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#### **FIDE Presidential Elections Coming Up**

Elections for the FIDE President will take place during the Chess Olympiad in Turin, Italy, in May. There, the FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov will compete for votes with at least one other candidate. This is Dutch businessman Bessel Kok. French chess organizer, Leo Battesti, had considered running also, but now has thrown his support behind Kok. Former World Champion Anatoly Karpov also hinted that he might run for FIDE President.

Kok is the main challenger. He is a successful European businessman, was involved in the creation of the Grandmaster Association, and was a moving force behind the Prague Unity Agreement, wherein the Classical World Championship was to be united with the FIDE World Championship, through a series of playdown matches involving Vladimir Kramnik ( Russia ), 2000 Classical World Champion, Garry Kasparov ( Russia ), 13<sup>th</sup> FIDE Champion and highest rated player in history ( before he retired ), and the then FIDE World Champion. Some blame Ilyumzhinov for the failure of this project. If there has been a negative about Kok's campaign, it is that it is very European and developed world based. Ilyumzhinov has always had a strong base in the developing countries, with his program of promoting chess in the developing world ( though it is very debatable whether he has been successful in implementing his intended policies ). Kirsan, a very wealthy Russian politician and businessman, has also made significant personal contributions of money to FIDE and to various tournaments. But some argue that this has just postponed the necessity that FIDE find ways to become financially independent through corporate sponsorship, etc.. Kirsan is also criticized for

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his autocratic style and for surrounding himself with a very unimpressive management team. Although there has been a movement to replace Kirsan for many years, and significant chess individuals and federations ( now up to 18 federations ) have endorsed Kok, it is not clear to me yet that Kok's candidacy has caught the imagination of the many federations that compose FIDE .

However, the CFC has now taken a position in this election. Chris Mallon, the President of the Canadian Chess Federation and the whole CFC executive have put their support behind Bessel Kok for the FIDE Presidency. Here is the CFC press release :

The Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) is pleased to announce that at the May 2006 elections in Turin for the post of President of FIDE (the World Chess Federation) it will be supporting the candidacy of Mr. Bessel Kok. We believe that he is the ideal person to implement the change of direction within FIDE which, it is widely accepted, is long overdue.

The incumbent FIDE administration has been in place since 1995, but its decade of stewardship of world chess has been marked by general inefficiency, the squandering of money and effort, the continuing lack of a proper infrastructure for running operations, an absence of interest in the game's image, poor marketing and communications action, non-existent corporate sponsorship and a failure to create any strategic vision.

The average Canadian chess player does not view FIDE, as currently led, as an organization worthy of confidence. The CFC believes that it is time for a complete overhaul of FIDE's administrators and directors, so that FIDE can re-emerge as a body admired by, and helpful to, professional and amateur players alike throughout the world.

Mr. Bessel Kok is an illustrious and highly-respected businessman with a true love of chess and a long track-record of service to the game. He was, for instance, the architect of the 2002 Prague Agreement, a golden opportunity for bringing back unity and harmony to the chess world which was, unfortunately, thrown away by the present FIDE leadership. Mr. Kok has stated that as FIDE President one of his first actions will be to host a new conference to bring to a definitive end the long-standing schism and to introduce a properly-organized and properly-funded world chess championship cycle open to one and all. The chess world is crying out for that, and has been for well over a decade.

Furthermore, the CFC welcomes Mr. Kok's recognition that FIDE can and must do far more to support the development of chess in nations which need our aid and knowledge. His projects to support chess in schools as an educational course and to take advantage of Internet technology are also to be warmly welcomed.

Mr. Kok has demonstrated, firstly, that he has undertaken a rigorous diagnosis, however painful, of FIDE's manifold current failings. Secondly, he has shown that he is the ideal person to implement the corrective programme of action so urgently required. In a spirit of *Gens una sumus* the CFC

therefore urges its fellow federations throughout the world to unite in supporting Mr. Bessel Kok, so that he is accorded a clear mandate to lead FIDE in the vital work which lies ahead for us all.

It will be an interesting election in Turin in May !!

### **Tie for First at Aeroflot Tournament, Moscow, Russia**

This is the strongest open swiss tournament in the world. It attracted 93 GM's of 94 players. It was played Feb. 7 to 16. The co-winners were Baadur Jobava ( Georgia ) [ first on tie-break ], Shakhriyar Mamdeyarov ( Azerbaijan ), Krishnan Sasikiran ( India ), and Viktor Bologan ( Russia ) with 6.5 pts. in 9 rounds. Tied for 5<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> were : Pavel Eljanov ( Ukraine ), Kiril Georgiev ( Bulgaria ), Arkadij Naiditsch ( Germany ), Dmitry Jakovenko ( Russia ), Vladimir Akopian ( Armenia ), Maxime Vachier-Lagrave ( France ) and Tigran L. Petrosian ( Armenia ), all with 6 pts..

### **Capelle la Grande, France**

This is one of the largest one section swisses in the world, as well as being exceptionally strong. It is 9 rounds, and was played Feb. 18-25. A few days before the tournament, 594 players had registered, including 94 GM's ( 7 were over 2600, including GM Krishnan Sasikiran ( India - 2670 ), GM Aleksander Delchev ( Bulgaria - 2661 ) and GM Alexander Moiseenko ( Ukraine - 2657 ) ), 25 WGM's and 74 IM's. Two notable Canadians who participated were GM Kevin Spraggett ( 2581 ), highest rated Canadian and 7 time Canadian Champion, and IM Eric Lawson ( 2383 ), runner-up in the 2004 Canadian Closed.

The tournament was won with 7.5/9 pts. by Ukrainian GM Alexander Moiseenko ( 2657; ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> at the start of the tournament ), who led for 7 of the first 8 rounds. There was an 8-player tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pts., including Sasikiran.

Spraggett made a good showing, winning 4 and drawing 1 of his last 5 games. He scored 6.5 pts., placing 10<sup>th</sup>/35th ( he was originally ranked 13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> ). The average rating of his opponents was 2424. Here is his final round 9 game :

#### **Sulskis,S (2504) – Spraggett,K (2581) [B82]**

Cappelle la Grande Cappelle la Grande, France (9), 25.02.2006

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.f4 a6 7.Qf3 Qb6 8.a3 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.e5 Nd7 11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Bd2 c5 16.Qg3 0-0 17.Ba5 Qb8 18.0-0-0 Bd5 19.f5 Qxg3 20.hxg3 Bg5+ 21.Bd2 Bxd2+ 22.Rxd2 Nf6 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.Bd3 Ra7 25.Rf2 g5 26.Ne5 Kg7 27.Ng4 h5 28.Rxf6 Rxf6 29.Rxh5 Rff7 30.c4 Bxg2 31.Rxg5+ Kf8 32.Rxc5 Rf3 33.Kc2 Rxg3 34.Ne5 Ke7 35.Kc3 Kf6 36.b4 Bf1 37.Kc2 Bxd3+ 38.Nxd3 Rh7 39.Rc6 Rh2+ 40.Kc3 Ke7 41.Rxa6 Rhh3 42.Ra7+ Kd8 43.b5 Rxd3+ 44.Kb4 Rb3+ 45.Kc5 Rxa3 46.Rg7 Rag3 47.Ra7 Ra3 48.Rg7 Rh5+ 49.Kc6 Rc3 50.Rg4 e5 51.b6 Rh6+ 52.Kc5 Rb3 53.Rg8+ Ke7 54.Rb8 Kd7 0-1
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Lawson also made a creditable showing, scoring 5.5 / 9 pts.. His record was 4 wins, 3 draws and 2 losses ( one to a GM rated 2573, and one to a WGM rated 2225 ). His success is somewhat tempered by the fact that, excluding the rating of the GM, the average rating of his opponents was only 2165. There is some debate about whether

European FIDE-rated players are under-rated, and that this must also be taken into account when considering Eric's result.

Congratulations to both Kevin and Eric for carrying high the Canadian standard in Europe !!

### **Canadian Chess Olympiad Teams Chosen**

The 37<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad will take place in Turin, Italy from May 20 – June 4. Canada's national and women's teams have now been announced. The coach for the Canadian team is again IM Brian Hartman. The teams are ( FIDE ratings given ) :

#### **National Team**

GM Mark Bluvshtein – 2537

GM Pascal Charbonneau – 2496 - 2004 Canadian Champion

GM Dimitri Tyomkin – 2490

IM Igor Zugic – 2462

IM Yan Teplitsky – 2446

FM Tomas Krnan – 2409

#### **Women's Team**

WIM Nava Starr –2176

WIM Natalia Khoudgarian – 2106 - 2006 Canadian Women's Champion

WIM Dinara Khaziyeva – 2095 - former Canadian Women's Champion

WFM Hazel Smith – 2027

Unfortunately, two of Canada's strongest GM's, Kevin Spraggett ( 2581 ) and Alexander Le Siege ( 2528 ), will not be on the national team. This is the youngest national team Canada has ever fielded, and it bodes well for the long-term future, especially given some of the younger up and coming Canadians who will soon be strong enough to qualify for the team. Good luck to all at the upcoming Olympiad !

### **Kitchener-Waterloo Winter Open**

This one section swiss was held Feb. 17-19. The open section was won by David Filipovich with 4/5. David was 4/4 going into round 5 but got cut down by junior, Arthur Calugar in the last round.

The U2000 section was shared by Tom McClelland and Sergiy Orlov each with 4/5.

Yelizaveta Orlov completed the father-daughter sweep winning the U1600 with 4.5/5.

### **2005/6 SCC Club Championship**

This tournament started on Thursday, January 5, 2006. The Championship Section is a 10 player round robin ( 8 highest rated players registering, plus the first and

second place finishers in the 2004/5 club championship Reserve Section ). Playing in the Championship Section this year are ( ratings as of Jan. 5 ) : Bryan Lamb ( 2161 ), John Hall ( 2141 ), Donal Deiseach ( 1972 ), Jim Paterson ( 1921 ), Sascha Rapoport ( 1822 ), Pepin Manalo ( 1774 ), Rick Garel ( 1752 ), Pino Verde ( 1724 ), your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong ( 1694 – Reserve Qualifier ), and Maurice Smith ( 1581 – Reserve Qualifier ).

After 8 rounds, the chaos of five players all being in contention for the lead has clarified a little. Jim Paterson is in first place, with 6 pts. ( out of 8 games ), having won his 8<sup>th</sup> round game. Three players are tied for second with 5 pts., Rick Garel, Donal Deiseach, and Bryan Lamb, but it is more complicated than that. Rick Garel is undefeated so far ( he's had 4 wins and 2 draws ), and therefore has dropped only 1 pt. to date. In round 8 he defeated his co-leader, Donal Deiseach. But he has 2 games in hand, and so has the potential to vault into first place alone if he can win his two outstanding games. But he does face one problem – Paterson has already won his ninth round game by forfeit, but Rick has to play in round 9 against Bryan Lamb, highest rated player in the championship – a tough game. Winning 2/3 of his final games, though, would still leave Rick in a tie for first place with Jim. Donal Deiseach is potentially tied with Jim, with 5 pts. ( but out of only 7 games ). But his outstanding game is also against Bryan Lamb, again a tough game. Bryan Lamb, also has his 5 pts. out of only 7 games, winning his eighth round game against Alex Rapoport ( while in his trademark desperate time scramble ! ). And so a win in his outstanding game would leave him in a tie for first with Paterson. As said, his outstanding game is against Deiseach. And, to tie for first, he must also win his ninth round game with Garel. With his loss to Bryan in round 8, Alex Rapoport has now dropped 3 points and is out of contention.

So it's still a wide open tournament !!

In the sixth round there were a number of interesting games. An important sixth round game was that of Donal Deiseach and Pepin Manalo. Donal had 3 pts. . A win would give him 4 pts., putting him in a tie for second place, ½ pt. back. But he would have a game in hand over the then leader, Jim Paterson. So he had the potential to take first place, tied with Rick Garel, who also would have 4 pts., with a game in hand.. Donal got his win. Here is their game ( annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ) :

### **Dieseach,D (1874) – Manalo,P (1714) [A17]**

SCC Club Champ.–Top Section SCC, Toronto (6), 09.02.2006

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 [5.Qb3 Bxc3 6.dxc3 c6 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0=] 5...exd5 6.a3 Be7 7.d4 Be6 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.0-0 h6?± [9...0-0=] 10.Bf4?= [10.Qb3±] 10...c6 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.b4 b5?± [12...a5 13.Qb3 axb4 14.axb4 Qb6=] 13.Qc2?= [13.Qd3±] 13...a5??± Pepin totally misses the tactical shot that should come [13...0-0=] 14.Qb2??= But so does Donal !! [14.Nxb5!! axb4 15.axb4 g5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Bxd6 Ne4 18.Bc5 h5±] 14...a4 15.Rfe1 Ne4?± [15...0-0=] 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Nd2 f5 18.f3 Bf6??+- this should just lose 2 P's [18...exf3 19.Bxf3 g5 20.Be3 Nb8 21.Bh5+ Bf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7±] 19.fxe4 Qb6 20.Be3?+- Donal fails to win the second P [20.e3 0-0 21.Bh3 g5 22.Bd6 Rfe8 23.exf5 Bd5+-] 20...0-0 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Bf2 Rc7 23.e4 Bg6 24.e5?± now Donal makes a tactical error [24.Nf3 Qb7 25.e5 Bd8 26.Qa2+ Kh8 27.e6 Nb8 28.Ne5 Be8+-] 24...Bxe5?+- Pepin takes with the wrong piece [24...Nxe5 25.Qa2+ (25.dxe5?? Qxf2+ 26.Kxf2 Bxe5+ 27.Kg1 Bxb2 28.Rxc6 Rxc6 29.Bxc6 Bxa3 30.Bxb5 Bxb4

31.Re2 a3-+) 25...Nf7 26.Nf3 Kh8± though there is again material equality] **25.Nf3?±** Donal fails to find the right continuation [25.Nc4! bxc4 26.dxe5 Qb5 27.Qd4 Bd3+- though there is material equality] **25...Bf6 26.Qd2 Qb7** [26...Qb8±] **27.d5 cxd5** [27...Nb6? 28.dxc6 Qb8 29.Bf1 Rd8 30.Nd4 Nc4 31.Bxc4+ bxc4 32.Rxc4 Bf7 33.Rc5 Rcc8+-] **28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qxd5+ Kh7?+-** [29...Rf7±] **30.Qxb5** Donal goes up a P again **30...Bc2 31.Nd4 Rb8 32.Qd5 Nb6 33.Be4+ Bxe4 34.Qxe4+ Kh8 35.Ne6 Qc3?+-** [35...Qf7 36.Bxb6 Rxb6 37.Kg2 Rb8 38.Re2 Qd7 39.Nc5 Qb5 40.Qd3 Qc6+ 41.Qf3 Qb5 42.Rd2 Re8+-] **36.Bxb6 Rxb6?+-** this leads to mate [36...Qxa3 37.Bc5 Qc3+-] **37.Qa8+ Kh7 38.Nf8+ Kg8 39.Nd7+ Kf7 40.Qe8# 1-0**

Another critical sixth round game involved the biggest upset of the tournament so far. Bryan Lamb, last year's champion, and the highest rated player this year, had a number of games in hand, but had only dropped ½ pt. to this point. The 2 potential leaders of the tournament, Donal Deiseach and Rick Garel, had both dropped a full point, and each still had Bryan to play. So Bryan was still on track to potentially win the tournament outright. In the sixth round he played your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, who to then had 5 straight losses ! But the David and Goliath syndrome was at work, and Armstrong managed to win this crucial game, and throw the championship wide open again, since Bryan had now dropped 1 ½ pts., and was now potentially in second place, tied with Jim Paterson. Here is the Armstrong/Lamb game ( annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ) :

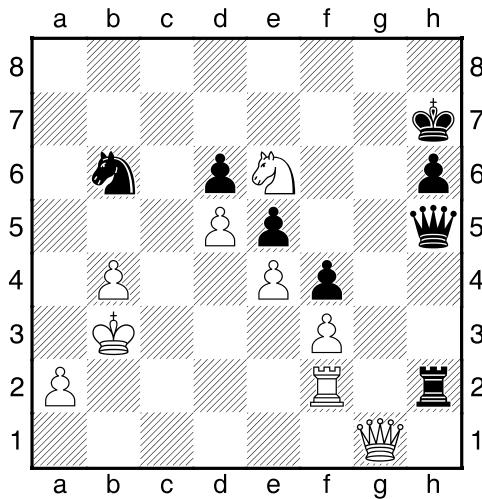
### Armstrong, R (1676) – LAMB,B (2159) [E85]

SCC Club Champ. – Top Section SCC, Toronto (6), 09.02.2006]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3** [5.Nf3±] **5...0-0 6.Be3 e5** [6...Nc6 7.Qd2 Re8 8.0-0-0 e5 9.dxe5 (9.d5?? Nd4 (9...Ne7?? 10.g4 a6 11.h4 h5 12.gxh5 Nxh5±) 10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Nce2 c5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Nxd4 Qb6 14.Nb3 d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Qa5 Bd7 17.Kb1 Qxa5 18.Nxa5 dxe4 19.fxe4 Rab8±) 9...Nxe5 10.c5 Be6 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.Qxd6 Nfd7 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Nd5 Qa4±] **7.Nge2** [7.dxe5? dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Nd5 Rd7 10.g3 Na6 11.a3 c6 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.h4 Nc7 14.Rd1 Rxd1+ 15.Kxd1 Ne6=; 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Nge2 Nc5 9.Ng3 Nfd7 10.Qc2 a5 11.Be2 Re8 12.0-0 b6 13.b3 h5±] **7...Nc6** [7...Nfd7 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.d5 (9.0-0-0? Nb6 10.b3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Qe7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.h4 a5 14.h5 c5 15.a4 Qe5 16.Kc2 Rb8=) 9...Ne7 10.h4 Nb6 (10...f5±) 11.Ng1 (11.b3±) 11...h5 12.g4!? hxg4 13.h5 f5 14.fxg4 f4 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.Qg2 g5 17.Nh3 Bh6 18.Qf3 Kf7±] **8.d5 Ne7 9.g4 Ne8** [9...Nd7 10.h4 h6±] **10.Qd2 f5 11.gxf5 gxf5 12.Bg5 f4 13.0-0-0 a6 14.Kb1 Qd7 15.h4 h6 16.Bxe7?=?** [16.Bh3 Qd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7±] **16...Qxe7 17.Bh3 Bxh3 18.Rxh3 b5 19.cxb5 19...axb5 20.b3** [20.Nxb5?? Qd7-+] **20...Nf6** Bryan and I both felt confident we knew this opening. I had used only 13 min. to here, and Bryan 18 min.. **21.Rh2 Rab8?±** [21...Qd7 22.b4 Bh8=] **22.Rg1 Kh7 23.Qe1?=?** [23.Rhg2±] **23...Nd7 24.h5 Bf6 25.Rg4 Bg5 26.Ng1 Rg8 27.Nh3 Nc5 28.Rhg2 Bh4! 29.Qf1** [29.Qxh4?? Qxh4 30.Rxh4 Rxf2-+] **29...Bg3?±** [29...Rhg4 30.Rhg4 b4 31.Ne2 Rg8 32.Qg2 Rg7 33.Kc2 Qd7 34.Rhg7+ Qxg7 35.Qxg7+ Kxg7=] **30.Rhg8 Rhg8 31.Nxb5?=?** [31.b4 Na6 32.Qxb5 Qh4 33.Qxa6 Qxh3 34.Qf1 Rg5 35.Rg1 Qxh5 36.Rh1 Qe8±] **31...Qh4?±** Bryan starts to get himself into trouble [31...Qd7 32.Rc2 Ra8 33.Ng1 Kh8 34.Nc3 Rg8 35.Qb5 Qf7 36.Nge2 Be1 37.Nd1 Qxh5 38.b4 Qxf3! 39.bxc5 Qxe4 40.Nec3 Qd4 41.cxd6 cxd6=] **32.Nf2?=?** But I don't follow it up correctly [32.Rc2 Qxh5 33.b4 Na6 34.a3 Ra8 35.Nxc7 Nxc7 36.Rxc7+ Kg8±] **32...Bxf2** [32...Qxh5? 33.Ng4 Rxf4!? (33...Nxe4? 34.Nxh6 Nc3+ 35.Nxc3 Kxh6±) 34.fxg4 Qxg4 35.Nc3 f3 36.Rg1 Qf4 37.Rh1 Kg8±] **33.Rxf2** [33.Qxf2?=?+ Qh1+ 34.Qg1 Qxg1+ 35.Rxg1 Rxf1+--] **33...Qxh5?+-** again Bryan treads into dangerous territory; the losing move [33...Rg7 34.b4 Na6 35.a3 Qxh5 36.Nxd6! cxd6 37.Qxa6 Qh1+ 38.Rf1 Qg2 39.Qd3 Rg3 40.a4 Kg6 41.b5 Rh3 42.Qd1 Kf6 43.Rg1 Qxf3 44.Qxf3 Rxf3 45.Kc2 Rf2+ 46.Kc3 Rf3+ 47.Kb4 Rf2+-; 33...Rg3 34.b4 Rh3 35.Rg2 Na6 36.Nxd6 Rh1 37.Rg1 Rxf1 38.Qxg1 Qg3 39.Qf1 cxd6 40.Qxa6 Qg1+ 41.Kc2 Qf2+ 42.Kb3 Qxf3+ 43.Ka4 Qxe4 44.Qxd6 f3 45.a3 f2 46.Qc7+ Kg8 47.Qb8+ Kf7 48.Qa7+ Ke8 49.Qxf2 Qxd5 50.Qe2 e4 51.b5 Kd8 52.Qe3 Qxh5 53.Qxe4 Qd1+ 54.Kb4 Qd6+ 55.Kb3 Qg3+ 56.Ka4 Qc3 57.Qa8+ Kc7 58.Qa7+

Kc8 59.Qa6+ Kc7 60.b6+ Kd6 61.Qb5 Qc6 62.Kb4 Qe4+ 63.Qc4 Qxc4+ 64.Kxc4 Kc6 65.Kd4 Kxb6 66.Ke4=] 34.Nxc7 Rg3 35.b4 Na4 [35...Qg5 36.Qc4 Qd8 37.Nb5 Na6 38.a3 Qb6 39.Rc2 Rxf3+-] 36.Ne6 Rh3 [36...Kg6 37.Kc2 Kf6 38.a3 Rh3 39.Kd2 Rg3 40.Nd8 Qe8 41.Nc6 Qg6+-] 37.Kc2 Rh2 Bryan had 4 min. left, and I had 9 min.. [37...Qh4 38.Kb3 Nb6 39.Qa6! Nxd5 (39...Qxf2?? 40.Qb7+ Nd7 41.Qxd7+ Kg6 42.Qg7+ Kh5 43.Qg4#) 40.exd5 Qf6 41.Qxd6 Rg3+-] 38.Kb3 Nb6?+- [38...Rh3 39.Kxa4 Qe8+ 40.Qb5 Qa8+ 41.Qa5 Qe8+ 42.b5 Rg3+- W is up a N + P] 39.Qg1+- Bryan resigned, since he is already down a P, and now must lose his R to stop the mate on g7 1-0

Position after 39. Qg1



In round 7, Jim Paterson was leading with 4 1/2 pts. But Bryan Lamb had dropped only 1 1/2 pts. to then, and so he was theoretically tied with Jim for the lead. A win for either of them would put them clearly in front. ( However, Donal Deiseach and Rick Garel had only dropped 1 pt. to then, and had a game in hand, and so each had the potential to overtake both Jim and Bryan ). Jim and Bryan met in a head-on clash in Rd. 7, to determine the leader.

But the game was equal throughout, and a draw resulted. Jim remained in the lead with 5 pts.. But this blew the championship wide open. Although Donal and Rick still had Bryan to play, they could each lose to Bryan, and still be tied with Jim and Bryan for the lead. And the early leader, Alex Rapoport, also had dropped only 2 pts. to then, and had 4 pts. with a game in hand, and so he also had the potential to tie Jim and Bryan for the lead – but he still had Bryan to play as well. So after 7 rounds, five players were all in the running for first place !!

Here is Jim and Bryan's game ( annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ) :

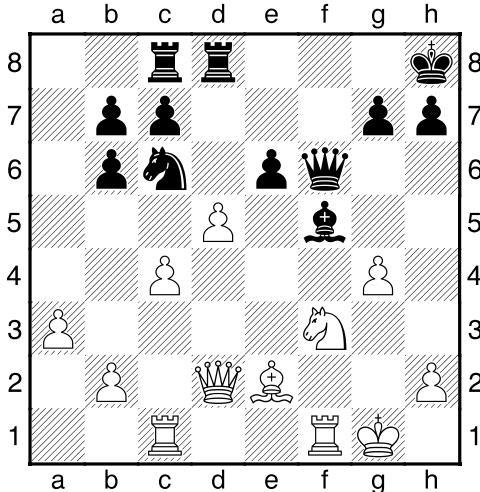
### Lamb,B (2159) – Paterson,J (1971) [B03]

SCC Club Champ.–Top Section SCC, Toronto (7), 16.02.2006

1.e4 Nf6± 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.f4?= [5.Nf3±] 5...dxe5 [5...Nc6 6.Nc3 dxe5 7.d5 Nb8 8.fxe5 e6=] 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Be3 Bf5 8.Nc3 e6 9.Nf3 Be7?± [9...Bg4 10.Be2 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Bb4 12.Qb3 Qh4+ 13.Bf2 Qf4=] 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Rc1 Na5 [12...f6 13.Qe1 fxe5 14.dxe5 Qe8 15.Qg3 a6±] 13.Na4 Nc6 14.a3 f6 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.Bf4?= [16.Qe1 fxe5 17.dxe5 Qe8±] 16...fxe5

17.Bxe5 Bf6 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.d5 Rfd8?± [19...Rcd8=] 20.Qd2 Kh8 21.g4??± a dubious P sac by Bryan [21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 exd5 23.cxd5 Ne5 24.Qe4 Nxf3+ 25.Qxf3 Qd4+ 26.Kh1 h6±]

Position after 21. g4



21...Bg6?± But Jim wrongly declines the sac [21...Bxg4 22.Ng5 Bf5 23.Bg4 Ne5 24.Bxf5 exf5±]

22.Ng5 Qd4+ 23.Qxd4 Nxd4 24.Bf3 Nxf3+ [24...exd5 25.cxd5 c6 26.dxc6 bxc6 27.Rce1 Re8=]

25.Rxf3 exd5 26.cxd5 h6 [26...Rxd5 27.Rxc7! Rc5 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Ne6 Kg8 30.Kf2 Rc2+ 31.Ke3 Bf7 32.Nd8 Ba2 33.b3 Bxb3 34.Kd4 Rc4+ 35.Ke5 Bd1 36.Rf4 Rc3 37.Rd4 Bc2=] 27.Nf7+ [27.Ne6 Rxd5 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Nxc7 Rd1+ 30.Kf2 Rd2+ 31.Kg3 Rxb2=] 27...Bxf7 28.Rxf7 Rxd5 29.Rcxc7 Rxc7 30.Rxc7 Rd1+ 31.Kg2 Rd2+ 32.Kg1 Rxb2 33.Rxb7 Rb3 34.Kg2 Kh7 35.h4

Rxa3 36.Rxb6 g6= although Bryan had only 2 min. left on his clock, and Jim had much more, Jim here offered Bryan a draw, which Bryan happily accepted given his time difficulties. ½-½

An important Rd 8 game was that between Rick Garel and Donal Deiseach, the potential co-leaders. The one who won would potentially take over sole possession of first place. Here is their game ( annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ) :

### Garel,R (1762) – Deiseach,D (1874) [C59]

SCC Club Championship – Top Section SCC, Toronto (8), 23.02.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 [3...Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Nf6=] 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5?± this puts Donal down a P [5...Nxd5 6.d3 (6.Qh5?? g6 7.Qf3 Qxg5 8.Bxd5 Nd4 9.Qxf7+ Kd8 10.Kd1 Bg4+ 11.f3 Bf5 12.g3 Bxc2+ 13.Ke1 c6-+) 6...f6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Nge4 Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 Be6=] 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 [8.Qf3? Qd5 9.Ba4 e4 10.Qe3 h6 11.Nf3 Bc5 12.d4 Ng4 13.Qe2 0-0=] 8...h6 9.Nf3 e4 10.Ne5 Qd4?± [10...Bd6±] 11.Ng4?± [11.f4 Nd7 12.Ng4 Be7±] 11...Nxd5 12.Bxg4 Ba6?± [12...Bc5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Bxc8 Raxc8±] 13.Be2 Bc5?+– [13...Nc4±] 14.0-0 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nc4 16.d3 Nd6?+– this leads to the loss of a 2nd P of Donal [16...Nxb2 17.Bxb2 Qxb2 18.Qxe4+ Kd8 19.Qxc6 Rc8 20.Qd5+ Ke7 21.Re1+ Kf8 22.Nd2 Qxc2 23.Re2 Qc3 24.Rd1 g6+–] 17.Nc3 0-0 18.Be3 Qe5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.dxe4 Rfe8 22.Kh1?± this should have led to Donal

getting one of his P's back. [22.Rfe1+-] **22...f5** [22...Qd4 23.Rfe1 Qxb2 24.Qc4 Rad8 25.Qxc6 Rc8 26.Qd7 Qxc2 27.f3 Qc5± Bl is only down 1 P] **23.f3 Re5 24.Qd3** [24.c3 Rae8 25.Rae1 fxe4 26.fxe4 Rxe4 27.Qxe4 (27.Qd2 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Rf8± Bl is down only 1 P) 27...Rxe4 28.Rxe4 Qd5 29.Re8+ Kh7±] **24...Rae8 25.Rae1 Kh8?+–** [25...Qb4 26.a3 fxe4 27.Rxe4 Qxb2± Bl is down only 1 P] **26.Re2 Qb6 27.c3 c5 28.Rd1?±** [28.b3+–] **28...fxe4 29.fxe4 a5?+–** [29...Qe6 30.a3 c4 31.Qd2 Rxe4 32.Rxe4 Qxe4± Bl is down only 1 P] **30.h3 Qc6 31.Rde1 Qc7** [31...c4 32.Qd4 Kh7 33.b3 cxb3 34.axb3 Qb5 35.Qd1 Rb8 36.Rb2 a4 37.b4 Rc8 38.Re3 Qb6 39.Rbe2 Ra8+–] **32.Qf3 Qd6 33.Re3 a4 34.Rd1?+–** this should lead to the loss of a P [34.Qf7 Qa6 35.b3 R8e7 36.Qf2 axb3 37.axb3 Kh7+–] **34...Qe6** [34...Qg6 35.b3 Rxe4 36.Rxe4 Qxe4 37.Qxe4 Rxe4 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Rc8 Re2 40.bxa4 Rxa2 41.Rxc5 Rxa4 Bl is down only 1 P] **35.a3 Qb3?+–** [35...Rxe4 36.Rxe4 Qxe4 37.Qxe4 Rxe4 38.Rd5 Re2 39.Rxc5 Rxb2 40.Rc4 Rb3 41.Rxa4 Rxc3+– Bl is down only 1 P] **36.Rd2 Kg8 37.Qf4** [37.Rd7 Qe6 38.Ra7 Qb3 39.Kg1 R5e7 40.Rxe7 Rxe7+–] **37...Qe6 38.Rf2?±** this should lead to loss of a P **38...Qd7?+–** [38...Rxe4 39.Rxe4 Qxe4 40.Kh2 Qc6± Bl is down only 1 P] **39.Kh2 Qe7 40.Rg3 Rxe4** [40...g5 41.Re2 Kg7 42.Rg4 Rf8 43.Qd2 Rf1+–] **41.Qxh6 Qe5 42.Qg5 Qxg5** [42...Qc7? 43.Qd5+ R8e6 44.Rf5 R4e5 45.Rxe5 Qxe5 46.Qa8+ Kh7 47.Qxa4+–] **43.Rxg5 Re2 44.Rgf5 c4 45.Rf8+ Rxf8 46.Rxe2 Rb8 47.Kg3 Kf7 48.Kf4 Kf6 49.h4 Rb5 50.g4 g6 51.Rd2** [51...g5+ Kf7 52.Ke4 Rf5 53.Kd4 Rf4+ 54.Re4 Rf2 55.Kxc4 Rxb2 56.Kd3 Ra2 57.Rxa4 Ke7+–] **51...Ke6 52.Rd4 Rxb2 53.Rxc4 Rb3 54.Rxa4 Rxc3 55.Kg5 1-0**

The Reserve Section of the championship is two one section swisses ( both 5 rounds, and results totalled ) for all other members. The first swiss attracted 18 players. The winner of the first Swiss was junior, Richard Douglas, with 4.5 points. In second place was Doug Gillis, with 4 pts.. Tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> were Steve Douglas ( Richard's father ), and Gord Blackman, each with 3 pts..

The second swiss has 16 players. After 3 rounds, the leader is again junior, Richard Douglas, with three straight wins. Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> with 2.5 pts. are Steve Karpik and Lui Morra.

## **GTCL League**

This year the league has been divided into two levels, Over 2000 and Under 2000. SCC has a team in the Under 2000 section, along with Brampton, Mississauga, Chess Academy of Canada, Bayview Games Club, BOTSB ( Conrad Ho ), and Oriole 1 & 2. A team is made up of 4 players.

SCC played its fourth match ( it was one tie and two losses to that point ) against Chess Academy ( all players are juniors ) on Thursday, Feb. 23 at SCC. SCC lost 3 – 1 . The results were :

Andrew Philip ( SCC )	0 – 1	Arthur Calugar ( CA )
Maurice Smith ( SCC )	0 – 1	Roman Sapozhnikov ( CA )
Steve Karpik ( SCC )	0 – 1	Christopher Knox ( CA )
Jim Maijala ( SCC )	1 – 0	Simon Gladstone ( CA )

## **The March Open – Toronto - Upcoming Tournament**

This 5 round swiss will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, on March 17 – 19. Time control will be Game/150 min.. Rounds are : Friday – 6:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. – 11:00 am & 5:30 pm. Entry Fee is \$55 ( payable in cash by March 16 ). Late Fee - \$ 10. Non-members of BGC - \$ 15 extra. This is a CFC – rated tournament – membership required or \$ 10 tournament membership. There is also a draw

for an early bird door prize, for those who register by March 10 – full entry fee rebate ( \$ 55 ). For further information : Vlad Dobrich 416-722-9709.

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