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SCC Closed for July & August

As usual, SCC cannot get the community centre for July and August, and so closes for those months. We will reopen on Thursday, September 3, the Thursday BEFORE Labour Day (which is Sept. 7 this year). On that date we will hold our 2009-10 Annual General Meeting. Then the first round of our fall Howard Ridout Swiss will begin on Thursday, September 10 (first Thursday AFTER Labour Day)..

This newsletter will continue to be published, though, during the summer.

Have a great summer! See you at the club in September.

Canadian GM Mark Bluvshstein Wins Canadian Open, Edmonton, Alberta

This one section 9-round swiss was played July 11 – 19, and attracted 202 players. It was an excellent tournament, run by organizer Micah Hughey, TD Vlad Rekhson , Alberta Chess Association E.D. Tony Ficzero and their team of volunteers. Headlining the tournament were Alexei Shirov (Spain) and Hua Ni (China), both over 2700, and Michael Adams (England) at 2699.

The tournament saw a tie for first between 2 Canadians ! : GM Mark Bluvshstein and Alberta IM Edward Porper. Bluvshstein took first place on tie break. The final standings at the top were:

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Final Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Tot
1	GM Mark Bluvshstein	2598	W79	W88	W36	W163	D10	D9	W18	D3	W19	7.5
2	IM Edward Porper	2510	W145	W64	D43	W28	W85	D3	W11	D4	W10	7.5
3	GM Alexei Shirov	2748	W76	W31	W23	D14	W18	D2	W10	D1	D5	7.0
4	GM Michael Adams	2699	W114	W47	D24	W29	W60	D11	W14	D2	D6	7.0
5	GM Eugene Perelshteyn	2588	W80	W48	D25	W27	D17	W20	D8	W13	D3	7.0
6	IM Irina Krush	2481	W116	W65	W41	L10	D47	W46	W24	W17	D4	7.0
7	FM John C Yoos	2442	W190	L141	D76	W144	W53	W86	D28	W27	W22	7.0
8	FM Jonathan Tayar	2392	W122	W54	L9	W32	W88	W34	D5	W12	D14	7.0



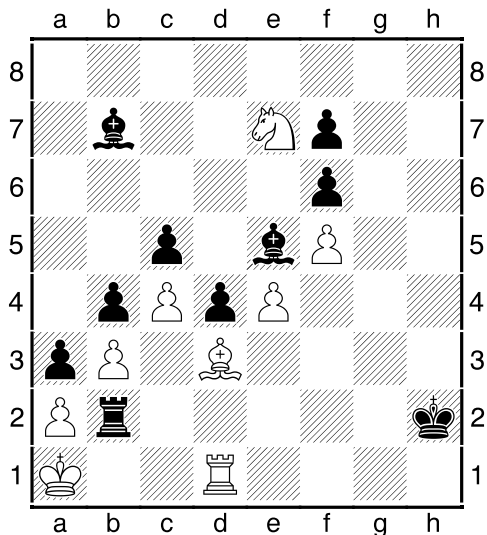
Canadian Champion GM Mark Bluvshstein

Both Bluvshstein and Porper won their last round games to jump into the lead. Here are the two games (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hommeles, Theo (2412) – Bluvshstein, Mark (2598) [B66]

2009 Canadian Open Chess Championship Edmonton (9), 19.07.2009

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 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 a6 9.f4 Nxd4 [9...Qc7 10.Kb1 h6 11.Bxf6 gxf6±] 10.Qxd4 b5 11.Bxf6?!= [11.e5? dxe5 12.Qxd8+ Bxd8 13.fxe5 Nd7±; 11.Be2 Bb7 12.Bf3 Qc7±] 11...gxf6 12.Bd3 Qc7 13.Qe3 Bb7 14.f5 b4?!± [14...0-0-0 15.Rhe1 Qc5=] 15.Ne2 e5 16.Kb1?!= [16.Ng3 Qc5 17.Qe2 Rc8±] 16...Qc5?!± [16...0-0 17.Rhf1 Kh8=] 17.Qxc5?± for the first time in the game, Mark gets the advantage [17.Qh6 a5 18.Qg7 0-0-0±] 17...dxc5 18.c4?!± Mark gets a " clear " advantage [18.Ng3 Rg8 19.Be2 Rc8±] 18...0-0-0 19.Bc2 Rhg8 20.Ng3?!-+ Mark gets a " winning " advantage [20.g3 Rg4 21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.Rd1 Rxe4 23.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 24.Kc1 Bxf5±] 20...Rd4 21.b3 h5 22.Rxd4?+- - 2.42 [22.Nxh5 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rxd1+ - 1.46] 22...exd4 23.Nxh5 Rxd1 24.Rf1 Rxd1 Mark goes up a P 25.Nf4 Bd6 26.Nd5 Be5 27.Bd3 Kd7 28.Rf3 a5 29.Rf1 Bc6 30.Rf3 Kd6 31.Rf1 a4 32.Rd1 a3 33.Bc2 Re2 34.Kc1 Rg2 35.Rd2 Rg4 36.Kb1 Kd7 37.Rd1 Ke8 38.Rh1 Kf8 39.Rd1 Kg7 40.Rh1 Rg2 41.Rd1 Kh6 42.Ne7 Bb7?+- - 2.34 [42...Bxe4! 43.Rh1+ Kg7 44.Bxe4 Rb2+ 45.Kc1 Bf4+ 46.Kd1 Rd2+ 47.Ke1 Rxa2+ - 10.61] 43.Nd5 Kg5 44.Bd3 Rb2+ 45.Ka1 Kh4 46.Rh1+ Kg3 47.Rg1+ Kf3 48.Rf1+ Kg2 49.Rd1 Kh2 50.Ne7?+- - 8.32 Theo resigned. [50.Nb6 Bxe4 51.Na4 Bxd3 52.Rxd3 Rf2+- - 4.57]



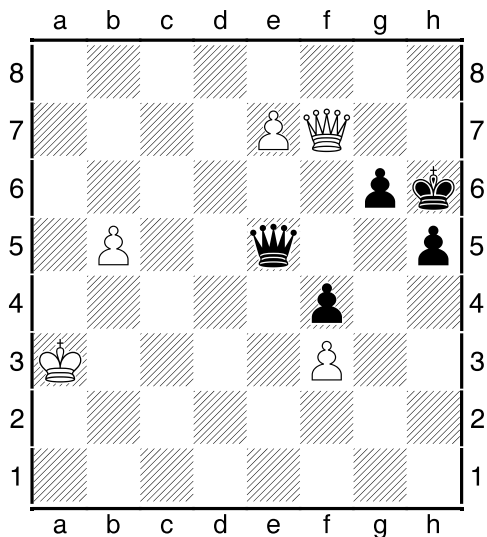
Mark has a nice sac to mate if accepted 50...Bxe4! 51.Nd5 [51.Bxe4?? d3 52.Rh1+ Kg3 53.Nc6 Bc3 54.Rc1 d2 55.Rg1+ Kf4 56.Rg4+ Kxg4 57.Ne5+ Kg3 58.Nd3 d1Q+ 59.Nc1 Rxb3#] 51...Bxf5! 52.Nb6 Rg2+- - 10.93 0-1

Porper, Edward (2510) – Ganguly, Surya (2637) [E92]

2009 Canadian Open Chess Championship Edmonton (9), 19.07.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± [2...e6=] 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.d5?!= [7.dxe5 dxe5 8.0-0 Nc6±] 7...a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Bc1 Na6?!± [10...f5 11.exf5 gxf5=] 11.0-0?!= [11.h3 Nf6 12.g4 Nh7±] 11...Nc5 12.g3 [12.Ne1 f5 13.exf5 gxf5=] 12...Nf6 [12...a4 13.Qc2 c6 14.Nh4 Qb6=] 13.Qc2 Qe8 14.Nh4 Bh3 15.Re1 Nfd7 16.Nb5 Na6 17.Bd2 c6 18.Nxd6 Porper goes up a P 18...Qb8 19.c5 Naxc5 material equality 20.Nc4 cxd5 21.exd5 b6 22.Bc3 Nb7?!± [22...Rc8 23.Rac1 a4=] 23.b4?± [23.f4 Qc7 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.fxe5 Bxe5=] 23...Rc8 24.Qb2?!± Ganguly gets a " clear " advantage [24.Qd2 Nd6 25.Nxd6 Qxd6 26.bxa5 bxa5±] 24...Nd6 25.Nxd6 Qxd6 26.Rad1 axb4?!± [26...Qc7 27.Bd2 e4±] 27.Bxb4 Nc5 28.Ng2 Bd7?!± [28...e4 29.Qb1 Kh7±] 29.Ne3 b5 30.Rc1 f5 31.Red1 f4?!= [31...e4 32.Qd2 Kh7±] 32.Bg4?!± [32.Ng4 Ra4 33.a3 Kh7

34.Rxc5 Rxc5 35.gxf4 Rxb4 36.axb4 Rxd5 37.Rxd5 Qxd5 38.Nxe5 Qe4=] **32...Bxg4?!=** Ganguly has lost his advantage [32...e4 33.Qe2 fxe3 34.Rxc5 Rxc5 35.Bxd7 exf2+ 36.Qxf2 Rxd5 37.Bxd6 Rxd1+ 38.Kg2 Rxd6 39.Bxb5 Ra3=] **33.Nxg4 Na4?+-** Porper gets a " winning " advantage [33...e4 34.Qe2 h5 35.Qxb5 Qd7 36.Nf6+ Bxf6 37.Rxc5 Qg4=] **34.Qb3?=-** Porper loses his advantage **34...Qd7 35.d6+** [35.f3 Rc4 36.Nf2 Nb6=] **35...Kh7 36.f3 Nb6** [36...Rc4 37.Rxc4 bxc4 38.Qc2 (38.Qxc4 Qa7+ 39.Kg2 Nb2=) 38...Rf8=] **37.gxf4 exf4 38.Rxc8 Rxc8 39.Re1 Re8?±** [39...Qf5 40.Re7 Kh8=] **40.Re7 Rxe7 41.dxe7 Nc4 42.a4 h5?!+-** Porper gets back his " winning " advantage [42...Bd4+ 43.Kg2 h5 44.axb5 Qxb5 45.e8Q Qxe8 46.Qxc4 hxg4 47.Qxd4 Qe2+ 48.Qf2 gxf3+ 49.Kg1 Qd1+ 50.Be1 Qc1±] **43.Nf2 Bd4 44.axb5** Porper goes up a P again **44...Ne5?+-** 4.66 [44...Bxf2+ 45.Kxf2 Qd4+ 46.Kf1 Qa1+ 47.Ke2 Qe5+ 48.Kd1 Qd5+ 49.Kc2 Qxb5+- 2.08] **45.Bd6 Qh3 46.Bxe5?-+** 4.03 [46.e8Q Nxf3+ 47.Qxf3 Qxf3 48.Qd7+ Kh8+- 6.57] **46...Bxf2+ 47.Kxf2** Porper is up B + P **47...Qxh2+** Porper is temporarily up a B **48.Ke1 Qg1+ 49.Kd2 Qf2+ 50.Kd1 Qf1+ 11.23** [50...Qg1+ 51.Kc2 Qc5+ 52.Bc3 Qxe7+- 11.15] **51.Kc2 Qe2+ 52.Kb1 Qe1+ 53.Ka2 Qe2+ 54.Ka3 Qxe5** material equality **55.Qf7+ Kh6**



56.e8Q Porper is up Q vs P **56...Qa1+ 57.Kb4 Qb2+ 58.Ka5+-** 14.75 Ganguly resigned **1-0**

Panjwani wins Canadian Junior

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Tournament #	200907032	Province	BC

# Name	Old Perf New High	Results	Tot
1 Panjwani, Raja	2454 2471 2472 2472	W 11 W 7 W 3 L 2 W 6 W 4 D 5	5.5

2	Samsonkin, Artiom	2598	2410	2584	2614	W 9 D 6	L 3 W 8	W 5	W 1	D 4	5.0
3	Calugar, Arthur	2226	2363	2262	2262	W 10 W 11	W 2 W 12	L 1	D 6	D 8	5.0
4	Sapozhnikov, Roman	2350	2317	2348	2365	D 5 L 1	W 8 W 10	L 6	W 7	D 2	4.0
5	Wang, Richard	2097	2240	2138	2138	D 4 W 12	D 11 D 1	L 2	D 10	W 9	4.0
6	Martchenko, Alexander	2302	2269	2300	2314	L 7 D 2	W 10 D 9	W 4	D 3	L 1	3.5
7	Marinkovic, Mate	2078	2150	2104	2117	W 6 D 9	L 1 D 11	D 8	L 4	W 12	3.5
8	Rakov, Pavel	2175	2098	2161	2175	W 12 D 10	L 4 L 2	D 7	D 9	D 3	3.0
9	Li, Changhe	2065	2079	2071	2106	L 2 D 7	W 12 D 6	D 11	D 8	L 5	3.0
10	Zhang, David	2114	2064	2110	2114	L 3 D 8	L 6 L 4	W 12	D 5	W 11	3.0
11	Cheng, Jack (Kun)	2048	1984	2035	2064	L 1 L 3	D 5 D 7	D 9	W 12	L 10	2.5
12	Zhu, Zheng	1581	1715	1664	13	L 8 L 5	L 9 L 3	L 10	L 11	L 7	0.0

Here are the recent winners of the title:

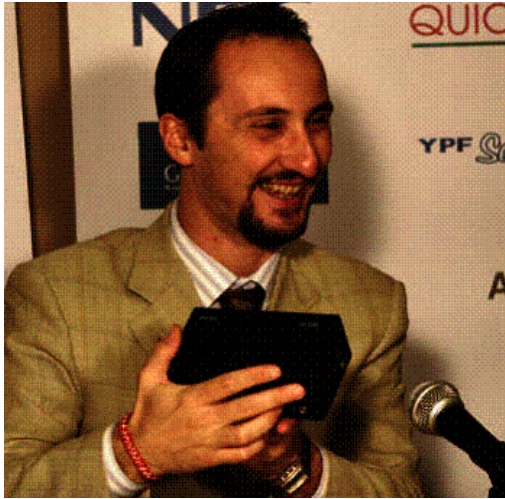
2008 Artem Samsonkin
 2007 Leonid Gerzhoy
 2006 Bindi Cheng
 2005 Shiyam Thavandiran
 2004 Zhe Quan
 2003 Haoyuan Wang
 2002 Stephen Glinert*, Andrei Moskvitch
 2001 Yaacov Vaingorten
 2000 Pascal Charbonneau *, Danny Goldenberg

July 1, 2009 FIDE Rating List

There is once again one player over 2800 – Veselin Topalov. [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 (Bulgaria), the 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third; Viswanathan Anand, current world champion, was the fourth player in history to break the 2800 barrier].

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 : Veselin **Topalov** (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, 2006 World Championship Challenger, and 2010 Challengers' Match participant, at 2813;



2 : Viswanathan **Anand** (India), 15th and current World Champion, rated 2788;



3 : Magnus **Carlsen** (Norway - 1990), rated 2772;



4 : Levon **Aronian** (Armenia) – rated 2768 (up from # 6);



5 : Dmitry **Jakovenko** (Russia), rated 2760;

6 : Vladimir **Kramnik** (Russia), 14th World Champion, rated 2759 (down from # 4);



7 : Peter **Leko** (Hungary), 2004 World Championship Challenger, at 2756;

8 : Teimour **Radjabov** (Azerbaijan – 1987), rated 2756;

9 : Boris **Gelfand** (Israel), rated 2755;

10 : Alexander **Morozevich** (Russia), rated 2751;

43 : Judit **Polgar** (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2687 (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 :

16 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine) at 2727;

58 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2672;

98 : 12th World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) – 2644 ;

Here are a number of the younger (22 yrs. & younger) players, not in the top ten, but in the top 40, whom we're watching (birth date in brackets after country)[note: juniors = U 20 yrs. as of Jan. 1]

13 : Yue Wang (China – 1987) – 2736;

20 : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine – 1990) – 2717;

26 : Hikaru Nakamura (USA – 1987) – 2710 (up from # 30);

29.: Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (France – 1990) – 2703 (first time over 2700);

39 : Hao Wang (China – 1989) – 2690;

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 2606 (keeping his rating over 2600) – now playing out of Portugal;



2 : GM Mark **Bluvshtein** (1988) at 2558;



(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 2487.

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

The current 2007 Canadian Champion, 17 year old IM Nikolay **Noritsyn** (1991), is rated 2381 .

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 2571; GM Bator **Sambuev** (Russia) at 2491.

The top 5 women in the world are :

1 : GM Judit **Polgar** (Hungary) – 2687 (first woman player in history to break 2700);



2 : GM Humpy Koneru (India – 1987) – 2623 (second woman over 2600);



3 : WGM Yifan Hou (China – 1994) – 2584 (15 years old !).



4 : GM Xue Zhao (China) – 2544 (who recently played in the Canadian Open);

5 : GM Anna Muzychuk (Slovakia – 1990) – 2542;

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



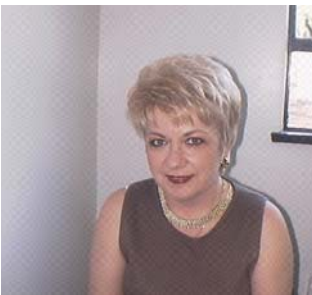
is # 11 at 2516.

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

.# 1 : WFM Yuanling **Yuan** (1994 - SCC member !) at 2203 ;.



2 : WIM Nava **Starr**, 8 time Canadian Women's Champion (last in 2001), at 2173.



(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**, 2006 & 2007 Canadian Women's Championship Runner-Up, at 2093;.

5 : Anastasia **Kazakevich** (1988) at 2049..

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.

Dortmund Sparkassen Meeting, Germany

The *Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Meeting* is one of the traditional super-events on the yearly calendar, and the one where ex-world champion Vladimir Kramnik has had some of his greatest tournament successes. He has won this tournament eight times since 1995, and he was in it this year as well. It started July 2. It was a double-round robin running through the 12th of July, with a single rest day at the halfway point (July 7).

Here are the participants, together with their ratings as of July 1:

Dortmund Chess Meeting GM Dortmund (GER), 2-12 vii 2009			cat. XX (2744)	
Carlsen, Magnus	g	NOR	2772	1990
Jakovenko, Dmitry	g	RUS	2760	1983
Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2759	1975
Leko, Peter	g	HUN	2756	1979
Bacrot, Etienne	g	FRA	2721	1983
Naiditsch, Arkadij	g	GER	2697	1985

The tournament (Av. Rating – 2744) is stronger than the January Corus Wijk aan Zee tournament (2716) but not as strong as :

1. February Linares, Spain – 2756
2. May M-Tel Masters, Sofia, Bulgaria - 2755

Kramnik defeated Carlsen in round 8 to take the lead. Round 9 all games drawn although Kramnik did have a winning position against Jakovenko (if but briefly and rather difficult to find). In Rd. 10, Vladimir Kramnik



beat Arkadij Naiditsch to resume his domination of the Dortmund event and win by a point.

The final standings were (from TWIC):

Sparkassen GM Dortmund (GER), 2-12 vii 2009										cat. XX (2744)								
				1	2	3	4	5	6									
1.	Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2759	*	*	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	6½	2851
2.	Leko, Peter	g	HUN	2756	½	½	*	*	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	5½	2777
3.	Carlsen, Magnus	g	NOR	2772	½	0	½	½	*	*	1	½	½	½	1	½	5½	2774

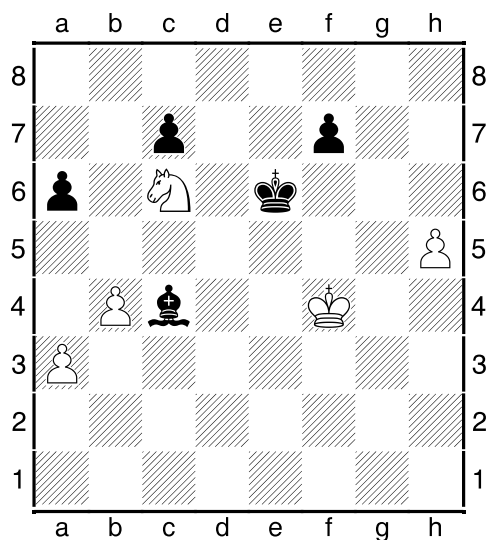
4.	Jakovenko, Dmitry	g	RUS	2760	½	½	½	½	0	½	*	*	½	1	1	½	5½	2777
5.	Bacrot, Etienne	g	FRA	2721	½	½	0	½	½	½	0	*	*	½	½	4	2676	
6.	Naiditsch, Arkadij	g	GER	2697	0	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	*	*	3	2604	

In Rd. 1, Carlsen took sole possession of first place with a nice ending win over Jakovenko, who played a bit inaccurately, and Carlsen punished him for it. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M – Jakovenko, D [C67]

Sparkassen GM Dortmund GER (1), 02.07.2009

1.e4= 0.20 **1...e5** for Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6?!±** [3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7=] **4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6** [6...bxc6 7.Nxe5 Be7 8.Nd2 0-0±] **7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3** [9.Rd1+ Ke8 10.Nc3 Be7±] **9...Ke8 10.h3 h5** [10...Be6 11.Rd1 Be7±] **11.Ne2** [11.Rd1 Be7 12.Ne2 Bd7±] **11...Be7 12.Bg5 Be6 13.Nf4?!=** [13.Bxe7 Bc4 14.Rfe1 Kxe7±] **13...Bd5 14.Bxe7** [14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Rad1 c6=] **14...Kxe7 15.Ng5 Nd4 16.Rad1** [the theory move is 16.Rfd1 Ne6 17.Ngxe6 Bxe6=] **16...Ne6 17.Ngxe6 Bxe6 18.h4 a5 19.a3 a4?!±** [19...Bf5 20.Rd2 f6 21.Re1 g5=] **20.Rfe1 g6 21.f3?!=** [21.Re4 Rad8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Rxa4 Rd1+ 24.Kh2 Rd2±] **21...Ra5** [21...Bf5 22.c3 Rhd8=] **22.c3 Rb5 23.Re2 Ra8** [23...Bb3 24.Rd4 Rd8 25.Red2 Rxd4 26.cxd4 Bd5=] **24.Rd4 Raa5 25.Kf2 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 Rxe5 27.Rxa4** material equality [27.Nxe6 Kxe6 28.Rxa4 Rb5=] **27...Rb5** [27...Bb3 28.Rb4 Rb5=] **28.b4 c5 29.Ra7** [29.Nxe6 Kxe6 30.c4 Rb6=] **29...cxb4 30.cxb4 Kd7 31.Ne2 Rb6 32.Ke3 Bc4** [32...f6 33.Nd4 Kc8=] **33.Nd4** [33.Nf4 Ba6 34.g4 hxg4 35.fxg4 Rc6=] **33...Kd6?!±** Carlsen finally gets back the advantage [33...f5 34.Ra8 Kd6=] **34.Ra5 Ra6?!±** Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [34...Kd7 35.g4 hxg4 36.fxg4 Rf6±] **35.Rxa6+ bxa6** [35...Bxa6 36.g4 Kd5 37.gxh5 gxh5±] **36.g4 hxg4 37.fxg4 Ke5 38.Nc6+ Kf6 39.Kf4 Ke6 40.h5 gxh5 41.gxh5**



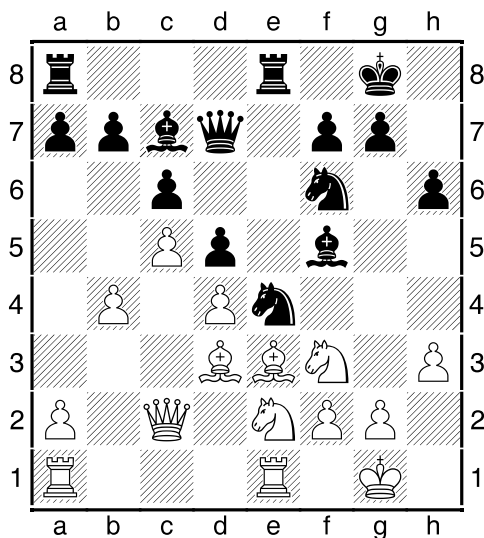
Bd3?!+- Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [41...Bf1 42.Ne5 f6 43.Nc6 Bh3±] **42.Ke3 Bf1 43.h6 Kf6 44.Ne5 Bb5** 1.49 [44...Bg2 45.Kd4 Bf1+- 1.49] **45.Kd4 Ba4 46.h7 Kg7 47.Nxf7 Kxh7 48.Ng5+ Kg6 49.Ne6+-** 2.46 Jakovenko resigned. He must lose material and the game **49...c6 50.Kc5 Kf6 51.Kd6 Kf5 52.Nc5 Bd1 53.a4 Kf6 54.a5 Be2 55.Kxc6+-** 4.68 **1-0**

In Rd. 4, Kramnik pulled a number of sacs out of the bag for a K-side attack against Naiditsch, reminiscent of the early Kramnik, before he became Mr. Technician. This lifted Kramnik into a tie for first with Carlsen. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Naiditsch, A (2697) – Kramnik, V (2759) [C42]

Sparkassen GM Dortmund GER (4), 05.07.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...e5 the only equalizing move for Fritz 2.Nf3 Nf6± [2...Nc6=] 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 [5.Qe2 Qe7 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.dxc3 a6 8.Be3 Be6±] 5...d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.Re1 Bf5 10.c5?!= [10.Qc2 Na6 11.a3 Bg6±] 10...Bc7 11.Nc3 Nd7 [11...Re8 12.Bg5 Qd7=] 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Be3 h6 14.b4 Ndf6 15.h3 Qd7 lining up on the c8-h3 diagonal 16.Ne2?! Naiditsch appears to fail to appreciate the pending sac. Kramnik gets the advantage [16.Ne5 Rxe5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Ne2 Bxa1 19.Rxa1 Bh7=]



16...Bxh3! Kramnik starts an attack with a B-sac. Kramnik goes up a P 17.Ne5 [17.gxh3?! Qxh3 18.Ng3 Nxc3 19.fxg3 Bxc3 20.Qg2 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Bxe1 22.Rxe1 Ne4±] 17...Bxe5 18.dxe5 Rxe5 Kramnik goes up 2 P's 19.f3 Rae8! now Kramnik offers up his N 20.Bf4 [20.fxe4? dxe4 21.Bc4 Bxc2 22.Kxg2 Qg4+ 23.Ng3 Qf3+ 24.Kg1 Qxg3+ 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Nd5-+] 20...Rh5 21.fxe4? - 1.97 error - shouldn't take either sac - Kramnik gets a "winning" advantage [21.Nd4 Rh4 22.Bh2 Ng5±; 21.gxh3?? Qxh3 22.Bxe4 Rxe4 23.Ng3 Rxf4 24.Nxh5 Qxh5-+ - 6.31] 21...dxe4 Kramnik has 3 P's vs B 22.Bc4? - 3.44 [22.Ng3 exd3 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Qf2 Bg4-+ - 1.96] 22...Bxg2! if Naiditsch won't take the B, then Kramnik will sac it again ! 23.Ng3 [23.Kxg2?? Qh3+ 24.Kg1 Qh1+ 25.Kf2 Qf3+ 26.Kg1 Rh1#] 23...Bf3 24.Qb3?? - 14.79 moving the Q away from protecting the 2nd rank [24.Bf1 Qg4 25.Bg2 Qxf4 26.Nxh5 Bxh5-+ - 4.83] 24...Rh4? - 12.26 Kramnik misses the strongest line [24...Qh3 25.Qxf3 Qh2+ 26.Kf1 exf3 27.Rxe8+ Nxe8 28.Nxh5 Qg2+ 29.Ke1 f2+ 30.Kd1 f1Q+ 31.Bxf1 Qxf1+ 32.Kd2 Qxa1-+ - 18.76] 25.Bd6?? - 28.70 - it is mate in all lines [25.Bxf7+ Kh7 26.Re3 Rxf4 27.Qc2 Qxf7-+ - 12.26] 25...Qh3 26.Bxf7+? - leads to mate in 8 moves [26.Qxf3 Qh2+ 27.Kf1 exf3-+ mate in 13 moves] 26...Kh7 27.Qb2 mate in 3 moves [27.Bg6+ Kxg6 28.Qf7+ Kxf7-+ mate in 3 moves] 27...Ng4? - mate in 5 moves [the faster way is 27...Qxg3+ 28.Bxg3 Rh1+ 29.Kf2 Ng4#] 0-1

In Rd. 5, Carlsen's game with Naiditsch was quite close for a long while. But then Naiditsch blundered a P on move 41, and shortly Carlsen went up a P, and never looked

back. So at the half way point, Carlsen was alone in 1st place. Here is the game
(Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2772) – Naiditsch, A (2697) [C67]

Sparkassen GM Dortmund GER (5), 06.07.2009

1.e4= 0.20 **1...e5** the only equalizing move for Fritz **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6?!±** [3...a6=] **4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3 h6?!±** Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [9...Be7 10.h3 Ke8±] **10.h3?!±** [10.Rd1+ Ke8 11.Ne2 Be7±] **10...Ne7?!±** [10...Be6 11.b3 Ke8±] **11.Bf4?!±** [11.Rd1+ Ke8 12.Bd2 Ng6±] **11...Ng6 12.Bg3 Ke8?!±** [12...Bd7 13.Nd4 Bc5±] **13.Rad1?!±** [13.Rfd1 Be6 14.Nd4 Rd8±] **13...Bb4 14.Ne2 h5?!±** [14...Be6 15.Nfd4 Bc5 16.Nxe6 fxe6±] **15.Ned4 h4 16.Bh2 Nf8 17.Bf4?!±** [17.a3 Bc5 18.Rd3 Ne6±] **17...Bd7** [17...Ne6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6±] **18.Bg5?!=** [18.c3 Be7 19.Be3 c5±; 18.a3 Be7 19.Rfe1 Rh5±] **18...Be7** [18...c5 19.e6 Nxe6 20.Nxe6 Bxe6=] **19.Rfe1 c5 20.e6 fxe6 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Nf5+ Kf6 23.Ne3 Be8 24.Ng4+ Ke7 25.Nge5** [25.Ng5 Rd8 26.Rxd8 Kxd8=] **25...Bg6?!±** [25...Rh5 26.c3 Ng6=] **26.Rd5?!=** [26.Rd2 Bf5 27.Re3 Rh5±] **26...b6 27.Rd2 Bf5 28.Ng5** [28.a4 a5 29.Nh2 Ke8=] **28...Kf6 29.f4 Ng6?!±** [29...Re8 30.Ngf7 Rg8=] **30.Nd7+ Ke7 31.Nxe6?!=** [31.Rd5 Rae8 32.Nxb6 Ref8±] **31...Bxe6 32.f5 Nf4 33.fxe6 Rhd8 34.Rf2 g5 35.Kh2 a5** [35...a6 36.a3 Rac8=] **36.a4** [36.a3 Re8 37.Ne5 Kxe6=] **36...Rg8 37.Ne5 Rae8 38.Nf3 Nxe6** Naiditsch goes up a P **39.Re5?!±** for the first time in the game, Naiditsch gets the advantage [39.Rfe2 Kd6 40.Rd1+ Kc6=] **39...Kd6?!=** [39...g4 40.hxg4 Rxg4±] **40.Rd2+ Kc6 41.Rde2 Kd6??±** a blunder – failing to protect his e8R, so his N can continue to protect g5; Carlsen gets back his " clear " advantage [41...Kd7 42.Rd2+ Kc6 43.Rde2 Kd7=] **42.Nxg5** material equality **42...Ng7 43.Rxe8 Rxe8 44.Rxe8 Nxe8 45.Nf3 c4 46.Nxh4** Carlsen goes up a P, and now has 2 connected, passed P's **46...c3 47.b3 Kc5?!+-** Carlsen's winning P's are on the K-side – going this way makes no sense; Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [47...Ke5 48.Kg1 Nf6 49.g3 c5±] **48.Nf5 Kb4?+-** 3.24 [48...c6?! 49.Kg3 Kd5 50.Kf4 Nc7+- 2.95; 48...Kd5 49.g4 Nf6 50.Kg3 Ke5+- 2.42] **49.g4 Ka3 50.Kg3 Kb2 51.Ne3 Kc1 52.Kf3 Kd2** Naiditsch can make no progress on the Q-side **53.h4 Ng7 54.h5 Ne6 55.h6 c6 56.Ke4 b5 57.Ke5 Ng5 58.Kf5 Nf7 59.h7!** sacking the N **59...Kxe3** Naiditsch is up N vs P, and is lost **60.g5+-** 4.50 Naiditsch resigned. The P's cannot be stopped **60...Nh8 61.g6 Nxg6 62.axb5 cxb5 63.Kxg6 Kd2 64.h8Q Kxc2 65.Qe5 b4 66.Qxa5 Kxb3 67.Kf6 c2 68.Qa1 c1Q 69.Qxc1+-** 8.19 **1-0**

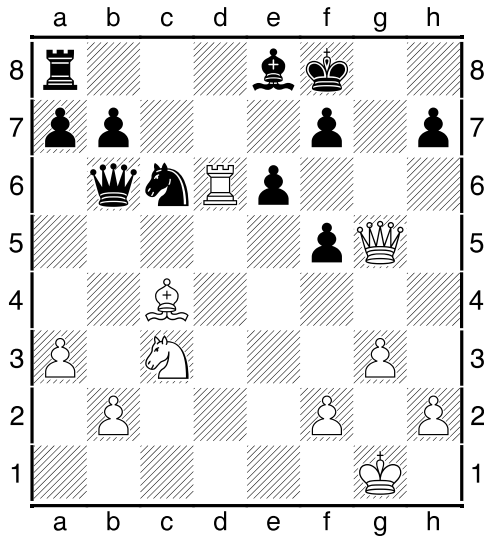
In Rd. 8, Kramnik defeated Carlsen to move alone into first place, ½ pt. ahead of Carlsen and Svidler. He went up an N when Carlsen was forced to sac to relieve the pressure. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2759) – Carlsen, M (2772) [D37]

Sparkassen GM Dortmund GER (8), 10.07.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7?!± [4...Bb4 5.Bg5 c6 6.cxd5 exd5=] **5.Bf4 0-0** [5...c6 6.e3 Nh5 7.Be5 Nd7±; 5...dxc4 6.e4 Bb4 7.Bg5 b5±] **6.e3 c5** [6...Nh5 7.Bg3 h6 8.Qc2 Nc6±] **7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3** [8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5±] **8...Nc6 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Rd1 Be7 11.Be2 dxc4** [11...e5 12.Bg3 e4± (12...Be6±)] **12.Bxc4 Nh5 13.0-0 Nxf4 14.exf4 g6 15.g3?!=** [15.Qc1 Rd8 16.b4 Qc7±] **15...Rd8?!±** [15...Bf6 16.Ne4 Bg7=] **16.Rxd8+ Qxd8 17.Rd1 Bd7** [17...Qa5 18.Bf1 Qf5±] **18.f5?±** sacking this P seems to accomplish little; Carlsen gets the advantage (the first time he's had the advantage all game). [18.b4 Rc8 19.Ne4 Nb8±] **18...gxf5** Carlsen goes up a P **19.Qd2 Qb6?!=** Carlsen loses his advantage [19...Bc8 20.Qf4 Qf8±] **20.Qh6 Be8 21.Ng5 Bxg5 22.Qxg5+ Kf8 23.Qh6+ Kg8 24.Qg5+ Kf8 25.Rd6** Kramnik wants more than just a draw with W

Position after 25.Rd6



25...Qc7??+– a blunder – Carlsen can no longer draw; Kramnik gets a "winning" advantage [25...Qc5 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Kf8 28.Ne4 Qxc4 29.Nf6 Ke7 30.Ne4+ Kf8 31.Qh6+ Ke7 32.Qg5+ Kf8=] **26.Qh6+ Ke7 27.Qh4+?** 1.54 [27.Nb5 Qc8 28.Qxh7 Nd8+– 2.51] **27...Kf8 28.Qh6+ Ke7 29.Nb5 Qa5?+–** 5.31 [29...Qc8 30.Qxh7 Nd8+– 2.52] **30.b4 Nxb4?+–** 10.35 Carlsen picks the weaker sac [30...Qxb5 31.Rxe6+ fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kd8 33.Bxb5 a5+– 6.86] **31.Rxe6+ fxe6 32.Qxe6+** material equality **32...Kd8 33.Qf6+ Kc8 34.Qxf5+** Kramnik goes up a P, and Carlsen's N is still about to be captured **34...Kd8 35.Qf6+ Kc8 36.axb4+–** 10.97 Kramnik is up an N (he will lose the bP) **1-0**

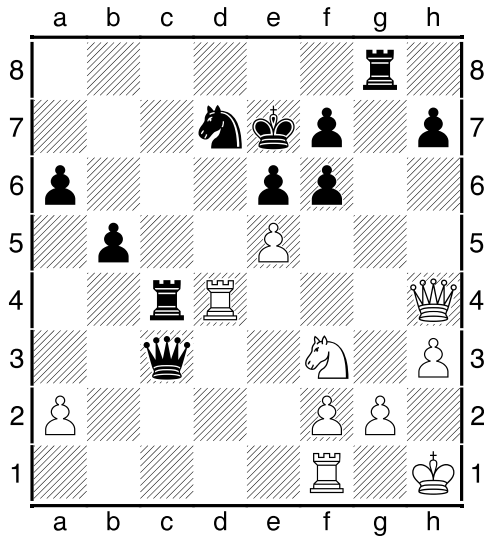
In the final round, Kramnik sacked the exchange against Naiditsch, and the win gave him first place by a full point. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, V (2759) – Naiditsch, A (2697) [D37]

Sparkassen GM Dortmund GER (10), 12.07.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4?!± [4...Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 c5=] **5.e4 Bb4 6.Bg5 c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxc3+** [8...Qa5 9.Bxf6 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxc3+ 11.Kf1 Qxc4+ 12.Kg1 0-0 (12...Nd7?! 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Rc1 Qa6±) 13.Qg4 g6±] **9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bb5+** [10.Nb5?! Nxe4 11.Qd4 0-0 12.Qxe4 a6 13.Bd3 f5 14.Qb4 axb5 15.Qxa5 Rxa5=] **10...Bd7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Bxd7+ Nxd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Rb1 Qc7** [14...b6 15.Qd2 Qe5±] **15.Qh5 Nc5 16.Rb4 Qe5 17.Qh6 Rc8** [17...Qg5 18.Qh3 Rg8±] **18.Nf3 Qxc3** Naiditsch goes up a P **19.Rd4 Ke7 20.e5 Nd7 21.Qh4 Rhg8 22.Kh1 b5 23.h3?!=** [23.Rfd1 Rgd8 24.Rf4 Ke8±] **23...Rc4** [23...Rgd8?! 24.Rf4 Rc4±]

Position after 23...Rc4



24.Rxd7+! an exchange sac ! **24...Kxd7** **25.Qxf6** Kramnik is down the exchange **25...Qd3?±** Naiditsch needed to protect his fP; Kramnik gets a " clear " advantage [25...Ke8 26.Rd1 Rc8=] **26.Qxf7+** Kramnik has a P compensation for being down the exchange **26...Kc6** **27.Qxe6+?!±** Kramnik has 2 P compensation for being down the exchange [27.Rg1 Rd8 28.Qxe6+ Kb7±] **27...Kb7** **28.Re1?!=** Kramnik loses his advantage [28.Rg1 Rg7 29.Qf6 Qg6±] **28...Rg6** [28...Rg7 29.Rg1 Rc6 30.Qe8 Rc8 31.Qe6 Rc6=] **29.Qf7+ Rc7** **30.Qf4 Rc4** **31.Qf8 Rc8** **32.Qe7+ Rc7** **33.Qh4 Qc4?!±** [33...Rcg7 34.Qd4 Qxd4 35.Nxd4 Rxc2 36.e6 Rxf2 37.e7 Rgg2 38.e8Q Rh2+=] **34.Nd4 Qxa2** Kramnik has a P compensation for being down the exchange **35.Qe4+ Kb6?!±** Kramnik gets back a " clear " advantage [35...Ka7 36.Kg1 Rcg7±] **36.Qe3 Kb7** back where we came from **37.Qf3+** [37.Nb3 Qa3 38.e6 Rgg7±] **37...Kb6** [37...Ka7 38.Nb3 Rb6±] **38.Nb3 Rc2?!+-** now Naiditsch cannot stop the eP on the 7th rank; Kramnik gets a " winning " advantage [38...Qa3 39.e6 Rgg7±] **39.Qe3+ Kb7** **40.e6 Rxf2?+-** 15.61 Kramnik is down the exchange, but Naiditsch is lost [40...Rc6? 41.e7 Rg8 42.Qf3 Kb6 43.e8Q Rxe8 44.Rxe8 Qa3+- 17.66; 40...Rg8 41.e7 Re8 42.Qe6 Rd2 43.Rc1 Qxb3 44.Qc6+ Ka7 45.Qxe8 Qd5+- 10.94] **41.Qe4+ Kb6** **42.Qd4+-** 18.46 **1-0**

Donostia Chess Festival, San Sebastian, Spain

This 10-player round robin was played July 7 to 16, with an average rating of 2682. Playing were (from TWIC):

San Sebastian European Cultural City 2016 Donostia (ESP), 7-16 vii 2009			cat. XVIII (2682)	
Name	Ti	NAT	Elo	DoB
Svidler, Peter	g	RUS	2739	1976
Ponomariov, Ruslan	g	UKR	2727	1983
Movsesian, Sergei	g	SVK	2716	1978
Nakamura, Hikaru	g	USA	2710	1987

Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	g	FRA	2703	1990
Vallejo Pons, Francisco	g	ESP	2693	1982
Kasimdzhanov, Rustam	g	UZB	2672	1979
Granda Zuniga, Julio E	g	PER	2647	1967
Karpov, Anatoly	g	RUS	2644	1951
San Segundo Carrillo, Pablo	g	ESP	2570	1970

This is the first time we see the new USA Champion, Hikaru Nakamura, playing at the highest levels – we were waiting to see how he did. It is also nice to see 12th World Champion Anatoly Karpov, at 58 years of age, still willing to mix it up with the younger set.

Hikaru Nakamura



won a blitz playoff 2-0 against Ruslan Ponomariov to win the main event of the Donostia (San Sebastian) Chess Festival after both finished on 6.5/9.

Here were the final standings (from TWIC):

City of Culture GM Donostia (ESP), 7-16 vii 2009					cat. XVIII (2682)											
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0		
1.	Nakamura, Hikaru	g	USA	2710	*	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	6½	2845
2.	Ponomariov, Ruslan	g	UKR	2727	½	*	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	½	6½	2843
3.	Svidler, Peter	g	RUS	2739	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	5½	2755
4.	Kasimdzhanov, Rustam	g	UZB	2672	½	½	½	*	½	½	0	1	½	1	5	2726
5.	Vallejo Pons, Francisco	g	ESP	2693	0	0	½	½	*	½	½	1	1	1	5	2723

6.	Movsesian, Sergei	g	SVK	2716	½	0	½	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	4½	2678
7.	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	g	FRA	2703	0	0	0	1	½	½	*	½	1	1	4½	2679
8.	Granda Zuniga, Julio E	g	PER	2647	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	*	1	½	3½	2606
9.	San Segundo Carrillo, Pablo	g	ESP	2570	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	0	*	½	2½	2528
10.	Karpov, Anatoly	g	RUS	2644	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	*	1½	2413

In Rd. 1 Nakamura went into a 3-way tie for first by defeating Karpov. He got a “winning” advantage in the middle of the game, and had B + N vs R + P. He kept the advantage, and improved his position materially, and Karpov flagged in a losing game. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Nakamura, Hi (2710) – Karpov, Ana (2644) [D37]

City of Culture GM Donostia ESP (1), 07.07.2009

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.Qc2 [6.e3=] 6...c5 7.dxc5 Na6 8.e3 Nxc5 9.Be2 dxc4 10.Bxc4 a6 11.a4 b6?!± [11...Qa5 12.0-0 b6=] 12.0-0?!= [12.Rd1 Qe8 13.b4 Ncd7±] 12...Bb7 13.Qe2 [13.Rfd1 Qc8 14.Rd4 Rd8 15.Rad1 Rxd4 16.Rxd4 Ncd7=] 13...Qe8 [13...Qd7 14.Ne5 Qc8=] 14.Rfd1 Rd8?!± [14...Qc6 15.Qf1 Rfc8=] 15.Nd4 Rc8 16.Qf1 h6 17.Bg3 Kh8 18.h3 Bd8 19.b4 Ncd7 20.Rac1 Be7 21.Na2 Ra8 22.f3 Nd5 23.Qe1 Bg5 24.Bf2?!= [24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Nc3 Bb7±] 24...Qe7?!± [24...Ne5?! 25.Bxd5 Bxd5 26.f4 Bxa2 27.fgx5 hxg5±; 24...Rc8 25.b5 a5=] 25.h4 Bf6 26.e4 Nf4 [26...Nc7 27.Bb3 Be5±] 27.Qd2?!= [27.Bf1 Rfc8 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8±] 27...Bxd4± Nakamura gets a " clear " advantage [27...Be5 28.b5 axb5 29.axb5 Rad8=] 28.Bxd4 b5 [28...Qxh4 29.Be3 Ne5 30.Bxf4 Rad8 31.Bd5 f6 32.Bxe5 fxe5 33.Bxb7! Rxd2 34.Rxd2 a5±] 29.Bf1 [29.Bb3 Qxh4 30.Be3 Rad8±] 29...e5 30.Bf2 Bc8?!+- Nakamura gets a " winning " advantage [30...Rfd8 31.Qd6 Qe8±] 31.Rc7?!± [31.g3 Nh5 32.axb5 axb5 33.Bxb5 Nhf6+-] 31...Qe6?!+- [31...Rd8 32.axb5 axb5±] 32.axb5 axb5 33.Nc3 Qg6 34.Be3 Qg3 35.Bxf4 exf4 36.Rxd7?+- 1.82 [36.Qd6 Re8 37.Qc6 Ra6 38.Qxb5 Rb6 39.Rxc8! Rxc8 40.Qxd7 Rbb8+- 3.45] 36...Bxd7 37.Qxd7 Qxh4 Nakamura has B + N vs R + P 38.Qd2 Rad8 39.Nd5 f5 40.e5 Rfe8 41.Qe2 Re6 42.Rd4 Qg3 43.Nc7 Rxd4 44.Nxe6 Rxb4?+- 14.00 Nakamura has B + N vs R + 2 P's [44...Rc4 45.Qd3 Rc8 46.Qxf5 Ra8+- 5.70] 45.Qc2?+- 9.54 [45.Qd2 Rb2 (45...Ra4?? 46.Qd8+ Kh7 47.Nf8+ Kh8 48.Ng6+ Kh7 49.Ne7 mate in 7 moves) 46.Qxb2 Qg6+- 14.00] 45...Ra4??+- leads to mate in 12 moves [45...Rc4?? 46.Qxf5 Rc8 mate in 12 moves; 45...Rb2 46.Qxb2 Qg6+- 14.25] 46.Qd2??+- 1.49 Nakamura misses the mate [46.Qc8+ Kh7 47.Nf8+ Kh8 48.Ng6+ Kh7 49.Ne7+- mate in 6 moves] 46...Ra1??+- mate in 12 moves [46...Ra8 47.Nxf4 Kh7+- 1.84] 47.Nxf4??± missing the mate; Nakamura is up N + B vs R + P [47.Qd8+ Kh7 48.Nf8+ Kh8 49.Ng6+ Kh7 50.Ne7+- mate in 7 moves] 47...Kh7 48.Nd3?!± [48.e6 Qh4 49.Qc3 Qe1 50.Qxe1 Rxe1±] 48...Qh4 49.f4 Qe7 50.Qb4 Qxb4?!± mistake to exchange Q's [50...Qa7+ 51.Qc5 Qa6±] 51.Nxb4 g5?!+- [51...Rd1 52.Kf2 Rd4±] 52.Kf2 Kg7 53.Nc6?!± [53.Nd5 Ra2+ 54.Be2 Rb2+-] 53...Ra2+ 54.Ke3 Ra3+ 55.Kf2 Ra4?!+- [55...Ra2±] 56.fgx5 Rf4+ 57.Ke1 hxg5 58.Bxb5 Nakamura has B + N vs R 58...Kf7 59.Ke2 Ke6 60.Kd3 Kd5 61.Ne7+ Kc5 62.Bc6 Rd4+ 63.Ke3 Rb4 64.Bd7 Re4+ 65.Kf3+- 1.64 Karpov flagged 1-0

In Rd. 2, Nakamura went up a P a couple of times against Vachier-Lagrave, and eventually won. This gave him sole possession of first place. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Nakamura, Hi (2710) - Vachier-Lagrave, M (2703) [B90]

City of Culture GM Donostia ESP (2), 08.07.2009

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 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bc1 [7.Bg5 Nc6 8.Nb3 h6±] 7...Nf6 8.f3 e6 9.Be3 b5 10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.g4?!= [11.Be2 Nb6 12.a4 Nc4±] 11...h6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.h4 b4 14.Na4?!= Vachier-Lagrave gets the advantage [14.Nce2 d5 15.Ng3 e5 16.Nb3 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.fxe4 Nf6 19.Bd3 Nxe4=] 14...Qa5 15.b3 Nc5?!= V-L loses his advantage [15...d5 16.Bh3 Nc5=] 16.a3 Rc8 [16...Nxa4 17.axb4 Qc7=] 17.Qxb4 Nakamura goes up a P 17...Qc7 18.Nxc5 dxc5 19.Qa4+ Nd7 20.Ne2 Bc6 21.Qc4 [21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qd3 Rxa3=] 21...Ne5 22.Qc3 Nxf3 material equality 23.Bf4 [23.Bg2 Bxe4 24.Bf4 Nd4=] 23...e5?± this just loses a P; Nakamura gets a " clear " advantage [23...Qb7 24.Ng3 Nd4=] 24.Qxf3 exf4 25.Qxf4 Nakamura goes up a P again [25.Nxf4 c4 26.Bxc4 Bxa3+ 27.Kb1 0-0±] 25...c4 26.b4 a5 27.Qxc7 [27.c3 Bb7 28.Rd4 Be7±] 27...Rxc7 28.c3 Bxe4 material equality [28...h5 29.g5 Bxe4 30.Rh3 Re7±] 29.Rh3 Be7 30.Nd4 axb4 31.axb4 [31.cxb4±] 31...0-0 32.Nb5 Rb7?!+- Nakamura gets a " winning " advantage [32...Rcc8 33.Re3 Bc6 34.Rxe7 Bxb5 35.Rd4 Rc6±] 33.Nd6 Bxd6 34.Rxd6 Rc7 1.41 [34...Rc8 35.Rd4 Bg6 36.h5 Bd3 37.Bxd3 cxd3 38.Rhxd3 Rc6+- 1.84] 35.Rd4 Bb7 36.Rxc4 Nakamura goes up a P again 36...Re7 37.Rd4 Re1+ 38.Rd1 Rfe8 39.Bd3 Bc8 40.Rg3 g5 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 43.Kd2 Re5 44.Re3+- 2.25 1-0

In the 10th round, after Nakamura had led all tournament, Ponomarev won against Vallejo Pons, and tied Nakamura for the lead. Here is his win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ponomarev, R (2727) - Vallejo Pons, F (2693) [D41]

City of Culture GM Donostia ESP (9), 16.07.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5?!± [4...Bb4 5.Bg5 c6=] 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+?!± Ponomarev gets a " clear " advantage [8...Nc6?! 9.Bc4 Qc7±; 8...Bd6 9.Bb5+ Bd7±] 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0 11.Bc4 Nc6 12.0-0 b6 13.Rfe1?!± [13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.Qe3 Ne7±] 13...Bb7 14.d5?!= [14.Rad1 Na5 15.Bd3 Rc8±] 14...Na5 15.Bd3 h6?!± [15...exd5 16.e5 Nc4 17.Qf4 Qe7=] 16.Qf4 Rc8?!± [16...Qf6 17.Qg4 exd5 18.e5 Qe7±] 17.Rad1?!± [17.d6 f6 18.Rad1 Rc5±] 17...Rc5 [17...Qf6 18.Qxf6 gxf6±] 18.Nd4?!= Ponomarev has lost his advantage [18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Qg3 Qe8±] 18...exd5 Vallejo Pons goes up a P 19.e5 [19.Nf5 Qg5 20.Qxg5 hxg5=] 19...Bc8 20.h4 [20.Nf5?! Qg5 21.Qxg5 hxg5=] 20...Nc4 21.Bf5 Re8 [21...Qc7 22.Rd3 f6=] 22.Rd3 Nd6?+- Ponomarev gets a " winning " advantage [22...Kh8 23.Rg3 f6 24.Qg4 Rc7=] 23.Bxc8 Qxc8?!+- 2.14 [23...Rxc8 24.Rg3 h5+- 1.62] 24.Rg3 Re6?+- 3.77 Vallejo Pons wrongly sacks the exchange [24...Kf8 25.Rg6! Nc4+- 2.68] 25.Nxe6 Qxe6 Ponomarev is up the exchange, but Vallejo Pons has a P compensation 26.Qg4?± Ponomarev is losing his advantage [26.exd6! Qxe1+ 27.Kh2 Qe8+- 5.84] 26...Nf5 27.Rf3 g6 28.h5 [28.Rd3 h5 29.Qf4 d4±] 28...Rc4 29.Rf4 Rxf4?!± [29...b5 30.hxg6 fxg6±] 30.Qxf4 gxh5 Ponomarev is up the exchange, but Vallejo Pons now has 2 P compensation 31.Rd1 d4?!+- [31...Ne7 32.Qf6 Nc6±] 32.Rd3 Qd7 2.19 [32...h4 33.a3 h5+- 1.78] 33.Rf3 d3 34.Qd2 Qe6 35.Qxd3 Vallejo Pons has only 1 P compensation for being down the exchange 35...Ne7 36.Qd6+- 2.77 1-0

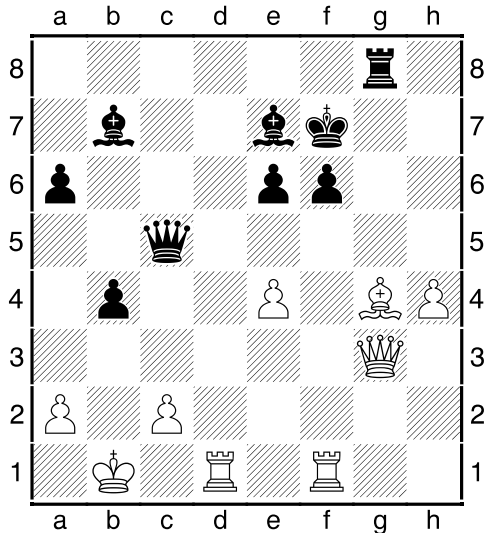
Nakamura won both of the blitz playoff games. Here they are (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Nakamura, Hi (2710) - Ponomarev, R (2727) [B81]

City of Culture GM Playoff Donostia ESP (1), 16.07.2009

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 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4?!= [6.Be3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6±] 6...h6 [6...Nc6 7.g5

Nd7 8.Be3 Nde5=] 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.h3 a6 9.Be3 Ne5 [9...Na5 10.Qd3 Qc7=] 10.Qe2 g5?!± [10...Qc7 11.0-0-0 Nc4=] 11.f4?!= [11.Nf3 Ng6 12.Nd2 Qc7±] 11...gxf4 12.Bxf4 Nfd7 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Qf2 Bb7 15.Kb1 Qb6 16.Rhf1 Be7 17.Be3 Qc7?!± [17...Bg5 18.Nf5 Bxe3 19.Nxe3 0-0-0=] 18.Nf3 Rh7 19.Bd4?!= [19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Bd4 Qc4±] 19...b4?!± [19...Nc4 20.Ne2 0-0-0=] 20.Na4 Nc4 21.Nd2 Rc8?!± Nakamura gets a " clear " advantage [21...Nce5 22.Nb6 Nxb6 23.Bxb6 Qc8±] 22.Nxc4 Qxc4 23.b3?!± [23.Nb6 Nxb6 24.Bxb6 Bxe4±] 23...Qb5 24.Nb2 Ne5 25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.Nc4 Rxc4 27.bxc4 Qxc4 28.Qb6?!= Nakamura loses his advantage [28.Rd3 Qc7 29.c3 bxc3 30.Qc2 Qb6+ 31.Qb3 Qxb3+ 32.axb3 Bb4=] 28...Qc6 29.Qa5 f6 30.h4 Rg7 31.Bf3 Rg8?!± Nakamura gets back a " clear " advantage [31...Kf7 32.Rd3 Qc4=] 32.g5 hxg5 33.Qxe5! Kf7?!+- Nakamura gets a " winning " advantage [33...Rh8 34.Qg3 Rxh4±] 34.Qg3 g4 35.Bxg4 Nakamura goes up a P 35...Qc5??+- blunder – mate in 5 moves [35...Rg7 36.Qe5 b3 37.axb3 Bc8+- 9.25]



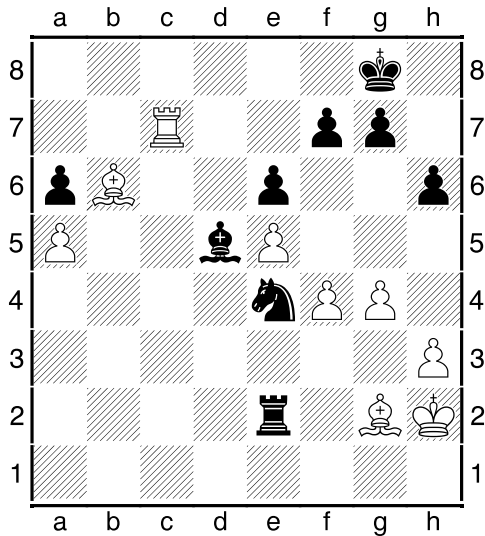
36.Bxe6+!+- Ponomariov resigned. It is mate 36...Kxe6 37.Qxg8+ Ke5 38.Rf5+ Kxe4 39.Qg4+ Ke3 40.Rd3# 1-0

Ponomariov, R (2727) – Nakamura, Hi (2710) [D19]

City of Culture GM Playoff Donostia ESP (2), 16.07.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 Nakamura goes up a P 5.a4 Bf5 [5...Bg4 6.e4 e5 7.Be3 Nbd7=] 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 material equality 7...Nbd7 [7...Bd6?! 8.0-0 Nbd7±; 7...Bb4?! 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qb3 Qb6±] 8.0-0 Bb4 9.Qe2 [9.Qb3 a5 10.Na2 Be7=] 9...Bg6 10.e4 0-0 11.Bd3 Bh5?!± [11...Qa5 12.Na2 Be7=] 12.Bf4 c5 [12...Qe7 13.Rfd1 Rfe8±] 13.e5 [13.Bd6 Re8 14.Nb5 (14.Na2 e5 15.Nxb4 cxb4 16.Qe3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nh5±) 14...a5±] 13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nd5 15.Bd2 cxd4 16.cxd4 Nb8 17.h3?!= [17.Be4 Nc6 18.Qd3 h6±] 17...Nc6 18.g4?!± for the first time in the game, Nakamura gets the advantage [18.Qe4 Bg6 19.Qe2 Rc8=] 18...Bg6 19.Bb5 Rc8 20.Rfc1 Nde7?!= [20...Ndb4 21.Bc3 Qd5±] 21.Kg2?!± Nakamura gets a " clear " advantage [21.Bg5 h6 22.Bxc6 Rxc6 23.Rxc6 bxc6 24.Bh4 Qd7 25.Bxe7 Qxe7=] 21...Nxd4?!± [21...a6 22.Bxc6 Nxc6 23.Qe3 b6±] 22.Nxd4 Qxd4 23.Qe3 Qxe3 24.Bxe3 a6 25.Bf1 Bc2 26.Kg3 Nd5 27.Bd2 Rc7 28.a5 Rd8?!= [28...f6 29.exf6 gxf6 30.Bg2 Rfc8±] 29.Ra2 Rdc8 30.Rb2?!± [30.Bg2 Bd3 31.Rxc7 Rxc7=] 30...h6?!= [30...f6 31.Re1 Bg6 32.exf6 Rc2 33.f7+ Kf8 34.Bb4+ Kxf7±] 31.f4 Nc3 32.Kh2 Ne4 [32...Nd5 33.Bg2 Bd3 34.Rxc7 Rxc7=] 33.Be3 Ba4 34.Rxc7 Rxc7 35.Bg2 Rc2 [35...Rc3 36.Bd4 Rd3 37.Bxe4 Rxd4 38.Bxb7 Bb5=] 36.Rxb7 Re2?!± Ponomariov gets back the advantage [36...Ra2 37.Rb6 Bb5 38.Rb8+ Kh7=] 37.Bb6?!= [37.Rb8+ Kh7 38.Bc1 h5±] 37...Bc6 38.Rc7 Bd5 39.Kg1 Re1+ 40.Kh2 Re2

Position after 40.Re2



41.Rc8+??-+ blunder – Nakamura gets a "winning" advantage [41.Kg1 Re1+ 42.Kh2 Re2=] **41...Kh7 42.Rc1 Nd2 43.Rg1 Nf3+ 44.Kg3** – 2.88 [44.Kh1? Nxf3 45.Bxd5 exd5 46.Kxg1 Re4+- 4.42] **44...Nxf3-+** –2.88 **0-1**

FIDE Candidate Matches for 2011 World Championship

(by Jack Peters, IM)

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) announced the rules for the Candidates matches which will select the challenger for the 2011 world championship. Gata Kamsky, who lost a February match to Veselin Topalov to determine the current challenger to world champion Viswanathan Anand, will be seeded into the eight-player event. Others will be the loser of the Anand-Topalov match, the winner of November's World Cup, the two top finishers in the 2008-09 Grand Prix, two players chosen by rating and one chosen by the organizer.

FIDE plans to assemble the eight players in one location during the last quarter of 2010. The players will contest three rounds of matches in a period of 23 days. The first two rounds will consist of four-game matches, and the third round will last six games. Ties will be broken with games of 25 minutes or quicker.

This plan improves on the various methods FIDE used to determine challengers since the mid-1990s. The substantial prize fund of 420,000 Euros (about \$588,000), with a minimum of 30,000 Euros (about \$42,000) to each first-round loser, sounds attractive. However, complications may arise. FIDE has not yet found an organizer for the final tournament of the Grand Prix or for the Anand-Topalov match, which is tentatively slotted for early 2010.

2009 Canadian Chess Hall of Fame Inductee

(submitted by David Cohen, slightly edited)

Walter Holowach (deceased) of Edmonton, Alberta, is the 2009 inductee into the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame. There was a presentation of a plaque to his family at the opening ceremony of the 2009 Canadian Open Championship in Edmonton, Alberta.

David Cohen
Creator, Canadian Chess Hall of Fame

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Walter Holowach
(1909-2008)

Doctorate in violin/viola, Vienna Conservatory Played first violin, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Long-time violinist Edmonton Symphony Orchestra; Concert Master 1957-8 Taught music, conducted; founded Empire Opera Company Code breaker during World War Two Manager, family business Expert Dyers and Cleaners Ltd.
Represented Canada at Olympiad 1939
Alberta Champion 5 years in a row without losing a game 1946-50
Canadian Chess Hall of Fame 2009

CYCC Results

This 7 round swiss played in late July in Victoria, B.C., in 12 age groups/girls, drew 129 players (somewhat less than the recent 5-year average of 150). Here were the final standings:

U 8 Open

#Name	Old Perf NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Wan, Kevin</i>	1418 1427 1446 1446	W 5 D 3 W 4 D 2 W 9 D 6	5.5
2 <i>Zhang, Yuanchen</i>	1282 1380 1334 1334	W 8 W 7 W 3 D 1 D 6 D 4	5.5
3 <i>Zotkin, Daniel</i>	1368 1368 1394 1394	W 13 D 1 L 2 W 7 W 8 W 9	5.5

U 8 Girls

#Name	Old Perf NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Liu, Jiaxin</i>	847 1075 981 10	W 4 W 6 L 2 W 3 W 5	4.0
2 <i>MacInnis, Maggie Rose</i>	876 980 914 914	W 5 L 4 W 1 D 6 W 3	3.5

3 *Wang, Constance* 1123 8601004 10₂ W 6 W 5 W 4 L 1 L 3.0

U 10 Open

#Name	Old Perf NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Kong, Dezheng</i>	1957186719631963 ₂	W 12 D 6 W 10 D 8 W W 3 W 4	6.0
2 <i>Graif, William</i>	163516851676 17 ₁	W 11 W 4 W 7 D 3 L W 9 W 6	5.5
3 <i>Awatramani, Janak</i>	1761171117701770 ₆	W 5 W 14 W 8 D 2 D L 1 W 7	5.0
4 <i>Chiku-Ratte, Oliver Kenta</i>	128415641436 15 ₈	W 16 L 2 W 5 W 9 W W 6 L 1	5.0

U 10 Girls

#Name	Old Perf NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Giblon, Melissa</i>	1208127412341234 ₄	W 3 W 6 W 2 W 5 D	4.5
2 <i>Peng, Janet</i>	992115710401040 ₃	W 5 W 4 L 1 W 6 D	3.5
3 <i>Milicevic, Aleksandra</i>	1194111711901194 ₂	L 1 W 5 W 6 W 4 D	3.5

U 12 Open

#Name	Old Perf NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Fu, James</i>	1806200118791879 _{W 9}	W 14 W 8 D 4 D 2 W 6 W 5	6.0
2 <i>Wang, Richard</i>	2103199120972103 _{W 6}	D 13 W 15 W 10 D 1 W 4 W 9	6.0
3 <i>Qian, Jack</i>	1319166514221422 _{W 13}	L 4 W 17 D 8 W 15 L 9 W 11	4.5

U 12 Girls

#Name	Old Perf NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Giblon, Rebecca</i>	1520141615311561 ₀	D 2 W 6 W 4 D 5 W 3 L W 7	5.0
2 <i>Peng, Jackie</i>	1530134715231530 ₅	D 1 W 7 L 0 W 6 L 4 W W 3	4.5
3 <i>Sametova, Zhanna</i>	1145134512051205 ₇	W 6 W 4 W 5 L 0 L 1 W L 2	4.0
4 <i>Foote, Joanne</i>	1350131113621362 ₆	W 5 L 3 L 1 W 7 W 2 W L 0	4.0

U 14 Open

#Name	Old Perf	NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Zhang, David</i>	2026 2284 2114 2114	5	D 2 W 9 D 8 W 6 D 4 W W 12	5.5
2 <i>Kaminski, Thomas</i>	2141 2241 2183 2183	8	D 1 W 12 D 4 W 7 D 5 W W 6	5.5
3 <i>Itkin, David</i>	1831 1844 1862 1862	11	L 10 W 13 L 6 W 15 W 0 W W 4	5.0

U 14 Girls

#Name	Old Perf	NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Botez, Alexandra</i>	1883 1711 1893 1906	9	W 5 W 7 W 2 D 3 W W 8 W 6	6.5
2 <i>Kalaydina, Regina-Veronicka</i>	1824 1573 1824 1824	3	W 4 W 11 L 1 W 6 W W 7 W 5	6.0
3 <i>Fang, Tina</i>	1431 1635 1506 1506	2	W 10 W 6 W 7 D 1 L W 5 W 9	5.5

U 16 Open

#Name	Old Perf	NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Szalay, Karoly</i>	2273 2249 2286 2286	D	W 10 L 18 W 14 W 4 W 7 D 3 W 5	5.5
2 <i>Martchenko, Alexander</i>	2302 2188 2302 2314	D	W 6 D 11 L 7 W 18 W 12 D 4 W 3	5.0
3 <i>Sundar, Avinaash</i>	2238 2285 2254 2254	D	D 17 D 12 W 13 W 11 W 5 D 1 L 2	4.5
4 <i>Rakov, Pavel</i>	2147 2171 2175 2175	D	W 19 L 5 W 16 L 1 W 13 D 2 W 7	4.5
5 <i>Sapozhnikov, Roman</i>	2360 2157 2350 2365	W	W 14 W 4 W 18 D 7 L 3 W 8 L 1	4.5
6 <i>Wang, Jesse B</i>	1980 2141 2051 2051	W	L 2 W 9 D 8 L 12 W 18 W 11 W 14	4.5

U 18 Open

#Name	Old Perf	NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Hansen, Eric</i>	2466 2298 2470 2472	6	W 2 L 0 W 5 W 7 W 4 W D 3	5.5
2 <i>Kaminski, Victor</i>	2328 2255 2334 2334	3	L 1 W 5 W 7 W 4 W 6 W L 0	5.0
3 <i>Me, Kevin</i>	2184 2145 2188 2188	2	D 5 W 7 W 4 W 6 L 0 L D 1	4.0

U 16 & 18 Girls

#Name	Old Perf	NewHigh	Results	Tot
1 <i>Du, Jasmine</i>	1908 1703	1940 1940	5 W 8 W 7 W 6 W 2 D 4 W	6.5
2 <i>Xiong, Sonja</i>	1843 1598	1855 1909	6 D 4 W 5 W 3 L 1 W 7 W	5.5
3 <i>Kagramanov, Dalia</i>	2000 1518	1969 2000	8 W 7 W 6 L 2 W 4 W 5 W	5.0
4 <i>Yang, Marguerite</i>	1704 1468	1564 11	7 D 2 W 8 L 5 L 3 D 1 W	4.0
5 <i>Powell, Samantha</i>	1604 1461	1616 1616	1 W 6 L 2 W 4 W 8 L 3 L	4.0
6 <i>Lam, Karen</i>	1007 1317	1028 1028	2 L 5 L 3 L 1 W 7 W 8 L	2.0
7 <i>Nelson, Shania</i>	811 1231	828 828	4 L 3 L 1 W 8 L 6 L 2 L	1.0
8 <i>McDonald, Dorissa</i>	702 1132	702 702	3 L 1 L 4 L 7 L 5 L 6 L	0.0

Hart House Summer Open – Report

(posted on ChessTalk by organizer, Alex Ferreira [SCC member])

This multi-section swiss was played July 3-5. **134** players came out to break our previous records, and made every section very competitive.

Final results were:

Open Section

Congratulations to FM **Igor Divljan**, who came out alone on top with a very impressive 4.5/5 points, conceding only a half point to Artiom Samsonkin with the black pieces in Round 4. IM Samsonkin and IM Nikolay Noritsyn finished joint second and third with 4.0 points each.

Although most of the additional-to-advertised prize money went into the lower section, we added also a prize for the top player rated under 2300 in the top section. This was split by Arthur Calugar and Wajdy Shebetah, who ended with 3.5 each.

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Prize
1	Igor Divljan	109214	2384	W20	W13	W14	D2	W7	4.5	
2	IM Artiom Samsonkin	146305	2612	W15	W17	W12	D1	D3	4.0	
3	IM Nikolay Noritsyn	132534	2508	W9	W8	D4	W11	D2	4.0	

U2200 Section

This section saw **David Southam** and **Geordie Derraugh** share first with 4.0/5 points, without conceding a loss. Nikita Gusev and Bill Peng shared 3rd place with 3.5 points.

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Prize
1	David Southam	102535	2130	D10	W13	W4	W9	D3	4.0	

2 Geordie Derraugh 132393 2044 H--- D11 W18 W5 W9 4.0
3 Nikita Gusev 128168 2138 H--- D10 W14 W7 D1 3.5
4 Bill Peng 149175 2022 D15 W8 L1 W17 W11 3.5

U2000 Section

Dominating the field was the youngster **Kostantin Semianiuk**, who went 4/4 and could easily afford a draw in the last round to clinch clear first with 4.5/5
Conceding a point only to the above, a determined Omar Shah took 2nd place with 4 points. Topping the field in a 4-way tie for 3rd with 3.5 points each were Leon Perelman, Mickey Stein, Jonathan Farine and Steven H. Liu

Name ID Rtnng Rd 1 Rd 2 Rd 3 Rd 4 Rd 5 Tot Prize
1 Konstantin Semianiuk 144290 1921 W18 W13 W2 W6 D3 4.5
2 Omaray M Shah 121329 1921 W25 W15 L1 W4 W10 4.0
3 Leon Perelman 146258 1913 W22 D6 W8 H--- D1 3.5
4 Mickey Stein 105756 1895 D12 W17 W19 L2 W11 3.5
5 Jonathan Farine 148113 1894 D20 H--- W15 D10 W12 3.5
6 Steven H Liu 144080 1768 W7 D3 W11 L1 W13 3.5

U1800 Section

Steele Roddick came out on top without losing a game and having played the remaining of the top of the table, finishing 4.0/5
In a 4-way tie for 2nd and 3rd were Silvano Mesiti, Dean Ward, Mike Ivanov and Tony Lin, who finished with 3.5 points.
The book prize on performance tie-break went to Roy Posaratnanathan, who ended with 3.0 points.

Name ID Rtnng Rd 1 Rd 2 Rd 3 Rd 4 Rd 5 Tot Prize
1 Steele Roddick 149118 1778 W4 W8 W3 D2 D6 4.0
2 Silvano Mesiti 107489 1778 W7 D16 W10 D1 D3 3.5
3 Dean Ward 102060 1750 W9 W5 L1 W6 D2 3.5
4 Mike Ivanov 140557 1676 L1 W17 W12 W8 D7 3.5
5 Tony [juntao] Lin 148229 1432 B--- L3 D11 W12 W10 3.5

U1600 Section (including U1400 and UNR prizes)

This section was by far the biggest with 51 players, including everyone U1400. Given the massive turn-out, we increased the prize fund in the U1400 category.

Three players stood above the field. **Ferdinand Cale** won the U1600 section, **Frank Wang** took top spot in U1400 and **Jose Jimwil Avila** was the best unrated player. All finished with 4.5/5

Splitting 2nd and 3rd place in the U1600 category were juniors Mark Plotkin and Jackie Peng. In the U1400 category Shafkat Ali and Samir Hossain split 2nd and 3rd. The above four players all finished with 4.0/5.

Name ID Rtnng Rd 1 Rd 2 Rd 3 Rd 4 Rd 5 Tot Prize
1 Ferdinand Cale 136339 1522 W35 W20 W19 W6 D2 4.5
2 Frank Wang 143998 1046 W28 W31 W14 W16 D1 4.5
3 Jose Jimwil Avila unr. W22 D29 W11 W18 W9 4.5

4 Mark Plotkin 141086 1536 L23 W38 W22 W29 W17 4.0
 5 Jackie Peng 142388 1502 L36 W44 W33 W19 W21 4.0
 6 Shafkat Ali 149142 1308 W25 W15 W13 L1 W12 4.0
 7 Samir Hossain 149019 1248 H--- W26 D29 W13 W16 4.0

Last but not least, the **Hart Attack** took the team prize in a field of 11 teams. Team members were Dave Southam (4.0 in U2200 section), Geordie Derraugh (4.0 in U2200 section), Leon Perelman (3.5 in U2000 section) and Samir Hossain (4.0 in U1600 section). They finished with a combined score of 15.5 out of a possible 20 points.

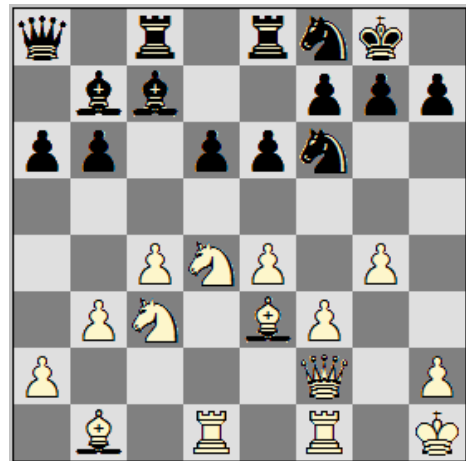
[An SCC'er Reports on the Hart House Open](#)
 (submitted by Erwin Casareno, 2007-8 Club Champion)

Hart House Summer 2009 Open Tournament

By Erwin Casareno (July 3,4,5, 2009)

I became interested to play in this tournament upon learning that the games will be rated by FIDE. Playing in FIDE rated tournaments gives you chance to earn title norms such as FM. I started the tournament very well, scoring a 20 move win against John Chidley-hill 1903 in round 1 and followed it up with a win against Roman Sapozhnikov 2358. In round 3, I was paired with FM Igor Divljan 2384 on board 3 and got a big advantage after Black tried to break free with d5. See position D1.

I became excited when the FM still played the break through after **21. ... Nf8 22.Qf2 d5**. I have evaluated the forced continuation to be favoring White. **23.g5 N6d7 24.ed5 ed5 25.cd5 Bd5 26.Nd5 Qd5 27.Nf5 Qb7 28.Be5 Qb8** See diagram D2. In this position, I was even more excited. Why? To be able to gain such advantage against Divljan, who eventually won the tournament with 4.5 points in 5 games, is already an achievement in itself. In this position, I became "dizzy with success" – Alexander Kotov (Think



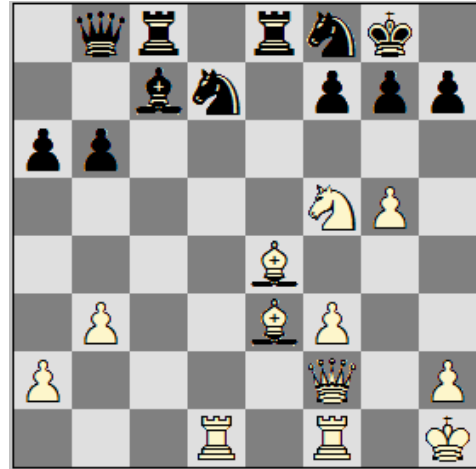
D1. White anticipated a possible break through by Black (d5) and so played 21.Rcd1.

like a grandmaster). Maybe I read too much books. In this position, I used my time to evaluate the position again (something I learned from the Dutch player Theo Hartman – Haagse Toren). I also remembered a game by Kasparov where he sacrificed a bishop on g7 to strip the Black king of pawn cover. Inside me, I was struggling to control my emotions after I saw that I have big advantage after **29.Bd4** Black's weakness is g7 and this is the reason I rejected 29.Bc6. My first attack target is the King. I was even tempted to think about 29.Rd7, 29.h4, 29.Nh6, 29.Ng7, 29.Nd6, 29.Bd5, 29.Qh4. Aahh, the tree of analysis. I lost a lot of time. **29. ...Be5**. I examined 30.Qb2, but decided this could lead to queen exchange. As for 30.h4, this is slow and loses control of g3. Having invested considerable amount of time already analyzing my position, I played **30.Qh4**. This move gave Black a useful tempo. Winning is **30.f4!!**, which I regretfully discarded because it leaves my Be4 unprotected, and feared the opening of the h1-a8 diagonal. After 30.f4, what can Black do? A. 30. ...Bd4 31.Qd4 threatens mate on g7. If 31....f6, then 32.Qd5+ Kh8 33.Qf7 wins. Not 31. ...e6, 32.Qd7 wins. B. 30. ...Bc7 31.Bc6 creates double threats on both g7 and Nd7. Jammer. **30. ...Ng6 31.Qh3 N7f8 32.Be5 Re5 33.Rc1** Black gets the advantage. 33. ...R5c5 **34.Rc5 Rc5 35.Qg3 Qd8 36.h4 Qd2 37.Qh2 Qd8** Holding the position to equality is 37...Qd7. **38.h5** Too hasty. Black wins the game. 38.b4 is more tactful. From here it is just the kicking. **38. ...N6e7 39.Nd6 Rg5 40. Nf7 Kf7 41.Qf4+ Nf5 42.Bf5 Rh5+ 43.Bh3 Kg8 44.Qg4 Rh4! 45.Qg3 Ng6 46.Kg1 Nf4 47.Be6+ Ne6 48.Qe5 Rh6 49.Rc1 Rg6 0-1.** Video of this event can be viewed at

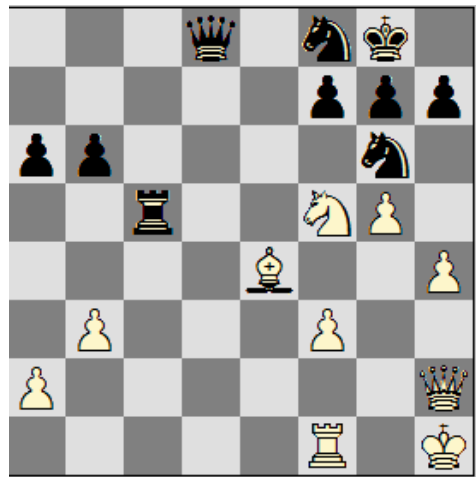
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Top 3 :

1 Igor Divljan 109214 2384 4.5 2. IM Artiom Samsonkin 146305 2612 4 3. IM Nikolay Noritsyn 132534 2508 4



D2. Position after 28. ...Qb8.
Casareno 2244 – FM Divljan 2384



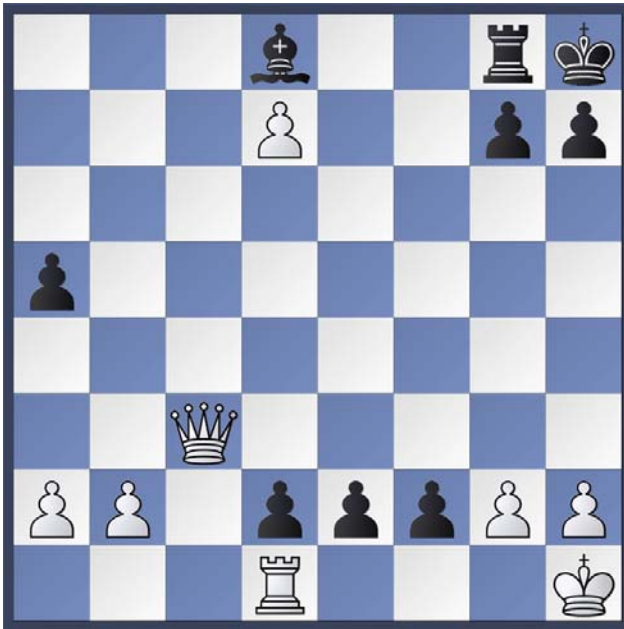
D3. Position after 35. ...Qd8.
Casareno 2244 – FM Divljan 2384

PwC Toronto Open Chess Trivia Contest

In this recent most successful Toronto tournament, the CMA Trivia Contest Winners were Omar Shah, IM Hans Jung, Liam Henry, FM Shiyam Thavandiran, Keith Wight - \$ 50 each

Here is the first of a set of four “ famous position “questions in the contest (the rest will be published over the course of the next few Issues). Can you answer who the players were?:

Position A



- a) Boden - Kieseritzky
- b) McDonnell - de la Bourdonnais
- c) Paulsen - Morphy
- d) Bird - Blackburne

[For the answers, go to the 3rd last page of the newsletter (just prior to the tournament notices)]

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, former SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the question:

Who Am I? My parents are Brian and Joan and my brother, Andrew. Born in 1963, I did not shine as a prodigy like my contemporaries Short and Hodgson, but built up gradually, becoming a GM in 1989. I have written 15 books and featured in fashion and car advertising. A good guitarist, I was adviser to a Country Music documentary. Bespectacled, I often wear the smartest of suits. I play a little league chess, but seldom travel to tournaments outside the UK these days.

The Answer:

Danny King

No Winner! : Rick stumped the readers with this question – not even any wild guesses this time. Better luck with this Issue's question !

Today's Trivia Question is:

Who Am I? I was born in the middle of the 19th century, and studied engineering. It was during this time that I started to play at the top level. One of my earliest successes was to finish =1st with Chigorin in a tournament, against whom I lost the 2 game play-off match. I was at my most active from the mid-1880's up to the period before World War 1. My best tournament result was 1st at Munich, ahead of Rotlewi, Spielmann and Fahrni, and 5th at Monte Carlo. I defeated von Bardeleben in a match and also drew a match against Schlechter. I was an opening theoretician, and my name features on some unusual opening variations. I often illustrated my opening analyses with fictitious games between "Attakinsky" and "Defendarov". Who Am I?

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 – 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 ! Because we close for July and August, and the first tournament of next season doesn't start until Sept. 10, we are suspending this series for the summer, and it will begin again in the September 15 Issue.

SCC Member Wins Brampton CC Tournament

Casareno wins Brampton Chess Club 15 minute club championship

By Erwin Casareno

I enjoy playing chess games with short time controls. So I went to Brampton and played 5 rounds against members of the club.

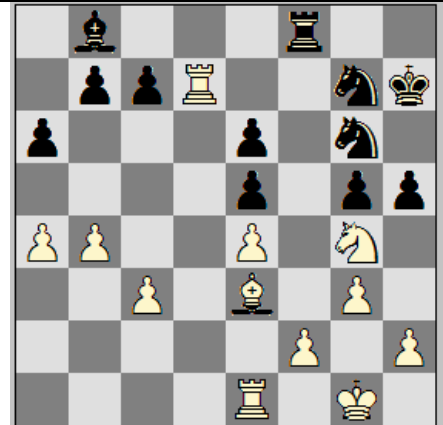


On June 23, 2009, I scored a good result with 5 wins in 5 games, in the process crowning myself as the new club champion for 15 minute games. All the games were brutal and featured a lot of direct attacks and plenty of tactics to calculate in such a short space of time. It seemed to me that everybody goes for the win no matter what. Defeats do not matter to the participants. I saw the need to adapt to this breed of players who plays speed chess throughout the year every Tuesday in a church. And for a membership fee of \$50 per year, I do not mind driving the distance (45 minutes which my sons compared to driving from Den Haag to Amsterdam) just to be able to hone my skills further.

My most dangerous game in the tournament occurred in round 4 when I faced the veteran Steve Miklauska. I became careless after I gained both material and positional advantage, probably because I used a lot of time in the opening stages. My one pawn edge almost went to nothing as Steve managed to create a direct attack on my king. I was forced to give up my queen and a pawn for a rook and a bishop and hoped that my centrally posted bishop and active rook could hold my position for just enough time to win the game on time. Steve is a fast player but with the advantage in position and time (he has about 90

seconds against my 45 seconds) he allowed me to win the queen for a rook and could not move anything until his time run out.

My most interesting game happened in round 5 when I played Ravi Venkataraman. Before then, I was leading the field with 4 out of 4 and Ravi and Barry had 3 out of 4. Therefore, a loss is disastrous as there will tie break games and anything can happen. Despite this situation, I played relaxed and concentrated very well on the game. Before the game was played, Ravi told me that he will make the game quick but I decided to play as usual. Soon, I was enjoying a quality advantage. But as Alexander Kotov said, I became "dizzy with success". The title is so close that even if I saw the threat on my knight previously, I forgot it. See the position below where my knight was trapped. After thinking for sometime, I found the way out. It was good I did not play 27.Bg5 or 27. Ne5. I was able to preserve the win with **27.Nf6!** and Ravi resigned after **27...Rf6 28.Rd8 Rf8 29.Red1 1-0**. The Black Bb8 can not escape capture after 29. ...Rd8 30.Rd8 or 29. ...c6 30.Rf8 Nf8 31.Rd8 wins a piece back. I also considered 27.Bc5 after which 27. ...Rf3 28.Rd8 still wins.



Position after 26.h5 , trapping the knight

Note: Edwin was SCC 2008-9 Club Champion.

“Chess in the Library “ Update
(sent by Yuanling Yuan on July 6)

Hi everyone,

The third Chess in the Library meet ended yesterday [Ed.- Saturday, July 4] at the Brookbanks Library. This week, the turnout was better than I expected! Even with the Hart House tournament running and the US holiday, 29 kids came to play chess!! I was very happy that the maximum limit was maintained. A great improvement from last week was that by making the table further apart, and with one less volunteer, we still managed to control the noise level much better. 😊 Again, I must thank that volunteer, Jimmy Wang, for helping me lots and making this possible.

Just like last week, we had long line ups but the check in table wasn't as busy. That's because on the day before, I created a Chess in the Library member's database which was sorted out by grade and last name. So when they come in, all we had to do was check their names off (much easier to find as well 😊) and add the new members to the list. It definitely saved us at least 10 minutes this week!! Another new thing we had this week was a reading table full of chess books! So if someone had a bye or finished playing, they would be sitting at the reading table and reading chess books. This prevents the kids from being bored and ending up running around. I think it's a pretty good idea! 😊

I'm overwhelmed that these three weeks had been amazing so far. However, to maintain this current situation is only a small step toward my long term goal. Before I just said that I will want to expand to many more libraries but didn't give any details. Now I have a very clear goal ahead of me. In my next 3 high school years, I hope to expand to 30 Toronto Public Libraries and maintain the level of having 500 kids playing chess in my program each week. I'm sure everyone who's following my program's update more or less will have some doubts about my organization skills and if I will be able to actually reach this goal. Well, you all have the right to doubt, after all, in many of your eyes, I'm just a girl who just turned 15. However, seeing all those kids having fun playing chess gives me the confidence and the motivation to make this program bigger and better so that chess in Canada would become more and more popular.

Recently, I received a donation of more than \$500 to buy the first 100 chess sets which are going to be used in 5 libraries. On behalf of all the kids at this program, I would like to thank this kind anonymous donor for supporting the Chess in the Library program. It really means a lot to all of us and also the chess community in Canada. Thus, I've already started contacting 2 other libraries and by the end of this summer, I hope to have 3 libraries running this program smoothly. I also hope that there will be more kind hearted people who will donate to this program.

Well, that concludes my report this week. Thank you all for supporting the Chess in the Library program !

Yuanling

SCC'ers "Blast from the Past"

One evening at the club, Karl Sellars and Yuanling Yuan found themselves with some time, so they took on cleaning up the disastrous-looking SCC closet chess library. Karl discovered some old En Passant magazines, and started leafing through them. To his surprise he found a number of games of current SCC members from years gone by. So we are going to present some of them over the next few Issues. Thanks to Karl for his research skills !!

This game is from the 1985 Kitchener-Waterloo Fall Swiss, organized by Guelph's Hal Bond. Brian Fiedler submitted two games where he suffered what Kotov called "Dizziness due to success". To quote Brian: "It is the sudden inexplicable lowering of one's vigilance on sensing the win is near that usually results in such a move." He says he snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in the following game against current SCC member Andrei Moffat. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

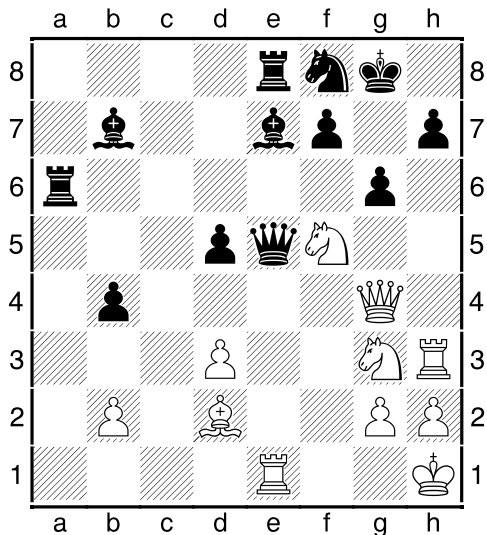
Fiedler, Brian – Moffat, Andrei

Kitchener-Waterloo Fall Swiss Kitchener, 1985

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 Qb6?!± Brian gets a " clear " advantage [4...Nf6±] **5.Nb3?!±** [5.Nb5

a6 6.Be3 Qa5+ 7.N5c3 e6±] 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Bd3 a6?!± [7...Bb4 8.Bd2 0-0±] 8.Qe2?!± [8.0-0 Qc7 9.Be3 Be7±] 8...d6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 b6 12.f4 0-0 13.Rae1?!= [13.Rf3 Nb4 14.Rg3 Bb7±] 13...Nb4 14.Bd2 Nxd3 15.cxd3 Bb7 16.Rf3 d5?!± [16...Rfc8 17.Rh3 b5=] 17.e5 Nd7 18.Rh3 Rfe8 19.Qh5 Nf8 20.Kh1 [20.Rc1 Qd8 21.Be3 Rc8±] 20...b5 [20...Rac8 21.Nd4 Qd7±] 21.axb5 axb5 22.Nd4?!= Brian has lost his advantage [22.Nxb5 Qc2 23.N5d4 Qxb2±] 22...b4 23.Nce2 Ra6 [23...g6 24.Qh6 Rec8=] 24.f5?!± this loses a P; for the first time in the game, Andrei gets the advantage [24.Rg3 Bc8 25.b3 Bd7=] 24...g6?!± Brian gets a " clear " advantage [24...Qxe5 25.Bf4 Qf6 26.fxe6 g6 27.Qh6 fxe6±] 25.Qg4?!± [25.fxg6 fxg6 26.Qf3 Qxe5±] 25...Qxe5 Andrei goes up a P 26.Ng3 exf5?!= [26...Qc7 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.Rf1 Rea8± (28...e5?! 29.Ndf5 Bf6 30.Nh6+ Kh8=)] 27.Ndx5?!± Andrei gets a " clear " advantage [27.Ngxf5 Bg5 28.Qd1 Bxd2 29.Rxe5 (29.Nh6+?! Bxh6 30.Rxe5 Rxe5 31.Rxh6 Ne6±) 29...Rxe5 30.Nf3 (30.Ng3?? Re1+ 31.Qxe1 Bxe1+) 30...Rxf5 31.Nxd2 d4=]

Position after 27.Ndx5?



27...Qxe1+??+- wrong way to sac the Q; Brian gets a " winning " advantage [27...Bg5 28.Kg1 (28.Rxe5?? Ra1+ 29.Qd1 Rxd1+ 30.Re1 Rdx1+ 31.Bxe1 Rxe1+ 32.Nf1 Rxf1#) 28...Bxd2 29.Rxe5 Rxe5±] 28.Bxe1 Brian is up Q vs R + P 28...Bf6 29.Nh6+ Kh8 30.Qxb4 Brian is up Q vs R 30...Ra1+?+- 4.81 [30...Bc8 31.Nh5 gxh5 32.Re3 Be6 33.Nxf7+ Kg8 34.Nd6 Rd8+- 2.76] 31.Ne4?+- 2.28 [31.Nf1 Bg7 (31...Rax1 32.Rf3 R1e6 33.Qxb7 R8e7 34.Qxd5 Kg7+- 5.60) 32.Re3 Rxe3 33.Nxf7+ Kg8 34.Nxe3 Ba6+- 5.68] 31...dxe4 32.Nxf7+ Brian is up Q + P vs R + B 32...Kg7 33.Nd6 Re6 34.Nxe4??± Brian has Q + 2 P's vs R + B, but this allows Andrei to win Q + B for 2 R's; Andrei gets a " clear " advantage [34.Re3 Ba6 35.Rxe4 Be5 36.Qb3 (36.Nb5?! Bxb5 37.Qxb5 Bc3 38.Qb7+ Kh6 39.g3 (39.g4?! Rxe1+ 40.Kg2 R1xe4 41.dxe4 Bf6±) 39...Rxe1+ (39...Rxe4?! 40.dxe4 Bxe1 41.Kg2 g5+-) 40.Kg2 R1xe4 41.dxe4 Be5±) 36...Re7+-] 34...Bxe4?!± Andre misses the nice tactic [34...Rb6! 35.Qxb6 Rxe1+ 36.Qg1 Rxc1+ 37.Kxc1 Bxb2±] 35.dxe4 Be7??+- a blunder - Brian gets back a " winning " advantage [35...Rb6! 36.Qxb6 Rxe1+ 37.Qg1 Rxc1+ 38.Kxc1 Bxb2±] 36.Qc3+ Bf6 37.Qd2??± Andrei gets back a " clear " advantage [37.Qe3 Bxb2 38.Rf3 Nd7+-] 37...Rxe4?!± no one wants to win; now Brian gets the " clear " advantage [37...Rd6! 38.Qb4 Rb6! 39.Qxb6 Rxe1+ 40.Qg1 Rxc1+ 41.Kxc1 Bxb2±] 38.Re3 Bg5?!+- Brian gets a " winning " advantage again [38...Rxe3 39.Qxe3 Bxb2±] 39.Qd7+??+- a blunder due to " chess dizziness ". Brian throws away his Q [39.Qc3+ Bf6 40.Qc7+ Re7 41.Rxe7+ Bxe7 42.Qxe7+ Kg8+- 8.36 Brian would be up Q + P vs R] 39...Nxd7+- - 5.70 Andrei is up R + N vs P 0-1

Express Your INNER Self !!

Got a chess issue that has been bothering you for a while? Got a favourite chess topic that you've always wanted to share with other chess players? Read something in SCTCN&V that you profoundly agreed with, or maybe (surely not !) disagreed with?

SCTCN&V may be for you. We are very open to publishing freelance articles from our readers – David Cohen, Erwin Casareno and Erik Malmsten have presented us with material in the past. Now we have a new columnist, Rick Garel. A number of our members have now written profiles of themselves for our series on SCC members.

Maybe there's a writer inside just waiting to get going !

Also, if you would like us to cover some topic, send us your idea, and we'll see if we can write up something on it.

This may be the chance you've been waiting for ! Want to express your inner self???

PwC Toronto Open Trivia Quiz Answer:

Position A b) McDonnell - de la Bourdonnais

2009 Canadian Women's Closed & Zonal

9 Round Swiss (or best option)

Venue: Kitchener City Hall

Minimum Rating Requirement: 1700(CFC, FQE or FIDE)

Winner will represent Canada at the 2010 Women's World Championship, 2nd and 3rd finishers - at the next Women's Continental Championship.

Time Control: 40/90, G/30 +30 seconds from 1st move

Event Schedule:

Thursday, July 30, 4:00pm

Opening Ceremony, Appointment of Appeals Committee and drawing of lots

Round 1: Thursday, July 30, 6pm

Round 2: Friday, July 31 10am

Round 3: Friday, July 31, 4pm

Round 4: Saturday, August 1, 10am

Round 5: Saturday, August 1, 4pm

Round 6: Sunday, August 2, 10am

Round 7: Sunday, August 2, 4am

Round 8: Monday, August 3, 10am

Round 9: Monday, August 3, 4pm

Accommodation: Walper Terrace Hotel, tournament rates TBA.

To Register: Send cheque for \$250 payable to Hal Bond

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Trophies and Cash Prizes 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100 in each section.

Unrated prize:

\$100

Club Prize:

\$500. 4 player teams from same club, maximum of 3 players in section, multiple teams per club permissible. Contestants must play within 200 points of their peak rating and are not eligible for the family prize. Exceptions subject to approval by organizer.

Family Prize:

\$400. Top 2 scores, any sections, immediate family only (spouse, sibling, parent/grandparent/child), contestants must play within 200 points of their peak rating and are not eligible for the club prize.

Round Times:

First Round 6pm July 31st. Rounds 2-7, 10am and 4pm daily

Time Control:

Game in 120 minutes with 30 second Fischer increment

On site registration:

July 31: 3pm - 5:30pm

Byes:

2 half point byes in the first 6 rounds if requested with entry.

Eligibility:

Players may play up if they are within 100 points of section floor, based on current rating. FIDE or FQE Ratings taken at par.

Registration:

Hal Bond,
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2009 Canadian Closed and Zonal Championship

Organizing Committee:

Hal Bond and members of the University of Guelph Chess Club

Dates: August 7 – 16, 2009

Venue: Room 441, 442 Guelph University Centre

Minimum Rating Requirement: 2200(CFC, FQE or FIDE)

Time Control: G/120 plus 30 second Fischer Increment

Event Schedule:

Friday, August 7

Opening Ceremony, Appointment of Appeals Committee and drawing for colour on first board.

Round 1: Saturday, August 8, 3pm

Round 2: Sunday, August 9, 3pm

Round 3: Monday, August 10, 3pm

Round 4: Tuesday, August 11, 3pm

Round 5: Wednesday, August 12, 3pm

Round 6: Thursday, August 13, 3pm

Round 7: Friday, August 14, 3pm

Round 8: Saturday, August 15, 3pm

Round 9: Sunday, August 16, 3pm

Budget:

100% of entries less direct expenses returned as prizes

Based on 50 Entries

50 players @ \$250 \$12,500

Sponsors 500

Total Revenue \$13,000

Zonal Fees 750

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FIDE Rating 200

Arbiters 1,500

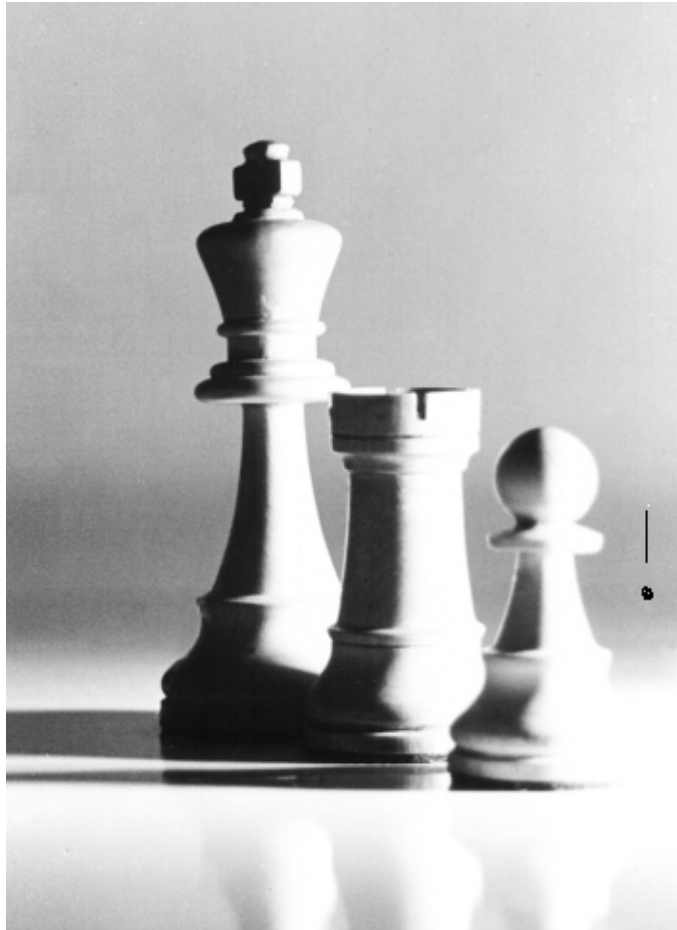
Hospitality 700

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