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GTA Juniors : Part of Canada’s Present & Future (Part 8)

“ Spotlight “ on Evgeni Miller !

Introduction

This is the eighth article in the series highlighting GTA Juniors. Today we review the chess career of 16 year old Evgeni Miller, and 4 of his games.

Evgeni’s Progress and Successes

Evgeni was born in Moscow, Russia on July 2, 1985. He was taught how to move the pieces when he was three. Then he and his family moved to Haifa, Israel, and at 6 years old, started taking formal training in chess. But his actual first rated tournament did not come until he was about 11 years old, when he played 3rd board in the Israel team championship, in a regional league. One of his most memorable experiences before coming to Canada was scoring 6/9 pts. in a Budapest, Hungary “ First Saturday “ tournament, where he first obtained his FIDE rating.

Evgeni obtained his first ratings in Canada in April, 2000. He first achieved an expert Active rating of 2154. Then a few weeks later, he got a regular expert rating of 2098. His rating stayed in the 2000’s for a year, and then in April, 2001, in the Toronto Open, he moved his rating over 2100 to 2133. At the Sept. 2001 Toronto Macedonian Labour Day Open, he won the Under 2200 section. Then in October, 2001, at the Toronto Thanksgiving Day tournament, he achieved his master rating of 2223 (his peak rating so far), with a score of 4/6 pts. in the Open section. He is currently rated 2202.

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When players from the lower age groups are removed, Evgeni stands # 5 on the list of top Canadian juniors under 18 years old (# 1 is our newest International Master, Stephen Glinert).

Evgeni does have as well, international experience representing Canada. In October 2001, he went to Oropesa del Mar, Spain, to the FIDE World Youth Chess Festival championships, as part of Canada's Under 16 years old team. He finished in the middle of his age group : 48th-58th out of 102 players.

Congratulations Evgeni, and we look forward to seeing your Master rating rise in the coming years !

On With the Games !

[Note :

SCTCN&V, as a service to its readers, attaches to the cover e-mail accompanying this newsletter:

1. a database in .pgn format (this Issue, EvgeniAnn.pgn) : It contains the annotated games in the text of this newsletter ! (There may be minor variations between this database and the newsletter, due to newsletter text amendments, after the databases were created.) You need only open the attachment, and spend a few minutes clicking through these interesting junior games, and the full annotations ! We make your life easier. Enjoy !

2. a second database (Evgeni.pgn) : It contains Evgeni's games, but unannotated.

The main purpose of this is that some readers prefer to first play the games over unannotated, and to annotate them themselves. Then they look at the database annotations (human & computer). The second reason we do this is to make the games easily available to those who may not have a chess program that uses a .pgn database, but do have a " chess game reader " (many are free off the internet).

P.S. : SCTCN&V Junior Database - we have the database of all junior games that have appeared in our series, since Jan. 1, 2002, annotated, in .pgn format. Simply contact the editor by e-mail, and request it if you would like it sent to you.]

Evgeni Miller (2140) - Ang Meng (2150)

Toronto Macedonian Labour Day Open '01 Macedonian Hall, Toronto, 09.2001

[Notes by Evgeni Miller (EM), Bob Armstrong (BA), Fritz 6]

B01: Scandinavian Defence

[BA : unattributed annotations are by Fritz 6 Auto-analysis.]

1.e4 d5‡

[BA : unexplainably, Fr.6 now evaluates the position as +/= ?! To keep the position = , Fr.6 will accept the classical 1...e5= !]

2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 e5

[EM : slightly dubious, but exists in theory.]

5.Nf3 [EM 5.Qh5!?] **5...Bg4 6.dxe5 Bb4 7.Bd2 Nc6** (EM : +/-)
[EM 7...Bxf3 (BA : ?) 8.Qxf3 Qxe5+ 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0-0±]

8.Bb5 last book move **8...Nge7**
[EM 8...Bxc3 (BA :??) 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Bxc3+-]

9.a3 Bxf3
[9...Bxc3 10.Bxc6+ Nxc6 11.Bxc3±]

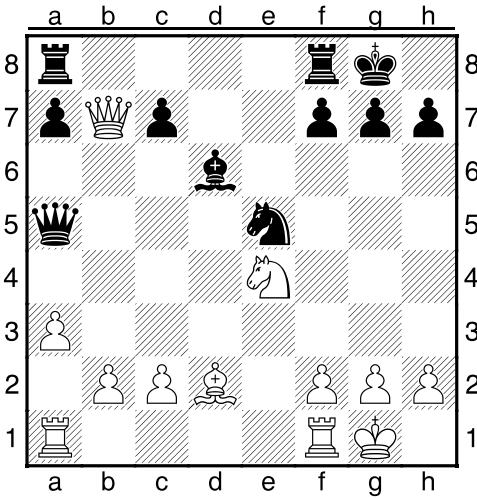
10.Qxf3 0-0?±
[10...0-0-0 11.Bxc6 Nxc6 12.0-0 Rxd2 13.axb4 Qxb4 14.Qxf7±]

11.Bxc6 Nxc6 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.Qxb7
[EM : W is left with an extra P]

13...Bd6
[EM 13...Rab8 (BA :?) 14.axb4! Qxa1 15.Qe4 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Nf3+ 17.gxf3 Qa3+-]

14.Ne4

Position after Evgeni's 14.Ne4 – How should Ang continue to maintain the status quo of +/- ?



Qa4?+-
[BA 14...Qb6 15.Qxb6 axb6 16.Nxd6 cxd6±]

15.Nxd6 cxd6 16.Bb4!
[EM : wins another P]

16...Rfd8
[16...Rab8 17.Qd5 Rbd8 18.Bxd6 Ng6+-]

17.Bxd6 Nc4 18.b3 Qd7
[EM 18...Nxd6? 19.Qxa8+-]

19.Qxd7 Rxd7

[EM : the rest is easy]

20.Bf4

[20.bxc4?! Rxd6 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6+-; Fr.6 20.Bb4 Ne5 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Rxd7 Rxd7+-]

20...Na5 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Rxd7 Rxd7 23.Kf1 f6 24.Ke2 g5 25.Be3 Rc7 26.Kd2

[Fr.6 26.Rc1 Kf7 27.f4 g4 28.h3 gxh3 29.gxh3 Ke6+-]

26...Rd7+ 27.Kc3 Kf7 28.Re1 Rc7+ 29.Kb2 Rb7 30.a4 Nc4+ 31.Kc3 Ne5

[31...Nxe3 32.Rxe3 f5 33.b4+-]

32.b4

[32.Bxg5 seems even better 32...Rc7+ 33.Kb2 Nc4+ 34.bxc4 fxg5+-]

32...Rc7+ 33.Kb3 Nc4 34.Bc5 Ne5

[34...Na5+ 35.Ka2 Nc6+-]

35.Bd6 Rd7 36.Bxe5 fxe5 37.Rxe5 Rd2

[37...Kf6 is no salvation 38.Re8+-]

38.Rxg5 Rxf2 39.b5 [39.b5 h6 40.Rg3+-; 39.Ra5 makes it even easier for White 39...Rxg2 40.Rxa7+ Kg6+-]

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Evgeni Miller (2140) - Stefanie Chu (2080)

Toronto Macedonian Labour Day Open '01 Macedonian Hall, Toronto, 01.09.2001
[Notes by Evgeni Miller (EM) /Bob Armstrong (BA) /Fritz 6 (Fr6)]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 BA : unattributed annotations are by Fritz 6 Auto-analysis

1.e4 c5±

[BA : Fr.6 disapproves of the Sicilian, and evaluates this position as +/= .]

2.c3=

[BA : Neither does Fr.6 like this line of the Sicilian for W; it evaluates the move as inferior, and the position as now = .It prefers [2.Nc3±]]

2...d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.Bc4 Qd7?±

[Fritz 6: 7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Qxf3 9.Nxf3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.cxd4 Rc8 12.Bb5+= 0.00/11]

8.Qb3?= [Fr.6 8.dxc5±] 8...e6 9.Ne5 last book move 9...Qc7 10.Bb5 Bd6?±

[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Bd6 12.Qc3=]

11.Ndc4 0-0?±

[11...cxd4 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qb7±]

12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Nxg4?±

[EM 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.f3 Bf5 15.Qa3!±]

13...Nxg4 14.h3?

[14.Be2 Nf6 (14...Nhx2? doesn't work because of 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Qxb7+-) 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Qxb7 Rab8±]

14...Nf6 15.dxc5 Qe5+?± [Fr.6 15...Qxc5=] 16.Be3?±

[EM 16.Be2 Rab8 (16...Qxc5? 17.Qxb7 Rab8 18.Qa6 18...Rfd8 19.Be3 Qd6 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8±) 17.Qc4 Fr6 17...Nd5 18.0-0 Rfd8±]

16...Nd5 17.0-0 Nxe3 18.Rfe1 Qxc5 19.Rxe3 Rad8 20.Bxc6 Qxc6 21.Rd1 Rd7 22.Red3 Rfd8

23.Qc2 Qb5 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.a4 Qc6 26.b4 g6 27.Rxd7 Qxd7 28.a5 Kg7 29.c4 Qd4 30.g3 f5

31.Kg2 e5 32.b5 White gets in control 32...Kf7 33.c5 Ke7 34.b6

[EM 34.c6! Qd5+ 35.Kg1 Fr.6 ?=+/-(Fr.6 35.Kh2=) 35...bxc6 36.bxc6 Kd8 37.c7+ Kc8= (Fr6:=/+)]

34...axb6

[EM 34...a6??± 35.c6 Qd5+ 36.Kh2 bxc6 37.Qb2± (37.b7?? Qb5±)]

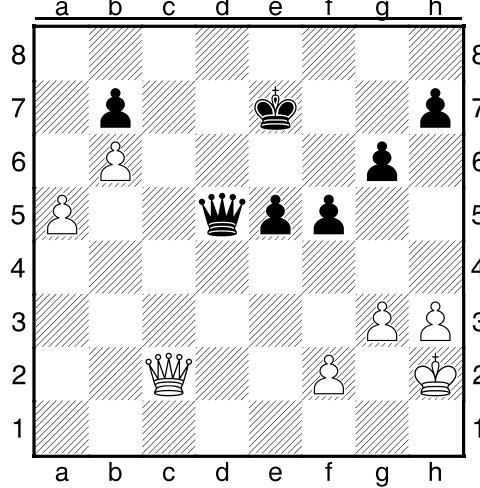
35.cxb6

[Worse is 35.axb6 Kd7 36.c6+ bxc6±; BA : to here, the game has been played dead = since move 16 !]

35...Qd5+?± [BA : finally someone blinks !; Fr.6 35...Qd6=]

36.Kh2

What is Stefanie's best move now ?



36...Qf3??+-

[□36...Qd7± this is the best way to fight back; Fr.6 36...Kf6±]

37.Qb2!! f4

[37...Qd5 doesn't get the cat off the tree 38.a6 Kf6 39.a7+-]

38.a6 fxg3+ 39.fxg3 bxa6

[39...Qd5 does not win a prize 40.Qg2 Qxg2+ 41.Kxg2 bxa6 42.b7+-]

40.b7

[40.Qxe5+?! succumbs to 40...Kd7= 41.Qc7+ Ke6 42.Qc2 Kd6 draw]

40...Qf8 41.Qb4+ [41.Qb4+ Kf7 42.Qxf8+ Kxf8 43.b8Q+ Kf7 44.Qb7+ Kg8 45.Qxa6+-]

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Evgeni Miller (2190) - Yan Teplitsky (2540)

Toronto Thanksgiving Day Open '01 DCC, Toronto, 01.10.2001

[Notes by Evgeni Miller (EM)/Bob Armstrong (BA)/Fritz 6 (Fr.6)]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 BA : unattributed annotations are by Fritz 6 Auto-analysis.

1.e4 c5?±

[this is the erroneous Fritz 6 evaluation.]

2.c3?=

[as in the prior game, Fr.6 again disapproves of this line for W ??]

2...d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 cxd4

[BA : in the prior game, Stefanie Chu played 6...Nc6 at this point.]

7.Bc4

[EM 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Nxd4 Qe5+ 9.Be2 Bxe2 10.Nxe2=]

7...Qh5?± [Fr.6 7...Qd7=] **8.cxd4?=** last book move.

[EM 8.Qb3 b6 9.Nxd4 Qe5+ Fr.6 10.Ne2 (EM 10.Be2?= Bxe2 11.Nxe2=) 10...e6±]

8...Nc6 9.Qb3 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Nxd7 12.Qa4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Nb6 14.Nc4 Na5 15.Nxa5 Qxa5+ 16.Bd2 Qd5 17.0-0?±

[17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Ke2 e6=]

17...e6?=

[17...Qxb3 18.axb3 e6 19.Ra5?]

18.Bf4???

[18.Qxd5?! Nxd5 19.Rfc1=]

18...Qxb3 19.axb3 Nd5 A valuable piece **20.Bg3 f6?±** Prevents intrusion on e5 ; Fr.6 20...Be7?]
21.Nd2?± [Fr.6 21.Ne1?] **21...Bb4** The bishop feels good on b4 **22.Ne4 Ke7 23.Rfc1 Rhc8?±**
[Fr.6 23...a5?]

24.Rc4 Rc6 25.h3?±

[Fr.6 25.Rxc6 bxc6?]

25...a5 26.Nc5 b6

[EM 26...b5 27.Rcc1 Kf7 28.Nd3?]

27.Nd3 Rac8 28.Rac1 Kd7 29.Nf4 [29.Kh2 Bd6?] **29...Nxf4 30.Bxf4 b5 31.Rxc6 Rxc6 32.Rxc6**
[EM : 32.Kf1? gains a tempo] **32...Kxc6 33.Kf1 Kd5 34.Be3 Bd6 35.Ke2 e5**
[EM 35...h5 36.Kd3 g5 Fr.6 37.g4? (EM 37.f3?+ h4 38.Bd2 Bc7 39.Bc1 Bb6 40.Be3 b4-+)]

36.dxe5 Bxe5 37.Bc1 a4?±

[BA : with this error, Yan's advantage drops to only " slight ", and Evgeni is given the chance to draw the game : best is 37...f5 38.g3?]

38.bxa4 bxa4 39.Kd3 Bd4 40.f3 f5 41.Kc2 Kc4 Active king in the endgame 42.Bd2 [42.g4 g6#]
 42...Bf6 43.Bc1 h5 44.Bd2#
 [EM 44.g4# fxg4 45.fxg4 g6 46.gxh5 gxh5 Fr.6 47.Bd2# (EM 47.Bf4# Kd4 48.Bd2 Ke4 49.Bc3 Be7 Fr.6 50.Bg7# (EM 50.Bd2#-+ Kf3 51.b4 axb3+ 52.Kxb3 Kg3 53.Kc4-+ (EM : =)))]

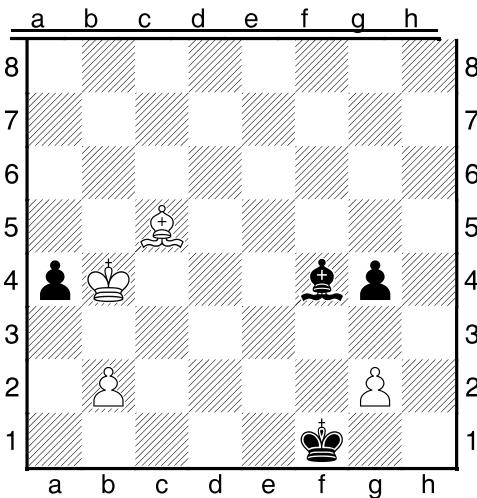
44...g6#
 [BA : again, Yan gives up a " clear " advantage ; best is Fr.6 44...h4#]

45.Be3# [Fr.6 45.g4#] 45...Be7 46.Bf4 Kd4 47.Bd2 g5 48.Bc1 g4 49.hxg4 (EM : ?!)
 [EM 49.Bd2# ; Fr.6 49.fxg4 hxg4 50.hxg4 fxg4#]

49...fxg4 50.fxg4 hxg4 51.Bd2 Bd6# [Fr.6 51...Kc4#] 52.Bg5 Be5 53.Bc1 Ke4 54.Bd2 Bf6
 55.Bh6 Bd4 56.Bg5 Be5 [56...Be3 57.Bf6#] 57.Bd2 Bc7 58.Bg5# [58.Kc3# should be considered] 58...Bf4 59.Be7#-+
 [BA : this should be a fatal error by Evgeni ; best is Fr.6 59.Bh4#]

59...Ke3 60.Bc5# [60.Bh4 Ke2#-+] 60...Ke2 61.Kc3 Kf1 62.Kb4
 [62.b3 axb3 63.Be7 Kxg2 64.Kxb3 Kf3#-+]

Position after Evgeni's 62.Kb4; what is Yan's winning move here ?



62...Be5?
 [62...Kxg2 and Black can celebrate victory 63.Be7 Kf1#-+]

63.Kxa4 Bxb2
 [63...Kxg2#! 64.b4#]

64.Kb3
 [64.Bd6 Kxg2 65.Kb3 Bf6#-+]

64...Bf6
 [64...Be5 seems even better 65.g3#-+]

65.g3 Kg2 66.Bd6 Bd4 67.Kc4 Bf2 68.Bf4

[White has lost his nerve... understandable when you consider his position (BA : this annotation by Fr.6 Auto-analysis seems to be wrong) ; 68.Kd5 Bxg3 69.Be7 Kf3 70.Ke6 Bf2 71.Bd6 Ke4 72.Be7 Be1 73.Bd6 Bd2 74.Bg3 Bg5 75.Be1 Bf4 76.Bh4 Be5 BA : this appears to be a draw, despite the Fr. 6 evaluation that Bl. has a " winning " advantage.]

68...Bxg3 69.Bg5

[BA : Evgeni hung tough for a long time, and showed his determination to make Yan demonstrate a win, which Yan failed to do. Good game, Evgeni.]

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Lawrence Day (2480) - Evgeni Miller (2220)

Toronto St. Valentine's Day Open '02 DCC, Toronto, 02.2002

[Notes by Evgeni Miller (EM)/Bob Armstrong (BA)/Fritz 6 (Fr.6)]

B10: Caro-Kann: 2 d3 and 2 c4 BA : unattributed annotations are by Fritz 6 Auto-analysis

1.e4 c6?±

[BA : erroneously, Fr.6 evaluates the Caro-Kann as inferior, and evaluates this position as +/= (??)]

2.d3?=

[BA : similarly, Fr.6 disapproves of this passive line for W, and now says the position is = (??)]

2...d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.Ngf3 Bd6 5.Qe2 Qe7 [Fr.6 5...d4=] 6.g3?±

[last book move ; BA : Fr.6 disapproves of Modern-type openings for W involving W fianchettoing his K-side B (??)]

6...Nf6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4?= [Fr.6 8...Re8±] 9.h3 Bh5 [EM 9...Bxf3!?=] 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4 dxe4 12.dxe4 Nbd7 13.Nc4 Bc5 14.Nf5 [Fr.6 14.Rd1=] 14...Bxf5 15.exf5

[EM : it is obvious that Lawrence is looking to (re -) activate his W-squared B; however, gxf5, followed by Kh1 and Rg1, with the prospect of attacking on the g-file, might have been a better choice

15...Nd5 16.g5 [Fr.6 16.Rd1± ; 16.Na5±] 16...Rfe8= [Fr.6 16...Rfd8=] 17.Be4

[The bishop likes it on e4 ; Fr.6 17.Qg4=]

17...Nf4 Menacing 18.Qg4 f6 19.g6 hxg6 20.fxg6 Qe6! 21.Qxe6+ Nxe6 22.c3 Secures b4+d4

22...Nf4 23.Bf5 A sound move 23...Nf8?± [Fr.6 23...Nb6=] 24.Bxf4

[EM : forced due to the threat to g6]

24...exf4 25.b4 Bb6 26.Nd6?=

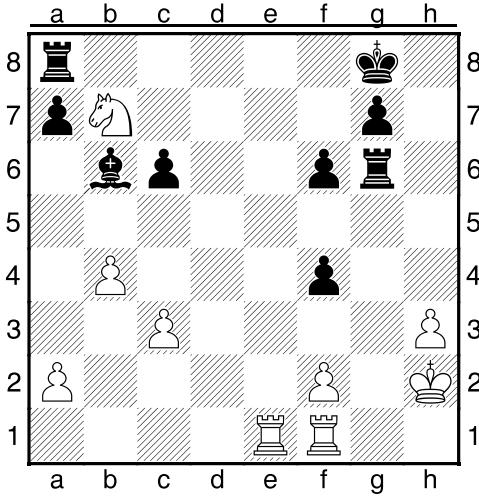
[26.Nxb6 axb6 27.Rfe1 f3±]

26...Re5 27.Rae1 Nxg6!

[EM : I'd calculated this move back on move 21, under possible continuations. I was pretty sure Lawrence would avoid it, as he is dropping his dangerous P]

28.Bxg6 Rg5+ 29.Kh2?± [Fr.6 29.Kh1=] 29...Rxg6 30.Nxb7?± [Fr.6 30.c4±]

Position after 30.Nxb7
 What should Evgeni play now to keep his “ clear “ advantage ?



30...Bc7??=

[EM : obviously better is 30...f3!? 31.Re7 Rg2+?]

31.f3 Be5 32.Re4???

[32.Re2 Bxc3 33.a3 Be5=]

32...Rb8??=

[□32...Rg3?!? 33.Na5 c5? (≤33...Bxc3 34.Nxc6 Be5 35.Nxe5 fxe5 36.Rxe5±)]

33.Na5 Rd8 34.Rf2

[Instead of 34.Nxc6 Rd2+ 35.Kh1 Rgg2?]

34...Bxc3

[EM : a mistake; better was 34...Kh7 to de-threaten Nxc6 leading to Ne7+; Fr.6 34..Rd1=]

35.Nxc6 f5!

[EM : the only move to keep the balance]

36.Rc4

[36.Ne7+ Kf7 37.Nxf5 Rf6=]

36...Be1 37.Ne7+ Kh7?± [Fr.6 37...Kf7=] 38.Nxg6 Bxf2 39.Nxf4

[BA : Lawrence goes up a P]

39...Rd2 40.a4 g5 41.Ng2?±

[41.Ne6 Bh4+ 42.Kg1 Rd1+ 43.Kg2 Rd2+ 44.Kh1 Rd1+ 45.Kg2 Rd2+ 46.Kf1 Rd1+ 47.Kg2=]

41...f4?±

[41...Rd3 42.h4 g4 43.Nf4 (≤43.fxg4 Bg3+ 44.Kg1 Rd1+ 45.Ne1 Bxe1?) 43...Rxf3 44.Kg2?]

42.h4 Bxh4 43.Kh3

[EM 43.Rc7+?± Fr.6 43...Kg6? (EM 43...Kh6?± Fr.6 44.Kh3= (EM 44.Rxa7??± g4?))]

43...Bf2 44.Kg4 Bb6

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Backgrounder

This is an SCTCN&V series on the top GTA juniors, such as Evgeni (We have previously featured Alina Sviridovitch, Hazel Smith, David Hier, Shiyam Thavandiran, Irakli Vadachkoriya, Nikolay Noritsyn and Mark Bluvshain [note : last month, Alina, Irakli, Nikolay and Mark all won the CMA Ontario Chess Challenge finals for their grades, and go to the Canadian finals in Newfoundland later this month as part of the Ontario Team ! Congratulations.]). Unfortunately, we can only “ spotlight “ so many juniors in our series – some other deserving ones may not be reached. But we hope the highlighting of our GTA junior talent will encourage all juniors in the GTA to love the game, and continue to improve. We hope they all, and our adult readers, enjoy the series.

We are giving only a very short personal resume of the junior’s accomplishments. We prefer to let their games speak for them ! We’ve tried to choose an interesting collection of 4 games, that show their style, positional ability, tactical ability, etc..

And it shows the maturity of our juniors that they consent on occasion to have us use a game they LOST, when they had good wins to offer. They understand that a “ lost “ game is not necessarily by any means one of their “ bad “ games. And they agree in order to give the readers entertaining games to play over

We have done annotations, but we make no pretense to GM analysis. Yours truly (computer-enhanced), the odd volunteer, some juniors, some juniors’ victims, are merely annotating to make the games a bit more interesting reading. It is more to highlight something about the junior’s style, rather than to be the last word on theoretical analysis of the position . However, the annotations are of good quality ; we think you will notice this if you play the annotation lines over in the games database accompanying this newsletter; you might even pair off our human/computer annotations against you and your computer’s best efforts . We especially thank Evgeni for annotating each of his four games for this Issue.

We hope you are enjoying our line-up of junior games. We hope our series contributes to GTA juniors’ enjoyment of chess, and provides some encouragement for them to continue to improve their chess.

Scarborough CC Sponsors the “ Love of the Game “ June Weekend Tournament

N-P Chess Organizing is holding a weekend tournament at the SCC site on the first weekend of June : Fri. May 31 – Sun. June 2 . SCC is pleased to be a sponsor of this tournament, which features the very low regular registration fee of \$ 30 !! It makes a weekend tournament affordable for most players, and it is expected to draw a number of first time weekend tournament players. It is hoped they will then “ graduate “ to other weekend tournaments, and playing rated tournaments “ over-the-board “ as new members at local chess clubs.

The details are in the flyer/registration form set out below :

The 2002 "Love of the Game" Chess Championship

Fri. May 31, Sat. June 1, Sun. June 2

Sponsored by Scarborough Chess Club

Prizes : Open Section First Prize \$ 400 **Guaranteed** (if at least 10 players) ; Other 1st and 2nd place/unrated prizes based on number of entries; estimated total prize fund of \$ 1000 (based on 75 entries)

Entry Fee : very low \$ 30 Regular ; \$ 5 **Discount** to Junior/Senior (18 - / 65 +); women; 2nd and subsequent family members. One discount per person. **Free** entry to Titled Players (GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM, WFM). Late fee at the door \$ 5 (part of general revenue)

Type : 5 Round Swiss System – CFC-rated

Sections : Open (any rating or unrated); Intermediate (2099 – 1800); Up & Comers / Unrated (U 1800) [Note : Unrated players only eligible to win unrated prize, or either prize in the Open Section (not eligible for class prizes)]

Round Times : Friday - Round 1 : 7:00 PM; Sat. & Sun. – Rounds 2 & 4 : 11:30 AM; Rounds 3 & 5 : 6:00 PM

Byes : ½ pt. Byes available in Rounds 1-4 **IF** TD notified before start of Round 1.

Time Controls : 40 moves/ 2 hrs.; Sudden Death/ 1 hr.

Place : Stan Wadlow Park Clubhouse (site of Scarborough Chess Club), 373 Cedarvale Avenue, Toronto (East York) (one block east of Woodbine Ave./ Cosburn Ave. Intersection) ; **free** parking ; TTC : buses out of both Woodbine and Main Street Subway Stations (5 min.).

Registration : A) ADVANCE ENTRIES

- 1) By mail – send cheque payable to “ N-P Chess Organizing “ to N-P Chess Organizing, c/o 221 Milverton Blvd., Toronto, Ontario. M4J 1V6. Mail entries must be postmarked by May 23, 2002;
- 2) In person – at Scarborough Chess Club, Stan Wadlow Park Clubhouse, Tues. or Thurs. evenings after 7:00 PM (but not the third Thurs. of April or May), or Sunday afternoon (1:00 PM - 6:00 PM);
- 3) By e-mail (for cash on site) – to bobarm@sympatico.ca ; entries accepted until 9:00 PM Thurs. night, May 30, 2002.

B) ON SITE – **CASH ONLY AT SITE**; registration from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM; \$ 5 late fee ; anyone wanting to register after 11:00AM will be paired with other late registrants in their section or will receive a ½ pt. bye if odd number of players.

Organizer : N-P Chess Organizing : Andrew Philip, Ismail Ibrahim, Bob Armstrong (SCC members)

Sponsor / Guarantor : Ted Termeer (SCC V-P), Ismail Ibrahim (SCC Treas.), Andrew Philip, Bob Armstrong

Tournament Director : Bryan Lamb (SCC President)

Miscellaneous : 1. bring sets and clocks; 2. no computers; 3. no smoking; 4. \$ 1/player goes to GTCL Junior Scholarship Fund; 5. \$2/player goes to CFC for rating

Enquiries : e-mail N-P Chess Organizing at bobarm@sympatico.ca 02/04/22

The “ Love of the Game ” Chess Championship

Advance Registration Form

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World Chess Championship Reunification ? – May 6 Meeting, Prague, the Czech Republic

Yasser Seirawan got the reunification theme going with his “ fresh start “ proposal, whereby an Office of Commissioners would take over the running of the World

Championship from FIDE. On April 25, a partnership put forward a new proposal, incorporating features of the Seirwan proposal. One of the proponents is Einstein Group PLC, the company that bought BraingGamesNetwork's contractual rights to a challenge match with 2000 BrainGamesNetwork Champion, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia). The other partner is a wealthy Syrian-born widow residing in Paris, France, who has become a chess patron, Ms. Nahed Ojjeh . In summary, they propose a reunification match between, the FIDE Champion, Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine), and Kramnik. But each must face a challenge match to their title first. Interestingly, they have given Garry Kasparov (Russia), the highest-rated FIDE player, some priority in the FIDE side of the challenge. One suggestion is that there will be a preliminary match, and the winner will face Kasparov, for the right to be the challenger.

FIDE has responded positively in that FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzinhov will be attending the meeting. He recently took full control of FIDE Commerce that has all the commercial rights to chess, and ended the marketing contract with Octagon Marketing, giving him sole control in any negotiations as far as FIDE is concerned.

We'll keep you posted as things develop.

The SCTCN&V “ Know Your Chess Players “ Contest

Do you recognize this world famous chess player ? (Answer in next Issue !)



[Answer to the identity of our female chess celebrity in our last Issue # 16, of April 15 – WGM Alexandra Kosteniuk, 2001 FIDE Women's World Chess Championship Runner-Up]

Gausdal, Norway Classics GM Tournament

14 year old GTA IM Mark Bluvshtein played in this 10-player round robin, which included 3 GM's and 3 IM's. Mark finished with a respectable 4/9 pts., defeating English GM Keith Arkell in the process. Good luck, Mark, in future competitions.

GTCL Holds 2002/3 Annual General Meeting

9 GTA stalwarts came out to start the new GTCL year off on the right foot : Bryan Lamb, President (formerly SCC rep.); Cesary Posylek, Vice-President (former Polonia CC rep.); Ismail Ibrahim, Secretary (former SCC Rep. – by proxy to Bob Armstrong); Wilf Ferner, Treasurer (former SCC Rep.); Mark Dutton, Communications Officer (formerly Dutton Chess Rep.); Larry Bevand (Toronto Chess 'N Math Association Rep.); Tony Cheron (Weston CC Rep.); Chris Field (Toronto Secondary School Chess League Rep.); David Cohen (Dutton Chess Club Rep. – by proxy to Mark Dutton).

Outgoing 2001/2 Board Meeting # 3

There were reports on the GTA tournaments in the past year. One item that got some discussion was the current tournament feature in Toronto of the lower sections subsidizing the prize fund of the top Open Section. It was contrasted with some Quebec tournaments, where each section has the same guaranteed prize fund, or the alternate method where all registration fees remain in the sections (as is being done in the N-P Chess Organizing " Love of the Game " tournament coming up at the end of the month). The meeting also drew up a tentative list of CFC Governor/ OCA Director nominees, for the new incoming Board to consider. The nominees were (not in any order) : Lamb, Posylek, Ferner, Dutton, David Gebhardt, Cohen, Cheron, Ari Mendrinos, Michael Dougherty, Peter Boross-Harmer. Bryan undertook to contact Ismail, and see if he wanted to be on the list, since he had been past Secretary of the GTCL and is active in Toronto chess.

2002/3 GTCL AGM

At the AGM part of the meeting, reports were given by the Executive officers present as to their activities in the past year, and any advice for the incoming Executive/ Board. An important issue that arose here was the Junior Scholarship Fund. It was determined that the current way of using the fund for 10-11 scholarships should be changed to there being some type of low income qualification, to see that the money was directed to talented juniors, who faced financial barriers in chess education or tournament play. CMA, who had stopped donating to the fund a year or so ago, over disagreements with certain board actions, indicated it was more than willing to again contribute to the fund, IF there was a satisfactory long-term plan was in place. And it indicated that it liked the idea of the scholarships incorporating a " bursary " type feature. It was decided that the new executive should be asked to strike a committee to work on this, and members suggested were Lamb, Dutton and Bevand.

The final part of the AGM was the election of Officers for the coming year. Elected were : President – David Cohen; Vice-President – Cesary Posylek; Secretary – vacant; Treasurer – Bryan Lamb; Director of Communications – Mark Dutton; Team Coordinator – David Gebhardt.

Incoming 2002/3 Board Meeting # 1

The upcoming tournaments through to December were discussed, and the fact that GTCL still had no bidders for its GTCL-sanctioned tournaments, as it didn't have the previous year. The topic came up of whether Dutton Chess could increase the maximum player cap that it currently is using, to accommodate more Toronto players. CMA indicated that there was vacant space on the same floor that was available to DC, if a reasonable rental could be agreed on. DC's problem was whether there actually were many more players who would play if it increased its space. Mark indicated he's usually only turning away about a half dozen players. But it was pointed out that many chess players decide to play at the last minute, and are willing to pay late fees, as happened in the 2001 Toronto Macedonian Labour Day tournament, where about 50 on-site registrants appeared, when there was not a cap, and late entries were possible. It was pointed out that this also brings its own problems of getting Rd. 1 started on time, etc. DC left open the possibility that if it got a sufficient number of advance entries a week before the tournament started, it might be feasible to rent the extra space to increase the maximum. But Mark advised he felt there were other matters to be considered that were negative, when he went beyond his 84 player maximum. The meeting then approved the CFC Governor/OCA Director nominee list proposed by the outgoing meeting, which will now go the OCA AGM in Thunder Bay on the May Victoria Day weekend.

Scarborough " New Home " (Thurs.) Swiss '02

On Thurs., April 11, SCC played for the first time in its new home at Stan Wadlow Park Clubhouse in East York. We celebrated by starting round 1 of a brand new Swiss. 21 players registered for the event (though some have now switched to the Tues. night tournament). Round 2 of this tournament was Thurs. April 25 (we have to skip the third Thursday of each month since the room is already booked by the " Garden Club "). Rd 3 is May 2 . If you'd still like to play, come on out, and you can get byes for the first 2 rounds.

Scarborough " New Home " (Tues.) Swiss '02

We are now back to holding a regular slow time tournament on Tuesday evenings. Round 1 was on Tues., April 16. And in fact, at a meeting of the members on the prior Thurs., it was decided that the club would make this its major tournament night , since there is the problem for the Thurs. tournament of having to skip every third Thurs. of the month. So we expect many of the players who are only playing one evening a week, will switch from the Thurs. tournament, to the Tues. tournament. But the Thurs. night tournament will still be going strong. Round 5 of the Tuesday tournament is Tues., May 7.

Scarborough " New Home " (Sun.) Swiss '02

Unbelievable but true – after all SCC's comings and goings, and having to cancel our weekend Sunday tournament for the past while, it's again back on the rails at our new home. We have the site from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM ! This allows us to go back to 40 moves/ 2 hrs. and Sudden Death/ 30 min., as we used to play. Round 1 was on Sunday, April 21 !! Round 3 will be on Sunday, May 5. If you still want to

play, and missed Rds. 1& 2, just come out and register, and you'll get " byes " for the missed rounds. So tell all your member friends (and other chess playing friends) that weekend chess IS BACK AT SCC on Sundays.

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