+- - 3.49] **53.Nd5 Rb3+ 54.Kg2 Kg6 55.Ne7+?+ - 3.14** [55.h4 Kf7 56.Kf2 Rh3 57.b5 Rxh4 58.b6 Rh1+- - 1.82] **55...Kg5 56.Nc6?+ - 4.32** [56.h4+ Kf4 57.Nd5+ Kxe4+- - 3.20] **56...Kf4 57.Kf2 Rxh3** John is up the exchange **58.b5 Rb3 59.Na7?+ mate in 11 moves** [59.Kg2 h4 60.Kh2 Rxb5+- - 13.10] **59...Kxe4?+ - 8.18** John is up the exchange + P, but misses the mate [59...Rb2+ 60.Ke1 h4 61.Nc6 h3 62.Nb4 h2 63.Nd3+ Ke3 64.Kd1 h1Q+ 65.Ne1 Rd2+ 66.Kc1 Qxe1#] **60.Ke2?+ mate in 15 moves** [60.b6 Kf4 61.Nc6 Rb2+ 62.Ke1 h4+- - 13.17] **60...h4?+ - 14.66** John again misses the mate [60...Rb2+ 61.Kd1 h4 62.Kc1 Rf2 63.Nc8 h3 64.Nd6+ Kf4 65.Nc4 h2 66.Nd2 h1Q+ 67.Kc2 Qd5 68.Kc3 Qxd2+ 69.Kb3 Rf3+ 70.Ka4 Qd4+ 71.Ka5 Ra3#] **0-1**

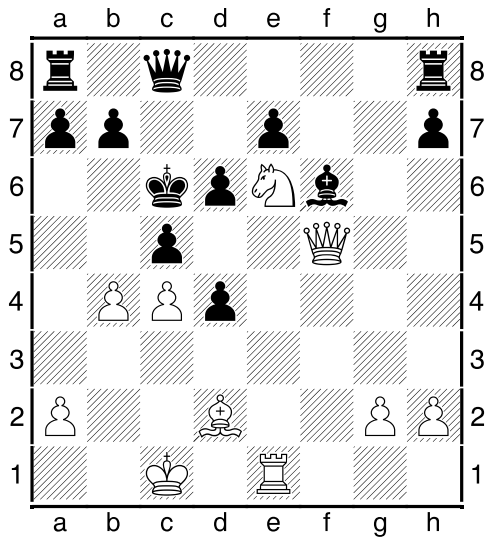
In Rd. 2 on top board in the Open section, new expert member Rob Bzikot gave new, top-ranked master, Rune Pedersen a scare. He went up 3 P's, and then Rune wrongly sacked an exchange. So Rob was up the exchange + 2 P's, with a " clear " advantage. Unfortunately, when his K was under some pressure, he brought it out into the open, giving Rune a " winning " advantage. Then he blundered into a 2-move mate, but Rune missed it. Then Rob had to sac his Q due to the attack on his K. Rune at time control was up Q + 2 P's vs 2 R's, when Rob flagged - an exciting game. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Pedersen, Rune (2383) - Bzikot, Robert (2003) [B09]

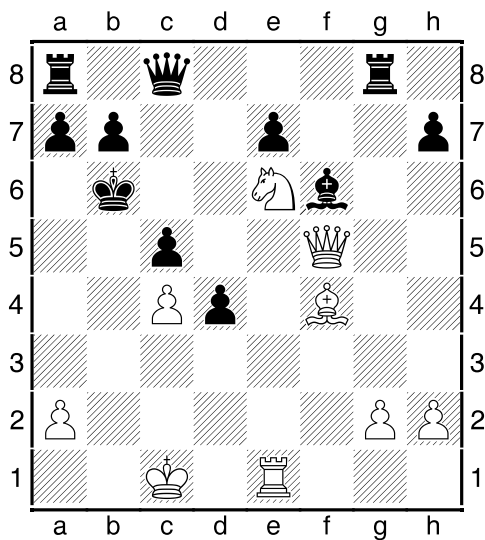
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1.e4= 0.20 1...d6± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6** Pirc Defence **4.f4** Austrian Attack **4...Bg7 5.Nf3 c5** [5...0-0 6.Be2 c5±] **6.Bb5+** [6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Qd3 Qxc5±] **6...Bd7 7.e5 Ng4 8.e6! fxe6?!±** Rob goes up a P, but Rune gets a " clear " advantage [8...Bxb5 9.exf7+ Kf8 10.Nxb5 Qa5+ 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Kxf7±] **9.Ng5 Bxb5 10.Qxg4?±** Rune captures the wrong piece; for the first time in the game, Rob gets the advantage [10.Nxb5 Qa5+ 11.c3! (11.Nc3?? cxd4 12.Nxe6 dxc3 13.b4 Qxb4 14.Qxg4 Qe4+ 15.Qe2 Qxe2+ 16.Kxe2 Kd7±) 11...Qxb5 12.Nxe6! Qc4 13.Qxg4 cxd4 14.Nxg7+ Kf7 15.Nf5 Qe6+ 16.Ne3 dxe3±] **10...Bc4**

11.b3 Bxd4 Rob goes up 2 P's **12.Bd2 Bd5 13.Nxd5** [13.0-0-0 Qd7 14.Rhe1 Nc6 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qf3 Bf6] **13...exd5!** [13...Bxa1?? 14.Qxe6 Nc6 15.Qf7+ Kd7 16.Qe6+ Ke8 17.c3 Qc8+- 3.35] **14.0-0-0 Nc6?!=** though Rob is still up 2 P's [14...Qd7 15.Ne6 Nc6 16.f5 Bf6] **15.Rde1?!=** [15.Qe6 Qc8 16.Qf7+ Kd7 17.Qxd5 Qg8=] **15...Bf6 16.Ne6 Qc8 17.Rhf1?!=** Rob gets a " clear " advantage [17.Qf3 a5 18.g4 Bh4] **17...Nd4 18.f5 Nxf5?=** Rob goes up 3 P's, but he loses his advantage [18...gxf5 19.Qh5+ Kd7 20.Nf4 Qg8] **19.Rxf5?** an unsound exchange sac; Rob gets back the advantage [19.Qf3 h5 20.Qxd5 Qc6=] **19...gxf5** Rob is up the exchange + 3 P's **20.Qh5+?!=** Rune should just win the P; Rob gets back a " clear " advantage [20.Qxf5 Kd7 (20...c4?! 21.Bg5 Rf8)] 21.c4 Kc6 22.Qxd5+ Kb6] **20...Kd7 21.Qxf5** Rob is up the exchange + 2 P's **21...Kc6 22.c4 d4?=** [22...dxc4 23.bxc4 b5] **23.b4**



Kb6??+- a blunder, bringing the K out into the open; Rune gets a " winning " advantage [23...b6 24.Qd5+ Kd7 25.bxc5 Qc6=] **24.bxc5+** 7.29 [24.Qb1?? a5 25.bxc5+ Ka7+- - 1.70] **24...dxc5?+-** 10.55 [24...Ka6 25.Qf3 d3 26.Qxd3 b6 27.Qd5 bxc5+- 9.75] **25.Bf4??+-** 1.84 Rune misses the strongest line [25.Qb1+ Kc6 26.Qb5+ Kd6 27.Bf4+ Be5 28.Rxe5 Qc6 29.Rxc5+ Kxe6 30.Rxc6+ bxc6 31.Qxc6+ Kf7+- 13.15 Rune would be up Q + B vs 2 R's] **25...Rg8??+-** Rob blunders into a mate in 2 moves [25...a6 26.Bc7+ Qxc7 27.Nxc7 Kxc7 28.Qxc5+ Kb8+- 2.09 Rune would be up Q vs R + B + P]



26.Bc7+??± Rune misses the mate in 2 moves [26.Qb1+ Ka6 27.Qb5#] **26...Qxc7 27.Nxc7 Kxc7 28.Qxc5+** 1.45 Rune is up Q vs R + B + P **28...Kd7?!+-** [28...Kd8 29.Qd5+ Kc7±] **29.Qf5+ Kc7 30.Qxh7** Rune is up Q vs R + B **30...Rae8 31.Re6 Rg7 32.Qe4 Reg8 33.g3 Rg4 34.Qf3 d3 35.Qxd3** Rune is up Q + P vs R + B **35...Rd8 36.Qe2 Rdd4 37.Rxe7+!** a nice exchange sac to sap Rob's resistance **37...Bxe7 38.Qxe7+** 1.87 Rune is up Q + 2 P's (connected and passed) vs 2 R's; Rob flagged **1-0**

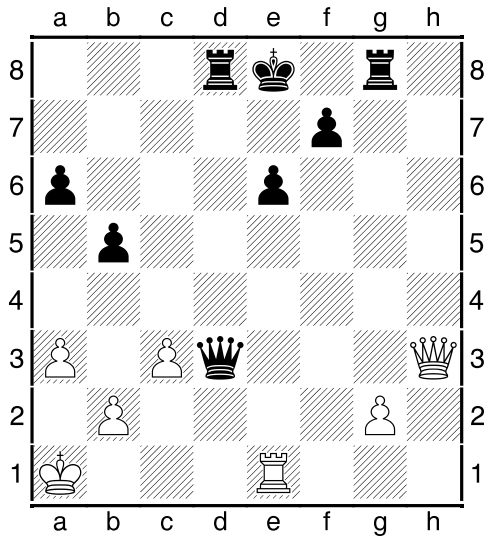
In Rd. 2 on the second board in the Open Section, expert Andrew Picana got the advantage against WIM Yuanling Yuan, and held it for much of the game, though material stayed equal. Then Andrew, having a K-side attack, wrongly decided to sac his R, but this only drew. He remained equal, down a R for a short while, but then Yuanling got the advantage. Andrew doggedly hung in, since Yuanling was in time trouble. Yuanling then overlooked a sac Andrew had with his remaining R – it got Andrew a draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz);

Picana, Andrew (2066) – Yuan, Yuanling (2304) [B23]

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79MB, Fritz11.ctg, KENCOMPUTER **1.e4=** 0.20 **1...c5±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Qxd4 Nc6 8.Qf2 Bb4 9.Bd2 a6?!±** Andrew gets a " clear " advantage [9...0-0 10.0-0-0 d5±] **10.a3 Be7 11.Bd3 b5 12.e5 0-0 13.Ne4 Bb7 14.0-0-0?=-** Andrew castles the wrong way [14.0-0 f5 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6±] **14...Na5?+-** Andrew gets a " winning " advantage [14...b4 15.axb4 Nxb4 16.Bxb4 Bxb4 17.Nf6+! gxf6 18.Bxh7+! Kh8 (18...Kxh7?? 19.Qh4+ Kg7 (19...Kg6 20.Rd3 Bd2+ 21.Kxd2 Qa5+ 22.c3+- and it is mate in 6 moves) 20.Qg4+ Kh7 21.Rd3+- and it is mate in 7 moves) 19.Qh4 Kg7 20.Qg3+ Kh8 21.Qh3 Kg7 22.Qg4+ Kh8 23.Rd3 Qa5+- 14.93] **15.Qe2?±** Andrew is losing his advantage [15.Nf6+! Bxf6 16.exf6 g6 17.Qh4 Nb3+! 18.cxb3 Kh8+-] **15...Rc8 16.Nf6+** [16.Bb4 Nb3+ 17.Kb1 Nc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 Rxc5±] **16...Bxf6?!±** [16...gxf6 17.Bxa5 Qxa5 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Qh4 f5 20.Qxe7 Qd8±] **17.Bxa5 Qxa5 18.exf6 g6 19.Qe5 Bd5** [19...Qa4 20.h4 d6 21.Qg5 Rxc2+! 22.Bxc2 Rc8 23.Kb1 Qxc2+ 24.Ka1 Rc3!±] **20.Qg5 Kh8?!+-** Andrew gets back a " winning " advantage [20...Qd8 21.h4 h6 22.Qxh6 Qxf6±] **21.h4 Bc4?+-** 10.15 [21...Qa4 22.Kb1 Be4+- 2.07] **22.h5 Bxd3 23.Rxd3 Qa4 24.c3 Rg8??+-** Andrew mates in 11 moves [24...Rxc3+! 25.Rxc3 Qe4 26.hxg6 Qxg6+- 11.40] **25.hxg6 Rxc3 26.Rxh7+??=-** a wrong sac; this only draws [26.Qh4 Qxf4+ 27.Qxf4 Kg8 28.Rdh3 Rxc3+ 29.Rxc3 h6 30.Rxh6 Rxh6 31.Qxh6 b4 32.Rc8#] **26...Kxh7** Yuanling goes up R vs P **27.Rh3+ Kg8 28.Qh4 Kf8 29.Qh8+ Rg8 30.Qh6+ Ke8 31.f5?+-** for the first time in the game, Yuanling gets the advantage, and it is a " winning " advantage [31.Rg3! Rf8 32.Rh3 Rg8 33.Rg3=] **31...Qg4 32.fxe6 dxe6 33.Re3 Qg5?+-** - 5.81 [33...Rd8 34.Re1 Qxg2 35.Qf4 Qg5+- - 7.06] **34.Qh3 Qxf6 35.Kb1 Qf1+ 36.Ka2 Qc4+ 37.Ka1 Rd8 38.Re1 Qd3??=-** a blunder – the Q no longer protects e6 – it allows Andrew to sac and draw [38...Rd2 39.g3 b4 40.Qh4 Rg4 41.Qh6 bxc3 42.Qh8+ Ke7 43.Qxc3 Qxc3 44.bxc3 Rxc3+- Yuanling would be up R + P]

Position after 38.Qd3??



39.Rxe6+! the saving sac **39...Kf8** **40.Qh6+ Rg7** **41.Qh8+ Rg8** **42.Qh6+=** 1/2-1/2

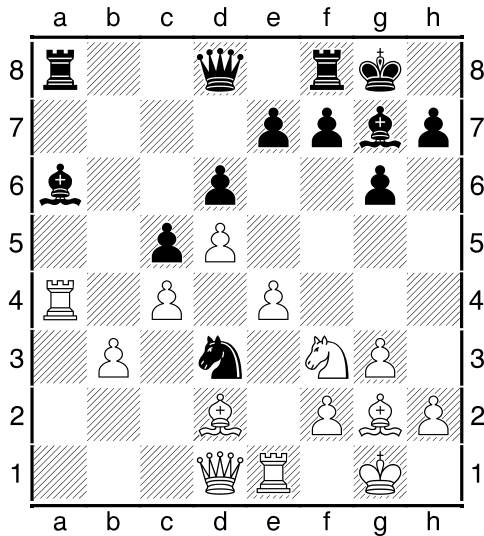
In Rd. 2 in the Open section, there was a big upset when middle B-class'er Masoud Jizan defeated master Karl Sellars. By the middle game, Masoud had gotten a "clear" advantage. Then Karl made an aggressive but fateful move. Jizan seized the opportunity, to force Karl to sac his Q for R + B. At the end, Karl's R and B were trapped in a corner, and Masoud was up Q + P vs R + B. Karl resigned. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Jizan, Masoud (1743) – Sellars, Karl (2265) [A57]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 Benoni Defence **3.d5 b5?!±** Benko Gambit [3...g6 4.Nf3 Bg7=] **4.Nc3?!=** [4.cxb5 Qa5+ (4...a6?! 5.bxa6 Nxa6±) 5.Bd2 Qxb5 6.e4 Qb7±] **4...b4 5.Nb1 g6 6.g3?!±** [6.a3 Qa5 7.e4 d6= (7...Nxe4 8.Nd2 Nf6 9.Nb3 Qb6 10.axb4 Qxb4+ 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.Ba5 Qd6=)] **6...Bg7 7.Bg2 d6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 a5 10.a4 bxa3?!=** [10...Nbd7 11.Re1 Ba6±] **11.Rxa3 Na6 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.e4 Nd7 14.Bd2 Nb6 15.b3 Ba6 16.Re1 a4?!±** not sure there is any compensation for this P-sac [16...Nd3 17.Re3 Nb4=] **17.Nxa4** Masoud goes up a P **17...Nxa4?!±** Masoud gets a "clear" advantage [17...Bc8 18.Bc1 Bd7 19.Nxb6 Qxb6±] **18.Rxa4 Nd3??+-** a blunder which loses the N [18...Bb7 19.Rxa8 Qxa8±]

Position after 18...Nd3??



19.Ba5! Nxe1 2.46 best now to just sac the Q [19...Qb8? 20.Qxd3 Qb7+- 5.02] **20.Bxd8 Nxf3+**
21.Bxf3 Rfxd8 Masoud is up Q + P vs R + B **22.Bg4 Bb7 23.Kg2 Kf8 24.h4 Bd4 25.h5 Rdb8**
26.Bd7 Rxa4 27.Bxa4?+- 3.30 [27.bxa4 Ba6 28.Bb5 Bc8 29.Qe1 Ra8+- 6.31] **27...Bc8**
28.hxg6?+- 2.77 [28.h6 Rb7 29.Qd2 Ra7 30.Bc6 g5+- 4.07] **28...hxg6 29.Qd2 Kg7?+-** 5.52
 [29...Ra8 30.Qh6+ Bg7 31.Qh4 Bf6 32.Qh1 Rb8+- 2.80] **30.Qa5+-** 5.26 **1-0**

In Rd. 2 in the U 1700 section, newcomer junior Hanz Vora upset Hassan Pishdad. Hanz had the advantage most of the game, but could not get any material advantage. Finally on move 37 he went up a P. It went into an ending, Hanz still up a P, and he managed to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Pishdad, Hassan (1444) – Vora, Hanz (1110) [C47]

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1.e4= 0.20 **1...e5** For Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.a3 d6?!±** [4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5=] **5.Bc4?!=** [5.d4 Be7 6.Be2 exd4 7.Nxd4 0-0±] **5...Nxe4** Hanz temporarily goes up a P [5...Bg4 6.Be2 (6.b3?! Nxe4 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.Bxe4 Qd7) 6...Be7=] **6.Nxe4** [6.Bxf7+? Kxf7 7.Nxe4 d5] **6...d5 7.Bxd5?!±** Hanz gets the advantage [7.Bd3 dxe4 8.Bxe4 Ne7=] **7...Qxd5** material equality **8.d3 Bf5 9.Nc3 Qd8?!=** [9...Qe6 10.0-0 0-0-0] **10.0-0 Be7 11.h3?!±** [11.Re1 f6 12.Be3 (12.d4?! Bg4) 12...Qd7=] **11...0-0 12.Re1 Qd6 13.Nb5 Qc5?±** [13...Qd7 14.Nc3 f6] **14.Nc3?±** [14.c4 Bd8 15.b4 Qe7±] **14...Rad8 15.Be3 Qd6 16.Nb5?!±** Hanz gets a " clear " advantage [16.Bd2 f6 17.Be3 Rfe8] **16...Qd5?!±** [16...Qg6 17.g4 e4 18.Nfd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Bc8] **17.a4?!±** [17.Nxa7 Nxa7 18.Bxa7 b6 19.Rxe5 Qd7 20.Re3 a) 20.Nd4?! Bf6 21.Rxf5 Bxd4 22.Qf3 Bxb2 23.Rb1 Bxa3; b) 20.c4?! Bf6 21.Rb5 (21.Re3 Bxb2 22.c5 Bxa1 23.Qxa1 bxc5 24.Bxc5 Rfe8) 21...Ra8; 20...Ra8] **17...a6 18.Nc3 Qd6 19.Qc1 Qg6 20.Kh1 Qh5 21.Qd1** [21.Ne4 Be6 22.b3 Bd5] **21...Bb4** [21...e4 22.Ng1 Qxd1 23.Raxd1 exd3 24.cxd3 Rxd3] **22.Bd2?!-+** Hanz gets a " winning " advantage [22.Nd2 Qg6 23.Nf3 Bc8] **22...Rfe8?±** [22...Bg4 23.Re3 f5 24.Kg1 Bxf3 25.Rxf3 Nd4+] **23.Bg5?+** [23.Ne2 Bg4 24.Ng3 Bxf3 25.Nxh5 Bxd1 26.Raxd1] **23...f6 24.Bh4 Nd4?!±** [24...Bxc3 25.bxc3 Bxh3! 26.gxh3 e4 27.Bg3 exf3+] **25.Nxd4?!-+** [25.g4 Bxg4 26.hxg4 Qh6] **25...Qxd1 26.Rexd1?!-+** - 1.78 [26.Raxd1 exd4 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Nd5 Bd6+- - 1.42] **26...exd4 27.Na2 Ba5?!±** [27...Bd6 28.Re1 c5+] **28.b4 Bb6 29.a5 Ba7 30.Bg3?!-+** [30.Re1 Kf7 31.Bg3 c6] **30...Rd7?!±** [30...Re2 31.c4 Rd7 32.Nc1 Rb2+] **31.Re1 Rde7 32.f3** [32.Rxe7 Rxe7 33.Nc1 Re6 (33...Kf7?!±)] **32...c6?!±** Hanz is losing his advantage [32...Re2 33.Rac1 b5 34.Rxe2 Rxe2 35.Kg1 c5] **33.Bf2?+-** this loses a P

[33.Rxe7 Rxe7 34.Re1 Be6] **33...Re2 34.Kg1+** -1.80 Hanz does not win the P [34.Rac1 Bg6 35.Rxe2 Rxe2 36.Bg1 Bxd3! 37.cxd3 Rxa2+ - 1.55 Hanz would be up a P] **34...Kf7?!?** [34...Rxe1+? 35.Rxe1 Re5=; 34...Bg6 35.Rxe2 Rxe2 36.c3 Rd2 37.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 38.cxd4 Rxd3-+] **35.c3?!-+** - 2.18 this loses a P [35.g4 Bg6 36.Rac1 Rd2 37.Kf1 Rd8] **35...Rxe1+ 36.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 37.Bxe1 dxc3+?!?** Hanz goes up a P [37...Bxd3 38.cxd4 Bxd4+ 39.Kh2 f5-+ - 2.16 Hanz would be up a P] **38.Bf2 Bxf2+ 39.Kxf2 Bxd3 40.Nxc3 Ke7 41.Ne2?!-+** without the N, Hassan is clearly lost [41.g4 Bc2 42.Ke3 g6 43.h4 f5 44.gxf5 gxf5 and Hassan can fight on to try to hold the draw (though it is not clear he can do this)] **41...Bxe2 42.Kxe2 Kd6 43.Kd3 c5 44.bxc5+?-+** - 7.43 [44.Kc4 cxb4 45.Kxb4 Kd5-+ - 5.75] **44...Kxc5 45.Ke4 b5?-+** - 3.30 [45...Kb4 46.Kd5 Kxa5 47.Ke6 b5 48.Kf7 b4 49.Kxg7 b3 50.Kxh7 b2 51.Kg6 b1Q+ 52.Kxf6 Qb2+ 53.Kf5 Qxg2 54.f4 Qxh3+-+ 20.19] **46.axb6 Kxb6 47.Kd3 Kc5 48.Kc3 a5 49.Kb3** - 7.86 [49.h4? f5 50.Kd3 a4-+ - 8.82] **49...Kd4 50.Ka4 Ke3 51.Kxa5** material equality, but Hassan is lost with his K way out of play **51...Kf2 52.Kb5 Kxg2-+** - 9.83 **0-1**

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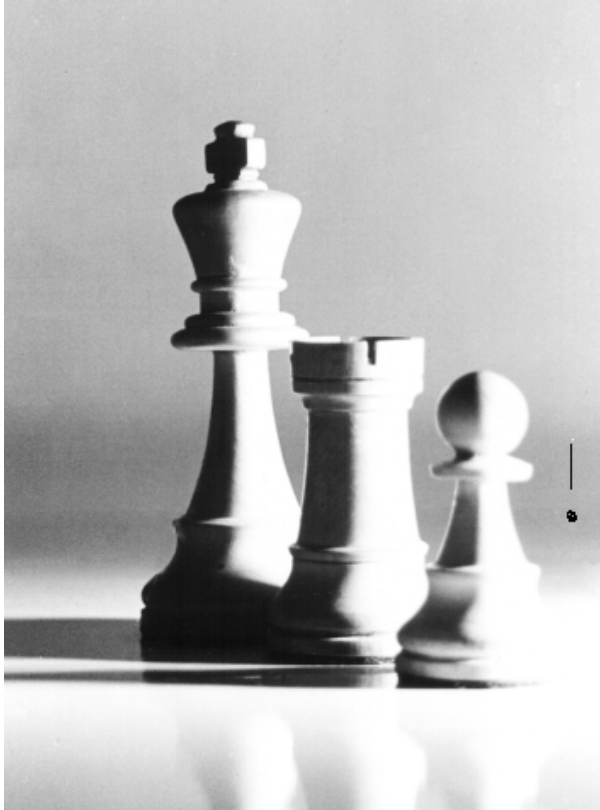
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