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### Unification World Chess Championship Underway

This 12-game match is being played Sept. 23 – Oct. 12 in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia. Vladimir Kramnik ( Russia ) is the 2000 Classical World Champion. Veselin Topalov ( Bulgaria ) is the 2005 FIDE World Champion. The prize money is \$1 million ( USA ), split equally between the players, regardless of result. The winner goes on to the 2007 World Chess Championship tournament. After 4 rounds, Kramnik has taken a surprising early lead 3 -1. The games have been exciting.

In Round 1, Topalov went down a P. But he had K-side pressure. He thought he still had chances for a win, and so twice he refused to repeat positions for a draw when had the chance. We have seen this enterprising type of play before in Topalov, where he puts everything into going for a win. By move 57, though, the best he had was a draw, by a tactical knight sacrifice. But he missed it and played a losing move. So Kramnik won the first game of the match.

Here is their game ( Annotations from various sources ):

### **Kramnik, V (2743) – Topalov, V (2813) [E04]**

World Championship Match Elista (1), 23.09.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 c6 9.a4 b5 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Qg5 0-0 12.Qxb5 Ba6 13.Qa4 Qb6 14.0-0 Qxb2 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Nxc4 Bxa4 17.Nxb2 Bb5 18.Ne5 Ra7 19.Bf3 Nbd7 20.Nec4 Rb8 21.Rfb1 g5 22.e3 g4 23.Bd1 Bc6 24.Rc1 Be4 25.Na4 Rb4 26.Nd6 Bf3 27.Bxf3 gxf3 28.Nc8 Ra8 29.Ne7+ Kg7 30.Nc6 Rb3 31.Nc5 Rb5 32.h3 Nxc5 33.Rxc5 Rb2 34.Rg5+ Kh6 35.Rgxa5= Kramnik goes up a P, but Topalov will develop pressure on the K-side. 35...Rxa5 36.Nxa5 Ne4 37.Rf1 Nd2 38.Rc1 Ne4 39.Rf1 f6!?! [39...Nd2= Topalov could have repeated positions and drawn, but he decided he still had chances for a win, though down a P]

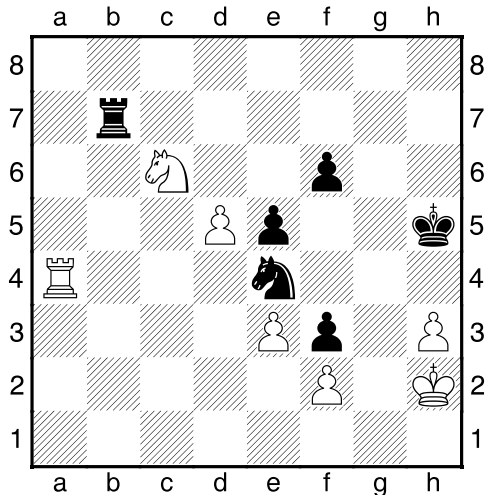
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40.Nc6 Nd2 41.Rd1 Ne4 42.Rf1 Kg6!? again Topalov refuses to go for the position repeat 43.Nd8 Rb6 [now the repeat no longer works 43...Nd2?? 44.Re1 Ne4 45.Nxe6 Rxf2 46.Nf4+ Kf7 47.Rf1 Rxf1+ 48.Kxf1 f5±] 44.Rc1 h5 45.Ra1 h4 46.gxh4 Kh5 47.Ra2 Kxh4 48.Kh2 Kh5 49.Rc2 Kh6 50.Ra2 Kg6 51.Rc2 Kf5 52.Ra2 Rb5 53.Nc6 Rb7 54.Ra5+ Kg6 55.Ra2 Kh5 56.d5 e5 57.Ra4=



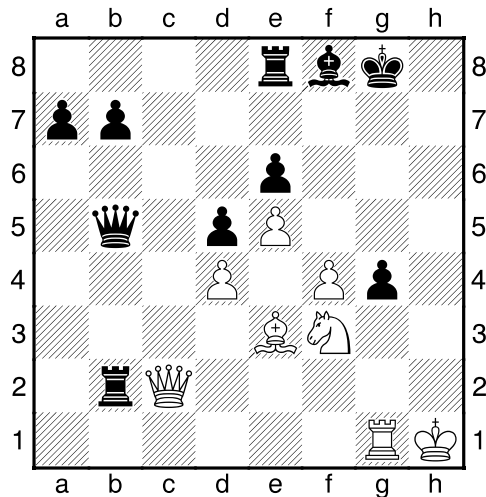
f5??+- this loses the game for Topalov [drawing is 57...Nxf2!! 58.Kg3 e4 59.Kxf2 (59.d6?? Nh1+ 60.Kh2 Rb2+ 61.Kxh1 Rb1+ 62.Kh2 f2 63.Ra5+ Kg6 64.Ne7+ Kf7 65.Rf5 f1Q 66.Rxf1 Rxf1-) 59...Rb2+=] 58.Nxe5 Rb2 59.Nd3 Rb7 60.Rd4 Rb6 61.d6 Nxd6 62.Kg3 Ne4+ 63.Kxf3 Kg5 64.h4+ Kf6 65.Rd5 Nc3 66.Rd8 Rb1 67.Rf8+ Ke6 68.Nf4+ Ke5 69.Re8+ Kf6 70.Nh5+ Kg6 71.Ng3 Rb2 72.h5+ Kf7 73.Re5 Nd1 74.Ne2 Kf6 75.Rd5 1-0

In Round 2, Topalov had an extraordinary K-side attack, where he twice offered his Queen, in exchange for a mate. Kramnik still had equality, but then blundered. But unbelievably, Topalov missed the winning move. Then on move 53, with Kramnik being up the exchange, Vladimir missed his winning move. But on move 55, Topalov missed his drawing move, and eventually lost. So Kramnik took a devastating 2:0 lead in the match. Here is their second game ( Annotations from various sources ):

### GM Topalov, V (2813) – GM Kramnik, V (2743) [D19]

World Championship Match Elista (2), 24.09.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Bg6 10.e4 0-0 11.Bd3 Bh5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Qe3 Bg6 15.Ng5 Re8 16.f4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 f5 18.Be3 Nf8 19.Kh1 Rc8 20.g4 Qd7 21.Rg1 Be7 22.Nf3 Rc4 23.Rg2?! Topalov sacs a P in order to build a K-side attack 23...fxg4 24.Rxg4 Rxa4 25.Rag1 g6 26.h4 Rb4 27.h5 Qb5 28.Qc2!= Topalov sacs a second P to pursue his attack 28...Rxb2 29.hxg6!! Topalov leaves his Queen hanging for the first time 29...h5 [29...hxg6?? 30.Rxg6+ Kh7 31.R6g3+ Ng6 32.Qxg6+ Kh8 33.Qg7#; 29...Rxc2?? 30.gxh7+ Kxh7 31.Rg7+ Kh8 32.Rg8+ Kh7 33.R1g7+ Kh6 34.f5+ Bg5 35.Rxg5 Qf1+ 36.Ng1+- and mate eventually] 30.g7!! Topalov leaves his Queen hanging for a second move, and sacks his R 30...hxg4 [30...Rxc2?? 31.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 32.Rg8+ Kf7 33.R1g7#] 31.gxf8Q+ Bxf8??+- Kramnik blunders and recaptures with the wrong piece [31...Kxf8 32.Qg6 (32.Qh7 Qe2 33.Qh8+ Kf7 34.Qh5+ Kf8 35.Qxg4 Bg5 36.Re1=) 32...Qe2 33.Qxg4 Bg5 34.Re1=]



**32.Qg6+??=** unbelievably, Topalov misses the relatively obvious win !?? [32.Rxg4+ Bg7 (32...Kf7 33.Qh7+ Bg7 34.Qxg7#; 32...Kh8 33.Rh4+ Bh6 34.Rxh6+ Kg7 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Rf6#) 33.Qc7 Qf1+ 34.Ng1+-] **32...Bg7 33.f5 Re7 34.f6 Qe2 35.Qxg4 Rf7 36.Rc1 Rc2 37.Rxc2 Qd1+ 38.Kg2 Qxc2+ 39.Kg3 Qe4 40.Bf4 Qf5 41.Qxf5 exf5 42.Bg5 a5 43.Kf4 a4 44.Kxf5 a3 45.Bc1??? [45.Nd2=] 45...Bf8 46.e6 Rc7 47.Bxa3 Bxa3 48.Ke5 Rc1 49.Ng5 Rf1 50.e7 Re1+ 51.Kxd5 Bxe7 52.fxe7 Rxe7 53.Kd6 Re1??= [53...Re3+- wins] 54.d5 Kf8 55.Ne6+??-+ [55.Kd7= draws] 55...Ke8 56.Nc7+ Kd8 57.Ne6+ Kc8 58.Ke7 Rh1 59.Ng5 b5 60.d6 Rd1 61.Ne6 b4 62.Nc5 Re1+ 63.Kf6 Re3 0-1**

Round 3 was a fairly straight-forward draw, though Kramnik did have a modest advantage from move 20 - 34. Here it is ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Kramnik, V (2743) – Topalov, V (2813) [E04]

World Championship Match Elista (3), 26.09.2006

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 Bd7 7.Qxc4 Na5 8.Qd3 c5 9.0-0 Bc6 10.Nc3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bc5 12.Rd1 Bxg2 [12...Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.Rxd4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nc6 16.Rd1 Ke7=] 13.Qb5+ Nd7 14.Kxg2 a6 15.Qd3 Rc8 [15...0-0?? 16.Nc2 (16.Nxe6?? fxe6 17.Ne4 Qb6 18.Qxd7 Rad8 19.Qa4 Rxd1 20.Qxd1 Bxf2 21.Qd7 Bd4=) 16...Qf6 (16...Nf6?? 17.b4+-) 17.Qxd7 (17.Qf3?? Qg6 18.Qe4 Qf6 19.Rxd7 Qxf2+ 20.Kh3 Qf1+ 21.Kh4 Rad8 22.Rc7 Qg1 23.Kh3 Qf1+ 24.Kh4=) 17...Rad8 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.Qxd8 Qxe4+ 20.Kg1 Rxd8 21.Rxd8+ Bf8 22.Nd4 e5±] **16.Bg5 Be7** [16...Qxg5?? 17.Nxe6 Ne5 (17...Qe7? 18.Nxg7+ Kf8 19.Nf5 Qe6 20.Qxd7+-) 18.Nxg5 Nxd3 19.exd3 Nc6±] **17.Bxe7** [17.Ne4 Nc4 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.b3 Nde5 20.Qb1 Na3 21.Qb2 0-0=] **17...Qxe7 18.Rac1 Nc4 19.Na4 b5 20.b3** to here the game has been dead equal **20...0-0?±** [20...Nde5 21.Qe4 f5 22.Qh4 **a)**22.Qb1 bxa4 23.bxc4 Nxc4 24.Nxf5 exf5 25.Rxc4 Rxc4 26.Qb8+ Kf7 27.Qxh8=; **b)**22.Qxe5?? Qb7+-+ (**b)**22...Nxe5?? 23.Rxc8+ Kf7 24.Rxh8 bxa4 25.Rxh7 Qa3±) ; 22...bxa4 23.bxc4 Qxh4 24.gxh4 Nxc4 (24...Ke7 25.c5 Rc7= (25...Rhd8? 26.f4 Ng6 27.e3 Nxh4+ 28.Kg3 Ng6±) ) 25.Nxe6 Ke7 26.Nf4 Rhe8=] **21.bxc4 bxa4 22.Nc6 Rxc6 23.Qxd7 Qc5 24.Rc3 g6 25.Rb1 h5?±** [25...Rd6 26.Qxa4 Rfd8 27.Rb7 Qd4 28.Rf3 f5±] **26.Rb7 e5 27.e4?±** [27.a3 Kg7 28.Re3 Rd6 29.Qxa4 h4±] **27...Rf6 28.Rc2 Qa3 29.Qd1 Rd6 30.Rd2 Rfd8 31.Rd5 Rxd5 32.cxd5 Qxa2** Topalov goes up a P, but he may have trouble holding onto his 2 aP's **33.Qf3 Rf8 34.Qd3** [34.Qc3 a3 35.Rb4 f6 36.Ra4 Qe2 37.Qxa3 f5 38.Rxa6 Qxe4+ 39.f3 Qc2+ 40.Kh3 f4±] **34...a3 35.Rb3?±** Kramnik's advantage has slipped away from him. [35.Ra7±] **35...f5 36.Qxa6** Kramnik decides to go for the draw **36...Qxb3 37.Qxg6+ Kh8 38.Qh6+ Kg8 ½-½****

Round 4 was also a draw, though Topalov sacked a pawn early for initiative, and did carry the play for the first part of the middle game, before it settled down into equality. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Topalov, V (2813) – Kramnik, V (2743) [D47]**

World Championship Match Elista, Kalmykia (4), 27.09.2006

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.a3 b4 10.Ne4 Nxe4?** [10...bxa3 11.bxa3 c5=] **11.Bxe4 bxa3 12.0-0?**= [12.bxa3 Rb8 13.Rb1 Bd6±] **12...Bd6 13.b3 Nf6 14.Nd2?**! [14...Bd3=] this is offering a P sac by Topalov [14.Bd3=] **14...Qc7?**= Kramnik avoids trying to win the P, because of positional difficulties thereafter, including his K being caught in the centre [14...Bxh2+ 15.Kxh2 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Qh4+ 17.Kg1 Qxe4 18.f3 Qg6 19.Bxa3 h5±] **15.Bf3!**? Topalov sacrifices a P to prevent Kramnik from getting in c5 [15.f4=] **15...Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Nc4 Be7 18.Bxa3 0-0 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Ra5 Rfd8 21.Kg1** [21.Qc2 Nd5 22.Ne5 a6 23.Qc5 Qc7=] **21...c5** Kramnik gives back the sacrificed P **22.Rxc5** some commentators think that Topalov now has a superior position ( though still relatively equal ) **22...Ne4?**± [22...Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Rac8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8=] **23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Qg4 Bd3 25.Ra1 Rac8 26.Raa5 Rb8?**± [26...Qb7 27.Rab5 Qe7 28.Qf3 Qf8±] **27.Qd1?**± Topalov misses the best continuation [27.Qf4 Rxb3 28.Rc7 e5 29.Rxe7 exf4 30.Ne5 a6 31.Nxd3 Rxd3 32.Rxa6 h6 33.Raa7 Rf8±] **27...Be4 28.Qa1 Rb7 29.Nd2 Bg6 30.Qc3 h6 31.Ra6 Kh7 32.Nc4 Be4 33.f3 Bd5 34.Nd2?**= [34.Na5 Rbd7 35.b4 Qh4 36.Qc2+ Kg8 37.Qf2 Qe7±] **34...Rdb8 35.Qd3+ f5 36.Rc3** [36.e4? fxe4 37.fxe4 Bxb3 38.Ra1 Qd8 39.Rc6± (39.Rc3 a5 40.d5 (40.Nxb3? Rxb3 41.d5 (41.Rxb3 Rxb3 42.Qxb3 Qxd4+ 43.Kh2 Qxa1 44.Qxe6±) 41...Rxc3 42.Qxc3 exd5 43.exd5 Qxd5 44.Rxa5 Rb1+ 45.Kh2 Qe4±) 40...a4 41.e5+ Kg8 42.d6 Qb6+ 43.Kh2 Qb4±] ] **36...Qh4 37.Ra1 Qg3?**± [37...Rd7=] **38.Qc2?**= [38.e4 fxe4 39.Nxe4 Qg6 40.Nc5 Rc7 41.Qxg6+ Kxg6±] **38...Rf7 39.Rf1** [now e4 only leads to equality 39.e4 Ba8 40.Nc4 Rc8 41.exf5 exf5=] **39...Qg6 40.Qd3 Qg3 41.Rfc1** [41.e4 Bb7 42.exf5 exf5 43.Nc4 Qf4=] **41...Rfb7 42.Qc2** [42.e4 fxe4 43.Nxe4 (43.Qc2 Qg5 44.Re1 Qh4 45.Re2 Rd7 46.fxe4 Bb7=) 43...Bxe4 44.Qxe4+ Qg6 45.Qxg6+ Kxg6=] **42...Qg5 43.Ra1 43...Qf6 44.Qd3 Rd7 45.Ra4 Rbd8** [45...e5 46.Ra6 Rb6 47.Rxb6 axb6 48.dxe5 Qxe5 49.Nc4 Bxc4 50.Qxd7 Qxc3 51.Qxf5+ g6 52.Qd7+ Kg8 53.Qc8+ Kg7 54.Qc7+ Kf8 55.Qd6+ Ke8 56.Qc6+ Ke7 57.bxc4 Qxe3+ 58.Kh2=] **46.Rc5** [46.e4? Bb7 47.e5 Qxe5 48.dxe5 Rxd3 49.Rc7 Bd5 50.Raxa7 Rg8 51.Rc2 Kg6 52.b4 Rb8 53.Rb2 Rb5±] **46...Kg8** [46...e5 47.Qc3 exd4 48.Rxd4 Qe6 49.b4 a6=] **47.Nc4 Bxc4 48.Raxc4 f4 49.Rc6 fxe3 50.Qxe3 Rxd4 51.Rxe6 Qh4 52.Rxd4 Qxd4 53.Re8+ Kh7 54.Qxd4** ½-½

### **Carlsen Norwegian Chess Champion**

Magnus Carlsen, only 15 years old, tied 7 time Norwegian Champion, and former coach, Simen Agdestein in the 2006 Norwegian Championship, forcing a playoff. The 2 regular games were drawn, and then Carlsen won the two rapid games to win the Championship. Carlsen is supposed to play in the World Championship Candidates Matches in October against Armenian Levon Aronian ( currently # 3 in the world ).

### **World Chess Championship Candidates' Matches in Trouble**

A play down of 16 players to a final 4 ( the Candidates' Matches ) was to have been played this month. The final 4 would then play in the 2007 World Chess Championship round-robin, with the 4 players already seeded into the tournament. The round 1 of the matches was to have been :

1. Levon Aronian ( Armenia - 2761 ) vs Magnus Carlsen ( Norway - 2673 )
2. Peter Leko ( Hungary - 2738 ) vs Mikhail Gurevich ( Turkey - 2643 )
3. Ruslan Ponomarev ( Ukraine - 2721 ) vs Sergei Rublevsky ( Russia - 2667 )
4. Boris Gelfand ( Israel - 2729 ) vs Rustam Kasimdzhanov ( Uzbekistan -2672 )
5. Etienne Bacrot ( France - 2707 ) vs Gata Kamsky ( USA - 2697 )
6. Alexander Grischuk ( Russia - 2709 ) vs Vladimir Malakhov ( Russia - 2691 )

7. Judit Polgar ( Hungary - 2710 ) vs Evgeny Bareev ( Russia - 2683 )  
 8. Alexei Shirov ( Spain - 2716 ) vs Michael Adams ( England - 2732 )

But FIDE has admitted having trouble financially organizing the matches, which were announced back in January. FIDE President, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, has suggested the matches will have to be postponed until April, 2007, and he has offered to hold them in Elista, Kalmykia ( site of the current World Championship match ). He has also suggested that the format of the Candidates' Matches be changed to a 16 player round-robin, from which the top 4 players will go into the 2007 World Championship tournament. Already there has been opposition voiced to these changes by some of the Candidates. But financial realities may end up determining the eventual format for 2007.

### SCC Howard Ridout Memorial Fall Swiss

This is the first SCC tournament of the new 2006-7 season, and a record 42 players have registered for it. After 3 rounds, there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place : Bryan Lamb ( highest rated player in the club ); John Hall ( second highest rated ); Donal Deiseach ( one of last year's club co-champions ); Jim Paterson ( another co-champion ).

In Round 1 Jim Paterson, barely escaped an upset by Steve Douglas. Here is their game, where Jim got into serious time trouble ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

#### **Paterson, J (1817) – Douglas, S (1460) [A03]**

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (1), 14.09.2006

**1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.b3 Bf5 4.Bb2 h6 5.e3 e6 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Nc3 Bd6 9.0-0 g5 10.Nd4 Bg6** [10...Bh7=] **11.f5 exf5 12.Nxf5 Bxf5 13.Rxf5 Qc7??±** [13...Be5=] **14.h3?±** [14.Qf1 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 d4 16.exd4 Bf4±] **14...0-0-0** [14...Rg8? 15.Bh5 Be7 16.Qf3 Nxf5 17.Qxh5 Nf6 18.Nb5 Qd7 19.Nc7+ Qxc7 20.Bxf6 Rg6 21.Raf1 Qd6 22.Bxe7 Qxe7±] **15.a4?±** [15.Qf1 Be7 16.b4 Qg3 17.Qe1 Qxe1+ 18.Rxe1 Bxb4±] **15...Rdg8?±** [15...Rhe8=] **16.Nb5?!±** Jim launches a dubious wild tactical melee [16.Qf1±] **16...cxb5 17.axb5??±** [17.Rxf6 Nxf6 18.Bxf6 Bh2+ 19.Kh1 Be5 20.Bxh8 Bxh8=] **17...Bh2+??±** [17...Ne4 18.Rxd5 Bh2+ 19.Kf1 Nb6 20.Bf3 Nxd5 21.Bxe4 Be5 22.Bxd5 Bxb2 23.Rxa7 g4±] **18.Kh1 Ne4 19.Bxh8??+ Jim** errs, and goes from winning to losing [19.Rxf7 Ng3+ 20.Kxh2 Nxe2+ 21.Kh1 Ng3+ 22.Kg1 Rf8±] **19...Ng3+ 20.Kxh2 Nxe2+ 21.Kh1** [21.Be5!? Nxe5 22.g3 Ng4+ 23.Kg2 Qxg3+ 24.Kf1 Nxe3+ 25.dxe3 Qxh3+ 26.Kxe2 Qxf5+ Steve would be up 2 connected, passed P's] **21...Ng3+ 22.Kg1 Nxf5** Steve has an N vs P **23.Bc3 Kb8??±** [23...g4 24.hxg4 Nxe3 25.dxe3 Qxc3 26.Qd4 Qxd4 27.exd4 Rxg4 28.Rxa7 Rxd4 29.Ra8+ Kc7 30.Rh8+ ] **24.Qf3 Nh4??±** [24...d4 25.exd4 Nd6 26.Bb4 Nxb5 27.Qxf7 Rd8 28.c3 Nb6±] **25.Qxd5??+ [25.Qxf7 Rf8 26.Qxd5 Rf5 27.Qe4 Qg3±] 25...Rd8??±** [25...g4 26.Bb4 Nb6 27.Qd4 Nc8 28.Kf2 Ka8+ ] **26.Bd4??±** [26.Qxf7 Rf8 27.Qd5 Rf5 28.Qe4 Qg3±] **26...b6 27.Rf1 f6??±** Steve has now let his winning advantage slip away from him [27...f5 28.Ra1 Nf8 29.Qc6 Qxc6 30.bxc6 Ne6 31.Be5+ Ka8 32.c7 Rf8±] **28.Qf7??±** [28.Qc6 Qg3 29.Rf2 f5 30.Qxh6 Rc8 31.c4 Nc5 32.Bxc5 Rxc5=] **28...Rf8??±** [28...Qxc2 29.Qe7 Qc8 30.Bxf6 Nxf6 31.Qxf6 Qc7±] **29.Qg7??±** [29.Qe6 Rc8 30.c3 f5 31.Rf2 h5=] **29...Rd8??±** [29...Qd6 30.Qxh6 Qd5 31.Rf2 Qxb5±] **30.c4 Qg3?±** [30...h5=] **31.Rf2 Ne5??±** this error should lose the game for Steve [31...f5 32.b4 f4 33.exf4 gxf4 34.Be5+ Nxe5 35.Qxe5+ Kc8 36.Qxf4 Qxf4 37.Rxf4 Ng6 38.Rf6 Ne5 39.Rxh6 Rxd2±] **32.Qe7??±** But Jim fails to see the correct continuation [32.Qxf6 Nhf3+ 33.Rxf3 (33.Kf1?? Nh2+ 34.Ke2 Rxd4 35.Qf8+ Kb7 36.exd4 Qd3+ 37.Ke1 Qb1+ 38.Ke2 Qd3+ 39.Ke1=) 33...Nxf3+ 34.Qxf3 Qxf3 35.gxf3 Kb7+ Jim would have B+3P's vs R] **32...Nef3+??±** Steve checks with the wrong N with disastrous consequences, and misses his draw [32...Nhf3+ 33.Kf1 Nh2+ 34.Ke2 Rxd4 35.Qe8+ Kc7 36.exd4 Qd3+ 37.Ke1 Qb1+= draw by repetition] **33.Kf1 Nh2+ [33...Rd6 34.gxf3 Nxf3 35.Bc3 Qxh3+ 36.Ke2 Ng1+ 37.Kd1 Qe6+ ] 34.Ke2 Qc7 35.Qxc7+ Kxc7 36.Rxf6** Jim now has 3P's for his N, will win one of Steve's N's, and has a " winning " advantage **36...g4?±** Steve misses an obvious tactical shot by W; he could have gotten some a P for his N [36...Re8 37.Kf2 g4 38.Kg3 gxh3 39.Kxh3 Nxf2 40.Kxg2 Ng4] **37.Be5+ Kd7 38.Bxh2** Jim is now up 3 P's; but his problem now is that he has only 5 min. left on the clock to win the game, he's taken so much time in his defending earlier; Steve has 25 min.. **38...Rg8** [38...h5 39.hxg4 hxg4 40.Rf7+ Ke6 41.Rxa7

Rh8 42.Bc7 Nxg2 43.Bxb6 Rg8+--] **39.hxg4** [39.Rxh6 gxh3 40.g3 Nf5 41.Rxh3 Rg7+--] **39...Rxc4 40.g3 Ng6 41.d4** [41.Rf7+ Ne7 42.Rh7 Rg6 43.d4 Ke8 44.e4 Re6 45.Rh8+ Kf7+--] **41...h5 42.Kf3 Ke7 43.Rf5 Nf8 44.Rxh5 Rg6 45.Re5+ Kf6 46.g4 Rh6??+--** although Steve had quite a bit of time left, he would sporadically try to blitz with Jim, given Jim's shortage of time; but then he'd make blunders in Jim's time pressure. [46...Nd7 47.Rf5+ Ke7 48.b4 Rh6 49.Bf4 Rh1+--] **47.Bf4??+--** But Jim was also making time pressure blunders [obvious should be 47.g5+ Kg6 48.gxh6 Kxh6+--] **47...Rh1 48.g5+ Kg6 49.Re7 Ra1 50.Ke4 a6 51.bxa6?+--** [51.Ra7 a5 52.Rb7 Rb1 53.Rxb6+ Kf7 54.Ra6 Rxb3 55.Rxa5+--] **51...Rxa6 52.Kd5 Ra3 53.b4 Ra8 54.b5 Kf5 55.c5** [55.Rf7+ Kg4 56.Rf6 Rd8+ 57.Kc6 Nh7 58.Rf7 Nxg5 59.Rg7 Rc8+ 60.Kxb6 Rxc4 61.Rxg5+ Kf3+--] **55...bxc5 56.dxc5 Rd8+ 57.Kc4 Ne6 58.c6 Rc8 59.c7 Ra8** [59...Nxc7 60.Rxc7 Ra8 61.b6+--] **60.b6 Ra1 61.b7 Rc1+** now Jim's flag was hanging, but Steve now had less than a minute left ! **62.Kd5 Rd1+ 63.Kc6 Rc1+ 64.Kd7 Rd1+ 65.Kc8** though Steve had been playing to flag Jim, and even though he still may have been able to do it, he decided he was so thoroughly lost, he'd just resign. **1-0**

Round 2 saw an upset on third board when Gord Blackman defeated the higher-rated Randy Moysoski. Here is their game – there are a number of tactical alternate lines ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Moysoski, R (1967) – Blackman, G (1608) [B06]**

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (2), 21.09.2006

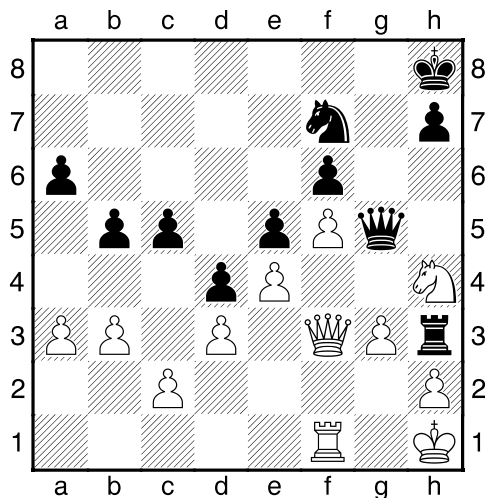
**1.e4 g6± 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3?=[3.Nf3±] 3...d6?± [3...Nf6=] 4.Nf3 c6 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0 Nbd7** [7...Bxf3? 8.Qxf3 Qd7 9.h3 h6±] **8.c3 0-0 9.Qb3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Qc7 11.h3 e5 12.Rac1?=[12.Rad1±] 12...a6?± [12...d5 13.Nxe5 Nxe4 14.f4 Rae8 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Rce1 Nf6=] 13.Nh2?=[13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Rfd1 a5±] 13...Rae8 14.f3 b5 15.Ng4 [15.Rce1=] 15...Nxg4 16.hxg4 Nf6 [16...Qb6 17.Qb4 a5 18.Qxd6 Re6 19.Qa3 exd4 20.Bf2 b4 21.Qb3 Nc5 22.Qc4 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Rd8=] 17.Kf2???** [17.g5 Nh5 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.c4 Rb8 20.cxb5 axb5=] **17...d5 18.dxe5?+** this should lose [18.g5 Nh5 19.Rfe1 dxe4 20.Bxe4 exd4 21.cxd4 Qg3+ 22.Kg1 Nf4 23.Bxf4 Qxf4?] **18...Qxe5 19.Bd4 Qc7??** But Gord fails to see the proper continuation [19...Qg5 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rfe1 Qh4+ 22.Kf1 Bf6 23.Ke2 Qg3 24.Rg1 dxe4 25.Rcf1 exf3+ 26.Kd2 Bg5+ 27.Kc2 fxc2 28.Rd1 Be3 29.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 30.Kb1 Qxc4+] **20.e5??+** Gord takes full advantage of Randy's error this time [20.exd5 Qf4 21.Kg1 Nxd5 22.Bxc7 Kxc7] **20...Nd7 21.Qa3** [21.f4 c5 22.Qxd5 Rd8 23.Kg1 (23.Be3 Nxe5 24.Qe4 Nxd3+ 25.Kg1 Rfe8 26.Qf3 Qe7 27.Bd2 Nxc1 28.Bxc1-) 23...cxd4 24.cxd4 Qa5+] **21...c5 22.e6 Rxe6 23.Bxc7 Kxc7 24.Rfe1 Rfe8 25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.Rc2 Ne5?+** [better is 26...Qf4 27.Be2 Ne5 28.Qxc5 Nxg4+ 29.Ke1 Ne3 30.Rc1 Nxg2+ 31.Kd1 Rxe2 32.Kxe2 Qxc1-] **27.Bf1?+** Randy fails to see the tactic waiting after this move. [27.Be2 c4 28.Rd2 Qb6+ 29.Rd4 (29.Kf1? Qe3 30.Rd1 Nxg4 31.fxc4 Qxe2+ 32.Kg1 Qe3+ 33.Kh2 g5 34.g3 Qf2+ 35.Kh1 Rh6#) 29...Nc6 30.Kf1 Nxd4 31.cxd4 Qxd4+] **27...Qe7?+** But Gord also misses the tactic [27...Nxf3! 28.Be2 (28.gxf3?? Qh2+ 29.Bg2 Qh4+ 30.Kg1 Qg3 31.Rf2 Re1+ 32.Rf1 Re2 33.Rf2 Qxf2+ 34.Kh1 Qxc2#; 28.Kxf3?? Rf6+ 29.Ke2 Qe5+ 30.Kd2 Qf4+ 31.Kd3 c4+ 32.Ke2 Qxf1+ 33.Kd2 Qd3+ 34.Kc1 Rf1#) 28...Nh4+] **28.g3?+** [28.g5 Nc4 29.Bxc4 dxc4 30.g3 Qxc5+] **28...Qf6** [more tactics are possible here 28...Nxg4+! 29.Kg1 (29.fxc4? Rf6+ 30.Kg1 Qe3+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Kg1 Qxc2+) 29...Re3 30.Rf2 (30.fxc4?? Rxc4+ 31.Bg2 Qe1+ 32.Kh2 Rd3 33.Qxc5 Qg3+ 34.Kh1 Rd1+ 35.Qg1 Qh4+ 36.Bh3 Qxh3+ 37.Rh2 Qxc4+) 30...Nxf2 31.Kxf2 Re1 32.c4 Rc1 33.Be2 bxc4+] **29.Bg2?+** [29.f4 Nxg4+ 30.Kg1 Qe7 31.c4 Re3 32.Rc3 Re1 33.Rc2 Qe4 34.Rg2 (34.Rd2 Ne3+) 34...Qd4+>] **29...Nxg4+!** this time Gord uncorks the tactical shot **30.Kg1** [30.Kf1 Qe5 31.Rc1 Qe2+ 32.Kg1 Qe3+ 33.Kh1 Qxc1+ 34.Bf1 Qxf1#] **30...Re1+ 31.Bf1 Qxf3** and it is mate to follow **0-1**

Rd. 2 again almost saw an upset of Jim Paterson, this time by new member, Mario Moran. He played an excellent game, and had Jim on the defensive throughout, but unfortunately was struck by chess blindness on move 35, and blundered his N. Jim must be counting his horseshoes this tournament ! Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

## Moran, M (1608) – Paterson, J (1817) [A03]

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (2), 21.09.2006

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 a6 4.b3 c5 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.Be2 Bg4 7.Ne5 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 e6 9.0-0 9...Bd6 [9...Rc8=] 10.Ng4 [10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.e4 Bc7 13.Rad1 Qe7=] 10...Be7 11.d3 0-0 12.Nd2 b5 13.e4 d4 [13...dxe4 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Bxf6 exd3 16.Qf3 Qxf6 17.Qxc6 Qd4+ 18.Kh1 dxc2 19.Nf3 Qxf4= Black has 4 P's for the N] 14.Nxf6+ to this point the game has been dead equal. Mario, the lower-rated, has not made an inaccuracy yet !! 14...gxf6??± [14...Bxf6 15.a3 Qa5 16.e5 Be7 17.Ne4 Rfd8=] 15.Qh5 Kh8 16.Rf3 Rg8 17.Qxf7 Mario goes up a P, and has good K-side attack pressure 17...Qd7 18.Rg3??= Mario misplays the position [18.a4 Rg6 19.Rh3 Rg7 20.Qh5 Rag8 21.g3 Nb4 22.Qd1 Bd6±] 18...Raf8??± [18...Rxc3 19.hxc3 Nb4 20.a3 Nxc2 21.Rc1 Ne3 22.Nf1 Nxf1 23.Rxf1 Rf8 24.Qh5 f5=] 19.Rxc3+ Rxc3 20.Qh5?= [20.a4 Nb4 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rc1 Rf8 23.Qh5 Ra8±] 20...Bf8??± Jim's plan is not best [20...Nb4 21.Qd1 Bd6 22.Nf3 Bxf4=] 21.a3 Rg6 22.g3 Rh6 23.Qe2 Bd6 24.Rf1 e5?+- Jim is now getting into real difficulty. Mario is playing exceptionally well for his rating. [24...f5 25.Nf3 Rg6 26.exf5 exf5 27.Nh4 Rh6 28.Re1 Kg7±] 25.f5 Qg7 26.Bc1?± [26.Nf3 Qg4 27.Nxd4 Qxe2 28.Nxe2 Nd4 29.Nxd4 exd4+-] 26...Rh3?+- [26...Rh4 27.Rf2 Rg4 28.Qf3 Qg8 29.Qg2 Bc7±] 27.Qg2??± Mario misses trapping Jim's R [27.Kg2 Rh4 28.h3 Rh6 29.Nb1 Bc7 30.Bxh6 Qxh6+-] 27...Qg4 28.Nf3 Bf8 29.Kh1 Bh6 30.Bxh6 Rxh6 31.Nh4 Qg5 32.Qf3 Nd8 33.Ng2 [33.Qf2±] 33...Rh3?+- [33...Nc6±] 34.Nh4 Nf7



35.Kg2??+- a truly unfortunate blunder, in a very well-played game to here for Mario. He misses the pin on the gP [35.Qg2 Qg4 36.Nf3 Rh6 37.Qd2 Qh5 38.Rf2 Qg4 39.Kg2 Qg8+-] 35...Rxh4 now Jim has an N vs P 36.Rf2 Qg4 37.Qxc4 Rxc4 38.h3 Rg8 39.h4 h5 40.Rf1 Nh6 41.Ra1 Rc8 42.a4 c4 43.axb5 axb5 44.bxc4 bxc4 45.dxc4 Rxc4 46.Ra8+ Kg7 47.Ra7+ Nf7 48.Ra2 Rc3+- 0-1

In Round 3, Bryan Lamb got into his trademark desperate time trouble, and had to make 30 moves in under 2 minutes to defeat Pepin Manalo. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bryan Lamb ):

## Manalo, P (1659) – Lamb, B (2117) [B07]

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (3), 28.09.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.e4 g6 transposing to Pirc Defense 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.Nge2 0-0 6.f3 c6 supposed to be equal here – W's next move is not unusual, giving slight edge to B 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 Re8 10.0-0-0?! exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Be2 d5 I realized after Be2 that ...d5 was not necessarily great for me but since W is taking aim at d6 I think I have to play it now 13.Bg5 dxe4 14.fxe4 [14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.fxe4=]

**14...Qa5? 15.Rhf1 Nxe4** computer analysis says this is wrong ( giving it a ?? ); I was fairly sure it was not sound when I played it but I thought the lines were OK for me in his most likely replies. I couldn't resist the opportunity to make the position complicated. **16.Nxe4 Qxa2 17.Nc3??** this was one line I analyzed when playing 15...Nxe4. I though I would have the advantage here....and the computer thinks this move is a blunder for W ( because it overlooks W's best reply which appears to be 17.Qb4, after which Bl. doesn't appear to have much compensation for the sacrificed piece; though I looked this move, I still chose 15...Nxe4 because I considered it unlikely that W would reply with a move such as 17.Qb4. As it turned out, I was right, so even though it was a technically incorrect sacrifice, psychologically it ended up working ). **17...Qa1+ 18.Nb1 c5** this is the whole point of the " combination " – planning Nc4 if W moves the attacked N ( W can still survive after 19.Nb3 Nc4 20.c3, similarly to the line given below with 19.Bb5 after 18...c5 ) **19.Qf4??** computer gives 19.Bb5 as correct for W [19.Bb5 Rf8 20.Nb3 Nc4 21.c3 Nxd2 22.Nxa1 Nxf1 23.Rxf1 with a roughly even position] **19...cxd4 20.Bb5 d3** [ Bryan had 8 min. left at this point, and Pepin had lots of time : Ed. ] this move is based on a miscalculation but is also a " hard to resist " move. Computer analysis gives 20...Bf5 as being the correct move. Actually ....d3 is still " sound " as B still has a slight advantage if W takes the R. I was thinking if W does 21.Bxe8, I have dxc2 22.Bxf7+ Kh8 and after 23.Kxc2 Bf5+ W has lots of problems. However in my analysis, I forgot about the relatively obvious 23.Rd8+ which wins for W on the spot. So if W plays 21.Bxe8 I have to play as set out below. [20...Bf5] **21.c3??** the alternate line below was still the most correct thing to do [21.Bxe8 Bf5 22.Qa4 dxc2 23.Qxa1 cxb1Q+ 24.Qxb1 Rc8+ 25.Kd2 Nc4+ apparently with a slight advantage to B.] **21...Bf5 22.Rd2 Re6 23.Re1 Rc8** I was intending ....Rae8, touched my R and then realized e8 was still under attack. So I had to do this. Here I have 2 min. remaining for the game. Manalo has about 15 or 20 min. I think. [ By now there were about 10 players gathered round to watch, to see if Bryan could beat the clock : Ed ] **24.g4 Nf3** W is definitely losing here **25.Rxe6 Nxd2** too hasty in time pressure..... .....Bxc3 instead is much better **26.Re8+** this allows the tables to turn in B's favour **26...Rxe8 27.Qxd2 Re2** I spent about 20 sec. here on 27...Re1+, eventually convincing myself that it didn't work, but actually it gives B a big advantage [27...Re1+ 28.Qxe1 Qxb1+!! 29.Kd2 (29.Kxb1 d2+) 29...Qxb2+] **28.gxf5** W, who seemed almost on the verge of resigning here, continued on much to my chagrin and lasted over 25 more moves **28...Rxd2 29.Bxd2 Qa5 30.Bxd3 Qd5 31.Kc2 gxf5 32.Na3 Qg2 33.Kd1 Qh1+ 34.Kc2 Qxh2 35.Kd1 f4 36.Nc4 f3 37.Ne3 Bh6 38.Nf1 Qh1 39.Bxh6 Qxh6 40.Kc2 Qf4 41.Kd1 h5 42.Nd2 h4 43.Bf1 Qg3 44.Nc4 Qg1 45.Nd2 Qf2 46.Kc2 Qe3 ...h3** wins really fast here; for some reason I didn't play it. It doesn't affect the outcome but may have taken a bit less time **47.Kd1 f2 48.c4 h3 49.b4 h2 50.Bg2 Qe1+ 51.Kc2 Qe2 52.b5 h1Q 53.Bxh1 f1Q 54.Bxb7 Qfd1+ 55.Kc3 Qexd2#** the ending is not remarkable, only if you are not impressed by 30 moves ( starting from move 24 ) played in under 2 min. to end the game [ there was loud applause from the crowd when Bryan made the time control : Ed. ] **0-1**

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