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Carlsen/Anand Lead Morelia, Mexico /Linares, Spain Super-Tournament

This 8-player double round robin is played in Morelia, Mexico for the first 7 rounds, from Feb. 17 – 25. Then it moves to Linares, Spain for the final 7 rounds from March 2 - 10. The average rating for this tournament is 2746, with only 1 player under 2700. The average rating of the January Corus, Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands tournament was only 2719. The players are :

Veselin Topalov, Bulgaria, 2783, 2005 FIDE World Champion and recent Challenger for the World Championship in 2006.

Viswanathan Anand, India, 2779, 2000 FIDE World Champion, and runner-up in the 2005 FIDE World Championship.

Vassily Ivanchuk, Ukraine, 2750.

Peter Leko, Hungary, 2749, Challenger for the World Championship in 2004.

Levon Aronian, Armenia, 2744.

Alexander Morozovich, Russia, 2741.

Peter Svidler, Russia, 2728.

Magnus Carlsen, Norway, 2690 (16 years old).

One of the surprise leaders, after the first half in Mexico, is 16 year-old Magnus Carlsen, with 4.5 pts./ 7. Tied with him is Anand. In third with 4.0 pts. is Ivanchuk. Topalov is second-last with 3.0 pts..

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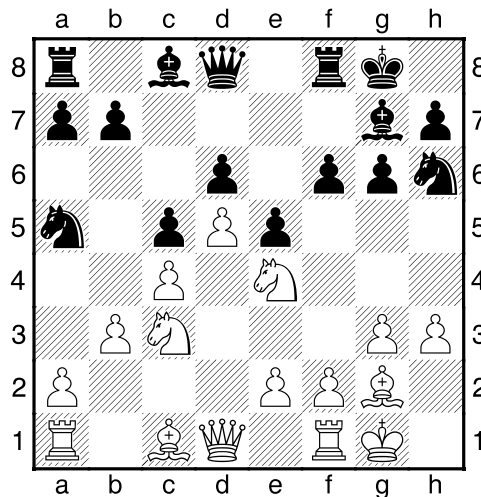
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In Rd. 1, there was only one decisive game. Carlsen defeated Morozevich to take sole possession of first place, sacking first an N for 2 P's, and then sacking his B to queen a P. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2690) – Morozevich, A (2741) [E66]

XXIV Morelia/Linares Super GM Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP (1), 17.02.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.g3= [3.Nc3±] 3...Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 e5?± [9...h6 10.a3 Qc7 11.b3 Bd7=] 10.b3 Ng4?± Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [10...e4 11.Qc2 Re8 12.e3 Bf5±] 11.h3 Nh6?+- Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [11...Nf6 12.Rb1 Bd7 13.a3 Qc7±] 12.Nde4??± [12.a3 e4 13.Qc2 f5 14.b4 e3 15.fxe3 cxb4 16.axb4 Qb6 17.Ra3 (17.Rxa5? Qxe3+ 18.Rf2 Qxc3 19.Qxc3 Bxc3 20.Nb1 Bg7±) 17...Qxb4+-] 12...f6



13.Nxd6?=- an enterprising sac [13.a3? f5 14.Ng5 e4 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.Bxh6 Bxh6 17.dxe6 Re8=; 13.Qc2 Nf7 14.Nd2 Bd7±] **13...Qxd6 14.Ne4 Qd8** [14...Qc7? 15.Bxh6 Bxh6 16.d6 Qg7 17.Nxc5 Rd8 18.e3 Nc6 19.Qd5+ Kh8±] **15.Nxc5** Moro has N vs 2 P **15...f5??±** [15...Qc7 16.Na4 Bd7 17.d6 Qd8 18.Qd5+ Nf7=] **16.d6** [16.Bxh6 Bxh6 17.d6 Kh8 18.Qd5 Nc6±] **16...e4** [16...Nf7 17.d7 e4 18.Rb1 b6 19.dxc8Q Qxc8 20.Na4 Rd8 21.Qe1 Nxc4 (21...Nc6? 22.Nc3 Nb4 23.Bb2 Qc5+-) 22.bxc4 Qxc4±; 16...Bd7? 17.Bxh6 Bxh6 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Qd5+ Kh8 20.Qxa5+-] **17.d7 Nf7 18.Rb1 Qe7 19.dxc8Q Raxc8** Carlsen is up a P **20.Na4 Rfd8 21.Qe1 Nc6 22.Nc3 Nd4** [22...Qc5 23.Be3 Qa5 24.Nd5 Qxa2 25.f3 exf3 26.exf3 Re8±] **23.Bb2 b5 24.Nd5?±** [24.e3 Nc2 25.Qe2 Bxc3 26.Bxc3 Na3 27.Rbd1 Rxd1 28.Qxd1 bxc4 29.Qd4 Qf8 30.bxc4 Nxc4±] **24...Qd6 25.Bxd4 Bxd4 26.Rd1 Be5?±** [26...Bh8 27.Ne3 Qa6 28.cxb5 Qxb5 29.Nc4 Qa6±] **27.Qa5?±** [27.cxb5 Bxg3! 28.fxg3 Qc5+ 29.Qf2 Rxd5 30.Rxd5 Qxd5 31.g4 Qc5±] **27...bxc4 28.Ne3 Qc7 29.Qxc7 Bxc7 30.Nxc4 Ne5 31.Rxd8+** [31.Ne3 Rxd1 32.Rxd1 Bb6±] **31...Rxd8 32.Rc1 Nxc4 33.Rxc4 Rd1+ 34.Bf1 Bd6 35.e3 a5 36.Kg2 Kf7 37.Rc2 Ke7 38.Be2 Rd5 39.Bc4 Rd1 40.g4 f4?±** this loses a P [40...Kf6 41.Be2 Re1 42.Ba6 Ra1±] **41.exf4 Bxf4 42.Re2 Rd4 43.Bd3 Kf6 44.Bxe4** Carlsen goes up 2 P's **44...Rd2 45.Rxd2 Bxd2 46.Kg3 Be1 47.Kf3 Bb4 48.h4 h6 49.Ke2 Bd6 50.Kd3 Bc5 51.f4 h5?+-** [51...Bf2 52.h5 gxh5 53.gxh5 Bc5±] **52.g5+ Kg7 53.Kc4** [53.Ke2 Bd6 54.Kf3 Bb4 55.Kg3 Be1+ 56.Kh3 Bb4+-] **53...Bd6 54.Kb5** [54.a4 Bxf4 55.b4 Bg3 56.bxa5 Bxh4 57.a6 Bf2 58.Kd5 h4 59.Kc6 Kf7 60.Kb7 Ke6 61.a5 Ke5 62.Bh1 h3 63.a7 Bxa7 64.Kxa7 Kf5 65.Kb6 Kxg5 66.a6 Kf4 67.a7 h2 68.a8Q+-] **54...Bxf4 55.Kxa5 Bg3 56.Kb5** [

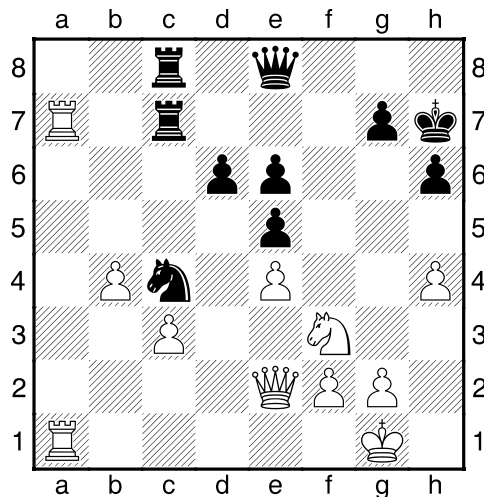
56.b4 Be1 57.a4 Kf8 58.Kb5 Ke7 59.a5 Kd6 60.Kb6 Bxh4 61.a6 Bxg5 62.b5 Be3+ 63.Kb7 Ke5 64.Bc6 Kd4 65.a7 h4 66.a8Q g5+--] **56...Bxh4 57.a4 Bxg5 58.a5 Kf6** [58...h4 59.b4 h3 60.a6 Be3 61.Kc6 g5 62.b5 g4 63.Bf5 Kf6 64.Bxg4 h2 65.Bf3 Ke5+--] **59.a6 Be3 60.Kc6 g5 61.b4 Ke5 62.b5** Carlsen sacs his B [better is 62.Bh1 Kf4 63.b5 h4 64.b6 Kg4 65.a7 h3 66.a8Q+--] **62...Kxe4 63.b6 g4 64.a7 g3 65.a8Q Kf3 66.b7 Bf4 67.Qf8 Ke4 68.Qe8+--** winning the hP **1-0**

In Rd. 2, top-rated Topalov blundered and Ivanchuk was lifted into a first place tie with Carlsen by the win. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ivanchuk, V (2750) – Topalov, V (2783) [B90]

XXIV SuperGM Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP (2), 18.02.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 [5...g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0±] **6.Be3** [6.Be2 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0±] **6...e5?±** Ivanchuk gets a " clear " advantage out of this opening [6...Ng4 7.Bg5 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6±] **7.Nf3?±** [7.Nb3 Be7 8.Qf3 0-0±] **7...Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Bxe6?±** [10.Qd3 Ng4 11.Bc1 Nd7±] **10...fxe6 11.Na4 Ng4 12.Qd3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 b5 14.Nb6 Ra7 15.Nd5 Rb7 16.Qd2 Nc6?±** [16...Bh4 17.Ne3 Be7 18.Nd5 Bh4=] **17.Rad1 Rd7 18.Qc3 Nb8 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Rd3 h6 21.Rfd1 Rfd8 22.h4 Kh7 23.R1d2 Qf8** [23...Qf7 24.Qa5 Qf4 25.Re3 Rc8±] **24.Qb3 Qe8?±** [24...Qf6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Qxc4 Qe7±] **25.a4 Qg6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Re3 Na6 28.Qxb5** Ivanchuk goes up a P **28...Nc5 29.Qc4 Ra7 30.Re1 Qe8?+--** Ivanchuk gets a " winning " advantage; this should lose a P [30...Qf6? 31.b4 Nb7 32.Qc6 Qe7 33.c4 Raa8+--; 30...Nb7 31.Qc7 Qe8 32.b3 Rda8 33.c4 Kh8±] **31.b4?±** Ivanchuk misses a simple tactical shot that wins a P [31.Nxe5! dxe5 32.Rxd8 Qxd8 33.Qxc5 Qd4 34.Qxd4 exd4+--] **31...Na4?+--** [31...Nb7 32.Qd3 Ra4 33.Rb1 Rda8±] **32.Qb3 Nb6 33.Red1 Rad7 34.Qd3?±** [34.c4? Rc8 35.Rc1 Rdc7 36.Rdc2 Nd7±; 34.c3 Qe7 35.c4 Rb8 36.Rc2 Rdb7+--] **34...Rc8 35.c3 Ra7 36.Qe3 Ra6 37.Qe2 Nc4 38.Ra2 Rac6** [38...Rxa2 39.Qxa2 Qc6 40.Qe2 Rf8±] **39.Ra7 R6c7 40.Rda1**



Qf7?+-- on the time control move, after being outplayed all game, Topalov blunders the N ! [40...Rf7 41.Rxf7 Qxf7 42.Nd2 Qc7±] **41.Qxc4+--** Topalov resigned. There is nothing to be done – **41...Rxa7 42.Rxa7 Rxc4 43.Rxf7 Rxc3 44.h5 Rc4 45.Rd7 Rxb4 46.Rxd6 Rxe4 47.Rxe6+-- 1-0**

In Rd.3, Carlsen, who was tied for the lead with Ivanchuk, lost to Anand, who got lifted into a tie for first place with Ivanchuk. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2690) – Anand, V (2779) [D47]

XXIV SuperGM Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP (3), 19.02.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7??± [5...Bd6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7=] **6.Bd3 dxc4** [6...Bb4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 0-0±] **7.Bxc4 b5** [7...Bd6 8.e4 b5 9.Bb3 e5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bxe5 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8±] **8.Bd3 Bd6??±** [8...Bb7 9.e4 b4 10.Na4 Qa5 11.e5 Nd5±] **9.0-0 0-0 10.b3??=** [10.Ng5 h6 11.Nge4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Be7±] **10...Bb7??±** [10...b4 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bb7=] **11.Bb2??=** [11.Ng5 Qc7 12.f4 b4 13.Nce4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 c5±] **11...a6 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6** [13...f5? 14.Bd3 Qf6 15.e4 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Qh6±; 13...Qc7 14.Qe2 f5 15.Bd3 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5=] **14.Bc2 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Ng5 Qxd1 17.Raxd1** [17.Rfxd1 Kh8 18.Kf1 Rac8 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Be4 Bc6 21.Bxc6 Rxc6=] **17...Kh8 18.g3??** for the first time in the game, Anand gets the " advantage " [18.e4 h6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 Be7=] **18...h6** [18...Bb4? 19.Bb1 h6 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Be4 hxg5 22.Bxb7 Ra7 23.Bg2 Rc8=] **19.Bxf6 hxg5 20.Bb2 Rac8 21.Rc1** [21.h3 Rfd8 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Bxd1 b4 25.Bc2 f6±] **21...Rfd8 22.Rfd1 Bf3 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.a3??** Anand gets a " clear " advantage [24.h3 Kg8 25.Kf1 f5 26.b4 Bxb4 27.Bb3 Kf7 28.Rc7+ Ke8 29.Bxg7 g4±] **24...b4 25.a4 f5??** [25...g4 26.Kf1 Rd2 27.Ba1 f5±] **26.Kf1 f4??=** [26...g4 27.Ke1 Kh7 28.Bd1 Bxd1 29.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Kxd1 Bd6±] **27.Be4??-+** Anand gets a " winning " advantage [27.gxf4 gxf4 28.exf4 Kg8 29.Be5 Rd2=] **27...Bxe4 28.Rxc5 Rd1+ 29.Ke2 Rb1 30.Bc1 f3+ 31.Kd1 Rxb3** Anand goes up a P **32.Rc4** [32.Re5 Rd3+ 33.Bd2 Bf5 34.Rc5 b3-; 32.Kd2 Rd3+ 33.Ke1 Bd5 34.Rc8+ Kh7-+] **32...Bd3 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.e4 Rb1 35.Kd2 Bxe4** Anand goes up 2 P's **36.Ke3 Bd5 37.Bd2 Rb3+ 38.Kd4 Rb2 39.Be3 Re2** [better is 39...Ra2 40.h4 gxh4 41.gxh4 b3 42.Rb8 Rxa4+ 43.Kd3 a5 44.Bd4 Ra2-+] **40.Rc1 Ba2 0-1**

In Rd. 4 , Anand kept up his winning ways. It was a close game with Morozevich for a long while, and then Morozevich got a winning advantage on move 28. But he lost it and when the advantage migrated to Anand, he didn't give it up thereafter. This left Anand in sole possession of first place, a half point ahead of Ivanchuk. Here is his win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Anand, V (2779) – Morozevich, A (2741) [A00]

Morelia/Linares Super Tournament Morelia, Mexico (4), 21.02.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5??± [6...0-0 7.d4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.e5 Nd5=] **7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3??=** [9.d4 Bb7 10.Qe2 Qd7±] **9...Nb8** [9...Na5 10.Bc2 c6 11.d4 Qc7=] **10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2** [11.Bg5 Bb7 12.Nbd2 c5=] **11...Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8??±** [13...d5 14.exd5 exd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd5=] **14.Ng3 c6 15.Nf5 Qc7 16.dxe5??=** [16.a4 h6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8±] **16...dxe5 17.Nh2 c5 18.Qf3 c4** [18...Qc6 19.Bg5 h6 20.Bd2 Rad8=] **19.Bg5 Re6** [19...Qc6 20.Rad1 h6 21.Bh4 a5=] **20.Rad1 Nc5 21.Bxf6 Rxf6 22.Ng4 Re6 23.Nge3 Qa5 24.a3 g6 25.Nd5 Rd8** [25...gxf5?? 26.exf5 Rh6 27.Qg3+ Kh8 28.Qxe5+ Bg7 29.f6 Bf8 30.Ne7 Ne6+-] **26.Qg3 Rd7 27.Nfe3 Qd8 28.Qf3??-+** what should be a fatal error [28.f3 Bg7 29.Qf2 h6 30.Kh1 Rc6=] **28...Bg7??** Moro misses the winning line (shades of rd. 3) [28...f5 29.exf5 Red6 30.a4 g5 31.f6 Bxd5 32.Nxd5 Rxd5 33.Rxd5 Rxd5-+] **29.a4** [29.g4 Kh8 30.Ra1 Bh6±] **29...Red6 30.axb5** [30.g4 Bh6 31.Rf1 f6±] **30...axb5 31.g4 Qh4 32.Ra1 Ne6??** [32...Bh6 33.Ra5 Bxe3 34.Qxe3 Ne6±] **33.Qg3 Qxg3+ 34.fxg3 Nc5??±** Moro has lost his winning advantage; the advantage shifts to Anand [34...Nd4? 35.Bd1 (35.cxd4?? exd4 36.Ba4 bxa4 37.Nxc4 Re6±) 35...Bc6 36.g5 Ne6=; 34...Ng5? 35.Kg2 Bh6 36.Ra5 Nxe4 37.Bxe4 Bxe3

38.Rxe3 Bxd5 39.Rxb5 Bxe4+ 40.Rxe4 Rd2+ 41.Kf3 R7d3+ 42.Re3 f6=; 34...Nc7 35.Nxc7 Rxc7 36.Red1 Rcd7 37.Rxd6 Rxd6±] **35.h4?=[35.Ra5 Bxd5 36.Nxd5 f5 37.gxf5 gxf5±] 35...h6 36.Ra5 Bc6 37.Nb4 Bxe4??±** Anand gets a " clear " advantage [37...Nxe4?? 38.Nxc6 Nd2 39.Nb4 Nf3+ 40.Kf2 Nxe1 41.Kxe1 Rb6+-; 37...Bf8 38.Nxc6 Rxc6 39.Nd5 Rb7=] **38.Bxe4 Nxe4 39.Rxb5 Nd2 40.Kg2 e4 41.Re2 Bf8?+-** Anand gets a " winning " advantage for the first time in the game [41...Rd8 42.Ned5 Nb3 43.Rxe4 Nd2 44.Re7 Bf8 45.Re2 Nb3±] **42.Ned5 e3 43.Nxe3** Anand goes up a P **43...Re6 44.Nbd5 Nb3 45.Nf4 Rc6 46.Nxc4** Anand goes up 2 P's **46...Rxc4 47.Rxb3 Kg7 48.Rb5 Bc5 49.g5 hxg5 50.hxg5 Be7 51.Kf3 Bd8 52.Re4 Rc6 53.Kg4** [better is 53.c4 Rd1 54.b3 Rf1+ 55.Ke2 Rg1 56.Kf2 Rd1+-] **53...Rd2 54.Rd5 Rxd5 55.Nxd5 Re6 56.Rxe6 fxe6 57.Nf4 Kf7 58.Nd3 Bc7 59.Kf3+- 1-0**

In Round 5, Carlsen played Topalov, top-rated player in the world. It was a closely fought game, and then at the end, Topalov resigned in a drawn position !! This left Carlsen in sole possession of first place, with 3.5 pts.. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2690) – Topalov, V (2783) [D45]

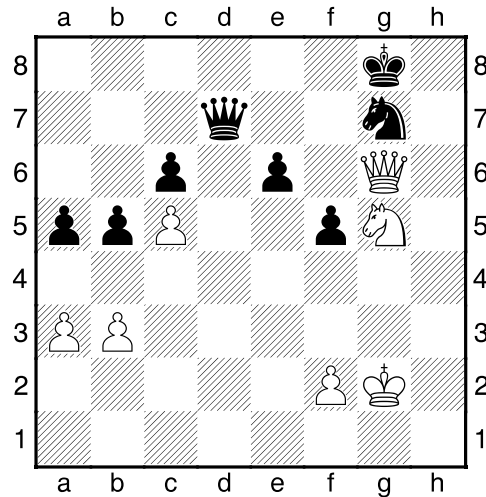
XXIV Morelia/Linares Super GM Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP (5), 22.02.2007

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.b3 0-0 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 [9...Qc7 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Qxe4 e5=] **10.Bb2** [10.e4 e5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Nb5 Bb8 13.Ba3 Re8=] **10...Re8 11.Rad1 Qe7** [11...Qc7 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf4 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6±] **12.Rfe1 Rac8?±** [12...c5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Nb5 Bb8 15.Nc3 Bd6=] **13.e4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Bb4 16.Rf1 Ba3 17.Bxa3** [17.Bc3? Nf6 18.Qh4 c5 19.Bd3 Ne4 20.Qxe7 Rxe7=; 17.Ba1 Nf6 18.Qh4 c5 19.Bd3 h6±] **17...Qxa3 18.Qc2** [18.Ne5 Rcd8 19.Bf3 h6 20.Rfe1 Nxe5 21.Qxe5 Re7 22.Re2 Red7±] **18...Nf6** [18...Qe7 19.Bd3 Nf6 20.c5 Rcd8±] **19.c5 Ba6 20.Bxa6 Qxa6 21.Ne5 Nd5 22.Nc4 Red8 23.a3?=[23.Nd6 Rb8 24.Ra1 Nf6±] 23...Rc7** [23...Rb8 24.Rfe1 Ne7=] **24.Qc1** [24.a4 Rcd7 25.Nd6 Rb8=] **24...Ne7 25.Rd2 Nf5 26.Rfd1 b5 27.Ne5 Qc8** [27...Rcc8 28.Ng4 Qa5 29.Rd3 Qc7 30.Qg5 h6 31.Qd2 Ra8=] **28.Rd3 f6 29.Nf3 Rcd7 30.Qf4 Rd5 31.Qe4 Qd7 32.R3d2 h5** [32...a5 33.Kh1 Ne7=] **33.h4 a5 34.Kf1 Re8 35.Re1 Kf7 36.Red1 Nh6 37.Re1 Re7 38.Qf4 Rf5 39.Qd6 Qc8??±** better for Topalov to exchange Q's; for the first time in the game, Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [39...Qxd6 40.cxd6 Rd7 41.Rc2 Rxd6 42.Rec1 Rf4 43.Rxc6 Rxc6 44.Rxc6 Nf5=] **40.Rde2?±** [40.d5 cxd5 41.Nd4 Re5 42.Rxe5 fxe5 43.Nc6 Rc7 44.Nxe5+ Kg8±] **40...Rd5 41.Qf4 Nf5 42.Re4 Rd8 43.g4?=[43.Qd2 Qc7 44.Qc3 Rde8 45.Kg1 Kg8±] 43...hxg4 44.Qxg4 Qd7 45.h5 Kg8 46.Kg2 Qd5 47.Qg6??±** for the first time in the game, Topalov gets a " clear " advantage; Carlsen wrongly offers the sac of the bP [47.Rb1 b4 48.a4 Kh8=] **47...Rf8??=[47...Rf8??=** but then Topalov loses it; he can take the free bP [47...Qxb3 48.h6 Qd3 49.Qh5 Rd5 50.h7+ Kh8 51.Qg4 Kxh7 52.Rxe6 Rxe6 53.Rxe6 Nh6 54.Qe4+ Qxe4 55.Rxe4 g5±] **48.h6** [48.Rf4 Ra7 49.Rfe4 Kh8 50.Kg1 b4 51.Rxe6 Qxf3 52.Re8 Ra8 53.Rxa8 Rxa8 54.Re8+ Rxe8 55.Qxe8+ Kh7 56.Qg6+=] **48...Qd8??±** Topalov again should take the bP [48...Qxb3 49.Rf4 Ra7 50.Rxf5 exf5 51.Nh4 Qd5+ 52.Kg1 f4 53.Re8 Rxe8 54.Qxe8+ Kh7 55.Qg6+ Kh8 56.Qe8+ Kh7=] **49.d5** [49.a4?? bxa4 50.h7+ Kh8 51.bxa4 Qd5 52.Rg4 Rb8 53.Rf4 Rb3 54.Ree4 Rd3±; 49.Rh1?? Qe8 50.Qxe8 Rfxe8 51.h7+ Kh8 52.Nh4 Nxh4+ 53.Rexh4 Rd8=; 49.h7+?? Kh8 50.b4 Qd5 51.Kg1 Ra7=; 49.b4? Qe8 50.h7+ Kh8 51.Qxe8 Rfxe8 52.bxa5 Kxh7 53.a6 g5±] **49...Qxd5** Topalov goes up a P **50.Rg4 Qd7?+-** again Topalov should take the bP [50...Qxb3 51.Rh1 Ref7 52.Rh3 Qd1±; 50...Ref7? 51.Rh1 Qxb3 52.Rh5 Qa2+-] **51.Rh1 Qe8 52.hxg7 Rxg7 53.Qh7+ Kf7 54.Rxg7+ Nxb7??±** Carlsen misplays the attack [55.Nd2 e5 56.Ne4 Qe7 57.Rh3 Ke6 58.Rd3 Rd8 (58...a4 59.Qg6 Qf7 60.Qg4+ Nf5 61.Rd6+ Ke7 62.Qxf5+-) 59.Rxd8 Qxd8 60.Qxg7 Qe7 61.Qg4+ Kd5+-] **55...Qd8?±** [55...Qd7 56.Qg6+ Kg8 57.Rh7 e5±] **56.Qg6+ Kg8 57.Qh7+ Kf7 58.Qg6+ Kg8 59.Rh7 Qd7 60.Nd2?±** again Carlsen loses his advantage [60.b4 a4 61.Qh6 Re8 62.Kh2 e5 63.Qg6 Re7±] **60...f5 61.Nf3 Rf6 62.Qxf6 Kxh7 63.Ng5+ Kg8 64.Qg6?=[64.Kh2 Qe8 65.Qh6 Qh5+ 66.Qxh5**

Nxh5 67.Nxe6 Nf6 68.f3 Nd7 69.Kg3 Kf7 70.Nd8+ Kf6 71.Nxc6 Nxc5 72.Nxa5 Kg5 73.f4+ Kf6 74.b4 Ne4+ 75.Kg2 Ke6 76.Kf3 Kd5±]

Position after 64.Qg6



Topalov could simply have continued **64...Qd5+ 65.f3 e5 66.Qh7+ Kf8 67.Qh8+ Qg8 68.Nh7+ Kf7 69.Ng5+ Kf8= 1-0**

In Rd. 7 on Feb. 25 Anand climbed back into a tie for first with Carlsen with a win over Peter Leko. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Leko, P (2749) – Anand, V (2779) [E04]

XXIV Morelia/Linares Super GM Morelia/Linares MEX/ESP (7), 25.02.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 dxc4 Anand goes up the gambitted P [4...Nc6 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.0-0 Rb8 7.Nc3 a6=] **5.Bg2 a6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.e3 Bd7 8.Nc3 b5?±** [8...Nd5 9.Nd2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 b5=] **9.Ne5 Nxe5?±** Leko gets an early " clear " advantage and holds onto it for a long time [9...Nd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bxd5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 (12.Bxa8?? Qxa8 13.dxe5 Bh3 14.f3 Bxf1 15.Kxf1 Bc5±) 12...c6 13.Be4 Qc7±] **10.dxe5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qxd5** back to material equality **12...Rb8 13.a4** [13.Rd1 Qc8 14.b3 Be6 15.Qc6+ Bd7 16.Qe4 Be7±] **13...Bb4 14.Rd1 Qe7** [14...c6 15.Qd4 c5 16.Qf4 bxa4 17.Be4 g5 18.Qf3 Qe7 19.Rxd7 Kxd7 20.Rxa4 Rb6 21.Bd5 c3 22.e4 Qxe5 23.Qxf7+ Kd8±] **15.Bd2 Bc5** [15...c6 16.Bxb4 cxd5 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.axb5 Rxb5 19.Bxd5 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Rd4 Rxe5 22.Rxc4 a5±] **16.axb5 axb5 17.Ba5 c6 18.Qd2 Rc8 19.Rac1 h5 20.b4 Ba7 21.Ra1 21...Rh6 22.Qc3** [22.h3 Bf5 23.e4 Be6 24.Kh1 Rh7±] **22...Bf5 23.e6** [23.Rd6? Kf8 24.Rad1 Rxd6 25.exd6 Qd7 26.e4 Be6 27.e5 c5±] **23...Rxe6** [23...fxe6 24.Bd8! Qb7 (24...Rxd8?? 25.Bxc6+ Kf8 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Rxa7 Qd1+ 28.Kg2 Rf6+-) 25.Bg5 Rg6 26.h4 Kf8±] **24.Qxg7 Bg4 25.Rd2 Bb8 26.h3??±** finally Leko loses his advantage, and for the first time in the game, Anand gets the advantage [26.Rc1 Be5 27.Qh7 c3 28.Rdc2 Qg5±] **26...Be5 27.Qg8+ Qf8 28.Qxf8+ Kxf8 29.Rc1 29...Bf5 30.e4 Bh7 31.Bb6** [31.f4 Bg7 32.Re2 Rce8 33.e5 f6 34.Bc7 Bd3 35.Ree1 fxe5 36.fxe5 Ke7±] **31...Bf6 32.h4??-+** Anand gets a " winning " advantage [32.Re2 Be7 33.Ba5 Ra8 34.f4 c5±] **32...Bxe4??±** But then he loses it [32...Be7 33.Bh3 Bxb4 34.Ra2 Bxe4 35.Bxe6 fxe6-+; trying to prevent losing the exchange after W plays Bh3 is actually inferior 32...Ree8 33.Bh3 Rb8 34.Bc5+ Be7 35.Bxe7+ Rxe7=] **33.Bh3 Bd5** [33...Ra8 34.Bxe6 fxe6 35.Rd7 Bf3 36.Bc5+ Ke8 37.Rc7 e5±] **34.Bxe6** [34.Bd4 Be7 35.Bxe6 fxe6

36.Bc3 Kf7 34...fxe6 Anand is down the exchange, but with a P compensation and he has 2 B's; he has a " slight " advantage 35.Bc5+ Be7 [35...Kf7 36.Ra2 Kg6 37.Kf1 Bf3 38.Rd2 e5 36.Bxe7+ Kxe7 37.Rb2??-+ Anand gets a " winning " advantage [37.Ra2 c5 38.Ra5 Rb8 39.bxc5 b4 37...Kd6 38.Kf1 [38.Rcb1 Ra8 39.Kf1 Ra3 40.Rc1 c5 41.bxc5+ Kxc5-+] 38...c5 39.Ke2 cxb4 40.Rxb4 Kc5 41.Rcb1 Bc6-+ there is nothing W can do about the advance of the BI Q-side P's 0-1

Aeroflot Open, Moscow, Russia

This tournament took place Feb. 13 – 23, and was in three groups – Over 2500, Over 2200 and Below 2200. 1 Canadian played in the middle group and 6 in the lowest group. The final standings of the top group were:

No.	Player	Elo	Fed	Pts	TPR	WWe	Col
1	GM Alekseev, Evgeny	2661	RUS	7.0	2828	+1.84	1
2	GM Tomashevsky, Evgeny	2624	RUS	6.5	2762	+1.66	1
3	GM Jakovenko, Dmitry	2691	RUS	6.5	2768	+0.92	1
4	GM Wang, Yue	2644	CHN	6.5	2741	+1.15	1
5	GM Ni, Hua	2632	CHN	6.5	2729	+1.14	1

Kitchener-Waterloo Winter Open

76 players turned out to Kitchener's City Hall between Feb. 16 – 18 for this three-section swiss, featuring Cuban GM Walter Arencibia. Here is Hans Jung's report from ChessTalk:

“ GM Walter Arencibia, Nikolay Noritsyn, and Marius Zubac tied for 1st with 4 out of 5. Alex Martchenko was very resourceful in drawing Nikolay in the last round. It was Nikolay's tournament to win after a tough hold of a draw against the GM. A special thanks to GM Arencibia for being warm and personable and playing fighting chess in every round (with model examples of attacking technique). The club will appreciate having his games to study.

In the under 2000 section Ricardo Mohammed, a local high school ace accelerated through the field winning clear first. Hal Bond, Christopher Knox (another tough young youth star), and Alfonso Cheng tied for 2nd.

In the under 1600 John Van Leuwen won with 4.5.

All the games that I observed were tough long fights. Many comments on how enjoyable the tournament was.”

2006/7 SCC Club Championship

On Thursday, Jan. 4, the club championship started. The Championship Section is a 10-player round robin, consisting of the top 8 rated players registered, plus the 2 winners of last year's Reserves Section. Playing this year are: Bryan Lamb (2203);

Imtiaz Husain (2145); John Hall (2061); Donal Deiseach (2005); Alex Rapoport (1958); Rick Garel (1954); Jim Paterson (1916); Randy Moysoski (1916); Richard Douglas (1760); Doug Gillis (1540). There are 34 players registered for the Reserves Section, which is a 9 round, one-section swiss. The 4 top players in this section are Pino Verde (1867), your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong (1793), Phil Haley (1786), and Silvano Mesiti (1782) .

Leading after 8 rounds is John Hall, with 6.5 pts., but out of 8 rounds. Bryan Lamb has 5.5 pts. and two games in hand. Bryan and John drew in round 8. So Bryan can theoretically overtake John and come clear first. In the Reserves, after 8 rounds, Bob Armstrong is alone in first with 6.5 pts.. Tied for 2nd / 4th with 5.5 pts. are Josh Sherman, Joe Bellomo and Mario Moran.

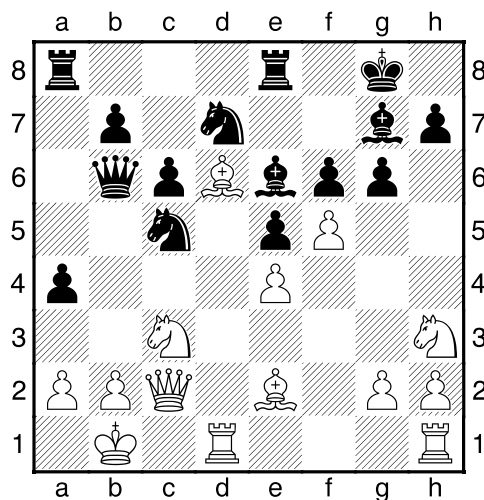
In Rd. 7, Bryan Lamb kept up his hunt for first place by carrying out a nice sac/attack on the Q-side when Donal Deiseach, one of the three club co-champions from last year, castled long. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Deiseach, D (2005) – Lamb, B (2203) [E73]

SCC Club Championship Toronto (7), 15.02.2007

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3?=[6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nbd7±] 6...Nbd7?± [6...c5 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.Bd2 Qxc5=] 7.Qd2 e5 8.0-0 c6?± [8...exd4 9.Bxd4 Re8 10.f3 Ne5±; 8...Qe7 9.f3 exd4 10.Bxd4 Nc5±] 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bc5?!= this B should not be captured [10.g4 Qa5 11.g5 Nh5 12.Bxh5 gxh5 13.Nge2 h4±] 10...Re8 [10...Nxc5?? 11.Qxd8 Bh6+ 12.Kb1 Rxd8 13.Rxd8+ Bf8±] 11.Bd6?± for the first time in the game, Bryan gets the advantage. [11.Qe3 Qa5 12.Bd6 Nb6 13.Bc7 Qa6=] 11...Qb6 12.c5?+ Bryan gets a " winning " advantage; this just loses the P [12.Kb1 Qxf2 13.Nf3 Qb6±; 12.f3 Nc5 13.Kb1 Rd8 14.Qg5 Ne8±; 12.Bf3 Qa5 13.Be2 b5±] 12...Nxc5 13.f3 [13.Bxc5? Qxc5 14.f3 Be6+] 13...Be6 14.Qc2 Nfd7 [14...Nb3+ 15.Kb1 (15.axb3? Bxb3 16.Qd3 Red8 17.f4 Bxd1 18.Bxd1 Qd4+) 15...Nd4 16.Qa4 c5+] 15.Nh3 f6?± [15...Bxh3 16.gxh3 Ne6 17.Kb1 Nd4+] 16.Kb1 a5 17.f4?+ [17.Na4 Nxa4 18.Qxa4 Bf8 19.Bc4 Nc5±] 17...a4 [17...exf4 18.Nxf4 Bf7 19.Bg4 Ne5 20.Be2 a4+] 18.f5 [18.fxe5 Qa5 19.Qd2 a3 20.b3 Nxb3 21.axb3 Bxb3 22.Na2 Qb6+]]



18...Bb3! 19.axb3 axb3 20.Bc4+ Kh8 21.Qe2 [better is 21.Qf2 Qa5 22.Bxb3 Nxb3 23.fxc6 c5-+] **21...Qa5 22.Kc1?+ [22.Bxb3 Nxb3 23.Qc4 Nd4 24.Qa2 Qxa2+ 25.Nxa2 c5-+] 22...Bh6+ 23.Rd2 Qa1+ 24.Nb1 Ra2+ Donal resigned. The game could have continued 25.Qe1 Rxb2 26.Kd1 Rxd2+ 27.Qxd2 Qxb1+ 28.Ke2 Qxe4+ 29.Kf2 Bxd2-+ 0-1**

In the Reserves Section in Rd. 7, Josh Sherman, who was tied for the lead with your editor, Bob Armstrong, got into a wild opening with Michael Perez, but the game eventually was drawn, leaving Josh and I still tied for first (I drew with Silvano Mesiti). Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sherman, J (1700) – Perez, M (1673) [B21]

SCC Club Championship (Reserves) Toronto (7), 15.02.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3?± Josh offers a gambit [3.Qxd4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Qa4 e6±] **3...dxc3** which Michael accepts; which Fritz advises [3...Nc6? 4.cxd4 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Nc3 Qf5±] **4.Nxc3 g6?± [4...e6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Be7=] 5.Qd4??±** aggressive, but the Q is out too early [5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Qb3 e6±] **5...Nf6 6.e5 Nc6 7.Qf4 Nh5 8.Qe3??±** Michael gets a " clear " advantage [8.Qg5 Nb4 9.Qd2 Qa5±] **8...Ng7??± [8...Bg7 9.Nf3 (9.g4? d5 10.exd6 Bxg4 11.h3 Be6 12.dxe7 Qxe7-+) 9...0-0 10.Be2 d5 11.exd6 exd6±] 9.Bd3 Nb4 10.Bb1 d6?± [10...Nf5 11.Qe4 Nc6 12.Nf3 Bg7±] 11.Nf3??± [11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Nf3 Nf5 13.Qe4 Bg7=] 11...Bf5??±** BI has to get the N out, to develop the B [11...Nf5 12.Qf4 Nc6 13.0-0 Bg7 14.exd6 Qxd6±] **12.0-0 Bxb1?±** now Josh gets a " clear " advantage, despite being down a P [12...d5 13.Qe2 a6 14.Bxf5 gxf5±] **13.Rxb1 Nf5 14.Qe4 Nc6 15.Rd1 [15.e6? fxe6 16.Ng5 Qd7 17.Nxe6 Nd8 18.Nxf8 Rxf8±] 15...Bg7 [15...Qd7 16.g4 Rg8 (16...Ng7? 17.b4 h5 18.b5 Qxg4+ 19.Qxg4 hxc4 20.bxc6 bxc6 (20...gxf3 21.cxb7 Rb8 22.exd6 exd6 23.Be3 Kd7 24.Bxa7 Be7 25.a4 Rbe8 26.Nd5 Bg5+-) 21.Nd4 Rh3+-) 17.Qc4 Bg7 (17...Ng7? 18.exd6 exd6+-) 18.gxf5 gxf5±] 16.e6??± [16.g4 Nh6 (16...Qd7 17.gxf5 gxf5 18.Qe2 Rg8±) 17.exd6 0-0 18.Bg5 f6 19.Bxh6 Bxh6 20.Qe6+ Rf7 21.g5 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 fxc5 23.Ne4 Qa5±] 16...f6??± [16...fxe6 17.g4 d5 18.Qxe6 Nfd4 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 20.Qe3 Nc2 21.Qd3 Nd4 22.Be3 e5=] 17.Nh4?± [17.b4 Rc8 18.b5 Ne5 19.Bb2 b6±] 17...Nxb4 18.Qxh4 Qc8?± [18...Qa5 19.Bh6 0-0±] 19.Nd5 0-0** took Michael a long time to 0-0 ! **20.Bh6??± [20.Re1 Re8 21.b3 Nd8 22.Qe4 Nc6±] 20...Rb8??± [20...Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Qxe6 22.Nc7 Qxa2 23.Nxa8 Rxa8=] 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qe4 [22.Qg4 f5 23.Qe2 f4 24.Rbc1 Qe8±] 22...Qd8 23.Rbc1 Rc8 24.Rc3 Ne5 25.Rxc8??±** Josh loses his advantage [25.Rh3 Rc4 26.Qe3 h5±] **25...Qxc8 26.Nxe7 Qxe6 27.Nd5 Qg4 28.Nc3??± [28.Qxg4 Nxg4 29.h3 Ne5=] 28...Qxe4 29.Nxe4 Rd8??±** Michael fails to save his extra P [29...Nf7 30.Kf1 (30.Nxd6?? Rd8-+) 30...a6±] **30.Rxd6 Rxd6 31.Nxd6= ½-½**

Rd. 8 saw the big match-up of the Championship Section. John Hall was leading with 6 pts.. But theoretically able to overtake him was Bryan Lamb, top-rated player in the Championship, who had 5 pts. but with 2 outstanding games. It was a closely-fought game, and then John got a winning advantage. But in the time pressure he erred and Bryan was able to scramble out of it with a draw. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lamb, B (2203) – Hall, J (2069) [A35]

SCC Club Championship Toronto (8), 22.02.2007

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Nc2 [6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bg2 Qa5+ 8.Qd2 Qc5=] 6...Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bg2 d6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.b3 [10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bf4 Be6=] 10...a6?± [10...Qc8 11.Bb2 Bh3=] 11.Bb2 Rb8 [11...Qa5 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Bxg7 Nc3 14.Bxc3 Qxc3±; 11...Rc8 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.cxd5 Ne5±; 11...Qb6±] 12.Qd2 b5 [12...Qa5 13.Ne3 Rfe8 14.Rad1 Rbc8±] 13.Nd5 Nxd5?± Bryan gets a " clear " advantage [13...Ne4

14.Qc1 Bxb2 15.Qxb2 f5±] **14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.cxd5 Ne5 16.h3 Qb6 17.Kh2 f6 18.f4 Nf7 19.Qd4 Rfc8 20.Rfc1 Qc5 21.b4 Qc3** [21...Qb6 22.Qxb6 Rxb6 23.Nd4 Rbb8 24.e3 Nd8±] **22.Qxc3?±** [22.Qa7 Qc7 23.Qg1 Qc3±] **22...Rxc3 23.Nd4 Rbc8 24.Nc6?±** [24.Rxc3 Rxc3 25.Rd1 f5±] **24...Rxc1?±** [24...Re3 25.Rc2 e6 26.dxe6 Bxe6=] **25.Rxc1 Nd8 26.Rc3?±** [26.Rc2 f5 27.Nd4 Rc4 28.e3 e5 29.Rxc4 bxc4 30.Ne2 Ba4±] **26...e6 27.Rd3??±** for the first time in the game, John gets a " clear " advantage [27.Ra3 Bxc6 28.dxc6 d5 29.Rxa6 Rxc6 30.Ra5 Rb6±] **27...Nxc6??±** John takes the wrong way [27...Bxc6 28.dxc6 d5 29.e4 Nxc6 30.a3 d4 31.e5 fxe5 32.Bxc6 Rxc6 33.fxe5 Rc2+ 34.Kh1 Rc3 35.Rxd4 Rxd3±] **28.dxc6 Bxc6 29.Rxd6 Bxg2 30.Kxg2 Rc2 31.Rxa6 Rxe2+ 32.Kf3 Rb2 33.Ke3** [33.Rxe6 Rxb4 34.Re7+ Kg8 35.Ra7 Rc4=] **33...Rxb4 34.Rxe6 Ra4 35.Rb6 Ra3+ 36.Ke4??±** John gets the " clear " advantage back [36.Kf2 Rxa2+ 37.Kf3 Ra3+ 38.Kf2 Ra5 39.Rb7+ Kh6 40.Rb6 f5= though BI would be up a P] **36...Rxb3 37.Rxb5 Rxb3** John goes up a P **38.Rb7+ Kh6 39.a4 Ra3** both players were now in time pressure **40.Ra7?±** John gets a " winning " advantage [40.Rb4 Kh5 41.Kd4 Kg4 42.Kc5 h5 43.Kb6 f5 44.a5 h4 45.Rb1 Kxf4+] **40...g5** [40...f5+ 41.Kd4 Rf3 42.Ke5 Re3+ 43.Kf6 Re4 44.a5 Rxf4 45.Rb7 Ra4 46.Rb1 Kh5 47.Rb5 Kg4+] **41.f5** [41.fxd5+ fxd5 42.Kf5 Rb3 43.a5 Rb4 44.Kf6 Rb5 45.a6 Ra5 46.Kf7 g4 47.Kg8 Kg6 48.Rg7+ Kf5 49.Kxh7 Rxa6+] **41...g4 42.a5 g3 43.Ra8 g2 44.Rg8 Rxa5??±** in the time pressure, John makes a mistake [44...Ra4+ 45.Kd5 Rxa5+ 46.Ke6 Ra6+ 47.Kd5 Ra2 48.Ke6 Kh5 49.Rg7 h6 50.Kxf6 Kh4 51.Ke6 Ra6+ 52.Ke5 Kh3 53.f6 Ra1 54.f7 Rf1 55.Rh7 Rxf7 56.Rxb6+ Kg3 57.Rg6+ Kf2 58.Rg8 Rf3+] **45.Rxg2 Ra7 46.Kd5??±** [46.Kf4 Ra4+ 47.Kf3 Rh4 48.Rg1 Rb4 49.Rh1+ Kg7 50.Rg1+ Kf8=] **46...Ra5+??±** and again the ending comes back to equality [46...Re7 47.Kd4 Re5 48.Rh2+ Kg5 49.Rxb7 Kxf5 50.Rh1 Kg6±] **47.Ke6** [47.Ke4 Ra4+ 48.Kf3 Ra3+ 49.Ke4 Ra1 50.Rh2+ Kg7 51.Rg2+ Kf8 52.Rh2 Kg8 53.Rg2+ Kf7 54.Rh2 Ra4+ 55.Kf3 Kg8=] **47...Ra6+=** ½-½

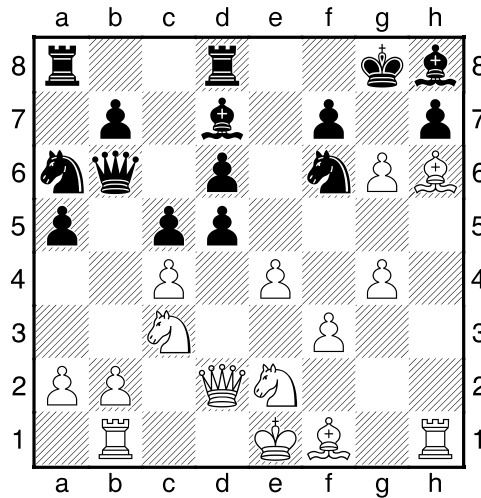
In the Reserves Section in Rd. 8 on Bd. 1, your editor, tied for first, faced Steve Douglas, who was a half point back, in sole possession of third place. I managed to be successful on a King-side attack against Steve's King's Indian Defence. This left me in sole possession of first place, a full point ahead of the three players tied for second at 5.5 pts. : Josh Sherman, Joe Bellomo and Mario Moran. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Armstrong, R (1783) – Douglas, S (1589) [E80]

SCC Club Championship (Reserves) Toronto (8), 22.02.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg7 5.f3?± [5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6±] **5...a5?±** [5...Nfd7 6.f4 c5 7.d5 0-0=] **6.Be3 Na6 7.g4** [7.Qd2 0-0 8.0-0-0 a4 9.a3 c6±] **7...c5 8.d5?±** [8.dxc5 Nxc5 9.Bxc5 dxc5 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.0-0-0+ Kc7±] **8...Qb6 9.Qd2 0-0??±** a seemingly logical move which is bad [9...Nd7 10.0-0-0 a4 11.Kb1 Nc7=] **10.Rb1??±** a seemingly logical move which is bad [10.0-0-0 a4 11.h4 a3 12.b3 h5 13.gxh5 Nxh5±] **10...Rd8?±** [10...Bd7 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Kh8 13.h4 Rg8=] **11.Bh6 Bh8?±** I get a " clear " advantage for the second time [11...Bxh6 12.Qxh6 Kh8 13.a3 Bd7 14.Nh3 Rg8±; 11...Bd7? 12.a3 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Kh8 14.Bd3 e5 15.dxe6 Bxe6±] **12.h4 Bd7** [12...Nd7 13.Nb5 Bf6 14.f4 Nf8 15.g5 Bh8±] **13.Nge2 e6 14.h5 exd5?±** trying to break open the center to get at the W K; but this gives me a win [14...Nc7 15.hxg6 fxg6 16.dxe6 Nxe6±] **15.hxg6**

Position after 15.hxg6



fxg6 (8.63) [15...hxg6? 16.Bg5 Nxe4 (16...dxe4?? 17.Rxh8+! Kxh8 18.Bxf6+ Kh7 19.Qg5 Bxg4 20.Qxg4 Kg8 21.Qh3 d5 22.Qh8#) 17.Nxe4 Bg7 (17...dxe4?? 18.Rxh8+! Kxh8 19.Bf6+ Kh7 20.Nc3 Bxg4 21.fxg4 and mate) 18.Nf6+ Kf8 19.Nxd5 Qa7 20.Be7+ Ke8 21.Qg5 Qb8 22.Bf8 f6 23.Qxg6+ Kxf8 24.Rh7 f5 25.Qxg7+ Ke8 26.Rh8#; 15...Nb4? 16.g7 dxe4 17.Qg5 Ne8 18.gxh8Q+ Kxh8 19.Qe7 Ng7 20.Bxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Qh6 Kg8 23.Nf4 and mate] **16.g5?+-** (3.22) [much better is 16.Nxd5 Qa7 (16...Qc6? 17.Ne7+ Kf7 18.Nxc6+-) 17.Nxf6+ Kf7 (17...Bxf6? 18.Qd5+ Kh8 19.Qf7 Be5 20.Bf8 h5 21.Nf4 Bf5 22.gxf5 Bc3+ 23.bxc3 Rxf8 24.Nxg6#) 18.Bg5 Bxf6 19.Rxh7+ Kg8 20.Bxf6 Kxh7 21.Qxd6 Be8 22.Qe7+ Bf7 23.Qxf7+ Kh6 24.Qg7#] **16...Ne8??+-** chess blindness strikes; Steve said he never even saw the mate, he was so busy watching the K-side [16...Be6 17.Bh3 Re8 18.Bxe6+ Rxe6 19.gxf6 dxe4 20.Nd5 Qc6 21.Qf4 Qe8 22.fxe4 Qf7 (4.10)] **17.Qxd5+-** Steve resigned. It's mate – **17...Be6 18.Qxe6# 1-0**

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