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## **CFC Continues to Move Quickly on Restructuring**

Earlier this month, the CFC Governors soundly defeated a radical 4-part motion to restructure the CFC that had been approved by the Executive. But the CFC has now again picked up the task of solving the CFC financial crisis. They have formed a three person restructuring committee, consisting of Gordon Ritchie ( Governor ), Peter Stockhausen ( new Treasurer ) and Stijn de Kerpel ( Vice-President ). Governor Ken Kraft has advised : “ They will report to the Exec with a plan. If the exec concurs it will go to the Governors for a yes/no vote. “ Apparently the Executive/Governors hope to conclude this process before the CFC AGM in July in Montreal.

## **2008 Canadian Junior Chess Champion - Artem Samsonkin of Toronto** ( Press release by David Cohen )

Artem Samsonkin, of Toronto, Ontario, won the 37th Canadian Junior Chess Championship for the top chess players in Canada under 20 years old, held May 9-13, 2008 in Toronto. Samsonkin, an International Master who emigrated from Belarus in 2007, won the right to represent Canada at the 2008 World Junior Chess Championship to be held in Ankara, Turkey this August. Samsonkin's other achievements include a share of first place in the 2007 Canadian Championship.

Background:

The Canadian Junior Chess Championship was created in 1957 to select Canada's

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representatives to the 4th World Junior Chess Championship which Canada hosted later that year in Toronto, Ontario. The event was revived in 1970 as the most objective way of selecting Canada's representative to the World Junior Chess Championship. It has been held annually since 1972-3.

Past winners who have gone on to win the Canadian Chess Championship include Jean Hébert (Montreal, QC); Alexandre Lesiège (Montreal, QC); Ron Livshits (Pickering, ON); and Pascal Charbonneau (Outremont, QC). The event is sanctioned by The Chess Federation of Canada. You can find a list of past winners here:

[www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/Champions.html#JUNIOR](http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/Champions.html#JUNIOR)

The World Junior Chess Championship for players under 20 years old was created in 1951, when Canada was represented by Lionel Joyner of Montreal, Quebec. In 1957, Canada hosted the 4th World Junior Chess Championship in Toronto, Ontario. Initially held every two years, since 1973 it has been an annual event. Past winners include future World Chess Champions Boris Spassky (1955), Anatoly Karpov (1969), Gary Kasparov (1980) and Viswanathan Anand (1987), as well as Scarborough, Ontario born Joel Lautier, who represented France in 1988. The Canadian Junior Chess Champion represents Canada. The 2008 World Junior Chess Championship takes place in Ankara, Turkey from August 2-16. The event is sanctioned by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) ([www.fide.com](http://www.fide.com)).

The World Junior Girls Chess Championship was established in 1983 and has been run annually since 1985. The top female at the 2008 Canadian Junior Chess Championship has the right to represent Canada, however, full funding for the trip is not available.

For more info on this event, please contact the event organizer:

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Quick biography of Artiom Samsonkin:  
<http://web.ncf.ca/bw998/canchess.html#SAMSONKIN>

### **Canadian Junior Girls Champion**

The top girl finisher in the recent Canadian Junior Championship was Yelizaveta Orlova, and she has been awarded the 2008 Canadian Junior Girl's Champion title. She will have the right to represent Canada at the 2008 World Junior Girls Championship ( though no expenses are paid by the CFC for this ).

### **M-Tel Masters, Sofia, Bulgaria**

The fourth international chess tournament M-Tel Masters started on May 7, 2008 in Sofia's Military Club and will last 'til May 18.

Six of the world's best are taking part in the tournament this year. Defending champion Veselin Topalov ( 2767 ) and Ivan Cheparinov ( 2695 ) are representing Bulgaria. They are meeting Armenia's Levon Aronian ( 2763 ), Ukraine's Vassily Ivanchuk ( 2740 ), Azerbaijan's Teimour Radjabov ( 2751 ) and China's Xiangzhi Bu ( 2708 ). The average rating of the tournament is 2737. It is not the strongest tournament this year. Morelia/Linares had an average rating of 2756 and the January Corus Wijk aan Zee tournament had an average rating of 2742. But it is stronger than the recent FIDE Grand Prix # 1 ( Baku ), which had 2717.

The event is a 10 round double round robin with a 5 hour time control. In case of a draw at the top there will be a tie break for determining the winner. Like in the previous three editions of M-Tel Masters the rule for the draws introduced in Sofia will be valid. According to it the players do not have the right to agree a draw. This can be decided only by the chef arbiter of the tournament.

Ivanchuk,



who has decimated the opposition in this tournament, the way he has previously dominated second-tier tournaments on occasion recently, has, after 6 rounds, 5.5 pts (undefeated, with 5 consecutive wins at the start of the tournament).

In second place, with 4.5 pts. is Topalov.



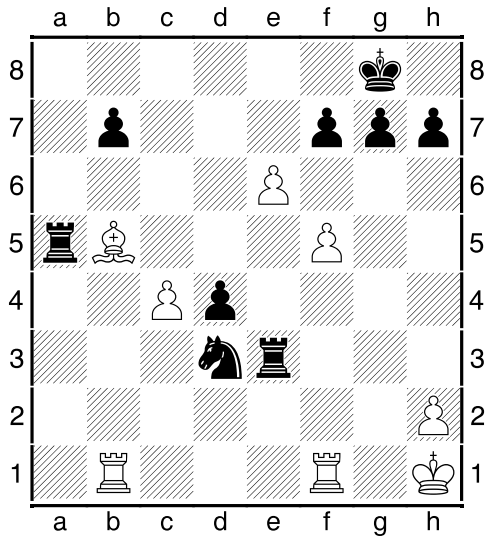
In Rd. 2 Ivanchuk and Topalov met, both being in a three-way tie for first with Cheparinov. It turned out to be a slugfest, as each had their chances. Ivanchuk went up a pawn, and then Topalov went up a pawn. Then there was material equality, but Ivanchuk had the winning passed dP. Ivanchuk came away with the victory. This left him in clear first.. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Topalov, V (2767) – Ivanchuk, V (2740) [C11]**

4th M–Tel Masters Sofia BUL (2), 09.05.2008

**1.e4±** Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted. **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4** [5.Qg4?! h5 6.Qg5 Qxg5 7.Bxg5 a6=] **5...c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.a3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bc5 10.Be2** [10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxc5 Nxc5±] **10...0-0** [10...Qh4+ 11.g3 Qh3 12.Bf1 Qh6±] **11.Qd2?!=** [11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxc5 Nxc5±] **11...Qc7** [11...Nxd4?! 12.Bxd4 Qh4+ 13.g3 Qh3 14.0-0-0 b6±] **12.Bf3** [12.Nb3 Be7 13.0-0 b5=; 12.0-0 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 b6 14.Rad1 Bb7=; 12.Rd1 Rb8=] **12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Nb6 14.Ne2 Bxd4 15.Qxd4** [15.Nxd4?! f6 16.0-0 fxe5 17.fxe5 Nc4 18.Qc3 Qxe5±] **15...Bd7 16.b3 Bb5 17.Nc3 Rfc8 18.Nxb5 axb5 19.Be2?!±** for the first time in the game, Ivanchuk gets the advantage [19.0-0 Nd7 20.Ra2 Nb8=] **19...Nd7 20.Ra2 Nb8 21.0-0 Nc6 22.Qd2 Qb6+ 23.Kh1?!±** Ivanchuk gets a " clear " advantage [23.Rf2 Qa5 24.Bf1 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 Nb4 26.Rb2 Rxa3±] **23...Qa5 24.Qxa5** [24.c3 b4 25.Rc1 bxa3 26.Rca1 d4 27.Rxa3 Qxa3 28.Rxa3 Rxa3±] **24...Rxa5 25.Raa1** [25.Rfa1 Nd4 26.Bd3 f6±] **25...Rca8 26.Rad1 Rxa3 27.Bxb5 Nb4 28.c4 R8a5?±=** Ivanchuk loses his advantage [28...Rxb3 29.cxd5 exd5 30.Rb1 Raa3±] **29.f5 exf5** Ivanchuk goes up a P **30.g4! Rxb3** Ivanchuk goes up 2 P's **31.gxf5** Ivanchuk is up a P **31...Re3** [31...Ra2? 32.Ra1 h6 33.Rxa2 Nxa2±] **32.Rb1 Nd3?±** for the first time since early in the game, Topalov gets back the advantage, a " clear " advantage [32...Ra2 33.Rxb4 Ree2 34.Rc1 Rxh2+ 35.Kg1 Rhg2+ 36.Kf1 Rgf2+=] **33.e6?±=** [33.Ra1 Rxa1 34.Rxa1 g6 35.f6 h6 36.cxd5 Nxe5±] **33...d4**

Position after 33...d4



**34.Be8?+** Topalov makes a bad error. Ivanchuk gets a "winning" advantage [34.Bc6! fxe6 35.fxe6 h6 36.Rxb7 Rae5=] **34...Nc5?=-** Ivanchuk misses the winning line [34...Kf8 35.Bxf7 Ra2 36.Bh5 Rh3 37.e7+ Kxe7 38.f6+ gxf6 39.Rxb7+ Kd6 40.Bf3 Rhxh2+ 41.Kg1 f5-+ - 2.98 Ivanchuk would be up 2 P's] **35.Bxf7+?=-** material equality, but Ivanchuk gets a "clear" advantage [35.Bc6! Ra7 36.Bd5 Kf8 37.exf7 d3=] **35...Kf8 36.f6** [36.Bh5 Ra4 37.Bf3 Rxc4 38.Bxb7 Ke7=] **36...gxf6 37.Rxf6 Ke7 38.Rh6 d3 39.Rxh7** Topalov goes up a P [39.Bh5 Rxe6 40.Rxh7+ Kd6 41.Rb6+ Ke5 42.Rxe6+ Kxe6=] **39...d2 40.Rg1?!-+** Ivanchuk gets back his "winning" advantage [40.Kg2 Ra2 41.Bh5+ (41.Rd1?! Re1-+) 41...Kxe6=] **40...Re1 41.Bh5+ Kxe6** material equality, but Ivanchuk's passed dP wins the day **42.Rhg7 Ne4 43.R7g6+ Ke5-+ - 5.24 0-1**

In Rd. 4, Cheparinov played a King's Indian Defence, attacking Ivanchuk on the K-side. But Ivanchuk held, and the position was equal, with Ivanchuk being up a sacked pawn. But then Cheparinov blundered and Ivanchuk got a "winning" advantage, and went on to go up a B, and threatened to turn it into a R, so Cheparinov resigned. This gave Ivanchuk a lock on first with four consecutive wins, 1.5 pts. ahead of Topalov in second. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

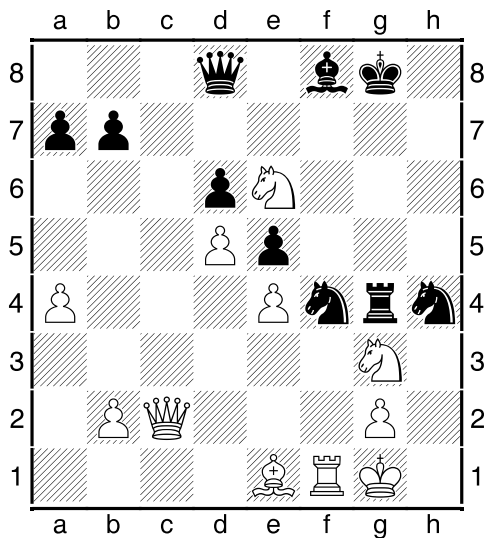
### Ivanchuk, V (2740) – Cheparinov, I (2696) [E99]

4th M-Tel Masters Sofia BUL (4), 11.05.2008

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0** [7.dxe5 dxe5 8.0-0 c6 9.Qc2 Qe7±; 7.d5?! a5 8.0-0 Na6 9.Qc2 Bd7=] **7...Nc6 8.d5** [8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qxd1 10.Rfxd1 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd4±] **8...Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3?!=** [10.f3 f5 11.Be3 f4 (11...fxe4 12.fxe4 Rxf1+ 13.Kxf1 Nf6±) 12.Bf2 h6±] **10...f5 11.Bd2 Nf6?!±** [11...fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Bg4 Nf5=] **12.f3 f4 13.c5?!=** [13.Be1 c5 14.a3 a6 15.b4 b6±] **13...g5?!±** Ivanchuk gets a "clear" advantage [13...c6 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Be1 Be6=; 13...dxc5 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.Nxc5 Qd6=] **14.Rc1?!±** [14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Rc1 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Ng6±] **14...Ng6?!±** [14...c6 15.cxd6 Qxd6 16.dxc6 Nxc6±] **15.cxd6?!±** [15.Be1?! Rf7 16.Kh1 Bh6 17.Rf2 g4±; 15.Kh1 Rf7 16.Be1 Bh6 17.Nb5 a6 18.Na3 g4±] **15...cxd6 16.Nb5** [16.Be1 h5 17.Bf2 g4±] **16...Rf7** [16...Qb6+ 17.Nf2 g4 18.Nc7 Rb8±] **17.Qc2** [17.Qe1 g4 18.Bb4 gxf3 19.gxf3 Bh3 20.Rf2 Bf8±] **17...Ne8?!±** [17...Qb6+ 18.Nf2 g4 19.Nc7 Rb8±] **18.Nf2 h5 19.a4?!±** [19.Qb3 a6 20.Na3 b5±] **19...Bf8 20.h3** [20.a5 Nh4 21.Qc3 g4 22.fxg4 hxg4 23.Bxg4 Bxg4 24.Nxg4 Qd7 25.Qh3 Qxb5 26.Qxh4 Qe2 27.Rf2 Qxe4±; 20.Qd3 Nh4 21.Kh1 Rg7±; 20.Kh1?! Rg7 21.Qd1 Nh4 22.Rg1 Nf6 23.g3 Ng6±; 20.Qc3 Bd7 21.b3 Nh4±;

20.b3 Bd7 21.Qd1 Nh4±; 20.Qb3 Bd7 21.Kh1 Rg7 22.Rg1 Rh7 23.Be1 a6 24.Nc3 Nf6±] **20...Rg7**  
**21.Qb3 Nh4 22.Rc2 g4** Cheparinov sacs a P to open lines to the W K **23.fxg4** Ivanchuk goes up  
a P **23...Nf6 24.Be1** [24.g3 hxg4 25.gxh4 g3 26.Ng4 Nxc4 27.Bxc4 Bxc4 28.hxc4 Qxh4 29.Bxf4  
Rh7 30.Qxc3 Qh1+ 31.Kf2 Qxe4±] **24...hxg4 25.hxc4 Nh5?!±** [25...a6 26.Nc7 Rb8 27.Ne6 Bxe6  
28.dxe6 Be7±] **26.Nh1?±** [26.Nd1 Bxc4 (26...f3?! 27.Bxf3 Nf4+- (27...Nxf3+ 28.gxf3 Nf4 29.Rh2  
Be7+-) ) 27.Bxc4 Rxc4±] **26...f3?±** this second sac to further open lines is unsound [26...Bxc4  
27.Bxc4 Rxc4=] **27.Bxf3** Ivanchuk goes up 2 P's **27...Nf4 28.Ng3?!±** [28.Bxh4 Qxh4 29.Rc7  
(29.g3?! Nh3+ 30.Kg2 Nf4+ 31.Kf2 (31.gxf4?! Bxc4 32.Bxc4 Rxc4+ 33.Ng3 exf4 34.Rxf4 Rxf4  
35.Nd4 Rxe4=) 31...Nh3+ 32.Ke1 Qd8±] 29...Bd7 30.g3 Nh3+ 31.Kg2 Qh6±] **28...Bxc4** Ivanchuk  
is up a P again [28...Nxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Bxc4 30.Nf5 Rg6 31.Rg3 Rc8±] **29.Bxc4 Rxc4 30.Nc7?!±**  
Ivanchuk loses his advantage [30.Qc3?! Qe7 31.Rff2 Qg7 32.Rfd2 a6 33.Na3 Qg6=; 30.Rff2 Qg5  
31.Rfd2 Qg6 32.a5 Bh6±] **30...Rc8 31.Ne6 Rxc2 32.Qxc2**

Position after 32.Qxc2



**Qb6+?+-** Bad error. Cheparinov gives Ivanchuk a " winning " advantage [32...Qe8 33.Qb3 Qg6  
34.Nxf8 Kxf8 35.Qxb7 Rxc3 36.Rxf4+ exf4 37.Qb8+ Kf7 38.Qxa7+ Kf6 39.Qd4+ Kf7 40.Qa7+  
Kg8 41.Bxc3 Qxc3 42.Qb8+ Kh7 43.Qc7+ Kg8=] **33.Kh1 Nhxg2** material equality **34.Nf5 Qa6**  
**35.Rg1 Qd3 36.Qxd3 Nxd3 37.Bh4 Rxe4?+-** 6.15 Cheparinov takes the wrong P [37...Nxb2  
38.a5 Ne3 39.Nxe3 Rxc3+ 40.Kxc1 b5 41.axb6 axb6+- 3.86] **38.Rxc3+** Ivanchuk is up N vs P  
**38...Kf7 39.Nxd6+** Ivanchuk is up an N **39...Bxd6 40.Ng5+-** 6.87 Ivanchuk will capture the R,  
and be up a R **1-0**

In Rd. 5, Topalov maintained his grip on second place behind Ivanchuk ( who won and had 5 consecutive wins ! ), 1.5 pts. behind him. He defeated tail-ender Bu. He went up a pawn, then 2 pawns, and then threatened to win a bishop. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Topalov, Veselin (2767) – Bu, Xiangzhi (2708) [D19]

4th M–Tel Masters Sofia BUL (5.1), 11.05.2008

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 Ne4**  
**10.Ne5 Nd7 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Na2** [12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd2 Bd6=] **12...Be7?!±** [12...Ba5 13.f3  
Nd6 14.Bb3 Bb6=] **13.f3 Nf6** [13...Nd6 14.Bb3 Qc7 15.e4 Qb6 16.Qd3 Bg6±] **14.e4 Bg6 15.Be3**  
**Qc7 16.Nc1 a5?!±** Topalov gets a " clear " advantage [16...c5 17.Nb3 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Rfd8±]

17.Nd3 Nd7 18.Rac1 Rfe8 19.g3 Bd6 20.Nf4 e5 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.f4 exd4 23.Bxd4 b6?!+- Topalov gets a "winning" advantage [23...Nf8 24.e5 Bb4 25.Rfd1 Rad8±] 24.f5 g5 25.Qh5 Nf6 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.Qxf6 Topalov goes up a P 28...Be5 29.Qxg5?+- 2.41 Topalov goes up 2 P's [29.Qh6+ Bg7 30.Qh5 Bd4+ 31.Kg2 Bf6 32.Qh6+ Bg7 33.Qh7 Bf6+- 4.07 Topalov would be up a P] 29...Qe7?+- 6.45 [29...Bd4+ 30.Kg2 Qe7 31.Qh5 Qf6+- 3.60] 30.f6 Bd4+ 31.Rf2+- 6.45 Mate is threatened. Bu resigns. Coming is 31...Qxf6 32.Qxf6 Bxf6 33.Rxf6 Ra7 34.Rxc6 Rxe4 35.Rxb6 Kg7+- 7.41 Topalov would be up B + 2 P's 1-0

The standings after 6 rounds are:

4th M-Tel Masters Sofia (BUL), 8-18 v 2008					cat. XX (2738)													
					1		2		3		4		5		6			
1.	Ivanchuk, Vassily	g	UKR	2740	*	*	1	.	1	.	1	½	1	.	1	.	5½	3140
2.	Topalov, Veselin	g	BUL	2767	0	.	*	*	1	.	½	.	1	1	1	.	4½	2929
3.	Cheparinov, Ivan	g	BUL	2696	0	.	0	.	*	*	½	.	½	.	1	1	3	2739
4.	Radjabov, Teimour	g	AZE	2751	0	½	½	.	½	.	*	*	½	.	½	.	2½	2678
5.	Aronian, Levon	g	ARM	2763	0	.	0	0	½	.	½	.	*	*	½	.	1½	2545
6.	Bu Xiangzhi	g	CHN	2708	0	.	0	.	0	0	½	.	½	.	*	*	1	2462

### Winning Streaks in Chess

( from the chess website ChessVibes, May 13, 2008 )

The story isn't really changing but nonetheless getting more exceptional by the day: in the fifth round Vassily Ivanchuk also beat Levon Aronian and this way he already made history by winning the first leg of the M-Tel Masters with a 100% score.

But making history isn't yet the same as setting new records, of course. And clearly it's about time to have a look at chess history when it comes to winning streaks.

The first that comes to mind is Karpov's finest victory of his career: Linares '94, which he won 11/13. In this tournament the great Anatoly won his first six games, before being halted by Kasparov (who else), who "managed" to draw.

Five years later, Garry Kasparov himself won the Wijk aan Zee tournament (the last one that was called "Hoogovens") 8/11, where he won 7 games in a row in rounds 2-8, after which he couldn't remember a line in the Nimzo-Indian and was defeated by Ivan Sokolov in round 9.

We have to mention Bobby Fischer of course, who scored a winning streak of 20 games in different events 1970-1971, including his famous match victories against Larsen and Taimanov. But there was also the 1963-64 US Championship where he won all his 11 games, a record Ivanchuk can't break in Sofia (where they play just 10 rounds...).

But the most impressive result ever scored in a single chess tournament, has to be Alexander Beliavsky's outer-space victory at a tournament in Alicante (Spain) in 1978. There he won all of his 13 games, the only 100% win in a GM tournament ever.

### **FIDE Grand Prix # 1, Baku, Azerbaijan**

The first FIDE Grand Prix tournament took place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from April 20th to May 6th, 2008. There were thirteen rounds and two rest days (April 26 and May 1st). The event is part of a series of six tournaments to be held over two years (2008-2009). 21 top world players are selected to compete in these tournaments, with each player contracting to participate in exactly four of these tournaments. The winner of the Grand Prix series at the end of 2009 will play the winner of the World Cup held in 2009 in an eight game match to become the challenger to the World Champion in a match to be held in the third quarter of 2010.

Playing in this tournament were:

<b>#</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Nat.</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1	Magnus Carlsen	NOR	2765
2	Shakhriyar Mamedyarov	AZE	2752
3	Teimour Radjabov	AZE	2751
4	Peter Svidler	RUS	2746
5	Sergey Karjakin	UKR	2732
6	Michael Adams	ENG	2729
7	Gata Kamsky	USA	2726
8	Alexander Grischuk	RUS	2716
9	Etienne Bacrot	FRA	2705
10	Ivan Cheparinov	BUL	2696
11	Yue Wang	CHN	2689
12	Ernesto Inarkiev	RUS	2684
13	Vugar Gashimov	AZE	2679
14	David Navara	CZE	2672



## Final standings

### FIDE GP Baku AZE 2008

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4			
1		Gashimov, V	2679	+12	*	%	%	%	l	%	l	%	l	%	%	%	%	8.0/13	51.90	
2		Wang Yue	2689	+1.2	%	*	%	%	%	l	%	%	l	l	%	%	%	8.0/13	50.90	
3		Carlsen, M	2763	+9.0	%	%	*	0	%	l	%	l	%	%	%	l	l	8.0/13	49.00	
4		Mamedyarov, S	2732	+6	%	%	l	*	%	%	%	%	l	0	l	l	0	7.5/13	48.75	
5		Grischuk, A	2716	+5.5	0	%	%	%	*	%	%	%	%	l	l	%	l	7.5/13	45.75	
6		Adams, M	2729	-3	%	%	0	%	%	*	l	%	0	0	l	l	%	%	6.5/13	41.00
7		Svidler, P	2746	-3.0	0	0	%	%	%	0	*	%	l	l	%	%	%	l	6.5/13	39.50
8		Matjehov, I	2731	-4.3	%	%	0	%	%	%	%	*	l	%	0	0	l	%	6.0/13	38.50
9		Kanisky, C	2726	-3.6	0	%	%	%	%	l	0	0	*	%	%	%	%	l	6.0/13	38.00
10		Karjakin, S	2732	-4.2	%	0	%	0	%	l	0	%	%	*	%	%	%	l	6.0/13	37.25
11		Cheparinov, I	2696	-3.0	%	0	%	l	0	0	%	l	%	%	*	0	0	l	5.5/13	35.75
12		Nemza, D	2672	-5	%	%	%	0	0	0	%	l	%	%	l	*	%	0	5.5/13	35.25
13		Bacmı, E	2705	-4.8	%	%	0	0	%	%	%	0	%	%	l	%	*	0	5.0/13	32.50
14		Inarkiev, I	2684	-4.5	%	%	0	l	0	%	0	%	0	0	l	l	*		5.0/13	32.25



And the winners of the first FIDE Grand Prix in Baku are... Yue WANG! Vugar GASHIMOV!  
Magnus CARLSEN!

In Rd. 9, Grischuk took sole possession of first place, with a win over Inarkiev. He took the advantage early, and kept it most of the game, eventually creating a passed fP on the 6<sup>th</sup> rank. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Grischuk, A (2716) – Inarkiev, E (2684) [E62]**

FIDE GP Baku AZE (9), 30.04.2008

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.g3=** [3.Nc3±] **3...Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 Nc6?!±** [6...Nbd7 7.0-0 c6 8.Bf4 Qa5=] **7.0-0 Rb8 8.h3 e5 9.Be3 a6 10.Rc1 Bf5 11.g4 Bd7 12.Qd2 h5?!±** Grischuk gets a " clear " advantage [12...exd4 13.Nxd4 Re8 14.Rfd1 Qc8±] **13.dxe5 dxe5 14.g5 Nh7 15.Rfd1?!±** [15.Bc5?! Re8 16.Rfd1 Be6 17.Qe3 Qc8 18.Kh2 b6 19.Ba3 Nd4±; 15.Nd5 e4 16.Nh2 Qc8 17.h4 Bh3±] **15...Bf5** [15...Be6 16.Nd5 Qc8 17.Kh2 Rd8±] **16.Qxd8** [16.Kh2 Re8 17.Nd5 e4 18.Nh4 Be6 19.Bxe4 Qd6+ 20.Kh1 Bxh3±; 16.Nd5 Qc8±; 16.b4 Qc8±] **16...Rfxd8 17.h4?!=** [17.Nd5 e4 18.Nh4 Bxb2 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Rb1 Be5±] **17...Be6?!±** [17...Nf8 18.Nd5 Ne6 19.b4 Kh8=] **18.Rxd8+** [18.Nd5 Rd7 19.Nd2 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Ne4 b6±] **18...Rxd8 19.Nd5 Rd7 20.Nd2 Nd4 21.Bxd4 exd4 22.Nf4 c6?!±** Grischuk gets a " clear " advantage again [22...c5 23.Ne4 b6 24.Nxe6 fxe6±] **23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Be4 Nf8 25.Nb3?!±** [25.c5 Rf7 26.Kg2 Rf4 27.f3 e5 28.Kg3 Kh7±] **25...Rf7 26.Kg2?!=** [26.Rd1 Rf4 27.f3 Rxh4 28.Nxd4 Kf7±] **26...d3?!±** [26...Be5 27.e3 dxe3 28.fxe3 Bxb2 29.Rf1 Bc3=] **27.Bxd3 Bxb2 28.Rb1 Bc3 29.Nc5 Bd4 30.Ne4 Rc7 31.e3 Ba7 32.c5 Nd7 33.Rc1 Kh7 34.f4 Rc8 35.Rc3 Rf8 36.Rb3 Rb8 37.Rc3** [37.Kf3 Nxc5 38.Nxc5 Bxc5 39.Bxa6 b5 40.Rc3 Rb6 41.Rxc5 Rxa6±] **37...Rf8 38.Bc2 e5?!+-** Grischuk gets a " winning " advantage [38...Kg7 39.Bb3 Re8 40.Kf2 e5±] **39.Rb3 Nxc5 40.Nxc5 Bxc5 41.Rxb7+ Kh8 42.f5 Rd8 43.Bb3 Rd6 44.f6 e4 7.34** [44...Rd5? 45.Kf3 Ba3 46.Ke4 Rb5+- 10.60] **45.Rg7 Rd2+ 46.Kf1+- 9.13 1-0**

In Rd. 11, Yue Wang went up the exchange against Svidler, who had a pawn compensation. Eventually Wang got a “ winning “ advantage and Svidler resigned. This win lifted into a tie for first with Grischuk. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Wang, Yue (2689) – Svidler, P (2746) [D80]**

FIDE GP Baku AZE (11), 03.05.2008

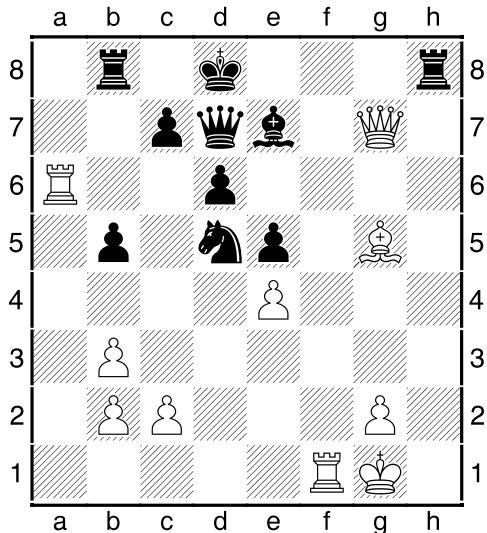
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5?!=** [4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0±] **4...Ne4?!±** [4...Bg7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.Nxd5 Bg7=] **5.Bh4?!=** [5.Bf4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Qd5±] **5...Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4** Svidler goes up a P **7.Qa4+ Qd7?!±** [7...c6 8.Qxc4 Be6 9.Qb4 Qb6=] **8.Qxc4** material equality **8...b6 9.Bg3 Nc6?!±** Wang gets a " clear " advantage [9...c6 10.Nf3 Bg7 11.Qb3 Qf5±] **10.Nf3?!±** [10.e4 Bg7 11.Nf3 0-0±] **10...Bg7 11.e3** [11.e4 0-0 12.h4 e5 13.h5 exd4 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.e5 dxc3±] **11...0-0 12.Be2 Bb7 13.0-0 Na5 14.Qb4 Rac8 15.Ne5 Qd6 16.Rfd1 Rfd8** [16...Qe6 17.Qb5 a6 18.Qa4 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Rcd8±] **17.Qa4 c5 18.e4 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Qc6?!±** [19...Qe6 20.f3 cxd4 21.cxd4 f6 22.Bg3 f5±] **20.Qxc6 Nxc6 21.Bg4 Ra8 22.Bc7 cxd4 23.Bxd8 Rxd8** Wang is up the exchange, with Svidler having a P compensation **24.Be2 e5 25.Rac1 Kf8 26.f3 a6 27.Kf2 Ke7 28.Bc4 Rd7** [28...Na5 29.cxd4 exd4 30.Bd3 Rd7±] **29.Bd5 dxc3** now Svidler has 2 P's compensation for being down the exchange **30.Bxc6 Rxd1 31.Rxd1 Bxc6 32.Rc1 Bd7 33.Rxc3** now Svidler is back to 1 P compensation for being down the exchange **33...Kd6 34.Rd3+ Kc6 35.g4 Be6 36.a3 g5 37.Ke3 Kc7 38.Rd1 b5?!+-** finally Svidler falters, after holding the position since move19. Wang gets a " winning " advantage [38...f6 39.Rc1+ Kd6 40.h4 h6 41.Rd1+ Ke7 42.Rh1 Bg8±] **39.h4 h6 40.Rh1 Kd6 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.Rh5 f6 43.Rh6 Ke7 44.Rh7+ Bf7 45.Rh8 a5 2.21** [45...Be8? 46.Kd2 a5 47.Kc3 Kf7 48.Rh7+ Kg6 49.Rb7 Bf7 50.Rxb5 a4 51.Rb8 Be6+- 5.36] **46.Ra8 a4 47.Ra7+ Ke8 48.Rc7+- 2.17 1-0**

In Rd. 12, Gashimov, in third, played Grischuk, then tied for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>. Gashimov went up the exchange, and then had Q vs R + B. In the finale, he sacked his Q for the R, to be able to queen his passed gP. The win left him in a tie for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> with Wang, and Grischuk, who had led from the start, dropped into 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

## Gashimov, V (2679) – Grischuk, A (2716) [C72]

FIDE GP Baku AZE (12), 04.05.2008

**1.e4±** Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6** [2...Nf6±] **3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6** [4...Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0±] **5.0-0?±** [5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.Nc3 Nf6±] **5...Bg4 6.h3 h5?±** this sac is unsound, if not taken right away. Gashimov gets the advantage [6...Bh5 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.d4 exd4 9.Nd5 b5 10.g4 Nxc4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.hxg4 Ne6 13.gxh5 bxa4±] **7.d4** [7.hxg4? hxg4 8.d3 (8.Nh2?? Qh4 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Re1 Qxh2+ 11.Kf1 Qh1+ 12.Ke2 Qxc2 13.d3 Qf3+ 14.Kd2 Qxf2+ 15.Qe2 Qg3+) 8...gxf3 9.Qxf3 Qh4 10.Qh3 Qxh3 11.gxh3 Rxh3±] **7...b5 8.Bb3 Nxd4** it is now best to stick with the sac. Grischuk goes up a P [8...Bxf3?! 9.Qxf3 Nf6±] **9.hxg4** Gashimov goes up B vs P [9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.hxg4 hxg4 11.Ng5+ Ke8±] **9...Nxb3 10.axb3?!=** [10.cxb3 hxg4 11.Ng5 Qd7 12.f4 Rd8±] **10...hxg4** Gashimov is up N vs 2 P **11.Ng5 Qd7 12.Qd3 Rb8?±** Gashimov gets a "clear" advantage [12...c6 13.c4 b4 14.c5 f6 15.Rxa6 Rxa6 16.Qxa6 fxg5=] **13.Rxa6?!±** Gashimov is up N vs P, but his N is trapped. [13.f4 f6 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.Rd1+ Ke7 17.Rxa6 fxg5 18.Bxg5+ Nf6± material equality] **13...f6 14.Nc3 fxg5 15.Bxg5** material equality **15...Be7 16.f4?!=** Gashimov has lost his advantage [16.Be3 g3 17.Nd5 (17.fxg3 c6 18.g4 Qc8±) 17...gxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Nf6±] **16...gxf3?±** Gashimov again gets a "clear" advantage [16...Bxg5 17.fxg5 c6=] **17.Qxf3 Nf6 18.Nd5 Nxd5?!+-** Gashimov gets a "winning" advantage [18...Bd8 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Ra7 Qh7±] **19.Qf7+ Kd8 20.Qxg7** Grischuk is up N vs P, with his R under attack and his N.



**20...Kc8?+-** 2.77 Grischuk wrongly decides to go into a complicated exchange of pieces, losing the exchange + P **21...Kb7 22.Qh7 Qg4** 3.27 [22...Kxa6 23.exd5 Qg4 (23...Re8? 24.Rf7 Qg4 25.Rxe7 Rxe7 26.Bxe7 Qd1+ 27.Kh2 Qxd5+- 4.88) 24.Qxe7 Qd4+ 25.Kh2 Rh8+ 26.Kg3 Rg8 27.Kh3 Rh8+ 28.Bh4 Qe4+- 3.49] **23.exd5** Gashimov is up a R + P **23...Qd4+ 24.Kh1 Bxg5?+-** 4.94 Gashimov is up the exchange + P [24...Kxa6 25.Bxe7 Qxd5+- 3.26 Gashimov would be up a B] **25.Rfa1?+-** 3.18 [25.Ra5 Qb6 26.Rfa1 Rc8+- 4.91] **25...Be3 26.Ra7+ Qxa7 27.Rxa7+ Bxa7** Gashimov is up Q + P vs R + B **28.g4 Rf8 29.g5 Rf2 30.Qe4?+-** 3.71 [30.g6 Rxc2 31.g7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg1+ 33.Kh3 Bd4 34.g8Q Rh1+ 35.Kg4 Rg1+ 36.Kf5 Rxc8 37.Qxc8+- 9.50] **30...Rf1+ 31.Kh2 Rf4 32.Qxf4 exf4** Grischuk is up B vs P, but is lost. He will be unable to stop the gP from queening **33.c3+-** 5.44 **1-0**

In Rd. 13, the Norwegian wunderkind, Carlsen, completed his charge from the middle of the pack, and defeated Bacrot, jumping into a tie for 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> with Gashimov and Wang. He went up a P, then lost it. Then he got another P, and then a second and then a

third, and Bacrot resigned. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Bacrot, E (2705) – Carlsen, M (2765) [E21]**

FIDE GP Baku AZE (13), 05.05.2008

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 b6?!±** [4...0-0 5.Bg5 c5 6.Qb3 h6 7.Bh4 a5=] **5.Bg5 Bb7 6.Nd2?!=** [6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 9.Qa4+ Qd7±] **6...h6 7.Bh4 Nc6?!±** [7...c5 8.a3 Bxc3 a) 8...Ba5?! 9.e4 d6 10.d5 (10.e5?! dxe5 11.dxe5 Qd4 12.exf6 Qxh4 13.fxc7 Rg8±) 10...Nbd7±; b) 8...cxd4?! 9.axb4 dxc3 10.bxc3 d6±; 9.bxc3 d6=] **8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qe7 10.e3 g5?!±** Bacrot gets a " clear " advantage [10...Na5 11.Qc2 c5±] **11.Bg3 d6 12.h4?!±** [12.Bd3 0-0-0 13.Qe2 Nd7±] **12...0-0-0 13.Be2 Nd7 14.Nb3?!=** [14.Bf3 f5 15.Qa4 Ndb8±] **14...f5 15.Qc2 Rhf8 16.f3 e5 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.0-0-0 Rde8 19.Bd3 Qf7** [19...Qf6 20.Nd2 Ne7 21.Kb2 a6=] **20.Rh6 Ba6?!±** [20...e4 21.fxe4 Nf6 22.Rf1 Qg7 23.Rhh1 Nxe4 24.Bh2 Nb8=] **21.Nd2 exd4 22.exd4 Na5?!±** [22...Bb7 23.Bf2 g4 24.Rdh1 Ne7±] **23.Rdh1 Re7 24.Qa4?=-** [24.Rh7 Qxh7 25.Rxh7 Rxh7 26.Bxf5 Rh1+ 27.Kb2 Rg1± Bacrot would be up Q + P vs 2 R's] **24...Re3?!±** [24...d5 25.Bf2 dxc4 26.Rh7 Qe8=] **25.Rh7 Qe8 26.Qc2 Nf6 27.R7h6?!=** Bacrot has lost his advantage [27.Bxf5+ Kb8 28.Bg6 Qd8±] **27...Kb7 28.Bf2 Rxd3 29.Qxd3 Nd5 30.Re1?±** for the first time in the game, Carlsen gets the advantage, a " clear " advantage [30.Qc2?! Bxc4 31.Rh7 Qb5±; 30.g3 g4 31.Qc2 Bxc4 32.Re1 Qb5=] **30...Qa4 31.Qc2 Qxa3+** Carlsen goes up a P **32.Qb2 Qxb2+ 33.Kxb2 Nxc4+ 34.Nxc4 Bxc4 35.Be3 g4 36.fxc4?!-+ - 1.85** Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [36.Bd2?! Rg8 37.Rh2 gxf3 38.gxf3 Rg3 39.Rf2 a5+- - 1.46; 36.Bg5 b5 37.Rg6 gxf3 38.gxf3 f4±] **36...fxg4** Carlsen goes up 2 P's **37.Rg6 a5?!±** [37...Re8 38.Bd2 Rxe1 39.Bxe1 Nf4 40.Rxg4 Nd3+ 41.Kb1 Nxe1-+ Carlsen would be up B + N + P vs R] **38.Rxg4** Carlsen is up a P again **38...a4 39.Rg3?!-+ [39.Ka3?! b5 40.Rg3 Nxe3 41.Rgxe3 Rf2 42.Ra1 Rc2-+; 39.Bg1 a3+ 40.Kc2 a2 41.Kb2 Nf4±] 39...a3+?±** [39...Nxe3 40.Rgxe3 Rf2+ 41.Ka3 b5 42.Ra1 Rc2-+] **40.Kxa3** material equality **40...Ra8+ 41.Kb2 Ra2+ 42.Kc1 Nxc3** Carlsen goes up a P again **43.Bd2 Ne2+ 44.Rxe2 Bxe2 45.Rg7 Ra4** [45...Bd3 46.g4 Rc2+ 47.Kd1 Kc6±] **46.Bc3 b5 47.g4** [47.Re7 Bc4±] **47...Bf3 48.g5 b4** [48...Rc4 49.Kd2 Be4±] **49.Bb2?!-+** Carlsen gets back his " winning " advantage [49.Bd2 Bd5 50.Kb1 Ra3±] **49...Ra5** [49...Be4?! 50.Re7 d5 51.Rf7 Ra8±] **50.Kc2 Bd5 51.Re7 Bc4** [51...Bg8?!±] **52.Bc1 Rf5 53.Bd2 Rf2 54.g6** [54.Re1 Rg2 55.Rb1 c5 56.Rb2 Kb6-+] **54...Rg2 55.g7 Kc6 56.Re8 Bf7 57.Rb8 b3+** this pawn is trouble **58.Kc3 Rxg7** Carlsen goes up 2 P's **59.Kb2 Bc4 60.Kc3 Kd5 61.Rb7?-+ - 5.55** [61.Re8 Rg3+ 62.Re3 Rg2 63.Re1 Rxd2 64.Kxd2 Kxd4-+ - 4.51] **61...Rg3+ 62.Kb2 Kxd4-+ - 5.55** Carlsen goes up 3 P's **0-1**

### **Pan-American Women's Championship, San Salvador, Salvador**

This 9-round swiss ended May 12. SCC junior girl, WFM Yuanling Yuan, captured second place ! Congratulations Yuanling !

### **Canadian Olympic Selections Ratings May 1, 2008.**

#### **Selection Ratings - Men**

There will be a 5 player team, including the 2007 Canadian Champion. One position by Selection Committee need not be by rating.

Olympiad starts November 12, 2008.

Highest ratings starting May 16, 2007.

Must have no. of qualifying games ( 10 ) by May 16, 2008.

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Ratings for May 1, 2008.

Players	Title	Highest Rating		Average Rating	Number of Games	Eligibility	Placement	Why Not Eligible
		FIDE	Canadian					
Spraggett Kevin	GM	2611	2618	2615	80	Yes	1	
Le Siege Alexandre	GM	2528	2577	2553	0	No	2	No games
Bluvshtein Mark	GM	2544	2557	2551	30	Yes	3	
Tyomkin Dimitri	GM	2505	2570	2538	0	No	4	No games
Kovalyov Anton	IM	2525	2524	2525	64	No	5	Federation - Argentina
Charbonneau Pascal	GM	2507	2534	2521	20	Yes	6	
Zugic Igor	IM	2481	2553	2517	29	Yes	7	
Roussel-Roozmon Thomas	IM	2489	2494	2492	83	Yes	8	
Krnan Tomas	IM	2439	2534	2487	10	Yes	9	
Teplitsky Yan	IM	2452	2463	2458	4	No	10	Not enough games
Gerzhoy Leonid	IM	2415	2460	2438	26	Yes	11	
Noritsyn Nikolay	IM	2367	2503	2435	79	Already Qualified	12	

### **Olympic Selections Ratings May 1, 2008.**

#### **Selection Ratings - Women**

There will be a 5 member team, including the 2007 Canadian Women's Champion. One position by Selection Committee need not be by rating.

Olympiad starts November 12, 2008.

Highest ratings starting May 16, 2007.

Must have no. of qualifying games ( 10 ) by May 16, 2008.

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Ratings for May 1, 2008.

Players	Title	Highest Rating		Average Rating	Number of Games	Eligibility	Placement	Why Not Eligible
		FIDE	Canadian					
Gansvind Valeria	WFM	2210	2310	2260	16	No	1	Federation - Estonia
Khoudgarian Natalia	WM	2151	2274	2213	12	Already Qualified	2	
Yuan Yuanling		2119	2206	2163	106	Yes	3	
Starr Nava	WM	2173	2135	2154	9	No	4	Not enough games
Smith Hazel	WF	2054	2223	2139	5	No	5	Not enough games
Kagramanov Dina	WF	2111	2137	2124	17	Yes	6	
Barron Irina		2124	2119	2122	16	Yes	7	
Charest Johanne	WM	2088	2111	2100	0	No	8	No games
Khaziyeva Dinara	WM	2111	2085	2098	0	No	9	Not CFC member and no games
Kazakevich Anastasia		2039	2156	2098	11	Yes	10	
Belc Daniela	WFM	2053	2081	2067	12	Yes	11	
Benggawan Amanda		2062	2058	2060	0	No	12	Not CFC member and no games
Brestoiu Doina		2111	2003	2057	11	Yes	13	
Lacau-Rodean Iulia		2049	2030	2040	27	Yes	14	
Mongeau Diane	WFM	2045	2022	2034	0	No	15	No games
Roy Miryam		1925	1970	1948	23	Yes	16	



The million dollar question of course, is how will 2 teams be funded, given the financial deficit of the CFC ? We have heard nothing from the Executive on this, and one governor has advised that the Executive have said nothing yet to them.  
[ note: prior to the deadline, Hazel Smith completed the 10 games required and is now eligible ].

### **SCC Spring Swiss – Final Standings**

On March 13, an 8-round swiss started, the SCC Spring Swiss. It was in 2 sections as is now the practice at SCC ( 1700 & Over; U 1700 ). 31 players registered for the top section. 24 players registered for the second section ( this is a consistent with the 50 player average we've been having over the past year or so ).

After 8 rounds, the winners were::

Open Section: 1<sup>st</sup> – 7.5 pts. – John Hall ( undefeated – only 1 draw given up ! )



2 Yuanling Yuan (5.5 points) [ left front ]



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Jerry Z.S. Wang (5.5 points)



U 1700 1<sup>st</sup> – 6.5 pts. – Maurice Smith (undefeated)





2<sup>nd</sup> – 5.5 pts. – Jim Roe [ centre ]



3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – 5 pts. – Masoud Jizan ( third on tie-break ); Dean Ward; Andrew Philip.

[ for full standings , go to SCC Website ( [www.scarboroughchessclub.ca](http://www.scarboroughchessclub.ca) ) – Events ]

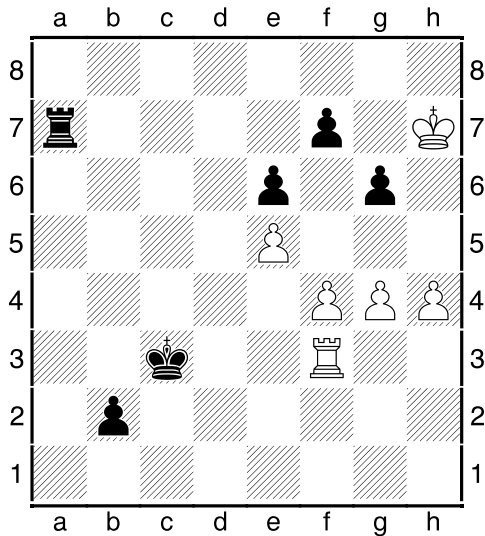
In Rd. 8 in the top section, Will Rutherford got the advantage early, and held onto it all the way through.....'til he got into time pressure. He initially was up a pawn against Randy Moysoski, but Randy equalized. Then he had a passed pawn on the second rank but couldn't see how to promote it and took a draw – in a winning position. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Moysoski, Randy (1867) – Rutherford, Will (1793) [B10]**

SCC Spring Swiss ( U 1700 ) Toronto (8), 01.05.2008

**1.e4 c6± 2.Ne2?!=** [2.d4±] **2...d5 3.e5 Bf5?!±** [3...d4 4.c3 c5 5.Nf4 e6=] **4.Nd4?!=** [4.Ng3 Bg6 5.d4 e6±] **4...Bg6 5.f4?!±** [5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Nh6=; 5.h4 Qb6 6.Nb3 a5=] **5...e6 6.Nc3 c5 7.Nf3?!±** Will gets a " clear " advantage [7.Bb5+ Nd7 8.Nf3 a6 9.Be2 d4 10.Nb1 Ne7±] **7...Nc6 8.d4 cxd4?!±** [8...Nh6 9.Bd3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxg6 hxg6 12.Qxd4 Nf5 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7±] **9.Nxd4 a6?!=** [9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Ne7 11.Qb4 Qc8±] **10.Be3 Bb4** [10...Nh6 11.a3 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Nf5 13.Bf2 d4 14.Ne4 Ne3 15.Bxe3 dxe3 16.Bd3 Qb6=] **11.a3 Ba5 12.Be2?!±** [12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.b4 Bb6 14.Bxb6 Qxb6=] **12...Nge7 13.Bg4?+-** Will gets a " winning " advantage [13.0-0 Bb6 14.Qd2 0-0±] **13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Nc6 15.b4?+-** – 3.53 [15.Bf2 d4 16.b4 Bxb4! 17.axb4 Nxb4 (17...dxc3?! 18.Bc5 Qxd1+ 19.Bxd1 Ne7±) 18.f5 – 1.56 (18.Ne2?! Nxc2+ 19.Kf1 d3 20.Ng3 Nxa1 21.Qxa1 h5 22.Bf3 d2+- – 2.30) 18...exf5 19.Na2 Nxa2 20.Bf3 Qa5+ 21.Kf1 Rd8-+] **15...Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Bb6 17.Qd1 Bxc2?** – 1.64 Will goes up a P [17...Rc8 18.Nxd5! (18.Ne2 Bxc2 19.Qd2 Qh4+ 20.Ng3 Qxg4+- – 7.29) 18...exd5 19.c3 (19.Bxc8?? Qxc8 20.Kf1 Qc3 21.h4 Bh5! 22.Qxh5 Qxa1+ 23.Ke2 Qxh1-+ – 12.04) 19...Rxc3 20.Qa4+ Ke7-+ – 8.06] **18.Qxc2 Qh4+ 19.g3 Qxg4 20.Qa4+ Ke7 21.Qd1 Qxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rac8 23.Rd3 Rc4 24.Na4 Rc1+ 25.Rd1 Rxd1+ 26.Kxd1 Bd4 27.Kd2 Rc8 28.Rb1 b5?+-** – 1.46 [28...f6 29.Nc5 fxe5 30.fxe5 b6 31.Nxa6 Bc3+ 32.Ke2 Bxe5+- – 2.68] **29.Nb2?+-** – 2.49 [29.Kd3 Bxe5 30.fxe5 bxa4+- – 1.46] **29...Bxb2?+-** – 1.63 [29...Rc3 30.Nd3 Rxa3 31.Rc1 Kd7-+ – 2.71] **30.Rxb2 Rc4 31.Rb1 Kd7** [31...g5 32.Rf1 f6 33.fxg5 fxe5-+] **32.Kd3 Kc6** [32...Re4 33.Rb2 h6 34.Ra2 h5 35.Rf2 f6-+] **33.Rf1** [33.Re1 Kb6 34.Re3 a5 35.bxa5+ Kxa5-+] **33...g6?!±** [33...Kb6? 34.f5 Re4 35.fxe6 fxe6 36.Rf7 Rxe5 37.Rxg7 Rh5±; 33...f5 34.Rg1 g6 35.Rb1 d4-+] **34.h3?!-+** [34.h4?! d4 35.Ke4 Rc3 36.Ra1 Rxg3 37.Kxd4 Rg4 38.Ke3 Rxh4-+; 34.Rb1 Kd7 35.Rf1 Re4±] **34...d4 35.Ke4 Kb6?±** Will is losing his

advantage [35...Rc3 36.Rd1 Rxc3 37.Rxd4 Rxa3 38.Rd6+ Kc7-+] **36.g4?!?** [36.Rd1 Rc3 37.Rd3 Kc6 38.h4 h5 39.Rxd4 Rxa3] **36...a5 37.bxa5+ Kxa5 38.h4 Ka4 39.Kd3 Rc3+ 40.Kxd4 Rxa3 41.Kc5?!-+** [41.f5 b4 42.fxc6 fxc6 43.Rf7 Rg3] **41...b4 42.Kd6 Kb3** [42...b3? 43.Ke7 b2 44.Rb1 Kb3 45.Kxf7 Ra4 46.Kxe6 Rxf4 47.Kd5 Ka2 48.Rxb2+ Kxb2 49.e6 Rb4 50.e7 Rb8 51.Ke6 Kc3 52.Kf7 Kd3 53.e8Q Rxe8 54.Kxe8 Ke3 55.Kf7 Kf4 56.h5 Kxc4 57.hxc6 hxc6 58.Kxc6=; 42...Kb5 43.Ke7 Ra7+ 44.Kf6 b3 45.f5 gxf5 46.gxf5 exf5 47.Rf2 Ka4-+] **43.Ke7?!-+** [43.f5 gxf5 44.gxf5 Kc4 45.Rf4+ Kb5 46.fxe6 Ra6+ 47.Kd5 fxe6+ 48.Kd4 Rc6-+] **43...Ra7+ 44.Kf6 Kc2 45.Kg7 b3?-+ - 2.43** [45...f5+ 46.Kf6 fxc4 47.Rg1 b3 48.Rxc4 b2 49.Rg2+ Kc3 50.Rxb2 Kxb2 51.Kxe6 Ra4-+ - 5.44] **46.Kxh7** material equality, but Randy is lost **46...b2?-+ - 2.45** Will is doing it the hard way [46...f5+ 47.Kxc6 fxc4 48.f5 b2 49.fxe6 g3 50.e7 Rxe7 51.Kf6 Re8-+ - 11.87] **47.Rf2+?-+ - 3.55** [47.Kg8 Ra4 48.Kxf7 Rxf4+! (48...Kb3? 49.Rb1 Ka2 (49...Rxf4+ 50.Kxe6 Rxc4 51.Rxb2+ Kxb2 52.Kf7 Rxc4 53.Kxc6 Rh8 54.e6 Kb3 55.e7 Kc4=) 50.Rxb2+ Kxb2 51.Kxe6 Kc3 52.f5 Rxc4 53.Kf6 Rxc4 54.fxc6 Rf4+ 55.Ke7 Rg4=) 49.Rxf4 b1Q-+ - 2.07] **47...Kc1?-+ - 2.04** [47...Kc3 48.Rxb2 Kxb2 49.Kh6 Kc3 50.h5 gxc5 51.gxc5 Kd4-+ - 5.50] **48.Rf1+ Kc2** [48...Kd2 49.Kg8 Ra4 50.Rf2+ Kc3 51.Rxb2 Kxb2 52.Kxf7 Rxf4+ 53.Kxe6 Ka3 (53...Kc3? 54.h5 g5 55.Kd6 Rxc4 56.e6 Rd4+ 57.Kc6 g4 58.e7 Re4 59.Kd6 Kd3=) 54.h5 g5 55.h6 Kb4 56.Kd7 Rf7+ 57.Kd8 Kc5-+] **49.Rf2+ Kc3 50.Rf3+**



**Kc2??=** Will doesn't see the win in the time pressure, and goes for a draw [50...Kc4 51.Rf1 Ra1 52.Rxa1 bxa1Q-+ - 10.62] **51.Rf2+ Kc3** draw agreed ½-½

In Rd. 8 in the U 1700, Dinesh Dattani went up N + B vs R when Hassan Pishdad erred. Then Hassan tried an exchange sac to try to open lines to the Bl K., but it accomplished little. Dinesh ends off with a nice sac and K-side mate. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

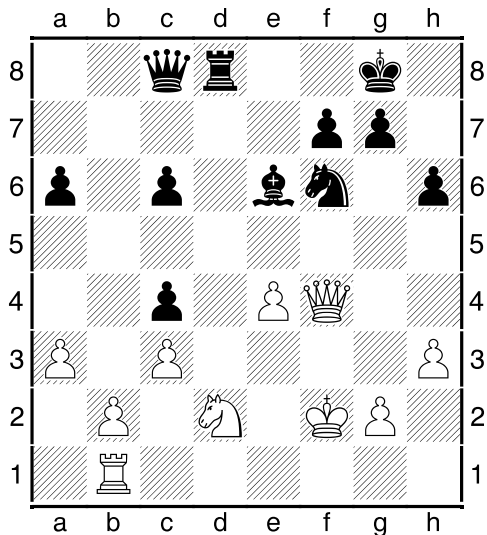
### Pishdad, Hassan (1230) – Dattani, Dinesh (1375) [C50]

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[Fritz 11 (65s)/Dinesh Dattani/Bob Armstrong]

78MB, Fritz11.ctg, D6KVNN91C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Bc5?!±** [BA - 3...Nf6= ] **4.Bc4?!=** [BA - 4.Nxe5 Nf6 5.Nf3 d5 6.e5 Ne4±] **4...Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 h6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe2 Bd7N** [8...a6 9.Be3 Re8 10.Bxc5 dxc5 11.Qe3 b5 12.Qxc5 bxc4 13.Qxc6 Bd7 14.Qxc4 Be6 15.Qb4 Rb8 16.Qa5 Bc8 17.b3 Qd6 18.Rad1 Qb6 19.Qxb6 cxb6 20.d4 exd4 21.Rxd4 Bb7 ½-½ Sanae,A-Benaissa,I/Duisburg 1992/TD; 8...Qe7 9.Bd2 Be6 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Rae1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 c5 17.b4 Qc7 18.Qe3 c4 19.Qg3 Kh7 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 Nh5 22.Qf3 Nf6 23.Qg3 Asanin,Z (1500)-

Dobravec,B (1500)/Murska Sobota 2007/CBM 117 ext/1-0 (39); 8...Ne7 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Rad1 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Bd7 12.d4 exd4 13.exd4 Nf4 14.Qe3 Nxb3+ 15.gxh3 Bxh3 16.Rfe1 Qd7 17.Nh2 Ng4 18.Qxh3 Rfe8 19.Qxg4 Qxg4+ 20.Nxg4 c6 21.Rf1 d5 22.exd5 cxd5 23.Bxd5 Barila,J-Muotri,M/Villa Ballester 2002/CBM 086 ext/1-0; 8...Na5 9.Bb3 Nxb3 10.axb3 c6 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 b6 13.d4 Re8 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Ne2 Nh5 17.Nh4 Nf4 18.Rd2 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Be6 20.Qh5 a5 21.Rd3 Kh7 22.Rg3 Rg8 23.Ng6 Fingerhut,A (968)-Friedrich,M (1500)/Husum 2002/CBM 088 ext/0-1 (39)] **9.Be3** [9.Bd2 Qe7=] **9...Bxe3** [9...Nd4 10.Qd1=] **10.Qxe3= a6** Covers b5 [10...Nh5 11.Rad1=] **11.a3** Secures b4 **11...Ne7?!±** [11...Re8 12.Rad1=] **12.d4±** White threatens to win material: d4xe5 **12...Ng6** [12...exd4 13.Qxd4 Nc6 14.Qd3±] **13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Rad1 c6** White has an active position [14...Qe7±] **15.Na4??+?** White lets it slip away. BA. – allowing the b5 pawn-fork. Dinesh gets a "winning" advantage [15.Rd6± was necessary] **15...b5+ 16.Nb6 bxc4 17.Nxa8** [17.Rfe1 Qc7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8+] **17...Qxa8** BA – Dinesh is up B + N vs R **18.Nd2** [BA – preferable is 18.Rfe1+] **18...Be6 19.c3?** [19.b3+] **19...Qb7** [19...Rb8 seems even better 20.Rfe1+] **20.Rb1** [20.Qc5 Qxb2 21.Nxc4 Qe2+ (21...Nxe4? doesn't lead to the expected results 22.Qxf8+ (22.Nxb2?? going for material but overlooking... 22...Nxc5 23.Rd6 Rc8+) 22...Kxf8 23.Nxb2+-) ] **20...Qc8?+-** – 1.58 [20...Rd8 and Black can already relax 21.b3 Nf4 22.Nxc4+- – 3.50] **21.f4?+-** – 3.71 BA – this just loses the P, though it opens the f-file to the BK [21.b3+- – 1.64] **21...Nxf4** Dinesh is up B + N + P vs R **22.Rxf4??+-** – 4.58 BA – an unsound sac that does not help [22.Rfd1 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 22...c5+- – 3.86] **22...exf4 23.Qxf4** BA – Dinesh is now up a B **23...Rd8 24.Kf2?+-** – 11.86 – BA – sets up a nice tactical attack on the K. DDD: The Game continues: 24...Bxh3 25. gxh3 Qxh3 26. Nxc4 Ng4+ 27. Kg1 Rd3. Hassan resigns. Mate is inevitable. [24.Nf3 doesn't improve anything 24...Qb8 25.Qxb8 Rxb8+ 5.52]



**24...Bxh3!** – 6.18 Decoy: h3. BA Dinesh tries a different sac – not as good, but still effective [BA – 24...Rxd2+! 25.Kg1 (25.Qxd2?? Nxe4+ 26.Ke2 (26.Kg1 Nxd2+- – 21.12) 26...Nxd2 27.Kxd2 Qd8+ 28.Ke1 Qg5+- – 20.12) 25...Qd8+- – 11.86 BA – Dinesh would be up B + N] **25.gxh3** [25.Nf1 does not save the day 25...Be6 26.Kg1 Qb7+] **25...Qxh3** BA – Dinesh is up 2 P [25...Rxd2+ makes it even easier for Black 26.Ke1 Rd3+] **26.Nxc4?+-** – 19.25 [26.Kg1 no good, but what else? 26...Qd3 27.Rf1 Qxd2 28.Qxd2 Rxd2 29.Rf4+- – 8.40] **26...Ng4+ 27.Kg1?+-** BA – leads to mate [27.Qxg4 cannot change what is in store for ? 27...Qxg4 28.Rg1 Qf4+ 29.Kg2 Rd3 30.Rf1 Rg3+ 31.Kh1 Qh4#] **27...Rd3+-** DDD: Hassan resigns. Mate can not be avoided.[27...Rd3 28.Qxg4 Qxg4+ 29.Kf2 Rf3+ 30.Ke1 Qg1+ 31.Ke2 Qg2+ 32.Kd1 Rf1#] **0-1**

## GTCL Club Team League ( U 2000 )

On Tuesday, May 6 at Willowdale CC, SCC played Willowdale and lost 1-3. The one winner for SCC was Oscar Villalobos, playing on Board 1, defeating now expert, Boris Chudnovsky, recent winner of the 2008 Toronto Closed ( Reserves ). The losing members of the SCC team were : Bd. 2 – Jim Roe ( vs former SCC member, now expert, Mickey Stein ); Bd. 3 – Maurice Smith ( vs Gary Krasnosheky – unr. ); Bd. 4 – Steve Karpik ( vs Max Kornmann - 1741 ).

The unplayed game against BOTSB ( Conrad Ho ), and the upcoming game with them, cannot be played by them, and so they default both of them, and the schedule is concluded for SCC for this year. Unfortunately the GTCL could not get it together to post the standings on the GTCL website this year, and so we cannot give you them.

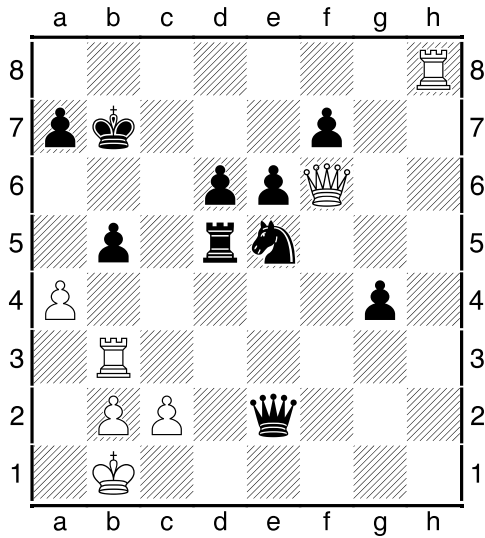
Oscar played the 150 attack against the Pirc Defence, and sacked 2 pawns to get at the BI K. But he was starting to get in trouble as Boris ended up with a “ winning “ advantage. Boris then blundered the exchange, but with the 2 pawns compensation, he kept his “ winning “ advantage. Then he managed to grab another P. But he then blundered badly, checking when he should have defended, since thereafter Oscar had a successful king-hunt, and it was curtains. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Villalobos, Oscar (1863) – Chudnovsky, Boris (2100) [B08]**

GTCL Club Team League ( U 2000 ) Toronto (1), 06.05.2008

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Bf4 d6 6.Qd2 Bg4?!±** Oscar gets a " clear " advantage [6...d5?! 7.exd5 Bf5±; 6...c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.0-0-0 Qa5±] **7.Be2?!±** [7.h3 Bxf3 8.gxf3 c5 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.0-0-0 Nc6±] **7...Nbd7?!±** [7...c5 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.0-0-0 Qa5±] **8.Bh6 c5 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.h4?±** Oscar launches a K-side attack, but loses his advantage [10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 Ng8±] **10...Bxf3?!±** [10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Rc8=] **11.Bxf3 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Ne5 13.Be2 h5 14.0-0-0 Qa5 15.g4?±** Oscar wrongly sacs a P to try to open lines to the BI K. Boris gets a " clear " advantage [15.f4 Nc6 16.Qe3 Rac8 17.Kb1 Rfd8±] **15...hxg4** Boris goes up a P **16.h5!** Oscar sacks a second P , trying to build an attack **16...gxh5?!±** Boris goes up 2 P's [16...Rac8 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Rhg1 Qc5±] **17.Rdg1?!±** [17.Nd5 Qxa2 18.Nxf6 Kxf6 19.Rxh5 Rh8±] **17...Qc5** [17...Qb6 18.Qd2 Qxf2 19.Nd1 Qc5 20.b4 Qc8 21.Qg5+ Ng6 22.Bxg4! Nxg4 23.Rxh5 f6 24.Qxg4 Qxg4 25.Rxg4 Rh8 26.Rxh8 Rxh8±] **18.Qd2** [18.Qxc5 dxc5 19.f4 Ng6 20.e5 Nxf4 21.exf6+ Kxf6±] **18...Rg8?!±** best to just take another P [18...Qxf2 19.Nd1 Qc5 20.b4 Qc8 21.Qg5+ Ng6 22.Bxg4! Nxg4 23.Rxh5 f6 24.Qxg4 Qxg4 25.Rxg4 Rh8±] **19.f3 Kf8 20.Qh6+?!±** Boris gets a " winning " advantage [20.Na4 Qc7 21.Nc3 Qa5±] **20...Ke8 21.fxg4 hxg4 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.exd5 Rc8?± – 2.08** [23...Qxd5 24.Kb1 Kd7+ – 3.18] **24.Qh7?± – 3.45** [24.Qd2 g3 25.Rg2 Nc4 26.Bxc4 Qxc4+ – 1.98] **24...Qe3+?± – 2.47** [24...Rg6 25.Bd1 Qb4 26.Kb1 Nc4 27.b3 Na3+ 28.Kb2 Nb5+ – 4.33] **25.Kb1 Qxe2?±** Chess blindness – Boris does not see that his R is hanging [25...Rg6 26.Bd1 Kd7 27.Qh4 f5+ – 3.05] **26.Qxg8+** Oscar goes up the exchange, but Boris has 2 P's compensation. Boris still keeps his " winning " advantage **26...Kd7 27.Qh7 b5?±** Boris is losing his advantage [27...Rc5 28.Rd1 Qg2 29.Qf5+ Kc7+ – 1.60] **28.Qf5+?!±** [28.Rh2 Qf3 29.Rd2 Rc5 30.Rdd1 Rxd5 31.Rdf1 Qe2+] **28...Kc7 29.Rg3?!±** Boris gets back his " winning " advantage [29.Rd1 Kb7 30.Rhe1 Qf3 31.Qxf3 gxf3±] **29...Kb7** [29...Kb8?! 30.Rgg1 Kb7 31.Rc1 Qf3 32.Qxf3 Nxf3±] **30.Rb3 – 2.15** [30.Rc1 Rc4 31.Qg5 Nf3 32.Qf5 Qe4+ – 2.41] **30...Rc5 31.a4 Rxd5?!±** Oscar is up the exchange, with Boris having 3 P's compensation [31...a6 32.axb5 axb5 33.Rc1 Rxd5+ ] **32.Rh8?!±** [32.Qg5 f6 33.Qf5 Rd1+ 34.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 35.Ka2 Qd4±] **32...e6 33.Qf6**

Position after 33.Qf6



**Qd1+??+-** after dominating all game, Boris blunders – for the first time since move 9, Oscar gets the advantage, a "winning" advantage [33...Ka6 34.axb5+ Rxb5 35.Ra3+ Ra5 36.Rxa5+ Kxa5-+] **34.Ka2 Qxc2** Oscar is up the exchange, with Boris having 4 P's compensation, but Boris is now lost **35.Qd8 Qc7 36.Qa8+ Ka6 37.Rc8 Qb7?+-** 5.18 [37...Qb6 38.Rb8 Nc6 39.axb5+ Rxb5 40.Ra3+ Ra5 41.Rxb6+ Kxb6 42.Rxa5 Nxa5+- 3.83] **38.axb5+ Rxb5 39.Ra3+ Ra5??+-** leads to mate in 8 moves [39...Kb6 40.Rb8 Qxb8 41.Qxb8+ Kc5 42.Rc3+ Kd4 43.Qxb5 Ke4+- 8.60] **40.Rxa5+** Boris resigned. It is mate. **40...Kb6 41.Rb5+ Kxb5 42.Qxb7+ Ka4 43.Rb8 Ka5 44.Qxa7# 1-0**

**Bayview Games Club Settles into New Quarters...Again**

Vlad Dobrich's BGC has moved again and is now located at the Bow and Arrow Restaurant/Bar at 1954 Yonge Street, just north of the Davisville subway station.







The chess schedule stays the same with blitz tournament on Saturday afternoon, and round robins on Monday evenings.

### **SCC Early Summer Swiss – New Tournament Started**

On May 8, a new 7-round swiss started, the SCC Early Summer Swiss. It is in 2 sections as is now the practice at SCC ( 1700 & Over; U 1700 ). 32 players registered for the top section. 20 players registered for the second section ( this is consistent with the 50 player average we've been having over the past couple of years ).

After the first round, the following players have 1 point:

Open Section : Erwin Casareno; Bryan Lamb; John Hall; Alex Ferreira; Tyler Longo; Kevin Wu; Oscar Villalobos; Bob Armstrong; Muneshwar Samaroo ( bye ).  
 U 1700 Section: Dean Ward; Steve Douglas; David Farrant; Linda Xia; Arvin Farhang; Marc Ben-Avraham; Peter Xie; Hassan Pishdad.

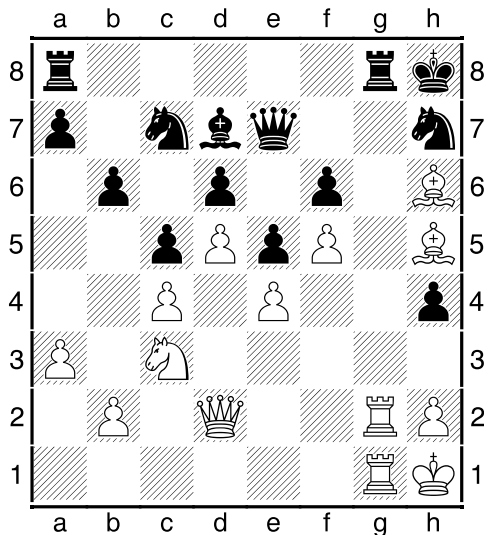
In Rd 1, in the top section, Will Rutherford put up strong resistance to John Hall's attack. But John had gotten the advantage early, and never gave it up. He built up a strong K-side attack, and eventually won Will's Q for R + B. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Hall, John (2128) – Rutherford, Will (1792) [E18]**

SCC Early Summer Swiss ( 1700 & Over ) Toronto (1), 08.05.2008

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6± [3...d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Bd6=] 4.g3 [4.Bg5 Bb7 5.Nc3 h6 6.Bh4 Be7±] 4...Bb7 [4...Ba6 5.Qa4 Bb7±] 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 c5?!± John gets a " clear " advantage [8...Na6 9.e4 c5±] 9.d5 e5 [9...exd5 10.cxd5 Re8±] 10.e4 Na6 11.Nd2 [11.Nh4 Bc8 12.h3 Ne8 13.Nf5 Bg5±] 11...Nb4 [11...Nc7 12.Nf1 a6 13.Ne3 Bc8±] 12.Nf1 Nd7 13.Bh3 Bc8**

14.a3 Na6 15.f4 Re8 16.f5?!± [16.Ne3 Nc7 17.Qf3 Bf6 18.Kh1 Nf8±] 16...Nf8 [16...Bg5 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.Nb5 Qe7±] 17.Nd2 g6?!± [17...Nd7 18.Nf3 Nf6 19.Qd3 Bd7±] 18.Nf3 h5 19.g4 [19.fxg6 Nxg6 20.Bxc8 Qxc8±] 19...hxg4 20.Bxg4 Bh4?!+- John gets a "winning" advantage [20...Nh7 21.Qd2 gxf5 22.exf5 Kh8±] 21.Re2 Nh7?!+- 1.92 [21...Bf6 22.Rg2 Nc7 23.fxg6 fxg6+- 1.47; 21...Nc7?! 22.Rg2 Bf6 23.Bh5 Re7-+ 1.79] 22.Rg2 Kh8 23.Be3?!± [23.fxg6 fxg6 24.Bxc8 Rxc8+-] 23...Rg8 24.Qd2 g5?!+- [24...gxf5 25.Bxf5 Bxf5 26.exf5 Be7±] 25.Kh1 Bd7 26.Rag1 John has amassed a lot of artillery on the K-side - it is looking dangerous 26...Qe7 27.Bh5 f6 4.82 [27...Qf6? 28.Rg4 Raf8 29.Nxh4 Qh6 30.Bg6 f6+- 6.06; 27...Nc7 28.Nxh4 gxh4 29.Bh6 f6 30.Bg6 b5+- 4.88] 28.Nxh4 gxh4



29.Bh6?+- 3.36 John has managed to build the pressure to the point where he can now win Will's Q ( though this is not the best move ) [29.Bg6 Raf8 30.Rg4 b5 31.cxb5 Nc7 32.Bxc5! Ne8 (32...dxc5?? 33.d6 Qg7 34.dxc7 h3+- 14.79) 33.Qh6 Rg7 34.Bxa7 Nc7+- 10.45] 29...Nc7 material is equal, but Will is lost 30.Bg7+?+- 2.64 going after Will's Q [30.Bg6 b5 31.cxb5 Rab8 32.Qe1 h3 33.Rg4 Be8+- 9.75] 30...Rxg7 31.Rxg7 Qxg7 [31...Qf8?? 32.Qh6 Bxf5 33.exf5 Qg8 34.Rxh7+ Qxh7 35.Qxf6+ Qg7 36.Qxg7#] 32.Rxg7 Kxg7 John is up Q vs R + N 33.Qg2+ Ng5 34.Qg4 h3 35.Bg6 Rh8 36.Ne2 b5 37.Ng3 Ne8?+- 4.05 [37...Kf8 38.Qe2 Ke7 39.b3 Rh4+- 1.41] 38.Nh5+ Kf8?+- 7.54 [38...Rhx5 39.Qxh5 Nc7 40.Qe2 Kf8 41.cxb5 Bxb5 42.Qe3 Ke7+- 4.39] 39.Bxe8 Bxe8 40.Nxf6+- 7.80 Will resigned. John is up Q + P vs R + B 1-0

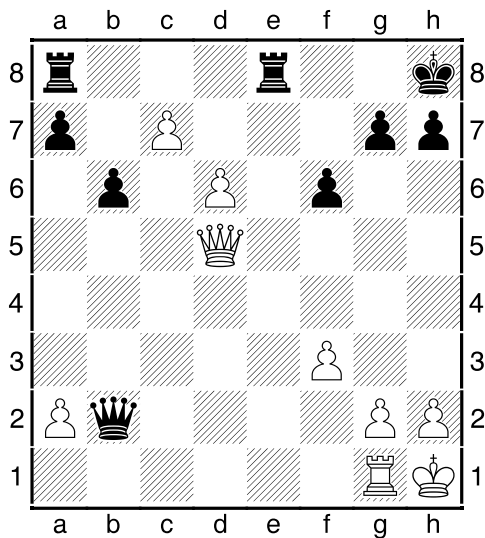
In Rd. 1 as well in the top section, there was a wild draw between Josh Sherman and junior Aaron Wu. Each had the advantage in the early going. Then Aaron won the exchange, but Josh had a P compensation, and got a "winning" advantage. He then sacked his Q ( wrongly ) for a R, to queen. But he then ran into time pressure, and when up Q vs R + 2 P's, had to agree to a draw. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Sherman, Josh (1880) – Wu, Aaron (1743) [B22]

SCC Early Summer Swiss ( 1700 & Over ) Toronto (1), 08.05.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted. 1...c5 2.d4= [2.Nf3±] 2...cxd4 3.c3 Fritz accepts this gambit as legitimate [3.Nf3 e5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bb5 Nf6=; 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qd3 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6=] 3...Nc6?!± Fritz advises not to refuse the gambit. [3...dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6=] 4.cxd4 d6?!± Josh gets an early "clear" advantage [4...d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 e6±] 5.Bc4?=- wrong continuation. Josh loses his advantage [5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d5 Ne5 7.f4 Ned7±] 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 Aaron could grab the P [6...Nxe4 7.Nge2 (7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Nxe4 Qa5+=; 7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.Bxe4

*Nxd4=*) 7...Nf6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Bb5+ Ned7=] **7.Nge2** [7.d5 Ne5 8.Bb3 Qa5 9.Qd4 Be7=] **7...Nxe4**  
**8.Nxe4** [8.d5 Nxf2! 9.Kxf2 Qh4+ 10.Ng3 Qxc4 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Rf1 d5=] **8...d5** **9.Bxd5?!?** for the  
first time in the game, Aaron gets the advantage [9.Bd3 dxe4 10.Bxe4 Bd6=] **9...Qxd5** **10.f3**  
[10.N2c3 Qc4 11.Bf4 Nb4] **10...Bb4+** [10...Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 Rd8] **11.N4c3** **0-0**  
[11...Qh5] **12.0-0** **Bxc3** [12...Qf5 13.Qb3 Rd8] **13.bxc3** **Rd8** [13...e5 14.f4 e4] **14.Qb3** **b6**  
**15.c4?!?** now Aaron gets a " clear " advantage [15.Re1 Ba6 16.Qxd5 Rxd5 17.Be3 Ne7;  
15.Qxd5 Rxd5 16.Rd1 Ba6 17.Nf4 Ra5] **15...Qf5?!?** [15...Qd7 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qc3 Na5]  
**16.Bb2?!?** [16.Rd1 Bb7 17.Qb5 Qxb5 18.cxb5 Nb4] **16...Na5** **17.Qc3** **Ba6** **18.d5** **f6?=-** Aaron  
loses his advantage [18...e5 19.Ng3 Qg6 20.Rfe1 Nxc4 21.Rad1 Rac8] **19.Nd4** **Qg6** **20.Nxe6**  
Josh goes up a P **20...Rdc8?±** Josh gets back a " clear " advantage [20...Rd7 21.Nf4 Qf5 22.Qe3  
Bxc4= material equality] **21.c5** **Bxf1** **22.Rxf1** Josh has a P compensation for being down the  
exchange **22...Nb7?!+-** Josh gets a " winning " advantage [22...Qf7 23.f4 Rd8] **23.c6** **Nd8**  
**24.Nxd8** **Rxd8** **25.c7** **Re8** **26.Qc6** **Qd3** **27.d6** these pawns are dangerous **27...Qe3+?+-** 4.70  
[27...Rad8! 28.h3 (28.cxd8Q Rxd8 29.Re1 Qxd6 30.Qc4+ Qd5 31.Qxd5+ Rxd5+- 2.94) 28...Rf8  
29.cxd8Q Rxd8 30.Bc3 Qxd6+- 2.95] **28.Kh1** **Qe2** **29.Qd5+** **Kh8** **30.Rg1** **Qxb2** Josh is up a P



**31.Qxa8?** 1.85 Josh wrongly sacs his Q for a R, depending on queening to get it back [31.d7 h6  
32.d8Q Raxd8 33.cxd8Q Rxd8 34.Qxd8+ Kh7+- 7.82 Josh would be up a R vs P] **31...Rxa8**  
Aaron is up Q vs P **32.d7** **Rg8** **33.d8Q** material equality **33...Qc3!** **34.Rd1** **h6** **35.h3** **b5?+-** 9.30  
[35...h5? 36.Qe7 Kh7+- 9.34; 35...Qc2 36.Qxg8+ Kxg8 37.Rd8+ Kh7 38.c8Q Qxc8 39.Rxc8+-  
7.93] **36.Qe7** **Qc2** **37.Rd8** **Qc1+** 12.46 [37...Qb1+? 38.Kh2 Qxa2 39.c8Q Qd5+- and it is mate in  
14 moves] **38.Kh2** **Qf4+** **39.g3** **Qxf3?+-** and it is mate in 11 moves [39...Qc4 40.Rxg8+ Kxg8  
41.Qe8+ Kh7 42.Qe4+ Qxe4 43.fxe4+- 15.21] **40.Qe1?+-** 5.00 Josh misses the mate [40.Rxg8+  
Kxg8 41.c8Q+ Kh7 42.Qc2+ f5 43.Qb2 Qe2+ 44.Qbx2 b4 45.Q2e5 Kg6 46.Q5xg7+ Kh5  
47.Qe8#] **40...Qc6** **41.c8Q** **Qxc8** **42.Rxc8** **Rxc8** Josh is up Q vs R + 2 P's **43.Qe6** **Rc2+** **44.Kg1**  
**Rb2** **45.Qa6+-** 5.46 Due to time pressure, Josh agreed to a draw ½-½

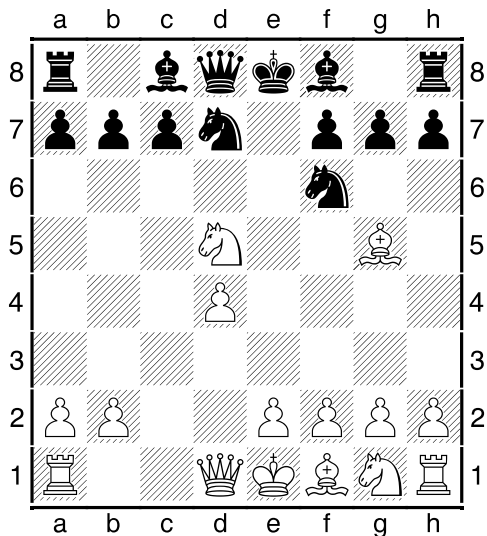
In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, veteran Jim Roe got caught in an opening trap by junior girl  
Linda Xia, where she temporarily sacked her Q, only to get it back shortly thereafter, and  
being up a minor piece. She went on to win. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob  
Armstrong, using Fritz ):



## Roe, Jim (1639) – Xia, Linda (1535) [D35]

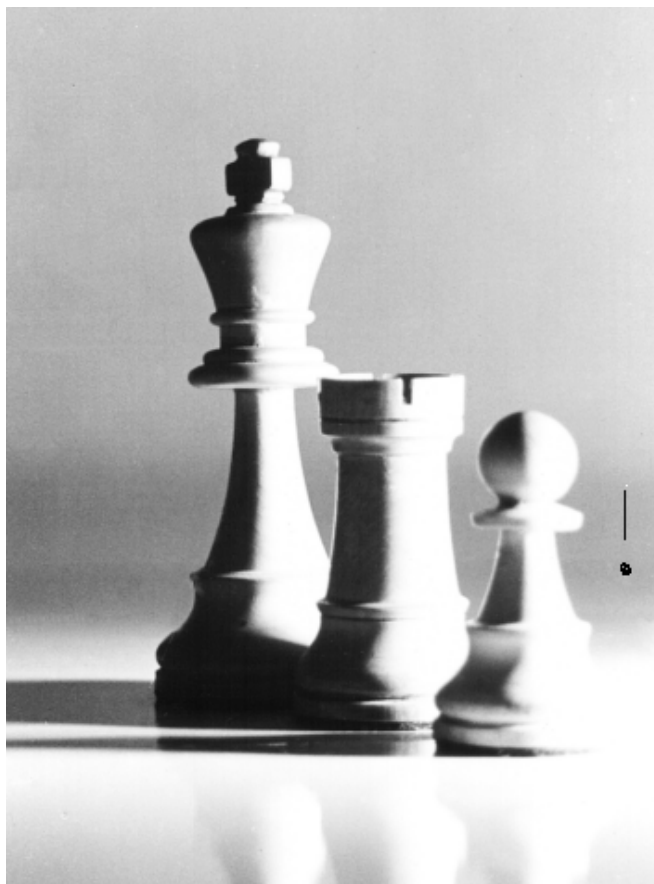
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7?!± Jim gets the advantage [4...c6 5.e3 Qa5 (5...Bb4?! 6.Rc1 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6±) 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.cxd5 Bb4 8.Qc2 cxd5=] 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nxd5??-+ thinking he had the f6N pinned, Jim went for the win of a P ....wrongly ! [6.Nf3 h6 7.Bh4 Nb6±]



6...Nxd5! Linda analyzes the tactical potential correctly and temporarily sacs her Q. She goes up N vs P 7.Bxd8 Bb4+ 8.Qd2 Bxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Kxd8 when the smoke clears, Linda is still up N vs P 10.Nf3?+- - 2.98 [10.e4 N5f6 11.f3 Ke7+- - 2.20] 10...N7f6 11.e3 Be6 12.Rc1 - 2.54 [12.Ng5 Ke7 13.e4 Nb6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.f3 Rhd8+- - 2.30] 12...Rc8 13.h3 h6 14.Bd3 Nb4 15.a3 Nxd3 16.Kxd3 Bf5+ 17.Ke2 Re8 18.Ne5 Be6 19.f3 Nh5 20.Rhd1 c6 21.Nd3 g5 22.Nf2 f5 23.Nd3 Bb3 24.Rd2 Nf4+ 25.Kf2 Nxd3+ 26.Rxd3 Bd5 27.g4 fxg4?+- - 2.25 [27...Rf8 28.Kg3 f4+ 29.exf4 Rxf4 30.Re1 Rc7+- - 3.53] 28.hxg4?+- - 4.15 [28.e4 g3+ 29.Kxg3 Be6 30.Rh1 Rg8 - 2.54] 28...Rf8+- - 4.31 Jim resigned. He must lose another P 29.e4 Bxe4 30.Re3 Bd5+- - 4.44 0-1

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