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**Anand Wins Morelia/Linares**



This 8-player double round-robin was played in Morelia, Mexico for the first half ( Feb. 15 – 23 ), and the second half in Linares, Spain ( Feb. 28 – March 7 ). It is the strongest tournament this year, having an average rating of 2756 ( the January Corus Wijk aan Zee tournament had an average rating of 2742 ). The players ( with birth dates ) were:

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GM Viswanathan Anand 1969 2799 – 15<sup>th</sup> and current World Champion  
 GM Veselin Topalov 1975 2780 – 2008 World Championship Challengers' Match participant  
 GM Alexei Shirov 1972 2755 – 2007 FIDE World Cup Runner-Up  
 GM Peter Leko 1979 2753 – 2004 World Championship Challenger  
 GM Vassily Ivanchuk 1969 2751  
 GM Levon Aronian 1982 2739 – 2008 Corus Co-Winner  
 GM Teymour Radjabov 1987 2735  
 GM Magnus Carlsen 1990 2733 – 2008 Corus Co-Winner

The winner was Viswanathan Anand ( India ) with 8.5 pts. In second place was 17-year old prodigy, Magnus Carlsen ( Norway ), with 8 pts.



The final standings were:

### XXV SuperGM Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP 2008

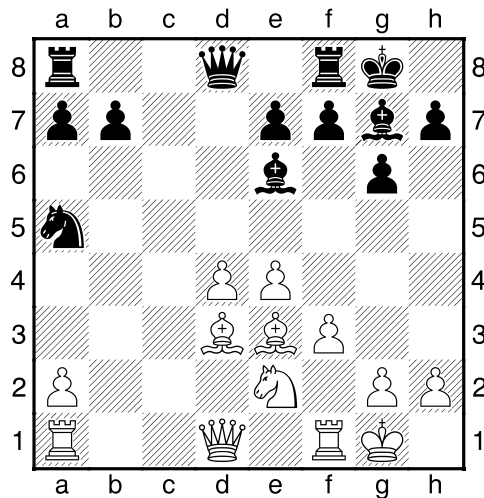
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1		Anand,V	2799	+26	**	1 ½	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ ½	1 ½	1 1	8.5 / 14
2		Carlsen,M	2733	+75	0 ½	**	1 ½	1 1	0 ½	½ 1	½ 0	½ 1	8.0 / 14
3		Aronian,L	2739	+43	1 ½	0 ½	**	0 1	½ ½	1 ½	½ ½	½ ½	7.5 / 14 52.00
4		Topalov,V	2780	-2	½ ½	0 0	1 0	**	½ ½	1 ½	1 1	0 1	7.5 / 14 49.25
5		Radjabov,T	2735	+23	½ ½	1 ½	½ ½	½ ½	**	½ ½	0 ½	0 1	7.0 / 14
6		Ivanchuk,V	2751	-19	½ ½	½ 0	0 ½	0 ½	½ ½	**	1 1	½ ½	6.5 / 14
7		Leko,P	2753	-72	0 ½	½ 1	½ ½	0 0	1 ½	0 0	**	½ ½	5.5 / 14 39.75
8		Shirov,A	2755	-74	0 0	½ 0	½ ½	1 0	1 0	½ ½	½ ½	**	5.5 / 14 38.00

In Rd. 11, Topalov pulled off one of his trademark exchange sacrifices. Then Shirov blundered twice. First in winning back a pawn, he used the wrong piece to capture, failing to see a threatened mate on g7. This necessitated him sacking his B to avoid mate, so Topalov then had 2 B's vs R. Then at the end, Shirov missed the danger of a white sac of the B on g6, with a mating attack that would force Shirov to give up his Queen to again avoid mate. He resigned. This lifted Topalov into a tie for # 2/4 with Carlsen and Aronian, 1 pt. back of the leader, Anand. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

## Topalov, V (2780) – Shirov, A (2755) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Linares, Spain (11), 03.03.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 [ 7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0 0-0±] 7...0-0 [ 7...c5 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Ne2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qh5±] 8.Ne2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3 Bg4 [ 10...Na5 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6±] 11.f3 Na5 12.Bd3 [ 12.Bd5 Bd7 13.Rb1 Qc7±] 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Be6



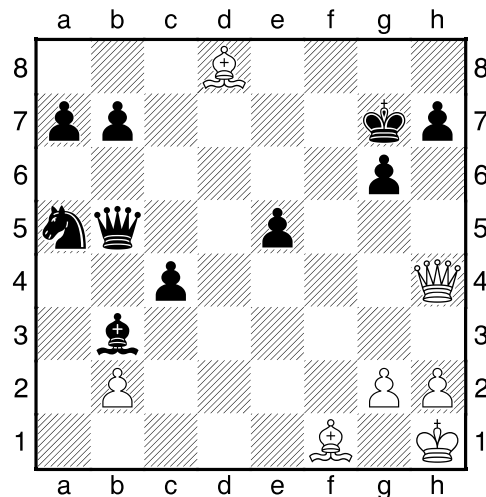
14.d5!! Topalov makes a trademark exchange sacrifice [ 14.Rc1 Bxa2 15.Qa4 Bb3 16.Qb4 b6±] 14...Bxa1 15.Qxa1 Shirov is up the exchange 15...f6 16.Qd4 Bf7 17.Bh6 Re8 18.Bb5 e5 19.Qf2 Re7 20.Bd3 Rc8 21.f4 Nc4 22.fxe5 Nxe5?!± Shirov blunders, failing to open up the Q defence of f6 [ 22...Rxe5 23.Ng3 Re8 24.Bxc4 Rxc4 25.Qb2 Qe7±] 23.Qxf6 Topalov gets a P compensation for being down the exchange 23...Bxd5 Shirov has to sac his B to stop the mate on g7 24.exd5 Topalov is up 2 B vs R 24...Ng4 25.Qf4 Nxh6 26.Qxh6 Qb6+?!+- [ 26...Qxd5 27.Qh4 Rd7 28.Nf4 ( 28.Be4?! Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Qc4±) 28...Qc5+ 29.Qf2 Rd6±] 27.Kh1 Qe3 28.Qh4 Re5?+- 4.12 [ 28...Rf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8+- 2.18] 29.Qf6 Ree8?+- 10.74 another blunder – Shirov fails to see the danger of the B sac on g6 [ 29...Qg5 30.Qf7+ Kh8 31.Qxb7 Rce8+- 5.18] 30.Bxg6! Topalov sacs his B for a mating attack 30...hxg6 31.Qxg6+ Topalov is down the exchange with 2 P compensation, and a mating attack 31...Kh8 32.Qf6+ Kh7 33.Qf7+ Kh8 34.Nf4+- Shirov resigns. He will have to sac his Q to stop the mate – 34...Qb6 35.Ng6+ Qxg6 36.Qxg6+- 13.88 1-0

In Rd. 12, Topalov ( tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> ) played a good game against Carlsen ( also tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> ), and at one point was up 2 pawns. He then blundered, capturing a third pawn, and giving Carlsen a forced draw. But trying to avoid the draw, Topalov missed a forced mate on his move, and had to resign. This left Carlsen alone in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, ½ pt. behind Anand. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

## Carlsen, M (2733) – Topalov, V (2780) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Linares, Spain (12), 04.03.2008

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d3?! [ 4.e3 Bb4 5.Qa4 a5=] 4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nb6?!= [ 6...Nf6 7.Be2 Bc5] 7.Be2 [ 7.Be3 Bd6 8.d4 0-0=] 7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Be6 10.Be3 Nd7 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 c6 14.a5 Nc5 15.Qe5 Nb3 [ 15...Qb8 16.Qxb8 Rfxb8 17.e5 Nb3 18.Ra4 Nc5 19.Rd4 Nb3 20.Ra4=] 16.Ra4 Bd6 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh6 Be5 19.Bg5 Qc7 20.Be3?! [ 20.Qh4 Nc5 21.Raa1 Nb3 22.Rad1 Qxa5=] 20...Nxa5 Topalov goes up a P 21.f4 Bg7 22.Qh4 Bb3 [ 22...b5 23.Rxa5 ( 23.Raa1 b4 24.Na4) 23...Qxa5 ( 23...Bxc3? 24.bxc3 Qxa5±) ] 23.Rd4?! Carlsen offers an exchange sac; Fritz does not approve [ 23.Ra3 Nc4 24.Bxc4 Bxc4 25.Rd1 f6] 23...Rad8?! Fritz alleges Topalov should have accepted the sac. [ 23...Bxd4 24.Bxd4 f5 25.exf5 Qd8 26.Qf2 Rxf5] 24.e5 Rxd4!= [ 24...f6 25.Ne4 fxe5 26.fxe5 Bxe5 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Bf4 Bxf4 29.Rxf4 Rf8 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8] 25.Bxd4 c5 26.Be3 f6 27.Nb5? Topalov gets a " clear " advantage [ 27.Ne4 fxe5 28.fxe5 Qxe5 29.Rxf8+ Bxf8 30.Nf6+ Kf7 31.Ne4 Bd5 32.Qxh7+ Bg7 33.Ng5+ Kf6=] 27...Qd8?! [ 27...Qb6 28.Qf2 Nc4 29.Bxc5 ( 29.Nd6? Nxe3 30.Qxe3 Qb4+; 29.Bxc4?! Bxc4 30.Nc3 Bxf1 31.Bxc5 Qa6 32.Qxf1 Qxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Rc8+) 29...Qxb5 30.Bxf8 Bxf8] 28.f5 [ 28.e6 Qe7 29.f5 gxf5 30.Qg3 Bxe6] 28...fxe5 Topalov goes up 2 P 29.Bg5 Qb6 30.f6 c4+ [ 30...Bh8? 31.f7+ Bxf7 32.Be7 c4+ 33.Kh1 Qe3 34.Qe1 Ra8=] 31.Kh1 Qxb5 32.fxg7 Rxf1+ 33.Bxf1 Kxg7?= a blunder – Carlsen gets a forced draw, despite now being down 3 P [ 33...Qd5? 34.Bh6 Nc6 35.Be2 Qf7=; 33...Qd7 34.Bh6 Nc6 35.Bxc4+ Bxc4 36.Qxc4+ Qf7] 34.Bd8



Nc6??+- a final fatal blunder – looking for a way to avoid a draw, Topalov blunders into a mate [ 34...Kg8 35.Qe7 Qd5 36.Qe8+ Kg7 37.Bxa5 Qxa5 38.Qe7+ Kh6 39.Qh4+ Kg7 40.Qe7+=] 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Qe6+ Kf8 37.Bg5 Topalov resigned. It is mate 37...Kg7 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Bh6 Qb4 40.Qg7# 1-0

In Rd. 13 ( the penultimate round ), Topalov defeated Leko. He went up a pawn near the end, and then got his two connected passed pawns into queening territory, and Leko had to resign. This left Topalov in a tie for # 3 / 4 , a point out of first place. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

## Topalov, V (2780) – Leko, P (2753) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Linares, Spain (13), 06.03.2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6± Fritz evaluation not generally accepted [ 2...Nf6=] 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3?!= [ 8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4±] 8...Bb7 9.d3 d5?!± [ 9...Bc5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 d6=] 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.c3?± [ 11.Nxe5 Nd4 12.Nc3 Nxb3 13.axb3 Nb4±] 11...Qd7?!= Leko decides to sac the eP [ 11...Qd6 12.Nbd2 Rad8±] 12.Nxe5 Topalov goes up a P 12...Nxe5 13.Rxe5 Rad8 14.Qg4 f5?!± [ 14...Qxg4 15.hxg4 Bf6 16.Re2 Rfe8 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8 18.Kf1 c5=] 15.Qg3 Bf6 16.Re1 Kh8 17.Nd2?!= [ 17.d4 Rfe8 18.Rxe8+ Rxe8 19.Bd2 b4±] 17...b4 18.Nf3 bxc3 material equality 19.d4 f4 [ 19...cxb2?! 20.Bxb2 c5 21.Ne5 Qb5±] 20.Qg4 Qxg4 21.hxg4 g5 [ 21...c5 22.bxc3 Nxc3 23.dxc5 Ne4=] 22.Ne5 Kg7?± Topalov gets a " clear " advantage [ 22...c5 23.bxc3 Nxc3 24.dxc5 Rde8=] 23.bxc3 Topalov goes up a P again 23...Nxc3 material equality 24.Bb2 Nd5 25.Rac1 Rfe8 26.Ba3 Re6 27.Rc2 [ 27.Bc4 h6 28.Bd3 Ree8±] 27...Be7?!+- Topalov gets a " winning " advantage [ 27...h6?! 28.Kh2 Rde8 29.Rec1 Bxe5 30.dxe5 Rb6 31.Rd2 c6+-; 27...Bxe5 28.dxe5 Kg8 29.Bc5 Kf7 30.a4 Rc6 31.a5 h6 32.Ree2 Re6±] 28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Rxc7 Topalov goes up a P 29...Re8 30.Rd7?!± [ 30.Rec1 Kg8 31.Bxe7 R8xe7 32.Rxe7 Rxe7 33.a4 Rb7+-] 30...Bxa2 material equality 31.Rc1 Kg8 32.Rcc7 [ 32.Bxe7 R8xe7 33.Rxe7 Rxe7 34.Ra1 Bd5 35.Rxa6 Re6 36.Ra5 Rd6±] 32...Bf6 33.Nc6 Re1+ 34.Kh2 Be6 35.Rd6 Bg7?!+- this loses the aP [ 35...Rd1 36.Bb4 Rd3 37.f3 h6±] 36.Ne7+ Kh8 37.Nf5 Bf8 38.Rxa6+- Topalov goes up a P 38...Bxf5 39.Bxf8 Rxf8 40.gxf5 Kg8 41.f6 Re4?+- 4.44 [ 41...Rf1 42.Rg7+ Kh8 43.Rd7 Kg8 44.f3 Rd1+- 1.94] 42.Rg7+ Kh8 43.Re7 Rxe7 [ 43...Rxd4?? 44.Raa7 Rd7 45.Rexd7 Re8 46.Rxh7+ Kg8 47.Rag7+ Kf8 48.Rh8#] 44.fxe7 Re8 45.Ra7 Kg7 46.d5 Kf7 47.d6 Rb8 48.Rc7+- 4.70 Leko resigned. Coming is 48...Ke8 49.d7+ Kxe7 50.Rc8 Kxd7 51.Rxb8+- Topalov would be up R vs P 1-0

In the final round 14, Topalov ( in # 3 / 4 by one point ), needed a win to tie Anand for first. But he had Black, and the game was close and rather uneventful, and a draw was agreed in 23 moves. This gave Anand first place. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

## Anand, V (2799) – Topalov, V (2780) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Linares, Spain (14), 07.03.2008

1.e4 c5± Fritz evaluation not generally accepted 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6± [ 5...e6 6.Be3 Be7 7.Qf3 0-0±] 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Bg5?!± [ 8.Qd3 Nc6 9.Nd5 0-0±] 8...Be6 9.Bxf6?!= [ 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qd3 Nc6±] 9...Bxf6 10.Qd3 Nc6 11.0-0-0 Qb6 12.Qxd6 Anand goes up a P 12...Be7 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.Qxd5 0-0 15.Qd2 [ 15.Rhf1 Rac8 16.Qd7 a5=] 15...Qxf2 material equality 16.Bc4 Qh4 17.Qe2 Rac8 [ 17...Nb4 18.Kb1 b5 19.Bd5 Rad8=] 18.a3 Bf6 19.Kb1 Nd4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.g3 [ 21.Bd5 Rc5 22.Qd3 Rfc8 23.Rde1 Rxc2=] 21...Qg5 [ 21...Qh6 22.Rhf1 Qe3 23.Qxe3 dxe3 24.Be2 Rcd8=] 22.Rhf1 Qe3 [ 22...b5=] 23.Rf3?!± [ 23.Qxe3 dxe3 24.Be2 Rfd8=] ½-½

## FIDE Grand Prix

The recently confirmed FIDE Grand Prix is a set of 6 14-player round robin tournaments, with 22 of the top players in the world. They cumulate points based on their final standings in each tournament. The winner gets to play the 2009 FIDE World Cup winner in 2010 in a Challengers' Match. The winner of that match plays the World Champion in 2011.

Here is the final confirmed list of players [ note that Viswanathan Anand ( India ), 15<sup>th</sup> and current World Champion, Vladimir Kramnik ( Russia ), 14<sup>th</sup> World Champion and 2008 World Championship Challenger, Veselin Topalov ( Bulgaria ), 2005 FIDE

World Champion, 2006 World Championship Challenger, and 2008 World Championship Challengers' Match participant, & Alexander Morozevitch ( Russia ), # 4 in the world, have all passed, though invited ]. Still, the average rating of the group is over 2700. Each of the players gets to play in 4 tournaments of the 6, and the resulting average ratings of each of the tournaments is comparable ( 2697 – 2716 ).

1	Surname	Name	Federation	Rating
2	Svidler	Peter	RUS	2763
3	Mamedyarov	Shakhriyar	AZE	2760
4	Leko	Peter	HUN	2753
5	Ivanchuk	Vassily	UKR	2751
6	Aronian	Levon	ARM	2739
7	Gelfand	Boris	ISR	2737
8	Radjabov	Teimour	AZE	2735
9	Carlsen	Magnus	NOR	2733
10	Karjakin	Sergey	UKR	2732
11	Adams	Michael	ENG	2726
12	Kamsky	Gata	USA	2726
13	Jakovenko	Dmitry	RUS	2720
14	Cheparinov	Ivan	BUL	2713
15	Grischuk	Alexander	RUS	2711
16	Bacrot	Etienne	FRA	2700
17	Wang	Yue	CHN	2698
18	Inarkiev	Ernesto	RUS	2681
19	Navara	David	CZE	2680
20	Gashimov	Vugar	AZE	2665
21	Pelletier	Yannick	SWZ	2600
22	Al Modiahki	Mohamad	QTR	2569

The list of tournaments now confirmed is:

1. April 20 – May 6, 2008 – Baku, Azerbaijan
2. July 30 – August 15, 2008 – Soci, Russia
3. December 13-29, 2008 – Dohay, Qatar
4. April 14-29, 2009 – Montreux, Switzerland
5. August 8- 24, 2009 – Elista, Russia
6. December 7-23, 2009 – Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic

## **2008 GTCL Annual General Meeting – April 12**

2008 GTCL Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday April 12, at 13:00h, at Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto (GOMT): 86 Overlea Blvd., between Don Mills and Thorncliffe Park Drive, turn North at William Morgan Drive, turn East and through gates.

All chess players and organizers are welcome!

Please confirm your attendance to our host Nicholas Varmazis by e-mail: [varmazisn@hotmail.com](mailto:varmazisn@hotmail.com)

### **Cohen's Chess Movie Review -A Bit of Fry and Laurie**

( Written and copyright 2008 by David Cohen )

Popular British comedians Stephen Fry & Hugh Laurie teamed up for four years on their own British comedy show, available for rent locally at Queen Street Video (3 locations) and Bay Street Video. Season 4 (1994) has a couple of mentions of chess. In Episode 2, a list of difficult things someone had accomplished includes 'making a Grandmaster Norm at chess'. You can really see the extent to which chess has again become part of British culture in Episode 6. It starts with a scene where Fry & Laurie are playing chess. The chess moves, body movements, and eye motions are all perfect. Even the chessboard is set up correctly, the position and the moves make sense, and the players' chess thoughts match. We hear their thoughts in their heads on how the game is going. Then they realize that it's time to do the show. But instead of switching over to talk to the viewers, they switch over in their thoughts only. We continue to hear their thoughts. Only now instead of their thoughts being on the strategy of the game, their thoughts are their introduction of their show to the viewers. It all unfolds in their heads, rather than out loud! The scene runs for about one minute. It has clean language and can be watched by all ages. However, the episode, and the whole season (DVD), are not for kids.

### **2007/8 SCC Club Championship**

On Jan. 3 SCC started its 2007/8 Club Championship. It is in 2 sections again this year. 52 players registered.

The top section A was a 10-player 9-round round robin. It was composed of the top 8 rated players who registered, plus the first and second place winner in the 2006/7 Club Championship Reserves. Playing this year were a master, 4 experts and 5 A players ( ratings as of start of the tournament ): Master Bryan Lamb; junior girl expert Yuanling Yuan, expert John Hall; expert Alex Ferreira; expert Erwin Casareno; A player Rick Garell; A player Randy Moysoski; A player Yibing Fan; A player Bob Armstrong ( 1<sup>st</sup> - Reserves ); and a player Josh Sherman ( 2<sup>nd</sup> - Reserves ).

The other 42 members played in the Reserves, a one section, 10 round swiss ( finished March 6 ). The first and second place finishers earned the right to play in the Championship Section for the 2008/9 Club Championship.

After all 9 rounds for the top section ( the top section round robin tournament finished Feb. 28, subject to rescheduled games outstanding being played ), the following players were the winners:

1<sup>st</sup> – Erwin Casareno – 7 pts.

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – Bryan Lamb – 6.5 pts.

John Hall – 6.5 pts.

Congratulations to the 2007/8 Club Champion, provisional master Erwin Casareno..

The Reserves was a 10-round swiss, and finished March 6. The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> – junior Kevin Wu – 8/10 pts.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Oscar Villalobos – 7.5 pts.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Pepin Manalo – 7 pts.

4<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> – 6.5 pts. – junior Aaron Wu

Jim Paterson

Silvano Mesiti

Ken Kurkowski

Michael Perez

So Kevin and Oscar will play in next year's Club Championship. Congratulations!

In Rd. 9, Erwin Casareno ( on left ),



leading, had a wild game with Randy Moysoski, which got into terrible time trouble, where they played over 50 moves in 5 min.. Erwin at one point had a B vs 3 P's ( Randy had had to sac the B to stop Erwin's eP from queening ).. But he slowly chipped away at the pawns, until he was up B + P. But then in time pressure, he wrongly decided to sac his B to try and queen his aP. But the aP was destined to fall, and the two agreed to a draw with flags hanging. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Moysoski, R (1845) – Casareno, E (2242) [B46]**

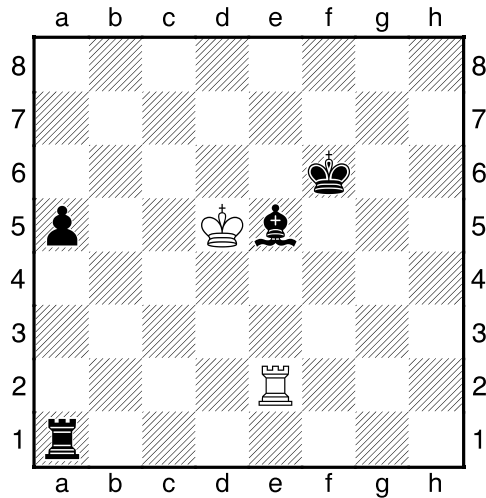
SCC Club Championship Toronto (9), 28.02.2008

**1.e4 c5** Fritz evaluation not generally accepted **2.Nc3 e6 3.Nge2?!=** [ 3.Nf3] **3...Nc6 4.d4 cxd4?!±** [ 4...d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Be6=] **5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be3 Bb4?!±** Randy gets an early "clear "



advantage [ 6...Nf6 7.Be2 d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.0-0 Bd6±] **7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Qd4 Bf8 9.f4?!±** [ 9.Be2 d5 10.Qd3 Qh4±] **9...d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.f5?!=** [ 11.Bd3 Rb8 12.Qe5 Rxb2 13.Nxd5 Rb7 14.Nc3 Nh6±] **11...Nf6 12.fxe6 fxe6 13.Bd3 Be7?!±** [ 13...Bd6 14.Qa4+ Bd7 15.Qh4 Rb8=] **14.0-0 Rb8 15.Rf3?±** Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [ 15.a3 Bd6 ( 15...Rxb2 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxg7 Rf8±) 16.Qh4 Qc7±] **15...Rb4 16.Qa7 Qd7?!±** [ 16...e5 17.Bxa6 d4 18.Bd2 dxc3 19.Bxc3 Rb6 20.Rd3 Bc5+ 21.Kh1 Qe7±; 16...Rxb2? 17.Bxa6 Bxa6 18.Qxa6 Qd6=] **17.Qxd7+ Kxd7?!=** [ 17...Nxd7 18.Rb1 Ne5 19.Rff1 Nc4±] **18.Nd1?!±** [ 18.Rb1 Ng4 19.a3 Rb8±] **18...e5?!=** [ 18...Ng4 19.a3 Rb8 20.Rf7 Ke8 21.Rxg7 Nxe3 22.Nxe3 Rxb2±] **19.Bd2?+ Erwin** gets a " winning " advantage [ 19.Be2 Re4 20.Bd3 Rh4=] **19...Rb8?!±** [ 19...e4 20.Bxb4 Bxb4 21.Rxf6 gxf6 22.Be2 Bc5+ 23.Nf2 f5-+] **20.Rg3 e4** [ 20...Nh5 21.Rh3 Bc5+ 22.Kh1 Nf4 23.Rxh7 Rxh7 24.Bxh7 Kc6±] **21.Be2 Bc5+ 22.Kh1 g6?=** [ 22...Rg8 23.Bg5 Rb6 24.Rb1 Rc6±] **23.Rb3?±** [ 23.Bg5 Nh5 24.Rc3 Bb4 25.Bg4+ Kd6=] **23...Rb6** [ 23...Rxb3 24.axb3 d4 25.b4 Bd6 26.Kg1 h5±] **24.Nc3 Rc6?=** [ 24...Kc6 25.Rf1 Nd7 26.Rxb6+ Bxb6±] **25.Bg5** [ 25.Rd1 Ke6 26.Rf1 Bd4=] **25...Rf8** [ 25...h6 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.Rd1 Kc6=] **26.Rf1 Bd4?+-** Randy gets a " winning " advantage [ 26...Ke8 27.Rd1 Kf7 28.Bxf6 Kxf6 29.Rxd5 Re8= Randy would be up a P] **27.Nxd5 Rxc2 28.Nxf6+?!±** [ 28.Bd1 Rc6 29.Rb8 Ke6 30.Nxf6 Bxf6 31.Rxc8 Rfxc8 32.Bxf6 Kd6 33.Kg1 Rc1+-] **28...Bxf6 29.Bd1 Rc6 30.Rc3?±** Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [ 30.Rb4 Bg7 31.Rxf8 Bxf8 32.Rxe4 Kc7±] **30...Bxg5 31.Rxf8 Bxe3 32.Bg4+ Kd6 33.Rxc8 Rb6 34.Rc2 Ke5 35.g3 Kd4** Erwin now had less than 5 min. left **36.Be2 Bh6?!±** [ 36...a5 37.Kg2 Rf6 38.a3 Rf2+ 39.Kh3 Ke5±] **37.Kg2 Ke3 38.Bc4 Bg7 39.b3 Be5?!=** [ 39...Bc3! 40.Bxa6 ( 40.Rxc3+?? Kd2 41.Rf3 exf3+ 42.Kxf3 Kc3-+) 40...Rxa6 41.Rxc3+ Kd2 42.Rc4 e3 43.Rd4+ Kc3 44.Rd7 Rxa2+±] **40.a4** [ 40.Re2+ Kd4 41.Rd2+ Ke3 42.Re2+=] **40...a5** [ 40...Bc3! 41.Bd5 Bf6=] **41.Bb5?!±** [ 41.Re2+ Kd4 42.Rd2+ Ke3 43.Re2+=] **41...Rf6?!=** [ 41...Re6 42.Re2+ Kd4 43.Rc2 g5±] **42.Rc4?±** [ 42.Re2+ Kd4 43.Rd2+ Kc3 44.Re2 Kxb3 45.Rxe4 Bd6=] **42...Rf2+ 43.Kh3 h5?!±** [ 43...Rb2 44.Rc5 Bd6 45.Rd5 Bb4±] **44.Bc6?!±** at this point, Randy also stopped recording [ 44.Be8 Rf6 45.Kh4 Kd3 46.Rc5 Bd4 47.Bb5+ Kd2 48.Rd5 Kc3±] **44...Bd4 45.Be8 Rf6 46.Kh4?!-+** Erwin gets a " winning " advantage [ 46.b4 g5 47.bxa5 g4+ 48.Kh4 Rf5±] **46...Re6** [ 46...Kd3 47.Bb5 Rb6 48.Rc1+ Kd2 49.Rc7 Bf6+ 50.Kh3 Rd6-+] **47.Bf7 Rf6** [ 47...Rb6 48.Kg5 Kd3 49.Bxg6 Rxg6+ 50.Kxg6 h4 51.gxh4 e3 52.h5 e2 53.Rc1 Kd2 54.Rb1 e1Q 55.Rxe1 Kxe1-+] **48.Be8 Re6?!±** [ 48...Kd3 49.Bb5 Rb6 50.Rc1+ Kd2 51.Rc7 Bf6+ 52.Kh3 Rd6-+] **49.Rc8?!-+** [ 49.Bf7?! Rb6 50.Kg5 Kd3 51.Bxg6 Rxg6+ 52.Kxg6 h4 53.gxh4 e3 54.h5 e2 55.Rc1 Kd2 56.Rb1 e1Q 57.Rxe1 Kxe1-+; 49.Bb5 Bf6+ 50.Kh3 Kd2 51.Rc5 Bc3 52.Rd5+ Kc2±] **49...Bf6+?!±** [ 49...Kd2 50.Rd8 e3 51.Bb5 Re4+ 52.Kg5 Rg4+ 53.Kh6 e2 54.Bxe2 Kxe2 55.Rd6 Bg1-+] **50.Kh3 Kd2 51.Bxg6** Randy goes up a P **51...e3 52.Bxh5** Randy goes up 2 P **52...e2 53.Bxe2 Kxe2?!±** Erwin is up B vs 3 P [ 53...Rxe2 54.g4 Kd3 55.Ra8 Bc3 56.g5 Ke4 57.Rc8 ( 57.Re8+ Be5 58.Kg4 Rxh2±) 57...Be5±] **54.Rc5 Ra6?!=** Erwin has lost his advantage [ 54...Re5 55.Rc6 Be7 56.Kg2 Kd3 57.h4 Kd4±] **55.Kg4?!±** [ 55.Kg2 Kd3 56.h4 Be7 57.Rc7 Bd6 58.Rg7 Be5 59.Rb7 Rg6=] **55...Bd4 56.Rd5 Ke3 57.Rb5 Ke4?!=** [ 57...Bc3 58.h4 Rg6+ 59.Kh3 Kf3 60.Rf5+ Ke4 61.Rb5 Rc6±] **58.h4?!±** [ 58.b4 axb4 59.Rxb4 Ra7=] **58...Bc3 59.Kh5?!±** [ 59.h5 Rc6 60.Kh3 Be1 61.Rb8 Bb4±] **59...Bd2 60.Kg4 Rg6+ 61.Kh3 Be1 62.g4 Rc6 63.g5 Kf4 64.h5?!-+** Erwin gets back his " winning " advantage [ 64.Rb7 Rc3+ 65.Kg2 Rg3+ 66.Kf1 Bb4 67.Kf2 Rf3+ 68.Ke2 Re3+ 69.Kd1 Rh3±] **64...Rc2 65.Rb6** -1.71 [ 65.Rd5 Bf2 66.Rd6 Kxg5 67.Rd5+ Kf4+ - 1.76] **65...Kxg5** Erwin is up B vs 2 P's **66.h6 Rc7 67.Re6 Bc3 68.Kg2 Rh7 69.Kf3 Rxh6** Erwin is up B vs P **70.Rc6??** - 7.88 in the mutual time scramble, Randy blunders his R ( it is unprotected ) [ 70.Rxh6 Kxh6 71.Ke4 Kg5 72.Kd3 Be1 73.Ke4 Bb4 74.Ke5 Kg4 75.Ke4 Kg3 76.Ke3 Kg2 77.Ke2 Kg1 78.Kd3 Kf2 79.Kc4 Ke3 80.Kd5 Kd3-+ - 10.47; 70.Re3 Rh3+ 71.Ke4 Rxe3+ 72.Kxe3 Kf5 73.Kd3 Bb4 74.Ke3 Ke5 75.Kd3 Kd5 76.Kc2 Kc5-+ -10.33] **70...Rh3+??-+** - 2.96 now in the time pressure, Erwin misses the win of the hanging R. [ 70...Rxc6-+ - 7.88] **71.Ke4 Bb4 72.Rc8 Rxb3** Erwin is up a B **73.Rg8+ Kf6 74.Kd5 Ra3 75.Ra8 Rxa4** Erwin is up B + P, but with little time left **76.Ra6+ Kf5 77.Kc4 Ke4 78.Re6+ Kf5** [ 78...Kf4 79.Re8 Ra1 80.Rd8 Rb1 81.Rb8 Ke3-+] **79.Re8** [ 79.Ra6-+] **79...Kf6 80.Kb5 Ra1 81.Re2 Bd6 82.Kc6 Be5 83.Kd5**

Position after 83.Kd5



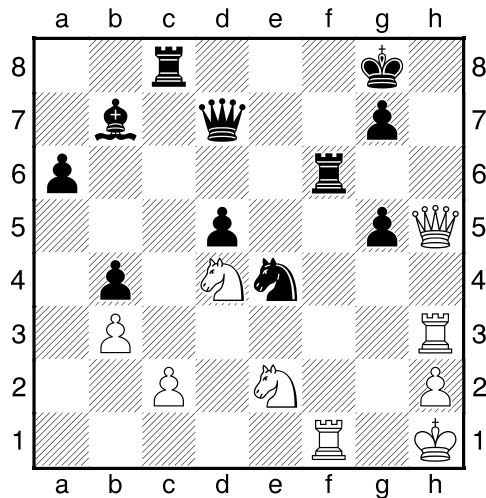
**a4?**= Erwin wrongly decides to sac his B to try and queen his P [ 83...Bf4 84.Re6+ Kf5 85.Ra6 a4-+ - 3.77] **84.Rf2+ Kg5**= [ 84...Ke7 85.Kxe5 a3 86.Kd4 a2 87.Rd2 Kf6=] **85.Kxe5** Erwin is up the last passed P **85...a3 86.Rg2+ Kh4 87.Kf4** [ 87.Kd4 a2 88.Rh2+ Kg3 89.Rd2 Kf4 90.Rf2+ Kg4 91.Rd2 Kf4=] **87...Rf1+** [ 87...Kh5 88.Rf2 Kg6 89.Ke4 a2 90.Re2 Kf6 91.Rf2+ Ke6 92.Kf4 Kd6 93.Rd2+ Kc5 94.Rf2 Kb4 95.Kf5 Kb3 96.Rf3+ Kc4=] **88.Ke3 Kh3 89.Ra2 Rg1 90.Kd4 Rg3 91.Ke4 Kg4 92.Kd4 Kf4**= the pawn will fall; draw agreed with flags hanging ½-½

In Rd. 9 in the Reserves on second board, Pepin Manalo ( in a tie for second ) mounted a strong K-side attack, but in the process, Oscar Villalobos ( also tied for second ) went up 2 P's, and repelled the attack. Pepin resigned. With this win, Oscar went into second place alone. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

**Manalo, P (1813) – Villalobos, O (1934) [B86]**  
 SCC Club Championship ( Reserves ) Toronto (9), 28.02.2008

**1.e4 c5±** Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 a6 7.a4 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.f3?!=** [ 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be2 Bd7 11.f4 Rc8±] **9...Nbd7?±** allowing Pepin a tactical shot to go up material. Pepin gets a " clear " advantage [ 9...Qc7 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Rb8=] **10.Qd2?±** Pepin misses the tactic and gives Oscar the advantage [ 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nxe6 Qa5 12.Nxf8 Nxf8± Oscar would be up R + 2 P's vs B + N] **10...Qc7?±** Oscar leaves the same tactic in place [ 10...d5 11.exd5 Nb6 12.Bd3 Nfxd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5±] **11.Bb3?±** again Pepin misses the win of material [ 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nxe6 Qc4 13.Nxf8 Nxf8±] **11...Ne5 12.Qf2** [ 12.0-0 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4=] **12...Nc4 13.Bc1?!±** [ 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Qe2 Qb4 15.Nb3 Nd7=] **13...d5 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.e5 Nd7** [ 15...Nh5! 16.g4 Bc5 17.Be3 ( 17.Nce2?! f6 18.Qe3 ( 18.gxh5 fxe5 19.b3 Bb4+ 20.Bd2 Bxd2+ 21.Kxd2 Qc5 22.c3 Bd7±) 18...fxe5 19.Qxe5 Nf6 20.g5 Ne8±) 17...Nf4 18.0-0-0 Ng6±; 15...Ne8 16.Qe3 f6 17.f4 fxe5 18.fxe5 Qb4±] **16.f4 Bb4 17.Bd2 b6?!=** [ 17...Nb8 18.b3 Qc7±] **18.b3 Qc5 19.Na2 Bxd2+ 20.Qxd2 b5?!±** Pepin gets back the advantage [ 20...a5 21.0-0 Nb8 22.c3 Nc6=] **21.a5?!=** [ 21.Nb4 Bb7 22.axb5 axb5 23.Rc1 Qb6±] **21...Bb7 22.0-0 Rac8 23.Kh1** [ 23.Nb4 Qc7 24.Nd3 Qc3 25.Qxc3 Rxc3=] **23...Qc7 24.Rae1?!±** [ 24.b4 Nb8 25.Nc1 Qc3 26.Qxc3 Rxc3=] **24...Nc5 25.Re3 Ne4 26.Qe1 Qc5?!=** [ 26...Rce8 27.Qb4

g5 28.f5 Qxe5] 27.Rd3?! [ 27.Qb4 h5 28.Kg1 Qxb4 29.Nxb4 g6=] 27...Qa3 28.Nc1 b4 29.Nce2?! Oscar gets a " clear " advantage [ 29.f5 Qxa5 30.f6 Qc7] 29...Qxa5 Oscar goes up a P 30.Qh4 Qd8 31.Qh5 Qd7= [ 31...Qb6 32.Rh3 h6 33.f5 exf5 34.Nxf5 Rc7] 32.Rh3 h6 33.g4?+ Oscar gets a " winning " advantage [ 33.f5 f6 34.fxe6 fxe5! 35.Rhf3 Qd6 36.Rxf8+ Rxf8 37.Rxf8+ Qxf8=] 33...f6 34.f5?+ - 5.27 [ 34.Kg2 fxe5 35.Qxe5 Rf6 36.Ng3 Qf7+ -1.43] 34...Ng5?+ - 1.87 [ 34...fxe5 35.Rhf3 exd4 ( 35...exf5? 36.Nxf5 d4+ - 6.19) 36.fxe6 Qxe6 37.Nxd4 Rxf3 38.Rxf3 Qe7+ - 7.29] 35.fxe6 Nxe6?± [ 35...Qe7 36.exf6 Rxf6 37.Rxf6 Qxf6 38.Rg3 Kh7-+] 36.exf6?!= material equality [ 36.Rxf6 gxf6 37.Nxe6 Qh7±] 36...Ng5 37.Re3 Ne4 38.g5 hxg5?!= Oscar goes up a P, but it is likely an error to open up the h-file. [ 38...Qe8?! 39.g6 Nf2+ 40.Kg1 Qxe3 41.f7+ Kh8 42.Rxf2 Rce8! 43.Qf3 Qg5+ 44.Qg3 Re5±; 38...Nxg5 39.Re7 Qxe7 40.fxe7 Rxf1+ 41.Kg2 Rf7=] 39.Rh3 Rxf6 Oscar goes up 2 P's, but the position is still equal because of W's potential attack



40.Qh8+? Oscar gets a " clear " advantage [ 40.Nf5 Rcf8 ( 40...Rxf5? 41.Qh7+ Kf7 42.Rxf5+ Ke6+-) 41.Ned4 g6 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Rh7+ Ke8 44.Rxd7 Kxd7 45.Qg7+ R8f7 46.Qh8 Rf8 47.Qh3 Kc7 48.Qh7+ Kb8=] 40...Kf7 41.Qh5+ Ke7 42.Rxf6 Nxf6 43.Re3+ Kf8 44.Qxg5 Oscar is up a P 44...Rxc2 Oscar goes up 2 P's [ 44...Re8 45.Rxe8+ Qxe8] 45.Ne6+ Pepin resigned. [ 45.Rg3 Rxe2 46.Nxe2 Ne4 47.Qf4+ Kg8] The game could have continued 45...Kg8 46.N2d4 Ne4 47.Qh4 Rc1+ 48.Kg2 Rc3 49.Re1 Qe8 0-1

In Rd. 9 in the Reserves, returning member,

Ken Kurkowski ( on left ),

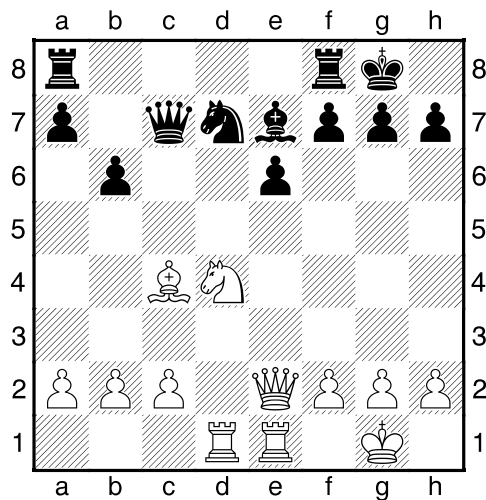


makes a nice sacrifice in the middle game against Tom Muir, winning 2 P's and a minor piece. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Kurkowski, K (1644) – Muir, T (1687) [C07]

SCC Club Championship ( Reserves ) Toronto (9), 28.02.2008

1.e4 e6± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 [ 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.exd5 Nxd5±] 4...Qxd5 5.dxc5?!= [ 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qc5 7.Qe2 Qb6±] 5...Bxc5 6.Ngf3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qd8?!± [ 7...Qh5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 Nbd7=] 8.0-0 Nc6 [ 8...0-0 9.Qe2 Bd7 10.Bd3 Bc6 11.Ne5 Qc7±] 9.Nb3 [ 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Rd1 Qb6±] 9...Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bf4 b6 12.Qe2 Nh5 13.Be5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5?!= [ 14.Qxe5 Nf6 15.Rad1 Bd7±] 14...Nf6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Nd4 Bd7?+- [ 16...Bc5 17.Nb5 Qe7 18.Nc6 Qb7=] 17.Nxd7 Nxd7?+- 7.70 [ 17...Qxd7 18.Nxe6 Bd6 19.Nxf8 Rxf8+- 3.20 Ken would be up the exchange + P]



18.Nxe6! a nice sac by Ken 18...fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Rxd7 Ken is up 2 P's 20...Qc5 21.Qxe7 Qxf2+ Ken is up B + P 22.Kh1 Qf6 23.Qxf6 Rxf6 24.Kg1? 7.54 [ 24.Ree7 Rc8 25.Bd3 Rg8 26.Rxa7 h5+- 9.10] 24...a6 25.Rde7?+- 6.75 [ 25.Bxa6! Rff8 26.Bc4 b5 27.Bd5 Rad8+- 8.21]

25...b5 26.Re8+ Rf8 27.Rxa8 Rxa8 28.Bf7 g6 29.Re8+ Rxe8 30.Bxe8 Kg7 31.b4 Kf6 32.Bc6 Ke5 33.Bb7 Kd4 34.Bxa6 Ken is up B + 2 P's 34...Kc4 35.Bxb5+?+- 7.76 Ken sacs his N to win the ending with 3 extra connected passed P's on the Q-side [ 35.a3 g5 36.Kf2 h6 37.Bxb5+ Kxb5+- 12.75] 35...Kxb5 Ken is up 3 P's 36.c3 Ka4 37.Kf2 1-0

In one of the make-up games in the top section on March 6, Alex Ferreira ( right front ),



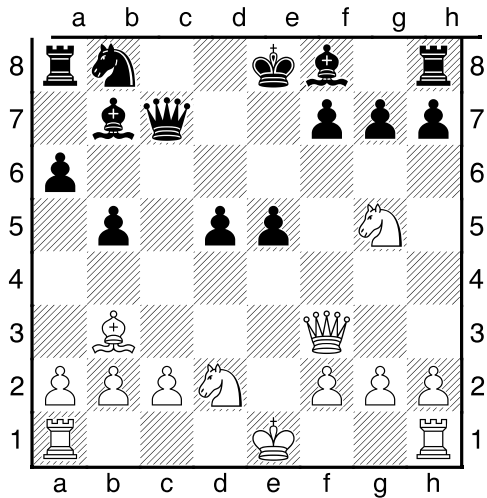
up a pawn, courageously decided to sac 2 P's to go into a complicated tactical middle game, where the advantage flipped back and forth like a tennis match. Eventually Alex came out up a knight, and when it seemed he'd then go up at least a pawn more, Rick resigned. Here is their game ( Annotations by Alex Ferreira, and Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Garel, R ( 1878 ) – Ferreira, A (1989) [B28]**

SCC Club Championship Toronto (4), 06.03.2008

1.e4 c5± BA – Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 2.Nf3 a6?!± Rick gets an early " clear " advantage [ 2...Nf6±] 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4?!± [ 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qa4 d6±] 4...e5 [ 4...Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nf3 d5±] 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bc4 Qc7 7.Qe2 [ 7.Qd3 b5 8.Bb3 Bb7 9.Ng5 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Nxd2 0-0±] 7...b5 8.Bb3 Bb7 [ 8...Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Nbxd2 0-0±] 9.Bg5?!= BA – this loses the eP; Rick loses his advantage [ 9.0-0 Bc5 ( 9...Nxe4? 10.Nbd2 Nc5 11.Nxe5 Ne6±) 10.Nc3 d6 11.Qd3 0-0±; AF – Best is simply ( it's just a game, pretty equal ) 9.Nc3= ; 9.Ng5 Bb4+ 10.c3 0-0 since the c1B is undefended] 9...Nxe4 BA – Alex goes up a P 10.Nbd2?!± BA – now Alex gets the advantage [ 10.0-0 Bb4 11.Bd2 Nxd2 12.Nbxd2 Bxd2 13.Nxd2 0-0=] 10...Nxg5 11.Nxg5 d5 12.Qf3

Position after 12.Qf3



**Nc6?!=** BA – Alex decides to sac 2 P's to go into a complex middle game. AF – Black is in fact completely fine and equal – I saw a strong knight on d4, a terrific bishop on b7 and not a clear way for white to win. I thought I had a promising game. [ 12...Qd7 AF – to me this seemed everything was just paralyzed, and quite uncomfortable, where white would have all the fun, worth the pawn deficit 13.0-0-0 h6 14.Nh3 Nc6 15.Qxd5 Rd8 $\bar{}$ ; AF – the only other seriously considered alternative was 12...h6 13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Qxd5 Ra7 15.Nge4 $\bar{}$  AF – this was as far as I calculated knowing full well I was not about to venture a queen invasion on the second rank, and concerned a but with the central white knights and a slightly awkwardly – though just perfectly – placed R on a7. ] **13.Bxd5** BA – material equality **13...Nd4** **14.Bxf7+** BA – Rick goes up a P [ 14.Qxf7+ Qxf7 15.Bxf7+ ( 15.Nxf7?! Bxd5 16.Nxh8 Nxc2+ 17.Ke2 Nxa1 18.Rxa1-+ AF – and the white knight is trapped) 15...Ke7 16.Bb3 AF – forced to avoid losing a piece on the K-side 16...Bxg2 17.Rg1 Bb7 AF – and this is quite an interesting moment as white cannot castle, not move either knight without dopping the exchange, as the combination of N on d4 and B on b7 is just too strong 18.c3 Nxb3 19.axb3 g6= AF – equality favouring black : – 0.12 – and Black enjoys having two bishops in an open position with enough king safety] **14...Ke7** **15.Qa3?!-+** BA – an error; Alex gets a " winning " advantage . AF – the check is not worth very much [ 15.Qg4 h6 16.Bg6 hxg5 17.Qxg5+ Kd6 18.c3 Ne6 19.Qg4 Qe7 $\bar{}$ ; AF – best is 15.Qh3 AF – and now I will post three different lines in no particular order because Fritz is just weak and I can't arrive to any conclusion 15...Qc8 AF – seems to secure a draw after our beloved Fish (= Fritz ) originally gives black a clear advantage ( 15...Nxc2+ 16.Kd1 Nd4 truth is the R on a1 is poisoned in many lines 17.Rc1 Qd7 18.Qg3 Kf6 19.Re1 Bd6 20.Bb3= and Fish claims it's about equal 0.22 ; white though seems easier to play from here.; 15...Qxc2? AF – a Isoing line for black although perhaps not obvious 16.Bb3 Qxb2 17.Rb1 Qa3 18.Nf7 Rg8 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.0-0! Ne2+ 21.Kh1 Nf4 22.Nf7 AF – and unfortunately best is 22...Nxh3 23.Nxd6 Kxd6 24.Bxg8 Nf4 25.f3 $\pm$ ) 16.Qg3 Nxc2+ 17.Kd1 ( 17.Kf1? Nxa1 18.Qxe5+ Kd8 19.Qd4+ Kc7 20.Ne6+ Kb8 21.Qe5+ Ka7 22.Qd4+ Bc5 23.Nxc5 Nc2 24.Qc3 Rf8 25.Be6 Re8 26.Ndb3 Qc7 $\bar{}$ ) 17...Nxa1 18.Qxe5+ Kd8 19.Qd4+ Kc7 AF – forced and perpetual 20.Ne6+ Kb8 21.Qe5+ Ka7=] **15...Kd8? $\pm$**  BA – the K goes the wrong way – Rick gets back the " clear " advantage [ 15...Kf6 16.Qg3 Nxc2+ 17.Ke2 Bb4-+ ( 17...Nxa1? 18.Rxa1 g6 19.Bb3 Re8 20.Nf7 Kg7 21.Nxh8 Kxh8 $\bar{}$ ) ] **16.Qd3? $\bar{}$**  BA – the Q goes to the wrong square; Alex now gets the advantage – quite a roller-coaster [ BA – best is 16.Qg3 Nxc2+ 17.Kf1 Kc8 18.Rc1 Kb8 $\pm$ ; AF – better was 16.Qh3 $\pm$ ] **16...Qxc2** BA – material equality **17.Qh3?!-+** BA – Alex gets a " winning " advantage. AF – too late now [ 17.Qe3 Bxg2 18.Qxe5 Qc5 19.Qxc5 Bxc5 20.Rg1 Nc2+ 21.Kd1 Nxa1 22.Rxg2 Ke7 23.f4 h6 24.Re2+ Kf8 25.Bd5 hxg5 26.Bxa8 gxf4 $\bar{}$ ] **17...Bb4**

**18.Rd1 Bxd2+ 19.Rxd2 Qc1+ 20.Rd1 Qxg5** BA – Alex is up an N **21.f4** BA – – 6.64 This leads to further loss of material – Rick resigned. [ 21.0-0 Ke7 22.Bb3 Rhd8+ – 4.07 ] BA – Coming is **21...Qxf4** – 8.57 [ AF – I was considering 21...Bxg2?+ – 4.47 this was the more simple, forcing several pieces off and maintaining a clearly winning advantage] AF – I was considering **22.Rf1** [ 22.Qd3 – 10.27 22...Bxg2 23.Rg1 Qh4+ 24.Kd2 Bf3 25.Be6 Ke7 26.Rdf1 Rhd8+ – 23.66 Alex would be up N + 2 P's] **22...Qe4+ 23.Kf2-+** – 9.86 BA – Alex would be up N + P **0-1**

In Rd. 10 in the Reserves on top board ( Kevin Wu, the leader, had withdrawn for the last round ), Oscar Villalobos, in second place a point behind Kevin, needed a win over former club co-champion,

Jim Paterson.



Oscar took the advantage for the first part of the game. But then Jim came back in the middle game, got the advantage, and went up a P. But in the ending, Oscar fought back, got the pawn back, and had a “ winning “ advantage in time pressure. But he missed his win, and gave Jim a “ winning “ advantage in the dying minutes of the game. By now Jim had no time left either, and they agreed to a draw with flags hanging. This gave Oscar clear second. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Villalobos, O (1934) – Paterson, J (1821) [A46]**

SCC Club Championship ( Reserves ) Toronto (10), 06.03.2008

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 b6±** [ 3...Be7=] **4.Nbd2?!=** [ 4.e3 Be7 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.Bd3 0-0±] **4...Bb7 5.e3 c5?±** Oscar gets a " clear " advantage [ 5...Be7 6.Bg5 0-0 7.Bd3 Ng4 8.Bxe7 Qxe7=] **6.Bd3?!±** [ 6.Nc4 Nc6 7.c3 d6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Qc2 Be7±] **6...Nc6 7.c3 Be7 8.h3?!=** [ 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc4 d6 10.dxc5 dxc5±] **8...cxd4?!±** [ 8...d6?! 9.Qe2 a6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rad1 d5±; 8...0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.Qe2 Rc8 11.Rfe1 Qd7=] **9.exd4 Qc8 10.Nc4 Ba6?!±** [ 10...0-0 11.Bg3 d5 12.Nd6 Bxd6 13.Bxd6 Rd8 14.Bf4 Ba6±] **11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.Bxd6 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nd8** [ 13...Na5 14.Be5 Qc4 15.Qd2 Qd5±] **14.0-0 Nb7 15.Bg3 0-0 16.Ng5?!±** [ 16.Be5 Nd5 17.Ng5 f5 18.Qg3 Nf6±] **16...h6 17.Ne4** [ 17.Nf3 d5 18.Rfc1 Ne4±] **17...Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Qc6 19.Qe5 f6?!±** [ 19...Rac8 20.Rae1 d6 21.Qh5 d5±] **20.Qe2?!±** [ 20.Qh5 Nd6 21.Rfe1 Nf5 22.Bf4 Rac8±] **20...Nd6 21.Rac1 Nf5 22.Bh2 Rac8 23.Qd3** [ 23.Rfd1 Ne7 24.Qa6 Rfe8±] **23...Qd5 24.a4** [ 24.a3?! a5 25.Rfd1 b5=] **24...Nh4 25.Qg3?!=** [ 25.f3 Qc4 26.Qe4 Nf5 27.Qb7 Qc6 28.Qxc6 Rxc6±] **25...Qg5?!±** [ 25...Nf5 26.Qg4 Qb3 27.Qe2 Rc4 28.a5 bxa5 29.Ra1 a4=] **26.f3?!=** Oscar loses his advantage [ 26.a5 Qxg3 27.Bxg3 Nf5 28.Bh2 d5±] **26...Qxg3 27.Bxg3 Nf5 28.Bf4 g5 29.Bh2 Rc6 30.Rfd1 Ne3 31.Rd3?!=** for the first time in the game, Jim gets the advantage [ 31.Re1 Nd5 32.Kf2 Rfc8=] **31...Nd5 32.Ra1** [ 32.Kf2 a6 33.c4 Rfc8 34.b3 Nb4 35.Re3 d5=; 32.Rdd1 Rfc8=] **32...a5 33.Kf1 f5 34.Be5?-+** Jim gets a " winning " advantage [ 34.g3 Kf7 35.Ke2 h5=] **34...h5?±** [ 34...f4 35.b4

axb4 36.cxb4 Nxb4 37.Rb3 Nd5 38.a5 Ra8-+] **35.Bg3 Kh7 36.Ke2 Kg6 37.Kd2 h4 38.Be1?!?** this loses the gP; the N can get to f4 [ 38.Bh2 f4 39.Bg1 Rb8 $\bar{7}$ ] **38...Nf4 39.Re3 Nxc2** Jim goes up a P **40.Re2 Nf4 41.Rh2 d6** [ 41...e5?! 42.Bf2 exd4 43.Bxd4 Re6 44.Re1 Rxe1 45.Kxe1 Re8+ 46.Kd2 Re6 $\bar{7}$ ; 41...Rg8 42.Kc2 Kf6 $\bar{7}$ ] **42.Bf2 e5 43.Be3 Nd5 44.Bf2?!-+** [ 44.Rg1 Nxe3 45.Kxe3 Kh5 46.Rd2 Re8 47.dxe5 dxe5 $\bar{7}$ ] **44...e4** [ 44...Rc4?! 45.Kc2 Kf6 46.Rd1 e4 $\bar{7}$ ; 44...Kh5 45.Rg2 Nf4 46.Rh2 Re8 47.Be3 exd4 48.Bxf4 gxf4 49.Rg2 d5 50.cxd4 Rec8-+] **45.Rg1 Kh5** [ 45...Kh6 46.fxe4 fxe4 47.Re1 Rf4 48.Be3 Nxe3 49.Rxe3 d5-+] **46.Rhg2 Rg8 47.fxe4 fxe4?= $\bar{7}$**  [ 47...Nf4 48.d5 Rc4 49.exf5 Nxc2 50.Rxc2 Rf4-+] **48.Rg4?+-** [ 48.Be3 Nxe3 49.Kxe3 d5 50.Rf1 Rgg6= $\bar{7}$ ] **48...Nf6 49.R4g2 d5 50.Be3 g4? $\bar{7}$**  [ 50...Nh7 51.Rf2 Rf6 52.Rxf6 Nxf6 53.Rf1 Kg6-+] **51.Rf2** [ 51.Rf1 g3 52.Rf5+ Kg6 53.Rg5+ Kf7 54.Rxc8 Nxc8 $\bar{7}$ ] **51...g3 52.Rf5+ Kg6 53.Rgf1 Rd6?!= $\bar{7}$**  [ 53...Rg7 54.Re5 Rd6 55.Ke2 b5 ( 55...Nd7?! 56.Rg5+ Kh7 57.Rh5+ Kg8 58.Rff5 Nf8= ( 58...Nf6=) ) 56.axb5 Rb6 57.Ref5 a4 $\bar{7}$ ] **54.R5f4? $\bar{7}$**  Oscar is playing under time pressure [ 54.Ke2 Rc8 55.Rg5+ Kf7 56.Rgf5 Kg6 57.Rg5+ Kf7 58.Rgf5 Kg6= $\bar{7}$ ] **54...Rh8 55.Ke2 Rh5?! $\bar{7}$**  [ 55...Rc6 56.c4 Rf8 57.Rxh4 Rxc4 58.Rh6+ Kg7 $\bar{7}$ ] **56.b3 Rc6 57.c4 dxc4?!= $\bar{7}$**  [ 57...Kf7 58.cxd5 Rxd5 59.Rxe4 g2 60.Rf3 Rg5 61.d5 Rxd5 62.Rc4 Rxc4 63.bxc4 Rg5 64.Bg1 Kg6 $\bar{7}$ ] **58.bxc4 g2 59.Rg1 Rxc4** now Jim is playing under time pressure as well **60.Rxc2+ Kf7 61.Rgf2 Rc2+?! $\bar{7}$**  in the first time since move 25, Oscar gets back the advantage [ 61...Rh6 62.Rxe4 Rg6 63.Rxh4 Rxa4 64.Rf5 Ra2+ 65.Kf3 a4= $\bar{7}$ ] **62.Bd2 Rc6 63.Rxe4** Material Equality **63...Re6 64.Rxe6 Kxe6 65.Kd3 Rf5?+-** Oscar gets a " winning " advantage in the dying minutes of the game [ 65...b5 66.axb5 Rxb5 67.Kc4 Rh5 $\bar{7}$ ] **66.Re2+?= $\bar{7}$**  in the time pressure Oscar misses his win [ 66.Rxf5 Kxf5 67.Be1 Kg5 68.Kc4 Ne4 69.Kb5 Kf4 70.Kxb6 Kf3 71.Bxh4 Kg2 72.d5 Kxh3+-] **66...Kd5 67.Be1 Nh5 68.Re3? $\bar{7}$**  now Jim gets a " clear " advantage [ 68.Re5+ Rxe5 69.dxe5 Nf4+ 70.Kc3 Kxe5 71.Bxh4 Nxh3= $\bar{7}$ ] **68...Nf4+ 69.Kc3?!-+** now Jim gets a " winning " advantage, with no time left on the clocks [ 69.Kd2 Ng2 70.Rb3 Rf4 71.Rb5+ Kc6 72.d5+ Kd7 73.Rxb6 Rxa4 $\bar{7}$ ] **69...Ng2-+** with flags hanging, they mutually agreed on a draw ( with Jim having a winning advantage ) 1/2-1/2

An interesting battle also took place in Rd. 10 in the Reserves, when both Pino Verde and Mario Moran-Venegas both had the advantage at different times. The game near the end saw Pino with a " slight " advantage. But then he decided to let his centre pawn fall, and his position immediately disintegrated. At the end he was going to have to sac his Q to stop a mate, so he resigned. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

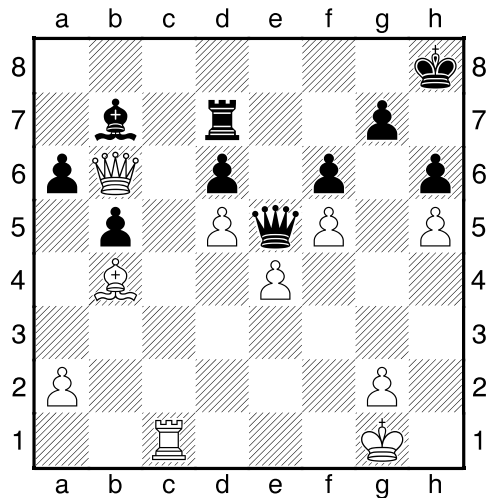
### Verde, P (1707) – Moran–Venegas, M (1693) [C44]

SCC Club Championship ( Reserves ) Toronto (10), 06.03.2008

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d6?! $\bar{7}$**  [ 3...Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 Nd5 ( 5...Ne4?! 6.Qe2 d5 ( 6...f5 7.exf6 d5 $\bar{7}$ ) 7.exd6 f5 $\bar{7}$ ) 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 d6= $\bar{7}$ ] **4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qa4?!= $\bar{7}$**  [ 5.d4 Bd7 6.0-0 Be7 7.d5 Nb8 $\bar{7}$ ] **5...Bd7 6.0-0?! $\bar{7}$**  Mario gets the advantage [ 6.Qc2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0= $\bar{7}$ ] **6...Be7** [ 6...a6 7.Be2 Nd4 8.Qd1 Nxe2+ 9.Qxe2 Be7 $\bar{7}$ ] **7.Re1 0-0 8.d4 a6 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Qc2 exd4 11.cxd4** [ 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.Na3 Re8 $\bar{7}$ ] **11...b5?+-** Mario blunders his c6B [ 11...d5 12.Ne5 Nxe4 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nd2 ( 14.f3?! Nd6 $\bar{7}$ ) 14...Nxd2 15.Bxd2 Bd6 $\bar{7}$ ] **12.d5?? $\bar{7}$**  Pino misses the win of the B [ 12.Qxc6 d5+-] **12...Bb7** [ 12...Bd7 13.Nbd2 Rc8 14.Nd4 Qe8 15.N2f3 c6 $\bar{7}$ ] **13.Nd4 Nd7?! $\bar{7}$**  Pino gets a " clear " advantage [ 13...Ng4 14.Nd2 Bh4 15.g3 Bf6 $\bar{7}$ ] **14.Qe2? $\bar{7}$**  [ 14.a4 bxa4 15.Be3 Ne5 16.Nd2 Rb8 $\bar{7}$ ] **14...Rc8?!= $\bar{7}$**  [ 14...Bf6 15.Nf5 ( 15.Rd1 Re8 16.Nf5 Nc5 $\bar{7}$ ) 15...Re8 $\bar{7}$ ] **15.Nc3** [ 15.a4 bxa4 16.Nc3 Bf6 17.Nf5 Re8=; 15.Be3 Bf6 16.a3 c5 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Nc3 Re8= $\bar{7}$ ] **15...Bf6 16.Nf5 Ne5?! $\bar{7}$**  [ 16...Re8 17.Qg4 g6 18.Nh6+ Kf8= $\bar{7}$ ] **17.Nd1?!= $\bar{7}$**  [ 17.a4 b4 18.Na2 a5 $\bar{7}$ ] **17...Re8 18.Nde3 Ng6 19.Qg4 c5 20.Bd2?!= $\bar{7}$**  likely not a great idea to sac the bP [ 20.Re2 Kh8 21.a4 c4 22.axb5 axb5= $\bar{7}$ ] **20...Bxb2** Mario goes up a P **21.Rab1 Be5 22.h4? $\bar{7}$**  aggressive, but not good; Mario gets a " clear " advantage [ 22.a4 Rb8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rxb5 Ba6 25.Rxb8 Qxb8= $\bar{7}$ ] **22...Ne7?= $\bar{7}$**  [ 22...Rb8 23.h5 Bc8 24.h6 Ne7 25.Qf3 Nxf5 26.Nxf5 Bxf5 27.Qxf5 g6 28.Qh3 b4 $\bar{7}$ ] **23.Nxe7+ Qxe7 24.Nf5 Qf8 25.Bg5?+-** Pino misplays the attack; Mario gets a " winning " advantage [ 25.Bf4 Rc7 26.Bxe5 dxe5 27.d6 Rc6 28.Red1 Kh8= $\bar{7}$ ] **25...Kh8?! $\bar{7}$**  [ 25...Rc7 26.Qf3 ( 26.Re3 Bc8 27.h5 Kh8-+; 26.h5 Bc8 27.Qf3 h6 28.Bh4 g6 29.Ne3 g5 30.Bg3



Bxg3 31.fxg3 Rce7+) 26...Bc8 27.Re2 Bd7 28.h5 h6 29.Bh4 a5-+] **26.h5 Rc7??=** [ 26...h6 27.Bf4 Rc7 28.Qf3 Bc8±] **27.f4** [ 27.h6? f6 28.Bf4 g6 29.Ng7 Bc8 30.Qf3 Ree7±] **27...Bd4+** [ 27...Bc3 28.h6 f6 ( 28...g6 29.Qf3 Bxe1 30.Bf6+ Kg8 31.Bg7 gxf5 32.Bxf8 fxe4 33.Qh5 Kxf8 34.Rxe1 f5 35.Qxf5+ Rf7 36.Qg4 b4=) 29.Qf3 fxg5 30.Qxc3 gxf4 31.a4 Rf7=] **28.Nxd4 cxd4 29.f5 f6 30.Bd2?!±** [ 30.Bf4 Rc4 31.Qg3 Rd8 32.Rbd1 Qe7=] **30...Rec8?!=** Mario has lost his advantage [ 30...Rc2 31.Qd1 Rc4± ( 31...Rxa2 32.Ra1 Rxa1 ( 32...Rb2?! 33.Qc1 Rb3 34.Qd1 Rd3 35.Qe2 Rg3 36.Qf2 Rb3 37.Qxd4 Qe7=) 33.Qxa1 d3±) ] **31.Bb4 Rc2 32.Qg3 Rd8** [ 32...Rxa2 33.Rbc1 Rc4 34.Bxd6 Qe8=; 32...Qe8 33.h6 gxh6 34.Qxd6 Qf7=; 32...Qf7 33.a4 Qxh5 34.Rbd1 R2c4 35.Qxd6 Qh4 36.Bd2 bxa4 37.Qb6 Ba8 38.Qxa6 Qg3=] **33.Rbc1 Rxc1?!±** Pino gets back the advantage [ 33...Rc4? 34.Rxc4 bxc4 35.h6 gxh6 36.Qf2 a5 37.Bxa5 Ra8 38.Bb4 d3±; 33...Rxa2 34.Ba3 d3 35.Qxd3 Qe7 36.Qb3 Rd2 37.Qe3 Ra2 38.h6 Rg8=] **34.Rxc1 Rd7 35.Qd3?!=** [ 35.Rd1 Qd8 36.h6 gxh6 37.Ba3 Qc7 38.Qf2 Qc4±] **35...Qe8 36.Qxd4** material equality **36...Qe5?±** Pino gets a " clear " advantage [ 36...Qxh5 37.Qb6 Qg5 38.Rc6! g6 39.Rxd6 Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qf4+ 41.g3 Rxd6 42.Bxd6 Qd2+ 43.Kh3 Qh6+ 44.Kg2 Qd2+ 45.Qf2 Qd3=] **37.Qb6??=** [ 37.Qxe5 dxe5 38.Kf1 Kg8 39.Rc3 g5 40.Ke2 Kf7±] **37...h6?!±** [ 37...Qb2 38.Rc7 Qxb4 39.Rxd7 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qe1+=]



**38.Qa7??-+** a blunder – Pino cannot let the eP fall. His position now crumbles. Mario gets a " winning " advantage. [ 38.Re1 Kg8 39.a3 Kh8 40.Qa7 Kg8 41.Qe3 Rc7±] **38...Qxe4** Mario goes up a P **39.Qb8+?-+** - 5.99 [ 39.Re1 Qxf5 40.Qb8+ Kh7 41.Re8 Qxh5 42.Rh8+ Kg6 43.Qe8+ Rf7 44.Qe4+ Qf5 45.Qxf5+ Kxf5-+ - 3.03] **39...Kh7 40.Re1?-+** -11.77 [ 40.Rd1 Bxd5 41.Rxd5 Qxd5-+ - 6.61] **40...Qxd5** Mario goes up 2 P's **41.Re2 Qd4+?-+** - 3.57 [ 41...Re7 42.Qxd6 Rxe2 43.Qxd5 Bxd5 44.Kh2 Rxc2+ 45.Kh3 Rxa2?-+ - 16.49] **42.Kh1??-+** - 15.37 [ 42.Kh2 Qh4+ 43.Kg1 Qxh5 44.Rf2 Re7 45.Qxd6 Re4-+ - 4.60] **42...Qd1+ 43.Re1 Qxh5+ 44.Kg1 Qg4-+** - 16.73 Pino resigned. He must sac his Q to stop mate **45.Qxb7 Rxb7-+ 46.Bd2** - 20.68 Mario would be up Q + 3 P's vs B **0-1**

On March 13, master Bryan Lamb, then in second place, needed a win for clear first and the championship in his make-up game from Rd. 1. A draw would also get him the championship on tie-break over Erwin Casareno. But A-player Alex Ferreira mounted a strong K-side attack, and Bryan resigned with his flag hanging. So Bryan, with the loss, ended up in #2/3. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Ferreira, A (1989) – Lamb, B (2246) [C18]**

SCC Club Championship Toronto (1), 13.03.2008

**1.e4 e6±** Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted. **2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bd3 Nge7 9.0-0 Bd7** [ 9...c4 10.Be2 0-0 11.Re1 Qa5 12.Bd2 f6±] **10.a4 c4 11.Be2 0-0 12.Nh4 f6 13.f4 fxe5 14.fxe5 Rxf1+ 15.Bxf1 Rf8 16.Ba3 Rf7 17.Bd6 Qd8 18.Qe1** [ 18.Nf3 Nf5 19.Ba3 Nh4 20.Be2 Rf5±] **18...Nc8 19.Bc5** [ 19.Ba3 Nb6 20.Bc1 Nb8 21.Be2 Nxa4 22.Bd2 b5 23.Qg3 Qc7±] **19...Qg5 20.g3 N6e7 21.Bg2** [ 21.a5 Nc6 22.Bg2 Nxa5 23.Bxa7 Nxa7 24.Rxa5 Nc8±] **21...Qh5 22.Qe3 g5?!±** Alex gets a " clear " advantage [ 22...Ng6 23.Nf3 b6 24.Ba3 Nge7 25.Qg5 Qxg5 26.Nxg5 Rf5 27.Bc1 h6 28.Nh3 Rf7±] **23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Ng2 Qg6?!+-** Alex gets a " winning " advantage [ 24...Nf5 25.Qe2 b6 26.Ba3 Bxa4±] **25.Qe2 Qg7 26.a5 Be8 27.Ne3 Kh8 28.Bg4 b6?+-** 3.46 [ 28...Qh6 29.Rb1 b6 30.axb6 axb6 31.Bxb6 Nxb6 32.Rxb6 Bd7+- 2.05] **29.axb6 axb6 30.Bb4?+-** 1.84 [ 30.Bxe7 Rxe7 31.Ra8 Na7 32.Qf3 Nb5+- 4.49] **30...Bd7 31.Bh5 Ng6 32.Ng4 Bc6 33.Nf6 Nce7 34.Bg4 Nf8 35.Rf1 Ng8?+-** 6.60 [ 35...Qh6 36.Qf3 Ba4 37.Rf2 Bb5 38.Ng8 Rxf3 39.Nxh6 Rxf2 40.Bxe7 Ng6 41.Bxg5 Rf8 42.Bxe6 Bc6 43.Bf6+ Rxf6 44.exf6 Nf8 45.Nf7+ Kg8 46.Nd8+ Kh8 47.Nxc6 Nxe6+- 4.33] **36.Nh5+-** 6.88 with his flag hanging, Bryan resigned. Coming is **36...Qg6 37.Bxf8** Alex would go up a B **37...h6 38.Rxf7 Qxf7 39.Qf2 Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Bd7 41.Nf6 Bc8 42.Nxd5** Alex would be up B + P **42...h5 43.Nxb6** Alex would be up B + 2 P's **43...hxg4 44.Nxc8 Kh7+-** 11.47 **1-0**

### **SCC Spring Swiss – New Tournament Started**

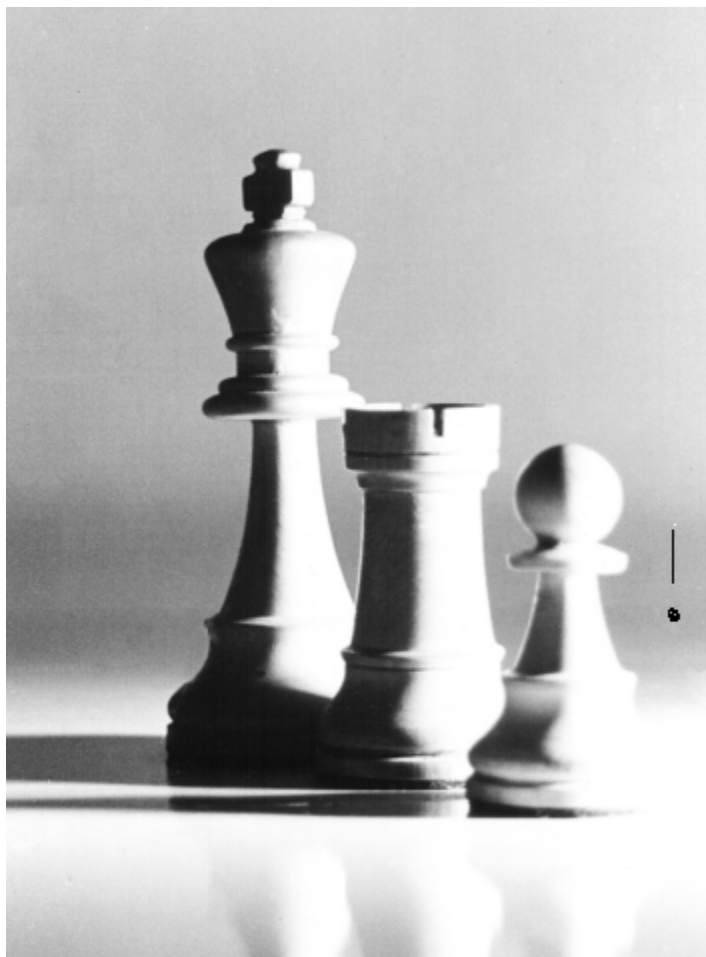
On March 13, a new 7-round swiss started, the SCC Spring Swiss. It will be in 2 sections as is now the practice at SCC ( 1700 & Over; U 1700 ). 22 players registered for the top section. 19 players registered for the second section ( this is a slight drop from the 50 player average we've been having over the past year or so ). Below is an interesting first round game between new member Sam Chapin, and veteran Silvano Mesiti ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Mesiti, S (1770) – Chapin, S [B08]**

SCC Spring Swiss ( 1700 & Over ) Toronto (1), 13.03.2008

**1.e4 g6± 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bc4 c6** [ 5...Nxe4 6.Nxe4 d5 7.Bd3 dxe4 8.Bxe4 0-0±] **6.0-0 b5** [ 6...d5 7.Bd3 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 0-0±] **7.Bd3 0-0 8.a3?!=** [ 8.Re1 Nbd7 9.a3 Qc7±] **8...Nbd7 9.Re1 e5 10.d5 cxd5 11.Bxb5** [ 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 a6=] **11...dxe4 12.Bc6?!±** for the first time, Sam gets the advantage [ 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 Rb8=] **12...Rb8 13.Nxe4** [ 13.Bxe4 Nc5 14.Bc6 Qc7±] **13...Nxe4 14.Bxe4** [ 14.Rxe4 Nf6 15.Rb4 Bf5±] **14...Nc5** [ 14...Nf6 15.Bd3 Re8 16.Nd2 d5±] **15.Rb1?!±** Sam gets a " clear " advantage [ 15.Bd5 Bg4 16.Rb1 Na4 17.Bb3 Qd7±] **15...Nxe4 16.Rxe4 Bf5 17.Rc4 Rc8 18.b3?!-+** Sam gets a " winning " advantage [ 18.Bg5-/+ ] **18...d5 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Rb2 Qc5 21.Ra2 Rc8 22.Ne1 e4 23.Be3 d4 24.Bd2 a5 25.a4 e3 26.Bc1 exf2+ 27.Kxf2 d3+ 28.Be3+-** – 6.13 [ 28.Kf1? dxc2 29.Qd2 Re8 30.Nxc2 Bc3 31.Ba3 Qc8 32.Qf4 Bxc2 33.Be7 Bd3+ 34.Kg1 Rxe7 -26.68] **28...Bd4 29.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 30.Kf1 Qf4+ 31.Kg1 Qe3+ 32.Kh1 dxc2** Sam goes up a P, with a winning position **33.Qc1??-+** Silvano blunders his Q in a lost position and it is mate in 6 moves[ 33.Nxc2 Bxc2 34.Qg1 Qxg1+ 35.Kxg1 Bxb3 36.Ra1 Rc4-+] **0-1**

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