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October 1, 2008 FIDE Rating List

There is once again no player over 2800. [Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th World Champion, now retired, was the first player to break 2800 (highest rating ever in July 1999 – 2851); Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 14th World Champion, was the second player; Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), the 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third; Viswanathan Anand, current world champion, was the fourth player in history to break the 2800 barrier].

There are 32 players in the 2700's (a jump of 3 since the July 1 list). Some of the top players are (birth date of younger players in brackets, after country) :

1 : Veselin **Topalov** (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, 2006 World Championship Challenger, and 2008 Challengers' Match participant, at 2791(up from # 5 !) ;



2 : Alexander **Morozevich** (Russia), rated 2787;



#3 : Vassily **Ivanchuk** (Ukraine), rated 2786;



4 : Magnus **Carlsen** (Norway), rated 2786;



5 : Viswanathan **Anand** (India), 15th and current World Champion, rated 2783 (down 15 pts. from # 1 !);



6 : Vladimir **Kramnik** (Russia), 14th World Champion, rated 2772 (down 16 pts. from # 3 !);



7 : Levon Aronian (Armenia) – 2757 (up 20 pts from # 12 !)

8 : Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan – 1987) – 2751;

9 : Peter Leko (Hungary), 2004 World Championship Challenger, at 2747;

10: Dmitry Jakovenko (Russia) – 2737 (first time in the top 10 !);

27 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2711.

Some other past World Champions/FIDE World Champions and their current ratings are :

22 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine) at 2719;

50 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2672;

69: 12th World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) – 2651 ;

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching (birth date in brackets):

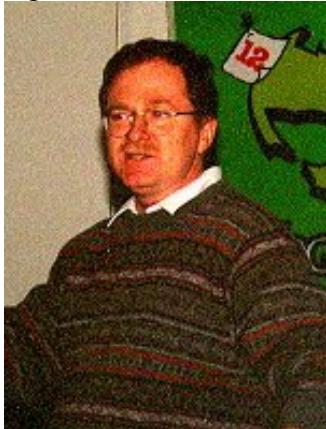
11 : Yue Wang (China – 1987) – 2704 (up 32 pts. from # 30 !!);

14 : Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan – 1985) - 2731

- # 15 : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine – 1990) – 2730;
- # 25 : Evgeny Alekseev (Russia – 1985) – 2715;
- # 26 : Xiangzhi Bu (China – 1985) – 2714 - won the 2007 Canadian Open;
- # 30 : Hikaru Nakamura (USA – 1987) – 2704 (breaking 2700 for the first time !);
- # 31 : Vugar Gashimov (Azerbaijan – 1986) – 2703;
- # 33 : Ivan Cheparinov (Bulgaria – 1986) – 2696;
- # 34 : Hao Wang (China – 1989) – 2696;

The 6 highest FIDE rated Canadians (active in the last 24 months, internationally or in Canada) are:

- # 1 : GM Kevin **Spraggett**, 5 times Canadian Champion (last in 1996), at 2597 (dropping below 2600);



- # 2 : GM Mark **Bluvshtein** (1988) at 2557 (up 9 pts.);



(from David Cohen's Canadian Chess website)

- # 3 : GM Pascal **Charbonneau**, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2499;
- # 4 : IM Thomas **Roussel-Roozman** (1988) at 2486.
- # 5 : IM Igor **Zugic**, 2006 Canadian Champion, at 2457.
- # 6 : IM Tomas **Krnan** (1988) at 2439.

The current 2007 Canadian Champion, 16 year old IM Nikolay **Noritsyn** (1991), is rated 2372 (up 11 pts.).

Canada has 3 inactive GM's : Alexander **Le Siege**; Duncan **Suttles**; Dimitri **Tyomkin**.

The top 5 women in the world are :

1 : GM Judit Polgar (Hungary) – 2711 (first woman player in history to break 2700);



2 : GM Humpy Koneru (India – 1987) – 2618 (second woman over 2600);



3 : WGM Yifan Hou (China – 1994) – 2578 (up 21 pts. - 14 years old !).



4: WGM Jun Xie (China) – 2574;

5 : GM Pia Cramling (Sweden) – 2550

The current Women's World Champion, GM Alexandra Kosteniuk (Russia)



is # 8 at 2525.

The top 5 FIDE rated Canadian women players are (active in the last 24 months, internationally or in Canada) :

1 : WIM Nava **Starr**, 8 time Canadian Women's Champion (last in 2001), at 2173.



(from David Cohen's Canadian Chess website)

2 : WFM Yuanling **Yuan** (1994 - SCC member !) at 2157 (up 11 pts. !).



- # 3 : WIM Natalia **Khoudgarian**, 2006 & 2007 Canadian Women's Champion, at 2149.
- # 4 : WFM Dina **Kagramanov** (1986), 2006 & 2007 Canadian Women's Championship Runner-Up, at 2118.
- # 5 : WFM Hazel **Smith** (1991), at 2057.

Grassroots' Campaign: Motions Go To Governors!

Good news ! GL # 2 is now out and the 3 Grassroots' Campaign motions on CFC fees are included for voting (initially for " first discussion ").

Credits to the Executive for accepting the " common sense " solution to the impasse of amending the July CFC AGM motion on CFC fees and the need to amend an unupdated CFC Handbook. The relevant Handbook sections can be updated later, with the whole Handbook updating, using the motion, either amended or unamended, depending on what happens.

In response to GL # 2, I posted on the CFC Chess Forum on October 10:

“ Love to see those 3 Grassroots' Campaign motions (Motions 2009-7 to 2009-9)! Sorry to see President David Lavin is against all three (though it does seem he takes this position because he doesn't like the July AGM motion in the first place). I note that his business plan does call for the elimination of tournament memberships (which is the motion 2009-7).

Concerned to see the motion to rescind the July AGM motion on fees. I voted for this at the AGM (on proxy for Barry Thorvardson). I must admit to being a bit miffed that the movers of the rescission motion say I didn't know what I was doing in July. This rescission would raise the CFC annual fees back up (adult - from \$ 30 to \$ 36; junior: from \$20 to \$ 24 – is this a good thing ??), and lower the rating fees (adult - from \$5 to \$3; junior - from \$5 to \$0.50). Seems to me that the motion's intention to shift CFC general revenue from membership (by lowering it) to rating fees (by raising them [except the junior was raised too much - see motion 2009-9]), was the right way to go. And it actually positively affects CFC finances, since the shift was revenue-generating, not revenue neutral [though this is what the Grassroots' Campaign had preferred]. I see no reason to rescind this motion.

Bob “

I guess we now wait to see what the “ discussion comments “ of the Governors will be in GL # 3. I'd love to have access to the CFC's private Governors' Discussion Board to see what the governors think about these issues (but the Governors don't want a “ Public View-Only “ board). Hopefully all comments won't only be on the discussion board, and that some will make it to GL # 3. In the meantime, we can play chess while we wait !!

World Chess Championship Begins

A 12 game match will decide who will be the champion. The match is being played in Bonn, Germany from Oct. 14 to Oct. 31 (tie-break Nov. 2 if necessary). There will be a classic rate of play: 120 minutes for 40 moves, then 60 minutes for 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game plus 30 seconds increment, starting from move 61. If the match ends in a tie, a tiebreak will be played on November 02, 2008. The tiebreak consists of four rapid games, if needed two blitz games and if needed, one sudden-death game.

Will it be the 15th and current world champion , Viswanathan Anand (India), or the challenger, 14th world champion, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), who took the crown from the renowned 13th world champion, Garry Kasparov (Russia), back in 2000?

The first game of the match was drawn, as each player got settled in. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kramnik, Vladimir (2772) – Anand, Viswanathan (2783) [A00]

2008 World Chess Championship Bonn, Germany (1), 14.10.2008

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Bf4 Nc6?! [5...Qb6 6.Qb3 Qxb3 7.axb3 Nc6 8.Nb5 e5=] **6.e3 Bf5 7.Nf3?!** [7.Qb3 Na5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Qa4 Nc6±] **7...e6 8.Qb3 Bb4 9.Bb5** [9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0=] **9...0-0 10.Bxc6 Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Rc8 12.Ne5 Ng4?!** this loses a P [12...Nh5 13.Qa3 (13.Qb4?!) 13...bxc6 14.Rc1 Nxf4 15.exf4 c5=] **13.Nxg4 Bxg4 14.Qb4 Rxc6 15.Qxb7** Kramnik goes up a P **15...Qc8 16.Qxc8 Rfxc8 17.0-0 a5** [17...h6 18.h3 Bf5 19.b4 Ra6±] **18.f3 Bf5 19.Rfe1** [19.g4 Bd3 20.Rf2 Rc1+ 21.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 22.Kg2 Rc2±] **19...Bg6 20.b3 f6 21.e4 dxe4 22.fxe4 Rd8 23.Rad1 Rc2 24.e5** [24.d5 exd5 25.exd5 Rd7 26.d6 Rxa2 27.Ra1 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 Bc2 29.Rxa5 Bxb3±] **24...fxe5 25.Bxe5 Rxa2 26.Ra1** [26.Rc1 Rf8 27.Rc7 Rff2 28.Rxg7+ Kf8 29.Rf1 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Bd3+ 31.Kg1 Be4±] **26...Rxa1 27.Rxa1 Rd5** [27...Ra8 28.Bc7 Bc2±] **28.Rc1 Rd7 29.Rc5 Ra7 30.Rc7?!** [30.h4? Be4 31.h5 Kf7=; 30.Bc7 Rb7 31.Rc3 Rb5±] **30...Rxc7 31.Bxc7 Bc2 32.Bxa5 Bxb3= ½-½**

16th World Computer Chess Championship

(from ChessBase)

This tournament was held from September 28th to October 5th 2008 in the Beijing Golden Century Golf Club, Fangshan, Beijing, China. It was part of the Computer Games Championship, with 28 different games like chess, draughts, checkers, Go, backgammon, etc. The final standing in the chess tournament was as follows:

WCCC 16th Beijing 2008

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
1 Rybka	*	1	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5/9
2 Hiarcs	0	*	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	1	7.5/9
3 Junior	X	0	*	1	X	X	1	X	1	1	6.5/9
4 Chess960Tags	X	X	0	*	X	0	1	1	1	1	5.5/9
5 Shredder	0	0	X	X	*	1	X	X	X	1	4.5/9
6 FaIcon	0	0	X	1	0	*	X	0	1	1	4.5/9
7 Jeany Beijing	0	0	0	0	X	X	*	1	1	1	4.5/9
8 Deep Sjeng	0	0	X	0	X	1	0	*	X	1	3.5/9
9 The Bazaar	0	X	0	0	X	0	0	X	*	1	2.5/9
10 Mobile Chess	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0.5/9

The victory of Rybka was hardly surprising, since this program is dominating the computer rating lists and was running on the most powerful hardware in Beijing. The performance of the British program Hiarcs, the oldest in the field, was very impressive. In the final round Hiarcs beat the German program Shredder, which in the past has won many world championship titles. The Israeli program Junior, also a former world champion, finished a clear point behind Hiarcs in third place.

The Commonwealth Chess Championship

The Commonwealth Chess Championship took place 28th September - 6th October 2008 in Nagpur, India. No Canadian participated. Nigel Short (England) took clear first with 9.5/11, half a point clear of Surya Shekhar Ganguly (India).

Toronto Thanksgiving Day Open

(posted by Bryan Lamb on official website)

FM Shiyam **Thavandiran** and IM Leonid **Gerzhoy** shared first in the 2008 Toronto Thanksgiving tournament! Both players played consistently solid chess throughout the tournament and definitely deserved their 5/6 final scores, taking home \$550 each for their efforts. In round 5, Thavandiran overcame GM Bator Sambuev in an ending after Sambuev missed a drawing opportunity prior to time control. Gerzhoy defeated IM Artiom Samsonkin in round 5 also.

Sambuev claimed clear third place at 4.5/6 after defeating Samsonkin in the final round, while Thavandiran and Gerzhoy settled for a quiet draw knowing they could not be caught by any other players.

These "big four" players have been dominating Toronto Chess events as of late, with Thavandiran taking clear first in the 2008 Labour Day while Samsonkin mowed through the competition to win the 2008 Canada Day Open.

Other good showings were registered by junior players Roman **Sapozhnikov** and Arthur **Calugar**, who shared the U2300 first prize with 4/6. both players faced challenging opposition on their way to these results.

Toronto Women's Championship (a GTCL sponsored Event)

This 6-player round robin started September 14, and was to go to October 12 (but the final round got rescheduled due to the Toronto Thanksgiving Day Tournament), and was played at the Oriole CC and the Willowdale CC. Irina Barron leads with a perfect score of 4 pts. after 4 rounds, with Yelizaveta Orlova in second with 3 pts..

Toronto Seniors' Championship Begins

This 8-player round robin started Tuesday, October 14. It is being played at the Willowdale CC on 7 consecutive Tuesdays. Playing are:

Ruperto Frilles	2050
Ben Hosiosky	2039
Mickey Stein	1996
Oleg Tseluiko	1937
Bob Armstrong	1834
Oswald Barmasch	1574
Ted Termeer	1486
Ernesto Villaluz	1327

Cohen's Chess in the Movies: "Dangerous Moves"

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Back in 1985, current CFC President David Lavin organized the Toronto International Open, and brought in Victor Korchnoi to play. Korchnoi gave a talk on the film 'Dangerous Moves', which is based on his 1978 World Championship match with Anatoly Karpov. I didn't hear about the film at the time, and only discovered it when researching the tournament's history. Curious, I looked it up at the Toronto Public Library, and was delighted to discover that a circulating copy is available on DVD.

The film was made in Switzerland in French as 'La Diagonale du fou' (subtitles are available) in 1984, and won the 1985 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. It's a real treat in many ways. First, chess and chess players are the subject of a serious drama. Second, the film is well done for how it technically portrays chess on the screen (far better than most films, anyway). Finally, chess players are portrayed in many interesting ways; there is no stereotype here.

I think the latter is achieved in part because the screenwriter borrowed from so many famous chess players and incidents in chess history. The main story is the fictional version of the Korchnoi-Karpov match, and many incidents from this match are used. But the writer also attributes to them the following events which you should recognize: Nimzovich's complaint about the unlit cigar; Botvinnik with his coffee mug; Benko

wearing sunglasses to ward off Tal's hypnotic stare; Petrosian's solution to noisy Buenos Aires; and Fischer's fussing over playing conditions just before his match with Spassky.

By the way, you may be confused at the beginning of the film. This is a fictional story. The ages of the main characters are reversed: the fictional champion is old and the challenger is young, whereas in real life, Champion Karpov was much younger than Challenger Korchnoi. Keeping these changes in mind, you should enjoy this film as a fiction, the best I've seen dealing with our world of chess.

SCC Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss

This 7 Rd. swiss started Thursday, Sept. 11 and ends October 23. It is being held in 2 sections: Open Section; U 1700 section. 39 players registered for the Open section. The club is much stronger at the top this year with 5 masters and 7 experts (our VP, Bryan Lamb, started the tournament on Bd. 6 – a new experience for him !) 29 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of almost 70 players is the most we have had out since early in the millennium. SCC is starting to reach the limits of its space – we're just fitting everyone in !

After 5 rounds the standings were:

Open Section:

1st – 4.5 pts – Yuanling Yuan (2209)

Kyle Morrison (2205)

2nd – 4 pts. - Karl Sellars (2100).

3rd/7th – 3.5 pts. - John Hall (2215)

Andrei Moffat (2198)

Liam Henry (2258)

David Krupka (2250)

Hugh Siddeley (2110)

U 1700 Section:

1st – 5 pts.(consecutive wins !) – Stuart Brammall (1580)

2nd/4th - 4 pts. - Linda Xia (1533)

Mario Umana (1430)

Dean Ward (1644)

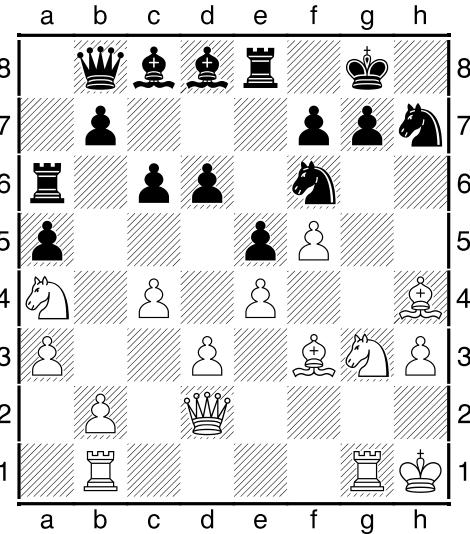
Masoud Jizan (1617)

In Rd. 4 in the Open section, Jim Paterson on a nice tactic went up a pawn against new member expert Ruperto Frilles. But it gave Ruperto the K-side attack he had been building up too, and Jim got mated. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Frilles, Ruperto (2050) – Paterson, Jim (1812) [C20]

Scarb.CC Howard Ridout (Over 1700) Toronto (4), 02.10.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 1...Nf6 2.d3?± Jim gets the advantage [2.e5 Nd5 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 Nc6 5.c4 Nb6±] 2...e5 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.Nc3 c6?!= [5...Bc5 6.Na4 d6 7.Nf3 Nc6?±] 6.g3?± [6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be2 d6 8.0-0 Ba5=] 6...Na6?!= [6...0-0 7.Bg2 d6 8.Nf3 Be6?±] 7.Bg2?± [7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 d5 9.Qc2 0-0=] 7...d6 [7...Nc5 8.Qc2 Ne6?±] 8.h3 0-0 9.Nge2 Ba5?!= [9...Bc5 10.a3 Be6?±] 10.0-0 Bc7 [10...Be6 11.f4 Bb6+ 12.Kh2 Nc5=] 11.a3 Nc5 12.Be3 a5?± Ruperto gets the advantage [12...Bb6 13.b4 Ne6 14.Bxb6 axb6=] 13.Rb1?!= [13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Qxa1 Na6±] 13...Ne6?± [13...a4 14.Qc2 Bb6 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Re8=] 14.f4 Rd8 15.f5 Nf8 16.g4 h6 17.Ng3?!= [17.Qe1 Bd7 18.Bf3 b5 19.cxb5 cxb5±] 17...N8h7 [17...N8d7? 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Bb6±; 17...Bb8 18.h4 N6h7 19.g5 hxg5 20.hxg5 Nxg5=] 18.Qd2 [18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Bd7=] 18...Ra6?± [18...Bd7 19.Qe2 Ra6=] 19.g5?± Jim gets back the advantage [19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 Ra8±] 19...hxg5 20.Bxg5 Bb6+?!= [20...Nxg5 21.Qxg5 Bb6+ 22.Kh1 Re8?±] 21.Kh1?± [21...Be3 Bxe3+ 22.Qxe3 a4=] 21...Qc7?!= [21...Nxg5 22.Qxg5 Re8 23.Rf3 Bd8?±] 22.Bh4 Re8 23.Bf3 Qb8?± right piece – wrong square; Ruperto gets a " clear " advantage [23...Qd7 24.Nh5 Nxh5 25.Bxh5 Bd8=] 24.Na4?± [24...Nxh5 Bd8 25.Nxf6+ Nxh5 26.Rg1 Kh8±] 24...Bd8 25.Rg1 Ruperto sets up an attack



25...Nxe4?+– a tactic that is not best, because of W's attack threats. Jim goes up a P, but Ruperto gets a " winning " advantage. [25...b5 26.cxb5 cxb5 27.Nc3 b4 28.Qg2 Kh8±] 26.Nxe4?+– 1.82 [26.Bxe4 f6 27.Nh5 g5 28.fxg6 Ng5+– 12.79] 26...Bxh4?+– 4.38 [26...Bxf5 27.Bxd8 Rxd8 28.Qf2 Qc7+– 2.14] 27.Qg2 g5 28.fxg6 Nf6?+– leads to mate in 5 moves [28...Ng5 29.gxf7+ Kxf7 30.Bh5+ Ke7 31.Nxg5 Bd7 32.Qe4 d5 33.Qxh4 Kd6+– 14.26] 29.gxf7+–

Kxf7 30.Qg7+ Ke6 31.Nxf6 [31.Rg6 Kf5 32.Rxf6+ Bxf6 33.Qxf6#] **31...d5** [31...e4 32.Bg4+ Ke5 33.Nd5+ Bf6 34.Qxf6#] **32.Bg4++-** Jim resigned. It is mate **32...Kd6 33.Nxe8#** [33.c5#] **1-0**

In Rd. 4 in the U 1700 section, it was a heartbreaker for Dinesh Dattani (on left),



who was then tied for 3rd , a 1/2 pt. behind the leaders. He played a great game against his much higher rated opponent, Lui Morra (364 pts. difference). He even missed winning material a couple of times, and failed to push passed pawns when he had a win. But he was still winning when he blundered his B at the end, and allowed Lui to stop his passed pawns from queening. Here is the game (Annotations by Dinesh Dattani, using Fritz):

Dattani, Dinesh (1273) – Morra, Lui (1637) [B38]

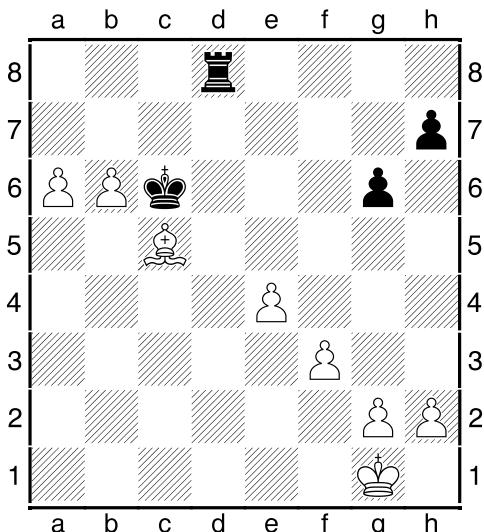
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[Fritz 11 (65s)]

78MB, Fritz11.ctg, D6KVNN91B38: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7 and 7...0-0 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 c5 6.Be3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Qd2 Re8 11.Rfd1** [11.Rab1 a6 12.f3 Rc8 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.b4 Bd7 15.Rfc1 h5 16.Bf1 Be6 17.Na4 Rc6 18.Qf2 Nd7 19.Rc2 Qb8 20.Rbc1 b6 21.b5 axb5 22.cxb5 Rxc2 23.Rxc2 Nc5 24.Nxc5 dxc5 25.f4 Bc8 Kosten,A (2485)-Larsen,B (2550)/London 1990/CBM 018/1-0 (41)] **11...Ng4** [11...Nxd4 12.Bxd4 a5 13.c5 Bc6 14.cxd6 exd6 15.f3 d5 16.e5 Nd7 17.f4 Nb6 18.b3 h5 19.Bf3 Re7 20.Qf2 Nc8 21.a4 Bh6 22.f5 Kh7 23.Rd3 Qd7 24.e6 fxe6 25.fxg6+ Kxg6 26.Bxh5+ Aguilar,A (2256)-Pradines,E/Villa Ballester 2006/CBM 110 ext/1-0 (31)] **12.Bxg4N** [12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bd4 Bh6 14.Qd3 c5 15.Bxc5 Ne5 16.Qg3 Rc8 17.Bxa7 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Rxc4 19.Qd3 Rb4 20.b3 Bg4 21.f3 Qa5 22.Be3 Bxe3+ 23.Qxe3 Be6 24.Ne2 Rc8 25.Nd4 Bd7 26.a3 Rb8 Filippov,V (2510)-Motyliov,A (2330)/Ekaterinburg 1997/CBM 057 ext/1-0 (47)] **12...Bxg4 13.f3** White threatens to win material: f3xg4 **13...Bd7** [13...Bxd4 14.Bxd4 (<=14.fxg4 Bxe3+ 15.Qxe3 Ne5#) 14...Be6 15.Nd5=] **14.Nde2** [14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.b4 b6±] **14...Ne5** [14...Qa5 15.c5=] **15.b3** Controls a4+c4 **15...Rc8** [\square 15...Qa5!=? deserves consideration] **16.Bxa7± b6** [16...Nc6=? 17.Bf2 Qa5±] **17.Nd5++ e6** [\square 17...Rc6 18.Qe3 Qa8 19.Bxb6 Qb7+-] **18.Bxb6 Qh4 19.Bf2 Qh5** [19...Qd8 20.Ndc3+-] **20.Ng3** [\square 20.Nb6 and White can already relax 20...Rcd8 21.Qxd6+-] **20...Qh6??** simply worsens the situation [\square 20...Qxf3 21.Nb6 Rcd8 22.Nxd7 Rxd7 23.gxf3 Nxf3+ 24.Kg2 Nxd2+-] **21.Qxh6** [21.Nf6+! might be the shorter path 21...Kh8 22.Qxh6 Bxh6 23.Rxd6 Bg7 24.Nxe8 Bxe8+-] **21...Bxh6 22.Nb6** [\square 22.Nf6+ makes it even easier for White 22...Kf8 23.Nxe8 Kxe8 24.Rxd6 Nc6+-] **22...Rc7** [22...Rc6 23.c5! Deflection: d6 23...Rd8 24.a4+-] **23.Rxd6 Bg7**

[23...Bc8 cannot change destiny 24.a4+-] **24.Bd4** [□24.Nxd7 keeps an even firmer grip 24...Rxd7 25.Rxd7 Nxd7 26.Rd1+-] **24...Rd8** [24...Rc6 desperation 25.Rxc6 Bxc6 26.Bxe5 Bxe5+-] **25.Rd1 Bf8** [25...Ra7 does not improve anything 26.a4+-] **26.Bxe5 Bxd6 27.Rxd6 Kf8** [27...f6 doesn't get the cat off the tree 28.Bxf6 Rf8 29.e5+-] **28.Nxd7+** [□28.Bf6 nails it down 28...Ke8 29.Nh5 gxh5 30.Bxd8 Rc6 31.Rxd7 Rxb6 32.Bxb6 Kxd7+-] **28...Rcxd7** [28...Rxd7 does not save the day 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.Bc3+-] **29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.c5** [30.Bc3 seems even better 30...f6+-] **30...Rd2** [30...Rd1+ does not solve anything 31.Kf2 Rd2+ 32.Ne2 Rxa2 33.b4+-] **31.a4** [□31.b4 and White can already relax 31...Ke7 32.b5 f6 33.Bd6+ Kd8+-] **31...Rd3** [31...Rd1+ the only chance to get some counter play 32.Kf2 Rb1+-] **32.b4 Ke8** [32...Ke7 is no salvation 33.b5 f6 34.Bd6+ Kd7 35.a5+-] **33.Ne2** [33.b5 seems even better 33...Rb3 34.Ne2 g5+-] **33...Kd7** [33...Rd2 doesn't do any good 34.Nc3+-] **34.Nd4 Ke7** [34...Kc8 doesn't change anything anymore 35.c6 Ra3 36.b5 Rxa4 37.b6+-] **35.c6 f6 36.c7** [□36.Bxf6+ and White takes home the point 36...Kxf6 37.b5 Rxd4+-] **36...Kd7 37.Bxf6 Kxc7** [37...Rd1+ cannot undo what has already been done 38.Kf2 Rb1 39.b5 Kxc7 40.Nxe6+ Kb6 41.Bd4+ Kb7 42.e5+-] **38.Nxe6+ Kb6** [38...Kc6 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 39.e5 Rd7 40.b5+ Kb6 41.Ng7+-] **39.Bd4+** [□39.e5 and White can already relax 39...Rd1+ 40.Kf2 Rd2+ 41.Ke3 Rb2+-] **39...Kc6 40.a5** [40.b5+ makes it even easier for White 40...Kd6 41.a5 Kxe6+-] **40...Kd6 41.Bc5+** [41.b5!? keeps an even firmer grip 41...Kxe6 42.a6 Kd7+-] **41...Kxe6 42.b5 Kd7 43.b6+-** [□43.a6 might be the shorter path 43...Rd1+ 44.Kf2 Rd2+ 45.Ke3+-] **43...Kc6** [43...Rd1+ hoping against hope 44.Kf2 Ra1+-] **44.a6 Rd8** [44...Kxc5?? Black's fate is sealed if he captures the bishop 45.b7 Ra3 46.b8Q Rxa6 47.Qf8+ Kb5 48.e5+-]

Position after 44...Rd8



45.Bf2??-+ [□45.b7 and White wins 45...Rb8 46.Kf2+-] **45...Rd1+-** DDD: A gross blunder. I had about 10 min, my opponent only 5. I lose the bishop and also lost a winning game – not my first time. I resigned.[45...Rd1+ 46.Be1 Rxe1+ 47.Kf2 Ra1-+] **0-1**

In Rd. 5 in the Open section, a most important game took place. After losing four games in a row, your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, feels entitled to crow a bit about managing to win my first game of the tournament – and it does feature a nice attack (which I almost let slip away), and a Queen-sac mate.

Ken Kurkowski (on the left; me on the right),



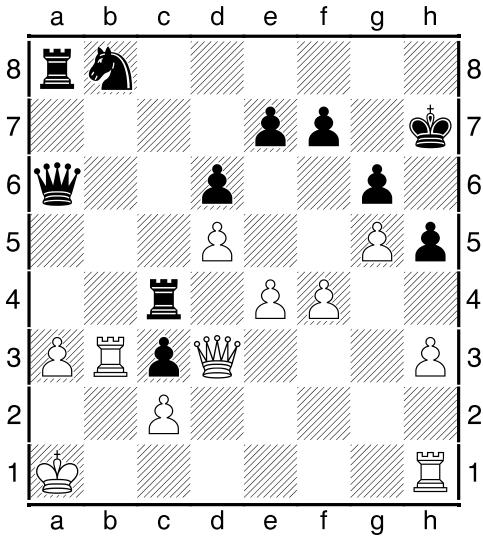
with whom I've played a zillion games over the years (and we were about even), got the short end on this one. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kurkowski, Ken (1681) – Armstrong, Robert (1834) [B07]

Scarb. CC Howard Ridout (Over 1700) Toronto (4), 09.10.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 1...g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Qd2 Ng4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.h3 Nf6 9.0-0-0 c6 10.Kb1 b5 11.f3?!= [11.e5 Ne8 12.Nf3 Na6±] 11...a5 12.g4 Nfd7?!± [12...a4 13.e5 Ne8 14.Ne4 dxe5 15.dxe5 Qxd2 16.Rxd2 f5 17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Bxe7 Rf7 19.Ba3 Rd7=] 13.d5?± I get the advantage [13.e5 Nb6 14.exd6 Qxd6±] 13...b4 14.Na4 c5?!= [14...Bb7 15.f4 Na6±] 15.Ne2?± I get a " clear " advantage [15.f4 Re8 16.Nf3 Nb6 17.Nxb6 Qxb6=] 15...Ba6 16.g5 h5 17.f4?!-+ I get a " winning " advantage [17.Ng1 c4 18.Bf2 Bb5 19.b3 Qc7±] 17...Bb5 18.b3 c4?± [18...Bxa4 19.bxa4 Nb6 20.f5 Nxa4 21.Bg2 Be5-+] 19.Nd4?!-+ [19.Bf2 Bxa4 20.bxa4 Nb6 21.Bd4 Bxd4 22.Nxd4 Nxa4±] 19...Bxa4 20.bxa4 Nc5 21.Qe3 Nxa4 I go up a P 22.Be1 Qb6 I sac a P for a dynamic position 23.Bxc4 – 3.97 material equality [23.Ka1 Nd7 24.Rh2 Nc3 25.Bxc3 bxc3 26.Qxc3 Rab8-+ – 3.87] 23...Nc3+ 24.Bxc3 bxc3+ 25.Bb3 Rc8?-+ – 2.16 After some thought, I decided (wrongly) not to win the B for 2 P. I thought the potential of the c3P with the b2 mate threat was worth more. In the game, it did revolve around the mate threat. [25...a4 26.Nf5 Qa5 27.Nxe7+ (27.Nxg7?? axb3 28.a4 bxc2+ 29.Kxc2 Qxa4+ 30.Kxc3 Qa2 31.Qc1 Rc8+ 32.Kd3 Qb3+ 33.Ke2 Rxc1 34.Rd2 Ra3 35.Rhd1 Qf3+ 36.Ke1 Re3+ 37.Re2 Qxe2#) 27...Kh8 28.Rh2 Re8 29.f5 axb3 30.Nxg6+ fxg6 31.cxb3 Be5 32.Rf2 Na6-+ – 7.96] 26.Nf5 Qb7 27.Nxg7 Kxg7??± a blunder – I am losing my advantage [27...a4 28.Rh2 Kxg7 29.Rd3 Qc7-+] 28.Qd4+ Kh7 29.Ka1??-+ a blunder allowing me to resume my effective attack [29.a4 Na6 30.Rd3 Qc7±] 29...a4 30.Rb1 axb3 31.Rxb3 Qa6 32.a3 Rc4 33.Qd3??-+ a final blunder, not seeing the tactical threat – Ken needed to sac his Q; now it is mate [33.Qxc3 Rxc3 34.Rxc3 Qe2-+ – 10.33]

Position after 33.Qd3??



33...Qxa3+!! 34.Rxa3 Rxa3+ 35.Kb1 Rb4+-+ Ken resigned; it is mate 36.Kc1 Ra1# 0-1

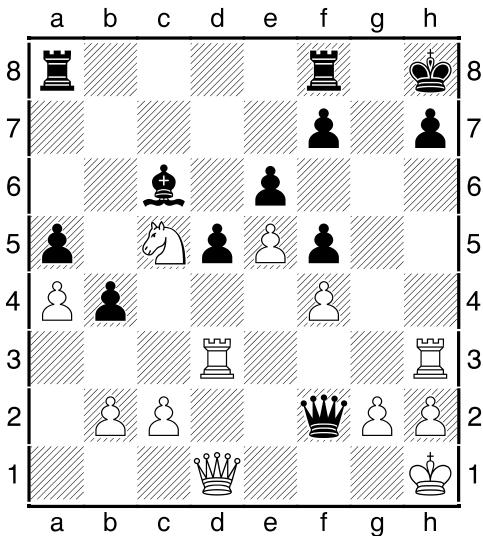
In the U 1700 section in Rd. 5, Stuart Brammall continued his winning ways – he now has 5 consecutive wins and sole possession of first place. Against Dean Ward, with whom he was then tied for first, he built a nice K-side attack (though the advantage went back and forth a few times), and then uncorked a rook-sac mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Brammall, Stuart (1580) – Ward, Dean (1644) [B77]

Scarb.CC Howard Ridout (Under 1700) Toronto (5), 09.10.2008

1.e4± Fritz evaluation not generally accepted 1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4?!= [9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 Bd7 11.g4 Rfc8 12.h4 h5±] 9...Na5?!= [9...Ne5 10.Bb3 Bd7 11.0-0 Rc8=; 9...Bd7=] 10.Bb3?!= [10.Bd3?! Nd7 11.f4 e5 12.Ndb5 exf4 13.Bxf4 Ne5=; 10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 Rc8±] 10...Nxb3 11.Nxb3 a6 12.a4 Nd7 [12...Qc7 13.a5 Be6 14.Bb6 Qd7=] 13.Bh6 Ne5?!= [13...Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Ne5 15.a5 Nc4 16.0-0 Nxb2=] 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qd4 Kg8 16.f4?!= [16.0-0 Be6 17.f4 Nc6 18.Qe3 Rc8±] 16...Nc6 17.Qd2 b6?!= [17...Be6 18.0-0 Bxb3 19.cxb3 Qb6+ 20.Rf2 e6= (20...Qxb3?!=)] 18.0-0 Bb7 19.Rae1 b5?!= Stuart gets a " clear " advantage [19...Rc8 20.Rd1 b5±] 20.Kh1?!= [20.axb5 axb5 21.Rf2 (21.Nxb5? Qb6+ 22.N5d4 e5 23.fxe5 dxe5-+) 21...Na5±] 20...b4 [20...bxa4 21.Nxa4 Rb8 22.Rf2 f5±] 21.Nd5 a5?+- Stuart gets a " winning " advantage [21...Rb8 22.f5 gxf5 23.Re3 Kh8±] 22.Ne3?± White can play aggressively [22.f5 Kh8 23.f6 e6 24.Qg5! exd5 25.Re3 Bc8 26.Rf4 Rg8 27.Rh4 Qf8+- 4.94] 22...e6 [22...Rc8 23.Rd1 Nb8 24.Qd4 Bc6±] 23.Rd1 Ne7 24.Qd4 d5?!=+ [24...h5 25.e5 dxe5 26.Qxe5 Qc8±] 25.e5?± [25.Ng4 h5 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.Nd7+ Kh7 28.Nbc5 Bc8 29.Nf6+ Kh8 30.Qe5 Nc6 31.Qg5 Kg7 32.Nxh5+ Kh7 33.Nf6+ Kg7 34.exd5 Qxf6 35.Qxf6+ Kxf6 36.dxc6 Ke7+- 2.52] 25...Bc6 [25...Kh8 26.Qc5 Nf5±] 26.Nc5 Nf5 27.Nxf5 gxf5 28.Rf3?+= Stuart loses his advantage [28.g4 fxg4 29.f5 Qh4 30.fxe6 fxe6 31.Nxe6 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Qh3±] 28...Kh8 29.Rdd3 [29.Rh3 Rg8=] 29...Qh4 30.Rh3?± a natural looking move, but bad since it trades Q's; for the first time in the whole game, Dean gets the advantage [30.Rde3] 30...Qe1+ 31.Qg1 Qe2?!=+ a blunder; Dean gives Stuart back a " winning " advantage – he must trade Q's [31...Qxg1+ 32.Kxg1 Rac8±] 32.Qd1?± Stuart should not trade Q's; Dean now gets back the advantage going into the late middle game. [32.Nb3 Bxa4 33.Nd4 Qg4 34.Qf1 Bxc2 35.Nxc2 Rfc8

36.Nd4 Rc7+- 1.86] 32...Qf2??+- again Dean needed to trade Q's; and he fails to see the mate threat; Stuart gets back again a " winning " advantage [32...Qxd1+ 33.Rxd1 Rfc8#]



33.Rxh7+!! a nice sac 33...Kxh7 Dean is up R vs P, but is mated [33...Kg8 34.Rdh3 Qf1+ 35.Qxf1 Bb5 36.Rh8+ Kg7 37.R3h7+ Kg6 38.Qf3 Be2 39.Qh3 Rxh8 40.Qh6#] 34.Qh5+ Kg7 35.Qg5+ Kh7 36.Rh3++- Dean resigned; it is mate in one 36...Qh4 37.Rxh4# 1-0

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