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Kramnik Wins Unification World Chess Championship !

This 12-game match was played Sept. 23 – Oct. 13 in Elista, Kalmykia, Russia. Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) was the 2000 Classical World Champion. Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) was the 2005 FIDE World Champion. The prize money was \$1 million (USA), split equally between the players, regardless of result. The winner now goes on to the 2007 World Chess Championship tournament. According to the match contract, the loser must go back and enter the 2009 World Championship cycle by entering the 2007 FIDE World Cup. After 4 rounds, Kramnik was leading 3:1, with 2 wins and 2 draws.

Then the match almost got torpedoed by “ Bathroomgate “. Topalov had, after game 2, given notice of being unhappy about a number of conditions of the tournament, one being:

1. We are not satisfied with the checks carried out on the players’ rest rooms. Members of our team were not invited to attend these checks. We are surprised by the fact that the window of Topalov’s rest room was open during play.

Each player had their own private rest room, with a private toilet/ washroom attached. After game 4 Topalov raised a further complaint:

1. After each move Mr. Kramnik immediately heads to the rest room and from it directly to the bathroom. During every game he visited the relaxation room 25 times at the average and the bathroom more than 50 times – the bathroom is the only place without video surveillance.

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The FIDE Appeals Committee that handles all protests, decided to close the private bathrooms of both players, and a common bathroom was opened for them both to use. Topalov was still dissatisfied and further demanded that the players had to be accompanied to the washroom by an assistant arbiter. Kramnik also protested the decision. The Appeals Committee took no further steps.

At the start time for game 5 on Friday, Sept. 29, Kramnik refused to appear at the table for the game, and waited in his restroom as a protest. Topalov was sitting at the board ready to play. After an initial delay, the clock for game 5 was officially started. About ½ hr. later, when FIDE Vice-President George Makropoulos was having a press conference, Kramnik appeared, protested the decision of the Appeals Committee, demanded that they be replaced, that the private bathrooms be reopened, and that he would agree to play game 5 the next day. Thereafter, the game 5 was officially awarded to Topalov by forfeit. Kramnik later that day again protested, requested that the original conditions of play be reinstated, that the forfeit be reversed, and that he would play game 5 on the next day, Saturday, Sept. 30.

Given the crisis, FIDE president, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, left a political meeting with Russian President, Vladimir Putin, to return to Elista to deal with the crisis. He immediately met with representatives of both sides. The first thing done was to postpone the next game, which was to have started Saturday, Sept. 30, to Sunday Oct. 1. Then there was a further postponement to Monday, October 2. In the meantime, negotiations concluded around the bathroom issue: the Appeals Committee decision was set aside, each player was to have a private washroom, but (and this is the new condition) representatives of the other side were to be given the possibility of regular checks of the respective washrooms. Also, the Appeals Committee voluntarily resigned, and were replaced. It was further decided (it is unclear whether by the Appeals Committee before it resigned, or by Ilyumzhinov after the Committee resigned) that the forfeit of game 5 would stand, leaving the score: Kramnik 3 : 2 Topalov. And so game 6 went ahead on Oct. 2. But Kramnik did so only under protest. He stated:

1. I inform that I am ready to proceed playing the match by reserving all my rights. My further participation will be subject to the condition to clarify my rights regarding game five at later stage.
2. I do not agree with the decision made by FIDE and I formally protest against it. The decisions made on my requests, especially the resignation of the Appeals Committee, opening the toilets to the restrooms again, are crystal clear admissions of FIDE of having taken a false decision. Logically FIDE admits herewith that it was a mistake to start game five by violating the rules and regulations of the competition and by changing the agreed playing rules and conditions during the match without my approval.

Game 6 then turned out to be a straight-forward draw, with Topalov making no progress with the white pieces. Here it is (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Topalov, V (2813) – Kramnik, V (2743) [D17]

World Championship Match Elista, Kalmykia (6), 02.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5?? [6.e3=] **6...e6 7.f3 c5???** Fritz does not like this move [7...Bb4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.e4 Bh7 11.Bxc4 Bd6?] **8.e4 Bg6 9.Be3** [9.Bxc4? cxd4 10.Bb5+ Nfd7 11.Qxd4 a6 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7=] **9...cxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nfd7 12.Nxd7** [12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Nb5 Kd8 14.Bxc4 Nc6 15.Bc3 a6 16.Nd4 Rc8±] **12...Nxd7 13.Bxc4 a6 14.Ke2 Rg8** [14...Rc8 15.Bd3 e5 16.Be3 Nc5 17.Rad1 Ne6±] **15.Rhd1?=[** [15.Rac1±] **15...Rc8** [15...Bd6

16.g3 (16.Bxg7 Bxh2 17.Bh6 Rc8 18.Bb3 Nc5 19.Ba2 Be5=) 16...Ne5 17.Ba2 Bh5=; 15...Bc5? 16.Bxc5 Nxc5 17.b4 Nd7 18.Nb5! Ke7± (18...axb5?? 19.Bxb5 0-0-0 20.Rac1+ Kb8 21.Bxd7 h5+-)] **16.b3 Bc5 17.a5 Ke7 18.Na4 Bb4 19.Nb6 Nxb6 20.Bxb6 f6?±** [20...Bc5 21.Bxc5+ Rxc5=] **21.Rd3 Rc6 22.h4 Rgc8 23.g4?=-** Topalov, in his determined style, is trying to find some way of wringing an advantage out of a drawish position. His task is difficult, since Kramnik is felt to be able to draw anything ! [23.Rad1±] **23...Bc5 24.Rad1 Bxb6 25.Rd7+ Kf8 26.axb6 Rxb6 27.R7d6 Rxd6 28.Rxd6 Rc6?±** [28...e5 29.Rb6 Rc7 30.Bd5 a5 31.Rb5 Be8 32.Rxa5=] **29.Rxc6 bxc6 30.b4?=-** [30.Bxe6±] **30...e5 31.Bxa6** Drawn ½-½

After Game 6, Kramnik renewed his protest/appeal of the decision of Ilyumzhinov/Old Appeals Committee about the forfeit of Game 5. The new Appeals Committee issued a technical rejection of the appeal, stating that it could not sit on appeal of a final decision of the prior Appeals Committee. Then, just before Game 7, Topalov's team issued an open letter documenting that 78% of Kramnik's moves coincide with the recommendation of Fritz 9. Nevertheless, Kramnik, after re-asserting his continuation under protest, and indicating he will be suing FIDE, appeared for Game 7 on October 4, and it proceeded as expected. Topalov had the white pieces, since colours switch at mid-way in the tournament.

Game 7 was a bit more interesting than game 6, but involved basically positional maneuvering, with Kramnik being for a short time up 2 pawns, but with Topalov having compensatory initiative. Eventually, the game was drawn, Topalov down a pawn. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Topalov, V (2813) – Kramnik, V (2743) [A00]

World Championship Match Elista, Kalmykia (7), 04.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 c5 7.0-0 a6 8.Bb3 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Re1 0-0 12.a4 Bd7 13.Ne5 Be8 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Rc1 Nb4 16.Qf3 Bc6 17.Qh3 Bd5 18.Nxd5 Nbx d5 19.Rcd1 Rc7 [19...Qb6 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Bg5 Rfe8 22.Qf3 h6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Qxd5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Rcd8 26.Qc4 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rxe5=] **20.Bg5 Qc8 21.Qf3 Rd8 22.h4 h6?± 23.Bc1??±** Topalov wants his B for future attack [23.Bd2 Bb4 24.Bxb4 Nxb4 25.Nxf7! Kxf7 (25...Rxf7? 26.Bxe6 Qc6 27.Qb3 Nfd5 28.Rc1 Qd6 29.Re5 Kf8 30.Rc5 Rf4 31.g3 Rxd4 32.Rcxd5 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 Qxd5 (33...Rxd5?? 34.Qf3+ Ke7 35.Qf7#) 34.Bxd5 R8xd5 35.Qxb7 a5±) 26.Bxe6+ Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Kxe6±; 23.Bxf6? Bxf6 24.h5 Bg5=] **23...Bb4 24.Rf1 Bd6??±** [24...Nc3!? 25.bxc3 Rxc3 26.Bxe6 Qxe6 27.Be3 Nd5 28.Nd3 Nxe3 29.fxe3 Be7±] **25.g3??±** Topalov plays the safer waiting move; probably felt 25.g4 too weakening of the K-side. But Topalov is down a game, and maybe he needs to take some risks to catch up. [25.g4 Bxe5 26.dxe5 Nd7 27.g5 h5 28.Bf4 Nxf4 29.Qxf4 Rc5 30.g6 Nxe5 31.Rxd8+ Qxd8 32.gxf7+ Nxf7 33.Bxe6 Qf6 34.Qxf6 gxf6±] **25...b6 26.Qe2 Ne7 27.Rfe1 Bxe5?=-** [27...Nfd5 28.Qf3 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Rcd7±] **28.dxe5 Rxd1 29.Qxd1** [29.exf6?? Rxe1+ (29...Rdxc1 30.fxe7 Rxe7 31.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 32.Kg2 Qc6+ 33.Qf3 Rc7-+) 30.Qxe1 Rxc1 31.Bd1 Nd5-+] **29...Nfd5** [29...Nd7 30.Bf4 Ng6 31.Qg4 Qb7 32.h5 Nxf4 33.Qxf4 Rc5 34.Qd4 Kh8=] **30.Bd2 Rc5 31.Qg4 Nf5 32.Qe4 b5 33.h5 bxa4 34.Qxa4 Rb5** [34...Nb6 35.Qa1 Nd4 36.Bd1 Nc2 37.Bxc2 Rxc2 38.Bc3 Qc5 39.Rf1 Qb5=] **35.Rc1 Qb7 36.Bc2??±** Topalov decides to sacrifice the b2P, but it is not clear what he has as compensation. [36.Bxd5 exd5 37.Qf4 Qd7 38.b4 Ne7=] **36...Nb6 37.Qg4 Rxb2??±** Kramnik goes for the wrong P [37...Nd7 38.Qe4 Nxe5 39.Bc3 Qxe4 40.Bxe4 Nd6 41.Bc2 Nc6±] **38.Be4??±** Topalov misses the chance to keep the advantage [38.Bc3 Nd5 39.Bxb2 Qxb2 40.Qd1 Nc3 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Bxf5+ exf5 43.Rf1 Ne2+ 44.Kh2 f4 45.Qd3+ Kg8 46.g4 Qxe5 47.Kg2 Nd4±] **38...Qd7 39.Be1** [39.Bc3 Rb5 40.Bxf5 exf5 41.Qxg7+! Kxg7 42.e6+ f6 43.exd7 Nxd7±] **39...Nd5** [39...Nd4 40.Kh2 Nd5 41.Bd3 Nc6±] **40.Bd3** [40.Ra1 Qc6 41.Bd3 Nc7 42.Bxf5 exf5 43.Qxf5 Ne6±] **40...Nb4 41.Bf1** [41.Bxf5 exf5 42.Qc4 (42.Qf3? Nd5 43.Qa3 Re2 44.Qxa6 Rxe5 45.Qc8+ Qxc8 46.Rxc8+ Kh7 47.Ba5 f4±) 42...Nd3 (42...a5? 43.Bc3 Rc2 44.Rxc2 Nxc2 45.Bxa5 Nd4=; 42...Nd5? 43.Qxa6=) 43.e6 fxe6 44.Rd1 Ne5 45.Rxd7 Nxc4±] **41...Nd3 42.Qd1 Nxe5** Topalov is now down 2 P's, but he does get some initiative, and eventually recapture one of the P's; Kramnik can make no headway despite his material lead **43.Qxd7 Nxd7 44.Rc8+** [44.Bxa6? Rb8 (44...Nf6?? 45.Rc8+ Kh7 46.Bd3 Ra2=) 45.g4 Nd4 46.Bc3 e5±] **44...Kh7 45.Rc7** [45.Bxa6? Rb1 46.Kf1 Ne5 47.Be2 Nd4 48.f4 Nxe2 49.Kxe2 Rb2+ 50.Ke3 Ng4+ 51.Kf3 f5±] **45...Rb1?=-** Kramnik gives Topalov the wrong P [45...Nf6 46.Bxa6±] **46.Rxd7 Rxe1 47.Rxf7** [the faster way to a draw is 47.Kg2 g5 48.Rxf7+ Kg8 49.Ra7 g4 50.Rxa6 Nd4 51.Ra4 Rd1=] **47...a5 48.Kg2 Kg8 49.Ra7 Re5 50.g4 Nd6 51.Bd3 Kf8 52.Bg6 Rd5** Kramnik seems to be just waiting; probably willing to take a draw now **53.f3 e5 54.Kf2 Rd2+ 55.Ke1 Rd5 56.Ke2 Rb5 57.Rd7 Rd5 58.Ra7**

[58.Be4??-+ Nxe4 59.Rxd5 Nc3+ 60.Kd3 Nxd5-+] **58...Rb5 59.Bd3** Topalov refuses to draw, and continues to try to play for a win [59.Rd7= going for draw by repetition] **59...Rd5** the easier way to a draw [59...Rb2+ 60.Kd1 Rb3 61.Kc2 Ra3 62.Rc7 a4 63.Rc5 Nf7 64.Ra5 Ke7=] **60.Bg6** draw agreed ½-½

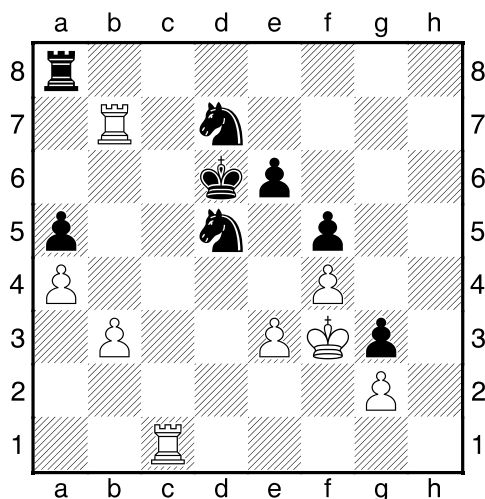
The off-board war continued after game 7 when Kramnik's manager wrote a letter to the head of the WCC Committee stating that they were concerned that a Topalov representative might try to plant an electronic device in Kramnik's restroom/washroom to bolster their allegations, and outlined steps for security to prevent this happening. This remained unresolved but game 8 went ahead on Thursday, October 5.

Game 8 saw Topalov start one of his famous come-backs (though he eventually lost the fourth tie-break game, and the match), playing 2 N's vs R+P to a nice win. So the match was tied 4:4 (counting the game 5 forfeit to Topalov). Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2743) – Topalov, V (2813) [A00]

World Championship Match Elista, Kalmykia (8), 05.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 b4 10.Na4 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Bb5+ Ncd7 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Qd4 Rd8 Topalov offers the sac of the aP [14...Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxe5 16.Qxe5 Nxe5=] **15.Bd2** Kramnik refuses the P sac [15.Qxa7 Bd6 16.f4 0-0 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Bd2 Nf6= though Topalov is down a P] **15...Qa5 16.Bc6 Be7** [16...Bxc6? 17.Nxc6 Qxa4 18.Nxd8 Kxd8 19.a3 e5 20.Qc4 Nb6 21.Qxf7 Qd7 22.Qb3 bxa3 23.Ba5 Ke8 24.Bxb6 axb6 25.Qxb6 Bd6±] **17.Rfc1** [17.Bxb7?? Nxe5 18.Bxb4 Bxb4 19.Qf4 Rd2-+; 17.b3 0-0! 18.Bxd7 Nxd7 19.Nxd7 Bc6 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Bxa4 22.Bxb4 Bxb4 23.bxa4 Bc3 24.Nc6 Bxa1 25.Nxd8 Rxd8 26.Rxa1 h5=] **17...Bxc6** now Bxc6 is OK; Topalov will get 2 N's for his R + P **18.Nxc6 Qxa4 19.Nxd8 Bxd8** [19...Kxd8 20.a3 Qb5 21.Qxa7 Bd6 22.Bxb4 Bxb4 23.Qa8+ Qb8 24.Qxb8+ Nxb8 25.axb4 Ke7=] **20.Qxb4?±** for the first time in the game someone gets an advantage [20.b3 Qb5 21.Bxb4 e5 22.Qc4 Qxc4 23.bxc4 Bc7=] **20...Qxb4 21.Bxb4 Nd5 22.Bd6 f5 23.Rc8 N5b6 24.Rc6 Be7 25.Rd1 Kf7 26.Rc7 Ra8** [26...Rc8 27.Rxc8 Nxc8 28.Bxe7 Kxe7±] **27.Rb7 Ke8 28.Bxe7 Kxe7 29.Rc1 a5 30.Rc6 Nd5 31.h4 h6 32.a4 g5 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Kf1 g4 35.Ke2 N5f6 36.b3 Ne8 37.f3 g3 38.Rc1 Nef6 39.f4 Kd6 40.Kf3 Nd5**



41.Kxg3??-+ Finally an error; W gives Bl a file for his R to attack [41.Rb5± Ra7 42.e4 fxe4+ 43.Kxe4 N7f6+ 44.Kf3 Nh5 45.Rc4 Rf7] **41...Nc5 42.Rg7** [42.Rb5 Ne4+ 43.Kf3 Rg8 44.Rxa5 Rg3+ 45.Ke2 Rxc2+ 46.Kd3 Rd2+ 47.Kc4 Nxe3+ 48.Kb5 Rd5+ 49.Kb6 Rxa5 50.Kxa5 Nd5-+] **42...Rb8** [42...Nxe3 43.Kf3 Nd5

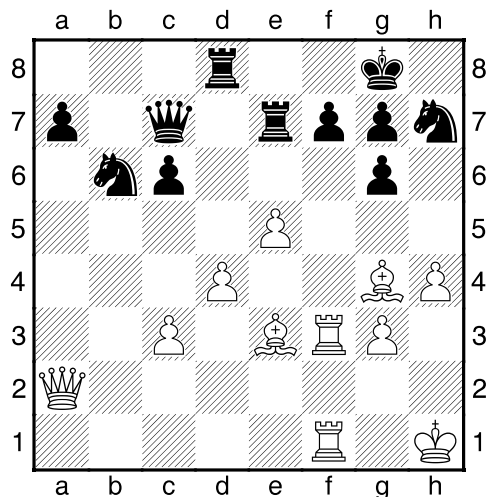
44.Rb1 Rb8 45.g4 Nxb3 46.Kg3 Nc3 47.Rf1 Rb4-+] **43.Ra7 Rg8+** Topalov now exploits the erroneous 41st move [43...Nxe3 44.Rb1 Rxb3 45.Rxb3 Nxb3 46.Ra8 Nc4-+] **44.Kf3 Ne4 45.Ra6+ Ke7 46.Rxa5 Rg3+ 47.Ke2 Rxe3+ 48.Kf1 Rxb3 49.Ra7+ Kf6 50.Ra8 Nxf4 51.Ra1 Rb2 52.a5** [52.Rg8 Kf7 53.Rd8 Rf2+ 54.Kg1 Rxb2+ 55.Kf1 Rf2+ 56.Ke1 Ng2+ 57.Kd1 Ne3+ 58.Ke1 Nc2+ 59.Kd1 Nc3+ 60.Kc1 Nxa1-+] **52...Rf2+-** and mate follows **0-1**

Game 9 saw Topalov maintain his momentum, win the game, and go ahead 5:4 (counting the forfeit). He solidified his grip in the centre, and then successfully attacked Kramnik's f7. Here is the game (Annotations from various sources):

Topalov, V (2813) – Kramnik, V (2743)

WCC Match 2006 Elista, Kalmykia, Russia (9), 07.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.a3 Nbd7 9.g3 Be7 10.f4 dxc4 this abandons the centre to W, allowing e4 **11.Bxc4 0-0??±** [11...Qb6 12.e4 Rd8 13.b3 e5=] **12.e4 b5 13.Be2 b4** [13...Qb6 14.Qd3 Rfd8 15.e5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 cxd5±] **14.axb4 Bxb4 15.Bf3 Qb6 16.0-0 e5?±** Kramnik goes for some counter play in the centre, but it is inferior [16...Rfd8 17.Na4 Qb5 18.Be3 c5±] **17.Be3** [17.fxe5? Nxe5 18.Be3 Rfd8±] **17...Rad8** [17...exd4 18.Na4 Qb5 19.Bxd4 Rfe8±] **18.Na4 Qb8 19.Qc2 exf4 20.Bxf4** Topalov has maintained his iron grip on the centre [20.gxf4? Rfe8 21.Bc1 Qd6±] **20...Qb7 21.Rad1 Rfe8 22.Bg5 Be7 23.Kh1 Nh7 24.Be3** Topalov does not want to part with his B; exchanging will reduce his pressure **24...Bg5 25.Bg1 Nhf8 26.h4 Be7 27.e5** drives Kramnik into an even more defensive position **27...Nb8 28.Nc3 Bb4 29.Qg2 Qc8 30.Rc1 Bxc3 31.bxc3** W's P's look imposing [Topalov rejects this line winning the Bl cP 31.Rxc3 Qd7 32.Rxc6 Nxc6 33.Bxc6 Qe6 34.Bxe8 Rxe8±] **31...Ne6?+-** [31...a6 32.Rb1 c5 33.Rb7 Rd7 34.Rb2 Rdd8±] **32.Bg4 Qc7 33.Rcd1 Nd7 34.Qa2 Nb6 35.Rf3** Kramnik is in a very defensive posture, having to await Topalov's pawn push, or alternate plan, which seems to be an attack on f7 **35...Nf8** [35...Rb8 36.Rdf1 Nd8 37.h5 gxh5 38.Bxh5 Rb7 39.e6 Rxe6 40.Rxf7 Qxg3 41.Rf8+ Kh7 42.Rxd8 Qh4+ 43.Bh2 Qxd8 44.Qxe6 Qd5+ 45.Qxd5 Nxd5+-] **36.Rdf1 Re7 37.Be3 Nh7** [no better is 37...Rd5 38.Bg5 Red7 39.Bxd7 Rxd7 40.Bd8 Qb7 41.Bxb6 axb6+-]



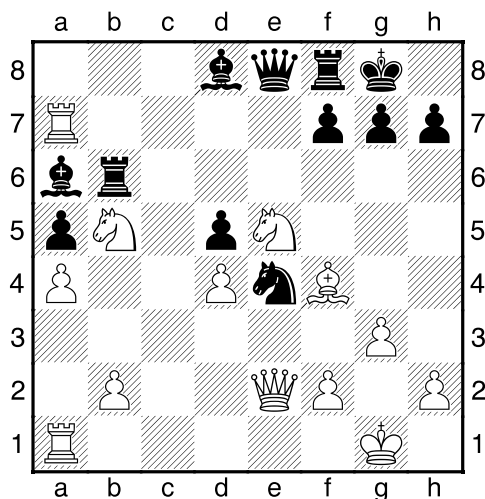
38.Rxf7! Nd5 [38...Rxf7 39.Rxf7 Qxf7 40.Be6 Rd7 41.Bxf7+ Rxf7+-] **39.R7f3 1-0**

But Kramnik came back to tie the match in game 10, when Topalov made a blunder in the middle game, losing a critical centre pawn, to go down 2 pawns. Here is the game (Annotations from various sources):

Kramnik, V (2743) – Topalov, V (2813)

WCC Match 2006 Elista (10), 08.10.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.Qc2 a5 10.Rd1 Nh5 11.Bc1 b5 [11...Nhf6 12.Nfd2 b5 13.c5 Qe8 14.e4=] 12.cxd5 [12.c5 f5 13.Nc3 Qe8=] 12...cxd5 13.e4 dxe4 14.Qxe4 now the advance of the Q-side P's has left Topalov slightly behind in development 14...Rb8 15.Qe2 Nhf6 16.Bf4 Rb6 17.Ne5 Nd5 18.Bxd5 exd5 19.Nc3 Nf6 20.Nxb5 Kramnik goes up a P 20...Ba6 21.a4 though Kramnik is up a P, to here the game has been dead equal 21...Ne4?? [21...Re6 22.Qf3 Qb6 23.Nc3 Qb3= (23...Qxb2?? 24.Rab1 Qa3 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Qxd5 Qxa4 27.Ra1 Qc2 28.Qxa5 Bb7 29.Qb5 Ba6 30.Qb1 Qxb1 31.Raxb1 f6 32.Nd7 Rd8 33.d5 Re4 34.Nb8 Be2 35.Rd2 Bd6±)] 22.Rdc1 Qe8 23.Rc7?= [23.Nc4 Re6 24.Ne3 Qd7±] 23...Bd8 24.Ra7



f6??+- Topalov blunders. This will cost him the game. [24...Bxb5 25.axb5 Qxb5 26.Qxb5 Rxb5 27.Ra2 f6 28.Nc6 Bb6 29.Rb7 Rf7 30.Rb8+ Rf8 31.Ne7+ Kf7 32.Rb7 Ke6 33.Nc6 Rc8 34.Na7 Bxa7 35.Rxb5 Bxd4 36.Raxa5 Bxf2+ 37.Kg2 g5 38.Ra6+ Kf7 39.Bd6 g4=] 25.Nd7 [25.Qg4? g5 26.Qd7 Qxd7 27.Nxd7 Bxb5 28.Nxf8 Kxf8 29.axb5 gxf4 30.R1xa5 fvg3 31.hxg3 Rb8±] 25...Rf7 26.Nxb6 Rxa7 27.Nxd5 now Topalov is down 2 P's. There will be no recovering from this deficit 27...Rd7 28.Ndc3 Rxd4 [28...Re7 29.Qd1 Nxc3 30.bxc3 Bxb5 31.Qb3+ Kf8 32.axb5 Re1+ 33.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 34.Kg2 Qe4+ 35.Kf1 Qh1+ 36.Ke2 Qe4+ 37.Be3 Bb6+-] 29.Re1 [also very good is 29.f3 Nd6 30.Qxe8+ Nxe8 31.Nxd4+-] 29...f5 30.Qc2 Rb4 31.Nd5 [also playable is 31.f3 Qc6 32.fxe4 fxe4 33.Qd2 Bb6+ 34.Be3 Bxe3+ 35.Qxe3 Rxb2 36.Rd1 Bxb5 37.axb5 Qc7 38.Nxe4+-] 31...Rxb5 Topalov's trademark exchange sacrifice will not save this game 32.axb5 Qxb5 33.Nc7 Qc4 34.Qd1 [quite playable is 34.Qxc4+ Bxc4 35.Ra1 Bf6 36.Rxa5 Bxb2 37.Rxf5 Bd4+-] 34...Bxc7 35.Qd7 h6 [35...Qf7 36.Qxc7 Qxc7 37.Bxc7 a4+-] 36.Qxc7 Qb4 37.Qb8+ Qxb8 38.Bxb8 Nd2 39.Ra1 g5 40.f4 Nb3 41.Ra3 Bc4 42.Bc7 g4 43.Bxa5 1-0

Before Game 11, Kramnik again reiterated his position that he was playing under protest but would finish the match, that if the forfeit of game 5 affected the outcome so Topalov won, he would refuse to recognize his title, and sue FIDE, and that he was still willing to play game 5 after game 12. So Game 11 went ahead as planned and was drawn, Kramnik being up a pawn, leaving the match still tied. Here is the game (Annotations from various sources):

Topalov, V (2813) – Kramnik, V (2743)

WCC Match 2006 Elista, Kalmykia, Russia (11), 10.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.Rb1 Nbd7 9.c5 a5 10.a3 e5 [10...b6 11.cxb6 Qxb6 12.h3 Bd6=] 11.b4 [11.b3 b5 12.cxb6 Qxb6 13.dxe5 Nxe5=] 11...axb4 12.axb4 Qc7 13.f4 exf4 [13...Nh5 14.Ne2 exd4 15.exd4 Ndf6=; 13...e4 14.Be2 b6 15.Bb2 Be7=] 14.exf4 Be7 15.Be2 Nf8 16.0-0 Ne6 17.g3 Qd7?± [17...b6=] 18.Qd3 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Qxe4 Qxd4+ 21.Qxd4 Nxd4 22.Bc4 0-0 23.Kg2 Ra4 [23...Rfd8 24.Rd1 Kf8 25.h3 Ra4 26.Bd3 Bf6=] 24.Rd1 Rd8 25.Be3 Bf6 [25...Nf5 26.Rxd8+ Bxd8 27.Bf2 Bf6±] 26.g4 [26.Bf2 Kf8 (26...Ra3?? 27.Bxd4 Bxd4 28.Rd2 Rc3 29.Bf1 Bf6 30.Rxd8+ Bxd8+-) 27.g4 Ne6 28.Rxd8+ Nxd8 29.Rb3 Ra2±; 26.Rd2 Nf5 27.Rxd8+ Bxd8 28.Bf2 Bf6±; 26.h4 Raa8 27.Bxd4 Bxd4 28.Rd2 b5 29.cxb6 Bxb6±] 26...Kf8?± [26...Ra3 27.Bxd4 Bxd4 28.Bb3 Kf8±] 27.Bf2 Ne6 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.f5??= [29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.h4 Bc7 31.Kf3 e5 32.fxe5 Bxe5±] 29...gxf5 30.gxf5 Nf4+ 31.Kf3 Nh5 32.Rb3 [32.h3? Nf6 33.Be1 Be7 34.Bd2 Ra3+ 35.Rb3 Ra4 36.Rd3 Bxc5 37.Bxf7 Kxf7 38.bxc5 Rh4 39.Kg2 Rc4 40.Rc3 Rxc3 41.Bxc3 Nd5] 32...Bc7 33.h4 Nf6 34.Bd3 Nd7 35.Be4 [35.Bb1= this would keep the R off a2] 35...Ne5+ 36.Kg2 Ra2 37.Bb1 Rd2 38.Kf1 Ng4 39.Bg1?? for the first time in the game, Kramnik gets the advantage [39.Be1=] 39...Bh2 40.Ke1 Rd5 [40...Rg2 41.Bd4 Be5 42.Be4 Rh2 43.Bg1 Rxh4] 41.Bf2 [41.Bxh2 Nxh2 42.Ke2 Ng4 43.Ra3 Rd4 44.b5 Rb4 45.bxc6! bxc6 46.Bc2 Ne5] 41...Ke7 [41...Nxf2? 42.Kxf2 Rd4 43.h5 Rh4 44.b5 Bc7 45.bxc6 bxc6 46.Rb7 Bd8=] 42.h5 Nxf2 43.Kxf2 Kf6 44.Kf3 Rd4 45.b5 Rc4 46.bxc6 bxc6 47.Rb6 Rxc5 48.Be4 Kg5 Topalov's hP is toast 49.Rxc6 Ra5 [49...Rxc6 50.Bxc6 Kxh5 51.Ba4 Kg5 52.Bc2 Kf6 53.Kg4 Bc7] 50.Rb6 Ra3+ 51.Kg2?? [51.Ke2] 51...Bc7 52.Rb7 Rc3 53.Kf2 [53.Bd5 f6 54.Rb4 Kxf5 55.Rc4 Rxc4 56.Bxc4 Kg4 57.Bf7 f5 58.Be6 Kxh5 59.Bxf5 Kg5 60.Bd3 Kf6] 53...Kxh5 Kramnik now converts his advantage into a material advantage, going up a P 54.Bd5 f6?? [54...Kg5 55.Be4 Kf4 56.Bb1 Ke5 57.Ke2] 55.Ke2?? [55.Bf7+ Kg5 56.Bg6 Kf4 57.Ke2 Ke4] 55...Kg4?? [55...g5 56.fxg6 Kxg6] 56.Be4 Kf4 57.Bd3 Rc5 58.Rb4+ Kg3 59.Rc4 Re5+ 60.Re4?? [60.Kd2] 60...Ra5?? [60...Bb6 61.Rxe5 fxe5 62.Bb5 Kf4] 61.Re3+ Kg2 62.Be4+ Kh2 63.Rb3 Ra2+ 64.Kd3 Bf4 65.Kc4 Re2 66.Kd5 ½-½

Game 12 on Thursday, Oct. 12, was a draw that saw Kramnik with an advantage through much of the middle game. But equality returned, and a draw resulted. It is interesting to note that at no time in the game did Topalov get the advantage ! Here is the game (Annotations from various sources):

Kramnik, V (2743) – Topalov, V (2813) [A00]

World Championship Match Elista, Kalmykia (12), 12.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.g3 Nbd7 9.Bd2 Bb4 10.Qb3 Bxc3?± Kramnik will carry this " slight " advantage well into the middle game. [10...Qb6 11.c5 Qa5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qc7=] 11.Bxc3 Ne4 12.Bg2 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 f5 14.0-0 Kramnik does not fear an attack along the half-opened h-file [14.h4 g5 15.Qb4 Rb8 16.Qd6 Qe7 17.Qxe7+ Kxe7±] 14...Qe7 15.cxd5 exd5 [15...cxd5? 16.Rfc1 Nb6 17.a4 g5 18.a5 Nc4±] 16.b4 Kramnik begins a minority attack on the Q-side 16...Nf6 17.Rfc1 Ne4 18.Qb2 0-0?± Topalov increases Kramnik's position to a " clear " advantage [18...Nd6 19.b5 Nxb5 20.Bxd5 Nd6 21.Bg2 g5±] 19.b5 Rac8 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Qe2 g5 Topalov tries to generate some counter-play on the K-side 22.Rab1?± [22.Qa6 Qd7 23.Rab1 Rf7 24.a4 g4±] 22...Qd7 23.Rc2 [23.a3 g4 24.Qa6 Rc7 25.Rb2 Re8±] 23...Rf6 24.Rbc1 [24.Qd3 g4 25.Qa3 Rh6 26.Rcb2 Nd6 27.Rb8 Qc7±; 24.Qa6 Rc7 (24...f4? 25.Rb7 Qf5±) 25.Rb8+ Kh7 26.Qa4 Rb7 27.Rb2 Rxb2 28.Rxb2 Rh6±] 24...g4 25.Rb2 Rh6 26.Qa6 Rc7 27.Rb8+ Kh7 28.Qa3 Rb7 29.Qf8 [29.Ra8 Rf6 30.h4 Rf7 31.Rc2 Nd6±] 29...Rxb8 30.Qxb8 Qf7 31.Qc8 Qh5 32.Kf1 Nd2+ 33.Ke1 Nc4 34.Bf1 Rf6 35.Bxc4?± Kramnik's advantage has slipped away [35.Rb1 Nb6 36.Qc7 Qf7 37.Qxf7 Rxf7±] 35...dxc4 36.Rxc4 [36.Qa6 Qxh2 37.Qxc4 Qg2 38.Qd3 Qh1+ 39.Kd2 Qf3=] 36...Qxh2 37.Ke2 Qh1 38.Rc5 Qb1 Topalov rejects going for a perpetual & a draw; he's still playing for a win [38...Qf3+ 39.Ke1 Qh1+ 40.Kd2 Qf3 41.Ke1 Qh1+=] 39.Qa6 Qb2+ 40.Kf1 Qb1+ 41.Ke2 Qb2+ 42.Kf1 Rh6 43.Qd3 g6 44.Qb3 Rh1+ Topalov finally admits that a draw is all that exists 45.Kg2 Rh2+ [45...Qa1 46.Qf7+ Kh8 47.Qf8+ Kh7 48.Qe7+ Kh6 49.Qf8+ Kh7 50.Qf7+=] 46.Kxh2 Qxf2+ 47.Kh1 Qf1+ drawn by agreement. It is interesting to note that at no time did Topalov ever have an advantage this game. 1/2:1/2

Given the 6:6 tie (counting the forfeit to Topalov in game 5), a tie break had to be played. The first phase was a 4-game active match (25 min.+ 10 sec. increment). The first game was drawn. Kramnik then went ahead in the match, winning Game 2. Here is the game (Annotation by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2743) – Topalov, V (2813) [A00]

World Championship Match Elista, Kalmykia, Russia (14), 13.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.b3 0-0 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Bb2 Re8 11.Rad1 Qe7 12.Rfe1 Rac8 13.Bd3 e5 [13...c5 14.Qe2 dxc4 15.Bxc4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Red8=] 14.e4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 b5 16.Bf1 g6 [16...b4? 17.Na4 c5 18.d5 Red8 19.Nh4 g6±] 17.Qd2 Rcd8 18.Qg5 a6 19.h3 exd4 20.Nxd4 Qe5 21.Qxe5 Nxe5 22.Nc2 g5 23.Bc1 [23.b4 Bf8 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.a3 Bg7=] 23...h6 24.Be3 c5 25.f3 Bf8 26.Bf2 Bc8?± [26...Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rc8 28.Ne3 Kh7=] 27.Ne3 Be6 [27...Bd6 28.Re2 Be6 29.Red2 Bc7±] 28.Ned5 Bxd5 29.exd5 Ned7 [29...c4 30.Bd4 Nfd7 31.bxc4 bxc4±] 30.Rxe8 Rxe8 31.a4 b4?± [31...c4 32.axb5 axb5 33.bxc4 bxc4±] 32.Ne4 Nxe4 33.fxe4 Nf6?+- Kramnik, though equal in material, has the passed P, the bishop pair, and will get a second passed P [33...Rxe4 34.Bxa6 Bd6 35.Bb5 Nf6 36.a5 Re7±] 34.d6 Nxe4 35.d7 Rd8 36.Bxa6 f5 37.a5 Bg7 [37...Kf7 38.Bc4+ Ke7 39.a6 Bg7+-] 38.Bc4+ Kf8 39.a6?± [39.Rd5 Ke7 40.a6 Bd4 41.Bxd4 cxd4 42.Bb5 Nc3 43.Re5+ Kd6 44.Re8 d3 45.Rxd8 d2 46.a7 d1Q+ 47.Kh2 Qd2+-] 39...Nxf2 40.Kxf2 Bd4+ 41.Rxd4 cxd4 42.a7 Ke7 43.Bd5 Kxd7 44.a8Q Rxa8 45.Bxa8± 1-0

In Game 3 of the tie-break, Topalov came roaring back with a nice tactical win, to again tie the match. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Topalov, V (2813) – Kramnik, V (2743) [D12]

World Chess Championship Elista, Kalmykia, Russia (15), 13.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.g3 dxc4 10.Bxc4?± [10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Bxc4 Nb6 12.Bd3 Qd7=] 10...Nb6?± [10...Bh5 11.Qc2 0-0 12.e4 c5±] 11.Be2 0-0?± [11...Qd7=] 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.e4 e5 14.f4?± [14.a4 Qe7 15.a5 Nbd7 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Rfc8±] 14...exd4 15.Qxd4 Qe7 16.Kg2 Bc5 17.Qd3 Rad8 18.Qc2 [18.Qf3 Rfe8 19.e5 Nfd5 20.Ne4 Rd7=] 18...Bd4 19.e5 Nfd5 20.Rf3 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Bc5 22.Bd2 Rd7 23.Re1 Rfd8 24.Bd3 Qe6?± [24...Nd5 25.Re2 Nc7 26.Bc1 Bb6=] 25.Bc1 f5 26.Qe2 Kf8 27.Rd1 Qe7 28.h4 Rd5?± [28...Kg8 29.Bc2 Rxd1 30.Bxd1 Nd5±; 28...Qe6? 29.Qc2 Kg8 30.h5 Rf8 31.hxg6 Qxg6 32.g4 Qxg4+ 33.Rg3 Qh5 34.e6 Rxd3 35.Qxd3 Qe8±] 29.Qc2 Nc4 30.Rh1 [30.Re1? Na3 31.Bxa3 Bxa3 32.Re2 Qd7±] 30...Na3 31.Qe2 Qd7 32.Rd1 b5?+- though material is equal, Topalov's position is dynamic and about to explode [32...Nc4 33.g4 (33.a4?? b5=) 33...fxg4 34.Rg3 b5 35.e6 Qe7 36.Re1 Qxh4 37.Rxg4 Qe7 38.Bxc4 bxc4 39.Rxg6 Kg8±] 33.g4! Topalov sacs the first P to open lines for his B's 33...fxg4 34.Rg3 Ke7 35.f5! Topalov temporarily sacs a second P [35.Bxa3 Bxa3 36.e6 Qd6 37.Qxg4 Qxe6 38.Qxe6+ Kxe6=] 35...gxf5 36.Bg5+ Ke8 37.e6 Qd6 [37...Qc7 38.Rxg4!! Be7 (38...fxg4? 39.Bg6+ Kf8 40.Rxd5 cxd5 41.Qxg4 d4 42.Qf3+ Kg8 43.Bf7+ Qxf7 44.Qxf7+ Kh8 45.Bxd8+-) 39.Bf4 Bd6 40.Rg6 Kf8 (40...Bxf4 41.Qh5 Kf8 42.Qh8+ Ke7 43.Qxg7+ Kd6 44.e7+ Kc5 45.exd8Q Rxd8+-) 41.Bg5 Re5 42.Qh5 Kg8 43.Bxd8 Qxd8 44.Bxf5 Qf8 45.Rg5 Rxf5 46.Rxf5 Qe7 47.Rxd6 Nc4 48.Rd8+ Qxd8 49.Qf7+ Kh8 50.Rh5#] 38.Bxf5!! now Topalov sacs his R ! 38...Rxd1 39.Bg6+ Kf8 40.e7+ Qxe7 Kramnik must sac his Q as the least material loss 41.Bxe7+ Bxe7 42.Bd3 Ra1 43.Qb2 [43.Qxg4 Rxa2+ 44.Kh3 Bf6 45.Qb4+ Ke8 46.Bg6+ Kd7 47.Qa5 a6 48.Rd3+ Ke6 49.Rxd8 Bxd8 50.Qxd8+-] 43...Rd1 44.Qe2 Ra1 45.Qxg4 Rxa2+ 46.Kh3 Bf6 47.Qe6 [47.Qb4+ Ke8 48.Bg6+ Kd7 49.Qa5 a6 50.Rd3+ Ke6 51.Rxd8 Bxd8 52.Qxd8+-] 47...Rd2 48.Bg6 R2d7 49.Rf3 b4 50.h5+- 1-0

But in Game 4 of the tie-break, Topalov sacked a P to free up his development, but then Kramnik coolly held onto the pawn for a while, advancing 2 queen-side pawns. He then enticed Topalov into capturing back one of the pawns, but it was a trap, and he won the game and the title ! Here is the last game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong using Fritz):

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

World Chess Championship Elista, Kalmykia, Russia (16), 13.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 Be7 10.e4 b4 11.e5 bxc3 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.bxc3 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Qxd8+ Rxd8 17.Ba3 Rc8 18.Nd4 Be7 19.Rfd1? [19.Rfb1 g6 20.Bf1 Ba8 21.c4 e5 22.Nb3 Ne6=] 19...a6? = [19...Ne4 20.Bxe7+ Kxe7 21.Ne2 Rhd8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8] 20.Bf1 Na4 21.Rab1 Be4 [21...Bd5 22.Bxa6 Bxa3 23.Bxc8 Nxc3 24.Bb7 Nxb1 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Rxb1=] 22.Rb3 [22.Bxa6 Bxa3 23.Bxc8 Nxc3 24.Nb5 Nxd1 25.Rxd1 Ke7 26.Bxe6 fxe6 27.Nxa3 Ra8 28.Nb5 Rxa2=] 22...Bxa3 [22...Bd5? 23.c4 Be4 24.Re1 Bxa3 25.Rxa3 Nc5±] 23.Rxa3 Nc5 24.Nb3 Ke7 25.Rd4 Bg6 26.c4 Rc6??± [26...Nxb3 27.axb3 Rc6 28.b4 Rb8 29.c5 e5 30.Rc4 f5=] 27.Nxc5 Rxc5 28.Rxa6 Rb8 29.Rd1 Rb2 30.Ra7+ Kf6 31.Ra1 [31.a4 Ra2 32.g3 Rc6 33.h4 h5±] 31...Rf5 [31...Bb1 32.a3 h6 33.Ra4 Ba2±] 32.f3 Re5 33.Ra3 Rc2 34.Rb3 Ra5 35.a4 Ke7 36.Rb5 Ra7 37.a5 Kd6 38.a6 Kc7 39.c5 Rc3?+- [39...e5 40.h3 h5 41.Kh2 h4 42.Rba5 f6±] 40.Raa5 Rc1 [40...Rc2 41.h4 e5 42.c6 Kxc6 43.Rxe5 f6 44.Re6+ Kd7 45.Re2 Kc6+-] 41.Rb3 Kc6 [41...e5 42.Kf2 Rc2+ 43.Kg3 f5+-] 42.Rb6+ Kc7 43.Kf2 Rc2+ 44.Ke3 Rxc5??+- this loses the c6R [44...e5 45.Be2 Rc3+ 46.Kd2 Rc2+ 47.Kd1 f6 48.h4 h6 49.g4 Bh7+-] 45.Rb7+- 1-0

Given the forfeit by Kramnik in game 5, and the fact that he still won the match, it has to be said that he has deservedly won the unified World Champion title. However, it must also be said that Topalov introduced more novelties, and probably played the more enterprising chess, though he also made more errors. Topalov can be satisfied that he also played a good match. It will truly be unfortunate if there is no way for Topalov to be included into the current 2007 World Championship system, so that he would have a chance to still make it into that Championship next year. The tournament will be the poorer if he is just totally excluded. He is still the highest rated player and the only one over 2800. We will see what FIDE does with this outstanding issue.

2006 October FIDE Rating List

Once more there is now only one player over 2800 :

1 : Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), the 2005 FIDE World Champion, rated 2813. He is the third player in history to break the 2800 mark.

(Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion, now retired, was the first player to break 2800; Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 2006 World Champion, was the second player; Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, was the fourth player.)

There are now 19 players in the 2700's. Some of the top players are :

2 : Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, and runner-up in the 2005 FIDE World Championship, with a rating of 2779 ;

3 : Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), now current 2006 World Champion, rated 2750;

4 : Peter Svidler (Russia), with a rating of 2750;

5 : Alexander Morozevich (Russia), rated 2747 (up from # 9);

6 : Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), rated 2741;

7 : Levon Aronian (Armenia) rated 2741(down 20 pts. from # 3);

8 : Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger to Kramnik in the 2004 Classical World Championship match, with 2741;

16 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2710.

Some other past World Champions and their current ratings are :

20 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine) at 2703 (down from # 13);

36 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2672;

- # 40 : 12th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) – 2668 ;
95 : 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) – 2622 ;

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching (birth date in brackets):

- # 11 : Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan - 1987)– 2729 ;
12 : Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan – 1985) – 2728 ;
13 : David Navara (Czech Rep. - 1985) – 2725 ;
21 : Magnus Carlsen (Norway – 1990) – 2698 (up from # 34 !).
35 : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine – 1990) – 2672 (down from # 27 !);

The 6 highest FIDE rated Canadians are:

- # 1 : GM Kevin Spraggett, 7 times former Canadian Champion, at 2610 (Kevin advises that FIDE made an error rating one of his tournaments, and his rating should be 2625 !);
2 : GM Mark Bluvshstein at 2541;
3 : GM Alexandre Le Siege, 1992, 1999 & 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2528;
4 : GM Dimitri Tyomkin at 2505;
5 : GM Pascal Charbonneau, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2501;
6 : IM Igor Zugic, 2006 Canadian Champion, at 2467.
(Note : for some reason about a half dozen Canadian FIDE rated tournaments were not rated yet)

The top 4 women in the world, all GM's, are :

- #1 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), rated 2710;
2 : Humpy Koneru (India), rated 2545;
3 : Alexandra Kosteniuk (Russia), rated 2534;
4 : Pia Cramling (Sweden), rated 2528.

Spraggett First Canadian Over 2600 !!

GM Kevin Spraggett, 7 times Canadian Champion, and highest rated Canadian, in the Oct. 1 FIDE Rating List, is shown as 2610, and is the first Canadian to go over 2600. Kevin advises, however, that his rating is in fact 2625. Apparently he played in the Salou tournament, and FIDE, in error, rated another tournament as the Salou one. Congratulations Kevin – especially good for an over-50 years older !!

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 5 rounds, Alex Rapoport, one of last year's club co-champions, and John Hall, the second highest rated player in the club, are tied for 1st/2nd place with 4 ½ pts.; tied for 3rd/5th at 4 pts. are: Bryan Lamb (highest rated player), Donal Deiseach (another of last year's club co-champions), and Pepin Manalo.

In Round 4, Bryan Lamb was defeated by Deiseach (this put him in clear first place). Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lamb, B – Deiseach, D [A20]

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (4), 05.10.2006

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 e4 5.d5 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 cxd5 According to the chess database of ChessBase, this is a novelty. The previously played moves were ...0-0 and ...d6. [6...0-0=; 6...d6=] **7.cxd5 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qa5 9.Bb2 d6 10.Nh3** [10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.c4 Qa4=] **10...Bf5 11.0-0?!** Bryan decides to go into a very tactical line where he eventually is down the exchange, with a P compensation [11.Nf4 Nbd7 12.Qb3 g5 13.Nh3 Rg8 14.Rd1 Rc8=] **11...Qxd5 12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.Rfd1 Nb6 14.Rxd6 Nc4 15.Rd4 Nxb2 16.Bxe4 Nc6** [16...Bxe4?? 17.Rxe4+ Kf8 18.Rb1 Nc6 19.Rxb2±] **17.Bxf5 Nxd4 18.cxd4** Bryan now has B+P vs R **18...Nc4 19.Bd3 Nd6 20.Nf4 Rc8 21.Rb1 Kd7 22.Kg2 g5 23.Nd5 Ke6 24.e4 b6 25.f4??+** by now Bryan was into his trademark desperate time trouble; Donal had lots of time. [25.h3 h5 26.Nb4 Rc3 27.Rb3 Rxb3 28.axb3 a5 29.d5+ Kd7 30.Nc6 Nc8=] **25...f5 26.fgx5** [26.Nxb6 axb6 27.d5+ Kf7 28.e5 Rc3 29.Be2 Nc8 30.fgx5 Rd8 31.Rd1 Rc5-+] **26...fxe4 27.Nf4+ Kf5 28.Re1** Bryan tries for the "cheapo" [28.Be2 Kxg5 29.Bd1 Rhe8 30.Ba4 Re7 31.Nd5 Rf7-+] **28...Rc3** But Donal doesn't fall for it [28...exd3?? 29.Re5+ Kg4 30.h3#; 28...Rhe8 29.Ba6 Rc2+ 30.Re2 Rxe2+ 31.Bxe2 Kxg5 32.h4+ Kf6 33.Nd5+ Kg7-+] **29.Bb1 Kxg5 30.h4+ Kg4 31.Bd3??+** in the time pressure, Bryan blunders, but the game was lost at this point anyways. [31.Ne2 Rf3 32.Bc2 Rhf8 33.Kg1 Rf2-+] **31...exd3-+ 0-1**

Also in Round 4, your intrepid editor was playing down on one of the middle boards, and ran into one of our very young, new juniors, Arvin Farhang. He was rated only 1085, but I found it unsettling that he had beaten a 1200 player, and drawn one of our strong B-class players, Andrew Philip, in earlier rounds. My caution proved to be justified as Arvin played a very strong game, and I only managed a draw. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Armstrong, R (1672) – Farhang, A (1085) [E14]

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (4), 05.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Bd3 Bd6?± [5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.exd4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nf6=] **6.0-0?±** [6.cxd5 exd5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nf6±] **6...Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Bb7 10.Nb5 Rc8?±** [10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 Be7 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Qe2 Qe7=] **11.Nxd6 Qxd6 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.cxd5** [14.Qb1 Kg7 15.Rd1 d4 16.exd4 Nxd4±] **14...Qxd5 15.Qc2??±** a bad error, but the correct tactical line is certainly hard to see [15.Be2 Ne5 16.Qb1 Rfd8 17.Rd1 Qc6±] **15...Ne5??±** Arvin misses the critical line, but does create pressure on the K-side [15...Nb4 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Qb1 Qxf3!! 18.gxf3 Rg8+ 19.Bg6 (19.Bxg8?? Rxg8+ 20.Kh1 Bxf3#) 19...Rxg6+ 20.Qxg6 fxg6±] **16.Be2** I must be careful – there are traps in this position [16.Bxh7+?? Kg7 17.Ne1 c4 18.f4 Ng4 19.Qe2 f5 20.h3 Nh6 21.Rd1 Qc5 22.Bxf5 Nxf5 23.Qg4+ Kh7 24.Qh5+ Nh6 25.Qxc5 Rxc5 26.bxc4 Rxc4±; 16.Nxe5?? Qxg2#] **16...Kh8** Arvin prepares to bring in another attacker, the R **17.Rfd1 Qc6 18.Ne1** I decided I'd better solidify my defense under the pressure **18...Rg8 19.f3 Rg7?±** making way for the other R to become an attacker – Arvin is marshalling his forces logically, though the plan is slightly inferior **20.e4?±** [20.Rd2 Qb6 21.Qc3 Qb4 22.Rc1 Qh4±] **20...Qb6 21.Kh1 Rcg8?±** [21...Nc6 22.Rd2 Nd4 23.Qc3 f5 24.exf5 Nxf5±] **22.Rac1 Rc8** here Arvin made his first draw offer (rejected) **23.Qd2 Rg6 24.Qf4** [24.Qe3 Ba6 25.f4 Ng4 26.Bxg4 Rxg4 27.Qf3 Rg7±] **24...Nc6** seeing the strong outpost for the N on d4, Arvin made a second draw offer. I had a plan in mind to try to make progress, but it had risks. But I decided to reject the draw offer and go ahead. **25.Rd7??±** I was somewhat worried here about the possibility of my R getting trapped after ...Nd5, but I thought I could play Qd6 if necessary to save it. It was not the best plan. [25.Rd6 Qa5 (25...Qc7 26.Rxc5 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8±) 26.Qd2 Qxd2 27.Rxd2 Nd4±] **25...Nd4 26.Bc4** I'm trying to build some pressure on e6 and f7 **26...Kg7** here Arvin made a third draw offer; he explained that he no longer thought he was ahead, and also had played soccer after school and was quite tired ! **27.Qd6** I rejected the offer because I still had hopes of my R doing something on the 7th; also I was substantially higher rated, and maybe Arvin would play a weak move (though he had played quite excellently to this point for his 1085 rating). Also, I was setting up Bxe6, to take advantage of the pin on the f7P [27.e5 Bc6 28.Re7 f5=] **27...Bc6 28.Re7 f5?±** Arvin finds a way of defending the e6P [28...Be8 29.Qxb6 axb6=] **29.e5??+** a bad mistake [I misanalyzed this line because although I looked at Rxf7!, I failed to see QxN on f5 because of the pin on the eP 29.exf5 Nxf5 30.Qe5+ Kf8 31.Rxf7+! Kxf7 32.Qxf5+ Ke7±] **29...Qb4??±** Arvin takes the Q to the wrong square, and misses his win ! [this is a wild tactical line 29...Qa5 30.Ra1 Qc3 31.Rd1 Nxf3!! 32.Qd3

Qxe1+!! 33.Rxe1 Nxe1 34.Qd6 Rxc2 35.Qxe6 Rg6+ 36.Qxc6 Rgxc6 37.Rxf7+ Kg6 38.Rxa7 R6c7 39.Ra6+ Kg5-+] **30.Bf1?!** I thought I had an answer to ...Qd2, with Qxc5, which I do, but I certainly didn't see the line very far [30.Rd1 Qa5 31.a3 Rh6 32.b4 Qxa3 33.bxc5 Nxf3 34.Nxf3 Bxf3 35.Rg1 Bh5 36.Bxe6 Qxc5±] **30...Bb5??+-** now Arvin makes a serious error, after playing quite an excellent game up to this point. But he didn't realize it, thought the position relatively equal, and so made a fourth draw offer. I looked at the position for a while, and was nervous about 31.Bxb5 Qxb5 threatening a mate on f1. There were ways to meet it, but I really couldn't see how to make progress, missing the winning line. So I accepted the draw finally (when I shouldn't have !). [30...Qd2 31.Qxc5 (31.Ra1?? Qb2 32.Rd1 Qf2 33.Nd3 Qh4 34.Ne1 f4 35.Rxa7 Nf5 36.Qxc5 Bd7 37.Qb6 Rc6 38.Qb5 Qf2 39.Rd5 Ng3+ 40.hxg3 Rh6#) 31...Bd7 32.Qd6 Rxc1 33.Rxf7+ Kh8 34.Rf8+ Rg8 35.Rxg8+ Kxg8 36.Qxd7 Rxe1 37.Qe8+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ Kh6 39.Qf6+ Kh5 40.g4+ fxg4 41.Qf7+ Kh4 42.Qe7+ Qg5 43.Qxh7+ Qh5 44.Qe7+ Qg5= draw by repetition] the game could have continued, with me having a " winning " advantage, **31.Bxb5 Qxb5 32.Rc4 Qc6 33.Qd7 Qxd7 34.Rxd7 Nc6 35.Rxc5 Rg5 36.Nd3 f4 37.Kg1 Rf5+- ½-½**

Round 5 saw John Hall knock Deiseach out of first place, to tie for the lead himself. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Deiseach, D (1940) – Hall, J (2037) [D32]

SCC Fall Swiss Toronto (5), 12.10.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5?± [3...Bb4 4.a3 Be7 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 0-0=] **4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd1 exd5 7.Qxd5** Donal goes up a P **7...Be6 8.Qxd8+ Rxd8 9.e3 Nb4 10.Bb5+ Ke7 11.Rb1?!** this allows John to get back his P [11.Kf1 Nf6 12.Be2 Bf5 13.f3 Be6±] **11...a6 12.Be2 Nxa2 13.Nf3 Bf5 14.e4???** now John will go up a P [14.Ra1 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Nf6 16.Nd4 Be4 17.f3 Bg6 18.h4 Kd7=] **14...Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxe4 16.Rb6 Ke8 17.0-0 Bc5 18.Rb3 Ne7 19.Re1 f6??** [19...Kf8 20.Ba3 Bxa3 21.Rxa3 Nf5 22.c4 Nd4 23.Nxd4 Rxd4±] **20.Nd2??** [20.Bb5+ axb5 21.Rxe4 Rd1+ 22.Re1 Rxe1+ 23.Nxe1 Kd7±] **20...Bd5 21.c4 Bc6 22.Bf3** [22.Bh5+ g6 23.Bf3 a5 24.Bxc6+ bxc6±] **22...Bxf3??** [22...a5 23.Bxc6+ bxc6 24.Rb7 Bb4 25.c5 Bxc5 26.Ne4 Bb4 27.Bd2 Rxd2 28.Nxd2 Kf7 29.Re2 Rd8±] **23.gxf3 b6 24.Ne4 Kf7 25.Nxc5 bxc5 26.Rb7 Rhe8 27.Ba3 Rb8??+-** John makes a terrible blunder [27...Rc8 28.f4 g6 29.Kf1 Rc6±] **28.Ra7???** and fortunately for John, Donal misses the tactical win [28.Rexe7+!! Rxe7 29.Rxb8 Rd7 30.Rc8 a5 31.Kf1 Ke6 32.Rxc5 Ra7+-] **28...Ra8??+-** and then John makes the same blunder again ! [28...Rbc8 29.Rxa6 Rc7 30.Kf1 Nf5 31.Rxe8 Kxe8±] **29.Bxc5???** and again Donal misses it, being focused on getting back his P [29.Rexe7+!! Rxe7 30.Rxa8+-] **29...Rxa7 30.Bxa7 Nc6 31.Rxe8?+-** the wrong choice [31.Be3 Ne5 32.Ra1 Re6 33.c5 Nxf3+ 34.Kg2 Nh4+ 35.Kg3 Nf5+ 36.Kf3 g5±] **31...Kxe8 32.Be3 Ne5 33.c5 Nxf3+** John goes up a P again **34.Kg2 Nh4+ 35.Kf1 Nf5 36.Bd2 Kd7 37.Ke2 Kc6 38.Bb4 Kd5** [38...Nd4+ 39.Kd3 Kd5 40.Kc3 Nf3 41.Ba3 a5 42.Kb3 Nxe2 43.Ka4 Ng4 44.Kxa5 Kc6 45.f3 Ne5 46.Bc1 Nxf3 47.Kb4 h5-+] **39.Kd3 Nd4 40.Kc3 Ne6** [40...Nf3 41.Ba3 a5 42.Kb3 Nd2+ 43.Ka4 Nc4 44.c6 Nxa3 45.c7 Nc4 46.c8N f5-+] **41.c6 Kxc6** now Donal is down 2 P's, one an outside passer – he is lost **42.Kc4 g6 43.Ba5 f5 44.Bd2 g5 45.Be3 g4 46.Bh6 f4 47.Kb4 Kd5+ 0-1**

SCC Member at the Ontario Seniors' Tournament

This tournament held Saturday, Sept. 23 at Richmond Hill, was a 5 round, one section swiss, with Game/60 time control. Unfortunately there was a small turnout of only 7 players, one being SCC member Joe Bellomo. John Chidley-Hill won the championship. Joe tied for 2nd/4th. Here is the cross-table:

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	John W Chidley-Hill	1834	1881	W4	W5	W3	D2	W6	4.5
2	Phil Haley	1756	1775	L5	W7	D4	D1	W3	3.0
3	Joe Bellomo	1650	1706	W7	W6	L1	W5	L2	3.0
4	Oswald Barmasch	1515	1548	L1	H---	D2	B---	W7	3.0

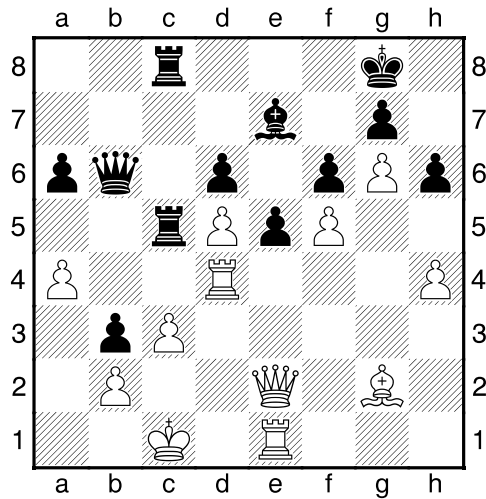
5	Bryson Powell	1979	1945	W2	L1	W6	L3	H---	2.5
6	Barry Thorvardson	1834	1801	B---	L3	L5	W7	L1	2.0
7	Florian Bergeron	1852	1763	L3	L2	B---	L6	L4	1.0

Joe Bellomo got a nice win against Barry Thorvardson, OCA President, in Rd. 2. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Thorvardson, B (1834) – Bellomo, J (1650) [B95]

Ontario Seniors Championship Richmond Hill (2), 23.09.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qe2?=[7...Be2±] 7...Be7 8.0-0-0 Qc7 9.f4 Nc6 10.g4 0-0 11.Bg2 Bd7 12.Rhe1 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Bc6 14.h4 e5?± [14...h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Rd3 Bxh4 17.Rh1 Qe7= but W is down a P; the compensation is a potential attack on the K-side] 15.Rd2 b5 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.g5 Be7?± Joe's inaccuracy gives Barry a " clear " advantage [17...Bd8±] 18.f5 f6 [18...b4 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Rab8±] 19.g6 h6 20.Red1?± [20.Qd3 Qa5 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Qxd5+ Kh8±] 20...Rfc8 [20...Qa5 21.Qd3 Rac8 22.Kb1 Rc7±] 21.a3 [21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 b4 23.Kb1 a5±] 21...Qb6 22.Nd5?=[22.Qd3 Ra7 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.Qxd5+ Kh8 25.Kb1 Rac7±] 22...Bxd5 23.exd5?± Barry recaptures the wrong way. He needs to keep pressure on the backward dP by recapturing with the R. [23.Rxd5 b4 24.R1d3 Rc4 25.Rb3 Rac8=] 23...b4 24.a4 b3 25.c3?+- the advantage has now reversed, and Joe has a " winning " advantage [25.Qe4 bxc2 26.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 27.Qxc2 Qb4±] 25...Rc5?± but he fails to find the correct continuation [25...Qb4 26.Qd3 Qxa4 27.Re1 Rc4 28.h5 Rh4 29.Rh1 Rd4 30.Qb1 Rc8-+] 26.Re1 [26.Qg4 Rac8 27.Bf1 Bd8 28.Re1 Qa5 29.Kb1 Rc4! 30.Bxc4 Qxa4 31.Qe4 Rxc4 32.Qd3 Rxh4±] 26...Rac8??=[26...Qb4±] 27.Rd4??-+



Rxc3+! Joe uncorks a nice R sac [27...exd4 28.Qxe7 Rf8 29.Kd2 Qa5 30.Rc1 Qxa4 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Qe4 Rfc8 33.Bf3 Rc4 34.Qb1 dxc3+ 35.bxc3 Rxh4-+] **28.bxc3 Rxc3+ 29.Kb1 Qxd4 30.Qb2??-+** [30.Be4 Qxa4 31.Qb2 Qb4-+] **30...Qd3+ 31.Ka1 Rc2??-+** Joe misses a nice mate [31...Rc4 32.h5 Rxa4+ 33.Qa3 Qc3+ 34.Kb1 Qc2+ 35.Ka1 Rxa3#] **32.Be4 Qc4 33.Bxc2 Qxa4+ 34.Kb1 bxc2+** Joe is only temporarily down the exchange **35.Qxc2 Qb4+ 36.Ka2 Qxe1** Joe is now up a B+2 passed P's **37.Qc8+ Bf8 38.Qe6+ Kh8 39.Qc8 Qa5+ 40.Kb1 Qb4+ 41.Ka1 Qd4+ 42.Kb1 Qb4+** [42...Qxd5 43.Qxf8+ Qg8 44.Qxd6 Qa8-+] **43.Ka1 Qd4+ 44.Kb1 Qd1+ 45.Ka2 Qxd5+ 46.Ka1 Kg8 47.Qc7** [47.Qxa6 Qh1+ 48.Kb2

Qxh4-+] 47...e4 48.Qa7 e3 49.Qxa6 e2 Joe decides to win the simple way...by trading off the Q's
[49...Qe5+] 50.Qxe2 Qe5+-+ 0-1

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1st - Michael Kleinman - 5 points - \$175.00
2nd - 4th: Sergiy Orlov, John Chidley-Hill and Alex Martchenko all with 4.5 - \$58 each

Under 1800

1st-2nd: Oleg Tseluiko & Pavel Rakov - 5 points and \$125.00 each
3rd place - Gary Krasnosheky - 4 points - \$50

Under 1600

1st-2nd: Glenda Baylon & Ilya Bodyakin with 5 points - \$97.50 each
3rd - 6th: Genadi Meduedeu, Alex Chan, Richard Laporte & Eric Zhan all with 4 points - \$12.50 each
1st under 1350 - Michael Ivanov - 4.5 - \$50
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